



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.

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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*

to Northern New York American Canadian Genealogical Society in Keeseville NY.

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. Carol Church, too, for the many hours spent organizing the collection. The statistics show that the library is very seldom used. The Board voted to donate all books that fall within the collecting policy of the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) to VHS as new titles or replacement copies for worn volumes. A group has volunteered to bring GSV's list of book to VHS for the initial selection. Plans for the remainder of the collection are being worked on, but are not yet solidified. All books finally donated will be marked with a special bookplate indicating GSV as the donor. These books will be available to all GSV members during the regular hours of VHS, which is supported by a professional library staff and a library with many genealogical and historical reference material not available in GSV's library.

The Board considered the Computer Fund and some of its capital equipment. GSV owns a 286 computer, dot-matrix printer, desk and chair. Survey-

ing the needs of the current and future work of GSV, it was decided that this depreciated equipment was no longer needed by GSV. By unanimous vote, the Board gave the equipment to Linda Drummond for her eight years of service. It was determined that everyone who needs a computer for GSV work already has one personally. When the Computer Fund was initially set up, that was not the case. The Board realized that it did not have a need to buy computer equipment for GSV, the original intent of the Fund. Instead, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a computer CD-ROM workstation and an LDS FamilySearch site-license with the accompanying CD-ROMs. This station will be available to all GSV members and visiting genealogists at VHS. The Board feels that this step follows, as closely as possible, the original intent of the members who set up the Computer Fund and that the new equipment will be a great benefit to GSV members. There is still money left in the Fund.

Because of the major genealogical conference happening in South Burlington near our normal meeting date in 1995, the Board decided to move the October meeting to mid-August, a suggestion many summer residents of Vermont and GSV members have made. We may also consider moving the May meeting a few weeks earlier so the two meetings are not so

close together. Keep checking your mail box for further details!

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.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Renewed lapsed memberships cost GSV 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.**



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