

MINUTES

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL

7 July 1994

Meeting held at United Church Center, Hartford CT

Present: Donna Siemiatkoski, Warren Buchanan, Jack Kuras, Dianne Lenti.
Host: Rev. Allen Tinkham

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by President Donna Siemiatkoski.
Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted by members present.

Tourism package discussion was tabled.

The CPGC Legislative Committee plans to meet sometime in August 1994 in the greater Waterbury area. They will discuss the legislative agenda of the CT State Library, as well as other items. Members may send topics of concern to any of the following committee members: Donna Siemiatkoski, Warren Buchanan or Judy Plummer.

Warren Buchanan reported that when the CT State Library changed their hours of public access, the LDS Church volunteers requested that they still be allowed access to the building at 8:30 a.m. each day, in order to put in a full eight hours of microfilming. The request was denied, apparently for the lack of a security guard. As a result, the LDS Church members have withdrawn their filming efforts at the CT State Library.

The Town Clerk's Association [CT] has invited CPGC to send a representative to their seminar, to be held September 22 & 23, 1994. The President, Bernadette Dillon, will meet with CPGC on September 8, 1994.

Jack Kuras reported that the Pittsfield MA branch of the National Archives is now open to the public; hours 10-3 Monday through Friday. Address: 100 Dan Fox Dr, Pittsfield MA 01201. Phone: 413-445-6885, ext. 26 for reference desk.

CPGC future meeting agenda includes:

Sep 8, 1994, Bernadette Dillon, President, Connecticut Town Clerks Assn.
Nov 3, 1994, Steven Leibowitz, Accountant
Jan 5, 1995, Helen Ullman, Update of LDS Records
Mar 2, 1995, Fr. Caroon, at the Episcopal Archives, Hartford CT
May .. 1995, Jeanne Bushey, Connecticut Dept of Health - Vital Records

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1994, 10:00 A.M. AT THE CT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1 ELIZABETH ST, HARTFORD, CT. Free parking available.

Adjournment time approximately 10:45 a.m.

Dianne B. Lenti, Associate Secretary

We had the privilege of meeting at the United Church Center, 125 Sherman Street, Hartford CT, previously known as "Congregational House".

We thank our host, Rev. Allen Tinkham, for a very informative morning. There are 160 churches in the CT Conference.

Among the many holdings, this center has early records of Ministers, Connecticut meetinghouses, delegates and clergy meetings, photographs of CT Churches around the turn of the century, and manuals of churches (which sometimes include baptisms). They have copies of the Congregational year book back to 1834, which has a very reliable necrology on Ministers of the period. They also have official records of missionaries to such places as Ohio and Hawaii.

There are records from defunct Congregational Churches, which are housed at this center. Rev. Tinkham agreed that they might allow a CPGC volunteer to make a list of these records. Currently there is no list, or catalog, of these holdings.

The main archival center for Congregational records in New England is the Congregational Library, 14 Beacon St, Boston MA.

Most of the original Congregational records of baptisms, marriages and deaths have been deposited at the Connecticut State Library. No centralized collection of such records is held at the United Church Center.