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 NOVEMBER 1999 - NEWS & MINUTES

Dianne B. Lenti, Secretary / Editor

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

NEW OFFICERS 1999-2000 – President: Robert Rafford, Vice President: Dianne Lenti, Secretary: Barbara Mathews, Treasurer: Marge Cox, Corresponding Secretary: Virginia Howard, Member at Large: Donna Siemiatkoski.

CPGC MINUTES - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1999 (Polish National Home, Hartford, Connecticut)

Attending: Warren Buchanan, Barbara Mathews C.G., Dianne Lenti, Thomas Howard, Virginia Howard, Donna Siemiatkoski, Fred Hart C.G., Jack Kuras, Kathryn Black, Marjorie Cox, Harlan Jessup, Rob Rafford, Priscilla Chatfield, Helen Ullmann C.G., Mike Castroll, Penny Hartzell.

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

Secretary's report of October 7, 1999 was accepted as written. (1) Barbara Mathews (2) Michael Castroll.
Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Robert Rafford and placed on file for audit with a balance of \$1833.79.
Correspondence (Virginia Howard): NYGBS brochures. FGS Salt Lake Conference, 6-9 December 2000.
 Brochures.

Government Relations (Donna Siemiatkoski/Warren Buchanan): Not all copies of vital records for Connecticut towns from 1897 to approximately 1920 were sent to the CT Dept of Health Vital Records Division. You must always check the records of the town in question. Reminder to everyone to call the CT Dept of Health for an appointment if you wish to use their indexing system for Connecticut vital records. You must received a minimum one hour training, and continue to make appointments any time you wish to see the indexes. One of Connecticut's major cities had only thirty-two percent of births registered in the past year with two parents named on the certificate. Jack Kuras reported that Alex Marcellino has taken another position with the City of Hartford and is no longer the Registrar of Vital Records.

Membership (Robert Rafford):

Another new member, Nancy McNulty, C.G., of Leeds, MA. In 1998-99, CPGC retained 65 members. Many members have paid their dues for the 1999-2000 year and more are being received daily.

OLD BUSINESS:

CT Dept of Health Vital Records: Angela Kasik is checking with the State Registrar of Vital Records regarding volunteer help with record proofing. **Newest CPGC Brochure:** Jack Kuras moved, Tom Howard seconded, that we hold off on mailing our brochure to Town Clerks until our next one is printed, which is projected for end of January/February 2000. **Meeting Place:** Virginia Howard is pursuing contact for an additional meeting location. **Booth at National Genealogical Society Conference 2000;** fee was mailed in October by Secretary Dianne Lenti. **"Certification"** topic for December 2nd CPGC meeting. Barbara Mathews, C.G., Gerald Cruthers, CGRS, and Fred Hart C.G. will participate. Any other certified genealogists are welcome to participate. **Incorporation** was discussed and it was agreed not to pursue at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Card: Robert Rafford presented a design for a membership card. Members agreed to print, with a few minor changes. Dianne Lenti arranged with the CT Commission on Freedom of Information to have an FOI **Workshop** at the April 2000 meeting. Virginia Howard presented the idea of CPGC member **volunteerism** at CT State Library to Richard Roberts, Head of the History and Genealogy Unit. He said he would mention it at a staff meeting and get back to her. **AWARDS** were presented to all past officers that included plaques and clock to Donna Siemiatkoski and Jack Kuras, a plaque to Barbara Mathews and certificates of appreciation to all past and present officers. Motion made by Thomas Howard, seconded by Mike Castroll to present **Nominations:** Robert Rafford President, Dianne Lenti Vice President, Barbara Mathews Secretary, Marge Cox Treasurer, Virginia Howard Corresponding Secretary and Donna Siemiatkoski Member-at-Large. No further nominations from the floor. All names presented were voted on and approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45 a.m.

Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & MEMBER UPDATE:

Donna Siemiakoski: new web address is <http://hometown.aol.com/donnasiem>. She will gladly list upcoming events and has booklets for sale on her site, which can be found on CyndisList. Donna works with all Connecticut lineage societies, which can be found listed at www.societiesct.org. She is working for the Foote Family Assn and Desc. of Gov. Thomas Welles which is currently being published through the 7th generation. Also does missing heirs work.

Dr. Gale Ion Harris, F.A.S.G.: specializes in New England, Midwest and Atlantic Coast research amongst many other duties.

Edward "Ted" Little, C.A.L.S.: specialized in family papers; Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Betsy Butts: Currently working full time and unable to make meetings.

Jennifer Julier: Works as an archivist at a local family-owned manufacturing company; is Editor of the Seton Guide to Business and Industrial Histories, which will be a published list of all of the books, manuscripts, and objects at the New Haven Colony Historical Society, which have anything at all to do with New Haven area business and industry. She is also an interviewer for the Leeney Oral History Project at New Haven Colony, which was funded by the New Haven Register in honor of Editor Emeritus Robert J. Leeney. Over the years, the project will be interviewing a variety of New Haven leaders and citizens. Another chunk of her (volunteer) time is occupied with serving as a Director of the Yale Club of New Haven, for which she is Director of the Alumni Schools Committee.

John Plummer: web address is <http://johnplummer.maxbizcenter.com> Specializes English Origins; currently not taking clients.

Robert Rafford: Reminder that Bob, who is very busy on some special projects, including that of Connecticut Native Americans. He has a toll free line 1-877-MYROOTS.

Jack Kuras: Continues to volunteer at the Connecticut Historical Society and Hartford Vital Records. He has completed an inventory of records at Hartford.

Mike Castroll: Masonic Lodge Historian and Chair of Grand Lodge Library in Wallingford, CT. Currently creating a book and database regarding the history of the Lodge and biographies of past masters and charter members. Mike also does Missing Heir work, specializing in Judaica.

Marge Cox: specializes in New Haven and ethnic research.

Kathryn Black: Volunteers on Jacobus manuscripts at CT Historical Society, is continuing work on the "Black Family" Ancestry of CT & MA. Is translating some Russian records and volunteers as Assistant Librarian at her local Family History Center.

Fred Hart: Stated his appreciation of CPGC's informative meetings and is very glad that he can participate in same.

Priscilla Chatfield: Currently working on abstracting the Town of Fairfield Emancipation Records.

Virginia Howard: Working on a genealogy of a "Hair Book" with over 100 samples of hair. She is identifying and tracing each individual whose hair is in the book. This has taken her into 1843-1860 records in Delaware, Dutchess and Brome County NY. The hairpieces are complete with black ribbons and names... which she promises to bring to a future meeting.

Thomas Howard: Appreciates having CPGC group to meet and share ideas with. Is currently President of the East Granby Historical Society and is pursuing a special project of replacing stones taken in 1939 from a [virtually unknown] small pox cemetery. The original stones have been found and Tom wants to refurbish the cemetery. He is researching the persons and/or families who gave memorial windows to his church.

Penny Hartzell: She is the Immigrant Ancestor Registrar for the Palatines to America. She specializes in Pennsylvania Germans and is currently finishing four generations of an immigrant who arrived in PA about 1710.

Helen Ullmann: Writing the Massachusetts column for the new NEHGS website (<http://www.nehgs.org/>) and has been very busy with her locale Family History Center and the plans revolving around the building of a new LDS Temple in Boston.

Harlan Jessup: President of Connecticut Ancestry, he specializes in Colonial Connecticut records, particularly southwestern Connecticut.

Dianne Lenti: Currently a member of program committee and serving as Chair of the Society Fair for the *Bridge to America* (2000) NGS Conference in Providence which is hosted by the New England Regional Genealogical Council. Very busy with 19th and 20th century ethnic research of Connecticut records and New England naturalizations. Serves on committee for Manchester CT Family History Day 2000.

Warren Buchanan: Working on a book of the "Jellief" family and continuing to serve clients. Does 20th century New York and Connecticut research. Also currently working "pro bono" on biographies of the 1850 graduates of Williston Academy, Easthampton, MA.

Barbara Mathews: Is the verifying genealogist for the Massachusetts Colonial Dames, also consulting Editor for Newbury Press, and is doing the Connecticut column for the new NEHGS website (see Ullmann, above).

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

December 1993 – October 1999

Dec 1993 – Dec 1994

- Connecticut State Library Organizational Structure & Resources, Ted Wohlson, Head History & Genealogy Unit
- State Budget Reduction Impact; Richard Ackroyd, Connecticut State Librarian
- CT Historical Society, Presentation & Tour; Judith Johnson, Genealogist & Reference Librarian
- Connecticut's Vital Records; Jean Bushey, Acting Registrar of Connecticut Vital Records
- United Church Center Archives, "Congregational House" Hartford, Connecticut, Rev. Allen Tinkham, Archivist
- Beyond the Obvious in LDS Records; Helen Ullmann, C.G.
- Genealogist's Accounting; Steven R. Leibowitz, Accountant

1995

- Accessing Connecticut State Vital Records; State Registrar, John Boccaccio
- Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut Archives; Rev. Robert C. Carroon, Archivist
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookfield, Connecticut, Harlan Jessup, Professional Genealogist
- Professional Genealogist's Round Table Discussion; members present
- Creating a Professional Report; Dr. Robert Rafford, Professional Genealogist
- What's New at the Connecticut State Library; Richard Roberts, Head, History & Genealogy Unit
- A "Thorny" Case Study; Dr. Robert Rafford, Professional Genealogist
- Public Records Administration Policy; Eunice DeBella, Administrator

1996

- Forecasting the Future of Connecticut's Vital Records; State Registrar, John Boccaccio
- Case Study of Thomas Griffith; Warren Buchanan, Professional Genealogist
- Connecticut State Statute 7-41A (Access to Vital Records), Connecticut State Senator Thomas Upson
- Things that were missed in the Barbour Collection; Harlan Jessup, Professional Genealogist
- Tour of Connecticut Department of Health Vital Records Department; State Registrar, John Boccaccio
- Computer Resources for the Genealogist; Bob Bamford, computer specialist
- Examples of 19th Century Immigrant Research in Connecticut; Dianne Lenti, Professional Genealogist
- Professional Genealogist's Round Table Discussion; members present
- Passenger Records at Pittsfield, MA National Archives; Walter Hickey, Archives Specialist
- Taxes, Past & Present; Judy Plummer, Professional Genealogist and Tax Preparer

1997

- Connecticut State Library Web Page; Richard Roberts, Head, History & Genealogy Unit
- Connecticut Native American Research; Paul Costa, Research Director, Mashantucket Pequot Research Library
- Connecticut Legislative Issues Pertinent to Genealogists
- Connecticut Probate & Adoption Records; Robert Killian, Probate Judge, Hartford
- Civil War Manuscript Resources at Connecticut Historical Society; Kelly Nolan, Reference Librarian
- Connecticut State Library Update; Richard Roberts, Head, History & Genealogy Unit
- Professional Genealogists Round Table Discussion; members present
- Connecticut Gravestone Network; Ruth Shapleigh Brown, President CGN
- Connecticut Colonial Law; Atty. Robert Storm, CPGC member and former White House Historian

1998

- Organizing Case Files; Barbara Mathews, C.G.
- Using References on the HistRef Shelf; Richard Roberts, Head, History & Genealogy Unit, State Library
- Status of Connecticut State Library; Patricia Owens, Interim State Librarian
- Godfrey Library, tour and presentation of source material; Susan Field-Burgiere, Assistant Director
- Connecticut Ancestry Society and Resources in Fairfield County; Fred Hart, C.G.
- New Archival Programs; Mark Jones, Archivist, Connecticut State Archives
- Quakers, Their Records & Movements; Gary Waite, Connecticut Historical Society
- Today & The Future of Connecticut State Library; Patricia Owens, Interim State Librarian
- Professional Genealogist's Round Table Discussion; members present
- Hartford Catholic Archdiocese Archives, tour and presentation by Sr. Marjorie Fallon RSM, Archivist

1999

- Marketing - Making it Easy; Barbara Mathews, C.G. and Thomas Howard, Professional Genealogist
- Open House - Connecticut Legislative Bldg; CPGC display and support of Connecticut State Lib
- Connecticut State Library, New Research Material Update; Richard Roberts, Head, History & Genealogy Unit
- Revisiting Client Reports, Dr. Robert Rafford, Professional Genealogist
- Connecticut Historical Society, "Behind the Scenes," tour of archives; Judith Johnson, CHS Genealogy Librarian
- Client Contracts & Legal Issues, Thomas F. Howard, Professional Genealogist
- Newman A. Hall, Ph.D., Genealogy Librarian, Source material at Beardsley & Memorial Library, Winsted, CT.
- Town Clerk Round Table, led by Joseph Camposeo, Manchester Connecticut.

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

December 2, 1999 – CPGC Meeting, 10 a.m.–“Certification – How & Why.” Polish National Home, Hartford.
 January, 2000 – No Meeting.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS - February 3, 2000 – March 2, 2000 – April 6, 2000 CT FOI Workshop
 May 13, 1999 – Manchester CT Family History Day
 May 31- June 3, 2000 *Bridge to America*, National Genealogical Society Conference, Providence RI, hosted by
 New England Regional Genealogical Conference (an alliance of New England Societies)

PLEASE SEND IN MEMBERSHIP DUES
FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 31

MAKE \$15.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO "CPGC"
INDICATE "RENEWAL" OR "NEW MEMBER" ON CHECK.

To update our files, please complete the application enclosed with our last newsletter

MAIL TO: Marjorie L. Cox Treas, 151 Crestwood Road, Bethany, CT 06524

T H A N K Y O U

DECEMBER 2ND MEETING – 10 A.M.

POLISH NATIONAL HOME [PNH], 60 CHARTER OAK AVE, HARTFORD, CT. PHONE 860-247-1784.
AMPLE FREE PARKING (Corner of Polieluszko St & Charter Oak)– EASY TO GET TO FROM ALL DIRECTIONS –ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM ANY OF GREATER HARTFORD'S MANY REPOSITORIES – CT STATE LIBRARY, CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HARTFORD CITY HALL, HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, ESPISCOPAL ARCHIVES, HARTFORD CATHOLIC ARDIOCESE ARCHIVES, CT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS, TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY/ARCHIVES AND BLOOMFIELD LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.....

DIRECTIONS:

From I-91, north or south, Exit 29A, (Capitol area), onto the Connland Highway, take the very first exit to Columbus Boulevard. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Columbus Boulevard, at the second light, turn right onto Charter Oak Avenue. At the first light turn right into the Polish National Home parking lot. Enter side door, meeting downstairs.

From I-84 West, take Exit 54 (downtown Hartford), stay left. At the first light, turn left onto Columbus Boulevard. At the fifth light take a right onto Charter Oak Avenue. At the first light turn right into the Polish National Home parking lot.

From Rt. 2 West, cross Founders Bridge to downtown, stay left on bridge. At first light, turn left onto Columbus Boulevard. At the fifth light take a right onto Charter Oak Avenue. At the first light turn right into the Polish National Home parking lot.

From I-84 East, take Exit 48B (Capitol Avenue), at the end of the ramp, take a left onto Capitol Avenue, (pass in front of the CT State Library). At the fourth light Capitol Avenue meets Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street, go one block and turn left onto Charter Oak Avenue (opposite South Congregational Church). At the second light turn left into the Polish National Home parking lot.

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CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 2, 1999 - 10 A.M.

" GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD CONVERSATION,
AND GOOD FOOD "

>>>>>DIRECTIONS & DETAILS INSIDE<<<<<<

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DUES?

(SEE INSIDE)

FROM:
Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
P. O. Box 4273
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NEXT MEETING
Thursday - 10:00 A.M.
December 2, 1999
Certification Workshop
Polish National Home
60 Charter Oak Ave
Hartford, Connecticut

