GSV’s fall membership will be held on October 28, 2017, at the Williamstown Masonic Lodge, 111 Brush Hill Rd. Williamstown (see page 3 for directions) Registration begins at 9 am and the annual business meeting is at 9:30 am. The speakers are: Michael F. Dwyer, FASG: The Importance of Complete Civil War Pensions. Michael J. Haugh, MD: The 1778 Battle of Shelburne: At Peirson’s Farm and John A. Leppman, MD: What Your Vermont Ancestors Read in the Newspaper. There will be a catered luncheon at noon. The registration deadline of October 20th on the postcard and email which were sent to our membership is so I have a headcount for the luncheon. However, if you would still like to attend and have not registered, please send me an email at Stevens@vermontel.net indicating that you will be attending. Michael F. Dwyer, FASG of Pittsford, teaches history and English at Otter Valley Union School in Brandon. In 2004 he was named Vermont Teacher of the Year. He has published articles have appeared in the Register, The American Genealogist, American Ancestors, The Maine Genealogist, Rhode Island Roots, and Vermont Genealogy, among others. In 2014, he was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. He was appointed Editor of Vermont Genealogy in 2016, and he is also Assistant Editor of Rhode Island Roots and a Contributing Editor to The Maine Genealogist and The American Genealogist.

Michael J. Haugh, M.D, is a retired neurologist who has a life long love of history and genealogy. He lives in Oklahoma with his wife of 55 years and has 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren. He graduated from Westminster College in Fulton Missouri with a BA degree and Saint Louis University with his MD. Dr. Haugh served in the Navy as a neurologist gaining a rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was in private neurology practice for 33 years in Oklahoma. After retirement, he joined the OK-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team first serving during Hurricane Katrina. He also volunteers with his local Medical reserve corp. and received the Outstanding Responder Award for 2013.

John A. Leppman, M.D. of Bellows Falls, is a semi-retired physician. He has amassed a fine collection of Vermontiana, which is recognized by bibliographers nationally, and is the author of A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy. He has served as the Book Review Editor since 1979, first in Branches & Twigs and later in Vermont Genealogy. He has served on the GSV Board since 1993 and is a former president of GSV and is the GSV Publications Chair and is currently the president of the NERGC and it the president of the Rockingham Meeting House Association.

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According to the Vermont Vital Record Card Index Lorra Walter, the daughter of Luman Walter was born in Newark, Vt., on 15 May 1821. (upper left) The card asks for the “Maiden Name of Mother,” and in most towns the given name is stated, even when the surname was unknown. However the entry here seems to be a much more literal interpretation of the question as “no record” was written. The original record in the town records, not only lists the mother’s given name as Harriet [sic] it states that Lorra was not born in Newark, but in Crown Point, N.Y. “Lorra Daughter to Luman and Harriet [sic] Walter Born at Crownpoint [sic] in the State of Newyork [sic] May 15th 1821-Received for Record March 25th 1822 A True Entry Attest] Miles Coe Town Clerk.” [Newark, Vt., Vital Records, 1: 35] (middle left) Luman Walter married Harriet Howard in Andover on 3 November 1819. [Andover, Vt., Town Records, 2: 191] (bottom of the page) The Newark town records confirmed my suspicion that Lorra was the daughter of Harriet (Howard) Walter, information that was lacking in the card index.

Luman Walter is best known for his connection to Joseph Smith’s discovery of the Golden Plates. Walter moved to Sodus, N.Y., and served as a seer for a treasure digs in neighboring Palmyra. Abner Cole, the editor The Reflector, under the name Obadiah Dogberry, Esq. wrote a parody of the “Book of Mormon” called the “Book of Pukei,” in which he described the role of “Walters [sic] the Magician.” The obituary of Luman Walter, published in the 13 June 1860 issue of the Auburn Weekly Union stated: “Dr. L. Walters, for many years known as a successful but eccentric practitioner of the medical profession, died at his residence at Bethel, Ontario Co., on Saturday last. He styled himself a seer or clairvoyant doctor, and has affected many very wonderful cures. He only required the name and age of his patient to enable him to give a complete diagnosis of the case without seeing the person.”

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Registration: Begins 9am
Annual Business Meeting: 9:30am

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Luncheon at Noon

John A. Leppman, MD: “What Your Vermont Ancestors Read in the Newspaper”

Registration is $25 for GSV members and $30 for non-members. Please send a check to: Genealogical Society of Vermont, 2962 Vermont Route 12A, Braintree, VT 05060-8779, by October 20, 2017.

Directions:
From the North: I-89 exit 5. Left on Rte. 64 about four miles to town. Brush Hill Road is a sharp left off Rte. 64 a little way before the end of Route 64 and the center of town. The Lodge is on the left behind a white ranch house and across road from Williamstown Elementary School.

From the South: I-89 exit 5. Right off Rte. 64 and proceed as above.

From North or South via Route 14: Proceed to center of town. Turn right or left onto Route 64 (Brook St.). Brush Hill Rd. is the first right. See directions from North above.
SAINT ALBANS MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW “FARMING FRANKLIN COUNTY”

The Saint Albans Museum is pleased to announce the development of a new exhibition, “Farming Franklin County,” which will explore the history and heritage of agriculture in St. Albans and greater Franklin County.

The purpose of this project is to tell story of the people and places that define rural life, agricultural/food production, and farming practices in our community, as well as those of local affiliated businesses and organizations.

A committee of Museum members and community volunteers has been formed to research, develop, and install the exhibit - which will debut just prior to the 2018 season opening next May.

“We are looking forward to telling the story of Franklin County agriculture. The economic and social importance, its technology and science, the people, and what time has changed in producing our food and fiber will all be highlighted,” said Don McFeeters, Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Museum.

The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this project. If you have a photograph, special memory, document, or artifact to contribute, please call 802-527-7933 or email museum@stamuseum.org to schedule an appointment to make a donation. We ask that all contributions include a story explaining the material or item when possible.

SAM is also seeking sponsors to help finance this important local history effort - contact the Museum for more information about how you can become involved.

“Historically, Saint Albans has been known as a capital city for butter, maple, and dairy products” said Alex Lehning, SAM’s Executive Director. “The agricultural impact of our area was - and is - significant throughout New England and the US. This exhibit will document those essential contributions by our community from farm to table - and everywhere in between.”

The Saint Albans Museum was founded in 1966 (as the Saint Albans Historical Society), and is dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and heritage of Saint Albans and northwest Vermont through programs, exhibitions, performances, and special events.

Contact:
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