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### NEW MEMBER

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### HARRIETTE MERRIFIELD FORBES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED TO MARGARET R. JENKS

*Editor's Note: Below is the full text of the notification letter that Margaret R. "Peggy" Jenks, of Granville, N.Y., received from the Association for Gravestone Studies.*

Dear Ms. Jenks:

The Board of Trustees of the Association for Gravestone Studies has voted to award you the highest honor of our organization, the Harriette Merrifield Forbes Lifetime Achievement in the fields of gravestone studies. You are being recognized for your remarkable, tenacious and absolutely essential documentation of the graves of the residents of Vermont including the counties of Rutland and Addison amongst many others; your generous hosting of our conference at Green Mountain College, and your years of work with the Vermont Old Cemetery Association.

Your tireless and extensive work on providing scholars with a reliable and accessible source for scholarship serves as an example that we see as inspiring and essential to better understand the history of gravestones—their makers and their service to memorializing these individuals.

The Forbes Award is given at our annual conference. This year's conference will be held from June 17-22 is at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana this year. The award provides for your conference registration, and all the costs related to attendance at the conference.

The awards banquet is held in honor of you. It will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The banquet also is your opportunity to a talk about your work in this field so you can share and celebrate your work with our members at the conference. If you need any specific audio/visual equipment, we will make sure it is provided for you.

*With great appreciation and enthusiasm,*  
Anne Tait  
Chair  
Awards Committee  
Association for Gravestone Studies

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GSV's fall meeting will be held at the Vermont History Center in Barre on October 11, 2014. We are co-sponsoring a special event with the Vermont Historical Society that will feature Maureen Taylor, an internationally recognized historic photograph expert. Registration will begin at 9: 30am and there will be a short annual business meeting beginning at 9: 45am. The first "workshop" with Ms. Taylor begins at 10 am. Lunch will be on your own, and there are plenty of places to eat in downtown Barre. [See pages 2 & 3 for further details on the meeting.]

In this Newsletter we have included the obituary of former GSV Vice-President and Publications Committee member Kathy Wendling of Woodstock. Also an obituary for Joseph J. Marotti, Sr. If you who have done any work in town offices, courts, and (or) archives you are probably familiar with excellent restoration work of Joseph J. Marotti Company. In addition to the restoration work, the company provided a wide range of municipal supplies. The company later merged with Brown's River Bindery and the latest incarnation is Kofile Preservation.

Congratulations to Peggy Jenks, former GSV Newsletter editor, who this past June won the Harriette Merrifield Forbes Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Gravestone Studies. [See the column at left for the full text of the letter].

By the time you read this the Fall 2013 issue of our scholarly journal *Vermont Genealogy* will be sent to the printers. Just a reminder to members, who have joined this year: the mailing list used, was for those who were members at that time the issue would have been published. Work is well underway on the Spring 2014 issue.

*Jonathan W. Stevens, President*



**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERMONT,  
FALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2014**

**Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St., Barre, VT 05641**

**Registration: begins at 9: 30 am.  
GSV Annual Business Meeting at 9: 45 am.**

*Two workshops co-sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society,  
featuring Maureen Taylor, an internationally recognized expert on historic photograph identification,  
photo preservation and family history research.*

**“The Basics of Identifying and Preserving Photographs” 10 am to 12 noon**

**Lunch will be on your own.**

**“Genealogical Clues in Family Photographs” begins at 2 pm.**

Registration is \$15 for GSV members and \$25 for non-members. Note: for this meeting spouses will be considered GSV members. Please send a check to: GSV, P.O. Box 14, Randolph, VT 05060-0014, before October 3, 2014. See [www.genealogyvermont.org](http://www.genealogyvermont.org) or contact Jonathan W. Stevens at [stevens@vermontel.net](mailto:stevens@vermontel.net) for further details.

*All historical societies and private collectors have photographic images - but are they ambrotypes, cyanotypes, daguerreotypes, photographs, or another format? How can you tell who's in the photograph - or where it was taken? What basic steps can you take to handle and preserve that photograph? In this workshop, you'll learn easy steps to help identify family photographs such as researching photographers, dating costume clues and comparing facial characteristics. You'll also come away with an outlined plan for preserving the images in your collection.*

*Sought out by clients all over the world from as far away as New Zealand, her pioneering work in historic photo research is unprecedented, evidenced by her success in solving photo mysteries. The author of several books, scholarly articles and online columns, she appeared on The View and The Today Show for completing Meredith Viera's family tree. She has been featured in numerous publications including The Boston Globe, The New York Times, Better Homes and Gardens, and was dubbed “the nation's foremost historical photo detective” by The Wall Street Journal. Maureen has spoken on photo history, photograph preservation and family history at historical and genealogical societies, museums, conferences, libraries, and other organizations across the U.S., and in London and Canada.*

Learn more about Maureen Taylor on her website, here: <http://www.maurentaylor.com/>

**Directions to the Vermont History Center:****From the North:**

- Get off of Interstate 89 at Exit 7.
- Take Route 62 through two sets of lights and move into the left lane.
- Go through the third light. At the split, bear left, following Route 62 toward Barre and toward Route 302 East.
- Go down a long hill. Near the bottom of the hill, get in the right lane.
- At the next traffic light turn right onto Route 302 East.
- Travel through downtown Barre; continue following 302 East, bearing left at the Y-intersection at the park.
- You should see the Vermont History Center straight ahead of you and a little to the left. It is the red brick Spaulding school building. Please see parking information below.

**From the South:**

- Get off of Interstate 89 at Exit 6.
- Take Route 63 east down a long hill.
- At the bottom of the hill turn left on Route 14 North.
- Travel through downtown Barre. After seeing the Post Office on your left, get in the right lane and go around the park to right onto Route 302 East.
- You should see the Vermont History Center straight ahead of you and a little to the left. It is the red brick Spaulding school building. Please see parking information below.

**Parking:**

- Turn left onto Academy Street in front of the statue of Robert Burns.
- You can park on Academy Street and walk to the Vermont History Center, or turn right before the large park and continue driving to Mount Street, where you should turn right.
- Turn right again onto Washington Street. The Vermont History Center is on your right.
- You can park on the street heading west on Route 302 toward downtown Barre; there is handicapped parking next to the building off of Washington Street.



*Stannard Family, Simonsville, Vt., Oct. 1902*

## DEATHS.

### Marriages and Deaths inserted FREE.

**RUTLAND - Joseph J. Marotti Sr.**, 92, of Rutland, son of Luigi Marotti and Philomena (Padoto) Marotti, died Friday morning, August 1, 2014.

Joseph is survived by three siblings, Mary Marotti, Richard Marotti and Virginia Keith, all of Rutland, and predeceased by three siblings, Ralph Marotti, John Marotti and Ann Taddeo of Rutland. He was a devoted father and husband. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mary J. Marotti; and his three children, Joseph J. Marotti Jr. and wife Nan of Milton, Vt., John Marotti of Rutland, Vt., and Carole Marotti of Milton, Vt.; stepson Warren Hatfield of Naples, Fla.; grandchildren Mike Marotti, Jon Marotti, Christopher Marotti, Seth Homola, Ethan Homola, Sydney Erickson; step-grandson Adam Hatfield; great-grandchildren Maddox Marotti, Merrick Marotti, Jacobi Marotti, Sabastian Marotti; and many nieces and nephews.

Joseph was born and raised in Rutland and a graduate of Mount St. Joseph Academy. He proudly served as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps 5th Squadron during WWII from 1942-1946. He was stationed in the South Pacific, primarily in New Guinea, as an aircraft repair technician. After the war, he returned to Vermont where he worked in sales for Tuttle Law Print, until he started the Joseph J. Marotti Co. in 1962. His company specialized in serving the towns and municipalities in Vermont with municipal supplies and the historic preservation of municipal records, which has now grown to serve throughout the U.S. Joseph retired two years ago after 50 years with the company.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Anyone who knew Joe in his earlier days could find him at his favorite racetrack enjoying harness or thoroughbred racing.

He had a passion for music, especially big band music, and he himself was an accomplished violinist and clarinetist.

Visiting hours will be held Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Christ the King Church in Rutland. Officiating will be Rev. Justin Baker, pastor.

Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vermont Fallen Families, (a 501-C3 donations tax deductible), payable to VFF, c/o Marion Gray, 1700 Max Gray Road, Plainfield, VT 05667.

*Published in Rutland Herald on August 4, 2014*

**WOODSTOCK - Kathryn Dimick Wendling**, 81, died at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., on Thursday, July 3, 2014.

She was born in Burlington on Aug. 23, 1932. She was the oldest of six children of Howard & Marion (Dike) Dimick. She grew up in Richmond and graduated from UVM in 1954.

While in college, she came to work at the Woodstock Inn and met her future husband, Chef Richard Wendling. They were married Nov. 5, 1955. They raised their two children in Pomfret and owned and operated the New England Inn in Woodstock for 10 years.

Mrs. Wendling became well known for her wedding cakes, and her Brandy Alexander Pie was acknowledged in The New York Times.

She earned the title of Woodstock Historian through her knowledge of local history, wrote several books on local history, and a weekly column, "Historically Speaking," for the Vermont Standard.

She served on the boards of The Woodstock Historical Society and the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation.

Mrs. Wendling also had a political career, starting first as president of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters, then as state president. She served on seven state boards and was a legislative reporter for the Herald of Randolph.

She was honored as Woodstock's Citizen of the Year in 2000.

Mrs. Wendling is survived by her daughter, Marjorie Rice of South Pomfret; her son Robert Wendling of Hartland; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband; her brothers Malcolm, Marshall, and David; and her sisters Nina Dimick and Louise Flower.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. July 17 at the Universalist Church in Woodstock.

Memorial contributions may be made to Woodstock Historical Society, 26 Elm St., Woodstock, VT 05091 or to Thompson Senior Center, 99 Senior Lane, Woodstock, VT 05091.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock.

*Published in Rutland Herald on July 9, 2014*



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**BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
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**-BALLOT DIRECTIONS-**

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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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***GSV Special Publication  
Number 13*****VITAL RECORDS OF SPRINGFIELD, VT.**

*by Scott Andrew Bartley*

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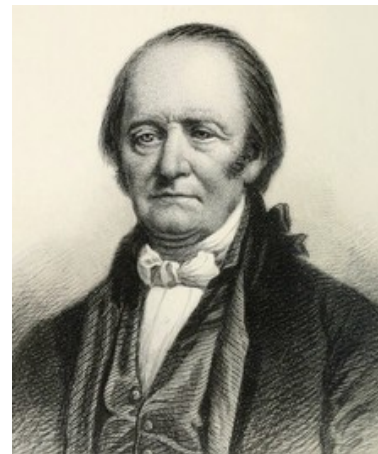
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