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This is good news for all of us with Connecticut ancestors as the library has a vast collection of local histories and genealogies, with particular emphasis on Connecticut and New England; most Connecticut town vital records, land records, and probate records from the 1600s to the early 1900s on microfilm; church records from hundreds of Connecticut churches, most available on microfilm; transcriptions of family Bible records and cemetery inscriptions; abstracts of newspaper notices of marriages and deaths; military records. It holds Federal census records for Connecticut, 1790-1920 and for the other New England states, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, 1790-1850 and the Index to New England Naturalization Petitions on microfilm; indexes to, and collections of, published and microfilmed ships' passenger lists and other immigration records, with emphasis on New England and New York.

Related materials include comprehensive and retrospective collections of Connecticut atlases and maps, city directories, and newspapers.

Detailed research guides are available on a number of topics including the aerial photograph collection, Connecticut land records; naturalization records; Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War II resources; African American and Native America materials and women's history.

BARRE TOWN CEMETERIES

In recent years, I have been working on recording tombstone inscriptions for Barre Town cemeteries, and have just finished transcribing those in the Wilson Cemetery. Wilson is the largest of the Barre Town cemeteries; the index for this cemetery contains approximately 3800 entries. Transcriptions for this and other cemeteries that I have transcribed so far may be found at the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier, as well as the Aldrich Public Library in Barre, and at the Barre Town Clerk's office in Websterville.

During the process of documenting these cemeteries, kind folks in the Town have told me of two previously unpublished burial sites. One is the Richards burial site in the northwest corner of the town, adjacent to an abandoned town road. It is the final resting place of Joseph Richards and his wife Esther, both buried in the 1800's. Recently, another site was revealed; it is on the property of Washington County Mental Health (formerly the Carmelite Monastery) on Beckley Hill. It is the final resting place of John Gould, Jr., who was buried there in 1793. It is the earliest burial that I have found evidence of in Barre Town.

The Town of Barre is developing a website and intends to include the cemetery transcriptions there.

The 1873 Beers map of Barre shows a cemetery in So. Barre, apparently close to the current location of Howard's Market. If anyone has knowledge of such a cemetery ever having existed, and what may have happened to it, I would certainly appreciate hearing from them.

Bob Murphy

DATES TO REMEMBER

Projected 2002 dates for GSV meetings will be May 18 (tentatively in the Rutland area) and October 19 (tentatively in the Burlington area).

THE ASSOCIATION FOR GRAVESTONE STUDIES

AGS was founded for the purpose of furthering the study and preservation of gravemarkers of all periods and styles.

Through its publications, conferences, workshops and exhibits, AGS promotes the study of gravemarkers from historical and artistic perspectives, expands public awareness of the significance of historic gravemarkers and cemeteries, and encourages individuals and groups that have similar interests.

AGS members include amateurs and professionals as well as public and private groups active in the fields of history, genealogy, anthropology, art history, religion, folk art, commemorative art, and historic preservation.

The Association holds an annual conference the fourth week in June. This conference, planned to be held in Vermont in June 2003, features lectures, demonstrations, exhibits, conservation workshops, classroom sessions, slide presentations, and guided cemetery tours in an informal atmosphere.

AGS maintains an extensive archives of books, manuscripts, published and unpublished papers, dissertations and theses.

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photographs, field notes and maps. Use of the collection may be arranged through the office.

Publications include *Markers*, an annual scholarly journal featuring articles on all aspects of gravestone research. The *Quarterly Bulletin* contains feature articles, regular columns on topics such as using computers to study gravestones and conservation, reviews, regional columns, and news of the Association's activities.

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Did Your Ancestors Migrate to Minnesota?

An index to the Minnesota death certificates, 1908 to 1946 has been put on line at <http://people.mnhs.org.dci>. Entering the name Horton, I found 156 were listed. This index gives the certificate number, date death and county of death. The index allows you to enter exact or partial spellings of the name; all or exact county, all or range of dates. Instructions for ordering the certificates are included.

MEETINGS

Gentech 2002

Friday-Saturday, January 25-26, 2002

Hynes Convention Center (next to the Prudential Center)

Boston, Massachusetts

GSV will have a booth in the exhibit area, shared with the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists. If you are planning on attending this worthwhile conference and want to be sure of getting reservations at the adjacent Sheraton Boston Hotel, call 1-800-325-3535. (This will take care of hotel reservations but not convention registration.)

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

November 6-9, 2003

Sea Crest Resort & Conference Center
North Falmouth, Massachusetts

GSV is a founding member of the consortium which puts on these conferences and will be an active participant in this Cape

Cod event. The conference theme is "New England: The Melting Pot." Planning committees are being formed, and if you are interested in participating on any of them, let us know promptly. They will do as much of their business by e-mail, snail-mail, and telephone as possible. Here are the committee names with brief annotations of functions:

Exhibitor Committee - plans exhibit area, solicits exhibitors

Syllabus Committee - Organizes syllabus content

Speakers Committee - Finds speakers, organizes details of their presentations

Advertising Committee - Solicits syllabus advertising

Queries Committee - Solicits queries for publication in Syllabus

Publicity Committee - Plans publicity and promotion for the conference

Registration Committee - Coordinates registration, distribution of participant packets, etc.

Audio-visual and signage Committee - Assures that each speaker has the AV equipment he or she needs and appropriate signs for rooms

Society Fair - Plans this popular feature of the conference, where local organizations strut their stuff

Hospitality Committee - Helps conference participants feel welcome at the conference site

Conference Newsletter Committee - Plans a daily news sheet to be published at the conference

Volunteer coordinator - Coordinates volunteers supplied by each participating organization at the conference

Although the conference seems a long way off, many of these functions must be getting started right away.

NEHGS GETTING STARTED

This program is offered the first **Wednesday** (please note change of day) of every month from 12 noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the first **Saturday** of every month at 11 a.m.; at 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA. This **free** program gives an introduction to NEHGS, its services and ways to help you find your family roots. Tips on how to begin your own family research, tour of the newly renovated library and a chance to meet the

library staff. Non-members will receive a free pass to the library. No registration is required.

GENEALOGY IN A NUTSHELL

Beginning in September 2001, spend a morning at NEHGS attending a short concise "nutshell" class held in the education center. Topics will range from "Researching Your French Canadian Ancestors" to "Using CD-ROMs and the Internet for Research". Classes are held on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Pre-registration is required for the above program. Contact the NEHGS Education Department, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116-3007; phone 1-888-286-3447 or 617-536-5740, ext. 226 or by e-mail education@nehgs.org.

SPRING VOCA MEETING

The spring meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for May 4, 2002. Please visit VOCA's new web site at:

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