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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dates to remember Vermont History Expo Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27, 2004 Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, Vermont

Note that this popular event is taking place a week later than the usual weekend date. GSV will be on hand in the genealogy building (Floral Hall), as will a number of other organizations with genealogical interests and services. If there is one can't-miss event for people interested in Vermont history, this is it.

GSV membership meeting Saturday, October 16, 2004

Save the date. More information will be coming soon.

Genealogy course October 30, 2004 Vermont History Center (Vermont Historical Society) Barre, Vermont

This day-long event will focus on the needs of the beginning genealogist. It will be co-sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society and the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Other organizations with an interest in genealogy, including GSV, will be working to make it an informative session. Particularly if you are interested in building your basic skills in genealogical research, keep this date in mind.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

March 31 to April 3, 2005

Holiday Inn By the Sea, Portland, Maine GSV is a founding member of NERGC and continues to be a supporting member of the popular series of conferences. We are trying to work things out to assure attendees that it won't snow on the coast of Maine that early spring weekend.

Publicity for genealogical events and meetings

GSV would very much like to do a better job of publicizing genealogical events

large and small in and near Vermont, including the regular meetings of formal and informal organizations devoted to genealogy. This includes local or specialinterest genealogical societies and genealogical research groups which meet at libraries and other centers around Vermont. If we have enough lead time. we want to know about any special conferences with genealogical interest or local historical society activities which focus on family history. (For obvious reasons, we can't include publicity for every local historical society meeting; we restrict these listings to meetings with particular interest to genealogy.) Be sure to include a way of contacting someone for further information.

Membership directory

A few years ago we published a directory of members, including a cross-indexed list of families they were researching. We limited its distribution to our members in order to protect privacy of names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and so forth. Many members bought copies at the low price we set to cover our costs of printing the material, but a number of copies remain unsold and are probably too far out of date to be reliable now. We would probably serve our members best by posting an updated version of this material on our Internet site, but we are reluctant to do so unless the members who are listed are comfortable having their listing on a publicly accessible site. Before we embark on such an electronic membership directory, we'd like to hear from anyone who has strong opinions one way or the other. As previously, we would not list anyone who had reservations about such an exposure of their information, but we don't want to embark on this effort if too many people would want to be excluded.

Vermont Historical Society

If you haven't visited the newly enlarged Vermont Historical Society museum in the Pavilion Building in Montpelier, be sure to do so.

THE BRATTLEBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society has just obtained the case files for the Brattleboro District of the Vermont Municipal Court from 1907 until sometime in the 1940s. There are 12 large boxes with case dockets in them. One of the BHS members is going through and organizing them and putting them into archival boxes. I have a laptop computer down there and am entering the names and case numbers into Sky Index on my computer.

These court dockets were taken to Montpelier, I think, many years ago to be microfilmed. Such court dockets were taken from all over the state. After they were filmed, they were brought to Castleton State College and put into storage. The college needed the room and some of the records were taken to the Rutland Historical Society. I don't know if all of them from throughout the state were at RHS. Someone from the RHS contacted the BHS president and asked if we wanted them. We did!

It is interesting to see the types of cases that were prosecuted in the early years. There are a lot of alcohol related charges. Some were possessing alcohol with the intent to sell. I saw one for a name I recognized and took out the paper work to look at it more closely. He was a 17 year old

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sent to the Vermont Industrial School.

HEMENWAY ON CD

Learning that Abby Maria Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer is now available on a CD-ROM, I ordered a copy from The New England Historical Genealogical Society. [See GSV Newsletter, February 2004 page 1] At once I discovered a multitude of errors. This CD was certainly not the quality expected from NEHGS. The typing of the Introduction by John Lippman & Scott Andrew Bartley was without errors, no doubt due to it having been inserted from the copy they submitted. The remainder of the CD has an unbelievable number of typing errors.

My first interest was in the Rutland County sections where I spotted typing errors on every page. One continuing error was having the "t" of "the" [i.e.. "int he" or on p. 976 "T his" and "of t his"] with the previous word. In another place, Bennington was spelled Rennington. They should have been ashamed of themselves to offer a CD that was not properly proofread. In defense of NEHGS, I do understand there are some spelling errors in the original volumes.

At once I contacted NEHGS to complain. As a long time member of NEHGS, I know all their other publications are Indiana Territory - All counties 99.99% free of typing errors. Dick Eastman replied that they were quite upset with the errors and will look into the situation. Since then, I have ordered the 2 DCs for the Corbin Collection, Western Massachusetts records. I have not spent much time on the first CD, but I just received a refund for the second, with a nice letter saying they were in the process of a more strict proof-reading. It looks like it pays to complain.

Peggy Jenks

MISSING CENSUS RECORDS.

We have all been frustrated at times not being able to find our ancestor in the early census records. These missing schedules may be the one reason. This list was compiled probably before the returns were filmed, so it may not be exact. The lists has been checked to Federal Population Censuses 1790-1890 by the National

boy and was accused of petit larceny and Archives Trust Fund Board, Washington, 1979 and to The Handy Book for Gene-Joann Nichols alogists, 8th ed., The Everton Publishers,

Missing 1800 Schedules

Georgia - All counties, nothing till 1820 Indiana Territory - All counties Kentucky - All counties Maine - Part of York County

Maryland - ?Baltimore County outside of Baltimore City

Massachusetts - Part of Suffolk Co., City of Boston

Mississippi Territory - All counties

New Hampshire - Parts of Rockingham and Strafford Counties

New Jersey - All counties, nothing till 1830

Pennsylvania - Parts of Westmoreland County

South Carolina - Richland County Tennessee - All Counties, all of 1790 lost Virginia - All counties, 1790 lost by fire The American Genealogist, XX #2, p. 121 contributed by Philip Mack Smith, B. A., Washington, DC

Missing 1810 Schedules

District of Columbia - All, probably burned by the British in the War of 1812

Georgia - All Counties

Illinois Territory - All except Randolph

Louisiana - All except Orleans Territory [The missing schedules include localities now in other States: District of St. Charles, District of St. Louis, District of St. Genevieve, District of Cape Girardeau, District of New Madrid, Settlements of Hope Field and St. Francis, Settlements on the Arkansas.]

Maine - Part of Oxford County

Michigan - All counties

Mississisppi Territory - All counties [Including Alabama.]

New Jersey - All counties, nothing to 1830

New York - Courtland County and part of **Broome County**

North Carolina - Craven, ?Green, New Hanover and Wake Counties

Ohio - All counties

Pennsylvania - Parts of Bedford, Cumberland, Philadelphia Counties

Tennessee - All except Rutherford County & Granger County

Virginia - Cabell, Grayson, Greenbrier, Halifax, Hardy, Henry, James City, King William, Lee, Louisa, Mecklenburg, Nansemond, Northampton, Orange, Patrick, Pittsvlvania, Russell and Tazewell Counties, also Alexandria County, then in DC.

TAG, XX #2, pp. 121-122

Missing 1820 Schedules

Alabama - All counties [Partial Territory

Arkansas Territory - All

Georgia - Franklin, Rabun and Twiggs Counties

Indiana - Daviess County

Maine - Parts of Penobscot County, Washington County

Missouri Territory - All

New Hampshire - Grafton County, parts of Rockingham and Strafford Counties New Jersey - All counties

North Carolina - Currituck, Franklin, Martin, Montgomery, Randolph and Wake Counties

Ohio - ?Franklin and Wood Counties South Carolina - Clarendon County

Tennessee - Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamilton, Hawkins, Jefferson, Knox, McMinn, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Rhea, Roane, Sevier, Sullivan and Washington Counties.

Virginia - Alexandria County then in DC **TAG. XV #3**

FAMILY REUNIONS

Announcements of family reunions must be received by the Newsletter editor no later than March 15 each year to be included in the May Newsletter. Be sure to include date, place, name & address of contact person. Announcements received after March 15 will be used in the August Newsletter if they are for reunions held after Sept. 1.

The Lovell Family Association (descendants of Alexander of Medfield, Mass and Thomas of Ipswich, Mass) will hold their 15th reunion on Sunday, August 8, 2004 at the Plymouth State Park in Plymouth, VT. Contact: Elisabeth Lovell Bowman, 12 Leone Road, Toms River, NJ 08755-6321: 732-349-8157: email ElisBow@aol.com - after 10 Jun: 42 Spruce Lane, Ludlow, VT 05149, 802-228-4214.

MEETINGS

2004 AGS Conference Danbury, Connecticut

June 24-27, 2004

The 2004 Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference will be held at the Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, CT. Co-hosted by the Danbury Gravestone Project and The Danbury Museum and Historical Society, Chaired by AGS/CGN member Robert Young.

A highlight will be a presentation by Dr. Cynthia Toolin on Mourning Quilts regarding the history of burial, coffin and casket quilts in the United states.

Please visit the AGS web site at: www.gravestonestudies.org for more detailed reservation and program information. Pre-registration required.

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES, LEGENDS LIVE FOR-EVER, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

September 8-11, 2004

A conference for the Nation's Genealogists. For more information call toll-free: 888-FGS-1500; fgs-office@fgs.org. To register on line at www.fgs.org

FALL VOCA MEETING

The fall meeting of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association is planned for Saturday October 2, 2004

Please visit VOCA's web site at:

http://www.sover.net/~hwdbry/voca for registration information.

[This address is correct, but if you have a problem, go to the GSV site, www.rootsweb.com/~vtgsv, then link to VOCA.]

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New England Historic Genealogical Society Programs:

GETTING STARTED

This program the first Wednesday of every month, at 12 noon and 6 p.m. at 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA. This free program gives an introduction to NEHGS, its services and ways to help you find your family roots. Tips on how to begin your own family research, tour of the newly renovated library and a chance to meet the library staff. Non-members will receive free entrance to the library. No registration is required.

GENEALOGY IN A NUTSHELL

"Nutshell" class are short (one hour) lectures on a variety of genealogical topics. They are held at 101 Newbury Street from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and repeated on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is not necessary.

NEHGS Tours & Programs

WRITING AND EDITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Saturday, April 3, 1904 This seminar is conducted by experts in the field. Lectures will include translating research notes, finer points of style and format and optional designs.

GENEALOGY AND GENETICS

Saturday, April 24, 2004
The program will feature leading genetics experts in a series of informative and uncomplicated lectures and discussions.

COME HOME TO NEW ENGLAND

June 13-20, 2004 or August 8-15, 2004 This week long program will fully acquaint you with the Society's holdings and expert staff. You will receive guided research assistance, personal consultations, informative lectures and much more.

Families of Georgia, Vermont

Contains 86 families, 924 pages \$35.00 plus \$5.00 postage. Order from: Peter Mallett P.O. Box 2001, Georgia, VT 05468

ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

Saturday June 26, 2004
This seminar will acquaint you with technological tools that will greatly aid your genealogical research.

RESEARCH TOUR TO SALT LAKE CITY

October 10-17, 2004

Participants will be aided in their research by experienced and well known genealogists from the Society's staff who have frequently used the Family History Library and its resources.

Pre-registration is required for the above programs. Contact the NEHGS Education Department, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116-3007; phone 1-888-286-3447 or 617-536-5740, ext. 226 or by e-mail education@nehgs.org or visit www.NewEnglandAncestors.org. Click on Education, then on NEHGS Events for full information.

BOOK REVIEW POLICY

Books for review should be sent to John A. Leppman, 20 Thwing Lane, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Please note the new mailing address.

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERMONT WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

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I have a 94 page Genealogy of 5 generaions of JANEWAYS, England & USA, plus Index. Anyone interested, contact: Mrs. Marjorie Cope, 113 Ridgerock Dr., Antioch, CA 94509-6224

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

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VG BACK ISSUES

Each issue is \$5 (including postage). Currently available are: Volumes 1:1-3; 2:1-4, 3:1-3, 4:1-4; 5:1-4; 6:1-4; 7:1-4; 8:1,3,4.

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Janet Induni, Treasurer

CLIPPINGS

From the collection of Mrs. John I. Jacobus, New Haven, CT. The American Genealogist, April 1930, p. 264.

The Connecticut Courant, issue of 18 Jan. 1804:

[Marriages] Athens, Vt. Silas Chapman, 15, to Susanna Powers, 13.

"Little Jack Horner sat in a corner Eating a Christmas pie,

He put in a thumb and pull'd out a plumb Crying, what a brave boy am I!"

The Connecticut Herald, 24 June 1806: [Marriages] Reuben Coffin and Polly Butt, both of Baltimore.

'Tis strange, my dear Polly, said Jenny, half scoffing,

It is strange that Miss Butt Should wish to be put

In the very same bed with her Coffin.

VERMONT FAMILIES IN 1791, Volume 1

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This award-winning first volume of a projected long series has stimulate research and guided many people to sources useful to establish their own ancestry. The goal of this series is to describe in detail the families listed in the First Federal Census taken in Vermont in 1791, the year Vermont joined the Union. Special Publication No. 1, 1992. xxvii + 281 pp., hardbound, \$30.00 Out of print.

Volume 2

Edited by Scott A. Bartley

This volume covers 107 families and has improved formatting and more complete information on the third generation. Special Publication No. 5, 1997. xlviii + 304 pp., hardbound, \$30.00

VITAL RECORDS OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT AND THE RECORDS OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

Reprinted from the rare first editions of 1908 and 1902, this is an important source for one of Vermont's oldest towns, chartered in 1752. The town records extend to 1845, church records from 1773 to 1839. New to this publication is an indispensable index of nearly 10,000 names, constructed by Christopher T. Norris and Scott A. Bartley. GSV Special Publication No. 3, 1994, 323 pp., hardbound, \$30.00

Member Research Directory

Compiled by Janet E. Induni

The directory lists addresses and interests of a majority of GSV members. Each member listed provided up to five surnames of Vermont families on which he or she might like to share information. Published in 1998 for GSV members only. 63 pp., \$3.00.

VITAL RECORDS OF PUTNEY, VERMONT TO THE YEAR 1900

Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens

This is not just a verbatim listing of such events, but a complete, concise and accurate compilation from all primary sources available in the town. This material is augmented by the ministerial records of the pastors who served from as early as 1776. Special Publication No. 2, 1992. x + 406 pp., hardbound, \$30.00

GEORGIA, VERMONT VITAL RECORDS

Edited by Peter S. Mallett

The first of its kind for northern Vermont, 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, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Methodist Church of Georgia and North Fairfax. GSV Special Publication No. 4, 1995, hardbound, \$30.00

INDEX TO BRANCHES & TWIGS 1972-1995

Edited by Robert M. Murphy

The long-awaited every-name index to GSV's Branches & Twigs, published for 24 years, 96 issues. The 180,000 name entries include every name mentioned in every issue, except those cited in connection with Society business, those mentioned in purely casual historical context, and the ancestry service ("Apple Orchard") feature, which was alphabetically arranged. Separate sections of this work list the coverage of each installment of the Apple Orchard, and provide a full author-title index to book reviews. Branches & Twigs included immense quantities of information of interest to Vermont family historians. Special publication No. 7, 2000, 572 pp., hardbound \$65.00.

WINDSOR COUNTY VERMONT PROBATE INDEX, 1778-1899

Compiled by Scott Andrew Bartley and Marjorie-J. Bartley

A comprehensive index of all files in the Probate Courts of the two districts (Windsor and Hartford) in Windsor County, Vermont, between the earliest records (1778) and the end of the nineteenth century. More than 20,000 files are indexed by the name of the major party in the case, place of residence, district, type of record, year, and volume of the bound records in which the record(s) will be found. Special publication No. 6, 2000, 560 pp., hardbound, \$50.00.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR VERMONT GENEALOGY

by John A. Leppman

A reprint, with updates and some format changes, of the series recently completed in Vermont Genealogy, listing over 500 books and other published sources about Vermont and its counties and towns which are of particular use to genealogical researchers. (Family genealogies are not included in its coverage.) A useful reference work for any Vermont researcher. Special publication No. 8, 2000, 66 pp, soft cover, \$7.50 plus \$1.50 postage

SUDBURY, VERMONT: TRAN-SCRIPTION OF VITAL RECORDS AND GENEALOGIES OF RESIDENTS

by Mary Ann Z. Wheeler

A comprehensive transcription of vital and census records for this Rutland County town, plus carefully compiled genealogies of families. This book will take its place among the very best genealogical resources available about a Vermont town. A cooperative publication of GSV and Picton Press. Special publication No. 9, 2000, 416 pp, hardbound, \$49.50

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