

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL

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DECEMBER 1998 NEWS & MINUTES

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WE ARE OPEN TO ALL THOSE WHO PROVIDE GENEALOGY FOR OTHERS OR MANAGE COLLECTIONS OF RECORDS

DECEMBER PROGRAM: Sister Marjorie Fallon, R.S.M., Archivist for Hartford Archdiocese, gave a very interesting presentation and tour of the Catholic Archdiocese Archives at 134 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT. She delighted everyone with her warm enthusiasm for research and her knowledge of the archival holdings. The history of an organized Catholic Church in Connecticut began in 1829 when the earliest records of marriages were recorded at Holy Trinity Church in Hartford, Connecticut. Following is a list of archival holdings:

Parish Accounts (statistical)	Bishop's Records (media clippings)
Baptisms, Marriages, Burials (microfilm)	Bishop's Auxiliary (media clippings)
Cemeteries (not indexes of persons buried there)	Bishop's Letters
New England Bishops	1892-1905 Marriage dispensations
Parishes - Hartford Archdiocese (news clippings)	National Catholic Directories (start 1850)
Deacon's Records	Monsignor Kearney Notes & History of all parishes
Non-Diocesan Clergy	Rev. J. H. O'Donnell, <i>History of the Diocese of Hartford</i> (Boston: 1900)*
Religious Orders (ie: Franciscans, etc.)	Rev. T. S. Duggan, <i>The Catholic Church in Connecticut</i> (New York: 1930)*
Note: Each Order has it's own Archives	

*Both books are also available at the Connecticut State Library and other major libraries and repositories.

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CPGC MINUTES - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1998.

Attending: Warren Buchanan, Dianne Lenti, Barbara Mathews, Kathryn Black, Ken Buckbee, Ginny Howard, Tom Howard, Jack Kuras, Fred Hart, Jean Perreault, Marge Cox, Harlan Jessup, Bob Rafford, Mike Castroll, Robert Storm.

MEETING called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Acting President Warren Buchanan.

Acting President's report: President Donna Siemiatkoski is doing well following her most recent chemo treatment and had hoped to be able to attend this meeting. Oregon has passed legislation to allow open access to adoption records; currently being appealed.

Secretary's report of November 5, 1998 was read and accepted. (1) Fred Hart, (2) Mike Castroll.

Treasurer's report was read and placed on file for audit with a balance of \$1508.79. There are currently forty-eight paid members and two life members.

Correspondence: Renewal notice for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, forwarded to Treasurer for payment. One query received; brochure and member list will be mailed.

Government Relations:

Daniel J. Savino, Director, Health Information Systems, Department of Public Health, State Of Connecticut has informed CPGC that the Department is currently microfilming approximately 10 million birth, marriage and death records from 1897 to present. During this extensive project, the records are not available for access or issuance to genealogists or the public. The Departments indexes are available during normal business hours and the records are available at all of the 169 towns in Connecticut.

Senator Tim Upson will be sponsoring a bill asking that a fee be tacked on all land transactions and that a percentage of that fee go to archival preservation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership Drive: It was suggested that we contact Connecticut persons currently belonging to other professional genealogical organizations and/or advertising themselves as genealogical researchers.

CPGC Objectives: legislation, education, ethics and raising the level of "professional" research.

Legislative Brochure: The tri-fold "legislative" brochure, designed by member Tom Howard (to promote a better understanding of the holdings of the Connecticut State Library) has been printed and is ready for handout to all Legislators and the Executive branch. Harlan Jessup moved that we hand deliver the brochures to each of the offices in the legislative office building as well as to the executive branch. Seconded by Kathryn Black. Motion carried. It is expected that this may be accomplished on January 7, following our regular meeting.

Member report: Jack Kuras reported that Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT will search for two names if requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Ethics: A statement needs to be included in our by-laws with regard to member ethics. Attorney Robert Storm agreed to help with the format of a suitable statement when we decide on the basic wording. Further discussion tabled to January meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 noon. (1) Ken Buckbee (2) Warren Buchanan

Sharon B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

Our Condolences to member Susan Field-Burguiere on the tragic loss of her son. Anyone wishing to send a note or card may address it to Susan at 3 Shore Road, Clinton, CT 06413.

S C H E D U L E D M E E T I N G S

Jan 5, 1999 - 10 a.m. CPGC Meeting. CT State Library, Conference Room, lower level. **Brainstorming Session - "Reassessing the 1996 Vital Records Access Law - Does It Work?"** Come prepared to tell us what it is and is not working. Comments are welcome from all members (mail or e-mail). Town clerks deserve recognition for their cooperation and understanding of the 1996 law.

Feb 4, 1999 - 10 a.m. CPGC Meeting. "Marketing Strategies" - a professional look at business marketing.

Mar 4, 1999 - 10 a.m. CPGC Meeting. Legislative Issues - Confirmation of meeting place/details pending.

Mar 13, 1999 - ALBANY, NY Bus Trip - Sponsored by CT Soc of Genealogists; arrangements Heritage Tours.

Apr 1, 1999 - 10 a.m. CPGC Meeting. "Revisiting the Client Report" - another look at how to do client reports.

Thank You to Everyone Who Has Already Sent In Their Dues

**DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER?
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\$15.00 Annual Membership - Fiscal Year Nov 1 - Oct 31**

**CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE
YEAR 2000 NERGC-NGS CONFERENCE IN THE STATES
Providence, Rhode Island, 31 May-3 June 2000**

NEW ENGLAND: A BRIDGE TO AMERICA

The National Genealogical Society and The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will join forces in the year 2000 to sponsor a conference on "New England: A Bridge to America." The focus of the conference will be the nature and extent of immigration into New England and the diverse culture that has resulted. New England has been a bridge to America for immigrants arriving from around the world from the early seventeenth-century to the present time. Beginning with the earliest immigrants from the British Isles, each group of immigrants has contributed to the region now known as New England. Some have remained; others have moved on; all have left their marks.

Program proposals are now being accepted (due 17 March 1999) on topics having to do with Native Americans and all immigrants groups that arrived in New England, history of New England localities and regions, New England archives and libraries, public records of New England and their accessibility, religious history, church and cemetery records, settlement patterns, migration from New England, military history and records, and the law as it pertains to genealogy. Other possible topics include, but are not limited to, witchcraft, passenger arrivals, naturalizations, state census records, tax lists, early handwriting, gravestone inscriptions, mill workers, shipping and whaling. Proposals on genetics and family health history, adoption, divorce, non-traditional families and other 20th-century research topics are welcome.

Proposals will be considered pertaining to such general genealogical topics as methodology and skills, professional topics, genealogical writing, and publishing of both family histories and source records. Presentations demonstrating the use of computer software and other technological tools in the research and publication of family history are particularly sought. Topics suitable for workshops will also be considered.

Each session will be limited to one hour, including a ten-minute question-and-answer period. Camera-ready syllabus material (due 3 February 2000) is required for each presentation whether lecture, seminar or workshop. The syllabus will be distributed at the conference.

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Title of the presentation and a brief but comprehensive outline and/or abstract.
2. Short summary for the program brochure (two or three sentences).
3. Identification of the audience level: beginner, intermediate or advanced.
4. Speaker's full name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address (at the top).
5. Brief speaker biography (two or three sentences).
6. Resume of recent lectures the speaker has given. Those who have not previously spoken at a regional or national conference are encouraged to submit a videotape or audiotape of a recent lecture.

Although each speaker will be limited to a maximum of four presentations, any number of proposals may be submitted. Conference lecturers will receive compensation, travel expenses, per diem and hotel accommodations based on the number of lectures given. Complimentary conference registration and conference publications are also included.

Interested individuals should submit two copies of each proposal by mail to NGS Program Co-Chair, Judith Ellen Johnson, 2000 Conference, % The Connecticut Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105-2292. Questions may be directed to Joyce Pendery, CGRS, phone (508) 540-2849 or e-mail: JPendery@aol.com.

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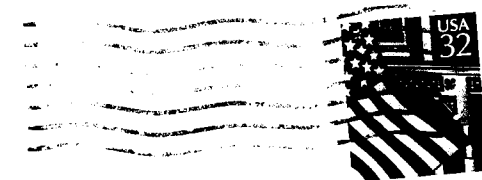
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**FISCAL YEAR NOV 1 - OCT 31.**  
**MAKE CHECK TO "CPGC", Mail to:**  
**Robert Rafford, Treas, 57 Clear View Knoll, Middlebury, CT 06762**

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NEXT MEETING:
"BRAINSTORMING SESSION"
AT CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

FROM:
Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
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NEXT MEETING
Thursday - 10:00 A.M.
January 7, 1999
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