



Vermont Old Cemetery Association Founded by Prof Leon Dean (1899-1982) Oct 18th 1958

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Winter 2016

I am usually complaining about the long winter by the 1st of February. In Rutland, we are still awaiting our first significant snowfall and temperatures have certainly been moderate. We did have a sighting of two robins in Pittsford recently, so maybe spring will be early this year. It was also reported in the press that some maple producers were able to boil some maple sap in January. Of course the ice fishermen are unhappy with little or no ice and we have an early start on Vermont's official mud season.

If you have a cemetery project in the works for this year, now is the time to call your volunteers and remind them of their commitment. Please send me the before and after pictures of your project so we can share them with the membership.

Last fall the West Street Cemetery fence, in Rutland was hit by a driver and was badly damaged. As the cemetery commissioner for the city, I assumed that it would be covered by our municipal insurance. Unfortunately, the cemetery was not listed under the city's policy. This could be true for many towns in Vermont and I would strongly recommend to the membership that you check with your city/town officials to see if your cemeteries are in fact, insured.

Our web site (voca58.org) and Facebook account continues to generate new members. The VOCA page is exceptional and we are fortunate to have such knowledgeable and dedicated individuals that maintain and update it! We are still looking for a secretary for the organization; please consider stepping up to help out the VOCA. As reported previously, we have had issues with the membership list. Barry Trutor has taken on the task of updating and maintaining the list and if you see an error please contact one of the officers. All VOCA officers are unpaid volunteers and I thank them for their ongoing efforts on behalf of VOCA.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our **Spring Meeting on May 7th, in Rutland, VT**
Additional information regarding the meeting is in the newsletter and the VOCA Web. If you have agenda items, please give me call at (802) 773-3253 or email tgifvt@msn.com.

Tom Giffin
VOCA President



An update from the grant administrator

Two thousand and fifteen was a good year in the grant department. There were four projects completed, with three having been awarded their grant money. One still has to submit the final paperwork. Another one applied after the window of opportunity for epoxy work, so hopefully that project will be completed in the upcoming work season. I had two inquiries about grant possibilities that I turned down because neither would have met our requirements.

I received an email inquiry from the neighbor town of New Haven outlining a possible grant project for the Munger Street Cemetery. After reading their email, I felt it was a good candidate for my husband to meet with the cemetery association members, and teach them how to do the necessary work. He and I discussed the project details. The good news is, he was successful. The project was completed with all volunteer labor and a donation of materials.

We did have one project that was not fulfilled, which was for Burlington. The city threw a curve ball, and attempted to do away with the Cemetery Commission. They attempted to place the care of the cemeteries under the Department of Parks and Recreation. Luckily for the cemeteries of Burlington, VOCA's member, webmaster, and membership director, Barry Trutor is the Cemetery Commissioner for Burlington. Barry fought long and hard, making countless phone calls, and collecting numerous "I-owe-yous" to prevent the change. The good news is Barry won the battle and the Cemetery Commission still exists, with Barry at the helm. They have applied for a grant for 2016.

I am already receiving applications for the upcoming season. Hopefully, this year will be as good as last year.

DUES

Dues are for a calendar year: 1 year \$10.00, 5 years \$40.00, and lifetime is \$200.00 (individual members ONLY). A new member joining in Oct or Nov or Dec will have the dues paid applied to the following year.

I want to make a donation to the Leon Dean Permanent Fund in the amount of \$_____.

Make check payable to **VOCA** and mail to:

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Green Mountain Folklore Society ~~potash kettle~~ epitaphs

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Newfane

Reader observe. This grave contains
Seven near relatives remains
Two parents: an ill fated pair;
Fairest their hapless offsprings were.
Names of the unhappy couple
Henry and Jerusa Sautelle
Henry one son the same
Another as we all know well
Was Thomas, and a young Joel
In age was nearly equal

And now there is seen the sequel
The oldest 14, one of the children only 2
This fate befell seven in 17 62
In a fiery disaster met their fate
At their home on Newfane Hill
No one heard their awful groans
In those hot embers and pile of stones
But inspite of this sad cremation
We hope for all, their salvation
And from that bed of coals
May God rest their souls.

Vernon

Here lies interred where Silence reigns Mr. John
Stratten's Sad Remains Samuel and Ruth once
happy were

In Him their only Son & Heir.

In January e'er the Sun

Had eight and twenty Circuits run

In Seventeen Hundred Fifty-six

With Mortals here on Earth to Mix

He first began, but lost his life

In Seventeen hundred eighty-five

The first day of June as on his Tour

Where Walpole Rapids from a roar

He to a rock went down too nigh

To peirce the Salmon passing by

The Rock's smooth Glossy Sloping Side

His feet betray'd and let him slide

Plumb down into a watery tomb-

No more to see his Native Home

His tender Parents, lovely spouse

Or his bright beauties in his House

Three little hapless female Heirs

Left to bedew his grave with Tears

Alas who can their loss repair

Or ease the widow's Soul of Care

Or furnish adequate Relief

To cure the Parent's pungent Grief

Father of mercies, hear out Call

Extend thy Pity to them all

Let momentary Ills like this

Issue in everlasting bliss.

Andover

All you who heard her voice below

Mark well your footsteps as you go.

A gift from Heaven almost divine,

Her path with virtuous borders line.

Who was killed instantly by a fall from Carriage,
in Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

Enosburg

Here lies the body of our Anna

Done to death by a banana

It wasn't the fruit that laid her low

But the skin of the thing that made her go.

Bridport

In the midst of life, we are in death

For in such an hour, as ye think not

The son of man cometh, and woe

To such as are not prepared for death.

Guilford Center

Her death was occasioned by the fall from A
horse returning from meeting on the Sabbath of
the 19 instant.

Deaths terror is the mountain faith removes, Tis
faith disarms destruction: Believe and look with
triumph on the tomb.

Brattleboro

In Memory of Mr. James Sargeant, who Fell
from his Waggon in Cambridge Port, Mass., and
was taken up dead by his Brother Eli, Dec. 22,
1819 age 31 years.

Death is a debt to nature due

Monkton

In Memory of

Medad H. & Thalia D. Hurlburt

Who was lost on Lake Michigan By the burning
of The Steamer Niagara, Sept. 25, 1856

The former aged 46 and

The latter 38 yrs.

They were lovely and pleasant in their lives And
in their death they were not divided.

North Shrewsbury

While crossing the railroad at

Cuttingsville he was thrown from

His carriage by an advancing

Engine & instantly taken from

The affections of a family and

The active duties of life.

Plainfield

This blooming Youth in Health most fair

To his Uncle's Mill-pond did repaire,

Undressed Himself and so plunged in

But never did come out again.

Fairfax

O fatal gun, why was it him
That you should kill so dead?
Why didn't you go off just a little higher
And fire above his head?

Athens

Her death was occasioned by her
Clothes taking fire while ironing.

Halifax

Mr. John Pannell killed by a tree
In seventeen hundred & seventy three
When his father did come
He said Oh My Son
Your glass is run
Your work is done.

Pittsford

How shocking to the human mind
The log did him to powder grind.
God did command his soul away
His summings we must all obey.



Spring Meeting May 7, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m. to noon - Business Meeting

Presentation is after lunch

LOCATION:

Immaculate Heart of Mary – St. Anne Hall
18 Lincoln Avenue,
Rutland, Vermont 05701

DIRECTIONS:

18 Lincoln Avenue, Rutland, Vermont. From the north or south: At the intersection of Route 4W and 7 (West Street) in the city by the park, head west 1 block. Take first right (Nichols Street). Church parking lot is immediately on the left. St. Anne's Hall is in the basement of the church.

From the east or west: Route 4 to the intersection of 7 and then to the business 4W (West Street).

MENU: Baked Ziti, Chicken Wings, Meatballs, Italian Bread, Green salad, Dessert, and Drinks. \$12.00 per person.

Please send your check by **April 23, 2016** please to: Tom Giffin, 61 East Washington Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

SPEAKER:

Bill Powers. The Vermont Old Cemetery Association will present a pictorial and narrative of Lake Dunmore's legendary "Aunt Jennie" (1856-1934). Famous for her Lake Dunmore Tea House and nearby restaurants at Brandon, and the Vermont State Fair in Rutland, Jennie's father and husband were Civil War veterans who died at early ages. Widowed and raising her family, she became a legend in tenacity and perseverance. Hear her story and see a video of her 1933 plane ride over Lake Dunmore. More than 50 photographs included. Bill Powers will tell Jennie's story on May 7, 2016, 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 18 Lincoln Avenue, Rutland, Vermont.

Footstones:

As provided by the VOCA Bylaws, Article VI-ASSISTANTS TO BOARD, Section 1: A panel of six members shall be appointed by the executive board, shall be invited to board meetings as a part of their duties, and may vote with the executive board.

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LETTERS

We have had a query about this stone.

“This tombstone has resided casually, leaning against a locust tree in a Charlotte house door-yard for at least the last 45 years.

There are no Tamblings in Charlotte or nearby. Nor, is there evidence of them in any way. We do believe, however, that there were Tamblings in Orwell. That is all we know. “

EDITOR’S NOTE: There have been some hints that the family was in the Middlebury area. If you know something more, please let us know.



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