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GSV's Fall Membership meeting will be held at the Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main Street, Castleton, Vt., on September 28, 2019. Please note the early date, about a month earlier than the traditional date.

The first speaker is: **Danielle "Dani" L. Roberts: "Rutland County's Hidden Gems: Researching in Rutland Co., Vt."** Dani Laramie Roberts, a native Vermonter, has always had a love of family history. Dani has been helping researchers find their roots for over 25 years. She publishes *Rooted in the Green Mountains*, *Sleeper News*, and *Sleeper Queries*, quarterly newsletters on Rutland Co., Vt., Washington Co., N.Y., and New England and N.Y., respectively. She also owns Sleeper Books and Aceto Bookman, selling history and genealogy books. In 2018, she ran *Discovering Your Roots: An Introduction to Genealogy*, a 13-week course at the Castleton Community Center, which was so successful she and attendees continue to meet and work together on their family histories. She is the historian and curator of the Fair Haven Historical Society and a member of the DAR by virtue of one of her favorite ancestors, the Green Mountain Boy Theophilus Clark. Dani and her husband Hugh raised 3 children and live in the home she grew up in in Fair Haven.

Our second speaker will be: **Michael F. Dwyer: "What's New Among the DNA Companies, and Which Ones Are Best for Settling Family Mysteries?"** Michael F. Dwyer FASG, lives in Pittsford, and has published articles that have appeared in *The NEHGS Register*, *The American Genealogist*, *American Ancestors*, *The Maine Genealogist*, *Rhode Island Roots*, and *Vermont Genealogy*, among others. Michael served as State Historian of the Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants from 1986 to 1996. Appointed Editor of *Vermont Genealogy* in 2016, he is also Co-Editor of *Rhode Island Roots* and a Contributing Editor to *The Maine Genealogist* and *The American Genealogist*.

In addition to the featured speakers, John A. Leppman will provide a summary of the September 14, 2019 NEHGS program: "**New Discoveries in Mayflower Genealogy**." There will be a book sale of Vermontonia and genealogical publications, including books, ephemera and back issues of journals. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the annual business meeting begins at 9: 30 a.m.

The registration fee for the meeting is \$15. We are offering a bag lunch for \$10, featuring small grinders (please specify ham, tuna or turkey when registering) from the Castleton Village Store, beverage, chips, and dessert, or you may "bring-your-own" lunch. You can also register via PayPal; see page 4 of this Newsletter and the GSV website for additional information.

There is another upcoming event that may be of interest to GSV members. The Barre Genealogy Group is planning a Genealogy Fair on Saturday November 2, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Old Labor Hall, Barre. This free event is being co-sponsored with the Barre Historical Society.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

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 Castleton, 8th August, 1827.

Vermont Statesman (Castleton, Vt.), issue 29 Aug. 1827, p. 4.

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VILLAGE OF SOUTH LONDONDERRY FIRE SWEEP

Store, Garage and Two Dwellings
Completely Destroyed

LOSS WILL BE NEARLY \$15,000

Telephone Calls to Adjoining Towns
Raised Fire-Fighting Force of
500 Men.

Brattleboro, July 20, -Fire which originated this at 3:40 o'clock in the home of A.H. Baybrook on Main street in South Londonderry did damage of \$15,000 before it was brought under control at 7 o'clock by the efforts of the hand engine company of that village aided by one from North Londonderry and about 500 men who responded to the telephone alarm for help from the surrounding villages.

The buildings destroyed were the general store of George G. Smith over which was a tenement occupied by Julian B. Johnson, a son-law of Mr. Smith; a garage owned by Mr. Smith, the residence occupied by Mr. Baybrook which was owned by Dr. B.F. Millington, the residence of Mrs. George Robinson and the residence of Henry A. Darling.

The contents of two of the houses were saved from the buildings and carried across the street but the heat from the fire became so intense that many of the articles saved were destroyed.

Hunt's tavern and livery stable, the residence of D.L. Benson and the Allbee tenement across the street were on fire several times but the determined work of the volunteer fire fighters saved them from destruction although they are considerably damaged.

The fire was discovered by D.G. Smith, a neighbor, just after 3:30 o'clock and he immediately raised the alarm. The residence of Mr. Baybrook was then burning briskly. The family managed to escape unharmed although it was impossible for to save much in the way of clothing or furniture.

The breeze from the north drove the flames away from the greater part of the village and this undoubtedly prevented a greater loss than has been

sustained. The store building of Mr. Smith, being close to the Baybrook house, caught fire almost immediately and then the flames spread in order to the other two houses. In the store building was the barber shop of Fred E. Phelps. Practically nothing was saved from the store and the loss of Mr. Smith is placed at between \$10,000 and \$11,000, partially covered by insurance.

The loss on the Darling house is placed at \$2,000, on the Baybrook house at \$1,500 and on the Robinson house at \$1,200, all partly insured.

The Melendy telephone system was worked to the limit immediately after it was realized that the fire was beyond local control. The message sent to the north village caused the hand engine from that place to be rushed over the road in record time and it was soon on the bank of the river pumping water at the side in the engine owned in South Londonderry.

From Jamaica, Weston, Chester and Winhall men poured into the village by teams and autos and spelled the tired men on the pumps of the engines and relieved those whose faces and hands were blistered by the fierce heat as they handled the nozzles or used buckets of water and pony chemical extinguishers.

[Bennington Banner, issue 21 July 1915, p. 1.]



At Left: A picture postcard of the aftermath of the South Londonderry fire of July 20, 1915. Addressed to, but not mailed (there is no stamp or post-mark) to, Parker T. and Mary C. (Felton) Shattuck of Weston, Vt. The postcard was given to Mrs. Shattuck as an odd birthday greeting from Horace E. and Leora E. (Carey) Felton. Horace E. Felton was Mrs. Shattuck younger brother and the Feltons resided in Londonderry at the time of the fire.

[From the collection of Jonathan W. Stevens]

Genealogical Society of Vermont Fall Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 28, 2019

**Castleton Community Center
2108 Main Street, Castleton, Vermont**

Featured Speakers:

**Danielle L. Roberts: “Rutland County’s Hidden Gems: Researching in
Rutland Co., Vt.”**

**Michael F. Dwyer: “What’s New Among the DNA Companies, and Which Ones Are
Best for Settling Family Mysteries?”**

plus...

**John A. Leppman will provide a summary on the
NEHGS program: “New Discoveries in Mayflower Genealogy.”**

and...

A Book Sale of Vermontonia and Genealogical Publications.

Registration begins 9 a.m. Annual Business Meeting Begins at 9: 30 a.m.

Registration for the Meeting is \$15

**We are also offering a bag lunch for \$10, featuring small grinders (please specify ham, tuna or turkey when
registering) from the Castleton Village Store, beverage, chips, and dessert,
or you may “bring-your-own” lunch.**

Please send a check to:

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FAMILYSEARCH USERS CAN NOW CORRECT NAME INDEXING ERRORS

Salt Lake City, Utah (31 July 2019), [FamilySearch](#) has added a much-anticipated innovation that now enables users to make name corrections to its indexes. Corrections made by users increase the likelihood of success for researchers to find the records of their ancestors.

If you have ever searched for ancestors online in indexed records, you inevitably find collections where your ancestor's name was indexed incorrectly. Sometimes it was indexed correctly according to what was written on the source document, but that name may not be an alternative spelling of the name used by your family.

The reasons for incorrect entries of indexed names are many and valid—difficult-to-read handwriting, faded ink, document damage, errors in the original documents, uncommon names, language barriers, and unexpected spellings are among them. When entries are indexed incorrectly from valuable historic records, it is difficult for family researchers to find the ancestor and the accompanying information they are seeking.

People can now correct the spelling on the index and leave a brief explanation. Corrections will appear along with the original index entries—making both searchable online. Only indexes referring to images can be corrected, meaning that not all index entries are editable. A user can check the image and compare it to the index entry. An icon of a page and a camera at the side of the index entry indicate that an image is available.

FamilySearch product manager John Alexander recommends that users take the time to use the new tool as needed when they run across indexed records that they know are in error. “Adding corrections to an index when the information does not match the names as written in the original document or if the document was recorded wrong will increase the quality of the index and usefulness to other searchers,” said Alexander. For example, if “Johnathan”—spelled with an H—was indexed as “Jonathan,” a user who recognizes the error can add to the index to show the actual spelling as written in the document.

Alexander reported that users will soon have the ability to correct additional types of indexing errors besides names.

FamilySearch Indexing Editing Made Easy

Editing an index entry on FamilySearch is simple. When searching for an ancestor on the site, users can look through the results for a likely record and click the ancestor's name. A box will pop up with the indexed information on the left and a clickable image on the right. If the index is editable, the word “Edit” will appear in blue to the right of the name.

To enter the desired correction, click **Edit**, and follow the prompts. A space is included for other comments or explanations. User corrections will not override the information already on FamilySearch but adds an alternative. Multiple corrections can be added to a record. All will be searchable.

FamilySearch Press Release

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.

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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. **Sale price \$10.**

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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

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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, 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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