



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dates to remember

GSV membership meeting
Saturday, October 16, 2004
9:30 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Rutland/Killington
476 Route 7 South
Rutland, Vermont

You will receive a post card mailing with details about speakers. The program will have the usual schedule: registration starting at about 9:30 a.m., a brief business meeting, two speakers before lunch, one speaker after lunch. Coffee break refreshments in the morning and luncheon are included in the cost of the program. Out-of-state members considering a foliage season visit to Vermont might want to put this meeting on their schedules.

Vermont Genealogy Workshops
Saturday, October 30, 2004
9:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.
Vermont History Center
Barre, Vermont

Sponsored jointly by the Vermont Historical Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Genealogical Society of Vermont, this will be a useful program for the beginning family historian as well as the more advanced researcher. There will be an introductory track including talks on "Getting Organized," "Census Records," "Computer Resources," "Military Pension Records," the major Vermont records repositories, and "Preparing Heritage Society Applications." Advanced workshops include speakers on Irish, French-Canadian, and Italian genealogy; "Using Town Records," and "Colonial Records from 1770-1850." Registration for members of GSV or other sponsoring organizations is \$20.00, including lunch. Non-members pay \$25.00. For information contact the Vermont Historical Society at 60 Washington Street, Barre, VT 05641-4209.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Thursday, March 31 - Sunday, April 3, 2005

Holiday Inn By the Bay
Portland, Maine

A stellar assortment of speakers is being lined up for this always popular event, co-sponsored by GSV. You will be receiving more information closer to the date.

At our April 2004 meeting, we raised the possibility of not having a Spring 2005 GSV membership meeting because of the proximity of dates to the NERGC event. The GSV Board has decided to have our regular meeting in late April or early May 2005. We hope to see you at both events.

Hemenway CD-ROM

New England Historic Genealogical Society has temporarily withdrawn from sale the CD-ROM edition of Abby Maria Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer. Scanning the content of the original six volumes into digital format proved more challenging than had been hoped for, and the result was an unfortunate mass of misspelled names and inadequate search capability. A new edition is planned, and purchasers of the first one will be invited to receive a copy of the revised edition without further charge.

GSV membership directory

A few people responded to our previous question about incorporating the membership directory on our Web site, with various degrees of discomfort. In an effort to err on the side of caution rather than incaution, we will hold off any plans to publish the list on the Web site until and unless we can establish a secure zone in which to place it.

BOOK REVIEW POLICY

Books for review should be sent to John A. Leppman, 20 Thwing Lane, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Please note the new mailing address.

RESEARCH REVIEW

David Kendall Martin, F.A.S.G.

Preparing a recent talk for the GSV Spring 2004 meeting gave me a chance to review certain points of basic genealogical research worth sharing with fellow researchers. While these points are commonly known, they are so vital to successful problem solving in many cases, I'll note them here:

1. Places frequently change names and boundaries, so it is important to know the history of where we are searching. A person can live in many places without moving.
2. We need to look in areas bordering our research site to pick up stray records.
3. Whenever possible, we should use original records (FHL microfilms will do), but as even they can be wrong, we need to use all available sources for a fact.
4. Many published vital records use records from many sources other than town records. Thus, we need to trace the origin of any printed vital record, often with a key provided in the text, before accepting that fact.
5. We mustn't confuse an intention date with a marriage date (less likely, but also

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important with birth and baptismal dates, death & burial dates).

6. Before 1752, a year for the date of a record in January, February, and March could well be the following year (e.g. 2 Feb. 1744 might be 2 Feb. 1745). Such confusion is avoided if the record is dated, for example, 2 Feb. 1744/45, as it often is.

7. If a person dies in his/her 58th year, for example, he/she really is aged 57.

8. Jr. and Sr. don't necessarily mean father and son, just that one person, maybe not even related, is younger than the other person of the same name. We should also remember that as time passes someone who was a jr. may become sr. when a still younger jr. appears and the original sr. moves or dies.

9. Verified cases show that in the 18th century New England, males might be as young as 9 or as old as 70 to serve in the military.

These, of course are but a few of the tips we need to keep in mind as we attempt to solve our problems. There are other areas where caution is in order, but perhaps these guidelines will help avoid some pitfalls.

THE BENNINGTON MUSEUM LIBRARY

The library has announced receipt of a collection of several hundred books and research papers on archaeology that will supplement its resources on history and genealogy.

The collection comes from Victor R. Rolando, who has been president of the American Archaeology Society, the Vermont Archaeology Society, and active in the Society for Industrial Archeology. Rolando is the author of "200 Years of Soot and Sweat: The History and Archaeology of Vermont's Iron, Charcoal and Lime Industries."

While the focus naturally reflects Rolando's interests in industrial history, his collection includes many books on town and county history that have been integrated into the library's shelves.

Rolando, who is retiring to Arizona, has lived in Manchester, Bennington and Shaftsbury after a career in Pittsfield, Mass., as a technical editor with General Electric's Aerospace Division.

Tyler Resch, Librarian

NORTHEAST KINGDOM RESOURCES

Northeast Kingdom researchers now have three new sources available to them.

Cemeteries of Lowell, Vermont, Robert M. Murphy, 2003. This 87-page document is a complete transcription of grave-stones in the three Lowell cemeteries, and contains maps showing each cemetery and an all-name index. In addition to the gravestone transcriptions, it also includes information from a card file maintained by the keepers of the St. Ignatius Cemetery.

Burial Permits, 1903-1960, Town of Lowell, Vermont, Robert M. Murphy, 2003. This 61-page document is a compilation of information from the first nine books of burial permits for Lowell. These books had not previously been indexed, and were therefore inconvenient to use as a source of genealogical information. In addition, they were available only at the Lowell Town Clerk's office. A complete all-name index appears at the end of the publication.

Genealogical Gleanings from the Orleans County Gazette, Irasburgh, Vermont, for the years 1850-1854, Robert M. Murphy, 2004. The Orleans County Gazette was published from 11 May 1850 through 3 June 1854, and contained many marriage and death records. This was at a time prior to the mandatory recording of vital records by the towns. Included in this 96-page document are extractions of marriage and death notices, miscellaneous articles detailing marriage, death and family relationship information, probate notices, liberation notices, etc. All information was obtained from microfilmed copies of the newspaper at the Vermont State Library in Montpelier. Both an all-name and a place index are included at the end.

These documents are all available at the Vermont History Center in Barre. In

addition, copies of the first two documents have been donated to the Lowell Town Clerk's office and the Lowell Historical Society, and a copy of the third is to be furnished to that society as well.

Bob Murphy

MEETINGS

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES, LEGENDS LIVE FOR- EVER, AUSTIN, TEXAS

September 8-11, 2004

A conference for the Nation's Genealogists. For more information call toll-free: 888-FGS-1500; fgs-office@fgs.org. To register on line go to www.fgs.org

FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for Saturday October 2, 2004.

The meeting will be held at the Congregational Church in the center of New Haven, VT. The church is 7 miles north of Middlebury. The cost for the meeting and the roast pork dinner is \$10. Mail your reservation to Mrs. Douglas Everest, 23 South St., New Haven, 05472, 802-453-3292 by September 27, 2004.

Please visit VOCA's web site at: <http://www.rovers.net/~hwdbr/voca> for registration information.

[This address is correct, but if you have a problem, go to the GSV site, www.rootsweb.com/~vtgsv, then link to VOCA.]

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

GETTING STARTED

This program is held the first **Wednesday** of every month, at 12 noon and 6 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, a tour of the 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" classes 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 10-17, 2004

Participants will be aided in their research by experienced and well known genealogists from the Society's staff who have frequently used the Family History Library and its resources.

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

CORRECTION TO THE FEBRUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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VG BACK ISSUES

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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.

Janet Induni, Treasurer

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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.

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

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The Vermont Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants holds two meetings a year, spring and fall.

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

e-mail: SAMatyas@aol.com.

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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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. Out of print.

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 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

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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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