



New England Meeting Announcements

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

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President's Message

Dates to Remember

Saturday, October 21, 2006: GSV Fall Meeting. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. Business meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Windjammer Inn and Conference Center, Montreal Room, 1076 Williston Road, South Burlington, Vermont

An informative and lively program is planned for our fall meeting. **Diane Rapaport**, author of *New England Court Records*, which is this year's "must have" reference book for the genealogist with New England interests, will be speaking on "Finding Ancestors in New England Court Records." While her talk will use Vermont examples, it will cover New England in more general

terms. An attorney, Ms. Rapaport has the expertise to inform the beginner and the experienced genealogist about what court records mean and how to find and use them.

Richard McCoy from the Vermont Department of Health will speak on new federal regulations concerning access to vital records and their potential impact on genealogical research. This was a topic which generated lively discussion at our spring meeting, and we promised we would do what we could to keep our members informed about the new laws and regulations, and about what we might be able to do to change circumstances which concern us. A third speaker is being determined as this goes to

press. A mailing before the meeting will confirm the full program.

Election of Officers for the forthcoming two-year term will also take place at this meeting. A ballot will be sent to members ahead of the meeting, permitting you to vote *in absentia*, but we'd like to see you in person.

The Windjammer Inn and Conference Center is located just off Williston Road, on the north side of the road (a left turn if you are coming from I-89) a short distance east (away from Burlington) from the intersections of I-89 and Dorset Street.

The cost of the meeting will be \$20 for GSV members and \$25 for non-members
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D'Aboville Numbering System

The d'Aboville numbering style has become one of those quaint ideas once popular for numbering genealogies. Anyone familiar with the Henry Number style will recognize the pattern of the d'Aboville method.

According to the *Encyclopedia of*

Genealogy the Henry style was developed by Reginald Buchanan Henry. The first person in the genealogy is numbered 1. Children of this person are assigned numbers in birth order in the second number place. For example, if I started with myself I would be number 1 and my daughter would be

number 1 in her generation—this would be written as 11 (the first number indicates the first generation, the second the second generation.). If I had a son next he would be numbered 12 where the "1" indicates the first generation and the "2" the second child born to me in the second

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The Encyclopedia of Genealogy

While researching numbering styles I happened upon a site I had not used before, *The Encyclopedia of Genealogy*, located at <http://eogen.com/>. The site is sponsored by Dick Eastman's website, Easton's Online Genealogy Newsletter.

Entries in the encyclopedia are provided by readers in their areas of expertise or interest. Other readers are able to add to or modify the entries to provide clarity or more information, making this an ongoing, evolving work that always changes. In this sense it is similar to the established www.Wikipedia.org or people's encyclopedia whose motto is "the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit"

Despite it's youth the Eastman site is worth a visit. It includes useful links to other sites and has Announcement and other news pages.

Contributions to the Permanent Fund

Our thanks for contributions to the Permanent Fund go out to Cliff Bresett and Vernon Person.

New & Reinstated Members

The Genealogical Society of Vermont welcomes the following new and reinstated members:

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generation.

My younger brother would be given the number 2 to indicate he is the second born in the first generation. His first three children would be numbered, in order of birth, 21, 22, and 23.

Henry numbers simply increase by one for each child born in a family up to nine children. After nine children the use of two digit numbers to number the children becomes a problem because of the rules. The prime rule states that each individual in a generation is assigned a single digit to indicate their birth order in the family. The use of two digits for the tenth child would throw the spacing off. Often the problem is resolved by using

letters to indicate the children in birth order ten and above. If my brother had eleven children they would be numbered 29 (the ninth child), 2A and 2B (the tenth and eleventh children.). The Encyclopedia notes that parenthesis are sometimes used to resolve the problem with children above ten. The tenth child would be numbered 2(10), the eleventh 2(11), and so on.

D'Aboville numbers differ in one respect—generations are separated by a period or hyphen. My daughter's children would be numbered 1.2.1, 1.2.2 and so on. Families with more than nine children would simply continue with consecutive numbers. In my brothers case above his tenth and eleventh children would be 2.10 and 2.11. This is a much clearer and

simpler system than the Henry numbering, but still becomes cumbersome as the generations increase. The tenth child in the tenth generation could have a number something like this: 1.4.2.12.6.9.14.7.3.10.

I once found a genealogy that alternated numbers and letters in such a way as to be nearly unreadable. The most recent family members had a list of digits and letters that required comparing combinations up to ten or eleven digits long in order to locate the father of a family member. Errors were very easy to make and it required the patience of Job to follow a line of ascent back to the earliest known ancestor.

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December 6, 2006, Intro to Genealogy, Bennington CCV This is a three credit undergraduate course taught by Bill Budde during the Fall semester. For further information contact the college at (802) 447-2361 or online at <http://www.ccv.vsc.edu/>

September 22, 23, 24, 2006—Scottish Genealogy, History and Culture Seminars, New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH. Diane Rapaport will present **The Case of the Scottish Rogue—and Other Tales of Colonial Scots** and Bill Budde will present **More Bang for Your Genealogy Buck and Researching Scottish Military Records Online.** Diane Rapaport's seminar will bring our colonial Scots ancestors to life in this illustrated program of true stories—amusing, poignant, shocking—from early New England court records and other historical sources. These feisty characters prove that human nature changes little, no matter how many centuries pass. Bill's seminars will focus on online resources that can help you save money and use your research time in Scotland more efficiently and Scottish military research.

September 30, 2006—Life In The Past Lane III, The 3rd annual full day genealogy conference presented by the *Friends of the Silvio O. Conte National Archives.* Crown Plaza Hotel, One West Street, Pittsfield, MA. Presenters at the conference should be familiar to New England researchers. Jean Nudd, archivist at the NARA in Pittsfield will present "Where'd They Go? Finding Ancestral Migrations in Federal Records." Sharon Sargeant will talk on "Using Maps in Migration Research" and "Melding 'Old' Genealogy Methods with New Technologies." Maureen Taylor will speak on "Identifying and Dating Family Photographs" and "Discovering Genealogical Clues in 19th Century Photographs." Cost is \$45 until August 25, \$55 after and include



morning coffee and muffins and a buffet lunch.

October 4—25, 2006—"Witches, Rakes, and Rogues: True Stories of Scam, Scandal, Murder, & Mayhem in Boston, 1630-1775." Presented by the Director of the NEHGS D. Brenton Simons through Beacon Hill Seminars, Boston, MA. The seminar consists of 4 two hour meetings on Wednesdays from 10 am—noon. For further information call (617) 523-0970 or visit the website at <http://www.beaconhillseminars.org/courses.php?id=72>

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. You can now make reservations for the Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel for this conference. The conference room rate is \$125 per night, single or double. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m., check-out time 11:00 a.m. Toll-free number for reservations is 1-866-373-9806. The hotel's Web site is <http://www.hartfordmarriott.com>. We will more information as it becomes available. The conference web site is www.nergc.org.

Ongoing

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

HisGen has started a series of ongoing online classes that can be found at http://www.newenglandancestors.org/education/main/online_lectures.asp. Updated as needed, the current list of seven online seminars includes "Getting Started in Genealogy,

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members. As prices for our meetings tend to rise over time, it is important to point out that GSV subsidizes the cost of the meeting for members and doesn't quite break even for non-members, particularly when accounting for the cost of speakers as well as meals and accommodations. We feel that these subsidies are an appropriate use of our organization's resources, but we can't extend them to an unrealistic level.

Town Clerk of the Year

We've gone a couple of years without making this award, but it is one of the traditions of GSV to recognize Vermont town clerks who go the extra mile in helping out family history researchers. It may come as a surprise to most of us, but keeping genealogical records is not the only task on the agenda of town clerks, nor even the most important one. When they go out of their way to make our research more productive, they deserve a special thank you.

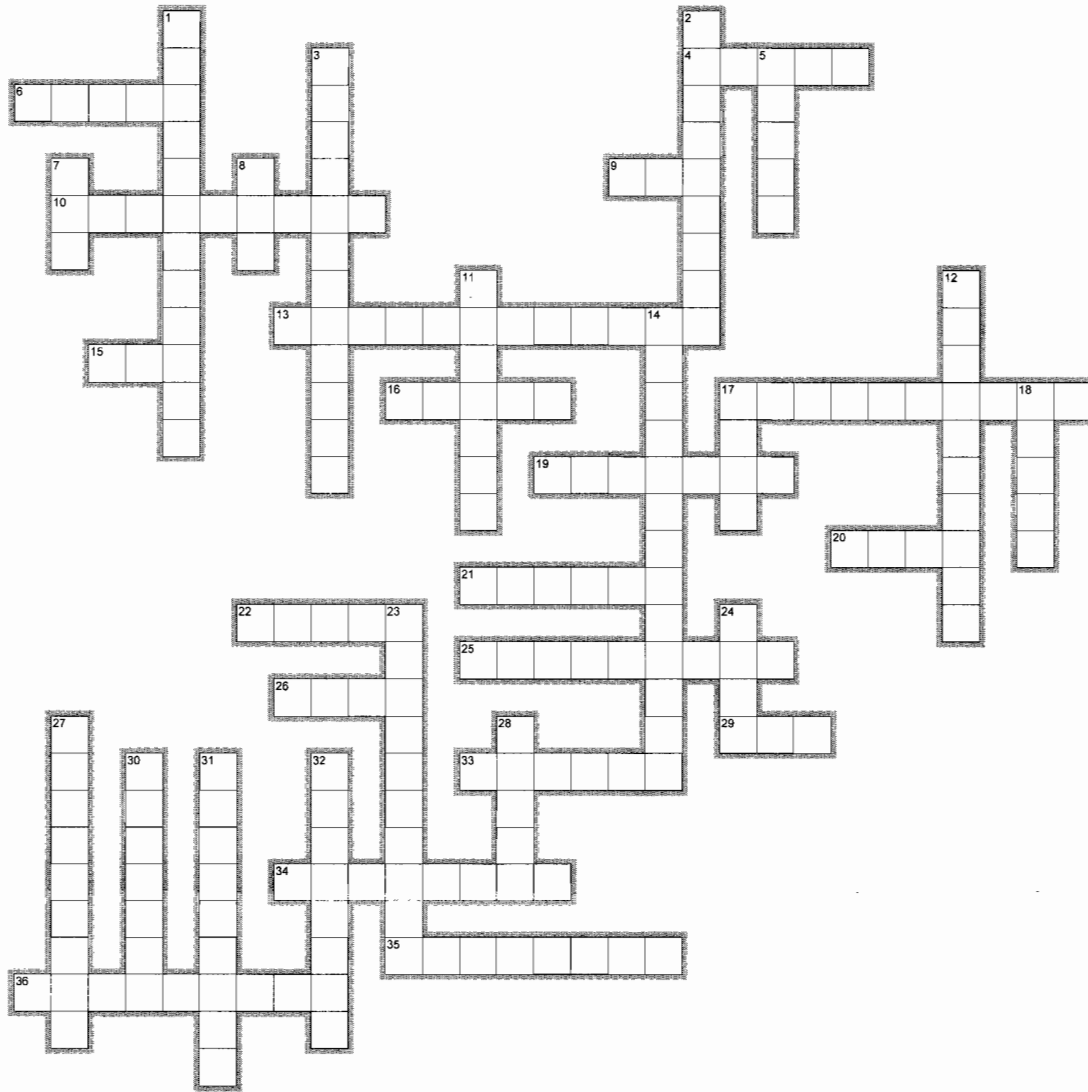
If you have a nomination for a Vermont town clerk who you feel has been especially helpful, send a brief letter to us. It can go to the GSV post office box address or to me personally (John Leppman, 20 Thwing Lane, Bellows Falls, VT 05101) or by e-mail (john.a.leppman@dartmouth.edu) and should reach me by September 1 at the very latest. Thanks!

Dues

Thanks to all who got their 2006-7 dues in early this year and saved a few dollars in the process. Please remember that dues are now \$25 per year.



THE GSV PUZZLE 1



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Across

4. Wow someone.
6. AKA 101 Newbury St.
9. Green Mt. kin finders.
10. One way west in the 19th century (2 words).
13. Early photographic process.
15. Newest way to connect two parallel lines.
16. Contact her if you want to find a genealogical website.
17. Sinclair Lewis book about a young doctor.
19. Well known genealogical journal editor.
20. A plan for land.
21. Old calendar?
22. Her's mud in yer eye!
25. Epidemic disease with bloody diarrhea.
26. Grand daddy of Amer. archives.
29. Sounds like 'pi'
33. Like a finger print.
34. Ancestral line.
35. One who left their homeland.
36. Will leaver.

Down

1. Early NYC immigration center.
2. 1.2.4.12.2
3. Author of genealogical frauds (2 words).
5. Other name.
7. English archives location
8. Mountain pass.
11. One giving a right.
12. Census taker.
14. Eldest right of inheritance.
17. Adjacent to.
18. Watch out for these in cemeteries.
23. Copy an original document into a readable format.
24. Type of chart that falls directly from me to my Mayflower ancestor.
27. Richard Warren was a passenger on this ship.
28. Parents male sibling
30. AKA the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints.
31. First hard-wired internet?
32. Final resting place for many.

Dick Eastman

Expanding the Reach of Genealogy Societies and Conferences

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://blog.eogn.com/>.

WARNING: *This article contains personal opinions. The intended audience for this article is the members and officers of genealogy societies.*

There are two contradictory "facts" floating around among genealogy societies, points that I hear discussed at almost all the genealogy conferences and meetings that I attend:

Fact #1: Genealogy is more

genealogy society booths at two different non-genealogy events, one with a few thousand attendees and another with more than one million attendees. I also was a visitor a few months ago at a non-genealogy event where five or six genealogy societies had booths and talked to hundreds of non-genealogists.

Over the past eighteen years I have attended 80 or 90 regional, national, and international genealogy conferences and have visited several dozen genealogy societies. I have seen some ideas that worked well, some that did not work so well, and a few that totally fizzled. I am not sure if I am an expert in the topic of shrinking attendance, but a few

members of genealogy societies) go to genealogy conventions to advertise our services and products, we are "preaching to the choir." Who goes to genealogy conventions? The long-time genealogists who already know about our products and services! Yes, the attendees at genealogy conferences typically are those who have been researching their family trees for some time. They probably already know about your society and made a determination some time ago whether or not to join. The bigger the conference and the more people attracted, the truer this seems to be.

For instance, I have attended seventeen of the last eighteen annual national conferences of the U.S. National Genealogical Society. I have also attended about two-thirds of the Federation of Genealogical Society's national conferences in the past eighteen years, as well as every single GENTECH conference ever held. You know who I saw at this year's conferences? Mostly the same people that I saw last year and the year before. Some of those faces look very familiar; in many cases I think I have been seeing the same faces for eighteen years! These are the people who already know about the services of your society. Exhibiting at national and local genealogical conferences may be a desirable thing, but it does not attract many new members!

Our next issue will contain the conclusion to Eastman's article, including his recommendations.

To Be Continued.

GSV Publications

The society offers the following publications for purchase by our members and readers. GSV members receive a 10% discount on the purchase price. Postage and handling is extra—please add \$3.50 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item in the same order to the same address. Please add the Vermont Sales Tax, calculated at 6% of the merchandise cost, for orders sent to a Vermont address. Mail your checks, payable to GSV, to:

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Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 1.
Scott A. Bartley, ed., 1992, 281 pp.,
hardbound. **Out of print.**

GSV 1, \$27.00 members; \$30.00
non-members.

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.

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

GSV 5, \$27.00 members, \$30.00
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This second volume covers 107 families, has improved formatting and more complete information on the third generation of early Vermonters.

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

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non-members.

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

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Member Research Directory.

Janet E. Induni, compiler, 1998, pp.
63, paper. For GSV members only.

GSV 5, \$3.00.

The directory lists addresses and
research interests for a majority of
the GSV membership. Each mem-
ber listed in the directory provided
up to five surnames of Vermont
families on which he or she might
like to share information.

**Windsor County, Vermont Pro-
bate Index, 1778-1899.** Scott An-
drew 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,
more than 20,000 probate files. The
files are indexed by the name of the
major party in the case, place of
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
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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
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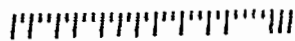
**A Bibliography for Vermont Ge-
nealogy, 2nd edition.** John A.
Leppman, 2005, softbound.

GSV 10, \$9.00 members, \$10.00
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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-
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missions and queries to *Vermont Genealogy* and items for the *Newsletter*, should be sent to the St. Albans address given on the order form on page 4.

Nims Family Association Meeting

The Nims Family Association will meet September 29—30, 2006 at the White Church, Deerfield, Massachusetts. For further information you may contact Ronald Graham, President, 5344 Hickory Ridge, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23455-6680; phone: (757) 499-9991.

Correction

In the February 2006 issue we incorrectly spelled Donnelly as Downelly. Please note the correction. Thanks to Sandra Bishop for catching the error.

What number in genealogy follows the same pattern of increase seen when additional RAM is added to a computer?

Advertising

Descendants of Willoughby Nason of Ipswich, Massachusetts, authored by GSV member Douglas W. Chase. Of interest to those with Vermont roots are William Nason of Rochester (see *Vermont Genealogy*, 8:2-4), Elijah Nason of Plymouth, Horace Nason of Middlebury and elsewhere, and John Nason of Westbury, Quebec. Maternal connections include early Stowe and Thompson families of Berkshire and the Ellsworth family of Westford.

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