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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dates to remember

Vermont History Expo

Saturday-Sunday, June 21-22, 2003

Tunbridge Fairgrounds

Tunbridge, Vermont

Look for GSV in the Genealogy Center in Floral Hall. If you plan to be at Expo and can spare some time to help staff the GSV booth, we would appreciate it very much. This popular annual event attracts thousands of people to have a look at genealogy, local history, and related subjects. We have a chance to give visitors to our booth some good advice, and we learn things from them, too.

GSV membership meeting

Saturday, October 18, 2003

Place to be announced

This meeting will be held in central Vermont. A post card mailing will provide details in good time before the meeting.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC)

Thursday-Sunday, November 6-9, 2003

Sea Crest Resort,

North Falmouth, Massachusetts

We have been telling you about this conference for the past couple of years. Registration forms are enclosed with this Newsletter. Check the NERGC Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~manergc.

Vermont Genealogy editor position

After eight years of editing our quarterly journal *Vermont Genealogy*, Robert Rodgers will pass the editorship to a successor starting with the January 2004 issue. We are grateful to him for the high standards of professionalism and scholarship which he brought to the publication, as well as the good humor with which he took on working with a far-flung and sometimes eccentric organization like ours.

We are seeking as a successor for Robert Rodgers an individual with demonstrated

capacity to seek out worthwhile material for publication in *Vermont Genealogy* and to oversee its preparation for publication. One or more assistant editors might certainly participate in this, but there does need to be a captain of the ship. Comfort in using word processing software and preparation of camera-ready journal copy is necessary.

GSV pays a stipend to its editor.

Anyone interested in considering this position is requested to contact Robert Murphy, Chairman of the GSV Publication Committee, 35 Birchwood Park Drive, Barre, Vermont 05641, e-mail rmm@sover.net, by August 1, 2003.

Records preservation

A large assortment of town government documents from Whiting, Vermont, dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century, found their way into the marketplace recently (having strayed from the town's files some time ago) and were purchased by GSV. They are being sorted and archivally preserved with the assistance of the Vermont Historical Society, and will be returned to Whiting's town archives. We hope to review them for genealogically interesting content and assure that they are microfilmed before they return to their home town.

If you are aware of genealogically relevant Vermont records which need preservation, transcription, microfilming, or other efforts to assure their availability to researchers, let us know. We can provide you with further details about our records preservation grant program.

GSV Membership Directory

Our membership directory, published several years ago and listing names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and areas of research interest, was designed to help people connect with others with similar interests. We are considering publishing an updated edition. We'd be interested in

opinions about whether the last directory was helpful.

As previously, the directory would be available for sale at modest cost to members and would not be made available for commercial use outside the organization.

Queries sent to GSV

GSV has a couple of ways of helping members find answers to Vermont genealogical questions. We publish queries in *Vermont Genealogy* at no charge to members; such published queries are not nearly so popular as they were before the advent of the Internet, but they still have their appeal. We also directly respond to queries sent in by members when we can. Most of this work has been done by Tyler Resch and volunteer staff at the Bennington Museum Library; during the past winter, Robert Murphy and May Pat Brigham, both volunteers at the Vermont Historical Society, have been involved, too, as the Bennington Museum has been rearranging its facilities. A few words of caution perhaps go without saying: We have a few dedicated volunteers who are not able to take on complicated research projects. Questions along the lines of "Grandmother Smith told me that her mother was born in Vermont. Can you find my ancestors there?" will not be answered. Questions with carefully supplied

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

concrete leads - names, dates, places, other hints - will get as much attention as our volunteers can give them. Reasonable reimbursement of expenses incurred in pursuing answers, as well as copying fees and the like, will be expected.

NEW TRENDS MANDATE NEW THINKING

Those "Kindly Acts of Genealogical Kindness" might be the unkindest cut of all to the budgets of small genealogical societies. What could be more admirable than the researcher who buys a publication of records from his or her genealogical society and then offers to do free lookups for others? And yet this growing practice combined with other factors in this new age of on-line genealogical research are wiping out the main source of income for the small genealogical societies. Other factors are the high cost of postage and handling and the heavy drain of stocking publications and storing them. Storing publications has become so difficult for the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society that it plans to dump all but a few copies of all existing stocks of four old publications because they simply will not sell and storage has become difficult. As a result the chapter will offer the publications for sale for one dollar each (\$1.00). This is not a typo. Unsold copies will be dumped.

It was a tough choice, but the chapter needs to clear its shelves for a couple of new publications which will be published this year as projects of the Ohio Bicentennial. In one case, thankfully, a local church made a sizable donation so that its old cemetery records could be digitized.

Because of the high cost of producing and stocking publications, the purchase price makes them difficult to sell. This trend could have disastrous effects on preserving records for the future. What if the local genealogical societies decided that if they could not make money they would not waste time with the arduous task of preserving old records?

Luckily, as the ways of doing genealogical research have changed drastically, so are the ways of operating local genealogical societies. Perhaps the decision must be just to raise the dues, cut back the number of newsletters published each year or find new ways to make money.

One thing is clear. You cannot print a large stock of a publication to keep in inventory. There will be fewer copies made this year of the new Summit publications. Serious thought is being given to making the publication available on a CD. With a CD, you only need a master and can then burn a CD only when you get an order for one.

The "labor of love" for one member of the Summit County society is a three-volume set of records on the old Tallmadge Cemetery which went on sale this month. Judy Ann Davis is offering books on lot records, interment records and actual marker inscriptions for \$18 or \$20 each. Or you can buy the three-volume set for a pre-publication price of \$49. That is not an exorbitant amount for a tremendous compilation. But how much money can she afford to plunk down for printing in hopes they will sell. Instead, she plans to offer all three with a master index on CD-ROM for \$15. Aren't you going to wait for the CD?

Not only to insure the future preservation of records but indeed to insure the future of genealogical societies themselves some new thinking is mandated.

Contributed by Harry Liggett,
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Submitted by Bob Murphy

GUIDELINES FOR GENEALOGICAL SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND GROWTH

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Faced with the ever-growing expectations for genealogical accuracy and reliability, family historians concerned with improving their abilities will on a regular basis---

- study comprehensive texts and narrowly focused articles and recordings covering general genealogical methods, historical background, and sources available for areas of particular research interest, or to which their research findings have led them.
- interact with other genealogists and historians in person or electronically, monitoring or leaning as appropriate to their relative experience levels, and through the shared experience contrib-

uting to the genealogical growth of all concerned.

- subscribe to and read regularly at least two genealogical journals that list a number of contributing or consulting editors, or editorial board or committee members, and that require their authors to respond to a critical review of each article before its is published.
- participate in workshops, discussion groups, institutes, conferences, and other structured learning opportunities whenever possible.
- recognize their limitations, undertaking research in new areas of using new technology only after they master any additional knowledge and skill needed and understand how to apply it to the new subject matter or technology.
- analyze critically at least quarterly the reported research findings of another family historian, for whatever lessons may be gleaned through the process.
- join and participate actively in genealogical societies covering countries, localities, and topics where they have researched interests, as well as the localities where they reside, hereby increasing the resources available both to themselves and to future researchers.
- review recently published basic texts to renew their understanding of genealogical fundamentals as currently expressed and applied.
- examine and revise their own earlier research in light of that they have learned through self-improvement activities, as a means for applying their newfound knowledge and for improving the quality of their work-product.

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ST. MONICA'S CEMETERY BARRE CITY

Late in 2002, I, with the assistance of Susan Boyer, finished putting together a document which includes complete transcriptions of all gravestones in St. Monica's Cemetery, as well as a complete listing of information on St. Monica's burials contained in the Barre City cemetery office records.

St. Monica's Cemetery is located in Barre City, on Beckley Hill. It was established in 1895 and is the site of many Roman Catholic burials. In 1971 the ownership of this cemetery was transferred from St. Monica's Parish to the City of Barre. Burial records were transferred to the City at that time as well. The cemetery is still active and is well maintained.

I completed the transcriptions of grave-stone information in the Spring of 2002; Susan Boyer, at the time an employee in the Barre City cemetery office, provided the cemetery office burial information as of June 2002. The combined document contains all known information on burials in the cemetery and is supported by an all-name index.

Copies of this document are available at the Vermont History Center in Barre, at the Barre City Clerk's office, the Barre City Cemetery Office opposite Hope Cemetery on Vt. Route 14, Aldrich Public Library in Barre and the LDS Family History Center in Berlin.

By Bob Murphy

FAMILY REUNIONS

The 50th Triennial Reunion of the descendants of Salathiel⁵ BUMP of Salisbury, Vermont (1760-1842) will be held on Saturday August 16th, 2003, 11 AM at Waterhouse's Beach and Marina on Lake Dunmore, Salisbury, Vermont. There will be a small admission charge. All descendants of Edouad¹ Bumpasse of Plymouth Colony, 1621, are welcome. Please contact Audrey S. Pratt, 3 Piping Rock Circle, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 if you have questions.

The KATHAN Family Reunion is set for August 15-17, 2003, in Putney, Vermont. Descendants of Captain John Kathan will gather the weekend of August 15-17.

PAID ADVERTISING

The *Newsletter* is now accepting paid advertising at the rate of \$3.00 per column inch. All advertising must relate to genealogy, preferably Vermont genealogy, and must be received before the deadline of the issue the ad is to appear in. Checks must be made out to GSV but sent to the *Newsletter* editor along with the exact wording for the ad. GSV offers no warranty on the services of the advertisers.

2003, in Putney, Vermont, where he and his family were the first English settlers in 1752. The reunion will coincide with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Putney. The weekend will begin with a Friday evening reception and joint program with the Putney Historical Society. Saturday will feature a parade, pageant, visits to historic Kathan sites, boat and canoe trips on the CT River, and an evening reunion dinner at the Putney Inn. Sunday will include an opportunity to attend church services and a closing picnic. Please contact: Barney & Joyce Kathan, 229 Cheshire Road, Prospect, CT 06712-1746; 203-758-0658, Fax: 203-758-6689 e-mail: jckcoa@aol.com. Local arrangements: Donna Kathan Allen, P.O. Box 282, Chester, VT 05143. e-mail: billiam@vermontel.net. The Putney Inn is holding some rooms till July 16.

BIDWELL FAMILY REUNION, July 18-20, 2003, Holiday Inn National Airport, Arlington, VA. For more information, contact: Louise Bidwell Fahey, e-mail: lfahey@shentel.net.

Announcements of family reunions must be received by the *Newsletter* 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.

MEETINGS

FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for Saturday October 4, 2003.

Please visit VOCA's web site at: <http://www.rovers.net/~hwdbr/voca> [This address is correct, but if you have a problem, go to the GSV site, then link to VOCA.]

Families of Georgia, Vermont
Contains 86 families, 924 pages
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P.O. Box 2001, Georgia, VT 05468

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS: GETTING STARTED

This program the first **Wednesday** of every month, except January, from 12 noon to 1 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 free entrance to the library. No registration is required.

GENEALOGY IN A NUTSHELL

"Nutshell" class are short (one hour) lectures on a variety of genealogical topics. They are held at 101 Newbury Street from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and repeated on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is not necessary.

NEHGS TOURS & PROGRAMS

Research Tour to Nova Scotia, June 17-27, 2003 starting in Halifax
Research Tour to Dublin, Ireland, July 13-20, 2003
Summer Conference in Boston, July 11-12, 2003.
Come Home to New England, Aug. 3-10, 2003
Research Tour to Salt Lake City, October 12-19, 2003.

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 or visit www.NewEnglandAncestors.org. Click on Education, then on NEHGS Events for full information.

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The Vermont Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants holds two meetings a year, spring and fall. The spring meeting will be at on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at The Dog Team Tavern, New Haven, VT. The speaker will be Robert E.

Davis, Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The Fall meeting will be Saturday, October 25, 2003.

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
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GSV NEWS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

fiscal year ending September 30, 2002

GENERAL FUND

Income:

Membership Dues:	\$15,745.00
Contributions:	
Computer Fund	40.00
Permanent Fund	214.25
Fall 2001 Meeting	896.00
Spring 2002 Meeting	727.00
Miscellaneous:	131.25
Interest:	1,570.15
Total Income:	\$19,323.65

Expenses:

Bank Service Charges	197.95
Editor's fee: (Vermont Genealogy)	2,000.00
Vermont Genealogy postage (2 issues)	819.32
Vermont Genealogy printing (2 issues)	4,366.50
Newsletter postage (4 issues)	686.97
Newsletter printing (4 issues):	1,946.70
Miscellaneous	173.47
Office supplies:	430.01
Postage (other than periodicals):	1,053.70
Fall 2001 Meeting	1,195.87
Spring 2002 Meeting	2,025.94
Promotional Expenses:	109.95
Five Projects Grants	3,510.00
NERCG	110.00
Subscriptions to VMCTA, VOCA, FGS:	135.00
Total expenses:	\$18,761.38

Excess of Income over

Expenses: \$ 562.27

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Induni, Treasurer

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PERMANENT FUND

None

Contributions to the Computer Fund

None

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

BOOK REVIEW POLICY

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

VERMONT FAMILIES IN 1791, Volume 1

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This award-winning first volume of a projected long series has stimulate 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 Out of print.

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 name 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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