



Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council  
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<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1996.
<b>TIME:</b> 10:00 A.M.
<b>AT:</b> CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
<b>WHERE:</b> 1 ELIZABETH ST (CORNER OF ASYLUM)
<b>PRESENTATION:</b> CASE STUDY BY WARREN BUCHANAN



**Minutes - Thursday, 4 January 1996**  
**Meeting held at the Connecticut Department of Health**

**Speaker:** John Boccaccio, CT State Registrar of Vital Records.

Mr. Boccaccio gave everyone present an informative forecast for the future of Connecticut vital records. Most interesting are the positive changes that will occur following the department move to 410 Capitol Ave in March of 1996. The foremost of these being a computerized index of the vital records which will enable personnel to efficiently locate records requested.

Microfilming of the records will eliminate the normal "wear and tear" that occurs when handled many times over the years. All persons in the genealogical community are encouraged to volunteer a day (or more) of their time to assist with the quality assurance of the microfilming project. This will entail looking through actual microfilms to assure that they are legible. Approximate time frame will be March or April of 1996; possibly continuing for four months.

Mr. Boccaccio stated that any incorporated genealogical society must be registered with the Connecticut Secretary of State before their members are eligible to request copies of vital records in accordance with Connecticut State Law.

**Attending:** Donna Siemiatkoski, Dianne B. Lenti, Lucille Shea, Jonathan Shea, Ted Wohlson, Ronald Cormier, John Boccaccio, CT State Registrar of Vital Records and Jeanne Bushey, Assistant CT State Registrar of Vital Records.

**Business Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by President Donna Siemiatkoski. On a motion by Ronald Cormier, seconded by Jonathan Shea, the minutes of the last meeting (2 Nov 1995) were accepted without change. The Treasurer's report was read by Donna Siemiatkoski and filed for audit with cash on hand of \$581.43.

It is understood that the new member brochure should be completed by the next meeting on February 8 1996.

A motion was made by Ron Cormier, seconded by Lucille Shea that Donna Siemiatkoski be CPGC's speaker for the 1997 New England Regional Genealogical Conference April 24-27 1997 at Cromwell CT. Donna reported that another planning meeting for the 1997 Conference will be held on Saturday January 6, 1996. Donna further stated that she will be a speaker at the NEHGS Summer Conference held at Farmington CT July 12-13 1996; expecting that her topic will be "Stuck in Early Connecticut".

Members present discussed program topics for future meetings. If any member has a program suggestion please let Donna know.

Meeting Adjourned about 12:00 noon.

*Dianne B. Lenti, Secretary*

Following the meeting, we toured the vault presently containing CT vital records. The vault area is very well organized and records are well kept. All present indexes will be moved to the new location and will be accessible by Department personnel as well as the new computer index and microfilm copies.

**REMEMBER... IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES, THEN THIS MAY BE THE LAST REPORT YOU WILL RECEIVE. OUR MEMBER YEAR IS OCTOBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.... CURRENT DUES \$15.00/yr.**

**Upcoming Events:**

1. April 13 - Roots 12 Conference at Huntington , Long Island
  2. July 12-13 - NEHGS Conference at Farmington CT
  3. August 16-17 - FGS Conference at Rochester NY
  4. April 24-27 1997 - New England Regional Gen. Conf at Cromwell CT
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