

Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council

CPGC MINUTES - Thursday, May 7, 1998. Attending: Donna Siemiatkoski, Gerald Cruthers, Norman Ingham, Jean Perrault, Stephen Perrault, Jack Kuras, Harlan Jessup, Judith Plummer, Barbara Ferris, Robert Rafford, Priscilla Chatfield, Kathryn Black, Ken Buckbee, Mae Collins, Barbara Mathews, Linda Banwarth, Nancy Doane, Susan Field-Burguiere.

BUSINESS MEETING was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President, Donna Siemiatkoski. Donna appointed Susan Field-Burguiere Secretary Pro Tem, in the absence of Diane Lenti, who is on vacation.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Robert Rafford reported that there is a balance on hand of \$1,494.50. There are still membership dues unpaid. The membership list was distributed for review. There are also 5 CPGC pins available for purchase. Robert presented a copy of the updated member brochure to be reviewed for any additions or corrections. It was agreed that this list should be printed and made available by the June meeting. Judith Plummer suggested that Donna Siemiatkoski be re-imbursed for out-of-pocket expenses for printing and postage. This need came on short notice, after Donna received a call of the march on the Capitol. Donna passed the gavel to Judith Plummer. Judith moved that Donna be reimbursed for the amount of \$161.52. This was seconded by Ken Buckbee. Motion carried.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Jack Kuras reported that the next meeting will be held on June 4th, at the Polish National Home. Fred Hart will be speaking about the Connecticut Ancestry Society and other repositories in Fairfield County. There will be no meeting July and August.

NEW BUSINESS: Betty Chapman called to our attention the needs of the Whitehall Cemetery in Stonington, Ct. Anyone wishing to express their concerns can write to the Stonington Planning and Zoning Committee, Chairman Robert Granato, P.O. Box 352, Stonington, Ct. 06378. The hearing for the Planning and Zoning committee will be held June 4, at 8:00 p.m. at the Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington, Ct. Further information and progress will be reported at the June meeting.

UPDATES - The speaker for September 3rd will be Gary Wait of the Ct. Historical Society. Because of space problems at CHS we will meet at the Polish National Home. If you need directions to the Polish National Home, please call Donna Siemiatkoski at (860) 688-6822 or contact her online at DonnaSiem@aol.com, or-call Gene Siemiatkoski at the Polish National Home (860) 247-1784. Access from I-91 & I-84 is not difficult. Ample parking in fenced in lot.

Member Bob Bamford will move to Florida at the end of May. His new address and numbers will be in the next mailing.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT -

1) The marriage records bill to eliminate filing duplicates with state vital records was defeated in Committee.

2) \$500,000 was approved for the move from 80 Washington Street to a new location. An additional \$400,000 for CSL was allocated, beyond the existing allocation for this biennium.

3) The confidentiality issue of Death Records and Social Security Numbers will be studied over the summer . It was suggested to discuss with Dan Savino the possibility of forming a committee to include genealogists and town clerks. Robert Rafford moved and Jean Perrault seconded a motion to have the President write a letter proposing that the vital records containing social security numbers be accessible to the same classes of people having access to modern birth records and pointing out that social security numbers are available on the World Wide Web.

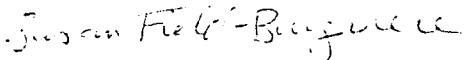
The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Nancy Doane, Director ,Godfrey Memorial Library , presented a tour of the library and an overview of holdings. This included a brief history of the library, which was opened in 1951 by Fremont Rider. He was a publisher and head of the Olin Library , Wesleyan University. His interest in genealogy inspired him to build this library ,which now holds 17,000 volumes. This collection includes three main categories: family genealogies, local history, and biography. This includes mostly New England and the thirteen original colonies, but materials on other states is also available. In order to bring in moneys to maintain the library and it's collection, this innovative librarian created a master index of over 700 referenced volumes.It is from this file that the American Genealogical-Biographical Index is made.Other indexes that can be found here are the New England Historical & Genealogical Register and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record .

The library has a media room, which houses a computer, printer, scanner, and software of interest to genealogists. There is also a microfiche/film,reader/printer available for use when viewing the 1850,1900,1910, and 1920 census for Connecticut.The Penny Press /Middletown Press:1884-1921, are also on microfilm. The Southmayd/Doolittle Funeral Home burial records , including the years 1847,1851,and 1882-1940 can also be found here.

The library has a large collection of city directories, cemetery and church records, census indexes, county biographies, military , and reference/ research books. The tour ended in the main reference room with a question and answer period. This was followed by lunch provided by the library and an afternoon of genealogical research!

Respectfully Submitted,


Susan Field-Burguiere
Secretary Pro Tem

Input Needed Concerning NARA Facility in Waltham

Dianne Lenti received the following from an officer of TIARA:

“John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States, has been speaking about long range plans for how the National Archives can best serve its customers and protect records. Some of his remarks have been interpreted as signals that there could be some consolidation or closing of regional facilities.

Coincidentally, there is a meeting scheduled at the NARA facility on Trapelo Road in Waltham to ask for input and suggestions on how the research facility might be improved. It is felt that a strong presence from the genealogical community could help reinforce the fact that this is an important resource with a very large customer base.

The announcement from NARA states that they want RSVPs for this meeting which will be held at the Trapelo Road facility from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on June 3. The number to call is 781-647-8745, but you can also e-mail to diane.leblanc@waltham.nara.gov and the web page for the space plan is <http://www.nara.gov/nara/spceplan.html>. When you call to RSVP you might indicate that you are a TIARA member.” [or CPGC, CSG, etc....]

For some background info on this issue, see Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, May 4, 1998 at http://www.ancestry.com/home/Dick_Eastman/eastMay04-98.htm#national

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BOB BAMFORD'S NEW ADDRESSES

After June 8 Bob will be re-situated in his new home in Florida and hopes to be up and running. The address for his business, Essex Books will be:

..... <http://www.hertge.com/essex>

.....e-mail: essxbook@citrus.infi.net

P.O. Box 811 Lecanto, FL 34460-0811
CC Orders: 8 AM - 3 PM - Mon-Fri FAX 24 hrs
AFTER 6/8/98(352) 527 - 2270 AFTER 6/8/98

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**CSL FUNDING UPDATE**

Pat Owens reports that the CSL has been granted funds to update the 1991 space study!

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**SPEAKER: FRED HART, C.G.**

**"CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY SOCIETY  
& RESOURCES IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY"**

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT  
POLISH NATIONAL HOME  
60 CHARTER OAK AVENUE  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

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**Free Parking on premises**

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**PLAN YOUR DAY TO INCLUDE RESEARCH  
AT A HARTFORD AREA REPOSITORY**

**FROM:  
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**NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday - 10:00 A.M.**

**June 4, 1998**

***CT Ancestry Society & Resources  
in Fairfield County CT.***

**Polish National Home  
60 Charter Oak Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut**

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