



Editor's Note

Peggy Jenks has forwarded a notice of the completion of the second of five planned volumes of extracts from Rutland County Probate Records. Just to put a project like this in perspective, Peggy reported that she and Danielle Roberts have worked on the extracts for at least nine years. Kudos are in order for their perseverance and dedication.

And that leads to a reminder to read the NGS Contests and Awards article. It's important to acknowledge and reward our members for the hours of volunteer work they contribute to the VGS. Yours aye, Bill

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President's Message

Bob Murphy

By the time you read this, the 9th New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Hartford, Conn., will be history. I hope all who attended had a good time, learned much and had a chance to network with kindred souls. We are now looking forward to the summer and Vermont History Expo, where GSV will once again have a presence. For those of you who are in Vermont in late June, this is an event not to be missed. Approximately 100 historical societies and a number of genealogical societies from around the state will

have exhibits of interest and relevance to family historians. Auctions, musical entertainment, and more make for an entertaining, educational and fun event for all ages. The Vermont History Expo will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 23-24 Jun this year. Put it on your calendar now. See more at <http://www.vermonthistory.org/expo/>.

We are still interested in recruiting someone to handle GSV publication sales. That task is currently being handled by your President. Although not a daunting job, it is

still true that many hands make work light, and we would like to spread the work around as much as possible. To give you an idea of the demands of the job, we have received 39 publication requests since the annual meeting in October. That's about 10 per month. When a request is received, the publication is sent out to the requester, and the check is sent on to our Treasurer. Occasionally (typically with libraries) a request comes in without money, and the books are then sent out with an invoice.

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NGS Contests and Awards

The 103 year old National genealogical Society sponsors a number of contests and awards for both beginning and experienced genealogists. Given the range and variety of opportunities for recognizing skills and achievements through the National Genealogical Society I'm sure we must have at least one person or organization we feel deserves a nomination for their contributions to genealogy. Note the deadlines on many of the awards have just passed

(March 1). Plan ahead to be able to submit nominations in a timely manner. Additional information and forms are available at the NGS website—www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Awards are offered in the following categories:

Award for Excellence—Genealogical Methods and Sources. Given for a "specific, significant single contribution in the form of a book, an article or a

series of articles published during the last 5 years that discusses genealogical methods and sources and serves to foster scholarship and/or otherwise advances or promotes excellence in genealogy." Deadline is March 1.

Family History Writing Contest. Only open to NGS members. Deadline is January 31.

Award for Excellence—Genealogy

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Perhaps the most critical part of this job is having a place to store back issues of our publications, so that is a consideration. If you would be interested in taking a greater part in your society and are willing to help with this task, please contact me at rmm@sover.net or write me at 35 Birchwood Park Dr., Barre, VT 05641, and we can talk it over.

The finances of GSV are still a hot topic among your board members. Treasurer Jane Belcher has brought herself up to speed rather quickly in her new job and has made a number of suggestions for improving our financial picture. Don't panic. We are not about to fold, but we are running a deficit, and are interested in finding out how to get out of that mode. The dues increase instituted in 2006 was a badly needed component of a solution, but we still need to do more. As it stands, the dues we collect barely cover the costs of Vermont Genealogy and the Newsletter that each member receives. Our twice-yearly conferences have been money losers for us as we have attempted to keep costs down for our members. We are looking for ways to continue holding our conferences

without sacrificing quality, but without straining the pocketbooks of attendees, too.

Suggestions that some have made include having only one conference per year, further modifications to our dues structure, and placing Vermont Genealogy and/or the Newsletter online for those who elect to do so. This latter approach is being instituted by the Connecticut Genealogical Society, and they have developed a rather complex dues structure to "reward" those who choose electronic receipt of their publication "The Nutmegger". We have come to no conclusions on what steps to take to improve our position, and are welcoming suggestions from you, the members.

Our Website Chair, Diantha Howard, has made great progress in developing a section of our website (www.genealogyvermont.org) to display Vermont-related genealogical content. We are gradually scanning and adding issues of Branches and Twigs to our website, at the rate of at least one volume per month. Because of the typeface used in the publication, attempts to create pdf files that would allow full search capabilities have failed. Accordingly, we are trying to provide you with the best quality images of

the issues, and have provided indexes for each volume as well. When the entire series is posted, a single index covering all of the 24 years is planned to be provided. As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments for improving the website, and if you have Vermont-related content that you would like to contribute to the site, we would be happy to hear about that, too. We are interested in vital records, cemetery listings, compiled town records, family bible records, etc. We want the website to be of interest and value to our members.

GSV bylaws have not been adjusted for a few years, and they are currently undergoing review and modification to reflect current times and current operations. We hope to have changes ready for a vote by the membership at our Fall meeting.

Here's a wish for a productive summer of research for all members. We look forward to hearing from you, and to seeing many of you at Vermont History Expo in June, and at our October membership meeting and conference. Details on that meeting will be coming in the next Newsletter.

Bob Murphy

New England Abenaki History and Genealogy Available Online

By Dick Eastman

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If you have American Indian ancestry in Northern New England or northern New York, you may be interested in Ne-Do-Ba, an organization dedicated to the Abenaki of Western Maine. Ne-Do-Ba, which means friends, is a nonprofit organization that focuses on "history,

culture, community, family and self." While the web site's home page specifies that it covers "topics relating to the Abenaki Indian and their Euroamerican relationships in Western Maine," I found a lot of information about Abenaki Indians in New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York as well.

Genealogy documents on the site include the March 25, 1858 census of the Penobscot Indians as taken by school supervisor J. C. Knowlton. The transcribed census is at http://www.avcnet.org/ne-do-ba/cen_p58.html. Another section is

named "Wabanaki Warriors of the Past" and is divided into eras such as the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the U.S. Civil War.

Information listed for each person named includes military data and tribe of origin, where known.

I was also fascinated by the story of the Great massacre of 1694 at Oyster River, now known as Durham, New Hampshire. The article describes the battle from the points of view of both sides.

The Ne-Do-Ba web site about the Abenaki of Western Maine can be found at <http://www.avcnet.org/ne-do-ba>.



New England Meeting Announcements

Saturday, April 21, 2007: NEHGS, Boston, MA. *Genetics and Genealogy*, four lectures by Megan Smolenyak.

Thursday, Saturday, April 26-28, 2007: *New England Regional Genealogical Conference*, Hartford Convention Center, Hartford, Connecticut.

Saturday, April 28, 2007: *Ontario Genealogical Society Region V Conference*, Barrie, Ontario, Canada. Focused on research in Simcoe, County, Ontario. Call (705) 435-3071 or e-mail touchthesky5@rogers.com.

May 10, 2007: *Maine Genealogical Society*, Dover-Foxcroft, ME. Roxanne Moore Saucier presents *Tips on Writing the Perfect Query*.

Saturday, May 12, 2007: *GSV Spring meeting*, Holiday Inn, Rt. 7, Rutland, VT. GSV member Peggy Jenks will speak on "A Case Study or What Can be Found in a Probate Record;" David Allen will present "Using Old Maps to Find Your Ancestors, or Where Did Granddad Live?"; and David Coffin will speak on "Vermont Civil War Sites."

May 16-19: 2007 *NGS Conference in the States & Family History Fair*. Hosted by National Genealogical Society, Virginia Genealogical Society, Fairfax Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia. More details are at www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Saturday - Sunday, June 23-24, 2007: *Vermont History Expo*, Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, Vermont.

Saturday, July 14, 2007: *Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Seminar*, Conference Center, Marlborough, MA. Marcia Melnyk will give four intermediate lectures with plans for other introductory

lectures. Registration is \$60.

Sunday, September 9-16, 2007: NEHGS, Boston, MA to London, UK. *English Family History Research Tour to London*.

September 13-15, 2007: *Towne Family Association 27th Annual Reunion*, Peabody, MA.

September 21-23, 2007: *Scottish Genealogy, History and Culture Seminars*, New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH. Information at www.NHScot.org or (602) 229-1975

Saturday, October 20, 2007: *GSV Fall meeting*, Place to be announced, likely in northeast Vermont.

Dating Questions

Following the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1582 a gradual implementation of the 'New style' replaced older terms. While many countries changed before 1752 many old practices continued in England and it's colonies. One habit that continued and today can be confusing was a type of shorthand for four of the 12 months. What modern month do the following abbreviations correspond to: 7ber, 8ber, 9ber, and 10ber?

Vermont Families Editor Wanted

The Genealogical Society of Vermont is seeking an interested and qualified person (or persons) to be editor for *Vermont Families in 1791*, Volume 3. As you may know, Drew Bartley, current editor of *Vermont Genealogy*, oversaw the publication of the first two volumes of *Vermont Families*. As the editor of those two award-winning volumes, he received many more submissions, and currently has in his files enough for a volume 3, and possibly a volume 4.

The publication of a series of volumes on this topic has long been an important project for this society, and it is important that we continue to pursue it. The first volume was issued in 1992 and has been through three printings. Volume 2 was published in 1997, and both have been extremely popular among those with Vermont ancestry.

We are eager to get this project rolling once more. If you have an interest in spearheading this project, please send a letter of interest, along with credentials for the job, to John Leppman, GSV Publications Chair, at 20 Thwing Lane, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

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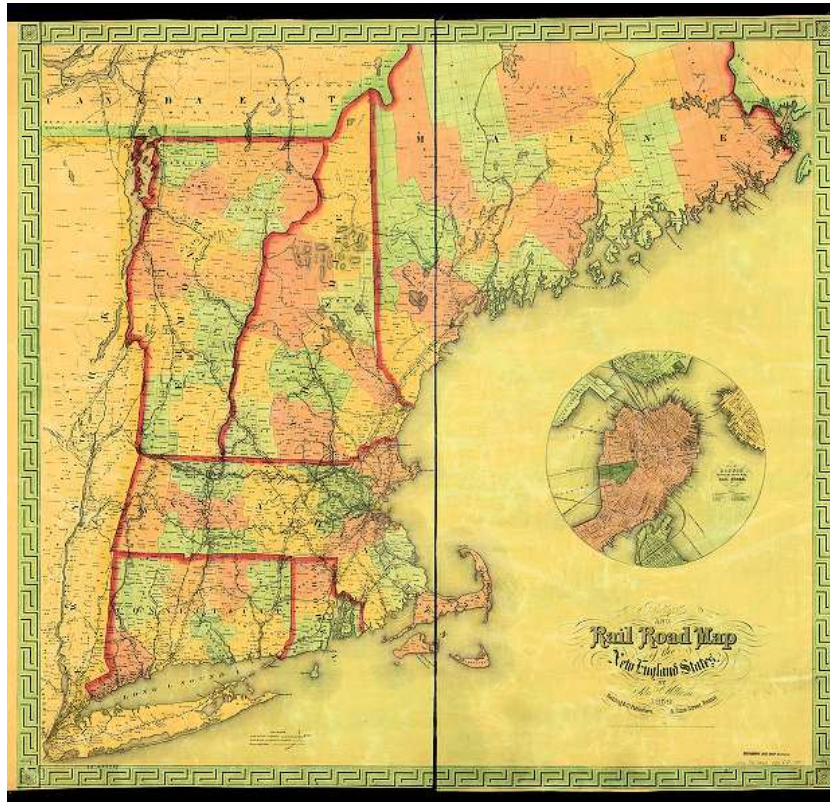
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2007 Vermont History Expo

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Ethnic Genealogical Organizations

St. Andrews Society of Vermont
Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society

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Sons of Union Veterans
Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants

Archival Repositories

Bailey/Howe Library, University of Vermont
Starr Library, Middlebury College
New England Archivists
State Archives, Vermont Secretary of State
Vermont Historical Society Library

For additional information contact the Vermont Historical Society, 802-479-8508 or visit their web site at www.vermonthistory.org.

Floral Hall Genealogy Presentation Schedule

Saturday

10:30 *Vermont in the Revolution: Period Dress and History*, (Sons of the Amer. Rev.).
11:30 *A Vermonter with the US Colored Troops: Albert Dodge*, (Sons of Union Veterans).
2:00 History Day Presentation.
3:00 *Preserving Family Papers*, (New England Archivists).
4:00 *Genealogy Research at the VHS Library: An Introduction*, (VT Historical Soc.).

Sunday

10:30 *Call the C.O.P.S.: A Handy Guide to Organizing Your Family History Research*, Bill Budde (Genealogical Soc. of VT).
11:30 *French-Canadian Genealogy: From Soup to Nuts*, (VT French-Canadian Gen. Soc.).
2:00 History Day Presentation.
3:00 *Midd History Online: A Step Closer to a Vermont State Digital Archive*, (Middlebury College).

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and Family History Book.

Awarded for a "significant, single contribution in the form of a family genealogy or family history book published [in] the last five years."

Award of Merit. Given for outstanding work in American genealogy to an individual or organization. The website states "awards to individuals or institutions who, over a period of five years or more, have made outstanding contributions to the Society's programs or who have performed outstanding work in the field of genealogy, history, biography or heraldry." NGS membership is not necessary.

Award for Distinguished Service. This is given to individuals to recognize their dedication to the work of the NGS.

Honorary Individual Membership. Honorary Membership is awarded to those that have made outstanding contributions to the field of genealogy or NGS. NGS

membership is not required for this award, the equivalent of NGS Life Membership.

Honorary Organization Membership. This is given to organizations that demonstrate a history of "outstanding contributions to the Society's programs or have performed outstanding work in the field of genealogy, history, biography or heraldry."

NGS Fellow. Recognizes work in genealogy, history, biography or heraldry as well as exemplary service to NGS. In order to qualify a nominee must be a NGS member for at least five years.

Rubincam Youth Award. The youth award is open to students in grades eight through 12 that submit the best prepared genealogy. The award includes a one year NGS membership, \$500.00 cash award, and a certificate recognizing their accomplishment. Deadline: before March 1.

National Genealogy Hall of Fame. One person is admitted to

the National Genealogical Hall of Fame each year. The award recognizes the educational contributions by an individual to the high standards in history, awareness of and appreciation of genealogy.

The Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship. Nominees must be a librarian with at least five years experience in a public, academic or special library with a focus on genealogy and local history. Other criteria include publication of a book or body of articles that have contributed significantly to the field of genealogy or local history; improved patron access or record preservation (more criteria are listed at the NGS website, see the NGS contact box.) Deadline: by April 1.

Genealogical Newsletter Competition. This is designed to "recognize the hard work, long hours and creativity" given by editors of genealogical newsletters. Categories include family associations, County or local genealogical or historical societies, and major genealogical or historical societies. Applicants must be a member of NGS and submissions are entered by the organization, not individuals. Deadline: December 31.

Rutland County, Vermont Probate Extracts, Part II

The third of five planned extracts of Rutland County Probate Records has been released. Compiled by Margaret R. Jenks, Danielle L. Roberts, Dawn D. Hance, the authors have abstracted every item and entry in Volumes 1-8, 9-12 and 13-16 of the Rutland County, Rutland District probate records. The sixteen volumes cover the period from the establishment of the Probate Court to October 1827. All items of genealogical interest have been included in the extract: wills, inventories, administrator's accounts, receipts, petitions, guardianship, and other data pertaining to the probate of an estate.

Since it often took many years to settle an estate many of the estates in the second volume of extracts were initiated in the first vol-

ume. Likewise, some estates first reported in the second volume will be continued in succeeding volumes.

Dawn Hance, Rutland Historian, has checked the original material at the court house in cases where the microfilms are illegible or pages were not filmed. Her extensive knowledge of the area has added much detail to the extracts. Her experience in extracting the Rutland Herald and other early area newspapers has added useful information.

The five volume project is expected to continue the extracts to about 1850 when full names appear in the Federal census records.

Probate records for the Fair Haven District are also being compiled.

Additional information is available from

National Genealogical Society
Suite 300
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Arlington, VA 22204-4304
(800) 473-0060
Www.ngsgenealogy.org

Unfortunately two fires have plagued the Fair Haven District. The first two volumes were lost in a fire about 1797. A second fire in 1862 burned all of the Poultney vital records, deeds, town records, and eight volumes of probate records in the period from 1807 through 1842 (not all probate records were lost, just volumes 7, 9, and 12 through 18.).



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Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 2.

Scott A. Bartley, ed., 1997, 304 pp., hardbound.

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.

(Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 1 is out of print.)

Vital Records of Putney, Vermont to the Year 1900. Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens, 1992, 406 pp.

GSV 2, \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members.

This is not just a verbatim listing of vital events, but a complete and accurate compilation from all primary sources available in the town. This material 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 early 1902 and 1908 first editions, newly indexed by Christopher T. Norris and Scott A. Bartley, 323 pp., hardbound.

GSV 3, \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members.

Reprinted from the rare first editions of 1908 and 1902, this is an important source of one of Vermont's oldest towns, chartered in 1752. The town records extend to 1845, church records from 1773 to 1839. New to this publication is an indispensable index of nearly 1,000 names.

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records.

Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound.

GSV 4, \$27.00 members, \$30.00 nonmembers.

The first of its kind for northern Vermont, 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.

Member Research Directory.

Janet E. Induni, compiler, 1998, pp. 63, paper. For GSV members only.

GSV 5, \$3.00.

The directory lists addresses and research interests for a majority of the GSV membership. Each member listed in the directory provided up to five surnames of Vermont families on which he or she might like to share information.

Windsor County, Vermont Probate Index, 1778-1899. Scott Andrew Bartley and Marjorie-J. Bartley, compilers, 2000, 560 pp.,

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the earliest records in 1778 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 volume in which
the record is found.

***Index to Branches & Twigs,
1972—1995.*** Robert M. Murphy, ed.
2000, 572 pp., hardbound.

GSV 7, \$58.50 members, \$65.00
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The long-awaited every-name index
to GSV's *Branches & Twigs*, pub-
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180,000 name entries include every
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Society business, those mentioned
in a purely casual historical context,
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tions 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 immense quantities
of information of interest to Ver-
mont family historians.

***Sudbury, Vermont: Transcrip-
tion of Vital Records and Gene-
alogies of Residents.*** Mary Ann Z.
Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound.

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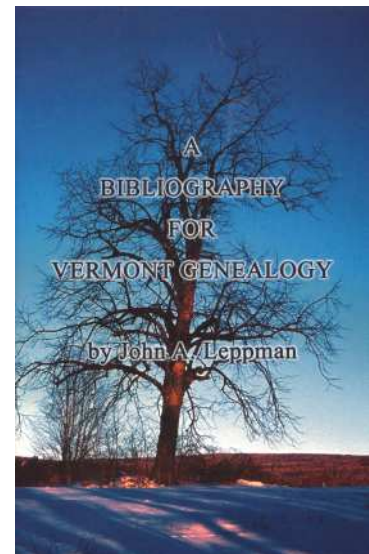
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This book is a comprehensive tran-
scription of vital and census records
for this Rutland County town, plus
carefully compiled genealogies of
families. This book will take its
place among the very best genea-
logical resources available about a
Vermont town. This is a cooperative
publication between GSV and Pic-
ton Press.

***A Bibliography for Vermont Ge-
nealogy, 2nd edition.*** John A.
Leppman, 2005, softbound.

GSV 10, \$9.00 members, \$10.00
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mostly of material published since
2000. It is keyed to Drew Bartley's
*Genealogies Found in Vermont His-
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Research Contest Answer

The research question posed in the last issue had no winner. The question was: What is the oldest charitable society in the United States, and why would a genealogist want to know this?

The Scots' Charitable Society is the oldest (350 years) non-church charitable society in the United States, and probably the Western Hemisphere. The society was founded in Boston in 1657 to aid Scottish emigrants or travelers that needed assistance—medical, burial, or travel help to return to Scotland.

This is useful to the genealogist because the original records from

1657 still exist. The originals are not available for use but the material was microfilmed about 1980. The film is on deposit at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Any one with early Scottish ancestors in the Boston area may find these records helpful. For more information contact Bill Budde, Historian, Scots' Charitable Society, 142A Munn Terrace, Arlington, VT 05250-8573.

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