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Vermont has now passed 110,600 cases of COVID-19, resulting in 583 deaths. For the state's latest Covid-19 numbers and information see: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/85f43bd849e743cb957993a545d17170> and for a detailed accounting of cases on a town-by-town basis see: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/covid-19-communities>. Plans were underway to hold an in-person GSV membership meeting this spring, but with the uptick in positivity rates due to the Omicron variant, we might have to put those plans on hold. We are still optimistic about holding an in person meeting in the future, but are looking into the possibility and feasibility of holding a meeting via Zoom.

There is updated information on the 17th **New England Regional Genealogical Conference "Missing Branches are Not the End of the Line,"** to be held on May 3-6, 2023 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. The "Call for Papers" for potential speakers is now open <https://nergc.org/2023-conference/call-for-papers>. In addition the featured speakers for the conference have been selected. The first featured speaker is **Rich Venezia**, an expert in the research of 20th-century immigrant ancestors, especially in underutilized record sources and federal records. He is the go to guy for assistance with dual citizenship applications for Italy and Ireland. Other main areas of focus include Italian, Irish, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and New Jersey research. The second featured speaker is **Dr. Michael Lacopo**, born and raised in northern Indiana surrounded by extended family always willing to tell tall tales. Intrigued by his maternal family's claim to be kinfolk of Abraham Lincoln, and his paternal family's stories of murder and mayhem, he took to genealogical research in 1980 to substantiate these family stories. For a more in-depth description of both of these featured speakers see: <https://nergc.org/2023-conference/2023-featured-speakers>. GSV will be producing the conference Newsletter, plus we will need plenty of on-site volunteers at the conference. More information will be available as we approach the conference.

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The 1950 U.S. Census will be made available on April 1, 2022. The release of the census is on track despite the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the "72-Year Rule," the National Archives releases census records to the general public 72 years after Census Day. See page 5 for the press release from FamilySearch. Additional information can be found at the official government website. https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1950.html

If you would like to receive this Newsletter via email rather than the traditional print form, please contact GSV Membership Chairperson, Diantha Howard: Diantha.Howard@uvm.edu. Remember when you receive the Newsletter via email, it helps the society save on the printing and postage costs. Plus the electronic version includes some of the illustrations in full color and many of the links are clickable.

Thank you to all of the GSV members who have made recent donations to the society. In these very challenging times, donations are even more critical than ever and help toward the expenses of producing our publications. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

The Fall 2021 issue of *Vermont Genealogy* will be arriving in members' mailboxes in early spring. Editor Michael F. Dwyer, FASG, will be stepping down after this issue due to his commitments as the fulltime pastor of the Pittsford Congregational Church. We wish him the best with his new career and thank him for several years of dedicated scholarly work on the journal.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

Ready to Connect? RootsTech 2022 Registration Is Now Open!

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SALT LAKE CITY, UT--FamilySearch opened registration today for RootsTech 2022, the largest family history event in the world held online March 3–5, 2022. It offers a forum where people of all ages across the globe are inspired to discover and share their memories and make meaningful connections. Register for free at [RootsTech.org](https://www.rootstech.org) today. RootsTech 2022 will be a virtual-only experience, with some enhancements and improvements.

A new set of educational classes will be featured during 2022, along with new technologies to explore in the virtual expo hall, and inspiring stories shared by a fascinating lineup of keynote speakers.

“RootsTech 2022 is sure to be an incredible experience once again” said Jen Allen, event director for RootsTech. “Earlier this year, we organized our first-ever virtual event amid a pandemic—something we never thought would happen. But as we watched the participants come together to provide joyful learning experiences in many different languages, we knew something special was taking shape.”

Classes for the event will have a mix of on-demand, livestream, and interactive sessions that will allow attendees to learn, grow and connect to people all over the globe. Participants will also be able to connect with fellow attendees, speakers, experts, and enthusiasts. In 2022, the planners of RootsTech are looking to take that experience to the next level.

RootsTech is a place of connection. “We witnessed incredible connections [in 2021] between participants all over the world,” said Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch. “As they connected to their homelands and ultimately to their families, they then connected to each other. At FamilySearch, we choose connection, and we witness every day the ways family history transcends all walls of separation and unites us as the true story of humanity unfolds.”

While there will always be some differences between the in-person and online experiences, RootsTech will continue to expand its online experience while working towards a time when the hybrid model of both can once again be offered.

“We are busy creating innovative ways to capture and share messages of culture, unity and connection that push the boundaries of what a virtual conference can be. We can’t wait to share what we’ve got in store,” added Allen.

The event will take place March 3–5, 2022, and you can register for RootsTech right now by visiting www.rootstech.org. The conference is free and open to anyone. For updates, be sure to follow RootsTech on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

FamilySearch Press Release

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*The Repertory (St. Albans, Vt.),
issue, 13 Aug. 1829, p. 4.*

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James H. Twitchell 1940 – 2021

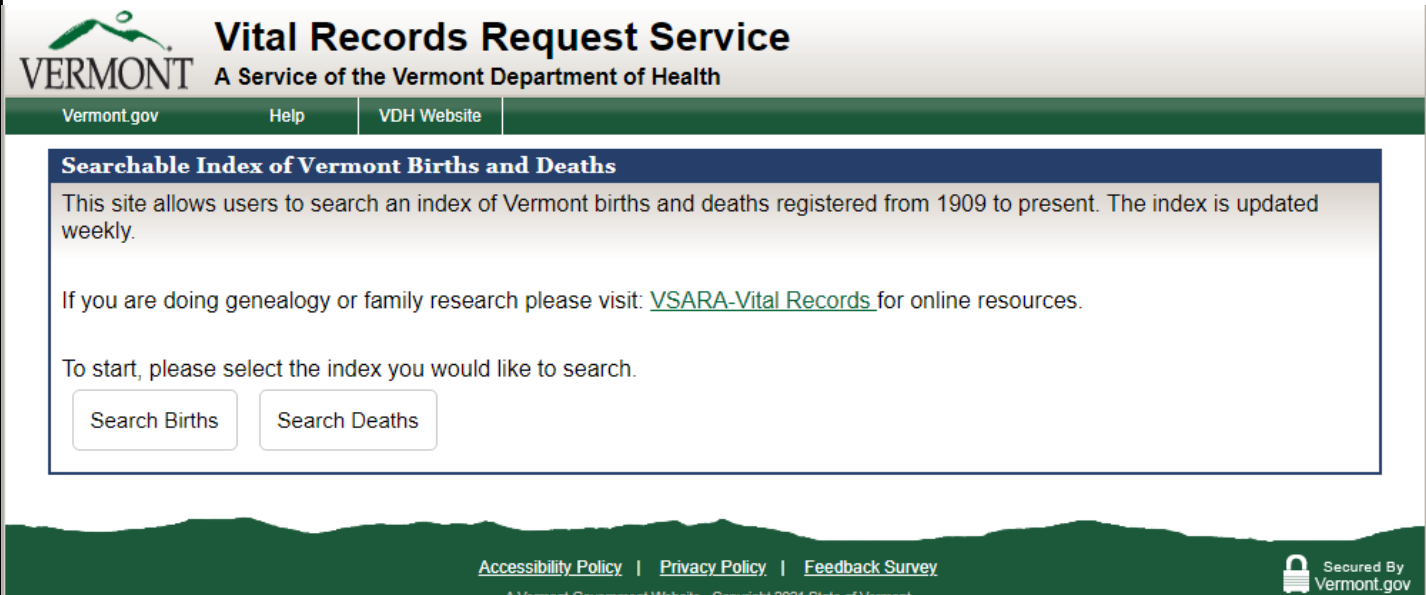
SOUTH LONDONDERRY — James H. Twitchell, 81, beloved lifelong resident of South Londonderry, Vermont, passed away peacefully at his family home after a brief illness, on Nov. 16, 2021. Jim was born Sept. 25, 1940, in Brattleboro, Vermont, the son of Arthur K. and Helen (Tams) Twitchell. He was raised on the family homestead where he discovered his love for farming. He had dedicated his life to the preservation of the land, and lived his life raising cattle and other livestock. Jim had a love of the outdoors and spent many of his days hunting and fishing and sharing these passions with his boys.

Jim started his schooling in Londonderry, graduated from Leland & Gray Seminary in 1958 and then on to Vermont Technical College graduating in 1960 with a degree in Agriculture. He loved the spring season so he could start sugaring, which he did since a very small child. His passion to make maple syrup was shared with all who came to the sugar house. He was a member of the Vermont Sugar Makers Association. He won an award in April of 2011 at the Maple Festival for first place in the Fancy Syrup division. His syrup earned them the best Fancy Syrup in the state of Vermont.

Jim worked on Sen. Edward Janeway's farm from 1957 to 1965 when he was elected to the position of Londonderry Town Clerk and Treasurer, a position he held for 47 years, along with his then-wife Shirley E. Twitchell. Jim spent most of his life serving the community. Jim was a 54-year member of Champion Fire Co. #5, serving 26 years as its president. He also served 25 years as the town's forest fire warden. He was the master of the Londonderry Grange, treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 410, officer of the Londonderry Credit Union, trustee of the First Baptist Church, and numerous other community organizations. He also took care of his friends and neighbors of Winhall Hollow.

James leaves behind his brother, A. Robert Twitchell, of South Londonderry; his three sons, Stephen L. and his wife, Roxana, Melvin and his partner, Susan, all of South Londonderry, and Timothy W. and wife Amelia Dawn, of Houston, Texas. He also leaves a grandson, Nickolas R. Burbank, of South Londonderry; and his former wife, Shirley E. Twitchell. Funeral services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Champion Fire Co. #5., P.O. Box 5, South Londonderry, VT 05155. To send the family personal condolences, please www.sheafuneralhomes.com.

Source: https://www.rutlandherald.com/obituaries/james-h-twitchell/article_152e6ee7-a42d-5136-8f2e-d3ac8f39f2c8.html



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Vermont.gov Help VDH Website

Searchable Index of Vermont Births and Deaths

This site allows users to search an index of Vermont births and deaths registered from 1909 to present. The index is updated weekly.

If you are doing genealogy or family research please visit: [VSARA-Vital Records](#) for online resources.

To start, please select the index you would like to search.

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*Above is a screenshot of the Vermont the Department of Health's online index of births and deaths from 1909 to present.
This index is updated weekly.*

<https://secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords/search-tool.php>

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17th New England Regional Genealogical Conference
3-6 May 2023
MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA

Missing Branches Are Not the End of the Line



Presentation proposals are welcome from **now until midnight eastern time on 30 April 2022** for the *17th New England Regional Genealogical Conference* to be held 3-6 May 2023 in Springfield, MA.
<https://nergc.org/2023-conference/call-for-papers/>

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1950 US CENSUS: THE NEXT BIG THING IN FAMILY HISTORY

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—FamilySearch International today announced its participation in the 1950 US Census Community Project. FamilySearch is inviting online volunteers to assist in making the 1950 US census easier for everyone to search and discover their family connections—while having the opportunity to make personal discoveries of their own. This unique crowdsourcing project, the largest census undertaking to date, will make the 150 million records of the individuals found on the census's tens of thousands of digital images searchable online.

WHY THE 1950 US CENSUS?

The US census collections are some of the most popular online databases used by millions of people for family history research. Most people in the US today can remember an ancestor who can be found in the 1950 US census.

On April 1, 2022, the National Archives and Records Administration of the United States will make digital images of the 1950 US census available to the world. Protected by law for 72 years, this long-awaited census will be the most comprehensive record set available of those who were living in that historic era in the United States. The 1950 US Census Community Project is a national collaborative effort that uses the Internet, artificial intelligence, and a massive volunteer workforce to make these census records searchable online.

The outcome of this amazing initiative benefits everyone. Not only will every page of the 1950 US census be digitally preserved forever, but the general public will have convenient access to volumes of rich historical information that could provide the missing links to their own family histories.

WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION DOES THE 1950 US CENSUS CONTAIN?

The 1950 US census included the obvious questions such as name, age, gender, race, education, and place of birth. But the

census also posed more detailed questions that will cast refreshing light on the preceding decade—which included World War II and the return of US troops. For example, those over age 14 were asked, “What was this person doing most of last week—working, keeping house, or something else?” and “What is the highest grade of school that the person has attended?”

Enthusiasm and interest in the 1950 census have been building steadily since the release of the 1940 census in 2012. These new records will introduce us to the 40,000,000 people born during this era of baby boomers. But this postwar decade wasn't just prosperous for newborns. It also ushered in the civil rights movement, rock 'n' roll, suburban living, and a wave of colorful innovations. Many of the powerful voices and inspired minds behind these changes will be found in the 1950 census—like 14 past and future U.S. Presidents, vocalist Aretha Franklin and actors Chuck Norris and Jimmy Stewart.

The 1950 US Census Community Project is receiving additional support from Ancestry and leading societal organizations to engage and coordinate the volunteer workforce needed to deliver the ambitious 1950 US census project.

Although the 1950 US census is notably larger than the 1940 US census, thanks to advancements in technology, the anticipated help of online volunteers, and community support, the project is expected to be completed in a few months following the census's release by NARA.

THE ROLE OF ONLINE VOLUNTEERS

Ancestry will use state-of-the-art handwriting recognition technology to scan the census images and make a functioning searchable index. Online volunteers on FamilySearch.org will then be able to find a surname or location of personal interest to them as a starting point to perform a comprehensive review of the computer-generated index to ensure it is accurate and complete. To stay on top of the 1950 US Census Community Project's updates or to volunteer to help create the rich, searchable index, subscribe at [FamilySearch.org/1950census](https://www.familysearch.org/1950census).

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The publication no Vermont genealogy collection or library should be without.

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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.

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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.

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 non-members. 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 non-members. (Mail orders should add \$7.50 for postage and handling, not the \$5.50 normally charged.) 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; **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.

A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy, 2nd edition. John A. Leppman, 2005, softbound. Item No. GSV 11; **Sale Price \$5.** (Mail orders should add \$3.50 for postage and handling, not the \$5.50 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 \$3.50 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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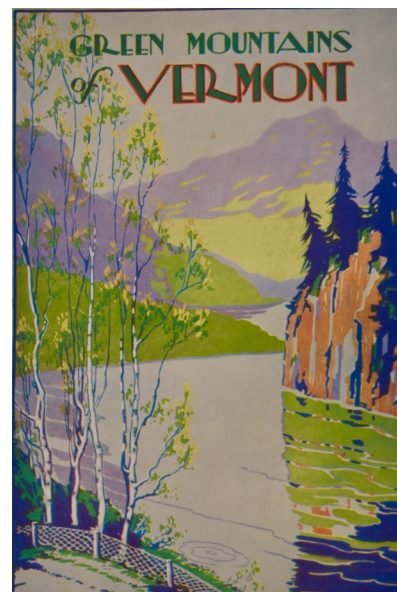
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