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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As planned, our Fall 1998 meeting was held in conjunction with the Vermont Historical Society's Annual Meeting on September 19, 1998. Meeting sessions were held in the House of Representatives chamber and Conference Room 11 at the State House, somewhat more grandiose meeting rooms than we have sometimes been accustomed to. Apart from an hour of discussion of GSV business and activities, we deferred to the Vermont Historical Society for speakers. This resulted in a program with much less genealogical focus than is our usual practice, and although this was a suitable arrangement for the circumstances of this year's meeting, with the NERGC conference coming in October, we do not plan to repeat this arrangement annually.

Ron Powers' talk entitled "A Sense of Community" and Townsend Anderson's on "Balancing the Community and Economic Development" both emphasized the degree to which Vermont continues to conform to the American ideal of small, involved, and active communities. Many of us who enjoy exploring family history also get involved in historical research and preservation in our home communities and/or those where our family history is found. We know that our understanding of our family history is enhanced by preservation of the records, architecture, cemeteries, and spirit of the communities where our ancestors lived. We also know that the same human benefits which arise from preserving a sense of community in a geographical location are fostered by keeping families in contact. The mobility of modern society makes geographic communities harder to preserve, and it spreads families across the continent and farther. Family historians can help bridge those gaps and preserve family communities. And those of us who are fortunate enough to live in Vermont can extend a warm welcome to those who come to visit

our home towns because of family history ties here. We know the feeling that a visit to "ancestor country" can generate.

The Nominating Committee report was received too late to include a ballot in the last *Newsletter* for the 1998-2000 term of officers. Therefore the report was presented to the members present on September 19 for endorsement, but formal election of the slate of officers was deferred until members receive this *Newsletter* and ballot. Candidates for President, Secretary and Treasurer are incumbents eligible for re-election. The candidate for Vice President is new. The ballot allows for write-in votes as well. Although there are no contested positions, your effort to return the ballot will show your interest in the ongoing work of GSV.

I would like to express thanks to Grace Simonds for her efforts for GSV in the past two years. In her work as Town Clerk of Whiting, Grace knows well the kinds of challenges which family historians face in searching records for their ancestors, and her efforts to be helpful, while still doing the complicated "here and now" work of a town clerk, have been commendable. She brought the same interests to her work with GSV and will continue to be involved in our programs

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Vermont Historical Society invites proposals for a conference on antebellum Vermont (1820-50) to be held August 2-3, 1999, in Montpelier, Vermont. Papers relating to Vermont's political, economic, cultural, and social history between 1820 and 1850 are requested. Participants will have the opportunity to have their papers published in a special issue of *Vermont History*. Applicants should submit proposals of 500 words in length or less and include a one page curriculum vitae. Deadline is January 15, 1999. Contact: Vermont Historical Society, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-0901.

## STANDARDS FOR USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Recommended by the  
National Genealogical Society

Mindful that computers are tools, genealogists take full responsibility for their work, and therefore they-

- learn the capabilities and limits of their equipment and software and use them only when they are the most appropriate tools for the purpose.
- refuse to let computer software automatically embellish their work.
- treat compiled information from on-line sources or digital data bases like that from other published sources, useful primarily as a guide to locating original records, but not as evidence for a conclusion or assertion.
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- cite sources for data obtained on-line or from digital media with the same care that is appropriate for sources on paper

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and other traditional media, and enter data into a digital database only when its source can remain associated with it.

- always cite the sources for information or data posted on-line or sent to others, naming the author of a digital file as its immediate source, while crediting original sources cited within the file.
- preserve the integrity of their own data bases by evaluating the reliability of down loaded data before incorporating it into their own files.
- provide, whenever they alter data received in digital form, a description of the change what will accompany the altered data whenever it is shared with others.
- actively oppose the proliferation of error, rumor and fraud by personally verifying or correcting information, or noting it as unverified, before passing in on to others.
- treat people on-line as courteously and civilly as they would treat them face-to-face, not separated by networks and anonymity.
- accept that technology has not changed the principles of genealogical research, only some of the procedures.

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March 1998 - Sept. 1998

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### Contributions to the Computer Fund:

The Computer Fund represents the Society's support of the LDS Family Search research station located at the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier. The 1998 license renewal, which allows us to keep the program going, cost us \$150.

This is just a friendly reminder that donations to the Computer Fund are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Please send your donations to GSV, P.O. Box 1553, St. Albans, VT. 05478-1006.

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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Each issue is \$5 (including postage). Currently available are: Volumes 1:1-4; 2:1-4

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### Membership Directory

The directory is published and has been a best-seller among GSV members. Contact us at our post office box address for a copy. \$3.00 for members.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please Note: Our secretary, Mary Pat Brigham has changed her e-mail address to: marypat@together.net

## ROCKINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library is located at: 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, VT 05101 (802) 463-4270.

The hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

The library is open to the public, there is a \$5.00 charge for non-residents to check out materials. Photocopying facilities are available.

All materials except those in the Historical Room circulate. Interlibrary loan is available on all circulating items.

The Vermont Collection: The library collects books, magazines, photographs, and newspapers related to the history and genealogy of Vermont and southern New Hampshire with emphasis on the Rockingham/Bellows Falls area.

Books: Approximately 3,500 titles dating from the 1800s to the present. Local family genealogies, most town histories in Vermont and southern New Hampshire. Hemenway's *Vermont Historical Gazetteer* and index, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 1847-1988, *The Rebellion Record*, Frank Moore, Ed., 6 vols. and companion. Cataloged in card catalog.

Newspapers: *Bellows Falls Times*, 1817 - 1988, with missing years, no index.

Serials/Periodicals: *The Vermonter*, 1895 - 1945, *Vermont Yearbook*, 1935 - present, *Vermont History* and *Vermont History News*; and other Vermont serials dating from the 1850s.

Documents: Town, school and village reports from the early 1900s.

Maps/Atlases: Beers's maps of Windham, Bennington, and Windsor counties. Other maps and atlases.

Broadsides: Posters and other paper ephemera relating to Rockingham and Bellows Falls, 1850s - present, not indexed.

Manuscript/Archives: 112 linear feet in the Hayes File, a card system, used by L. S. Hayes in the writing of the *History of Rockingham, The Connecticut River Valley*, and articles for the *Bellows Falls Times*. The Hayes File indexes 20 letter boxes containing letters, clippings, pictures, etc.

Photographs/Pictures: Approximately 500 indexed photos from 1870s to 1930s of Rockingham and Bellows Falls and vicinity. Approximately 500 local postcards with index from the same period. Glass slides of the building of the "first" arch bridge.

Film/Video: 1976 film of the Rockingham Bicentennial parade. Film projector available.

Vertical files: Hetty Green, Flood of 1927, petroglyphs, etc.

Other Vermont Collections: Numerous other items of Vermontiana that are not organized.

<http://www.uvm.edu/~histpres/vtiana/rockingham.html>

## FAMILY REUNIONS

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. Announcements received after March 15 will be used in the *August Newsletter* if they are for reunions held after September 1.

### A REMINDER

Please look at your address label. Your membership expires on the date shown on the label. Send your check in US funds to:

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[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/induni\\_n\\_j](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/induni_n_j)

## ADDRESS CORRECTION

Please note that the correct address for the Harlow Family Association is: Elmer G. Harlow, P.O. Box 259, Easton, MA 02334-0259.

## MEETINGS

### WHAT!?! A PILGRIM STRIPEASE?

6:00 p.m., November 18, 1998

Learn about seventeenth-century fashion at a **free** lecture. "The Clothes Make the Man: Pilgrim Clothing in Seventeenth - Century New England." Learn first hand about colonial fashion as guest-speaker, Richard Pickering of the special projects and development office at Plymouth Plantation, wears and describes his own seventeenth-century attire.

### WHAT ORPHAN ANNIE NEVER KNEW

6:00 p.m., December 9, 1998

Learn about 19th Century Adoptions at a **free** lecture: "A Good Home: Indenture and Adoption in Nineteenth Century Orphanages". Guest speaker, Susan Porter, PhD, a Visiting Scholar at Radcliffe College discusses how families in the 1800s overcame the prejudices associated with adoption, an institution which grew out of indentured servitude.

Both lectures are free and will be held at: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA. No registration is required. The 6:00 p.m. lectures will be preceded by a 5:30 p.m. reception. For more information and other programs, call the Education Department at 1-888-286-3447 or (617) 536-5740 ext. 202

## GETTING STARTED

This program is offered the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA.

This **free** program gives an introduction to NEHGS, its services and ways to help you find your family roots. Tips on how to begin your own family research, tour of the newly renovated library and a chance to meet the library staff. No registration is required.

## SPRING VOCA MEETING

The spring meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association will be on May 1 (not May 8 as in the last *Newsletter*), 1999 in New Haven, VT.

Please visit VOCA's web page at: <http://homepages.together.net/~btrutor/voca/vocahome.htm>

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### MORE VERMONT PLACE NAMES

*Nebisse-woldam-wogan*: "The Weeping  
Rocks," in Pownal where Mohicans were  
defeated. "Rocks where the sad tears are  
shed." (Rowland Robinson's *Adirondia*)

*Hoosac*: mountains, river, tunnel; from  
*Hussum-ack*, "stone-place."

*Hoosik, Hoos-akik*: "Round Kettle, or "at  
the kettle rim."

### Announcing a New Program

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## VERMONT FAMILIES IN 1791, Volume 1

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This award-winning first volume of a projected long series has already stimulated research and guided many people to sources useful to establish their own ancestry. Special Publication No. 1, 1992. xxvii + 281 pp.

## Volume 2

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

The long awaited second volume is now available. The goal of this series is to describe in genealogical detail the families listed in the First Federal Census taken in Vermont in 1791, the year Vermont joined the Union. This volume covers 107 families and has improved formatting and more complete information of the third generation. Special Publication No. 5, 1997. xlviii + 304 pp.

Work has been started on Vol. 3. See the July 1996 *Newsletter* for detailed instructions on how to submit data.

## VITAL RECORDS OF PUTNEY, VERMONT TO THE YEAR 1900

Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens

This is not just a verbatim listing of such events, but a complete, concise and accurate compilation from all primary sources available in the town. This material is augmented by the ministerial records of the pastors who served from as early as 1776. Special Publication No. 2, 1992. x + 406 pp.

## GEORGIA, VERMONT VITAL RECORDS

Edited by Peter S. Mallett

The first of its kind for northern Vermont, 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, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Methodist Church of Georgia and North Fairfax. GSV Special Publication No. 4, 1995.

## VITAL RECORDS OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT AND THE RECORDS OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

Reprinted from the rare first editions of 1908 and 1902, this is an important source for one of Vermont's oldest towns, chartered in 1752. The town records extend to 1845, church records from 1773 to 1839. New to this publication is an indispensable index of nearly 10,000 names, constructed by Christopher T. Norris and Scott A. Bartley. GSV Special Publication No. 3, 1994. 323 pp.

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