FALL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held jointly with the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists at the Radisson Inn North Country in West Lebanon NH on 1994 Oct 29. Each organization held its own business meeting. The GSV business meeting was called to order by president Scott Bartley at 9:40 am.

Scott offered thanks to Posey Godfrey for handling the local arrangements. The treasurer's report, submitted by Linda Drummond, was accepted as read. A round of applause was given to Linda for her eight years of service to GSV. The secretary's report, submitted by Mary Pat Brigham, was accepted as read.

George Sanborn presented the Publication Committee report. He noted the delay in the publication of Vermont Families in 1791, Volume 2 as mentioned in a previous newsletter. Other projects under consideration are abstracts from The Vermont Mercury, a Woodstock paper; abstracts from the Bennington Banner; and style sheets for record abstraction. The Committee hopes to give a new look to Branches & Twigs and is soliciting recommendations from the membership. It was asked when Vermont Families in 1791, Volume 1 will be reprinted, but no answer could be given. Members asked what will be in Volume 2. The reply was write-ups of about 200 new families with additions and corrections to Volume 1. The status of a new book on Georgia vital records was raised. It is now in process.

Joann Nichols, chair of the Nominating Committee, submitted the final vote as follows:

President:
Scott Bartley .......... 193
John Leppman .......... 2
Kathy Wendling .......... 1
William Bulger .......... 1

Vice President:
John Leppman .......... 117
Kathy Wendling .......... 76
spoiled .................. 4

Recording Secretary:
Mary Pat Brigham ....... 194
Scott Bartley .......... 2

Treasurer:
Janet Induni .......... 193
Mary Pat Brigham ....... 2

204 ballots cast

An announcement about the New England Regional Genealogical Conference in South Burlington (noted on page 2) was given. A question from the floor queried GSV's policy on advertisements in Branches & Twigs. Ads are not currently accepted. This is a valid issue for the Publication Committee when it reviews our journal.

The GSV business meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. It was followed by the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists' business meeting. The lecturers began at 10:50 am.

The highly successful program brought together about 120 genealogists, three lecturers (Jane Fletcher Fiske, Jeff Miller and Michael Lee) and seven vendors. The event received many glowing comments from attendees. The lunch was served in the hotel's atrium.
NERGC NEWS

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference is set for the Sheraton Conference Center in South Burlington VT on 1995 Oct 12 - 15. For those who have never experienced a major conference, now is your chance! The event attracts over 700 people, more than 15 vendors and features 36 lectures of local and national note.

The hotel is pressing for more pre-registrations for this conference because of the busy season. If you plan to attend, please help out by making your reservation today! Remember, you can always cancel it at any time. To reach the Burlington Sheraton Conference Center, call 1-800-677-6576 and mention the conference. The rate is $99.

NEWS NOTES

The Vermont Historical Society is updating its list of genealogists for hire. The list is distributed to correspondents, researchers in the library and other institutions such as the Vermont Department of Libraries for their distribution. The fee for inclusion on this list is $15 for VHS members and $25 for non-members. Please respond by 1995 Jan 15. Contact Paul Carnahan, Librarian, Vermont Historical Society, 109 State Street, Montpelier VT 05609-0901 or call (802) 828-2291. [Carnahan letter]

4 Corners Ancestor Fair scheduled for 1995 Jul 21-22 in Springdale AR. Last year over 1000 attended. For information, please contact 4 Corners, 509 W Spring Street, Fayetteville AR 72701. [4CAF flyer]

Cape Cod Genealogical Conference, a 36-lecture presentation, is scheduled for 1995 May 06-07. GSV's Scott Bartley will talk on "Outmigration from Cape Cod". For a brochure on the conference, send a SASE to CCGC, c/o Judy Fenner, PO Box 130, Centerville MA 02632. [flyer]

The New England Historic Genealogical Society announces a major conference to highlight the Society's 150th anniversary. Entitled "150 Years -- Exploring Our Heritage", the conference will prove to be an event not to be missed. Mark your calendars for 1995 Jul 13-15 for the Westin Hotel in Boston. David McCullough will be the keynote speaker and Laurel Thatcher Ulrich the special luncheon speaker, both are Pulitzer Prize winners. The conference will have over 90 presentations by leading U.S., Canadian, English and Irish genealogical speakers (including two GSV Board members and several members at large), plus state-of-the-art computer workshops and a special vendor exhibition hall. Also sponsored by NEHGS is the exhibition "The American Family: Sharing Our Heritage" at the Museum of Our National Heritage in nearby Lexington MA from 1995 Jul 02 to Nov 26. For Conference hotel rates, make your reservation before 1995 Mar 24 by calling the Westin Hotel, Copley Place at 1-800-228-3000 ($99 single / $109 double). For more information about the conference, itself, if you are not a member of NEHGS, contact the Society at (617) 536-5740 extension 202. [NEHGS flyers]

BOARD NEWS

The new Board met on Dec 10 to deal with many pressing issues. A new budget was passed and is now on track for happening earlier. The summary of the budget is:

Contract labor ............. $900
Publication Com. 1 ...... 19,500
Program Committee .... 1,200
Office supplies ............. 1,600
President's fund ........... 1,000
Auditor's fees ............... 500
Promotional expense ...... 500
NERGC expense ............ 400
Total $24,600

1 Includes editor's fees, production and mailing of journal and newsletter, grant money, etc.

The accounts were reviewed by Sanborn Associates, of Rutland, because of the change of treasurers.

New brochures will be printed to promote GSV. The non-New England exchange bulletins, previously in storage, are going to be donated to one of several national genealogical societies. GSV is donating, through the help of Leo Fleury, a set of B&T
The Board has been studying the usage and contents of the GSV Library for some time. The Board has decided that GSV should no longer burden Jean Harvie with keeping the library. The Board wishes to extend to Jean our heartfelt thanks for the many years of service.

Because missed issues of the heavy B&T are mailed first class, the Board is considering a surcharge for this situation. To help members pay their dues on time in the future, GSV may institute a separate postcard mailing.

Please take a moment to check your mailing label. If you see a "y" on your label, this means your membership has lapsed! Remit your dues of $20 by Jan 15 to keep current and receive the next issue of Branches & Twigs. This is the last reminder. Send your checks, payable to GSV, to the new treasurer, Janet Induni at: PO BOX 1553, SAINT ALBANS VT 05478.