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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The middle of winter...or is it; with the lack of snow it is sometimes hard to tell. As I look out the window the ground is still covered, but that is more of an evaluation issue than anything else. Recently when we went to Manchester, it looked decidedly like spring. Of course it all could change in a heartbeat. As they say, "if you don't like the weather in New England, wait a minute, and it will change."

There seems to be a growing number of people interested just in filling the blanks on genealogy charts, but not exploring the whole story about their ancestors. While it is wonderful thing to have all the dates, our ancestors were complex individuals, not just a few lines on a chart or in a database. It is rather sad that anyone's life would be reduced to that level of interest. Also there seems to be growing notion that everything you will ever need is online. While it is true that a greater amount of material is available online than ever before, it is simply one tool in a well rounded genealogist's arsenal. There is still a lot of material held at the local level, that is not currently and in many cases may never be found online. Also not everything is recorded, so you are not going to find that elusive record in paper or digital form if it never existed in the first place. In the pre-1857 vital records, marriages were the most frequently recorded, followed by births and lastly by deaths, many times occurring in family group records. Deaths were the most under-reported vital statistic, hence the effort to have the town clerks copy pre-1870 gravestones for the State circa 1920. However, many individuals never had a gravestone or their stone was damaged or lost years ago. In many

instances the reason why there was no gravestone is a rather simple one: there was no money to pay for it. Poverty is a fact of life and always has been. Most families, if you dig deep enough, will have some members who fell on hard times. Maybe some people are troubled by this history, but it certainly is nothing to be ashamed of. The irony in all of this is the very rich and the very poor tend to produce the most records. Even if you cannot find a gravestone, you may be able to find something in the Overseer of the Poor records. For instance, when someone was paid to dig the grave, it may be possible to determine which cemetery, although you may never know the exact spot where someone is buried. Of course records differ from town to town, but that is part of the thrill of the chase. If everything were all the same and available online, what fun would that be?

The website www.familysearch.org continues to add to their ever expanding archive of online material. Recent additions that will be beneficial for Vermont researchers are: "Franklin Co. Probate Records 1796-1921" and "Manchester District Probate Records 1779-1935." Currently these collections are browse only, though with a little digging you are bound to find something of interest. GSV graciously accepted an invitation to work with FamilySearch on the project indexing the 1940 U.S. Census for Vermont. If you are interested in this exciting project let us know.

For those of you that have any research interest in the town of Bennington, the town clerk's office has added a wealth of

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USED BOOKS & CDS FOR SALE

GSV is offering the following used books and CDs for sale. All are used, but in good condition and have been donated to GSV. Please contact GSV president Jonathan W. Stevens stevens@vermontel.net for additional information and availability. Note that there is only one copy each and these titles are offered on a first come first serve basis. Shipping on books is the standard rate of \$3.50 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item. Shipping on the CDs is \$2.00 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item. We hope to be able to offer additional titles in future Newsletters.

BOOKS

- Goodrich, John E. *The State of Vermont: Rolls of Soldiers in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783*. Rutland: The Tuttle Company, 1904, reprinted, Colchester, 1998 in 2 volumes (softcover) \$10 [Shipping \$4.50]
- Hollick, Martin E. *New Englanders in the 1600's: A Guide to Genealogical Research Published Between 1980 and 2005*. Boston: NEHGS, 2006. (softcover) \$10
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- Peck, Theodore S. *Revised Roster of Vermont Volunteers and Lists of Vermonters who Served in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866*. Montpelier: Watchmen Publishing Company, 1892, reprinted, Colchester, 1998 in 2 volumes (softcover) \$10 [Shipping \$4.50]
- Swan, Marvel G. and Donald P., and Dawn D. Hance. *Early Families of Rutland, Vermont*. Rutland: Rutland Historical Society, 1990. (softcover) \$20
- United States Bureau of the Census. *Heads of Families at the Second Census of the United States taken in the Year 1800: Vermont*. Montpelier: Vermont Historical Society, 1938; reprinted Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1972. (hardcover) \$20
- Vital Records of Tisbury, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*. Boston: NEHGS, 1910; reprinted Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992. (softcover) \$10.

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Vital Records of Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket Counties, Massachusetts to the Year 1850
Wheat Ridge, Colorado: Search & Research Publishing. \$10.

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information on early Bennington to the town's website www.bennington.com/town/index.html. There are indexes that span the time period 1763-1850 for births, deaths and marriages (indexed separately both by groom and bride) all in Microsoft Word. All cite the original book and page numbers. There is also a verbatim transcription of the first town record book A-1, also in Word. There are also listings of the various cemeteries (alphabetically by cemetery and alphabetically by surname) in Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

The Rutland Historical Society has added an assortment of records to their website www.rutlandhistory.com. These include town and city directories, covering the time period of 1867-1911. Also of interest are the town reports, including Rutland Town Selectman's Reports 1857-1894, Village of Rutland Reports 1868-1893 and West Rutland 1888-1999. All of these have been scanned and are available online as PDF files.

Last, but certainly not least, GSV's www.genealogyvermont.org website member's area is constantly expanding—most recent additions include images of the 1850 U.S. Agricultural Census for Groton, Caledonia Co., Vt., contributed by Bob Murphy. Another interesting recent addition are Genealogical Gleanings from the newspaper *Aurora of the Valley* (Newbury, Vt.), compiled by Bob Murphy.

The GSV Board is currently planning a spring meeting to be held in the southern part of the state; tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2012. We are still looking into speakers and venues at this point, so keep an eye out for the full information in the next Newsletter and on our website. If you have a recommendation or a suggestion of a speaker or a venue that we could use, we would love to hear from you.

Our speaker for NERGC 2013 in Manchester, N.H., to be held April 17-21, 2013, will be Scott Reilly from the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration. For those of you who missed his talk at our fall meeting at VHS in Barre, this will be a chance to catch up, and for those who did attend, we will all learn a few new things about the collections of the State Archives. Look for more information regarding NERGC 2013 in future GSV Newsletters and on the web at www.nergc.org.

Also if you are one of the newer members of GSV, who does not have a complete collection of the back issues of our scholarly journal *Vermont Genealogy*, why not purchase some of the issues you are missing? Back issues are currently available with only a few early issues out of print. **[see page 7 for details and pricing]** Thanks, to the dedicated indexing work of Bob Murphy, you will find a topical index to all the past issues on our website. Also all of the name indexes from each volume have been posted online as well.

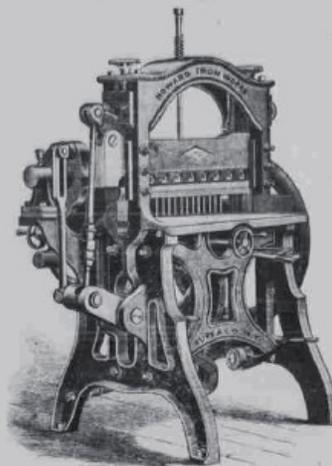
Finally, we extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to our secretary Stephanie M. O'Rourke, whose son Timothy, died suddenly this past January. Our hearts go out to her and the rest of her family.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

THE BEST YET.

The Phoenix Job Printing Office is bound to give its customers the very best service that modern facilities afford. The latest thing we have done is to put a "Diamond" Self-clamp Howard Iron Works Paper Cutter into our stock room, replacing the hand machine which has done good service for many years.

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The following is from the Vermont Digital Newspaper Project website <http://library.uvm.edu/vtnp/>. "The Vermont Digital Newspaper Project is part of the National Digital Newspaper Program, developed by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress. The University of Vermont Libraries was awarded funding from NEH to work collaboratively with partners in the Vermont Department of Libraries, the Ilsley Public Library of Middlebury, and the Vermont Historical Society to select, digitize, and make available up to 100,000 pages of Vermont newspapers, published between 1836 and 1922, from the microfilm collections of the Vermont Department of Libraries and the University of Vermont. The digitized newspapers are freely available to the public via the Library of Congress' Chronicling America database. <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

The Project builds upon work of the NEH-funded Vermont Newspaper Project which, from 1997 to 2001, identified, cataloged, and microfilmed close to 1,000 historical Vermont newspaper titles in over 3,000 libraries, historical societies, and other repositories throughout the state."

Editor's Note: The Vermont newspapers have been digitized and currently online as of this writing include: *The Burlington Free Press* 1836-1865, *The Burlington Weekly Free Press* 1866-1920, *Rutland Herald* 1836-1847, *Rutland County Herald* 1848-1850, *The Rutland Herald* 1850-1852, *The Rutland County Herald* 1852-1854, *The Rutland Daily Globe* 1873-1876, *The Vermont Watchman and State Journal* (Montpelier) 1845-1855, *The Vermont Transcript* (St. Albans) 1864-1868, *Vermont Phoenix* (Brattleboro) 1836-1922 (not all of the issues for this period are currently online), *Vermont Farmer* (St. Johnsbury) 1872-1877, *Windham County Democrat* (Brattleboro) 1836-1853. There is also an interesting article on the website detailing the history of the *Vermont Farmer* courtesy of the University of Vermont.

The project's blog <http://vtdnp.wordpress.com/> has updates on the status and details about the project by Tom McMurdo, VTDNP Project Librarian, Bailey/Howe Library, University of Vermont

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Aurora of the Valley (Newbury, Vt.), issue 7 Oct 1852.

"Old and New Style.—The 13th of September, this year, was the completion of a century since the introduction of the "New Style", as it is called in the calendar. The New Style differed from the old by omitting eleven days after September 1st, or calling the 2^d the 13th, and by beginning the year in January 1st, and not on Annunciation, or 25th of March. The length of the legal year 1752 was therefore only 282 days or about 40 weeks."

Contributed by Bob Murphy

Descendants of Giles Roberts of Scarborough, Maine

by Joann H. Nichols

For \$20, plus \$3.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy

Don't let the title mislead you, Giles Roberts was the immigrant ancestor. This book contains a wealth of information on the Roberts family in Vermont. Towns mentioned are: Barnet, Barre, Berlin, Bethel, Brandon, Brattleboro, Bristol, Brookfield, Brookline, Burlington, Cavendish, Dover, Dummerston, Fairlee, Fletcher, Grafton, Greensboro, Guilford, Halifax, Hardwick, Hartford, Hyde Park, Jamaica, Londonderry, Lyndon, Montpelier, Moretown, Morristown, Morrisville, Pomfret, Putney, Readsboro, Rochester, Rockingham, Rutland, Somerset, Springfield, St. Johnsbury, Stratton, Sutton, Thetford, Topsham, Townshend, Tunbridge, Underhill, Walden, Wallingford, Wardsboro, Washington, Waterbury, Weathersfield, Westford, Westminster, West Fairlee, Weston, Wilmington and Woodstock.

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERMONT JOINS THE 1940 U.S. CENSUS COMMUNITY

GSV has joined forces with genealogy societies and organizations around the country as part of the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project. The initiative aims to publish a free, online searchable name index of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census after images of the census are released to the public in April 2012. This online index will be free forever, offering family history researchers a rich genealogical data set for their ongoing use. Three leading genealogy organizations, Archives.com, FamilySearch International, and findmypast.com, launched the initiative at the end of last year, and the project is already engaging volunteers to help provide this invaluable resource to family historians around the world as soon as possible.

The index created by the project will allow the public to easily search every person found in the census and view digital images of the original census pages where he or she is listed. The highly anticipated 1940 U.S. Census is expected to be the most popular U.S. record collection released to date.

“The 1940 Census is attractive to both new and experienced researchers because most people in the United States can remember a relative that was living in 1940. It will do more to connect living memory with historical records and families than any other collection previously made available,” said David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch.

The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project is also receiving support from leading societal organizations like the Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Genealogical Society, and Ohio Genealogical Society, as well as other societies around the United States.

Go to www.the1940census.com/society and register to participate with our society. Simply select Genealogical Society of Vermont on the profile screen when creating your account. Every new person indexing with our society gets us closer to milestones that qualify us for incentives provided by the sponsors of the project, so sign up today. Please contact Jonathan W. Stevens, President of GSV at stevens@vermontel.net to let us know if are interested in this project and for instructions on indexing.

Discover Who You Know in the 1940 Census!

The historic 1940 U.S. Census Community Project needs your local expertise to help make the 1940 census searchable online. Join with your fellow society members in this monumental grass-roots indexing effort to create the most accurate, free census search. Sign up today!

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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 to this edition 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 town. All the civil books

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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 11; \$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 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 \$1.50 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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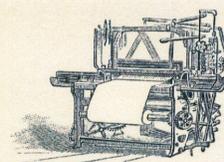
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