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NOVEMBER 1998 MINUTES

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

Connecticut State Librarian, Kendall Wiggin - Members received an introduction to the new State Librarian, Kendall Wiggin, who joined the Connecticut State Library staff in early October. He succeeds Richard G. Akeroyd Jr, who retired last December and is replacing Interim State Librarian Patricia L. Owens.

Mr. Wiggin has served as State Librarian for New Hampshire since 1990. As head of the largest division in the Department of Cultural Affairs, Mr. Wiggin administered LSCA/LSTA, the New Hampshire Automated Information System, the New Hampshire Library Development System, the Regional Library for the Blind, the State Law Library and the State Library's North County office. In addition, he was responsible for archival collection development and facilities management.

Mr. Wiggin's professional background also includes Coordinator of Technical Services - Manchester City Library (New Hampshire) and Director, Merrimack Public Library (New Hampshire). Mr. Wiggin's professional affiliations include: Secretary, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Chair, Council of State Agencies in the Northeast and, Past President of the New Hampshire Library Association. Mr. Wiggin has also served on the President's Task Force on Outsourcing of the American Library Association and is Chairperson of the State Library Agency Section, Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies. Mr. Wiggin received his MS Degree in Library Science from Simmons College.

Highlights of Mr. Wiggin's presentation:

- History & Genealogy Unit likely to move to Newington facility in 1999 for five year term.
 - The Newington facility will have easy access and ample free parking
- CT State Archives will remain in Hartford, although some select material may be at Newington.
- Future hopes and expectations for Connecticut's State Library, Archives and Museum include:
 - Increased funding for a new facility
 - New funding to begin digitization projects
 - Increased hours for History & Genealogy Unit
 - Extended educational efforts and portable museum exhibits
 - Making Connecticut Library Network more viable
 - Have databases more accessible
 - Bring a Preservation Librarian on board
 - Leave the Adhoc Advocacy group in place.

PROGRAM: Round Table Discussion - "Using Register Format" (produced by various software). Helen Ullmann, Barbara Mathews, Fred Hart and Robert Rafford were the main presenters of various genealogical program "register" formats. Brief summary of the group discussion is as follows:

- A true Register (Modified Register or NSGQ) format is more than just a numbering system.
 - First paragraph gives vitals for husband and all wives
 - Lists children after [all wives]
 - Lists place of event before the date
 - Places footnotes appropriately
 - Marks each and every individual for indexing

Example (fictitious): Ima Jones was born at Somers, Tolland County, Connecticut, 9 August 1841. She died there 2 October 1895, buried in the North Cemetery. She married 17 April 1862 Wooly Ruff.

- Genealogical Software programs:
 - List children after first wife, then list second and subsequent wives

- Lists date of event before place
- Print all notes following the person they pertain without footnoting properly
- Do not list location information appropriately
- Repeat town, county, and state names for each individual's events

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CPGC MINUTES - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1998. **Attending:** Warren Buchanan, Dianne Lenti, Barbara Mathews, Ken Buckbee, Helen Ullmann, Virginia Howard, Tom Howard, Jack Kuras, Fred Hart, Dick Roberts, Penny Hartzell, Susan Field, Jean Perreault, Marge Cox, Edward Little, Harlan Jessup, Priscilla Chatfield, Bea Thomson, Betty Ann Chapman, Bob Rafford, Mike Castroll, and guest Kendall Wiggin, Connecticut State Librarian.

MEETING was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by Acting President, Warren Buchanan, who immediately appointed Barbara Mathews as Acting Vice President until such time that our President, Donna Siemiatkoski, is able to return to her regular duties.

Secretary's report for October meeting not available; tabled to December 1998 meeting.

Treasurer's report: Our fiscal year report listed a beginning balance of \$1178.98, income of \$1392.69, minus expenses \$1304.42, leaving a balance of \$1267.22. The report was read and placed on file for audit.

Correspondence: Several pieces of advertising were reviewed along with receipt of the *Forum* (FGS Periodical) and *Archival Anecdotes* (quarterly newsletter of the Pittsfield MA National Archives branch).

Government Relations:

The Connecticut Department of Health will allow persons access to view the death index for years 1897 and forward. Copies of records may be viewed, but no certified copy is available from this department due to ongoing quality review.

During the 1999 legislative session, State Senator Thomas F. "Tim" Upson, will sponsor a bill to add \$5.00 to land transaction recording fees, with one half of the receipts to be used for document preservation. He will again be sponsoring a bill for a state historical museum.

Members present report being denied access to vital records at New Haven (all days except Weds a.m.) and Middletown. In addition, New Haven will accept cash or money orders only (no personal checks) for post 1900 records and will not honor mail requests for pre-1900 records.

The CT State Library and the CT Town Clerks Assn will be using Sullivan and LaShane as lobbyists during the 1999 legislative session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: We need to appoint a membership chairman in the coming year. Discussion was tabled until December meeting.

Legislative Brochure: The newest tri-fold brochure, designed by member Tom Howard, will be distributed to legislators of the 1999 Education committee. The objective of the brochure is to enhance legislators' knowledge of the holdings at the Connecticut State Library and Archives. A motion was made to continue [this project] and appropriate funds necessary for printing and postage. (1) Jack Kuras (2) Barbara Mathews. Motion carried.

Connecticut Historical Society has created office space from previously open areas, thus eliminating space for our group to meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Adjourned: 11:20 p.m. (1) Dianne Lenti (2) Mike Castroll.

Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

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

DEC 3, 1998 - 10 a.m. CPGC Meeting & Program, Catholic Archives, Hartford Diocese, 134 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT. Sister Marjorie Fallon RSM, Archivist, will review holdings and give a tour of the archives. (Directions & map below)

Jan 5, 1999 - 10 a.m. CPGC Meeting, CT State Library, Conference Room. Brainstorming Session - "Reassessing the 1996 Vital Records Access Law - Does It Work?" Come prepared to tell us where 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, ---- pending confirmation of meeting place/details.

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

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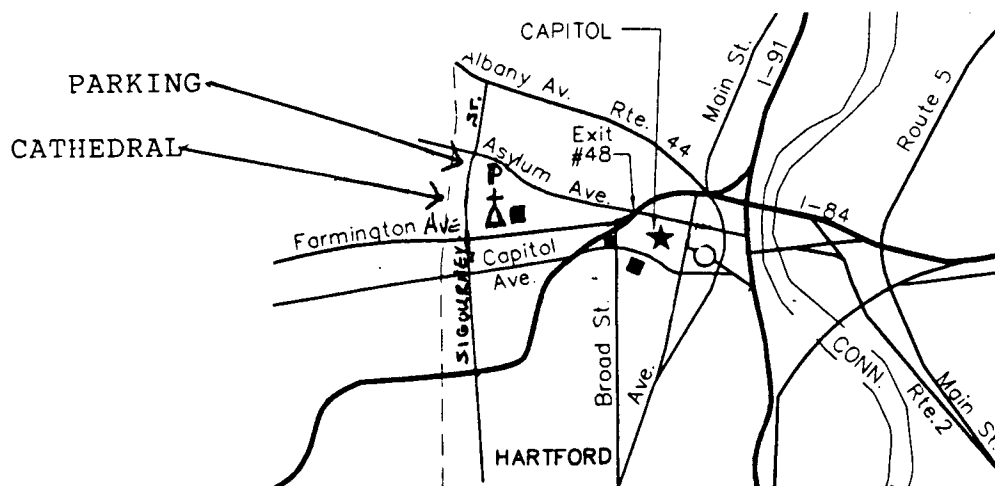
DIRECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 3RD MEETING (HARTFORD CATHOLIC DIOCESE ARCHIVES): - PARKING LOT (ON ASYLUM AVE), BEHIND ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL. DO NOT PARK AT THE CHANCERY OFFICE (FARMINGTON AVE) AS THERE IS VERY LIMITED SPACE. Please note: The parking lot behind St. Joseph's is shared with the school - be sure to park in the smaller lot, as the school uses the larger lot for a playground.

From I-91, north or south & Rt 2, Proceed to I-84 West - (follow "I-84 West" directions)

From I-84 West - take Exit 48 (Asylum Ave). At end of exit, turn right. Stay straight on Asylum; parking lot on left - just prior to Sigourney St. (behind St. Joseph Cathedral).

From I-84 East - take Exit 48 (Capitol / Asylum) stay left to end of ramp. Turn left and go up hill, stay straight on Asylum; parking lot on left - just prior to Sigourney St. (behind St. Joseph Cathedral).

Walk from Parking Lot to the Chancery: Walk to left (east) side of Cathedral, proceed to sidewalk on Farmington Ave. Turn left, Chancery is adjacent. Sign in. Receptionist will direct you.



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DECEMBER 3, 1998 MEETING

**CATHOLIC ARCHIVES, HARTFORD DIOCESE... LEARN ABOUT THE SOURCE MATERIAL AT THIS ARCHIVE.. WHAT DOES IT CONTAIN? WHAT RECORDS ARE ACCESSIBLE? COME TO THIS MEETING AND FIND OUT HOW, WHEN AND WHERE YOU CAN USE THESE RECORDS.
1829 - EARLIEST CATHOLIC CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN CONNECTICUT.**

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NEXT MEETING
Thursday - 10:00 A.M.
December 3, 1998
Catholic Archives, Hartford
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Hartford, Connecticut
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