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Spring has arrived by the calendar, but when I look out the window it still seems to be winter. Weather in New England is always a curious thing and to paraphrase Mark Twain, if you wait a few minutes it is bound to change.

GSV's spring membership will be held on May 19, 2018, at the **Middletown Springs Historical Society located at 4 Park Avenue in Middletown Springs, Vermont** (*see page 3 for directions from various locations in Vermont that we hope will be helpful*) Registration begins at 9:30 am. The speakers are: Jon Mathewson: **"The Woodscrape: A Case of Religious Fervor in Vermont,"** Nora Rubinstein: **"The Tool and the Tool-Maker: The Stories of Vermont Quaker Wheelwright Samuel Morison"** and Kevin P. Thornton: **"Political Messages in Ordinary Things, 1800-1860."** The luncheon will be catered by Sissy's Kitchen, a fantastic local eatery in Middletown Springs. A local garden club event will also be held during the morning concurrently during the morning with the GSV meeting at the historical society and as a result coffee and pastries will be available for purchase. Registration for the meeting is \$25 for GSV members and \$30 for non-members. For the

first time are also offering a special rate of \$50 for married couples, if one is a member of GSV. Please register by May 11, 2018. The registration deadline is so we have a headcount for the luncheon. However if the deadline passes and you would still like to attend and have not registered, please email me at stevens@vermontel.net to indicate that that you will be attending.

Jon Mathewson Since receiving his Masters in History from the University of Vermont in 1989, Jon Mathewson has worked with private and public historical collections. Since 2011, he has been the Curator at the Bley House Museum of the Dorset Historical Society. He is also the Vice-President of the Middletown Springs Historical Society.

Nora Rubinstein, has been studying the way people feel about the places they live and work and learn and heal since she was a child growing up in New York City. Trained in the field of Environmental Psychology, she has spent 40 years studying the manner in which we find places of belonging in our homes, communities and landscapes. She has taught Psychology and classes in design and

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DONATIONS

Janace Cole of Niwot, Colorado

FARM FOR SALE,
In consequence of sickness and death in my family, I offer my farm for sale, containing 110 acres, lying in the west part of Middletown, four miles from Poultney and two from Middletown Springs. Said farm is well watered and fenced. A large amount of wood, a large and convenient sugar orchard, with good conveniences for making sugar. Good fruit. The buildings nearly all new and in good repair. One barn 40x40 with cellar stable for 35 cows; one other barn 30x36 with cellar stable for 12 cows; horse barn 30x40 with cellar for sheltering sheep and other stock; three other barns with stables. The house is 24x28, woodlotion and cheese house adjoining, 40x30. All well finished and in good repair. The farm is well adapted to the keeping of stock, and raising of grain, and is a great farm for raising potatoes, for which there is a ready market at Poultney. The farm was originally in two farms, equally divided, and will be sold separate if desired. For further particulars enquire of the proprietor on the premises. A small farm or village lot will be taken in exchange if desired.
4617. L. B. ADAMS.



INDEX TO BRANCHES & TWIGS, 1972—1995
by Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 7.

Special Spring Sale Price \$20

Plus \$4.50 shipping and handling for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy.

Regular price \$58.50 members, \$65.00 nonmembers.

The Rutland Weekly Herald, issue 4 Dec. 1873, p. 8.

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What it Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records—namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or their legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to non-certified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificates copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For the full text of Act 46 (H.111), see:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>



*A View From the
Montvert Hotel*

*Photo
Courtesy of the
Middletown Springs
Historical Society
Website*

www.middletownspringshistoricalsociety.org

Genealogical Society of Vermont Spring Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2018

**Middletown Springs Historical Society
4 Park Avenue
Middletown Springs, VT 05757**

Registration: Begins 9:30 a.m.

Jon Mathewson: “The Woodscrape: A Case of Religious Fervor in Vermont”

**Nora Rubinstein: “The Tool and the Tool-Maker:
The Stories of Vermont Quaker Wheelwright Samuel Morison”**

Luncheon Catered by Sissy’s Kitchen

Kevin P. Thornton: “Political Messages in Ordinary Things, 1800-1860”

**Registration is \$25 for GSV members and \$30 for non-members.
Also special rate of \$50 for married couples, if one is a member of GSV.**

Please send a check to:

Genealogical Society of Vermont, 2962 Vermont Route 12A, Braintree, VT 05060-8779, by May 11, 2018.

Pastries and coffee, etc. will also be available for purchase in the morning.

Directions:

There are several different routes to travel to Middletown Springs, below are a few suggestions.

From the Bennington area: Follow US 7 North to Exit 4 in Manchester Depot. Then take combined VT 11/30 West to Manchester Center. Take VT 30 North (Bonnet St.) towards Dorset. Take VT 133 North (*a right turn*) in Pawlet to Middletown Springs. Turn right at the 4-way intersection in Middletown Springs and travel a few yards on VT 140/133. Turn left onto **Park Avenue**. The Middletown Springs Historical Society building is next to the Congregational Church.

From the Brattleboro area: Follow VT 30 North to the intersection with VT 11 in Winhall. Then take combined VT 11/30 West into Manchester Center. *Same as above.*

From the Burlington area: Follow US 7 South to VT 30 South in Middlebury (Main St.). Follow VT 30 South to Poultney. Take VT 140 East (*a left turn*) at the 4-way intersection in Poultney. Follow VT 140 East into Middletown Springs. Straight at the 4-way intersection in Middletown Springs and travel a few yards on VT 140/133. Turn left onto **Park Avenue**. The Middletown Springs Historical Society building is next to the Congregational Church.

From the Barre/Montpelier area: follow I-89 south to Exit 3 in Royalton. Take VT 107 West. Follow VT 107 West and VT 100 South to US 4 West in Killington. Follow US 4 West through Rutland (West St. in Rutland) to West Rutland. Take VT 133 South in West Rutland (*a left turn*) to junction of VT 140 in Tinmouth. Follow VT 140/133 West into Middletown Springs. Turn right onto **Park Avenue** of few yards before the 4-way intersection in Middletown Springs. The Middletown Springs Historical Society building is next to the Congregational Church.

DEATHS.

☞ Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.

Charles Bailey Whiting, Jr., also known as “Bing” to his family and friends, departed this world on August 21, 2017, he was 74.

Born on April 11, 1943 to Charles Bailey Whiting, Sr. and Katherine E. (Jackson) Whiting of Goshen, CT. Charles graduated Wamogo High School in 1961. He went to college at The University of Hartford. Charles was a dedicated employee for 35 years at Kimberly Clark Co., New Milford, CT. He had interests in American history and was an avid genealogist. He researched his familial lineage back to the Mayflower pilgrims. Charles had his children, grandchildren and niece and nephew certified as direct descendants and members of The Mayflower Society, Plymouth, Mass. Charles was a member of Center Congregational Church of Torrington, where he taught Sunday school several years ago. He lead a life of good moral character, and integrity for his children and grandchildren to be proud of.

Charles leaves behind his Wife of 54 years, Joyce M. (Horner) Whiting, daughter Kelly-jean Whiting, Son, Charles Bailey Whiting, III, daughter, Ila Susan Whiting, Grandson, LCPL Chandler R. Allen, Granddaughter, Paige D. Whiting, a dear Brother, James H. Whiting & Wife, Velma, niece, Vanessa Whiting and Nephew, James Whiting.

The family held a private memorial celebration of Mr. Whiting's life in Rock Hill, SC where he relocated to in 2016 with his wife.

Source: www.obitree.com

Mr. Whiting was GSV Member #6226.



Ludlow, Vt. Rescue Lake, looking North.

Gerardus Aloysius "GA" Daamen, 83, Rutland, VT, resident and business owner, died on Tuesday morning, March 20, 2018, at Rutland.

Known in the community as the second generation of Daamen printers working and making a life in the Rutland area, his father, Gradus Daamen, was also a printer working for the *Rutland Herald* and passing in '75. The Daamen family started its life in Vermont when they answered a small want-ad in a Rotterdam, Netherlands, newspaper from a small printing company, Capitol City Press, in Montpelier, VT. The Daamen family was sponsored by the Press and immigrated to Vermont from The Netherlands in 1960. The part of the family immigrating to Vermont included: Gradus and Elizabeth Daamen; with children John, Carla, Maxim and Gerardus with his wife, Cornelia, and son Andries.

GA Daamen worked at the Capital City Press in Montpelier for 15 years, becoming the VP of production. In 1977, he purchased the small print shop under the Bardwell Hotel from William H. Foley. The business was transformed from a commercial print shop to a book printer with orders from publishers in Boston and New York. The Daamen Printing Co. grew with more staff, better equipment, and was finally located in the West Rutland Industrial Park with up to 30 employees.

Survivors include his wife, Cornelia Palfenier Daamen; son Andries Daamen, daughter-in-law Ruby, grandchild Andrea and grandchild Eric; daughter Veronique "Nicky" Daamen; daughter Corrine Morris Daamen and partner Bill Branchaud; sister Veronique Kranenburg, sister Carla Daamen, brother John Daamen.

He was a devoted husband, loving father to three, grandfather to two, and a good friend to all who were lucky enough to know him. With his tireless work ethic and warm-hearted personality, GA will be missed.

There will be no church services. Friends may call at 11 a.m. Monday, March 26, at the Aldous Funeral Home in Rutland. Donations are most welcome to the Rutland County Humane Society.

Published in Rutland Herald on 22 March 2018

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theory at colleges in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Vermont, and as the co-founder of Teleidoscope Group LLC, she has consulted with organizations ranging from the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center to a major pharmaceutical manufacturer, a toy manufacturer, and the United Nations. Her current research on material culture focuses on the manner in which an object can teach and tell stories about the people who crafted and used it, and the manner in which those stories reflect principles of community life.

Kevin Thornton holds a doctorate in U.S. History from the University of Michigan, where he was a Mellon Fellow, and has taught at Michigan and UVM. His film "Death in the Wilderness: A Love Story," a documentary about Civil War era Vermont, is Vermont PBS's highest ever-rated Vermont film. You can stream it at the Vermont PBS website

According to editor, Michael F. Dwyer, FASG the Spring 2018 issue of *Vermont Genealogy* will be sent to the printer by the middle of May. We look forward to this issue and thank Michael for the great work that he has done in getting the journal back on a timely schedule.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

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VITAL RECORDS OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT *by Scott Andrew Bartley*

*Back Issues available:
for \$7.50, plus \$3.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00
for each additional copy*

The Transcribed Vital Records From the Following Books of Springfield Town Records:

Simon Stevens Marriage Records [marriages, 1767-1790]
Births & Deaths, Vol. 3 [births and deaths, 1730-1854]
Town Acts, Vol. 1 [births, marriages, and deaths 1757-1812]
Town Acts, Vol. 2 [births, marriages, and deaths 1790-1820]
Town Acts, Vol. 3 [marriages 1817-1843]
Births & Deaths, Vol. 4 [births and deaths, 1764-1870]

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Georgia, Vermont Vital Records

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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.



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Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 1 is out of print.

Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 2. Scott A. Bartley, ed., 1997, 304 pp., hardbound. Item No. 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 Vermonters.

Vital Records of Putney, Vermont to the Year 1900. Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens, 1992, 406 pp. Item No. GSV 2; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. This is a complete compilation from all primary sources available in the town. This is augmented by the ministerial records of the pastors who served as early as 1776. **out of print.**

Vital Records of Rockingham, Vermont and the Records of the First Church of Rockingham. Reprinted from the 1902 and 1908 first editions, newly indexed by Christopher T. Norris and Scott A. Bartley, 323 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 3; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. Reprinted from the first editions of 1908 and 1902, this is an important source of one of Vermont's oldest towns. The town records extend to 1845 and church records from 1773 to 1839. New to this edition is an index of nearly 1,000 names. **out of print.**

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records. Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound. Item No. GSV 4; **\$15.00 spring sale price through June 1, 2018.** This volume presents all births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials recorded in the town. All

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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. Item No. GSV 6; \$45.00 members, \$50.00 nonmembers. This is a comprehensive index of all files in the Windsor County Probate Court Districts —Windsor and Hartford. The records cover the period from the earliest 1778 records 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 probate record volume .

Index to Branches & Twigs, 1972—1995. Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 7; **\$20.00 spring sale price through June 1, 2018.** This is the every-name index to GSV's Branches & Twigs, published for 24 years in 96 issues. The 180,000 entries include every genealogically important name mentioned in every issue. Separate sections 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 large quantities of information of interest to family historians.

Sudbury, Vermont: Genealogies, Vital Records, and Census Records. Mary Ann Z. Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 8; \$44.55 members, 49.50 nonmembers. This book is a comprehensive transcription of census and vital records for Sudbury, plus carefully compiled genealogies of families. This book is among the very best genealogical resources about a Vermont town. This is a cooperative publication between GSV and Picton Press.

A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy, 2nd edition. John A. Leppman, 2005, softbound. Item No. GSV 11; \$9.00 members, \$10.00 nonmembers. (Mail orders should add \$1.50 for postage and handling, not the \$3.50 normally charged.) This is a new edition of A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy was released in April 2005. It includes more listings than the first edition, most published since 2000. It is keyed to Scott Andrew Bartley's Genealogies Found in Vermont Histories (Vol. 10, No. 1 of Vermont Genealogy, also designated GSV publication number 10.).

Index to the History and Map of Danby, Vermont, Compiled by Joann H. Nichols. (1998), softbound, Item No. D1; \$3.50, plus \$1.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy. An index to J[ohn] C. Williams, History and Map of Danby, Vermont (Rutland, Vt., 1869; reprinted S.L. Griffith Library, 1976). **Limited Number Available.**

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