

# Keeping Appraised

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## Preserving Legacies...One Photo at a Time

The virtual “Wall of Faces”, maintained by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), connects a face and story to each name on the wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. There have been calls for photos within New England, and as of this May, ten states had completely filled their portion of the wall. However, 24 out of Vermont’s 100 service members who died in the Vietnam War did not have photos.

To support this call and honor those Vermonters, VSARA tweeted the names and military service records of each Vermont service member missing a photo. To date, four photos have been added, leaving only 20 more to go. We are certain that we can find a photo for each, through records in local libraries and historical societies (e.g. school yearbooks and newspapers) or through personal records of families and friends.


Please share this initiative—the more people who know, the more success we will have! Let’s fill this wall and preserve the memory of the remaining 20 Vermonters. Listed below are the service members we are hoping will be added to the VVMF’s virtual “Wall of Faces” in the near future:

A special thanks to Jack Thurston at NECN for helping us spread the word about this initiative, which can be viewed online at <http://goo.gl/RuY2gQ>. To learn more about the VVMF’s virtual “Wall of Faces” visit <http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/>.

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LOUIS WELDON WASHINGTON	
<small>is honored on Panel 40W, Row 40 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.</small>	
 LOUIS WELDON WASHINGTON	Wall Name: LOUIS W WASHINGTON
	Date of Birth: 12/13/1947
	Date of Casualty: 10/26/1968
	Home of Record: BURLINGTON
	County of Record: CHITTENDEN COUNTY
	State: VT
	Branch of Service: MARINE CORPS
	Rank: PVT
	Panel/Row: 40W, 40
	Casualty Province: QUANG NAM
SUBMIT PHOTOS	

Entry for Louis W. Washington on the virtual Wall of Faces [courtesy vvmf.org]

*Clifton L. Bacon (Manchester)*  
*Roger C. Burnham (Randolph)*  
*Allen J. Greene (Orwell)*  
*Edward D. Henry (N. Clarendon)*  
*Wilbur W. Ivanov (Windsor)*  
*Roger F. Jordan (Milton)*  
*David A. LaCourse (W. Burke)*

*Paul D. LaCroix (St. Johnsbury)*  
*Perley M. Long, Jr. (Montpelier)*  
*Bruce A. Morrison (Proctor)*  
*John P. Nowicki (Winooski)*  
*Edwin T. O'Connor, Jr. (Ludlow)*  
*Bruce Paquette (St. Johnsbury)*  
*Rollin C. Sargent, Jr. (Johnson)*

*Harold R. Smith (Winooski)*  
*Fred D. St. George (Hinesburg)*  
*Eugene D. Treadwell (Essex)*  
*Alfred J. Tuttle (Union Village)*  
*George E. Walker, Jr. (Swanton)*  
*Louis Washington (Burlington)*

Written by our State Archivist, Tanya Marshall, a version of this article also appeared in the Summer 2016 issue of Opinions, the Secretary of State’s Office newsletter. The article is also available on VSARA’s website at [https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/769196/opinions\\_voicefromthevault\\_june2016.pdf](https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/769196/opinions_voicefromthevault_june2016.pdf).

# Water, Water Everywhere: The Vermont History Expo

The Vermont History Expo is a biennial tradition hosted by the Vermont Historical Society at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. This summertime event consists of history exhibits and presentations, historical craft demonstrations, heritage animals, live historic encampments, live music, food, and more. This year's theme was the power of water. State and local heritage organizations investigated such related topics as water-powered mills, dam building, natural rivers and lakes, snow, and even historic bathing and laundry.



Spinning demonstration [courtesy of VSARA staff]

One topic that received a lot of attention was flooding. This August marks the 5th anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene and the wide-scale flooding that

devastated some of Vermont's towns. And, eighty-four years before Irene, Vermont experienced a legendary flood that forever changed the state's landscape. Vermonters and their communities have been permanently altered by destructive events such as Irene and the 1927 flood.

The Vermont State Archives displayed an exhibit that examined the state's response to these two major



Vermont State Archives exhibit [courtesy of VSARA staff]

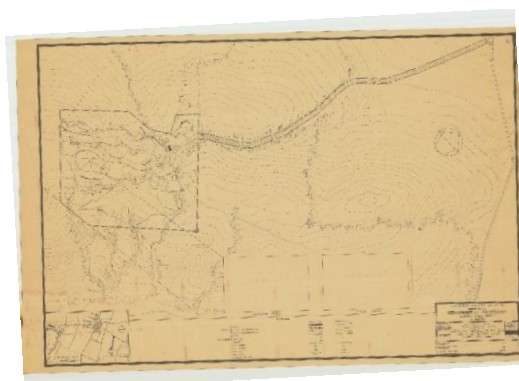
floods and explored the relationship between reconstruction, flood control, and changes in Vermont's landscape. Archivists Rachel Muse and Sally Blanchard-O'Brien spoke on this subject and described the records used in developing the exhibit and their research potential.

To read more about flooding in Vermont, take a look at our spotlight on records:

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/761167/flooddamagemap1927.pdf> and read our article in the Burlington Free Press' History Space: <http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/news/2016/06/03/floods-shaped-vermont-landscape/85308982/>

## Archival Records Showcase Vermont's Cherished State Parks

Legacy map collections from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) have been described and cataloged and are open for research. The records of land and facilities management (FPR-006), covering 1920 to 2011, document ninety years of development, recreational use, and management of state-owned land, including information about Civilian Conservation Corps projects in Vermont.



Map of Bellevue State Park, 1940 [courtesy of VSARA, series FPR-006]

and other conveyances pertaining to state property, as well as series FPR-003, consisting of over two centuries of land transactions related to natural resources.

VSARA will soon also release FPR records related to boundary surveys. If you are interested in any of these records series, please visit our reference room or contact us.

These records are interconnected with previously existing series SE-008, which consists of deeds, leases, contracts

## Upcoming Events at VSARA

### NOTICE: REFERENCE ROOM CLOSURE JULY 13—15

The Vermont State Archives Reference Room will be **CLOSED** from **Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**, for staff development. We apologize for any inconvenience.

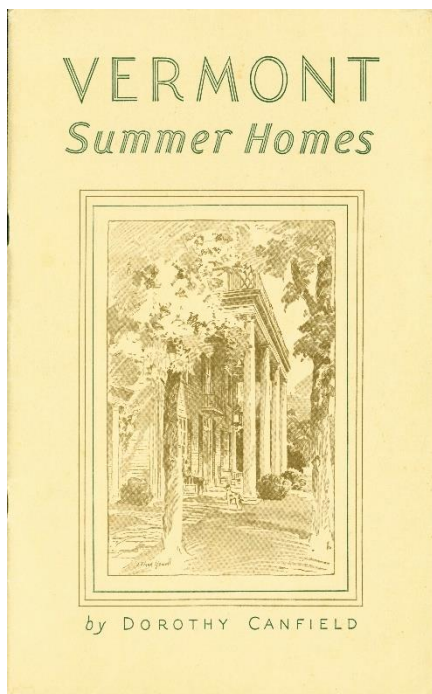
### Genealogical Resources Lecture—Tuesday, August 30

Genealogists are familiar with using vital and probate records to trace ancestry. But did you know that the Vermont State Archives has a wide range of other records that can be useful for family history research? VSARA archivist Mariessa Dobrick will be providing an introduction to records beyond the usual resources for genealogical research, including naturalizations, criminal records, institutional records, and more.

This presentation, hosted by Waterbury's Genealogy Quest Group, is free and open to the public. It will be at the Waterbury Library meeting room on Tuesday, August 30 at 7 PM.

**Stay tuned for Archives Month events in October!**

## From the Vault



This open essay was published in 1934 by the Vermont Publicity Bureau, in an effort to attract part-time residents. It includes this plea:

“So here we are, we Vermonters, quite aware that the future will bring us many more summer guests than ever before, hoping very much that they will not all be tourists who flit from boarding house to hotel, but that many of them will rent or buy some of the lovely old places...and will settle down to be a valued part of our State life.”

You can find this essay and more promotional materials in the Department of Tourism and Marketing records at the Vermont State Archives, series [A-077](#).

## On This Day in History

This summer, historic Vermont dates take a look at poets, proprietors, and public officers!

**1961 (July 5)** - The famous Robert Frost, resident of and teacher in Ripton, is named the first poet-laureate for Vermont.

**1781 (August 12)** – Town of Barre, originally called Wildersburgh, is granted to Colonel William Williams and sixty-four other proprietors. The name was changed to Barre in 1793, and the City of Barre would be carved out of the town nearly one hundred years later.

**1795 (September 23)** – Alexander Twilight is born in Corinth. Among his many achievements, Twilight is known as the first African-American to serve as a state legislator. He was elected to the Vermont General Assembly in 1836.

## Contact Us

### Have research questions?

#### Contact the VSARA Reference Room!

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