



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dates to remember

October 21, 2000, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Combined membership meeting
Genealogical Society of Vermont
New Hampshire Society of Genealogists
Fireside Inn and Suites
25 Airport Road
West Lebanon, New Hampshire

Directions: The Fireside Inn is the hotel which, under previous ownership, has been the Sheraton and Radisson, respectively. We had a joint meeting there with NHSOG several years ago. Coming from Vermont on Interstate 89, cross the Connecticut River to New Hampshire and almost immediately exit onto New Hampshire Route 12A. At the first traffic light, turn left, then follow the Fireside Inn signs as you turn left again into the drive to the hotel.

You will receive a separate mailing for registration. The cost will be comparable to recent GSV meetings. Lunch and a morning snack will be included.

A fine program of speakers is planned. Chad Lineaweaver, from the staff of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, will speak on the subject "Same Sources, Different Results: Evaluating Conflicting Genealogical Information." David Goudsward, Webmaster for the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, will be speaking on genealogical uses of the Internet (always a popular subject these days).

Included with your registration materials for the October meeting will be a ballot for GSV officers for the next two-year term. Plan to return it or bring it to the meeting.

If you are already planning your schedule for 2001, we expect to have GSV meetings on May 19 and October 20, 2001.

Publications

Enclosed with this *Newsletter* is an order form for two new GSV publications: Mary Anne Z. Wheeler's *Sudbury, Vermont: Transcription of Vital Records and Genealogies of Residents* (published cooperatively with Picton Press); and John A. Leppman's *A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy*. The 10% discount for GSV members always applies.

Town Clerk of the Year

If you are prompt, there is still a chance to nominate the 2000 Town Clerk of the Year. If a town clerk has provided particularly helpful service to you or another genealogist you know, tell us about it.

Vermont Historical Society news

On June 8, 2000, the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Historical Society officially approved acquisition of the former Spaulding School building in the center of Barre, Vermont, to house offices, library, and educational spaces for the Society. Current plans call for refitting the building and occupying it by the spring of 2002. This is a gigantic step forward for the Vermont Historical Society, and one which should interest everyone with a concern for genealogical research in or about Vermont. VHS is Vermont's foremost genealogical library, and a key objective of the Genealogical Society of Vermont is the support of its facilities and activities. Its present library in the Pavilion Building in Montpelier is running out of space, and the storage space it has for its rarest and most valuable books is in constant danger of flooding. (It was by sheer, cliff-hanging good fortune that books and other materials were rescued from destruction when a flood caused by an ice jam on the Winooski River hit downtown Montpelier in 1992.) The Spaulding School building will provide VHS with the space it needs for many decades to come, in an architecturally

distinctive building which will be a pleasure to visit.

The space VHS occupies in Montpelier will continue to be a museum and educational facility, so the presence of the Historical Society in the neighborhood of Vermont's State House will not cease.

Obviously, this expansion comes with a price tag, and VHS plans to do some major fund raising to make the new facility possible. I should mention that the City of Barre is selling the building to VHS for a dollar; the dollar has already been pledged. You will be hearing more about the VHS capital campaign as it proceeds. At this time, I would simply say that no more significant investment in the future of genealogical research in Vermont has ever been undertaken.

NGS Conference in Providence

The presence of the Genealogical Society of Vermont at the National Genealogical Society conference in Providence, Rhode Island, May 31-June 3, 2000, was about the most ambitious such undertaking we have ever been part of. GSV supplied volunteer hours for the running of the conference through our membership in the local host organization, New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC, affectionately known as

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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*.

"Nerk"). GSV also maintained a booth in the exhibit area, which was staffed by our members every minute that the area was open to the public. We attracted a lot of attention. Let me extend my thanks to Mary Pat Brigham, Tyler Resch, Judy Goss, Joann Nichols, Alice Eichholz, Drew Bartley, Jim Holmes, and Ruth Ekstrom, all of whom took time from other conference activities to make this an outstanding success.

BRANCHES & TWIGS INDEX

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

- Bennington Museum, West Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201. Copies are 10 cents per image plus postage. A modest contribution to the museum would be appreciated.
- Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301
- Family History Library, Salt Lake City
- Fenton History Center, Jamestown, NY
- Montreal Central Library, 1210 Sherbrooke St. East, Montreal, Canada
- Rutland Free Library, 1974-1995, 10 Court Street, Rutland, VT 05701-4058
- Vermont Historical Society, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-0901. Copies for members are 15 cents per image, non-members, 20 or 25 cents per image, with a \$3.00 minimum.
- Wilbur Collection, Bailey Howe Library, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405-0036

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.

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Please notify the Society in advance of any address changes (including summer and winter addresses) at GSV, P.O. 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

MEETINGS

WORLD OF RECORDS FGS/UGA 2000

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Utah Genealogical Society are presenting **A World of Records**, September 6-9, 2000, in the Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, "The Crossroads of the West".

This national family history conference is located next door to the world's largest genealogical library. Every attempt has been made to have something for everyone who is interested in tracing their family history.

For complete information contact the Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 2000940, Austin, TX 78720-0940
Phone 888-FGS-1500
FAX 888-380-0500
e-mail: fgs-office@fgs.org

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS- GATEWAY TO THE WEST October 7, 2000

The Berkshire Family History Association will present Western Massachusetts-Gateway to the West; Seminar XVII, October 7, 2000, at Quality Inn, Routes 7 & 20, Lenox, MA. Speakers and topics will

be: *Newspaper Resources for the Genealogist and Family Historians*, by Meldon J. Wolfgang III. *Why Genealogy is Important to the Irish*, by Kevin Cahill. *Genealogical, Perspectives upon the Civil Court Records*, by David F. Stoddard. *Recent Progress in English Origins, Mayflower and 17th Century Research*, by Gary Boyd Roberts. *Using Your PC for Genealogy Research - Survey Workshop for New Users*, by C. Pryor Brown.

For additional information, write to Berkshire Family History Assn., P.O. Box 1437, Pittsfield, MA 01202-1437, or call (413) 445-5521.

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.

Enhanced QuickSearch Service at NEHGS Makes Finding Ancestors Easier.

Anyone wishing to use QuickSearch should first access its list of sources via the Society's website at www.NewEnglandAncestors.org, or by purchasing a paper copy. Patrons may choose from a list of hundreds of indexed sources: genealogies, local histories, microfilm, CD-ROM that are indexed and searchable for the Society's research staff. The fee for the service varies according to the source. For more information visit the web site or contact NEHGS at the address below.

GENEALOGY 201: BOSTON, MA

Thursdays, September 7,14,21,28, 2000
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. except
September 28 10:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

This program is an extension of Genealogy 101. The NEHGS staff will provide intensive lectures, hands-on workshops, and guided instructions in a small class setting limited to 30 people.

NEHGS COMPUTER RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGISTS

Since internet and computer resources for family historians are always changing, NEHGS is once again offering a seminar on Computer Resources for the Genealogist. Participants may register for the day-long seminar on either Friday, September 15, or Saturday, September 16, 2000, to be held at the Women's Educational and Industrial Union at 356 Boylston Street, Boston. NEHGS experts will provide up-to-date and practical information on making the best use of the internet and computer technology for both the novice and the experienced computer user.

Pre-registration required for the above programs. Contact: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA, or call the Education Department at (888) 286-3447 or (617) 536-5740 Ext. 202. e-mail education@nehgs.org Or visit the Web Site at www.NewEnglandAncestors.org

FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for October 7, 2000, Danville, VT. 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

A REMINDER

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Saint Albans, VT 05478-1006

**Dues are \$20 for US addresses
Canada and Mexico \$25, foreign \$30**

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

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.

ANOTHER GENEALOGY RESOURCE IN VERMONT

Family History Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon), Houghton Lane, Bennington, VT 05201. Best to phone ahead (when open), 802-447-1985. Hours: Mon. 11-5, Tues. 11-2 and 6-9, Wed. and Thurs. 6:30-9. No charge or obligation.

MORE ON

CANADIAN BORDER CROSSINGS

All foreigners entering the US from Canada had to file a report. The manifests are filed in two sections, 1895-1924, 1925-1954, and cover all crossings from the Atlantic to the Pacific. You must first search series M1461 using the Soundex code to find your people. See the May Newsletter for more.

BOOK REVIEW POLICY

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

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Northeast Region (Pittsfield, MA)

10 Conte Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201-8230. Phone: 413-445-6885, Fax: 413-445-7305. From the intersection of Routes 7 and 20 in Pittsfield, drive south 2 miles to Dan Fox Drive. Turn west onto Dan Fox Drive and take the first right. E-mail: archives@pittsfield.nara.gov. Internet: www.nara.gov/regional/pittsfie.html Open weekdays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesdays 8:00 am - 9:00 pm. Closed weekends and Federal holidays.

NARA is the government agency responsible for overseeing the management of the records of the Federal government.

NARA ensures all ready access to essential evidence that documents the rights of American citizens, the actions of Federal officials, and the national experience.

The Northeast Region (Pittsfield) was established in 1994 to provide greater access to microfilm copies of Federal records with high research value. The facility has over 69,000 rolls of microfilm publications created to allow access to information while preserving original documents from deterioration and damage from handling. Through its microfilm holdings, research services, public programs, and affiliation with other NARA regions, it is a national resource in a local setting.

Census Records

Microfilm holdings include the existing Federal population census schedules, taken every ten years, for all states, from 1790 to 1920 (nearly all 1890 schedules were destroyed by fire in 1921). The facility also has Soundex indexes to the 1880-1900 and 1920 censuses and partial Soundex indexes (for 21 states) to the 1910 census.

Military Service, Pension, and Bounty Land Warrant Records

Microfilm publications include the compiled military service records and pension and bounty land warrant application files of the Revolutionary War. In addition, there are indexes to compiled military service records of volunteer soldiers who served between 1784 and 1811; the War of 1812; the Mexican War; New England volunteers in the Civil War, 1861-1865; the Spanish-American War of 1898; the Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1902; and the register of enlistments in the U.S. Army (Regulars, 1798-1914). There are also pension indexes for service in the regular military forces, 1815-1861; and regular and volunteers in the war of 1812, Mexican War, Indian Wars, and Civil War and later service. The World War I (1917-1918) Selective Service draft registration cards for New England and New York as well as the historical registers of national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers for Togus, ME (1866-1934) and Bath, NY (1876-1934) are also available.

Naturalization Records

Microfilm holdings include an index to New England naturalization petitions, 1791-1906; an index to naturalization petitions and records of the U.S. District

Court, 1906-1966; and the U.S. Circuit Court, 1906-1911, for the District or Massachusetts; and petitions and other naturalization records of the U.S. District Court and Circuit Courts of the District of Massachusetts, 1906-1929.

Passenger Arrivals

Microfilm holdings include ship manifests into the ports of Baltimore, 1820-1891; Boston, 1820-1943; New York, 1820-1957; and Philadelphia, 1800-1882; and records of miscellaneous Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports (1820- 1874), and manifests of passengers arriving in the St. Albans, Vermont, District through Canadian Pacific and Atlantic ports (1895-1954). There are also records for the New England ports of New Bedford, MA, Providence, RI and Portland, ME.

Other Records of Interest

Holdings relating to African-American genealogical research include records of the U.S. District and Circuit Courts of the District of Columbia relating to slaves, 1820-1863; registers of signatures of depositors and indexes to deposit ledgers in branches of Freedman's Savings and Trust Co., 1865-1874, and the index to

compiled service records of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War.

Holdings include three microfilm publications useful for genealogical research of Native Americans: Eastern Cherokee Applications of the U.S. Courts of Claims, 1906-1909; Enrollment Cards for the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914; and Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes.

The facility also has appointments of postmasters, 1832-1950, and post office reports of site locations, 1837-1950; and Russian consulates in the U.S., 1861-1922.

Services and Amenities

Coin-operated self-service copiers for microfilm and books. Certified copies are also available for a fee. Many NARA forms and publications are available in the *Friends'* Book Store as well as snacks. The building is handicapped accessible, and public telephones, free parking, and lockers are available. Researchers may use the facility's lunchroom, which has drink vending machines, and also outdoor picnic tables.

DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSION!

Jean Nudd, of NARA, opened her talk at our May meeting with this family:

1860 census, Ellsworth twp., Ellsworth Co., Kansas, page 11, family 95:

George Palmer, 35 born NY, farmer

Elizabeth Palmer, 37 born NY, keeping house

Libby Thompson, 18 born MO, occupation: diddles

Harriet Parmetier, 23 born NY, occupation does horizontal work

Etti Baldwin, 23 born IL, occupation: "squirmes" in the dark (quotation marks are on the census)

Lizzie Harris, 24, born Ireland, occupation: oogles fools

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary:

diddle: to move by jerks, jog up & down or back & forth; to cheat or swindle

squirm: to twist about with contortions like an eel or worn, to wiggle

ogles: to cast amorous or coquettish glances designed to attract notice or invite advances

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