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## French Canadian Genealogical Society Gains in Membership



President Ed McGuire of the French Canadian Genealogical Society, right, presents the 1,000th memberships cards to Jean and James Frei of Essex Junction. The Vermont French- Canadian Genealogical Society has announced that they have reached their 1,000th member since its formation in 1996.

President, Ed McGuire happily presented membership cards and a gift certificate for free attendance to the Society's 2014 Fall [Conference](#) to Jean and James Frei II of Essex Jct., Vermont.

The Vermont French- Canadian Genealogical Society was started by a small group of area residents who wanted to have a place to meet to share their resources, as well as their excitement and knowledge of genealogy. Over time our library collection has grown to over 4,000 volumes.

While our specialty is French- Canadian research we have many repertoires from Vermont, New England and New York churches. Repertoires are books containing the key information from original baptism, marriage or burial records. The facts have been translated and alphabetized to speed up searches. Members also have free access to Ancestry.com and several other subscription databases on our computers, as well as the complete Vermont Vital Records on microfilm.

In recent years we have become more inclusive with books, classes and focus groups to help you trace ancestors of other nationalities including Irish, Scottish and German ancestors. We are working on adding more resources to our website for members who cannot visit easily.

To learn more about this fascinating hobby visit our website [www.vt-fcgs.org](http://www.vt-fcgs.org) or call 802-310-9285 , to learn more about upcoming activities. You are always welcome to stop by the library any Tuesday, 3:00 to 9:30 or Saturday, 10 to 4. We are located on Hegeman Ave. in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester.