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According to the calendar spring is here; yet the snow storms continue. Regardless, mud season will arrive soon. It reminds me of the quote attributed to Mark Twain: "*If you don't like the weather in New England now, just wait a few minutes.*"

GSV's fall membership meeting will be held on October 28, 2017, at the **Williamstown Masonic Lodge**. We are currently looking for speakers. Sometimes there are speakers of local interest, that may not be on GSV Board's radar. If you have any suggestions let me know at stevens@vermontel.net. Look for updates on speakers, the luncheon and directions in the next Newsletter.

The latest issue of *Vermont Genealogy* Spring 2016 [21: 1] should have arrived in GSV members' mailboxes by the time you read this message.

Don't forget that **NERGC 2017: Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past** will be held at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, on April 26-29, 2017. The conference is supported by GSV and 22 other genealogical

societies. Wednesday will be filled with special tracks and events. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be the featured days of the conference with many presentations, a large exhibit hall with 72 vendors including GSV. Our sponsored speaker is *Vermont Genealogy* editor Michael F. Dwyer, FASG. His talk is entitled: ***Half-truths and Lies: Why Records Are Wrong*** will be on Saturday at 4: 45 p.m. Attendance at each of the past six conferences has exceeded 700, with 720 attending the 2005 Portland, Maine conference, 745 in Hartford, Connecticut in 2007, 739 in Manchester, New Hampshire in 2009, and 830 in Springfield, Massachusetts in 2011. The 2015 conference in Providence, Rhode Island had just under 1,000 attendees, speakers, and exhibitors on hand. To make any conference run smoothly volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer please contact Pat Stanocarpenter at pstacar@gmail.com. Remember this will help GSV meet our required on-site commitment. Also please let me know as well if you want your volunteer time to go to GSV.

See you in Springfield at NERGC 2017.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

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Vermont Vital Records Card Index Error

There are two cards for the marriage of **George E. Taplin** and **Nellie A. Minard** (see below). The first page shows the images of the groom cards submitted by the Town Clerk of Topsham. The first states that the couple was married on 28 August 1913. The second says 26 December 1917. Which one is correct?

The next two items are from the Topsham town records (see bottom of the page). Again, a record appears to support each of these two marriages; the first purportedly took place in Topsham, the second in So. Ryegate. Same minister; two different dates. What's a researcher to do?

The answer is to search newspapers for a record of the event (see opposite page). There is an article in *The Barre Daily Times*, documenting the marriage on 28 August 1913. I could find no such corroboration for the 1917 event, and am not sure why that record exists. I am quite sure the same minister did not marry them twice on two dates 4 years apart. I can only conclude that the submission of the minister's marriages was somehow misinterpreted by the town clerk and entered (erroneously) into town books in 1917. The entry immediately before the 1917 record for this couple, by the way, is one for Nellie's half-brother **Charles J. Fiske**. He was married to **Beatrice M. French** by the same minister at Groton on 19 October 1917.

Robert M. Murphy

MARRIAGE—GROOM		MARRIAGE—GROOM	
Name of Groom	Taplin, George E.	Name of Groom	Taplin, George E.
Name of Bride	Nellie A. Minard	Name of Bride	Nellie A. Minard
Residence of Groom	Topsham Vermont	Residence of Groom	Topsham Vermont
Date of Marriage	August 28 th 1913	Date of Marriage	December 26 - 1917
Color	White	Color	White
Age in Years	60	Age in Years	65
No. of Marriage	Second	No. of Marriage	Second
Widowed		Widowed	Yes
Divorced	Yes	Divorced	Yes
Occupation	Farmer	Occupation	Farmer
Place of Birth	Topsham	Place of Birth	Topsham Vermont
Father's Name	Jacob S. Taplin	Father's Name	Jacob S. Taplin
Birthplace	Coarct	Birthplace	Coarct Vt.
Mother's Name	Nancy Gilley	Mother's Name	Nancy Gilley
Birthplace	Topsham	Birthplace	Topsham Vt.
Name Party Officiating	Rev. D. M. McKinley United Presbyterian	Name Party Officiating	Rev. D. M. McKinley United Presbyterian
Town	Topsham	Town	Topsham
Certified Copy	26, B. White	Certified Copy	26, B. White
Town Clerk		Town Clerk	

STATE OF VERMONT.

I Hereby Certify that the within described George E. Taplin
and Nellie A. Minard were joined in marriage by me in accordance
with the laws of the State of Vermont, at Topsham Vt. this 28th
day of August A. D. 1913
Attest Rev. D. M. McKinley
Denomination of Clergyman United Presbyterian
Residence Topsham Vt.
Returned for record August 30th 1913, and duly recorded.
N. B. White Town Clerk
[Town Clerk.]

STATE OF VERMONT.

I Hereby Certify that the within described George E. Taplin
and Nellie A. Minard were joined in marriage by me in accordance
with the laws of the State of Vermont, at South Ryegate, this 26th
day of December A. D. 1917
Attest Rev. D. M. McKinley
Denomination of Clergyman United Presbyterian
Residence South Ryegate Vt.
Returned for record Dec. 28th 1917, and duly recorded.
N. B. White Town Clerk
[Town Clerk.]

The Barre Daily Times, issue 10 Sept. 1913, p. 7.

TOPSHAM

George E. Taplin and Nellie Minard Married; Also Charles D. McFadden and Christie Leet.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McNamara, on Thursday evening, August 28th, at 9:30 when George Edgar Taplin and Miss Nellie Abbie Minard, daughter of Mrs. A. B. Fiske, were united in marriage by Rev. D. M. McKinley, in the presence of a few invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McNamara attended the bridal couple and Miss Marion McLam was flower girl carrying a bouquet of sweet peas. The house was prettily decorated with cut flowers. The bridal couple entered the room to the strains of the wedding march rendered by Harry G. Currier of South Ryegate, and took their places in front of a bank of golden rods, and underneath an archway formed of green and white crepe paper with ribbon streamers. The bride wore a gown of white voile trimmed with lace applique. The bridesmaid, Mrs. P. J. McNamara, was also gowned in white. Following the ceremony, a dainty lunch was served consisting of cake and ice cream served by Misses Iyilon and Jessie McKay and Miss Irene Taplin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taplin have spent most of their lives in town, and are well and favorably known and held in high esteem by those who are intimately acquainted with them. They will board for a few weeks, after which they will settle in this village on the place the groom recently purchased of O. D. Willey. They both have a large circle of friends, who wish them a long and happy wedded life.

DEATHS.

☞ Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.

Washington, D.C. — **Merlin W. Packard**, 86, a librarian who specialized in Byzantine studies at Dumbarton Oaks research library and museum in Washington from 1965 until his retirement around 1990, died Oct. 18, 2015 at an assisted-living home in the District. The cause was complications from dementia, said a niece, Hope Olmstead.

Mr. Packard was born in Portland, Maine. He sang in the choir at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Northwest Washington.

Source: www.washingtonpost.com

Editor's Note: *Mr. Packard was a life member of GSV, and we have just learned of his passing. Even though this notice is late, we thought it was still important to include in the Newsletter.*

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researching: Johndroe



The Bennington Banner, issue 20 Aug. 1891 (Supplement), p. 5.

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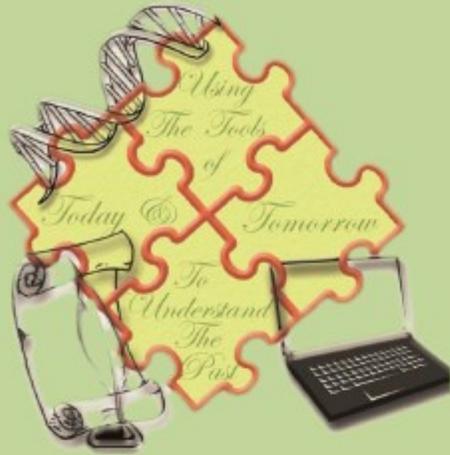
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by Scott Andrew Bartley

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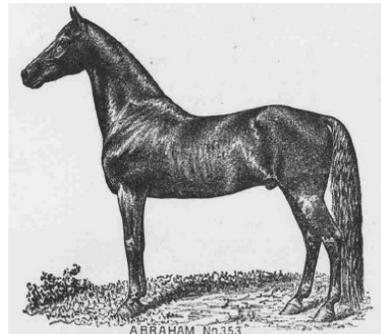
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