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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Saturday, May 15, 1999**

Genealogical Society of Vermont meeting  
August Lion Restaurant  
Randolph, Vermont

Registration and refreshments will start at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will convene around 10:00 a.m. Buffet lunch will be included, and we will disperse by around 3:00 p.m. The August Lion Restaurant is located on Vermont Route 12 in the northerly part of downtown Randolph, just across the street from the Chandler Music Hall. **Watch for a post card with details about speakers and registration. Please register promptly after you get the card, because there is some limitation of space.** The cost will be similar to recent meetings. We are aware that this meeting coincides with the Vermont Historical Society's League of Local Historical Societies meeting in Montpelier. Meeting dates in May get tightly packed, and this conflict was not anticipated by either of the organizations. We will try to avoid this problem in the future.

**Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, 1999**

Vermont Heritage Weekend, sponsored by Cabot Cheese, Inc., the Vermont Historical Society, and 36 local historical societies in central and northeastern Vermont. See more elsewhere in this *Newsletter*.

**Saturday, October 9, 1999**

Genealogical Society of Vermont meeting  
The Inn at Essex, Essex Junction, VT  
Schedule similar to the May meeting. **Please note that this meeting will be one week earlier than previously announced, in order to get the desired location.** We are fortunate to have reserved one of Vermont's best meeting places for a date in the midst of fall color season. Members who live at a distance from Vermont and have been considering a fall color and genealogical visit to the state might want to plan to include the GSV meeting in their plans. The Inn at Essex

is located at 70 Essex Way, Essex Junction, telephone (802) 878-1100, or (800) 727-4295. We recommend their overnight accommodations for those coming from out of town; keep in mind that accommodations in Vermont fill early for that weekend.

**May 31 - June 4, 2000**

New England Regional Genealogical Conference, combined with National Genealogical Society Conference, Providence, Rhode Island If you are planning to attend this conference and can donate some time to conference committee or on-site volunteer work, please let one of the GSV officers know. Each sponsoring organization of NERGC is asked to provide some volunteer effort, and GSV is somewhat behind in its contributions.

### PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

We continue to encourage applications for financial assistance from GSV for preservation of local and other records of interest to Vermont family history, by publication, microfilming, or other means. Melinde Sanborn's article in the January-February 1999 *NEHGS NEXUS* demonstrates the usefulness of preserving records. Robert Rodgers, editor of *Vermont Genealogy*, is working on a transcription of seventeenth-century Middlesex County, Massachusetts, probate records. He found that a number of uncertainties in the records as they now are arranged were cleared up by Photostat copies made many years ago, now on file in the Harvard library. Had someone not made the effort to Photostat these records a long time ago, much useful information would have been permanently lost. Read the article; it has an important lesson.

Among Vermont records preservation efforts recently completed or now underway with GSV financial help are microfilming of the WPA Historic Records Survey inventories of Vermont town records compiled around 1940, and filming of town and church records of Corinth, Vermont. GSV can support more projects; if you

know of a Vermont source that needs preservation help, let a GSV officer know, and we will provide you with information on how to apply for assistance.

### BRANCHES & TWIGS INDEX

Bob Murphy is ably coordinating the massive indexing project for 24 years of *Branches & Twigs*. This index will be a valuable resource and we are pleased that it is coming along after some years of discussion of how to make it happen.

### VERMONT GENEALOGY: APOLOGY FOR DELAYS

Serious delays in the publication schedule of *Vermont Genealogy* have, understandably, frustrated many GSV members. The editor is sorry for these delays, and quite cheerfully accepts the blame that he deserves.

The October 1998 number (Volume 3, Number 4) has now appeared. The January 1999 number (Volume 4, Number 1) is soon to follow: blue-line proofs have been returned to the printer. The number for April 1999 ought to make its appearance early in May.

The editor deeply regrets the inconvenience, and is grateful for the patient tolerance shown by everyone.

Robert H. Rodgers

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Dec. 15, Mar. 15, June 15 & Sept. 15  
for the February, May, August & November issues of the *Newsletter*.

## BRANCHES AND TWIGS INDEXING PROJECT UPDATE

by Bob Murphy

The indexing project has made significant progress over the past few months. Nine of the twelve indexers have completed initial training via an indexing practice exercise. Five of those have submitted a total of 31 indexed issues for review (15 from one indexer alone!).

Although we had hoped at the outset to be completely consistent in our approach to the indexing of the many names contained in B&T, in practice that has not always been easy to achieve. As time has gone on, it has been necessary to modify guidelines to accommodate unexpected situations. An example is the indexing of the names of married women. The initial guideline was simple enough. Include two entries, one under the maiden name, the other under the married name with the maiden name in parentheses. When there is a second marriage, another entry under the second married name would include both the maiden name and the first married names, both in parentheses.

For instance:

Jones, Sally  
 Smith, Sally (Jones)  
 Martin, Sally (Jones) (Smith)

However, then we began to encounter the variations. How to handle the case where the maiden name is unknown (Jacob Rich marries Hannah \_\_\_\_)? What if a John Jones marries the Widow Hastings? How would we index an entry for Mrs. Bethiah Peters? Or Mrs. Harry Winsted? Guidelines for handling each of these cases and more have evolved. Let us say we are being reasonably consistent! For those curious as to how these variations are being handled, here's how entries for the foregoing cases would look.

Rich, Hannah (--)  
 Jones, -- (--) (Hastings)  
 Hastings, -- (--)  
 Peters, Bethiah (--)  
 Winsted, Harry (Mrs.)

Each issue appears to contain approximately 1500 to 2500 names, so it appears that the final product will include nearly 200,000 entries. I have never challenged my computer with such a large file, so it

will be interesting to see what happens when all the individual issue files are merged together!

As of 1 March 1999 the project is moving along smoothly and is about 22% complete. Final completion within this century appears attainable.

## 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 used in the August *Newsletter* if they are for reunions held after September 1.

The 14th Annual **Braley** Family Reunion will be held Saturday June 26, 1999 at the Thurston United Methodist Church, Thurston, OH. Contact: Mrs. Doris Braley Wolfe, 2175 Canal Road, N.E., Baltimore, OH 43105 (614) 862-4426

Descendants of Elias **Hoffman** and Elizabeth **Sanders** will gather at the Fayston, Vermont Town Hall on Saturday Aug. 7, 1999 at 9 am for an all day assembly with pot luck dinner at noon and games. The program will feature a trip to County Kerry, Ireland. A \$5 donation per family is asked. Contact: Maudean Neill  
 e-mail: maudean@sover.net

The **Laux/Loucks** Family Association will hold a reunion July 2-3, 1999 Highgate, VT. Contact: Ralph Louks 2404 Plainview Drive, Flushing, MI 48433 (810) 659-4335 or Barbara Dundas, 40 Nickerson Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2N 3M4 (905) 937-4402 e-mail: Keloucks@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

The **Stovall** Family Association will be holding its national family reunion in Fort Worth, TX July 23-25, 1999. Contact: Mary A. Davis, President, Stovall Family Assoc., Inv., 15979 State Route #691, Nelsonville, OH 45764

The Descendants of Joseph & Anna (Palmer) **Wood**, grantees of Lebanon, NH 1766 will hold a reunion July 30 - Aug. 1, 1999 at Whaleback Ski Lodge, Lebanon, NH. Contact: Sally Clunies, 6 Briardale Ct., Derwood, MD 20855-2027 e-mail: Sandy\_Clunies@compuserve.com

## VERMONT FAMILIES PROJECT UPDATE

The Vermont Families Project (VFP), a project to identify everyone enumerated in the 1791 federal census for Vermont, has received over 1200 submissions to date. There were 126 entries published in VFP1 in 1992 and 107 entries in VFP2 in 1997 which included corrections, additions, and a table of contents to both. A listing from the database will soon be available on the web. The work on volume 3 has already begun, but you have not been left out yet! If you have not been in recent (within the last year) contact with the editor, then any previous submissions have not been put into the process thus far.

If you are not in this small group, please do not despair. You can help me move your submissions along by reviewing your previously (or newly) submitted entry against the following scheme of work.

Since VFP's inception in 1990, the project, its form and style, have evolved. Most of the 1200 plus submissions predate the revised standard for entry into this series. This is through no fault of your own, but is an outgrowth from the knowledge gained by creating the award-winning series. Please take a moment to review your earlier submission. If you can, please research in the following sources and consider rewriting your submission in the standard format.

All VFP submission must be strictly in the form as presented in VFP2. If you do not have access to this volume, please write me at 258 Shawmut Ave. #4, Boston MA 02118-2143 with a SASE requesting a sample form. Study the form closely. The design is very structured. The first paragraph is only the vital facts of the entrant in the census; his marriage information; and then the same for his (first) spouse. The next paragraph(s) are biographical and chronologically patterned. Then the children and their spouses are listed with only their vital facts (ie. no biographical information whatsoever). The grandchildren are listed with their parents, but give only the information that identifies them as the child of that couple. This is usually a birth record or grave-stone inscription if the child died young. If the child died unmarried before his or her 21st birthday, please include that date

also. If the main entrant or his spouse of your submission married again, give that information in a paragraph following their own children. Should there be children by another marriage, then they will receive the same treatment as mentioned above, but in a separate listing of additional marriages near the end of your submission.

You can submit as many entries as you wish. The only thing that must be given close attention is the sources you have for every fact - without exception! If the reference is to a standard genealogy or local history, you do not need to send copies. If it is to original records (though not vital records in New England), please include a photocopy of the source. This is very helpful in the editing process.

I see three levels that all submissions accepted for publishing should meet. Level 1 is the absolute minimum reference checks that all submissions must have been evaluated against. Level 2 is what I believe the majority of submissions should receive as you compile your genealogical record. Level 3 is the ideal, but I realize that not all of us have the time to ferret out this information or the access either. Obviously, most entries will be a combination of two or more levels. If you have access to some of the sources mentioned in level 3, please use them. You must not feel you have to cover everything in a given level, except level 1, the minimum requirement level.

**Level 1** means that all the basic published sources have been consulted in the writing of your submission. You have used the

Vermont state vital records (on microfilm and available from any LDS Branch Library and other places) and traced your entrant down through his grandchildren on every line possible -- including children of his daughters. You have checked all major published genealogies on all the surnames within your entry (again including married daughters). All local histories for all the towns that the family lived in throughout their life have been scanned. Abby Hemenway's *Vermont Historical Gazetteer* (1867-1892, 1923), which does not include Windsor County, and Alden M. Rollins' *Vermont Warnings Out* (1995, 1997) Almost all entrants served in the Revolutionary War. You should list their service record. You should consult the following three works to undercover this information: Carleton Edward Fisher and Sue Gray Fisher, *Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots of the Revolutionary War -- Vermont* (1992); John E. Goodrich, *Rolls of the Soldiers in the Revolutionary War, 1775 to 1783* (1904); and Virgil D. White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files* (1990, 1992) in four volumes. If your entrant served from another state, there are similar compiled service records for the other state that you should read.

**Level 2** means you have checked a few primary sources for your ancestor. You have seen the probate / surrogate records for the entrant, all spouses, children and children's spouses in your submission. You have culled out all the data in all land transactions in all locations your ancestor lived. You have seen all surviving grand lists (tax records) to identify your ancestor's residency in Vermont if no land records have been found. You searched the LDS' International Genealogical Index and the Ancestral File for clues to follow up. Inclusion of these sources makes a submission a better than average research job, in my opinion.

**Level 3** is for the researcher devoted to discovering all they can about their subject. You have taken the results of your state-wide vital records search and verified this transcription against the original town records (probably on microfilm). That means your entry will cite the actual town record (ie., TR, 2: 24) instead of the state vital records (ie, simply VR). You will have read through the early town

records picking out every thread of information concerning your subject. You will have checked the civil court records in the appropriate jurisdiction. You will have searched through the major likely manuscript repositories: the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston; the Vermont Historical Society; Bailey - Howe Library at UVM; and any local public libraries and historical societies. Here you peruse all the manuscripts dealing with your family. You also look at account books, diaries, scrapbooks, etc. of material dealings with your locale and time period for the elusive facts that cannot be found anywhere else. You have now found about every shred of information possible!

After all of your fine research, you are now ready to write up your results to share with the world. You have followed all of the prescribed directions for writing your submission. If you do not have a computer available, you have typed your submission. If you are fortunate to be able to use a computer, you can submit your work on a 3-1/2" diskette. Your diskette will have a label clearly stating the name of the IBM program and its version number. On the diskette, you have included your file and an ASCII version of the same file. If you have email, just attach the file send to the editor. You send this diskette or typed copy to:

Scott Andrew Bartley, Vermont Families Project, 258 Shawmut Ave. #4, Boston MA 02118-2143  
e-mail: SoEndDrew@aol.com

Now you are a part of the continuing series of VFP volumes. Again, I ask, please review all pre-1992 submissions and compare them to the above guidelines. I would greatly appreciate the help! Any questions, please contact the editor.

Scott Andrew Bartley

#### Contributions to the Permanent Fund:

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#### Contributions to the Computer Fund:

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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### BOOK REVIEW POLICY

Books for review should be sent to John A. Leppman, 29 Oak Hill Terrace, Bellows Falls, VT 05101

### MEETINGS

#### VERMONT HERITAGE WEEKEND

Saturday, June 19, 10-4 &

Sunday, June 20, noon-4

- VT Historical Society Library open for research (includes large New England genealogy reference sections); special agricultural history exhibit; seasonal exhibit: "Vermont 1820-1850"
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For a brochure or more information, call 1-888-792-2268 Explore the weekend on the Web at [www.central-vt.com](http://www.central-vt.com) For room reservations, call 1-877-229-5941

### 1999 NBGS CONFERENCE

#### "New Brunswick Ancestors - Arrivals and Departures"

Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada  
July 30-August 2, 1999

See the February 1999 Newsletter for full details. Mary Par Brigham will have more details at our spring meeting.

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### FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for Fairfield, VT on October 2, 1999.

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

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Peggy Jenks.

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Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This award-winning first volume of a projected long series has stimulated research and guided many people to sources useful to establish their own ancestry. The goal of this series is to describe in detail the families listed in the First Federal Census taken in Vermont in 1791, the year Vermont joined the Union. Special Publication No. 1, 1992. xxvii + 281 pp.

## **Volume 2**

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

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.

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

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## **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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