



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dates to Remember

GSV membership meeting
Saturday, October 20, 2001
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Warner's Gallery Restaurant
Route 302 (Just east of Exit 17 of I-91)
Wells River, Vermont

Registration fee: GSV members \$14; non-members \$16. Registration form elsewhere in this Newsletter.

You will receive a postcard reminder about this meeting, which will give you an update about the program. Among expected topics will be a review of resources at the Massachusetts State Archives.

Gentech 2002

Friday-Saturday, January 25-26, 2002
Hynes Convention Center (next to the Prudential Center)
Boston, Massachusetts

GSV will have a booth in the exhibit area, shared with the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists. If you are planning on attending this worthwhile conference and want to be sure of getting reservations at the adjacent Sheraton Boston Hotel, call 1-800-325-3535. (This will take care of hotel reservations but not convention registration.)

Projected 2002 dates for GSV meetings will be May 18 (tentatively in the Rutland area) and October 19 (tentatively in the Burlington area).

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

November 6-9, 2003
Sea Crest Resort & Conference Center
North Falmouth, Massachusetts
GSV is a founding member of the consortium which puts on these conferences and will be an active participant in this Cape Cod event. The conference theme is "New England: The Melting Pot." Planning committees are being formed, and if you are interested in participating on any of

them, let us know promptly. They will do as much of their business by e-mail, snail-mail, and telephone as possible. Here are the committee names with brief annotations of functions:

Exhibitor Committee - plans exhibit area, solicits exhibitors

Syllabus Committee - Organizes syllabus content

Speakers Committee - Finds speakers, organizes details of their presentations

Advertising Committee - Solicits syllabus advertising

Queries Committee - Solicits queries for publication in Syllabus

Publicity Committee - Plans publicity and promotion for the conference

Registration Committee - Coordinates registration, distribution of participant packets, etc.

Audio-visual and signage Committee - Assures that each speaker has the AV equipment he or she needs and appropriate signs for rooms

Society Fair - Plans this popular feature of the conference, where local organizations strut their stuff

Hospitality Committee - Helps conference participants feel welcome at the conference site

Conference Newsletter Committee - Plans a daily news sheet to be published at the conference

Volunteer coordinator - Coordinates volunteers supplied by each participating organization at the conference

Although the conference seems a long way off, many of these functions must be getting started right away.

Town Clerk of the Year

It's time once again to select GSV's Town Clerk of the Year. If you know of a Vermont municipal clerk who has provided you with outstanding service as you have worked on research in his or her town, tell us about it. The GSV Board selects each year's winner from among nominations submitted by members; the process

is unscientific but sincere and is well appreciated by the municipal clerks. We need to remember that only in our world is the task of assisting genealogists very high on the priority list of jobs for town clerks, and when a clerk makes a special effort to help us out, it's nice to have a way of saying thanks. [Send nominations to: John A. Leppman, 29 Oak Hill Terrace, Bellows Falls, VT 05101]

Vermont Historical Society

At our May 19, 2001 meeting, the members present unanimously approved a motion to contribute \$20,000 to the Capital Campaign of the Vermont Historical Society. Some of those present that day took the opportunity the next day to attend an open house at the former Spaulding School building in Barre and get an idea of how it will look when refashioned into a state-of-the-art library for Vermont's best genealogical and historical collection. (Other VHS functions besides the Library will be there, too, of course, and the museum will remain at the Pavilion Building in Montpelier.) As former GSV President Drew Bartley pointed out at our meeting in May, we need to remember that the VHS library is also our library, having received a large infusion of materials from our accumulated collections in recent years. Our support of this facility

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

MONTPELIER CITY CENSUS

by Bob Murphy

Are you, like most genealogists, upset or frustrated because of that 20-year gap in the federal census from 1880 to 1900? If your ancestors were in Montpelier during that period, fret no longer! They may be in the census taken in Montpelier in 1895 or the partial census done in 1899.

City censuses were taken in Montpelier during the period 1895 to 1915 in ten-year increments; they fit neatly between the ten-year federal censuses. In 1895, a census was taken of all five wards of the city. In addition, a census was also taken at that time of the "Berlin Side," the area south of the Winooski River that would become the city's 6th ward. When that 6th ward was actually annexed in 1899, another census was done of that ward alone!

Subsequent city censuses were taken in 1905 and 1915. All three censuses are available in print form at the Vermont Historical Society. The VHS also has a volume containing the typewritten results of four decennial censuses during the period 1850-1880. Although a thorough examination of this volume has not been made, it probably contains a recapitulation of the federal censuses for these years. Copies of all seven censuses, all compiled by Charles De Forrest Bancroft, were originally also deposited at the Montpelier City Clerk's office, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, and the Vermont State Library (now Vermont Department of Libraries) and still may be available there.

These censuses include all residents of the city, and indicate ethnicity, occupation and age, in addition to street address. As such the census is a wonderful snapshot of the city's socio-economic makeup during a 35-year period at the turn of the twentieth century.

Until recently, of the three unique censuses only the 1915 Montpelier census was indexed; it has a surname index, making the location of a family relatively easy. The VHS has undertaken the creation of an all-name index for the 1895/1899 census and the 1905 census. The first index (1895/1899) has been

completed and consists of nearly 6500 entries. Work on the second index is under way. Copies of the indexes, when complete, will be available at the VHS library and will be provided to the other repositories where the censuses are kept.

The VHS knows of no other community in Vermont where locally-generated censuses were taken. If anyone knows of such censuses elsewhere in Vermont, please contact Paul Carnahan (802-828-2291 or pcarnahan@vhs.state.vt.us), VHS Librarian, to advise him. He will make every attempt to obtain a copy for the VHS library and the future Vermont History Center. (**Reminder:** The VHS Library will be closed from November 1, 2001, until June 1, 2002, for its relocation to the new facility in Barre.)

HELP NEEDED TO FIND RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATES

Alden Rollins reports that the Vermont Religious Certificates project is moving along nicely and should be ready for publication by Picton Press in 2002. The certificates record dissenters from the town church before 1807, and are very helpful in identifying religious affiliations when church records no longer exist. Bob Murphy, Joann Nichols, and Larry Washington have so far made important contributions. More help is needed. Alden can explain what is required for each town. Please contact him via email afamr@uaa.alaska.edu, or by writing to 221 East 7th #114, Anchorage AK 99501.

Here is the list of towns where a visit to the town clerk is still needed: Barnard, Berlin, Brookfield, Burlington, Chelsea, Craftsbury, Montpelier, Moretown, Orange, Randolph, Salem, Waitsfield, Waterbury, Weathersfield, Williamstown, Windsor and Westford.

MEETINGS

NEHGS GETTING STARTED New Time and Days

This program is offered the first **Wednesday** (please note change of day) of every month from 12 noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the first **Saturday** of every month at 11 a.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.

GENEALOGY IN A NUTSHELL

Beginning in September 2001, spend a morning at NEHGS attending a short concise "nutshell" class held in the education center. Topics will range from "Researching Your French Canadian Ancestors" to "Using CD-ROMs and the Internet for Research". Classes are held on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

GENEALOGY 101 AT 101 NEWBURY STREET

November 3, 2001
NEHGS Library, Boston, MA

This course, taught by Marcia Melnyk, focuses on how-to methods and concentrates on using NEHGS holdings and accessing data at other repositories. Topics covered include: Getting Organized. Oral Histories & Home Sources; Library Sources; Vital Records; Probate & Land Records, and Census and City Records.

GENEALOGY 101 ON THE ROAD BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

October 20, 2001

Marcia Melnyk will offer a new palette of topics for the beginner and novice researcher, in collaboration with the Southern Tier Genealogical Society and the Broome County Public Library.

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.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS - GATEWAY TO THE WEST

A Genealogical Seminar will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2001, at Quality Inn, Route 7 & 20, Lenox, Mass.

Featured Speakers and their topics are as follows:

Arthur F. Sniffin:

1. Your ancestors left more than money when they died
2. Genealogical research in repositories in the northeast region
3. Use of selected sources and family records

Marcia D. McInyk:

1. Immigrant research strategies
2. Getting the most out of on-line and cd databases

Fee: \$35.00 per person, including lunch. \$40.00 per person after 23 September 2001.

For additional information, write to Berkshire Family History Assn., P.O. Box 1437, Pittsfield, MA 01202-1437 (413)

A REMINDER

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Saint Albans, VT 05478-1006**

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For the latest information on meetings and GSV, visit us on our web site at:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~vtgsv>

445-5521. e-mail: bfha@berkshire.net and a website at <http://www.berkshire.net/~bfha/index.htm>.

Donald L. Lutes, Jr., President

FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for October 6, 2001 in Duxbury, VT. Please visit VOCA's new web site at:
<http://www.rovers.net/~hwdbr/voca/>

GREAT RIVER BEND GENEALOGY - A HARTLAND GATHERING FGS/QUAD CITIES CONFERENCE

September 12-15, 2001

The Federation of Genealogical Societies, The Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society and the Blackhawk Genealogical Society of Rock Island and Mercer Counties, Illinois present: Great River Bend Genealogy ... a Heartland Gathering. Choose from over 200 education sessions, shop in the exhibit hall, and attend the FGS 25th Anniversary Celebration.

For additional information contact: FGS, PO. Box 2000904; Austin, TX 78720-0940, toll free 888-FGS-1500; fax 888-380-0500
e-mail Fgs-offyce@fgs.org
web site <http://www.fgs.org>

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.

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assures Vermont genealogical researchers of a good facility for years to come. While we are pleased to be able to make a substantial contribution as a Society, we encourage individual GSV members to consider support of the project as VHS continues its campaign.

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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 Sept. 1.

BRANCHES & TWIGS

Complete runs of all 96 issues of *Branches & Twigs*, 1972-1995 are available in a number of libraries. See previous *Newsletters* for a listing.

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 1:1-3; 2:1-4, 3:1-3, 4:1-4; 5:1-4.

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

FILMED VT VITAL RECORDS

Recently, I was searching the filmed vital record cards to 1870 for the Clark name. The Clarks fill almost three reels of film. In several instances, I found cards out of alphabetical order. If you do not find the name you are looking for in the correct order, search the full film.

Also check other possible spellings of a name. For years I failed to find Grandpa Jenks' death card, it was filed as Jinks.

Peggy Jenks

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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