The vim-history repository

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Repositories in the Vim organization

We have four repositories under https://github.com/vim:

- vim
- vim-appimage
- vim-win32-installer
- vim-history
We only have the history after 2004, start of the development of Vim 7.0.
## History of Vim

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<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Version</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dec. 14, 1993</td>
<td>2.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aug. 12, 1994</td>
<td>3.0</td>
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<td>May 29, 1996</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Feb. 19, 1998</td>
<td>5.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sep. 21, 1998</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>Started using a CVS repository (on SourceForge).</td>
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<td>Sep. 26, 2001</td>
<td>6.0</td>
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<td>May 7, 2006</td>
<td>7.0</td>
<td>Switched to a new CVS repository.</td>
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<td>Sep. 12, 2016</td>
<td>8.0</td>
<td>Moved the repository to Google Codes, then GitHub.</td>
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<td>May 17, 2018</td>
<td>8.1</td>
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The “vim-history” repository

I created a new repository to store the Vim history from v1.14 to v6.4. It consists of two parts:

• From v1.14 to v5.4
  Created from the tarballs in the FTP server of Vim.
  (I committed all of them manually, so the history is fake.)
• From v5.5 to v6.4
  Converted from CVS to Git by Christian Brabandt (@chrisbra) using git cvsimport command.

These two parts have been merged by git replace and git filter-branch commands.
Commit graph of “vim-history”

Oct 27, 1991 – Nov 22, 2018

Contributions to master, excluding merge commits

The commits start from 1991.
You can see the whole history of Vim in your local git repository.

```bash
git clone https://github.com/vim/vim.git
cd vim
git remote add vim-history https://github.com/vim/vim-history.git
git fetch vim-history --tags
git replace --graft v7.0001 vim-6-3-004
```

These commands virtually connect the history before v7.0 and after that. Now you can use `git log`, `git grep` and other commands to explore the whole 27 years of the Vim history.
Examples

```
# Count the patches written by the top 3 contributor:
$ git log --grep 'Brabandt' --oneline | wc -l
  538
$ git log --grep 'Takata' --oneline | wc -l
  360
$ git log --grep 'Yasuhiro' --oneline --all | wc -l
  345

# Find the oldest patch written by me:
$ git log -1 $(git log --grep 'Takata' --format=%h | tail -1)
commit 01c10524d25e36e72c7e45048a80cdb410165560 (tag: v7.3.668)
...
```