



Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
Post Office Box 4273, Hartford, Connecticut 06147-4273

MINUTES - THURSDAY, 4 APRIL 1996

Meeting held at the Connecticut Historical Society

Attending: Donna Siemiatkoski, Dianne B. Lenti, Kenneth Buckbee, Harlan Jessup, Robert Bamford, Jack Kuras, Robert Rafford, Helen Ullmann, Gail Frey, Kathryn Black, Barbara Mathews.

Business Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Donna Siemiatkoski. Secretary's report was read and accepted with one addition; being inserted by President Donna Siemiatkoski at end of second sentence, first paragraph following ".....past few days." (1) Ken Buckbee (2) Barbara Mathews.

(Addition) A bill had been submitted to the General Assembly's Judiciary Committee which would impose a fine of \$500.00 on town clerks who refuse to produce records in accordance with the law. Several from the Executive Committee went to the committee hearing to oppose the introduction of a penalty at this time because of the confusing nature of the existing laws and because of our continuing efforts to work out problems with the help of the state registrar of vital records and the Town Clerks Association. The Judiciary Committee Chairman, Senator Thomas Upson, encouraged the genealogists to return with a comprehensive bill regarding access to vital records.

Treasurer's report was read by Bob Bamford and filed for audit with cash on hand of \$397.07. Currently, there are 44 paid members. Our newest member brochure is currently being distributed to members and area libraries. Robert Bamford reported that his telephone number in the brochure should read 860-584-8967.

New Member: Gail Frey, of G F Associates, Meriden CT, joined our group for the first time. Gail has been pursuing family genealogy and recently started pursuing research for others. She is currently working on her Associate's Degree in Accounting.

Committee Reports: Legislative; Donna Siemiatkoski reported that a bill on genealogists' access to vital records in Connecticut has passed the Judicial Committee and is currently before the Legislative Commissioner's office. The current session of the General Assembly ends on the 1st of May. Everyone is hopeful that the bill will get through the Senate and House before that time. If the legislation is passed, the Town Clerk's handbook will be revised, incorporating the new legislation.

New Business: Motion was made by Harlan Jessup, seconded by Jack Kuras, to approve mailing a cover letter, CPGC brochure and list of Incorporated Genealogical Societies to all Connecticut town and city Registrars of Vital Records. Motion carried.

Barbara Mathews presented a copy of "PAF Documentation Guidelines" 1995 Edition, written by Silicon Valley PAF Users Group. It includes, among many items, suggestive ways to include footnoting and standard abbreviations for countries, counties, etc. Anyone interested in obtaining this informative booklet can order it, by sending \$3.00 to:

Silicon Valley PAF User's Group,
4417 Pitch Pine Court,
San Jose CA 95136-2410
(Ph: 408-578-4619)

Treasurer Bob Bamford will look into setting up a checking account for the Council.

The Board approved a certificate of appreciation be given to Bernadette Dillon for her efforts in forwarding communication between town clerks and genealogists. (1) Harlan Jessup (2) Barbara Mathews. Motion carried.

Alexander Marcellino is the Registrar of Vital Records for the city of Hartford CT. Genealogists may make appointments to view the records on Tues-Thurs 2-4 p.m. each week. Only two people are allowed in the vault area at one time.

Robert Anderson, NEHGS, has reported that the ^{register on CD} index on CD is in production and should be available in approximately two months. ~~NEHGS is considering printing a third volume of indices.~~ He is also hard at work on the third volume of the Great Migration early years.

Robert Rafford reported on a new Connecticut Society of Genealogists [CSG] Editorial Committee policy of not allowing genealogists to advertise in the Nutmegger. He has written to David Brown, CSG President, for clarification.

A suggested program for our June meeting was Native American Research in Connecticut. Donna Siemiatkoski said that she would contact Vicki Welsh as a possible speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. (1) Kathryn Black (2) Barbara Mathews.

Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2nd; SEE NOTICE PAGE 3.

UPDATE: CONNECTICUT VITAL RECORDS - LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The bill was reported out of the Legislative Commissioner's Office on April 11th and passed the Senate unanimously on April 17th. We hope to have it scheduled for action in the House before the Legislature adjourns on May 1st.

Donna Siemiatkoski, President.

Program following meeting: "Records which Appear to be Prime, Original Records When They Are Not", presented by member Harlan Jessup. This was a very interesting topic. Harlan reported his case study of Ann Allen, with findings gathered from Stiles, Henry R, *The History of Ancient Windsor* 1891 versus Barbour and the Windsor CT Records Volumes 1 and 2. Another reference was the record of Windsor CT gravestone inscriptions prepared by Jabez Hayden in 1842. Harlan found additional or corrected data in one that was not in another. Another Connecticut town, where Harlan has carefully searched the records, was Newtown CT. In this, he found items in Manwaring's transcription that were in error. There is a "Private Bill of Mortality" by Henry Beers, in the vault at the Newtown Public Library, which lists persons and causes of death. In studying this, he realized that the Barbour Index is incomplete. Again, it means that we must strive to search out original records when possible. There are many such materials in town libraries throughout our nation. His presentation proved that a careful researcher must pursue all obtainable original records in an effort to find the facts; not accepting published or transcribed data. A very interesting and challenging presentation. Thank you Harlan!

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO THE GENEALOGICAL COMMUNITY

April 29, 1996 - CSG Bus trip to NEHGS, Boston - \$34.00

May 2, 1996 - CPGC Program "Computer Resources f/Genealogist";

B. Bamford

July 12-13 - NEHGS Conference at Farmington CT

August 16-17 - FGS Conference at Rochester NY

April 24-27, 1997 - New England Regional Gen. Conf. at Cromwell CT

NEXT MEETING:

10:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 2 1996

CONNECTICUT HIST. SOC.

1 ELIZABETH ST (@ ASYLUM)

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by BOB BAMFORD

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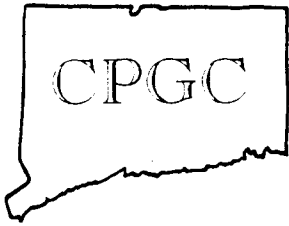
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Date: April 4, 1996
Subject: Societies Incorporated for Genealogical Purposes

Listed below are the Societies presently known to us which are registered, as incorporated, with the Connecticut Secretary of State. These Societies have genealogical research as part of their statement of purpose, as required in Section 7-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes. We will issue updates of this list as changes occur or are made known to us.

Connecticut Ancestry
P. O. Box 249
Stamford CT 06904-0249

Connecticut Society of Genealogists
P. O. Box 435
Glastonbury CT 06033-0435

Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor
P. O. Box 39
Windsor CT 06095-0039

French-Canadian Genealogical Society of CT
P. O. Box 928
Tolland CT 06084-0928

Jewish Genealogical Society of CT
394 Sport Hill Road
Easton CT 06612

Killingly Historical Society
P. O. Box 6000
Danielson CT 06239

Lance Genealogical Research Library Society
P. O. Box 366
Simsbury CT 06070-0360

Polish Genealogical Society of CT
8 Lyle Road
New Britain CT 06053