



Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council

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MINUTES - THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1996

Meeting held at Connecticut Historical Society
1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford Connecticut

Attending: Donna Siemiatkoski, Warren Buchanan, Dianne B. Lenti, Jack Kuras, Lucille Shea, Robert Rafford, Harlan Jessup, Bonnie Norman, Barbara Ferris, Helen S. Ullmann, Ron Cormier, Neil Sundt.

BUSINESS MEETING was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Donna Siemiatkoski.

Secretary's report of September 12, 1996 was read and accepted with corrections noted. Roger Joslyn's written note with corrections was read and put on file with the Secretary's report. Of special note are the following corrections (paragraph 9, page 4, September 1996 minutes): "Roger Joslyn, New Windsor NY, knows of the NARE, Native American Rights Foundation because of his work with Indian tribes in the northeast seeking Federal recognition....", "The records center in Bayonne NJ will.....", "The Archivist of the United States is..." Kathryn Black also forwarded a correction "NEHGS Library will be closing for renovation, not asbestos removal" (1) Harlan Jessup (2) Jack Kuras.

Treasurer's report was read and placed on file for audit with cash on hand of \$392.19.

THE MEMBERS DISCUSSED various towns and the new law which pertains to CT Vital Records (effective Oct 1, 1996). Hartford CT and New Haven CT vital record offices are now open for research during hours open to the public; appointments should be made in advance. Old records of Milford CT prior to 1750 are all at the CT State Library. Branford CT early records have not been microfilmed.

Member Helen Ullman's latest book *Nutmegger Index* is now available from CT Society of Genealogists, P. O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033-0435 for \$34.95 plus \$3.00 S&H and CT sales tax \$2.10 (if applicable). This index covers *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, volumes 1-28. A motion was made and accepted to congratulate Helen for her hard work and perseverance in completing this much need reference tool. (1) Jack Kuras (2) Harlan Jessup.

Ron Cormier stated that Eastern Connecticut College in Willimantic CT has an excellent "Connecticut Room" located on the 2nd floor of the library which is available to conduct research in.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MATTERS:

Adoption records notice received from CT Department of Health. John N. Boccaccio, M. S. M., Registrar of Vital Records, Hartford CT has notified CPGC that any person with an adoption relationship, that is seeking access to their original birth records, should contact the Adoption Resource Exchange (Department of Children and Family), Undercliff Road, Whitehall Building #2, Meriden CT 06450. Ph: 203-238-6640.

Virginia Buracchi's busy life leaves her with little time for professional research. CPGC member Virginia Buracchi has found it necessary to submit her resignation from membership, as she does not have time to devote to being a professional genealogist due to her many varied duties as CT Chapter Registrar for the National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Registrar for the Society of the Founders of Norwich CT Inc. and Registrar of the Nathan Hale Memorial Chapter, DAR, plus her family and other obligations. We wish Virginia well in her present and future endeavors.

New England Regional Conference; advertising space in the syllabus is still available at the following prices: Full page 10" x 7.5" \$100.00, half page 5" x 7.5" \$50.00, quarter page (vertical or horizontal) 5" x 3.75" \$25.00, business card size \$20.00. Any CPGC member interested in having their ad appear on a coordinated page of CPGC members may send a camera ready ad or good clean copy of two (2) business cards along with \$20.00 payable to NERGC to Bonnie Norman, 275 Timrod Trail, Manchester CT 06040, or to CPGC, P. O. Box 4273, Hartford CT 06147-4273 by November 14, 1996.

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All other advertising copy may be mailed, along with payment, to Janice Burkhart, NERGC Advertising Coordinator, 263 S. Worcester St, Norton MA 02766. Each member organization will receive one page in the syllabus in which they can advertise their society, etc. Persons can list queries in a conference bulletin at the rate of \$5.00 for 50 words (prior to January 15, 1997) or \$10.00 for 50 words (after January 15, 1997).

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, *Unlock Your Heritage with Creative Problem Solving*, is scheduled for September 3-6, 1997 in Dallas Texas. Nearly 2,000 genealogists are expected to gather at the luxurious Hyatt Regency Dallas to hear top speakers in the field present more than 90 lectures during the three day man conference and the one-day Society Management pre-conference. There will be an exhibit hall with more than 100 vendors displaying, demonstrating and selling genealogical wares of all varieties, from century-old books to the latest in software and CD-ROM products. For more information about the conference, you may write to 1997 FGS/DGS Conference, Federation of Genealogical Societies, P. O. Box 830220, Richardson TX 75083-0220, call 214-907-9727, or e-mail 103074.1721@compuserve.com. Also visit the Federation's home page at <http://www.connect.net/beau/fgs/fgs.htm>.

Any Legislation for the coming year will be discussed at a future meeting. Warren Buchanan mentioned that our state archives is next to last on the list of state archives throughout the U. S. in regard to funding by their Legislature. CT has one of the richest historical and genealogical treasurers in the U. S., yet our resource facility is clearly being disregarded by the majority of our legislative members.

OLD BUSINESS: CT State Library Member Survey: Warren Buchanan stated that he has not received input from members regarding suggestions (pro or con) for the CT State Library History & Genealogy Unit. Members present recommended that security be improved in the History and Genealogy Unit by requiring that persons not be allowed to bring their large bags and back packs into the library reading area. Lockers are currently provided by patron request. Bonnie Norman believes that books are missing from when she was there the last time. Dianne Lenti recommended that the Library consider placing the 1917 CT Military Census **INDEX** microfilm in a cabinet within the reading area which would allow for easier accessibility by patrons. The actual census microfilm would remain in the archives; being accessible by written requisition only.

New Member Recommendation Cards: Bob Bamford has developed a postcard format which enclosed with this mailing. Please return it to us, filling in the name of a friend, co-worker or fellow genealogist who you feel would like to join CPGC.

Ancestors; A Family History Series for PBS: Everyone was reminded to contact their local PBS station, recommending that they air this series beginning in January of 1997. This is a very professional series of 10 half-hour programs, hosted by genealogists Jim and Terry Willard. Episodes are: (1) *Getting Started*, (2) *Looking at Home*, (3) *Gathering Family Stories*, (4) *The Paper Trail*, (5) *Libraries and Archives*, (6) *Census and Military Records*, (7) *African American Families*, (8) *Your Medical Heritage*, (9) *High Tech Help*, (10) *Leaving a Legacy*. For additional information, you may contact Ancestors on-line at: <http://www.kbyu.byu.edu/ancestors>. We will discuss our response to this programming at the November meeting.

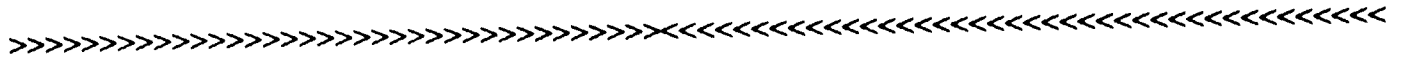
NEW BUSINESS: Home Page: Members discussed the possibility of having a home page on the Internet. This will be discussed further at a later time. Another suggestion was to contact local PBS TV or radio stations requesting air time for a Genealogy Question & Answer session.

According to State Archivist Mark Jones, The Historical Records Advisory Committee has an opening for some additional board members. Motion was made and approved to nominate Donna Siemiakoski. (1) Helen Ullmann (2) Neil Sundt. A second motion was made and approved to nominate Robert Rafford (1) Warren Buchanan (2) Bonnie Norman. Both nominations will be presented to the Historical Records Advisory Commission for recommendation to Governor John Rowland for appointment.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45 a.m.

Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

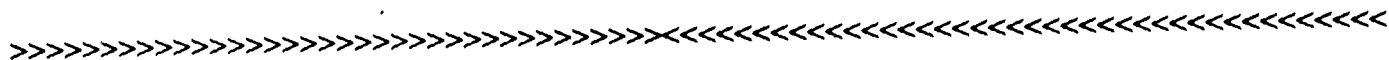
baptized (with wife Ann Shay/Shea). The earliest baptism being on 13 Jan 1853 (dau Catherine). In the meantime, during Nov _ 1852, Nicholas Brockway and Jane Hogan have a son Nicholas baptized. A cernetry stone for "Nicholas Brockway of Dublin Ireland died 19 Sep 1858, age 81" (no death record has been found).Family believes this is the father of Daniel and Nicholas, and brother of Patrick. Are we dealing with two Nicholas Brockways who married within one and a half months of each other; or are there errors in the priest's recordings at the Catholic Church in Derby? The questions remains. Dianne has viewed the original church entries and they appear to have been made sequentially. Taking a look at Daniel; listed on the 1850 Census (age 27). On 14 Dec 1851 Daniel Brockway and Mary Kerwin have a son Nicholas baptized (no birth record has been found for this child; and no marriage record found for Daniel Brockway and Mary Kerwin.) On 5 Jan 1853 Daniel Brockway and Mary have a son William baptized. Additional records show that Daniel, Mary and William later move to Windsor CT and remain in the area until the time of Mary's death in April of 1887. In 1895 Daniel Brockway dies at Holyoke MA and is buried in the same plot with "Nicholas Brockway" at St. Mary's cemetery, Windsor Locks CT. CT sources include town vital, church, cemetery, probate and land records at Derby, East Hartford, Hartford, Manchester, Seymour, South Windsor, Windsor and Windsor Locks. Naturalization records and newspapers have also been searched. Helen Ullmann suggested that Dianne chart the early baptisms of children for Nicholas and Jane Hogan, and those for Nicholas and Ann Shay/Shea with the birth records recorded at Seymour and/or Derby CT.



MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WRITE OR COMMENT REGARDING:

- IDEAS FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS
- EVENTS THAT SHOULD BE LISTED IN OUR "COMING EVENTS"
- NEWS OF OTHER STATES LAWS THAT MAY PERTAIN TO US ALL
- ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE PUT ON OUR MEETING AGENDA
- GENEALOGICAL HINTS AND HELPERS
- IDEAS OF ANY TYPE THAT MIGHT ENHANCE OUR COUNCIL

**DON'T MISS UPCOMING ISSUES OF OUR NEWS & MINUTES! RENEW TODAY!
WE APPRECIATE HAVING YOU AS A MEMBER!
THANK YOU!**



ENCLOSED:
• ANNUAL MEETING PLANNED FOR NOV 14, 1996.....

• EXCELLENT PROGRAM - INFORMATIVE SPEAKER

• INDEX TO CT NUTMEGGER NOW AVAILABLE.....

• "TIP" ON 1917 CONNECTICUT MILITARY CENSUS.....

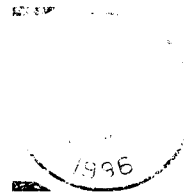
• COMING EVENTS.....

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NEXT MEETING

"Holdings of the Pittsfield MA

Federal Archives Branch"

Thursday - 10:00 A.M.

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