



## Essential Vermont Histories and Websites

Vermont Libraries Conference

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### State Histories:

*Freedom and unity: a history of Vermont* by Michael Sherman, Gene Sessions, P. Jeffrey Potash. Barre: Vermont Historical Society, 2004.

*Hands on the land: a history of the Vermont landscape* by Jan Albers. Cambridge, Mass.: Published for the Orton Family Foundation, Rutland, Vt. by MIT Press, 2000.

*Vermont, an illustrated history* by John Duffy & Vincent Feeney. American Historical Press, 2000 (first edition 1985).

*Vermont voices, 1609 through the 1990s: a documentary history of the Green Mountain State* by J. Kevin Graffagnino, Samuel B. Hand, and Gene Sessions, editors. [Montpelier]: Vermont Historical Society, 1999.

*The Vermont encyclopedia* edited by John J. Duffy, Samuel B. Hand, & Ralph H. Orth. Hanover: University Press of New England, 2003.

*Vermont album: a collection of early Vermont photographs*, with text by Ralph Nading Hill. Brattleboro, Vt., S. Greene Press in association with Vermont Life magazine and the Vermont Historical Society [1974].

### Town/County Histories:

*Gazetteer and business directory of Windham county, Vt., 1724-1884* compiled and published by Hamilton Child. Syracuse, N.Y., Printed at the Journal office, 1884.

*Vermont Historical Gazetteer* compiled by Abby Maria Hemenway. Volume V, Windham County. Brandon, Vt., 1891.

*Vermont place-names: footprints of history*, by Esther Munroe Swift. Brattleboro, Vt., 1977.

### Diversity:

*Many cultures, one people: a multicultural handbook about Vermont for teachers*, ed. by Greg Sharrow. Middlebury, Vt.: Vermont Folklife Center, 1992 – Many ethnic groups described briefly, short oral histories, recipes.

*Vermont women, Native Americans and African Americans: out of the shadows of history* by Cynthia D. Bittinger. Charleston, SC: History Press, 2012 – Essentially self-published.

**Abenaki:**

*The Western Abenakis of Vermont, 1600-1800: war, migration, and the survival of an Indian people.* Norman: Univ. of Oklahoma Press; 1990 – Academic treatment.

*The Abenaki* by Colin G. Calloway; Frank W. Porter III, general editor. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1989 – General history; good photographs.

**African-American:**

*The problem of slavery in early Vermont, 1777-1810* by Harvey Amani Whitfield. Barre, Vt.: Vermont Historical Society, 2014.

*Discovering black Vermont: African American farmers in Hinesburgh, 1790/1890* by Elise A. Guyette. Burlington, Vt: University of Vermont Press, 2010 – limited geographic area but could be of wider interest.

*Mr. and Mrs. Prince: how an extraordinary eighteenth-century family moved out of slavery and into legend* by Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina; researched with Anthony Gerzina. New York: Amistad, 2008 – Windham & Bennington County African-American poet and husband.

*The blind African slave, or, Memoirs of Boyrereau Brinch, nicknamed Jeffery Brace*, edited and with an introduction by Kari J. Winter. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2004 – Originally published in St. Alban's, Vt., 1810.

**Counter-culture & Gay Community:**

*Creating civil union: opening hearts and minds* by Linda Hollingdale. Hinesburg, Vt.: Common Humanity Press, 2002.

*Civil wars: a battle for gay marriage* by David Moats. Orlando: Harcourt, 2004.

*Almost utopia: residents and radicals of Pikes Falls, Vermont 1950*, photographs by Rebecca Lepkoff; text by Greg Joly. Barre, Vt.: Vermont Historical Society, 2008. – Jamaica, Vermont.

*Going up the country: when the hippies, dreamers, freaks, and radicals moved to Vermont* by Yvonne Daley ; foreword by Tom Slayton. Hanover: University Press of New England, 2018.

## **Online Resources:**

### Vermont Historical Society:

[catalog.vermonthistory.org](http://catalog.vermonthistory.org) — Vermont Historical Society library catalog

[digitalvermont.org](http://digitalvermont.org) — VHS's nascent digital archive

[vermonthistory.org/research/vermont-history-journal](http://vermonthistory.org/research/vermont-history-journal) — *Vermont History* articles (URL to change soon) – also searchable through VHS library catalog (above)

[freedomandunity.org](http://freedomandunity.org) – Vermont history exhibit

### University of Vermont:

[cdi.uvm.edu](http://cdi.uvm.edu) — Digital collections from UVM (and others)

[Scfindingaids.uvm.edu](http://scfindingaids.uvm.edu) — Special Collections finding aids

[www.uvm.edu/landscape](http://www.uvm.edu/landscape) — Landscape Change photographs from across Vermont

### Middlebury College:

[archive.org/details/vermontlifemagazine?sort=titleSorter](http://archive.org/details/vermontlifemagazine?sort=titleSorter) (or [go.middlebury.edu/vermontlife](http://go.middlebury.edu/vermontlife)) — Digital archive of *Vermont Life* magazine

### Vermont State Archives and Records Administration:

[Secure.vermont.gov/myvermont](http://Secure.vermont.gov/myvermont) — sign up for free account to access

[Newspapers.com](http://Newspapers.com) — Vermont newspapers only

[Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) — Vermont Vital Records only

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/archives-records/state-archives/find-records/maps-and-plans.aspx>  
— VSARA maps and plans

### Civil War:

[www.vermontcivilwar.org](http://www.vermontcivilwar.org)