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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message snow is still falling, by this time of year, we start to hope that there aren't many storms left. Spring however is definitely on the horizon; the male turkeys put on quite a display the other day.

The GSV Board has finalized the date and location of our spring membership meeting. It will be held on May 24, 2014 at the Hilltop Restaurant located at 241 Quarry Hill Rd. in Barre Town [www.hilltopbarre.com](http://www.hilltopbarre.com). This is the restaurant that catered our last meeting at VHS, so be prepared for another great meal. At this writing, we have the first of our three speakers, Brennan Gauthier, VTrans Archaeologist. Registration is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Be sure to check [www.genealogyvermont.org](http://www.genealogyvermont.org) for updates. A special thank you to Bob Murphy, for all the hard work in setting up the meeting.

After the spring meeting, the next event on the calendar for GSV is the Vermont History Expo, held on June 21 & 22, 2014 at the Tunbridge World's Fair Grounds. See you there.

The Fall 2013 issue of our scholarly journal *Vermont Genealogy* is currently in production. Just a reminder to new members: the mailing list used for the Spring 2013 was for those who were members at that time the issue would have been published. The same holds true for the fall issue. New members can order a back issue of Spring 2013 [18: 1] for \$10 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling.

The latest Vermont collection to be posted online at [Familysearch.org](http://Familysearch.org) is entitled "St. Albans Canadian Border Crossings, 1895-1924." This title however is misleading, as the

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## SHELDON FAMILY ASSOCIATION 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION

As President of the Sheldon Family Association, pleased to announce the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held at Ft Wayne IN August 7-10, 2014. The hotel is Comfort Suites 5775 Coventry Lane, Fort Wayne, IN, US, 46804. Phone: (260) 436-4300 with special rates. This is an opportunity to visit the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. Come help us celebrate. Look for information on our Sheldon Family website. <http://www.sheldonfamily.org/>

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collection actually includes some material as late as 1954, and has both Soundex indexes and manifests of passengers. As with many collections this is browse only at the moment.

Though NERGC 2015 to be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, April 15-19, 2015, is still about a year away. GSV as a member society, is helping in the preparation of the conference. Our sponsored speaker will be Jane Williamson of Rokeby in Ferrisburgh [www.rokeby.org](http://www.rokeby.org). Her talk is entitled "Telling it Like it Was: The Underground Railroad in Vermont" The talk introduces the Robinson family, who lived at what is now Rokeby Museum through four generations and nearly 200 years. For additional information about the Conference visit [www.nergc.org](http://www.nergc.org).

*Jonathan W. Stevens, President*

### *LOSSES BY FIRE.*

**A fire in South Londonderry, Windsor County, Vt., on Monday night, burned the dwelling-houses of Mrs. David Babbitt, Bliss Goddard, and Celon Farnham. Eight thousand dollars in Government bonds belonging to Mr. Goddard were destroyed. Total loss, \$20,000.**

*The New York Times, issue 4 April 1874.*

**Note:** Londonderry is located in Windham County.

***SKI PIONEERS OF STOWE, VERMONT:  
THE FIRST 25 YEARS***

The Stowe Historical Society [www.stowehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.stowehistoricalsociety.org) has just released my new book: *Ski Pioneers of Stowe, Vermont: The First 25 years*. It begins about the early 1930s and ends in the late 1950s. This is about the people who had much to do with the formation with Stowe as a ski area, not strictly genealogy. The book is in three parts: Part I is all of the ski-related articles Charlie Lord wrote and published in the Stowe Reporter in the late 1970s and 1980s. Charlie was a lead figure in clearing trails and active in the development of the ski industry. Part II is what really got us going on a book: The memoir of Sepp Ruschp who came to Stowe as the first paid ski instructor and who rose to become President and general manager of the Mountain Co. Part III is 36 short biographies of other men, local and out of state, who helped form skiing as we know it in Stowe. The sketches include local men such as Craig Burt, Sr., Frank Griffin, George W. Gale, Abner Coleman, Albert Gottlieb, Perry Merrill, Clem Curtis, Bob and Mary Bourdon, and others. Three women ski instructors are included, and the men who came to ski and invested in the Mountain: C.V. Starr (founder of AIG), Roland Palmedo, J. Negley Cooke, and the colorful "Nosedive Annie" (Bonfoey) (Cooke) Taylor who put on the seal skins on her skis and climbed up the Nosedive racing trail every day, no matter what the weather, and skied down.

*Submitted by Patricia Haslam of Stowe, Vt., GSV Membership #78.*

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## DEATHS.

### Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.

**EAST CLARENDON - Jon Harold Mayo**, 74, died Dec. 25, 2013, at Mountain View Adult Care, following a long illness.

He was born July 15, 1939, in Brandon, the son of Harold and Viola Mayo.

He attended Christ the King School, Mount St. Joseph Academy and Rutland Business College.

While a student at MSJ, he was a Page at Rutland Free Library, which began a lifelong passion for books. Following graduation, he began employment as a shipper with Charles E. Tuttle Co. He moved from shipper to bookkeeper to book seller, and remained with Tuttle for more than 50 years. Along with his sister-in-law, he purchased the old and rare book portion of the business and continued to run the shop until its closing in June 2006. He eventually expanded the offerings of the shop into the field of miniature books.

He was a lifelong member of Christ the King Church in Rutland, where he served first as an altar server, later as a member of the parish council and for many years, as the director of the lectors.

He was also a member of several book-related organizations, including the Miniature Book Society, where he served as an officer. He was chairperson for the 2001 MBS Conclave held in Rutland

He enjoyed gardening, especially the Cannas and Hibiscus, his dogs, steam trains and mechanical or organ music.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Sherry, of East Clarendon; and three sons, Jay of Pittsford, Ben of Flowery Branch, Ga., and Isaac of St. Mary's, Pa.

A funeral service will be held at a later date at Christ the King Church, with burial in East Clarendon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Microbibliophile, PO Box 5453, North Branch, NJ 08876; Mill River Union High School Music Department, 2321 Middle Road, North Clarendon, VT 05759; or Rutland County Humane Society, 765 Stevens Road, Pittsford, VT 05763.

*Published in the Rutland Heald on 1 January 2014.*

*Editor's Note: Those of us who frequented Tuttle Antiquarian Books on South Main St. in Rutland, certainly miss the store, the catalog, and the treasures they both held. You never quite knew what you would find.*

**BELLEVUE, Wash. - Mary Elizabeth "Betty" White Lutt Robinson**, 81, formerly of Bradford, Pa., died Thursday, March 28, 2013, after a 15-year battle with squamous cell cancer (mouth, jaw, lungs).

She was born Oct. 22, 1931, in Gregory, S.D., to Robert Martin and Rose Ellen Flynn White. In 1951, she married Paul Warren Lutt Sr., who died in 1966. In 1970, she married Paul Neuman Robinson, PhD, who preceded her in death.

Betty graduated from St. Mary's Academy in O'Neill, Neb., in 1948 and went to Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. Until Dr. Robinson's retirement, he and Betty lived and worked in Pennsylvania, where he was a professor of Anglo-Irish Literature at the University of Pittsburgh, including five years at the Bradford, Pa., campus. During these years, Betty did genealogical research, made prize-winning preserves, hosted friends from far and wide and herded many cats. The couple retired in Bellevue.

Her lifelong hobbies included writing detailed interesting letters on a typewriter (no computer) and never forgetting birthdays or anniversaries. She enjoyed live theatre, traveling to Ireland and being a thoughtful friend to all she met along the way. She especially cherished old friends and cats.

A direct descendant of Richard Warren (Society of Mayflower Descendants), she was a Charter member of Cascade Chapter, DAR; member of the Seattle Genealogical Society, Trenchers and Flagons, and Genealogy societies in Vermont and Pennsylvania. She was eligible to join many genealogical organizations.

Survived by son Paul (Dotti) Lutt Jr.; sister Jean (Dave) White Loo; her sister Pat's family, Kathy Parish, Cpt. Jim (Michelle) Parish USN, Rob Parish and Kim (John) Parish Montgomery; brothers-in-law Geo Yelland Jr., the Rev. Laurence Robinson, SJ and Gene Rupel; a sister-in-law Diane Robinson; cousins and members of Dr. Robinson's family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands; a sister, Pat O'Flynn; and niece, Rosemary Dee Parish. A Memorial Mass is set for 10 a.m. May 4 at St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church, 4400 130th Pl SE in Bellevue, WA 98006, with inurnment of Betty & Paul Robinson's urn at Sunset Hills Memorial Park at noon.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Betty with donations for the care of the elderly members' of Sisters of St. Francis of Peace and Christian Charity, 5314 Columbine Road, Denver, CO 80221-1277; or Society of Jesus, Oregon Province, 3215 SE 45th Ave, Portland, OR 97206. Remembrances may be shared at [www.sunsethillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsethillsfuneralhome.com).

## FAMILYSEARCH WORKS TO PUT THE WORLD'S HISTORICAL RECORDS ONLINE IN ONE GENERATION

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**—FamilySearch International (online at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org)) is leading the way in digitizing and providing access to billions of historical genealogical records by collaborating with commercial family history companies and the online community. This collaboration will carve centuries off the time needed to increase access to the world's historical records, enabling millions more people to quickly discover, share, and preserve family memories for generations.

Recent announcements of agreements with commercial family history companies are some of the first installments in fulfilling FamilySearch's desire to remove the traditional barriers to genealogical research. FamilySearch CEO, Dennis Brimhall, explains that joining forces with other organizations, where possible, brings significantly more financial investment and technological resources to the family history industry than the non-profit community could provide on its own.

FamilySearch plans to collaborate on digitization projects with commercial family history companies to publish new historical records collections on FamilySearch.org that have never seen the light of the Internet. Working with individual industry leaders such as Ancestry.com, Archives.com, findmypast, Fold3, and MyHeritage will also increase and broaden access to the records FamilySearch has already published online. FamilySearch plans to involve many other interested organizations that will provide records, tools, and other resources to allow more people to build, preserve, and share their family trees online.

In a keynote address at the RootsTech 2013 conference, Brimhall shared FamilySearch's vision to empower people globally to share their family memories and save them for future generations. "Imagine if your ancestors had easy access to computers, digital cameras, and family history websites that allowed them to upload, preserve, and share important family memories through photos, stories, and vital names, dates, and places? How amazing would that be?" Brimhall said.

FamilySearch and its predecessors have been preserving and providing access to the world's family history records for over 100 years. FamilySearch volunteers have indexed just over three billion records in extraction and online indexing projects, but they have only scratched the surface. "For the top countries with the highest online research demand, using our existing resources and volunteers, it will take up to 300 years to index the 5.3 billion records that we already have," Brimhall noted. "That means you and me and the next 10 generations of our posterity would not live to personally benefit from them. And there are another 60 billion records that still need to be digitally preserved. We can do significantly better by working together with other organizations and as a community."

As new historical record collections are published under the latest agreements with FamilySearch's affiliates, they will be available on FamilySearch.org and for free on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com), or [MyHeritage.com](http://MyHeritage.com) to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. FamilySearch offers free public access to Ancestry.com and findmypast.com through 4,715 local FamilySearch-owned family history centers worldwide. Additional details regarding expanded records access will be announced sometime in 2014, when they are available.

### Interesting Facts Addressed by FamilySearch Community Initiatives

- Approximately 28 billion people lived on the earth in recently recorded history—from A.D. 1500 to 2010.
- Information for an estimated one billion unique individuals may exist today in online family trees—a fraction of how many still need to be linked.
- The bulk of online family history research today is focused on the records of North America, Europe, and Latin America. Less than seven percent of these records are searchable online today.
- An estimated 60 billion historical records still exist to be digitally preserved and indexed.
- Only eight percent of FamilySearch's current online indexing volunteer workforce is non-English speaking. The majority of historical records to be made searchable online in the future will require volunteers who read non-English records.

With current volunteers and resources, it could take up to 300 years to make the current inventory of historical genealogical records searchable online. This time can be reduced to 20 to 30 years with more business and community involvement. Disclaimer: FamilySearch does not establish relationships with third parties or take other steps that may be in violation of the terms of contractual obligations. As a result, FamilySearch may not be able to provide some information, records, indexes, or other data to third parties or the public.

### About FamilySearch:

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*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 .

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***Sudbury, Vermont: Genealogies, Vital Records, and Census Records.*** Mary Ann Z. Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 8; \$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***, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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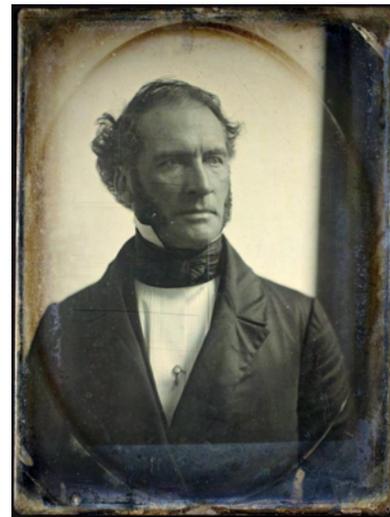
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