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The Genealogical Society of Vermont will hold our **Fall Membership Meeting** on October 28, 2023, at the Andover Town Hall, located at 59 Town Hall Rd. in Andover, Vt. (*Directions from various locations throughout the state, plus a 911 map on page 2.*) This historic building, was built during the Civil War in 1863, but has been updated with a modern addition, and is handicap assessable and there is plenty of space for parking. Pre-Registration is \$25 for GSV members and \$30 for non-members, which includes the program, plus morning "coffee" and cold-cut luncheon. Please send a check by October 21, 2023 to the society address: **Genealogical Society of Vermont, 2962 Vermont Route 12A, Braintree, VT 05060-8779**

or save a stamp and register via PayPal on <https://genealogyvermont.org/upcoming.htm> If you miss the pre-registration deadline, but would still like to attend the meeting, please send me an email at: stevens@vermontel.net. Registration/Sign-In begins at 9 a.m. Hope to see you there. Below is information on the featured program.



Photo Courtesy of Jonathan W. Stevens

Avis Conley Hayden: "Lucy Terry Prince & Family: One of Vermont's Earliest Black Families" "In this presentation, I will introduce GSV members to Lucy Terry Prince and her family. Lucy was our nation's first African-American poet, and her family was one of the first to settle in Vermont. This presentation will lay out the various genealogical research methods used to learn about the family, where they settled, and their early struggles to get along with neighbors. I have uncovered six generations of descendants but have yet to find a living descendant. Her life was (and is) inspiring in so many ways." Avis Conley Hayden has been researching her family's roots since 1990. She completed a Certificate Program in Genealogical Research from Boston University in 2016. She has published several articles including, most recently, "Widow Lucy Prince and her Heirs, of Sunderland, Vermont" in the Fall 2021 issue of *Vermont Genealogy*. Back issues of which will be available for purchase.

Mariessa Dobrick: "Documenting the 1914 Simonsville Murders in the State Archives" On the night of November 4, 1914, in the hamlet of Simonsville in Andover, Vermont, former Representative Henry Wiggins and his wife Georgia Wiggins were found murdered on their property. The suspect was their son-in-law, George Warner. The State Archives hold documents that reveal the story of George Warner's trial and eventual execution, the first person executed in Vermont's Electric Chair. How do you research a historic murder? Mariessa Dobrick, reference archivist, will share the kinds of documents in the state archives holdings that can help fill in the narrative on what happened to the victims and the perpetrator. Mariessa Dobrick has been an archivist at the Vermont State Archives since 2011. Prior to that, she worked at the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison, Wisconsin. She holds a BA in French and a MA with a certificate in Archives and Records Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. An avid genealogist, she delights in helping people find their family stories in unexpected places.

Jonathan W. Stevens: "From Finland to Fitchburg to Andover" Beginning in the fall of

FARMER AND HIS WIFE MURDERED AT HOME NEAR SIMMONSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Wiggins Victims of Revenge, Neighbors Believe.

GEORGE WARNER UNDER SUSPICION

Well Known Couple Found Dead by Neighbors—Telephone Gave Alarm—Believed That Murderer Shot Through Window—Suspect is Son-in-Law of Murdered Man and Woman—Divorce Proceedings Started by Warner's Wife May Have Bearing in Case.

(Special to The Herald.)

Rutland Daily Herald (Rutland, Vt.), issue 5 Nov. 1914, p. 1.

(President's Message, Continued on Page 4)

GSV Fall Membership Meeting Directions October 28, 2023:

59 Town Hall Rd., Andover, VT

Directions:

From Bennington Area: Follow US 7 North to Exit 4 (Manchester), turn right following VT 11&30 East, continue on VT 11 East towards Peru. Then continue east through Londonderry towards Chester. Just past hamlet of Simonsville, turn left onto Hill Top Rd., to Weston-Andover Rd., then take a right at the bottom of the hill, and another right at the town office. The town hall building is on your left.

From Burlington Area: South US Route 7 to Exit 4 (Manchester). (*Same as above after this point*) Alternate Route take I-89 South to I-91 South to Exit 6 (Springfield), follow Route 11 west through Springfield and Chester to Andover Rd., heading west towards Weston. Left hand turn at the town office, the town hall is on your left.

From Brattleboro Area: I-91 North to Exit 6 (Rockingham), follow VT 103 North through Chester, and follow VT 11 West to Andover Rd. (*Same as above after this point*).

From Barre/ Montpelier Area: I-89 South to I-91 South, Springfield Exit 7 follow VT 11 West through Springfield to Chester. Follow 11 West through Chester Village West, turn right on Andover Rd. Turn left at Town Office.

Note: *The address of 59 Town Hall Rd., is 911 designation and there is no road sign. You turn at the Andover Town Office 953 Weston-Andover Rd., which is clearly marked. The Andover Town Hall is on the left. If you go beyond the town hall you end up at the town garage. Parking in is in the town hall, town office parking lots and along the driveway aka Town Hall Rd.*

Below is a screenshot from the Vermont E9-1-1 Viewer. <https://maps.vermont.gov/e911/Html5Viewer/?viewer=e911viewer>



Are You Interested in Being a Research Volunteer?

GSV is compiling a list of volunteers that are willing to provide help to people who may need some assistance in their Vermont research. Do you consider yourself an expert in a particular locality or larger geographical area in Vermont and would like to provide research assistance? You can have your name and contact information added to the list. Please note that this is not solicitation for personal research services, but volunteers wishing to share their Vermont based knowledge with the larger genealogical community. If interested in being added to the list please send your name, contact information, and your particular area of expertise (i.e., town or county, etc.) to GSV membership chair Diantha Howard at: diantha.howard@uvm.edu.

The publication no Vermont genealogy collection or library should be without.

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2nd edition*

**by John A. Leppman, softbound.
Item No. GSV 11.**

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Premier Family Discovery Event, RootsTech 2024, Opens Registration

Registration is open!



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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, 18 September 2023—RootsTech, the world's largest genealogy conference and celebration of family, announced registration for RootsTech 2024 is now open. The premier global event will take place from February 29 to March 2 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, and online at [RootsTech.org](https://www.rootstech.org). The theme of the 2024 event will be "Remember." Families, friends, genealogists, historians, and family history enthusiasts from around the world will gather online and in person to discover, share, connect, and remember. The in-person experience is only \$99 before November 17, 2023. Although the online event is free, registration is still encouraged to maximize the experience.

RootsTech 2024 offers something for everyone, from beginners to advanced researchers with over 300 class sessions, keynote speakers, interactive workshops, and hundreds of exhibitors who will showcase their latest innovative products and features. "We're excited to open registration for RootsTech 2024, focusing on the theme of remembering," said Jen Allen, RootsTech event director. "After the success of RootsTech 2023, we're looking forward to another incredible experience in 2024 offering the thrill of discovery, meeting cousins, making

new connections with others, amazing entertainment, and learning about exciting new products. We also have an amazing lineup of keynote speakers, plus sessions delivered by some of the most respected names in the genealogy and family history community. We're confident that RootsTech 2024 will be an unforgettable experience for all who attend."

FamilySearch.org Press Release

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1909, the town Andover saw an influx of Finnish immigrants, who purchased abandoned (or soon to be abandoned) farms. By the 1920s, more than 30 Finnish families had settled in the area. Even though these families were located throughout the town, the predominate settlement was on East Hill, giving rise to the moniker "Finn Hill." In 1916, Andover's Finnish community formed the Finnish Farmers Co-op, Inc., to purchase much needed farm machinery. This presentation will discuss the history of this thriving group of industrious immigrants who became an integral part of the community. Jonathan W. Stevens is a professional genealogist and the President of the Genealogical Society of Vermont. He is also a Director of the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium and has published several genealogical articles. He is also the Andover Assistant Town Clerk, Lister (VPA I) and Secretary of Zoning Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission.

As noted in my last address, Alice Blakey Marsh, resigned as GSV Secretary earlier this year. The GSV Board is currently looking to appoint an interim secretary, for the remainder of her term until next biennial election of officers will take place in the fall of 2024. The position involves taking of minutes at Board and Membership meetings. If you are interested in serving as secretary position, please contact me at: stevens@vermontel.net.

The Spring 2022 issue [27: 1] of *Vermont Genealogy* will be soon printed and arriving in members mailboxes. Thank you to everyone who help in putting this together, especially to Bob Murphy for providing the indexing. The Fall 2022 issue [27: 2], will be a special issue, a Vermont research guide by Drew Bartley, who is also hard at work on Spring 2023 issue [28: 1]. Soon we will soon be caught up and back on schedule. It was decided that my planned *Vital Records of Windham* project will eventually be a standalone publication, as it will be much more involved project.

Please make sure that GSV has your most current email address, so you don't miss any correspondence for the society. Also please send any changes in your mailing address, so you don't miss any publications to GSV membership chair Diantha Howard at: diantha.howard@uvm.edu.

The 18th New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) 2025 is currently being planned for the fall of 2025. The exact date and location have not been finalized, but be sure to mark your calendars. Note this will be a departure from NERGC's traditional spring date. The reason behind the change is to avoid conflicts with other genealogical conferences, plus it gives the participating societies slightly more time to work on planning the conference. Be sure to look for updates on conference in the GSV Newsletter, on the GSV website www.genealogyvermont.org and on the NERGC website www.nergc.org as we get closer to the date of the conference.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

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Alan and Valerie Rogers of Northfield, Massachusetts



Courtesy of Janet (Kalinen) Albrecht

John and Emma (Moiso) Kalinen, both natives of Finland and their children: Paavo, Walter, Aina, Saima and Martha at "The Samuel Nutting Farm" on East Hill Rd., in Andover in 1912. The Kalinen family settled in Andover in 1910 and many members of the family still reside in town today.

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BENNINGTON, (Vt.) Tuesday, August 14, 1821.

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[COMMUNICATED.] OBITUARY.

DIED—At Sunderland, Vt. July 11th, Mrs. Lucy Prince, a woman of colour. From the church and town records where she formerly resided, we learn that she was brought from Bristol, Rhode Island, to Deerfield, Mass. when she was 4 years old, by Mr. Ebenezer Wells: that she was 97 years of age—that she was early devoted to God in baptism: that she united with the church in Deerfield in 1744.—Was married to Abijah Prince, May 17th, 1756, by Elijah Williams, Esq and that she has been the mother of seven children. Her husband was proprietor of some rights of land in this state; but through inattention they were lost, which subjected her to penury. In this remarkable woman there was an assemblage of qualities rarely to be found among her sex. Her volubility was exceeded by none, and in general the fluency of her speech captivated all around her, and was not destitute of instruction and edification. All considered her a prodigy in conversation. She was much respected among her acquaintance, who treated her with a degree of deference. Her knowledge of the holy scriptures was uncommonly great, having a tenacious memory. She had much of it at command, which was a plain indication that the word of God had been her study and delight. Her profession of

religion, which had been for more than half a century, was exemplified by a life devoted to the service of God. Suitable respect was shown at her interment, and evidences exhibited, that her memory was precious. A discourse adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Haynes, of Manchester.

And shall proud tyrants boast with brazen face,

Of birth—of genius, over Afric's race:

Go to the tomb where lies their matron's dust,

And read the marble, faithful to its trust.

Let not within Columbia's happy bower,

Infested lungs pollute the sacred tower:

While *Seargent*, with his flagellating cord

Drives them away, as did our blessed Lord:*

And *Mallary*, with his eloquence severe

Dispels the fog, and purifies the air.

Shall drear Missouri's melancholy cell,

Caress the demon, emigrant of hell?

Shall there fell Slav'ry find a dark retreat?

And vagrant despots stalk about the street?

Then let our union be a fulsome name:

Our tongues shall hiss them from our courts of fame.

How long must Ethaopia's murder'd race

Be doom'd by men to bondage & disgrace?

And hear such taunting insolence from those

"We have a fairer skin and sharper nose?"

Their sable mother took her rapt rous flight,

High orb'd amidst the realms of endless

light:

The haughty boaster sinks beneath her feet,

Where vaunting tyrants & oppressors meet.

*John 2. 15.

Vermont Gazette (Bennington, Vt.),
issue 14 Aug. 1821, p. 1 & p. 3.



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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.

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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; **Sale Price \$20.** 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 to this edition is an index of nearly 1,000 names.

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records. Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound. Item No. GSV 4; **Sale Price \$15.** This volume presents all births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials recorded in the town. All the civil books were transcribed as well as the records from the Georgia Plains Baptist Church, Congregational Church, and Methodist Church of Georgia and North Fairfax.

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 non-members. 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 non-members. (Mail orders should add \$7.50 for postage and handling, not the \$5.50 normally charged.) 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: Genealogies, Vital Records, and Census Records. Mary Ann Z. Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 8; **Sale Price \$20.** 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 11; **Sale Price \$5.** (Mail orders should add \$3.50 for postage and handling, not the \$5.50 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 Scott Andrew Bartley's Genealogies Found in Vermont Histories (Vol. 10, No. 1 of Vermont Genealogy, also designated GSV publication number 10.).

Index to the History and Map of Danby, Vermont, Compiled by Joann H. Nichols. (1998), softbound, Item No. D1; \$3.50, plus \$3.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy. An index to J[ohn] C. Williams, History and Map of Danby, Vermont (Rutland, Vt., 1869; reprinted S.L. Griffith Library, 1976). **Limited Number Available.**

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