



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The votes are in, but we are still trying to discern the intent of the voters by microscopic analysis of dimpled and hanging chads, and in the meantime I am serving as President of GSV while we move on ahead. I want to express my appreciation to the other officers, Vice President Tyler Resch, Secretary Mary Pat Brigham, and Treasurer Janet Induni, and to the committee chairs who serve on the Board (and are also both Past Presidents) Program chair Drew Bartley and Publicity and Advancement chair Joann Nichols, for their continuing dedication to keeping the organization in fine running order.

### Dates to Remember

#### GSV membership meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2001

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Town and Country Resort

Mountain Road, Stowe, Vermont.

You will receive a postcard mailing with more details about the program; there will, as usual, be three speakers on subjects of Vermont family history interest, as well as lunch, a chance to meet other members, and one of Vermont's nicest towns at a spectacular time of year. (May in Vermont is every bit as beautiful as October in Vermont, without nearly so many tour buses.) Registration fee, including morning refreshments and lunch, will be \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members.

#### Vermont History Expo

Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24, 2001

#### Tunbridge Fairgrounds

Tunbridge, Vermont

This event, sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society, promises to be even more spectacular than last year's inaugural run, which was a tremendous success. About 9000 people attended in 2000, and for those of us who staffed the GSV booth in the Genealogy Shack, it seemed as if they all stopped by to see what we had to offer. The Genealogy Shack will be

expended in 2001 to a Genealogy Barn, and we will be on hand. Dozens of Vermont local and statewide historical organizations and businesses will have displays, and there will be all sorts of special events for everyone in the family.

#### GSV membership meeting

Saturday, October 20, 2001

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Place to be announced

We are anticipating an Upper Connecticut Valley location for this meeting.

#### Records Preservation

GSV continues to solicit proposals for grants of up to \$1000 for projects aimed at preservation of records of interest to Vermont family historians. For example, we recently funded a copy of a three-reel microfilm of records dating back into the eighteenth century of the Congregational Church in Chester. The church was having the filming done; the copy we paid for will be at the Vermont Historical Society and will be available to researchers there. We will also assist with preservation of records of the long defunct Town of Sterling, which was divided in the nineteenth century between Cambridge, Morristown, Johnson, and Stowe. (The records are at Morristown.) There are still many Vermont records which have not been microfilmed or are in precarious condition, and we would like your ideas on how we can help preserve them. Projects to transcribe primary records for publication; indexing records which are inaccessible without indexes, and similar efforts are all worthy of consideration. If you have an idea, let us know, and we will provide guidelines for making a formal application. We don't make that process difficult, but we do need to know something about the proposed project and what it will cost before we can make a final decision.

#### Vermont Historical Society plans

As many GSV members are well aware, the Vermont Historical Society has

formally acquired the former Spaulding School building in the center of Barre and is moving ahead on transforming it into a headquarters, library, and educational center. The VHS museum in Montpelier's Pavilion Building will remain, but storage in the basement vault, below flood line and critically unsuitable for storage of priceless books and artifacts, will soon be a thing of the past. So will the terribly overcrowded library facilities now at Montpelier. GSV will be asked, as individuals and as an organization, to participate financially in this project. We want to help make a new Vermont Historical Society library the best possible place to do research, and you will be hearing more as the project moves along.

#### New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Affectionately known as "NERK." After much discussion of potential sites and dates, the next conference has been planned for late October 2003 in Falmouth, Massachusetts. After six conferences, one in each New England state, and major responsibility for a large national conference in Providence, Rhode Island, in 2000, NERGC is taking a bit of a breather. Its hard-working officers and Board members deserve it.

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

## NEW US CENSUS INDICES AT VHS

The Vermont Historical Society has begun to expand its holdings of US census indices and records. The VHS library recently acquired 1870 US census indices for Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Hardbound book versions of the indices are available for Vermont and New Hampshire, and all three may be viewed from a compact disc at one of the society's computers. The indices have recently been compiled and published by Heritage Quest, and are a major improvement over indices prepared for other years by Accelerated Indexing Systems. In addition to the information shown in previous indices, those done by Heritage Quest include age, sex, race and birthplace information. A search feature in the compact disk versions allow a user to search by any or all of the fields contained in the index.

The VHS library also purchased Heritage Quest's new index to the 1810 US census. This index provides access to the census for the entire country with 826,349 entries. Previously, indices at the VHS covered only selected states. According to the publisher, this index includes 26,800 individuals not indexed by previous indices.

To accompany the index, the Society was able to purchase Heritage Quest's CD-ROM of the microfilm of the US Census for Vermont. While this new product does not bring full-text searching to the census, it does have several advantages over the microfilm version including non-linear access, the ability to enlarge sections of difficult-to-read handwriting, and printing on a laser printer.

These acquisitions are the first in a number of steps planned to increase the census resources available at VHS. Librarian Paul Carnahan hopes that all Vermont US Census records will be available for viewing at the library, probably on CD ROM, by the time the VHS opens its new education and research center in Barre in the spring of 2002.

Bob Murphy

### BOOK REVIEW POLICY

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

## BURLINGTON SAVINGS BANK RECORDS, 1854-1895

Just when you thought you'd run out of sources, another one appears! The Vermont Historical Society has recently received a group of 18 old record books donated by KeyBank in Burlington, successor institution to the Burlington Savings Bank.

The Burlington Savings Bank opened for business on January 1, 1848, and operated under that name until 1988 when it merged with the Bank of Boston to become the Bank of Vermont. More recently, it was purchased by KeyBank.

The books donated by KeyBank to the VHS include record books containing customer information, both financial and personal. Included in the collection are four volumes of depositors' ledgers, three volumes of depositors' registers, two volumes of indexes, five volumes of journals, three volumes of miscellaneous transaction record books, and one volume of deposits and semi-annual dividends.

Of greatest interest and value to family researchers will be the depositors' registers, which contain, residences, occupations, ages, birthplaces and references to family relationships. Here are some sample entries:

- 8 Aug. 1874, John C. Berry (transferred to Ellen Berry 3/78), res. Williston, Vt., farmer, age 25, born Canada, married Ellen McGarghan.
- 21 May 1877, Marcus L. Mudgett, res. Essex Center, Vt., farmer, age 25, born Dunham, C.E.
- 19 May 1877, Mary E. Lozon, res. Burlington, Vt., daughter of Joseph Lozon, age 12, born Burlington.
- 22 Apr. 1878, Margaret Kalahan, res. Burlington, Vt., widow of John Kallahan, age abt. 60, born Ireland.
- 23 Sept. 1878, Harry H. Green, res. Burlington, Vt., age 2 yr., 3 mo., born Burlington, dep. by his father Willard E. Green.
- 20 Dec 1879, Mrs. Mary Colgan, res. Shelburne, Vt., age 22, born West Chazy, N.Y., dep. by her husband John Colgan.

As can be seen from the above, this collection contains a veritable treasure trove of information on Burlington Savings

Bank depositors during the mid to late 1800's. It just may contain the information you need to nail down a birthplace or approximate birthdate.

Bob Murphy

## ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

GSV was given a photograph of a young lady, marked on the back "Minnie Smith, Oct. 1897" by Bullock Studio, Northfield, Vt. This may be a high school or college picture. Contact your editor if you would like to have the photograph, otherwise it will be sent to VHS.

A marriage certificate purchased in Randolph Center years ago is looking for a new home. The certificate is for the marriage of **Kendrick C. Woodard** of Royalton, VT and **Miss Hattie M. Willard** of Royalton, at that place 27 March 1877 by Rev. Sidney K. B. Perkins of Royalton, witnessed by (illegible) and Jeannette Flint. Please contact Francis M. Gilman, 1 Plymouth Court, Clinton, CT 06413 if you are interested in this certificate.

## BRANCHES & TWIGS INDEX

Complete runs of all 96 issues of *Branches & Twigs*, 1972-1995 are available in the following libraries.

- Daughters of the American Revolution, Library, Washington, DC has a full set and the index.
- Essex Society of Genealogists, Inc., reports a full set except Volume 1 is in the Lynnfield Public Library, Local History and Genealogy Room, 18 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA 01940-0313.

If you know of other libraries with complete runs of *B & T*, please let your *Newsletter* editor know.

## B & T BACK ISSUES

Each issue is \$2 (including postage). Currently available are: Volumes 12:5; 14:1,3,4; 16:2, 18:1,2,3; 19:4; 20:1-4; 21:1-4; 22:2,3,4; 24:1-4.

## VG BACK ISSUES

Each issue is \$5 (including postage). Currently available are: Volumes 1:1-4; 2:1-4, 3:1-4

Your checks should be payable to GSV and sent to: GSV Back Issues, PO Box 1553, St. Albans, VT 05478-1006.

## THE WELSH CONNECTION

by Janice Edwards

Vermont's beauty brought film companies to our region last summer. Recently, Poultney's historic George Jones was the primary focus of visit of a film crew based in Hollywood, California and part of alfresco television productions of Cardiff, Wales. Alfresco's work by Senior Producer John Pierce Jones, Researcher Inge Hanson, producers Liz Lloyd Griffiths, Ronw Protheroe, cameraman John Riho and featuring Presenter Marc Freden will air in the United Kingdom beginning in November. The Poultney program most likely will be Program 2 of a six program series entitled, "The Welsh in New York." The program is part of a series of historical documentaries by alfresco which follow another successful production entitled, "The Welsh in Hollywood" that aired on HTV throughout the United Kingdom during September and October 1999 and was very well received.

"The Welsh in New York" will feature stories of famous Welsh-Americans having settled in New York City such as George Jones, Poultney native born in 1811 and co-founder of the *New York Times*, Samuel Ellis, Ellis Island legacy, and Robert Edwards, the Edwards Millions legacy of Manhattan. The documentary then branches out to regions where the Welsh went after coming through Ellis Island including such areas as Scranton, Pennsylvania, Poultney, Vermont and New Haven, Connecticut's Yale University that was founded by philanthropist Elihu Yale, a Welshman.

Successful filming was completed in historic East Poultney. Several sites fre-

quented by George Jones were featured. They included the Baptist Church where Jones and his family attended worship; the Horace Greeley House, site of the *Northern Spectator* newspaper where Jones learned the printing trade; and the Eagle Tavern and General Store. Indoor and outdoor footage at the George Jones homestead included interview about George Jones.

George Jones and his family were settlers in Poultney nearly 50 years before the influx of Welsh immigrants who settled the Slate Valley due to the slate industry. But, because alfresco is from Wales, Senior Producer John Pierce Jones designated segments of the work by the crew to include portions of the Welsh in the slate history era in this valley. Discovering a Poultney resident who was related to his family in North Wales, John Pierce Jones was pleased to instruct the crew to secure footage of our slate history as well as interview of his family connection - Elizabeth "Liz" Evans. Elizabeth came to South Poultney, Vermont in 1922 leaving her home in Brynrefail, North Wales at the age of 15 years.

A number of Slate Valley residents made themselves available and assisted in this visit in numerous varied ways in order to promote our Welsh heritage and the local region. Having given my help and knowledge to alfresco in organizing their requests for the crew, this writer extends special thanks to each of the local volunteers for their willingness to be involved.

September 6, 2000

*The Granville Sentinel.*

## MEETINGS

### NEHGS GETTING STARTED

New Time and Day

This program is offered the first Monday of every month from 12 noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7:30 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. Non-members will receive a free pass to the library. No registration is required.

## NEHGS COME HOME

TO NEW ENGLAND

June 3-10 and August 5-12, 2001

The program includes one-on-one personal research consultations with the renowned staff Genealogists, private research time on Monday, 5:00-9:00 when the library is normally closed, daily lectures and more.

## NEHGS RESEARCH PROGRAM

TO SALT LAKE CITY

October 28-November 4, 2001

November 4-11, 2001

The participants will be assisted in their research by experienced and well-known genealogists from the NEHGS staff. In addition to personal consultations, there will be lectures on genealogical topics, receptions, group meals and a historic tour of the city. The Family History Library houses the world's largest collection of genealogical data and is operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Library contains over 2 million rolls of microfilmed records from all over the world.

Pre-registration is required for the above programs. Contact the NEHGS Education Department, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116-3007; phone 1-888-286-3447 or 617-536-5740, ext. 226 or by e-mail [education@nehgs.org](mailto:education@nehgs.org).

## SPRING VOCA MEETING

The spring meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for May 5, 2001, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Road, Springfield, VT, behind the Junior High School. They are planning on a speaker from the Springfield Historical Society. Please visit VOCA's web page at: <http://homepages.together.net/~btrutor/voca/vocahome.html>

## SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER

DESCENDANTS

The Vermont Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants holds two meetings a year, spring and fall. If you have Mayflower ancestry and would like to join, contact Ms. Sharon A. Matyas, Historian, 6126 Bennett's Corner Road, Memphis, NY 13112-9780 (315) 672-5882 e-mail: [SAMatyas@aol.com](mailto:SAMatyas@aol.com).

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**GSV NEWS****FINANCIAL STATEMENT***Fiscal year ending September 30, 2000***GENERAL FUND****Income:**

Membership Dues:	\$18,828.00
Contributions (Permanent & Computer Fund):	438.00
Interest:	4,657.00
Program Fees (Fall 99, Spring 2000)	2,205.00
Miscellaneous:	300.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$26,428.00</b>

**Expenses:**

Editor's fee: (Vermont Genealogy)	4,000.00
Vermont Genealogy printing	8,510.00
Vermont Genealogy postage	1,297.00
Newsletter printing (4 issues):	2,353.00
Newsletter postage	1,835.00
Office supplies:	455.00
Promotional Expenses:	192.00
Program Expense (semi-annual meetings (May 99, Oct. 99, Spring 2000, Fall 2000):	4,403.00
Postage (other than periodicals):	1,106.00
Subscriptions to VMCTA, VOCA, FGS:	135.00
Computer Fund expense:	150.00
Bank Charges	88.00
President's Discretionary Fund:	0
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>\$24,524.00</b>

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Janet Induni, Treasurer**Contributions to the Permanent Fund**

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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 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., hardbound, \$30.00

## Volume 2

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This volume covers 107 families and has improved formatting and more complete information on the third generation. Special Publication No. 5, 1997. xlviii + 304 pp., hardbound, \$30.00

## 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., hardbound, \$30.00

## MEMBER RESEARCH DIRECTORY

Compiled by Janet E. Induni

The directory lists addresses and interests of a majority of GSV members. Each member listed provided up to five surnames of Vermont families on which he or she might like to share information. Published in 1998 for GSV members only. 63 pp., \$3.00.

## 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., hardbound, \$30.00

## 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, hardbound, \$30.00

## INDEX TO BRANCHES & TWIGS 1972-1995

Edited by Robert M. Murphy

The long-awaited every-name index to GSV's *Branches & Twigs*, published for 24 years, 96 issues. The 180,000 index entries include every name mentioned in every issue, except those cited in connection with Society business, those mentioned in purely casual historical context, and the ancestry service ("Apple Orchard") feature, which was alphabetically arranged. Separate sections of this work list the coverage of each installment of the Apple Orchard, and provide a full author-title index to book reviews. *Branches & Twigs* included immense quantities of information of interest to Vermont family historians. Special publication No. 7, 2000, 572 pp., hardbound \$65.00.

## WINDSOR COUNTY VERMONT PROBATE INDEX, 1778-1899

Compiled by Scott Andrew Bartley  
and Marjorie-J. Bartley

A comprehensive index of all files in the Probate Courts of the two districts (Windsor and Hartford) in Windsor County, Vermont, between the earliest records (1778) and the end of the nineteenth century. More than 20,000 files are indexed by the name of the major party in the case, place of residence, district, type of record, year, and volume of the bound records in which the record(s) will be found. Special publication No. 6, 2000, 560 pp., hardbound, \$50.00.

## A BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR VERMONT GENEALOGY

by John A. Leppman

A reprint, with updates and some format changes, of the series recently completed in Vermont Genealogy, listing over 500 books and other published sources about Vermont and its counties and towns which are of particular use to genealogical researchers. (Family genealogies are not included in its coverage.) A useful reference work for any Vermont researcher. Special publication No. 8, 2000, 66 pp, soft cover, \$7.50 plus \$1.50 postage

## SUDBURY, VERMONT: TRAN- SCRIPTION OF VITAL RECORDS AND GENEALOGIES OF RESIDENTS

by Mary Ann Z. Wheeler

A comprehensive transcription of vital and census records for this Rutland County town, plus carefully compiled genealogies of families. This book will take its place among the very best genealogical resources available about a Vermont town. A cooperative publication of GSV and Picton Press. Special publication No. 9, 2000, 416 pp, hardbound, \$49.50

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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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 Sept. 1.

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### THE SLATE VALLEY

A historical marker in Fair Haven on Scotch Hill Road reads: "FIRST SLATE QUARRY IN WESTERN VERMONT This area of Vermont is known for its high quality slate, the first quarry was opened on Scotch Hill in 1839 by Alanson Allen & Caleb Ranney. Allen began the first manufacture of roofing slate in Vermont in 1848. By 1869 there were seventeen quarries in Fair Haven of which

eleven were on Scotch Hill. Quarrying of slate was important to the economy of the area and brought in many skilled Welsh immigrants who were familiar with the quarrying of slate in their native Wales."

These Welsh quarrymen carved numerous gravestones from this very hard red or black slate. The red slate is only found in this area of the world. Today, after over 100 years, most of these stones are in nearly perfect condition. The majority of these stones stand in the West Street Cemetery in Fair Haven and the Elmwood Cemetery in Middle Granville, NY.

A red slate stone stands in the Elmwood cemetery and translates: "In Memory of Mary Jane, dau. of John J. & Jane Hughes, formerly of Fistinog, North Wales, she who died Dec. 10, 1858 at age 4 y. Also, y Dywededig, John J. Hughes, he who died June 9, 1860 at age 36 y. Signed "J. R. Williams" who was John R. of Poultney, born in Bangor, Wales, came to the United States in 1845, and with his brother William R., settled in Poultney in 1866 where they engaged in the manufacturing of slate in their mill.



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