



VT- French Canadian Genealogical Society  
**2009 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE**  
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**October 24, Bio-Tek Offices, Tigan Street, Winooski, Vermont**

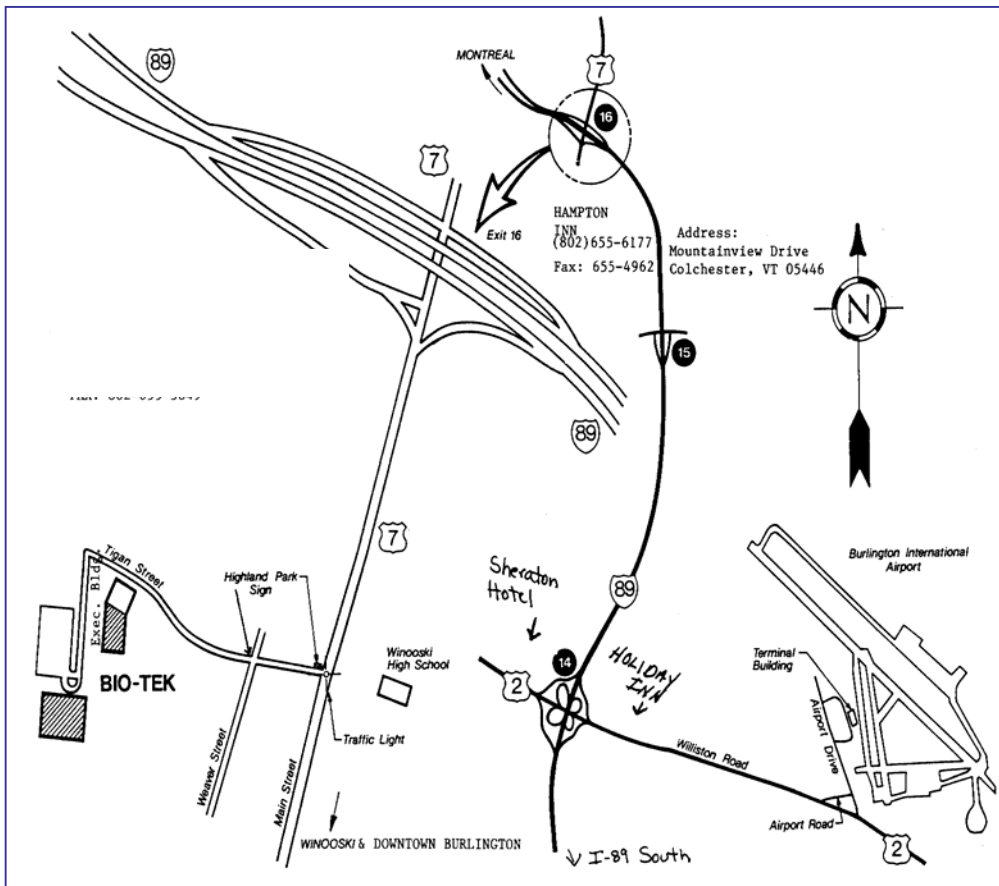
**10:00 AM - Professor Vincent Feeney** will speak about the Irish in Vermont. He has just written a new book, *Finnigans, Slaters, and Stonepeppers: A History of the Irish in Vermont*. Based on extensive research with primary documents, Professor Feeney describes, era by era, why the Irish left Ireland, how they traveled, what attracted them to Vermont, and how they made new lives for themselves and their descendants.

**11:30 Election of officers followed by lunch.** Display of Abenaki baskets by Linus Leavens.

**1:00 PM - Professor Fred Wiseman** will show a film and speak about the native perspective of Samuel de Champlain's visit to our region. He will share his research concerning the Vermont Abenakis and their allies during and after Champlain's visit. Culture, worldview and politics will be examined. Professor Wiseman has also founded an Abenaki Tribal Museum in Swanton, VT

**2:30 PM - Professor Kenneth Wade** will tell us about Les Filles du Roi (daughters of the King). These ladies were sent by the French King to help populate New France. Between 1663 and 1673 approximately 700 to 900 French women immigrated under the sponsorship of Louis XIV to marry and start families. There are many stories – some true and some untrue that exist about who they were. Professor Wade will tell us more about who they were and who they married.

**Bring Your Friends – This Event is Open to the Public - \$15 Donation Appreciated**  
**Lunch will be available for a small fee**



From I-89 take exit 16.  
Go south on Route 7.  
Watch for Highland  
Avenue on your right

Turn right and proceed  
to 4-way stop sign.

Continue straight  
(with street curving  
to the left).

Watch for large Bio-  
Tek building on the  
left before cul de sac.

There is a large  
parking lot and  
facilities for  
handicapped.

There will be VT-  
FCGS signs to  
show the way.

[www.vt-fcgs.org](http://www.vt-fcgs.org)