



# Colleague Profile



**S**teve Singiser has had a checkered history of toggling back and forth to Vermont. Although born on Long Island, his parents moved to Vermont when he was ten. His father, a radio commentator in the metropolitan area, embarked on a new career running a restaurant, riding stable, and a small ski area in Sudbury while Steve attended a one room school house (or so he says).

In 1949, he moved briefly to Massachusetts but came back to Vermont in 1950. When his father returned to New York City radio in 1951, Steve was sent away to private school at Exeter and then on to Brown University.

After graduation in 1958, and a brief stint in the military, he went to work in the Trust Department of Chemical Bank where he became Vice President and Senior Trust Officer of the Personal Trust Department.

In 1965 he married Ann Fulton. They lived for the next 9 years in a New York City apartment. Steve resurfaced in Vermont in 1974 with Ann and three daughters, Debbie, Dana, and Cynthia.



He describes their decision to settle permanently in Vermont as a watershed event when the family chose a dramatically different lifestyle. He left the Big Apple to pick apples with little thought as to what else he would do to make a living when he settled in Mendon. For the next ten years he made wooden lamps, managed real estate, worked odd jobs in construction, ....and he picked apples.

In 1984, facing college costs and a fallout in demand for his oddly shaped wooden lamps, he returned to the trust and investment world when he became a Vice President and Trust Officer for the Vermont National Bank in the Rutland Office. Steve worked for Vermont National until August of 1999, when he joined the Trust Company of Vermont as one of the co-founders.

Steve still lives in Mendon with Ann, who currently serves as the Town Clerk. Oldest daughter, Debbie, is married and expecting a daughter in May (Steve notes there are no males in the Singiser/Fulton gene pool); daughter Dana is an attorney in Washington DC and baby daughter, Cynthia, works in New York City at HBO.