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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dates to remember

GSV membership meeting

Saturday, April 24, 2004

Time schedule will be about our usual one. Place (in Chittenden County), program, and registration details will be announced later.

Vermont History Expo

Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27, 2004

Tunbridge Fairgrounds,

Tunbridge, Vermont

If you haven't attended a Vermont History Expo, you should certainly plan to do so. If you have attended previous ones, you know why you won't want to miss any of them.

GSV membership meeting

Saturday, October 16, 2004

Details later.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

March 31 to April 3, 2005

Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland, Maine
See comments below.

Report from NERGC

The seventh New England Regional Genealogical Conference, which took place in November 2003 in Falmouth, Massachusetts, was better attended than any of its planners had dared to predict, and received high marks for the opportunities it provided to learn something new about family history research. As always, the GSV booth was visited by many interested and interesting attendees, most of whom seemed to have an ancestor who lived in Vermont in the early nineteenth-century and who left barely a trace in any known record. Andre Senecal, whose talk was sponsored by GSV, was very well received as he presented an exciting and intriguing picture of the many strands that are woven together in what we think of as French Canadian culture, and of the fate of that culture through history and migration.

Planning for the next New England Regional Genealogical Conference, to be held March 31 to April 3, 2005, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, Maine, is well underway. Follow progress on www.rootsweb.com/~manergc.

Vermont Historical Society museum

As of this writing, the ground floor of the Pavilion Building in Montpelier, which once housed offices, library, and museum for the Vermont Historical Society, is expected to reopen as a new museum of Vermont history in the spring of 2004. As the other facilities have moved into better space in Barre, expansion of the museum space will permit a much more comprehensive look at Vermont's history, from Native Americans thousands of years ago up to ... well, I guess it remains to be determined how much they are going to have about Howard Dean. It will be a must-see feature of the Montpelier landscape.

NewEnglandAncestors.org

Full access to this Web site is an important benefit of membership in the New England Historic Genealogical Society. A number of Vermont data bases have been posted in the site. A recent research article worth the attention of Vermont researchers is Scott Andrew Bartley's "Access to Vermont Newspapers," available at www.newenglandancestors.org/articles/research/?page_id=659&attrib1=1&seq_num=106 (Or just log on and look for research articles!)

Hemenway on CD-ROM

New England Historic Genealogical Society has published a fully searchable single-disk CD-ROM version of Abby Maria Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, certainly everyone's favorite published source of Vermont local history and (to some extent) genealogy. An introductory essay for the CD was written by your President and Scott Andrew Bartley, shamelessly drawing on the exceptional scholarship of Deborah Clifford in her

2001 book *The Passion of Abby Hemenway*. Although every Vermont bibliophile worth his or her salt will still desire a full set of the five volumes of Hemenway plus the published index, the genealogist will be well served, and much less bookshelf space consumed, by the CD. It's also cheaper: \$39.95, as compared to \$3000 for a full set I saw on the antiquarian book market recently.

THE BENNINGTON MUSEUM LIBRARY

The Museum's history-genealogy library is open on a three-day schedule this winter and spring - Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Library director Tyler Resch said that the decision was made not to open on Saturdays any more in winter because patron visitation was consistently too low to justify it. And the decision to open on three consecutive days was to accommodate people from out of town whose research often takes more than a single day.

The Bennington facility will resume its six-day schedule (Mon.-Sat.) on May 1, 2004, for the ensuing six months. Hours open in all cases are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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for the February, May, August and
November issues of the *Newsletter*.

THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY Salt Lake City

For those of you planning a trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT, please note a change in their hours and days closed. The new hours are Monday 8 a.m. - 5 pm, and Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., closed all national holidays and Pioneer Day in July.

THE WELSH-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WAGS was formed September 1990 upon the request of individuals researching their Welsh heritage and realizing the need for a specialized genealogical society to aid them with their research and put them in touch with others doing the same.

The Society goals are to aid one in that respect with the production of four yearly newsletters packed with genealogical research information in which members can place a query for free. WAGS doesn't currently have personnel to do the research for members.

They are actively collecting bound copies of family histories, manuscripts, maps, bibles, photographs, etc. and books pertaining to Wales and the Welsh throughout the world, their genealogy dedication, history and many topics relating to them. A library is planned for Poultney's Main St. in the heart of the slate valley.

For more information contact: Welsh-American Genealogical Society, Inc., 60 Norton Ave., Poultney, VT 05764-1029; www.rootsweb.com/~vtwags/ or e-mail: wagsjan@sover.net

FAMILY REUNIONS

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.

The **Chapman Family Association** will hold its 4th annual convention and reunion May 14-16, 2004 at the Kansas City (MO) Airport Hilton. The convention will consist of a family business meeting, a variety of workshops and research sessions and local tours.

Individuals need not be a member to attend the sessions but registration is required and advance registration is highly recommended.

Further information is available by contacting one of the following: Chapman Family Association Data Central, PO Box 1586, Florissant, MO 63031; or Gill Alford, CFA, Corresponding Secretary at 314-831-8648; or the website: www.chapmanfamilies.org.

MEETINGS

SPRING VOCA MEETING

The spring meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for Saturday May 1, 2004, at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Road, Springfield, VT, just off Route 11, fully accessible.

The speaker will be GSV member Valerie Berberich on Zerubbabel Collins Vermont's premier gravestone carver.

Please visit VOCA's web site at: <http://www.sover.net/~hwdby/voca> for registration information.

[This address is correct, but if you have a problem, go to the GSV site, www.rootsweb.com/~vtgsv, then link to VOCA.]

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS:

GETTING STARTED

This program the first **Wednesday** of every month, at 12 noon and 6 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

WINTER RESEARCH WEEKEND GETAWAY February 26-28, 2004 or March 25-27, 2004. Join the NEHGS staff for guided research, one-on-one consultations, lectures and special access to the collections.

WRITING AND EDITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Saturday April 3, 2004

Conducted by leading experts in the field, this one-day program at 101 Newbury St., will offer you constructive advice and guidance on how to prepare your own family history book.

GENEALOGY & GENETICS

Saturday April 24, 2004

This one day program features several leading genetics experts in a series of informative and uncomplicated lectures and discussions.

IRISH GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR

Saturday May 8, 2004

This seminar will focus on Irish research methods and resources (many found at NEHGS).

COME HOME TO NEW ENGLAND.

June 13-20, 2004 or August 8-15, 2004

This week long program will fully acquaint you with the Society's holdings and expert staff. You will receive guided research assistance, personal consultations, informative lectures and much more.

ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

Saturday June 26, 2004

This seminar will acquaint you with technological tools that will greatly aid your genealogical research.

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

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Spring 2002 Meeting			\$	727.00
Fall 2002 Meeting	\$	1,055.00		
Spring 2003 Meeting	\$	866.00		
Fall 2003 Meeting	\$	366.00		
Miscellaneous Income	\$	15.31	\$	131.25
Interest	\$	859.64	\$	1,570.15
Total Income:	\$	20,441.45	\$	19,323.65

Expenses

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Fall 2001 Meeting			\$	1,195.87
Spring 2002 Meeting			\$	2,025.94
Fall 2002 Meeting	\$	1,995.67		
Spring 2003 Meeting	\$	1,652.87		
Fall 2003 Meeting	\$	272.95		
Promotional Expenses	\$	111.00	\$	109.95
Five Projects Grants	\$	795.00	\$	3,510.00
NERGC	\$	523.32	\$	110.00
Subscriptions (FGS, VHS, VOCA, VMCTA)]	\$	170.00	\$	135.00
Total Expenses:	\$	32,108.70	\$	18,761.38

Excess of Income over Expenses: \$ (11,667.25) \$ 562.27

Permanent Fund: \$19,132

Emergency Fund: \$15,448

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Respectively submitted,
Janet E. Induni, Treasurer

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**HOW OLD DID THEY
HAVE TO BE?
AGE CONSIDERATIONS IN
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
(AGE CATEGORIES AND
"LEGAL" AGES)**

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Note: The following information is an amalgam of facts from various periods in the colonial and early national periods and is designed to provide a frame of reference. Specific ages and actions may have occurred differently during different time periods. Some of the references relate to criminal law and others to civil law.

"Age" -- "That period of life at which the law allows persons to do acts or discharge functions which for want of years they were prohibited from doing or undertaking before. [*Bouvier's Law Dictionary*]

"Adult" -- "In Civil Law. A male infant, who has attained the age of fourteen; a female infant who has attained the age of twelve. In Common Law. One of the full age of twenty-one. [*Bouvier's Law Dictionary*]

**I. BIRTH TO 21 = INFANCY;
MINORITY**

"Infancy" "The state of a person who is under the age of legal majority, -- at common law, twenty-one years; now, generally 18 years. According to the sense in which this term is used, it may denote the condition of the person merely with reference to his years, or the contractual disabilities which non-age entails or his status with regard to other powers of relations." [*Black's Law Dictionary*]

"Minor" -- "An infant or person who is under the age of legal competence. A term derived from the civil law, which described a person under a certain age as *less than* so many years." [*Black's Law Dictionary*]

"Non-age" -- "Infancy or minority; lack of requisite legal age. Nonage entails various contractual disabilities and is a ground for annulment in some jurisdictions." [*The Guide to American Law*]

Infants in general: may not serve on juries; may only sue by their next friend or guardian; may bind themselves to pay for their food, clothing, medicines, education; may not borrow money; cannot be sworn in an inquest [Hening, *Virginia Justice*, 1799, p. 269]; cannot be an "approver" -- an accomplice in crime who accuses someone else of the same offense to save himself from punishment; OR, possibly, someone who assesses the value of property for tax values because they could not take the requisite oath. [Hening, *Virginia Justice*, 1799, p. 269]; may take certain actions at specific ages as detailed in the following sections.

**I.a -- BIRTH TO 7 = EARLY
CHILDHOOD;**

"infantia" -- "In the civil law, the period of infancy between birth and the age of seven years." [*Black's Law Dictionary*]

CHILD LACKS SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO COMMIT A CRIME OR MAKE DECISIONS FOR HIMSELF. CANNOT BE CAPITALLY PUNISHED FOR A CRIME BECAUSE HE CANNOT BE CONVICTED OF IT.

**I.b - 7 TO 12 OR 14 = SCHOOL
AGE
(Female/Male)**

"pueritia" -- "In the civil law, childhood; the age of seven to fourteen. The age from birth to fourteen years in the male, or twelve in the female." [*Black's Law Dictionary*] [Editors note: Fourteen is the age for both males & females in Vermont to choose a guardian.]

"Age of Reason" -- "Age at which a child is deemed to be capable of acting responsibly; commonly the age of 7." [*Black's Law Dictionary*]

CHILDREN SUPPOSEDLY "TEACHABLE"; ASSUMED INCAPABLE OF COMMITTING A CRIME, BUT COULD

BE PROVEN WITH EVIDENCE, BUT COULD NOT MAKE DECISIONS FOR HIMSELF. A CHILD COULD BE A WITNESS DEPENDING ON THE COURT'S PERCEPTION OF THE INDIVIDUALS "COMPETENT DISCRETION."

7 -- "A FEMALE AT SEVEN MAY BE BETROTHED OF GIVEN IN MARRIAGE..." [*Bouvier's Law Dictionary*]

9 -- "A WOMAN AT NINE YEARS OF AGE MAY HAVE HER DOWER..." [Hening, *Virginia Justice*, 1799, p. 269; also in *Bouvier's*]

**12 -- FOR FEMALES:
WITNESS DOCUMENTS, TESTIFY IN COURT, CHOSE GUARDIAN, BE APPRENTICED (GENERALLY FOR 7 YEARS), PUNISHABLE FOR A CRIME, MARRY WITH PARENTAL CONSENT (LATER RAISED TO 14)**

**12 -- "For Males:
SIGN THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROWN** [Hening, *Virginia Justice*, 1799, p. 269]

**I.c -- 12 OR 14 -- PUBERTY
(female/male)**

"pubertia" -- "The earliest age at which a persons are capable of begetting or bearing children. In the civil law and common law, the age at which one becomes capable of contracting marriage. It was in boys fourteen and in girls twelve years. [*Black's Law Dictionary*]

**I.d -- 12/14 -- 18/21 --
ADOLESCENCE (female/male)**

"Adolescence" -- "That age which follows puberty and proceeds the age of majority." [*Black's Law Dictionary*]

"Age of Discretion" -- "Age at which person could choose their own guardians." [Leary, North Carolina Research]; "At fourteen, children are said to have acquired legal discretion." [*Bouvier's Law Dictionary*] [understand the difference between good and evil]

14 -- FOR MALES WITNESS DOCUMENTS, TESTIFY IN COURT, SELECT GUARDIAN, BE APPRENTICED

(GENERALLY FOR 7 YEARS), PUNISHABLE FOR A CRIME, SHOW LAND TO PROCESSIONERS, SIGN CONTRACTS, BE AN EXECUTOR, BEQUEATH PERSONAL PROPERTY

16 -- MALES WERE TAXABLE, (TITHABLE) MALES WERE OF MILITIA AGE, MALES COULD SERVE AS PROCESSIONER

17 -- "A person is of age to be an executor at seventeen, and an administrator of one during the minority of an infant ceaseth when the infant comes to that age." [Hening, *Virginia Justice*, 1825, p. 376]

18 -- "The common law seems not to have determined precisely at that age one may make a testament of a personal estate; it is generally allowed that it may be made at the age of eighteen, and some say under." [Hening, *Virginia Justice*, 1825, p. 376]
-- "None under eighteen years of age are capable of disposing of their chattels by will." [Hening, *Virginia Justice*, 1825, p. 376][also stated in 1799 edition]

"Age of Consent" -- "Age at which persons may marry without parental approval." [*Black's Law Dictionary*]

18 -- MALES COULD BE LICENSED TO PRACTICE A TRADE, FEMALES COULD MARRY WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT [Female Age of Consent]

II.21 -- MAJORITY

"Age of Majority" -- "The age of twenty-one, by common law, of both males and females, and twenty-five by civil law. [*Bouvier's Law Dictionary*] [Traditionally 21, now 18 in the United States; and "Full age, legal age; the age at which, by law, a person is entitled to the management of his own affairs and to the enjoyment of civic rights. Also the status of a person who is a major in age." [*Black's Law Dictionary*]

21 -- MALES COULD MARRY WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT [Male age of Consent]; MALES COULD VOTE; MALES COULD PLEAD OF SUE IN COURT, SELL LAND, DEVISE LAND BY WILL, BE ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC

OFFICES, SERVE ON A JURY; RELEASE THEIR GUARDIAN.

"At 21, and not before, persons may bind themselves by any deed, and alien [i.e., sell] lands, goods and chattels." [Hening, *Virginia Justice*, 1799, p. 269]

OTHER AGE CONSIDERATIONS

Census listings
Marriage
Tithable Tax Lists
Apprenticeship
Military Service
Life Expectancy
Servitude

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July 7, 1777

Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont

Just six years after the settlement of Poultney began, General Burgoyne and his forces were knocking on the door. Most of the men of the village had gone to Castleton and Hubbardton where they were preventing Burgoyne's advance. July 7 was a Sunday and the women were holding a service, at one of their homes, when word came that they should evacuate the town. They quickly departed, some not even going home for provisions.

Tradition says there were 13 women with their children who fled the 50 miles to Bennington, and then on to their former homes in CT and MA. These 13 women are honored with a parade each year.

Recently I was asked to find the given and maiden names of these women, added in [-]. This search has now led me to believe there were at least 17 women with their 50 children who fled that day, the youngest child only 17 days old. As listed in the *History of Poultney*, p. 37-38:

Mrs. William Ward [**Lucy Church**, daughter of Noah & Lydia (Barnard) Church of Marlboro, MA].

Mrs. Thomas Ashley [**Zerviah Richards**, daughter of Zebulon & Lydia Richards].

Mrs. Ichabod Marshall [**Lydia Stearns**, daughter of Jonathan & Hannah (Chadwick) Stearns]

Mrs. Joseph Marshall [**Elizabeth Bullen**].
Mrs. Dan Richards [**Huldah Fellows**, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Richards) Fellows].

Mrs. John Richards [? Do you have any idea who she was?].

Mrs. Timothy Hyde [**Mary/Mercy ?Thatcher**].

Mrs. Zebediah Dewey [**Beulah Stearns Jackson**, sister of Lydia Marshall].

Mrs. Silas Howe, [**Susannah ?Franklin or ?French**] of CT.

Mrs Nathaniel Smith [**Lydia Richards**, daughter of Zebulon & Lydia].

Mrs. Nehemiah Howe [**Beulah Wheeler**, daughter of Benjamin of Lancaster, MA].

Mrs. Josiah Lewis [**Molly Cole**. She received a land grant for her service in Bennington].

Mrs. Isaac Ashley [**Olive Howe**, daughter of Nehemiah & Beulah].

I now believe these additional women were in town at the time:

Mrs. John Ashley [**Desire Thatcher**, daughter of John & Lois].

Mrs. Enoch Ashley [**Phebe Owen**, dau. of Elijah a first settler of Poultney].

Mrs. Ebenezer Hyde [**Lois Thatcher**, probably a close relative to Ebenezer's mother Mercy Thatcher].

Mrs. Zebulon Richards [**Lydia Brown**, age about 55 that day, the oldest of the women, if she was still living, and mother of Dan, John, Zerviah and Lydia].

Any additional information on these women will be most welcome.

Peggy Jenks

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

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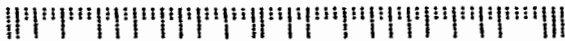
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