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Introduction

The Rochester Public Library has been the town's prime literary and intellectual resource for most of its history. The little town, founded in 1781, lies along a curve of the Upper White River in the Green Mountains at the state's geographic center, "The Heart of Vermont," as residents like to say.

In 2003, Rochester discovered a hidden treasure at its own heart: its comprehensive collection of local and Vermont-related books and documents. Realizing the material was "languishing" on the shelves, Sandy Lincoln, Rochester Librarian at the time, conceptualized the "About Vermont" project, an annotated bibliography of all the materials in the library related to Rochester and other communities in the White River Valley. The project also includes books about Vermont and by Vermonters, related audio and video materials, files, and ephemera.

Paul Davis took on the task of coordinating the project. He rounded up book-loving volunteers and encouraged them to contribute time and intellect to the project. He set up a computer system into which the volunteers entered each book's publication information. They then reviewed the material and wrote brief annotations for each book.

The library's archive of rare and out of print Vermont-related books is so fascinating that some of the volunteers found it hard to annotate quickly. It was tempting to settle down with each book for a long read!

"The process has brought our attention to the most wonderful and obscure titles," said Sandy. We found books like A History of the Town of Rochester, Vermont, published 'by order of the town' in 1869, and an early catalogue of the Library's books published in 1900. Children's books are included in the collection. There are many young people's books on the experience of life in Vermont both recently and in days long gone.

Many new and modern books are also available. One beautiful recent addition is Vermont Farm Women, by Peter Miller-- a portfolio of black and white photographs that portray the lives of women all over Vermont. The library also contains many popular books by Vermonters: Civil War history by Howard Coffin, and mysteries by Archer Mayor, for instance. For the truly obsessive, try Vermont Place--Names, Footprints in History, 705 pages detailing how all the towns, rivers, mountains, etc., in Vermont received their names.

One never knew what rare piece of information or fascinating old photo would be revealed as we turned many mostly forgotten pages. This annotated bibliography will, it is hoped, simplify the process of seeking out Vermont books and resources for all the library's patrons. The project was funded with a grant from the Freeman Foundation.

"I spring from the pages into your arms," says poet Walt Whitman. Vigorous and remarkable Vermonters of the past and present, represented by these books, will, we hope, "spring from the pages" into the hands, hearts, and minds of the reader.

Isabella Fiske McFarlin

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Agriculture and Industry

200 Years of Soot and Sweat: The History and Archeology of Vermont's Iron, Charcoal, and Lime Industries by Victor R. Rolando

Early industry in VT. With a blurb of praise from historian Michael Sherman, president of the VT Historical Society and a teacher at Vermont College of The Union Institute in Montpelier. With photos, engravings, and line drawings. Sounds as uncomfortable as it probably was! Most Vermont industry was a matter of scrabbling and struggling for survival. 296 pgs, 1992

36 Miles of Trouble: The Story of the West River Railroad by Victor Morse

"To accuse Vermont's West River Railroad of being a complete failure would be doing it an injustice," declares the author. But the people of the valley got its social benefits and, on the whole, were well satisfied during its 56-year history. 40 pgs, 1959

Agriculture of Vermont: Fifteenth Biennial Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Vermont 1928-1930 by Commissioner of Agriculture

Includes reports from Vermont Dairymen's Association, Vermont Horticultural Association, and Vermont Sugarmakers' Association. 1930

Anything Can Happen in Vermont by Marguerite Hurrey Wolf

Wolf's entertaining sketches of life for her previously urban and suburban family in rural Vermont. Although farm life has its problems and frustrations, Maggie has learned a great deal about country living and life in the process. 151 pgs, 1965

Backyard Sugarin' by Rink Mann

The author states that, "This is a book about making maple syrup for your own consumption in your own backyard without it costing an arm and a leg." Photographs are provided by Daniel Wolf. 48 pgs, 1976

Backyard Sugarin' II by Rink Mann

This is an updated edition that tells you how to make maple syrup in your own backyard, but has more detailed "how-to" information. It makes some new and noteworthy revelations. 78 pgs, 1976

Of Cabbages and Kings and Many Other Things by Marguerite Hurrey Wolf

More tales and musings about life on a Vermont farm, written by author of "Seasoned in Vermont" and "Vermont is Always with You." 134 pgs, 1984

A Country Planet: Woodlots, Pig Plows, Tax Shelters, and 20 More Fresh Approaches to Rural Success by Tim Matson

A collection of essays and articles that recount the struggles and successes that came with clearing and building Matson's 45-acre Vermont farm. Field-tested commentaries on new approaches to rural living, ranging from "The Pig is Mightier Than the Plow," to "Blackberry Veritas" and "Bringing Back the Swamp." Often delivered with a humorous twang, the stories are intended to add to "the sweetness and survival of rural life." 83 pgs, 1986

Country Plumbing: Living with a Septic System by Gerry Hartigan

The intent of this booklet, with charming illustrations, is to help familiarize country people with the different types of septic systems in general use and the problems which accompany them. 80 pgs, 1984

The Covered Bridge: An Old American Landmark Whose Romance, Stability, and Craftsmanship are typified by the Structures Remaining in Vermont

by Herbert Wheaton Congdon

With over 100 illustrations of covered wooden bridges, the author pays tribute to those who are "keenly alive to the fitness of the old bridges to the rural scene" and to those "who honestly admire the handiwork of old times and wish to see it preserved in its original condition wherever practical." 151 pgs, 1946

Cutting Hill: A Chronicle of a Family Farm by Alan Pistorious

We witness the troubles and tragedies that are part of the life of every farm neighborhood: how the enterprise works; how milk is made and transported; how planting and the harvest are handled; how silos and feed bunks function; what equipment costs; what the farm earns; which chores various members of the family enjoy, and which not; and what this Treadway family does for the Shoreham, Vermont community. We, the readers, share all seasons and experiences. 279 pgs, 1990

Dipper Hill by Anne Bosworth Greene

Energetic, diary-style account of one summer's life on a horse farm. A mother and daughter farm and plant their first large flower garden without hired help. Written in the somewhat florid style of the 1920's. 481 pgs, 1925

A Drop in the Bucket: The Story of Maple Sugar Time on a Vermont Farm

by Muriel Follett

Invaluable, detailed description, with black and white photo illustrations, of the author's family maple sugar making ca. 1941. The art of syruping, if lost, could be re-learned from this short book. 64 pgs, 1941

A Farm Wife's Journal by Bette Lambert

Bette Lambert wrote a weekly column for the Herald, from August 1987 through February 1988. Her journal recounted her daily life, including her mother and father's love and their farm-life memories; the peaceful pulsing of the milking machines twice a day; the first hepatica in the spring; her husband's bouquet of orchard grass and white rooster feathers tied with baler twine; all bound together by her family's love for Jesus Christ. Here is a collection of that journal, with photographs. 168 pgs, 2000

Furnace Brook Farm by Margaret M. Waddington

The author/physician shares the thrills and the trials and the tribulations of acquiring and refurbishing Furnace Brook Farm. Her experiences are those all newcomers to Vermont share. 151 pgs, 1995

Granite & Cedar: The People and the Land of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom

by John M. Miller

Arresting black and white photographs. Examines a major cultural phenomenon--the striking change wrought on Vermont's "Northeast Kingdom" by outside social economic forces of the late twentieth century. Illustrated, 108 pgs, 2001

Green Mountain Copper: The Story of Vermont's Red Metal by Collamer Abbott

The copper mines of Corinth, Vershire and Strafford made few fortunes but they contributed greatly to the advancement of mining technology and to the economic and social development of the area. This booklet was put together from a series of articles that originally appeared in the Randolph Herald. 36 pgs, 1973

Green Mountain Farm by Elliott Merrick

During the depression of 1932, Merrick moved his family to Vermont, and later bought a broken-down farm. What they learned about the art of savoring life is told in quiet, restrained prose. With simple directness, he communicates his passion for natural beauty, and for a life lived in contact with nature. 209 pgs, 1950

Health, Happiness, and the Pursuit of Herbs by Adele G. Dawson

The guide is divided into two parts: (1) the philosophy of using herbs for food, drink, and medicine; where they are found, gathered, or purchased; how they are stored and used; (2) how we plant, gather, preserve, smell, enjoy, eat, drink, and prescribe herbs. The author is charming and the illustrations are beautiful. 278 pgs, 1980

I'll Take the Back Road by Marguerite Hurrey Wolf

Here's the case for country living stated by one born, reared and wedded to city-and-suburban ways until a 150-year-old Vermont farmhouse came into her life and subtly went to work on her lifestyle. Originally told in Anything Can Happen in Vermont, with seven new chapters covering the ten years since her first book. 171 pgs, 1965

In Good Hands: The Keeping of a Family Farm by Charles Fish

Fish describes and explores six generations of life on his family farm "with an affectionate but critical eye." His ancestor, Henry Lester, moved his family in 1896 from the Vermont hills to better land near Rutland. Includes reminiscences from the author's 1944 diary. 229 pgs, 1995

Maple-Sugaring: The Way We Do It by Myrtle and Floyd Fellows

How to make maple syrup, with family photo album in the 1970's. Floyd and Myrtle Fellows lived in Westminster West, VT, and made sugar. They may be doing it still! 48 pgs, 1972

Mining in Vermont by David A. Tillman

Tillman, editor of "Vermont Business World", states in his preface that his book is intended to identify the natural resources being mined in Vermont, to explain what general uses or products require them, what this activity contributes to the economy, and its effect on Vermont's physical environment. 102 pgs, 1974

New Lives in the Valley: Slate Quarries and Quarry Villages in North Wales, New York, and Vermont 1850-1920 by Gwilym R. Roberts

Description of the life and culture of the Welsh-American communities at their peak and the effect of the quarry families upon the Yankee communities. Illustrated, bibliography, index. 480 pgs, 1998

Reluctant Farmer by Elswyth Thane

The author of numerous historical novels here tells her own personal story of buying a neglected farm in the southern Vermont hills. She relates her slow realization of the deep and lasting satisfactions that such a place and such a life had to offer. Includes drawings by Helen Tee-Van. 208 pgs, 1950

Seasoned in Vermont by Marguerite Hurrey Wolf

A celebration of the seasons in rural Vermont, including Vermont's fifth season, "mud time". This collection of warm, evocative sketches shares Maggie Wolf's passion for Vermont as the best place to live. 137 pgs, 1982

The Sheep's in the Meadow, Raccoon's in the Corn by Marguerite Hurrey Wolf

In this collection of light-hearted "entertainments", Maggie Wolf, author of Vermont is Always With You, Anything Can Happen in Vermont, and I'll Take the Back Road, shares the hilarious--and often not so hilarious--experiences that she and her family have had on their farm in Jericho, VT. 127 pgs, 1979

The Strength of the Hills by Christian Herald House

Elswyth Thane, author of numerous historical novels, here tells her own personal story of reclaiming a neglected farm in the southern Vermont hills. Against the background of a world in chaos during World War II, she shares the details of her struggle to achieve a balanced and happy existence as an inexperienced farmer. 219 pgs, 1950/1976

A Tribute to Vermont's Family Farms by Burton W. Spooner

The Spooners, longtime Randolph Center farmers, provide an eccentric and personal account recalling the old days and old ways of the Vermont family farm. Folksy anecdotes up-front are coupled with brief descriptions of select farms around the state, with statistics on milk production, feed, and family histories. Nice slice of life documenting the state of farming as of 1984. 72 pgs, 1984

Up in the Morning Early: Vermont Farm Families in the Thirties by Scott E. Hastings Jr.

Excellent black and white photos and first person accounts provide a history of Vermont farming through the Great American Depression years of the 1930's. 155 pgs, 1992

Vermont Farm Women by Peter Miller

As giant corporate industrial farms take over the landscape in other parts of the country, in Vermont small farms are proliferating. In no small part this is due to a desire among women to farm and garden. In 2002, when this book was written, 782 women owned small Vermont farms. The author puts faces, stories, and images to these statistics, and shows how 44 of Vermont's women are pioneering a national small farming trend. Fine photos. 135 pgs, 2002

Vermont's Gunsmiths & Gunmakers to 1900 by Harry Phillips

A well-illustrated and alphabetical listing of nearly 400 craftsmen, inventors, patentees, and manufacturers and their guns. A biographical compendium of the artisans who provided and repaired the instruments used to protect and feed their families and along the way introduced the world to "interchangeable manufacture." 308 pgs, 2000

When Grandpa Was a Boy by Oscar Cooley

This slim volume was written for those who would like to know how an American family lived in the early years of the 20th century--what was done from day to day and how it was done. It follows the four seasons, addressing everything from sugaring to spreading manure. 32 pgs, 1985

A Year at North Hill: Four Seasons in a Vermont Garden by Joe Eck

Acclaimed landscape designers offer a month-by-month chronicle of their magnificent garden. As the authors describe the joys and demands of a life lived close to the earth, what emerges is a portrait not only of one beloved landscape but of a focused, rhythmic existence reminiscent of a bygone age. 214 pgs, 1995

Arts and Crafts

Always in Season: Folk Art and Traditional Culture in Vermont *edited by Jane C. Beck*

Vermont's first folk art exhibition illustrates our history, our patterns of settlement, our natural resources, and our occupations. There are three general categories: Native American Heritage, Farmstead and Family Life, and Rural Occupations. Vermont is the first New England state to investigate the long continuum of artistic endeavor--the genius to turn slate into ornament, wool into warmth, and everyday life into an expressive experience. 144 pgs, 1982

Before Life Hurries On *by Sabra Field*

Neighbors and friends for over 25 years, renowned Vermont artist Sabra Field and naturalist poet Jenepher Lingelbach collaborated to convey the seasons and moods of New England. Jenepher wrote the poems first, and Sabra created the scenes in response. 31 pgs, 1999

Early Vermont Wall Paintings 1790-1850 *by Robert L. McGrath*

Scenic and historic paintings played a vital role in the lives of the early settlers of Vermont. The author suggests that many treasures remain hidden beneath ancient strata of paint or paper silently awaiting discovery. A number of such treasures are presented in this book. 106 pgs, 1972

The Four Seasons of Mary Azarian *by Liliás MacBean Hart*

Artist Mary Azarian chronicles the four seasons of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont through this retrospective volume of her original and finely detailed color, and black and white, woodcuts. Poetic splashes of text composed by her friend, Liliás Hart, provide a homespun accompaniment to these lyrical illustrations of daily life in northern New England. 109 pgs, 2000

Vermont Firsts Collection *by Fred W. Yeadon, Jr.*

Reproductions of a collection of paintings by Bruce Mitchell, depicting interesting Vermont firsts, such as "First Ski Tow in America". These chronicle the ingenuity, curiosity and humanity of the Vermonter.

Warren Kimble: American Folk Artist *by Warren Kimble*

Discover the artist's unique world, from his barn studio to his home and gardens in Brandon, VT. America's foremost living folk artist shares his personal collections, inspirations, and patterns for folk crafts. 126 pgs, 2000

Wolf Kahn's America: An Artist's Travels *by Wolf Kahn*

Dividing his time between New York City and his Brattleboro, VT farm, Kahn fills this lavish art book with vibrant reproductions of his work--spectacular natural landscapes from around the United States, paintings and pastels washed in brilliant light and scintillating color. Each marvelously reproduced work (some enlarged on fold-out pages), includes a full page of text--recollections by the artist of his encounter with the natural scene shown in each piece. Introduction by John Updike. 168 pgs, 2003

Biography

Aiken: Senate Diary, January 1972-January 1975 by George D. Aiken

Every Saturday for the final three of his thirty-four years in office, the Republican senator from Vermont dictated his assessments of the preceding week's doings in the Congress, the White House and the world. These years span the 1972 Presidential campaign, establishment of diplomatic relations with China, detente with the U.S.S.R., the energy crisis, Watergate and its aftermath, spiraling inflation, and the first months of Gerald Ford's Presidency. 353 pgs, 1976

Bag Balm and Duct Tape: Tales of a Vermont Doctor by Beach Conger, MD

With an unusual style of both describing his patients and also talking to the reader with explanations of the medical world, this book is a doctor's diary of observations on the philosophy and principles of medicine. The author is a caring and sensitive physician. 263 pgs, 1988

Calvin Coolidge: The Man Who is President by William Allen White

Biography of the Vermont-born president by a highly regarded journalist. With black and white photos. The last few pages were replaced with hand-typed pages, probably after damage to the book. Includes chapter "Back to Vermont." 253 pgs, 1925

Calvin Coolidge: A Biography in Picture Postcards by J.R. Greene

Heavily illustrated, this historical little volume details Coolidge's life beginning with a picture postcard from 1869 of his birthplace, Plymouth, VT, and ending with a contemporary photograph of the visitors' center in Plymouth that features many of his artifacts. 97 pgs, 1987

The Center of My World: An Autobiography by Marshall E. Dimock

The lively, perceptive story of a distinguished scholar, author, and public servant, who has drawn inspiration and personal renewal from his almost self-sufficient farm in Bethel, VT. He was Assistant Secretary of Labor during the New Deal, and went on to serve in other high government positions. Democracy, he says, is still on trial. 198 pgs, 1980

Correspondences: A Family History in Letters by Anne Stevenson

Both a book of poems and a novel in letters. Each poem is a personal letter, historically connected by journal entries and newspaper clippings. Stevenson records the rise and decline of the Chandler Family of Clearfield, VT from the 1820's to present. 88 pgs, 1974

The Damndest Yankees: Ethan Allen and His Clan by Edwin P. Hoyt

The story of the Allen clan--not just Ethan, but Ira, Heman, Levi, and all the rest including two sisters, Lydia and Lucy. Also tells of their cousins, Remember Baker and Seth Warner. Quite a family! 262 pgs, 1976

The Dimensions of Robert Frost by Reginald L. Cook

A biography of Robert Frost, written by a long-time friend. Cook has remembered hours of the poet's superb talk, catching nuances of Frost's speech and wit, appraising his ideas on technique and form, and exploring the themes which recur throughout Frost's poetry. 237 pgs, 1958

Dorothy Canfield Fisher: A Biography by Ida H. Washington

Fisher spent most of her life in Arlington, VT. A pioneer among writers of her time, Fisher spoke out against war, religious and racial intolerance, all forms of brutality and fraud, as well as women's rights. Fisher came from an old Vermont family, and her books about Vermont resonate today with a true sense of the values, the beauty, and the customs of Old Vermont. Perhaps no other writer is so firmly associated with native Vermont, though she was also cosmopolitan. 231 pgs, 1982

Ethan Allen by John Pell

A fascinating and colorful biography about one of the most interesting characters of the American Revolution. Ethan Allen combined many of the qualities that are valued by Vermonters to this day. Illustrated and indexed. 331 pgs, 1929

Ethan Allen by Stewart H. Holbrook

Although one of America's noted outlaws, Ethan Allen fought New York and Great Britain at one and the same time, and both of them lost. Included in this biography are Allen's police court appearances, his vast real estate operation, his horse trading with the British Army, and his celebrated abilities in backwoods taverns. 273 pgs, 1940

Family Letters of Robert and Elinor Frost edited by Arnold Grade

Includes nearly two hundred letters written by the poet Robert Frost and his wife Elinor to their family members. What emerges is a revealing testament to the intensity of their lives, and a chronological enumeration of nearly fifty years of trial and triumph. 286 pgs, 1972

Gamaliel Painter: Biography of a Town Father by W. Storrs Lee

A vivid, lusty biography of the founder of both the town of Middlebury and Middlebury College. Painter was with Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga, was a judge, a captain in the Continental Army, a signer of Vermont's Declaration of Independence, and much more. 244 pgs, 1952

George Perkins Marsh: Versatile Vermonter by David Lowenthal

Recognized as one of the seminal figures in America's environmental movement, Marsh--a lawyer, editor, farmer, manufacturer, US Congressman, diplomat, civil servant, and acute observer--was uniquely qualified to describe and interpret the many disturbing impacts the human race was having on the environment in the mid-19th century. His book, Man and Nature, was the first to recognize the full and troubling significance of humanity as an agent of destructive environmental change. He extolled the importance of ecological stewardship long before the science of ecology had even been created. 442 pgs, 1958

Grace and Cal: A Vermont Love Story by Gloria May Stoddard

Filled with remarkable photos of our 30th President, Calvin Coolidge, and his talented and beautiful wife, Grace, this book is the unforgettable love story of a spirited woman and a persistent man, their family, and the many traditions they began at the White House. 159 pgs, 1989

Grace Coolidge and Her Era: The Story of a President's Wife by Ishbel Ross

This closely documented biography presents the wife, mother, hostess, community member, baseball enthusiast and humanitarian who performed notable work as a teacher of the deaf. Highlighted are her life and events in the White House during the 1920's. 352 pgs, 1962

I Conquered My Mountain: The Autobiography of Ellen Crawford Teague
by Ellen Crawford Teague

Mount Washington had the first cog railway built to the top of any mountain, and it was owned by Mrs. Teague after her husband's death. Memories of strikes and other tribulations, with black and white photos. 157 pgs, 1982

In the Memory House by Howard Mansfield

Explores the character of memory through the cultural history of New England. "In Brownington, VT, there is a small bottle... In fading ink (the label says) 'This barley was grown in 1883 and given by Mrs. Selden Gray.' The bottle is filled with barley." The writer goes on to question why someone would put a bottle of barley in a museum. "...To Mrs. S. G. it was the story of 1883 in a bottle...This was life, she was saying." Good read. 280 pgs, 1993

Interviews with Robert Frost edited by Edward Connery Lathem

A selection that includes interviews, from 1915 to the time of Frost's death, with journalists, fellow poets, college professors, scientists, radio and television personalities, and even the members of a United States Senate subcommittee. Covers a wide variety of topics. 295 pgs, 1966

Ira Allen, Founder of Vermont 1751-1814

Volume 1 by James Benjamin Wilbur

A two-volume biography of Ira Allen, the man who had done more than any other in creating the State of Vermont, yet was comparatively unknown. Volume I includes Ira Allen's autobiography and covers events in his life and in the founding of Vermont from 1775 to 1790. 544 pgs, 1928

Ira Allen, Founder of Vermont 1751-1814

Volume 2 by James Benjamin Wilbur

Volume II covers the events in Ira Allen's life and in the founding of Vermont from 1791 through his death in 1814. It includes an eighty-page appendix of letters, litigation, and reports relevant to the founding of Vermont. 525 pgs, 1928

John Deere: He Gave to the World the Steel Plow by Neil M. Clark

Biography of the pioneer and inventor. John Deere was born in Rutland, grew up in Middlebury and married a lady from Granville with the wonderful name of Demarius Lamb. He traveled west in the great exodus from New England of the mid-1800s, and when told that the plains couldn't be plowed, he created a plow that could! Picture of John Deere tipped in at the frontispiece. 61 pgs, 1938

Letters Home and Further Indiscretions by Francis Colburn

This book of letters illustrates the author's life as husband, father, painter, musician, teacher, essayist, and humorist. The letters are warm and revealing and often downright funny. 96 pgs, 1978

The Life and Times of Martha Laurens Ramsay 1759-1811 by Joanna Bowen Gillespie

One of few 18th century Southern women whose written records provide a window into her life, Ramsay's family supported the Revolution's promises. Her father was president of the Continental Congress during the war. Her brother, a gallant soldier, controversially proposed that the slaves be freed to help fight for American freedom. And Martha had eleven children! Focuses

on her spiritual life. Signed copy, August 2002. The author lives part time in Rochester; "my summer home for half a century." 236 pgs, 2001

The Life and Times of Oramel Crawford: A Vermont Farmer 1809-1888

by Fred E. Crawford

A historical biography written by Crawford's son, giving a picture of both his father and the hard life of farmers in northern Vermont in the mid-1800's. 263 pgs, 1952

A Little Revenge: Benjamin Franklin & His Son by Willard Randall

Vivid style enlivens this exploration of the little-known tale of Franklin and his "bastard" son. Franklin hoped that through his son William he could find a political dynasty... but William remained loyal to the British Crown when the Revolutionary War broke out. Upon his capture, Franklin had him condemned to a notorious prison. 498 pgs, 1984

Looking Back While Going Ahead by Lillian Hatch Marcotte

This homespun, handmade book, tied together with a purple ribbon, reads like a diary, and is the true story, simply recorded, of life in rural Vermont from the Revolution through the first half of the 20th century. Marcotte hails from Windsor and tells of the daily details of her own life, of her ancestors, and neighbors. A good resource for those studying times gone-by in Vermont. 156 pgs, 1989

The Making of a Forester: An Autobiographical History by Perry H. Merrill

The author, Commissioner of Forests and Parks from 1929 to 1966, was associated with nearly all recreational and forestry developments in the state of Vermont. Under his guidance the Civilian Conservation Corps built the beautiful areas we enjoy today. His was one of the first cries in the wilderness for conservation. 145 pgs, 1984

Meet Calvin Coolidge: The Man Behind the Myth edited by Edward Connery Lathem

This one of a kind, carefully compiled anthology goes back to first sources to discover why this dry, prim little Yankee so impressed the Roaring Twenties that he was elected President of the United States by a popular margin exceeded only twice in our nation's history. 223 pgs, 1960

A Memory of Vermont: Our Life in the Johnny Appleseed Bookshop 1930-1965

by Margaret Hard

In the summer of 1930, Ruth Hard, a Smith student and daughter of Margaret and Walter, opened a modest bookshop in her parents' apple orchard in Manchester, Vermont. That summertime experiment became a permanent enterprise. The Hards' circle of friends grew and came to include Sinclair Lewis, Robert Frost, Dorothy Canfield, Alexander Woollcott and many others. Tale of a rewarding life, a happy marriage, and a loving celebration of Vermont. 242 pgs, 1967

Men of Progress: Biographical Sketches and Portraits of Leaders in Business and Professional Life in and of the State of Vermont edited by G. Grenville Benedict

312 pgs, 1898

My Declaration of Independence by James Jeffords

The senator from Vermont explains the issues that led to his dramatic announcement that he was leaving the Republican Party on May 24, 2001. His account of his tough decisions, his anguish

at rejecting the last-minute appeals from leaders in the Republican party and from President and Mrs. Bush, is a riveting story that had wide implications for the whole country. 136 pgs, 2001

Off My Toes! by Elsie Masterton

The author of Nothing Whatever to Do and Blueberry Hill Cookbook, and innkeeper in Brandon, VT creates a memorable New England portrait that is by turns hilarious and sad. Here is a woman who refuses to be pushed around, and never loses her sense of humor, particularly about herself. 298 pgs, 1961

The Old Brick Manse by Arthur Wentworth Hewitt

Written in a style as friendly and homespun as the "clippety-clop of a horse and buggy on a quiet country road," this autobiography offers the vivid and colorful recollections of the author's rewarding public and private life. He begins with his acceptance of his first pastorate in the little town of Plainfield, moves through his election to the Vermont state legislature, and concludes with his extensive travels and lecture tours. 246 pgs, 1966

Partridge in a Swamp: The Journals of Viola C. White 1918-1941 edited by W. Storrs Lee

Journals of the Middlebury College librarian, avid walker, and author of Not Faster Than a Walk (1939) and A Vermont Diary (1956). She started a journal because she heard a Socialist speaker predict the end of civilization after the First World War (she, too, was a socialist and pacifist), and wanted to keep a record to see whether he was right or wrong. Her diaries are notable for their loving detail of the terrain around Middlebury. 255 pgs, 1979

The Passion of Abby Hemenway: Memory, Spirit, and the Making of History

by Deborah Pickman Clifford

"Not a suitable work for a woman." Hemenway's life is a story of survival and accomplishment, struggle and betrayal, driven by her passion for storytelling. To this day, our knowledge of Vermont history in the early republic owes a great deal to Abby Hemenway. Illustrated. 336 pgs, 2001

Pebble in a Pool by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

A young people's biography of the prolific Vermont writer, with a frontispiece by Norman Rockwell and photos of Fisher's life, much of which was lived in Arlington, VT. More novelistic and far less demanding to read than the Ida Washington biography of DCF. 275 pgs, 1958

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science by John Fleischman

Here's some fun reading for those who enjoy what this reviewer's husband calls "eyeball-to-scalpel" stories. Phineas Gage was blasting rock near Cavendish in 1848 when a 13 pound iron rod was shot through his brain. He lived another 11 years, and became a textbook case in the study of the human brain! 86 pgs, 2002

Remembering Grandma Moses by Beth Moses Hickok

63 pgs, 1994

Reminiscences of an Octogenarian by Anson Smith Hopkins

Memories of a Methodist minister's son, born in Pittsfield, Vermont on April 15, 1851. He lived in St. Johnsbury East, and his reminiscences begin on his 14th birthday, on which date news of

the assassination of President Lincoln reached that far northern town. The author and one other boy were chosen to toll the church's bell in mourning. 120 pgs, 1937

Return To These Hills: The Vermont Years of Calvin Coolidge by Jane & Will Curtis

Illustrated with many rare old photographs, this narrative leads us through the life of our 30th president from his beginning in a tiny hamlet in northern Vermont, to his successful term in the White House, and finally to his death and burial in the same hamlet in which he began his life. 95 pgs, 1985

Robert Frost: A Life by Jay Parini

Middlebury Professor Jay Parini offers a major reassessment of the life and work of America's premier poet. He traces the various stages of Frost's colorful life and shows how he gradually evolved from poet to cultural icon. Parini always takes the reader back to the poetry itself, which he reads closely, offering a road map to Frost's remarkable verbal planet. 487 pgs, 1999

Robert Frost: The Trial by Existence by Elizabeth Shepley Sergeant

Sergeant's narrative of Frost's life is heightened by copious quotations from the poems, which, together with the author's incisive comments, have created a fresh critical anthology. The photographs of Frost and his family add to the chronicle of the poet, who in 1960 was eighty-six years old. 439 pgs, 1960

Robert Frost: A Pictorial Chronicle by Kathleen Morrison

With 78 black and white photographs of Robert Frost, and writings from her memories based on over thirty years of being a close associate, Morrison chronicles the poet, the man, and the world in which Frost worked and live. 133 pgs, 1974

Robert Frost: The Early Years, 1874-1915 by Lawrance Thompson

In 1939, Frost asked Thompson to become his official biographer--with the understanding it would not be published until Frost's death. This first volume describes the shaping influence of Frost's early years. It ends with the success achieved by Frost following the publication in England of A Boy's Will and North of Boston. 606 pgs, 1966

Robert Frost: The Years of Triumph, 1915-1938 by Lawrance Thompson

This is the second volume written by the New Hampshire native and Princeton University professor. It tells the story of Frost during the phase of his life when he was rising "from Nowhere up to Somewhere, From being No one up to being Someone." 704 pgs, 1970

Robert Frost: The Later Years, 1938-1963 by Lawrance Thompson

This authoritative biography delves into the public triumphs and personal tragedies of the poet laureate's last 25 years. Beginning with the death of his beloved wife Elinor in 1938, this richly researched and lovingly written book (the third in a Pulitzer-prize winning series), follows the poet from Harvard to Dartmouth to Amherst colleges; on travels of good will to South America, England and Soviet Russia in his 88th year; and through personal hardships, including the suicide of his son and commitment of a daughter to a mental institution. T.S. Eliot, John Kennedy, Khrushchev, and other 20th century luminaries are woven into the narrative.

468 pgs, 1976

Rough Road Home by Melissa Mather

A military family from Virginia moves to Vermont in the 1950's with their retarded son. Their hope is to help the boy and keep him at home by living in the country. They find understanding and compassion from people in the Hartland area. They eventually feel compelled to put their son in the Brandon Training School, the state-run institution of that time. Their son is not distressed as he has no memory (unfortunately not the case for many others who were "sent to Brandon"). This picture of one facet of Vermont in the Fifties contains many accurate details of life at that time. 256 pgs, 1958

Senator from Vermont by Ralph E. Flanders

Autobiography by a former Vermont Senator. It tells of personal and political development, of village life in Vermont, of a poor boy who made his way to the top, and of a man who used his New England principles of morality and practicality in his contact with the far-reaching affairs of government. 312 pgs, 1961

Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land: The Life of Justin Morgan by Betty Bandel

The story of the originator of the Morgan Horse. The tale of the many hymns he wrote and other aspects of his life. He was the author of the most popular anthem used in Vermont's churches during the last decade of the 18th century. 263 pgs, 1981

Sketch of Elias Lyman, 3rd by Louise Homer Lyman

A biography of the resident of Hartford, VT from 1796 to 1830, active in developing trade among the farmers of the towns along the Connecticut river. 64 pgs, 1925

Sold to The Lady in the Green Hat by Emma Bailey

Adventures as America's first woman auctioneer. She needed spirit and character to enter a field long dominated by men, and nothing stopped her--not shady competition, nor social criticism, nor lack of funds. 213 pgs, 1962

Spirituality and Community: An Autobiographical Memoir by Donald Calhoun

Calhoun brings a lifetime of communal experience to this autobiographical memoir of his personal spiritual development within the context of community life. He focuses on two models of community: geographically positioned communities involving common life at a specific location; and social movements linking communities of people over space and time.

166 pgs, 1995

Successful Calamity: A Writer's Follies on a Vermont Farm by Edmund Fuller

Fuller tells a true story of the immemorial urge of city intellectuals to take to farms, where they are "about as useful as the blue-weed in their worn-out meadows." The author tried to move with his family to a farm on the shore of Lake Champlain, linked with the names of Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold and the family of Judge Learned Hand. In the 1940's writers and artists began to flock to the Green Mountains, to "get out of the city and be calm...calm... calm." As this book attests, the life they found was not always as calm and simple as they had imagined.

239 pgs, 1966

Tales from the Edge of the Woods by Willem Lange

Essays and anecdotes about the social lives and customs of the Connecticut River Valley. 86 pgs, 1998

Thomas Chittenden: Vermont's First Statesman by Frank Smallwood

Chittenden, this book argues, deserves more credit and acclaim than he received. He provided the stable leadership that Vermont's early government absolutely had to have. With a rather gloomy portrait of Gov. Chittenden, an inventory of his estate, and careful documentation. 238 pgs, 1997

Those Indomitable Vermont Women published by The Vermont State Division of the American Association of University Women

This 1999 little book has photos and short bios of over 40 unusually accomplished women who made an impact on Vermont and the nation. Each woman has been referenced for sources, so there is authenticity as well as fascination with their lives. Concise and fun to read.

103 pgs, 1999

Ventures & Adventures: The Memoirs of a Vermont Businessman by John H. Howland

A Vermont businessman's memories of the early ski industry and the machine tool business. Historically important document. 265 pgs, 1999

Vermont General: The Unusual War Experiences of Edward Hastings Ripley (1862-1865) edited by Otto Eisenschiml

A series of over 500 letters to this general's family. Skillfully edited and interspersed with comments, the book presents a fresh look at the most written-about war in all history.

340 pgs, 1960

Vermont Saints and Sinners: An impressive assortment of geniuses, nincompoops, curmudgeons, scurvy knaves, and characters by Lee Dana Goodman

Reflecting 300 years of Vermont's most interesting history in 25 chapters, author Lee Dana Goodman introduces us to grave robbers, horse thieves, war heroes, genius inventors, religious fanatics, ne'er-do-wells, adventurers, stalwart immigrants, and many others. 161 pgs, 1985

Wild Apples and North Wind by Lorna Beers

Experiences of flatlanders who moved to Vermont on the first of May to live in a house built in 1820. With wood engravings. Nice prose, easy to read, poetic. 219 pgs, 1966

Your Son, Calvin Coolidge: A Selection of Letters from Calvin Coolidge to His Father edited by Edward Connery Lathem

The antithesis of his father's tall, sturdy build, Calvin Coolidge nonetheless displays a hearty affection for his dad in these chatty, as well as, sometimes poignant letters selected from a period between 1887 and 1925. His terse descriptions of his daily routines, his presidential campaign, and ultimate victory are pure "Calvin." 225 pgs, 1968

Children's Books

As Long As There Are Mountains by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

Young people's tale of Vermont in 1956. Iris loves the Northern Vermont hills where her family has lived for generations and hopes she will one day run the family farm. After the barn burns, and her father is injured in a logging accident, he decides to sell the farm. Can Iris keep the family from leaving the place she loves? Well-written; conveys a vision of Vermont in the mid-Fifties. 139 pgs, 1997

The Black Bonnet by Louella Bryant

In the 1850's, fugitive slaves and those chasing them streamed into Vermont, an important route on the underground railroad. This is the story of two sisters who flee from Virginia and stay in Burlington awaiting the final leg of their journey north. Ages 8-12. 150 pgs, 1996

The Blue Cat of Castle Town by Catherine Cate Coblenz

A fable that takes place in Castleton (Castleton), Vermont. A blue kitten is born under a blue moon... with striking black and white illustrations, a combination of folk art and art deco, by the illustrator Janice Holland. The author was born in Hardwick. 123 pgs, 1949

Bones on Black Spruce Mountain by David Budbill

In this powerful, strikingly original fiction for youth, Budbill explores both the mystery and power of nature, and the universal human need to reach out to others. Seth and Daniel's camping trip to a lonely Vermont mountaintop becomes a journey into a painful past that Daniel must confront. A classic in Vermont's children's literature. 126 pgs, 1978

Brothers In Arms by Lee Pennock Huntington

Signed copy by the author, a longtime Rochester resident. The true story of a Vermont family with strong English ties and traditions, obliged to choose sides during the American Revolution. Fictionalized yet factual tale of the author's ancestors, with illustrations. Ends with a reproduction of the tombstone of James Pennock, Esq. and Thankful, his wife--a wonderful name! 62 pgs, 1976

Captive of Pittsford Ridge by Janice Ovecka

Children's story of the Battle of Hubbardton (1777). Josiah Freeman, too young to join his father in fighting with the Green Mountain Boys, stays home to help his mother and grandfather on their farm. But he finds that the war comes to him. The British have retaken Ft. Ticonderoga and are chasing down the G.M. Boys. Josiah sets out for a closer look and meets up with a wounded enemy soldier. He learns doing the right thing can be dangerous. Written by a Brandon resident. 89 pgs, 1994

Champ: The Lake Champlain Monster by Rosemarie Hucek Trinko

A rhyming romp through the watery world of Champ, the Lake Champlain monster. Line art drawings illustrate Champ's history, and take us to a fantasy sea monster convention in Scotland. Imaginative, fun, and informative for young readers. A good read-aloud especially after a visit to the lake. Signed by the author. 38 pgs, 1981

Coming-and-Going Men by Paul Fleischman

Four separate "tales" present four separate travelers, each with a unique commodity for sale, who pass through the town of New Canaan, Vermont, in the year 1800. All four men change--or are changed by--their customers. 147 pgs, 1985

A Cow's Alfalfa-Bet by Woody Jackson

Kids' book or art book? Both. This thin volume teaches children their ABC's through Jackson's brightly-painted Vermont country scenes (his work graces Ben & Jerry's ice cream cartons). Also learn counting by totaling the playful and curious Holstein cows in each painting! 26 pgs, 2003

Crazy Jane by Vivian Kill

This book of folklore for kids, is the first in a series of Green Mountain Heritage Tales. Crazy Jane was a horse that loved to play, but this Vermont farm family tricked the horse into going to work for them. Illustrated by Janet Hayward Burnham. A kid reviewer said of this book: "It made me laugh right out loud!" 30 pgs, 2004

The Field of the Dogs by Katherine Paterson

For children 8-12. Josh moves with his mother to Vermont. On top of difficulties with a stepfather and a new baby brother, he also has to cope with a menacing bully in school. He eventually hears his dog and other dogs talking, and discovers that they too have bullies to deal with. He creates a dangerous plan designed to help them all. With line drawings. 89 pgs, 2001

From Dawn till Dusk by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

Chopping wood in the fall, hauling sap buckets in the spring, and weeding, hoeing and weeding again in the summer--that is life on a farm in northern Vermont. Beautifully illustrated by Mary Azarian, this book reveals how chores lead straight to the best kind of fun: night-swimming in the pond, skiing off the barn roof, and finding new gray kittens in the haymow. 38 pgs, 2002

Gathering Storm: The Story of the Green Mountain Boys by Clifford Lindsey Alderman

A brief, clearly written history of the Green Mountain Boys, evidently for young adults. Centers around the Battle of Bennington on August 16, 1777. 189 pgs, 1970

Green Mountain Hero by Edgar N. Jackson

The Corinth, VT author takes young readers back to Vermont frontier days and tells an exciting tale about the Story family (real Vermonters who lived then). This lively book is set during the American Revolution, as the family is tested by all kinds of hardships: a barn fire, Tory and Indian raids, wolves and other pioneer dangers. A dramatic retelling of frontier life.

192 pgs, 1961

Growing Up in Vermont by Mary J. O' Neil

Signed copy of an illustrated children's book. Color illustrations in green and orange; b/w illustrations with simple line drawings. Includes information on Vermont Firsts up to 1950, Vermont Leaders, The Red Clover, maple syrup-making and more. 89 pgs, 1950

Guns Over Champlain by Leon W. Dean

A tale of the War of 1812. The son of a Lake Champlain farmer helps in the struggle to keep the British from taking back control of the country. This copy was given to the library in memory of a deceased cousin--perhaps a soldier? 245 pgs, 1946

Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff

Young people's tale. Lily spends each summer in Rockaway, on the Atlantic Ocean. But this year, 1944, World War II has changed everyone's life. Lily's best friend, Margaret, has moved with her family to a wartime factory town, and Lily's father is on his way overseas to the war... then Albert, a refugee boy, comes. He is the only person Lily's age, and they begin to communicate when they start to care for a kitten together. 180 pgs, 1997

Little Settlers of Vermont: A True Story of the Journey of a Pioneer Family through New England by Shirley Whitney Kelley

Written for children of perhaps the 4th grade level on up, this "true" story is really historical fiction. It tells of the journey of a pioneer family from Massachusetts to Montpelier, VT in 1786. Many anecdotes will appeal to young readers who are of the same age as the book's main characters. Very readable, with engaging line drawings. Much historical detail, though it paints a rather negative image of Native Americans. 104 pgs, 1963

Mandate for a Morgan Horse: An Autobiography of a Real Horse by Marilyn C. Childs

Written from the point of view of a real Morgan horse of the 1940's and 1950's. With black and white illustrations. 80 pgs, 1967

Maybe A Miracle by Lee Pennock Huntington

Signed copy. Children's story, with illustrations, about Dorcas, a young minister's daughter. During the Depression era, Dorcas wants to help a couple who cannot have a baby, and asks her father about miracles... then, a baby is found on the doorstep of the local doctor. 92 pgs, 1984

Meeri meets the Ospreys: A True Vermont Story of Love and Dedication by Steve Costello

Lushly illustrated children's story about a real person, Meeri Zetterstrom of Georgia, Vermont, and her untiring efforts to protect ospreys. This has made it possible for one pair of these endangered birds to raise young. Details the efforts of CVPS and the VT Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to protect the ospreys from extinction. How the birds returned to Lake Arrowhead. 32 pgs, 2000

Michael Hendee by Cynthia Butler

Seven-year-old Michael Hendee is a boy from Royalton, VT in the White River Valley who is caught up in the drama of a 1780 Indian raid. This children's book, with many line drawings, is appropriate for 2nd graders through 7th grade. Interest level will be high for all ages. 51 pgs, 1975

Millie's Boy by Robert Newton Peck

Adventure, romance and suspense in Cornwall, VT. A sixteen-year-old boy, Tit Smith, seeks to find who killed his mother and who his father is. He too has been shot. He seeks answers in the Adirondacks in 1896. 195 pgs, 1973

My Little Vermont Book by Alicia R. Bishop

A little yellow pamphlet-style book for students. Contains basic information about the state, its history, mountain peaks, lakes, rivers, exports, and so on. 72 pgs, 1966

The New Enchantment of America: Vermont by Allan Carpenter

Children's history of Vermont. Opens with the story of a family, the Johnsons, who were captured by Indians from Canada. The mother has a baby, Captive Johnson, in a "booth" built by the Natives for that purpose. The photos, in color, resemble old-fashioned tinted photographs. The book could use more illustrations but seems a clearly written history. 95 pgs, 1979

Night Flying by Rita Murphy

Vermont author Murphy won the Seventeenth Annual Delacorte Press Prize for a First Young Adult Novel for Night Flying. As the time for her "solo flight" on her sixteenth birthday approaches, Georgia begins to question the course of her life and her relationships with the other women in her unusual family. Engaging and fun to read. 129 pgs, 2000

On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer

During a bicycle trip to the park, Joel's friend Tony dares him to a swimming race in the river. They aren't supposed to go in the river, but Joel takes the dare... and then Tony disappears. How can Joel tell their parents the truth? How a boy faces the death of a friend and his responsibility in that death. 90 pgs, 1986

Over the River and Through the Years for Children (Book 1) by Katharine Blaisdell

Designed for upper elementary and older, this offers a selection of true stories about people and life as it was in the upper Connecticut Valley. The selections span the time when the Native Americans inhabited the area through the Revolution. 124 pgs, 1985

Ox Goes North by John Ney

Readers of all ages will enjoy this hilarious and thought-provoking story of a very rich 15-year old boy from Palm Beach who lands in a Vermont summer camp. In the course of the story, he manages to set the New England Establishment on its ear. 274 pgs, 1973

Peter and Polly: In Spring; In Summer; In Autumn; In Winter by Rose Lucia

1983 re-publication of a series of charming children's stories written by a Vergennes, VT schoolteacher. Features attractive pre-WWI black and white graphics, and offers, not only a look at the lives of Vermont children of that era, but the stories of Columbus, Samuel de Champlain, and others. "Children can see things that grownups cannot." 670 pgs, 1915

Rebel Raiders: A Story of the St. Albans Raid by Robert Ashley

A historical novel for young readers based on an engagement during the Civil War that took place in 1864. Confederate soldiers stormed the little town of St. Albans, robbing its banks and creating panic among its peaceful citizenry. An exciting tale as seen through the eyes of the youngest member of the raiding party. 176 pgs, 1956

A Restless Spirit: The Story of Robert Frost by Natalie S. Bober

This brief biography for young adult readers tells the poet's story from childhood, through his early failures, to his late life triumph as America's poet laureate. Uses quotations from Frost's poetry as an introduction to, and illustration of, his life experiences. 197 pgs, 1981

Royalton Raid by Leon W. Dean

1780 Indian raid on Royalton, VT. Young people's story of capture by Native Americans and escape from them. Dialogue seems much more true and natural than in many books of this type. Black and white frontispiece. 241 pgs, 1949

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

Often misunderstood in his time, Wilson Bentley took pictures of snowflakes, and revealed that no two are alike, and that each one is startlingly beautiful. His story, gracefully told by Martin, is brought to life in Mary Azarian's beautiful woodcuts. All ages will appreciate this lovely picture book. 30 pgs, 1998

Snowflake Bentley: Man of Science, Man of God; A Biography of Wilson A. Bentley by Gloria May Stoddard

A biography for young readers about Wilson Bentley, Vermont farmer, who photographed snowflakes. Includes some of Bentley's striking photographs. This book shows how Bentley's calling to record the snowflakes' divinely inspired precision and beauty makes us richer for the knowledge. 128 pgs, 1979

Snowshoe Trek to Otter River by David Budbill

Budbill, who lives in Vermont with his family, relates the adventures of twelve-year-old Daniel and his friend Seth while camping in the woods in this collection of three short stories. 83 pgs, 1976

Soup by Robert Newton Peck

Children's tale of youth and friendship in Vermont, based on the author's own childhood experiences. With black and white graphic illustrations. Useful information for kids, including how to "whip" apples (launch them from the top of a stick). 96 pgs, 1974

Sugar Bush by Dorathea Dana

Life in the sugarbush in a small town in New England, including maple syrup collecting and sugaring. Written for middle school readers, and beautifully illustrated by the author. 174 pgs, 1947

Tai Chi for Kids: Move with the Animals by Stuart Alve Olson

This beautifully-illustrated book, using photographs of the author's son doing Tai Chi, is full of ways to inspire children (and adults) to use playful imitation of animals to perform this martial art. Designed to be used by children and parents together or through independent learning by older children. The book's illustrator is Gregory Crawford who lives in Vermont's White River Valley. 32 pgs, 2001

The Taste of Spruce Gum by Jacqueline Jackson

Young people's novel. A little girl moves to Vermont from Illinois in 1903. Her father has died and her mother marries his brother. Takes place in a lumber mill area on Shrewsbury Mountain. The little girl has many adjustments to make but eventually comes to accept Vermont and the new stepfather. With drawings. 212 pgs, 1966

Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

One of Fisher's best-known books for young people. Elizabeth Ann is shipped off to her Vermont ("Putney") cousins who eat in the kitchen and have no electricity. They aren't troubled with her ups and downs. But as the year goes by "Betsy" learns to enjoy the life of a farm--making butter, herding cows--and becomes more self-confident and self-reliant. 211 pgs, 1917

Vermont Facts and Symbols by Kathy Feeney

This little book takes young readers on a symbolic tour of Vermont. With photos and easy to read text, the book shows us the state seal, state bird, tree and flower, offers places to visit, words to know, and even Vermont-related internet sites. A great way to get familiar with the Green Mountain State. 24 pgs, 2001

Vermont Farm and the Sun by Constance Montgomery

Another in the Waitsfield-based series of Crossroad Press books for young readers. Simple text explains how the sun "is energy" and how this energy goes into vegetables, hay, and animals, and is collected by the farmer for the use of people. Nice black and white photos show the rhythms of farm life. Kids will enjoy the pictures of goats, cows, and horses drawing machinery--a sight still not entirely uncommon in 1975 when this little book was published. 32 pgs, 1975

Vermont For Young Vermonters by Miriam Irene Kimball

1904 textbook, rev. 1926. Divides the history of the State into periods, and includes quizzes on the information that has been imparted. B/w photos and old-fashioned line drawing illustrations. Information on geography and government of Vermont. 423 pgs, 1904

Vermont Roadbuilder by Constance Montgomery

"Fred builds roads. He digs ditches. He is an earthmover." With clear, sharp black and white photos of real machines and real children and adults of the Mad River Valley. Simple vocabulary of about 100 words. Will certainly be popular with children who like bulldozers and other machines! 32 pgs, 1975

Vermont School Bus Ride by Constance Montgomery

Children ride to school on a snow-covered morning. This is an easy reader for young children, with attractive black and white photos from the Mad River Valley area. The driver and students are real people, the Round Barn makes an appearance in the book, and the feeling of the story, with a vocabulary of just over 100 words, is very authentic. 32 pgs, 1974

Wilderness Wedding by Mary Wolfe Thompson

Young people's story of the wilderness settlement days of Vermont. Black and white drawings of bear fights, travel by canoe, and other elements of life in those times enliven this tale. 118 pgs, 1970

Wilderness Winter by Mary Wolfe Thompson

Children's story of two families in Marlboro, VT during the years of early settlers. True incident has been fictionalized. Each family, one in the northern region of what is now Marlboro and one in the Southern believed itself to be the only family settling that area. It took a year for the two families to discover one another's existence. Black and white line drawing illustrations.

89 pgs, 1968

Witness by Karen Hesse

This award-winning author takes young readers on a journey, based in fact, to a small Vermont town in 1924. The novel tells the story of how the townspeople turn against their own when the Ku Klux Klan moves in. Written in the style of poet Edgar Lee Masters' masterpiece "Spoon River Anthology," the story unfolds through a series of dramatic monologues related by fictional village inhabitants. 161 pgs, 2001

Woodhead Saves the Farm produced by Fine Mess Productions

Performer Woody Keppel, of the comedy show Waldo and Woodhead, has accidentally made a mess of the farm. He must get things back to normal before U.S Senator Patrick Leahy and a horde of TV reporters arrive for Family Farm Day. Shot on location at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, VT, the mission of this video is to teach and demonstrate the stewardship of natural and agricultural resources. 1998

The Woods Scientist by Stephen R. Swinburne

Learn to read the wooded landscape with Vermonter Sue Morse, the noted tracker, animal researcher and environmentalist who founded "Keeping Track," an innovative volunteer wildlife monitoring program. This book includes more than 50 of Sue's photos, plus text meant to appeal to young adult readers. Through its vivid description of animal habits and habitats, the book urges readers to become stewards of our last remaining wildlands. 46 pgs, 2002

The Year with Grandma Moses by W. Nikola-Lisa

This picture book introduces children of all ages to the work of legendary artist Grandma Moses. Attractive color photos and simple text. Moses was perhaps the first folk artist of the twentieth century to be widely recognized by both the public and the art world as "an artist" despite the simple and old-fashioned quality of her work. 31 pgs, 2000

Cookbooks

At Grandmother's Table *edited by Ellen Perry Berkley*

Sixty-eight women tell deeply moving stories about their grandmothers, concluding with a treasured family recipe. 298 pgs, 2000

Beyond the Moon Cookbook *by Ginny Callan*

This sequel to the Horn of the Moon Cookbook offers 250 new recipes from the author's Vermont kitchen and her Montpelier restaurant. Home cooking recipes run the gamut from breakfast through dinner, from salad starters to desserts. Recipes also range from easy to advanced, with the simplest starred and listed as "beginner-friendly." Suggested menus are also featured. 332 pgs, 1996

Bicentennial Cookbook *published by Rochester Bicentennial Committee*

This 1981 cookbook was created as a souvenir for the Rochester Bicentennial. Cover with seal designed by local artist Lois Mills. Includes many traditional recipes such as Dandelion Wine and Switchel (a drink used in haying and other hot work). 94 pgs, 1981

Country Cooking *published by Women's Alliance of the Federated Church of Rochester, VT*

Collection of recipes by these renowned cooks. Traditional Rochester dishes are offered here, as well as some innovations (including vegetarian dishes). 85 pgs, 1975

From the Cook's Garden *by Ellen Ecker Ogden*

Vermont gardener and entrepreneur, Ellen Ogden presents a fantastic volume of recipes and helpful hints for bringing the harvest to the table. A beautiful book with colored woodcuts by Mary Azarian. 258 pgs, 2003

The Great Recipe Chase *compiled by Community Care*

A thick volume of tasty recipes--from appetizers, through main courses, to desserts--that all come from the heart of the White River Valley (and from the kitchens of talented cooks in Pittsfield, north to Stockbridge, Rochester, Hancock and Granville). This eclectic recipe collection ranges from Vermont-traditional cooking to Chinese and vegetarian dishes, and was compiled to benefit Community Care programs and the Park House in Rochester. 226 pgs, 1993

Hancock School Club Cook Book *compiled by Hancock School Club*

This far-ranging and folksy collection--with recipes said to have been thoroughly tested by Hancock, Vermont, church and civic groups, and husbands--includes treasured old family recipes, and brand new culinary treats. The book is tabbed to easily find its 10 sections that cover everything from relishes and pickles, to soups, breads, desserts, and even simple recipes for "junior cooks." 60 pgs, circa 1977

Horn of the Moon Cookbook: Recipes from Vermont's Renowned Vegetarian Restaurant *by Ginny Callan*

Here is a cookbook from Montpelier, Vermont's renowned vegetarian restaurant. Some of the best cooks around include this book on their list of favorites. 304 pgs, 1987

Made in Vermont: Recipes from Vermont's Favorite Inns *edited by Coleen O'Shea*

A culinary celebration. A delightful cookbook that highlights the bounty of the land and the uniqueness of each inn. 264 pgs, 2001

The Practical Palate Cookbook *by Kristina Creighton*

Recipes by the owner of Kristina's Kitchen, a café that serves delicious food on Rochester's main street. If Kristina's cooking is any indication, these recipes should be fantastic! 105 pgs, 1998

Valley Cookbook 2002 *compiled by the RHS Publishing Class*

Vermont recipes--old and new--from Rochester, Hancock, Granville, Stockbridge and beyond. Compiled by the publishing class of 2002 of Rochester High School. 86 pgs, 2002

Vermont Kitchens Revisited *compiled by the Women of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington*

A blending of old and new Vermont recipes. Illustrated, spiral bound. 282 pgs, 1990

The Vermont Maple Syrup Cook Book *edited by Reginald L. Muir*

First recounting the history of sugaring and the virtues of Vermont maple syrup and the people who collect it, this book continues with recipes for main dishes, baked goods, desserts, sauces, confections and beverages. 180 pgs, 1974

Essays and Literary Criticism

Amateur Sugar Maker by Noel Perrin

Autographed copy at Austin Hill Farm (in Rochester) of the well-known Vermont writer's book about building a sugarhouse and making maple syrup in a small Vermont town. The author says that it is written in conscious admiration of Henry David Thoreau. 104 pgs, 1972

American Visionary Poetry by Hyatt H. Waggoner

The author taught for many years at Brown University. In this book he seeks to define the nature of "visionary" poetry as the term is often applied to such poets as Blake, Wordsworth, Emerson, Whitman, and Stevens. Waggoner finds Whitman to be the finest and only example of pure vision. 226 pgs, 1982

Art Goes Beyond All Limits by Donna Cipri Castro

Local Rochester artist has crafted a little gem, filled with personal reflections, poetry, quotations and musings, as well as many quaint line drawings that document her life in rural Vermont. 24 pgs, 1990

Contemporary Vermont Writers by Arthur Wallace Peach

A reprinting of a series of papers that appeared in The Vermonter during 1923 and 1924. In these papers the writer discusses the viewpoints and techniques of Vermont poets, writers of short stories, and novelists. 66 pgs, 1927

Daisy Dopp's Vermont edited by Elka Schuman

One of the most memorable citizens of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, the author, of Glover, found the time and inspiration to lovingly record details of her life, her family and her neighbors, publishing scores of articles in the Newport Daily Express and other periodicals. 122 pgs, 1983

First Person Rural: Essays of a Sometime Farmer by Noel Perrin

This collection by Vermont writer and farmer (and husband of Anne Lindbergh) is like a large family gathering. The essays in it, concerned with country-ish things, range from intensely practical to mildly literary. "In Search of the Perfect Fence Post," "Sugaring on \$15 a Year," and many other images of Vermont farm life. 124 pgs, 1978

A Glimpse of Vermont, stories

Simple but meaningful illustrations add to this "short, hurried view of Vermont." The authors hope that readers will be equally spontaneous and explore the "unsaid" and enjoy, smile, and reflect. A fun book! 144 pgs, 1991

The Literature of Vermont: A Sampler edited by Arthur W. Biddle

This anthology of Vermont literature presents selected works from over 40 authors--some well-known, others less. All, however, sing with what is the unique harmony of Vermont. 369 pgs, 1973

Second Person Rural: More Essays of a Sometime Farmer by Noel Perrin

A second book of essays on farming in Vermont by a onetime New Yorker turned country farmer. "Falling for Apples," "The Natives are Restless," and other observant and often humorous glimpses of farm life by a flatlander. 152 pgs, 1980

Vermont Voices: An Anthology by The League of Vermont Writers

Reflecting both the illusions and the realities of the Vermont independent spirit, these works include fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Vermont is called a perpetually strained economy, but we also view here the brighter side of pastoral visions. 284 pgs, 1991

The Voice of the Green Mountains: A Collection of Philippics, Admonitions and Imponderables by Vrest Orton

A collection of essays and editorials that were previously published in the author's mail order catalogs for his Vermont Country Store. 128 pgs, 1979

Fiction/Myths/Folklore

The Apprentice Lover by Jay Parini

By the poet, biographer, and Middlebury College professor. A Columbia student's brother is killed in Vietnam. Alex Massolini leaves school and his conservative family and travels to the island of Capri. He becomes secretary to a famous British novelist and poet who dominates the island like a latter day Prospero. Tale of enchantment and disenchantment by one of Vermont's best contemporary writers. 307 pgs, 2002

Bellows Falls: A Joe Gunther Mystery by Archer Mayor

Summoned to Bellows Falls to aid in an investigation into a charge of sexual harassment, Detective Joe Gunther soon stirs up a hornet's nest of wife abuse, sexual debauchery, teen crime, corruption, and cold blooded murder. 240 pgs, 1997

Beulah Hill by William Heffernan

Set in the 1930's, the story follows the investigation of a racially motivated murder in a rural Vermont town and the shocking ramifications it has on a backwoods community, once a haven for runaway slaves. 301 pgs, 2000

Borderlines: A Joe Gunther Mystery by Archer Mayor

Joe Gunther, Mayor's Brattleboro detective, goes back to a town near Barre where he spent happy boyhood summers. But now everything has changed-- the town is economically depressed, and a strange back-to-nature cult is gaining influence. Then violence and murder erupt. Joe Gunther must take action! 325 pgs, 1990

Champ: Beyond the Legend by Joseph W. Zarzynski

Full of evidence for Vermont's own Loch Ness Monster, this scientific approach to the investigation of the phenomenon of lake monsters includes a complete index of all known sightings of Champ up through 1984. This book provides facts and accounts of the many people who have searched for the allusive monster of Lake Champlain. Illustrated, indexed. 224 pgs, 1984

The Congressman's Daughter by Craig Nova

This is a story of passionate and forbidden love as well as a probing exploration beneath the carefully tended surfaces of a successful American family and a picturesque New England town. 301 pgs, 1986

Crown Point: The Destiny Road by Charles Morrow Wilson

A historical novel about the surveying and building of the Crown Point Road in 1758, which was used to launch an invasion against the French in Canada from Fort Crown Point. First, a short, direct land route for troops and supplies across the rugged Green Mountains was needed. The author caught the beauty and challenge of the New England countryside and the hardiness of the pioneers and their Indian neighbors. 189 pgs, 1965

Danvis Folks by Rowland Robinson

A collection of stories of Northwestern Vermont in days of yore, by Rowland Robinson of Ferrisburgh. Originally appeared in "Forest and Stream." "To know (these characters)

completely one should first have read 'Uncle Lisha's Shop' and 'Sam Lovel's Camps,' " states a blurb in the back of the book. 349 pgs, 1894

Danvis Pioneer: a Story of One of Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys
by Rowland Robinson

A novel about Josiah Hill, one of the Green Mountain Boys. Books by Rowland Robinson are said to be very accurate to the time, place and people involved, and the old editions are probably quite valuable. Some have thought Robinson's depiction of early Vermont "too peaceful," but if one can make one's way through the dialogue, his books are probably the most informative. 214 pgs, 1900

Danvis Tales by Rowland E. Robinson

"From their...publication in 1887 until their fading from the popular consciousness in the 1930's, (these) stories were a staple of Vermont households and classrooms." Robinson's stories were treasured as honest portraits of the life, times, and speech of pre-Civil War Vermonters. This selection has been made by David Budbill and has an introduction by Hayden Carruth. While there may be a bit too much dialect for modern readers, it seems that Robinson's depictions of the time and the people are extremely truthful. 256 pgs, 1995

The Dark Root: A Joe Gunther Mystery by Archer Mayor

Another Joe Gunther story. A Chinese restaurant owner's daughter is raped, he and his wife victimized, and their home destroyed. Gunther looks into the matter and discovers that a ruthless Vietnamese gangster is on the move to control Brattleboro's small but thriving criminal element and intends to branch out through the rest of Vermont. 353 pgs, 1995

Day of Battle by Frederic F. Van de Water

In this historical fiction, Van de Water covers Vermont's heroic effort, following the fall of Fort Ticonderoga in 1777, to equip an army to resist the British. 365 pgs, 1958

Disappearances by Howard Frank Mosher

Signed copy of one of Mosher's earliest and oft-read novels about the Northeast Kingdom, a remote and little-changed area of the state. "I cannot remember such a phenomenon as an early spring in Kingdom County." Wonderful reading by an important, contemporary writer. 255 pgs, 1977

The Disposable Man: A Joe Gunther Mystery by Archer Mayor

Searching for truth draws Detective Lt. Joe Gunther into a paranoid twilight battle zone where the blood of cold war stalwarts runs dangerously hot over old disputes. He is pitted against the legal system he has always fought to uphold, fighting to the end for freedom, vindication, and life itself. 294 pgs, 1998

The Dream of the White Village by Philip E. Baruth

Baruth calls this collection of tales set in Burlington, "A novel in stories." It opens in the early 1990s with a rash of suspicious church fires and other "unaccountable wrongs," and through the eyes of unusual yet familiar characters, weaves back to the ambitious political maneuverings of a local policeman's son and the haunting emotional life of his family. Baruth, though debunking that romantic sense of Vermont as an untouched Eden ends by showing us a Burlington that,

with all its true present-day difficulties, remains "a finch-sized town with a condor's heart." Signed copy. 333 pgs, 1998

The Duval Conspiracy by Thomas C. Davis

By the son of the former Governor of Vermont. Thriller set in Vermont. Influential Washington power brokers try to make the US Senate into their private club by getting small state candidates elected. Vermont is one of these states, but evidence comes to light to compromise Congressman Alan Duval's reputation and his life. Complex intrigue, the CIA, and a real sense of Vermont pervade this story. 207 pgs, 1995

The Fall of the Year by Howard Frank Mosher

The rugged mountains of Kingdom County are the setting for Mosher's brilliant autobiographical novel. It celebrates love in all its forms, from friendship to the most passionate romance, in a place where family, community, vocation, and the natural world still matter profoundly. 278 pgs, 1999

Folklore in the Writings of Rowland E. Robinson by Ronald L. Baker

Roberta Goldstein is a poet who writes not only with a sure and finished touch but with profound sincerity and a far-flung imagination. She combines simplicity with depth, beauty with courage, and passion with power. Such a voice must be listened to! 240 pgs, 1973

Four Ducks on a Pond: Seven Nostalgic Short Stories of Middlebury, Vermont

by Alice Brainerd Nelson

Fictionalized stories about life in Middlebury, VT at the turn of the 20th century. 91 pgs, 1983

A Gift of Kindling and Other Stories by Pat Beck

Stories by a North Bennington woman who owned a bird sanctuary, "Birdlands," and was married to the blind pianist, Thomas Maulding. The stories are brief, 3 or 4 pages, and easy to read. 128 pgs, 1978

Gloria Mundi by Eleanor Clark

Novel about a minister and the wife he abandoned. Written by the wife of Robert Penn Warren, herself a noted author. Takes place in "Boonton, Vermont." A kind of roman a clef of the Vermont countryside, with towns and personages at least partly real hiding behind the guise of fiction. The book jacket states: Local portraits and scenes reveal an identification with place and heritage as profound as this writer's originality of style and of juxtaposition. 214 pgs, 1979

Grave Consequences by B. Comfort

Takes place around Rutland and Weston, Vermont. Who had a tattoo on his rump? Was the candidate's wife a sexpot? Who made the best cornbread in town? And other important questions including Whodunit??? 233 pgs, 1989

Green Mountain Ghosts, Ghouls & Unsolved Mysteries by Joseph A. Citro

Spine-tingling and original ghost stories as well as historical events as little-known as they are horrific. Citro chronicles the unexplainable. 238 pgs, 1994

Green Mountain Murder by B. Comfort

A B. Comfort Vermont mystery story. Centers around a cocaine smuggling operation. The true culprit is not immediately apparent, and the narrator is arrested for possession. Commentary on the effect on Vermont farmers of wealthy people moving into the state and the use of cocaine among some of these. 200 pgs, 1984

Hob's Daughter by T. Alan Broughton

A novel taking place during the late Sixties. Julie, a sculptor in her mid-forties, has lived through much violence in the twentieth century and in her own life. She begins a relationship with a man who has a teen daughter, who is then bludgeoned to death on the lawn of the Unitarian church in the small Vermont town where they live. Julie's life returns to haunt her, including her novelist father's last wish that she find her runaway brother. 229 pgs, 1984

In The Fall by Jeffrey Lent

Spanning the post-Civil War era to the edge of the Great Depression, this novel is a richly layered rendering of a rapidly evolving America from life on the farm, through Prohibition and bootlegging, to the advent of modern times. This extraordinary epic of three generations of an American family begins with a Union soldier marrying a runaway slave and bringing her back to his family homestead in Vermont. 542 pgs, 2000

The Literature of Vermont: A Sampler edited by Arthur W. Biddle

Despite its meager population, Vermont engaged in a surprising amount of literary activity before printing presses were established in the Grants by the first Green Mountain printers. The chronology is from 1609 to 1973--a rich heritage! Biographies add to the book's value. This book will be especially useful to anyone who, while perusing the Vermont Collection in this Library, wishes further information on the life of many of the authors who are here represented.

376 pgs, 1973

The Madness of a Seduced Woman by Susan Fromberg Schaeffer

Takes place at the turn of the (20th) century. Agnes Dempster leaves North Chittenden for Montpelier via stage, her heart full of longing for her one ideal love. As she approaches the capital, she sees a fire and a young stonemason who saves a girl from a burning building. She falls in love with him; he betrays her, and she becomes a murderer. Tale is told by Agnes, looking back from her sixties. 578 pgs, 1983

The Marble Mask: A Joe Gunther Mystery by Archer Mayor

Mayor, of whom it has been said he makes an art form of the regional mystery, here tells another dark tale of crime in Vermont. Should any flatlander assume that this state is free from these difficulties, Mayor's work alone ought to convincingly demonstrate otherwise. His stories are largely unburdened by the awkwardness of some locale-specific writing. This tale takes Joe Gunther to Mt. Mansfield, where he finds a corpse wedged into the ice. Gunther's first assignment as head of the Vermont Bureau of Investigation. 309 pgs, 2000

Marie Blythe by Howard Frank Mosher

Novel by the noted Northern Vermont writer. In this book, the daughter of a French-Canadian logger immigrates to Northern Vermont. She becomes a servant and, at the age of 13, bears the master's son a child. She then lives through two world wars, contracts tuberculosis, (which

killed her parents,) and suffers unrequited love. She survives and prevails. A "Gone With the Wind" of the far northern reaches of Vermont--with careful historical detail. Signed copy. 455 pgs, 1982

Moving to the Country by Reeve Lindbergh Brown

Reeve Lindbergh's first novel. Lindbergh's ability has, with time, life experience and much writing practice, shucked off an early awkwardness. In her later books, her personal vision and humor slip out from behind the full-moon shadow of her famous mother. Here is her autobiographical novel about her move to Northern Vermont (St. Johnsbury), and the adventures she and her family experienced there. 282 pgs, 1983

Northern Borders by Howard Frank Mosher

This reviewer has known native Vermonters resident in "Kingdom County" who are less enthusiastic about Mosher's stories than those who publish and review them. Yet Mosher possesses an ability to draw the reader into his world and his image of Vermont. In this tale, a six-year-old boy is sent by his widowed father to live with his grandparents in Lost Nation Hollow, near Vermont's Canadian border. Dickensian overtones and a lovingly nostalgic look at the old-family customs and relationships of this State. There is a clarity and beauty to the style of this particular Mosher novel. 291 pgs, 1994

Not Without Peril: A Novel by Margeurite Allis

This well documented historical novel tells the story of early pioneer life along the Connecticut River of Vermont/New Hampshire. Relates the history of "the Fort at No. 4," and the settler families who came to claim the land around it, as seen through the eyes of Jemima Sartwell. A real historical figure, Jemima was a pioneer woman who bore eight children, lost two husbands, and was taken into captivity by the Indians. 407 pgs, 1941/1989

Occam's Razor: A Joe Gunther Mystery by Archer Mayor

An apparent vagrant dies on railroad tracks in Brattleboro. But Joe Gunther is suspicious; the corpse has sores that come from exposure to toxic chemicals. Then another murder rocks Brattleboro. Occam's razor is a philosophical adage that advises that too many theories can muddle clear thinking. Gunther takes on a complex tale of ruthless blackmail and a political contest driven by a poisonous thirst for power. The Library has two copies of this mystery. 339 pgs, 1999

Okay, Let's Try It Again by Willem Lange

Each of popular raconteur Willem Lange's stories features an unusual individual: George Lamb, the best pancake chef ever, Jay Lewis, the "ugliest-acting man I've ever known," and many more. Anyone who has heard Mr. Lange speak on Vermont Public Radio knows the humorous, poignant, and down-to-earth quality of his well-written tales. 103 pgs, 1999

Out of Bondage by Rowland Robinson

More stories of old Vermont, including at least one about the Underground Railroad adventures of a Vermont Quaker. The author's own house, Rokeby, was a stop on the Underground Railroad, and provided a hiding place for escaped slaves attempting to reach Canada. 334 pgs, 1905

Phoebe's Knee by B. Comfort

Another B. Comfort mystery tale taking place in fictional Lofton. Written in 1989, this one is a pleaser for those who want to know, or imagine, more about Vermont "cults." Druid's Temple, Rock Chamber, or Root Cellar?? asks the cover. The author's heroine, Tish, who seems to survive these adventures so she can have a lobster dinner or go to the Plaza for a couple of days, helps to solve the crime. 220 pgs, 1986

Pipers at the Gates of Dawn by Lynn Stegner

Three novellas with Vermont themes by a part-time resident of Northeastern Vermont, and daughter of respected novelist, Wallace Stegner. The stories seem readable and largely true to the nature of life in this state and in New England. 270 pgs, 2000

The Ragman's Memory: A Joe Gunther Mystery by Archer Mayor

Searching for the truth takes Brattleboro police lieutenant Joe Gunther from the dingy dives of Brattleboro's lowlife to the imposing mansions of its leading citizens and into a maelstrom of corporate greed, personal betrayal, and coldhearted murder. 325 pgs, 1996

Reap by Eric Rickstad

Coming-of-age story set in Vermont's rural northeast. Jessup Burke, a fatherless sixteen-year-old in a logging town stripped and indifferent through economic hardship, meets Reg Cumber, a paranoid pot-growing jailbird. Jessup gets embroiled with Reg and his sister Marigold. Misadventure ensues; but the boy comes through it all. 264 pgs, 2000

Reluctant Rebel by Frederic F. Van DeWater

A historical novel based on the events happening during the 1770's, when Ethan Allen's men fought to preserve their claim to The Grants land of Vermont. 442 pgs, 1948

The Reluctant Republic by Frederic F. Van DeWater

A historical novel covering 1724-1791 in Vermont. It recreates the story of a bullied and overwhelmingly outnumbered people and the ingenious resistance whereby they not only survived but triumphed. 339 pgs, 1941

Sam Lovel's Boy by Rowland Robinson

Novel, with much dialect, about a young boy's life growing up in Vermont. Ends at the time of the Civil War, with the boy enlisting with his father. "Old women and men are they all now who survive, to whom the memory of that cruel war is a troubled dream, its sorrows softened by the kindly hand of Time, many of its hopes unfulfilled." Robinson's family were Quakers, and this tale surely reflects the Quaker point of view on the War of the Rebellion. 259 pgs, 1901

The Sniper's Wife by Archer Mayor

Mystery featuring Detective Willy Kunkle, a Vermonter and a Vietnam veteran, who travels to New York City to investigate the death of his ex-wife, who has been found dead in her apartment. The police believe she died of a heroin overdose, but Kunkle senses that this is not the case. 312 pgs, 2002

A Stranger in the Kingdom by Howard Frank Mosher

The well-known novel, made into a film, about an erudite black Presbyterian minister from Canada who encounters racial prejudice and is suspected of the murder of a seventeen-year-old

girl in "Kingdom County," Vermont. Mosher's stories of the Northeast Kingdom have become widely known. Perhaps this is one of the most tightly plotted of the author's stories.
421 pgs, 1989

That Bennington Mob by Henry Barnard Safford

A historical novel about the Green Mountain Boys and the events leading up to the Battle of Bennington, experienced through the eyes of a young boy. 303 pgs, 1935

The Top of the Hill by Irwin Shaw

The tale of a man who needs to risk death to feel alive--as a parachutist, surfer, hang glider, reckless skier. He flees the city and the life of an executive and comes to Vermont. He finds that even a life of athleticism and physical freedom are not without complications. 346 pgs, 1979

Tucker's Peak: A Joe Gunther Mystery by Archer Mayor

To its visitors, the resort area Tucker Peak is Vermont personified; but in reality it is the site of the clash between its owners who want to expand and environmentalists who protest the development. After a rash of seemingly unsolvable burglaries and a murder, Detective Joe Gunther is summoned by the beleaguered sheriff and is quickly buried up to his neck in an increasingly violent set of events. 295 pgs, 2001

Vermont Ghost Guide by Joseph A. Citro

Visit all corners of the state and meet many of the vengeful vagrants, lovelorn ladies, and lonely lads who lurk in Vermont's eternal shadows. 82 pgs, 2000

The Voyages of Brian Seaworthy: An Historical Adventure on Lake Champlain

by Ralph Nading Hill

Fictionalized adventure on Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. "In this book the people and principal boats are imaginary, but the background and...details of life afloat... a century ago are authentic." 151 pgs, 1971

Where the Rivers Flow North by Howard Frank Mosher

In this collection of six short stories, Mosher returns to the scenic but rugged hill country of northern Vermont. His characters are proud, resourceful, determined to the point of stubbornness. In the ironic and understated tradition of much of the best New England writing, Where the Rivers Flow North conveys the grimness and the beauty of life on one of the last frontiers of America. 205 pgs, 1978

Genealogy

A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy by John A. Leppman

A selective, annotated bibliography of published books and a few journal articles about the history of Vermont and its communities. Information useful to a researcher of family history and genealogy. Historical and documentary works on Vermont and its counties and towns are included. 66 pgs, 2000

Burial Grounds of Vermont published by Vermont Old Cemetery Association

Almost 1900 cemeteries and family burial grounds in Vermont are described, with maps included. Periods of the use of the burial grounds and approximate number of burials are included whenever possible. 485 pgs, 1991

Collecting Vermont Ancestors by Alice Eichholz

Guides the researcher through the process of identifying and locating information about Vermont ancestors. 67 pgs, 1993, rev.ed.

Deming's Vermont Officers and Gazetteer 1918 [A list of the Principal Civil Officers of Vermont from 1777 to 1918] edited by John M. Comstock

A list of the Civil Officers of Vermont from 1777 to 1918, including Governors, Lieutenant Governors, Treasurers, Secretaries of State, Legislators of Vermont and the United States, Clerks, District Attorneys, and more. 411 pgs, 1918

George Martyn of Salisbury, Mass. and His Descendants by Susan Grace Martin Shipman

A genealogy of George Martyn and his descendants, researched and compiled by Mrs. Shipman, with the help of two Rochester, VT residents. 103 pgs, 1962

New England Genealogy: [New England Families Genealogical and Memorial:] A Record of the Achievements of Her People in the Making of Commonwealths and the Founding of a Nation compiled by William Richard Cutter

Four volumes covering the genealogy of New England families prior to 1914. Included are histories of established families; personal sketches of prominent people of the late 1800's, early 1900's; and their influence in the growth, prosperity, and influence of New England. 1914

Penultimate Notes on the Emersons by P. H. Emerson

Limited edition of a genealogical research into the pedigree of Stortford and Massachusetts Bay Colony Emersons. Includes H. E. Emerson, born in Rochester, Vermont. 21 pgs, 1925

Record and Memorial of the Citizens of Randolph, Vermont Who Served Their Country In Its Wars commissioned by The Town of Randolph

A listing of the Randolph veterans who served in any armed services from the Revolutionary War through the Korean Action. Included are veterans of the War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish American War, and World Wars I and II. 101 pgs, 1962

Revised Roster of Vermont Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion
compiled by the order of Adjutant General's Office 1892

A revised roster, completed in 1892, of Vermont troops in the Civil War, including hospital records. It endeavors to present a correct record of each soldier serving in Vermont organizations, the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Veteran Reserve Corps, and Hancock's First Corps, and of Vermonters serving as officers in the United States Colored Troops and organizations from other States. 863 pgs, 1892

Roster of Soldiers in the War of 1812-14 *compiled by Herbert T. Johnson*

An alphabetical listing of Vermonters who served in the War of 1812-1814. 474 pgs, 1933

Roster of Vermonters in Uniformed Service of the United States During the Second World War, 1941-1945 *compiled by Reginald M. Cram*

An alphabetical listing of all Vermonters who served in any uniformed service for the United States during World War II. Volume I contains A-L and Volume II contains M-Z. 1972-1974

Roster of Vermonters Who Served in the Korean War 1950-1955

compiled by Reginald M. Cram

An alphabetical listing of all Vermonters who served in any uniformed service for the United States during the Korean War from 1950-1955. 389 pgs, 1978

Roster of Vermonters Who Served in the Vietnam War 1964-1975

compiled by Donald E. Edwards

An alphabetical listing of all Vermonters who served in any uniformed service for the United States during the Vietnam War from 1964-1975. 1986

Roster--Spanish American War 1898 [Vermont in the Spanish-American War]

compiled by Herbert T. Johnson

A roster of the Vermonters who served in the Spanish-American War in 1898. 163 pgs, 1929

Seventh Regiment of Vermont Volunteers (Veterans) from 1862-1866 *by Wm. C. Holbrook*

A narrative documenting the services of the officers and enlisted men of the Seventh Regiment of Vermont Volunteers during the Civil War, from 1862 to 1866. 219 pgs, 1882

Vermont Revolutionary Rolls *compiled by John Goodrich*

Goodrich, a member of the Vermont Historical Society, compiled these edited rolls of all Colonial and Revolutionary troops, minutemen, militia, soldiers, sailors and marines raised in the Hampshire Grants or the State of Vermont prior to or during the Revolutionary War 1775 to 1783. 926 pgs, 1904

Year Book of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont 1906 *compiled by Charles Edwin Allen*

The first Year Book of the Society of Colonial Wars in Vermont. Contains a history of the society, its constitution and by-laws, a listing of officers and members, and historical addresses. 171 pgs, 1906

History

The 1927 Flood in Vermont and New England, November 3-7, 1927: An Historical and Pictorial Summary *compiled and edited by W.E. Minsinger, M.D.*

The flood of 1927 wreaked havoc throughout Vermont, devastating cities, small towns, industry, and railroads, and even changing the landscape. This 75th anniversary book chronicles the disaster through photos and text. One chapter focuses on the White River Valley and includes photos of damage to Rochester, and especially to Gaysville, which was most severely flooded. 112 pgs, 2003

Abby Hemenway's Vermont: Unique Portrait of a State *by Abby Maria Hemenway*

An abbreviated compendium of the Vermont Historical Gazetteer. Abby Hemenway was a genuine Victorian eccentric (1828-1890) who probed into Vermont history, and who labored for thirty years to record the story of Vermont county by county...and died with one county still to go. 179 pgs, 1972

The Admission of Vermont Into the Union *by Leon W. Dean*

The story begins at that point where New Hampshire with only a "dubious jurisdictional right," was making grants of land between the Connecticut River and Lake Champlain. It concludes at the point where the independent commonwealth, having vindicated its right to existence as a political entity, is admitted into the "Union of States" in 1791. It describes the "unique and epic" struggle of Vermont for statehood. 62 pgs, 1941

Adventure in Vermont *by Walter Merriam Pratt*

A book for lovers of old houses and their restoration. This is the true story of a family that came to Vermont and bought an old house and restored it to its original beauty. The author writes in a pleasing narrative form and includes much about the history of Vermont. 182 pgs, 1943

America the Vanishing: Rural Life and the Price of Progress *edited by Samuel R. Ogden*

There are contemporary prints and photographs to illustrate this anthology on the changing American landscape and the quality of life--a "nostalgic memorial to what was" as well as disapproving commentaries on what is. Included are renowned writers on conversation and the American scene. 242 pgs, 1969

American Commonwealth Vermont--A Study in Independence *by Rowland Robinson*

A history of Vermont by Rowland Robinson, whose homestead can be seen in Ferrisburgh, VT. Covers Vermont history up to "The Fenian Irruptions" of 1870, and speaks of Vermont's role in "The War of the Rebellion," (The Civil War). Vermont sent troops to deal with the Draft Riots in New York in 1863, which the writer finds ironic, since New York had once outlawed the Green Mountain Boys. 370 pgs, 1973

American Commonwealth *by Rowland E. Robinson*

This is the reprinted version of this book. There is also an 1892 original. Interesting history of Vermont by an important Vermont writer and naturalist. 370 pgs, 1892

American Portrait by Dorothy Canfield Fisher/ illustrated by Emit Kaufman

Profiles of famous Americans like Harlan Stone, Walt Disney, and Marian Anderson. Typical of the Vermont sense of racial equality, and highly commendable, is that even though published as early as 1946, this book includes a number of accomplished African-Americans. 318 pgs, 1946

The American Revolution in Indian Country: Crisis and Diversity in Native American Communities by Colin G. Calloway

National mythology accords Indians a minimal role in the story of the American Revolution. Yet they were doing much the same as the American colonialists: fighting for their freedom. The first broad coverage of Indian experiences in the Revolution rather than of Native Americans as allies or enemies of contending parties. 301 pgs, 1995

Ancient Craft Masonry in Vermont by Lee S. Tillotson

A general history of one hundred and forty years of Green Mountain Masonry, with a focus on the Grand Lodge and its activities. 193 pgs, 1920

Ancient Vermont edited by Warren L. Cook

Includes full texts of the proceedings at the "Ancient Vermont" Conference in 1977, where the origins of great stone slab-roofed structures, alleged inscriptions and huge phallic-shaped rocks that have been found in Vermont were discussed. 172 pgs, 1978

The Battered Stars by Howard Coffin

Howard Coffin, sixth generation Vermonter and noted Civil War historian, uses archival material such as diaries and newspaper accounts to create a vivid description of the horror and bravery of Grant's Overland Campaign as experienced by Vermont soldiers. Four of Coffin's own ancestors served with Grant in this campaign. Also the story of an apparently gay former soldier as told in his diaries. 381 pgs, 2002

The Battle of Hubbardton 1777-1927

Upwards of 5,000 persons attended the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Hubbardton--the only battle of the American Revolution fought on Vermont soil. This booklet is the Report of the Celebration on July 6, 1927. 46 pgs, 1927

Bedrock Geology of the Brattleboro Quadrangle, Vermont-New Hampshire by J. Christopher Hepburn

Geographical analysis, with black and white photos and impressive color map, of the Brattleboro Quadrangle region. 162 pgs, 1984

Ben & Jerry's Double-Dip by Ben Cohen

The infamous entrepreneurs of ice cream present an informative text on the makings of their Vermont-based, nationally consumed frozen wonder. 300 pgs, 1997

The Bennington Battle Monument by John Spargo

Story of the Monument of the Battle of Bennington, by the president of the Monument's association. The famous battle of August 16, 1777 was not fought in Bennington, as this attractive little book admits. With illustrations. Has measurements and details about the monument. Will be very informative to historians of this period. 122 pgs, 1925

Bethel: The Early Years by the Bethel Historical Society

Incomparable photos and memorabilia mark this historical record. The town of Bethel was officially organized on May 17, 1782, with its first town meeting and election of officers. This book is a treasure of photographs with text, published by the Bethel Historical Society.

84 pgs, 1974

Brandon Vermont 1761-1961: A History of the Town

The Town of Brandon was chartered October 20, 1761. And as the Bicentennial Celebration was upon the citizens, a committee was appointed to write a history. To do so was an act of love, compiled and written by and for Brandonians, past, present, and future. 294 pgs, 1961

Celebrating Vermont: Myths and Realities edited by Nancy Price Graff

Published on the 200th anniversary of Vermont's admission to the Union, this book celebrates an exhibition organized by Middlebury College, Vermont Historical Society, and Bennington Museum. The book uses art and artifacts, plus in-depth essays to separate Vermont truth from fiction, reality from myth. Well-illustrated with black and white and color plates of folk art, furniture, tombstones, business signs, quilts, posters, and even Ben & Jerry's packaging.

245 pgs, 1991

A Celebration of Vermont's Historic Architecture by Paul Bruhn

Through black and white photographs and descriptions of an eclectic selection of Vermont's historical architecture, this book celebrates the "craftsmanship and visual artistry" that are rarely duplicated today. 108 pgs, 1983

The Challenge by Roy L. Johnson

An illustrated account of the great flood of 1927 in the upper White River Valley and of the destruction and restoration of the White River Railroad. 28 pgs, 192

Conant's Vermont: The Geography, History, Constitution and Civil Government of Vermont by Edward Conant

The original (third edition) of Conant's Vermont (see version edited by Mason Stone). The Randolph native offers the Constitution of Vermont and information on its civil government as well as history and statistics. 293 pgs, 1896

Conant's Vermont edited by Mason Stone

Edward Conant, former Principal in Randolph and Superintendent of Schools, in 1896 wrote this book to "expressly comply with the State Laws." The full title is "The Geography, History, Constitution and Civil Government of Vermont." Contains interesting information including a drawing of the Red Clover, which in 1894 had been selected as the Vermont State Flower. 'Like a leaf of beaten gold/tremulous to breathing air/lies the ruddy clover field/Yielding odors rich and rare.' -- V.G. Maxham. 440 pgs, 1907

The Connecticut by Walter Hard

The Connecticut River played a major role in the development of New England by European settlers. This book tells some of the stories of the people who impacted the political, economic and religious history along the pathway of this great American river. 309 pgs, 1947

Connecticut River by Marguerite Allis

Always the story of the Connecticut River has been a story of challenge--pioneers sailing up, river-built barks sailing down, canals challenging white water, steamboats challenging sailboats, railroads challenging steamboats, motors challenging railroads, the river challenging them all. 310 pgs, 1939

Contrary Country: A Chronicle of Vermont by Ralph Nading Hill

A proud and picturesque retelling of some of the best-known stories about the state of Vermont, with "a wonderful, rambunctious gallery of folk." One wonders if the persons described thus, like Hetty Green, would have appreciated the honor. The book looks like a good read, 1950's style. 309 pgs, 1950

Covered Bridges of Vermont by Ed Barna

This book is both a history and a guide with the author admonishing the reader to look first at the surroundings and imagine what justified expending scarce resources to build a bridge at that location. Barna views the bridges in the context of the 19th century's mania for transportation and suggests that covered bridges are one of the finest expressions of America's golden age of woodworking. 215 pgs, 1996

Cumulative Index to Vermont Life Magazine published by Vermont Life Magazine

An index for the magazine "Vermont Life", covering Volumes 1-20 (2 copies) for 1946-1966, and Volumes 21-32 (2 copies) for 1966-1976. Every article has been indexed by title, author, subject, locality, and there is also an index of the illustrations. 1967 & 1977

Early Vermont Broadsides by John Duffy

This collection of twenty-one of the earliest examples of broadside art printed in northern New England includes items from 1777 to 1821. These are examples of communication among members of a rural population who needed to be kept informed of regional and national public events, such as battles, as well as private events, such as deaths and thefts. 51 pgs, 1975

The Edge of the Sugar Woods: A Memoir by Patricia Adams Lent

Lent, resident of Pomfret, VT, bred her first terriers when she was nine, and for the past forty-five years she has selectively and carefully bred hunting terriers and bird dogs. Her memoirs illustrate that dogs relate to people like no other animal, and clearly show how Lent and her terriers fully establish that connection. 204 pgs, 2002

Father Went to College by W. Storrs Lee

Before routes of communication with the outside world were established in Vermont, before many of the original log cabins had been abandoned in favor of frame houses, before forests were extensively cleared, even before a meeting house had been erected in the settlement, Middlebury College was chartered and in operation. Father Went to College records, in biographical format, this founding and the subsequent century of struggle for existence. 249 pgs, 1936

The Fenian Raids on the Huntingdon Frontier 1866 and 1870 by Robert McGee

A history of Canada's response to the armed invasions made by Irish American Fenians on southern Quebec during the decade of Confederation. 66 pgs, 1967

Floodtide of 1927 by Luther B. Johnson

A compendium of reports of the November 1927 flood. Mostly taken from newspapers around the state. With black and white photos. "Rochester, while not so hard hit as many of her sister towns, is still...digging out or filling in... every man...if able to wield a shovel, lending his strength to the stupendous task." 181 pgs, 1927

Footpath in the Wilderness

An illustrated book about Vermont's Long Trail, covering briefly the history of the creation of the Long Trail, its geology, plants, wild life, and general descriptions of the views from south to north. 102 pgs, 1941

Freemasonry in Vermont 1765-1944: The Green Mountain State by John Spargo

This slim volume offers a history of the secret society of the Freemasons in Vermont from 1765 to 1944. It begins earlier with "the transient military lodges" that traveled through the state during the French and Indian War, documents the membership of several Green Mountain Boys in the order, including Revolutionary War hero Seth Warner, and gives biographies of prominent Vermont masons through the 19th and into the 20th century. An appendix includes a complete list of the state's grand masters from 1794 to 1944. 76 pgs, 1944

The French Occupation of the Champlain Valley from 1609-1759 by Guy Omeron Coolidge

This book is, or was on its publication date, the only attempt at a connected account of the 150 years of French dominion over northern Vermont and New York. Added Biographical Index. Original book was published in 1938 in "Vermont History". Vital data for the persons indexed--date of birth, date of marriage, etc. 218 pgs, 1989

Frontier Crossroads: The Evolution of Newport Vermont by Emily Nelson

The history of Newport, VT, is the story of a town that started as a frontier settlement on the Canadian border, experienced an exciting period as a major summer resort, at the same time becoming a lumbering and railroad center, and finally settled down to a more stable role as a major service and trading center in the northeast section of Vermont. A special portfolio of rare pictures, many appearing for the first time, is included. 254 pgs, 1977

Full DutyVermonters in the Civil War by Howard Coffin

In this new perspective on the epic struggle to preserve the Union, Coffin's "you are there" style and scores of unforgettable eye-witness accounts bring home the sounds and sights of the furious battles that raged across Virginia and along the gold coast of Louisiana. It dramatizes why and how Vermont responded so quickly and enthusiastically to President Lincoln's first call to arms in the spring of 1861. 364 pgs, 1993

Gazetteer of Vermont Heritage published by National Survey of Chester, VT

A chronological summary of significant events from the State's beginning to the present time (1966). Biographical sketches of Early Notables, historical notes on each town and city in the State, and a listing of many of the State's museums. With photos and drawings. Regarding this town, it says, Rochester was settled at the close of the Revolution. Here was erected the first Soldier's Monument to Civil War Veterans in the U.S., awarded a prize long ago as the Model Town of the United States. 95 pgs, 1966

The General Store in Vermont: An Oral History by Jane Beck

A short history that concentrates on the memories of Vermont country stores in the early part of this century. A fascinating and satisfying look at one of the great institutions in rural Vermont. 44 pgs, 1980

A Glimpse of the Past--Pittsfield, Vermont by Catherine S. Davis

That which began as a collection of pictures of early Pittsfield and its history, on the one hand, and a search for information about its ancestors, on the other hand, unearthed interesting facts never previously brought together. Wonderful photographs and maps from 1781 to approximately 1925 fill this historical volume. 141 pgs, 1976

The Grange in Vermont by Guy B. Horton

In the 1860s there were 100 Granges in 13 states; Vermont began in 1871, and the book lists the assets up to and including 1967. Barely was the first Grange organized when it took up the idea of cooperative buying. Each Grange appointed a business agent to whom its members gave orders for the various commodities, resulting in substantial savings for the members.

246 pgs, 1968

Green Mountain Adventure: Vermont's Long Trail by Jane and Will Curtis

On a rainy day in 1909, James Taylor sat in the tiny town of Saxtons River and ruminated on a vision trail running from the Massachusetts border to the Quebec border along the tops of the Green Mountains. Subsequent persistence and hard work resulted in the Long Trail and the Green Mountain Club as we know it today. 96 pgs, 1985

Green Mountain Boy at Monticello by Daniel Pierce Thompson

As a young Vermonter, author Thompson visited with Thomas Jefferson at Jefferson's home in Virginia during the summer of 1822. Jefferson was 80 and talked about his beloved University of Virginia, Patrick Henry, Virginia's anti-slavery movement, and predicted the coming of the Civil War. Originally published in Harper's New Monthly Magazine for May, 1863, Thompson's recollections have been reprinted in this small but interesting book. 35 pgs, 1962

The Green Mountain Boys by D. P. Thompson

A historical tale of the early settlement of Vermont, including the New York controversy, the American Revolution and the dramatic role of the Green Mountain Boys. Illustrations are by Carle Michel Boog. 485 pgs, 1927

Green Mountain Treasury: A Vermont Life Sampler edited by Walter Hard, Jr.

Richly illustrated pictorial book, arranged by season. Color and b/w photos and drawings. 188 pgs, 1961

The Green Mountains of Vermont Issued by Vermont Publicity Bureau

The Vermont Publicity Bureau issued this little book in 1921 (the Rochester Library also owns the 1928 edition). It provides a guided tour of Vermont's highest peaks, with vivid descriptions of the summits, and telling how to get to them. Much information on the Long Trail during that period. 76 pgs, 1921

The Green Mountains of Vermont *Issued by Vermont Publicity Bureau*

Same as 1921 book (above). Pages 35 and 36 describe peaks in Rochester. Lots of landscape photos show a surprising lack of trees, documenting how Green Mountain forests had yet to recover from more than 150 years of heavy logging and farming. 64 pgs, 1928

The Green Mountains of Vermont by W. Storrs Lee

Here is a rich harvest of Vermont lore and stories, told with wit and warmth, about Vermont town meetings and camp meetings, heroes, humorists, and eccentrics, lakes and forests, early roads and turnpikes, schools and village greens, century-old summit houses and watering places, covered bridges and homespun entertainments, Yankee ways and the Puritan heritage, the tourist trade and winter sport, and the native sons who have brought something "distinctly Vermont" to the national scene and world affairs. 318 pgs, 1955

Hamlet in the Hills: The Story of Parker Hill, Vermont by Gladness Wharton Luce

A mingling of history and lore make this a fascinating story about Parker Hill and the people who lived there. This hamlet was a thriving village of fifty families, which vanished when swamps were drained and valleys were developed for industry. Genealogical nuggets, Universalist beginnings, crops, weather, and colonial architecture and construction are background for this engaging story of everyday people who made history. 134 pgs, 1979

Hancock Heritage: Town of Hancock 1781-1981 published by Hancock Historical Society

Black and white photographs of the town of Hancock, a near neighbor of Rochester. Arranged geographically, the pictures begin at the south end of town, progress north, and cover the branch road to the Middlebury line. Old and new photos mingled to portray changes in the landscape over the years. 70 pgs, 1980

Hand-Hewn In Old Vermont by Ruth M. Rasey Simpson

This beautifully written book is a history of land-use, rural lives and livelihoods in Bennington, VT, over the past two centuries. Simpson's extensive research uses recollections, town records, diaries and newspapers to construct an authentic look at the fabric of pioneer Vermonter's daily lives: farming, crafts, cider making, home remedies, pioneer foods, animal husbandry, home raisings, and more are featured. 240 pgs, 1979

Hands on the Land: A History of the Vermont Landscape by Jan Albers

Superbly illustrated, Jan Albers' wide-ranging narrative explores how Vermont has come to stand as a national ideal of unspoiled rural community. With a lively use of contemporary accounts, advertisements, maps, landscape paintings, and vintage photographs, this book is a treasure of stories and personalities. 351 pgs, 2000

Haven On a Hilltop by Hazel B. Corliss

Hazel B. Corliss wrote this small book in 1975 for her grandchildren and for her many readers of the weekly column she did for 16 years. Her family's Vermont "Basin Farm" was their haven, their solace from city living as they found themselves close to the soil. 173 pgs, 1975

The Hill Country of Northern New England: Its Social and Economic History 1790-1930 by Harold Fisher Wilson

Published in 1936, this history of the upland and interior region of New England, particularly New Hampshire and Vermont, is thorough and informative. Includes tables, and covers a

remarkable span of time from The Age of Self-Sufficiency (1790-1830) to The Hill Country in Retrospect (1900-1930). 455 pgs, 1936

The Hill Country of Northern New England: Its Social and Economic History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries *by Harold Fisher Wilson*

Volume ten of the series Growth of Vermont, the focus is on the character of the land and its uses, which so positively determine the activities of Vermonters in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Rather than try to isolate Vermont, though, its economic growth and change is viewed in relationship to the entire hill region of northern New England. 455 pgs, 1947

Historical Highlights of the Town Of Hartford, Vermont *by John W. St. Croix*

A local historian lovingly and diligently documents the history of Hartford, VT, by combining and updating two previous histories, and by contributing a wealth of historic photos. A "new" section takes the narrative up to 1974. The book's easy anecdotal style makes this a fun-to-read local history. 374 pgs, 1974

Historical Markers on the Crown Point Road *by Crown Point Road Assoc. Pub. Comm.*

The Crown Point Road, crossing the state of Vermont and connecting points in New York and New Hampshire could well be called Vermont's first interstate highway. The markers were erected at different times by different people, made of different materials, but have one thing in common: it was a military road. 43 pgs, 1965

History Briefs of Vermont *by Lois Wheeler*

A historical researcher has collected stories about Vermont that she found interesting, but which didn't seem to fit into a local history book. Here are versions of her varied and interesting collection. 85 pgs

History of Barnard Vermont (2 vols.) *by William Monroe Newton*

The writer had free access to valuable collections of genealogical and historical material, and he undertook a voluminous correspondence with descendants of Barnard families. From all these sources much valuable material was secured which had never appeared before in print. 1928

The History of Braintree, Vermont Volume II 1883-1975 *by Katharine F. DuClos*

This is a story of Braintree and the people who have lived there spanning the years 1883-1975. It is about the town, where for generations, hardy individuals have stubbornly wrested a livelihood from the soil and the forest. 246 pgs, 1976

History of Royalton, VT *by Evelyn Lovejoy*

A detailed history of the founding of Royalton, which includes the families, institutions, landmarks, organizations, and important events. Maps and illustrations are included. 1145 pgs, 1911

History of the State of Vermont *by Ira Allen*

Ira Allen, one of the unsung heroes of the Revolutionary period, has written of the birth pangs of the State of Vermont. This history has been taken from the Collections of the Vermont Historical Society, Volume 1, Montpelier, 1870. 179 pgs, 1798/1969

History of the Town of Middlebury in the County of Addison, Vermont by Samuel Swift

A reprint of the edition first published in 1859, containing priceless illustrations and photographs of early settlers. American history throbs with the vitality of the frontier in this stirring account of the settling, retreat, and resettlement of Middlebury, VT. 454 pgs, 1971

History of Vermont [Vermont, The Green Mountain State] by Walter H. Crockett

A detailed, four-volume history of Vermont, starting with the geological formation of the Green Mountains and the Indian tribes who lived there, and progressing through settlement of Vermont, Revolutionary War, becoming a State, and continuing through World War I. 1921

A History of Wallingford, Vermont edited by Julian Klock

A history, with black and white photos, of the town of Wallingford. One admires the immense amount of energy the writers and editors of these town histories put into tracing the stories of their towns. 147 pgs, 1976

A Home in the Country by Frederic F. Van DeWater

During the economic downward spiral of the 1930's, Van de Water and his wife decide to buy a country house. Van de Water's account of their journey as they become Vermont homeowners and farmers is chronicled in this wonderful tale. 198 pgs, 1937

In Days Gone By produced by Vermont Public Television

Vermonters share memories of a rural America still untouched by 20th-century technology and modern conveniences. They knew both the satisfaction and challenges of country life in the early 1900's. Includes historic film footage and photos. 2000

Justice in the Mountains by Deane C. Davis

Deane C. Davis practiced law in his native Vermont and served two terms as Governor. His many achievements are described in the Introduction by Vrest Orton. From his law perspective Davis captures stories of the human and humorous sides of the administration of justice. A lively book! 177 pgs, 1980

Key to Vermont Tours: American Guide Series written by Workers of the Federal Writers' Project

392 pgs, 1937

Lake Champlain and Lake George edited by Frederic F. Van DeWater

A history from the glacial age to 1940's of the Lake Champlain and Lake George regions, written by journalist and author of fiction, biography, and history. 381 pgs

Lake Champlain: Key to Liberty by Ralph Nading Hill

An illustrated history of Lake Champlain and its environs. "...Mr. Hill recreates the life and times of the builders of Burlington and Plattsburgh, NY." He "graphically describes the lake's role in the French and Indian War...the American Revolution...and the War of 1812." Much else about the lake is included in this illustrated history. 296 pgs, 1977

Lake Champlain: Reflections on our Past edited by Jennie G. Versteeg

A collection of essays chronicles the history of Lake Champlain, America's sixth largest lake. The book is compiled from a 1985 University of Vermont and Burlington's Fletcher Free

Libary conference, "Lake Champlain: Reflections on Our Past." Essays cover prehistory, the Abenaki presence, the French period, the founding of Vermont, the lake as battleground, the 19th century commercial period, and 20th century environmental history. 299 pgs, 1987

Let Me Show You Vermont by Charles Edward Crane

First written in the late 1930's, Charles Crane has not merely told a great number of interesting facts but gives us a clear, sunny, unpretentious, informal, carefully unemphatic collection of material about the Green Mountains and the people who live there. 347 pgs, 1942

Letters to Dane: November 1860-July 1862 by Charles Nelson Morse

An intimate view of a small slice of US history (1860-1862) as seen through the letters of the Morse family of Randolph, VT. Intimate family happenings and the mundane daily occurrences of small town life play against the unfolding of the gold rush in California and the Civil War. The letters are full of political opinion, news from the farm, and the drama of sickness and death. Reads like a novel. 87 pgs, 1996

**Letters to Vermont: From Her Civil War Soldier Correspondents to the Home Press, Vol. 1
*compiled and edited by Donald H. Wickman***

A haunting, personal but public record of Vermont soldiers during the Civil War. Features the letters of 7 soldiers, mailed from the front to the Rutland Herald (a small paper that couldn't afford a war correspondent), providing a lively first-person portrait of camp life, campaigns, and battles. Includes 30 rarely seen engravings and prints, and 15 maps, plus 21 photos.

237 pgs, 1998

Looking Back at Vermont: FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION PHOTOGRAPHS, 1936-1942 by Nancy Price Graff

New Deal photographs of 1930s and 1940s Vermont. Photographers assigned to take pictures of Vermont rural life in that era by the Farm Security Administration. Mostly b/w, some color. A truly fascinating picture of the state in the difficult days of the Depression. 2002

Mail Story of the Flood

1928 collection of stories of postal workers' efforts to deliver the mail within Vermont and the Hanover, New Hampshire area during the devastating flood of November, 1927. The book was sold to raise money for the American Red Cross. With black and white photos of the flood and the damage it caused. 80 pgs, 1928

Make Your Own Change by Nancy Means Wright

The warm and witty tale of a family who came home to Vermont and made a life--along with a living. Illustrated by Lachlan Field. 176 pgs, 1985

Mansfield: the Story of Vermont's Loftiest Mountain by Robert L. Hagerman

Spicing his story with a rich array of legends, lore and anecdotes, Hagerman captures the history of Mt. Mansfield, Vermont's highest mountain. Includes all of the first edition which appeared in 1971, with additional coverage of the first balloon flight over Mt. Mansfield, and the first hang-glider flight from its summit. 120 pgs, 1975

Members of the Family by *Frederic F. Van DeWater*

Van de Water lives close to his Vermont farm animals, and has learned to know them perhaps as intimately as any human can. Now he shares his knowledge in a book where Vermont is merely background and humans appear only incidentally. 190 pgs, 1942

Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of Justin S. Morrill

A collection of the memorial addresses delivered in both the Senate and House, as well as the funeral service in the Senate, and the Memorial service at Montpelier, VT for Justin Morrill, late VT Senator . 119 pgs, 1899

Memories of Arlington, Vermont by *Dorothy Canfield Fisher*

One of the most famous writers of VT and its history writes about Arlington, the home of her family. Fisher's writing is always easy and enjoyable to read, and is very evocative of Southern VT in its earlier days. Anyone who wants to understand the soul of Vermont should begin by reading Dorothy Canfield Fisher. 214 pgs, 1957

Men and Mountains by *Morris R. Wilcox*

Ballads of Old Vermont. With black and white illustrations. Arranged in chronological order. 138 pgs, 1959

Mister Glover's Groton: The Chronicle of Groton, Vermont from 1789 to 1978

by Waldo F. Glover

History of the town of Groton, VT. Written by a teacher/principal from Groton. Explains that Groton was once a thriving sawmill and farming town. In 1978, it had become a small town without farms or mills. With b/w photo illustrations. 327 pgs, 1978

The Mount Independence Hubbardton 1776 Military Road by *Joseph Wheeler*

Originally published as three articles in "Vermont History" magazine, Wheeler details the mapping, building, and history of Vermont's Revolutionary Road from Mount Independence to Hubbardton. 351 pgs, 1968

Mountain New England by *William Robinson*

A Narrative of a Tour Through the State of Vermont from April 27 to June 12 1789

by The Reverend Nathan Perkins

Beautifully printed account of a journey around early Vermont by a Great Awakening minister from Connecticut. His route partly paralleled present day Rt. 7, and he went north to Burlington and across Lake Champlain. He calls upon the chief justice, tries maple cider ("horrible stuff"), observes that many have nothing to eat but wild leeks, and visits and preaches in many towns. Some anomalies; Gov.Thomas Chittenden is listed as appearing on p. 17 but is actually encountered on p. 23. 44 pgs, 1964

Native Names of New England by *C. Lawrence Bond* 2000

The Natural and Civil History of Vermont by *Samuel Williams*

A very early history of Vermont, 1794. With old lettering and spelling. This is a truly archaic document, with information not easy to find elsewhere. 416 pgs

Natural History of Vermont by Zadock Thompson

Thompson, Vermont's noted historian, saw sermons in stones and beauty even in the hogfish. "Descriptive and Physical Geography of Vermont" opens this book. It then plunges into quadrupeds, birds, botany, reptiles, and fish. Information on folklore and folk cures. Spruce beer, for instance, it says, prevents scurvy. With a number of old fashioned b/w illustrations. 286 pgs, 1971

New England Image by Samuel Chamberlain

192 pgs, 1962

Nine Months to Gettysburg: Stannard's Vermonters and the Repulse of Pickett's Charge by Howard Coffin

At Gettysburg, Stannard's Second Vermont Brigade occupied a key position on Cemetery Ridge and shattered the right flank of Pickett's famous charge. The New York Times said that they had perhaps done more than any other body of men to gain the triumph that decided the fate of the Union. It is also the story of individual soldiers in the brigade, seen through their letters and journals. Includes directions for walking the battlefield to follow the action undertaken by the Vermont soldiers. 295 pgs, 1997

Northern Railroads: Vermont and Her Neighbors produced by Vermont Public Television

This fascinating video explores the history of the railroad from the mid-1800s in Vermont and adjoining states. 1995

Not Faster Than a Walk by Viola C White

A walker's picture of Middlebury, VT, with black and white woodcut-like illustrations. Detailed and observant account of Middlebury and environs in the late 1930's. The preface takes note that the author enjoys picking orchids and other flowers that even then were rare and considered endangered, but applauds her ability to walk, observe, and enjoy the remarkable beauty of Vermont. A true glimpse into the daily past. 144 pgs, 1939

Old Vermont Houses by Herbert Wheaton Congdon

This book reflects on how the author in 1945 undertook trips as the photographer for the Old Buildings Project initiated by the Robert Hull Fleming Museum and sponsored by the James Benjamin Wilbur Library Fund, both of the University of Vermont. 192 pgs, 1946

The Original Vermonters: Native Inhabitants Past and Present by William A. Haviland

History of the Native peoples of Vermont, of whom it has mistakenly been said that "there ain't any." Particular attention is paid to Vermont's Abenakis. Excellent resource. 326 pgs, 1981

Out of the Saltbox by Ruth Ramsey

History of the author's family's life in its Saltbox house. Mrs. Ramsey is a descendant of one of the four original families who colonized Southern Vermont. This is a deservedly famous book that has been read by many visitors to Vermont. Well worth reading. 256 pgs, 1962

Outsiders Inside Vermont: Travelers' Tales of 358 Years edited by T.D. Seymour Bassett

Vermonters are mostly a taciturn lot--especially so when it comes to explaining the mystique of Vermont to the outside world. Therefore it has fallen to visitors, of whom there has been a large

and distinguished company, to try to describe the Vermonter in his/her natural habitat. Gathered here are varied reactions of 30 of these outsiders. 136 pgs, 1961

Over Cram Hill by *Russell H. Farnsworth*

Stories in and around Central Vermont, from Roxbury to Randolph, and other environs. Describes the beauty of this area: "how beautiful is understood only by those who have climbed to the top of Bear Hill or Mt. Cushman..." Old photos. Fascinating book for those who live in this area. 79 pgs

Over The Hills to Woodstock: The Saga of the Woodstock Railroad by *Edgar T. Mead, Jr.*

Vermont's not-quite-fourteen miles long Woodstock Railway came as close to fulfilling the American dream of what a shoreline railroad should be and do as any other you can name. The author lovingly recounts the saga of this "princely little railroad" from its birth pangs in stormy town meetings of the 1860's to its demise in the 1930's. 44 pgs, 1967

A Pageant at Bennington, Vermont, In Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of The Battle of Bennington 1777-1927 *written and produced by Virginia Tanner*

A complete play, with full cast of characters, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Revolutionary War battle of Bennington in 1927. Much historical background is provided in the dramatic dialogue. This historic pageant was first acted, sung and danced by the citizens of Bennington. 91 pgs, 1927

A Pictorial History of New England by *Edward Wagenknecht*

342 pgs, 1976

A Pictorial History of Stockbridge/Gaysville 1761-1976

published by The Bicentennial Committee

A Bicentennial edition of the history of Stockbridge and Gaysville, including original land grants map and economic development, schools, floods, founding families, and the "Peavine" railroad. 209 pgs, 1976

The Postal History of Vermont by *George C. Slawson*

A vast wealth of knowledge concerning everything postal in Vermont. Aimed at collectors, this book covers an unusual part of state history that might interest the general reader too.

308 pgs, 1969

Proceedings at Chester, Vermont, June 29, 1909 on Old Home Day

This small volume presents the actual proceedings at Old Home Day at Chester, VT, June 29, 1909, including the speeches, poems, and dedications of "settings of markers" at different historical sites. 46 pgs, 1909

Railroads of Vermont: A Pictorial by *Robert C. Jones*

Vermont railroading history comes alive in more than 600 photos, plus maps, tickets and timetables that chronicle the state's trains from the Civil War through the early 1990's. Covers the full gamut from statewide rail systems to urban trolley lines, plus industrial railroads serving the mills, mines and logging sites of the Green Mountain state. 355 pgs, 1994

Rare Old Covered Bridges of Windsor County, Vermont by Richard Sanders Allen

The problem of bridge building faced the people of Windsor County from the very first. To erect a primitive bridge was mainly a matter of felling, shaping, and snaking huge timbers across the streams. The years brought improvements and the covered wooden bridge was developed and adapted from Massachusetts by Vermonters, as a sturdy, weather-proof structure designed for long-term service. 44 pgs, 1962

Recollections of Vermonters in State and National Affairs by Earle S. Kinsley

Kinsley recounts his memories about Vermonters who were involved in National and State affairs, covering 1790 to 1946, including stories from his time as a page boy in the US Senate in 1881, through almost a quarter century as Republican National Committeeman from Vermont. He also includes earlier recollections from some of his fellow employees and congressmen. 168 pgs, 1946

The Ridges, a Comprehensive Engineering Glossary: An Historical and Pictorial Summary compiled and edited by W. E. Minsinger, M.D.

Tells how Vermont's landscape and livelihoods were ravaged and reshaped by the storm of the century. Authoritative history lists past historic floods in Vermont, describes meteorological conditions that led to the 1927 storm, and documents the costs of the 1927 natural disaster in dozens of black and white photos and text. A valuable historic document in this age of unfolding climate change. 112 pgs, 2003

Robert Rogers of the Rangers by John R. Cuneo

Basing his account on much original research, the author sheds new light on the French and Indian War, days when white men and Indians scalped one another. This book will be treasured by all readers interested in American history and feats of human courage. 308 pgs, 1959

Royalton, Vermont by Hope Nash

A revised, updated history of Royalton, beginning with the first settlement and including original unpublished material for every decade. Nash also includes a survey of farms and houses shown on an 1869 map, and gives family outlines of 120 Royalton families who have lived there for a generation or more. 299 pgs, 1975

Rural Vermont: A Program for the Future by Two Hundred Vermonters

Contains reports written about the resources and problems of Vermont, written by Vermonters for the VT Commission on Country Life. The volume was presented to the people of VT with the hope it would influence decision-makers to design a "sanely progressive future" for Vermont. 385 pgs, 1931

Rutland In Retrospect edited by Robert Edward West

A photographic history by the Rutland Historical Society, from its founding in 1761 to 1978. 177 pgs, 1978

The Rutland Road by Jim Shaughnessy

Illustrated with photographs by Shaughnessy, Philip Hastings, and other celebrated railroad photographers, this book is a complete history of the Rutland railroad, from pre-construction discussions in 1831 to present. 368 pgs, 1964

Second Cutting: Letters from the Country by Richard M. Ketchum

This is a look at life through rural-colored glasses, reflections that will appeal to all those who live in the country, or at least wish they did. The author explores his terrain and the creatures that inhabit it with a unique Yankee sensibility. 1981

The Shaping of Vermont: From the Wilderness to the Centennial 1749-1877

by J. Kevin Graffagnino

The decades between the granting of the township of Bennington in 1749 and the state centennial in 1877 witnessed the historic interplay of people and events from which the modern Vermont emerged. Graffagnino offers a fresh perspective on this exciting formative period in Green Mountain history. Maps and illustrations included. Oversized. 147 pgs, 1983

Shrewsbury, Vermont: Our Town As It Was by Dawn D. Hance

Extremely detailed history of the town of Shrewsbury, with black and white photographs and drawings. 320 pgs, 1980

Snapshots, Waitsfield, Vermont 1789-1989 edited by Dana Whittle Myers

Captures some brief but enduring glimpses of the changes brought about by 200 years of life in Waitsfield. Text by Annemarie Simko. 57 pgs, 1989

Snow, Stars, and Wild Honey by George Morrill

Here is the story of a family that fulfilled their dream of stalking and capturing the good life by making a rough-hewn mountain cabin in Vermont into their full-time home. The descriptions of the wilderness world, the portraits of the salty Vermont neighbors, and the wealth of useful information on building and survival techniques under less-than-ideal conditions make this an appealing book. 226 pgs, 1975

Spanning Time: Vermont's Covered Bridges by Joseph C. Nelson

Nelson knows and loves Vermont's covered bridges. This exhaustively researched book includes photos and fun-to-read historical anecdotes about 101 bridges. Includes driving tours by region, and useful appendices giving a summary of all of Vermont's covered bridges, a bridge engineering glossary, list of bridge builders, and reading list. Every bridge is pictured in a color photo. 271 pgs, 1997

The Story of Hancock, Vermont 1780 - 1964 by The Historical Committee of Hancock

A compact, detailed history of Hancock. List of early pioneers and their direct descendants still living in the town on publication. With b/w photos. Lists industries such as the Weyerhauser plant, the Eaton mill, and the Hubbard store. Hancock has seen earthquake tremors and a remarkable aurora borealis in 1819. 2 copies. 95 pgs, 1969

The Story of the Vermont Country Store by Vrest Orton

A history of the Vermont country store, including the author's personal experience of restoring the family store and building it into a successful small business. Photographs and illustrations are included. 127 pgs, 1983

The Taking of Ticonderoga in 1775: The British Story by Allen French

One of the first monographs to utilize British historical papers. This tract champions the English view regarding the surrender of Fort Ticonderoga to American forces. Contests Ethan Allen's account of the incident. 90 pgs, 1928

A Tale of the Rebellion by Rev. Homer White

The Civil War history of Norwich University, Vermont's only military school "...with the exception of that peripatetic school in which Ethan Allen and Seth Warner were professors... In many of these old books one finds the Civil War called the War of the Rebellion, or simply The Rebellion. Interesting exchange on p.22 regarding the question of the South's right to rebel. Two cadets, Tom and Bill, discuss the matter. One takes the position that the South has as good a right to rebel "as the United Colonies had to secede from Great Britain..." The other feels that "Our fathers had numerous causes and ... declared them... You Southerners have nothing to say that you are not ashamed to embody in a declaration to the world..." They meet later in battle.

135 pgs, 1873

Tales From a Vermont Courthouse: Addison County Justice by Peter Langrock

Captivating courtroom yarns from a long time courtroom lawyer. These human stories illustrate just how important legal proceedings are to the history of a community. 190 pgs, 1997

Tales of Old Grafton by James and Margaret Cawley

Records in words and pictures the charm of the small Vermont village of Grafton, originally called Middletown. The last chapter is devoted to tales told by six members of the Men's Fellowship of the Grafton Congregational Church. 119 pgs, 1974

Tales of Vermont Ways and People by Bertha S. Dodge

Dodge's history of the settlement of Vermont includes personal stories that she gleaned from historical writings and oral history. These tales let Vermonters come through as real people whose traditions, outlook on life, and sturdy independence spiced with a quick, if quiet, humor have enchanted all who have come to know them intimately. 192 pgs, 1977

The Tercentenary Celebration of the Discovery of Lake Champlain and Vermont by the Lake Champlain Tercentenary Commission

167 pgs, 1910

Thaddeus Stevens and the Fight for Negro Rights by Milton Meltzer

1928 edition of poetry selections. Frost, as is well known, owned a cabin and taught at the Writers' Conference at Bread Loaf in Ripton. He would occasionally come to Rochester and visit the Drugstore, the marble soda fountain of which is now in the Cafe. Includes Home Burial, Birches, Mending Wall, The Oven Bird, The Road Not Taken, and others, some less well-known. 231 pgs, 1967

This is Vermont by Walter and Margaret Hard

With photos and art reproductions. A famous book on Vermont. The indomitable Hards, Walter and Margaret, explore the Depression-era state together. The talc mines of Rochester and the marble quarry were closed, and there were "pleasant looking homes" but not much industry. Casual history, but enjoyable. 318 pgs, 1936

Thomas Chittenden's Town: A Story of Williston, Vermont by Willard Sterne Randall
History of Williston which was built by Vermont's first governor, Thomas Chittenden. With black and white illustrations. 383 pgs, 1998

Time and Change in Vermont: A Human Geography by Harold A. Meeks
A compelling portrait of the "real Vermont." This book tells the social history of Vermont and how technology and geography helped to shape the state. The modern era from 1960 is well covered and discusses the vast changes that have taken place since the state has transitioned from an agricultural economy to one based on tourism and modern industry. 360 pgs, 1986

Times Gone By; Woodstock: Views of an Early Vermont Village by Will and Jane Curtis
David Budbill created this Christmas Poem in Two Acts as a contemporary adaptation of the Medieval English Miracle Play, the "Second Shepherds' Play." 88 pgs, 1976

Town of Wheelock: Vermont's Gift to Dartmouth College by Eleanor J. Hutchinson
The story of a piece of Vermont from the time it belonged to the lost township of BAMF until it was finally awarded to a struggling wilderness college named Dartmouth. Residents of Wheelock, if admitted, may attend Dartmouth free of charge. 217 pgs, 1961

The Town's College: Middlebury College, 1800-1915 by David Stameshkin
A history of one of the oldest colleges in the United States. The pioneers who settled in Middlebury also helped to found the college and nurture it through its early years. Explores the role of liberal education in America. 368 pgs, 1985

A Treasury of "Vermont Life": An anthology of the best pictures and articles from the Vermont magazine *foreward by Stewart H. Holbrook*
Published in 1956, this is a good picture, in the "Vermont Life" style, of the state at that time and before. With mostly black and white illustrations, a few in color. 191 pgs, 1956

Vermont by Sonja Bullaty
Gorgeous color photographs show the seasons of Vermont, providing an eloquent tribute to the varied beauty of the landscape. There is a brief description, month by month, of the Vermont character. 48 pgs, 1973

Vermont Album by Ralph Nading Hill
Rare and unusual photos of Vermont, from dozens of collections throughout the state and elsewhere. "They project an unforgettable image of Vermont when the enduring...mold was being cast." 144 pgs, 1974

Vermont Beautiful by Wallace Nutting
With camera and pen and his own rare appreciation for things beautiful, Dr. Nutting has wandered throughout the length and breadth of Vermont. He has included his most enchanting pictures and written of the things that charmed him most about the state. 254 pgs, 1922

Vermont Citizen's Guide edited by June Carmichael
Published by the League of Women Voters of Vermont, this 1965 guide details the local and state government of Vermont, as well as its constitution. 105 pgs, 1993

Vermont Clock and Watchmakers, Silversmiths and Jewelers: 1778-1878

by Lilian Baker Carlisle

A comprehensive compendium of information concerning early Vermont silversmiths, clock and watchmakers, and jewelers. It has chapters detailing the craft of watchmaking, the advances in clockmaking pioneered by Vermont craftsmen and the styles, forms and design in gold and silverwork executed in VT from 1778-1878. Detailed biographies of the 983 craftsmen who immigrated to, or were born in, Vermont during its first century of settlement are included. 313 pgs, 1970

Vermont College: A Famous Old School *by Eldon Hubert Martin*

Martin details the beginnings of the Vermont College as a Preparatory School and Seminary and continues to the 1960's. He underscores the national scope of the contributions that this school has made to American education. 247 pgs, 1962

Vermont Diary *by Viola C. White*

One of two copies of a book of days in and around Middlebury, taken from twelve years of observations by the author, but presented as one year. Enjoyable style. Vermont is fortunate in having had many literate and articulate residents who enjoyed keeping a record of the varied stages of their existence. 145 pgs, 1956

The Vermont Encyclopedia *edited by John J. Duffy*

Organized from A-to-Z, this 2003 encyclopedia has 1,000 up-to-date entries that cover famous and infamous Vermonters, and the physical, political, economic and social landscape of our state. The book's 140 contributors make for a diverse volume that constantly surprises with unexpected entries. For instance, the book covers such topics as nudism in the state, the Wasp (the only Vermont-made car), and the fabled fur-bearing trout. Well-written and informative. 332 pgs, 2003

The Vermont Experience: In Words and Photographs *edited by Susan Bartlett Weber*

This coffee-table book portrays much of the romance and some of the reality of Vermont over the past 200 years. The scores of contemporary photos resemble the "beauty" shots of Vermont calendars and postcards: snowy mountains, turning maples, rugged faces. The accompanying text is a more interesting mix of eclectic "thoughts and opinions", poems, slice-of-life, and first-person historical accounts of Vermont life from noted poets, writers, and plain folks.

156 pgs, 1987

Vermont Heritage: A Picture Story *by Barrows Mussey*

A brief, illustrated accounting of the towns, people, general lifestyle and government of Vermont from its first settlement. 80 pgs, 1947

Vermont in Floodtime *by Luther Johnson*

An illustrated story of the great Vermont flood of November, 1927, featuring the valleys of the Winooski River, and its tributaries Stevens Branch, North Branch, Dog and Mad Rivers. 200 pgs, 1928

Vermont in Quandary 1763-1825 *by Chilton Williamson*

A history of colonial Vermont, with emphasis on the question of whether it would become a part of Canada or of the U.S. and how the issue was eventually resolved. 318 pgs, 1949

Vermont in the Civil War: A History of the Part Taken by the Vermont Soldiers and Sailors in the War for the Union, 1861-5 by G. G. Benedict

Two volumes covering the history of the part taken by the Vermont soldiers and sailors in the Civil War, from 1861-1865, collected and compiled by State Historian Benedict. 1886-1888

Vermont In The Making 1750-1777 by Matt Bushnell Jones

Deals with a period of history that is full of drama and rising conflicts between New York and New Hampshire over land speculation and land titles. It is based on the study of original documents, combining a lawyer's knowledge with the political analysis of an able historian. 471 pgs, 1968

Vermont in the Rebellion by Maj. Otis F. R. Waite

Published in 1869, this volume provides a history of Vermonters in the Civil War from the view of a Union major and participant. This valuable source material chronicles units--Vermont troops, brigades, regiments, sharpshooters, batteries, and cavalry; highlights engagements in which Vermonters fought; offers mini-biographies of the exploits of a handful of officers; and provides rosters of unit commanders. 288 pgs, 1869

Vermont in the World War 1917-1919 edited by John T. Cushing

A history of Vermont's part in World War I, including the training and deployment of its infantry and navy. A section that details the activities of the State of Vermont and other organizations to support the War concludes the book. 759 pgs, 1928

Vermont Its Government 1908-1909 by William H. Jeffrey

This book is a who's who of Vermont government from 1908 to 1909. Everyone from US President Taft, to Vermont's governor (Hon. Redfield Proctor), to senate and house members is featured with a handsome photo (almost everyone has a beard or huge mustache!) and a short biography. 64 pgs, 1909

Vermont: Its Government 1943-1944 by Mari Tomasi

Contains photographs and brief biographies of the national and state officers for Vermont for 1943 and 1944. 117 pgs, 1944

Vermont Life published by The State of Vermont

Volumes 1- 10 and Volumes 21-30 of the quarterly magazine published by the state of Vermont, about the people, places, lifestyles, and events happening in Vermont. 1946-1956 & 1966-1976

Vermont Memories produced by Vermont Public Television

A nostalgic look at Vermont includes old photos, film clips, and interviews. Video. 1994

Vermont Memories II: Into the '50s produced by Vermont Public Television

Covers the 1920s through the 1950s. Revisits Vermonters' return from WWII, dance halls in Vermont, and the change to a consumer type society. Video. 1996

Vermont Memories III: Vanished Images produced by Vermont Public Television

A series of interviews with people recounting stories of Vermont covering fun, interesting, and historical topics. Video. 1996(repr.)

Vermont Motor Tours Issued by Vermont Publicity Bureau

This little book lets you see Vermont from the road, as it was in 1921 when the automobile was first opening the Green Mountain State to driving tourists. Describes major communities across the state, giving short local histories of each. Road directions, mileages, and maps are provided for each driving tour. 74 pgs, 1921

Vermont Place-Names: Footprints of History by Ester Munroe Swift

Second printing of the best source on place-names. Provides invaluable information on early settlers and settlement patterns that can be garnered from place-name entries, maps, and appendices listing New Hampshire Grants, New York patents, Vermont charters, and a 1774 Massachusetts grant. Index. 705 pgs, 1996

A Vermont Renaissance: Grafton and The Windham Foundation by Wilf Copping

The story of the Windham Foundation's restoration of the lovely town of Grafton, Vermont. The entire town was lovingly restored using antiques and careful reconstruction. Many interesting photos. 99 pgs, 1978

Vermont State Conference Daughters of the American Revolution 1892-1930

compiled by Alice A. Hinman

A history of the Vermont State Conference Daughters of the American Revolution, covering 1892-1930. Includes by-laws, biographies of State Regents and National Officers, and a list of members. 345 pgs, 1931

The Vermont State House by Daniel Robbins

A guide to the VT State House in Montpelier. The story of its construction and an architectural guide, with black and white illustrations and old engravings. 136 pgs, 1980

The Vermont Story by Earle Newton

A guide to the Vermont State House in Montpelier. The story of its construction and an architectural guide, with black and white illustrations and old engravings. 282 pgs, 1949

Vermont Tradition: A Biography of an Outlook on Life by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

History of Vermont by one of its most famous writers, a descendant of some of the state's earliest settlers. Also a description of the Vermont point of view, and "outlook on life." 488 pgs, 1951

Vermont Under Four Flags: A History of the Green Mountain State, 1635-1975

by Perry H. Merrill

Rather than a chronological history of Vermont, Merrill has written about related subjects in each chapter. Such topics as Vermont flags, arts and sciences, banks and money, immigration and emigration, natural resources, wars and riots, and woman's suffrage are covered in this book. 325 pgs, 1975

Vermont Valley by Walter Hard

Vermont-themed story-poems by noted historian. "The woman and I've decided/We don't want to let the old place go./What'd we do with fifteen thousand dollars anyhow? It'd just be a worriment." Whether or not any farmer ever said these words, Hard conveys the love of Vermont

people for their mountain farms and homes, and tells many another tale in his folksy poetry.
1958

Vermont Voices, 1609 Through 1990s: A Documentary History of the Green Mountain State *edited by J. Kevin Graffagnino*

Over 150 documents, sixteen full-page illustrations, and eleven brief introductory essays present the length and breadth of Vermont's past primarily in Vermonters' own words. Illustrated, bibliography, index. 409 pgs, 1999

Vermont Winter: Recipes and Reflections *by Laura Edson*

These are recipes and reflections meant to warm the heart and feed the soul (and stomach) during the deep chill and darkness of the long Vermont winter. The recipes--from corn chowder, to Shepherd's pie, to a winter picnic in the woods--make use of stored and preserved vegetables and fruits from the fall harvest; dairy, meat and poultry products; all prepared simply in traditional style. 88 pgs, 1999

Vermont, An Illustrated History *by John Duffy*

This oversized illustrated history of Vermont made a big splash when it first came out in 1985. It has recently been reissued and revised. This original edition includes historical perspectives and events from the times of Abenaki through 1985. 262 pgs

Vermont: A History *by Charles T. Morrissey*

The author of this history portrays present-day Vermont, then describes the historical background to show how the modern state is a product of its past. A major theme is how the Vermont image of being stubbornly contrary to pressures for conformity developed, and the intermingling of truth and romance thereof. 235 pgs, 1981

Vermont: The State with the Storybook Past *by Cora Cheney*

A compact history of Vermont, intended for the younger readers but with enough detail to interest adult readers. Beginning with an overview of the geological history of the state, it gives a brief history of the Indians who inhabited the area, then moves through the State's history to the birth of Act 250. Stories about specific people, places and events, mysteries and cultural changes add interest. Lively description, and sometimes fanciful dialogue add drama. This is a good fingertip reference for the historical events of Vermont.

235 pgs, 1976

The Vermonter *published by The Vermonter, Inc.*

This is a monthly magazine about the people, places, and events of Vermont. The magazine was created to dramatize Vermont for Vermonters everywhere, and to interpret Vermont to the world. Volume LI, No. 8. August, 1946

Vermonters *by Donald L. Tinney*

With photography by Jon Gilbert Fox, this slim volume captures the essence of what it is to be a Vermonter. Vermont natives and their neighbors express their candid feelings about living and working here. 67 pgs, 1985

Vermonters: Oral Histories from Down Country to the Northeast Kingdom
by Ron Strickland

Audio tape transcriptions of 35 old-time Yankees reminiscences. We hear from an assistant to Gov. Aiken, an arts activist, a postmistress, a pump log borer, an auctioneer and other colorful characters as they talk about their work and lives in Vermont. Beautifully captures the range of 20th-century Vermont voices. 186 pgs, 1986

Vermont's Scenic Landscapes: A Guide for Growth and Protection
published by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

This 1991 statewide planning document is a blueprint for how Vermont can both see its economy grow, while protecting its scenic landscapes and historical heritage into the future. This Vermont Agency of Natural Resources document includes landscape drawings and plans, plus many snapshot-size photos of buildings to illustrate its points. 80 pgs, 1991

Vermont's Stone Chambers by *by Giovanna Neudorfer*

This study of stone chambers found in Vermont, with photographs, data, measurements, orientations and much more, seeks to determine whether they are remnants of an ancient civilization or more recent historical architecture, perhaps root cellars. 102 pgs, 1951

A War of the People: Vermont Civil War Letters *edited by Jeffrey B. Marshall*

An exceptional volume of unedited letters from Vermont Civil War soldiers to their families, and from their loved ones back home. This very literate correspondence is filled with tragedy, pathos, self-sacrifice, the chaos of battle and the daily boredom of camp life. Marshall gathers letters that lead us from Sumter to Appomattox. 357 pgs, 1999

The Waterbury Record: More Vermont Memories *by R. L. Duffus*

Memories of Waterbury, VT in 1905. The author of Williamstown Branch here tells about Waterbury from the perspective of a teenager in the early part of the last century. 272 pgs, 1959

Waters of the Lonely Way: A Chronicle of Weston, Vermont from 1761 to 1978
by Ernestine Dunaway Pannes

One thing that people in Weston have in common is their love for the little mountain village. This book is the chronicle of that affection since the town was settled in 1761 as the West town of Andover. Text is based on tape-recorded interviews with residents, which relate differences of viewpoint and priceless anecdotes, many with typical down-to-earth humor. 337 pgs, 1982

We Vermonters: Perspectives on the Past *edited by Michael Sherman*

Based on a two-year series of public programs, the essays in this collection provide a resource with which future generations of Vermonters--and readers "from away"--can approach such questions as what does it mean to be a Vermonter at the end of the twentieth century, and what role does geography play in defining that identity. 361 pgs, 1992

Weathersfield Century Two: The Story of a Small Vermont Town During Its Second Hundred Years *by John L. Hurd*

A history of Weathersfield, VT, from 1861 to 1961. It chronicles the small town through the Civil War and the lean years following, the modernization of agriculture and development of the dairy industry, and the sudden thrust of the automobile age. A recurring theme is the encroachment of state and federal governments into local affairs. 244 pgs, 1978

Williamstown Branch: Impersonal Memories of a Vermont Boyhood by R. L. Duffus

Tales of Williamstown, VT in 1898. The author was a 10-year-old boy there, and tells of the cosmopolitan and ethnically-mixed nature of the town in those days. 252 pgs, 1958

The Winooski: Heartway of Vermont by Ralph Nading Hill

This exciting story of the Winooski Valley is a tale of smugglers, of marble and granite quarries, of ski resorts, and institutions of learning. It is history interwoven with strange yarns and stranger truths about a colorful and independent people. 304 pgs, 1949

Without A Farmhouse Near: The Story of Jericho and Underhill, two traditional Vermont communities in transition by Deborah Rawson

Relates changes in the communities of Jericho and Underhill during the mid-to-late 1980's, and the ways in which these changes have affected farmers and other residents. Written in an engaging and sympathetic style by a "Life" magazine reporter who spent many holidays on her family's farm. 215 pgs, 1989

Women Speak of Gods, Congregations and Change by Joanna Bowen Gillespie

Part-time Vermont resident Gillespie is co-founder of the Episcopal Women's History Project. This book describes the active, rich religiosity of ordinary women in a mainline American denomination, contributing to feminist theology and congregational studies. 245 pgs, 1995

The World of George Perkins Marsh by Jane & Will Curtis

Distinguished linguist, country lawyer and congressman, Marsh earned international renown for his pioneering environmental study, "Man and Nature", published in 1864 and still widely acknowledged. Will Curtis of "The Nature of Things," a Vermont Public Radio show, and the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, is one of the authors of this richly illustrated book.

123 pgs, 1982

Yankee Dictionary by Charles F. Haywood

"A Compendium of Useful and Entertaining Expressions Indigenous to New England." Detailed, often humorous descriptions of Yankee expressions such as "poor man's manure," a springtime snow that supposedly brings nutrients to the land. 207 pgs, 1963

The Yankee Exodus by Stewart H. Holbrook

Gorgeous color photographs show the seasons of Vermont; an eloquent tribute to the varied beauty of the landscape. There is a brief description, month by month, of the Vermont character. 398 pgs, 1950

Yankee Kingdom: Vermont and New Hampshire by Ralph Nading Hill

"Rare and delicious Yankee anecdotes, tales of Indian massacres and the exploits of Ethan Allen... vignettes of Daniel Webster, Stephen Douglas, Horace Greeley, and a host of 'natives' who achieved fame and fortune in 'the outside world.'" Interesting comparison of the two states. 338 pgs, 1973

The Yankee Pioneers: A Saga of Courage by *Samuel B. Pettengill*

Pettengill writes of the deeds and dangers of early pioneer life. This saga of courage portrays the intrepid people of Vermont and New Hampshire during the end of the eighteenth century, when it was one man or one family, often with no neighbors for ten or twenty miles. 175 pgs, 1972

Humor

Beyond Yonder by Stephen Morris

Humorous tales of Upper Granville, VT, by a former Vermont Castings marketing director. Upper Granville bears some geographic resemblance to Granville, and some of the illustrations taken from photos are clearly local, but the tales told of the last fifty years' influx of flatlanders could take place nearly anywhere in Vermont. Features such characters as BJ Bosco, a transplanted Floridian, Bruce Leibermann, "The Stowe Stallion," Townshend Clarke, a "Trust fund hippie," and many more. 207 pgs, 1987

Green Mountains and Rock Ribs by Keith Jennison

A small, hardback volume of beautiful black and white photographs, with terse, witty text woven in with the pictures. Jennison captures the many-faced beauty and mordant wit and wisdom of his beloved Green Mountain State. Published over 50 years ago, this volume has become a classic in Yankee humor. 90 pgs, 1954

In a Pig's Eye by Karl Schwenke

All about pigs, by a native of Newbury. "If you love pigs, you'll love this book. Ditto if you like country humor. If...you've been totally indifferent to both, you might find yourself changing your mind." -- Noel Perrin 147 pgs, 1985

The Logger starring Rusty Dewees

Video of Rusty Dewees' one-man stage show that portrays a variety of characters from rural Vermont in a humorous (some say hysterical) and irreverent light. Dewees also takes his show on the road, as we meet the Logger's friends scattered across the Vermont countryside. Includes old time fiddlin' by champion fiddler Don Commo.

Nothin' but the Truth by Deane C. Davis

Tales and yarns in traditional Vermont style by ex-governor Deane Davis, a natural storyteller. The book tells of Davis' days as a Vermont country lawyer and judge. 210 pgs, 1982

Out!: The Vermont Secession Book by Frank Bryan

By the writers of "Real Vermonters Don't Milk Goats", this is their humorous account of a future after The Ultimate Great War of Secession in which Vermont kicks out the other forty-nine states. Funny and yet thought-provoking at the same time. 167 pgs, 1987

Vermont Is Where You Find It by Keith Jennison

The first of a series of books based on the sharp wit and rough features of Vermont people and places. Beautifully photographed, with witty answers to the typical tourist questions. 118 pgs, 1954

The Vermont Owner's Manual by Frank Bryan

What if Vermont were a car? Well, if it was, then this book proclaims itself as our state's owner's manual. A humorous look at everything that every citizen needs to know about their state: How to cure a case of flatlander syndrome (buy a snowmobile), optional features of the Green Mountain State (the Republican Party), driving rules (don't rubberneck a moose), plus other mostly useless but fun information. 124 pgs, 2000

The Vermont Quiz Book by Frank Bryan

Here are nearly one thousand questions to challenge your knowledge of Vermont. Through a question and answer format, the reader is acquainted with the mysterious, the obscure, the forgotten, and the eccentric. 188 pgs, 2002

The Very Latest Vermont Quiz Book by Frank Bryan

The first Vermont Quiz Book delighted thousands of readers fifteen years ago. Some things haven't changed--the mountains are the same height, give or take an inch or two, for example--but a lot has. Here is the latest word about Vermont. 188 pgs, 2002

Yup...Nope and Other Vermont Dialogues by Keith Jennison

Complete stories are captured in a few pages of terse dialogue and rich photographs of Vermont people, farms, stores, and homes. The title tells it all. If you are ready for a few chuckles, pick up these books by Jennison and enjoy! 95 pgs, 1976

Maps and Guide Books

Fifty Hikes in Vermont: Walks, Hikes, and Overnights in the Green Mountain State *by The Green Mountain Club*

The Green Mountain Club presents a diverse selection of outings, ranging from gentle "warm-ups" to backpack journeys that will challenge even experienced hikers. 4th edition.
189 pgs, 1990

Vermont Trout Streams by Farrow Allen

This exhaustive atlas of 1,000 trout streams tells where to find brook, brown, and rainbow trout across Vermont. Organized by watershed, 25 detailed color-coded maps tell where the fish are, and how to get to those spots by road. There is detailed info on stream ecology, local spawning runs, salmon restoration, fly fishing, acid rain and other topics. Chock-full of data, but very readable. Includes three pages on Rochester's White River Watershed. 124 pgs, 1985

Vermont: An Explorer's Guide by Christina Tree

Tree, a travel writer, and Jennison, a Vermont-born historian and novelist, teamed up to write this four-season travel guide for Vermont. "With this volume in hand, a total stranger could make his way through Vermont, easily selecting the overnight, eating, special-interest shopping places, sports and historic sights that fit his wishes, and never miss one," Ruth Page wrote in the Burlington Free Press. 10th edition. 407 pgs

Vermont's Long Trail: A Footpath in the Wilderness

published by The Wilderness Map Company

This detailed full-color fold-out map presents 35 day hikes on Vermont's Long Trail and its access trails. Each hike is briefly described giving hiking time, mileage, terrain and trail description. The topographical map shows the complete Long Trail in 7 sections, its side trails, overnight backcountry facility locations, and more. 2004

Music

A Garland of Green Mountain Song *edited by Helen Hartness Flanders*

"Green Mountain Pamphlet No. 1." Collection of songs about or sung in Vermont since as early as 1779. Includes "Song of the Vermonters," celebrating the valor of Vermonters, with words by Whittier--which, as a pacifist, he denied having written till late in life. 86 pgs, 1934

The Unbroken Circle: Vermont Music, Tradition, and Change *by Mark Greenberg*

This homegrown Vermont video takes listeners into the world of traditional music as it exists today in the Green Mountain State. Presents performers doing unaccompanied ballads and fiddle tunes, and making music in radio cowboy bands and at square dances. We also get a glimpse into the lives of the artists through their own words. 1985

Vermont Ballads and Broadsides *by Margaret MacArthur*

The songs on this audio tape illustrate many facets of life in rural Vermont. Includes booklet with words to the songs. 1989

Vermont Folk Songs and Ballads *edited by Helen Hartness*

The text of these folk songs have been recorded from the singing of individuals who often learned them from earlier generations. Each song is preceded by information about the source as well as the melody that goes with the text. 256 pgs, 1932

Vermont Heritage Songs *by Margaret MacArthur*

Delightful songs about Vermont's rich history. Topics include sugaring time, one-room schools, and life on the farm, as well as historical events of yesterday and today. 1999

Native American, Abenaki

The Abenaki of Vermont: A Living Culture *produced by Vermont Folklife Center*

The video invites the viewer into the lives of Abenaki families, looking over their shoulders as they make and do things that connect them to the traditions of their forebears and listening as they talk about their histories, sharing the values that guide their lives. Produced with the guidance of a volunteer Native American advisory panel, the video's focus on contemporary Abenaki experience is unique. 2002

Dawnland Encounters: Indians and Europeans in Northern New England

edited by Colin G. Calloway

An anthology of essays describing peaceful and warring encounters between Indians and Europeans during the Colonial era. The documents represent a picture of a complex environment of cultural interchange marked by conflict, competition, and, yes, by cooperation. 297 pgs, 1991

Native American Stories as told by Wolfsong with Flutist Pablo Hurtado

Wolfsong's Pahanemok: Honoring My Sisters. Native American stories. Tales such as "Lake Champlain Sunset" and "The Girl and the Yellow Jacket" are included. CD.

North Country Captives: Selected Narratives of Indian Captivity from Vermont and New Hampshire *edited by Colin G. Galloway*

This book brings together eight first-person accounts of colonial era captivity among the Abenaki and other Indian tribes. Vermonters and New Hampshire citizens relate the horror of being ripped from their frontier lives, and being carried north by their captors. These narratives challenge old stereotypes of "hostile savages", reveal the complex sociological reasons behind the seizures, and provide unique glimpses into indigenous cultures. 160 pgs, 1992

Vermont Indians *by Thomas E. Daniels*

Daniels, born in Orwell, VT, had a life-long interest in the prehistoric culture of Vermont. He wrote this treatise just before his death in 1962. 63 pgs, 1963

Natural History

Archaeology in Vermont *compiled by John C. Huden*

Explains that "the state was a key geographical area for the aborigines of the Northeast... a meeting ground and sometimes a battlefield for Algonquian and Iroquois Indians." This is a seminal book, for previous to its publication, Vermont was essentially "terra incognita," unknown territory, to archaeologists. There is an earlier edition, a monograph from 1960. 107 pgs, 1971

Archaeology in Vermont: Supplemented by Materials from New England and New York

Compiled by John C. Huden

Monograph version. There is also a reprint. 107 pgs, 1960

Backyard Wildlife Habitat In Vermont by Steve Parren

This booklet is written for those who would like to enjoy wildlife at home, giving concrete and detailed advice to help animals find the food, water, and cover they need to survive and thus provide safe havens for wildlife and delightful connections with us. 46 pgs, 1993

Birds of Prey by Floyd Scholtz

Esteemed sculptor and Hancock resident Floyd Scholtz presents his carving techniques and impressive skills of observation in this oversized volume. Numerous color photos by Brandon resident Tad Merrick, with instructive line drawings and engaging, informative text combine to create this awesome book. Designed as an artist's guide to understanding raptors, it includes a section on techniques for the artist and carver, and a gallery section highlighting some of Scholz's award-winning carvings. 318 pgs, 1993

Birds of Vermont *published by Green Mountain Audubon Society*

Published in cooperation with the State of VT Fish and Game Department. This book is a listing of the birds regularly found in Vermont, showing which months the bird will be most abundant, and whether or not they nest in Vermont. 37 pgs, 1969

Countryman's Year by Haydn S. Pearson

Along with magnificent photos and an introduction by Dorothy Canfield Fisher, the author helps us to see life through his passion for country living. It's a book of substantial prose and calm poetry. 193 pgs, 1949

The Frog Run: Words & Wildness in the Vermont Woods by John Elder

The Frog Run offers Elder's insightful understanding of the character and possibilities of life in Vermont, emphasizing the interaction of humanity and nature. Elder is a Bristol resident, Middlebury Professor and respected speaker on ecological affairs and appreciator of the outdoors. This compact volume is engaging and easy to read. 146 pgs, 2001

The Green Mountain Anticlinorium in the Vicinity of Rochester and East Middlebury, Vermont by Philip Henry Osberg

Geological analysis of the area between Rochester and East Middlebury. With b/w illustrations, tables, statistics, and diagrams. Information on fossils and the compositions of the rocks of this region. 127 pgs, 1952

A Guide to Bird Finding in Vermont by Walter G. Ellison

Ellison, one of Vermont's leading field birders, and a person who explored Vermont's best birding areas for over two decades, writes this guide to the principal birding areas of Vermont. It is recommended for all amateur naturalists. 134 pgs, 1981

The Handbook of Vermont Shrubs and Woody Vines by L. R. Jones

This slim volume is a fact-filled book both educational and entertaining with tidbits of historical notes describing 30 families of plants, some edible, some which yield poison or are medicinal, and still others prized for their ornamental value. Most of the shrubs and vines grow in every New England state, besides Vermont. 147 pgs, 1979

How Do You Spank A Porcupine by Ronald Rood

Rood, a biologist and former professor, writes an engaging account of the joys and hazards of raising an abandoned porcupine on their hundred-acre spread in Vermont. 160 pgs, 1969

In Season: A Natural History of the New England Year Field Illustrations and Notes by Nona Bell Estrin

Accomplished field artist and naturalist reproduces drawings, watercolors and commentary from her journals to trace a very personal natural year in New England. Her observations take readers to Maine, Cape Cod, and Kettle Pond, Vermont and reveal the secret lives of warblers, deer, and fiddlehead ferns. Estrin displays deep knowledge and empathy for her subjects, the plants and wildlife of our region. 276 pgs, 2002

Land Alive: The World of Nature at One Family's Door by Ronald Rood

This "nature-book-with-a-difference" is alive with the informed awareness of the outdoors that comes from the author's training and work as a naturalist. Some highlights of a year of living and observation with the author and his family include a "mink who came to dinner," hibernators and insomniacs of nature, Grasshopper's Farewell, and Pokey, an orphaned porcupine. 144 pgs, 1962

Laska: Adventures with a Wolfdog by Ronald Rood

A naturalist writes of his family's experiences with the creature, Laska, three-quarters a friendly, easy-going Siberian husky and one-quarter wolf--razor-keen, alert, first timid and then bold. The Roods encountered heartbreak and frustration, many laughs and some surprises. 188 pgs, 1988

Mineral Collecting in Vermont by Raymond W. Grant

Along with maps and photographs this booklet shows rock hounds where to find deposits of the many minerals found in the state. Including where to pan for gold! 49 pgs, 1968

Natural History of Vermont

This volume has three parts: natural history of Vermont, Vermont gazetteer, and history of Vermont and its government. It appears to have been published around 1885, with the title page missing. This book is in very delicate condition. circa 1885

The Nature of Things by Will Curtis

Over 200 of Will Curtis' National Public Radio commentaries. Covering useful and fascinating facts about the seasons, plants and gardens, mammals, birds, insects, water and aquatic life. 296 pgs, 1984

The Nature of Vermont: Introduction and Guide to a New England Environment by Charles W. Johnson

New and expanded edition of a generously illustrated natural history set in the context of the state's geologic and human pasts. Broad ecological overview in narrative style for lay readers as well as naturalists. The book is enhanced with 142 photographs, drawings, maps, and diagrams. A practical guidebook, it offers a complete directory of conservation organizations.

354 pgs, 1980

The Northern Forest by Richard Dobbs

Through remarkably vivid and complex portraits the authors reveal the drama of a rural society struggling to maintain itself in one of America's last great forests. They contend that environmentalists must reinvent their approach to land-use questions, taking into account the many people and special interests that depend on the forest for their survival. 356 pgs, 1995

Owls by Floyd Scholz

Hancock resident and professional artist Scholz, who operates the Vermont Raptor Academy, joins with photographer Tad Merrick, from Brandon, to create an exhaustive photographic exploration of owl anatomy. Hundreds of color plates plus drawings detail every aspect of these nocturnal birds of prey. A book made fascinating by its up-close and personal view of feathers, talons, eyes and wings. Signed by authors. 379 pgs, 2001

Paleontology of the Champlain Basin in Vermont by Charles W. Welby

A thorough study of the fossils of Lake Champlain throughout geologic time. Brings together a fine collection of nearly 300 black and white photographic plates, plus fine drawings of the various lifeforms, and scientific text describing the organisms. 87 pgs, 1962

The Physical Features of Vermont by Elbridge Churchill Jacobs

This short text includes information about the geology and geography of the state. Divided into three sections starting with geology fundamentals, physical features of Vermont and concluding with a gazetteer of mountains, mines, quarries, ponds and rivers and their locations and elevations. 169 pgs, 1950

Report of the State Geologist on the Mineral Industries and Geology of Vermont 1941-1942 by Elbridge C. Jacobs

Information about the reopening of the Vermont Copper Mines in Orange County. Also some ancient geological history of Vermont is included in this report. Illustrations and photos of some interesting features are included. 83 pgs, 1942

Report of the Vermont State Geologist reported by George Perkins

Five volumes of the annual report on the mineral industries and geology of Vermont. Volumes for 1909-1910, 1913-1914, 1927-1928, 1929-1930, and 1931-1932 included. 1909-1932

Roadside Geology of Vermont and New Hampshire by Bradford B. VanDiver

The complex geological story of Vermont and New Hampshire is written as a guidebook for "ordinary folk," along with photographs and line drawings by the authors and their colleagues. The glossary and the terms are helpfully given to make explorers of the land quite comfortable and knowledgeable. 230 pgs, 1987

The Story of Vermont: A Natural and Cultural History

by Christopher McGrory Klyza and Stephen C. Trombulak

A book about the geological, biological, and cultural forces that produced the Vermont of today. The authors make it clear that this is not a typical nature guide. 240 pgs, 1999

The Trees of Vermont by G. P. Burns

Originally written in 1899, with revisions throughout the 1900's, the information is as timely as a century ago because the terms and identifications are still with us and extremely helpful to students who will appreciate the drawings and photographs of the world around us. 244 pgs

Vermont Mines and Mineral Localities by Philip Morrill

Written in the 1960's this booklet tells readers where to find minerals and mines in Vermont, with all listed under the townships in which they occur, with map references. The authors caution mineral hunters that most of the sites lie on private property and thus the owner's permission must be obtained. 54 pgs, 1964

The Vermont Weather Book by David M. Ludlum

The author, a historian and meteorologist, combines his interest in Vermont and his immense store of knowledge about weather, to produce a notable record of the Vermont atmosphere, historic weather events, including extremes and experiences, storms, heat waves, and floods. 300 pgs, 1985

Who Wakes the Groundhog? by Ronald Rood

A lively natural calendar, taking readers through the four seasons with first person accounts of the habits of chickadees and hawks, black bears and frogs, and all manner of bugs, birds and beasts. A fun read. Rood shows a deep knowledge of ecology and displays remarkable observation skills. 206 pgs, 1973

Winter in Vermont by Charles Edward Crane

Here is a book that will make you envious of Vermonters when the snow falls, for it is a wonderful picture of winter life with deep snow, the stillness of cold nights and the brittle crispness of sub-freezing days. There are superb photographs that provide visual evidence. 304 pgs, 1945

Photography

Blue Ribbons and Burlesque: A Book of Country Fairs by *Charles Fish*

Over 200 arresting photos taken nearly 30 years ago, along with an engaging text that blends memories and information on nearly every aspect of the world of American country fairs.

272 pgs, 1998

Robert Frost Country by *Betsy Melvin*

Sensitive photos by the authors, illustrating lines from poems by Robert Frost. Taken in and around the places he lived in New England. 1977

Tunbridge Fair by *Jack Rowell*

Brings alive the fun, faces, and zany festival that is the Tunbridge Fair. An introduction describes this summertime microcosm of life in Vermont's White River Valley. That is followed by 60 pages of exuberant black and white photos from the old-time agricultural fair with its livestock and farm equipment, the midway with its carnival vendors, amusement rides, agricultural barns and lively entertainment. Tunbridge photographer Jack Rowell knows and loves this Fair, so exciting that it was dubbed "a little world's fair" back in 1867. His candid photos truly capture this unique Vermont celebration of rural life. 70 pgs, 1980

A Vermont Century by *The Rutland Herald*

Essays and photos trace Vermont's history through the 20th century. Black and white and color illustrations from Vermont newspapers. A fun to read! Oversized. 207 pgs, 1999

Vermont Country Images by *Ron Thomas*

Unusually beautiful and detailed color photos; aspects of Vermont from grand vistas to snow-covered autumn leaves to a door with peeling paint. Accompanied by quotations from poems of Robert Frost. These are presented in an unobtrusive manner that make the selections all the more apt and effective. 112 pgs, 1991

Vermont for Every Season by *Richard W. Brown*

Contains the photographs of fifty photographers whose work has appeared in "Vermont Life" magazine. The original essays offer personal views of some of the Vermont seasons. Together, the words and photographs form a beautiful portrait of Vermont with traditional enduring values. 159 pgs, 1980

Vermont People by *Peter Miller*

Miller captures the independent spirit of the farmers, craftspeople, and woodsmen of Vermont in these beautiful black and white photographs. He writes about their lives and dreams, recording the unique qualities that he believes are vanishing from Vermont. 109 pgs, 1991

Vermont: A Special World by *Ralph Nading Hill*

This "Vermont Life" magazine coffee table book was probably meant as a souvenir volume for tourists, circa 1969. Several writers and many photographers take us through the seasons, celebrating Vermont's pastoral and mountain scenery in a loving and artful, and sometimes overly sentimentalized, way. The book fails to tell us anything about Vermont's urban centers, or about the state's trials and tribulations in preserving our unique rural landscape. 166 pgs, 1969

Poetry and Plays

At Last A Look: A Collection of Poetry & Illustrations by Suzanne J. (Tugi) Bessette

Vermont-born poet (and former rochester post office employee) Bessette has written poetry since the age of 14. Here is a collection of her poetry and illustrations. 29 pgs, 2002

The Big Random by Dana Yeaton

Yeaton writes a comic drama, telling the story of two New England misfits on the run. Claire, a teenager who escapes from a psych ward, and Roland, a middle-aged man who helps her break out and claims to be her godfather. Together they flee Boston for Quebec. 95 pgs, 2003

Blasts from the Future: An Anthology of Ten-Minute Plays from the Vermont Young Playwrights Project edited by Dana Yeaton

This anthology of ten-minute plays features the writings of 17 middle and high school students. The collection is edited by noted Vermont playwright Dana Yeaton, with a foreword by Congressman Bernie Sanders. 168 pgs, 1999

The Bread Loaf Anthology of Contemporary American Poetry edited by Robert Pack

This book derives its title from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference of Middlebury College, Vermont--a gathering place with a commitment to craft and to poetry as a vehicle for exploring values--political, moral, and spiritual. The editors chose work based on criteria of experience, culminating in a remarkable anthology of literary culture. 347 pgs, 1985

The Chain Saw Dance by David Budbill

Judevine, in North Central Vermont, has been fictionalized by the poet, just as he has fictionalized the people in his poems and interpreted the speech, its tone, and cadence for the readers to sing aloud. 64 pgs, 1976

Champlain and Lake Champlain: A Poem by Daniel L. Cady

Book-long occasional poem written for the 1909 tercentenary celebration program of Samuel Champlain's discovery and naming of Lake Champlain. Heroic verse is full of purple prose, historical allusions, and seemingly endless rhyming couplets. A gift to the Rochester Library by the author. 29 pgs, 1909

Encore Oup In Ole Vermont by Mary Elkins Gardyne

In the 1920's this poet was considered one of Vermont's most pleasing verse writers, for she interpreted the picturesqueness of the French-Canadian habitat and sentiments. 51 pgs, 1927

Fling Jeweled Pebbles by Roberta Butterfield Goldstein

The poet writes not only with a sure and finished touch, but with profound sincerity and a far-flung imagination. She combines simplicity with depth, beauty with courage, and passion with power. Such a voice must be listened to! 82 pgs, 1963

From Down To The Village by David Budbill

Budbill's writing is notable for its simplicity and honesty and for its affectionate and unpatronizing portrayal of individuals. His writing is convincing and true; and the black and white sketches add to the charm. Budbill lives in Hardwick, VT. 111 pgs, 1977

The Leaf and the Cloud: A Poem by Mary Oliver

Mary Oliver, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, has fashioned this book-length poem of questioning and discovery, about what is observable and what is not, about what passes and what persists. Oliver lives in southern VT and teaches at Bennington College.
53 pgs, 2000

Mad River Rising by Dana Yeaton

A play spanning six generations of a Vermont farm family, and set in the Mad River Valley. Yeaton, a noted playwright and Middlebury College drama professor, uses the Great Flood of 1927 to trace the profound effects of sudden change on the Vermont landscape and local people.
90 pgs, 1999

Memories That Burn and Bless by Roberta Butterfield Goldstein

This collection of poetry encompasses a wide range of emotional experiences that reveal, with spirit and honesty, the poet's personal loves and agonizing losses at different stages of her life. Her poems are marked by a colorful brilliance. (As a speech pathologist, she utilized poetry to work with her students.) 80 pgs, 1984

Midwives by Dana Yeaton

Adapted from the bestselling novel Midwives by Chris Bohjalian, Yeaton's play traces the dramatic story of a New England midwife who makes a split-second emergency medical decision, only to have the full weight of a modern criminal investigation and trial come crashing down on her. 90 pgs, 2000

Mortal Acts Mortal Words by Galway Kinnell

Sheffield, Vermont-based modern poet Galway Kinnell offers up a thin volume of poems that, through natural images (some culled from the Vermont landscape), exquisite language, and contemplation, gives insight into the human condition. A mix of poems that are at times funny, moving and deeply meditative. 72 pgs, 1980

Once in Vermont by Bob Arnold

The poet grew up in the Berkshires, then settled in southern Vermont. These simple poems take the daily pulse of Vermont's woods, farms and fields. Arnold rejoices in the particulars of nature; in the joys of work; in local people, friends and family; and in the challenges and epiphanies of the hardscrabble life. 116 pgs, 1999

Oup in Ole Vermont and Other French Dialect Poems by Mary Elkins Gardyne

This odd little volume with the odd title ("Oup in Ole Vermont" translates as "Up in Old Vermont"), collects the French dialect verse of Vermonter Mary Elkins Gardyne. The poems are full of humor, wit, and charm, and are a celebration of the beauty of simple folk in simple rural surroundings. The book is also valuable in that it preserves the music of French/Vermont dialect as it sounded circa 1900. 64 pgs, 1920

The Poems of Robert Frost by Robert Frost

1946 edition includes an essay by the poet on "The Constant Symbol." "There seems to be some such folk saying as that easy to understand is contemptible, hard to understand irritating..." A classic volume by a master man of words and rhythm. 445 pgs, 1930

The Poetry of Clara Pember Lyon *compiled by John Lyon*

A complete collection of Vermont-born poet Clara Pember, many reprinted from "The Rutland Herald", "Vermonter", "Driftwind", and "Normal Offering". 81 pgs, 1979

The Poetry of Robert Frost: The collected poems, complete and unabridged *edited by Edward Connery Lathem*

The title describes the book; between the covers you'll find all of Frost's poems, bibliographical and textual notes, and an index of first lines and titles. And from the first page the poet laureate of Vermont invites us: "I'm going out to clean the pasture spring... I shan't be gone long -- You come too." 607 pgs, 1979

Present Company by Marian Gleason

Marian Gleason, a prolific poet and former teacher, has had her poems appear in leading magazines, newspapers, journals, and professional publications. Her style is clever, ironic, and questioning of mores and customs. 79 pgs, 1978

Pulp Cutters' Nativity by David Budbill

This Christmas Poem in Two Acts was created as a contemporary adaptation of the Medieval English Miracle Play, the "Second Shepherds' Play." At the time of publication there were performances at Goddard College and at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton. 51 pgs, 1981

Quests: Poems in Prose by Sylvia Hortense Bliss

Naturalism was the mood and much of Sylvia Bliss' activity. Her poems and prose show how carefully she saw and heard as we walk with her in the pastures, field, and wood in every weather and every season. 74 pgs, 1965

Rhymes of Rural Vermont by Daniel Cady

A collection of poems written during World War I, many with references to Vermont localities and Vermont life. 279 pgs, 1922

Sea Level by Sylvia Hortense Bliss

In a six-section small volume of verse, Bliss' poetry extends to all truths of Nature, Judgment, Love, Mystery, and Our World. Her reasoning is "By way of the mountains, By way of the plain, One comes at last to the sea." 90 pgs, 1933

Selected Poems by Robert Frost

Selected poems by Robert Frost, reprinted from "Mountain Interval," "North of Boston," and "A Boy's Will." 143 pgs, 1923

Vermont Afternoons with Robert Frost by Vrest Orton

It was in the late twenties and early thirties that Vrest Orton began to assimilate the conversation and the greatness of Robert Frost. Theirs was a great and lasting friendship. Besides verse in this book are also letters from the poet to Orton, never before published. 63 pgs, 1971

Vermont Neighbors by Walter Hard

Walter Hard's writings have been characterized as "poetry for the man who does not like poetry." Interestingly, doctors have recommended Hard's books to their patients as relaxing reading and as incomparable for a stay in a hospital! 122 pgs, 1960

Walter Hard's Vermont People: A New Collection of Yankee Characters

edited by Walter Hard, Jr.

This volume of poems have not previously appeared in book form and represent a harvest of 40 years of writing. It is a collection of character sketches and stories expressing the humor, pathos, and human understanding of the country people of Vermont as no other has been able to do. 80 pgs, 1981

Politics and Government

Fast Lane on a Dirt Road: Vermont Transformed 1945-1990 by Joe Sherman

A well-researched social, political and economic history of Vermont from 1945 to 1990. Starting with the collapse of Vermont's industrial and farming economy after World War II, almost-native Vermonter Joe Sherman traces the fascinating historical mix of conservative and liberal politics, skiing, the hippie movement, the arts, the interstate highways, tourism, sprawl and environmentalism (especially Act 250) that combined to create today's Vermont. 1991

Gazetteer and Business Directory of Windsor County, Vermont for 1883-1884

compiled by Hamilton Child

Child has compiled a business directory and gazetteer of Windsor County in Vermont for 1883-1884. He has included maps, lists of Justices of the Peace, county officers, post offices and postmasters, as well as an almanac for twenty years. This century old volume offers a fascinating historical perspective. 666 pgs, 1884

Journal of the House of the State of Vermont Biennial Session, 1931

published by Capital City Press

This journal contains the records of each Vermont House session from January through April, 1931. It includes a list of House members, House committees, and tables of Acts and of joint House resolutions and amendments to the Constitution that were considered in 1931.

1059 pgs, 1931

Journal of the Senate of the State of Vermont Biennial Session, 1931

published by Capital City Press

The journal contains the records of each Vermont Senate session, from January through March, 1931. It includes a list of Senate members, Senate committees, and tables of Acts and Resolutions considered by the Senate in 1931. 846 pgs, 1931

Laws of Vermont [Acts and Resolves Passed by the General Assembly]

published by The Wyndham Press

Five volumes of the acts and resolves passed by the General Assembly of the state of Vermont, 1931, 1971, 1971-1972, 1973, and 1973-1974. 1931-1974

The Public Laws of Vermont 1933 by Secretary of State

The Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, including the Public Acts of 1933. Also contains the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the constitutions of the United States and of Vermont. 1603 pgs, 1934

The Public Statutes of Vermont 1906 by Secretary of State

The Public Statutes of Vermont, 1906, including the Public Acts of 1906. Contains the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the constitutions of the United States and of Vermont. 1302 pgs, 1907

**Report of Supt. Thomas E.Powers, Superintendent of Construction of the State House.
Oct. 18, 1858**

Report to Hiland Hall, Governor of Vermont, on the progress of the construction of the State House in Montpelier. The State House was not yet completed, and Superintendent Powers has a number of explanations as to the reason for this. One architect was not capable, the legislature didn't appropriate enough money, etc. This is a true historic document, with much information for anyone interested in the construction of the State House. 8 pgs, 1858

Senator from Vermont by Ralph E. Flanders

Autobiography by former Vermont Senator, Ralph Flanders. It tells of Ralph's personal and political development, of village life in Vermont, of a poor boy who made his way to the top, and of a man who used his New England principles of morality and practicality in his contact with the far-reaching affairs of government. 312 pgs, 1961

State Papers of Vermont, Volume III: Journals and Proceeding of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont by Secretary of State

Four volumes covering the journals and proceedings of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont from 1778-1781, 1781-1783, 1784-1787, and 1787-1791. 1924-1929

State Papers of Vermont, Volume IV: Reports of Committees to the General Assembly of the State of Vermont by Secretary of State

One volume of reports of committees to the General Assembly of the State of Vermont from 1778-1801. 257 pgs, 1932

State Papers of Vermont, Volume V: Petitions for Grants of Land 1778-1811

by Secretary of State

One volume that records the petitions for grants of land in the State of Vermont from 1778-1811. 547 pgs, 1939

State Papers of Vermont, Volume VI: Sequestration, Confiscation and Sale of Estates by Secretary of State

Records of the sequestration, confiscation and sale of properties of those persons living in or owning property in the state of Vermont during the Revolutionary War who remained loyal to the British government. 476 pgs, 1941

State Papers of Vermont, Volume VII: New York Land Patents 1688-1786

by Secretary of State

One volume, recording New York land patents 1688-1786, covering land which is now included in the state of Vermont. 537 pgs, 1947

State Papers of Vermont, Volume VII-XI: General Petitions by Secretary of State

General petitions submitted to the state of Vermont. Four volumes, covering 1778-1787, 1788-1792, 1793-1796, 1797-1799. 1952-1962

State Papers of Vermont, Volume XII-XVI: Laws of Vermont by Secretary of State

Five volumes that cover the laws of the state of Vermont, including 1777-1780 (2 copies), 1781-1784, 1785-1791, 1791-1795, and 1796-1799. 1964-1968

State Papers of Vermont, Volume XVII: The Public Papers of Governor Thomas Chittenden, 1778-1789 and 1790-1797 by Secretary of State

The public papers of Thomas Chittenden, cover 1778-1789 and 1790-1797, when Chittenden was the President of the Council of Safety, which ruled Vermont until the new government began, and when he was the first governor of Vermont. 1969

The Vermont Justice and Public Officer: A Manual of Vermont Law by Henry A. Harman

Authorized by the General Assemblies of 1902 and 1904, this handbook was written for those assuming public office, such as sheriffs, notaries public, town clerks, selectmen, and overseers of the poor. This manual of Vermont law covers civil and criminal business before Justices of the Peace. Offers an interesting historical perspective. 736 pgs, 1905

Vermont Legislative Directory and State Manual by Secretary of State

1969-1974

Vermont Legislative Directory and State Manual prepared by Secretary of State

Nine volumes: 1870-71, 1876-77, 1929, 1931, 1963, 1965 (2 volumes), and 1967 (2 volumes). Each was prepared by the Secretary of State of the time, and contains information such as Vermont map; Vermont Constitution and US Constitution; election records; procedures and rules for House and Senate; Vermont judiciary; State and Legislative Officers; General Assembly and Civil Government for the year. 1870-1967

The Vermont Papers: Recreating Democracy on a Human Scale by Frank Bryan

The Vermont Papers proposes a radical change in our contemporary government. The authors are passionate advocates for such basic American values as self-reliance, tolerance, community, diversity, and liberty. Their subject is the plight of democracy in America. 308 pgs, 1989

Vermont Public Documents for the Two Years Ending June 30, 1930

published by The Tuttle Company

A compendium of the reports of Vermont state officers, departments and institutions, for the two years from June 1928 to June 1930. 1930

Vermont School Report 1911-1912 [The Forty-Second]

reported by Superintendent of Education

This is the forty-second yearly Vermont School Report, made by Mason Stone, Superintendent of Education, to the Vermont State General Assembly in 1912. 687 pgs, 1912

Vermont State Government Since 1965 edited by Michael Sherman

Academic text with chapters by many of the leading citizens and scholars who have made Vermont politics and government their life work. Chapters include: The Constitution, Parties and Politics, Law Enforcement, Civil and Human Rights, Education, Health Care and more. Indexed. 668 pgs, 1999

The Vermont Statutes Revision of 1947 by Secretary of State

The revision of the Vermont law statutes, including the Public Acts of 1947. Also contains the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the constitutions of the United States and of Vermont. 2160 pgs, 1947

Vermont: Its Government 1921-1922 by Walter J. Bigelow

A handsome bound book of photos and bios like this one is rarely seen, for everyone from the lowliest pages to the Governor is described and recorded for all time by author Walter J. Bigelow. 160 pgs, 1921

Vermont: It's Government 1908-1909 by William H. Jeffrey

A thin paperback that contains pictures and brief histories of the elected government officers in Vermont for the year 1908-1909. It begins with National officers and the State Governor, and includes the judiciary, the executive department, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. 64 pgs, 1909

Winston L. Prouty, Late Senator From Vermont: Memorial addresses Delivered in Congress

Memorial service for Sen. Prouty, held in the U.S. Congress in September, 1971. Includes a photo, and a bookplate in the front that indicates that Mrs. Prouty asked that Sen. Stafford send the book to Rochester, and presumably to other libraries in Vermont. 97 pgs, 1972

Rochester

Annual Report for Town of Rochester, Vermont *prepared by The Town of Rochester*

Fiscal reports of the Town of Rochester, Vermont, from 1914 through 1979, and 1998 through 2004. The reports from 1936 through 1979 include the school district fiscal report for that year. 1936-1979

Balls: Confessions of a Rural Golf Course Owner *by Gail Braman*

The story of the nearby White River Golf Club and Driving Range, told by its owner. She told her retired husband she doesn't want him home for lunch... and he buys his own golf course! The true story of uprooted suburbanites striking out in Central Vermont, and their many adventures. 158 pgs, 2000

Bygone Years of Rochester *by Royce Gage*

A compilation of brief articles originally written as installments for the monthly newsletter of the Federated Church of Rochester. Invaluable information on the Flood of 1927, quarrying, the Peavine Railroad, and a listing of Women's Alliance activities from 1867-1940. Library has two copies, one in Reference. 70 pgs,

Catalog of the Rochester Town Library *published by Rochester Town Library*

A 1900 printing by the Spaulding Press of Rochester, VT, that lists all of the town library holdings as of that year. Fascinating! This slim volume is organized by category: travel, biography, fiction, poetry, sociology, science and natural history, etc. It shows that while the Rochester Town Library was small at the time, its books covered a wide range of topics to appeal to a diversity of readers. 39 pgs, 1900

A Century of Church Life: The History of the First Congregational Church of Rochester, Vermont from September 1801 to September 1901

edited by The Rev. Homer Wesley Hildreth

This little book chronicles a century of life and labor by the ministers and Sunday school teachers of the First Congregational Church in Rochester. Many humorous anecdotes. 93 pgs, circa 1940

Danger at the Great Narrows: and other experiences in STOCKBRIDGE, BETHEL, GAYSVILLE, PITTSFIELD, & GAYSVILLE, & ROCHESTER, VERMONT

by Bishop Francis Asbury

A collection of memoirs and experiences about Stockbridge, Bethel, Gaysville, Pittsfield and Rochester Vermont in the late 1800's and early 1900's, as chronicled by Bishop Asbury, Dr. Steele and Henry MacCracken. 1975

Echoes of Eagles: A Son's Search for His Father and the Legacy of America's First Fighter Pilots *by Charles Woolley*

The curator of the Vermont Veterans and Militia Museum, and a Rochester resident, Charles Woolley, recounts the exploits of his father as a US World War I fighter pilot. Based on diaries, letters, and first-person interviews, the book provides a lively history of the war in the air, taking readers into the cockpits of the fragile fighter planes, and into the hearts and deepest thoughts of their pilots. 307 pgs, 2003

Hill Song: A Country Journal by Lee Pennock Huntington

We accompany the author around the year on her hill farm in Vermont as she observes and celebrates life and the marvels of nature in her gardens, through the meadows and woods, and at home with birds, wildflowers, and the customs of the country. In journal entries, Mrs. Huntington shares her basic concern: how human folly threatens not only nature, but life itself. 163 pgs, 1985

History of Rochester Vermont published by Order of the Town of Rochester

A vote at the Rochester town meeting in Spring 1868 launched this priceless pocket-sized history of the village. Begins with the chartering of the town in 1780, and then launches into a year-by-year rendering of facts, colorful anecdotes, and an eclectic collection of sometimes wildly random, but always fascinating, data. Gives a real feeling for how the little town grew, offering both detailed statistical data (personages of note, population, crop yields, etc.), and colorful story-telling (favorite tales concern a constable serving a writ to a sow, and of two settlers who write a humorous song about a greedy innkeeper). 92 pgs, 1869

The Late Doctor Wm. M. Huntington of Rochester Vermont by Albert Clarke

Loving biography of "Dr. Bill" Huntington of Rochester, one of the first US physicians to do away with the practice of blood-letting as a cure for disease during the 1850's. This little biography is written by a dear friend of the subject. Gives a wonderful glimpse into a doctor's life and everyday life in rural Vermont during the 19th century. Many fascinating details also paint a picture of the town of Rochester. 22 pgs, 1904

A Marriage Made In Heaven: A Love Story in Letters by Vatsala and Ehud Sperling

The Rochester publisher and his wife tell the story of their arranged marriage in letters and beautifully detailed illustrations. Disillusioned with love in the Western world, Sperling advertised in an Indian newspaper for a bride. Successful and highly educated, B.R. Vatsala, a Brahmin microbiologist, responded. The book discusses how her family reacts to Sperling, a Jewish man raised in New York, and the issue of premarital celibacy. Funny and touching. Vatsala's description of her arrival in Vermont is both moving and fascinating. Certainly an unusual story, and a brave one. 274 pgs, 2000

A Place on the Mountain: Thirty Years of Vermont Innkeeping by Madeline Harvey

The Harvey family of Rochester, Vermont, is well-known in the town; and this story is about Don and Madeline's Inn, how it began, and how it grew and prospered. It's a vivid tale of how a dream, combined with hard work and dedication and determination, brought success.

52 pgs, 1989

Protestantism in Rochester, Vermont

Bound pamphlet published in August, 1950, "In connection with the building of the new Federated Church." Describes the development of the various sects of Protestantism in Rochester, and their eventual joining in one federation. In December 1944 the Federated Church burned, and the town quickly set to work to build a new church. "The Universalist weather-vane points direction from the spire, the Methodist bell rings welcome, and all sit on the Congregational rock." 7 pgs, 1950

Rochester Remembers 1781-1981 *edited by Earl N. Davis*

A collection of photos of Rochester, collected by Earl and Mary Davis, Rochester historians. Great photos, including one of Rochester in the spring of 1868 when the monument in the park was yet to be erected, and the spot for it had been marked. Interesting how little Rochester has changed in some ways. 159 pgs

Rochester School Reports *prepared by Rochester School District*

Annual fiscal reports of the Rochester School District for school years 1999-2000 through 2001-2004. 1999-2004

Rochester Town Reports--1913 thru 1937 *published by Town of Rochester, VT*

Town reports in 3 volumes (1913-1920; 1921-1928, and 1930-1937). Provides a complete rendering of all town services provided and their costs (ie. cash paid for services on deer damage, \$1.12; Mrs. Curtis, three men overnight, \$3.00; etc.). Includes school budgets and other fiscal data. 1913-1937

Rochester, Vermont: Its History 1780-1975

published by The Rochester Town History Committee

A detailed picture of Rochester's past, with a foldout map of the town in 1854, black and white photos, drawings, etc. It has information on health care in the town, agriculture and industry, schools and education, and lists of Rochester veterans of wars from the Spanish-American to Vietnam. Much more. Recommended reading for anyone who is new to Rochester. 2 copies. 219 pgs, 1975

Two Vermont Hollows : A History of Gilead and Little Hollows *by Leyland E. Wood*

In forty-two chapters and with twenty-one illustrations, Wood records an early history of the area and paints a vivid picture of long ago days in Bethel Gilead and Rochester Little Hollow.

242 pgs, 1976

William's Talc Mine: Rochester, Vermont Geologist's Report 1915-1916

prepared by Vermont State Geologist

A report by the Vermont State Geologist, for the years 1915-1916, about William's talc mine, located on the western slope of Rochester Mountain. 6 pgs, 1916

Travelogues and Adventure

Footloose in Vermont by Margaret Hard

Anecdotal pieces about Vermont in 1939-1940. Originally appeared in the Rutland (Vt.) Herald. By the wife of Walter Hard and his co-author on several books about Vermont. 64 pgs, 1969

From Vermont to Damascus by Adna Brown

The Oriental letters take the reader to a vivid picture of scenes and people as seen from day to day. There are illustrations and directions for preparations and even the value of the currency as it was calculated so many years ago. 209 pgs, 1895

Vermont: A Guide to the Green Mountain State by Worker of the Federal Writer's Project Works Progress Administration for the State of Vermont

During the Great Depression of the 1930's, the Works Progress Administration, most liberal of President F.D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs, aimed at getting people back to work, employed writers and artists to create public paintings and literature. The Federal Writer's Project created a series of well-written guidebooks to each state, illustrated with photos taken by WPA photographers. These books are still relevant and useful as guidebooks today. They also provide a fascinating snapshot of the time and place. Historians and others seeking to know 1930's Vermont can certainly begin here. 392 pgs, 1937

Walking to Vermont From Times Square into the Green Mountains--A Homeward Adventure by Christopher S. Wren

A retired New York Times reporter makes the longest commute of his career: after his last day of work he walks home... to Vermont. Carrying a 50 lb. pack, he makes his way from Manhattan to suburbia, and into the wilds of the Appalachian and Long Trail. His is an intimate and often humorous walk and hike into retirement, and into the "Vermont state of mind." 273 pgs, 2004

Off the Leash: A Subversive Journey Around Vermont by Helen Husher

A tour of some of Vermont's most interesting and undervalued places, from the Domestic Resurrection Circus performed by giant puppets in Glover, to the Dowser's Labyrinth in Danville, to the origins of the Mormon church in Sharon. Vermont is full of quirky places and colorful history, and Helen Husher's collection of stories are at times irreverent, philosophical, witty and wise. 206 pgs, 1999

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