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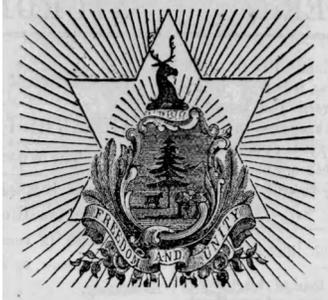
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*Vermont Journal*  
(Windsor, Vt.),  
issue 6 March 1869, p. 1.

After a two-year hiatus, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, GSV held a spring membership meeting, on June 18, 2022, at the Chriss Monroe Chapel in the Mettawee Valley Cemetery in Pawlet. The program by renowned findagrave.com contributor Janet Muff was entitled: “**Standing Stones - Preserving the Treasure in our Foliated Earth.**” It was well received by all of those in attendance, and the outside portion featured a demonstration by Janet and her assistant Fay Smith, in the Old Pawlet Cemetery, of their photography technique utilizing sunlight and a mirror. [See page 2] A special thank you to GSV’s Secretary, Alice Marsh, for doing the bulk of the organization for the meeting and the Pawlett Historical Society <http://pawletthistoricalsociety.org/> for letting us use their facility.

**The 17<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) 2023—Missing Branches are Not the End of the Line**, will be held on May 3-6, 2023 at the MassMutal Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. The featured speakers are Rich Venezia and Dr. Michael Lacopo. See <https://nergc.org/2023-conference/2023-featured-speakers/> for additional information. The NERGC program committee is currently in the process of placing a diverse slate speakers into various themed tracks. GSV’s sponsored speaker will be Paul Searls entitled “Major Valentine’s Swedes.” In 1890, Vermont’s Commissioner of Agricultural and Manufacturing Interests, Alonzo B. Valentine, launched a program to repopulate Vermont’s “abandoned” farms with farmers recruited from Scandinavia. GSV will be producing the NERGC Newsletter during the conference, plus we will need plenty of on-site volunteers at the conference to meet our allocation of required volunteer time. More information will be available as we approach the date of the conference and the first NERGC 2023 E-Zine should be sent out very soon.

For the first time since July 1, 2006, GSV is going to raise our annual dues. Unfortunately, the Board had to make a difficult decision when faced with rising printing and postage costs. Therefore, starting October 1, 2022, GSV will offer a tiered membership. At the \$25 level, members will receive *Vermont Genealogy* digitally as a PDF, regardless of your location. For those who want to continue to receive the journal in the traditional print format, membership will increase to \$30 for U.S. addresses. Family memberships will be \$30 for digital and \$35 for the print option. The print option will be \$40 for Canadian and Mexican addresses and \$55 for all other countries.

Another way to help GSV save printing and postage costs, is to receive this Newsletter via email as a PDF. If you still receive paper format, but would like to make the change to digital, please contact GSV Membership Chairperson, Diantha Howard: [Diantha.Howard@uvm.edu](mailto:Diantha.Howard@uvm.edu). It is important to note that the PDF version includes many of the illustrations in full color and the majority of the links are clickable.

A reminder to GSV members, if you have any change of address, please let us know. This will help our mailing list be as current possible, and avoid the added expense to the society of having to forward any returned publications.

Thank you to the GSV members, whether you are a longtime members or just recently joined the society, who made recent donations to the society. Your donations are always greatly appreciated and help with cost of producing our publications.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. It is great time of year to start on that new research project.

*Jonathan W. Stevens, President*

## GSV Spring Membership Meeting Pawlet June 18, 2022

(At Right) The outside portion of the GSV Membership Meeting. Janet Muff and her assistant Fay Smith, show their photography technique utilizing a mirror to reflect the sunlight on a gravestone in the Old Pawlet Cemetery.



(Below) An example of photograph taken in the Old Pawlet Cemetery, using the sunlight and mirror technique. The gravestone of Darick Cobb, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Cobb, who died 11 April 1785, age 5 years and a day.



Photos courtesy of  
John A. Leppman or Jonathan W. Stevens.

### Query

I am searching for information about my great-great-grandfather Charles W. Royce, believed to have been born 1830 in Irasburg, Vt., and his wife Emaline Luce, believed to have been born about 1840 in Stowe or Waterbury, Vt.

I have information from the 1860 census from Northfield Vt. for a Charles Roys and his wife Emeline, and a child named "Willie" on that census. I believe this to be my relatives, misspelled, and their oldest son, Charles W, born 1858.

They had three other sons, my great-grandfather Edward (*also sometimes called Edgar*) born in 1861 and who died in New Hampshire in 1951, Ephraim, born in 1863 and who died in 1933 in Vermont, and a son Asa who was born in 1867 and died in 1869.

In the 1870 census, I have found Edward and Ephraim living with a Spemira Macoon in Berlin, Vt. with their occupation shown as "pauper".

I am curious as to how Edward and Ephraim came to be in the care of Ms. Macoon, and what became of the elder Charles W and his wife Emeline, specifically any further census records, when and where did they die and where their burial place might be.

I also would like any information on Emeline Luce's ancestors, as I have none. Lastly, I would like to be able to confirm that the Charles W Royce born in 1830 is the son of Charles Royce born 1795 and Millie Andrews born 1799, both of Vermont.

Royce is often misspelled Roys or Royer.

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WINDSOR, JANUARY 22, 1821.

VERMONT STATE PRISON.

The following is a list of the convicts who have recently entered the State Prison, for the crimes and terms affixed to their names respectively

*Rufus Green*, aged 21 years, born in Lanesborough, county of Berkshire, Massachusetts, convicted Oct. 4, 1820, at Rutland, for passing counterfeit money—sentence three years.

*John Emerson*, aged 50, born in Spencertown, N. Y. convicted Dec. 30, 1820, at Chelsea, for theft—sentence 3 years.

*Nathaniel Davy*, a negro, aged 14 born in Claremont, N. H. convicted Dec. 30, 1820, at Chelsea—crime theft, sentence two years.

*Caleb B. Cady*, aged 24, born in Royalton Vt. convicted Jan. 6, 1821, at Woodstock—crime theft, sentence three years.

*Jacob Spencer*, aged 32, born in Arlington, Vt.—convicted Jan. 9, 1821, at Rutland, for counterfeiting—sentence 7 years.

*Joseph C. Beard*, aged 21, born in New Milford, Conn. convicted Jan. 9, 1821, at Rutland, for counterfeiting—sentence 14 years.

*Sampson Thurston*, aged 31, born in N. Hampshire—convicted Jan. 13, 1821, at Chelsea, for theft—sentence 7 years.

*Vermont Republican and American Journal. Windham, Windsor and Orange County Advertiser (Windsor, Vt.), issue 22 Jan. 1821, p. 3.*



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## FamilySearch Wiki Publishes 100,000<sup>th</sup> Article



**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**—The FamilySearch Wiki published its 100,000<sup>th</sup> genealogical research article. The free online reference tool helps answer many common questions you might have when searching for ancestors in historical records worldwide. Each wiki article is written and updated by research specialists at the FamilySearch Family History Library and from the global genealogical community. The FamilySearch Wiki content continues to grow by about 100 articles per day. Check it out now at [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page).

The FamilySearch Wiki helps you discover your ancestors by providing background information and research guidance on a wide range of topics relating to records collections, archives, local history, webinars, and other valuable information for areas throughout the world. If a topic is connected to genealogy research, it is likely to be found in the FamilySearch Wiki. If you're not sure where to start in

your ancestral search, it can help you find the best online databases for geographic areas where your ancestors lived.

The Genealogical Society of Utah, renamed FamilySearch in 1999, began providing research help articles in 1913. The FamilySearch Wiki, launched in 2008, was designed initially to help more advanced users with their research. In the past few years, its resources have broadened to include material and guides useful to beginners.

Today, the FamilySearch Wiki is among the top Wikis on the Internet based on the number of articles published and monthly visitors. The wiki averages more than 50,000 visitors per day, and the number is growing rapidly as users discover and embrace the wealth of information it offers. In 2021, more than 18 million visitors used it to assist them in their genealogical research.

“While the numbers are impressive, they are not the measure of success,” says Darris Williams, FamilySearch Wiki Team and Community Trees Manager. “It is about how the content helps people make ancestral discoveries. We get success stories all the time from patrons and glowing reports from well-known genealogy influencers, teachers, and lecturers who often recommend its use and link to specific content.”

Cyndi Ingle, website author of CyndisList.com and genealogy influencer, said today's online genealogical community couldn't get by without the FamilySearch Wiki. That it is “a must-have, go-to site for anyone doing genealogical research.”

Curt Witcher, Genealogy Center Manager and Director of Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, also lauds the wiki. “When patrons come to our library wondering how to do research, we often go to the FamilySearch Wiki, and we find so much useful data,” he said. “We use it ourselves all the time. It is the library of libraries, and libraries around the country are using it.”

The FamilySearch Wiki is like having ready access to a personal team of research specialists—a particularly great asset if you are new to genealogy or a related topic. For example, if you do not know where your first ancestor to arrive in a country immigrated from, the FamilySearch Wiki can offer suggestions on how to find out. What if you found you have Mennonite ancestry? Or need to know when birth records started in a certain city or parish? The wiki can instruct you on the best next steps.

Content in the FamilySearch Wiki is also global in scope. Genealogy research insights from around the world are covered. Don't know where to start or look to find an ancestor in Germany? Brazil? Africa? Italy? China? Tonga? There is a wiki page for most countries, with databases listed from FamilySearch.org and elsewhere, to help you understand what is available and what approaches will most likely yield the quickest discoveries.

*(FamilySearch Wiki, Continued on Page 5)*

## New Members

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- A good comfort level with electronic means of producing and transmitting copy from authors to editor to printer, and electronic preservation of data
- A good understanding of Vermont's genealogical resources
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- Organizational skill to keep the publication schedule on target for two issues per year.

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*(FamilySearch Wiki, Continued From Page 3)*

“The FamilySearch Wiki is developing, evolving, and expanding as more people with specific genealogical expertise contribute their knowledge,” said Williams.

### **New Guided Research Feature**

A new feature called Guided Research was recently added. It is a good starting point for researchers because it provides directions to records collections from FamilySearch and other archives that will give the researcher the highest likelihood of success. Guided Research is currently available for 22 countries.

### **Contributors**

Although the Wiki allows open community authorship from specialists, most of the content is created and reviewed by a FamilySearch team of under 30 volunteers who are aided by FamilySearch genealogy specialists and others. They write, fact-check, and proof articles for accuracy and clarity. Some authors have written and edited thousands of pages. What

they accomplish is a monumental achievement.

Most of the Wiki content is produced in English, with some articles in Spanish, Portuguese, German, Italian, French, Japanese, and Swedish. A Google Translate extension allows users to select from 109 languages that automatically translates the pages in the chosen language.

### **The Future of the FamilySearch Wiki**

Gathering relevant, accurate research information throughout the world is a goal of the FamilySearch Wiki and an enormous task. Relationships are being developed with specialists in geographic areas who know their records and customs well and can provide local input. Currently, Wiki information for the US and England is especially robust. Williams says the goal is to have at least one country page for every country in the world and to keep expanding it.

Try the FamilySearch Wiki now to help you make your next family discovery.

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

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*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.

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*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.

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