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 OCTOBER 1999 - NEWS & MINUTES

Dianne B. Lenti, Secretary / Editor

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TOWN CLERK ROUND TABLE - MANCHESTER, CT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. Speakers: Joseph Camposeo, Manchester Town Clerk and Joan Gerdson, President, CT Town Clerk's Association [TCA] & Town Clerk, Mansfield, CT. An informative tour of the Town Clerk office and vault preceded the meeting and discussion. The vault contains Manchester's vital and land records, plus military, cemetery and other records. Manchester's entire land record index is accessible via a computerized database. Joan Gerdson spoke at length about various methods and technology being used today. Eight county vice presidents [TCA] meet with their county town clerks every month to every four months. The statewide organization has two conferences per year that are well attended. She verified that a social security number printed on a Connecticut death certificate should not stop that certificate from being issued. Joan suggests that genealogists everywhere practice patience when visiting a town clerk and consider how focused the clerks are on the many responsibilities that they have before them. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Joe Camposeo and Joan Gerdson for their time and expertise, and the opportunity to meet with them.

CPGC MINUTES - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1999

Attending: Warren Buchanan, Barbara Mathews C.G., Dianne Lenti, Thomas Howard, Virginia Howard, Donna Siemiatkoski, Fred Hart C.G., Jack Kuras, Jean Perreault, Kathryn Black, Marjorie Cox, Harlan Jessup, Rob Rafford, Bea Thomson, Gerald Cruthers, Priscilla Chatfield, Olivia Patch, Betty Ann Chapman, Helen Ullmann.

MEETING called to order at 10:45 a.m. by President Warren Buchanan.

Secretary's report of September 9, 1999 was accepted as written. (1) Kathryn Black (2) Thomas Howard.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Robert Rafford and placed on file for audit with a balance of \$1767.54.

Correspondence (Virginia Howard): General mail, plus "get well" cards for members to sign and send to Kevin Johnson and Carolyn Picciano, both on the staff of the History & Genealogy Unit of the CT State Library. Kevin recently had surgery and is recovering very well. Carolyn is currently under Doctor's orders to rest until the delivery of her baby.

Government Relations (Donna Siemiatkoski/Warren Buchanan): No report.

Membership (Robert Rafford):

New members this month are: David P. Wilson of Ashford, Connecticut; specializing in Windham County and the surrounding towns of New London and Tolland Counties, and Olivia Patch of Tolland, Connecticut; specializing in Connecticut and southern Massachusetts records, as well as records of Canada's Quebec province.

General Information Update:

Carol Ledyard, librarian, has recently joined the staff of the History and Genealogy Unit of the CT State Library. Thomas and Virginia Howard both received training and have been "cleared" to view certain vital records at the Connecticut Department of Health. Last month's newsletter gave information on how to complete this process.

OLD BUSINESS:

Quick Reference Card for town clerks – Fred Hart and Dianne Lenti met with Manchester Town Clerk, Joseph Camposeo in September to review the format of the card (designed by Fred). It was agreed that the design is very good. Joe Camposeo suggested that we list all incorporated Connecticut genealogical societies on the reverse side.

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This reference card can be used as an aid to all genealogists researching in Connecticut. Not only will it be a boon in customer service at all town clerk offices across the state, but helpful to members and non-members alike.
Newest CPGC Brochure: Members agreed to have copies of CPGC brochure mailed to Connecticut town clerks

NEW BUSINESS:

Booth at National Genealogical Society Conference 2000. NGS extended an invitation to all New England Regional Genealogical Conference member societies, to have an 8 x 8 booth at the 2000 Rhode Island Conference, for a cost of \$85.00. Motion made by Jack Kuras, seconded by Donna Siemiakoski, that CPGC pay \$85.00 to have a booth at the *Bridge to America*, NGS Conference in May, 2000 at Providence, RI. Motion carried. Dianne Lenti agreed to return the agreement to NGS along with a check, making payment in full.

Federation of Genealogical Societies sent a query asking if CPGC would be interested in having a table at their September 6-9, 2000 conference. Group consensus was "yes." Robert Rafford agreed to send a reply to FGS.

Members agreed that "Certification" would be a good topic for our December 2 meeting. Certified members of CPGC will be contacted to form a roundtable.

Governor McLean's papers contained in "boxes upon boxes." McLean served as Governor in Connecticut from 1901-1903. He gave considerable acreage and a grant to establish a game refuge and nursing home in the Simsbury/Granby area. Anyone interested in volunteering to sort the material in these boxes, please contact Jean at 17 Case Circle, Simsbury, CT 06092-2201, phone 860-658-6623, e-mail jeperreault@home.com.

CT Department of Health has thousands of vital certificates that are very difficult to read. Thomas Howard suggested that CPGC members might be able to volunteer their time in helping to read these records. Robert Rafford moved, seconded by Betty Chapman, that we formally contact the CT Dept. of Health to offer our services. Motion carried. Anyone willing to help would certainly need to take the time to be trained by the Dept. and clear for handling of such records. If interested, please contact Thomas Howard at 59 Old County Rd, East Granby, CT 06026, phone 860-658-0232, E-mail tvhowsearch@snet.net.

Jacobus Manuscripts, at the Connecticut Historical Society: Currently contained in forty-six archival boxes, now sorted by correspondent and date. Volunteers Barbara Mathews, C.G. and Kathryn Black have now indexed six of those boxes. They estimate that it may take as much as six more years to complete the indexing.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:25 a.m. (1) Harlan Jessup (2) Kathryn Black

Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

"CONGRATULATIONS" TO: CPGC Member Joyce Pendery, C.G. (previously CGRS). Joyce recently attained the status of "Certified Genealogist." Anyone wishing to congratulate Joyce can reach her at 200 Mill Rd, Falmouth, MA 02540-2627, e-mail jpendery@aol.com. Also, "Congratulations" to CPGC Member Helen S. Ullmann, C.G. Her book titled "Descendants of Peter Mills of Windsor, Connecticut: formerly named Pieter Wouterse vander [i.e. van der] Meulen," (Publisher [Camden, Me.]: Penobscot Press, 1998) has won the Donald Lines Jacobus Award from the American Society of Genealogists! Anyone wishing to congratulate Helen can contact her at: 713 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720, E-mail: hsu@world.std.com

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

November 4, 1999 – CPGC Annual Meeting, 10 a.m., Polish National Home, Hartford, CT (See page 3)

December 2, 1999 – CPGC Meeting, 10 a.m. – "Certification – How & Why." Polish National Home, Hartford.

January, 2000 – No Meeting.

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)

!! DUES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1ST !!

\$15.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP. FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 31. MAKE CHECK TO "CPGC," INDICATE "RENEWAL" OR "NEW MEMBER" ON CHECK.

MAIL TO: Robert Rafford, Treas, 57 Clear View Knoll, Middlebury, CT 06762.

NOVEMBER 4TH MEETING – 10 A.M.

TO BE HELD AT HARTFORD'S HISTORIC POLISH NATIONAL HOME [PNH], 60 CHARTER OAK AVE, HARTFORD, CT. PHONE 860-247-1784.

RECENTLY REVIEWED IN *GOURMET* MAGAZINE. AUTHENTIC POLISH (& AMERICAN) CUISINE SERVED IN A HOMEY ATMOSPHERE. VERY GOOD AND PLENTIFUL, YET REASONABLE. MANAGED BY GENE SIEMIATKOSKI, WHO KEEPS THE PLACE BUZZING AND CUSTOMERS WELL SATISFIED. A GREAT PLACE TO MEET. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

AMPLE FREE PARKING – 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 ARCHDIOCESE 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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Nominations Committee is very pleased to report that every position has been filled and that we can be confident in the quality of the people willing to serve. We also have the balance of new people and veteran and charter members. We are also pleased that our former President Donna Siemiakoski will be part of this new Board as At-Large member. Following is the slate of officers we will present for member's consideration at the November 4th Annual Meeting:
 Respectfully Submitted, Tom Howard, Chairman, Donna Siemiakoski, Rob Storm

PRESIDENT: Dr. ROBERT L. RAFFORD
 VICE PRESIDENT: DIANNE B. LENTI
 RECORDING SECRETARY: BARBARA MATTHEWS, C.G.
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: VIRGINIA HOWARD

TREASURER: MARJORIE COX
 AT-LARGE: DONNA SIEMIATKOSKI
 (also on the Board will be)
 PAST PRESIDENT: WARREN BUCHANAN

Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council Bylaws

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the council is to foster excellence in genealogical work in Connecticut by supporting those researching professionally and those Connecticut repositories that serve as their primary resources.

Article III - Membership

Any genealogist who performs professional research work for others is welcome to join the council.

Membership is effective upon acceptance of application, and any applicants joining within ninety days prior to the end of the fiscal year are considered to have joined for the ensuing fiscal year.

Article IV - Meetings

Meetings will be held regularly at the discretion of the Executive Committee on a monthly basis except January. Additional meetings may be called by the President upon approval of two members of the Executive Committee or upon request of five members of the council. A quorum shall consist of all those present at a regularly called meeting.

The annual meeting will be held in November. All members will receive notification by mail or telephone of the Annual Meeting.

Article V - Dues

Annual dues will be set by the Executive Committee. Members in arrears by two months may be dropped from membership. The fiscal year begins November 1 and ends October 31.

Article VI - Officers

The officers of the council shall consist of: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and one (1) Member-at-Large. These shall comprise the Executive Committee. The terms of the officers shall be two years.

The immediate past President will be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

Duties of the Officers

The duties of the President are to preside at all meetings of the council, make committee appointments as stated in Article VII, and oversee the business of the council, reporting same to the membership at general meetings.

The Vice President shall preside at those meetings for which the President cannot be present. In addition, the Vice President shall chair the Program Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a careful record of all meetings of the council and Executive Committee and see that meeting notices are mailed at the proper time. The Treasurer shall receive all money from dues and other sources, keep membership records, and disburse such sums as are directed by the Executive Committee. The Corresponding Secretary's duties shall include all correspondence deemed necessary.

Article VII - Committees

There shall be an Executive Committee and standing committees as follows:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers. It shall have custody of all property of the council and transact any necessary business between meetings of the council. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill any office left vacant for the duration of the unexpired term.

The program committee shall be chaired by the Vice President and shall include but not be limited to the one (1) Member-at-Large from the Executive Committee.

The nominating committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed every two years by the President to prepare a slate of nominees to present at the biennial elections.

Other committees may be created by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. Committee Chairs may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Duties of Committees

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once (1) a year to plan the next Annual Meeting and to dispose of such other business necessary to be transacted between meetings of the council. Executive Committee meetings may be called at the discretion of the President. Officers must receive notice of the meetings at least two weeks in advance.

The Program Committee shall develop the program content of the general and annual meetings.

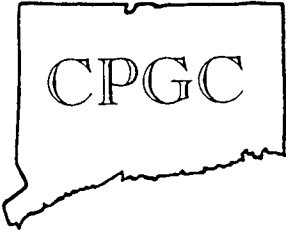
The nominating Committee shall compile a potential list of officers to be elected every two (2) years at every other Annual Meeting.

The duties of other committees shall be set by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting provided all members have been notified in writing one (1) month in advance of that meeting.

TO UPDATE OUR FILES
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Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
Post Office Box 4273, Hartford, Connecticut 06147-4273

Application for Membership

NEW _____
RENEWAL _____

Name: _____

Professional or Trade Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Web page: _____

Research Area Covered: (Information may be: used in referrals; abbreviated in member list / web page)

Please indicate (below) whether or not you wish to be published in our brochure and web page. Further signify if any information is to be withheld.

Wish to be published in: Member Brochure? Yes _____ No _____
CPGC Web Page? Yes _____ No _____

CHECK ITEMS NOT TO BE PUBLISHED: PHONE _____ FAX _____ E-MAIL _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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*Fiscal year is November 1 through October 31. Applicants joining within 90 days prior to end of fiscal year are considered to have joined for the ensuing year.*

Please enclose annual membership fee of \$15.00 and return to:

Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council  
Robert Rafford, Treasurer  
57 Clear View Knoll  
Middlebury, CT 06762

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PLAN TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 1999 - 10 A.M.

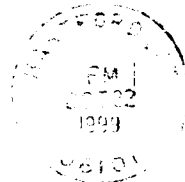
*Annual Meeting - Officer elections and "member roundtable." A great opportunity to meet other members, ask questions or discuss your latest research adventures.*

**" GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD CONVERSATION,  
AND GOOD FOOD "**

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FROM:  
Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council  
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10-00

Barbara J. Mathews CG  
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**NEXT MEETING**  
Thursday - 10:00 A.M.  
November 4, 1999  
*Polish National Home*  
60 Charter Oak Ave  
Hartford, Connecticut

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