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FALLING LEAVES:

The second annual meeting of the Genealogical Society of Vermont was held Oct. 21st at Randolph. Officers were elected as presented by the nominating committee. New officers this year are the three vice-presidents: Justin Holden, Mrs. Louise Jacobs, and Sanford Witherell. It was voted to change the title of Genealogical Secretary to Archivist.

President Leon Dean read a short catechism to the members as follows: How many sent material to "Branches & Twigs"? How many sent material for our scrapbook? How many answered queries? How many worked on their genealogies? How many got publicity for the society in newspapers or other society bulletins? How many listed their names with the Archivist as willing to do research? How many intend to do better next time? Naturally the last question received the greatest show of hands.

Six members present said they had done cemetery recordings during the summer. I have also heard from some of our out-of-state members who were in Vermont during the summer making cemetery lists. Two of these lists have been sent to us for publication in "Branches and Twigs." Mrs. Edith Adolph, Rt. 1, Charlestown, N.H. 03603 and Mrs. Vivian Kill, Star Route, Sharon, Vt. 05065 have recorded nearly all cemeteries in the Sharon, Strafford area. They will send a list of the cemeteries to anyone interested. (Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.) Mrs. Arthur Knight of Lower Waterford, Vt. 05848 has listings of Waterford and Concord cemeteries.

One member suggested that in the Tangled Roots section of the newsletter the name of the querist should be at the end of the query. Mrs.

Lawson and Mrs. Church, after much discussion, have decided not to change the format of the queries because changing the position of the name would necessitate changing the numbering system set up for the archives.

Mr. James Dentley suggested that we publish record material such as Bible, cemetery, or census records. These appear in the current issue. If any member has any records they would like published in our newsletter, please send copies to the editor, Mrs. Carol Church, Westminster West, VT #3, Putney, Vermont 05346.

Mrs. Louise Jacobs spoke on "Picking up the Trail" and gave several suggestions such as getting confirmation of all data, speaking to brothers, sisters and in-laws if the person you are searching isn't available. Check in town histories; also check surrounding towns; look at maps for names of surrounding towns. Check index names. Look for occupations and other specific areas. Find the names of and number of cemeteries in a town. Write the local mortician for caretakers of cemeteries. Write to people with the same surname. Telephone directory assistance will help here. Fraternal organizations have lists of members and dates.

Mrs. Marvel Swan talked about "Charting your Ancestors" and said you should start with yourself and work backwards. Get proof of each generation when it's available. Keep your records separated by families. Don't put information on your chart unless it's been proven. You can get proof from family Bibles, asking or writing close relatives, old diaries, town records, early vital records, land deeds and minutes of town meetings; also from freemen's lists, cattle lists, school lists, probate and church records and census records. Mrs. Swan then passed around and displayed several charts showing the various types available.

Mrs. Lois Burke of Middlebury, Vermont, talked about "Advertising for your Ancestors." This was a rather difficult subject as there apparently is no list available of the genealogical societies in the U.S. Mrs. Burke compiled a list of publications with query columns which she passed out at the meeting. A copy of the list appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. Ruth Hesselgrave of Middlebury, Vt. spoke on England lines. She has been to England and done a great deal of research there of church and parish records; she has also visited the Somerset House in London where a great deal of genealogical information may be found.

Mr. Merton Sage led a discussion of questions and answers on the subject of fees. Should people charge fees for their work or should they be willing to help one another free of charge? Several members spoke on both sides of the question. It was mentioned that some professional genealogists charge as high as \$15. per hour.

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#### BUDDING OUT:

Mrs. Hilda Gollnick of Middlebury, working on a history of the Bell Family, writes that much of her early research was done while she lived in Australia.

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One of our newest members, Mrs. Beverly HARRISES of Manchester, N.H. just sent in her check to sign up six of her relatives and friends from the Mass. and N.H. areas under gift memberships.

BUDDING OUT:

Indiana and South Dakota have been added to our membership list. Maryland is no longer represented as that member has moved. Our present total is 33 states.

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We are now exchanging bulletins with the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, and have received issues 1, 2, & 3 of Vol. 5 of the Connecticut Nutmegger.

We are also exchanging bulletins with Oregon Genealogical Society, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, Range Genealogical Society of Minnesota, and the Western Michigan Genealogical Society. These may be borrowed by members of our society for a period of two weeks. Only charge is the cost of postage both ways. (Available from your editor.)

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The Executive Board will meet Saturday, April 14 in Woodstock. The regular meeting of the Genealogical Society of Vermont will be Saturday, May 19, 1973 in Woodstock. The actual meeting place will be announced.

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A gift to the Genealogical Society of Vermont from Mrs. Louise Bacon Jacobs is a copy of the book "And Now We Remember", a history of Barss Corner, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, written by B. K. Langille.

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"Branches & Twigs" has grown larger and faster than we ever expected: from three pages and 200 copies of our first issue to thirty pages and 800 copies of our last issue. Mr. Leo Fleury has done a marvelous job of printing our first four issues. We have, however outgrown his printing facilities and now we need to find a new method of printing. If you have any suggestions about our publication problems, please write to the editor, Mrs. Carol Church, Westminster West, RFD #3, Putney, Vermont 05346.

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WOOD CHIPS:

Mrs. Alison Franks, 5231-G Arctic, Eielson AFB, Alaska 99702 is willing to do research, especially on the following family lines: Rawson, Taft, Chapin, Merrick, Kellogg, Pendleton, Wright, Eastman, Lovell, Shurtleff, Taylor. Mrs. Franks is originally from Massachusetts and has much New England information as well as Alaskan.

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BROKEN BRANCHES:

Officers of the Genealogical Society of Vermont are:  
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WOOD CHIPS:

Books I have in my Home Library--I will check for your Family names for SASE--if pertinent data found, will copy for 15¢ per pg. plus postage.

Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England 4 Vols.  
by James Savage

History of Salem, Mass. (with Genealogies) by Sidney Perley 3 Vols.  
History of Raymond, N.H. by Joseph Fullonton pub. 1875-Family Genealogies  
Saco Valley Settlements (Maine) and Families by G.T.Ridlon. 1250 pgs.  
History of Bridgewater, Mass. (with family register) by Nahum Mitchell  
Notices from the NEW HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE (1765-1800) indexed  
N.H. Genealogical Record--by Charles W. Tibbets Vol. I (1903-1904)  
Vital Records of Topsfield, Mass. to 1850.

The following Family Genealogies:

Rice Family (Dea. Edmund-1638) by A. H. Ward. pub. 1858.  
HERRICK Genealogy (Salem-Beverly area) by Gen. Jedediah Herrick-- revised  
by Lucius C. Herrick 1890.  
The Norris Family in America (1640-1892) by L. A. Morrison pub. 1892.  
The Ellinwood Family by Leonard Ellinwood pub. 1963.  
(From Ralph of Salem, Mass.)  
Healy (Haley-Healey) from Wm. Hele of Lynn, Roxbury & Cambridge, Mass.  
by Ethel B. Carrier 1963/68  
The Cutler Family of Lexington, Mass. (1634-1964) by Marjorie Cutler Burgess  
pub. 1965.

I would like to exchange information on the following families:

Stevens of Raymond, N.H. area.  
Mackres (Marckres, Macres, McKrist, Macreas, etc.) of Greenland, N.H. to  
Woodbury, Marshfield, Calais, area Washington Co., Vt.)  
Woodcock from Attleboro-Rehoboth, Mass. area to Woodbury, Marshfield and  
surrounding areas of Washington Co., Vt.  
Norton - Cabot area in 1850, Washington Co., Vt.  
Cronk-Cronkrite; Coughran (Coffran) both of Ferrisburg-No. Ferrisburg area,  
Addison Co., Vt.  
Wheeler (Comfort) and descendants; Woodbury, Marshfield areas.

(The above submitted by Mrs. Jean G. Dickover, Box 42, Tenmile Ore. 07481

PUBLICATIONS WITH QUERY COLUMNS

List compiled by Mrs. Lois Burke of Middlebury, Vermont.

Ancestry-Palm Beach Company, Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1745, W.Palm  
Beach, Florida 33402

Ansearchin' News, P.O. Box 12124, Memphis, Tenn. 38111

Boulder Genealogical Society, Box 3246, Boulder, Colorado 80302

Car-Del Scribe, R.D.3, Middleboro, Mass. 02346

Colonial Genealogist, Hartwell Company, 345 2nd St., Hermosa Beach, Calif.  
90254

Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 16 Royal Oak Drive, W.Hartford,  
Conn. 06107

Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.  
48233

Forbears Augustan Society, Inc., 345 2nd St., Hermosa Beach, Calif. 90254  
(Magna Charta, Barons, Crusaders, etc.)

WOOD CHIPS: (cont.)

- Genealogical Reference Builders, 3302 W. Diversey, Chicago, Illinois 60647
- The Genealogist, Ray Bakehorn, R.D. #3, Kokoma, Indiana 46901
- Genealogy Club of America, Box L, Logan Utah 84321
- Georgia Genealogical Records, 2009 Gail Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31705
- The Hubbard Family Newsletter (Exchange info.), Leslie S. Hubbard, Lompoc, Calif. 93436
- Kern Genealogy, P.O. Box 2214, Bakersfield, Calif. 93303
- Maine Genealogical Inquirer, Box 253, Oakland, Maine 04063
- Ohio, The Crossroad of our Nation, R.D. Box 332b, Ashland, Ohio 44805  
(Records of Pioneer Families)
- Ozark Quarterly, Pioneer Records Enterprises, Box 195, Billings, Mo. 65610
- Tri State Trader, P.O. Box 401, Knightstown, Indiana 46148
- Tulsa Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 585, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101
- West Central Missouri Genealogical Society, 705 Broad Street, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093
- World Records, 200 Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Queries must be interesting, must contain valuable genealogical material, and must be typed, if possible. Be sure to enclose your name and address. Many societies have forms to be filled out. One usually has to have a membership in the society for free advertising. I believe that The Genealogical Helper, Everton Publishers, P.O. Box 368, Logan, Utah 84321, is an exception.

"It is said if a family produces but one genealogist a century, the continuity of records will be maintained."

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TALL TIMBERS:

Mrs. Marion B. Lawrence, P.O. R.F.D.#1, North Adams, Mass. 01247 (Stamford, Vt.) has published "The Brattons of New England" now ready for distribution. It contains material for each generation with many family branches complete to date. Some surnames besides BRATTON of complete families are: Andrew, Bellows, Blood, Boyd, Central, Carpenter, Dunn, Eames, Evans, Fleming, Gleason, Goodrich, Greene, Houser, Hathaway, Harris, Jepson, Lillie, Neff, Oakes, Pike, Ralston, Scheuerman, Schwartz, Service, Tudor, Waters, Wheeler, and Whitney.

This Genealogy may be ordered from Mrs. Lawrence at address above. This price is \$7.50 per copy, with check enclosed.

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TREE TOPS:

The founding of the GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERMONT was recognized by THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER (Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah) in its quarterly issue of March 1972. However, in the July issue of that publication which featured a listing of genealogical societies, the name of our society was not listed under the VERMONT section.

For our members who are also subscribers to that publication as well as their HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS (6th edition), you may wish to make certain corrections under the VERMONT sections.

The "Billings Library" which was the main library of the Univ. of Vermont since 1885 no longer exists. In 1960 a new library was constructed. The new listings should be: BAILEY LIBRARY, c/o Special Collections Dept., Univ. of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. 05401.

This info. provided by Leo Fleury, of Burlington, Vermont.