

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERMONT

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Dates to remember

GSV membership meeting Saturday, May 18, 2002 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hampton Inn, Colchester, Vermont (just off Exit 16, I-89)

A post card mailing will provide updated information about the program, which will include three speakers, lunch, and the usual chance to compare notes with fellow Vermont genealogists. Registration fee will be \$16.00 for members and \$19.00 for non-members, to include morning refreshments and a buffet lunch.

GSV membership meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2002 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Place to be announced; we expect this one to be in the Rutland region.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

November 6-9, 2003

Seacrest Resort

Falmouth, Massachusetts

For updates of information on this event, which is less than two years in the future, visit <www.rootsweb.com/~manergc/>

GSV web site

Visit our Web site every so often at <www.rootsweb.com/~vtgsv>. Let us know how it can be useful to you. We are working on the technology of incorporating our membership directory, including family names people are researching, on the site, with access to that information limited to members. (At present, as you know, this is available in a printed publication, but the use of the Web site would permit us to update it more regularly.) We will need to know if any members currently listed in the published version of the list would not want their names and other information on a members-only section of the Web site. We also plan to include queries submitted to Vermont

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Genealogy on the site; again, if submitters of queries do not want them on line, they need to let us know. (This reminder will be published in *Vermont Genealogy* with information about submitting queries.)

Other things we've been up to

GSV has provided financial assistance to the Congregational Church of Middletown, Vermont, in microfilming of its early records; copies of the film will be at the Vermont Historical Society, the Congregational Library in Boston, and elsewhere. We are also assisting the library at the Bennington Museum (generally recognized as the second ranking Vermont genealogical library after the Vermont Historical Society) in acquiring and maintaining microfilms of the Vermont vital records index. We continue to be interested in proposals for preservation or publication of genealogically important Vermont records which are not as accessible as they should be in their present form.

Vermont Families in 1791

Scott Andrew Bartley, editor of this award-winning series, reports that there is progress toward publication of Volume III. Contact him if you have submitted material which needs additions or corrections before it is published.

Vermont Historical Society

The VHS library will be closed until late spring of 2002 as it moves to the former Spaulding School building in the center of Barre. Patrons will be pleased by the expansion of space and facilities at the new location. Many of you will hear from VHS about its ongoing capital campaign to raise funds for this new facility. This campaign has been very successful so far but will still need strong support from any and all Vermont history enthusiasts.

Vermont History Expo

Sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society, this annual weekend event at the February 2002 Whole No. 33

Tunbridge Fairgrounds has quickly become one of the most popular events on the Vermont calendar. The 2001 Expo included expanded genealogy space, where GSV's representatives met hundreds of interested visitors. Dozens of local historical societies showed off artifacts and interesting information about their towns. We expect this to be an ongoing event, and GSV will continue to participate. Watch for more information about the June 2002 Expo.

BARRE TOWN CEMETERIES COMPLETE

Transcriptions of all known tombstones in Barre Town were completed this year. The final cemetery to be done was St. Sylvester's Cemetery, located on Websterville Road, right across the street from Wilson Cemetery.

St. Sylvester's cemetery was established in 1916, and is the site of many Roman Catholic burials. Prior to the establishment of this cemetery, Catholic burials in Barre were in St. Monica's Cemetery, now in Barre City, and before that, in St. Augustine's in Montpelier. The index for this cemetery contains 2909 entries, so it is a significant source of information on Barre Town burials.

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

Transcriptions for all Barre Town cemeteries are now available at the Aldrich Public Library in Barre City, the Barre Town Clerk's office, and will be available at the Vermont History Center when it This program is offered the first Wednesopens in Barre in 2002. A summary of Barre Town cemeteries follows (asterisked cemeteries were not included in VOCA's Burial Grounds of Vermont):

Gould Burial Site * Maplewood Cemetery Richards Burial Site * St. Sylvester's Cemetery Sherman Cemetery (mentioned in appendix to VOCA book) West Hill Cemetery Wilson Cemetery

Bob Murphy

BRATTLEBORO GENEALOGICAL **INTEREST GROUP**

the Brattleboro area decided to try to meet once a month and just talk about genealogy and researching. We have been meeting at the Brooks Memorial Library, bringing some of the projects on which we are working, asking and answering questions of others in the group and just a.m. to 11 a.m. enjoying being with like minded people.

After a few meetings we decided to start a fund by donating a dollar or more each month. When we have collected enough money we buy a book for the library to either use in the local history and genealogical rooms or to circulate with the regular library books. We have been instrumental in helping the library purchase the Virgil White pensions books for the Revolutionary War and also the Virgil White pension index books for the War of 1812.

Greenfield, MA every month to attend. At the present time he is the only male who attends, but we certainly welcome more! Some people come down from Chester, Westminster, and other outlying The spring meeting of the Vermont Old towns.

If anyone reading this lives in the Brattleboro area and would like to attend they may contact me at 802-254-9554, or by e-mail at jnichols@sover.net

MEETINGS

NEHGS GETTING STARTED

day (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 About four years ago a group of us here in morning at NEHGS attending a short concise "nutshell" class held in the education center. Topics will range from "Re-Your searching French Canadian Ancestors" to "Using CD-ROMs and the Internet for Research". Classes are held on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10

> Pre-registration is required for the above program. 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.

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, His-One of our attendees comes up from torian, 6126 Bennett's Corner Road, Memphis, NY 13112-9780, 315-672-5882 e-mail: SAMatyas@aol.com.

SPRING VOCA MEETING

Cemetery Association is planned for Saturday May 4, 2002.

Are your VT ancestors buried in an abandoned cemetery? Have you found their stones in bad condition? Get a group of Joann Nichols citizens together and have a clean-up day.

Plan a workshop, apply for grant. Please visit VOCA's web site at: http://www.sover.net/~hwdbry/voca/

VOCA offers a grants to anyone interested in restoring an abandoned or neglected cemetery, both public and private. VOCA will reimburse an applicant for up to \$500 for repairs where the work is done by volunteers. (Volunteers do not get paid.) If the work is done by contract or hired labor, VOCA will reimburse the applicant for two-thirds of the cost up to a maximum of \$500, VOCA does not subsidize fencing and cleaning. By law, towns are responsible for the erection and maintenance of fences, and mowing of grass, weeds and brush in town or public cemeteries and, by petition, may be required to take over private cemeteries that are not maintained. VOCA also runs workshops on restoration of monuments and cemeteries.

For a grant application and more information, contact Arthur Hyde, Grants Administrator, RR 1 Box 10, Bradford, VT 05033, 802-222-4099.

CONFUSED ABOUT THE TERMS CONSORT AND RELICT FOUND ON OLD GRAVE STONES?

Consort means spouse, usually referring to a wife who had died and left a husband, but in rare instances referring to the husband. Think of Queen Victoria's husband, known as "prince consort". Relict is another word for widow.

In the Rutland County probate records the word "intermarried" refers to a widow who has remarried and is settling her deceased husband's estate as the wife of another man.

CORRECTION TO MINNESOTA DEATH INDEX

An index to the Minnesota death certificates has been updated to include the years 1908 to 1953.

There was an error in the web site address in the November Newsletter. Please try this address: htpp://people.mnhs.org/dci. This index gives the certificate number, date death and county of death. Instructions for ordering the certificates are included.

GSV News

A REMINDER 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.

ARE YOU MOVING? Replacement Copies

Please notify the Society in advance of any address changes (including summer and winter addresses) at GSV, PO. Box 1553, St. Albans, VT. 05478-1006. Your copies of *Vermont Genealogy* and *The GSV Newsletter* are forwarded to you by the Post Office with additional charges to the Society if you have filed a forwarding notice with the Post Office.

We will send you replacement copies of *Vermont Genealogy* by first class mail for a small replacement fee of \$3.25 for each issue. Replacement copies of *The GSV Newsletter* will be forwarded at no charge. Thank you for letting us know of any address changes in advance. This helps keep costs down.

Janet Induni, Treasurer

BOOK REVIEW POLICY

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

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal year ending September 30, 2001

General Fund	
Revenues:	
Membership Dues:	\$16,186
NERGC Income	312
Miscellaneous:	65
Contributions (Permanent &	
Computer Fund):	249
Interest:	3,340
Program Fees (Fall 200, Spring	2001
-	2,601
Total Revenues:	\$22,753

Expenses:

Editor's fee: (Vermont	
Genealogy)	5,000
Vermont Genealogy printing	11,464
Vermont Genealogy postage	1,688
Newsletter printing (4 issues):	2,390
Newsletter postage	1,433
Office supplies:	289
Promotional Expenses:	360
Program Expense (semi-annual	
meetings (Fall 2000, Spring 20	001, Fall
2001):	4,090
Postage (other than periodicals)	: 1,323
Subscriptions to VMCTA,	
VOCA, FGS:	135
Microfilms	75
Communications	60
Insurance	775
Bank Charges	78
Miscellaneous	158
President's Discretionary Fund:	0
Total expenses:	\$29,318

Excess of Revenue over Expenses: \$(6,565)

Respectfully submitted, Janet Induni, Treasurer

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Edited by Scott A. Bartley

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 award-winning first volume of a 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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