



FALL 1997 MEETING

The meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 18, 1997** in the Quality Inn on US Route 5 (Putney Road), just north of Exit 3 of I-91, north of Brattleboro, VT.

The program has not been completed at this time. One of the speakers will be Ken Stevens (author of the acclaimed series of genealogies of Wilsons in New England) on "Locating and Evaluating Genealogical Records."

The cost of the Meeting, morning coffee and the luncheon buffet will be \$13.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members. Reservations must be mailed by **October 3, 1997**. Please mail your check, marked spring meeting to: Genealogical Society of Vermont, PO Box 1553, St. Albans, VT 05478-1006

Meeting Schedule

- 9:30 Registration starts & morning refreshments
- 10:00 GSV business meeting followed by morning speaker.
- Noon Buffet Luncheon.
- 1:30: The afternoon program.

For the latest information on the Fall Meeting and GSV, please visit us on our Internt home-page at:

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The final details of the meeting will be sent to the membership by post card six weeks prior to the meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Thanks to all of you -- 105 of you at this writing -- who took the time to return the questionnaire enclosed in the last *Newsletter*. For those who put it aside and haven't sent it yet, it will still be welcome. I wish I had time to write a personal response to every questionnaire which came in. A few specific issues will be addressed directly, but members will understand that we can't realistically respond to every point on every questionnaire. Your Executive Committee has spent a good deal of time reviewing the responses and will continue to use them. They include some very thoughtful ideas and suggestions.

Here are a few highlights of the opinions offered by respondents, along with comments which reflect the Executive Committee's present positions:

- The overwhelming majority of respondents checked off that they joined GSV because of Vermont ancestry and a desire to be in contact with Vermont resources; fewer cited living in or near Vermont and wanting an organization close to home. Indeed, our over one thousand members are very scattered geographically, and services to distant members were often mentioned among our priorities.
- A very large number of respondents felt that the organization's major priorities include publishing Vermont resource materials, particularly those which have not previously been published, and information about how to find resources. Clearly this is a priority in the present editorial policies of our publications, and we will continue to work toward improving our efforts.
- The next most frequently cited goal or priority for GSV is the exchange of information among members about Vermont families, including publishing of

queries and other efforts at networking people with common interests. Many respondents felt that the new format of our publications reduces the help we give members in this regard. I will first comment that members can still send queries to *Vermont Genealogy*; that service has not changed. In order to facilitate exchange of common family interests among members, we plan to issue a **Members' Research Directory** early in 1998, and your membership renewal form this year will include an opportunity to list up to five surnames of **Vermont families** you are interested in. This will be cross-indexed, so that other members with the same Vermont surname interests will be able to find you easily (including such things as your e-mail address if you wish), and it will be updated every three years or so. The Executive Committee feels that this will be a way of bringing members **current, easily used information on significant Vermont research interests**. We encourage all members to use this new directory and list surnames of interest on their renewal forms.

- Positive comments about the new look of our publications outnumbered negative ones by about a 3:1 majority. (This excludes a few very specific ideas, mostly having to do with

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for the February, May, August & November issues of the *Newsletter*.

Vermont Genealogy's typeface, which we will be considering carefully.) The Executive Committee still supports the decision to make our quarterly journal smaller and more tightly edited, and submissions of materials of all sorts for it are welcomed. Comments to the effect that articles were of too narrow interest to beginners, and more how-to material would be beneficial, are well understood, and more methodological material should be underway. A few people suggested having articles in *Vermont Genealogy* which described difficult sticking points or enigmas; such articles (which should be brief) are welcome.

- Several people commented on the slow progress of the *Vermont Families in 1791* project. Volume II is essentially complete and should be on its way to the printer soon as this is being written. Volume III is well underway. The project has gone slower than hoped for because its editor has had a few other responsibilities (such as earning a Master's Degree), and good work takes time.
- The lack of an index for *Branches & Twigs* was noted by several respondents. This is a serious gap in our efforts for our members and others, and we are well on the way toward producing one. It will be a big job; those twenty-four years had very large numbers of names in them.

This list only touches a few of the many concerns (and kudos) which appeared in the questionnaires. Your comments will be kept on file and we will be coming back to your ideas as we try to develop programs for your benefit.

John A. Leppman
President

SPRING MEETING

Sixty-four attended the May 17, 1997 meeting in St. Johnsbury, plus our speakers. There was a brief business meeting. John Leppman presided. The first speaker was Alden Rollins who gave a most informative talk on Warnings Out. Peggy Pearl, Director of Education at the Fairbanks Museum, then told us about the Museum and other St. Johnsbury

Resources. After lunch, Mr. Pearl gave us brief history of the North Congregational Church and the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Following these presentations, the formal meeting adjourned and participants were given a choice of one or more of three activities for the rest of the afternoon. Mr. Pearl led a guided tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Both the Fairbanks Museum and St. Johnsbury Athenaeum were prepared to welcome GSV attendees who wished to further explore their resources.

Mary Pat Brigham, Secretary

Board News

The Board of GSV recently voted to establish life memberships. In honor of the 25th anniversary of the society, complimentary life memberships were awarded to the five current members who were present at the first meeting, twenty-five years ago. These were Joann Nichols, Leo Fleury, Enoch Tompkins, Ron Warriner and Marjorie Napoli. All but Ron Warriner were present at the meeting. Life memberships are now available to all members, of any age, for the sum of \$500.00.

Mary Pat Brigham, Secretary

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee met on May 18, 1997. The meeting was attended by John Leppman, Robert Rodgers, Kathy Wendling, and Peggy Jenks. We welcomed new members: Alden Rollins and Lynn J. Gauthier. Two other new members were unable to attend: James M. Holmes and Robert M. Murphy.

Most of the subjects discussed have been covered in our President's Message. A style manual for transcribed primary records is to be given priority.

Alden Rollins will coordinate the indexing of *Branches & Twigs*. Volunteers are needed for this project. He will be finding a suitable program so that multiple users in any location may work on the project. If you are willing to index even as much as one volume, please contact Alden. See his addresses in this *Newsletter*. This is a project for those of you who live at a distance and would like to donate some time to the society.

VERMONT WARNINGS AND YOUR LOST ANCESTOR

Looking for that elusive ancestor said to have gone to Vermont in the early 19th century before removing to parts unknown in the West? You've checked the usual sources, such as the federal censuses and the centralized Vermont vital statistics, and you've scoured the library of the Vermont Historical Society and so on. Now you face the prospect of searching land records and tax lists in something like 250 Vermont towns. There must be a better way, you say. And now there is.

A new publication called *Vermont Warnings Out* may be the answer. Released in late 1995, Volume One of *Vermont Warnings Out*, compiled by Alden Rollins of the University of Alaska Anchorage and published by Picton Press, has around 15000 names of people warned out of town. Volume Two, to be released in late 1997, will complete the task, adding another 15 or 20000 names from the southern towns of Vermont. The names are arranged by county and town, but there is an all-name index at the end, permitting the tracing of families or individuals if they moved to two or more towns, which many did. The warning documents at the very least identify the head of the family, but very often will also list the names of all the members of the family, including any extended family along for the adventure. Many single people, female as often as male, moved around to find work, and the constable delivering the warrant would often note with whom they were living. Very rarely the warrants will say where the newcomers are from. Many young widows with children moved to be near family, as did many elderly couples and singles. Such people often did not buy land or leave other records, so the warning may be the only piece of evidence of their movements.

What was warning out and what does it tell you? Warning out was an aspect of New England's various settlement and poor laws permitting local authorities to issue warrants requiring newcomers to leave town unless they met certain criteria. In Vermont, warning out flourished from the 1760s to 1817, when state law discontinued the practice. Essentially it

was a legal device to protect the town against welfare applicants who did not have a legal settlement. The selectmen could issue the warrants at their discretion, and in many towns warrants were issued to all newcomers regardless of apparent social or economic status. Most newcomers either qualified for a legal settlement or just ignored the warrant. Modern researchers should draw no conclusions about status based solely on a warning to leave town.

For genealogists these warrants are a great blessing. By law they had to be issued within a year of the newcomer's arrival, and then they had to be recorded in the town books. So your chances of finding an elusive ancestor, who perhaps moved around a lot and did not buy land or get into the other town records, are better than good by checking the warning out documents, now so conveniently abstracted and indexed.

Once you have found an ancestor in a certain town, many possibilities of research suddenly open up. Now that you know where he or she lived, you can check the Grand Lists, land records, school records, town proceedings, county court records, and so on. Even if the family or individuals stayed only a few years, there will be interesting and useful references to them in some town record or other. The warning out warrant is the key that will open the door to the right town.

Then your work REALLY begins.....

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FURTHER THOUGHTS

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the May 18 meeting in St. Johnsbury heard the full report on Vermont "warnings out" by Alden M. Rollins. Many of us had encountered such "warnings out" in other parts of New England but never fully understood their meanings.

In the 1930s and early 40s the WPA did a survey of Vermont town records. At that

time they found extant in the care of most town clerks, official copies of the warnings out. During the more than fifty intervening years, Rollins found that many towns had lost these records. Fires, changing town officers and locals, and other such reasons are advances for the loss of these valuable records. Alden Rollins' research is at least one way to stop the erosion. He has ardently pursued his mission for several years with a major handicap: Rollins is teaching in Alaska, somewhat removed from the subject of his inquiry.

As he winds up his research, putting the finishing touches on his second and final volume, Rollins observed that the need to preserve all old town records is acute. They are in danger from the 3 d's as he called them: Disintegration, Disasters (fire, floods, etc.); and Disappearance. He asked the group as an organization and as individuals to work for the preservation of these vital pieces of history.

Warnings to leave town were only the beginning. Early Vermonters did develop methods for taking care of their poor and the elderly who could not do for themselves but, until the state took over the welfare of all its citizens in the 1960s, Overseers-of-the-Poor quarreled over which town was responsible for new arrivals with their bonds. Over the months to come, I expect to examine many ways that Vermont towns and the state devised for coping. Of course, the Woodstock area methods will be in the forefront of this discussion.

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FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the **Vermont Old Cemetery Association** will be held on Saturday October 4, 1997 in the Second Congregational Church, Berlin, VT. Registration & coffee at 9:00, business meeting at 10:00. An Old-fashioned "church dinner" will be served at noon [price not set at this time]. Afternoon program, at 1:15: a slide program by Charles Marchant. Contact: Elizabeth Beckwith, P.O. Box 105, Underhill Ctr., VT 05490 (802) 899-4640 for details and to make lunch reservations or visit the VOCA web site. <http://www.together.net/nbrutor/voca/vocahome.htm>

VERMONT FRENCH CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The VTFCGS was founded in 1996 and is building a library housed in a classroom at St. Joseph's School in Burlington. Last fall they published the first Journal, LINKS edited by Joseph-André Senécal. Contact the Society at: P.O. Box 65128, Burlington, VT 054406-5128 or <http://members.aol.com/vtfcgs/genealogy/index.html>

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IRISH GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 1997

The conference will be held at the Ramada Rolling Green Inn and Conference Center, Andover, MA. Registration deadline: August 15. For information call: NEHGS, 1-800-286-3447

FAMILY REUNIONS

The **Packard and Allied Families Association** (descendants of Samuel Packard: Stoneham Aspal, Suffolk, England, 1612 - Bridgewater, MA 1684) will hold a reunion in Colorado Springs, August 8-10, 1997. For details, contact The Packard Family Reunion, P.O. Box 36384, Denver, CO 80236, (303) 989-5090. e-mail: p82058@aol.com

The **Sanborn Family Association** is having its annual reunion on August 17, 1997 at the Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, MA. For further information please call Everett Sanborn (603) 735-5817

Announcements of family reunions must be received by the editor no later than March 15 each year to be included in the *May Newsletter*. Be sure to include date, place, name & address of contact person.

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The Special Collections department of the University of Vermont Libraries consists of the Wilbur Collection of Vermontiana, The Rare Book Collection, and the University Archives.

The *Wilbur Collection* includes some 80,000 books and pamphlets, approximately 2000,000 photographs and other pictures, upwards of 7,500 printed and manuscript maps, and more than 8,000 linear feet of Vermont manuscripts. Contemporary Vermont materials, such as legislative records and state agency documents, are acquired on a continuous basis. The department also maintains an extensive reference file of news articles and pamphlets on issues pertaining to Vermont and Vermonters. Thus researchers have access to a wide range of materials documenting both historical and current Vermont topics.

Most of the printed material is accessible through LUIS terminals throughout the library. Call numbers are preceded by WILB for the Wilbur Collection. For help in finding other special materials, please inquire at the department reference desk.

There are a number of helpful published guides to the collections: Jeffrey D. Marshall, *Photographs in the Special Collections Department, Bailey/Howe Library*; J. Kevin Graffagnino, *Vermont Historical Resources: The Manuscript Holdings of the Wilbur Collection, University of Vermont*; Jeffrey D. Marshall, *Vermonters in the Civil War: Manuscripts in the Special Collections Department, University of Vermont Library*. A number of topical bibliographies are also available, as well as a guide to the *University of Vermont Libraries Folklore and Oral History Collection*.

Due to the unique nature of the collections, materials do not circulate and must be used within the Special Collections Department. Although this policy may seem restrictive, it was established to ensure that the items you need will be available at all times. Some items may be placed with the Reserve Desk for after hours use.

Please inquire at the department reference desk to make these arrangements.

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VERMONT NEWSPAPER PROJECT

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the UVM Libraries a preservation and access grant for \$157,413 to coordinate the statewide Vermont Newspaper Project. The Vermont project is part of the United States Newspaper Program to locate, catalog, and preserve early newspapers published in each state. Vermont is the fiftieth project to be funded.

Vermont's newspaper publishing heritage enjoys a special historical distinction, if only by virtue of coincidence. The *Vermont Gazette*, or *Green-Mountain Post-Boy* began publishing at Westminster on December 14, 1780. The first Vermont newspaper was printed on the same hand press used in 1639 to produce the *Bay Psalm Book*, the first printed book in America. Through printers Judah Spooner and Timothy Green, the old printing press known as the Stephen Daye press had found its way from Harvard up the Connecticut River Valley to Vermont, where it continues to reside on exhibit at the Vermont Historical Society museum.

An initial survey indicates nearly 700 Vermont newspaper titles published since Spooner's and Green's inaugural effort. Paper issues and microfilm copies are scattered throughout the state in public libraries, historical societies, archives and academic libraries. The Vermont Newspaper Project will provide greater access to this wide dispersment. Cataloguing and holdings records provided under the Vermont Newspaper Project will be available electronically through the Vermont Automated Library System (VALS) in 1998. The final objective of the project, to assess the condition of newspapers in paper

format, will provide the basis for microfilm preservation. We hope to write a second proposal to restore and microfilm many of the newspapers identified during the cataloguing phase.

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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VERMONT 1850 CENSUS INDEX

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Added in pencil to the copy in the Vermont Room of the Rutland Free Library: "Not Complete, 18 whole towns not included resulting in 4250 heads of household missing." All of the Vermont 1850 census is on The National Archives Microfilm M432.

Roll 920: Addison County - Appears to be correct.

Roll 921: Bennington County - part of Winhall missing

Roll 922: Caledonia County; Roll 923: Chittenden & Essex Counties; Roll 924: Franklin & Grand Isle Counties; Roll 925: Lamoille & Orleans Counties; Roll 926: Orange County, not checked

Roll 927, Rutland County - The last four towns were omitted: Tinmouth, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury and Clarendon

Roll 928: Washington County - Four towns omitted: Barre, Berlin, Plainsfield, Roxbury.

Roll 929, Windham County - Eight towns omitted: Athens, Brattleboro, Brookline, Newfane, Straton, Townshend, Wardsboro, Westminster. At least some names missing in Putney.

Roll 930, Windsor County - Three towns omitted: Hartford, Norwich, Rochester. At least some names missing in: Cavendish & Wethersfield.

Please notify your editor if you know of other towns that were omitted.

Peggy Jenks

INDIAN PLACE NAMES IN VERMONT

The settlement of Vermont by Yankee colonists did not - in fact could not - begin in volume until the French had surrendered Quebec and Montreal, 1759-1760. These green Mountain pioneers were chiefly of English descent; they and their forbears had experienced more than a century of dealings with Indians in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. Their Indian contacts had been mostly Algonkian, (Mohican, Narragansett, Wampanoag, Squakheag, Pennacook Pocumtuc, Abnaki, etc.) so it is not surprising that most of Vermont's Indian place names are Algonkian, and that Algonkian terms were transplanted from the older settlements to this state.

In the parent colonies, pioneers had bargained directly with the Indians for land, so Indian place-names from old grants, deeds and treaties are commonplace in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and New York. In Vermont such sources do not exist; the newcomers dealt chiefly with government agencies because by 1760 the Algonkians in New York and New England had (as a rule) been either killed off or forced to migrate to Canada. Hence, very few Indians were "at home" to greet white immigrants to New York's four northeast counties (Charlotte, Albany, Cumberland and Gloucester) alias "The Hampshire Grants," later "New Connecticut," then Vermont. Most of the Indians who dwelt in Vermont during its formative years (1760-1790) were apparently Abnakis or Pennacooks. Linguistically these tribes were very similar.

In a few cases Vermont's earliest town fathers had as neighbors some Mohawks from *Caughnawaga* ("at the rapids." the

Lachine rapids near Montreal) or Hurons from Ancien-Lorette, a suburb of Quebec city. Occasionally, too, Oneidas and Senecas strayed here from New York's Finger Lakes region where the Iroquois Confederacy was a going concern until the late 1770s.

The Abnakis who dwelt in Vermont (or trickled in from Canada) spoke poor French and even worse English. They were willing enough to interpret Indian names but the first two or three generations of Green Mountain settlers couldn't understand Indian Joe very well, and were too busy clearing land to pay much heed. It follows, therefore, that compared with other New England states (and with New York) Vermont has relatively few Indian place names, and in too many instances those locatives are garbled.

Even in the Champlain valley the great majority of place-names transmitted to the first Yankee settlers are Algonkian, which is to say, chiefly Abnaki or Mohican. But on both shores of Lake Champlain a considerable number of Mohawk (and other Iroquoian) terms have been preserved, notably on French and British military maps. There is also a sprinkling of toponyms from far distant tribes; wherever possible these non-Algonkian, non-Iroquoian words have been labeled and translated.

Evidently the (Iroquoian) *Mohawks* controlled the whole Lake Champlain watershed from 1400 (?) A.D. until around 1600, while the rest of Vermont was (Algonkian) territory belonging to *Mohicans*, *Pocumtucs*, *Pennacooks* and later, *Abnakis*. None of these people "stayed home" before or after Samuel de Champlain's visit in 1609. The east shore of "Iroquois Sea" (Lake Champlain) was

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quite vulnerable to Mohawk raids, while the heavily forested ranges to the west were often visited by Algonkian hunters. The Indian name for New York's Mount Marcy is *Wa-wob-aden-ek*, identical with the Abaki-Pennacook words meaning "at the White Mountains" in New Hampshire. Further, the work "Adirondacks" was not originally applied to the mountains but was a derisive Iroquoian nickname for Abnaki interlopers. The Mohawk term *Ra-ti-ron-ta-keks* can be translated approximately as "those (weaklings) who eat bark and other things from trees." Significantly, Lake Saranac, in Mohawk country, probably gets its name from Abnaki *sen-hal-on-ak*, literally 'sumac buds.'

Aboriginal place names are generally simple descriptives, so we have "Big Island" (Abnaki *Kchi menahan*; Mohawk *Ka-weh-ni-yo*,) etc. Indian names often contain "action-sense." too; "Quinneaska Point (and river) in Shelburne gets its name from Abnaki *Kwini eskuan*, "a long elbow or other joint which bends." In Grand Isle County, *De-ye-hon-wah-kwa-tha* comes from Mohawk words which signify "at which somebody picks up his canoe," that is, a portage or carrying-place.

George Washington inherited a striking nickname from his grandfather, whom the Iroquois called *A-na-da-ga-ri-as*, "destroyer of towns." Governor Montmagny of Quebec (1636) was *On-non-tio*, 'Mountain large,' a direct translation of his French name.

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Chimney Point in Addison: *Chemaun Nayaug*, from *Chemaun* "a canoe" plus *Nayaug*, "a point of land."

Kawassentekwa: a bare place near the Connecticut River in Putney: "Whirlwind blew into river." This name was apparently given by Abnakis or Pennacooks or Squakheags to any place where high winds or hurricanes had uprooted trees, causing them to drop into a stream.

Passumpsic: a village and a river so-names in St. Johnsbury. From Abnaki *Pa-*

som-ka-sic, "clear, sandy bottom," or "clear springs and fine sand." On some old maps this appears as *Pesammes*.

Moosalamoo: a mountain near Lake Dunmore, Salisbury. Some say this is derived from an Indian name for silver trout, it may be a corruption of *Maa-so-zi-al. Mozial*, "big ferns" or "many ferns." (Also *Moz*, "moose"; *Alamoos*, "dog"; hence "moose chased by dog.")

Mettawee: a river and its valley in Pawlet [and Granville, NY. Spelled Mettowee today by the residents.] *Metta* means "furthest away" in some Algonkian dialects; but in the Natick, *Metwee* is "poplar tree." Also possibly a corruption of *Metewemesick*, "place of black earth."

Popasquash-(Menan): an island in St. Albans jurisdiction. The derivation is given variously as: *Pamapskak*, "rocky place"; *Pop-e-kwa*, "cranberries"; *Pop-e-quatuck*, "broken land"; *Wab-ees-qua*, "white, bubbly water."

Wassabestego: in Sharon, "The White River"

Shatterack: a mountain in Jamaica. Possibly the derivation is *iskoda-auke*, "at the fire-place." Another suggestion is *nashuatuk-uk*, "place where two streams meet."

Keekomkwak: a fishing spot on the Barton river, Orleans; "sucker-fishing-place," from *Keekomkwa*, "sucker" plus *ak* the location suffix.

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