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Editor's Note

There is an old saying about being at the right place at the right time that can be very useful as we work on our family history. Taking advantage of this is the subject of the short article on Time and Place.

Our next issue is expected to focus on the results of the survey included in the last issue. The tabulations should stimulate discussion regarding how we plan for a healthy future.

I am also planning an article on estate planning with information on how you can support our future for many years to come.

Bill

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President's Message

Bob Murphy

Technology Woes

Last week, during my stint as a volunteer at the Vermont Historical Society, I was explaining to a patron how to access the collection of books, etc. When I told her that in addition to the traditional card file, she would also have to consult our computerized catalog, she immediately shot back that she was not comfortable with computers and did not want to use them. I told her I could explain to her how to use it and that it was not as difficult as she no doubt feared.

Also last week, I received in the mail a new laptop to replace an old one that has been acting up and is no longer reliable. Included in this new laptop is Microsoft's new operating system, Vista. To be honest, I was not eager to learn how to use a new operating system, but didn't have

much choice. In addition to the tedium of transferring programs and files from the old laptop to the new, I discovered that my genealogy program would not operate correctly under Vista. I ended up having to purchase an upgrade so that I could continue using the software that I am used to and like. Grrrrr!

Technological changes affect every one of us, like it or not. We can refuse to participate, but the downside is that we shut ourselves off from valuable information, as experienced by the woman who didn't want to deal with a computerized library catalog. We can participate and be perpetually frustrated by the pace of change and the continuous learning that that entails. Computer technology does not stand still.

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Time and Place In Family History Research

One of the common laments from both novice and experienced genealogists is "I've looked and looked and just can't get back any further." We tend to believe that the information must be there some place, we just need to look harder or dig deeper or sweet talk that town clerk into allowing us to go through their records.

Persistence may often be a virtue, but at some point we need to shift our focus if we want to make any progress. One way to remain persistent while trying a new approach is to explore the context of that troublesome ancestor's life. Sometimes the historical context, the surrounding historical events, of our ancestor's life can provide the solution to our brick wall problem. How do we this? Perhaps an example will help illustrate the process.

While the details may differ there are differences between Scotch-Irish and Scottish emigration to New England. In general Scottish emigration was gradual until about 1768. Scotch-Irish emigration had several peaks: 1717-1718, 1725-1729, 1740-1741, 1754-1755 and 1771-1775. Scottish emigrants tended to pursue occupations like merchants, traders or craftsmen in established areas. On the other hand, Scotch-Irish settlers were often on the frontiers between the settled and wilderness areas.

The first example of using time and place to solve a Scottish immigrant problem is straight forward. A Scottish ancestor is traced to Boston where he has settled about 1656 to 1658. His name

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APG To Recognize Young Professional

The Association of Professional Genealogists has approved a \$500 scholarship to "encourage and inspire young people to chose this as a career rather than a hobby." The scholarship includes registration at the annual Professional Management Conference and \$500 to help pay travel and lodging expenses.

Applicants for the award must meet several requirements: they must be between 18 and 25 years old as of May 1, 2008; enrolled as a high school senior, undergraduate, post graduate or recent graduate of an accredited degree program; and have a minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 grade scale or it's equivalent.

Complete details, including requirements and an application form, are available at the APG website: www.qpgen.org. Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2008. The scholarship winner will be announced by April 30, 2008 and will be able to attend the Professional Management Conference to be held in Philadelphia in September.

Complete scholarship requirements and an application form are on the APG website at www.apgen.org. Applications must be returned to the APG office no later than February 28, 2008. The recipient will be announced by April 30, 2008.

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begins to appear on various legal documents and membership lists, but nothing is found before this time. A thorough and detailed search of available records does not offer any help.

The best action is to step back and take a broader look at local New England history and the events that took place in Scotland and England. In New England there are no major reports of Scots entering the colony until we reach the period of 1651-52. At that time New England history describes the sudden appearance of large numbers of Scots in Boston in early 1651 and again in early 1652.

The New England records tell us that the large numbers of Scots were indentured prisoners purchased by the Undertakers of the Iron Works at Lynn, a London venture capital group. Where did these men come from? What events took place in England or Scotland that generated such large numbers of prisoners? Historical research will tell us that there were large numbers of prisoners captured by Oliver Cromwell at the Battle of Dunbar in 1650 and one year later at the battle of Worcester. It also reports that survivors of the battles were sold to various buyers for seven year indentures. The iron works purchased two lots—the first following

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Computers are wonderful tools, yet there are many who abhor the very idea of using them. I would like to encourage those sitting on the sidelines to dip their feet into technological waters and become acquainted with the vast amount of information (genealogical and not) which is available at the tap of a few keys. The time to learn how to use computers is time well spent. Computers are ubiquitous, and you will encounter them everywhere; in the library, banks, and in most folks' homes.

GSV has maintained a website for many years now, and is working to increase its worth to those members who are connected to the worldwide web. The efforts being made to provide useful genealogical content on our website is, of course, of no use to members without access to a computer or the skills to use one. That is regrettable, but a situation that those members can take steps to remedy. I encourage those members to take those steps. They will be glad they did!

GSV Questionnaire

As I write this at the beginning of Autumn, the colors are changing and questionnaires are being returned. The Board will review and analyze comments received and I hope to have a summary of responses available for your information in the next issue of this Newsletter. Until then, happy sleuthing and Happy Thanksgiving.

Bob Murphy

the Battle of Dunbar and the second after Worcester. Transported to the Massachusetts Bay Colony some remained with the iron works and the remainder were sold to local purchasers.

About 1655 to 1657 we start to see references to Scots in various parts of the Massachusetts Bay Colony—around Unity, (now part of Maine), Danvers, Andover, Raynham, Springfield and Hingham, Massachusetts to mention just a few. While we don't have a passenger list for the prisoners transported on the Unity in 1650 we do have a list of the cargo for the John and Sarah that carried the prisoners in 1651. As it turns out our fellow is on this list for the John and Sarah.

Looking at the larger pattern of settlement for the indentured prisoners we see that the men that worked at the saw mill in Unity generally settled in that area. The men that worked at the iron works site itself generally settled in the north shore, and those working in other areas settled nearby. For example the McIntyre's worked at the iron works and settled in Danvers and Andover, and Robert Dunbar worked around Braintree and settled in nearby Hingham.

The second example of using time and place to solve a brick wall problem involves an ancestor that settled in

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New England Meeting Announcements

December 8, 2007, 10:00 am: *Forced deportation of Acadians from Nova Scotia during the Great Diaspora between 1755-1763.* New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA..

January 9, 2008, 10:00 am Wednesday: *Using NewEnglandAncestors.org,* New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA.

February 13, 2008, 10:00 am Wednesday: *Researching In Scotland,* New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA.

February 22-23, 2008, Friday—Saturday: Two day Seminar to Explore the Relationship Between Technology and Genealogy, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA..

March 5, 2008, 10:00 am Wednesday: *DNA and Genealogy,* New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA..

March 22, 2008, 10:00 am Saturday: *Preparing for Research in Quebec,* New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA..

May 14-17, 2008: *Show Me the Nations Records,* 2008 NGS Conference and Family History Fair, Kansas City, MO.

September 3-6, 2008: *Footprints of Family History,* Philadelphia, PA. Early information is available at www.FGSConference.org/pdf/early-registration.pdf.

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Colerain, Massachusetts about 1739. This example is more complex and difficult because there is an apparent break in the time and place pattern.

Our research starts in Colerain with a review of the vital records. No one in this family of nine was born or married in Colerain, so we next look into deeds and probate records. Probate records provide no information, but there is a deed for a land purchase that identifies our man as "of Worcester." Following this back to Worcester we find vital record information and more deed references. We find the deed dated 1738 as our family sold their property and several earlier deeds, the earliest dated 1718.

At this point the trail seems to end. There are no indications of the family in neighboring towns, and more broadly in vital records for all of eastern Massachusetts. We need to look at the history surrounding time and

Rutland District Probate Extracts Completed through 1849.

In compiling these books, Margaret R. Jenks, Danielle L. Roberts and Dawn D. Hance have abstracted every entry of the Rutland County, Rutland District probate records from the establishment of the Court in 1781 through February 1849. All items of genealogical interest have been included: wills, inventories, administrator's accounts, receipts, petitions, guardianship, and other data pertaining to the estate.

Dawn Hance, Rutland Historian, has checked the original books and packets at the court house in cases where the microfilms are illegible or pages were not filmed. Her extensive knowledge of the area, extractions of the Rutland Herald and other early Rutland area newspapers have added much detail to these records.

Probate records for the Fair Haven District are also being compiled. Unfortunately two fires have plagued the Fair Haven District. William Ward of Poultney was the first Probate Judge. About 1797 his home burned along with the first two volumes of probate records. A second fire in 1862 burned all of the Poultney vital records, deeds, and town records, along with Vol. 7, December 1807 - February 1811; Vol. 9, January - December 1813; and Vol. 12-18, July 1824 - April 1842, of the probate records. We plan to have the first volume of the probate books available by the end of the year.

It will be noted that many of the estates mentioned in these volumes are for residents of other Vermont Counties. Also, numerous estates were probated in Rutland County for residents of other states who held some property in Rutland County.

Please e-mail me at mjenks@capital.net if you have questions. Contributed by Margaret Jenks.

place. Starting with Worcester about 1718 the history reports that a large number of Scotch-Irish settled there as a group. This would imply that this family did not travel alone and that a migration of this size may have more records someplace in the colony.

The history books do report the arrival of five ships of Scotch-Irish in Boston in 1718. Massachusetts Governor Shute found them to be a rather dirty, low class lot and "helped" them find favorable places to settle other than Boston. He directed some to Maine, and some to Worcester, a frontier town at the time. The Scotch-Irish were tolerated by the Worcester inhabitants until the newcomers sought to form their own church. They petitioned for an exemption from the tax in order to support their own church. When the town refused the request the Scotch-Irish left in several waves. The first moved to Pelham in 1738, the second to Colerain in 1739 and the last to Blanford and Warren in 1741. By looking at time and place we were able to follow our Colerain ancestor back to 1718 and Ulster.

Treasurer's Report for FY 2007: 1 October 2006 - 30 September 2007

Line Item	Subcategory	Proposed 2007	Actual 2007	Difference: Income or (Loss)
Income				
Interest		\$300.00	\$377.22	\$77.22
2007 Dues		11,750.00	10,702.00	(1,048.00)
Meeting income				
	Fall 2006	900.00	740.00	
	Spring 2007	1,250.00	1,285.00	
	Fall 2007	250.00	185.00	
Meeting Income Total		2,400.00	2,210.00	(190.00)
Donations, unrestricted		25.00	285.00	260.00
Publication Sales				
	Publications	2,400.00	2,693.60	293.60
	Shipping		116.40	116.40
Publication sales total		2,400.00	2,810.00	410.00
Advertising, newsletter		25.00	36.00	16.00
NERGC income		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total Income		17,900.00	17,420.22	(479.78)
Expenses				
Vermont Genealogy				
	Printing	6,000.00	7,156.00	(1,156.00)
	Postage	1,200.00	1,545.00	(345.00)
	Editor's fee	4,500.00	4,500.00	
<i>Vermont Genealogy Total</i>		11,700.00	13,201.00	(1,501.00)
Newsletter				
	Printing	1,800.00	2,692.00	(892.00)
	Postage	1,000.00	1,342.00	(342.00)
<i>Newsletter Total</i>		2,800.00	4,034.00	(1,234.00)
Meeting expense				
	Fall 2006 ¹	1,700.00	1,888.66	(188.66)
	Spring 2007 ²	2,000.00	1,997.08	2.92
	Fall 2007	300.00	0.00	300.00
<i>Meeting Expense Total</i>		4,000.00	3,885.74	114.26
Operational expenses				
	QuickBooks	200.00	188.79	11.21
	Postage, shipping, copying	650.00	468.69	181.31
	Brochure	75.00	92.10	(17.10)
	Website	100.00	88.65	11.35
	Post Office Box	60.00	64.00	(4.00)
	Memberships & subscriptions			
	VT Historical Society	35.00	35.00	
	Fed. of Gen. Societies	95.00	95.00	
	VT Old Cemetery Assoc.	5.00	5.00	
	VMCTA	25.00	30.00	(5.00)
<i>Operational Expenses Total</i>		1,245.00	1,078.48	166.52
New England Regional Genealogical Conference				
	Syllabus ad	75.00	100.00	(25.00)
	Speaker's fee	250.00	250.00	
	Speaker's expense	250.00	162.00	88.00
<i>New England Regional Genealogical Conference Total</i>		575.00	487.00	88.00
Preservation Grant, Sterling Town Records		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Unbudgeted Items				
	Gift certificates		150.00	(150.00)
	Vermont History Expo Fee		50.00	(50.00)
<i>Unbudgeted Items Total</i>		200.00	(200.00)	
Total Expenses		21,345.00	23,886.22	(2,541.22)
Income less expenses (Deficit)				(6,466.00)

1. The Fall meeting expense was \$718.66 more than collected from attendees.
2. The Spring meeting expense was \$712.08 more than collected from attendees.

Assets, Genealogical Society of Vermont

Asset	As of October 1, 2006	As of October 1, 2007	Difference
Checking Account	21.00	3,337.90	3,316.90
Savings Account ¹	425.00		(425.00)
Publications account ²	35,126.00		(35,126.00)
Permanent Fund ³	14,078.00		(14,078.00)
Emergency Fund ⁴	16,039.00		(16,039.00)
Publications Money Market account		5,704.44	5,704.44
Publications CD		20,000.00	20,000.00
Permanent CD		14,116.68	14,116.68
Emergency CD		16,230.55	
Assets as of October 1, 2006	65,689.00		
Assets as of October 1, 2007		59,389.57	

Notes:

1. The Savings Account was closed and the funds placed in the Publication Money Market Account.
2. Now closed and funds placed in Publications Money Market and Publications CD accounts.
3. Now called the Permanent CD.

Towne Family Association DNA Project

The Towne Family Association (TFA) is pleased to announce the formation of a Towne Surname DNA Project. The primary purpose of the project is to establish a baseline yDNA profile for William Towne (1598/99 - c 1673) by testing documented male descendants of his sons Edmund, Jacob, and Joseph.

A secondary goal is to identify more distant branches of the Towne family, including those with variant spellings of the surname. To that end, the TFA invites and encourages any male with the surname Towne, Townes, Town, Towns, Tune, Tone, Toon, or Toone, and variants to purchase a test kit and participate in the project.

The TFA's DNA Genealogy Committee has established a web site at <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/t/towne/index.html>. The website provides more information about the Towne Surname DNA Project and has links for you to register for the project and to order a yDNA test kit. If you do not have access to the website, you may write to: Towne DNA Project, c/o Helen Shaw, 77 Pascal Ave, Rockport, ME 04856.

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Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 1 is out of print.

Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 2. Scott A. Bartley, ed., 1997, 304 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 5; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. This second volume covers 107 families, has improved formatting and more complete information on the third generation of early Vermonters.

Vital Records of Putney, Vermont to the Year 1900. Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens, 1992, 406 pp. Item No. GSV 2; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. This is a complete compilation from all primary sources available in the town. This is augmented by the ministerial records of the pastors who served as early as 1776.

Vital Records of Rockingham, Vermont and the Records of the First Church of Rockingham. Reprinted from the 1902 and 1908 first editions, newly indexed by Christopher T. Norris and Scott A. Bartley, 323 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 3; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. Reprinted from the first editions of 1908 and 1902, this is an important source of one of Vermont's oldest towns. The town records extend to 1845 and church records from 1773 to 1839. New is an indispensable index of nearly 1,000 names.

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records. Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound. Item No. GSV 4; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. This volume presents all births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials recorded in the

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Windsor County, Vermont Probate Index, 1778-1899. Scott Andrew Bartley and Marjorie-J. Bartley, compilers, 2000, 560 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 6; \$45.00 members, \$50.00 nonmembers. This is a comprehensive index of all files in the Windsor County Probate Court Districts —Windsor and Hartford. The records cover the period from the earliest 1778 records through the end of the nineteenth century, more than 20,000 probate files. The files are indexed by the name of the major party in the case, place of residence, probate district, type of record, year, and probate record volume .

Index to Branches & Twigs, 1972—1995. Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 7, \$58.50 members, \$65.00 nonmembers. This is the every-name index to GSV's *Branches & Twigs*, published for 24 years in 96 issues. The 180,000 entries include every genealogically important name mentioned in every issue. Separate sections of this work list the coverage of each Apple Orchard installment, and

provide a full author and title index to book reviews. *Branches & Twigs* included large quantities of information of interest to family historians.

Sudbury, Vermont: Transcription of Vital Records and Genealogies of Residents. Mary Ann Z. Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 9; \$44.55 members, 49.50 nonmembers. This book is a comprehensive transcription of census and vital records for Sudbury, plus carefully compiled genealogies of families. This book is among the very best genealogical resources about a Vermont town. This is a cooperative publication between GSV and Picton Press.

A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy, 2nd edition. John A. Leppman, 2005, softbound. Item No. GSV 10, \$9.00 members, \$10.00 nonmembers. (Mail orders should add \$1.50 for postage and handling, not the \$3.50 normally charged.) This is a new edition of *A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy* was released in April 2005. It includes more listings than the first edition, most published since 2000. It is keyed to Drew Bartley's *Genealogies Found in Vermont Histories* (Vol. 10, no. 1 of *Vermont Genealogy*, also designated GSV publication number 10.).

The Challenge

The question this week is a straight forward matching—match the occupation or civil position from column A with the correct description from column B. The first person to supply all correct answers will receive a copy of *Producing a Quality Family History* by noted genealogist Patricia Law Hatcher, CG. Send your reply to the editor, Bill Budde.

Culler of staves

Midwife.

Whitewing

Innkeeper.

Vulcan

Barrel inspector.

Piper

Baker.

Stockinger

Street sweeper.

Baxter

One who knits, weaves or deals in stockings.

Headswoman

Blacksmith.

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Land Question Answer

In the last issue we asked a two part question about headright: What is it? and Where in Vermont was it first used?

The partially correct answer was submitted by Larry Patin of Sharp and Company Printers. Larry enclosed the following definition found on Wikipedia:

“A Headright is a legal grant of land, usually to settlers moving into an area uninhabited by settlers.”

Settlers were granted a set number of acres for each inhabitant they brought with them. Plymouth Colony, which originally claimed all of New England, including Vermont, granted head rights.

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