



## SPRING MEETING

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18 in the Congregational Church on the village green, just off Vermont Route 17 at New Haven Village. VT route 17 intersects US Route 7 at New Haven Junction.

### Meeting Schedule

- 9:00 Registration & coffee
- 9:30 GSV business meeting followed by morning program:
- 10:00 "Face the Editor" Meet the new GSV Publications Team, Robert Rodgers, editor of *Vermont Genealogy*, and Peggy Jenks, editor of *Newsletter*
- 12:00 Luncheon served by the New Haven Church, with part of the proceeds to benefit its bicentennial goal to restore old church records from 1797. (These will be on display)
- 1:30 Meldon J. Wolfgang III will speak on: "Sleuthing in the Stacks: using non-traditional resources to uncover genealogical clues". He will have his maps and books for sale.

## BOARD NEWS

The Board met on Jan. 20 in Montpelier. A nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the October meeting. The plans are to hold the Twenty-fifth Anniversary meeting on the 3rd Saturday in October (October 19) in the Burlington area. A special program is being planned.

Redesigning of the GSV brochure and its distribution were discussed.

Major donations of periodicals from the disbanded GSV library have been made to the NEHGS Library and the NSDAR Library. Both have sent thanks.

Janet Induni will get GSV onto the Internet with a web page. The value of this move will be reviewed in a year.

## NEW BOOK REVIEW POLICY

Books submitted for reviews in *Vermont Genealogy* will be offered to the Vermont Historical Society for their collection if they don't have them and they are suitable for their collecting policy. If they don't go there, they will go to another appropriate institutional collection. Books may be offered to a reviewer as his compensation. Books for review should be sent to John A. Leppman, 29 Oak Hill Terrace, Belows Falls, VT 05101

### Gifts to the Computer Fund

Donations:	Membership #
Joan Melton	2099

### Gifts to the Permanent Fund

Frederick Wenderoth	1926
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Balance as of 20 Feb. 1996 is: \$6859.72

## GSV PUBLICATIONS

If you are interested in having a book published by GSV it must meet certain standards. Guidelines are being prepared by the Publications Committee for primary record extraction: vital, probate, land, church, cemetery and for Bible, diaries, letters, newspapers. Before you proceed too far with your work, please send for a copy of the needed guide. Send a long SASE to: George S. Sanborn Jr., 24 Thornton St., Derry, NH 03038-1628

## QUAKER DATES

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) historically has rejected use of the "pagan" names for the days and months of the year. Because ten months of the calendar are named for pagan gods, all months are referred to by a number. Thus the 3rd day of the second month as found in Quaker records and on gravestones should not be changed to 3 February, etc.

## THE RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY'S VERMONT ROOM

Throughout the year and particularly in the summer scores of researchers interested in genealogy and local history make use of the Rutland Free Library's Vermont Room. The non-circulating research collection of approximately 4,000 volumes is considered one of the finest collections of Vermontiana in the state.

Housed in a pleasant room with a marble fireplace on the north side of the building facing the Congregational Church, the room is accessible during all hours the library is open, more than 60 each week.

The genealogical researcher will find here Rutland County and Vermont census records covering the period 1790 to 1920. Most of these are to be found on microfilm although the 1790 and 1800 censuses are available in book form. Census indexes covering the six censuses from 1810 through 1860 make locating a particular name on the sometimes barely legible microfilm much easier.

Those tracing their families will also find a variety of other aids. Among these are Abby Maria Hemenway's four-volume

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News, articles and comments  
should be mailed to:

Mrs. Margaret R. Jenks  
24 Mettowee Street  
Granville, NY 12832-1037  
(518) 624-1894

Deadlines for information will be Dec. 1, March 1, June 1 and Sept. 1 for the January, April, July and October issue of the *Newsletter*.

*Vermont Historical Gazetteer* along with its Name Index; a run from 1911 through 1992 of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* along with its new four-volume index; a large number of volumes of vital records particularly from Massachusetts; the *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*; *Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, and bound volumes from 1974 of the Genealogical Society of Vermont's *Branches & Twigs*. The Barbour collection of Connecticut genealogy is available on microfilm.

The library is particularly pleased to be able to house the Swan Collection of local genealogical research. Representing many decades of work by Rutland city genealogist Marvel Swan who died in 1988, the collection, maintained mainly in binders in a locked case, contains family genealogies and cemetery records covering many localities in the greater Rutland region. The set of Rutland County cemetery records compiled by Margaret Jenks and a very long run of *Walton's Vermont Registers* can be found in the Vermont Room as can the DAR lineage books with their indexes. Many volumes of individual family genealogies are also available.

Turning to local history, researchers will find town histories of most Vermont towns as well as many in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut. The *Rutland Herald* is available on microfilm from its inception in 1792 until the present but the fact that there is no indexing until 1970 limits its utility. Bound volumes of *Vermont History*, *Vermont Life*, *The Vermonter* (1895-1939) and the *Rutland Historical Society Quarterly* add further to the Vermont Room's resources.

Since they are non-circulating, Vermont Room materials are not available on inter-library loan. However, the library's busy reference staff is prepared to respond to genealogical and other queries on a limited and as-time-permits basis. Photocopies may also be requested on a limited basis and up to five pages will be sent at the usual photocopy rate of .15¢ per page. Those who can come to the library to research will find at their disposal two photocopiers and three microfilm readers, one of them a reader-printer.

The Rutland Free Library is proud of the Vermont Room and encourages its use by serious researchers from near and far.

Jake Sherman  
Reference Librarian

## NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

### YOUR ANCESTORS MAY FIND YOU

Angelina Brown married Sept. 19, 1837 Harvey Marshall (Marshall Bible *VG* 1:2:60) and died Nov. 13, 1847 age 33 y. (gravestone) She was buried in the East Poultney Cemetery beside Roswell Brown, d. Feb. 15, 1850 age 82 y. and Phebe, wife of Roswell Brown, d. Oct. 1, 1859 age 66 y. All three stones are identical. The Poultney records burned in 1862, so they were of no help. The 1850 Poultney Census Mortality Schedule shows both Roswell and Phebe born in MA. The next three stones, just beyond Angelina, are for: Phebe A., dau. of Roswell & Phebe, d. Oct. 6, 1837 age 18 y. 7 m.; Thankful P., dau. of Roswell & Phebe, d. May 18, 1830 age 19 y. 10 m.; and Moses P., son of Roswell & Thankful, d. March 18, 1828 age 20 y. 8 m. Pawlet, VT vital records confirm the births of Moses Park & Thankful to their respective parents. Roswell was in the 1810 & 1820 Pawlet censuses, and 1830 in Poultney. He failed to record the birth of Angelina in Pawlet, and if recorded with the younger children in Poultney, the record was burned.

Years of search and queries failed to prove the parentage of Angelina, Roswell or Phebe. One afternoon, with about fifteen minutes left, before the Seattle Library closed, I pulled the Barden Genealogy. (Brown, Leon R. & Liven-good, *George Barden Family*, Rochester, NY, 1961, typescript) There were Bardens in Wells and I wondered if they were in the book. The first name that came to mind was Bethuel. The name was in the index, page 34, and yes, he was of Wells. On the upper half of the page, out to the right, was the name "**Roswell Brown**". His wife was **Phebe**. Were these my husband's ancestors? I quickly took down the dates. Yes the dates were right. Phebe was a daughter of Lemuel & Sally [Read] Barden of Pawlet. This was proven when Roswell and Phebe Brown of Poultney sold some land she inherited from her

father Lemuel Barden. (Pawlet deeds 11:340)

More recently, Marcia B. Fitzgerald contacted me, with some of the Brown genealogy. Roswell was born 21 Aug. 1768 Canterbury, CT VR (Barbour Coll.) son of Moses and Abigail [Bushnell] Brown. By 1770 Moses was in Ware, MA where the rest of his children were born. Roswell's younger brother, Warner, died in Poultney in 1858 (gravestone). It was probably Warner who reported that Roswell was born in MA, not realizing his parents had been in CT in 1768. This error in the mortality schedule delayed finding Roswell's ancestry.

Peggy Jenks

## MEETINGS

The spring meeting of the **Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA)** will be held on May 4, 1996 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant St., Bennington, VT. Registration & coffee at 9:00, business meeting at 10:00, lunch, afternoon program at 1:00 by the Bennington Museum. Contact: Carolyn Moors, P.O. Box 1345, Bennington, VT 05201 (802) 442-8429 for lunch reservations.

## "IN YOUR ANCESTOR'S IMAGE"

A conference for the Nation's Genealogists, August 14-17, 1996 at Rochester, NY, is sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and hosted by the Rochester Genealogical Society. For registration forms contact: Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220

## THE BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

A seminar will be held on Saturday September 29, 1996 at the Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA. The speakers will include: Roger D. Joslin, New York Records; Maureen Taylor, Rhode Island Archives and Libraries; John Sterling, The Story of the Rhode Island Cemetery Project; Barbara J. Mathews, Colonial Connecticut. Contact the Berkshire Family History Assn., P.O. Box 1437, Pittsfield, MA 01202-1437 (413)445-5521



## FAMILY REUNIONS

Announcements of family reunions must be received by the editor no later than March 1 each year to be included in the April Newsletter. Be sure to include date, place, name & address of contact person.

The **Bidwell Family Association, Inc.** will hold a reunion on Friday June 28 through Sunday June 30, 1996 in Dublin, OH. Contact: Faith B. Heath, 6586 Fields Ertel Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241

The Descendants of **Anthony and Susannah Colby, Inc.** will hold its 43rd annual reunion in Amesbury, MA August 17, 1996. Contact: Adeline Stack, 26 Cooledge Ave., So. Portland, ME 04106-5013 (207) 799-1648

The **Courtemanche Family Association** will hold a Buffet-Reunion on Saturday, April 20, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. at the Buffet Rochon, Restaurant El Toto, 1647, Fleury east Montréal. A trip to France is planned for September 15-29, 1996. Contact, before April 10, Pauline (514)322-6596 or Jean-Pierre (514)467-0121.

The **Hotchkiss Association** will hold its 113th Annual Reunion on August 10, 1996 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sharon Congregational Church, Sharon, CT. This will be the 2nd and last year celebrating the genius of Andrew and Benjamin Berkeley Hotchkiss, inventors and will concentrate on the Hotchkiss cars. Contact, in June, Joan A. Johnson, 36 Beach Dr., Prospect, CT 06712-1603 (203)758-5423

The 50th annual reunion of the **Huntley National Association** will be held in Old Saybrook, CT August 9,10,11, 1996. Contact: Virgil W. Huntley, 27 Pearl St., Mystic, CT 06355-2513

The **Lovell Family Association** will hold their 12th reunion for descendants of Alexander Lovell of Medfield, MA 1650, at Plymouth State Park in Plymouth, VT on August 11, 1996. Contact: Elizabeth Lovell Bowman, before June 1 at 12 Leone Road, Thoms River, NJ 08755-6321; after June 1 at RR 1 Box 320, Lake Pauline, Ludlow, VT 05149 (802) 228-4214

The **Nims Family Association** will hold its bi-annual family reunion on October 4 & 5, 1996 at the White Church, Deerfield, MA. Come to learn about the Association's work and meet your cousins. Contact: John H. Schultz, 1085 Bowen Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120-2828.

The **Thomas Rogers Society** will hold a Reunion on September 7 or 8, 1996 in Plymouth, MA in conjunction with the 375th Anniversary of Plymouth. Contact Mrs. George C. Frederick, 1208 Maple Ave., Evanston, IL 60202

The Sixth Bi-Annual Family Reunion of the **William Strother Society** will be held at the Sheraton-Fredericksburg Resort and Conference Center, Fredericksburg, VA August 8-11, 1996. Contact: Edward L. Strother, 36 Puget Drive, Steilacoom, WA 98388-1521 (206) 584-5043

Reunion for the **Sweet Family and Descendants**, Sunday, July 21, 1996 in the St. Albans, Vermont area. Contact: Janet Sweet Osmer, RFD #1, Box 744, Windsor, VT 05089 (802) 484-7820

The 13th Annual **Sanborn Family Association** Reunion will be held Saturday and Sunday August 24 & 25, 1996 at Steele Hill Resort, Laconia, NH. Contact: Gary and Meg Barnard, Secretary, (603) 622-8202

The **Stovall Family Association, Inc.** will hold its triennial national reunion in Louisville, KY August 16-18, 1996. Contact: Lyle K. Williams, Editor, 5000 Rock River Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76103-1226 (817) 457-5383

The Society of **Stukely Westcott** Descendants of America will hold their National Reunion at the Living History Farms in Des Moines, Iowa July 26-28, 1996. Contact: James L. Westcot, 3815 Indiandale Circle S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 phone (319)363-9206 or Nancy Bruckman, Des Moines, IA (515) 287-3937

### B & T BACK ISSUES

New price for back issues of *B&T*!!! Each issue is \$2 (including postage). Currently available are: Volumes 12:5; 13:1-3; 14:1-4; 15:1-3; 16:1-2, 18:1-4; 19:4; 20:1-4; 21:1-4; 22:2-4; 23:2,3; 24:1-4. Your checks should be payable to GSV and sent to: GSV Back Issues, PO Box 1553, St. Albans, VT 05478

## Registration Form

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the May 18, 1996 meeting and luncheon @ \$8.50 per person at the Congregational Church in New Haven, VT

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail this form and your check (payable to GSV) for \$8.50 (included morning coffee) by May 03, 1996 !!!*

**GSV, PO Box 1553, Saint Albans, VT 05478-1006**

## GLOSSARY OF OLD MEDICAL TERMS

Most of us have encountered odd medical terms while reading old death records, wills, diaries, etc. If you have encountered such old terms, and have found a good modern definition, or ones that have stumped you, please send them to your *Newsletter* editor. One example is consumption, customarily meaning pulmonary tuberculosis, but may mean other types of pulmonary infection or congestive heart failure.

## VERMONT FAMILIES IN 1791, Volume 1

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This award-winning first volume of a projected long series has already stimulated research and guided many people to sources useful to establish their own ancestry. Special Publication No. 1, 1992. xxvii + 281 pp.

Scott is continuing the work on Volume 2 and hopes to have it completed soon.

## VITAL RECORDS OF PUTNEY, VERMONT TO THE YEAR 1900

Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens

This is not just a verbatim listing of such events, but a complete, concise and accurate compilation from all primary sources available in the town. This material is augmented by the ministerial records of the pastors who served from as early as 1776. Special Publication No. 2, 1992. x + 406 pp.

## GEORGIA, VERMONT VITAL RECORDS

Edited by Peter S. Mallett

The first of its kind for northern Vermont, 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, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Methodist Church of Georgia and North Fairfax. GSV Special Publication No. 4, 1995.

## VITAL RECORDS OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT AND THE RECORDS OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

Reprinted from the rare first editions of 1908 and 1902, this is an important source for one of Vermont's oldest towns, chartered in 1752. The town records extend to 1845, church records from 1773 to 1839. New to this publication is an indispensable index of nearly 10,000 names, constructed by Christopher T. Norris and Scott A. Bartley. GSV Special Publication No. 3, 1994. 323 pp.

Each of these four books is \$30.00. Please add \$3.50 for postage for the first book, \$1.00 for each additional book in the same order to the same address. Please add the Vermont Sales Tax of 5% (\$1.50/book) for books mailed to a Vermont address. Mail your checks, payable to GSV, to:

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