

New Marriage Repertoire Now Available St Joseph, Burlington, VT Marriages 1834-1930

Newly Researched

This is the 63rd book that our society has compiled.

This book of 1,035 pages in 2 Volumes contains:

1. More than 4000 marriages printed by both the groom and the bride for ease of use.
2. Includes all the witnesses at the marriages.
3. Enters all dates in this format: 12 May 1857

This marriage repertoire is a keystone book in the research of French Canadians in Vermont. St. Joseph Catholic church was founded in 1850 and was the first French National church in New England. As early as 1834 several missionaries attended to the French Canadian population in Burlington.

An earlier marriage repertoire for St Joseph's was printed in Quebec in 1978. It was in the French language and used the Canadian date system of dd/mm/yyyy which was sometimes confusing to the novice genealogist. It was printed in alphabetical order by the grooms and it included a brides-list or an index of brides which was difficult to use. Most witnesses were not listed. This earlier repertoire has not been available to purchase for the past 15 to 20 years.

After 1978 the author, Veronique Gassette, issued an addendum of eleven pages. She also continued to write updates into her original copy of the book which is in our library collection. We have included her addendum information and all of her hand written updates into our book in our NOTE fields beginning with a subscript of "VG:". In many cases she found the actual Quebec baptism info (church, place and date) for either the groom or the bride; and often the marriage of the parents of the bride and/or groom in Quebec. These may provide a very good clue to the reader. Be sure to verify this information before adding it to your genealogy.

This new book is not a copy of the original one. We began by photographing all 950 pages of marriages at St. Joseph church, resulting in 479 photos of the Latin marriage records. Our experienced team transcribed all the records. When the names or places referenced in the original records looked unusual or were misspelled some of our team used the online Drouin Collection records at multiple websites such as Ancestry, FamilySearch and GenealogieQuebec to find the most accurate information, and was added into one of our NOTE fields within parenthesis.

In 2004, some 26 years after the earliest book was available, our society published the baptisms of St Joseph parish. More than 24,000 baptisms are indexed in two volumes of 1,500 pages. Because there are always many baptisms for a married couple, the parent's information is more accurate. In our marriage book we often referenced these baptisms to determine the correct names of the groom and bride.

In order to enhance your search for the earliest French Canadian marriages in Vermont, in the first 46 pages of the book we have added the following:

1. Marriages of French Canadians at the First Congregational church in Burlington by Rev. Geo. Ingersoll from 1825 to 1842.
2. Civil marriages of French Canadians in Burlington from 1814 to 1849.
3. Marriages of French Canadians at the Irish St. Mary's Catholic church in Burlington from 1830 to 1850. In these 30 pages the groom and bride are listed both as written by the priest at the Irish church and as found later in the more accurate St Joseph baptism records or elsewhere.

To order this book, see our website at: http://www.vt-fcgs.org/publications_for_sale.html

You may buy this book of two volumes at the Vermont Genealogy Library for \$100.00

Website: <http://www.vtgenlib.org/index.php>