



Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
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MINUTES - THURSDAY, 2 MAY 1996

**Meeting held at Connecticut Department of Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut**

Attending: Donna Siemiatkoski, Dianne B. Lenti, Robert Bamford, Jack Kuras, Lucille Shea, Robert Rafford, Warren Buchanan, Judy Plummer, Sylvia Guerin, Gail Frey and John Boccaccio CT State Registrar of Vital Records.

Speaker: John Boccaccio, CT State Registrar of Vital Records, 410 Capitol Ave, Hartford CT 06106. Main phone no. 860-509-7897. Fax no. 860-509-7964.

Mr. Boccaccio graciously offered to meet with our group at the new facility for the Department of Health at 410 Capitol Avenue in Hartford CT. We were given a tour, which revealed a much improved work atmosphere and progressive ideas being put in place for the future of Connecticut's vital records. Their main phone number is currently 860-509-7897; Fax number, 860-509-7964.

Due to a greatly decreased vault storage area, all vital record copies held by the CT State Department of Health are to be microfilmed. This is expected to begin within the next few months and is projected to be completed approximately one year hence. The filming will include a computerized index of all records, beginning with 1897; listing the microfilm cartridge and frame number. The records are in storage pending filming and any request for record copies is being referred to the particular town of origin.

With this change in access to the state's vital records, more of a demand has been placed on the town clerks and registrars. Mr. Boccaccio has spoken to them, explaining that they may be receiving an increase in requests for copies. In doing so, he provided each of clerk and/or registrar with a current list (copy enclosed) of all legally incorporated societies in Connecticut, whose members are eligible to obtain vital record copies.

Mr. Boccaccio's efforts have greatly enhanced the awareness of Connecticut's laws pertaining to copies of vital records. This awareness has led to a better understanding between town officials and the genealogical community. We appreciate these efforts immensely and look forward to working amicably with all town and state officials in the future. Our thanks to Mr. Boccaccio for taking the time to meet with us and explain the ongoing efforts of his department.

CPGC NOTICE: Any and all requests for Connecticut vital records must be sent to the town or city of occurrence. The Vital Records office of the CT Department of Health, 410 Capitol Ave, Hartford CT will remain closed to the public (for pre-1995 certified record copy requests) for an indefinite period of time until microfilming has been completed.

Business Meeting: Following Mr. Boccaccio's presentation, the business meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by President Donna Siemiatkoski.

Secretary's report was read and accepted with one correction: (Delete 6th paragraph under New Business and correct to read) "Robert Anderson reported that the Register CDs are in production and the third volume of the Great Migration study will go to press in the next few weeks." (1) Jack Kuras (2) Bob Bamford. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was read by Bob Bamford and placed on file for audit with cash on hand of \$414.60.

Committee Reports: Legislative; Donna Siemiatkoski reported that Bill No. 301, File #534SC377, is currently before the House of Representatives. The current session of the CT General Assembly ends on May 8 1996.

New England Regional Conference delegate meeting will be held on June 1, 1996 in Waltham MA. Member Gail Frey will attend in place of Donna Siemiatkoski. Motion carried. (1) Bob Bamford (2) Dianne Lenti.

Old Business: Brochures and list of Incorporated Societies have not been mailed to the CT town and city registrars of vital records. It was agreed to hold off on this until a future time, following the Legislative action on Bill No. 301.

Treasurer, Bob Bamford, has been checking with various banks to establish a checking account for CPGC.

Invitation to the Town Clerk's Assn. meeting on April 13 1996 was deferred until the status of Bill No. 301 is known. Donna Siemiatkoski expects to be attending in the future.

It has been confirmed that the CT Society of Genealogists will not allow professional genealogists to advertise in their periodical "The Nutmegger". Their board voted, by a narrow margin, not to accept such advertising.

New Business: A delegate is needed to attend the FGS conference in Rochester NY; particularly for the presentations on "running an organization". If our delegate, Kathryn Black is unable to attend, we will appoint another person to act in her place. Tabled to June 1996 meeting.

Bob Bamford suggested that CPGC pursue "non-profit" status in order to be recognized as non-profit by both state and federal government.

Jack Kuras reported that Alexander Marcellino, the Registrar of Vital Records for the City of Hartford CT, is asking for volunteers to help answer queries received by his department. Any genealogist willing to help out, will be allowed like time to search the Hartford CT vital records. Anyone interested may phone Mr. Marcellino at 543-8539.

Warren Buchanan reported that the 1930 Census soundex was completed for Alabama and part of Arkansas only. It will be released without an index, except for the aforementioned states. There is hope that there will be an index that will list which film a town and/or enumeration district may be found on.

Dianne Lenti stated a need to have more Council envelopes and stationery printed. She will look into price estimates from various suppliers and report at the next meeting.

Sylvia Guerin asked if CPGC brochures could be sent to all Connecticut libraries. Members present felt that this would not be feasible due (1) to the small amount of brochures that we have printed and (2) the cost that would be involved to carry out such a project. Each member is encouraged to take a few brochures (at meetings) and post them in their area library history room. In the future, it is hoped that we can do such a distribution. Judy Plummer reports that her new phone number is 860-274-7161. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO THE GENEALOGICAL COMMUNITY

June 5, 1996 - CPGC Program "Computer Resources f/Genealogist"; B. Bamford
July 12-13, 1996 - NEHGS Conference at Farmington CT
August 16-17, 1996 - FGS Conference at Rochester NY
November 6-9, 1996 - CSG Washington DC trip
January 12-19, 1997 - CSG Salt Lake City trip
April 24-27, 1997 - New England Regional Gen. Conf. at Cromwell CT

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT MEETING</u> <u>THURSDAY JUNE 6, 1996 10:00 A.M.</u> <u>CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY</u> <u>PHONE 860-236-5621</u> <u>1 ELIZABETH ST (CORNER OF ASYLUM)</u> <u>HARTFORD CT</u> <u>SPEAKER: BOB BAMFORD</u> <u>"COMPUTER RESOURCES FOR THE GENEALOGIST"</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOTE: IF CONSTRUCTION IS OCCUPYING PARKING AREAS AT CHS, THEN MEETING WILL BE MOVED TO THE TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 180 PARK AVENUE, WINDSOR CT. I-91 NORTH TO EXIT 36; RIGHT OFF EXIT, CHURCH IMMEDIATELY ON LEFT. PARK IN LOT CLOSEST TO HIGHWAY.</u></p>

DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS??

We are compiling a list of member's e-mail addresses. This will allow us to broadcast messages to members and, in the future, possibly distribute the newsletter via e-mail or send important notices (such as weather cancellation or place of meeting change). **TO RECORD YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE:**

To: heritage@mail.snet.net

Subject: cpgc e-mail Message: This is the e-mail address for [your name].

****THANK YOU TO CT STATE SENATOR THOMAS "TIM" UPSON FOR HIS HELP AND PERSISTENCE DURING THE PASSAGE OF S.B. 301.**



PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU TO THE MEETING....

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL
Connecticut Historical Society
June 6, 1996

Call to Order--10:00 a.m.

President's Report

Introduction of guests/new members

Secretary's Report
Minutes
Correspondence

Treasurer's Report
Status of bank account

Committee Reports

1996 Legislation

New England Regional Conference--Report on June 1 delegate meeting

Old Business

FGS Attendance and delegate (will Kathryn be attending?)

New Business

Next meeting--September 4--Connecticut Historical Society
(Unless a summer meeting(s) is requested)

Today's Program: Presentation on computers by Bob Bamford

Upcoming Events:

1. July 12-13--NEHGS Conference at Farmington
2. August 16-17--FGS Conference at Rochester
3. October 5--CSG Bus trip to Boston
3. April 24-27, 1997--New Eng Reg'l Gen. Conference--Cromwell

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: PLEASE BE PREPARED TO STAY FOR A FEW EXTRA MINUTES TO DISCUSS OUR PROGRAMS AND AGENDA THROUGH THE FALL

Members: Donna, Warren, Diane, Bob, Harlan

Please let me know on June 4 if you cannot attend. We need to have plans made for the fall so all can run smoothly. Two pending ideas are Archdiocesan Records and Tax Tips. Other ideas are publishing and native Americans. Please come with follow-up on these ideas so we can have an overall idea of our direction. Should we have Bernadette Dillon come in September to explain the Handbook for Town Clerks with the law taking effect on October 1?