



Editor's Note

Despite the fact that this is a bigger than normal issue there is more to report than I can fit in this issue.

The late news is that a new editor has been found for the next volume of *Vermont Families in 1791*, Jonathan Stevens.

There is also troubling news regarding the New York Biographical and Genealogical Society. At a specially called meeting by the Board of Directors **the membership voted to abolish all memberships and allow the 15 members of the Board to run the organization. Many fear this is the end of this prestigious society.**

Bill

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President's Message *Bob Murphy*

This quarter's message will be relatively brief. I hope you are enjoying another summer and are able to work in a little genealogical sleuthing from time to time. As a Barre, Vt., resident, and volunteer at the nearby Vermont Historical Society Library, I do have a great advantage for doing Vermont research. However, with the rapid expansion of resources available via the **World Wide Web, lots is available to many that was simply hard to get to not very long ago. Which brings me to my first**

topic...

GSV Website. While you and I were busily engaged in other activities, our astute webmaster (webmistress?) Diantha Howard has been building a members-only portion for our website. All you need to access it is your member number and your surname. Check it out at GSV's website. This members-only section of the website is intended to provide **additional value for GSV members.** The first seven volumes of Branches & Twigs (plus index for each

volume) are currently on line, as well as other miscellaneous records. We are planning lots more, and invite members to contribute whatever they have, be it bible records, cemetery transcriptions, vital records, or other resources that others researching their Vermont roots would find interesting and valuable. Send your contributions to Diantha at diantha.howard@uvm.edu.

Fall Meeting. Our fall membership meeting will be held on Saturday,

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Annual GSV Meeting Agenda

The fall meeting of the Genealogical Society of Vermont will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007, at the Vermont History Center, 60 Washington Street, Barre, Vermont. Please note that there will be *no postcard mailing* before the meeting, so mark it on your calendar and save the Date! The schedule for the day is:

9:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
9:30 a.m. Business Meeting. See the proposed

Bylaw changes in this issue.

10:00 a.m. The first speaker will be Joann Nichols, "Other Free Persons as Heads of Households in the Vermont 1791 Census."

11:00 a.m. Our second speaker will be Brad Hadley, of the Hartland Historical Society, "Putting our Cemetery Database Online."

12:00 noon. There will be a catered lunch. The VHS Bookstore will also be open so you can purchase

books.

1:00 p.m. The Vermont Historical Society Library will be open for our use, including books and manuscripts.

The cost of this meeting will be \$25 for GSV members and \$30 for non-members.

Please reply by October 12 so we can advise the caterer of the number expected. Send your reservation and check to: GSV, P.O. Box 14, Randolph, VT 05060-0014.

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20 October 2007, at the Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St., Barre, Vt. We are planning to have two morning speakers and opening up the library for research in the afternoon. We hope many of you will be able to come.

Elsewhere in this issue are some recommended bylaw revisions that will be voted on at that meeting. Please read them over and if possible come to the meeting and vote your pleasure.

Finances. I don't have much to report in this area at this time, but your Board is working on next year's budget and hope to bring costs and income into closer accord than they've been in recent years. I just wanted to let you know that we are working on this and will have more to report at our Fall Meeting on progress we are making. I have heard from some members, and welcome suggestions and ideas from all of you on ways we can continue to serve GSV members in a cost-effective way.

Volunteers needed. Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers... We can never get enough. What do we need volunteers for now? Give a listen...

1. At the recent membership meeting in Rutland, I called for a renewed push for the GSV to get a cemetery transcription project going. Many cemeteries throughout the state have never been transcribed, some have been only partially transcribed, and those old

stones aren't improving in legibility as the years go on. One of the most useful projects that this organization could pursue would be the transcribing of all cemeteries throughout the state. Although this may seem like an enormous task, many volunteers could make it doable. I envision one coordinator per county, and volunteers in the various towns taking on local cemeteries. I would be happy to be the statewide coordinator and help to get 14 county coordinators off and running. GSV has already developed cemetery transcription guidelines, and the Vermont Old Cemetery Association has documented the location of cemeteries within each town. If you are interested in being a county coordinator please contact me at rmm@sover.net (or write to me at 35 Birchwood Park Dr., Barre, VT 05641) and I will help you get started. For those wishing to participate as transcribers, we will hopefully have a county coordinator available soon to assist in letting you know where cemeteries are, which may have been done and which have not. Even a small start this summer can snowball into a bigger effort in years to come. Don't let the lack of a county coordinator stop you from getting a start, though! Get out there and transcribe!

2. Also at the recent membership meeting in Rutland, the idea of a vital records transcription project was raised. I admitted to being somewhat intimidated myself by this project, but I believe it is something that this organization needs to consider. The Maine Genealogical

Society has an ongoing program of transcribing town vital records, and then a partnership with Picton Press of Camden, Me., to get them into print. This organization has produced (or helped produce) a few books of vital records, namely, Putney, Georgia, Rockingham and Sudbury. There are 254 towns in this state, folks. There is much that could be done. I would like to have a talented and energetic individual step forth to begin to see how this project could get started.

3. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are looking for an editor for the *Vermont Families in 1791* project. Two volumes have been printed, but we need to get volume 3 and subsequent volumes readied for publication. Many submissions have been made, so there is a wealth of material available to work with. If you are interested in this position, please contact John Leppman at John.A.Leppman@Dartmouth.EDU, or write to him at 20 Thwing Lane, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

4. We are still looking for an individual to take over sales of GSV publications. This issue was discussed in my last message (May Newsletter), so I will merely refer to that and not burden you again with the details. Once again, contact me (rmm@sover.net) if interested.

Have a great summer and I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our fall meeting in Barre.

Bob Murphy

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.

Footnote.com: The Original Documents

An In-depth Look at Footnote.com

NOTE: This is part #1 of a 3-part article that looks at the many services available at www.footnote.com.

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2007 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Footnote is a rather new online web site, having launched this past January. The site quickly earned a reputation for offering high-quality scanned images of original historic documents. Footnote.com offers millions of documents not available online anywhere else, including:

- Naturalization records
- Revolutionary War documents
- Continental Congress documents
- Bureau of Investigation reports
- the post-Civil War records of the Southern Claims Commission
- A name index to the Civil War and later Pension Claims Records
- The complete Revolutionary War Pension Applications documents
- The United States versus The Amistad records from 1841
- Newspapers and City Directories
- Civil War photographs by Brady
- Navy Widows' Certificates
- The many holdings of the Pennsylvania State Archives
- Presidential photographs of Coolidge, Eisenhower, Truman, and Roosevelt
- World War II Japanese Photographs and much more.
- The complete Project Blue Book UFO Investigations documents.

I have always joked that my great-great-grandfather must have been deposited here by a Martian spaceship since I can find no documents of his origins. Maybe I have been looking in the wrong records! Perhaps it is time to check for out-of-this-world possibilities in the Project Blue Book documents. The Project Blue Book UFO Investigations documents are fascinating to read.

While Footnote.com is well known for providing scanned images of original historic documents, I have found that the site also provides much more. In fact, many of the services of Footnote.com are available to everyone at no charge. I thought that I would write about the many services that are not as well known as their reputation of providing historical documents.

The site makes it easy to collaborate on projects or to work alone at preserving and publishing articles of historical interest. The site is obviously graphics-intensive. Users can easily upload textual information and photographs of ancestors, photographs of historical

importance, class reunion photographs, scanned images of all sorts of documents, and more. Almost all of these services are available at no charge.

Let's take a look at the web site: The home page at <http://www.footnote.com> is divided into two main categories: original documents and member-contributed "Story Pages." You can search both categories simultaneously or separately. The extended search functionality brings up a variety of filters for sorting the results by title, either from the Original Documents or from Story Pages. (I'll explain Story Pages a bit later.) The search pages also load a thumbnail preview of the document. All of this is available at no charge. You are not asked to pay until you click on the thumbnail to view the full-sized, high-resolution document. Footnote.com works well with both Windows and Macintosh computers. The site fully supports Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Safari web browsers.

Here are the services that I have found so far.

Images of Historical Documents: Let's start with Footnote.com's "bread and butter" service: that of providing scanned images of historical documents. Ten million documents are already available, and the site will soon be adding two million more images per month.

Footnote.com has contracted with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration and several other local and state agencies and private institutions, to offer all sorts of documents on the web site. The available images range from pension applications from the Revolutionary War to investigators' case reports of potential spies in World War I.

In fact, Footnote.com is not limited to the role of a genealogy site. It appeals to a much wider audience. Footnote.com is really a history web site that provides information to many people with a wide variety of interests in historical topics. Of course, this includes genealogists, but the site also appeals to historians, reenactors, teachers, students, members of local historical societies, ethnic organizations, class reunions, railroad buffs, anyone interested in house history, and many others.

As you start to look at Footnote.com, you quickly find one major difference between this web site and its competitors: you are not asked for money just to browse. Most of Footnote.com's competitors require you to pay substantial fees before allowing you to browse the available records. With those other services, you must pay in advance in the hopes that there may be something of interest on the site.

In contrast, Footnote.com makes all of the indexes, annotations, and transcriptions available to everyone, free of charge. You are encouraged to spend as much time on the site as you wish, looking for information of interest at no charge. You are only asked for payment when you decide to view the image of an original document, assuming that the document was not uploaded by

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another user. (Access to user-contributed images is always free of charge.)

Footnote.com's fee structure is very simple as well as modest:

View a single image: \$1.95; Unlimited access to all images for one month: \$7.95; Unlimited access to all images for one year: \$59.95

There are no other charges. You can purchase access to the images by a safe and secure online credit card processing system. However, if you prefer, you can also call a U.S. toll-free telephone number and give the credit card information over the phone.

You can view the documents on your computer screen and also copy them to your computer's local hard drive and use them later in other programs, such as word processing documents, image editing and enhancement programs, genealogy programs, desktop publishing, and more.

The document viewer used by Footnote.com must be seen to be appreciated. The user can quickly zoom in and out, click and drag in all directions (called panning the image), print any document on a local printer, and even save documents to the local hard drive. You can also add annotations and transcriptions from within the viewer, as I will describe later. The operation is smooth and intuitive. I think that Footnote.com has the best image viewer that I have ever seen on the web. I'd suggest that you first try it out on one of the free documents, such as those of the Pennsylvania State Archives, to see what I mean. I bet you will be impressed.

On multi-page documents, the viewer (optionally) displays a filmstrip along the bottom of the screen, showing thumbnail images of all the available pages of the document. If you have subscribed to the unlimited images for \$7.95 a month or \$59.95 a year, you can click on any thumbnail image on the filmstrip. A full-sized image will then appear on your screen as fast as your Internet connection allows.

Here are some of the major collections:

Pennsylvania Archives (Free) - The Pennsylvania State Archives published 10 series of historical records in 135 volumes, covering the initial colonial settlement through the Civil War. The entire collection, including all images, is available free of charge.

Southern Claims Commission - In the 1870s, residents of the southern states filed 22,298 claims before the Southern Claims Commission (SCC), based on the fact they (1.) were loyal to the Union during the Civil War, and (2.) had stores or supplies taken by or furnished to the Union Army. The paper trail created and the people who came forward to testify, for or against a claimant, provide a wealth of information about individuals living in the South during the Civil War. You often find claims accompanied by affidavits.

Even if your ancestor was loyal to the Confederacy, you may find information about him or her when listed as a witness to someone else's claim or as the person who originally sold the supplies to the claimant. The

claims files probably mention 100,000 people or more, including detailed information about many of them. A significant number of the claimants were Black Americans, with the SCC providing more information about them, their families, and their former owners than can be found in any other single resource.

Only 7,092 claims (32%) were approved for settlements. However, Footnote.com's database will eventually include images of all approved and rejected claims alike. Even the rejected claims can provide a lot of personal information.

The Southern Claims Commission records are a "work in progress:" many of them are already available online and thousands more are being added every month. If you do not find what you want today, check back again in a few months.

Investigative Case Files of the Bureau of Investigation 1908-1922 - Before it became the FBI, the Bureau of Investigation investigated real and perceived threats to the nation and its citizens. The threats often included multi-page background reports of people whose only "crime" was that they had a German-sounding name. In fact, the phrase "German-sounding" seems to include many Dutch, Danish, Swedish, and Polish names. These records typically are far more detailed than anything found in census records, naturalization documents, and other mainstays of genealogy research. You may be surprised as to who appears in the records! The details provided typically include dates and places of birth, parent's names, spouse's name, children, siblings, addresses, religious affiliation, employer, fraternal organizations and more.

Naturalization Records 1792-1966 - Petitions and Declarations for New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California and Louisiana. In some cases, only the indexes are available, while other collections contain complete documents. The petitions and declarations almost always show the date and place of birth of the individual petitioning for U.S. citizenship. Most include the date and place of entry in the United States, a great help when looking for ships' passenger lists. Many applications list parents or other family members.

Revolutionary War Pension Files and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files - This collection of U.S. Revolutionary War Pension files is taken from NARA microfilm publication M804, which includes an estimated 80,000 pension and bounty-land warrant application files based on the participation of American military, naval, and marine officers and enlisted men in the Revolutionary War. Most of the records in the files are dated between 1800 and 1900. The files are part of Record Group 15, Records of the Veterans Administration. This collection on Footnote.com is the only online collection of the COMPLETE records. Another online service does offer the smaller SELECTED Revolutionary War Pension Files and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files from NARA microfilm M805.

Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783 - Browse these rolls by state and name of organization (regiment, battalion, guard, company, etc.). Find names of soldiers

GSV Member Pat Haslam Announces Second Stowe Book: Burials with No Stones

In 1992 the Stowe Cemetery Commission "found out" that Pat Haslam had, for 26 years, been collecting inscriptions from all the Stowe cemeteries and published them in 1998 as a 200th anniversary project for the founding of the town: *The Annotated Cemetery Book, Stowe, Vermont 1798-1998: Histories and Inscriptions*. During the course of annotating many of the inscriptions, it was found that the Stowe Burial Record Books contained more information on burials that were without gravestone markers.

For the past 5 years Pat has created a companion, stand-alone sequel to the first book: *The Annotated Cemetery Book, Stowe, Vermont 1798-1915: Four Burial Record Books*. Approximately 323 Stowe burials without gravestones were found. These are burials not reported in the first book published in 1998. Facsimile copies of each record book is included along with notations, such as identifying the first name of "Mrs. Z. Bennett," (which is Zebina) and the given name of her husband. To our knowledge no similar publication exists using this methodology to find more data.

The book is at the printer's awaiting a proof copy so that indexing can begin. We hope for a Fall release when we will have more publicity and cost per soft cover book. A pre-publication book offer is to be sent soon. Contact email Q2cembookproject@pshift.com



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with the help of annotations supplied by other Footnote users, and feel free to add your own. Eventually, thousands of records from 138 rolls of microfilm will be available on Footnote.com.

The Revolutionary War Prize Cases: Records of the Court of Appeal in Cases of Capture, 1776-1787 - During the American Revolution, armed vessels serving under individual colonies began to prey upon British commerce. General Washington saw a need for speedy and regular condemnation of the prizes taken by these ships to avoid conflict among colonies. The cases in this publication cover the appeals process that resulted for dealing with prize cases.

Civil War Pensions Index 1865-1899 - Images of the Index Cards of Union Soldiers

Papers of the Continental Congress - The complete correspondence, journals, committee reports, and records of the Continental Congress (1774-1789).

Papers of the Constitutional Convention 1787 - This database contains the Journal of Proceedings and provides excellent insight to history students everywhere.

Mathew B. Brady Collection of Civil War Photographs - Brady led a team of photographers who captured thousands of the most memorable images of the Civil War. Almost all of the Brady photographs are online and can be viewed on your screen, printed, or downloaded to your computer and saved. You may later incorporate them into your own documents as you wish.

Investigation and Trial Papers Relating to the Assassination of President Lincoln - Reports, correspondence, and testimony of persons connected with the Lincoln assassination trial. This database also contains images of exhibits, court martial proceedings, and contemporary issues of the Daily National Intelligencer.

City Directories - A number of city directories from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hamp-

shire, and Rhode Island are now available online with more promised for the future.

One major collection not yet available will create a lot of interest when it becomes available in the near future: **Confederate Soldier Service Records-Texas & Virginia**

In short, the Footnote.com site offers millions of documents that are not available online anywhere else.

Adding annotations to existing pages Users can easily annotate images that are already on Footnote.com, whether placed there by the web site's owners or by users. Every word that you annotate/transcribe is added to the site's master index within seconds. Your efforts can help future site visitors quickly find the information that you transcribe.

The annotations can be a person's name, a date, a place name, or a bit of text. While annotations obviously can be used to add information to the online documents, annotations also have several other potential functions. Annotation becomes especially useful in handwritten documents that can only be indexed manually. A printout of the document preserves the original document, however. Annotations appear on the screen but not on the printed document.

You can access all of the above and more at <http://www.footnote.com>.

In Part #2 of this article, I will discuss how you can add your own text, images, ideas, opinions, and discoveries. By adding your historical materials to Footnote.com, you may receive more assistance than you ever expected from distant relatives and others.

Part #2 of this article is available at http://blog.eogn.com/east-mans_online_genealogy/2007/06/an_indepth_look_1.html.

New England Meeting Announcements

September—December, 2007: The Community College of Vermont has scheduled three, three credit *Introduction to Genealogy* courses this fall. It will be taught at the Bennington, Brattleboro and Rutland CCV sites by GSV member Bill Budde. For more information call Bennington at (802) 447-2361, Brattleboro at (802) 254-6370, or Rutland at (802) 786-6996.

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

September 15, 2007: Life In The Past Lane IV, Friends of the National Archives—Pittsfield, Williams Inn On The Green, Williamstown, MA. 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Meldon J. Wolfgang, III—*A Genealogist's Guide to ... Obscure and Uncommon Records*; Elizabeth Winthrop—*Researching Counting on Grace*; Kathy Reilly and Jean Nudd—*Question and Answer Roundtable*; Meldon J. Wolfgang III—*Troy Papers Please Copy*; Jean Nudd—*Finding the Correct Ancestor—Civil War Soldiers and Homesteads*. Registration is \$50.00, \$60.00 after August 17. For information call (413) 236-3600 or e-mail volunteers.pittsfield@nara.gov.

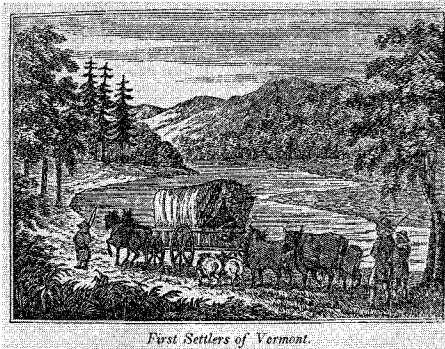
September 13—15, 2007: *Towne Family Association 27th Annual Reunion*, Peabody, MA.

September 21-23, 2007: *Scottish Genealogy, History and Culture Seminars*, New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH. This years seminars are *The Power of Place*, presented by Roxanne Reddington-Wilde, PhD. This talk shall explore how Highlanders used and manipulated the power of place in their formal interactions with each other, from land sales to inheritance; *The Scots' Charitable Society: Progress on the publication of its 350 years of history and*

records and Home, Sweet, Home: New England Scottish Settlements Through 1776, both presented by Bill Budde, FSA Scot. Information at www.NHScot.org or (602) 229-1975

September 28-30, 2007: The Sykes/Sikes Reunion, Paris Landing State Park, TN. Information at (270) 851-3848

Saturday, October 20, 2007: *GSV Fall meeting*, Vermont History Center, 60 Washington Street, Barre, VT. 9:00 a.m.—Registration. See the full schedule on page 1.



First Settlers of Vermont from *The Histories and Antiquities of New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania* by John Walker Barber, 1848. Russell Vermontiana Collection.

RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT PROBATE EXTRACTS, RUTLAND DISTRICT Margaret R. Jenks Danielle L. Roberts Dawn D. Hance

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Sunday Travel and Play In 1805 Manchester, Vermont

One of the joys of genealogical research is the occasional item that has little research value but is high in entertainment value. The following was found in transcribed records at the Bennington Museum Research Library. There were two separate entries, essentially the same wording, for Shubel Hendee and James Sturtevant, both of Manchester, Vermont.

“Be it remembered that on the 5th day of June A.D. 1805 that James Sturtevant of Manchester, convicted by his own Confession before me Andrew Richardson, one of the Justice of the Peace for said County, of Disturbing the good people of this State by Traveling on the 7th day of April Last past, it being the Saboth or Lords day and was ordered to pay a fine of On(e) Doller and cost.

\$1
Cost Taxed **\$0.25**
\$1.25

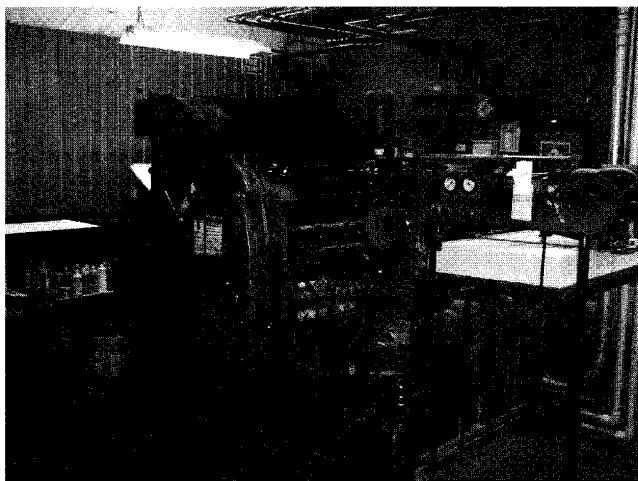
Shubel was charged with disturbing the peace on the same day.

Source: “Records written on a very old slip of paper enclosed in David Richardson’s Bible: This and Foregoing Richardson records copied by Mrs. Grace W. W. Reed, Manchester, VT.”

Bennington Museum Acquires VT Vitals to 1941

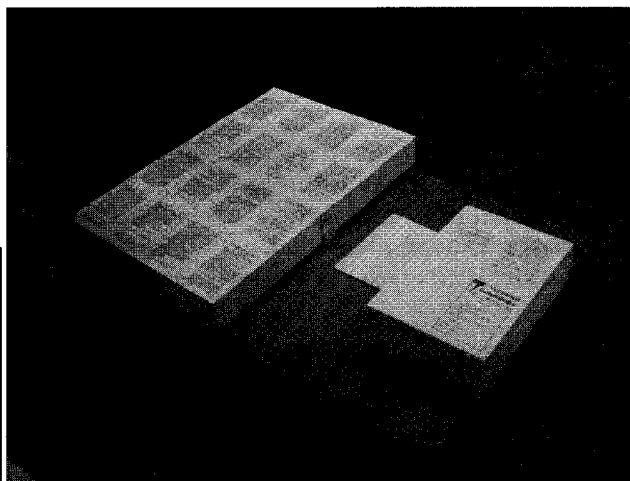
Tyler Resch, librarian at the Bennington Museum Genealogy and History Library, has announced that the microfilmed Vermont Vital records from 1908 through 1941 have been added to the collection. The library now has a complete collection of the vitals from about 1760 through 1941. The addition increases access to the records for researchers unable to travel to Middlesex, VT to view the vitals.

The purchase was made possible with the help of Ted Atkinson, several other donors and museum funds.



One of two Miehle large format offset presses in the Rutland shop of Sharp & Company Printers.

In mid-July I had the opportunity to visit Bill Sharp of Sharp & Company Printers, the company that prints and mails both our journal and newsletter. By coincidence I was in the shop as they were preparing the July 2007 issue of Vermont Genealogy. Several pages and the cover were on a pallet next to one of their presses waiting for next step in the process. I met everyone except for Larry Patin, the one person I probably work the hardest when I send the final product for printing.



Vermont Genealogy waiting to be finished.

GSV Budget for FY 2008 (Oct 07 - Sep 08)

Income	
Interest	\$1,911
2008 Dues (500 members @ \$25)	\$12,500
Meeting income	
Fall 2007 ¹	\$950
Spring 2008 ²	\$1200
Fall 2008³	\$250
Unrestricted Donations	\$200
Publications Sales	\$2,500
Newsletter Ads	\$20
Total Income	\$19,531

Expenses

Vermont Genealogy Journal (600 copies)	
Standard issue printing ⁴	\$4575
Standard mail prep and postage ⁵	\$1174
Index issue printing and postage ⁶	\$2278
Editor's fee	\$4500
GSV Newsletter (600 copies)	
Printing	\$2200
Standard mail preparation and postage	\$1200
Meeting expense ⁷	
Fall 2007	\$1200
Spring 2008	\$1200
Postage, printing and copying ⁸	\$500
Website	\$100
Vermont History Expo (June) fee	\$50
GSV Brochure	\$75
Post Office Box rental	\$64
Memberships:	
Vermont Historical Society	\$35
FGS ⁹	\$95
VMCTA ¹⁰	\$30
VOCA ¹¹	\$5

Total Expenses **\$19,281**

Notes:

1. 26 members @\$25 plus 10 non-members @\$30.
2. 36 members @\$25 plus 10 non-members @30.
3. 10 members paying prior to 1 Oct. 2008 @25.
4. 600 copies @ a cost of \$1525 per issue, January, April and July @ 48 pages each.
5. January, April and July also includes annual bulk permit fee of \$160; total cost per issue is \$338.
6. October index issue @ 48+ pages to include annual index.
7. \$250 to be spent in FY 2009 for fall 2008 meeting.
8. Includes shipping publications, correspondence, membership reminders, etc.
9. Federation of Genealogical Societies.
10. Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association.
11. Vermont Old Cemetery Association.

Land Questions

Early on in American history several methods were used to transfer land from the local governmental authority to settlers. What is a headright and where in Vermont was it first used? The first correct answer submitted to the editor will receive a copy of *Arlington Along the Battenkill*. One winner will be drawn from all correct answers submitted.

Send answers to Bill Budde, 142A Munn Terrace, Arlington, VT 05250-8573 or bbudde@verizon.net.



GSV Publications

The society offers the following publications for purchase by our members and readers. GSV members receive a 10% discount on the purchase price. Postage and handling is extra—please add \$3.50 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item in the same order to the same address. Mail your checks, payable to GSV, to:

Genealogical Society of Vermont, P. O. Box 14, Randolph, VT 05060-0014

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.

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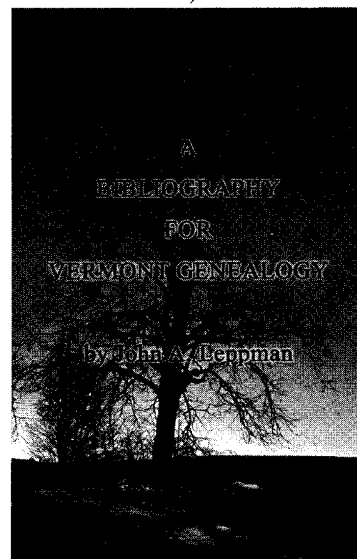
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The only correct answer was submitted by Drew Bartley. He pointed out that September, October, November and December all

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