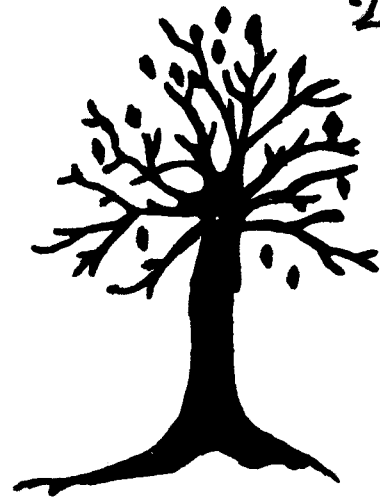


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FALLING LEAVES:

The VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Sponsored its first local history workshop on June 14, 1973 at the Pavillion Building in Montpelier. The featured guest speaker was Dr. George Cunha whose talk was entitled "Conservation of Library and Archival Materials and works of Art on Paper". Dr. Cunha, who is the director of the New England Documents center, has also published a book on this subject. The morning session consisted of panelists representing several historical societies in Vermont who discussed with the audience such subjects as "Membership and money in the local Historical Society", "A home for your society", and "Programs that work", The afternoon session consisted of individual workshops covering such topics as "The museum and its collection", Recording Local History", "The care and conservation of library materials", "The local historical society and the school", and "Utilization of Historic buildings". Our president, Mr Leon Dean, our treasurer, Mr Leo Fleury and their wives attended the second workshop on "Recording local history". In this workshop, Mrs Sally Thompson, executive secretary of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation reported on the various recording methods she has used in her work. Miss Tina Bielenberg Of the Vermont Historical Society reported on her volunteer project of using tape recordings to capture local history. Mr Harold Haskins of the Bradford Historical Society answered the three basic questions of WHY, HOW, and WHAT? in researching, preserving, and publishing local history material such as he had done for the town of Bradford.

- SPRUCE GUM:

The Permanent Fund of the Genealogical Society of Vermont has been doubled through generous contributions from Mr Milo B Shaffer of Arlington, Virginia and Dr Ames Johnson of St Johnsbury, Vermont. Dr Johnson is a descendant of Thomas Ames (Eames) one of the earliest settlers of Concord VT, He is also a descendant of the Saratoga hero, General Gates.

BUDDING OUT:

One new state has been added to our membership list. Rhode Island. Seven more to go for a total representation of all 50.

In the last issue we mentioned a list of vital records costs for each state. U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Supt. of Documents, Wash DC, 20402 has available 3 booklets on marriage records, birth & death records, divorce record. 15¢ each. 45¢ gets the whole group. Order by nos Marriage records (DHEW pub HMS 72-1144) Divorce records (DHEW pub HSM 72-1145) Birth & death records (DHEW pub HSM 72-1142) These pamphlets were revised in 1972. Special thanks to members who wrote in this info.

Members who recently received their new 1973-74 membership cards will note the member number typed there for future use by members whenever needed. This no. should be used when sending materials, charts, queries etc. to "Branches & Twigs", or for any correspondence with the society.

As a summer project, Leo Fleury sent a complimentary copy of Vol 1 index and a copy of "B&T" to all libraries and historical societies in Vermont. He also sent a survey sheet asking for a listing of all their genealogical holdings. The replies are still coming in. The results will be colated by sur name for later use. Although there is some duplication of material, this survey will perhaps uncover some buried material and maybe

some unpublished family material.

For this issue of "Branches & Twigs" I am using a new typewriter with a larger size type called pica 61. Hopefully this will not be as small after photo reduction as the last issue. We are also setting this section in double column and trying other forms of spacing for easier readability.

All checks for dues, back issues etc. should be sent to our treasurer, Leo Fleury, 164 Saratoga Ave, Burlington VT 05401.

All queries for the TANGLED ROOTS column should be sent to our archivist, Mrs Florence Lawson, 26 Spruce St, Brattleboro VT 05301.

All material for publication should be sent to our editor, Mrs Carol Church, RFD # 3, Westminster West, Putney VT 05346.

The following Constitutional amendment recommendations were discussed at the Executive Board meeting in Sept. and were read to the members and discussed at the annual meeting of the Genealogical Society of Vermont held in Weybridge Vt on Oct 20, 1973

H A P P Y T H A N K S G I V I N G

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Article x on amendments reads as follows:

This constitution and by-laws may be amended on recommendation of the executive board by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular meeting, provided a previous notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the members at least four months in advance of the meeting.

The recommended amendment reads:

This constitution and by-laws may be amended on recommendation of the executive board by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular meeting, provided a previous notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the members at least two months in advance of the meeting.

2

Article viii on gifts and contributions reads as follows:

Section 1. Gifts, donations and bequests may be made to the society at any time.

Section 2. Funds thus received, unless otherwise specified, must be kept in a separate 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.

The recommended amendment of Section 2 reads:

Funds thus received, unless otherwise specified, plus any contributions from the general fund which have been 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, with the approval of the members present at any regular meeting.

3

Article vii on Quorum reads:

A quorum for a regular meeting of the Society shall consist of ten (10) members entitled to vote.

The recommended amendment reads:

A quorum for a regular meeting of the society shall consist of twenty-five (25) members entitled to vote.

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The above suggested constitutional changes were presented to the executive board at their meeting in Rutland on Sept 15 by President Leon Dean, and will be presented to the members at the annual meeting on Oct. 20.

LIMBS & LEAVES:

CONGER FAMILY

A FIRST!! In January 1973 our huge 8½"x11"x3" genealogy The Conger Family of America was compiled and published by Mrs Maxine Leonard of Iowa. When she sent order blanks to all the CONGERS known to her she inquired as to whether they would be interested in a CONGER Congregation. An overwhelming response in the affirmative resulted in a "congeries" of over a hundred CONGER descendants coming from coast to coast (Vermont to Oregon and Florida to California) representing twenty-one states and Canada. Many others had planned to come but due to family or business emergencies sent their regrets and hoped to make it to our next one planned for 1978. The meeting was held at Janesville, Iowa - the hometown of Mr & Mrs Lawrence Leonard - June 23 & 24, with reception and banquet on Saturday June 23. Our toastmaster was Lonnie Conger of Davenport, Iowa, who is a member of Toastmasters International. In part the entertainment consisted of a chorus directed by Maxine & accompanied by his guitar, songs by Bob & Mildred of Kearney, Neb. who have been in the entertainment field 30 years featuring gospel music for the sick & shutins, and have an album "Precious memories". At our Sunday service they led the singing. Following the Sunday service there was a catered picnic at Cedar Falls. Another CONGER "cousin", Pete CONGER, operator of House of Photography in Burlington Colorado, took many pictures. Clyde CONGER of Somerville, NJ assisted with the photography.

An interesting and helpful gimmick devised by Maxine, were tags with lineage for each person and with a different color representing each of the 6 sons of the first American CONGER, John. It made it easy to spot those from one's own particular branch. Very few attending had ever met any of the others but by the end of the weekend everyone had collected many friends and enough invitations to keep one traveling and visiting all summer.

In case this account is read by someone not previously contacted, the address for purchase of the book is: Mrs Maxine Leonard, Janesville Iowa 50647.

--Item submitted by Mrs Marion Barton, Box 171-A, Waitsfield VT 05673.

SANDERS FAMILY

The Sanders family reunion was held at the State Park at Elmore Pond (VT) on Sunday Sept 9th. In spite of blustery weather about 40 relatives and friends were there. Through "Branches & Twigs" and the reunion I have heard from two people whom I had never met connected with the Sanders line. Those attending include: Mr & Mrs Richard McLay & son of Billrica Mass; Mrs Albina Sanders of Billrica Mass; Mr & Mrs Morgan Adams, Heather & Byron of Quechee VT; Mr & Mrs Andrew Kuhre & son Myron; Mrs Irene LaClair; Mr & Mrs Harold Morse, Harold, Vicki, LeeAnn, and Marta; Mrs Archie Austin; Mr & Mrs Arthur LaClair, Arthur & Phillip, all of Cornish NH; Mr & Mrs Willard Sanders; Mr Steven Mitchell; Mr & Mrs Leslie Mitchell; Mr & Mrs Jeffery Mitchell, Kevin & Ken; Mr & Mrs Ralph Campbell, Scott & Kim, all of Morrisville VT; Reg Sanders of Bethel VT; Mr & Mrs Robert Rogers of East Thetford VT; May Wheeler, Henry Bashaw of Cabot VT; John Carroll of Graniteville Vt; Mr & Mrs Clofton Sanders, Gregg & Eric of Randolph Vt.

--Item submitted by Mrs Irene C. LaClair, Box 72, Cornish Flat NH 03746

APPLE ORCHARD:

ANCESTRY SERVICE

Any member wishing to be listed in the ancestry service should please follow these directions.

1. On 1 sheet of paper make an alphabetical list of the surnames on your tree. (Parent, grandparent, etc. DO NOT list their children) Use maiden name for all females.
2. On a 2nd sheet of paper begin with the first surname on the list, starting with the relative closest to you and working backwards in time. Chart name, (spouses name in parentheses), birth place, birth date, marriage place, marriage date, death place, death date, and your membership number.

3. Repeat the process for the second surname on your list, the third, the fourth, and etc.
 4. All lines, with the exception of members married surnames, will begin with a female name.
 5. Members may find it easier to work with just a portion of their list at a time. For example; all the A,B, & C surnames, sending in additional charts later. PLEASE TYPE if possible.
 6. Your name address and membership number (if known) should be on the bottom of each sheet.
- The surname list will not be printed in "B&T" but will be filed with the ancestry service committee, enabling them to know in advance how many members are working on a given surname, or how many charts will be soon arriving. The chart with the surname worked backwards through time is what will be published, along with other charts of the same surname. Additional charts may be sent in at any time.

As there is at this time, only 2 people working on this ancestry service, it may become necessary to change the above directions to include your sending in two sets of both charts: One to each of us on the service. In the meantime, send charts and lists as follows:
Members whose last names begin A_M send to: Mrs Carol Church, Westminster West, RFD 3, Putney, VT 05346. Members whose last names begin N_Z send charts to: Mrs Mary P Woodman, 402 Comet Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739.

Even though the Ancestry service committee may be enlarged and may have several out-of-state members, a central file of ALL charts and lists received will be kept by the editor.

Charts of 3 members are included in this issue. Additional charts and lists were received after our deadline date and will appear in the winter issue. Next issue will begin with GOODALE. The ancestry service will work if YOU will work. Won't you send in your charts & lists soon?

APPLE ORCHARD:

ANCESTRY SERVICE

NAME	B.P.	DATE	M.P.	DATE	D.P.	DATE	MEM.#
ARNOLD							
Eliz. (Thos.Hopkins Sr)	Eng	1611			R.I.	1683	A-414
Joanna (Wm.Hopkins)	Eng	1577					A-414
Wm. (Christian Peake)	Eng	1587				1676	A-414
Thos. (Alice Gulley)	Eng	c1550					A-414
AVERY							
Hannah (Jn.Metcalf)		c1677		1701	Conn	1755	A-288
BACKUS							
Sarah (Jn.Reynolds)			Conn	c1650			A-288
William	Eng				Conn	c1664	A-288
BARET							
Margaret (Simon Huntington)			Eng	1627	Conn		A-288
Chris. (Eliz.Clarke)	Eng	c1562	Eng				A-288
Wm. (Margaret Pettyshall)					Eng	1565	A-288
Wm. (Margaret Love)					Eng	1547	A-288
John (Joan --)					Eng	1513	A-288
BEHAN							
Mary (Harry Ingalls)	NY	1904	NY	1930			A-414
Dan'l (Catherine Colligan)	NY	1865	NY	1901	NY	1943	A-414
Michael (Mary Healey)	Ire	1815		1856	NY	1893	A-414
BEMIS							
Eliz.(Jn.Bigelow)	Mass	c1687	Mass	1702	Mass	1734	A-288
Ephraim (Eliz. --)		1656					A-288
Jos.(Sarah --)	Eng	1619		c1642	Mass	1684	A-288
BIGELOW							
Amelia Albina(Egbert Magoon)	NY	1848	NY	1879	NY	1890	A-288
Andrew Frank(Marion Purmort)	NY	1824	NY	1847	NY	1887	A-288
James (Lucretia Frank)	Vt	1790		1823	NY	1879	A-288
Joel (Abigail Call)	Mass	1747		1775	Vt	1815	A-288
Benj. (Love Wood)	Mass	1709	Mass	1735	NH	1771	A-288
Jno. (Eliz.Bemis)	mass	1679		1702		1745	A-288
Joshua (Eliz.Flagg)	Mass	1655	Mass	1676	Mass	1745	A-288
John (Mary Warren)	Eng	1616	Mass	1642	Mass	1703	A-288
BIRD							
Dorothy (Tho.Lord)	Eng	1588	Eng	c1610	Conn	1676	A-288
Robt. (Amy --)		c1555			Eng	1622	A-288
BROWN							
Phoebe (Tho.Lee)	Eng	1620			Conn	1664	A-288
Wm. (Jane Burgis)	Eng	c1585	Eng	1611	NY	1650	A-288
Jos.(Margery Patching)	Eng	c1562	Eng	1584	Eng	1633	A-288
Wm. (Magdalen --)	Eng	1534	Eng		Eng	1613	A-288
BULLARD							
Charlotte(James Granger)	NY	c1811	NY	c1835			A-288
BURGIS							
Jane (Wm.Brown)			Eng	1611			A-288

BURR							
Juliette (Geo. Merritt)	NY	1835	NY	1865	NY	1907	A-288
Rufus Jr (Matilda Lincoln)		c1789	VT	1816	NY	1854	A-288
BUTMAN							
Hannah (John Masters)	Mass	1706	Mass	1729			A-288
Jos. (Rebecca Stone)	Mass	1672		1698			A-288
Jeremiah (Esther Lambert)			Mass	1659			A-288
CHANDLER							
Mary (Edw. Shipman)			Conn	1663	Conn	1704	A-288
CLARK (E)							
Eliz. (Chris. Baret)							A-288
Allen (---)							A-288
Eliz. (Wm. Pratt)		c1621	Conn	c1637		1678	A-288
John (Mary Coley)					Conn	1673	A-288
Mary (Sam'l Huntington)	Conn	1666	Conn	1686	Conn	1743	A-288
John (Rebecca Marvin)			Conn	c1660	Conn	1712	A-288
Sarah (Simon Huntington)		c1632	Conn	1653	Conn	1721	A-288
COLE							
Mary (Richard Lowden)		1618		c1640		1683	A-288
Rice/Ryce (---)	Eng					c1645	A-288
Isaac (Joanna --)	Eng	1606			Mass	1674	A-288
COLEY							
Mary (John Clark)							A-288
COLLIGAN							
Catherine (Dan'l Behan)	NY	1872	NY	1901	NY	1947	A-414
Edw. (Mary Lavin)	NY	c1850					A-414
Patrick (---)	Ire	c1825					A-414
COLT							
Eliz. (Tristram Sprague)							A-288
CORNING							
Remember (Nat'l Stone)		c1640		c1658			A-288
Sam'l (Eliz. ---)	Eng	c1616				1694	A-288
CRAWFORD							
Rebecca (Sam'l Sprague)				1655			A-288
John (Winifred ---)						1634	A-288
CALL							
Abigail (Joel Bigelow)		1758		c1775	Can	1849	A-288
James (Hannah Masters)	Mass	1728		1757	Vt	1807	A-288
Sam'l (Abigail Sprague)		1698				1747	A-288
John (Martha Lowden)	Mass	1658	Mass	1681	Mass	1713	A-288
John (Hannah Kettell)							A-288
Tho. (Bennett Harrison)	Eng	1597				1676	A-288
BICKINSON							
Mary (Elisha Reynolds)		1725	RI	1758		1793	A-288
John (Mary Phillips)							A-288