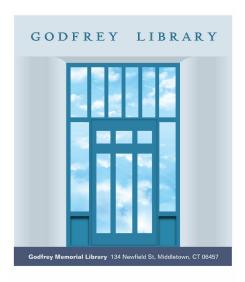
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Annual Appeal 2021 -- we could use your help!

"That's right, I've been meaning to do that!"

Don't let it wait until it's too late! Giving Tuesday will be here at the end of this month (November 30th), and we'd love to reach our goal by then. No need to wait and look for a stamp -- click the "Donate!" button below to make your donation *instantly* via WePay (a Chase company, for those who prefer to steer clear of PayPal).

Rest assured we will put your dollars to work, continuing to bring you Genealogy Club presentations, purchasing new reference resources, and digitizing materials for the website.

Genealogy Club this month

November 20 -- Researching
Your Immigrant Ancestors -- Al

Fiacre will cover the types of resources best suited to finding out about your ancestors' move to this country. Different time periods call for different types of resources, which Al will demonstrate.

The Zoom presentation will take place at 1:30 pm (EST).

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: GML GenClub Nov 2021

If you are not a GML
Premium member and
want to view the
presentation, you can
pay \$10 via PayPal
(click below), then
return to this email and
register at GML
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Family Bible Records

The first set of Family Bible Records are now available on the Scholar!

These Bible records were gathered by Jacqueline Ladd Ricker from a number of DAR publications and pulled together into one collection.

Jacqueline was a well-known genealogist who worked for a number of years as the office manager of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. Her best-known work is probably The Ricker Compilation of Vital Records of Early Connecticut Based on the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records and Other Statistical Sources, which, due to its comprehensive nature and length is only available as a CD-ROM. (For more details, see below in our "Featured Resource" column.)

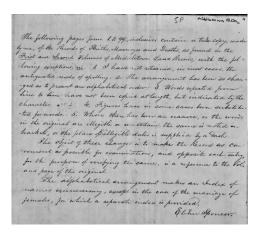
She retired to Arizona, and passed away in 2008. The Godfrey Memorial Library was honored to receive 45 boxes containing her entire genealogical collection from her sons David and Jonathan, making up the Ricker Collection at the Godfrey.

Miss a previous issue of our Newsletter? They can all be found archived on our **website**.

Recent Additions to Our Collection

| March | Marc

<u>Click here</u> to see what we've added (or recataloged) in the last month.



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Looking for Vital Records for Your Early Middletown Ancestors?

You may even have thought of looking in the early town meeting record books, where many towns "buried" their vital records amongst notes of cattle ear marks, election of town officers, and notes on proceedings of town meetings. But did you think of looking in the *land records*?

That's where Middletown's earliest vital records were kept. During his term as Town Clerk at around 1850, Elihu Spencer copied out all of those records, grouped by families in alphabetical order. He also made an index by women's maiden names.

On page five of this record book I found something that was a first for me. (Presto-change-o, child Nathaniel suddenly becomes Thomas -- that will mess with your genealogy!)

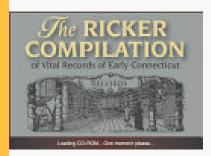


These records are available in the Scholar to Premium Members - Go to "Vital Records," then "Connecticut" then "Middletown Early Records". Not a member yet? *Click here to join* us

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Featured Resource Shelf



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The Ricker Compilation of Vital Records of Early Connecticut Based on the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records and Other Statistical Sources

When it comes to early Connecticut vital records (pre1850), the first place many genealogists head is to the
"Barbour Collection." These familiar blue books originated
under the auspices of Lucius Barnes Barbour. For further
details, see the Connecticut State Library's excellent
article about Barbour and his collection.

Jacqueline Ricker's compilation goes above and beyond Barbour. thus the "other statistical sources" of the title. Other sources she made use of include church records, diaries, burial lists and sexton's records, pastor's and minister's records, to name a few. Most of these sources were either published in *The Nutmegger* (the journal of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists) or were found at the Connecticut State Library. The introductory pages actually make for enlightening reading.

There are two other sources you may want to look at in trying to locate Connecticut vital records. One is the Connecticut State Library's **Connecticut Town Guide**, and the other is a book by Linda MacLachlan, *Finding Early Connecticut Vital Records : The Barbour Index and Beyond* (Clearfield, 2019).

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