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DONATIONS

Carleton J. Howard of Boulder, Colorado

Marsha Duell of Williston, Vermont

Roberta Barnes of Oakton, Virginia

AS we enter 2021, Vermont has now passed 10,000 cases of COVID-19, resulting in 163 deaths. This is a dramatic increase from the statistics reported in the last Newsletter. While there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel, the concern most Vermont communities are considering how to hold annual town meeting safely. The General Assembly passed Act No. 162: "An act relating to using Australian Ballot for municipal meetings in the year 2021," which was signed into law by Governor Scott on October 5, 2020. This permitted the legislative body of a municipality (select board, school board, trustees, city council, etc.) to adopt the Australian ballot system of voting for this year's local elections. In addition, signature petitions for candidates are not required this year due to COVID-19. Check with your town or city as to how they are handling the annual meeting this year.

Sadly, we report the deaths of two longtime GSV members: Marion L. (Rosebrooks) Emmons of Sterling, Connecticut (formerly of Moosup, Connecticut), on September 13, 2020. [see page 4 for a complete obituary] and Barbara (Bullock) Jones of Burlington (formerly of Charlestown, N.H.), on December 25, 2020. No obituary was available to us at press time.

Registration is now open for the 16th New England Regional Genealogical Conference - **Virtual NERGC 2021: *Springing From the Past into the Future***. The conference will be held over the course of 61 days beginning on April 1 and ending on May 31, 2021, featuring 72 presentations by over 50 different speakers. The featured speakers of Virtual NERGC 2021 are: Angie Bush, a DNA research expert; DearMYRTLE the *nom de plume* of Pat Richley-Erickson, author of the award-winning DearMYRTLE Genealogy Blog; and John Grenham, a well-known expert on Irish ancestry. For more information on the featured speakers see: <https://nergc.org/2021-conference-2/2021-featured-speakers/>. Other speakers include former GSV President and *Vermont Genealogy* Editor, Scott Andrew Bartley, who will give a presentation on the NEHGS Early Vermont Settlers Study Project entitled: *Early Vermont Settlement to 1771 and the Records*. Registration starts at a very reasonable \$150. The registration brochure is now available in PDF format: <https://secureservercdn.net/45.40.155.175/39j.9e3.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/VIRTUAL-NERGC-2021-BROCHURE.pdf>. [See pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter, which provides some highlights] Look for more information in the next Newsletter and online at <https://nergc.org/>.

GSV is currently offering several of our hardcover publications at sale prices. [see page 5 for sale prices and shipping rates] Please note that the GSV membership discount does not apply to already discounted items. We are also running a buy-one-get-one-of-equal-or-lesser-value-free sale on back issues of *Vermont Genealogy* Volume 1:1 through Volume 24:2. [see page 5 for sale prices and shipping rates] This is a great opportunity for members who wish to add to their collections of GSV publications.

Finally, as I mentioned in the last Newsletter, thank you to everyone who has made donations to GSV. Donations are critical to keep the membership rate down, as printing and postage costs of publications continue to rise. Members should be receiving their copy of *Vermont Genealogy*, Vol. 25, No. 2 soon. The mailing label provides the expiration date of your membership.

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Virtual NERGC 2021



Springing From the Past
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Featured Speakers



Angie Bush



John Grenham



Pat Richley-Erickson
(DearMrytle)

NERGC - The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. invites you to join us at our **sixteenth genealogical conference** — *Springing From the Past Into the Future* — a **Virtual Conference. April 1 through May 31, 2021.**

Virtual NERGC 2021 will help attendees explore:

- DNA methodologies, case studies, etc.
- Interesting uses of records including religious, civil, land, probate, military, maritime, and newspapers
- New England records and repositories
- Problem solving, methodology, and new approaches to traditional research
- Research specifically focused on social, cultural, racial and ethnic groups
- Sharing and preserving your family history through writing, photography, digital media, etc.
- Successful research planning and project implementation
- Technology: Providing solutions to improve genealogical research
- Understanding historical context related to genealogy

Virtual NERGC 2021 will bring together genealogists and family historians from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or even a professional genealogist, the conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by expert genealogists, there will be time to explore the virtual exhibit hall and make new connections at the Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show — and plenty of opportunities to meet hundreds of other attendees virtually who share your love for genealogy.

CONFERENCE SOFTWARE

Our main software is the Virtual Attendee Hub from Cvent. It will connect with Zoom for both large and small group interactions. It also includes a virtual Exhibit Hall, a personal schedule, and more.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

You may have needs related to hearing, speaking, seeing or managing the physical coordination to successfully access your personal digital devices for this virtual conference.

Even before you register, contact Pam Roberts, our ADA liaison for accessibility at drpampt@gmail.com. Please ask questions; share any concerns you may have. Help us understand the impact on YOU as we move to our conference from onsite to virtual. Pam can share predicted ways to enhance your access especially if you list needs and **register by March 15, 2021**. Pam and our access team will work to help you maximize your successful participation.

SOCIETY FAIR

Scheduled for Saturday April 3 and Sunday May 16, 2021. This will be live and you will be able to stop by and talk with members of the various organizations. The specific times will be posted on the NERGC website and in the E-zine. This is open to the public at no cost.

ANCESTOR ROAD SHOW

Does your research need a jump start? Are you just beginning and don't know where to start? Do you need help reading and analyzing an old document? Have you hit that proverbial brick wall? Having someone with experience and expertise analyze your work might provide you with a new perspective to help you continue your research. This is your chance to consult with an expert.

Twenty-minute Road Show consultations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to one per registered conference attendee. Watch the website and E-zine for additional information on ARS registration for April 27, May 7, and May 26.

EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall has it all - books, maps, educational opportunities. The space is flexible and inviting. The Exhibit Hall will be "open" during the virtual conference. The Exhibit Hall is free and open to the public.

LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

We are inviting libraries and archives with special collections of interest to genealogists and researchers to join us in our Virtual Conference. This will be a good chance to learn about resources for research. More information will be available on the NERGC website and in the E-zine. They will be present on April 16 and May 12.

CONFERENCE BLOG

Keep up-to-date with breaking news about the many special events and conference activities that are planned. Find out

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more information about the lectures, speakers, exhibitors. Check out the blog to get the most out of the conference: www.nergc.blogspot.com

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Thinking about attending Virtual NERGC 2021?

Join the conversation on Facebook at - www.facebook.com/NERGC. Get to know other attendees, check out the photos from past conferences and write on the NERGC wall. Don't miss out on the excitement.

WE VALUE THE INPUT OF OUR PARTICIPANTS

We solicit input from each conference participant. Once compiled and distributed, your input helps make each NERGC conference the best yet! Subscribe to the E-zine to learn more about NERGC's participant-centered approach.

CONFERENCE E-ZINE

The conference E-zine, a digital newsletter that provides information and updates about the Sixteenth New England Regional Conference, will be sent periodically to all those on our E-zine email list. If you would like to receive the E-zine, please provide your e-mail address on the registration form. Back issues of the E-zine are posted on the NERGC webpage at www.NERGC.org/E-zine.

SIGs - SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Enthusiasm is always high for these popular, informal mini gatherings. It's an opportunity to meet and share with conference participants and hosts on a wide range of topics. This year you will be able to attend several of the sessions since we will be scheduling different topics on several days during our virtual event. The topics will be listed on the NERGC website and in the E-zine. To be held April 4, 12, 20, 28 and May 6, 14, 22, 24 and 27.

VIRTUAL DINNER MEETING

We will be having a virtual dinner meeting this conference on April 1, the first of our three gathering days. Our Speaker will be Nathan Dylan Goodwin and his topic will be "Using Fact in Fiction" We hope you will be able to join us for this event.

TABLE TOP TOPICS

Members of NEAPG (New England Association of Professional Genealogists) will facilitate discussion on a variety of topics, including New England research and DNA on April 6. In our virtual conference this will be a live event.

CONFERENCE PINS

We know that some of you collect our conference pins. Since we won't be together to hand one to you at registration, there is an option on the registration form to purchase a pin. All we ask is that you cover the mailing cost of \$2.50.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

A Query Board will be set up in the NERGC website. Please submit to and review this frequently throughout the conference to see if any cousins are in need of your assistance.

The preferred format uses standard abbreviations and the date written as 27 July 1927. Show birth, death, marriage in that order, with event location shown before date and all known information stated before the question is asked. Remember to include your contact information!

Sample Query:

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Walton's Morning Journal, (Montpelier),
issue 21 Feb. 1863, p. 3.
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DEATHS.

☞ Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.

Sterling, Conn. - Marion L. (Rosebrooks) Emmons, wife of the late Austin Emmons, went to eternal rest at her family's Sterling home, surrounded by family, on Sept. 13, 2020. She was born on the family dairy farm in Willimantic, CT on April 16, 1927, to the late Harold and Lounette (Curnalia) Rosebrooks. Marion was a graduate of Windham High School and retired from the State of Connecticut as Supervisor of the Data Processing Department at Mansfield Training School.

She married Austin E. Emmons on October 4, 1947. Together, they built their home in Columbia, CT. She was a member of the Hampton Congregational Church, Past Regent Governor of Jonathan Trumbull DAR, 7th Degree Grange member (78 years), Life member Mayflower Society, Life member of over 25 Historical and Genealogical Societies in the northeast and NY and Charter member of the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Her greatest interest, after family, was genealogy. Marion published two family booklets and contributed to many genealogical societies and libraries as she traced lineage for families other than her own. Marion and her husband, a WWII veteran, travelled extensively throughout the entire United States.

She is survived by a daughter, Sue Gray (Russell), of Sterling, CT; sister, Ruth Rosebrooks of Granby, CT; grandchildren: Rebecca (Allen) Gervais, Mason Gray, Deborah (Nicholas) Sharpe, all of Sterling, CT; great-grandchildren, Jacob (Jasmyn), Clifford, Trevor, Jared, and Brianna Gervais; Lillian and Russell Sharpe; great great-granddaughter, Hannah Gervais. Texas family, daughter-in-law, E. Roberta Emmons; grandchildren, Erik (Lori) and Elise (Howard) Bristow; great-grandchildren, Lucas, Kira and Elian Emmons and Rory Bristow, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her son, Gene Emmons, great-granddaughter, Hannah Gervais, and a sister, Ethel Larkin. The family extends special thanks to Ruby Babcock for her loving care and Barbara McShane for her kind service.

Because of Covid-19, burial is private in the North Cemetery, Hampton, CT. Donations may be sent to Ekonk Community Grange c/o Jody Cameron, Secretary, 31 Blueberry Lane, Brooklyn, CT 06234 or the Hampton Congregational Church, Emmons Educational Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 65 Hampton, CT 06247. For an online memorial guest book please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

Published in Norwich Bulletin (Norwich, Connecticut), September 17, 2020.

Editor's Note: Marion L. Emmons was a longtime member of GSV.

VIRTUAL NERGC 2021: VOLUNTEER TRAINING

As a participating Society, we are asking for volunteers to assist in the "production" of this new adventure. There are three (3) training segments that are involved in this virtual conference. Following is a description of the available positions.

Each of the three segments are to train people to use the 'back side' controls of the Virtual Attendee Hub. So, in analogous terms, this is training someone to be a Zoom host rather than a Zoom attendee. However, we can presume that the controls are slightly more complicated than Zoom since there is an hour training class.

- **Exhibitors** – we want people who may set up a booth AND are willing to help others set up a booth – this should be the first training we schedule.
- **Speakers** – should be limited to those who are part of the societies and include some of those who will be giving live.
- **Moderators** – anyone who is willing to work 'behind the scenes' during the conference's scheduled events as a 'host' (not necessarily someone who needs to speak) AND is willing to teach others as we will need several people in this volunteer role over the course of the 61 days of virtual conference.

Anyone interested can contact, Lois Knight at: Lknight52@maine.rr.com.

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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; **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.

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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; \$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 .

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A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy, 2nd 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.**

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