



Spring Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held at the Weathersfield Center Church in Weathersfield VT on Saturday, May 21st. Approximately 60 members were present representing Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, California, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Scott Bartley, president, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am and introduced the GSV officers present. The secretary's report was read and accepted. Scott presented an abbreviated version of the Treasurer's report for Linda Drummond, now acting treasurer.

Scott gave a brief report of the Publications Committee in the absence of George Sanborn, its chair. This Committee has initiated the development of a set of standards for future publication projects (ie. vital records, cemetery inscriptions, probate abstracts, etc.). The GSV Executive Board approved at its Feb 12 meeting a maximum of five grants of \$750 each to assist compilers of such projects. A

review of *Branches & Twigs* has been put on hold because the proposed by-laws would affect its operation.

Jean Harvie delivered a brief report on the library. Scott announced the official resignation of Kathy Wendling and informally those of the other Computer Committee members. This work will revert to the GSV Board. The Board approved the newsletter subject to a review at the end of one year.

Scott recapped the events since January. The Board has been busy, meeting twice already this year and again today. At the Feb 12th meeting, the Board approved their first budget:

\$10,800	Editor/treasurer fees
10,600	Publication Committee
1,000	Program Com. (plus receipts)
2,200	Office supplies
1,000	President (discretionary)
500	Promotional expenses
\$26,100	Total

Back issues of *B&T*, volumes 10-20, are now \$2 per issue including postage. The employee status was on hold pending the by-law vote which may render it a non-issue. The Board sadly

accepted the resignation of Linda Drummond as treasurer effective Mar 31. Because Sue MacIntire graciously offered to assist, Linda will stay on until the fall meeting. The Board set up an ad hoc Library Review Committee consisting of Jean Harvie and Mary Pat Brigham to study all aspects of our library and whether to continue maintaining it. Scott Bartley was GSV's speaker at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference held at Manchester NH on Apr 22 and 23. More than 700 people attended the conference. GSV netted over \$650 in sales from its books. GSV will hold a joint meeting with the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists on Saturday, Oct 29th, at the Radisson Inn, West Lebanon NH [see details elsewhere].

The report of the ad hoc By-law Review Committee [members: George Sanborn (chair), Robert C Anderson and Peggy Dowd] was detailed by Scott Bartley. George presented the committee's findings to the Board at its Mar 12th meeting and recommended a complete rewriting of the 23 year old by-laws. The Board discussed the pro-

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posed by-laws point by point and made a few minor changes. The Board unanimously approved of the proposed by-laws with the new changes. This was mailed out to all GSV members in the previous newsletter.

John Leppman moved and Carol Church seconded that the proposed by-laws, as received by the membership, be accepted. Discussion followed, mainly regarding Article VIII, Section 1. The concern was that the by-laws required only one general business meeting. It was explained that this was the *minimum* requirement. The Board had every intention to continue with the current two meetings per year. The new by-laws were unanimously approved by voice vote as well as an "enacting proclamation" previously approved by the Board to deal with the transition period of Board positions and the Nominating Committee. This vote now requires a new election of *all* Board members. The results will be at our Oct 29th meeting.

Scott Bartley announced a delay in the publication of *Vermont Families in 1791, Volume 2* due to his return to graduate school. His desire is to be ready for the press by mid-1995. This delay will provide time for submitters to send in corrections and additions. It is hoped that the entries will be increased from 126 in Volume 1 to 200 in Volume 2. The Publication Com-

mittee is considering several other projects, namely, the vital records of Georgia VT and the abstracts of vital events from *The Vermont Mercury* (Woodstock).

The first speaker of the morning was Edith Hunter presenting "Developing a town genealogy: the Weathersfield Historical Society method". Edith is past president and current newsletter editor for WHS. She also relayed the story of the rebuilding of the church we were in today and invited the group to venture across the road to the home of WHS. The second speaker was Brenda Neronsky, Probate Registrar for the Windsor District in North Springfield, where she has worked for 8½ years. Though expressing no personal interest in genealogy herself, Brenda detailed the types of records held by the court and the uses for genealogists. An informative question and answer period followed. The audience was very appreciative of Brenda's great service to genealogists.

The group recessed for lunch catered by the Depot Square Caterers of Windsor. The afternoon speaker was Thomas H Roderick, a geneticist at the Center for Human Genetics at Bar Harbor ME speaking on "The genetics of the y-chromosome and the umbilical lines in genealogy". The lecture was well received with many questions afterwards.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm. Many of those present took advantage of Edith Hunter's invitation to visit the Weathersfield Historical Society.

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Joann Nichols has accepted the position as chair of the Nominating Committee. She and two other members will draw a slate of candidates according to the new by-laws. This will be presented to the membership as a ballot in the next newsletter.

New price for back issues of *B & T*!! Each issue is \$2 (including postage). Currently available are: Volumes 11:4; 12:2-5; 13:*all*; 14:*all*; 15:1-3; 16:1-2, 4; 17:4; 18:*all*; 19:4; 20:*all*; 21:*all*. Your checks should be made out to GSV and sent to: GSV Back Issues, PO Box 422, Pittsford VT 05763.

Mark you calendars now for our Oct 29th meeting. GSV is pleased to join with the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists at the Radisson Inn, West Lebanon NH. Jane Fiske will lecture on the migration of Rhode Islanders to northern New England and Michael Lee will show us how to identify early photographs. A third speaker will be announced. We have requested over ten vendors to join us! More to follow in the next newsletter.

Thanks go out to Hugh Putnam for his help with our last meeting.



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