

Policy on Queries and Research Requests

Posting of Queries in VG:

The GSV will allow members to post queries in Vermont Genealogy at no cost. Up to two queries per member per issue are allowed, with a maximum of 50 words per query. Non-members are not allowed to post queries in that publication.

Posting of Queries on the GSV website:

Members may post queries on the GSV website in a special area designated for that purpose. Queries are not limited in number but should individually not exceed 50 words. Such queries should be submitted to the Website manager, who will post them as time permits in a publicly-accessible area of the website. Non-members are not allowed to post queries on the GSV website. If a member with posted queries terminates membership, his/her queries will be removed from the website.

Research Requests received via mail or e-mail:

GSV does not maintain a library, and does not normally do lookups or research in response to requests for information. However, an attempt will be made to respond to queries within 30 days of receipt by the person doing the answering.

Response will be made by e-mail when an e-mail address is provided. Members' queries will be responded to by mail when there is no e-mail address given. For non-members or those who do not identify themselves as members, a mailed response will be provided only when a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided.

Typically, the response to mailed or e-mailed queries will be to notify the sender that the GSV is not equipped to do research, and that they should contact either Bennington Museum or the Vermont Historical Society for assistance, letting them know that both charge modest fees for such work.

When an e-mailed response is sent to a non-member, reference should be made to the GSV website encouraging him/her to join. Where the response is by regular mail, a membership application should be enclosed.

Approved by the GSV Board
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