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CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL

29 June 1995

Meeting held at Connecticut Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth St, Hartford CT

Present: Donna Siemiatkoski, Jack Kuras, Dianne B. Lenti, Dr. Robert L. Rafford, Kathryn S. Black, Ronald Cormier, Harlan Jessup, Neil Sundt, Helen Ullmann, Judy Plummer, Lucille Shea, Bob Bamford, and Gerald Cruthers.

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by President Donna Siemiatkoski. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted by members present. Motion by Jack Kuras (2) seconded by Kathryn Black.

Presidents Report. President Donna Siemiatkoski reported that Newtown CT has developed a form to be filled out prior to viewing vital records in their town office.

~~Member Robert Rafford~~ ^{It was} suggested that we keep a loose leaf binder with rules of each town. This can serve as a repository.

CPGS's Government Relations Committee recently had a very positive meeting with the like committee of the CT Society of Genealogists.

Old Business. Donna Siemiatkoski reported that member Warren Buchanan is following up with the state legislature; asking that they look carefully at the document CPGC submitted to them last year. A meeting with the Legislative Committee head is being set up.

Volunteers are needed and welcome at the CT Department of Health. Registrar John N. Boccaccio has devised a system for volunteers, with procedure as follows:

Volunteer time must be scheduled with Julia Adams at 203-566-1125.

- * 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Fridays
- * Assist with routine vital record searches.
- * Volunteer is allowed 1 hour for own search (8:00-9:00 a.m. or 12:00-1:00 p.m. (Only by prior arrangement with Julia Adams.)

Warren Buchanan is diligently working on the CPGC membership brochure, which we look forward to having available in the future.

New Business: Ted Wohlson, has retired from his position as head of the History and Genealogy Unit of the CT State Library. Richard Roberts, Genealogist/Librarian is very competently serving as acting head of this unit. [Up-date - Ted Wohlson is currently serving part-time at the library; glad to have him back.]

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Kathryn Black agreed to study the material received from the ~~National Genealogical Board~~, giving us feedback at the next meeting.

CPGC members will be notified when a Town Clerks meeting is to be held concerning their county of residence.

CPGC future meeting agenda includes:

September 7, 1995. Robert Rafford, case study "Handling Business Topics" (preparing research reports; dealing with clients.)

October 5, 1995. _____

November 2, 1995. Annual meeting. _____

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1995, 10:00 A.M. AT THE CT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1 ELIZABETH ST, HARTFORD, CT. Free parking available.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 12:45 p.m. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Ron Cormier.

Dianne B. Lenti, Associate Secretary

Following the meeting, members were given a very informative presentation on Acadia. Ronald C. Cormier, member genealogist, who specializes in Acadian-Cajun research, showed the video "Acadie Liberte", which told the historical background of Acadians in Nova Scotia and their expulsion in 1755. These people were the ancestors of many Acadians now found throughout the world. Ron answered questions and told of the unique modes of dress and agricultural habits of the Acadians. We thank him for his wonderful presentation.