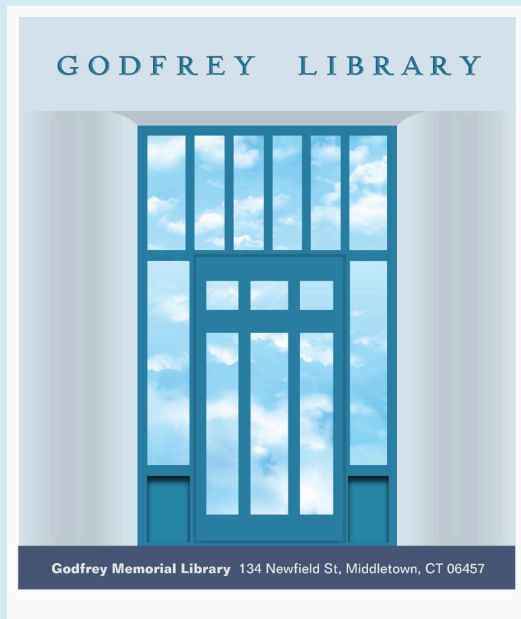


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Memorial Day Weekend Closing

We will be closed on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend (May 23rd). As this is a fourth Saturday, there will be no Genealogy Club this month.

New Books & Re-cataloged Biofiles

Edwin, our new volunteer, continues to help us work our way through our backlog of uncataloged biofiles (these are biographical research files donated to the library or generated by us when we are hired to do research). Michael has been adding titles to the collection, both donations and purchases.

Website Progress

We're 95% done bringing over the vital records to the new website. That leaves us with four major categories to go: State and Local Histories, Military Histories, Church Records and Funeral Home Records. Then there are a few smaller categories and a fair amount of clean up to be done. And we'll have to do a lot of testing. Still, it does feel as if there is some light at the end of the tunnel.

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New & Recataloged Materials
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Call Number	Title	Author
352 GORDON 2012	Rockets Red Glare: The War of 1812 and Connecticut	Godfrey, Glenn S.
620.2 HARRIS v3 2000-2004	Harris Newsletter	
	Cultural and Revolutionary Lineage of America: A Collection of Genealogical Studies Comprising Documented and Appropriately Illustrated Bearings upon Notable Early American Lines and their Cultural Connections Vol 17	
BIOFILE 205.2 HARLAN	Harlan Thomas	
BIOFILE 205.2 HALL	Hall Thomas	
BIOFILE 205.2 HANCOX 1986	Marriage Announcement of Henry Hancox and Corrie E. French	
BIOFILE 205.2 HANNABACH	Hannabach Family Tree	
BIOFILE 205.2 HARD 1988	Hard Times: A Harp Family Newsletter	
BIOFILE 205.2 HARRIS 1963	Carrie Gimes Harper Obituary and Funeral Cards	

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following folks who are brand new members in the last month or so.

Chronicling America Videos for Users

Marilyn Bennett (AZ)
Leslie Bonilla (CT)
J Butterfield (NY)
Marra Giuliano (CT)
John Kilian (CT)
Matthew Maye (NY)
Kellen McKenna (CT)
Dawne Mckenna (CT)
John Mckenna (CT)
Susan Rucano (NY)
Robert Russell (CT)
Meredith Smith (CT)
Dan Smith (CT)
Mark Stowe (MI)
Michael Tosatti (CT)
Judith White (AK)
Jim Wilcox (SD)

We Had a Lovely 75th Anniversary Day!

On Wednesday May 6th we celebrated the actual 75th anniversary of the opening of the doors to the public of the library building here on Newfield Street. We had about a dozen visitors over the course of the day who came and helped us eat and drink some decadent refreshments, did some research, and chatted about everyone's favorite topic, genealogy! We even signed up some new members. Thanks to all who came.

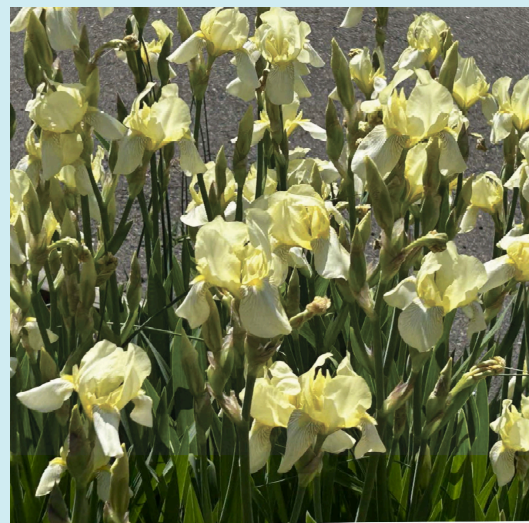


Chronicing America, the Library of Congress website for historic newspapers, has many helpful training videos. There is one long video, and several shorter segments to choose amongst. Here is [a link](#) to the shorter section on how to do Basic and Advanced Searches.



Do You Know "The Ten Deadly Sins" of a Genealogist?

You're probably familiar with all ten of these "sins" but we could all use reminding. I know number 2 is the one I always need to work on. [Click here](#) to read Paul Chiddick's helpful list.



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