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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Genealogical Society of Vermont will hold our Spring Membership Meeting on May 18, 2024. The meeting is in collaboration with both the Shaftsbury Historical Society and the Pownal Historical Society and will be held at the **Governor Galusha House**, which is the home of the Shaftsbury Historical Society. This historic building is located at **3871 Vermont Route 7A, Shaftsbury Center, VT 05262**. (*Directions from the Brattleboro, Burlington and Barre-Montpelier areas are on page 2*) The GSV Board has been planning this for a while, but very large thank you to both GSV Vice-President Carolyn Adams (who spearheaded the idea from the very beginning) and GSV Treasurer Diantha Howard for setting everything up with both historical societies.

The morning speaker will be **Joyce Held: "Who Was Widow Krieger, accused Witch of Pownal?"** Joyce has been a Board Member of the Pownal Historical Society for nearly 30 years and currently serves as Treasurer. She says "I enjoy doing Genealogy research. To me Genealogy is like a never ending large puzzle that is always missing a piece. You think the puzzle is complete then you notice that the last piece you added just opened a whole new section to the puzzle so you are off to find more pieces."

The afternoon speaker will be **Carol Corey-Dziubek: "The Shaftsbury 1888 Signature Quilt."** Carol will share the genealogy and history of the 110 signers of Shaftsbury's 1888 Signature Quilt. It was created by the ladies of the Baptist Church in Center Shaftsbury as a fund raiser. The nine members of the Ministerial Committee made fifty-six blocks in the "New Block" pattern and sold each 1/2 block for \$1.00. They were able to raise \$56.00. Carol's great-grandmother, Nellie Jane (Harrington) Corey, won the raffle and was supposed to finish it off but due to life circumstances was never able to do so. The quilt top came into Carol's possession in 1973 when she married her husband Stanley. For over fifty years Carol wanted to know these ordinary heroes of Shaftsbury. After thirty-two years of teaching she began this retirement project which she will tell you about today. Mrs. Dziubek has researched each signer and written biographies with supporting evidence from Ancestry.com, Find-A-Grave, Federal Censuses, and Town Clerk records. Carol has donated the quilt top to the Shaftsbury Historical Society where she believes it truly belongs. It is a town treasure.

In addition to the two main speakers, we will also have a tour of the house and learn more about Governor Galusha from the Shaftsbury Historical Society. **Governor Jonas Galusha** (1753-1834) (*portrait on the back page of this edition of the Newsletter*) served as Vermont's sixth (1809-1813) and eight governor (1815-1820). Note: Galusha was fifth person to hold the office, and therefore is sometimes referred to as the fifth governor. He was a leading politician and military figure of southern Vermont for many years. He served in the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Hubbardton and the Battle of Bennington. The oldest part of the house was built in 1783. For further information see the Rev. Pliny H. White, *Jonas Galusha, The Fifth Governor of Vermont. A Memoir Read Before the Vermont Historical Society in the Presence of the General Assembly of Vermont, at Montpelier, 16 October 1866* (Montpelier: E.P. Walton, 1866). <https://www.loc.gov/item/38017422/>

There will also be an update on Drew Bartley's upcoming special publication issue of *Vermont Genealogy*, "Vermont Research Guide." Plus all three societies will have publications for sale. Registration for the meeting is \$10 for GSV, Pownal Historical Society, and Shaftsbury Histori-

*Note: we now have a single mailing address.*

**Genealogical Society of Vermont**

**57 East Shore North Grand Isle, VT 05458**

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## New Free Collection: Black and Indigenous Soldiers in the American Revolution, 1775-1783 on Fold3

### Types of records in the collection may include:

- Muster rolls
- Pay vouchers
- Enlistment records

### Using the collection

Records in this collection are unique and the available information will vary by record. The following information may be available:

- Name
- Birth date and place
- Date and place of enlistment
- Unit, regiment, and rank
- Names of other unit members
- Occupation
- History of enslavement
- Military history
- Physical description

## GSV Spring Membership Meeting Directions May 18, 2024

3871 Vermont Route 7A,  
Shaftsbury Center, VT 05262

### Directions:

**From Burlington Area:** Take US 7 South to Exit 3 (Sunderland). Take VT 313 West to VT 7A. Follow VT-7A South to Center Shaftsbury. The Governor Galusha House, 3871 VT-7A is on the right side of the road, and is located just north of Quarry Rd.

**From Brattleboro Area:** Follow VT 9 West to VT 279 in Bennington. Get on US 7 North from VT 279. Follow US 7 North to Exit 2 West VT 7A. Follow VT 7A North, the Governor Galusha House 3871 VT-7A is on the left side of the road, just north of Quarry Rd.

**From Barre/ Montpelier Area:** I-89 South to Exit 3. (Royalton) Take VT 107. Follow VT 107 and 100 West to Killington. Take VT 4 West to Rutland. Follow US 7 South to Exit 3 (Sunderland). Take VT 313 West to US Route 7A. Follow 7A south to 3871 7A in Center Shaftsbury. The Governor Galusha House 3871 VT-7A is on the right side of the road, and is located just north of Quarry Rd.

You may want to browse by enlistment location if you can't find a record. Knowing which unit your family member served in is helpful, but unlike later wars, most units in the American Revolution were integrated. Browsing units created near your family member's residence may help you find their records.

During the American Revolution, laws pertaining to Black enlistment were inconsistent and varied by state. If you can't find a record, you may wish to browse states near your family member's residence as they may have traveled to enlist.

While enslaved men were not permitted to enlist, these laws were also subject to change. Keep in mind that an enlisted person of color wasn't necessarily free. An enslaved person may have been forcibly enlisted by their enslaver for profit.

### Collection in context

The records in this collection are primary historical sources that may include unique information about your ancestors. The original documents are housed by the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

Beginning with Crispus Attucks, an American civilian sailor of Black and Indigenous (Wampanoag) heritage who is considered the first casualty of the war and was killed at the Boston Massacre, people of color played a significant role in the American Revolution. Thousands of soldiers of color fought in the American Revolution.

Despite discriminatory laws pertaining to enlistment and rank, the Continental Army was mostly integrated. Black and Indigenous men served alongside white soldiers and largely had an equal pay base. The exception to this was men who were enslaved, who were forced to enlist. In the case of these men, their enslavers would receive the pay the soldier had earned.

While some Black soldiers may have been forced to enlist due to enslavement, others joined of their own free will. Some Indigenous nations opted to remain neutral, while most sided with the British. However, some Indigenous men chose to join the Continental Army.

<https://www.fold3.com/publication/1431/us-black-and-indigenous-soldiers-in-the-american-revolution-1775-1783/>

*The publication no Vermont genealogy collection or library should be without.*

*A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy,  
2<sup>nd</sup> edition*

**by John A. Leppman, softbound.  
Item No. GSV 11.**

**Special Sale Price \$5**

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## *DEATHS.*

 Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.

### **Robert Howard Rodgers (1944-2024), Former *Vermont Genealogy* Editor**

**New Haven, Vt.**-Robert Howard Rodgers, 79, of New Haven passed away suddenly at home on February 20, 2024. Due to his mother's military service, he was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on May 24, 1944, a fact most embarrassing to this ninth-generation Vermonter. Robert grew up on the family farm in New Haven, where he learned carpentry, plumbing, and how to design and repair almost anything. He also learned where the bloodroot, Dutchman's breeches, and morels grew, where the brook turned into a small waterfall, and where the best hills were for sledding.

Robert attended Beeman Academy before continuing on to Phillips Exeter Academy. He later graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1966, where he was also elected to the national honor society Phi Beta Kappa. He completed his academic training in 1970 with a PhD from Harvard University.

Thus credentialed, Robert went on to a distinguished academic career as a professor of classics. He began teaching at the University of California, Berkeley, where he met the love of his life, Barbara Saylor, whom he married in New Haven in 1973.

While northern California had its charms, such as sunny weather and wine country a short drive away, Vermont was home. When Barbara received a job offer to teach at the University of Vermont, Robert was ecstatic to return to his childhood home and raise two children: Eleanor and Cyrus. Robert joined Barbara in the Classics department of the University of Vermont, retiring in 2017 from his role as Lyman-Roberts Professor of Classical Languages and Literature.

His interests ran far beyond the classics; Robert was also drawn to local history and to genealogy. Over the years, he acquired numerous awards and fellowships, and published a great number of books and articles in the classics, genealogy, and history. His publications include a history of New Haven (*New Haven in Vermont, 1761-1983*), a family history, and three books on probate records in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. His professional scholarly pursuits were wide-ranging but included Roman aqueducts and agriculture; understanding the rural agrarian life from centuries past was no doubt of interest to a man who grew up on a farm and saw the nature of farming in Vermont evolve over the course of his lifetime.

Robert was deeply devoted to service, public and professional alike. He served as New Haven Town Auditor for over a decade, Town Historian for nearly two decades, and long-time officer of the New Haven Evergreen Cemetery Association. He served on school boards from 1986-1994, was an officer in the church since 1981, and actively participated in countless historical societies and non-profits. He peer-reviewed papers for prestigious classical journals, held many committee positions at the University of Vermont, served as external tenure evaluator for a number of well-known universities, Treasurer for the Classical Association of New England, and Trustee of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Following his retirement in 2017, Robert was able to devote himself more fully to his pastimes – primarily carpentry. He had a true gift for design aesthetics, which shines through in details large and small, in the finish work he completed in the family house, and in the barn erected in 2020. The barn contained both of Robert's favorite architectural elements – a cupola and horse windows. It also boasts a springbok weathervane, an homage to his granddaughter Maya.

Maya was born in 2020 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Being born far away and moving to New Haven as a newborn is something this eleventh-generation Vermonter shares with Robert; she is as enamored of her grandfather as he was of her. She was the absolute light of his life and brought him endless joy in his final years (when she wasn't jumping on him or pulling his hair). Knowing that his granddaughter would grow up in the same house and chasing butterflies, hunting wildflowers, and sledding on the land that meant so much to him was a comfort and a joy.

He was a lifelong student of history and genealogy; family, sense of place, quality of work, and serving institutions he cared about were important to Robert. So, too, was good food and wine, along with pure Vermont maple syrup. He never met a dog or a pig he didn't love or a bird that he did.

His unique personality came across in many ways; he had a quirky humor that peeked out on occasion. Whenever he happened upon an interesting name or phrase, he would save it for later use. Luckily for his children, names were bestowed on pets such as Teselgrave (a mistaken recollection of the name Tesselschade) and Huptia Zosa (which means "upside down, alive" in Greek).

*(Robert Howard Rodgers, continued on page 4)*

*(President's Message, continued from page 1)*

cal Society members and \$15 for non-members. Registration includes the program, morning "coffee," and luncheon with sandwiches from the Shaftsbury Country Store. Please send a check by May 10, 2024 to: **Genealogical Society of Vermont, 57 East Shore North, Grand Isle, VT 05458**. Please include a note with your check if you require a gluten-free option. You can also pay by the option of PayPal on the GSV website: [www.genealogyvermont.org/upcoming.htm](http://www.genealogyvermont.org/upcoming.htm). Note this includes an additional \$1 processing fee. If you miss the deadline, but would still like to attend please send an email to [stevens@vermontel.net](mailto:stevens@vermontel.net). The deadline is so we have an idea of attendance for the food. We hope to see you there.

GSV's longtime Newsletter Coordinator, Randy Brown of Rutland, was appointed to the Board position of Publicity Chair. Randy is already hard at work promoting the GSV Spring Membership Meeting.

As noted in my last Presidential Message GSV is looking for a new webmaster. If there is anyone, who would like to become the new GSV Webmaster, or at least help with our website, please contact Diantha for the particulars.

Just a reminder. Members now have the opportunity to receive both the *GSV Newsletter* and *Vermont Genealogy* digitally. Digital memberships help us save money with ever rising printing and postage costs. If you have "gone digital" and want to dispose of your paper copies of the journal; we accept copies in clean saleable condition to add to sale inventory. There are several issues that are now out of stock, and it is always helpful to fill in those voids when we have requests for those particular issues. If interested, please send me an email.

Please make sure that we have your most current email address, so you don't miss any of our correspondence. Also please send any changes in your postal mailing address, so you don't miss any publications, to GSV Treasurer Diantha Howard at: [diantha.howard@uvm.edu](mailto:diantha.howard@uvm.edu).

The **18<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) 2025: New Englanders Here, There, and Everywhere** will be held on October 29 through November 1, 2025 in Manchester, N.H. Be sure to look for updates on the conference in the GSV Newsletter, on the GSV website [www.genealogyvermont.org](http://www.genealogyvermont.org) and on the NERGC website [www.nergc.org](http://www.nergc.org) as we get closer to the date of the conference.

The Fall 2022 [27: 2] and Spring 2023 [28: 1] issues of *Vermont Genealogy* will be combined into one special issue, which will be a Vermont research guide by Drew Bartley. Due to the large amount of information, this issue will be double the page count of a regular issue.

Finally thank you to everyone who supports GSV through your memberships, purchases and donations. Without your support we would not be able to keep the society running.

*Jonathan W. Stevens, President*

## New Members

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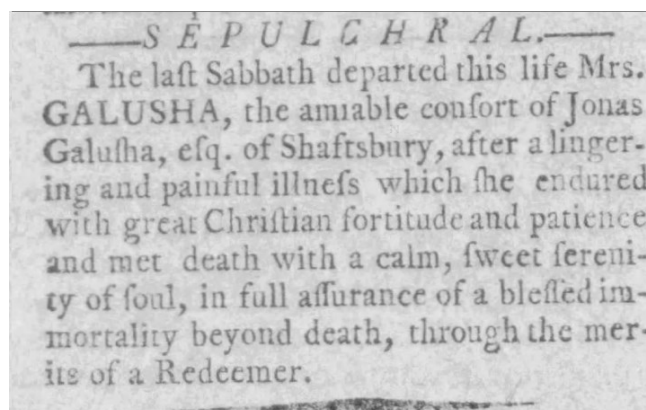
*(Robert Howard Rodgers, continued from page 3)*

Robert is survived by his wife, Barbara Saylor Rodgers of New Haven; son Cyrus Rodgers of Burlington; daughter Eleanor de Villiers and her husband, Richard de Villiers; granddaughter Maya de Villiers, all of New Haven; as well as many other close friends, extended family members, and numerous devoted and affectionate former students.

In keeping with Robert's wishes, there will not be any public services. A celebration of life is planned for May 24, 2024, his 80th birthday. His family requests that anyone so inclined share written stories of Robert: funny, poignant, or memorable, to make into a keepsake for his granddaughter. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Haven Congregational Church.

Source: <https://vtdigger.org/2024/02/29/robert-howard-rodgers/>

**Editor's Note:** Long time GSV members will remember Robert H. Rodgers. He was the original editor of *Vermont Genealogy*. His final issue as editor was the Oct. 2003 issue [8: 4], October 2003. The majority of the issues that he edited are still available as back-issues.



*The Vermont Gazette (Bennington, Vt.), issue 25 April 1794, p. 3.*



## **Genealogical Society of Vermont Spring Membership Meeting**

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**The Governor Galusha House**

*(Home of the Shaftsbury Historical Society)*

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Registration/Sign-in and Morning Coffee begins at 10:30 a.m.

Joyce Held: “Who Was Widow Krieger, Accused Witch of Pownal?”

Carol Corey-Dziubek: “The Shaftsbury 1888 Signature Quilt.”

*Plus ... a reading of a speech of Governor Jonas Galusha and tour of the Governor Galusha House.*

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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.

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***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; **Sale Price \$20.** 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 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; **is out of print.** 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 non-members. (Mail orders should add \$7.50 for postage and handling, not the \$5.50 normally charged.) 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; **Sale Price \$5.** (Mail orders should add \$3.50 for postage and handling, not the \$5.50 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 \$3.50 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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