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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 17<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) 2023 — **Missing Branches are Not the End of the Line** — was held on May 3-6, 2023 at the Mass-Mutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. The conference was the first in-person NERGC since the pandemic. (The conference in 2021 was virtual). This year's conference featured more than 100 presentations, 7 Workshops, an Exhibit Hall, Special Interest Groups, Ancestors Road Show, a Society Fair,



Photo Courtesy of Jonathan W. Stevens

and the Libraries, Archives and Museum Showcase (which featured the Vermont State Archives VSARA). GSV was also responsible for the production of the conference newsletter, and a special thank you to Phyllis Day, for providing some very informative content on the Society Fair and the Libraries, Archives and Museum Showcase. GSV's sponsored speaker, Paul Searls, gave an excellent presentation on "Major Valentine's Swedes." Thank you to John Leppman for many hours of volunteer time, providing a multitude of speaker introductions. Also thank you to Judy Goss for donating a share of her volunteer time. GSV's booth in the Exhibit Hall (*pictured above*) did very well in sales. The virtual Exhibit Hall in 2021 was less successful. Thank you to everyone who made purchases at the booth including Melissa Blowers-Curran, who purchased several years of back issues of *Vermont Genealogy* to complete her collection. I really enjoyed my conversions with Nancy Netherwood about the Benson family of Winhall and Canada. GSV also had two door prize raffles. The winner of the Friday door prize, a copy of Vermont photographer Caleb Kenna's *Art From Above Vermont* (Atglen, Penn: Schiffer Publishing, 2022), was Kathleen Carter of Arizona. This book presents 130 color photographs taken by drone, mostly around the Champlain Valley. <https://www.calebkenna.com/art-from-above-vermont-book/>. It is a fascinating and totally different way to view the Vermont. The winner of the Saturday door prize, a two-year GSV membership, was Judy Granger of Montpelier. Also last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to Avis Conley Hayden, who in addition to giving a stellar presentation on "Case Study of Lucy Prince of Sunderland Vermont," donated a quart of maple syrup to the volunteer raffle. The donation of maple syrup has become a GSV tradition, and something the volunteers always look forward to. Everyone I talked to seemed to fully enjoy themselves and thought they got a lot out of the conference. NERGC conferences are put on by a dedicated group of hard working volunteers from many participating societies from throughout New England. It is amazing how it all comes together in the end to produce a top quality event. Here is looking ahead to the 2025 conference. I hope to see you there.

After seven years of dedicated service as Secretary of GSV, Alice Marsh has resigned. She will be certainly be missed, and we wish her the very best in her future endeavors. She was recently voted in as Registrar for her DAR chapter, and will continue her work with the Vermont Sampler Initiative. For more information see <http://samplerarchive.org/> and [https://samplerconsortium.org/vermont\\_sampler\\_initiative.html](https://samplerconsortium.org/vermont_sampler_initiative.html). Those of you that personally know

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### WINHALL.

**T**HE proprietors and land-owners in the town of Winhall, in the county of Bennington, and state of Vermont, are informed, that a Petition will be preferred to the Legislature in October next, praying for a land-tax on said town for the purpose of building and repairing roads and bridges in said town. All persons concerned may appear and make their objections.

OLIVER DAY,  
DUDLEY BEBEE,  
REUBEN BROOK.

Winhall, July 16, 1818. 4

*Vermont Republican and American Journal. Windham, Windsor and Orange County Advertiser (Windsor, Vt.), issue 3 Aug. 1818, p. 1.*

(President's Message, Continued on Page 4)

## Are You Interested in Being a Research Volunteer?

GSV is compiling a list of volunteers that are willing to provide help to people who may need some assistance in their Vermont research. Do you consider yourself an expert in a particular locality or larger geographical area in Vermont and would like to provide research assistance? You can have your name and contact information added to the list. Please note that this is not solicitation for professional research services, but volunteers wishing to share their Vermont based knowledge with the larger genealogical community. If interested in being added to the list please send your name, contact information, and your particular area of expertise (i.e., town or county, etc.) and if you are charging a fee or not to GSV membership chair Diantha Howard at: [diantha.howard@uvm.edu](mailto:diantha.howard@uvm.edu).

## Vermont Lotting Plans

Lotting plans divided land among the proprietors of the town who were originally granted the land. Scans of 239 of these plans, which encompass the majority of localities throughout Vermont can be downloaded for free from the Vermont Secretary of State's website <https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/explore/places/lotting-plans/>.

The plans can be searched from a list of current county and town names or from a list of historic place names. A town name only appears in the lists if a lotting plan is available. Note that this resource does not include all the maps or lotting plans available at Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA).

VSARA's large-format plans are mostly blueprints and other renderings of 20<sup>th</sup> century copies of the original plans. (*The original plans are in many different locations, mostly in town clerk offices.*) The scans were made by Old Maps (Dave Allen) at the Archives back in August, 2007. This work was done under contract with the Archives, so that they could post their plans on-line. Old Maps sells a CD that contains all 239 scans. <https://shop.old-maps.com/vermont/map-cds-vt/vermont-lotting-plans-20th-century-cdrom-old-map/>.

The screenshot shows the VSARA website interface for Lotting Plans. At the top, it says "Vermont Secretary of State" and "Vermont State Archives & Records Administration". Below that, there's a search bar and a "Lotting Plans" section. The main content area has a heading "Lotting Plans" and a sub-heading "Reference Room". The text describes the resource and provides search instructions. There are dropdown menus for "Current Name" and "Historic Name", and a "Submit" button. A "Reference Room" section on the right provides contact information for VSARA Reference Archivists.

## General Orders.

THE Brigadier General, commanding the first brigade and fourth division of Vermont Militia, considering the inconvenience of the uniform of the officers of his brigade, and judging it proper, that the uniform of the Militia should conform as nearly as circumstances will permit to that of the regular army, hereby orders the following to be the uniform of the General Staff and the officers of Infantry, in said brigade, viz.

*General Staff*—Coats blue, single breasted, in the fashion of the U. S. uniform, without lace except on the collar; yellow bullet buttons, white vest, blue pantaloons, longboots, chapeau, plume red, sword belt red, sword yellow mounted, trimmings of the hat and sword yellow; epaulette yellow.

*Field Officers*—Coat as above, with white buttons, plain or stamped agreeably to a model hereafter to be ordered; vest, pantaloons, boots, chapeau, plume and sword belt, as those of the General Staff. Sword silver mounted, trimmings of the hat and sword white; epaulette white.

*Company Officers*—Uniform same as field officers, except the plume to be black, topped with red.

*Regimental Staff*—Uniform the same as field officers, except the buttons to be white bullet buttons.

Black cuvats or stocks will be worn by all officers; Sashes may be worn, but are not indispensable.

This order does not extend to the officers of the cavalry, artillery, or light infantry, who will continue the uniform of their respective corps.

The Brigadier General does not intend by this Order, to cause an immediate change in the uniform, but that it should be gradual. All officers recently appointed, and such as have not provided uniform, and all hereafter appointed, will furnish themselves agreeably to this order; and the officers of the brigade generally will adopt the uniform herein ordered as speedily as possible.

By command of Brigadier General LILLIE, this 11th day of July, 1818.

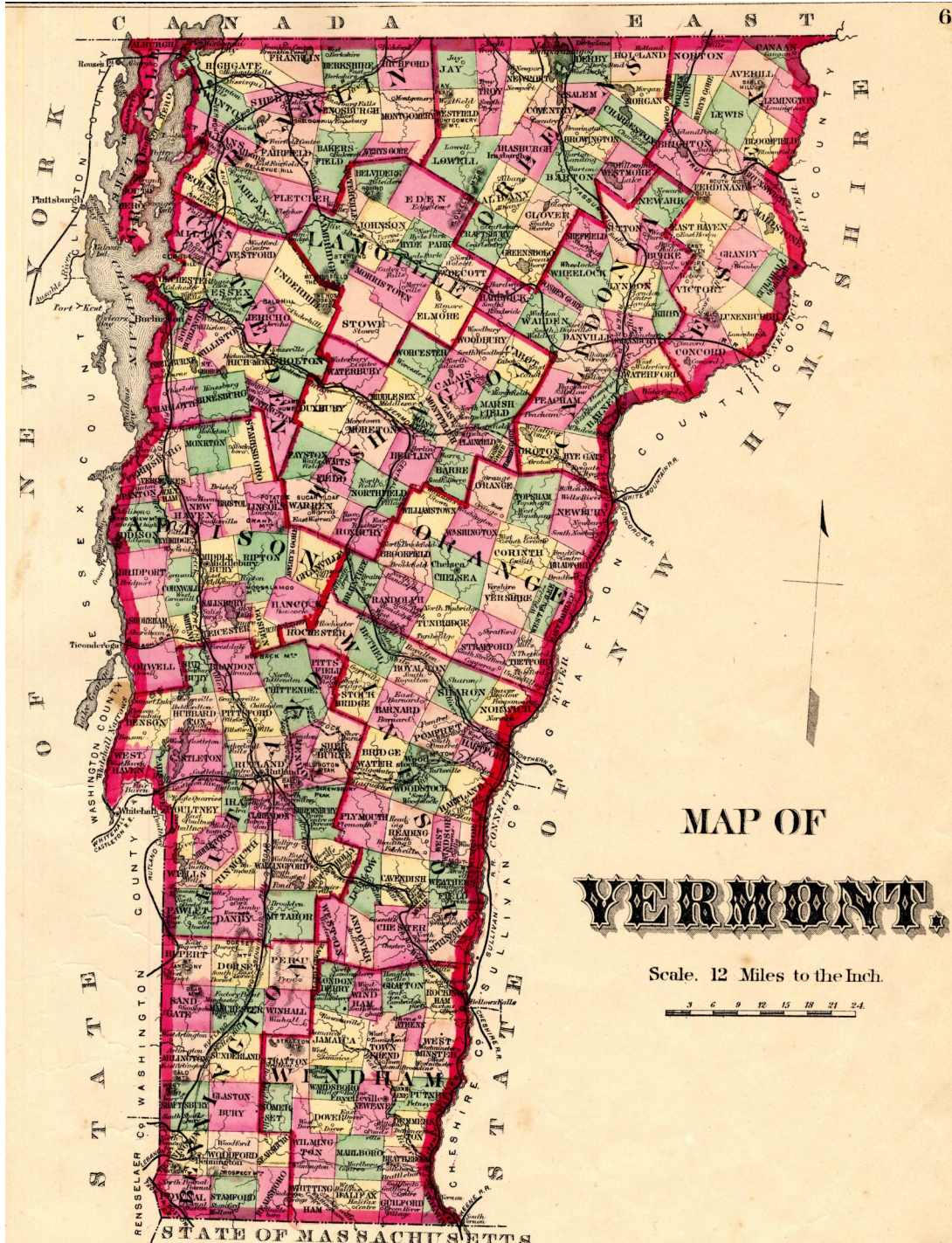
NORMAN WILLIAMS,  
Aid de Camp.

# Middlebury College Map Collection



These 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century maps of Vermont and the surrounding region have been scanned from original documents in Special Collections and Archives at Middlebury College at: <https://archive.org/details/middleburycollegemaps>.

For more information about any of the items in the collection, please contact Middlebury College Special Collections and Archives at: [specialcollections@middlebury.edu](mailto:specialcollections@middlebury.edu).



The above map of Vermont is from:  
F[rederick] W[ilson]Beers, *Atlas of Addison Co. Vermont* (New York: F.W. Beers, A.D. Ellis, and G.G. Soule, 1871), 6.

### New Members

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*(President's Message, continued from page 1)*

Alice, may have spotted her on the May 1, 2023 episode of Antiques Roadshow (filmed the pervious summer at Shelburne Museum. with her Roseville Pottery vases. <https://www.vermontpublic.org/about-us/2022-12-09/antiques-roadshows-vermont-episodes-to-air-spring-2023-heres-how-to-watch>. Due to Alice's resignation the GSV Board is currently looking to appoint an interim secretary, for the remainder of her term. The next biennial election of officers will take place in the fall of 2024. The position is involves taking of minutes at Board and Membership meetings. If you are interested in the position let me know at [stevens@vermontel.net](mailto:stevens@vermontel.net).

The Spring 2022 issue [27: 1] of *Vermont Genealogy* is currently near completion. I apologize for the delay in the publication, but a quality issue with several interesting articles is coming very soon. The Fall 2022 issue [27: 2], will be special issue of pre-1857 vital records of the town of Windham, similar in scope and style to the issues that were previously published on Peru and Springfield. Drew Bartley is hard at work on Spring 2023 issue [28: 1], so we will soon be caught up and back on schedule. Drew also has exciting plans for a special issue in 2024, commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fort Dummer. Built in 1724, in what is now Brattleboro by Lt. Governor William Dummer of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the fort was abandoned in 1763 and dismantled by 1771. The site of Fort Dummer was flooded when the Vernon Dam was built on the Connecticut River in 1908.

*Jonathan W. Stevens, President*

*The publication no Vermont genealogy collection or library should be without.*

*A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy,*  
2<sup>nd</sup> edition

by John A. Leppman, softbound.  
Item No. GSV 11.

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*Note: member discount is not applicable on special sale prices.*

**NOTICE.**

**W**HEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Vermont, at their session at Montpelier, in the year A. D. 1825, assessed a tax of four cents per acre, on all lands (publick lands excepted) in the town of Mt. Tabor, that part of the town formerly called Harwich, in the County of Rutland, in said State, for the purpose of making and repairing roads and building bridges in said town—These are to warn the proprietors and land owners of said town of Mt. Tabor, who have not paid their proportion of said tax, in labour, or otherwise, to the committee appointed to superintend the expenditure of the same, or to the subscriber, that so much of their lands will be sold at publick vendue, at the dwelling house of the widow Hannah Tabor, in the town of Mt. Tabor, in the county of Rutland, aforesaid, on the 29th day of August next, at one o'clock, P. M. as will be requisite to discharge their respective taxes, with cost.

*Dated at Mt. Tabor, this 18th day of June, A. D. 1827.*

**JESSE LAPHAM, Collector.**

*Vermont Republican and American Journal. Windham, Windsor and Orange County Advertiser (Windsor, Vt.), issue 23 June 1827, p. 3.*

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## 1931 Census of Canada Released on June 1, 2023

GATINEAU, QUEBEC,—After the legislated 92 years in the vault, the highly anticipated 1931 Census of Canada will be made available to the public. Collected during the Great Depression and at a time of significant immigration, the census provides a snapshot of the more than 10 million people living in Canada in 1931. On June 1, 2023, Canadians can expect to browse the digitized census images by geographic districts and sub-districts on the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) website. Following the initial release, LAC will work collaboratively with Ancestry® and FamilySearch International to create an advanced searchable database for Canadians, and those with Canadian heritage who wish to look for their ancestors.

In this collaborative effort to increase access to the 1931 Census of Canada, LAC has digitized all 234,687 pages of the census and Ancestry will apply its state-of-the-art handwriting recognition technology to the digital images to create a full index of the entire census. FamilySearch will then review the computer-generated index to ensure a complete and accurate index of all fields at a level never achieved before. The images and indexes will be available and searchable online for free through Census Search, Library and Archives Canada's new one-stop shop for national census records. The images and indexes will also be available on Ancestry.ca and FamilySearch.org.

“Library and Archives Canada is very excited to announce that it will be making the eagerly awaited 1931 Census of Canada available to the public in just a few months. Our partnership with Ancestry and FamilySearch will give us the opportunity to provide our users with an improved experience when searching and browsing the 1931 Census. This is directly in line with our goal to provide online, reliable and trusted access to Canada's documentary heritage.” —Leslie Weir, Librarian and Archivist of Canada

LAC has been working in collaboration with external organizations like Ancestry and FamilySearch for over 20 years to help preserve and provide access to its genealogically significant historical records. Today, collaborations between private organizations and public institutions are the meeting ground of cutting-edge technology and subject-matter expertise. This collaborative partnership is key to meeting public demand and ensuring that the 1931 Census of Canada can be viewed and searched online more quickly than previous censuses.

“Ancestry is delighted to work with Library and Archives Canada and FamilySearch to bring the 1931 Census of Canada to the public and digitize these precious records for future generations. The release of the 1931 Census will enable millions of Canadians over the age of 60 to find census data for their parents for the first time. For those aged between 35 and 49, the census offers the first opportunity to access records for their grandparents. This will be game-changing for people building their family history and making connections with their ancestors.” — Todd Godfrey, VP Global Content at Ancestry

“FamilySearch is excited about the release of the 1931 Census of Canada. We are honored to work with Library and Archives Canada and Ancestry to make its pages easily searchable for those individuals worldwide with Canadian roots seeking to extend the branches of their family tree and make fun personal and family connections,” said Stephen Valentine, Senior Vice President, FamilySearch International.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE 1931 CENSUS OF CANADA

- Online censuses are very popular databases for family researchers and valuable resources for historians. Many Canadians and people with Canadian roots have ancestors who lived in Canada in 1931. Finding these ancestors in the census can lead to discoveries about other ancestors and new family connections.
- The 1931 Census of Canada is 234,687 pages in length and includes 10,376,786 people.
- More than 40 fields of personal information were recorded in the 1931 Census of Canada. These include typical questions found on previous census returns, such as family names and relationships, age, gender, and racial origin. There were also five new questions, touching on matters like unemployment and radio ownership.
- The 1931 Census of Canada was the seventh comprehensive 10-year census following Canada's Confederation on July 1, 1867.

Users can bookmark LAC's Preparing the 1931 Census web page to stay up to date on the project's status. Find and share this announcement online in the FamilySearch Newsroom.

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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.

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*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; **Sale Price \$20.** 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; **Sale Price \$15.** 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.

*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 non-members. 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 non-members. (Mail orders should add \$7.50 for postage and handling, not the \$5.50 normally charged.) 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: Genealogies, Vital Records, and Census Records.* Mary Ann Z. Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 8; **Sale Price \$20.** 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; **Sale Price \$5.** (Mail orders should add \$3.50 for postage and handling, not the \$5.50 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 \$3.50 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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