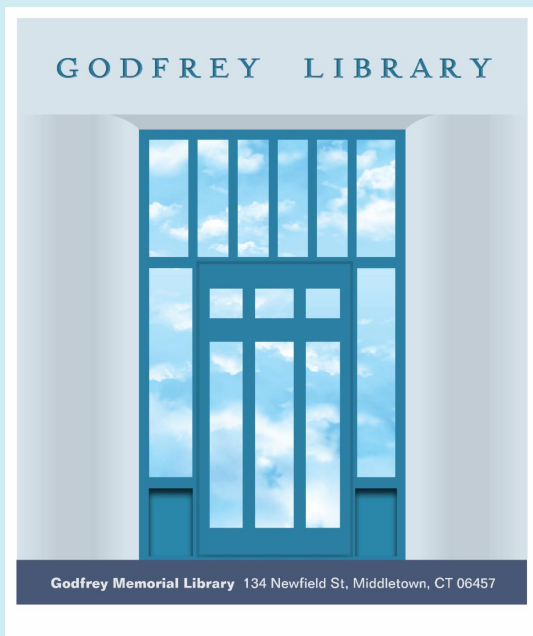
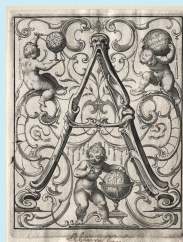


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**This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Carol Ansel & Al Fiacre go "Back to Basics: How to Get Started When You're New to Genealogy."**

**If you're an old hand, join us at the halfway mark (2:00-ish) to add your two cents to the discussion -- what do you wish you had known when you were first starting out?**



## Latest New Web Content

Justin just returned from skiing in Vermont, and this past week he scanned in Volume 1 (of a 3-volume set): *History of Long Island from Its Discovery to the Present Time [1843]: with Many Important and Interesting Matters, Including Notices of Numerous Individuals and Families, also a Particular Account of the Different Churches and Ministers*, written by Benjamin F. Thompson and published in 1839. Thompson was a doctor and lawyer from Long Island and considered a local history expert.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on April 26th.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Apr 2025](mailto:GML_GenClub_Apr_2025@yale.edu)

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below on "Buy Now"), **then** return to this email and register at [GML GenClub Apr 2025](mailto:GML_GenClub_Apr_2025@yale.edu).

(These links should open a blank email in your browser addressed to



zoomregistration@godfrey.org - if they don't, just use your email program and send an email to us at that address)

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## Digitization Suggestions?

Let us know if you see something in our collection that you would like to have available on the Scholar. As long as it's not protected by copyright (i.e., it was published pre-1930) we'll consider adding it for you.

## Books added to Our Collection

Check out our [New Book List for March](#). We recently received a lovely group of books published by the Rhode Island Genealogical Society, thanks to our newest board member Diane Boumenot. She also generously donated some of her own personal genealogy collection which she decided she no longer needed to hang onto; we've added some of them to our collection and we will sell the rest on our eBay bookstore. **Do you need to make some room on your shelves?** Donate your genealogy spares to the Godfrey and you can clear your shelves, give your books a new home *and* make a little money for the library at the same time -- a win-win-win!

## New Offer

Many folks have been taking us up on our new offer:

## Time to join/renew? Why not make it 2?!

Join or renew for **2 years and save \$20!** Plus, one less thing you have to remember to take care of in a year.

## April is Tax Season (ugh!) - but taxes aren't *always* bad

Taxes are something no one like to think about -- but in the case of genealogy, don't forget that they can be really helpful! You may be familiar with the "Heads of Families" series, which the Census Bureau published at the beginning of the 1900s. The books summarized and organized geographically the information from the 1790 census, for all the states of the new Union. Well, not *all* exactly -- there were a few exceptions. For instance, in the case of Virginia, their 1790 census records were burned when the British attacked Washington in the War of 1812. So how is there a Virginia volume? Tax records! We had a case in the Hudson River Valley from the 1700s in which we were trying to piece together a family

New Items Added March, 2025 Godfrey Memorial Library		
Call Number	Title	Author
N 424.000 NEWHS v. 179 v. 1 Winter 2025	New England Historical And Genealogical Register Winter 2025	
N 424.000 NEWHS v. 179 Summer 2022	New England Historical And Genealogical Register Summer 2022	
929.2 BOWEN 2013	Richard Bowen 1584-1675 of Rehoboth, Massachusetts and His Descendants (Volume 1) Generation I	Saika, William B., Jr.
929.2 BOWEN 2013	Genealogical Handbook for Irish Research	Daly, Marie E.
929.2 TULLING 2000	Diary of Capt Samuel Tillinghast of Warwick, Rhode Island 1757-1760	Tillinghast, Samuel
929.24.00 WARRENICK BARBERO	Warwick, Rhode Island Taxes 1770: Estimates of Rutabake Estate and the 1780 Census Tax	Barbero, Cherry Fletcher
929.2.00 CLARKE BARBERO 2014	John Clark's World	Barbero, Cherry Fletcher
929.24.00 NEWPORT BARBERO	Newport, Rhode Island Colonial Burial Grounds	Barbero, Ann E.
929.24.00 S. KINGS BARBERO	South Kingstown Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries	Barbero, Ann E.
CON924.00 BRIDGES STANDORD	Standards History of Bridgport: The Institutions of the City, Its Growth from Small Bridgport, the Contrasts of the Present with the Past, the Promise of the Future	Wicks, George Curtis
N 1009.074.00 N. NETH	Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland from 1612 to 1674	Riker, David M.

and sort out men of different generations who shared the same name, and tax records from the late eighteenth century from Schaghticoke helped us immensely. So don't forget about tax records -- they can be your friend.

## Upcoming Talk at MCHS

We recently had a family genealogy donated to the library by the author -- *Adjacent to History* by John Rilli. John's ancestors came to Pennsylvania, New York and Middletown from Germany and Italy. Part of the book tells of his ancestors who ran a bakery in the North end of Middletown in the 1930s and suffered a tragic fire while they were there. John will be giving a Zoom talk co-sponsored by the Godfrey and the Middlesex County Historical Society. Join us on May 8th at 7:00 to hear about John's research and writing experience. Click to register here: [bit.ly/JohnRilli](https://bit.ly/JohnRilli)

Persons Appointed		
	Real Estate	Personal Estate
Jesse Golden	4	2
Cornelius Francisco	1	1
Humphrey Engerham	4	2
Michael Engerham	1	1

## 23 & Me Heads Towards Bankruptcy - What Should You Do with Your Data?

Genealogical testing company 23 & Me has been struggling for some time now, and most recently they have filed for bankruptcy protection. So what should you do with your data? Some folks recommend you delete it ASAP. Others say not to panic, that whoever might buy the company would be bound by the same agreements already in place as to treatment of user data. If you decide to delete your data, there is an [excellent post](#) by Roberta Estes, genetic genealogist, at her blog "DNAeXplained - Genetic Genealogy," with specific instructions as to how to proceed. She makes no recommendation as to whether or not you should delete your data, but she provides a thorough discussion of considerations.

If you're looking for a reassuring, not-to-worry post, try [Leah Larkin's post](#) at the DNA Geek.

## Check out Robyn N. Smith's Excellent Blog Post on Using the Freedmen's Bureau Records

Robyn N. Smith is an engineer and genealogist, and she has a great blog called "Reclaiming Kin." She specializes in "resources for researching slavery and freedom." Her [most recent post](#) talks about using records from the Freedmen's Bureau, not necessarily in search of a specific ancestor, but in order



to get a feeling for the events and living conditions that your ancestor(s) may have been dealing with.

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## Welcome This Month's New Members

Denise Ackerson (MO)  
Michael Babcock (AZ)  
Diane Boumenot (RI)  
Terri Brandt (CT)  
Janet Demaine (NH)  
Sherry Dial (CO)  
Rebekah Fahey (AR)  
Gwynn McCauley (OH)  
Kevin McCollough (TX)  
Stephen Morton (WA)  
Mary Overlien (IA)  
Trevor Rogers (CT)  
Dan Rottino (CT)  
Dori Smith (OK)



## Temporary Free Access to Civil War Records at Fold3 (good through April 15)

Now's your chance - take advantage of Fold3's temporary free access to Civil War records through 11:59pm MT, April 15. Free registration required.

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