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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the December Newsletter I said that GSV's Spring Membership Meeting would be held in Bennington, cooperatively with Mt. Anthony Lodge #13, Masonic Societies of Bennington. Regrettably this event had to be canceled. Brian Griffin, our contact at the Masonic Society, cited personal reasons for cancelling the event. The GSV Board felt that we did not have the time to organize a replacement meeting, with speakers and a luncheon. Thanks to Carolyn Adams, who came up with the idea of a group visit to a library as a substitute for a meeting. In place of that meeting, GSV is offering our members a group visit to the **Vermont Genealogy Library** of the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society. The Vermont Genealogy Library, located at 377 Hegeman Ave. (*across from the Vermont State Police*) Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, Vermont, will host GSV on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The library closes at 4:00 p.m. so there will be plenty of time to

NEW MEMBERS

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do research. The library has subscriptions to **ancestry.com**, **findmypast.com**, etc., and has 12 computers available to use. GSV members will meet in the library's classroom which can accommodate 40-50 people. VTF-CGS President, Sheila Morris will greet us and give a short presentation on what can be found in the library and ask which ethnic groups we are researching. Then volunteers will help each group find the corresponding part of the library for their research interests. The library has excellent resources for French-Canadian, English, Scottish, German and Irish research. This visit is free of charge to GSV members, and lunch will be on your own. If you are going to attend please send an email to stevens@vermontel.net or send a note to Genealogical Society of Vermont, P.O. Box 14, Randolph, VT 05060-0014. [*See directions to the Vermont Genealogy Library on page 2*].

The position of GSV Past-President has long been considered part of the GSV Board of Directors. However this was never written into the GSV's By-Laws, adopted in 1994 and subsequently revised in 2002 and again 2007. Therefore the Board is proposing a revision to the By-Laws, to add the wording "and the Past President" to Article IV (*Board of Directors*). Article IX (*Amendments*) sets the criteria for revision of the By-Laws at the annual business meeting after adequate notification in the Newsletter. Amendments have to be distributed to the membership in the Newsletter at least one month prior to the annual business

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SHELDON FAMILY ASSOCIATION 77TH ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION

The Sheldon Family Association will gather for the 77th Annual Meeting and Reunion August, 28-September 1, 2016 at the Hotel Utica in Utica, N.Y. Hosts Alberta Dunn and Jeanne A. Jeffries have arranged lectures about Sheldon history and a trip to historic James Sheldon house in Remsen NY. Information from the 125,000 descendant database will be available. See our web site Sheldonfamily.org.

Our Sheldon history dates back to the 1600s when Sheldon men John, Isaac, John and Godfrey came to New England from southern England. We are dedicated to the preservation of Sheldon history.

A registration form is on the website and we hope Sheldon descendants will join us.

Submitted by Jeanne (Arnold) Jeffries, President of the Sheldon Family Association

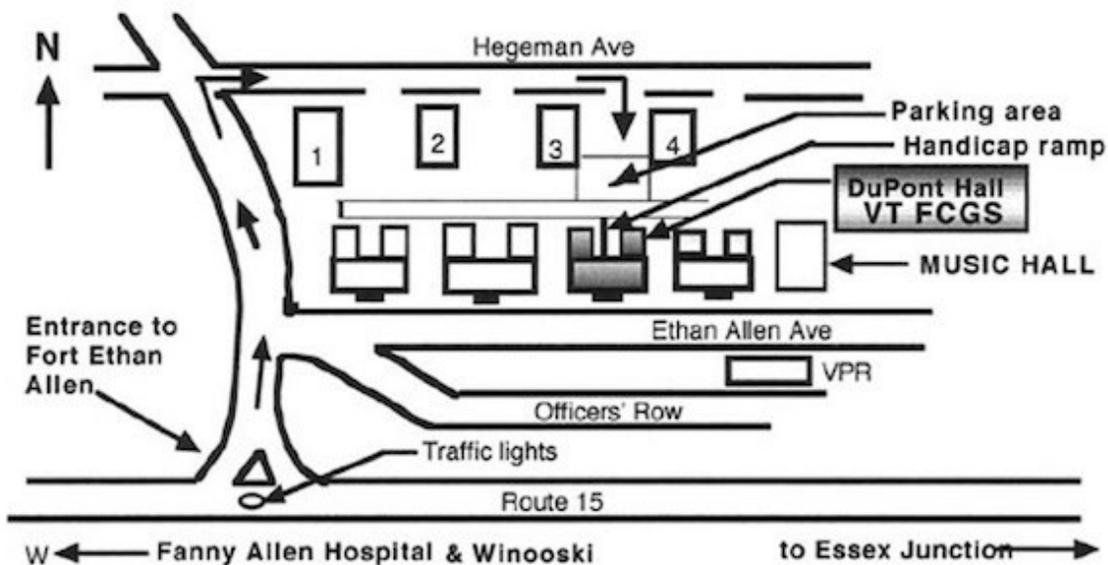
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Directions to the Vermont Genealogy Library, 377 Hegeman Ave. (*across from the Vermont State Police*) Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, Vermont

Approaching on Interstate 89 from the South, take exit 15 and then right on Route 15 for about a mile and turn left into the Fort Ethan Allen Complex at Barnes Avenue.

Approaching on Interstate 89 from the North, take exit 16 and then right on Main St. into downtown Winooski. Then turn left at Route 15 toward Colchester for about 1.5 miles and turn left into the Fort Ethan Allen Complex at Barnes Avenue.

As you drive down Barnes Avenue, go past Ethan Allen Avenue and take the next right onto Hegeman Avenue. On the right side of the road, you will see 3 brick buildings and driveways. Drive into the 3rd driveway on the right opposite a Vermont State Police sign. You will be at the rear of the Dupont Building. Take the handicapped ramp or steps and enter through any of the four doors. Once in the building take a left and follow the signs.



DEATHS.

 **Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.**



Essex--Janet Elizabeth (Austin) Induni, 60, passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2016 following a long and courageous battle with cancer at Vermont Respite House in Williston. She was born on November 29, 1955 in Verdun, Quebec, daughter of Elizabeth (Graham) Austin and the late Roy Austin. She married Noel Induni on September 6, 1986 in Sutton Junction, PQ, Canada, Janet received Certification from the Royal Conservatory of Music, University of Toronto in Piano and Music Theory. She graduated from Marionopolis College in Music Arts. She was an accomplished Classical Piano player. Her background was in classical music but she fit in perfectly as a backup piano player in the group "Dr. Jazz and the Dixie Hotshots". After moving to Vermont she returned to college and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Theory and Canadian Studies from the University of Vermont. Janet had been employed as a Station Manager with Pilgrim Airlines in Montreal and as a Passenger Service Agent for Eastern Airlines. For several years she was the treasurer for the Genealogical Society of Vermont. She worked as an Import Specialist US Customs Service before transferring to the position of a security specialist with Homeland Security.

Janet loved sports and always rooted for the New York Giants and after the Expos moved from Montreal, she adopted the New York Yankees. These last few years she enjoyed golfing at "The Links at Lang Farm" in Essex with her husband. She was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed making dress shirts for Noel. A few years after moving to Vermont she adopted a Shetland sheepdog from the Humane Society in Burlington. That simple action was a life changing event for her. Despite never having owned a dog in her life she became an inveterate dog lover and from that time on lived for her Shelties. She was a long time member of the Burlington Obedience Training Club where she also held the position as the Secretary. She had traveled all over New England competing with her Shelties in both agility and obedience. She also had some special trips that took her to Sheltie National Championships in Virginia Beach and New Brunswick, Canada. She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her story.

She is survived by her husband Noel Induni of Essex, mother Elizabeth Austin of Beaconsfield Quebec, stepson Kurt Induni of Colorado, stepdaughter Deborah Induni of Louisiana, brother-in-law Peter Murray and wife Michele of Isle La Motte, sister-in-law Lois Whitney of South Burlington, 6 step grandchildren Kate, Melanie, Sarah, Courtney, Brandon, Ben, several nieces, nephews, cousins and her 5 Sheltie "Children" Reser, Banu, Epi, Mitzi and Indigo.

Ten years ago, she was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer. She survived that and then was hit with leukemia. For the past few years her cancer would rear its ugly head only to have her beat it back again. She made every effort to not give in. She worked out her chemo schedules so she could continue to compete with her Shelties and did remarkably well despite the toll the cancer was taking on her body. She always said that it was the fun of working with the dogs that gave her the drive to continue.

Visiting hours were held on Friday, January 22, 2016 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Essex Chapel. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Essex Chapel with Pastor Joe Moore officiating. Inurnment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in Janet's memory may be made to the American Shetland Sheepdog Association, (www.assa.org) Care of Al Bianchi, 500 Millstone Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322-4367. The family also invites you to share your memories and condolences by visiting www.awrfh.com.

Published in the Burlington Free Press on January 20, 2016

**INDEX TO BRANCHES
& TWIGS, 1972—1995**
*by Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp.,
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A Criminal Ancestor

Are you descended from convict ancestors transported far from home or did great, great, great uncle John end up in court for squabbling with the neighbors? If your ancestor was a hardened criminal, a victim of a miscarriage of justice, a political prisoner, or in court for not paying their dog license a new study is looking to hear from you.

Criminals in the family have always fascinated family historians and it seems more of us are discovering more of them all of the time. The digitization of the records of the criminal justice system and newspapers are bringing to light a side of our ancestors that may have previously been kept secret.

The crimes themselves range from the minor, even amusing, to the serious, and tragic. From a few cows wandering unsupervised along a country lane resulting in an appearance at the petty sessions court and a 2 shilling fine, to a young girl stealing some lace and being transported for 7 years to Australia, a sentence which really meant a lifetime exiled from her native land. A young boy imprisoned for vagrancy. A rebel. A highwayman. A murderer.

The documents which record their crimes often have amazingly rich details not found in birth, marriage, or even census records. From prison registers we can get physical descriptions of someone who lived long before the invention of photography, we can learn their height, weight, eye and

hair color, and any distinguishing scars or features such as tattoos. From newspaper accounts of trials we hear their voices as they give evidence.

But how do we feel when we come across an ancestor who broke the law? And how do they shape how we view our family's history? Is a criminal ancestor someone to be ashamed of, to celebrate, or part of a larger story? What do their crimes, and the punishments they received tell us about them as people, and about the time and society they lived in? You can help provide the answers.

As part of the Digital Panopticon project <http://www.digitalpanopticon.org>, Aoife O Connor of the University of Sheffield wants to hear from family historians across the globe who have discovered ancestors who were connected to a crime. She is conducting short anonymous online surveys which can be found here; <http://acriminalrecord.org/surveys/>

Aoife is based in Dublin, Ireland and is studying for her PhD part-time. Her own family history includes, among others, one ancestor aged 18 imprisoned in 1821 for thirteen days on suspicion of stealing a frame saw (the same ancestor was fined for excise duty evasion to the tune of £12 10 shillings in 1838), and another who was fined two shillings at the Petty Sessions Court on the 24 December 1855 for driving a horse and cart with no reins.

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meeting in the fall. [see page 5 for the proposed change to the GSV By-Laws].

Just another reminder to mark your calendar for Vermont History Expo on June 18 and 19, 2016, at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. This biennial event, sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society, is always a highlight of the summer. The theme this year is **H2O: The Power of Water in Vermont History**. More information can be found online at vermonthistory.org/community/vermont-history-expo. GSV will have a booth in Floral Hall, as usual, and you can plan to pick up books and back issues of *VG* there and save on postage fees.

Another important event is **NERGC 2017: Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past**, April 26-29, 2017, at the Mass. Mutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. GSV is a charter member of the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc., which has produced thirteen conferences. The last conference, held in 2015 in Providence, Rhode Island, had 874 attendees from over twenty states and Canada. The first E-zine for the up-

coming conference is now available online at http://www.nergc.org/E-zine_1_2017.pdf. The E-zine introduces the Conference Theme, the Conference Tri-Chairs, and one of the Featured Speakers, Thomas MacEntee, a nationally known genealogical figure.

The Spring 2015 [20: 1] issue of our scholarly journal *Vermont Genealogy*, is almost complete. Entitled *Vital Records Recorded in the Peru, Vt. Town Records*, it is a special issue like the previous ones for Springfield and Castleton. The transcription covers births, deaths, intentions of marriage, and marriages recorded in four volumes of town records. This is material not contained in the Vermont Vital Records Card Index, plus other items of genealogical interest recorded in the town records. This includes material such as the warnings out of town, correcting misspellings in the previously published extracts. If you have a change of address, make sure to notify us of the change. If you have missed a copy of the newsletter and(or) the journal please let me know at stevens@vermontel.net and I will send a replacement.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

Proposed GSV By-Laws Change

The following is the proposed change to the GSV By-Laws to be voted on by the membership at the Fall Meeting in October 2016.

Current wording:

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors of this Society shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee and the chairs of the Standing Committees.

Proposed wording:

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors of this Society shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, the chairs of the Standing Committees, and the Past President.



Courtesy of John A. Leppman

*The Welden Hotel in St. Albans,
built in 1864, and destroyed by fire in 1897.*



G S V P U B L I C A T I O N S

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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; 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 indispensable index of nearly 1,000 names. *out of print.*

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records. Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound. Item No. GSV 4; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. This volume presents all births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials recorded in the town. All the civil books

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Vermont Genealogy, the GSV Journal contact information:

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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; \$58.50 members, \$65.00 nonmembers. 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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