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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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GSV's fall membership will be held on October 28, 2017, at the Williamstown Masonic Lodge, **111 Brush Hill Rd. Williamstown** (see page 3 for directions) Registration begins at 9 am and the annual business meeting is at 9:30 am. The speakers are: Michael F. Dwyer, FASG: *The Importance of Complete Civil War Pensions*. Michael J. Haugh, MD: *The 1778 Battle of Shelburne: At Peirson's Farm* and John A. Leppman, MD: *What Your Vermont Ancestors Read in the Newspaper*. There will be a catered luncheon at noon. The registration deadline of October 20th on the postcard and email which were sent to our membership is so I have a headcount for the luncheon. However, if you would still like to attend and have not registered, please send me an email at [stevens@vermontel.net](mailto:stevens@vermontel.net) indicating that you will be attending.

**Michael F. Dwyer, FASG** of Pittsford, teaches history and English at Otter Valley Union School in Brandon. In 2004 he was named Vermont Teacher of the Year. He has published articles have appeared in the *Register*, *The American Genealogist*, *American Ancestors*, *The Maine Genealogist*, *Rhode Island Roots*, and *Vermont Genealogy*, among others. In 2014, he was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. He was appointed Editor of *Vermont Genealogy* in 2016, and he is also Assistant Editor of *Rhode Island Roots* and a Contributing Editor to *The Maine Genealogist* and *The American Genealogist*.

**Michael J. Haugh, M.D.**, is a retired neurologist who has a life long love of history and genealogy. He lives in Oklahoma with his wife of 55 years and has 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren. He graduated from Westminster College in Fulton Missouri with a BA degree and Saint Louis University with his MD. Dr. Haugh served in the Navy as a neurologist gaining a rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was in private neurology practice for 33 years in Oklahoma. After retirement, he joined the OK-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team first serving during Hurricane Katrina. He also volunteers with his local Medical reserve corp. and received the Outstanding Responder Award for 2013.

**John A. Leppman, M.D.** of Bellows Falls, is a semi-retired physician. He has amassed a fine collection of Vermontiana, which is recognized by bibliographers nationally, and is the author of *A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy*. He has served as the Book Review Editor since 1979, first in *Branches & Twigs* and later in *Vermont Genealogy*. He has served on the GSV Board since 1993 and is a former president of GSV and is the GSV Publications Chair and is currently the president of the NERGC and it the president of the Rockingham Meeting House Association.

*Jonathan W. Stevens, President*

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by Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp.,  
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### Vermont Vital Records Card Index "Error"

BIRTH-FEMALE			
Name of Child	Lorra Walter		
Color	white	No. of Child of Mother	
Date of Birth	1821	Month	May Day 15 <sup>th</sup>
Maiden Name of Mother	no record		
Mother's Birthplace	"	Age	"
Mother's Residence	"		"
Full Name of Father	Luman Walter		
Father's Birthplace	no record	Age	"
Father's Occupation	"		"
Condition of Child as to Live or Still Birth		Live	Still
If Still Birth the Cause			
Name of Informant	Miles Coe Town Clerk		
Town	Newark		
	E W Gray Town Clerk		

According to the Vermont Vital Record Card Index **Lorra Walter**, the daughter of **Luman Walter** was born in Newark, Vt., on 15 May 1821. (*upper left*) The card asks for the "Maiden Name of Mother," and in most towns the given name is stated, even when the surname was unknown. However the entry here seems to be a much more literal interpretation of the question as "no record" was written. The original record in the town records, not only lists the mother's given name as Harriet [*sic*] it states that Lorra was not born in Newark, but in Crown Point, N.Y. "Lorra Daughter to Luman and Harriet [*sic*] Walter Born at Crownpoint [*sic*] in the State of Newyork [*sic*] May 15<sup>th</sup> 1821-Received for Record March 25<sup>th</sup> 1822 A True Entry Attest} Miles Coe Town Clerk." [Newark, Vt., Vital Records, 1: 35] (*middle left*) **Luman Walter** married **Harriet Howard** in Andover on 3 November 1819. [Andover, Vt., Town Records, 2: 191] (*bottom of the page*). The Newark town records confirmed my suspicion that Lorra was the daughter of Harriet (Howard) Walter, information that was lacking in the card index.

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**Luman Walter** is best known for his connection to **Joseph Smith's** discovery of the Golden Plates. Walter moved to Sodus, N.Y., and served as a seer for a treasure digs in neighboring Palmyra. Abner Cole, the editor *The Reflector*, under the name Obadiah Dogberry, Esq. wrote a parody of the "Book of Mormon" called the "Book of Pukei," in which he described the role of "Walters [*sic*] the Magician." The obituary of Luman Walter, published in the 13 June 1860 issue of the *Auburn Weekly Union* stated: "Dr. L. Walters, for many years known as a successful but eccentric practitioner of the med-

State of Vermont Windsor County Be it remembered that at Andover in the County aforesaid in the third day of September in the year of our Lord 1819 Luman Walter and Harriet Howard of Andover aforesaid were duly joined in marriage by me Joel Manning Minister State of Vermont

ical profession, died at his residence at Bethel, Ontario Co., on Saturday last. He styled himself a seer or clairvoyant doctor, and has affected many very wonderful cures. He only required the name and age of his patient to enable him to give a complete diagnosis of the case without seeing the person."

Jonathan W. Stevens



## SAINT ALBANS MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW “FARMING FRANKLIN COUNTY”

The Saint Albans Museum is pleased to announce the development of a new exhibition, “Farming Franklin County,” which will explore the history and heritage of agriculture in St. Albans and greater Franklin County.

The purpose of this project is to tell story of the people and places that define rural life, agricultural/food production, and farming practices in our community, as well as those of local affiliated businesses and organizations.

A committee of Museum members and community volunteers has been formed to research, develop, and install the exhibit - which will debut just prior to the 2018 season opening next May.

“We are looking forward to telling the story of Franklin County agriculture. The economic and social importance, its technology and science, the people, and what time has changed in producing our food and fiber will all be highlighted,” said Don McFeeters, Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Museum.

The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this project. If you have a photograph, special memory, document, or artifact to contribute, please call **802-527-7933** or email [museum@stamuseum.org](mailto:museum@stamuseum.org) to schedule an appointment to make a donation. We ask that all contributions include a story explaining the material or item when possible.

SAM is also seeking sponsors to help finance this important local history effort - contact the Museum for more information about how you can become involved.

“Historically, Saint Albans has been known as a capital city for butter, maple, and dairy products” said Alex Lehning, SAM’s Executive Director. “The agricultural impact of our area was - and is - significant throughout New England and the US. This exhibit will document those essential contributions by our community from farm to table - and everywhere in between.”

The Saint Albans Museum was founded in 1966 (as the Saint Albans Historical Society), and is dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and heritage of Saint Albans and northwest Vermont through programs, exhibitions, performances, and special events.

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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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*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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