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The Vermont Department of Libraries (VTLIB) has paid to provide HeritageQuest to all Vermont public libraries at no cost to the libraries or their patrons. However, VTLIB has determined that the price tag is no longer justified, especially as more free resources such as FamilySearch.org have become available. Therefore, HeritageQuest will no longer be available at most Vermont libraries after December 31, 2019.

In October, the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society's Vermont Genealogy Library became a FamilySearch Library Affiliate. Users of the website FamilySearch.org will notice some records have an icon of a camera and a key, rather than just a camera. You cannot view these records from home, but these records can now be accessed at the society's library. For further information see <http://www.vtgenlib.org/general/FamilySearchLibraryAffiliation.php>.

The GSV is now offering the option of making donations to the society via PayPal on our website www.genealogyvermont.org. In addition to donations and meeting registrations, we hope to offer the option of membership renewals via PayPal in the near future. GSV like many other small genealogical societies, is faced with the fact that our membership numbers are not as high as once were. As printing and postage costs continue to rise dues are not covering the entire budget in producing the society's top quality scholarly journal *Vermont Genealogy*, edited by Michael F. Dwyer, FASG. We have not increased dues since July 1, 2006, as the GSV Board feels that would be counter productive, and we would ultimately lose more members, than the revenue that it would generate. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help ease the costs of producing our quality publication.

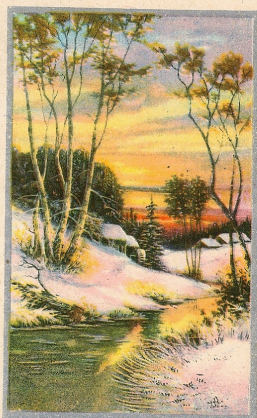
GSV's Spring Membership meeting will be held on June 20, 2020, to avoid a conflict with the Vermont Mayflower Society meeting, on the following Saturday, which will feature our own John A. Leppman as a speaker. GSV's meeting will feature renowned **Findagrave** contributor **Janet Muff**. The meeting will include a cemetery visit with a demonstration. Additional information regarding the exact location, and the luncheon, etc., will be in upcoming Newsletters and on our website. The reason for the change of date, from the customary date in May, is that Janet is in high demand and is only in Vermont during the summer months. Thank you to our secretary, Alice Marsh for all of the effort in setting this up.

Recently there has been concern in the genealogical community about the impending substantial fee increases regarding the **Genealogy Program of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**. This is a certainly a concern and more information can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter.

Check out our continuing sale of *Vermont Genealogy* back-issues at a special 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]. This is great deal for newer members that might be missing some of the earlier issues. Also several of our book publications are offered at sale prices as well. Some issues are limited so hurry, before they are gone.

Happy Holidays to all GSV members.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President



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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
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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.*

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 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***

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

Peter S. Mallet, ed.,

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Index to Branches & Twigs, 1972—1995

by Robert M. Murphy

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

Vermont Families 1791: Volume 2 by Scott Andrew Bartley

Hardbound. Item No. GSV 5

Sale Price \$10

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

Vermont Online Land Records

A handful of Vermont towns now have their land records digitized and available online at: <https://i2d.uslandrecords.com/VT/> In most cases these are the more recent records, than what most genealogists use, but this may be some interest to some GSV members. The towns that are currently available towns are: **Brattleboro**: index and images are available from January 1945 to present. **Burlington** index is available from January 1, 1986 to present and images are available from August 1, 1986 to present, **City of Barre** index and images are available from March 22, 2004 to present, **Colchester** [no date information given on website], **Fairfield** index and images are available from 1996 to present. **Morristown** index and images are available from May 16, 1959 to present. **Newbury** indexes are available from June 11, 2007 to present and images are available from July 9, 2014 to present. **North Hero** indexes and images are available from September 24, 1996 to present. **Shelburne** indexes are available from January 1780 to present and images are available from March 1876 to present. **Springfield** indexes and images are available from January 1, 1966 to present. The cost to print or download an image is \$3 per page, versus the \$1 per page at the offices, but this offers the convenience of being able to research from home. Search results may be printed for \$1.50 per page.

FOUR NEW STATES ADDED TO THE WWII DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD COLLECTION ON FOLD3

November 20, 2019 by Jenny Ashcraft

Fold3 has added four more states to our collection of U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards! The collection now includes cards from New York, New Jersey, North Dakota, and Vermont. We now have Draft Registration Cards from 45 states or regions! The cards in this collection are registration cards and do not necessarily indicate that the individual served in the military.

There were seven draft registration periods in the United States for World War II service. The first draft registration was held on October 16, 1940—before the United States had entered the war. Men ages 21–36 were required to register at their local draft board. The second draft registration was also held prior to the American entrance into the war, on July 1, 1941. This registration was for men who had turned 21 since the previous registration date nine months earlier.

The third (February 16, 1942) and fifth (June 30, 1942) registration periods expanded the ages required to register; the age ranges for the third were extended to 20–21 and 35–44, while the fifth extended them to ages 18–20. The sixth registration (December 10–31, 1942) was for men who had turned 18 since the fifth registration six months prior. There was also a seventh registration, known as the “Extra Registration,” from November 16 to December 31, 1943, which was

for American men ages 18–44 who were living abroad. The cards from the fourth registration (April 27, 1942; for men ages 45–64) are not included in the WWII Draft Registration Cards but in Fold3’s WWII “Old Man’s Draft” Registration Cards collection.

One example is the draft card for Jacob John Dukart of North Dakota. He registered for the draft during the first registration period in October 1940. He enlisted in 1942, and in 1943, Pvt. Dukart was captured by German soldiers and sent to a POW camp. That Christmas, POWs in the camp sent a short wave broadcast greeting home to their families. It is not clear if the broadcast reached anyone at home during Christmas, but in February 1944 the messages were re-broadcast and listeners in Montana and Florida picked up the voice of Pvt. Dukart. He sent greetings to his wife and parents back in Dickinson, North Dakota, and asked for a photo of his daughter Jacqueline whom he had never seen. Pvt. Dukart was eventually freed and returned home to the United States. He passed away in 2004.

What stories will you uncover using this collection? Get started searching our WWII Draft Registration Cards today on Fold3!

Source: blog.fold3.com

Genealogy Program of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Fee Increases

The Genealogy Program of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) holds five record sets of extreme value to any of us researching 19 or 20th century immigrant ancestors. It currently costs \$65 for an index search and \$65 for a copy of the records. (From 2008 through 2016, it cost \$20 for an index search and either \$20 or \$35 for a record. Before 2008, requests for these records was handled through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).)

What is being proposed for fees are: raising the search fee 269% from \$65 to \$240 (with a copy of a record if already digitized), and the cost of the actual file 481% from \$65 to \$385 if the record is only available in paper form. Amounting to \$625 total, if requesting a paper record.

For those not familiar with the types of records genealogists want from USCIS, here is a sample:

- Naturalization Certificate Files (C-Files), September 27, 1906 to March 31, 1956
- Alien Registration Forms (Form AR-2), August 1940 to March 1944
- Visa Files, July 1, 1924 to March 31, 1944
- Registry Files, March 1929 to March 31, 1944
- A-Files, April 1, 1944 to May 1, 1951

If you had relatives who immigrated to the United States in the 20th century, USCIS is the place to order the records.

If you would like to read the proposed rule, see: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-11-14/pdf/2019-24366.pdf>

The Genealogy section is Section N which starts on page 62315-62316. See Section 103.40 for Genealogical Research Requests on page 62359.

The *Washington Post* had an article on the proposed fee increases last Thursday which may be read at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/12/05/genealogy-boom-has-hit-roadblock-trump-administration-plans-huge-fee-hikes-immigration-records/>

Additional background may also be found at: <https://www.recordsnotrevenue.com/>

The Records Preservation and Access Committee (RPAC) of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) sent a letter to the USCIS. You can download a PDF of the letter here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/mfavk8dlv2frdyz/Letter%20to%20USCIS.pdf?dl=0>

Farm for Sale.

THE undersigned offers his Farm situated about half a mile south of the centre of Andover, on the stage road leading from Simonsville to Weston, for sale.

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JOSEPH DODGE.

Andover, March 1, 1858.

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Vermont Journal (Windsor, Vt.), issue 27 March 1858, p. 4.

DALLAS COWBOYS' EMMITT SMITH TO KEYNOTE: ROOTSTECH 2020

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (17 Dec. 2019), RootsTech 2020 is delighted to announce that Emmitt Smith, NFL all-time leading rusher and three-time Superbowl champion with the Dallas Cowboys, will be the RootsTech keynote speaker on Saturday, February 29, 2020 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Football fans will love his personal stories, big smile, and contagious zeal for life. Learn more at [RootsTech.org](https://www.roots.tech). (Find and share this announcement online in the FamilySearch Newsroom).

Emmitt Smith played for the Dallas Cowboys (1990–2002) and the Arizona Cardinals (2003–2004). During his 15-season career, he became the NFL's all-time leading rusher, with 18,355 yards, and he still holds the record for the most career touchdowns (164). Smith is the only running back to ever win a Super Bowl championship, the NFL Most Valuable Player award, the NFL rushing crown, and the Super Bowl Most Valuable Player award—all in the same season (1993). As a rusher, Smith was known for running “north and south” and making yardage when the opportunity to do so was not apparent. He was also a triple threat with his ability to block and catch. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2010, and is the author of *Game On*, which outlines the principles that helped him succeed both inside and outside of professional football.

Americans fell in love with Smith all over again as he showed his softer side as a contestant on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. He was called the “king of effortless cool” as he waltzed and sambaed across the dance floor and eventually was crowned the Season 3 champion.

Smith has had amazing personal family history discoveries, some of which were depicted with him as a guest on the

popular reality TV series *Who Do You Think You Are?*. Like many, he wanted to make ancestral connections and hopefully learn where he inherited his drive, determination, and passion. His incredible journey took him to several states and across the ocean to Africa, where he has been able to fill in missing links in his family's past. He now feels that he has found what he was seeking and that he's different—stronger—after learning more about the ancestral shoulders he stands on.

Today, Smith lives in Dallas, Texas, with his wife and 5 children. He owns several successful businesses in real estate, construction, and technology. He and his wife founded Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities to provide unique experiences and educational opportunities to underserved youth.

RootsTech director, Jen Allen, is elated to welcome Emmitt Smith to the RootsTech family. “Emmitt is a passionate individual and one of the best examples of determination and grit—two traits that are often found in many of our ancestral stories, including Emmitt's,” said Allen. “Besides all of his accolades and accomplishments, he is a really good person. He loves his family and is deeply grounded in simply being good. We can't wait to feel his enthusiasm on the RootsTech stage.”

Attend RootsTech 2020, February 26 to 29, to learn more about Emmitt Smith's incredible journey, discover your roots, make family connections, and catch the spirit of belonging to generations of your family. Learn more at [RootsTech.org](https://www.roots.tech).

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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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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 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.

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.**

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: 2, 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.

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