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GSV's fall membership meeting will be held on October 20, 2018, at the **Parish Hall Our Lady of the Angels Church** 43 Hebard Hill Rd Randolph VT (off VT Rte. 66 West, near I-89 exit 4) <https://ourladylvt.org> Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the annual business meeting with the biennial election of officers. The featured speaker is: Sam Dundon: **"What Can DNA Really Tell You About Your Family History?"** This will be followed by a DNA roundtable discussion of **"Problems Solved or Not Solved by DNA"** moderated by John A. Leppman, MD. The luncheon will be provided by the church hospitality group. The afternoon speaker will be yours truly: **Jonathan W. Stevens: "Overseer of the Poor Records in Vermont Town Records."** Registration for the meeting is \$25 for GSV members and \$30 for non-members. For the second time are also offering a special rate of \$50 for married couples, if one is a member of GSV. Please register by October 12, 2018. The registration deadline is so we have a headcount for the luncheon. However if the deadline passes and you would still like to attend and have not registered, please email me at stevens@vermontel.net to indicate that that you will be attending.

building blocks of the human body. She is passionate about sharing her knowledge with the public to demystify the science that pervades our daily lives.

Jonathan W. Stevens: "Overseer of the Poor Records in Vermont Town Records." When no trace of an ancestor can be found in conventional vital records, such as the Vermont Vital Records Card Index, and there is no known gravestone, one often underutilized resource is the records of the Overseer of the Poor. Many times, these records are found in the town records or town reports and give a detailed accounting of a town's paupers, including deaths and burials. This discussion will provide an overview of the information that can be gleaned from these records, by providing examples, some of which are quite interesting and bizarre by today's standards. Jonathan W. Stevens is a professional genealogist and the author and co-author of several genealogical articles and is the President of Genealogical Society of Vermont and Andover, Vt., Assistant Town Clerk.

The Spring 2018 issue of *Vermont Genealogy* will be mailed from the printer in early September.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

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The Estate of Eleanor Angell
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Burlington, Vermont

Avis Hayden of
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Andover, Vermont

Sam Dundon: "What Can DNA Really Tell You About Your Family History?"

DNA testing services promise the world and more in exchange for a spit sample and a fee. We will discuss how such services work, and the strengths and limitations of the information they provide. A Vermont native, Sam Dundon is the daughter of genealogist and Fair Haven Town Historian Dani Roberts. She earned her bachelor's degrees at the University of Vermont before hopping the Connecticut to earn her PhD in Biology at Dartmouth College. She is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at Yale University where she studies the life cycle of cells, the

INDEX TO BRANCHES & TWIGS, 1972-1995

by Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 7.

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Descendants of Giles Roberts of Scarborough, Maine

by Joann H. Nichols

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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:*

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Brookline, Burlington, Cavendish, Dover, Dummerston, Fairlee, Fletcher,
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risville, Pomfret, Putney, Readsboro, Rochester, Rockingham, Rutland,
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Washington, Waterbury, Weathersfield, Westford, Westminster, West Fair-
lee, Weston, Wilmington and Woodstock.*



In memory of the late Eleanor Angell of Burlington, a member who left a bequest in her estate to GSV.

Genealogical Society of Vermont Fall Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 20, 2018

**Our Lady of the Angels Church Parish Hall
43 Hebard Hill Rd., Randolph, Vermont**

Directions:

**Take Exit 4 on Interstate I89. Go West on VT Rte. 66 for about .7 miles,
take a right on Heberd Hill Road, and the church will be on the left.**

Registration: Begins 9:30 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting with the Biennial Election of Officers

Sam Dundon: "What Can DNA Really Tell You About Your Family History?"

Roundtable Discussion of "Problems Solved or Not Solved by DNA"

Moderated by John A. Leppman, MD

Luncheon Catered by the Church Hospitality Group

Jonathan W. Stevens: "Overseer of the Poor Records in Vermont Town Records"

**Registration is \$25 for GSV members and \$30 for non-members.
Also special rate of \$50 for married couples, if one is a member of GSV.**

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by October 12, 2018.**

**or use PayPal (note there is a \$1 additional fee for using Paypal)
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Fall Half Price Sale \$15

***GSV Special Publication
Number 4***

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records

*plus \$4.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00
for each additional copy*

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.

Expanded Ellis Island Immigrant Records 1820-1957 Online

What do over a 100 million Americans have in common? Their ancestors immigrated through Ellis Island or one of the New York Harbor immigration stations that preceded it. FamilySearch and The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. announced today the entire collection of Ellis Island New York Passenger Arrival Lists from 1820 to 1957 are now available online on both websites giving the opportunity to the descendants of over 100 million arrivals to discover their ancestors quicker and free of charge.

Originally preserved on microfilm, 9.3 million images of historical New York passenger records spanning 130 years were digitized and indexed in a massive effort by 165,590 online FamilySearch volunteers. The result is a free searchable online database containing 63.7 million names, including immigrants, crew, and other passengers traveling to and from the United States through the nation's largest port of entry.

"The Foundation is delighted to make these immigration records accessible to the public for free for the first time," said Stephen A. Briganti, President and CEO of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. "This completes the circle of our decades-long collaboration with the team from FamilySearch, which began with providing the public with unprecedented access to their genealogy and sparking a world-wide phenomenon linking past and present."

The expanded collections can be searched at the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation's website or at FamilySearch in three collections, representing three distinct periods of migration history.

- [New York Passenger Lists \(Castle Garden\) 1820-1891](#)
- [New York Passenger Arrival Lists \(Ellis Island\) 1892-1924](#)
- [New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists 1925-1957](#)

The ship manifests list passengers, their names, age, last place of residence, who is sponsoring them in America, the port of departure, and their date of arrival in New York Harbor and sometimes other interesting information, such as how much money they carried on them, number of bags, and where on the ship they resided during its sail from overseas.

For millions of Americans, the first chapter in the story of their lives in the New World was written on tiny Ellis Island located in upper New York Bay off the coast of Manhattan Island. An estimated 40 percent of Americans are descended from those who emigrated, primarily from European countries in the period from 1892 to 1954. Millions of them passed through Ellis Island's immigration center in route to lives in "the land of the free".

A lesser known fact is that what we know today as "Ellis Island" didn't exist before 1892. Ellis Island's predecessor—Castle Garden—was actually America's first immigration center. Today it is known as Castle Clinton National Park, a 25-acre waterfront historical park located within The Battery, one of New York City's oldest parks and the departure point for tourists visiting the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

About the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1982 to raise funds for and oversee the historic restorations of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, working in partnership with the National Park Service/U.S. Department of the Interior. In addition to restoring the monuments, the Foundation created museums on both islands, The American Immigrant Wall of Honor®, the American Family Immigration History Center®, and the Peopling of America Center® which transformed the museum into the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration. Its newest project will be the new Statue of Liberty Museum. The Foundation's endowment has funded over 200 projects at the islands.

FamilySearch.org Press Release

Connecticut River, Bellows Falls, Vt.



Back In Print

Vital Records of Rockingham, Vermont and the Records of the First Church of Rockingham

\$27.00 members,
\$30.00 non-members.

plus \$4.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy

BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERMONT FOR THE TERM 2018-2020

PRESIDENT: **JONATHAN W. STEVENS** OF CHESTER, VERMONT

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TREASURER: **JANE BELCHER** OF BRAINTREE, VERMONT

WRITE IN: _____

-BALLOT DIRECTIONS-

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The society offers the following publications for purchase by our members and readers. GSV members receive a 10% discount on the purchase price. Postage and handling is extra—please add \$4.50 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item in the same order to the same address. Mail your checks, payable to GSV, to:

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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 index of nearly 1,000 names.

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records. Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound. Item No. GSV 4; **\$15.00 Fall sale price through Nov. 1, 2018.** 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 Meth-

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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; **\$20.00 spring sale price through June 1, 2018.** 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. **Fall sale price of \$20 through Nov. 1, 2018.**

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, 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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by Jonathan W. Stevens

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