



Editor's Note

Spring is clearly in the air, and it's time for genealogists to plan their road trips without fear of snow or sleet. I recall one cold weather research trip to Winhall, VT several years ago when I tramped through a cemetery wishing I had snow shoes.

Bob Murphy has written a short piece about Federal plans to restrict access to *all* vital records in the United States. In it he suggests three tactics to address concerns from a genealogist viewpoint. I do not fully agree with his second and third tactic as a response (we are already
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President's Message

Dates to Remember

Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, 2006, Vermont History Expo, Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, Vermont

GSV will be participating in this seventh annual running of one of Vermont's most thoroughly enjoyable events, as we have in each of the previous ones. The physical arrangements of Floral Hall will be modified somewhat, allowing, we hope, for better ventilation. (We also hope, of course, that the weather will be less stiflingly hot than it was last year.) Our participation will focus on assisting people with using computers to search for family history information. *GSV mem-*

bers who have some capability with on-line genealogy are urged to let us know, by e-mail, snail mail, or in person at the Spring meeting, if they can help out. Your President will be giving a brief talk on "Finding Family History in Unusual Places" on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. About seven other such talks on genealogy and related matters are scheduled for the weekend. Expo also features a huge variety of other historically related talks, demonstrations, book signings, parades, noisy cannons going off, and exhibits.

Even if you don't stop at the GSV booth, don't miss Vermont History Expo. I know of few experiences which do more to make you feel good

about being a Vermonter, or about being related to people who are or were Vermonters.

Wednesday to Saturday, August 30 – September 2, 2006

Federation of Genealogical Societies convention, Hynes Convention Center, Boston, Massachusetts

Saturday, October 21, 2006

GSV Fall Meeting

Place to be announced

We expect that the meeting will be in Chittenden or Franklin County. One speaker will be Diane Rapaport, author of *New England Court Records: A Research Guide for Gene-*

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Research Spotlight: Russell Collection, Arlington, VT

Nearly a century ago, what began as a young boy's interest in history turned into a lifetime of collecting. Dr. George A. Russell sought and stored documents, books, pictures, journals, genealogies, newspaper clippings, directories, and other memorabilia that reflected life in our nation's fourteenth state, and par-

ticularly the towns of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland.

Known to millions as the model for the kindly country physician immortalized in one of Norman Rockwell's most famous paintings, "The Family



Doctor," Dr. Russell was loved and trusted by the townspeople he cared for. Dr. Russell was especially proud of his Vermontiana Collection which offers a definitive collection of materials preserving Vermont heri-

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Seen In Passing 1...

The following epitaph was found in an issue of the *Arlington Gazette* from about 1817. The Arlington, Vermont newspaper was sold by annual subscription only for \$2.00, payable in advance. It lasted only two years, from 1816 to 1818.

"A Curious Inscription

On the tomb of Margaret Scott, who died at Dalkirth (sic) in Scotland, Feb. 1738, aged 125.

Stop passenger, until my life you read;
The living may get knowledge by the dead.
Five times five years, I lived a virgin's life,
Ten Times five years, I lived a virtuous wife;
Ten times five years, I lived a widow chaste;
Now, weary of this mortal life, I rest.
Between my cradle and my grave, have been
Eight mighty kings of Scotland, and a queen.
Four times five years, the common wealth I saw,
Ten times, the subjects rose against the
law;
Twice did I see old prelacy pull'd down,
And twice, the cloak was humbled by the
gown.
An end of Stuarts race I saw, nay more,
My native country sold for English ore,
Such [desolations] in my life have been,
I have the end of all perfection seen."



New Genealogical Resources

Bob Murphy has prepared and donated the following new materials to the Vermont History Center in Barre:

Vital Records from Central Vermont Newspapers for 2004, 2005., and *Vital Records from Central Vermont Newspapers for 2005, 2006*, both compiled by Robert M. Murphy. The compilations include births, marriages, deaths and more from the *Times Argus*, the *Journal Opinion* and the *World*.

Vital Records of Lowell, Vermont, 1857-1884, 2005, and *Vital Records of Lowell, Vermont, 1883-1904*, 2006, both compiled by Robert M. Murphy. The compilations are from town records, and include most information relevant to genealogists.

Early Deeds of Kelleyvale (later Lowell), Vt., 1812-1835, compiled by Robert M. Murphy, 2005. This compilation includes names of all individuals named in the first two volumes of deeds in Lowell. Grantees, grantors, adjoining property owners, and others are all listed and are included in an every-name index.

Annotated Census Records for Lowell, Vt., 1810-1840, by Robert M. Murphy, 2006. This somewhat ambitious project attempted to identify all of the unidentified folks in the early Lowell censuses, when only the head of household's name was given. Although many households were relatively easy to construct, others were more of a challenge, and some quite impossible. The author would be interested in learning more about these family groups from others who may have more information.

Seen In Passing 2...

As I was driving to Middlebury one Saturday morning for a seminar I passed an interesting cemetery with a sign advertising a little used alternative to burial, taxidermy. Perhaps it was popular in the area since no new burials or gravestones were observed. Anyone that would like a photograph is welcome to write the editor.

Do you know how the d'Aboville numbering system is organized? Look in the next issue for an explanation.

Vermont Old Cemetery Association Meeting Details

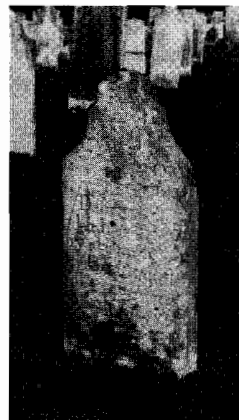
The Vermont Old Cemetery Association will meet at 10 o'clock Saturday May 6th at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Church at 21 Fairground Road. This meeting is open to the public, as is the 1 p.m. talk by Amanda Page and Jon Soule on *Springfield's Cemeteries*

and the People Buried There.

Ms Page has been a member and curator of the Springfield Art & Historical Society, and is today a member of the board of directors. Amanda and Jon are historians and partners in J. P. Soule Historic Clothiers. According to their website the company makes "17th, 18th and 19th century civilian and military clothing for the living history community, museums and the film

industry." The Clothiers web site is www.jpsoule.com.

Lunch will be a turkey dinner served at noon. Reservations cost \$10.00 and may be made by calling Rebecca Tucker at (802) 228-8753 or by mailing a check made out to "UU Church," c/o: Rebecca W. Tucker, 1375 South Hill, Ludlow, VT 05149. Vegetarian meals will be available with prior notice.



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tage.

By 1954 the collection exhausted the available storage space in his home. With the help of the townspeople of Arlington an annex was added to the Martha Canfield Library to house the material. When a new library was built in 1996 it included a special climate controlled area on the second floor to house the collection. The library and all floors are handicapped accessible by means of exterior ramps and an interior elevator.

The Russell Collection contains material from the earliest days of the settlement of the three towns. Merchant ledgers date from before the Revolutionary War and list the earliest inhabitants. Several pay stubs from the Revolutionary War are included as well as the earliest school lists from 1797 or so. Freeman lists, voter lists, militia records and the very first Arlington library association records (from 1803) are also found in the materials. Other

items include journals and diaries, justice writs, cemetery and vital records compiled for the three sister towns, and a large photograph collection. The small focused microfilm collection includes census images, newspaper film, a copy of the micro-filmed Manchester probate index and first seven volumes of records as well as a reader and printer.

The collection is in the early stages of being indexed by name and subject headings to allow better access and use of the materials. This is also expected to preserve the life and quality of the collection by reducing unnecessary wear and tear of the materials by physical handling. The book part of the collection is largely searchable through the Martha Canfield Free Library electronic catalog. This can be accessed both online through the Vermont Automated Library System (VALS) and on site through our own catalog. Genealogy researchers can access Heritage Quest services through a membership subscription

sponsored by the State of Vermont Library system.

Russell Collection hours are Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment. The curator, Bill Budde, can be reached by phone at (802) 375-6153 or e-mail at Russell_Vermontiana_Collection@hotmail.com. The Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library is located a half mile east of Vermont Route 7A at 528 East Arlington Road, Arlington. The Mail address is Russell Collec-

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involved in these activities), but strongly urge everyone with a concern about freedom of access to write their state and federal representatives in no uncertain terms, pro or con.

From time to time I teach a three credit undergraduate Intro to Genealogy course at the Bennington Community College of Vermont. One topic that is fun to discuss involves the variety of numbering systems that have been used over the years. A few examples of home grown numbering schemes is often enough to point out the advantages of using the Register or NGSQ formats. I will present two or three of the more complicated systems in the next issue. If you love solving cryptograms or quadratic equations you may enjoy this article.

I have included my first presentation of a Vermont repository with the Russell Collection of Arlington, Vermont. If you Know of a library or collection that you feel deserves more attention please feel free to suggest or, better yet, write up a short summary of the collection. Be sure to include the basics (hours, location and contact information) along with the more important details: why does it deserve attention, what are the collection strengths (and weaknesses), what types of material does the collection contain.

Take care, Bill

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alogists and Historians, which may well be this year's best and most important new reference book for New England genealogists.

Thursday to Sunday, April 26 – 29, 2007, New England Regional Genealogical Conference, Connecticut Convention Center and Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut

Planning for this conference moves ahead, and it is expected to be even bigger and better than previous NERGC events.

GSV Nominating Committee

Larry Washington, Becky Tucker, Jonathan Stevens, and Robert Rodgers have been appointed as a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for GSV at the Fall meet-

ing. If you have ideas on who your officers should be and what they should be doing, they will be interested in hearing from you. Send your nominations, suggestions and ideas to GSV, P. O. Box 1553, St. Albans, VT 05478-1006. Be sure to write "Nominations" on the envelop.

Vermont State Archives on line

An important, but probably under-utilized, source of information on eighteenth-century Vermonters, is the Nye Index of materials in the manuscript Vermont State Papers from the eighteenth century. The original index, compiled in 1927-1950 by Mary Greene Nye, contains more than 53,000 cards. This is now available on line at <http://vermont-archives.org/database>. Indexes to nineteenth-century State Papers information will be added as time and resources allow.

Reunion Notices

Bump—The *51st Triennial Reunion of the Descendants of Salathiel's Bump* of Salisbury, Vermont (1760-1842) will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2006, 11 a.m., at Waterhouse's Beach and Marina on Lake Dunmore, Salisbury, VT. All descendants of Edouard¹ Bumpasse of Plymouth Colony, 1621, are welcome. For further information please contact Audrey S. Pratt at 3 Piping Rock Circle, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 or rprratt01@nycap.rr.com.

Hildreth—The 2006 *Hildreth Family Reunion* will be held in England from October 12th to 23rd. The event is sponsored by the Hildreth Family Association. The schedule begins with an overnight flight to England on October 12th, the main part of the excursion will take place from October 13 to 20 with a return flight to the United States on October 20th. An optional extension is available from the October 20 to 23, with the return flight on the 23rd. For further information please contact Ron Hilreth at 171 Whitehall

Blvd., Garden City, NY 11530; by phone at (516) 248-7877; by fax at (518) 248-0138; or e-mail at ronaldbhildreth@aol.com.

Towne—The *26th Annual Reunion and Meeting of the Descendants of William and Joanna Blessing Towne*, including the collateral lines of Nurse, Estey, Bridges, Barton, Cloyes, Perkins, Cummings, etc. will be held at the Colony Inn, 1157 Chapel St., New Haven, CT 06511-4892 (1-800-458-8810) from September 14 to 17. Information on the meeting is available from Wayne M. Riggle, 2303 Appalachian Blvd., Arden, NC 28704 or by e-mail at rigglew@bellsouth.net. Membership information is available from Virginia Towne at 15237 Pine Drive, Renton, WA 98058 or by e-mail at vtowne@cas.washington.edu.

Snell—An organizing meeting for *The Descendants of Thomas Snell of Wiltshire, England* will be held at the Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA on July 22. Thomas arrived in Salem,

Massachusetts in 1639 and moved to West Bridgewater by 1665. Since there is no active Thomas Snell Family organization, the July meeting will plan for a formal Snell Reunion to be held in 2009. The July 22nd meeting will begin with registration at noon followed by a buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. Small groups meetings will begin at 2:00 p.m. to plan for both a Family Association and a Family Reunion with groups to reconvene at 4:00. Evening activities include cocktails and dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. For further information contact Stephen H. Snell, 1106 Belle View Blvd., #C2, Alexandria, VA 22307; phone: (703) 768-4708; or e-mail:



Plans to Deny Access To Vital Records

By Bob Murphy

It seems that there is more and more talk of the closure of vital records to genealogists in the names of identity theft prevention and national security. The fact that neither of these concerns is well founded does not deter those who would place vital records out of sight of our eyes. There is talk of making it illegal for towns to include vital records in their annual reports, for these same reasons. Will newspapers be prohibited from announcing births, weddings and deaths in the future? This all seems pretty silly and improbable, but doesn't that describe much of what governments do? How can we as genealogists deal with this possible impending disaster?

The first tactic is by keeping in contact with your elected representatives to let them know of your concerns and to ensure that they do not

get caught up in this latest push to more governmental secrecy.

A second tactic, one I have already embarked on, is to capture as many vital records as we can while we can, and then make the records available to researchers at public libraries and the Vermont History Center. I would encourage everyone to "adopt" a town, and begin capturing birth, marriage and death information. Many believe that records prior to 1934 will remain open, so perhaps it would be productive to begin with 1930 records and work forward from there. In my work, I began some time ago in Lowell, and have captured most records up to that time, and will continue to transcribe as many as I can until the door is closed. Copies of my completed "books" are given to VHS and to the Lowell Historical Society, so

that even if the official records are sealed the information will still be available. The town clerk in Lowell has been gracious in granting me access to anything they have.

A third tactic that can be pursued at any time is the indexing of vital records from newspapers. In January of 2004 I began transcribing information from newspapers in the Barre area (the *Times Argus*, the *World* and the *Journal Opinion*, a Bradford newspaper). There are only a limited number of newspapers in Vermont, so I would encourage those who subscribe to those papers to begin collecting information so that it will be accessible to future researchers. By covering all Vermont newspapers, we would, of course, not collect all vital records in Vermont, but it would include a significant portion of them, especially deaths.

New England Meeting Announcements

April 29, 2006—GSV meeting, please note the date change from the one previously announced. The speakers are yet to be announced but the location is expected to be in southwestern Vermont.

May 6, 2006—Vermont Old Cemetery Association— the meeting will be held at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Church. See the article in this issue for details.

May 20—Connecticut Society of Genealogists The Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held in Berlin, CT. Presentations will include *Migration Routes and Settlement Patterns* and *New York Genealogical Research*. Contact CSG at (860) 569-0002 or www.csginc.org.

June 2006— The Dublin Seminars, Dublin NH. The theme this year is *New England Diaries*.

June 24—25, 2006, Saturday & Sunday. Vermont History Expo at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds.

August 30—The **Association of Professional Genealogists Professional Management Conference**, is held in conjunction with the FGS 2006 conference below. See www.apgen.org for details and speakers.

August 30—September 2, 2006, Federation of Genealogical Societies Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA. This will be *the* major New England genealogical event for 2006. GSV tentatively plans to be on hand. Website: www.fgs.org

April 26—29, 2007—New England Regional Genealogical Conference— Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT. For those who like to have their calendars set up well in advance, be sure this conference is penciled in. Judging from the venue alone it promises to be the biggest NERGC event ever. If you have a presentation you would like to have considered for the program, please contact Allison L. Ryall, 32 Arundell Road, Ray-

mond, ME 04071 (Allison@allisonryall.com), and please put "NERGC" in the subject line. Deadline for proposal submissions is **March 1, 2006**. Visit their website at: www.nergc.org

Ongoing

New England Historic Genealogical Society. Website: www.NewEnglandAncestors.org.

"Getting Started." This program is held the first Wednesday of every month, at noon and 6:00 p.m. at 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA. The free program provides an introduction to NEHGS, tips on beginning your family research, and an introduction to library staff. Nonmembers are admitted free and no registration is required.

"Genealogy In A Nutshell." These are short, one hour lectures on a variety of genealogical topics presented at 101 Newbury Street from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. No registration is required.

Nye Index Available Online

The Vermont State Archives has announced that the first installment of the Nye Index is now available as a searchable online database. The index was originally developed by Mary Greene Nye while she was the editor of the Vermont State Papers from 1927 to 1950.

The index was prepared from more than 53,000 index cards that include all 18th century records in the State Papers. Searches may be formatted by surname, record description and date.

The archives also announced the release of the beta version of a collection of searchable public databases called Vermont State Archives ONLINE. This is part of an effort to increase public access and use of the records. More information is available at <http://vermont-archives.org/database/>

Member Letters

Member Nancy Dodge had her own tale to share about last issues 'same sex' marriage:

"Thought you might get a kick out of this after reading your column about civil unions, etc. in the February newsletter.

The official marriage record filed in Concord, NH says that Phinehas Hodgdon married at Greenland, NH 5 December 1782 Hezekiah Nutter. (Phinehas is my 5-times great paternal grandfather.) I'm here to tell you 2 things about that marriage. The first is that I AM here, so these were not 2 gay men.

The second is that Phineas and his wife (Keziah) had a whole bunch of kids, and Keziah who died 11

November 1817 is buried next to Phinehas (a Revolutionary War veteran.) who died 21 February 1845, both in Lancaster, NH.

This marriage record has caused much hilarity among the many descendants of Phinehas and Keziah, and is a good example of why even "official" records can be suspect. I even have an official and notarized record out of Vermont which would make a pair of maternal grandparents brother and sister."

Nancy's experience is a good example of errors that creep into the records for any number of reasons. Errors like this could be due to a clerk's poorly developed skills in reading difficult penmanship, transcription errors that occur when clerks are interrupted, or a lack of concern about the accuracy of someone's work.

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Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 2.
Scott A. Bartley, ed., 1997, 304 pp.,
hardbound.

GSV 5, \$27.00 members, \$30.00
non-members.

This second volume covers 107 families, has improved formatting and more complete information on the third generation of early Vermonsters.

Vital Records of Putney, Vermont to the Year 1900. Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens, 1992, 406 pp.

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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.

Vital Records of Rockingham, Vermont and the Records of the First Church of Rockingham.
Reprinted from the early 1902 and 1908 first editions, newly indexed by Christopher T. Norris and Scott A. Bartley, 323 pp., hardbound.

GSV 3, \$27.00 members, \$30.00
non-members.

Reprinted from the rare first editions of 1908 and 1902, this is an important source of 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.

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records.
Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound.

GSV 4, \$27.00 members, \$30.00
nonmembers.

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, and Methodist Church of Georgia and North Fairfax.

Windsor County, Vermont Probate Index, 1778-1899. Scott Andrew Bartley and Marjorie-J. Bartley, compilers, 2000, 560 pp., hardbound.

GSV 6, \$45.00 members, \$50.00
nonmembers.

This compilation is a comprehensive index of all files in the two Probate Court Districts of Windsor County—Windsor and Hartford. The records cover the period from the earliest records in 1778 through the end of the nineteenth century,

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more than 20,000 probate files. The
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residence, probate district, type of
record, year, and volume in which
the record is found.

Index to Branches & Twigs,
1972—1995. Robert M. Murphy, ed.
2000, 572 pp., hardbound.

GSV 7, \$58.50 members, \$65.00
nonmembers.

The long-awaited every-name index
to GSV's *Branches & Twigs*, pub-
lished for 24 years in 96 issues. The
180,000 name entries include every
name mentioned in every issue, ex-
cept those cited in connection with
Society business, those mentioned
in a purely casual historical context,
and the ancestry service ("Apple
Orchard") feature, which was alpha-
betically arranged. Separate sec-
tions of this work list the coverage
of each Apple Orchard installment,
and provide a full author and title
index to book reviews. *Branches &
Twigs* included immense quantities
of information of interest to Ver-
mont family historians.

***Sudbury, Vermont: Transcrip-
tion of Vital Records and Gene-
alogies of Residents.*** Mary Ann Z.
Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound.

GSV 9, \$44.55 members, 49.50 non-
members.

This book is a comprehensive tran-
scription 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 genea-
logical resources available about a
Vermont town. This is a cooperative
publication between GSV and Pic-
ton Press.

***A Bibliography for Vermont Ge-
nealogy, 2nd edition.*** John A.
Leppman, 2005, softbound.

GSV 10, \$9.00 members, \$10.00
nonmembers. Mail orders should
add \$1.50 for postage and handling,
not the \$3.50 normally charged.

A new second edition of *A Bibliogra-
phy for Vermont Genealogy* was un-
veiled at the New England Regional
Genealogical Conference in April
2005. It includes about ten percent
more listings than the first edition,
mostly of material published since
2000. It is keyed to Drew Bartley's
*Genealogies Found in Vermont His-
tories* (Vol. 10, no. 1 of *Vermont Ge-
nealogy*, also designated GSV publi-
cation number 10.).

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