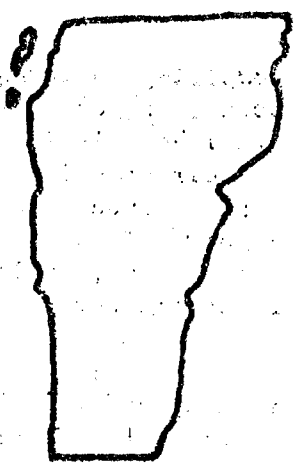
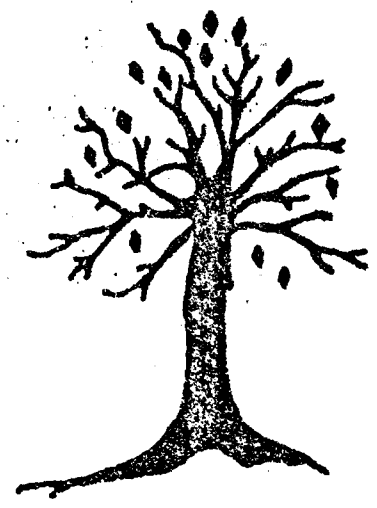


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FALLING LEAVES:

A BIG DAY AT SOUTH WOODSTOCK
(Saturday, May 19)

Meeting Place: Grange Hall, South Woodstock

Opening Time: 10:00 A.M.--Closing Time: 3:00 P.M.

SPEAKERS

Ladeline Wilkinson: Genealogical This and That

Elena Putnam: A Visit to Salt Lake

Dorothy Stillwell: A Book I Have Read

Marjorie Napoli: Getting a Family Genealogy into Print

Harvel Swan: Nature and Value of D.A.R. Revolutionary Files

NOON LUNCHEON

Price: \$2.50. Make reservations in good season, not later than Wednesday, May 16, with Mr. Harold Stillwell, Star Route, Woodstock, Vermont 05001.

BRING IN SOMEONE OFF THE STREET

BUDDING OUT:

Your editor has completed the momentous job of compiling an index for Volume 1 of "Branches & Twigs," consisting of about 16 pages. After much work, it is now ready for printing. There will be a limited number of copies. Since some members may not have kept their back issues of Branches & Twigs and therefore may not need or want an index, we have decided to make the index available at \$1.00 per copy. They may be purchased from our treasurer, Leo Fleury, 164 Saratoga Avenue, Burlington, Vt. 05401 or from our editor, Mrs. Carol Church, Westminster West, R.F.D. #3, Putney, Vermont 05346.

Back issues of Branches & Twigs, Vol. 1, #1 through 4, and Vol. 2, #1, are also available at \$.50 per copy from the treasurer, Leo Fleury.

Compiling an index is really too large a job for one person. Would any of our members be willing to form an index committee? Two or three members living in the same or nearby towns could work together on the project. Perhaps even out-of-state members could do this. By indexing each issue as it is printed and then uniting the four issues into one, the job would be much easier than doing all four issues at once as I did.

If you are interested in forming an index committee, please notify Mrs. Carol Church, address above.

Your editor is considering starting an ancestry service section for "Branches & Twigs," details of which are not yet complete. Probably members would be asked to submit ancestor charts from which information would be extracted for publication. This section would list the ancestor, his place and date of birth. This service should be a tremendous cross reference tool for other members working on the same or similar lines. Member volunteers will be needed to help set up information from the charts. Anyone interested in working on an ancestry service committee please contact Mrs. Carol Church, address above.

Your editor now needs subject matter for our next issue and would appreciate any material for publication. Help me make "Branches & Twigs" bigger and better than ever. Please send publication material to the editor, Mrs. Carol Church, Westminster West, R.F.D.#3, Putney, Vt. 05346.

NOTE: Material must be in my hands by June 1st for the summer issue. Anything arriving later will be printed in the next issue.

Material wanted includes: Unpublished records. Bible records--should list past and present owners, also copy front page giving name, publisher, and year of bible. Church records--births, deaths, marriages, baptisms. Diaries, journals, ledgers. Cemetery records and listings--complete or in part. Death and funeral home records. Old wills or court records. Tax lists. Old voting lists. School district notes--old lists of school classes and teachers. Town histories or County histories. List of genealogical materials available at local libraries. Even the smallest library usually has some matter pertaining to the local area and not available in other larger libraries. Lists of surnames you are interested in. These have been listed previously under FIREWOOD and have been quite successful as a means of finding others who share your particular problem. Your Genealogies or Family Histories--whole or in part--which you would like to see in print.

BUDDING OUT: (cont.)

Family reunions - We'll be glad to announce them. Maybe a new relative will read it and show up! Any other material you may care to submit for publication.

BROKEN BRANCHES:

Officers of the Genealogical Society of Vermont are:

President: Leon W. Dean, 308 S. Prospect St., Burlington, Vt. 05401

Vice Presidents: Justin A. Holden, 12 Pleasant St., Brattleboro, Vt. 05301

Mrs. Louise Jacobs, Box 427, Morrisville, Vt. 05661

Sanford S. Witherell, Noggin Orchard, Shoreham, Vt. 05770

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Archivist: Mrs. Florence Lawson, 26 Spruce Street, Brattleboro, Vt. 05301

Editor: Mrs. Carol Church, Westminster West, RFD #3, Putney, Vermont 05346

EVER GREENS:

Leo Fleury, 164 Saratoga Avenue, Burlington, Vt. 05401, has come into possession of a bible containing the following records of the MOSHER family:

MARRIAGES: Constant B. MOSHER and Mary S. (JOHNSON) Dec. 23, 1823

BIRTHS: George C. MOSHER Nov. 23, 1824
Abby F. MOSHER July 30, 1826
Mary E. MOSHER Jan. 30, 1830

DEATHS: MARY ELIZABETH Feb. 23, 1833

(no places were mentioned). The bible was published and sold by Daniel D. Smith of New York and is undated. None of the above family events seem to be on file in Vermont Vital Records. Leo would appreciate hearing from anyone with knowledge of the above LOSHER family and their location.

The New Testament - 1868

A family record of one "Dutton" family:

BIRTHS: Samuel DUTTON Jan. 25, 1789
Olive DUTTON June 10, 1797
Elvina L. DUTTON Jan. 23, 1817
Lucius (S.L.G.?) DUTTON Aug. 29, 1818
Luther (S.L.G.?) DUTTON Feb. 8, 1820
Ira H. DUTTON Nov. 27, 1821
Albert J. DUTTON June 20, 1828

Fly leaf signature of a Mrs. Olive Dutton. Other signature, (L.S.G.?) Dutton, Leominster, Mass.

Clipping found in book, "Rev. A. J. Dutton and wife, of Corinth, Vermont, celebrate 25th Wedding anniversary, Jan. 11, 1878, etc., clipped from "Montpelier Argus" and "Patri(?)" Jan. 16, 1878 newspaper.

The previous information is contained in a family Bible. Mrs. Kleon Kelley, Lowell, Vt. is looking for someone who is a descendant of any of the DUTTON family who would value the Bible and records.

TREE TOPS:

Mrs. Evelyn Shanley, Librarian at the Morrystown Centennial Library, Morrisville, Vt. 05661, has sent us the following notice:

Historians, genealogists and other researchers interested in the Lamoille County area of Vermont will find a valuable new source of information now available to them at the Morrystown Centennial Library.

It is a detailed reference index compiled by Robert L. Hagerman to weekly newspapers published in the county over the last 112 years. The newspapers covered by the index and the span of years in each case are: the Lamoille Newsdealer of Hyde Park, 1860-1877; Lamoille News of Hyde Park, 1877-1881; News and Citizen of Hyde Park and Morrisville, 1881-1914 and 1943-present; and Morrisville Messenger, 1914-1943.

The Morrystown Library has a nearly complete file of these papers with some issues missing in the early years. Those missing copies can, however, be found at the Lanpher Memorial Library in Hyde Park and Mr. Hagerman has included references to such issues in the index.

The index is actually divided into two distinct parts, one a topical index, the other a biographical index. The first of these covers a wide range of subjects from such broad categories as Agriculture, Customs and Practices, Weather and Wildlife to specific sections on the county's individual towns, villages, high schools, churches and organizations to name just a few. Each index entry provides a capsule summary of the information listed plus the date of the newspaper, page and column where it is to be found.

A contents section is provided which includes numerous cross-references to aid researchers in finding the information they are seeking. This topical portion of the index should be of particular value to researchers of local history.

The biographical portion, which has names arranged in alphabetical order, principally carries listings of obituaries but other news items of special significance are also carried for some individuals. This index should be of particular help to genealogists.

This part of the dual index was begun with the year 1930 by the library's long-time former librarian, Miss Anna Mower, and continued by her until 1955. At that point Mr. Hagerman picked it up and continued it to the present time. For the period 1860-1930 the Hyde Park library has its own index to the local papers which is largely of a biographical nature.

WOOD CHIPS: RESEARCHERS

Joann Heselton, 82 High Street, Brattleboro, Vt. 05301 has the following books she would be willing to check for information: (SASE, please)

History of the Town of Middleboro, Mass. 1669-1905 by Thomas Weston
Record of Deaths, Middleboro, Mass., compiled by Deacon Alfred Wood (cont.)

WOOD CHIPS: (cont.)

Plympton, Mass. Vital Records to 1850
Old Records of Fitchburg, Mass., Volumes 1, 2, 3 & 6 (Vol. 2 & 3 have V.R.)
Etonian News, Issues 12 - 18 & Eaton Family Association Report for 1898.

Mr. Ralph Newbert, Rt. 7, Box 264, Excelsior, Minn. 55331 is willing to do research on different branches of the STORY-STORRY family.

Mrs. Donald Green, 4402 Netzel Road, Liverpool, N.Y. 13088 will search 1300 to 1855 census of Onondaga Co., N.Y. for \$2.00 a surname. Also will check Bible records, pioneer records, cemetery records, D.A.R., county histories and family genealogies for \$3.00 per hour.

She has large card files and records on the following families in her home and will search for these names free of charge: (SASE, please)
BARCOCK, WHEELER, HARRISON, SOULE (SOULE), JOY, CALKINS, WRIGHT.

TALL TIMBERS:

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CREEPING VINES:

The following is submitted by a member, Bea Fuller Baumbach, 15227 Avenue 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, Madera, California 93637.

To prove the mobility and the extent to which it was carried out I have set out below the following itinerary of Micajah Thompson, whose narrative was presented in the 5th Report of the Missisquoi Historical Society's report in 1913--Quebec.

The first page of his narrative was lost but it is known that the Samuel Wells family came up from Brattleboro, Vt. after the Revolution and were given, collectively 78 lots in Farnham, Quebec, for their service to the British Cause. Micajah (son of Micah Thompson, b. 1742 Long Island, N.Y. - who came up via the Hudson River thru Albany, Lake Champlain, (to what is now Clarenceville area, Que.) married Mary Wells. Micajah was born in Brattleboro, Vt. 22 Jan. 1769 and he says he was 13 when they arrived in Farnham, which would be 1802.

At age 16, he says "his mind became seriously affected with religious impressions on attending the services of the itinerating Methodists, the only religious teachers, who, for many years, penetrated that thinly-settled wilderness, with whom he connected himself, and attended their worship constantly for the space of five years. His religious affections now led him to fill up the short intervals of his time with the perusal of the Scriptures and such other religious books as he could obtain, which served to quicken his moral perceptions"

At age 21, 1810, his health was impaired so he left the strenuous frontier life to become a school teacher at Alburgh, Vt. for 3 months. He started to study on his own at this time and in the following winter a family friend, Mr. John Bernard in Boston, to whom his older sister Harriet had written, asked him to superintend a new commission establishment he was beginning in Eastport, Me. where he arrived in February 1811.

Mr. Bernard found the business too hazardous during the embargo before the War of 1812. Micajah then went back to his birthplace, Brattleboro, on foot, a distance of nearly 100 miles, which took him 3 days, to get some schooling; next he went to Northfield, Mass. in Nov. 1811 and taught, continuing at night his own education. Then in March 1812 he walked to his home in Canada a journey of 200 miles in 6 days and by the summer of 1812 he had come under the tutelage of Rev. Charles J. Stewart, a Church of England Missionary, who later became Bishop. Rev. Stewart suggested that he commence a course of Divinity studies which he carried on while teaching at Philipsburg, Que., for two years and on 7 May 1815 he was ordained in

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the Church of England.

NOTE: The notebooks of Rev. Stewart are filed in the vault of the Archives in Sweetzburg, Que. In order to be able to see these files one must secure a dispensation from Quebec--details may be procured by writing to Mrs. Ruby Moore, Archivist, Missisquoi Co. Historical Society, Stanbridge East, Quebec.

SPURGE GULL:

We have a very slim start on a Permanent Fund, only the interest of which may be spent, and we would like to give the Fund a real start by building it up to \$100. At that point it would begin to draw interest enough so that it would increase automatically. Eventually, when the Fund becomes large enough, the interest can be used for special projects for the Society. So we are asking for small contributions of a dollar or two or even five to help us gain that \$100. starter without too much delay.

Mr. W. K. Bullock of Geneva, Illinois, has made a contribution to the Permanent Fund in memory of his great, great, great grandfather, Capt. LOVELL BULLOCK. Capt. Bullock was born 24 Aug. 1742/3 in Rehoboth, Mass. and died 21 Sept. 1810 in Guilford, Vt. He and his brother, William, were among the early settlers of Guilford, Vermont.

Other additions to the Permanent Fund have been received from Mr. & Mrs. W. Clyde McHaffey of Burkburnett, Texas; Miss W. K. McCain of Milton, Mass.; and Miss Eunice M. Lamb of Crosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Many thanks to these people for their gifts to our Society.

LEGS & LEAVES:

WITHAM FAMILY REUNION

The 72nd Annual Witham Reunion will be held at Lake Champagne Campground, Randolph Center, Vt. on the weekend of August 11th and 12th, 1973. Many families camp for the weekend. There will be a religious service and business meeting on Sunday, August 12th. Bring a picnic lunch. Contact Miss Minnie F. Witham, Sec., 51 Langdon Street, Plymouth, N.H. 03264 for details.

BUDDING OUT:

There are three new states represented on our membership list: Maryland, Montana, and Nebraska. Thus giving us a total of 41 states plus Washington, D.C. and Canada. Just 9 more to go for our goal of a member in all 50 states!

CORRECTION--In Vol. 1, No. 4, Fall 1972, page 50, the address of Mrs. Robert Secrist should be--2950 Hill Street instead of 290 as printed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Because we have outgrown the facilities of the Burlington Savings Bank to help us as it so generously has been doing in processing BRANCHES & TWIGS, we must consider an increase in dues at our fall meeting if we are to maintain the publication at its present high level, perhaps improve it, and also develop our work in other areas, some of which are suggested in this issue.

One of our members, searching data on HARTSHORN family met with difficulty until she went to the Land Records in Montpelier, Vt. In both 1790 and 1800 census, AARON HARTSHORN with family was in Danville, Caledonia Co., Vt. Your Archivist has these records on file, available for the use of all members, but do PLEASE send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Mrs. Dorothy S. Melville, 36 South Main St., West Lebanon, N.H. 03784, has written a book, TYLER-BROWNS of Brattleboro by Dorothy Sutherland Melville, which will be published this spring by Exposition Press, Jericho, Long Island. It is based on family letters and documentation largely of the Civil War period. Please contact Mrs. Melville in regard to price, etc. if you wish to make a purchase.

Mrs. Dorothy S. Melville, address above, has also presented our Society with a copy of TYLER FAMILY TOMBSTONES in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Brattleboro, Vermont. All inscriptions have been copied and typed by Mrs. Melville and a copy given to the DAR Library, Washington, D.C.; Vermont Historical Society, and now to the GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERMONT. This will be kept in the files of your Archivist and information always available upon request and enclosure of a SASE.

SPLINTERS:

SAGE OBSERVATIONS, by Nert Sage, Underhill, Vermont (reprinted from the "Suburban List", Essex Jct., Vt.)

We know how difficult it is to find a line leading back through the years to our origin and the various twists and turns such family ties can take us.

Records are not always good for various reasons. We do sometimes want to forget relatives and at other times they may want to forget us, only to find in later years that reasons for forgetting may not be as valid as they would have us believe they were. Quite often the more prominent members of the recorded past were not, under today's standards, quite as colorful as those chosen to be dropped from the family tree.

I found in tracing back one line of ancestors that they didn't seem to originate anywhere. This was strange until quite by accident there was a very brief notation that the name may have been changed for some reason and it soon developed that this had happened because the member of this branch of our family had a price on his head.

This intrigues any researcher of family trees because there seems to be something out of the ordinary when a member of our older generation has

SPLINTERS: (cont.) (SAGE OBSERVATIONS)

made a mis-step. The fact in this case was that the price was due to a political reason rather than a criminal act as was first suggested. The person in question had served in a branch of the armed services. Breaking away from England and being as close to Canada as we are, most of the family had gone back to safer areas than Vermont rather than be caught as traitors to England. This one that didn't go with the others came here to Underhill, changed his name, and confused later genealogists no end by doing so.

Anyway he didn't get caught, nor did he get found out in his lifetime as near as we can determine. We run across so many Old Country name changes or name spellings that tying it up into a line of ancestry takes more research than we at first anticipate. This however becomes the real fun of discovery and if spelling or name changes are not enough, we lose the maiden names of the marriage partners. This certainly is no help when the family runs to girls thus letting a family name get lost by the lack of men to carry on. More recent records do carry the names of the women when married so this does give a new line under a new name. New avenues are always opening up.

FIRE WOOD:

Joann Meselton, 82 High Street, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301 would like to exchange information on: Benjamin Scott of Braintree, Mass. and William Eaton of Reading, Mass.

George F. Newell, 367 South Street, Springfield, Vt. 05156 has considerable data pertaining to the ABRAHAM NEWEL or NEWELL and descendants who settled in Roxbury, Mass. in 1634. He would share this information and would like data on the family of OLLIVER NEWELL who was a selectman in Colrain, Mass. in 1781.

Miss Minnie F. Witham, 5521 Jessamine Lane, Orlando, Fla. 32809 has sent a chart of her Witham family for our files. She has been Secretary of the WITHAM FAMILY UNION for 18 years and will gladly share her records.

NEW SPRING DUDS:

ORLEANS COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS, 1973

The following list was compiled by Mrs. Laurice S. Carter, R.F.D.#1, Holland, Vt. 05830, with the suggestion that interested people could write directly to the Cemetery Commissioners, many of whom have Cemetery books and files on ancestors.

Town of Charleston 05872: Roger Plante, Floyd Brown, Dexter Bennett, Roger Fletcher (Chairman), Herbert Hinton, East Charleston 05833.

North Troy, Vt. 05859: Donald Austin (President), Mrs. Helen Griggs (Vice President), Laurice L. Titus (Secretary & Treasurer).

Barton, Vermont 05822: Russell Maloney, Orleans, Vt., Wallace C. Russell, Jr., R.F.D.#1, Barton, Vt., G. E. Annis.

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Town of Westmore, Vt. 05860: P. L. Daniels, Maurice Racicot, Charles Stevens.

Town of Brighton, Vt. (Island Pond): Herb Caouette, Chairman, Carl Stevens, Albert Goulet.

Coventry, Vermont 05825: Mrs. Harry Drake, Mrs. Mildred Thayer, Mr. Wesley Robinson, R.F.D., Orleans 05860.

Derby, Vt. 05829: Ray Gray (Chairman), Ralph Taylor, Winston Kelly, Charles B. Carpenter, Sr., Robert W. Gardyne.

Morgan, Vermont: Joel Williams (Chairman), Martin Gray, Roland Besaw, Cecil Gray, Joseph Simoneau, Paul Wheeler, Albert Driver.

Craftsbury, Vermont 05826: Henry A. Young, Allen Sweatt, Jean W. Simpson, Robert Anderson, Robert G. Merrill

Newport Association & Selectmen, Newport, Vt.: B. S. Spaulding, Harley Doane, Raymond N. Norris, Wayne H. Briggs, Donat Choquette, Yves Brasseur.

Westfield, Vermont 05874: Selectmen have responsibility for cemeteries. They are: Curtis Jacques, Westfield, Vt., Leon Couture, Yves Daigle.

Holland, Vt. 05830: Fred Flinn.

EDITORS NOTE: The above listed cemetery commissioners were recently elected at Town Meetings. If anyone could compile such a list for other Counties, we'd be glad to print it in the next issue.

TREE STUMPS:

If you would like to help the Vermont Old Cemetery Association's project for locating and mapping as far as possible all the cemeteries of the state, even to the smallest, most remote and oldest ones, send to Russell H. Farnsworth, 36 Alfred Street, Burlington, Vt. 05401, for a report blank that you can use in reporting needed information from your community area. This survey should prove very helpful to our genealogists.

TREE STUMPS:

ROCHESTER, VERMONT CEMETERIES

The following information is submitted by Maurice Guilmette, Rochester, Vt. 05767, Chairman of the cemetery commission.

A card filing system is currently in use by the cemetery commission. As chairman of the cemetery commission I have a set of cards here at home to make it easier and faster to get the information asked for. There is a duplicate set at the town clerk's office and the sexton for the past three years has had cards on which he records burials as they occur. I also have here at home a ledger in which are recorded deaths and dates as well as locations. It required a lot of time and effort to compile this system but once done, it is much easier and I think worthwhile.

We have six public cemeteries and three private, or of unknown status, in town. The oldest one is situated in the center of the village and dates back to 1784 with the earliest date on the markers 1797. In this cemetery we have to file the graves by tiers and number since the burials were

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evidently in single graves instead of family lots as the later ones were laid out.

There are many epitaphs in this one: e.g.

Emily Clark (w) Solomon B. 2/6/1830 ac 23 years.

"Beneath these clods in peaceful sleep
Her mortal body lies
Surviving friends forbear to weep
For virtue never dies."

The predominant families, genealogically speaking, are EATON, MARTIN, HUBBARD and CHASE and these are inter-related. I married Margaret Eaton and find that I am related by marriage to just about everyone in town (a slight exaggeration) and to a king in England.

We have been trying to learn of the death and burial place of one George Washington MARTIN who was one of the very early settlers of Rochester.

WILCOX CEMETERY - WESTMINSTER WEST

The Wilcox Cemetery was apparently a private family cemetery. Located 1 1/2 miles south of the village of Westminster West near the home of Mrs. Toby Young. There is no road into the cemetery. Access is through the field, across the brook, (no bridge!) across another field through the poison ivy.

- Jemima Wilcox, July 15, 1768 - Sept. 25, 1774, 7 yrs.
- Ephraim Wilcox, April 16, 1773 - Oct. 4th, 1774, 2 yrs.
- Deidame Wilcox, died April 22, 1781, 19 yrs.
- Ephania Wilcox, June 23, 1816, 73 yrs.
- Deidame Wilcox, March 31, 1817, 80 yrs.
- Lieut. Nathaniel Doubleday, Aug. 1783, 49 yrs.

Cemetery read by members of the Community School, verified by Mrs. Stephen Anderson, Oct. 1972.

CEMETERY - CHELSEA, WEST HILL

Source, "CHELSEA HISTORY" in Strafford, Vt. library. List made by Hira L. Bixby. (No trace left of this cemetery.) List supplied by Vivian V. Kill, Star Route, Sharon, Vt.

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| WILLIS, John & wife | BOOTH, Joshua |
| PERKINS, Jacob & one child | BOOTH, Children of Joshua |
| WOOD, Jonathan & wife | SMITH, Stephen |
| ALLEN, Kate wife of Phiny ALLEN | GRISWOLD, Benjamin |
| HACKETT, Nabby | PERKINS, Daniel |
| WRIGHT, Lucinda, wife of Benjamin | PERKINS, Lydia |
| WILLS, Jonathan & two daughters | Polly |
| HOMES, Sally & Lydia Lucius HOMES child | Daniel & Polly (twins) |
| and his mother (or his father Zachariah) | Nathan (Children of Daniel) |
| HOOD, Nathaniel, Sr. | DOWNING, Elisha |
| Mr. GUNNISON's Rachel | SMITH, Orilla |
| HOOD, Amos Sr. & son Ira | |

TREE STUMPS:

CEMETERIES TOWN OF MONKTON

Submitted by Leon V. Dushey.

East Monkton Cemetery, Association Inc. (Private and cared for by Assoc.)
Beers Cemetery, East Monkton (Town cared for)
Horan Cemetery, also in East Monkton (Town cared for)
Carpenter Cemetery, West Monkton, (Association cared for)
Barnumtown Cemetery, Barnumtown, Vt., a so-named hamlet (Association, but mostly town cared for)
Monkton Boro Cemetery (Association cared for)
Smith Cemetery (old and small) Town cared for also in Monkton Boro.
Ridge Cemetery, Monkton Ridge hamlet, Association cared for.
Friends Cemetery North Monkton, owned and cared for by Quaker funds, has no responsibility of the town. However, they do very little with the known money and funds they are possessed of.

Some of these cemeteries that are run by the associations have in the past had assistance from the town, but at present all but one are now self-supporting by their organizations.

There are five associations representing five cemeteries, some have good maps, and others none. Some have very good constitutions and By-Laws, however it is quite apparent that their perpetual funds are not in too good shape, and their laws are not followed to the full extent.

Ruth Thorndill, Treasurer, Western Michigan Genealogical Society, 56 Auburn Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506, has sent the following information:

In copying some cemetery records for Kent County, Michigan, I came across a Torry Smith family who originated in Burlington, Vermont, so am passing on the information to you on the enclosed cards.

SMITH, Torry, b. Nov. 12, 1708, at Burlington, Vt., d. Oct. 7, 1870.
(Drove first stage coach along this route (p.i.) Buried in Rolfe Cemetery, Lowell Township, Kent County, Michigan.

SMITH, Jane, wife of Torry, b. Aug. 13, 1803; d. June 21, 1868. Buried in Rolfe Cemetery, Lowell Township, Kent County, Michigan.

SMITH, Frederick K., son of Torry and Jane, d. Feb. 16, 1845. Age 5 yrs, 10 mos. Buried in Rolfe Cemetery, Lowell Township, Kent County, Michigan.

SMITH, Wm. H., son of T. and J., d. June 2, 1846. Age 18 yrs., 4 mos. Buried in Rolfe Cemetery, Lowell Township, Kent County, Michigan.

THE BENIS HILL ROAD CEMETERY

A study by Jennifer Collins, Judith Anderson, Stephen Westing, Philip Price, Debra Wright and Marshall Arnold, with Peggy Anderson, on behalf of the students of the Westminster West Community School. (November 1972)

Before our early snowfalls, two trips were taken to the old Benis Hill Road Cemetery, north of the village of Westminster West. A fairly complete study