

SIMSBURY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER



October 1995

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Simsbury, Connecticut 06070
Phone: (203) 658-5382

Hours
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO ... AN OPEN HOUSE

Date: Saturday, November 25, 1995

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Our Library

Coffee, cookies, and donuts will be served.

Bring your friends and relatives.



NEW MICROFILM

Connecticut

1880: New London (part), Tolland, and Windham (part)
Cos.
Windham Co. (part)

New York

1880: St. Lawrence Co.

Vermont

1800: All Counties
1830: Franklin, Orleans, and Washington Cos.
Windham and Chittenden Cos.
1840: Chittenden and Essex Cos.
Franklin and Grand Isle Cos.
1850: Franklin and Grand Isle Cos.
Lamoille and Orleans Cos.

Wisconsin

1850: Lafayette Co.
Washington Co.
Waukesha and Winnebago Cos.
1860: Washington Co.
Waukesha Co.
1870: Washington Co.
Waukesha Co.

READING ROOM

Our patrons are invited to use the reading room adjacent to our library. Several hundred books have been placed on the shelves for your use. There are large picture books and copies of old issues of Atlantic Monthly, Scribner's, and Harper's from the late 1800s. Old encyclopedias, atlases, bibles, and other historical volumes make for interesting reading or browsing. Come in and enjoy the comfortable chairs and beautiful tables. It is a quiet, inviting place to spend some relaxing moments.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

The New England Connexion is a new genealogical newsletter for people with New England ancestry: find cousins to correspond with; share material; extend your lines; submit queries - we'll research. For a sample copy of the newsletter, send a large SASE, or subscribe for \$8 per year to: PO Box 621, Goshen NY 10924.

Connect on-line! *The Hartford Courant's* bulletin board now has a section for genealogy and history. Access is via modem. Dial 203-246-2425. After you have signed on and been granted access, type "/go family" to enter the forum.

From: Genealogical Society of Vermont
Newsletter, October 1995.

1800 Census
of
Simsbury, Conn.

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RESEARCH REGISTER

This section is designed to let others know what families you are researching. Maybe someone else is working on the same line as you. Submit your information in the same form as below. Include your name and address.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location(s)</u>	<u>Time Period</u>
Isaac Sanford HAWKES	Foster, RI	Born 1827
John R. GRIGGS	Voluntown, CT	Married 1850
Allen BITGOOD	Voluntown, CT	Married 1822

Submitted by: Kathleen T. H. Gresh
78 Fernwood Drive
Simsbury, CT 06070.

Thomas STEPHENS	Simsbury, CT	Early 1700s to death, 1752
Henry EDWARDS	Simsbury/Granby, CT	ca. 1770s to 1790s

Submitted by: Nellie F. Heath
41 Harrison Avenue
Glens Falls, NY 12801

Asa MESSENGER	Simsbury, CT	Born ca. 1800-1802
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Submitted by: Virginia Pearson
1310 Oakhill
Keller, TX 76248

Noah WESTON	Simsbury, CT	Appears in 1790 & 1800 Census; Born ca. 1763-73
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Submitted by: W.G. Van Hemert
3102 White Rock Drive
Austin, TX 78757-4450

CONFERENCE

New England Historic Genealogical Society-NY Genealogical and Biographical Society Joint Conference, November 17-18, 1995, at the Westchester Marriott Hotel, Tarrytown, NY. For more information, contact NEHGS, Education Dept., 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116-3087; Tel. : (617) 536-5740, ext. 202.

VERMONT

RESEARCH ADDRESSES

Vermont Public Records Division

Research Center

Drawer 33

Montpelier, VT 05633-7601

802-828-3286

Open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. except state holidays.

This is the mailing address only.

Located: General Services Administration Bldg., Rt. #2, Middlesex, VT.

[Exit #9 on Interstate 89 to Rt #2. Turn right on Rt. #2. Research center is 1/4 mile, located in building directly behind State Police barracks. Free parking. There is no food service in the building.]

Holdings:

Microfilm copies of state-wide vital records index 1760-1982.

Microfilm copies of town land, meeting and vital records to 1850 (and later for some towns).

Microfilm copies of Vermont census records 1790(1)-1880; and some for other state.

No indexes, no Soundex.

Microfilm copies of a limited number court and church records.

WPA Inventory of Vermont church records.

Vermont Historical Society Library and Museum

109 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05609-0901

802-828-2291

Open 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tue.-Fri. 9:30-4:00 Sat. except state holidays

Located: Pavilion Building (steamboat architecture) to east of State Capitol

[Exit #8 on Interstate 89. Follow signs to State House. Free off-street parking in "Reserved State Parking" lots or metered parking on street. There is no food service in the building, but numerous places to eat are within 2 blocks walk.]

Holdings:

Printed history, genealogies, family histories, town histories for Vermont and most of New England.

Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records (microfilm).

WPA Grave Index for Vermont.

Census Indexes for all of New England and New York, some for other states. No censuses.

Manuscript collection with Brigham Index.

Maps and photographs.

Vermont Department of Libraries

Reference and Law Services

109 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05609-0601

802-828-3268

Open 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. except state holidays

Located: Second floor of Vermont Supreme Court building, east of the Capitol, connected to and behind the Vermont Historical Society.

[See Vermont Historical Society for directions, parking, etc.]

Holdings:

Microfilm collection of Vermont census records through 1920, including Soundex.

Original Vermont census records 1850-1880 (not open to general research).

Microfilm collection of Vermont newspapers.

Publishes directory of town libraries. (#3).

Genealogical Society of Vermont

P.O. Box 422

Pittsford, VT 05763

VERMONT TOWNS

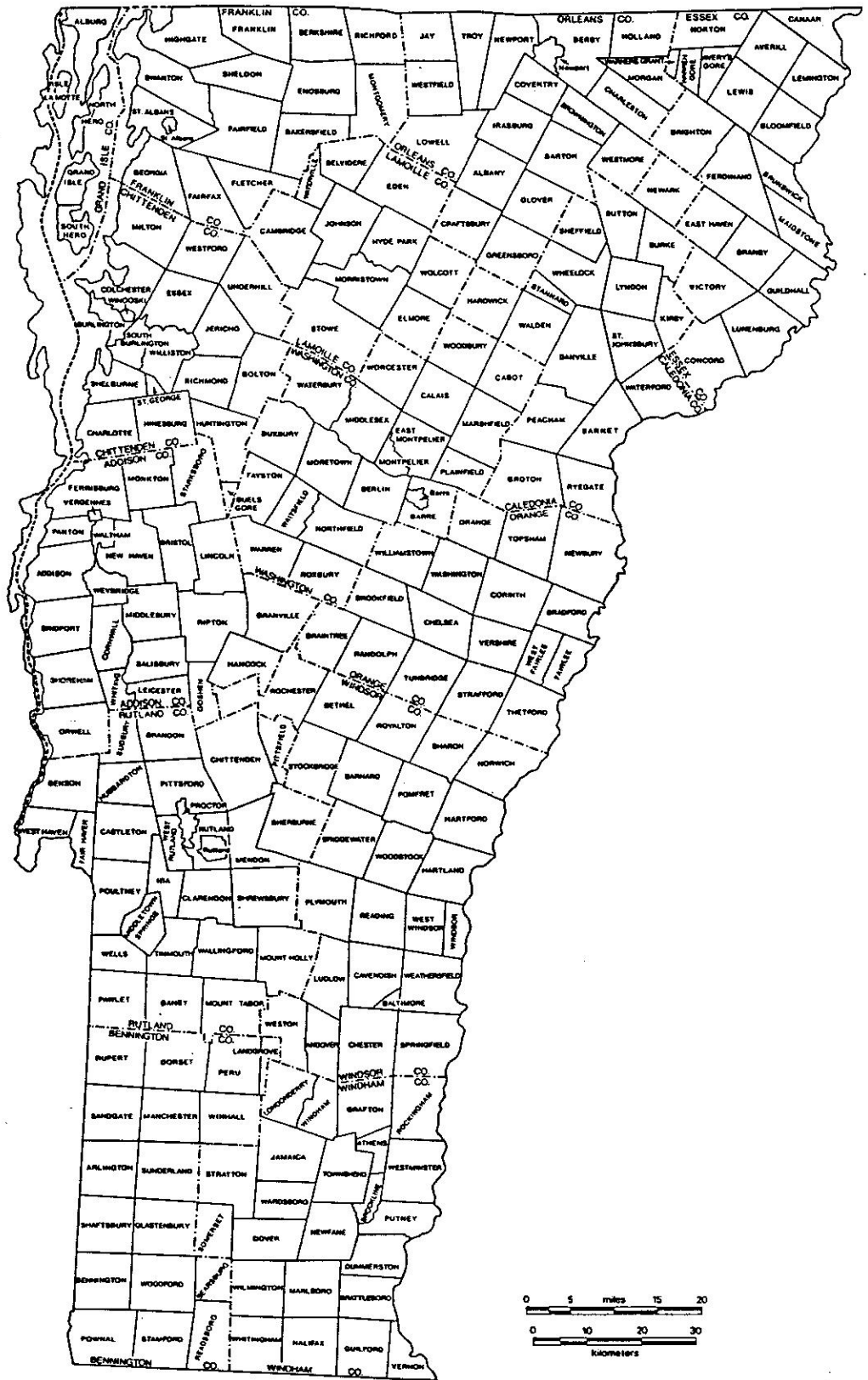
Vermont presently has 255 official political divisions ("places") in 14 counties. 237 places are chartered as towns, and nine are chartered as cities. Each town or city has an established government structure and elected representatives in the state legislature. There are also five unorganized towns, two of which were once organized, and three townships that never had large enough populations to be towns. To complete the 255 places there are four small, "leftover" tracts of land called gores which were never organized and have little or no population.

The nine Vermont cities are: Vergennes, Burlington, Rutland, Montpelier, Barre, St. Albans, Newport, Winooski and South Burlington. Vergennes, incorporated in 1788, was Vermont's first city and is the third oldest in the country. South Burlington is Vermont's newest city, created in 1971.

Within Vermont's towns there are a number of villages and other localities. There are about 50 villages that are incorporated, which means they are officially organized and have their own government within the town.

Vermont has a rich political history that forms the backdrop of the state map as it appears today. Most local affairs are handled at the town, city or village level. The annual town meeting is the manifestation of local democratic control, traditional in New England. In Vermont, the county government was established primarily as the seat of the court system. Each county does have a county seat, or shire town, (Bennington County is the exception with two "half-shires").

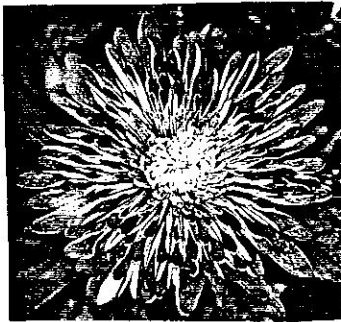
The Green Mountains are the dominant physical feature on Vermont's landscape, and for many years they formed a barrier between the eastern and western towns. This affected the state's political development. The state's capital rotated between towns east and west of the mountains for about 30 years before Montpelier became the permanent capital in 1808. Montpelier was chosen because of its central location and small, politically neutral population. For many years the state elected its governors and other officers alternately from east and west of the barrier to maintain political balance. This informal system of compromise was known as the "Mountain Rule" in Vermont's political geography.



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Paul Wilson Leak

Paul Wilson Leak, a dedicated volunteer, died on October 8, 1995 at age 79. He was associated with our library for a number of years. Paul was a valued resource, possessing a vast genealogical knowledge. Canadian and English research were his recent specialties. Many people were helped through his guidance. Paul was involved with numerous projects around the library. He organized the microfilm, designed genealogical forms, set up shelves, and refinished tables. Many of his useful suggestions have been implemented. We will miss Paul and his enthusiasm. The Leak family has requested that memorial donations be made to the Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library, P.O. Box 484, Simsbury, CT 06070.



NEW MICROFICHE

Sexton Returns for the Town of Killingly, Connecticut,
1885-1949.

Index to "Litchfield and Morris Inscriptions"(1726-1905).

Billerica, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.

Saugus, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.

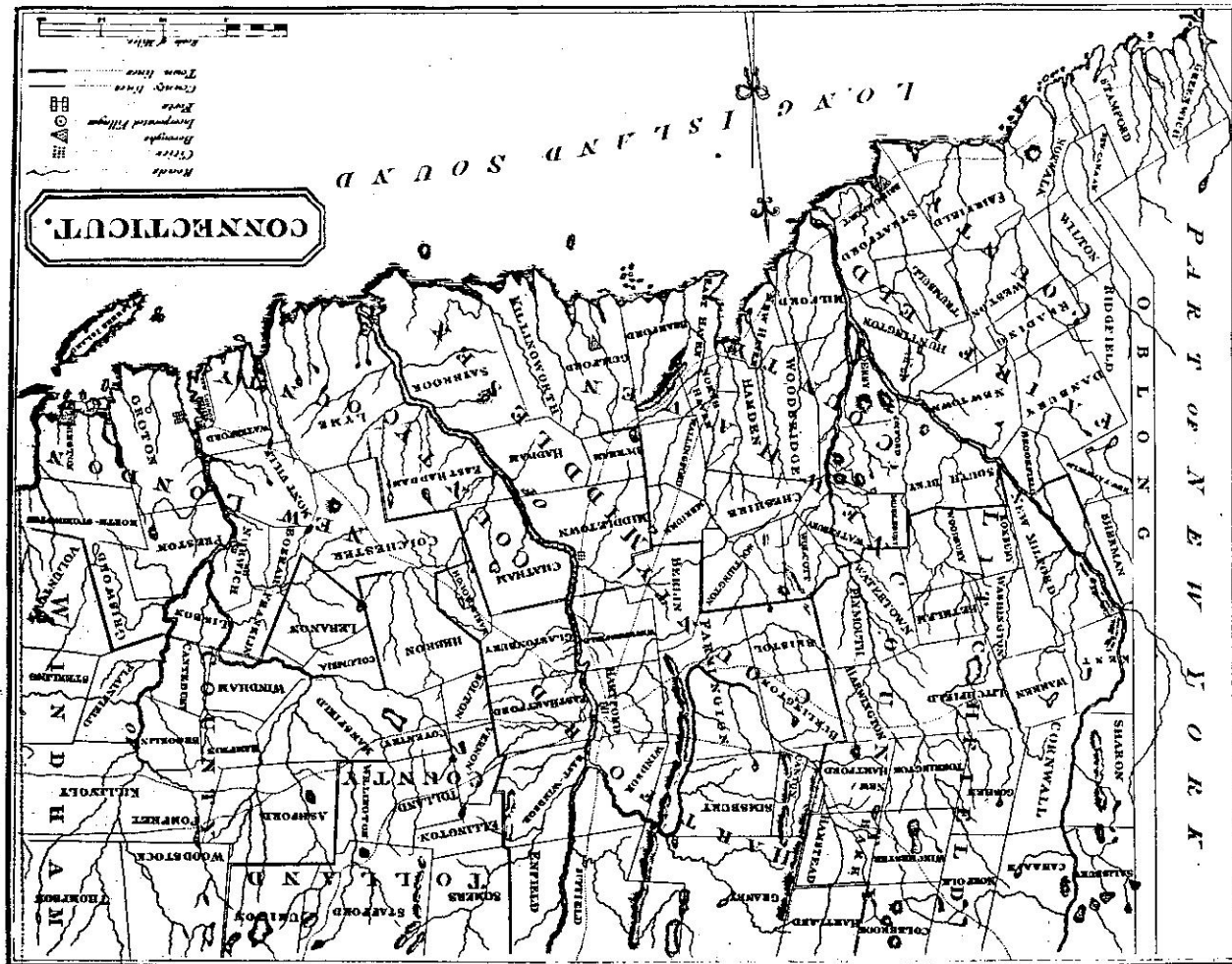
Wakefield, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.

Church of Christ, Bristol, Bristol Co., Rhode Island-1687-1775.

List of American Lutheran Church Records on Microfilm for
Norwegian, Danish, and German People.

PERIODICALS WANTED

If you have any genealogical newsletters or periodicals that you no longer need, please donate them to our library. They are very important research tools. Any material from New England or New York is especially needed.



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