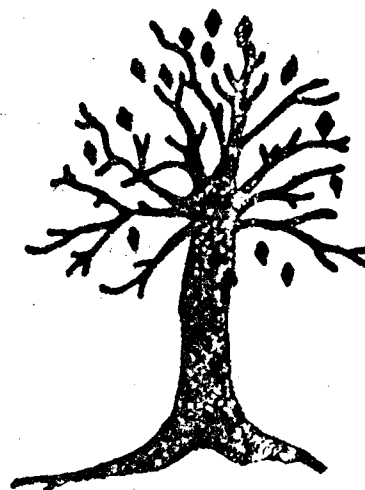


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CAROL CHURCH, EDITOR

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FALLING LEAVES:

As this final issue of "Branches & Twigs" for 1972 is being prepared for publication we would like to note the tremendous strides forward which the Genealogical Society of Vermont has taken in its first year. There were 98 members when we held our first meeting last October. We adopted a constitution and by-laws, planned a quarterly publication, and elected Mrs. Carol Church editor and Mrs. Florence Lawson, archivist. Robert J. Tarte spoke of the Salt Lake City, Utah genealogical project.

In reviewing the program of our first year we recall one of the interesting features at the spring meeting was the exhibit of genealogical books provided by Mr. Jon H. Mayo, manager of the genealogical department of the Charles E. Tuttle Co. of Rutland, and the great amount of attention the display created. Also at this meeting Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Nuquist spoke of the records available at the Vermont Historical Society. Later Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Hill gave an interesting talk on cemeteries in East Montpelier.

Our membership list is now over the 300 mark and still growing.

"Branches & Twigs" with only four publications has filled 63 pages, an index is now under consideration. A society library and a permanent have been established.

That's not a bad beginning for a new organization. Good luck to the Genealogical Society of Vermont, may it's second years accomplishments be as great as it's first.

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BROKEN BRANCHES:

Officers of the Genealogical Society are:

President: Leon W. Dean, 308 S. Prospect St. Burlington, Vt. 05401  
Treasurer: Leo A. Fleury, 164 Saratoga Ave. Burlington, Vt. 05401  
Secretary: Joann Heselton, 82 High St. Brattleboro, Vt. 05301  
Archivist: Florence Lawson, 26 Spruce St. Brattleboro, Vt. 05301  
Editor: Carol Church, Westminster West, RFD #3, Putney, Vt. 05346

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SPLINTERS:

Your Archivist again enlists the cooperation, and emphasizes the need of help from all members in answering all queries possible. Several have already been answered, quite completely, and copies of the answers have been received for filing. For this we are very grateful, and urge you all to keep up the good work.

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In August, your Archivist had a pleasant surprise when she was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce White and daughter, members from Waukesha, Wisconsin. They were making an extensive tour of New England, and of course, searching for ancestors.

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The Executive Board of the Genealogical Society of Vermont held their meeting August 19, 1972 at 10:00 A.M. in Randolph, Vermont, at the Vermont Technical College. It was presided over by President Leon Dean. Secretary's report read by Joann Heselton. Treasurer's report presented by Leo Fleury. We have a balance of \$218.36 plus \$10.00 in the Permanent Fund.

Mr. Dean spoke about the announcement to be sent for our next meeting in October. He suggested having our meetings set for the third Saturday in October and the third Saturday in May. Motion made by Joann Heselton, seconded by Leo Fleury to do this.

We discussed sending a copy of "Branches and Twigs" to Libraries for their files.

We will pay the dinner charge for the three speakers at our October meeting. Mr. Fleury will have his accounts audited at his bank.

We decided to have three vice-presidents. Names suggested: Justin Holden, Mrs. Marvel Swan, Mrs. Lois Burke, Mrs. Lincoln Jacobs, Sanford Witherell.

Florence Lawson and Joann Heselton to find a nominating committee around Brattleboro.

Mr. Dean suggested changing the by-laws; Article VIII, Gifts and Contributions; Section 2. Funds thus received, unless otherwise specified, plus any other funds recommended by the Executive Board and voted by the Society must be kept in a special account to be known as the Permanent Fund from which only the interest of such fund may be used at the discretion of the Executive Board. We decided to let this rest for a year.

We discussed the price to charge for selling individual copies of "Branches & Twigs." We voted to charge \$.50 a copy.

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BUDDING OUT:

New states represented on our membership list are Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. We now have 32 states plus Washington D.C. plus Canada. That's nearly two thirds of our goal of all 50 states.

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If you notice any magazine, newspaper or other reference to our genealogical society, will you please clip them and send to our secretary, Miss Joann Heselton, 82 High St., Brattleboro, for inclusion in our scrapbook.

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Our next meeting will be October 21 at the United Church in Randolph. Reservations should be made for the chicken dinner at noon. Mrs. Alton Swan will speak on "Charting your Course", Mrs. Jacobs will talk about "Picking Up The Trail", and Mrs. Burke is going to speak on "Advertising For Your Ancestors". If time permits, Merton Sage will lead us in a question and answer period.

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In accord with action taken by the executive board our fall and spring meetings will be held annually on the third Saturday of October and May. We can circle these dates on our calendar.

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SPRUCE GUM:

If anyone feels that he is carrying around too much money in his pockets, he can lighten the load by donating a dollar or two or three as a Christmas present to help us get our permanent fund started.

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## CHOPPING BLOCK:

SOME VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, ETC.

- Arlington Historical Society, Arlington, Vermont 05250  
Barre Historical Society, Barre, Vermont 05641  
Bellows Falls Historical Society, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101  
Bennington Museum, Bennington, Vermont 05201  
Bradford Historical Society, Bradford, Vermont 05033  
Braintree Historical Society, Braintree, Vermont 05646  
Vermont Baptist Historical Society, Box 94, Bristol, Vermont 05443  
Historical Society of Brookfield, Brookfield, Vermont 05036  
Beaumont Medical Club, Dean's Office, College of Medicine, University of Vermont,  
Burlington, Vermont 05401  
Chittenden County Historical Society, Univ. of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont 05401  
Green Mountain Folklore Society, Burlington, Vermont 05401  
Rowland E. Robinson Memorial Association, 308 S. Prospect Street, Burlington,  
Vermont 05401  
Vermont Old Cemetery Association, 308 S. Prospect Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401  
Cabot Historical Society, Main Street, Cabot, Vermont 05647  
Castleton Historical Society, Castleton, Vermont 05375  
Chelsea Historical Society, Chelsea, Vermont 05038  
Chester Historical Society, Chester, Vermont 05143  
Dorset Historical Society, Dorset, Vermont 05251  
Fairfax Historical Society, Box 105, Fairfax, Vermont 05454  
Grafton Historical Society, Grafton, Vermont 05146  
Grand Isle County Historical Society, Grand Isle, Vermont 05458  
Island Pond Historical Society, 1 Carbonneau, Island Pond, Vermont 05846  
Isle La Motte Historical Society, Isle La Motte, Vermont 05463  
Marlboro Historical Society, Marlboro, Vermont 05344  
Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier, Vermont 05602  
Morristown Historical Society, High Street, Morrisville, Vermont 05661  
Historical Society of Windham County, Newfane, Vermont 05345  
Pomfret Historical Society, North Pomfret, Vermont 05053  
Norwich Historical Society, Box 284, Norwich, Vermont 05055  
Orleans County Historical Society, Old Stone House, Orleans, Vermont 05860  
Peacham Historical Association, Peacham, Vermont 05862  
Weathersfield Historical Society, Perkinsville, Vermont 05151  
Upper Winooski Historical Society, Plainfield, Vermont 05667  
Poultney Historical Society, Bentley Ave., Poultney, Vermont 05764  
Putney Historical Society, Putney, Vermont 05346  
Randolph Historical Society, Box 15, Randolph, Vermont 05061  
St. Albans Historical Society, St. Albans, Vermont 05478  
Saxtons River Historical Society, Saxtons River, Vermont 05154  
Shaftsbury Historical Society, Box 53, Rt. 1, Shaftsbury, Vermont 05262  
Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, Vermont 05482  
Perkins Academy Historian Association, South Woodstock, Vermont 05071  
American Precision, 54 Reservoir Road, Springfield, Vermont 05156  
Crown Point Road Association, Box 38, Rt. 1, Springfield, Vermont 05156  
Historical Committee, Miller Art Center, Springfield, Vermont 05156

Justin Smith Morrill Foundation, J. S. Morrill Highway, Strafford, Vermont 05072  
Strafford Historical Society, Strafford, Vermont 05072  
Thetford Historical Society, Thetford Center, Vermont 05074  
Underhill Historical Society, Town Hall, Underhill, Vermont 05490  
Vernon Historians, Vernon, Vermont 05354  
Waterbury Historical Society, Waterbury Public Library, Waterbury, Vermont 05676  
Westminster Historical Society, Westminster, Vermont 05158  
Weston Historical Society, Weston, Vermont 05161  
Woodstock Historical Society, 26 Elm Street, Woodstock, Vermont 05091  
Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, Woodstock, Vermont 05091

Additions and corrections to this list are welcomed!

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#### TREETOPS

The following Boston Transcripts are at the Brattleboro Public Library:

January 27, 1907-through December 31, 1913. April 16, 1930 through April 30, 1941.

These are in scrapbooks with an index in the back for major surnames in queries.

Also there are unindexed scrapbooks with the following:

1901, 1905, 1907, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1918;  
December 17, 1928 through 1935.

If anyone knows of any other Transcripts at locations in Vermont, please let us know.

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#### SPRUCE GUM:

We have received another addition to the permanent fund. Mrs. Charles Pierce of Enosburg Falls has made a contribution in memory of Mrs. Hilda (Hopkins) Smith, a native of Franklin, Vt. She was the daughter of Frank and Florence (Farnsworth) Hopkins and died in Dobbs Ferry August 1972.

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#### SAWDUST:

We are sorry to note the loss of one of our members, Mr. Albert C. Knight of Burlington, who died August 12, 1972 after a long illness.

The books are: OLD KITTERY AND HER FAMILIES: Author Everett S. Stackpole, published 1903. REMICK GENEALOGY: Author, Winifred Lovering Holman, pub. 1933. also THE TOWN REGISTER YORK AND KITTERY 1906: compiled by Mitchell, Daggett, Holt, Lawton, & Sawyer.

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*See p. 63 Wood Chips  
for this item complete.*

#### TREE STUMPS:

In a small Cemetery in RICKERS CORNER, these graves can be found--

1. William Wade died 26 July, 1854
2. Elvina A. daughter of Seth and Susan Town died 3 May 1853
3. Mary B. Cole wife of Rufus Place died 1 August 1862, aged 35
4. Edmund Cole died 21 April 1864 age 41  
Theodatea B. his wife died 24 Sept. 1856 age 50
5. Zeroah, wife of William Wade, died August 23, 1860 age 92

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#### FIRE WOOD:

Mrs. Robert E. Knox, 72 Chester Road, Springfield, Vt. 05156 will be glad to help anyone interested in the following families without charge: Husband's lines--KNOX, PERYER, BROPHY, JOY, HAWKINS, LILLIE, SANTWIRE, GREEN, COBB, ALBEE, JOHNSON, DEDLEY, SHURTFLEFF, WING, BURT, LINCOLN, THAYER, BARNEY, BALLOU, COOK, BARTLETT, SALISBURY, REEVES, SMITH, LaMOUNTAIN, WARD, WHITMARSH, STOWELL, EELLS, KENDALL, WRIGHT, WHEELOCK, COLVIN, BACKUS, BRIGGS, POTTER, KELLY, HOLWAY, HOXIE, many to immigrant ancestor, and many on which we are still stuck right in Vt.

Her lines are--BURTON, HOWE, KEMPTON, JOSSELYN, FULLER, WALKER, DARBY, KELLY, SMITH, MILES, HARRIS, STRONG, TOPLIFF, FALES, GAGE, PAIN, HARVEY, HASLTON, CRAM, FOLLANSBEE, SIMONS, HOLT, ELLISTON, WILSON, GOODELL, RHODES, BANCROFT, NEWHALL, FOSTER, KENDALL, JEWETT, BOYNTON, TOOMBS, CRAPO, BEALS, SPOONER, LATHE, WHITE, WINSHIP, TENNEY, HOSMER, BROOKS, BILLINGS, HALE, LOWE, BARRETT, CARTER, WYETH, VEZEY, ABBOTT, BALDWIN, PHELPS, STEVENS, BULLOCK, WHITNEY, GLEASON, TEMPLE, MILLER, VINTON, ROSS, BALL, KENT, TOOGOOD, CHAMBERLAIN, TITUS, SEAVEY, HOWLAND, KEENE, CROCKER, SPRAGUE, BARKER, RANDALL, OLDHAM, DIMMICK, BICKNELL, TRECOTT, HART, TOWNE, PAYSON, BIXBY.

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#### TALL TIMBERS:

Quote from a letter received by your Archivist---"The long awaited HISTORY OF COLRAIN, MASS. is now in preparation and will be ready by late fall, though the exact date is still uncertain. It will contain over 500 pages, size 8 1/2x 11, in hard cover, with poems and illustrations by Ursula Russell and

many photographs. It contains an extensive genealogical section of most of the families who came to COLRAIN before 1800, including Smiths, Millers, Stewarts, Thompsons, McClellans, Wilsons, Davenports, McGees, Johnsons, and many others. Previous to November 1st, the book may be ordered for \$14.50 a copy. The price after that will be \$20.00. Orders may be placed with Mrs. Lois M. Patrie, 207 Pawling Ave. Troy, New York 12180.

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Copies of the long-awaited "History of Springfield, Vt. " by retired Army Maj. Gen. Keith R. Barney recently went on sale at the Springfield Art & Historical Society center on Elm Hill. The new History covers the years 1885-1961, a slight overlap from the last town history, Hubbard-Dartt's "History of Springfield, Vt. 1752-1895." Mr. Barney used a cutoff date of Aug. 21, 1961, the 200th anniversary of the town charter that was issued by Gov. Benning Wentworth from the Province of New Hampshire. This updated history book contains some 700 pages and may be bought for \$15.00.

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Another new book "Trumbull: Church and Town" by E. Merrill Beach being an authentic history of the Colonial Town of Trumbull, Connecticut may now be purchased for \$6.00 from the Trumbull Historical Society, Inc. Box 312, Trumbull, Conn. 06611.

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Some of our members have asked where to send for copies of the book, now available, "CEMETERIES OF EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT 1795-1791". It is an Inventory of eight cemeteries and nine burial places with poetry, index with 2700 names, 603 surnames. Price \$5.00 postpaid. Order from Mrs. Ellen C. Hill, East Montpelier, Vt. 05602

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