

## *Winter/Spring 2012 Class Details*

Are you depressed because you can't golf? If you're sick of looking waiting for spring and garden catalogs aren't enough, the Vermont Genealogy Library is toasty warm and we have lots of information that just might help you find that missing ancestor. Check out our exciting line up of classes to assist you in your searches.

All classes are open to the public and run from 10:30 to noon. Time is included for questions. Donations are appreciated for classes.

### *February 2012*

#### ***Quebec Notarial Records***

On Saturday, February 4, John Fisher of the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society will present "Quebec Notarial Records". Utilizing these records will allow one to learn more about your ancestors' lives.

#### ***Genealogy Data in "A War of 1812 Death Register"***

Jack Bilow the author of "A War of 1812 Death Register: Whispers in the Dark" will join us on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, to talk about his research and the resulting book. The book contains a great deal of information that will be of interest to genealogists in VT and NY. For more details on the book see [http://pressrepublican.com/0801\\_seniors/x1753729894/Local-author-publishes-book-on-War-of-1812](http://pressrepublican.com/0801_seniors/x1753729894/Local-author-publishes-book-on-War-of-1812). Copies of his book will be available for purchase at the event.

#### ***Irish Vital Records Databases***

Ed McGuire will discuss "Irish Vital Records Databases" on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the second of a three-part series on Irish genealogy. It will focus on using the best free and paid websites for civil and parish vital records, as well as print sources and repositories.

#### ***How to Earn Champlain and Fille du Roi Pins***

If you are of French-Canadian descent it is not very difficult to earn these pins. One pin is awarded for proving your ancestor knew Samuel de Champlain. The other pin is awarded for finding a marriage between a Filles du Roi (daughter of the King) and a Soldats du Carnignan (soldier) in your ancestry. Sheila Morris will take you through the process on Saturday, February 25.

### *March 2012*

#### ***New Strategies for Researching Vermont Families***

Scott Andrew Bartley will present a lecture on new strategies for researching in Vermont, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bartley, a professional genealogist, archivist and author, is an authority on Vermont genealogy research. His talk will focus on the challenges, techniques, and sources encountered when doing VT research in different historical periods.

#### ***Publishing Your Genealogy***

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, Ralph Mitchell and a panel of genealogists will discuss various options for publishing a family history. Examples demonstrated & discussed will include booklets, binders and large pedigree charts produced with programs like Family Tree Maker for PC's and Reunion for Mac's.

### ***Irish Census Substitutes for the 19<sup>th</sup> Century***

Ed McGuire will discuss “Irish Census Substitutes for the 19th Century” on 17 March. This is the final lecture in a three part series on Irish genealogy. It will cover census substitutes to replace the lost 19<sup>th</sup> Century Irish censuses, focusing on Griffiths Valuations of Ireland. He will also discuss techniques for using the 1901 and 1911 Irish Censuses.

### ***Beginning Genealogy***

On Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 to 12:00, Sheila Morris will teach you how to get started with this very rewarding hobby. You do not need to have French-Canadian ancestors to get started with our resources. Bring as much information as you can about your grandparents; births, marriages, deaths and where they lived. Afterwards our volunteers can help you get started using our many resources.

## ***April 2012***

**April 7, 2012**

**CLOSED FOR EASTER**

### ***Missing Parents: How to Overcome This Brickwall***

If you don't know who the parents are, is further research hopeless? On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Tom Devarney will give you tips on sources and types of documents that can provide the missing information.

### ***Tips for Using Family Tree Maker***

Tips for Using Family Tree Maker will be presented by Mary Kinville on April 21, 2012. Included in this workshop will be information on setting up a tree, how to access information on your tree, how Family Tree Maker 2011 can interface with Ancestry.com and how to produce reports and pedigree charts using the program. Also, examples of pedigrees and reports will be available to browse. Time for questions will be included.

### ***Researching Your Acadian Ancestors***

The history of Acadia presents unique problems for genealogists. On Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Mike Sevigny will present on how to find answers using the documentation that is currently available.