

Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council  
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!!NEXT MEETING!!  
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MINUTES - THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 1996

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

Attending: Donna Siemiatkoski, Warren Buchanan, Dianne B. Lenti, Robert Bamford, Jack Kuras, Lucille Shea, Robert Rafford, Kathryn Black, Harlan Jessup, Betty Chapman, Bonnie Norman, Ken Buckbee, Gerald Cruthers, Anita Lustenberger, Roger Joslyn, Barbara Ferris, Sylvia Guerin, Helen S. Ullmann.

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**BUSINESS MEETING** was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by President Donna Siemiatkoski. Secretary's report was read and accepted. (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 \$392.19.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**New England Regional Conference:** This conference is designed with one-half hour between lectures and additional unopposed exhibitor time. There will be an Exhibitors Grand Opening Showcase and Reception at which time exhibitors will be scheduled 5 to 10 minutes each to offer demonstrations or show new products. Exhibit space is available at \$50.00 per 8' x 6' space. If interested, contact Victoria Ryan, NERGC Vendor Chairman, P.O.Box 163, Holbrook MA 02343-0163, ph# 508-559-1082. Advertising space in the syllabus is 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. You may mail your advertising copy 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. CPGC member Bonnie Norman has agreed to coordinate member's business cards for advertising. Any CPGC member interested in having their card on a coordinated page along with other 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 c/o CPGC, P. O. Box 4273, Hartford CT 06147-4273 by November 14, 1996. 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).

**Legislative Update:** Member Edwin Ledogar sent a copy of the letter he received from Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal rendering guidelines for access to birth, marriage and death records in the state of Connecticut; per new legislation effective October 1, 1996. (see copy enclosed.) Thanks to Ed we now have clear, concise guidelines for the new law pertaining to Connecticut's vital records. Warren Buchanan moved that copies of the new statute be sent to members with the deleted language (bracketed) removed to facilitate a clearer understanding. Several members felt that this was a very good idea, but Jack Kuras pointed out that we could not be correct in altering the format as it was adopted. After further discussion, motion was withdrawn. A brief history of vital record access in Connecticut shows that all records were open to the public until 1942. From 1942 to 1971 only the individual and minor child, lawyer or title searcher had access. Starting 1971 the existing law went into effect. 1996 the new law will take affect Oct. 1. (CPGC Legislative Committee members are Warren Buchanan, Donna Siemiatkoski and Judy Plummer.)

**Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, August 1996, Rochester NY.** This was an excellent conference, well planned and very informative. Donna Siemiatkoski, Dianne Lenti and Bonnie Norman attended; all agreeing that it was well worth the trip. (See *Ancestors* Series discussed under new business.)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Checking Account;** Bob Bamford has carefully researched all avenues for the Council to set up its own checking account. Members agreed to register CPGC with the state of Connecticut (as a non-profit organization having not more than \$25,000.00 per year income) and to obtain a Federal I. D. Number for CPGC. Once this is completed, then a checking account will be set up. Appropriate forms CT non-profit were signed this date by Bob Bamford Treasurer, Donna Siemiatkoski President and Dianne Lenti Secretary. No further discussion at this time.

**Official Signing of new Legislation:** Senator Upson, Robert Rafford, Warren Buchanan V.P., Kathryn Black and Barbara Mathews were present when CT Governor Rowland officially signed the new legislation regarding vital records access in Connecticut; effective October 1, 1996.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Member Recommendation Cards:** Bob Bamford has developed a post-card format which can be completed and mailed when recommending someone for membership in CPGC. Members present agreed that this was a good idea to promote membership. Motion made by Bob Bamford, seconded by Harlan Jessup to distribute this formatted card with our next [Oct. 1996] minutes. Motion carried.

***Ancestors*; A Family History Series for PBS:** An introduction to this new series was "rolled out" at the Rochester NY conference. Corporate funder Eastman Kodak Company has joined the *Ancestors* team in producing this series. Additional support for outreach and promotion will be provided by Broderbund Software Inc., Ancestry Inc., Lineages Inc., AGLL and Palladium Interactive. Member Roger Joslyn was able to fill us in with many details, as follows: This is a series of 10 half-hour programs to help people begin searching for their ancestors. It will begin airing on PBS member stations in January 1997. Each episode begins on location with stories of people who have experienced dramatic changes in their lives because of their search for roots. The series will be hosted by genealogists Jim and Terry Willard. The episodes will be titled (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*. The series will be distributed nationally by PBS and will be available to 351 stations across the country beginning in January 1997. The Program Director at each station will choose when and where to carry *Ancestors*. For additional information, you may contact Ancestors online at: <http://www.kbyu.byu.edu/ancestors>. Secretary Dianne Lenti was asked to send a letter to CT PBS stations on behalf of CPGC. Roger Joslyn encourages **ALL INTERESTED PERSONS TO CALL OR WRITE THEIR LOCAL PBS STATIONS REQUESTING THAT THIS SERIES BE AIRED.**

**Etiquette Committee formed:** CPGC, thinking ahead to the increased interest the *Ancestors* series will create, decided to form an etiquette committee. Currently, Donna Siemiatkoski, Warren Buchanan, Bob Bamford and Roger Joslyn volunteered to serve on the committee. Roger's participation will be to proofread all developed material prior to it being sent out. Other members interested in this subject are invited to participate. This committee is looking forward to working with all concerned to suggest proper etiquette when contacting libraries, town clerks, state offices, etc. Also to develop a brochure that can be sent to libraries and town clerks alerting them to the increased interest that this will certainly create.

**State Registrar of Vital Records, John Boccaccio,** requested that members be alerted (1) to the revised list of Incorporated Genealogical societies registered with the CT Secretary of State (copy enclosed), (2) that all incorporated genealogical society membership cards must have an officer's signature, plus the member number and expiration date printed on them, and (3) that he plans to have joint meetings in the future involving at least one representative from each incorporated society.

**Meet with State Librarian.** Warren Buchanan requested that all members jot down pro's and con's of their experience with the CT State Library. A future meeting with CT State Librarian Richard Ackroyd will

give Warren and CPGC members an opportunity to present all suggestions from library patrons in general. Please send all suggestions, asap, to Warren Buchanan, P. O. Box 757, Watertown CT 06795.

Stipulate CPGC Fiscal Year: Motion made by Dianne Lenti, seconded by Helen Ullmann to address amendment of by-laws at the annual meeting; to stipulate that CPGC's "fiscal year begins November 1 and ends October 31". Motion carried.

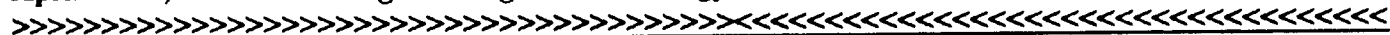
Annual Meeting date changed: Motion made by Bonnie Norman, seconded by Betty Chapman, to suspend the by-laws and have our annual meeting on the second Thursday of November, being NOV 14, 1996, to accommodate the President's out-of-town business schedule. Motion carried. Motion made by Sylvia Guerin, seconded by Warren Buchanan to address amendment of by-laws, at annual meeting, to state that "annual meeting be held in November" (not first Thursday of..)

Meeting Adjourned: 12:40 p.m.

*Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary*

**COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO THE GENEALOGICAL COMMUNITY**

- October 5, 1996 - CSG Boston trip to NEHGS Library.
- October 10, 1996 - CPGC Meeting, Hartford CT; "19th Century Immigrant Case Study" by Dianne B. Lenti, Professional Researcher specializing in 19th & 20th Century immigrant Searches.
- November 6-9, 1996 - CSG Washington DC trip
- November 14, 1996 - CPGC Annual Meeting, Hartford CT; "Business Concerns for the Genealogist" by Judith M. Plummer, Tax Consultant and Past President of the CT Society of Genealogists.
- December 5, 1996 - CPGC Meeting, Hartford CT (Program to be announced)
- January 12-19, 1997 - CSG Salt Lake City trip
- April 24-27, 1997 - New England Regional Genealogy Conference, Cromwell CT



**NEXT MEETING**

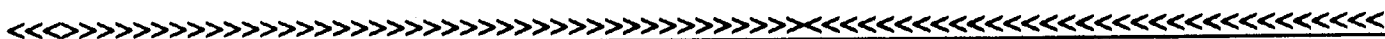
**THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 1996 10:00 A.M.**

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY <> 1 ELIZABETH ST (CORNER OF ASYLUM)**

**HARTFORD CT**

**PROGRAM: LOOKING AT 19TH CENTURY IMMIGRANT RESEARCH IN CONNECTICUT**

**Speaker: DIANNE B. LENTI, Professional Genealogist  
Specializing in 19th & 20th Century Research of Connecticut Records**



**>>>>>) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM ENCLOSED (<<<<<**

**>>>>>>>) FISCAL YEAR NOV 1 - OCT 31 (<<<<<<<<**

**PROGRAM:** Bernadette Dillon was unable to attend this meeting due to illness. In lieu of her presentation, each member present gave updates and news of genealogical interest.

**General News from CPGC Members:**

Helen Ullmann, Acton MA, is working on her "Mills Genealogy". She has completed the CT Nutmegger Index which is now at the publisher, and is available by order from the CT Society of Genealogists. She thanked Jack Kuras and his wife for diligently proofreading the Index prior to publication. Helen is interested in compiling an index of the Queries in CT Nutmegger Volumes 1-28. These queries can be very helpful, as they contain data already established, plus ask about information wanted or unknown. She asks that anyone interested in indexing one or more of the volumes, please contact her at 713 Main Street Acton MA 01720. If we all pitch in and volunteer to do one volume, it will go much faster and we will all feel proud of the accomplishment.

Betty Chapman, Groton CT, continues her work with the Friends of Fort Griswold (FFG). Fort Griswold in Groton CT is the only Revolutionary Fort still in existence in Connecticut. The FFG are tracking the descendants of 160 people who were killed at the fort, which included all of the male members of the Groton Heights Congregational Church (except one eighty year old man).

Bonnie Norman, Manchester CT, reports that she and her sister were able to track their family back to the "old sod" in Ireland. Bonnie also rated Rochester NY Conference as "excellent".

Kathryn Black, Acton MA, continues her volunteer work as coordinator of the Connecticut Historical Society's project to catalogue the manuscripts of Donald Lines Jacobus; pre-eminent Connecticut genealogist of this century. She also reports that the New England Historic Genealogical Society Library is planning to close from December through March 1997 for asbestos removal.

Barbara Mathews, Lexington MA, (not present) sent word that she is now a Certified Genealogist. Congratulations Barbara! She sent copies of the photograph of the official Bill signing with CT Governor Rowland.

Lucille Shea, South Windsor CT, has ongoing client work.

Sylvia Guerin, Meriden CT, was able to do research on her Micmac [Indian] heritage while in Maine on vacation this summer. She found that a 1704 Census lists the members of the Micmac Indian tribe. To her knowledge, only one copy of this census exists at the Chicago IL public library. She is attempting to get a copy of this census or information extracted from it. We are anxious to hear the results of her quest.

Roger Joslyn, New Windsor NY, has been active with NARA, Native American Rights Association and referred Sylvia to the work of the 1970's Boston Indian Council. Roger reported on the success of the Rochester Conference, in which he played a major role, including that of Program Chairman. He also reported on the *Ancestry* series (reported above). He was able to help Robert Anderson wrap up the 3rd volume of *The Great Migration Begins*; which we can look forward to receiving by late fall. Roger reports that Robert Anderson is now forging ahead on Phase II of the Great Migration 1634-1635, with first publication concentrating on volumes A-D; each volume being indexed separately. *The Genealogist* will be back next year. It is being edited by Col. Charles Hanson and Dr. Gale Harris. ASG will have it published by Picton Press. The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) is tentatively planning a professional conference for the early spring of 1998, possibly in Las Vegas NV. They anticipate having seminars for "running your business", "taxes", "speaking", "advertising", etc. All of which will be a help to professionals. The New York branch of the National Archives may possibly close. NGS and FGS have become involved in efforts to keep it open. The archives branch in Bayonne NJ will definitely close; as materials are already being transferred elsewhere. Official archivists are reportedly using a "ten year view" in making some of these decisions.

Harlan Jessup, Newtown CT, recently found records of an ancestor from Maine who had been abducted by Abanacki Indians at the York Massacre in 1692. He has sent articles to CT Ancestry for

publication. He is now transcribing records of baptisms 1760-1877 from the Bethel CT Congregational Church.

Barbara Ferris, Wethersfield CT, is finally finding time to work on her own family's history and genealogy. She is enjoying this.

Bob Anderson, Derry NH, sends greetings to everyone and regrets not being able to attend today.

Anita Lustenberger, Irvington NY, spent a great deal of time this summer preparing her speech for the Rochester Conference. She traveled to the conference with Suzanne McVetty and they made a stop in Oswego County NY to research land holdings of Suzanne's ancestors.

Jack Kuras, East Hartford CT, has ongoing genealogical search requests from clients. He stated that he and his wife not only proofread the Nutmegger Index once, but twice!

Bob Bamford, Bristol CT, has been very busy completing the "genealogy" of a house in Newburyport MA. This involved not only the land records, but the lives of all of the owners; who they were, their occupations, etc. He has also been helping CT Society of Genealogists (CSG) with their speaker programs and has developed pamphlets, on the Society's behalf, titled "Bare Bones introduction to Genealogy". Bob managed the "book table" for CSG at the recent summer conference held in July at Farmington CT. They could not keep up with the sale requests and had a near sell-out of books, totaling about \$2500.00.

Gerald Cruthers, Norwich CT, reports client work is ongoing. He recently read an unusual obituary in the June 1882 Norwich CT Bulletin, listing foods eaten by deceased. A sudden death was reported on Pine Island. The deceased had eaten old clams, the next day ate heavy cheese etc., and had colic the next. He worked the day after that, and died on the following day.

Ken Buckbee, Torrington CT, is currently tracing his Mother's line. As an example of what not to do, Ken reports that he latched on to some very good information and got quite a way back only to discover that this was not the correct line after all. Everyone smiled knowingly; as we can all remember similar experiences.

Warren Buchanan, Watertown CT, spent time in Maine this summer prospecting for semi-precious gems and came home with some as large as 500 carats. His hobby is collecting Currier and Ives Family Tree certificates, some of which are "in memoriam". He presented a copy of a microfilmed record which appeared to read "Anstress" Brown; questioning if this was a correct given name. Additionally he found record of an Indian child which had been adopted (via a forged birth certificate) in the 1890's. As a result of this search, he has learned that persons can verify their Indian heritage via a DNA test, as there is a definite marker which indicates that a person is of Indian ancestry.

Dianne Lenti, Manchester CT, is conducting ongoing client work, most of which regards her specialty of 19th and 20th century immigrant searches in Connecticut records. She has found the *Hartford Diocese* to be a helpful source on various ethnic groups; particularly Irish, along with some Acadians and French Canadians. At some future time, she would like to index this work by Rev. J. H. O'Donnell. First she has to continue with the every name index of the *Connecticut Maple Leaf* periodical, a project, begun by Marcella Pasay and Gerard Houle. There are over 14,000 entries which need proofreading and editing.

Robert Rafford, Middlebury CT, was pleased with the legislative events of the past spring. He has ongoing client work and is conducting some NYC research. He has renewed his CGRS certification and will be teaching genealogy again this fall at college in his area, which will also have a seminar on the internet.

Donna Siemiatkoski, Windsor CT, spent part of the summer hosting trips to Ireland and England. She gave a problem solving presentation at the NEHGS Conference in Farmington CT and gave two speeches at the FGS/RGS Conference in Rochester NY on planning tours and on the non-English in New England. In addition to working on the completion of her Windsor [CT] book, she also has genealogical trips planned to Boston, New York City, Washington DC and Salt Lake City.

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AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO GENEALOGICAL RECORDS AND THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: Section 1. Section 7-41a of the general statutes, as amended by sections 12 and 21 of public act 95-257, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

All records of vital statistics including births, marriages and deaths in the custody of any registrar of vital statistics or of the Department of Public Health shall be open for research to any member of a [legally incorporated] genealogy society INCORPORATED OR AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS OR CONDUCT AFFAIRS IN THIS STATE and such societies shall be permitted to incorporate statistics derived therefrom in their publications.

Sec. 2. Section 7-51 of the general statutes, as amended by sections 12 and 21 of public act 95-257, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

With the exception of the chief executive officer of the municipality or his authorized agent, the local director of health, attorneys at law, title examiners and members of [legally incorporated] genealogical societies INCORPORATED OR AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS OR CONDUCT AFFAIRS IN THIS STATE, no person, except the person whose birth is recorded, if over eighteen years of age, HIS CHILDREN OR SPOUSE or his parent, [or] guardian OR GRANDPARENT if a minor, shall have any access to or be permitted to examine the original or any copy of the birth certificate or birth record, of any person, nor shall he disclose any matters contained therein or any information concerning such birth, which original, copy or information is in the custody of any registrar of vital statistics or of the Department of Public Health, or shall he be entitled to any copy of any such certificate, record or information, except upon written order of a court of record or upon written request of a state department or the federal government when approved by the Department of Public Health.

Sec. 3. Section 7-51a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-51, persons acting under the direction of a legally incorporated genealogical society shall be permitted to copy the vital records, including birth, death and marriage records, and their indexes, of any municipality. The provisions of this section shall apply only to those vital records of a municipality which are not included in the Barbour Collection and which relate to

events which occurred prior to the year 1900. All copies made under the provisions of this section shall be reduced to microfilm and shall be placed in the custody of the state's Public Records Administrator who shall make such microfilm copies available to the public for purposes of genealogical research at the State Library. If any vital records for the periods specified in this section have been microfilmed, the person having custody of the microfilm negatives shall permit their use for the purposes of this section. No expense arising from activities permitted under this section shall be paid by the state or any municipality. Nothing in this section shall be construed to be in derogation of any other right of public access to vital records conferred by any other provision of the general statutes. ANY PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY PURCHASE COPIES OF MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS, AND COPIES OF RECORDS OF BIRTHS WHICH ARE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD, IN THE CUSTODY OF ANY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS. DURING ALL NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, MEMBERS OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES INCORPORATED OR AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS OR CONDUCT AFFAIRS IN THIS STATE SHALL (1) HAVE FULL ACCESS TO ALL VITAL RECORDS IN THE CUSTODY OF ANY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, INCLUDING CERTIFICATES, LEDGERS, RECORD BOOKS, CARD FILES, INDEXES AND DATABASE PRINTOUTS, EXCEPT CONFIDENTIAL FILES ON ADOPTIONS, (2) BE PERMITTED TO MAKE NOTES FROM SUCH RECORDS AND (3) BE PERMITTED TO PURCHASE COPIES OF SUCH RECORDS.

Sec. 4. Section 46b-22a of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 95-6, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

All marriages, celebrated before [April 13, 1995] THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, otherwise valid except that the justice of the peace joining

such persons in marriage did not have a valid certificate of qualification, are validated.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that sections 1 to 3, inclusive, shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Certified as correct by

Legislative Commissioner.

Clerk of the Senate.

Clerk of the House.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 1996.

Governor, State of Connecticut.

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Office of The Attorney General  
State of Connecticut

August 21, 1996

Edwin R. Ledogar, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Ledogar:

I am in receipt of your letter requesting that I review your proposed guidelines for access to birth, death and marriage records. My suggestion for guidelines is as follows:

**Who has access to Birth Records? (After October 1, 1996)**

1. *Birth Records more than 100 years old (1896 and earlier):*
  - o Any person
2. *Birth Records less than 100 years old:*
  - o Person who is the subject of the birth certificate
  - o Parent or Guardian or Grandparent, if a minor
  - o Spouse or Children
  - o Chief Elected Official of Municipality or agent
  - o Local Health Director
  - o Attorneys
  - o Title examiners
  - o Members of Incorporated Genealogical Societies or Societies Authorized to Conduct Business in Connecticut
  - o Persons Authorized by Court Order
  - o State or Federal Agency Authorized by State Commissioner of Public Health

**Who has access to Marriage/Death Records:**

- o Any person, documents subject to the Freedom of Information Act

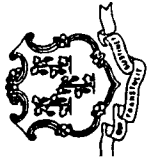
I hope this summary is helpful.

Very truly yours,

Richard Blumenthal

RB/RFK/sk





STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation

DATE: September 6, 1996

TO: All Connecticut Town Clerks & Registrars

FROM: John N. Boccaccio, M.S.M.  
Registrar of Vital Records

Re: CT Incorporated Genealogy Societies (Revised)

This revision is provided due to an additional incorporated genealogy organization which was not included in a previous listing:

- Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc.
- Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.
- French-Canadian Genealogical Society of Connecticut, Inc.
- Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut, Inc.
- Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.**
- Lance Genealogical Research Library Society, Inc. The
- Middlesex Genealogical Society, Inc.
- Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut, Inc.

It will be our attempt to review this list approximately every six months with the Secretary of State's Office and inform you of any changes.

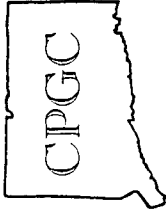
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The signing of the new genealogy bill by Connecticut's Gov. John G. Rowland seated. Witnesses are Sen. Thomas F. Upson of Waterbury, sponsor of the bill, Deputy Majority Leader and Chair of the Judiciary Committee; the Rev. Dr. Robert Rafford, a minister and a professional genealogist, who initiated the legislative process; Mrs. Kathryn Smith Black, Coordinator of the Connecticut Historical Society's project to catalogue the manuscripts of Donald Lines Jacobus, the pre-eminent Connecticut genealogist of this century; Mr. Warren Buchanan, a professional genealogist and Vice President of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council; and Mrs. Barbara Jean Mathews, CG, President of the Welles Family Association for descendants of the fourth colonial governor of Connecticut, and Genealogist for the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America. The bill was signed on June 10th, 1996, in Hartford as Public Act No. 96-258, An Act Concerning Access to Genealogical Records and the Validation of Certain Marriages.

**ENCLOSED:**

- **MEMBER LIST.....**
- **NEW LAW REGARDING ACCESS TO  
CONNECTICUT VITAL RECORDS.....**
- **ALERT TO UPCOMING ANCESTORS SERIES OF TEN  
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ON PBS STATIONS IN JANUARY 1997.....**
- **NEWS FROM MEMBERS.....**

**!!NEXT MEETING!! THURS - OCT 10**

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**NEXT MEETING  
"19th Century CT Immigrant"  
Thursday  
October 10, 1996  
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