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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GSV activities will continue through the forthcoming fall and winter, and details of Spring and Fall meetings in 2003 will reach you in due course. Among other events which we will support will be the 2003 annual meeting of the Association for Gravestone Studies, which will be held on the campus of Green Mountain College in Poultney on June 19-22, 2003. See details below.

As your genealogical efforts move ahead, please remember to consider having GSV get involved:

-- If you complete a study of an interesting genealogical question involving Vermont, let us publish it in VERMONT GENEALOGY. Contact Robert Rodgers if you are interested.

-- If you have a larger project involving Vermont records which is worthy of publication as a book-length work, we may be interested. (We aren't involved in publishing single family studies.)

-- If you know of a good records preservation project (microfilming, publication of a transcription, etc), we may be able to provide support.

TOWN CLERK OF THE YEAR

After considering several worthy nominations, the Board selected Gail Fallar of Tinnmouth as this year's GSV Town Clerk of the Year. Her interest in helping researchers needing records in her office, as well as her involvement in Tinnmouth local history off hours, made her a most worthy winner of the award. A certificate was presented at the annual meeting of the Vermont Municipal Clerks Association in September.

Members are encouraged to contact us with nominations for this award at any time during the year. We select a winner each year toward the end of the summer.

THE 251 CLUB

An informal group of Vermontophiles whose objective is to visit the 251 towns and cities of the state.

The 251 Club is an organization of people interested in knowing Vermont and enjoying themselves in the process. In a few words, there are 251 cities and towns in Vermont--246 organized with officers and 5 unorganized with supervisors. The objective of each club member is to visit each one, and visit means not to "just drive through", but to linger a bit, talk to someone who lives there, visit a store or the post office, take notes for a diary, perhaps stay overnight -- at least pause long enough to look around a bit. You are bound to make discoveries in terms of towns and people. You are really "Adventuring through Vermont". There are no affidavits to fill out, no certificates, and you need not have visited all 251 cities and towns to become a member. Upon joining we will send a small map to guide you and a list of cities and towns in the state to check off each of those that you visit. When you have completed your quest of 251, you will receive a PLUS CARD acknowledging your accomplishment.

The 251 Club was first suggested by the late Dr. Arthur W. Peach in his column, "At the Sign of the Quill", in *Vermont Life Magazine*, summer 1954 issue. People from all parts of the United States and Canada now claim membership. The scheme of visiting towns combines well with summer vacation plans, Genealogical Society of Vermont and Vermont Old Cemetery Association meetings. Lets spend a little extra time in each town after the meetings.

Older people need not hesitate to join. There are members over 80 years of age that have visited every town, even the unorganized town of Lewis in the Northeast

Kingdom. All members receive the *WAY-FARER*, the club's newsletter three times a year. The publication helps keep members in touch with Vermont, as well as with club activities. There are summer and fall meetings each year.

To become a member, send your name and address with \$3.00 one time membership fee and \$4.00 for the first years dues to William H. Rockford, Jr., 40 Clarendon Ave., Montpelier, VT 05602-2117 (802) 229-0253.

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

The May 18, 2002, meeting at the Hampton Inn, Colchester, was attended by 45 members and guests.

Robert Rodgers sent word that he needs more materials, particularly short articles demonstrating methodology in Vermont research for *Vermont Genealogy*.

Leo Fleury reported that the American-Canadian group is obtaining microfilms of Vermont Vital Records, beginning with 1870-1908, as money permits. Up to this time, they have the films through P. He also commented that there is a great deal of interest in Laura Ingalls Wilder's ancestry in Vermont. Bridport is the most significant town.

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Deadlines for information are:
Dec. 15, Mar. 15, June 15 & Sept. 15
for the February, August, August and
November issues of the *Newsletter*.

Bob Murphy proposed that the society develop an index to the 1910 Federal Census for Vermont. New Mexico has done theirs.

MEETINGS

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/

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

"Nutshell" class are short (one hour) lectures on a variety of genealogical topics. They are held at 101 Newbury Street from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and repeated on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is not necessary.

NEHGS TOURS & PROGRAMS

Winter Research Getaway February 27-March 1, 2003 and March 13-15, 2003
English and Scottish Family History for Americans, April 9-12, 2003

President's Tour to Germany, May 13-22, 2003

Research Tour to Dublin, Ireland, July 13-20, 2003

Summer Conference in Boston, July 11-12, 2003.

Come Home to New England, Aug. 3-10, 2003

Research Tour to Salt Lake City, October 12-19, 2003.

Pre-registration is required for the above programs. 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.

SPRING VOCA MEETING

The spring meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for Saturday May 3, 2003 at the Leland and Gray School, Townsend, VT.

Please visit VOCA's web site at:

<http://www.sver.net/~hwdbry/voca> [This address is correct, but if you have a problem, go to the GSV site, then link to VOCA.]

GRAVESTONE CONFERENCE

The Association for Gravestone Studies will be holding their annual conference June 19-22, 2003 at Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT. A pre-conference tour to Rock-of Ages and Hope Cemetery in Barre is planned for June 18. On Thursday, June 19 will be the Conservation Workshop in the East Poultney Cemetery where documentation, cleaning, resetting, and repair of grave stones will be taught. There will also be photography and rubbing workshops. On Friday, June 20, all will board busses for guided tours of area cemeteries. The plan is to include the Slate Museum in Granville, NY and the Marble Museum in Proctor on these tours. Adequate time will be allowed for photography. After dinner each evening there will be speakers on many subjects related to gravestones. On Saturday, one hour presentations, almost all with some form of audio-visuals, demonstrations, and exhibits. For more information visit the AGS web site www.gravestonestudies.org. For questions info@gravestonestudies.org Pre-registration is required.

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VERMONT FAMILIES IN 1791, Volume 1

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This award-winning first volume of a projected long series has stimulated research and guided many people to sources useful to establish their own ancestry. The goal of this series is to describe in detail the families listed in the First Federal Census taken in Vermont in 1791, the year Vermont joined the Union. Special Publication No. 1, 1992. xxvii + 281 pp., hardbound, \$30.00

Volume 2

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This volume covers 107 families and has improved formatting and more complete information on the third generation. Special Publication No. 5, 1997. xlviii + 304 pp., hardbound, \$30.00

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., hardbound, \$30.00

MEMBER RESEARCH DIRECTORY

Compiled by Janet E. Induni

The directory lists addresses and interests of a majority of GSV members. Each member listed provided up to five surnames of Vermont families on which he or she might like to share information. Published in 1998 for GSV members only. 63 pp., \$3.00.

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., hardbound, \$30.00

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, hardbound, \$30.00

INDEX TO BRANCHES & TWIGS 1972-1995

Edited by Robert M. Murphy

The long-awaited every-name index to GSV's *Branches & Twigs*, published for 24 years, 96 issues. The 180,000 index entries include every name mentioned in every issue, except those cited in connection with Society business, those mentioned in purely casual historical context, and the ancestry service ("Apple Orchard") feature, which was alphabetically arranged. Separate sections of this work list the coverage of each installment of the Apple Orchard, and provide a full author-title index to book reviews. *Branches & Twigs* included immense quantities of information of interest to Vermont family historians. Special publication No. 7, 2000, 572 pp., hardbound \$65.00.

WINDSOR COUNTY VERMONT PROBATE INDEX, 1778-1899

Compiled by Scott Andrew Bartley
and Marjorie-J. Bartley

A comprehensive index of all files in the Probate Courts of the two districts (Windsor and Hartford) in Windsor County, Vermont, between the earliest records (1778) and the end of the nineteenth century. More than 20,000 files are indexed by the name of the major party in the case, place of residence, district, type of record, year, and volume of the bound records in which the record(s) will be found. Special publication No. 6, 2000, 560 pp., hardbound, \$50.00.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR VERMONT GENEALOGY

by John A. Leppman

A reprint, with updates and some format changes, of the series recently completed in Vermont Genealogy, listing over 500 books and other published sources about Vermont and its counties and towns which are of particular use to genealogical researchers. (Family genealogies are not included in its coverage.) A useful reference work for any Vermont researcher. Special publication No. 8, 2000, 66 pp, soft cover, \$7.50 plus \$1.50 postage

SUDBURY, VERMONT: TRAN- SCRIPTION OF VITAL RECORDS AND GENEALOGIES OF RESIDENTS

by Mary Ann Z. Wheeler

A comprehensive transcription of vital and census records for this Rutland County town, plus carefully compiled genealogies of families. This book will take its place among the very best genealogical resources available about a Vermont town. A cooperative publication of GSV and Picton Press. Special publication No. 9, 2000, 416 pp, hardbound, \$49.50

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