

Godfrey Memorial Library Receives Grant From Middlesex County Community Foundation

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Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown has received a \$5,600 grant from the Middlesex County Community Foundation in support of the library's project "Saving the Past for the Future: Preserving Connecticut's Cemeteries."

The library has begun a long term project to record tombstone inscriptions and photograph the tombstones in all of Connecticut's 2,200 cemeteries. During this project library staff and volunteers will also do research to complete any records which may be missing.

To date, over 100 cemeteries have been completed with 80,000 burials and 60,000 photographs. While most of the completed cemeteries are in Middlesex County, there are also cemeteries in Hartford, New Haven and New London Counties. Beginning May 1, the Middlesex County cemeteries will be online at no cost for the remainder of 2010. Go to the library website at www.godfrey.org, click on "search," then "search free."

Godfrey Library is a non-profit library specializing in genealogy and local history and is the publisher of the American Genealogical and Biographical Index. It was founded in 1947 and has been in its current location since 1951. It is a private library, but open to the public at no cost.

The Middlesex County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County. Its mission is to work with charitably minded individuals and organizations to build permanent endowments and other charitable funds and to support local nonprofit organizations through effective grant making to address community needs.

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