



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dates to remember

Saturday, October 18, 2003
GSV Membership Meeting
Vermont Technical College
Randolph Center, Vermont

Our fall meeting will be held at the attractive and conveniently located campus of Vermont Technical College (just off Exit 4 of I-89 at the geographic center of Vermont). The program includes two talks by Henry Hoff, Editor of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* and former editor of the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, a genealogist noted for his work on early New York families among other subjects. He will speak on "Coping with the Common Surname" during the first morning lecture slot, and on "When One Record is Wrong, But You Don't Know Which One" in the afternoon slot. The second morning lecture will be by Eric G. Grundset, Librarian of the D.A.R. Library in Washington, D.C. on "How Old Did They Have To Be...? Age Consideration in Interpreting the Records We Use." The meeting will be an excellent opportunity to hear from experts about the sorts of questions genealogists often face in doing research.

Registration fee of \$16.00 for GSV members and \$18.00 for non-members includes morning refreshments and lunch. Registration will start at 9:00 and a business meeting will start about 9:30 a.m.

You will have a post card reminder about this meeting, but you can send registration fees any time. We need to know by about October 1 if you plan to attend.

Thursday-Sunday, November 6-9, 2003
Seventh New England Regional
Genealogical Conference
Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort &
Conference Center

Old Silver Beach, 350 Quaker Road
North Falmouth, Massachusetts
02556-2943

Registration materials were sent to you with a previous issue of the *Newsletter*. We hope to see you there. Be sure to stop at the GSV booth - and, if possible, to volunteer some time helping staff it - and to attend Andre Senecal's lecture on "French Canadian Culture in Northern New England." which GSV sponsors, on Friday at 3:15 p.m.

VERMONT HISTORY EXPO

I am writing this at the midpoint of this two-day event, which has fast become a Vermont tradition. The number of organizations which work to preserve and celebrate aspects of Vermont history never ceases to amaze me: local historical societies, railroad fans, covered bridge fans, historic sites, libraries, museums, reenactors of just about every imaginable war, and others down the list. It is always a pleasure to be part of the event and to try to help out the many visitors to the GSV booth as they explore their Vermont family history.

It is also worthwhile to use this event to highlight the spectacular role that the Vermont Historical Society is playing in encouraging interest in Vermont's heritage. If you have not attended Vermont History Expo and if you have not seen the new VHS headquarters and library in Barre, be sure to do so. By the end of 2003 or early 2004, an expanded and improved museum of Vermont history will occupy the space which VHS used to use in Montpelier, except that the basement vault, where priceless collections were always at risk of being inundated, won't be part of the picture. Be sure to join VHS and, as your circumstances permit, to lend a hand to their annual fundraising for ongoing expenses as well as the Capital Campaign which is paying for the new facilities.

They aren't paying me to say this. Anyone who sees what they are doing will understand that they don't have to.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR GRAVESTONE STUDIES VERMONT CONFERENCE

The twenty-sixth annual conference of the Association for Gravestone Studies was held this year at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont, June 17th through the 22nd. The international conference was a success in every way. It was attended by at least 160 persons from 27 states, Canada and Slovenia. All enjoyed the scenic rural setting. The weather, for the most part, remained clear and comfortable which added to the enjoyment of those in attendance.

On Wednesday, a motor coach took members on a pre-conference tour of the Rock of Ages granite quarries and facilities and to Hope Cemetery where the work of many artisans was viewed. Joellen Mulvaney of the Barre Historical Society met the group at the cemetery and told the stories of the stones.

On Thursday, there was a conservation workshop held in the East Poultney cemetery which was led by Charles Marchant of VOCA. Quite a number of fallen down, leaning and or broken stones were repaired and reset.

Of special interest, Thursday evening, the key note address was given by a GSV

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member, Valerie H. Berberich of Wells, VT. Her slide accompanied lecture spanned her research on Zerubbabel Collins, one of the most well known and celebrated carvers of Vermont as well as New England, his marble quarry which predated Revolutionary times and his stone shop, both located in Shaftsbury, VT, and his workmanship as well as his many successors.

On Friday, everyone boarded the motor coaches for three separate tours to cemeteries in Salem and Cambridge, NY, Arlington, Manchester, Dorset, Fair Haven, Wallingford and Middletown Springs in addition to the Sheldon Red Slate quarry and Slate Valley Museum in Granville, NY and the Marble Museum in Proctor, VT.

Over the weekend, the conference schedule was filled with sessions and evening lectures which covered many aspects of cemetery research; using gravestones for genealogy, carver research, symbolism, conservation, photography, preservation, cemetery art, documentation, safe rubbing of stones and many other gravestone related topics.

All at AGS wish to thank GSV for their support of the conference and invite all to join us next year, June 24-27, 2004, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut.

WEATHERSFIELD GENEALOGICAL RECORDS TO BE AVAILABLE ON COMPUTER

by Rebecca Woodbury Tucker
and Edith F. Hunter

In 1987 Edith Hunter began compiling a genealogy file of the "old families of Weathersfield." As she did research for articles for the Society's newsletter she found herself searching, over & over again, for the birth, marriage and death dates of early Weathersfielders about whom she was writing. Who was the father of whom? Whom did he marry and when? She had faced the same problems when writing history articles for the *Weathersfield Weekly*.

To save herself time, she decided to start a genealogy file on "the old families of Weathersfield." A number of people

helped with the project adding information from many sources.

The approximate 8500 3"x5" genealogy file cards that have been generated have now been entered into Rebecca (Becky) Tucker's computer using "Brother's Keeper" genealogical software program. As of February 10th, Becky had entered nearly all of Edith's records, 15,000 names, with 5,197 marriages, so far. It will still be available on file cards at Edith's. Brother's Keeper is a shareware genealogical software program for Windows.

The plan is to have the records available for use by researchers at the library in the Dan Foster House during the summer. They will be available from Becky during the winter months.

Edith may be contacted at efh@sover.net and Becky at rwdbry@sover.net. The complete article may be found in *The Weathersfield (VT) Historical Society News Letter*, March 2003, p. 12.

MEETINGS

FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for Saturday October 4, 2003.

Please visit VOCA's web site at: <http://www.sover.net/~hwdbry/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

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 or visit www.NewEnglandAncestors.org. Click on Education, then on NEHGS Events for full information.

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The Vermont Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants holds two meetings a year, spring and fall. The Fall meeting will be Saturday, October 25, 2003.

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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GSV NEWS

QUERRIES INFORMATION

It has come to my attention that the addresses where to send the "Queries sent to GSV", noted in the last *Newlsetter*, were omitted. Send queries to The Bennington Museum, West Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201 or to the Vermont State Historical Society, 60 Washington Street, Barre, VT 05641-4209, where volunteers will attempt to answer your questions. Please do not send them to your editor or to GSV's address in St. Albans.

BOOK REVIEW POLICY

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GSV GRANT PROGRAM

GSV has a grant program that helps to preserve old records. One of the projects has been to microfilm the records. Thus far, we have microfilmed church records for Middletown and Jamaica. Vershire is in the process of being done.

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.

Do you know of any old records that should be microfilmed in order to preserve the information? If so, please contact one of the officers of GSV with details. If you have any questions, you may also contact us. Submitted by Joann H. Nichols, 110 Chestnut Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301-6579; 802-254-9554; jnichols@sover.net

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

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This award-winning first volume of a projected long series has stimulate 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 Out of print.

Volume 2

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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 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.

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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