



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dates to remember

GSV membership meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2002, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn U.S. Route 7, south of Rutland, Vermont
(west side of the highway)

The program is an all-Irish theme, but with Vermont connections enough to please Vermont researchers without a drop of green blood. Mary Lee Dunn will speak on her research to uncover a group of people from a single Irish townland who emigrated together in the nineteenth century; many of them came to the Rutland area. Kyle Betit of Salt Lake City, a nationally acclaimed expert on Irish research, will present two talks on sources and approaches to this often challenging area of research. Plan to be on hand for an excellent and educational program. Registration fee including morning snack and buffet lunch: \$17 for members, \$19 for non-members. You will have a post card mailing reminding you of this meeting.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Thursday - Sunday, November 6-9, 2003

Sea Crest Conference Center,
North Falmouth, Massachusetts

This event is still more than a year away, but plans are moving ahead. GSV will have a booth in the exhibit area and, as a sponsoring organization, will have a sponsored speaker. André Senécal, Director of the Canadian Studies Program at the University of Vermont, has graciously accepted our invitation to be our sponsored speaker, and will speak on the culture of French Canadians in Vermont and elsewhere in New England. (His exact topic is still under consideration.) Check the NERGC Web site <www.rootsweb.com/~manergc/>

2003 GSV meeting dates and places

We are starting to plan our membership meetings for 2003. We want your opinion on the date of the spring meeting. Usually we have held it the third Saturday of May, but this has often been troublesome for members and potential speakers. Commencements at the University of Vermont and state colleges are usually the same weekend, as are various other events. Earlier Saturdays in May often conflict with such meetings as that of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association and the Vermont Historical Society's League of Local Historical Societies, which attract many of our members. We have discussed using the last Saturday in April, recognizing that weather can occasionally be inclement at that date. (We also know that some of us drove through snow on the way to the May 18, 2002 meeting.) We will ask for opinions of those attending the October 2002 meeting, or send us a note or an e-mail if you have thoughts on this matter.

VHS update

As this is being written, the expected opening date for the new Vermont Historical Society library is July 16. Books have been moved, and all are out of the flood danger where they were formerly stored in the basement of the Pavilion Building in Montpelier.

Paul Carnahan, librarian, took us on a slide tour to the new library facilities at the May meeting.

The GSV board voted to give financial support to the Bennington Museum Library's current project to obtain microfilm copies of the Vermont Vital Records, from the earliest years down to 1870. The 167 boxes of microfilm are expected to be in place by the end of June 2002. Eventually, as donations are received, they plan to have the filmed Vermont Vital Records through 1908.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISION

The Board of Directors will present to the membership at the meeting of October 18, 2002, the following deletions from the current Bylaws of the Genealogical Society of Vermont, as approved by the membership on May 21, 1994. The underlined sentence of each paragraph would be deleted under the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE V

2. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual business meeting of this Society in each even-numbered year. The terms of the President and Vice-President shall be limited to two consecutive two-year terms in the same office.
3. Vacancies in the Executive Committee may be filled by the Board of Directors. A President or Vice-President filling a partial term shall still be eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms.

The reason for the present proposal of amendment, as will be known to members who have attended meetings the past couple of years, is that we have found it impractical to place a term limit on officers who are willing and able to serve.

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November issues of the *Newsletter*.

If you have questions in advance of the October meeting, please be in touch with any member of the Board.

APPROACHING YOUR RESEARCH THROUGH GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY: THE EXAMPLE OF BALLYKILCLINE"

Members who plan to attend the talk at the society's fall meeting in Rutland entitled "Approaching Your Research Through Genealogy and Local History: The Example of Ballykilcline" may want to read the book *The End of Hidden Ireland* by Robert Scally (Oxford University Press, 1995) for background. They also may want to look at the web site at www.ballykilcline.com. The book is available from Barnes & Noble, for one, and is out in paperback.

Scally writes about a rent strike in the townland of Ballykilcline in Kilglass Parish, County Roscommon, Ireland. The 12-year-long strike ended in 1847 when Crown authorities evicted scores of families -- several hundred people -- and forced them out of Ireland to New York City. Descendants of some of the farmers recognized their ancestors in Scally's story. They organized as The Ballykilcline Society to find their counterparts, pursue the story further in the U.S. and in Roscommon, and to share their stories at an annual "Reunion," held this year in August in Roscommon.

They have learned that dozens of people from Ballykilcline and Kilglass Parish settled in the Rutland area. Dunn, who is co-president of The Ballykilcline Society, has a study underway to find out what happened to them. In her talk, she will explain how local history and genealogy are both integral to this kind of work.

Mary Lee Dunn

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS PERFORMED BY RICHARD BEDFORD, JR.

In March of this year, the Vermont Historical Society obtained photocopies of original records of Richard Bedford, Jr., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal

Church in the mid-1800's. The records were found in an attic near Ithaca, New York, and were subsequently purchased by the Sullivan County Historical Society of LaPorte, Pennsylvania. That historical society, noticing that many of the records were for Vermont marriages and baptisms, furnished photocopies to the VHS.

The records furnished cover baptisms between the years 1836-1847, and marriages between 1837-1849. Localities include the counties of Orange, Windsor, Caledonia, Orleans and Washington. In all, there are 88 marriage records and 101 baptisms.

A transcription of the records is under way and will be published in Vermont Genealogy at a future date. Photocopies of the original records will be available for researchers at the new Vermont History Center in Barre.

Bob Murphy

GSV MAY 2002 MEETING

Sylvia Bugbee, Special Collections Librarian, Bailey Howe Library, University of Vermont, spoke of the many more unusual places to find our ancestors. Her talk, "Finding your Ancestors in the Odd-est Places: A case Study" was enjoyed by all. She recommended searching church records, manuscript collections, diaries, city directories, census with the mortality schedules and agricultural schedules, probate records, town reports, poor farm records, old letters, undertaker records, proprietor's records, warnings out, records of the courts: criminal, county, probate. She gave examples of what may be found in many of these sources.

MEETINGS

2003 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

AMERICA'S MELTING POT

November 6-9, 2003

The conference focus will be the immigration of diverse ethnic and racial groups into and out of New England since the Great Migration, immigrant settlement, lives and activities in New England, and the heterogeneous society they helped create. There will also be tracts on general genealogical topics and for the demonstration of computer software of interest to genealogists.

NEHGS GETTING STARTED

This program is offered the first **Wednesday** 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.

NEHGS IRISH GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

Friday & Saturday September 27-28, 2002

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Braintree, MA. This special conference will feature a wide array of topics of interest to researchers of all skill levels and features NEHGS staff as well as nationally known speakers.

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. 227 or by e-mail education@nehgs.org.

FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for Saturday October 5, 2002 at the Methodist Church, Sheldon, VT.

Please visit VOCA's web site at: <http://www.rovers.net/~hwdbr/voca> [This address is correct, but if you have a problem, go to the GSV site, then link to VOCA.]

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The Vermont Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants holds two meetings a year, spring and fall. The fall meeting: October 26, 2002, will be at the Steak House, Berlin, VT

If you have Mayflower ancestry and would like to join, contact Ms. Sharon A. Matyas, Historian, 6126 Bennett's Corner Road, Memphis, NY 13112-9780, 315-672-5882

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GRAVESTONE CONFERENCE

The Association for Gravestone Studies will be holding their annual conference June 17-22, 2003 at Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT. The conference will include speakers on many subjects related to gravestones, demonstrations, exhibits, conservation workshops, slide presentations and guided cemetery tours. For more information visit the AGS web site www.gravestonestudies.org. For questions info@gravestonestudies.org

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