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Thank you to all GSV members who cast your votes for the re-election of our slate of officers. Due to COVID-19, we did not hold a fall membership meeting, and voting was via mail/email.

As of this date, Vermont has now passed 3,000 cases of COVID-19, resulting in 60 deaths. Recently there has been a record number of new cases and hospitalizations. Governor Scott, has issued new directives, including a ban on multi-household gatherings. All non-essential travel to and from Vermont now requires a 14 day quarantine. For more information see: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19>.

As I have previously noted the 16th New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) will be virtual, due to COVID-19. The virtual conference will be held over the course of 61 days in April and May 2021, and will feature 72 presentations by 56 different speakers. The second page of this Newsletter includes: information on volunteer training opportunities, an update on registration, and some conference highlights. Look for more information in the next Newsletter and online at <https://nergc.org/>.

The most recent addition to members-only section of the GSV website is: *School Census 1844-1850 Newbury, Vermont*, transcribed by Bob Murphy. Also referred to as "returns of scholars," these type(s) of records are a great resource of information. Not only providing the name of the head of household, but the names of the children within that household.

If you are looking for a unique gift this holiday season, GSV is currently offering several of our hardcover publications at reduced prices. [see page 5 for sale prices and shipping rates] Please note that the GSV membership discount does not apply to already discounted items. Finally, thank you to everyone who has made donations to GSV throughout the year. As I have mentioned before, donations are critical to keep the membership rate down, even though printing and postage costs of publications continue to rise. *Vermont Genealogy*, Vol. 25, No. 2, will go to the printers before Thanksgiving and is expected to reach members mailboxes by December 15th. Make sure to check the mailing label to find the expiration date of your membership.

Happy Thanksgiving, and stay healthy and safe.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

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The Vermont Patriot and State Gazette (Montpelier, Vt.), issue 6 Nov. 1845, p. 3.

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The Banner of Lamoyille (Johnson, Vt.), issue 21 March 1844, p. 3

VIRTUAL NERGC 2021 CONFERENCE

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

As a participating Society, we are asking for volunteers to assist in the “production” of this new adventure. There are three (3) training segments that are involved in this virtual conference. Following is a description of the available positions.

Each of the three segments are to train people to use the ‘back side’ controls of the Virtual Attendee Hub. So, in analogous terms, this is training someone to be a Zoom host rather than a Zoom attendee. However, we can presume that the controls are slightly more complicated than Zoom since there is an hour training class.

- **Exhibitors** – we want people who may set up a booth AND are willing to help others set up a booth – this should be the first training we schedule.
- **Speakers** – should be limited to those who are part of the societies and include some of those who will be giving live.
- **Moderators** – anyone who is willing to work ‘behind the scenes’ during the conference’s scheduled events as a ‘host’ (not necessarily someone who needs to speak) AND is willing to teach others as we will need several people in this volunteer role over the course of the 61 days of virtual conference.

Once we have the volunteers, we can set up the training schedule.

Anyone interested can contact, Lois Knight at: Lknight52@maine.rr.com.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for NERGC 2021 hasn’t begun yet but will start soon. However, you can start making plans now.

When you do register, be sure to keep a record of your username, password, and confirmation code. To recognize paid registrants, the registration system requires a two-step login procedure. When you want to attend a scheduled presentation next spring:

- The first step is to supply the username and password you set up during registration. You then receive a confirmation code.
- The second step is to enter the confirmation code that you receive.

With many people trying to get on at the same time, there may be a slight delay in the sending of all the confirmation codes, so it will be better to login a little early than to miss the beginning of a desired presentation!

SOME CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

NERGC 2021 will feature:

- 72 presentations by 56 different speakers as part of your conference registration.
- Three add-on tracks of four presentations each, for additional cost, focusing on Advanced DNA, Becoming a Professional Genealogist, and Writing Up Your Research.
- A “Virtual Banquet” presentation on April 1 featuring English author Nathan Goodwin.
- Gathering Days on April 1, April 9, and April 17.
These mimic our traditional three-day conference with scheduled presentations.
Each will include time for a chat with one of our Featured Speakers.
- A Virtual Exhibit Hall. Exhibitors will have the option to include downloadable files, video chat, and scheduled appointments.

Annual Democratic Levee,



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