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APRIL 1999 - NEWS & MINUTES

Dianne B. Lenti, Secretary / Editor

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

CT STATE LIBRARY - HISTORY & GENEALOGY UNIT UPDATE by Richard Roberts.

- Lending program now available to CT citizens; library card needed. Request application at H&G reference desk.
- Census records on microfilm include NY, OH, PA, MA, NH, VT, ME and RI through 1850.
- U.S. City Directories on Microfiche to 1860.
- Connecticut City Directories on microfilm to 1930's. Bound copies of same directories may be moved to off-site storage in the future.
- Massachusetts BMD Index on microfilm. Births / Marriages 1841-1905, Deaths 1841-1971.
- Massachusetts Vital Records - Holbrook Collection on microfiche. The Corbin collection on microfilm, which covers Hadley area, the CT River Valley and the Berkshires.
- Ancestry.com subscription available to patrons in 1 hours increments. Contains many CT records including deaths 1949-1996. Library card needed to sign up.
- VendaCard Costs - Photocopy \$.10 (cash, \$.15); Microfilm copy \$.20 (cash \$.25) and computer \$.15 (cash option not available).
- LDS Family Search Program - New printer operating. The newest release of Family Search is now available at H&G. Sign for time slot at reference desk - Ancestral Files available on server; VendaCard box has been installed for printouts.

CPGC MINUTES - THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1999

Attending: Warren Buchanan, Dianne Lenti, Barbara Mathews, Donna Siemiatkoski, Ginnie Howard, Tom Howard, Fred Hart, Jean Perreault, Marge Cox, Rob Rafford, Helen Ullmann, Betty Chapman, Bea Thomson, Richard Roberts, Robert Storm, Priscilla Chatfield, Ken Buckbee, and guest Betsy Butts of Salem, CT.

MEETING called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting President Warren Buchanan.

Donna Siemiatkoski Resigns as President. "due to her illness, ensuing treatments and continuing complications which make it difficult for her to resume the duties of President." Although Donna is doing well and there is currently no sign of cancer, she stated that she "felt it best that the council continue without interruption the dynamics of leadership and programming that have been underway in the past several months." We will greatly miss Donna's leadership and wisdom, but know, as she resumes her work in genealogy, that we will see her at future meetings and be able to count on her for advice and direction, if needed. Our best wishes to her in future endeavors. Anyone wishing to send her a note or card may address it to: 33 Hillcrest Rd, Windsor, CT 06095.

Secretary's report of February 4, 1999 was read and accepted. (1) Robert Rafford (2) Tom Howard.

Treasurer's report was read and placed on file for audit.

Correspondence: General mail received from FGS, NEHGS and National Archives.

Government Relations (Warren Buchanan):

- As Ad Hoc Committee member of the CT State Library, Warren has requested that a volunteer program be considered for the History and Genealogy Unit.
- Connecticut Department of Health microfilming of vital records is still being corrected, re-done, proofed and edited. Records continue to be unavailable to the public.
- Legis. Bill # 156 appears positive regarding a fee on all real estate filings with proceeds going to the preservation of historical documents.
- CPGC "Open House," March 4, at the Legislative Office Building, in support of the CT State Library was deemed a success. It is expected that a similar event be scheduled for Mar., 2000.
- CT State Librarian Kendall Wiggin is doing an outstanding job, keeping the State Library in the forefront, attending various meetings, etc.

- History and Genealogy Unit of the CT State Library will not be moving to Newington, CT as previously mentioned. Although some resource material may be moved there for off-site storage. Currently no lease has been signed and there many options are being considered.

Membership (Robert Rafford):

New Members: Ralph Lumb, Historian, Somers, CT Historical Society and Stephen E. Simon of Windsor, CT. Also Jennifer Julier of Hamden, CT. Welcome everyone! Dianne Lenti has agreed to pursue mailing of letters to potential new members, with changes in the suggested format.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference (Dianne Lenti): has reported a profit in excess of \$1000.00 for each participating society, from the Portland, Maine 1998 Conference. Approximately \$160.00 will be withheld as working capital for the 2000 Conference in Providence and \$900.00 will be sent to each society. NERGC has requested that CPGC send brochures to NGS conference in Richmond, VA [May, 1999] for handout at the NERGC booth.

OLD BUSINESS:

NGS / NERGC (2000) Conference, Providence, RI - Members present agreed to have Dianne Lenti send approx. 500 CPGC brochures to the NGS conference in Richmond.

Reprint CPGC Brochures - It was generally agreed that, following the Richmond conference, more brochures will need to be printed and will need to contain an updated membership list.

Professional Standards & Member Ethics - Helen Ullmann has requested permission from the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG), that CPGC be allowed to adopt their code of ethics. All present agreed that to subscribe to BCG's code. Although confirmation has not been received from BCG, a copy is attached for everyone to review.

CT State Library Thanks CPGC - Dick Roberts, Head of the History and Genealogy Unit of the library, thanked CPGC for all that was done in support of the library during the recent open house at the Legislative Office Building on March 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

The National Genealogical Society has invited CPGC to be a participating society for the *Bridge to America* Conference, May, 2000 at Providence, RI. As a participating society, we have the option of hosting a luncheon, lecture or board meeting. We chose (1) luncheon, if not available (2) lecture. Thomas Howard moved that CPGC accept NGS invitation to be a participating society, providing a budget of \$300.00 for such event. Seconded by Donna Siemiatkoski. Motion carried.

NGS Conference 2000, Exhibitor Space - members suggested that we have our table next to APG and BCG, if possible.

First Connecticut Town Clerk to plan a one-day genealogy seminar is Joseph Camposeo of Manchester. *Family History Day*, Saturday, May 15, 1999, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will feature fourteen presentations, historic trolley rides, exhibits, and more. CPGC member Dianne Lenti has assisted with planning. Both she and member Robert Rafford will be presenters that day.. Private William Webb, an African American soldier serving in the Civil War will be interpreted by Kevin Johnson of the History and Genealogy Unit of the CT State Library.

CPGC Accepts Donna Siemiatkoski's Resignation with deep regret, motion carried. (1) Thomas Howard, (2) Robert Storm.

CPGC Web Page, <http://www.ancestry.com/SocietyHall/viewmember.asp?results=732>

Barbara Mathews developed a webpage for CPGC. This is offered free via Ancestry.com and the Federation of Genealogical Societies "Society Hall." You can access it by going to Ancestry.com, society hall or as a link from Barbara Mathews website, <http://www.gis.net/~bmathews>.

Nominating Committee Appointed: Tom Howard, Donna Siemiatkoski, and Robert Storm.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:20 a.m. (1) Barbara Mathews (2) Betty Chapman

Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

PROGRAM - CLIENT REPORTS - Presented by Robert Rafford. Reports provided by Robert Rafford, Fred Hart and Barbara Mathews were reviewed and discussed. Some of the major points of discussion are helpful

to anyone preparing reports. Rob's included a cover, title page, good quality paper, pedigree charts, glossary of abbreviations, pertinent copies, etc. All made a point of providing top quality, including an objective, data known to date, list of sources searched and complete source documentation.

Board for Certification of Genealogists - Code of Ethics and Conduct

As a practicing genealogist, mindful of responsibilities to the public, to the genealogical consumer, and to scholarship, each individual certified by BCG pledges to strive for the highest level of truth and accuracy in all phases of my work; to act honorably toward other genealogists and toward the field as a whole; to adhere to the Board for Certification of Genealogist's Standards of Conduct; and, if engaged in research for others to act in my client's best interests; and to protect my client's privacy.

To protect the public, I will not publish or publicize as fact anything I know to be false, doubtful, or unproven; nor will I be a party, directly or indirectly, to such action by others.

I will identify my sources for all information and cite only those documents I have personally used.

I will quote documents precisely, avoiding any alterations that I do not clearly identify as editorial interpretations. I will present the purpose, practice, scope, and possibilities of genealogical research within a realistic framework. I will delineate my abilities, publications, and/or fees in a true and realistic fashion.

To protect the consumer (client or colleague) I will keep confidential any personal or genealogical information given to me, unless I receive written consent to the contrary.

I will reveal to the consumer any personal or financial interests that might compromise my professional obligations. I will undertake paid research commissions only after a clear agreement as to scope and fee.

I will, to the best of my abilities, address my research to the issue raised by the consumer and report to that question.

I will seek from the consumer all prior information and documentation related to the research and will not knowingly repeat the work, as billable hours, without explanation as to good cause.

I will furnish only facts I can substantiate with adequate documentation; and I will not withhold any data necessary for the consumer's purpose.

If the research question involves analysis of data in order to establish a genealogical relationship or identity, I will report that the conclusions are based on the weight of the available evidence and that absolute proof of genealogical relationships is usually not possible.

If I cannot resolve a research problem within the limitations of time or budget established by contract, I will explain the reasons why.

If other feasible avenues are available, I will suggest them; but I will not misrepresent the possibilities of additional research.

I will return any advance payment that exceeds the hours and expenses incurred.

I will not publish or circulate research or reports to which the consumer has a proprietary right, without prior written consent of the consumer; I will observe these rights, whether my report was made directly to the consumer or to an employer or agent.

To protect the profession I will act, speak, and write in a manner I believe to be in the best interests of the profession and scholarship of genealogy.

I will participate in exposing genealogical fraud; but I will not otherwise knowingly injure or attempt to injure, the reputation, prospects, or practice of another genealogist.

I will not attempt to supplant another genealogist already employed by a client or agency. I will substitute for another researcher only with specific written consent of and instructions provided by the client or agency.

I will not represent as my own the work of another. This includes works that are copyrighted, in the public domain, or unpublished. This pledge includes reports, lecture materials, audio/visual tapes, compiled records, and authored essays.

I will not reproduce for public dissemination, in an oral or written fashion, the work of another genealogist, writer, or lecturer, without that person's written consent. In citing another's work, I will give proper credit.

This Code of Ethics and Conduct was copied from <http://www.genealogy.org/bcg/code.html>, created by Mike St. Clair, BCG Webmaster, and last changed 15 Oct 97. Thanks to member, Helen Ullmann.

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL

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

May 6, 1999 - CPGC Meeting, "Behind the Scenes," a guided tour of the library archives; Connecticut Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth St, Hartford, CT. ph: 860-236-5621.

May 15, 1999 - Family History Day, 9-3, Town Hall, Manchester, CT.

June 2, 1999 - CPGC Meeting, "Client Contracts & Legal Issues," CT State Library, Hartford.

June 5, 1999 - NERGC Annual Meeting, Sudbury MA.

August 11-14, 1999 - FGS Conference, St. Louis, MO.

May 31- June 3, 2000, NGS Conference, *Bridge to America*, host NERGC, Providence RI

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MAY 6, 1999

CPGC MEETING - 10 A.M.

"BEHIND THE SCENES"

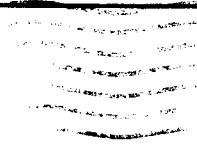
(Guided Tour of Archives)

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday - 10:00 A.M.

May 6, 1999

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