

VERMONT NEW FLASHES, 1775 - 2001

1775 May 10, Ethan Allen and his 83 Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y., on the western shore of Lake Champlain. They took the entire garrison captive without firing a shot. This was the 1st aggressive American action in the War of Independence. (AP, 5/10/97) (HN, 5/10/98) (ON, 3/00, p.4)

1777 Jan 15, The people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The tiny republic later became the state of Vermont.) (AP, 1/15/99)

1777 Aug 16, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington, Vt. (AP, 8/16/97)

1777 The Vermont constitution outlawed slavery, allowed universal male suffrage with no property requirements, and called for the direct election of the governor. Vermont also called for a system of public education. (SFC, 4/27/00, p.A5)

1777-1891 Vermont was an independent republic. (SFEC, 4/2/00, p.A6)

1778 Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga, was released from prison in England as part of a prisoner exchange. (ON, 3/00, p.6)

1779 Ethan Allen authored "A Narrative of Ethan Allen's Captivity." (ON, 3/00, p.6)

1789 Ethan Allen (b.1738), leader of Vermont's Green Mountain Boys, died. In 1949 Stewart H. Holbrook authored "Ethan Allen." In 1969 Charles A. Jellison authored "Ethan Allen: Frontier Rebel." (WUD, 1994 p.39) (ON, 3/00, p.6)

1790 Jul 31, The U.S. Patent Office opened with the first patent granted to Samuel Hopkins of Vermont, developer of a new method of making potash. (HN, 7/31/98)

1790 Oct 28, NY gave up claims to Vermont for \$30,000. (MC, 10/28/01)

1791 Mar 4, Vermont was admitted as the 14th state. It was the first addition to the original 13 colonies. (HN, 3/4/98) (AP, 3/4/98)

1792 Apr 4, American abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens, U.S. Radical Republican congressional leader, was born in Danville, Vt. (AP, 4/4/98) (HN, 4/4/98)

1793 Captain John Norton founded a stoneware pottery shop in Bennington. The wares were rarely marked until 1823. Various members of the family worked at the pottery until it closed shop in 1894. (SFC, 2/18/98, Z1 p.3)

1794 Jan 13, President Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (AP, 1/13/98)

1798 Jan 30, A brawl broke out in the House of Representatives in Philadelphia, as Matthew Lyon of Vermont spat in the face of Roger Griswold of Connecticut. Lyon was elected congressman while serving a jail sentence for violating the Alien and Sedition Acts. (AP, 1/30/98) (SFC, 4/27/00, p.A5)

1801 Jun 1, Mormon leader Brigham Young was born in Whitingham, Vt. (AP, 6/1/97)

1801, In Grafton, Enos Lovell converted his 2-story Federal-style house into an inn. (HT, 5/97, p.10)

1803 Jan 3, A widow wrote this epitaph in a Vermont cemetery: Sacred to the memory of my husband John Barnes who died January 3, 1803 His comely young widow, aged 23, has many qualifications of a good wife, and yearns to be comforted. (e-mail, Riddiough, 5/16/99)

1803-1876, Orestes Augustus Brownson, American author and clergyman was born in Stockbridge, Vt. At first a Presbyterian, he later became a Universalist, a Unitarian minister, head of his own church, a transcendentalist, and finally (1844) a Roman Catholic. As a writer and magazine editor, Brownson dealt with religious questions and fought social injustice: "We have heard enough of the liberties and the rights of man, it is high time to hear something of the duties of men and the rights of authority." In 1992 Gregory Butler wrote the biography: "In Search of the American Spirit," and in 1999 R.A. Herrera published "Orestes Brownson: Sign of Contradiction."
<http://encyclopedia.com/articles/01924.html>
(WSJ, 5/28/99, p.W11)

1805 Dec 23, Joseph Smith (d.1844), founder of the Mormon Church, was born in Sharon, Vermont. [see 1823,1830] (SFC, 4/9/96, A-7) (HN, 12/23/98) (NW, 9/10/01, p.48)

1811 Sep 3, John Humphrey Noyes was born in Vermont. He founded the Oneida Community (Perfectionists). (MC, 9/3/01)

1811-1865 Elisha Graves Otis, a Vermont native, was a master mechanic working at a bedstead factory in Yonkers, N.Y., when he built a hoisting machine with two sets of metal teeth at the car's sides. If the lifting rope broke, the teeth would lock into place, preventing the car from falling. Otis ever realized the potential of his invention. His sons built the Otis Elevator Company, enabling the skylines of cities throughout the world to be transformed with skyscrapers.
(HNQ, 5/30/98)

c1820 The Manleys built a 2-story home in Dorset later known as the "Old Stone House." In 1908 the property was purchased by Edwin Lefevre, best known as the author of "Reminiscences of a Stock Operator." In 2000 the house was selling for \$1.495 million.
(SFC, 9/1/00, p.W10)

1830 Oct 5, The 21st president of the United States, Chester Arthur, was born in Fairfield, Vt.
(AP, 10/5/97)

1864 Oct 19, The northernmost action of the American Civil War took place in the Vermont town of St. Albans. Some 25 escaped Confederate POWs led by Kentuckian Bennett Young (21) raided the town near the Canadian border with the intent of robbing three banks and burning the town. While they managed to leave town and hide out in Canada with more than \$200,000, their attempts to burn down the town failed. Most of the raiders were captured and imprisoned in Canada and later released after a court ruled the robberies in St. Albans were acts of war.

(HNQ, 12/9/98) (ON, 11/99, p.11) (MC, 10/19/01)

1872 Jul 4, The 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, was born in Plymouth, Vt. (AP, 7/4/97)

1910-1930 The 265-mile Long Trail hiking trail was created. (SFC, 4/27/00, p.A5)

1946 Nov 24, Ted Bundy (d.1989), serial murderer, was born in Burlington, Vt. (MC, 11/24/01)

1962 Phil Hoff became the state's first Democratic governor in over 100 years. (SFEC, 4/2/00, p.A6)

1963 Dean Mathey, a prominent investment banker, established the Windham Foundation. Its mandate included the restoration of Grafton Village in Windham County. (HT, 5/97, p.10)

1963-1969 Denys Rackley (d.1998 at 76), Carthusian monk, helped build the only American monastery of the Carthusian order, the Charterhouse of the Transfiguration in Arlington, Vt. He trained at the Carthusian order's mother house in La Grand Chartreuse, France, where the order is supported by the sale of its Chartreuse liqueur. (SFC, 2/24/98, p.A22)

1911 Jul 4, 105°F (41°C) at Vernon, Vermont (state record). (Maggio, 98)

1954 Vermont elected Consuelo Bailey as lieutenant governor. (SFC, 4/27/00, p.A5)

1970 Apr 16, A fire at Johnson's Pasture Commune left 4 people dead. (SFC, 8/10/98, p.A10)

1977 Cora Partridge (d.1999 at 82) wrote "Vermont, the State with the Storybook Past." The Vermont history book was revised in 1981. (SFC, 3/2/99, p.A20)

1987 Mar 28, Maria Augusta von Trapp (Trapp Family Singers), whose life inspired the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music," died in Morrisville, Vt., at age 82. (AP, 3/28/97) (MC, 3/28/02)

1998 Jan 8-9, The US Northeast and Canada were hit with a severe ice storm and at least 16 people were reported killed. Millions of people were left without power in upper New York, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. (SFC, 1/9/98, p.A3) (SFC, 1/10/98, p.A8)

1998 Mar 19, In Vermont a bomb exploded in a teenager's bedroom. Christopher Marquis (17) was killed and his mother was injured. A package bomb was suspected. (SFC, 3/20/98, p.A3)

1998 Mar 20, An Indiana man, Chris Dean (35), was arrested for sending the pipe bomb that killed Christopher Marquis. Marquis had defrauded Dean in a \$400 trade of Citizens Band radio equipment arranged on the Internet. (SFC, 3/21/98, p.A3)

1998 Jun, Kate Logan, a senior at Long Trail High School, disrobed in the middle of her commencement speech in a gesture to symbolize the freedom and confidence she learned in school. (WSJ, 6/19/98, p.W13)

1998 Jun 27, Heavy thunderstorms in the Northeast and Midwest left at least 5 people dead. The annual Ben & Jerry's One World One Heart festival at Sugarbush, Vermont, was cancelled. (SFEC, 6/28/98, p.A8)

1999 Sep 1, Karen Maple (36) was jailed at Chittenden Regional Correctional for refusing to show up for hearings over the home schooling for her son (15), who was declared truant from public school. Maple was released Sep 14 and ordered to take her son to a Vermont agency for evaluation of his educational needs. (WSJ, 9/10/99, p.A18) (SFC, 9/15/99, p.A6)

1999 Dec 20, A Vermont court ruled that gay and lesbian couples must be granted the same rights as people in heterosexual marriages. (SFC, 12/21/99, p.A1)

2000 Mar 16, The state House of Representatives voted 76-69 for a bill to give same-sex couples all the rights and responsibilities granted to married heterosexuals. (SFEC, 4/2/00, p.A6)

2000 Apr 12, It was reported that the Vermont-based Ben & Jerry's ice cream maker would be sold to Unilever Corp. (SFC, 4/13/00, p.D1)

2000 Apr 25, In Vermont the Legislature approved civil unions for homosexuals and Gov. Howard Dean promised to sign the legislation effective July 1. (SFC, 4/26/00, p.A1)

2000 Apr 26, Vermont Governor Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions. (AP, 4/26/01)

2000 Jul 1, The marriage-like law for civil unions for homosexuals became effective. (SFEC, 7/2/00, p.A1)

2001 Mar 21, In Vermont a flock of 234 sheep were seized by federal agents over fears of infection with a version of mad cow disease. The sheep had originated in Belgium in 1996. (SFC, 3/22/01, p.A3)

2001 Apr 9, A train derailed over the Connecticut River and some 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel were released. (SFC, 4/10/01, p.A3)

2001 May 24, Senator James Jeffords of Vermont (67) announced that he would quit the Republican Party and declare himself an independent. The switch would become official upon the completion of the tax-cut bill. (SFC, 5/24/01, p.A1) (SFC, 5/25/01, p.A1)

2001 Jun 5, The US Senate went under Democratic control as Vermont Sen. James Jeffords changed his party affiliation from Republican to Independent. (SFC, 6/6/01, p.A3)

2001 Nov 16, An anthrax laced letter was found in quarantined congressional mail addressed to Sen. Patrick J. Leahy of Vermont. It was found to contain billions of spores, enough to kill 100,000 people. (SFC, 11/17/01, p.A1) (WSJ, 11/21/01, p.A8) (SFC, 11/26/01, p.A5)

2001 Dec 6, Robert A. Woodward (37) brandished a knife and was shot 7 times by police in the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. He died shortly later in a hospital. (SFC, 12/7/01, p.E5)

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