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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With great sadness, we note the passing Patricia "Pat" Haslam, an important figure in the Vermont genealogical community for many years, and GSV charter member #78. Her final project was an ambitious effort to reconstruct the 1890 United States Census for Vermont. As a tribute to Pat, we include her full obituary in this *Newsletter*. [See pp. 2-3]

As of this writing, Vermont has recorded over 1600 cases of COVID-19, causing 58 deaths. In the May Newsletter, I mentioned the State of Vermont's COVID-19 dashboard website. Please note that the URL has changed and is now https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/85f43bd849e743cb957993a545d17170. Additional COVID-19 information and statistics can be found online at https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19. As in the spring of 2020, it will not be safe to plan an in-person fall GSV meeting. This meeting would include the biennial election of officers. As there will not be a floor vote, the ballot has been included in this Newsletter. [See the bottom half of page 5] For those of you who receive a paper copy of the Newsletter, please photocopy or for those members, who receive the Newsletter via email, please print page 5 of the PDF. Please fill out and mail to the society address: Genealogical Society of Vermont, 2962 Vermont Route 12A, Braintree, VT 05060-8779 or scan the completed ballot and send as an attachment to email to stevens@vermontel.net by October 31, 2020. If you do not access to a photocopier or a printer, let us know and GSV will send you the ballot page from the Newsletter, via U.S. mail.

The 16th New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) is going virtual, due to COVID-19. The regular in-person conference, scheduled to be held in April 2021, at the Mass-Mutual Center in Springfield, Mass., has been postponed until 2023. Planning is underway to offer the same high-quality lectures and programs as the in-person conference, but from the comfort of your home. The conference will take place in April and May 2021, and as it will consist of on-demand presentations, there will be no difficult decisions about which lecture to attend. Look for more information in upcoming *Newsletters* and online at https://nergc.org/.

Thank you to GSV Vice-President Carolyn Adams, for reaching out to the GSV Facebook Group. We welcome those who have recently joined GSV. If you are a newer member, check out our book publications and *Vermont Genealogy* back issues. You may find the answer to one of your questions. Also a note to all members, if you know of someone who has an interest in Vermont genealogy, but might not know about GSV, encourage them to join to society. GSV is now offering the option renewing your membership via PayPal http://genealogyvermont.org/membform.htm We now offer the option of making donations via PayPal as well. Donations are critical to help with the rising production and postage costs of *Vermont Genealogy*, and to keep the membership rate down for those who cannot afford an increase in these troubling times.

Stay healthy and safe.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

DEATHS.

Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.

Stowe — **Patricia Ann (Liddle) Haslam**, 89, died peacefully at her home on July 7, 2020, surrounded and comforted by her family.

Pat, as she was known to everyone, was hoping to make it to her 90^{th} birthday in November as both her mother and father had each lived to be 95 and 93, respectively. Longevity and good health reigned in the Liddle family and was always a milestone for her relatives. In the days before her passing, she was often assured that she did essentially make it to 90 as she was, after all, in her 90^{th} year of life.

In August 2018, Pat learned she had cancer and battled the disease until she lost that fight on July 7. After making it through quarantine lockdown (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) since March in her beloved residence at Copley Woodlands, she spent the past few weeks of her life finally being able to visit — in person — with her immediate family.

During quarantine, she enjoyed frequent visits from her balcony to her loved ones below in the parking lot. In June, she even celebrated her grandson's high school graduation with him donned in cap and gown standing in the bed of his pick-up truck below her balcony. 2020 sure has been a year of trials and tribulations for Pat and her family.

Pat was born in Detroit, Mich., on Nov. 30, 1930, the son of Clarence Henry Liddle and Florence Louise (Fehrenbach) Liddle. A native Michigander, Pat was raised in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from Grosse Pointe High in January 1949. She graduated from Michigan State College in 1953, majoring in interior design and decorative arts, and was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority.

Her first job after college was at the Herman Miller Furniture Company in Grand Rapids, Mich., until 1955 when she and a sorority sister decided to head to San Francisco. There, she got a job at the Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. in the Marine department.

Pat met her husband, Peter ("Pete") M. Haslam, Sr., at that same San Francisco insurance agency where they both worked: he as a Marine department fieldman and she was an assistant underwriter. They were married at the historic Presidio Club overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge on Oct. 13, 1956. Just a few months later, they moved to Montpelier and the Green Mountains of Vermont where Pete was employed by the Vermont Mutual Company. (Pete and his family were originally from Barre, Vt.)

While her major was interior design, Pat had always been interested in history, having been inspired by a mural drawing project about American history in the third grade.

In 1967, Pat's great aunt gave her a letter about the genealogy about one branch of their family (Richard Patrick or Partrick of Norwalk, Conn.) and as she investigated aspects of that, she became further hooked on history. After completing two graduate courses on library science at the University of Vermont, attending seminars, joining several local and genealogical societies, she became a board-certified genealogist (1973-2008).

After her youngest child was born and her young family was living in Montpelier, in the mid-1960s, Pat developed her genealogical career and took on clients from throughout the U.S. and Europe. A woman ahead of her time, she wanted to work from home, earn her own money, and still be a mother, wife and raise their three children.

Pat enjoyed a long career as a highly regarded genealogist. What is particularly extraordinary is that she did all of this work by letter — either handwritten or typed (complete with triplicate carbon copies!) long before the convenience of computers. As computers became common, she was self-taught on a Mac (in the mid 1990s) and eventually embraced a love of email and teaching herself how to use online genealogical resources. She even took advantage of doing her ancestry DNA in 2018 and stayed current on genealogy trends.

Pat was a member of the Board for Certification of Genealogists since 1973 and retired in 2008 but kept her "retired" designation up until her death. In addition to her successful and active client business, she taught genealogy classes over the years, spoke to small groups and wrote or co-authored 10 books (three of which won awards), and over 100 published articles in state and national genealogical and historical journals.

She served as a dedicated trustee and member of the Stowe Historical Society for 44 years, a trustee of the Vermont Historical Society (1991-1999), the Greensboro (Vt.) Historical Society, and other state and national genealogical societies. She also served as a 20-year trustee of the Stowe Free Library and was a charter member of the Genealogical Society of Vermont.

In 1978, she self-published a preliminary study of her decadesworth of research on her paternal grandmother's family, "Richard Patrick or Partrick of Norwalk, CT & Some of His Descendants." Pat had begun work on a second edition with a great deal of new information.

Through the years, Pat embarked on many historical projects, which were always labors of love and left a legacy to the communities where she lived and played. In 1998, she received the Cliff Thompson Memorial Public Service Award for her recognition of recording each and every gravestone in all the cemeteries of Stowe, Vt. "The Annotated Cemetery Book, Stowe, Vermont, 1798-1998" (Book 1) and a follow up book was published in 2007. This project was a result of her 30+ years of Stowe research, extensive cemetery maps, photographs and lists of everyone buried in Stowe cemeteries. This is an invaluable resource for historians and genealogists for decades to come.

Pat also received an Award of Excellence from the (Vermont) League of Local Historical Societies for her efforts in publishing the annotated cemetery book in 2000, and earned a Lifetime Achievement Award for local history from the Vermont Historical Society in 2013.

Another project culminated in her book, "Ski Pioneers of Stowe, Vermont: The First Twenty-Five Years" published by the Stowe Historical Society in 2013. The book is about the history of the development of the ski industry on Mt. Mansfield in Stowe. She earned an Honorable Mention Skade Award from the International Skiing History Association (ISHA) in 2013. Her husband and two daughters traveled with her to receive her award at a special event in Park City, Utah.

Pat was always wanting to solve mysteries. One of her daughters dubbed her "Nancy Drew" as Pat was so often solving history puzzles and, once solved, she shared her findings with her community. She co-authored her most recent book, "The Greensboro Blockhouse Project: An Historical and Archaeological Investigation in (Continued on page 3)

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Greensboro, Vermont," with her niece and archeologist Dr. Jill Baker in 2017.

In recent years, an early original painting in the Stowe Free Library captivated Pat's attention and she embarked on yet another mystery of history. Over the past few years she sought advice and insights from art history experts and beyond. An exhibit at the Stowe Historical Society, "Stowe's Earliest (Documented) Painting: A Research Project," opened in July 2020. Her latest article about the painting is currently being peer reviewed for publication.

And if that weren't enough to keep her busy, she was also working on a project since 2009 to reconstruct the 1890 census for Vermont. Thirteen towns have been published in "Vermont Genealogy" to date out of a total of 251 towns in the state. The fourteenth was in progress as of May 2020.

Pat also had an artistic side and nurtured her love of painting by enrolling in Early American decorating classes in the mid 1960s. Over the years she painted on tin trays, inspired by the same style of painting by her mother-in-law, Thelma Haslam. She then began painting in acrylics on old barn boards, canvas board and painted folk art scenes on fireboard screens for friends and family.

Her summers were spent with family at the family camp on Caspian Lake in Greensboro. The cottage has always been considered the true family home for her children and grandchildren. She and her husband were longtime members of the Mountain View Country Club and she enjoyed playing Ladies' Day golf for many years.

Pat and Pete enjoyed winters as snowbirds in Vero Beach, Fla., and persuaded many of their Stowe friends to join them over the years. They enjoyed social events with special friends, and Pat became involved in the genealogical society there and attended annual seminars to stay current on her knowledge.

After the passing of her husband in 2016, Pat moved into Copley Woodlands, an independent living facility in Stowe. It was there where she blossomed into a whole new life with new friends, newfound interests and even helping residents with their genealogy projects. She became an ambassador of sorts for Copley Woodlands and was always ready to greet new residents and make them feel welcome. She made many close friends there and cherished her time with them all.

Survivors include her daughter Sarah Haslam Ayers, and her husband Charlie of Vergennes, Vt.; son, Peter Jr., of Pensacola, Fla.; and daughter Kathryn Haslam Paine, and her fiancé Bill Atkinson of Stowe and Burlington; sister, Mary Liddle Baker and her husband, Walter Baker of Riverside, Conn.; four grandchildren, Nicholas M. Haslam and his wife, Carmen of Waterbury, Samuel M. Paine and Benjamin H. Paine, (and their father, Thomas B. Paine of Morrisville), and Madison M. Haslam of Alexandria, Va., and one great grandson, Wesley M. Haslam.

She is also survived by her nieces, Jill Baker and her husband, John Tidy, of Miami Beach, Fla., and Karen Baker Brancoforte, and her fiancé Allen of East Lyme, Conn.; a nephew, Daniel B. Haslam, III, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and her niece Betsy Haslam of Prescott, Ariz. Pat was predeceased by her husband, Peter M. Haslam, Sr., and her nephew, Gary M. Haslam; and several cousins to whom were very close to Pat spending summers along the shores of Lake Michigan: Michael Powers, and his wife, Joyce, of White Lake, Mich., Pomola (Morin) Black, and her husband, Les, of Mesa, Ariz., Rex Morin of Grand Rapids, Mich., Carol (Hepperla) Freeland, and her husband, John, of Kansas City, Mo., and Gail (Hepperla) Abbey of Tallmadge, Ohio.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held privately due to restrictions of Covid-19.

Her family wishes to thank the nurses of Lamoille Home Health & Hospice, especially Martha Stromme who cared for our mother for nearly a month, and to private caregivers Carol Piper and Krissy Gagnon who gave so much care and assistance to Pat. Her daughter mentioned that Martha and Carol should be "elevated to sainthood status" as they were beyond grateful for their patience, gentle care and thoughtful guidance.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lamoille Home Health & Hospice, 54 Farr Ave., Morrisville, VT 05661, or to the Stowe Historical Society, POB 730 Stowe, VT 05672. Faith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and will accept any flowers that may be sent. 165 Brooklyn St., Morrisville, VT 05661; (802) 888-2865.

source: https://www.faithfh.net/obituary/patricia-haslam

For the Herald. Town Statistics.

Mr. Editor, The following statistics of martality in one of our healthiest towns, to wit, Mount Helly, as preserved by me from the 1st Jan. 1811, to the 1st of Jan. 1856, are hereby offered for publication in the Herald, believing that they will interest many in that town and elsewhere, and hoping that they may induce others to preserve and publish similar facts.

During the above named 45 years, there have occurred in that town 821 deaths, averaging over 18 deaths each year. The largest number any one year was 37, in the year of the Epidemic (1813). The smallest number any one year, was 9, in 1818. Three successive years there were 12 deaths each year .-Allowing the average population of the town to be 1250, there was one death a year to every 58 inhabitants. Of the whole number of deceased persons, 283 were heads of families, 137 men and 146 women; -4 aged persons were not married, 69 were youtes over 13 years of age, 240 were less than 13 years and over 3 months old; 225 were less than 3 months old. 192 but berbeind soud ! .

In the year 1855, 13 persons died, the average age of six of whom was 76 years.

DANIEL PACKER.

Mount Holly, Jan. 1st 1856.

The Rutland Herald (Rutland Vt.), Issue, 18 Jan. 1856, p. 2

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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.

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