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GSV ELECTIONS

The 1994 Oct 29th meeting will have the first election for the GSV Board under the recently ratified by-laws. The election procedure has changed to allow *all* GSV members' voices to be heard. There is a ballot on the enclosed green sheet. All GSV members are urged to vote for your choice. Please send back that portion of the green sheet containing only the ballot *to the address on that portion*. If you are coming to the meeting and want to, you may bring your ballot and present it to the president by 9:45 am. The votes will be tallied and announced at the business meeting.

Since all GSV members may not know the candidates, the following brief descriptions for each nominated person are included. Congratulations go out to Joann Nichols (chair) and her Nominating Committee members Margaret Jenks and Marjorie Walker. You all did a fine job!

Scott A Bartley, a native Vermonter and now a resident of Boston, has been active in genealogy since 1971, professionally since 1984. Scott is the archivist for the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. He lectures nationally on genealogy and archival issues. His specialty is Vermont genealogy before 1850. He has written, researched or edited several books and writes

reviews for two national genealogical journals. His most notable book is the *Vermont Families in 1791, Volume 1*, GSV's first special publication (excluding the bicentennial pamphlet). He is working on volume two and several other genealogical and archival projects. He has been president of GSV since 1993.

John Leppman, of Bellows Falls, is a physician serving Springfield Hospital and the Bellows Falls village. John's interests are Vermont history and bibliography, and genealogy. He has amassed a fine collection of Vermontiana which is recognized by bibliographers nationally. He has served on the GSV Board since 1993 and on various committees. He is best known to GSV members as the Book Review Editor for *Branches & Twigs* since 1979. He is president of the Rockingham Meeting House Association and active statewide in the medical field.

Kathy Wendling, a native Vermonter who has 35 years of experience in genealogy, is a cook for the Mertens House in Woodstock. Kathy has been a member of the GSV Board since 1991 and has served on several committees. She is the writer of a weekly column called "Historically Speaking" in the *Vermont Standard* of Woodstock VT. In her spare time, she desktop publishes books and pamphlets. Currently, she is

abstracting the vital records from the *Vermont Mercury*, a Woodstock paper, from 1837-1852.

Mary Pat Brigham, of Montpelier, was a past Librarian Assistant at the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier for seventeen years. Mary Pat moved to Vermont in 1968, but her interest in Vermont genealogy preceded that. She travels widely, is an avid bird-watcher and an active choir member. She is actively engaged in pursuing her children's ancestry. She has been on the GSV Board since 1991.

Janet Induni, of Colchester, is an Import Specialist for the U.S. Customs Service in St. Albans. Janet moved to Vermont in 1988 from Montréal. She has been active in genealogy since 1984 tracing her Vermont ancestry. She sings in the Colchester Community Chorus. She has served in the past as treasurer for other non-profits in Québec.

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GSV-NHSOG MEETING

The Genealogical Society of Vermont and the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists welcome all to their joint meeting at the Radisson Inn North Country, off I-89, Exit 20, at Airport Road, West Lebanon NH on Oct 29, 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Annual Meeting Schedule

- 9:00 Registration and exhibits
 9:45 GSV business meeting followed by NHSOG business meeting
 10:45 Jane Fletcher Fiske, *Tracing your Vermont ancestors back to Rhode Island*
 11:45 Luncheon in Radisson Ballroom
 1:15 Jeff Miller, *Genealogical evidences in Phineas Stevens' account books, 1751-1755 (merchant & resident at Fort No. 4, Charlestown NH)*
 2:30 Michael Lee, *When was it made? Identifying historic photographs*

Speakers

Jane Fletcher Fiske is a professional genealogist who specializes in Rhode Island research. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists (FASG). She works for the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston as the editor of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* and also edits *Rhode Island Roots* for the Rhode Island Genealogical Society. She published *Thomas Cooke of Rhode Island* (1987), winner of the first Literary Award from the Connecticut Society of Genealogists in 1988.

Jeff Miller is the co-administrator of the Fort at Number Four Living History Museum for the past nine years. He portrays a traditional blacksmith there and for the previous eleven years at the Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge MA. He is part of a research team who have been transcribing the account book of Phineas Stevens over the past two years. The team has completed the transcription and is analyzing the record to understand where Stevens bought his goods and to whom he sold his wares. The goal of the team is to use what they have gleaned into interpretive learning at fort. They hope to publish the transcription and their analysis of it in the future.

Michael Lee is a specialist in the conservation of paper and photographs at the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in Andover MA. He is one of a small number of professionals specializing in the treatment of the wide variety of modern and historic photographic media. He has been on staff at NEDCC since 1984 and has lectured on the care and treatment of photographic materials to both professional and lay audiences on the treatment of Ansel Adams mural photographs and the identification of photographic material. He is a member of the American Institute for Conservation.

Vendors

Just Black and White, Portland ME
 NEHGS, Boston MA
 Parker River Books, Newbury MA
 PC Ancestry, Green ME
 Skeleton Closet, Louisville KY

Directions

Take exit 20 off I-89 in West Lebanon. Go south on Route 12A about one block. Turn left onto Airport Road and follow signs.

Cost

\$10 member of GSV or NHSOG; \$12.50 for non-member; \$5 for lecture only (includes coffee and donuts). Select grilled chicken or steamed vegetable platter.

NERGC MEETING

New England Regional Genealogical Conference is set for Burlington VT on 1995 Oct 12 - 15. GSV is sponsoring Jeff Marshall, UVM Archivist and Manuscripts Curator at UVM's Bailey-Howe Library to speak on the Vermontiana holdings and its uses by genealogists. GSV has requested the conference speakers to include Scott A Bartley, to lecture on Vermont with possible bus transportation to Middlesex and Montpelier for Friday, and Veronique Gassette, to lecture on French-Canadian genealogy. More news to follow in later issues.

B&T BACK ISSUES

New price for back issues of *B & T!!!* Each issue is \$2 (including postage). Currently available are: Volumes 11:4; 12:2-5; 13:*all*; 14:*all*; 15:1-3; 16:1-2, 4; 17:4; 18:*all*; 19:4; 20:*all*; 21:*all*. Your checks should be made out to GSV and sent to: GSV Back Issues, PO Box 422, Pittsford VT 05763.

DEADLINES !

GSV Dues *Immediately*
 Meeting Registration *Oct 15th*
 Election ballot *Oct 20th*

Please mail your coupons in early and to the correct place!

