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The New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC)  
15-18 April 2015



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wishing the entire GSV membership — a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Congratulations to GSV member Michael F. Dwyer of Pittsford, who was elected the 162<sup>nd</sup> Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists on October 11, 2014 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) will be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, on April 15-18, 2015. The early bird registration deadline ends on February 28, 2015. Registration is \$120, but after that date increases to \$150. GSV's sponsored speaker is Jane Williamson: **Telling it Like it Was: The Underground Railroad in VT**. This talk presents the evolution of a single site – Rokeby Museum – to explore how easily the mythological Underground Railroad can displace historical events in our understanding of the past. Jane has served as director at Rokeby Museum since 1995, where she has pioneered a more accurate and nuanced understanding of the Underground Railroad in Vermont and New England. A major new exhibit – **Free & Safe: The Underground Railroad in Vermont** – opened in May 2013. GSV will also have our usual booth in the Exhibit Hall. See you there.

Members should have received the Fall 2013 [18: 2] issue of our scholarly journal *Vermont Genealogy*. This issue includes the early vital records of Londonderry to the mid-1830s. Just a reminder to new members, the mailing list used, was for those who were members at that time the issue would have been published. Back issues are available for most issues of *VG*. [see pages 6-7 of this Newsletter for details]. Work is well underway on the Spring 2014 [19: 1] issue.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

# *Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future*

**Early Bird Deadline  
28 February 2015**

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[www.nergc.org](http://www.nergc.org)

13<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference

15-18 April 2015

Providence, Rhode Island



*Keynote Speaker:* Lisa Louise Cook – Genealogy Gems

*Keynote Speaker:* Judy G. Russell – The Legal Genealogist

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- 60+ lectures
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  - Ancestors Roadshow
  - Research in Providence
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## SHELDON FAMILY ASSOCIATION 76<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION

The Sheldon Family Association will gather for the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Reunion July 30 - August 2, 2015, at LaQuinta in Sacramento, CA. Host Betty Knopf will arrange lectures about Sheldon history and trips to Sheldon sites. Information from the 121,000 descendant database will be available. See our web site [Sheldonfamilyv2.org](http://Sheldonfamilyv2.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.

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

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***INDEX TO BRANCHES  
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*by Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp.,  
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*(New Members, Continued from page 1)*

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## DEATHS.

### Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.

**Barbara Francis (Morgan) Adams**, 89, passed away on November 29, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA. She was born on July 23, 1925 in Pownal, Vermont, where her ancestors included some of the earliest settlers of Pownal, and the State of Vermont. Barbara received her education first in Pownal in a one room school for first through eighth grades, and was graduated from Bennington High School in 1943. Her strong academic skills and interest in teaching were rewarded with a scholarship to the University of Vermont. She received a B.S.Ed. from UVM in 1946, having accelerated through her course work. Upon graduation she taught English in Middlebury High School for two years. On July 20, 1947 she married Kirt A. Adams of Bennington, VT, returning there to teach English at BHS. Barbara and Kirt built a home in Pownal where they thought they would always live, but fate intervened. In 1952, on the same day as the birth of their first child, a union vote at EZ Mills determined the closing of the mill, and the end to Kirt's job. They chose to move to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania where Kirt found a similar management position. The Adamses resided in Eagleville PA for ten years, and Audubon, PA for more than fifty. While her children were young, Barbara was a full time homemaker and mother. When her youngest went to school, she returned to teaching. She taught French in elementary schools in Phoenixville, PA during the 60s, returning to teaching high school English in the Great Valley School District from 1969 to 1976. Later, she was the librarian as well as teacher of English and French at Hill Top Preparatory School in Rosemont, PA. Her last years of employment were in the field of library science. She worked for the Norristown Library as the Director of the Retrospective Conversion Project, and as Assistant Librarian for Rare Books and Manuscripts at the Winterthur Museum library in Winterthur, DE. She described this as her favorite job.

Barbara was a generous and kind person, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, a gifted writer, and a popular teacher. She enjoyed language, history, poetry and literature, and throughout her life possessed the love of learning. She earned three masters degrees; M.Ed. (French) West Chester, PA 1967, M.A. (English) Villanova 1972, and M.S. Library Science, Villanova 1980. After retirement she earned a paralegal certificate from Penn State and assisted her daughter part time in her law office in the Lehigh Valley. She also attended many Elderhostel courses across the country, and was dedicated to the concept of lifelong learning.

Retirement gave Barbara and Kirt the time to travel and pursue other hobbies, which for Barbara included genealogy, knitting, and spending time with grandchildren, for whom she enjoyed making cookies. For many years she and Kirt had a summer home on Lake Blaisdell in South Sutton, NH. More recently they spent part of each year in South Ryegate, VT, near two of their children. Barbara was a member of several hereditary organizations, including D.A.R., Colonial Dames of Vermont, Descendants of Colonial Clergy, The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, Flagon and Trencher, and Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century. In the latter she served as Registrar of the Penn's Grant Chapter and Pennsylvania State Registrar.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 67 years, Kirt A. Adams of Lafayette Hill, PA, and three children: Kirt W. Adams and his wife Joanne of North Danville, VT, Peter M. Adams and his wife Karen of West Chester, PA, and Carolyn L. Adams, Esq., of South Ryegate, VT. Five grandchildren: Chloe M. Adams of St. Louis, MO, Aurora M. Adams of Lexington, KY, Carolyn J. Adams, Jacob M. Adams, and Mary Elizabeth Adams all of West Chester, PA; many cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as generations of students in Vermont and Pennsylvania.

She was predeceased by her parents, William Barber Morgan and Ada (Morgan) Morgan, of Pownal, VT, and her sisters, Lucy (Morgan) Woodward, Ada Ruth Morgan, and Rachel (Morgan) Sargent, all of New London, NH.

A private committal service in Park Lawn Cemetery, Bennington, VT, is planned in the spring. In lieu of flowers it is suggested that a donation be made to a library or historical society.

*Submitted by Carolyn L. Adams, Esq.*

**PBS' "GENEALOGY ROADSHOW" SEASON TWO  
UNCOVERS FAMILY SECRETS ACROSS THE U.S.**

**Premieres January 13, 2015 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS**

ARLINGTON, VA; DECEMBER 9, 2014 – From descendants of the infamous pirate Blackbeard to heroes of the Holocaust, PBS' **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** uncovers family secrets in the series' second season, which premieres Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. ET and airs every Tuesday through February 24 (check local listings). Part detective story, part emotional journey, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** combines history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans in and around St. Louis, Philadelphia and New Orleans. Each individual's story links to a larger community (and in some cases, national) history, to become part of America's rich cultural tapestry.

**GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** stars genealogists **Kenyatta D. Berry**, **Joshua Taylor** and **Mary Tedesco** and features participants with unique claims and storylines, including a woman seeking to find out if she is descended from the infamous pirate Blackbeard; a pair of sisters exploring connections to a survivor of the legendary Donner party; a man hoping to recover essential family history that washed away in Hurricane Katrina; and a man learns that the event that drove his family to the City of Brotherly Love changed the course of history.

Over the course of the series, Berry, Taylor and Tedesco work with participants' anecdotal clues, documents and family heirlooms to unite them with histories and people they never knew existed, as well as to reveal surprising turns and incredible histories.

"In three great and complex American cities we find engaging stories, dark mysteries, emotional reveals and more" said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. "In each episode, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** reaches out to help Americans who are interested in their family heritage and their community history. It proves that no matter one's culture and background, everyone is part of the American story."

St. Louis, Philadelphia and New Orleans were chosen as representative of America's fascinating crossroads of culture, diversity, industry and history, as well as for their deep pools of riveting stories. **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**'s hosts and experts add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes part of solving the mystery.

Below are episode descriptions for each of **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**'s six episodes:

**New Orleans – Cabildo**

**Premieres, January 13, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.**

A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at the famous Cabildo, home of the Louisiana State Museum. A couple whose ancestors hail from the same small Italian town explore the chance they may be related; a woman is desperate to find out who committed a gruesome murder in her ancestor's past; a home held by one family for more than a century renders a fascinating story; and a woman discovers the difficult journey her ancestor took on the path to freedom from slavery.

**St. Louis – Central Library**

**Premieres, January 20, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.**

At Saint Louis' historic central library, a team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories from Missouri's famous gateway city. A mystery writer discovers her mother has hidden a life-changing secret; a woman finds out if she is descended from the infamous pirate Blackbeard; a mother

and daughter seek connections to a famous author; and a young man seeks connection to the Mali tribe in Africa.

**Philadelphia – Franklin Institute**

**Premieres, January 27, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.**

At Philadelphia's Franklin Institute, a team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family histories. A man learns that the event that drove his family to the City of Brotherly Love changed the course of history; a man may be a Viking descendant; another's family could have part of one of history's biggest scams; a young man hopes to confirm his relation to a signer of the Declaration of Independence; and two sisters learn their ancestors were part of the great Irish migration.

**New Orleans – Board of Trade**

**Premieres, February 3, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.**

A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at the New Orleans Board of Trade. A local man seeks to recover essential history washed away in Hurricane Katrina; a woman discovers she has links to both sides of the Civil War; another unravels the mystery behind her grandfather's adoption; and one man explores a link to the famous New Orleans Voodoo Queen, Marie Laveau.

**St. Louis – Union Station**

**Premieres, February 10, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.**

At St. Louis' historic Union Station, a team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories from Missouri. A musician hopes to find connections to a famous St. Louis jazz composer; two sisters explore links to a survivor of the legendary Donner party; an Italian-American woman finds out if she is related to Italian royalty; and a schoolteacher who has all the answers for her students has very few about her own past.

**Philadelphia – Historical Society of Pennsylvania**

**Premieres, February 17, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.**

A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family histories at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. One woman's ancestor may have sparked historic labor laws; a pastor may have an outlaw in her family tree; a woman learns about slave genealogy and, with the help of DNA testing, gets the answer she has waited for; and another woman learns her ancestor may have helped others escape the Holocaust.

PBS LearningMedia, PBS' destination for educators and students, offers a range of curriculum-targeted resources that support lessons on genealogy, immigration, and identity and delve into the personal histories of well-known icons and everyday Americans. Through discussion questions, worksheets, and videos, PBS LearningMedia helps teachers to promote inquiry in their classrooms and strengthen their student's personal connection to history. For more information on the latest digital resources for **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** classroom instruction, please visit [pbslearningmedia.org](http://pbslearningmedia.org).

**GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** is produced by Krasnow Productions. President and owner Stuart Krasnow is a longtime television industry veteran, having worked for all of the country's top broadcasters in news and entertainment, as well as at numerous cable networks as a creator and executive producer. The series is also executive produced by TV veteran Carlos Ortiz, who has produced mega-hits for almost every major network on television. He brings 20 years of development and producing experience to the table and returns to PBS for his second season on the series.



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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.

*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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***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***, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Number 13*****VITAL RECORDS OF SPRINGFIELD, VT.**

*by Scott Andrew Bartley*

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