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DONATIONS

Ernest Barbee of
Kingston, Washington



Lucy Terry Prince as depicted by artist Louise Mink.

Thank you to the GSV members who participated in the election of officers of the society by voting by mail or as a scanned attachment to email.

This edition of the Newsletter contains the obituary of a former officer of GSV. **Jean O. (Giddings) (Stevens) (Harvie) Beatty**, recently passed away at the age of 93. [see page 5] In 1975, having recently moved to Vermont, Jean was elected Secretary. The late Joann Nichols, who had been Secretary, was elected President at that time. Jean would also later serve as Treasurer, and the GSV Library, which was disbanded in the mid-1990s, was located at her home in Pittsford. Jean's daughter Linda Drummond succeeded her as Treasurer.

The 17th New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) 2023—Missing Branches are Not the End of the Line is fast approaching. The conference will be held on May 3-6, 2023 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, and will feature: **100+ presentations, 7 Workshops, Large Exhibit Hall, Special Interest Groups, Ancestors Road Show, a Society Fair** and much more. GSV will be producing the **NERGC 2023 Conference Newsletter**. We will need plenty of on-site volunteers at the conference to meet our allocation of required volunteer time. More information on the conference can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter and additional information can be found online at <https://nergc.org/>. NERGC conferences are put on by a dedicated group of hard working volunteers from many participating societies from throughout New England. A huge acknowledgement must be given to the Tri-Chairs: John A. Leppman, GSV Publication Chair and Book Review Editor, former GSV President and former NERGC President; Judy Goss of Connecticut Ancestry Society and a longtime GSV member and supporter; and Rob Weir of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists.

Two GSV members will giving presentations at the conference. **Scott Andrew "Drew" Bartley**, who has been a professional genealogist since 1984, former librarian/archivist for the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and currently genealogist for the Early Vermont Settlers project at NEHGS. He served as GSV President in the mid-1990s and is the editor of *Vermont Genealogy* and the former editor of the *Mayflower Descendant*; specializes in colonial New England, Vermont, and Mayflower lineages; and has written award-winning books and articles. He will be giving two presentations during the conference. The first is part of the New England Track: **T-105 "Border Changes to Know in New England Research"** will be on Thursday May 4th at 3 p.m. The second in the Methodology Track **F-239 "Footnotes: Citing Your Sources and Beyond"** will be on Friday May 5th at 4:45 p.m. **Avis Conley Hayden**, who has been researching her family's roots since 1990. She completed a Certificate Program in Genealogical Research from Boston University in 2016. She has published several articles including, most recently, "Widow Lucy Prince and her Heirs, of Sunderland, Vermont" in the Fall 2021 issue [26: 2] of *Vermont Genealogy*. Additional copies are available for purchase as a back-issue. Her presentation **S-322 "Case Study of Lucy Prince of Sunderland Vermont"** is featured in the conference's New England Track, and will be on Saturday May 6th at 4:45 p.m.

The Spring 2022 issue [27: 1] of *Vermont Genealogy* is currently nearing completion. I apologize for the delay in the publication, but a quality issue with several interesting articles is coming very soon. Enjoy the rest of the winter; spring will be upon us before you know it.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

17th New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) 2023

MassMutual Center - Springfield, Massachusetts May 3-6, 2023

NERGC - The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. invites you to join us at our seventeenth genealogical conference —

Missing Branches Are Not the End of the Line

NERGC 2023 will help attendees explore:

- Extending your tree
- New England records and repositories
- Research focused on specific social, cultural, racial, and ethnic groups
- Colonial era records and wars
- DNA methods & case studies
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- Writing for various types of publications
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- The social environment of an ancestor and the records it created
- Military research
- Immigration documents
- Ways to research from home via your computer
- Over 20 sources for genealogical information
- Problem solving, methodology, and new approaches to traditional research

NERGC 2023 will bring together genealogists and family historians from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or a professional genealogist, the conference will

provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by expert genealogists, there will be time to explore the exhibit hall and make new connections at the Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show — and plenty of opportunities to meet hundreds of other attendees who share your love for genealogy.

CONFERENCE BLOG

Keep up-to-date with breaking news about the many special events and Conference activities that are planned. Find out more information about the lectures, speakers, exhibitors, hotel, research facilities, and the City of Springfield. Check out the blog to get the most out of the Conference: <https://nergc.org/blog/>.

SOCIETY FAIR

On Thursday, May 4th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., genealogical, historical and family societies from all over New England will provide information about their organizations. The Society Fair will be held along the corridor of the Exhibit Hall Concourse and is open to the public at no cost.

Information at:
SocietyFair@NERGC.org

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - SIGs

Enthusiasm is always high for these popular, informal mini

gatherings which will be held on Thursday, May 4th, at 7:15 p.m. It's an opportunity to meet and share with conference participants and hosts on a wide range of topics. Check out upcoming E-zines, the NERGC blog and Facebook page, and www.NERGC.org for specific topics & more information.

EXHIBIT HALL

Come to the Exhibit Hall! Learn about the offerings of different DNA companies; find historic maps covering ancestral homelands; discover organizations and resources that will help with your search; browse through books; and more! The Exhibit Hall is open all three days - drop by and explore between sessions or during the ample unopposed time! Information at:
exhibithall@nergc.org.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS SHOWCASE

NERGC is seeking libraries, archives and museums with special collections of interest to genealogists and researchers to join us in Springfield. One table, two chairs, and signage are available at no cost for informational exhibits about special collections on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Information at:
LAMShowcase@NERGC.org

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GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

A Query Board will be set up in the lobby area of the conference center. Following your online registration, you will have the opportunity to submit your query for display at the conference. If you are interested, please indicate a contact method and say, 'ok to post' Those with permission granted will be posted on our website after the conference. The preferred format uses standard abbreviations and the date written as 27 July 1927. Show birth, death, marriage in that order, with event location shown before date and all known information stated before the question is asked. Remember to include your contact information! SAMPLE QUERY: JONES, Mehetable, b. Hartford CT abt 1790, m. Middletown, CT 23 Mar 1823 to BUSHNELL, John b. Hartford OR Wethersfield, CT c 1785 Need bdt, par of John. Janet Johnson <address> or <email>.

ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW

Does your research need a jump start? Are you just beginning and don't know where to start? Do you need help reading and analyzing an old document? Have you hit that proverbial brick wall? Having someone with experience and expertise analyze your work might provide you with a new perspective to help you continue your research. This is your chance to consult with a professional genealogist. Twenty-minute Road Show consultations will be available on a registration basis and are limited to one per registered conference attendee. Check out upcoming E-zines and www.NERGC.org for specific topics & more information.

CONFERENCE E-ZINE

The Conference E-zine, a digital newsletter which provides information and updates about the Seventeenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference, is sent periodically to all those on

CONFERENCE POLICIES

Cancellation Policy - Cancellations postmarked before 14 April 2023 will be subject to a \$20.00 processing fee. No refunds are available after 14 April 2023.

Syllabus - A link to the electronic syllabus, which includes conference information as well as handouts for the general conference sessions, will be sent to all registrants approximately one week before the conference.

Terms and Conditions - Presentations and Syllabus are copyrighted. No photographing, taping, or creating slide screenshots or creating derivative works (including print forms).

COVID - Our goal is to host a conference that provides the in-person educational and social experience that attendees enjoyed from previous NERGC conferences. At the same time we aim to be fully compliant with all applicable and current local, state, and federal public health guidelines. This will likely mean that there will be some minor adjustments compared to prior events. At the same time we're unlikely to see the onerous measures that were associated with life in 2020, when an unvaccinated population faced the original SARS-CoV-2 strains. Working with our partners at the MassMutual Center, we are continually monitoring any changes in situation and will set and communicate more specific guidance where needed."

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Thinking about attending NERGC? Don't miss out on the excitement! Follow us on Facebook at:

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TWITTER

Follow the #NERGC Conversation on Twitter where we are @NERGC2023. Also follow #NERGC for other buzz about the conference.

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

A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy,
2nd edition

by John A. Leppman, softbound.
Item No. GSV 11.

Special Sale Price \$5

Shipping and handling is \$3.50 for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy in the same order.

Note: member discount is not applicable on special sale prices.

*Vital Records of
Rockingham,
Vermont and the Records
of the First Church of Rockingham*
Reprinted from the 1902 and 1908 first editions
Hardbound. Item
No. GSV 3
Sale Price \$20

*Sudbury, Vermont:
Genealogies,
Vital Records,
and Census Records*
by Mary Ann Z. Wheeler
Hardbound. Item
No. GSV 8
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DEATHS.

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Jean O. (Giddings) (Stevens) (Harvie) Beatty, 93, formally of Pittsford VT passed away peacefully on January 17, 2023, at The Meadows at East Mountain in Rutland, VT, where she has resided for the past five years.

Jean was born July 30, 1929 and raised in Quincy, MA, the daughter of two native Vermonters, Clarence and Hilda (Sherman) Giddings. After graduating from Burdett College, in Boston, she married Bruce Stevens in 1949. Jean married Fred A. Harvie in 1953 and together they raised their family in Hingham, MA. While in Hingham she worked as the business manager for Fred's carpentry and building business. The family relocated to Pittsford Vermont in 1975 continuing their business while also acquiring and restoring numerous properties in and around Rutland County. They then literally downsized their building business, establishing Fred's Dollhouse and Miniature Center; a venture that allowed them to work together with their daughter Linda, well into their retirement.

As a child, Jean spent summers on her grandfather's idyllic Poultney VT farm, 'Home Among the Hills'. She acquired extensive family archives from her father, aunts, and uncles becoming a professional genealogist. Both Jean and Fred were active members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Hingham and Trinity Episcopal and Messiah Lutheran Churches in Rutland.

Jean found great connection in volunteering for various organizations over the years: Camp Fire Girls in MA, the Pittsford Historical Society, helping with the republication of Caverly's History of Pittsford, the publication of Pittsford Now and Then, along with many fundraising efforts ahead of the purchase and restoration of Eaton Hall into the Town's Historical Museum. Jean also became one of four authors of Pittsford's Second Century, while also being Treasurer of the Genealogical Society of Vermont, Maclure Library, and the Pittsford Historical Society. She also served on the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier.

In 1981, Jean established Jean Harvie Real Estate in Pittsford, becoming active in the Rutland County Board of Realtors, becoming a Realtor of the Year. Jean then went on to serve as a Lister for the Town of Pittsford for 15 years. Following the passing of Fred, Jean relocated to South Burlington VT eventually marrying John W. Beatty.

Jean is survived by her daughters, Lethea (Stevens) (Harvie) Ware Pollard (Roy) of Rockland, MA and Linda Harvie Drummond (Bill) of Pittsford, VT, her son Mark Harvie (Sanita) of Colchester, VT. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren Michelle Ware (Mike) Harris, David Ware (fiancée Jennifer); Laura Drummond (James) Lang, Emily Drummond (Darie) Brown, Craig (Cara) Drummond; Colin Harvie, Brynn Harvie (Chris) Bennett, Shea Harvie, Tristan Harvie, and Maximilian Harvie; Curtis (Jordan) Harvie, Renee Harvie (LaShun) Carroll and 13 great-grandchildren Kyla Ware; Katelynne & Matthew Lang; Henry, Gunner, & Libby Brown; Eloisa & Liam Drummond; Beverly & James Bennett, Keani Harvie; Scout Harvie, and Adelaide Carroll. Jean also leaves an extended family, including daughter-in-laws Janet Adams Harvie Sherer, Lauri Pratt Harvie Nicoletta, son-in-law Paul Ware, sister-in-law's Ruth Giddings, Gail Giddings, and Lois Harvie; and brother-in-law John (Marilyn) Harvie. She also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jean was predeceased in death by her beloved husband of 52 years Fred Albert Harvie in 2005, loving son Dan Clifford Harvie in 2003, along with her sister Joan Claire (Tom) Fisher in 2022 and 2021 respectively, a brother John Giddings, former husbands Bruce Stevens and John Beatty along with her special Aunt Lethea and Uncle Wendell Carlson of Poultney VT.

Jean's family extends many heartfelt thanks to the staff and administration of The Meadows at East Mountain in Rutland VT for their compassionate care during her time with them.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pittsford Historical Society, PO Box 423 Pittsford VT 05763 or the Maclure Library, PO Box 60 Pittsford VT 05763. A private family burial and celebration of life will take place in the spring.

Barnard Funeral Home in Pittsford is in charge of arrangements. For online condolences, visit www.barnardfuneralhome.com.

<https://www.barnardfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jean--O-Giddings-Stevens-Harvie-Beatty?obId=27067468#/obituaryInfo>

Editor's Note: Jean was a longtime member of the GSV and a familiar face at many of our Membership Meetings in years past. She was elected GSV Secretary in 1975 and would later service the society as Treasurer. The GSV Library before being dissolved in the mid-1990s was housed at her home in Pittsford.



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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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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; **Sale Price \$20.** 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 index of nearly 1,000 names.

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.**

Vermont Genealogy Back Issues:

Issues 1: 1-13: 4, are available for \$5.00 each, except special issues 10: 1 and 11: 1 & 2, which are available for \$10.00 each. Issues 14: 1 & 2, 14 : 3 & 4, 15: 1 - 26: 2, are available for \$10.00 each. There is a mailing fee of \$3.50 (\$5.50 to Canadian addresses). For multiple issue orders, please add \$1 for each additional 1 to 5 issues. Note: issues 1: 4, 3: 3, 3: 4 and 4: 4 are out of print.

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