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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Dates to Remember

GSV membership meeting Saturday, April 26, 2003, 9:30 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. Location pending. Please note that the date for the spring meeting is a little earlier than has recently been the case. This is an effort to avoid conflicts with college commencements and other later May events. The idea was approved by a plurality of members present at the October 2002 meeting. We will be interested in feedback about whether this date works better or worse for people. (The opinion won't be unanimous, no matter what we do.)

Program details will come to you with a post card mailing in time to register. Cost of registration will be similar to recent previous meetings, and will, as always, include lunch and morning munchies.

**Association for Gravestone Studies 26th Conference and Annual Meeting** June 19-22, 2003 Green Mountain College campus Poultney, Vermont. Vermont will host this national conference of an organization well known to many genealogists. GSV has contributed to the cost of the conference program as a way of welcoming the conference to Vermont. For more information on AGS and the conference, contact The Association for Gravestone Studies, 278 Main Street, Suite 207, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301; e-mail [info@gravestonestudies.org](mailto:info@gravestonestudies.org); on the Web at [www.gravestonestudies.org](http://www.gravestonestudies.org).

**Vermont History Expo** Saturday-Sunday, June 21-22, 2003, Tunbridge World's Fair Grounds, Tunbridge, Vermont. The Vermont Historical Society recently was awarded an Award of Merit by the American Association of State and Local History for this annual event, which will be in its fourth year in 2003. It has proven to be a smash hit among exhibitors, including many of the state's local

historical societies, as well as thousands of visitors. GSV will be on hand, as always, in the popular Genealogy Resource Center.

**GSV membership meeting** Saturday, October 18, 2003, 9:30 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. Location pending.

**New England Regional Genealogical Conference** Thursday - Sunday, November 6-9, 2003, Sea Crest Resort and Conference Center, North Falmouth, Massachusetts. The conference promises to be a good one, and the location is really quite easy to reach (by car anyway) at that time of year. (Representing GSV, I attended a planning meeting there in November 2002, and was pleased at how easy a drive it is across the Bourne Bridge and down to the North Falmouth location in off-season.) You will be receiving more information about conference and hotel registration. Note that there are no other accommodations within walking distance of this hotel, so if you don't want to have a car commute to daily sessions, plan to reserve a hotel room at Sea Crest. The accommodations are quite attractive.

**Are your dues up to date?** We try not to beat our members over the head about renewing membership dues, so if the membership expiration date on your mailing label has passed and you haven't sent in your \$20, please do so. Thanks!

**Town Clerk of the Year** It's not too early to submit nominations for the 2003 award, which will be announced in September. Competition for this much-sought recognition is getting to be stiff, which we like to see. We tell recipients that the selection process is unscientific but sincere. Lobbying is permitted. Bribes are not.

## BOOK REVIEW POLICY

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

## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERMONT RECORDS PRESERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

The GSV has recently awarded grants to have the church records microfilmed for the towns of Middletown in Rutland County and Jamaica in Windham County. Copies of these films are available to use at the Public Records Office in Middlesex and the Vermont Historical Society in Barre. Copies have also been given to the Community churches in the two towns, as well as the Congregational Society in Boston.

If you know of any old records in Vermont that have never been microfilmed, why don't you get in touch with a member of the Executive Board of GSV and we will work with you to see that these valuable records are preserved.

Submitted by Joann H. Nichols

## FAMILY REUNIONS

Announcements of family reunions must be received by the *Newsletter* editor no later than **March 15** each year to be included in the **May Newsletter**. Be sure to Family Reunions, continued page 4.

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Deadlines for information are:  
Dec. 15, Mar. 15, June 15 & Sept. 15  
for the February, August, August and  
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Appreciating that publishing information through internet web sites and web pages shares many similarities with print publishing, considerate family historians---

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## MEETINGS

### New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Thursday - Sunday, November 6-9, 2003

Sea Crest Conference Center,  
North Falmouth, Massachusetts

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](http://www.rootsweb.com/~manergc)>

### 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. The fall meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2003.

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

## NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS: GETTING STARTED

This program the first **Wednesday** of every month, except January, from 12 noon to 1 p.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 free entrance 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

English and Scottish Family History for Americans, April 9-12, 2003

President's Tour to Germany, May 13-23, 2003

Research Tour to Nova Scotia, June 17-27, 2003 starting in Halifax

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. 226 or by e-mail [education@nehgs.org](mailto:education@nehgs.org) or visit [www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org). Click on Education, then on NEHGS Events for full information.

## 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 there will be the Conservation Workshop in the East Poultney Cemetery where documentation, cleaning, resetting, and repair of grave stones will be taught. We also expect to have a gravestone carving demonstration. 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 a slate quarry, the Marble Museum in Proctor and a marble quarry, 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, there will be one hour presentations, almost all with some form of audio-visuals, demonstrations, and exhibits. "Late Night" is a popular feature with informal presentations of work in progress. For more information visit the AGS web site [www.gravestonestudies.org](http://www.gravestonestudies.org). For questions [info@gravestonestudies.org](mailto:info@gravestonestudies.org). A copy of the registration form will be on the web site. Pre-registration is required.

## SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The Vermont Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants holds two meetings a year, spring and fall. The spring meeting location has not been announced. If you have Mayflower ancestry and would like to join, contact Ms. Sharon A. Matyas, Historian, 6126 Bennett's Corner

### 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 ad is to appear in. Checks must be made out to GSV but sent to the *Newsletter* editor along with the exact wording for the ad. GSV offers no warranty on the services of the advertisers.

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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We will send you replacement copies of *Vermont Genealogy* by first class mail for a small replacement fee of \$3.25 for each issue. Replacement copies of *The GSV Newsletter* will be forwarded at no charge. Thank you for letting us know of any address changes in advance. This helps keep costs down.

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include date, place, name & address of  
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after March 15 will be used in the August  
*Newsletter* if they are for reunions held  
after Sept. 1.

## IRISH AND IRISH IMMIGRANT RESOURCES AT THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

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### IMMIGRATION SOURCES AT FHL

#### Some Record Sources for Documenting Irish Immigrants in North America, and their availability at the Family History Library

Cemetery Records	many transcribed and microfilmed (e.g., St. Joseph's New Cemetery in Cincinnati)
Census Records	Federal, state (e.g. Massachusetts and New York), and local (e.g., New York 1890 Police) censuses
Church Records	Many Roman Catholic (e.g., entire Archdiocese of Chicago), Protestant, and other
Directories	Most American cities
Funeral Home Records	only a few
Genealogies	massive collection of published & manuscript family histories
Institutional Records	
Banks	e.g. Emigrant Savings Bank, New York City
Hospitals	some
Land Records	federal and state grants, county deed books
Military Records	Federal, state and colonial records (e.g., Pennsylvania Archives series for French & Indian War) for many conflicts
Naturalization Papers	Federal (district and circuit courts), state (e.g., California Great Registers), county, local; indexes covering New England and Chicago-area courts
Newspapers	very few
Occupational Records	published works
Passenger Lists	Federal lists from 1820 and others (many published); Canadian Border Crossings
Society Records	e.g. Grand Army of the Republic; 1840s repeal societies Lineage societies (e.g., Daughters of the American Revolution)
Tax Records	County and local records, many localities
Vital Records	State (e.g., Massachusetts, Vermont), county and municipal
Wills and Probates	State and county records

### IRELAND SOURCES AT THE FHL

*Cemetery Records:* Many published volumes of tombstone transcripts. Microfilm of the Mount Jerome Cemetery registers (Dublin City).

*Censuses and Census Substitutes:* The 1901 and 1911 censuses of Ireland. Census fragments of the nineteenth century, such as 1831 Co. Londonderry. Many census substitutes from the 1600s-1800s.

*Church Records:* Microfilm of church registers from about 1/3 of the Catholic parishes in Ireland; Quaker registers for all of Ireland (and the Jones Index to the Irish Quaker Monthly Meetings); few other Protestant church records.

*Civil Registration:* Microfilm copies of indexes to Irish civil registration from 1845 through 1958 (including for the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland). Also copies of many of the original registers of birth, marriage and death, although there are gaps in the collection.

*Computer Sources:* International Genealogical Index and Vital Records Index British Isles CD-ROM, together having early civil registration of births and marriages.

## IRELAND SOURCES AT THE FHL, continued

*Directories:* Country-wide and local town directories are available as books and/or on microfilm. Significant series of directories for Belfast and Dublin are included.

*Estate Records:* Relatively few are available, but some have been filmed at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast.

*Freeholders Registers:* Registers from several Irish repositories are available, including the Armagh County Museum, the Genealogical Office, and the PRONI. Copies of many old histories and periodicals with freeholders lists in them.

*Genealogies:* Most of the manuscripts of the Genealogical Office, Dublin, are available on microfilm.

*Inventories and Catalogs:* Descriptive catalogs of the PRONI, Belfast. Kew Lists for the Public Record Office in England. Many genealogical guides and inventories.

*Land Records:* Records of the Registry of Deeds from 1708-1929, along with indexes by the name of grantor and by the locality (such as townland), are available on microfilm from the FHL.

*Military Records:* Many British Army, Irish militia and yeomanry records microfilmed at the Public Record Office in England.

*Occupational Records:* Guild records for Dublin City and other cities. Royal Irish Constabulary records and indexes. Published records of attorneys and barristers and college graduates.

*Place Name Sources:* Published indexes to towns and townlands in Ireland, 1851, 1871, 1901.

*Reference Material:* Most Irish genealogy reference works and Irish county genealogy guides are available.

*Taxation Records:* Tithe Applotment Books (1823-1837). Griffith's Primary Valuation (1847-1864). Griffith's Revision Lists (circa 1850s to 1930s) for Republic of Ireland counties. Griffith's Valuation manuscript materials (field and house books) are now being microfilmed at the National Archives of Ireland.

*Wills and Administrations:* Indexes to pre-1858 records by diocese. Indexes to NAI and PRONI collections. Records and indexes by probate registry for post-1858 period.

## ACCESSING THE FHL IRISH COLLECTION

1. Family History Library Catalog (microfiche, computer, Internet): <<http://www.familysearch.org>>. Also available on the Internet web site is the Ancestral File and the International Genealogical Index.

Family History Library (FHL)  
35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 USA  
<http://www.familysearch.org>

2. *Ireland Research Outline*. Salt Lake City: Corp. of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1997. (Other country, state, and province outlines available also. Each is accessible on the [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) web site).

3. *Smith's Inventory of Genealogical Sources: Ireland*, by Frank Smith, arranged by county (Salt Lake City, UT: Corporation of the President, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1994).

4. Finding aids (books) prepared on specific record types by the library staff, such as *Register of Ireland General Registry Office Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1845-1959* (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1978).

5. Dwight A. Radford and Kyle J. Betit's *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors* (Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, 2001) discusses the records available at the FHL under the various Irish record sections.

6. Joyce Parsons and Jeanne Jensen's *Index to Irish Films at the Family History Library* (5 vols. Salt Lake City: by authors) gives FHL microfilm numbers from wills, land and court documents, genealogies, pedigrees, and other collections. This index is now available on CD-ROM. Volumes 1-3 and W are available in book form at the FHL.

7. Virginia Wade McAnlis' *The Consolidated Index to the Records of the Genealogical Office, Dublin, Ireland* (4 vols. Issaquah and Port Angeles, WA: by author, 1994-1997) indexes surnames found in GO material and gives corresponding FHL microfilm numbers.

8. **International Genealogical Index** computerized database.

9. *Vital Records Index - British Isles (Second Edition)* (CD-ROM, 2001).

## 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. xlvi + 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 name 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.

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