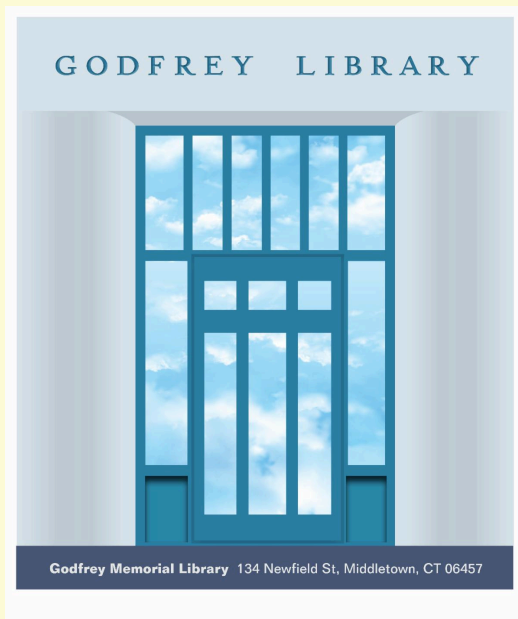


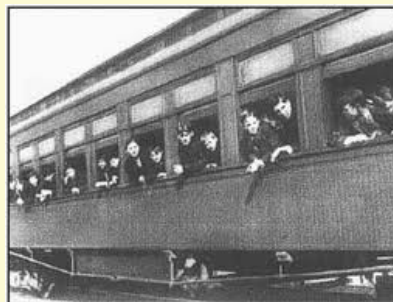
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Thomas MacEntee recommends NewspaperFinder.com

This is really step one (or perhaps step zero, if you will) in your newspaper search -- but it sounds like it can be really helpful. As we all know there are a number of excellent newspaper sources out there, some paid and some free, so which one(s) to check? These folks (Mitchell Lewis and Matthew Wheeler) have rounded up pretty much all the ones I can think of checking. The actual articles aren't there, but it helps you decide where to look first, and where not to bother looking based on dates and geographic area coverage of the newspapers. They cover all the standard paid databases plus Chronicling America, the NY

This month's Genealogy Club presentation: **Michael Brophy**, speaking about the history and background of **Orphan Trains**



The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on Saturday April 25th.

Michael lives in the Boston area and is both a genealogist with many years of experience, and a private investigator as well. He will be speaking about the history of orphan trains, by which orphaned children were sent west to be adopted by families, some loving and caring, some at the other end of the spectrum, simply looking for free labor.

State Historic Newspapers, Fulton History, Advantage Archives and Google Newspapers, plus a number of others. Here's [the link](#). Give it a try the next time you're looking for historical newspaper articles, obituaries, marriage announcements, etc.

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.](#) Michael had some time to catch up on cataloging some of the recent gifts we've received so we have a nice long list this month. Also you'll see that Edwin has been practicing his cataloging skills and we've put him on cataloging the backlog of biographical files that came to light during inventory as having been left out of the catalog. (Read more about Edwin below.)

Call Number	Title	Author
S09BOWELL2015	History of the Second Division Naval Militia: Connecticut National Guard Department of Defense News Bulletin of Barn Barnford Cover 1724-1800 with a Brief Account of this Activity	Bidwell, David D.
S02S BALDWIN 1907	Genealogy of the Descendants of William Morris Board of H.H. Board, Conn.	Board, George C.
S02S BEARD 1915	Sketch of the Descendants of Jared Board Who Settled in Boston about the Year 1630	Beard, Ruth
S02S BOURN 1975	Jared Board: A Family History of One Line For Ten Generations	Board, Augusta Odette
S02S BOURN 1987	Board's Families of Ireland	Board, Dennis
S02S BOURN 1970	Genealogy of the Beck Family: Descendants from Edward of Connecticut and his Brothers in America with an Appendix of Additional Biographical and Historical Notes, Genealogical Notes, etc., and Memorial Bearings and a Complete Index	Strang, Mary A.
S02S BRECK 2020		Breck, Samuel

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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 2026.

(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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Have Canadian Roots? Did You Know It's Now Easier to Become a Canadian Citizen?

As of December of 2025 the rules for gaining Canadian citizenship have changed. It used to be that you had to have a Canadian parent, but a new bill (C-3) has changed that. Here's [a link](#) that gives some details. Ceci (our Wednesday front desk person) already has her application in, and Carol's thinking about it... However, "easy" is a relative term. Finding a birth certificate in Nova Scotia for the 19th century is no easy feat, it turns out. Anyway, don't worry, we're not leaving you anytime soon. One person wrote that they just

Local? Come to the Talk "3 Centuries & Counting at 30 Mile Island: Haddam's Old Burial Yard"

Sunday April 12, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Haddam Firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum. Historian Dan MacNeil will discuss the local history of the burial yard and also talk about recent research that has uncovered deeper insights into Haddam's past. Refreshments will be served, and admission is free, though donations are appreciated.

Welcome This Month's New Members

Gene Bumphrey (AZ)
Tracy Burger (CT)
Kathlene Burrow (CA)
Sue DiGiacco (NY)
Alicia Evans (GA)
Teresa Giurintano (CT)
Marny Janson (NY)
Stefani Koorey (MA)
Anthony Mafera (CT)
Michael Strauss (PA)
Judith Vars (VA)



Happy 75th Birthday to the Godfrey!!

wanted the option of traveling as a Canadian. Here's [a link to another article](#) about the increase in the amount of requests for Canadian records and subsequent increase in wait times.

Al and Carol's Speaking Schedule

Al Fiacre will be speaking tomorrow at Estuary in Old Saybrook about "Using Pension Records to Find Your Patriot Ancestors" at 2:00 and 6:30, \$10 fee.

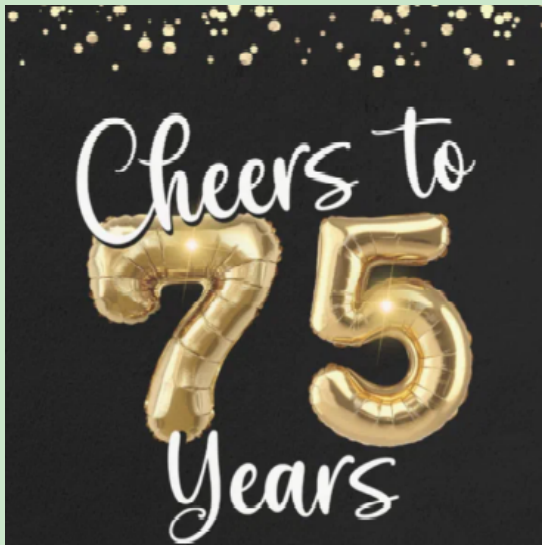
On Tuesday April 14th Al will give a Zoom presentation at the New London Public Library at 4:00 on "What to Do When the Records Are Scarce."

Thursday, April 23 Carol Ansel will be at the New London Public Library at 5:00 to talk about Cemeteries: Genealogical Gleanings, Symbolic Meanings

Hello to Our New Volunteer and Future Intern

We've welcomed Edwin from Portland who is volunteering once a week for now, and who will join us in the fall for his internship as part of the Library Technology Certificate program at the Three Rivers branch of the Connecticut State Community College. We love helping young folks get a start in the field.

On May 6th the Godfrey will have had its doors open, serving the genealogical research community for 75 years!



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