



Vermont State Archives and Records Administration

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Introduction

What past events or people are you curious about? What questions do you have about Vermont history? Chances are there are records at the Vermont State Archives (VSARA) that can help you learn more about the past. VSARA holds permanent records of Vermont State Government. The records in our care relate to local, national, and international events, providing a Vermont perspective to your research. The following suggested records and topics represent a tiny part of our holdings.

Topic Ideas

1. **Vermont Republic** – Why did the citizens of the New Hampshire Grants declare independence from New York and how did it impact the future State of Vermont?
 - [Manuscript Vermont State Papers](#)
 - [Surveyor General's Papers](#)
 - [Henry Steven's Sr. Collection](#)
 - [Steven's Papers](#)
 - [Adjutant General](#)
 - [Court of Confiscations](#)
2. **Environmental Stewardship** – How has the development of Green-up Day impacted Vermonter's outlook on environmental issues from its inception to today?
 - Gov. Dean Davis records - [A184-00106](#), File 6; Gov. Snelling records - [A184-00108](#); Office of Policy and Research - [A196-00004](#)
3. **Civic Engagement/Rights**
 - Women Legislators Impact on Vermont Law - [Order of Women Legislators \(OWLS\), 1921-1980](#)
 - Vermont was the first state to pass civil union laws, how did that impact national marriage laws? [Civil Unions](#) & LC-00170 & [LSC-VCURC-001](#)

Doing Research Using VSARA's Records

Please contact us! We are happy to help you identify relevant records for the topic you want to research. Our reference team can help you in-person, by phone, or email. The reference room is open 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday for walk-ins and appointments (excluding holidays). Please note:

- In-person visits for ages 15 and below requires parental supervision.
- We recommend not using a school provided email address because some schools block external emails.

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