GSV had a booth at the Barre Genealogy Group’s Genealogy Fair, held on Saturday November 2, 2019, at the Old Labor Hall in Barre. It was a relatively small affair, but we made a few sales and met many interesting people. Thank you to Marianne Kotch, the organizer of the event, for the invitation to attend. The Barre Genealogical Group meets on the third Thursday of the month, from September through May, at 11 a.m. at the Aldrich Public Library in Barre. If you know of any similar events or groups, around the state, please let me know.

GSV’s Spring Membership meeting will be held in June of 2020, and our Fall Membership meeting will be held in October 2020. The fall meeting will be in conjunction with the Vermont Historical Society (VHS), and will be held at the Vermont History Center in Barre. Both meetings are still in the early planning stages, so there will be additional information regarding dates and registration information, etc., in upcoming Newsletters and on our website genealogyvermont.org.

Another upcoming event in the spring of 2021 is the 16th New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC). The theme of the conference is “Springing From the Past Into the Future,” [see the just released graphic on page 5] and it will be held on April 14-17, 2021, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. The three featured speakers of the conference are: Angie Bush, DearMYRTLE and John Grenham. GSV will provide a sponsored speaker and we will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall. For those who have not attended a conference before, we urge you to do so. GSV, as member of the consortium that puts on the conference, is required to provide 25 hours of volunteer time. We would greatly appreciate the donation of some of your time to help us meet our requirement, which can be a challenge for smaller societies. So put your expertise to work at the Ancestors Roadshow, or if you are planning to attend a session, consider helping out as room monitor, or doing a speaker introduction, or helping out at registration, etc. For additional information on consortium and the 2021 conference, please check out the newly updated website nergc.org.
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The GSV Board has negotiated an agreement to grant the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), of Boston, Mass., an exclusive license for online distribution of back issues of the society's scholarly journal Vermont Genealogy on AmericanAncestors.org. A provision in the agreement has been made to insure access for GSV members who are not NEHGS members, via a members-only link from our website. Thank you to publication chair John A. Leppman for spearheading an agreement beneficial to both societies, and thank you to our webmistress Diantha Howard for providing technical assistance. GSV retains ownership of the Journal, and the right to republish and sell paper copies. For those wishing to purchase paper copies of the back issues, now is a great time to complete your collection. There is nothing quite like holding a paper copy of a book or journal in hand. We are offering back issues at a special sale price of buy one and get one of equal or lesser value free. The back issues on sale are everything through volume 22: 2 [see page 2 for further details].

Many newer members may not realize that the member-only section of the GSV website contains digitized versions of the complete run of our earlier publication: Branches & Twigs. While some of the material may be out of date, there is still much valuable information in the back issues of B&T. Paper copies are still available for many of the issues and the Index to Branches & Twigs, 1972—1995, by Robert M. Murphy is available for purchase at the special sale price of $20.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President

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Walton’s Daily Journal (Montpelier, Vt.), 28 October 1848, p. 3
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (13 November 2019), What began as a humble state family history society over a century ago, today has blossomed into a global organization that continues to help millions of people make inspiring family connections. FamilySearch, formerly the Genealogical Society of Utah, is celebrating the commencement of its 125th Anniversary today. The international nonprofit is grateful to have played a part in the meteoric rise of consumer interest in family history and helping to enrich the lives of millions of people in ways that were not anticipated in the beginning.

**FamilySearch Celebrates 125th Anniversary**

The Genealogical Society of Utah was established on November 13, 1894, under the direction of Wilford Woodruff, the 4th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Franklin D. Richards was appointed as the society’s first president. The purpose of the society was to help its members (who were predominantly immigrants from Europe) to gather genealogical records from their homelands so they could remember and build their ancestral connections.

**FamilySearch (1894 – 2019)**

“What started out as a small conservator of genealogical books has morphed today into a full complement of free online services in 10 languages, including a collaborative family tree, billions of searchable historical records, the ability to digitally preserve family memories (stories, photos, audio files, and documents), online help, and ever-expanding partner relationships,” said Stephen Valentine, senior vice president of FamilySearch International.

FamilySearch’s remarkably long and successful dedication to its cause can be attributed—in part—to the fact that it is a nonprofit subsidiary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Church believes family relations can extend beyond death, and that strong families are key to healthy communities. The experiences FamilySearch creates through its products and services support those beliefs, and are freely accessible and helpful to people from all walks of life worldwide.

**The Power of Knowing Your Ancestral Roots**

Discovering one’s family roots has morphed over the past 125 years. Millions of consumers are now using online genealogy services like FamilySearch to better understand who they are and to satisfy their curiosity regarding their heritage. Convenient access to innovative genealogical services like DNA testing, unsurpassed volumes of historical records online, and the proliferation of family history-related reality TV shows have no doubt fueled the boom of consumer interest in genealogy. New York Times bestselling author, Bruce Feiler, reiterates this principle in his book “The Secrets of Happy Families.” He teaches that the most important thing you can
do for your family is to develop strong family narratives or histories that help provide a sense of identity for family members through time. Personal stories and detailed family histories are powerful and important and need to be remembered and shared he says. A related Emery University study concluded that the more children know about their larger family, the better prepared they are to deal with life’s challenges.

Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch, is quick to remark that FamilySearch is not alone on its journey. He credits success and longevity to the involvement of a growing community of partners—innovative tech companies, archives, governments, societies, and other entities. “We are seeing such an amazing growth of new technical breakthroughs and creative services from our partners and others. We are excited about the potential for every person on earth to tell and preserve their personal stories, to discover a better sense of who they are, and make more and more family connections for rising generations,” said Rockwood.

Discover your personal and family history today for free at FamilySearch.org.
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*Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 2.* Scott A. Bartley, ed., 1997, 304 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 5; **Sale price $10**. This second volume covers 107 families, has improved formatting and more complete information on the third generation of early Vermonters.

*Vital Records of Putney, Vermont to the Year 1900.* Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens, 1992, 406 pp. Item No. GSV 2; $27.00 members, $30.00 non-members. This is a complete compilation from all primary sources available in the town. This is augmented by the ministerial records of the pastors who served as early as 1776.

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*Georgia, Vermont Vital Records.* Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound. Item No. GSV 4; **Sale Price $15**. This volume presents all births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials recorded in the town. All the civil books were transcribed as well as the records from the Georgia Plains Baptist Church, Congregational Church, and Methodist Church of Georgia and (Continued on page 7)

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Index to Branches & Twigs, 1972—1995. Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 7; Sale Price $20. This is the every-name index to GSV’s Branches & Twigs, published for 24 years in 96 issues. The 180,000 entries include every genealogically important name mentioned in every issue. Separate sections of this work list the coverage of each Apple Orchard installment, and provide a full author and title index to book reviews. Branches & Twigs included large quantities of information of interest to family historians.

Sudbury, Vermont: Genealogies, Vital Records, and Census Records. Mary Ann Z. Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 8; Sale Price $20. This book is a comprehensive transcription of census and vital records for Sudbury, plus carefully compiled genealogies of families. This book is among the very best genealogical resources about a Vermont town. This is a cooperative publication between GSV and Picton Press.

A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy, 2nd edition. John A. Leppman, 2005, softbound. Item No. GSV 11; $9.00 members, $10.00 non-members. (Mail orders should add $1.50 for postage and handling, not the $3.50 normally charged.) This is a new edition of A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy was released in April 2005. It includes more listings than the first edition, most published since 2000. It is keyed to Scott Andrew Bartley’s Genealogies Found in Vermont Histories (Vol. 10, No. 1 of Vermont Genealogy, also designated GSV publication number 10.).


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