



FALL MEETING

Our 25th anniversary meeting will be held on **Oct 26th** in the city where it officially began. This meeting is at the **Radisson, 60 Battery Street, Burlington**. Should you need accommodation there, you can contact the hotel at 802-658-6500. The meeting format will be slightly different to honor the occasion, and maybe one or two surprises! The schedule is as follows, with tentative titles for the lectures. Vendors *may* be on hand, but those details are not available at this time.

8:00-8:45: Registration; Coffee, teas, assorted muffins and pastries

8:45-9:30: 25th annual business meeting, including election of officers for the next two years.

9:30-10:30: Nancy L. Dodge, "Approaches for researching Northeast Kingdom families"

10:30-11:45: Martin E. Hollick, "Genealogical resources on the Internet"

11:45-2:15: Luncheon: Soup, maple-glazed ham on sourdough roll topped with Vermont cheddar cheese (vegetarian substitute if requested), cookies & brownies

**** Luncheon speaker: Joann H. Nichols, past president and original founder of GSV, "Reflections of GSV"

**** 25th Anniversary Awards

2:30-3:30: John D. Austin Jr., "Yorkers and Yankees"

3:30-4:30: Roger Lawrence, "The French settlement on Lake Champlain shores prior to 1759 and their resettlement after the war"

A REMINDER

The cost of this special anniversary celebration is \$15 (\$20 for non-GSV members). Reservations must be postmarked

no later than October 1, 1996. The coupon was in the July Newsletter.

The 1996 Election Ballot, enclosed with the *July Newsletter*, must be post marked by October 19, 1996 or handed to the GSV President by 8:45 a.m. on October 26th to be counted.

Please look at your address label. The date of expiration of your membership now appears in the upper right-hand corner of the label. If the expiration date is 10/1/96, your membership expires with this issue of both the *Newsletter* and *Vermont Genealogy*. Please help us cut the cost of mailing reminder postcards. Send your check in US funds to the address below. Dues are \$20 for US addresses (Canadian & Mexico \$25, foreign \$30).

Janet Induni, Treasurer

Send any or all of the above to:

**Genealogical Society of Vermont,
PO Box 1553
Saint Albans, VT 05478-1006**

Contributions to the Permanent Fund: 0

Current balance: \$6,950.43

Contributions to the Computer Fund: 0

Current balance: \$2,215.90

The Computer Fund represents the Society's support of the LDS Family Search research station located at the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier. The 1996 license renewal, which allows us to keep the program going, cost us \$150. Contributions to the fund this fiscal year total only \$29. This is just a friendly reminder that donations to the Computer Fund are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please send your donations to GSV, P.O. Box 1553, St. Albans, VT. 05478-1006. Please mark your check, "Computer Fund."

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ST. ALBANS FREE LIBRARY

The major emphasis of the genealogy collection is the families of Franklin County and we attempt to collect any information that will be of interest to researchers in that area, but we also have items of general interest for other areas of the state. The library will soon become the repository for many of the genealogical files now contained in the St. Albans Historical Society.

Currently, we have the McLellan collection of cemetery inscriptions, in both paper and microfilm formats, as well as published records of other Franklin County Cemeteries. Also in our collection are Federal censuses of Vermont for 1790 and 1800 in book form, as well as all censuses for Franklin County through 1920 on microfilm.

The library has most of the town histories that have been published for the County; Beers' 1871 *Atlas of Franklin County*; Child's *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Franklin County* for 1882-83; some city directories; much biographical information on local personalities and Vermonters generally; and published lists of Vermont service men and women in all the wars from the Revolutionary through Vietnam.

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Deadlines for information are:
Dec. 1, March 1, June 1 and Sept. 1 for
the January, April, July and October
issues of the *Newsletter*.

Newspapers include the *St. Albans Messenger* on microfilm from about 1840 to the present (not indexed and not reliably complete until about 1900) and a paper-bound index to the *Burlington Free Press* from 1848 through 1870. Two microfilm readers (one that prints) and a photocopier, are available. We currently subscribe to the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *Newsletter* and *Vermont Genealogy*. Vertical files contain local historical and genealogical information and there are some bound family histories on the shelves.

The St. Albans Library is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. From September to June the library is open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The library is located in the center of town which provides excellent access to local vital records at the City Clerk's Office, as well as the Probate Court for Franklin County, and many area churches. Mail address: St. Albans Free Library, Maiden Lane, St. Albans 05478, phone (802) 524-1507.

Priscilla Trombly
Adult Services Librarian

ARE YOU MOVING?

Please advise the Society of your new address as soon as possible. If your mail is forwarded to your new address, GSV receives notification from the Post Office in the form of a Postage Due Notice and a photocopy of the cover copy of Vermont Genealogy that was forwarded to you. Each one costs us fifty cents. Please help us cut down these expenses by notifying the Society at PO Box 1553, St. Albans, VT, 05478. The money can be better spent elsewhere.

Janet Induni, Treasurer

BOOK REVIEW POLICY

Books for review should be sent to John A. Leppman, 29 Oak Hill Terrace, Belows Falls, VT 05101

NEWS RELEASE

August 7, 1996

David L. Greene and Robert Charles Anderson, Co-editors of *The American Genealogist*, are pleased to announce the appointment of Marsha Hoffman Rising as the new Associate Editor of *TAG*. In addition to other editorial duties, Rising will assume the responsibility for the book review section. *The American Genealogist*, founded in 1922 by Donald Lines Jacobus, is the oldest independently owned scholarly genealogical journal in the country. It focuses on carefully documented analyses of genealogical problems and short compiled genealogies. Correspondence can be directed to P.O. Box 398, Demorest, GA 30535-0398

WARNING

Halbert's of Bath, OH has come up with a new way to get your money. They are now offering: *The [your surname] in America from 1790 to 1996*. They claim to have the records of all of your family name from all of the census years plus addresses for those now living. They do qualify the add with: "No direct genealogical connection to your family or to your ancestry is implied or intended." Consider carefully before you spend your money on such a book.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF HOURS

Vermont Historical Society
109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609
(802) 828-2291

Effective September 1, 1996 the Library will be closed on Saturday until further notice. The Library will continue to be open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

B & T BACK ISSUES

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

PAID ADVERTISING

The *Newsletter* is now accepting paid advertising at the rate of \$3.00 per column inch. All advertising must relate to genealogy, preferably Vermont genealogy and must be received before the deadline of the issue the add is to appear in. Checks must be made out to GSV but sent to the Newsletter editor along with the exact wording for the add. Camera-ready copy would be appreciated.

MEETINGS

The fall meeting of the **Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA)** will be held on Saturday October 6, 1996 at the Methodist Church in West Burke, VT. Registration & coffee at 9:00, business meeting at 10:00, lunch; afternoon slide and demonstration program, at 1:15, *Cemeteries, Going-Going-Gone, Documenting Them Before They Are Lost* by Peggy Jenks. Contact: Elizabeth Beckwith, P.O. Box 105, Underhill Ctr., VT 05490 for lunch reservations.

Fourth New England regional Genealogical Conference "**Tracking the Past Into the Future: A Turning Point in Genealogy**" April 25-27, 1997, Radisson Hotel, Cromwell, CT. Sponsored by over 20 societies. Over 50 Lectures by over 30 speakers. For further information send a SASE to: NERGC, % B.J. Fenner, PO Box 130, Centerville, MA 02632

"IN YOUR ANCESTOR'S IMAGE"

A conference for the Nation's Genealogists, August 14-17, 1996 at Rochester, NY, was sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and hosted by the Rochester Genealogical Society.

GSV, VOCA and I shared a booth in the exhibit hall for the three days. Copies of the July *Newsletter* were distributed. Book sales were slow. Many of the 1500 attendees said they had a Vermont ancestor but did not know where they were from in Vermont. Very few knew about our wonderful card files of vital records covering the entire state. After explaining where to find the files, either in Middlesex or at Family History Centers, I then reminded them that there were many town and

county histories, and census records available. Unfortunately, as we have all learned, many of the early births, marriages and deaths were never recorded, thus they are not on the cards. Families that left town long before the town history was written, usually were not mentioned. In any case, I tried hard to spread the sources of genealogy in Vermont.

Books with cemetery records were very much wanted. So get out there and copy your town cemeteries and let's get them in print. The stones are fast deteriorating.

Peggy Jenks

WELCH-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Those with Welch ancestry may wish to contact Llyn Maur, Lewis Road, RR 2 Box 516, Poultney, VT 05764

PALATINES TO AMERICA

The Society welcomes all persons researching German speaking ancestry. For further information about the Palatines write to: Palatines to America, Capital University, Box 101P, Columbus Ohio 43209-2394 (614) 236-8281

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 John & Elizabeth Curtis/s Society will hold its 57th annual meeting and reunion 12 Oct. 1996 at Stratford, CT. For a Society flyer and registration information, contact Barbara Weaver, 131 Lake Road, Ontario, NY 14519-9311 (716) 265-0621

CROSSED SEVENS

In European and South American countries, the number 1 is written by forming a straight line with an upward sweep (or serif) at the top which makes it easily mistaken for a 7. By crossing the number 7 at its middle, the two numbers become easily distinguishable. (VT Sunday Magazine, 1/14/96 p.15)

MAPS

Have you ever read an old document, a deed or probate, and found a reference to a place not on current maps? Help is now available.

The United States Board on Geographic Names is a Federal body created in 1890 and established in its present form by Public Law in 1947. The Board is authorized to establish and maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. For more information on domestic geographical names write to: Roger L. Payne, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092.

The Geographic Names Information System (GINS), the Nation's official automated names repository, is now available on CD-ROM. The GINS contains information for known places, features and, areas of the United States identified by proper names. The GINS is the official toponymic reference for the Federal Government and was designed by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in cooperation with the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

The CD-ROM contains three GINS data bases:

1. The National Geographic Names Data Base (NGNDB) contains almost 2 million entries for areas in and under the jurisdiction of the United States.
2. The Topographical Map Names Data Base (TMNDB) is an inventory of all USGS-published topographic maps at various scales.
3. The Reference Data Base is a collection of Annotated bibliographies of all sources used in compiling information for the NGNDB.

The CD-ROM contains software for searching, sorting, displaying, printing and exporting the data. A users manual is included.

The price is \$57 plus \$3.50 s&h. Order from any Earth Science Information Center or call 1-800-USA-MAPS. The digital

gazetteer is also available via the Internet and may be accessed at the following address.

<http://www-nmd.usgs.gov/www/gins/>

Two Factsheets came with the above information. *Looking for an Old Map* describes many places including the National Archives and the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, State and Local Libraries, Historical Societies and Colleges where old maps may be found.

The second Factsheet is *Out-of-Print Maps*. The U.S. Geological Survey attempts to keep its maps up to date. However, realizing the older maps are of value to many, including genealogists, the Earth Science Information Centers maintain the files that contain these maps on microfilm. These files include 180,000 maps. Black and white photographic enlargements of individual frames at \$12 each or copies of microfilm rolls can be ordered from any ESIC or the 800 number above. To order the state index to the current Topographic Maps call the same number.

THE LETTER "J"

When was the letter "J" added to the alphabet? For example, on some early New England tombstones, John was spelled Iohn. In ancient times "i" was used for both a vowel and a consonant sound. Later a hook was added to the "i" as a decoration especially when "i" was the first letter of a word. Since "i" was more likely to have a consonant sound in this position, the hooked "i" came to be associated with the "j" sound. Not until the beginning of the 19th century did the "new" letter merit its own assigned place - as the tenth letter of the alphabet - in dictionaries. Noah WEBSTER, in his 1806 dictionary, was one of the first to implement this separation of "i" and "j" (Rutland Herald, 1/7/96 by Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th Ed.)

NOTE WELL

N.B. the abbreviation for *noté bené* translates to Note Well. N.B. is found in some old writing and on early tomb stones. Today we would probably use PS.

VERMONT FAMILIES IN 1791 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

When submitting information for the 1791 project please write to Scott Andrew Bartley, Editor at 258 Shawmut Ave. #4, Boston, MA 02118-2143

See the July 1996 *Newsletter* for detailed instructions on how to submit data.

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 addresses. Mail your checks, payable to GSV, to:

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