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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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GSV had a booth at the Barre Genealogy Group's Genealogy Fair, held on Saturday November 2, 2019, at the Old Labor Hall in Barre. It was a relatively small affair, but we made a few sales and met many interesting people. Thank you to Marianne Kotch, the organizer of the event, for the invitation to attend. The Barre Genealogy Group meets on the third Thursday of the month, from September through May, at 11 a.m. at the Aldrich Public Library in Barre. If you know of any similar events or groups, around the state, please let me know.

GSV's Spring Membership meeting will be held in June of 2020, and our Fall Membership meeting will be held in October 2020. The fall meeting will be in conjunction with the Vermont Historical Society (VHS), and will be held at the Vermont History Center in Barre. Both meetings are still in the early planning stages, so there will be additional information regarding dates and registration information, etc., in upcoming Newsletters and on our website [genealogyvermont.org](http://genealogyvermont.org).

Another upcoming event in the spring of 2021 is the 16<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC). The theme of the conference is "Springing From the Past Into the Future," [see the just released graphic on page 5] and it will be held on April 14-17, 2021, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. The three featured speakers of the conference are: Angie Bush, DearMYRTLE and John Grenham. GSV will provide a sponsored speaker and we will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall. For those who have not attended a conference before, we urge you to do so. GSV, as member of the consortium that puts on the conference, is required to provide 25 hours of volunteer time. We would greatly appreciate the donation of some of your time to help us meet our requirement, which can be a challenge for smaller societies. So put your expertise to work at the Ancestors Roadshow, or if you are planning to attend a session, consider helping out as room monitor, or doing a speaker introduction, or helping out at registration, etc. For additional information on consortium and the 2021 conference, please check out the newly updated website [nergc.org](http://nergc.org).

#### DONATIONS

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Sharon Phillips of  
Corvallis, Montana

Vickie Storlie of  
Clarks Grove, Minnesota

#### *Index to Branches & Twigs, 1972—1995*

*by Robert M. Murphy*

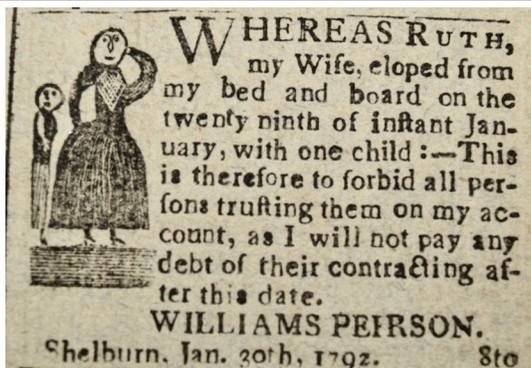
This is the every-name index for 96 issues. The 180,000 entries include every genealogically important name mentioned in every issue.

*Hardbound. Item No. GSV 7*

**Sale Price \$20**

See page 5 for a sale of *Branches & Twigs* back issues

*Shipping and handling on all GSV hardbound publications is \$4.50 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item.*



*The Vermont Journal and the Universal Advertiser*  
(Windsor, Vt.),  
issue 13 March 1792, p. 4.

***HOLIDAY SALE !******Vermont Genealogy******Back Issues 1:1-22:2******Buy One Get One of Equal or Lesser Value Free***

Please Note: Shipping and handling is \$2.50 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item.

Issues 1: 4, 3: 3, 3: 4 and 4: 4 are out of print, however GSV from time to time receives clean copies for our stock from former members collections. Please contact  
[stevens@vermontel.net](mailto:stevens@vermontel.net)  
 for availability.

For orders greater than 6 copies contact  
[stevens@vermontel.net](mailto:stevens@vermontel.net) for the postage, which will based on the weight of the order.

**Back Issues of Branches and Twigs :**

*For the first time in several years, selected back issue of GSV's first publication are available for purchase at \$2.50 each, plus \$2.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy.*

***Issues Available:***

*Volume 18: 2 Spring 1989, Volume 18: 3 Summer 1989,  
 Volume 19: 4 Autumn 1990.*

*Volume 20: 1 Winter 1991, Volume 20: 2 Spring 1991, Volume  
 20: 3 Summer 1991, Volume 20: 4 Autumn 1991.*

*Volume 21: 1 Winter 1992, Volume 21: 2 Spring 1992, Volume  
 21: 3 Summer 1992, Volume 21: 4 Autumn 1992.*

*Volume 24: 1 Winter 1995, Volume 24: 2 Spring 1995.*

***Sudbury, Vermont:***

***Genealogies, Vital Records, and Census Records  
 by Mary Ann Z. Wheeler***

**Hardbound. Item No. GSV 8**

**Sale Price \$20**

***Georgia, Vermont  
 Vital Records.***

Peter S. Mallet, ed.,

**Hardbound. Item No. GSV 4**

**Sale Price \$15**

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The GSV Board has negotiated an agreement to grant the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), of Boston, Mass., an exclusive license for online distribution of back issues of the society's scholarly journal *Vermont Genealogy* on [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org). A provision in the agreement has been made to insure access for GSV members who are not NEHGS members, via a members-only link from our website. Thank you to publication chair John A. Leppman for spearheading an agreement beneficial to both societies, and thank you to our webmistress Diantha Howard for providing technical assistance. GSV retains ownership of the Journal, and the right to republish and sell paper copies. For those wishing to purchase paper copies of the back issues, now is a great time to complete your collection. There is nothing quite like holding a paper copy of a book or journal in hand. We are offering back issues at a special sale price of buy one and get one of equal or lesser value free. The back issues on sale are everything through volume 22: 2 [see page 2 for further details].

Many newer members many may not realize that the member-only section of the GSV website contains digitized versions of the complete run of our earlier publication: *Branches & Twigs*. While some of the material may be out of date, there is still much valuable information in the back issues of *B&T*. Paper copies are still available for many of the issues and the *Index to Branches & Twigs, 1972—1995*, by Robert M. Murphy is available for purchase at the special sale price of \$20.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

*Jonathan W. Stevens, President*

### New Members

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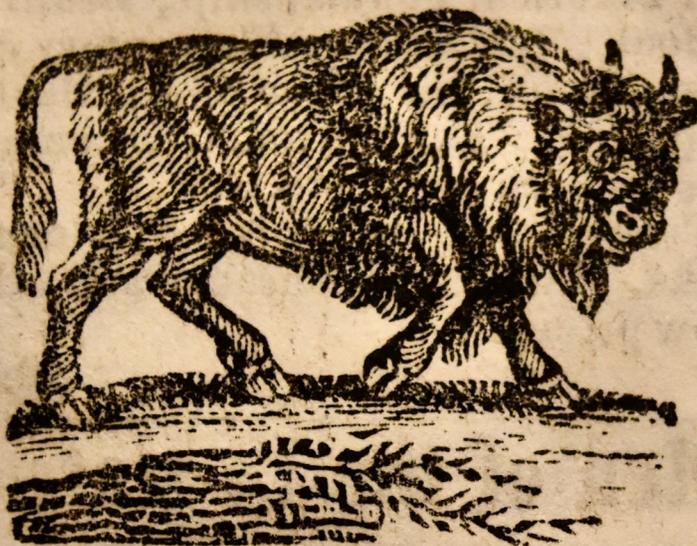
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### *Vermont Families 1791: Volume 2* by Scott Andrew Bartley

Hardbound. Item No. GSV 5

Sale Price \$10



# Montpelier FUR STORE.

## BUFFALO OVERCOATS

A large assortment just received by  
W. T. BURNHAM.  
October, 1848. d95

# FAMILYSEARCH CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (13 November 2019)**, What began as a humble state family history society over a century ago, today has blossomed into a global organization that continues to help millions of people make inspiring family connections. FamilySearch, formerly the Genealogical Society of Utah, is celebrating the commencement of its 125th Anniversary today. The international nonprofit is grateful to have played a part in the meteoric rise of consumer interest in family history and helping to enrich the lives of millions of people in ways that were not anticipated in the beginning.



**7.42 billion**  
searchable **names**  
in historical records

**13.4 million**  
registered  
FamilySearch.org users

**4.79 billion**  
searchable **records**

**1.21 billion**  
people in  
FamilySearch **Family Tree**

**5,179**  
family history **centers**

**7 million**  
page views per day

FamilySearch.org

## THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF UTAH

The Genealogical Society of Utah was established on November 13, 1894, under the direction of Wilford Woodruff, the 4th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Franklin D. Richards was appointed as the society's first president. The purpose of the society was to help its members (who were predominantly immigrants from Europe) to gather genealogical records from their homelands so they could remember and build their ancestral connections.

## FAMILYSEARCH (1894 - 2019)

“What started out as a small conservator of genealogical books has morphed today into a full complement of free online services in 10 languages, including a collaborative family tree, billions of searchable historical records, the ability to digitally preserve family memories (stories, photos, audio files, and documents), online help, and ever-expanding partner relationships,” said Stephen Valentine, senior vice president of FamilySearch International.

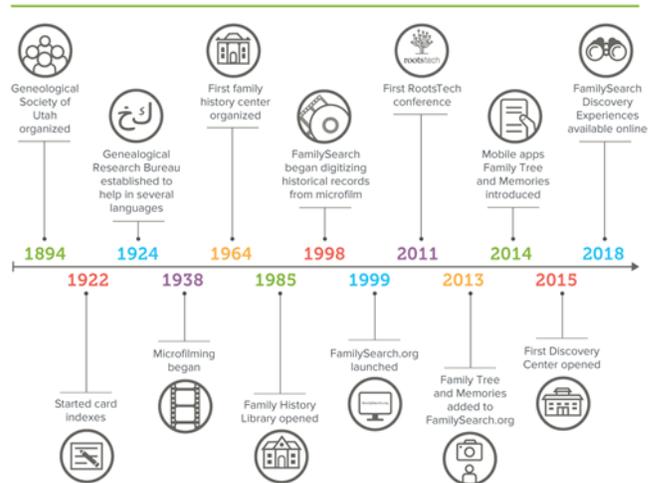
FamilySearch's remarkably long and successful dedication to its cause can be attributed—in part—to the fact that it is a nonprofit subsidiary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Church believes family relations can extend beyond death, and that strong families are key to healthy communities. The experiences FamilySearch creates through its products and services support those beliefs, and are freely accessible and helpful to people from all walks of life worldwide.

### THE POWER OF KNOWING YOUR ANCESTRAL ROOTS

Discovering one's family roots has morphed over the past 125 years. Millions of consumers are now using online genealogy services like FamilySearch to better understand who they are and to satisfy their curiosity regarding their heritage. Convenient access to innovative genealogical services like DNA testing, unsurpassed volumes of historical records online, and the proliferation of family history-related reality TV shows have no doubt fueled the boom of consumer interest in genealogy. New York Times bestselling author, Bruce Feiler, reiterates this principle in his book “The Secrets of Happy Families.” He teaches that the most important thing you can

## 125 Years Genealogical Society of Utah

(now FamilySearch)

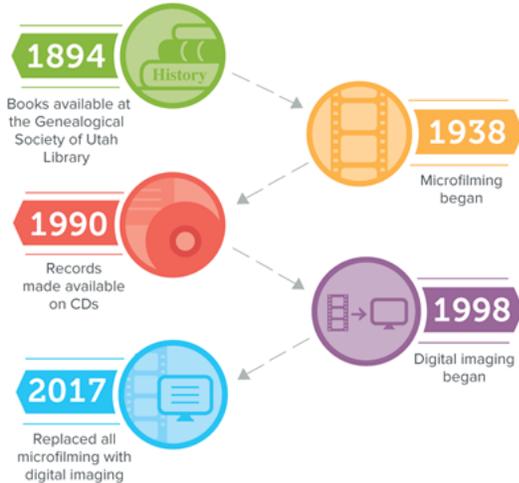


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## Record Preservation Time Line



\* Formerly Genealogical Society of Utah

FamilySearch.org

**FamilySearch Press Release**

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do for your family is to develop strong family narratives or histories that help provide a sense of identity for family members through time. Personal stories and detailed family histories are powerful and important and need to be remembered and shared he says. A related Emery University study concluded that the more children know about their larger family, the better prepared they are to deal with life’s challenges.

Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch, is quick to remark that FamilySearch is not alone on its journey. He credits success and longevity to the involvement of a growing community of partners—innovative tech companies, archives, governments, societies, and other entities. “We are seeing such an amazing growth of new technical breakthroughs and creative services from our partners and others. We are excited about the potential for every person on earth to tell and preserve their personal stories, to discover a better sense of who they are, and make more and more family connections for rising generations,” said Rockwood.

Discover your personal and family history today for free at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org).



# Springing From the Past Into the Future

**16<sup>th</sup> New England Regional  
Genealogical Conference  
14-17 April 2021,  
MassMutual Center,  
Springfield, MA**



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

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 \$4.50 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item in the same order to the same address. Mail your checks, payable to GSV, to:

**Genealogical Society of Vermont, 2962 Vermont Route 12A, Braintree, VT 05060-8779**

*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; **Sale price \$10.** 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.

**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.

**Georgia, Vermont Vital Records.** Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound. Item No. GSV 4; **Sale Price \$15.** 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

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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 non-members. 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; **Sale Price \$20.** 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; **Sale Price \$20.** 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,*** 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. John A. Leppman, 2005, softbound. Item No. GSV 11; \$9.00 members, \$10.00 non-members. (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.**

***Vermont Genealogy Back Issues:***

Issues 1: 1-13: 4, are available for \$5.00 each, except special issues 10: 1 and 11: 1 & 2, which are available for \$10.00 each. Issues 14: 1 & 2, 14 : 3 & 4, 15: 1 - 24: 1, are available for \$10.00 each. There is a mailing fee of \$2.00 (\$3.00 to Canadian addresses) for each single issue, \$2.50 (\$3.50 to Canada) for each double issue (i.e., the \$10 issues). For multiple issue orders, please add \$1 for each additional 1 to 5 issues. Note: issues 1: 4, 3: 3, 3: 4 and 4: 4 are out of print.

***GSV Special Publication  
Number 14***

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by Jonathan W. Stevens

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### Adnabrown Hotel Springfield, Vermont

### Special Thanksgiving Dinner

**\$1.50**

One O'Clock to Two-Thirty P. M.  
Make Your Reservations Early

Mock Turtle Soup	Neptune Cocktail	Consomme
Celery	Salted Almonds Olives	Radishes
Broiled Spanish Mackerel, Lemon Butter		
Boiled Smoked Ox Tongue, Fresh Spinach	Roast Suckling Pig, Apple Sauce	
Roast Vermont Turkey, Fine Herb Filling	Cranberry Sauce	
Chocolate Cream Fritters	Mashed Potatoes	
Boiled Potatoes	Baked Sweet Potatoes	String Beans
Mashed Turnips	Creamed Onions	Kurico Salad
Home Made Mince Pie	Thanksgiving Pudding	Pumpkin Pie
French Vanilla Ice Cream	Assorted Cake	
Figs	Mixed Nuts	Raisins
Pears	Oranges	Bananas
	Malaga Grapes	Apples
American Cheese	Creme Cheese	Snappy Cheese
	Toasted Crackers	
Cider		Coffee

We manufacture our own ice.  
The water served is Spring Water.  
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*Springfield Reporter*  
(Springfield, Vt.),  
issue 20 Nov. 1919, p. 2.