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 SEPTEMBER 1999 - NEWS & MINUTES

Dianne B. Lenti, Secretary / Editor

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

BEARDSLEY & MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WINSTED, CONNECTICUT.

Speaker: Newman A. Hall PhD has been interested in family history since childhood, and the past twenty to thirty years, has turned his attention to American Colonial History and Genealogy. He has served as a Prime Researcher for the Mayflower Society Five Generations Project investigating descendants of the Mayflower passengers. In this capacity he published some ten articles in genealogical journals on Isaac Allerton of the Mayflower and his descendants. For about six years after 1980 he served as Registrar General for the Order of Founders and Patriots of America. He has lectured widely on genealogy and is the author of many articles in this field. Lately he has served in a volunteer capacity as Genealogy Librarian for Beardsley and Memorial Library in Winsted, Connecticut and as Historian for the town of New Hartford.

Dr. Hall provided information on the genealogical collection at Beardsley and Memorial, which was started forty years ago by library trustee, E. Jones. This library has a good base of classical material with a focus on New England, especially Winsted [Winchester] and it's people. There is a collection of area family genealogies along with a modest collection of town histories. The genealogy room is open to the public and may be used by researchers during library hours. It is one of the few libraries in northwestern Connecticut with a broad genealogical collection. Although the collection is not available for lending, Dr. Hall encourages genealogists to stop in for research. We thank Dr. Hall for his wonderful, informative presentation and for the opportunity to visit Beardsley & Memorial Library.

CPGC MINUTES - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

Attending: Warren Buchanan, Barbara Mathews C.G., Dianne Lenti, Thomas Howard, Virginia Howard, Donna Siemiatkoski, Fred Iart C.G., Jack Kuras, Jean Perreault, Kathryn Black, Marjorie Cox, Harlan Jessup, Rob Rafford, Penny Hartzell, Michael Castroll, Edward "Ted" Little C.A.L.S., Ken Buckbee, Norman Ingham Ph.D. C.G., and Guest Newman Hall Ph.D.

MEETING called to order at 11:15 a.m. by President Warren Buchanan.

President's Comments and Announcements:

Thanks to the Robert & Joan Rafford for their hospitality at our July picnic in Middlebury.

Congratulations to member Thomas Howard for his recent appointment to the Board of Directors of the New England Regional Genealogical Conference.

Secretary's report of June 3, 1999 was mailed to members by Secretary Dianne Lenti and accepted as written. (1) Jack Kuras (2) Jean Perreault.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Robert Rafford and placed on file for audit with a balance of \$1734.75.

Correspondence (Ginny Howard): General mail plus queries received over the summer. The later have been sent our brochure, allowing them to contact a researcher of their choice. Copies received, of the "Forum" and "Genealogy Bulletin," will be donated to the Connecticut Historical Society.

Government Relations (Donna Siemiatkoski/Warren Buchanan):

CT Dept of Health, Vital Records (1897 to present) access update by Donna, as follows:

- To view indexes [currently available], call for an appointment with Angela Kasek - 860-509-7955. Allow one hour for the initial visit. Instruction will be given on the use of the access system.
- Death records have all been microfilmed, proofed and the index is available, which gives the reel and frame number of the document on microfilm.
- Marriage records are currently being microfilmed and proofed as they come in. The marriage index will be available at a future date. For records not in the index, you may request a manual search.

- Birth records have not yet been microfilmed. You may request a manual search until filming is completed.
 - The Dept of Health does not [currently] issue certificates, although they may be available in the future, after all microfilming, proofing and indexing is complete.
 - Once you have located the record in the system, you may make handwritten notes from it and may contact the town of occurrence for a certified copy.
 - Beginning September 15, 1999, everyone is to make an appointment at CT Dept of Health (see above).....
- Land Transaction Fee:** Warren stated that he will be getting together with Kendall Wiggin, CT State Librarian, to draft a letter requesting that Governor Rowland support such a bill.

Membership (Robert Rafford):

Currently 60 members; 58 paid, 2 life. In August, Secretary Dianne Lenti mailed, "Why should I join CPGC," letters, applications and brochures to seventy-three prospective members. As a result, one new membership has been received to date from Neil D. Thompson, PhD, CG, FASG, FSG, Salt Lake City, Utah. We welcome Neil and appreciate his membership. Barbara Mathews suggested that we mail a copy of our bylaws to new members.

Nominating Committee: (Tom Howard, Rob Storm, Donna Siemiatkoski)

Tom reports that nominations are going well and all slots have been spoken for with more names on the ballot than there are slots to fill. A great show of enthusiasm from our members!

OLD BUSINESS:

"Bridge to America" – The executive board voted [August 99] in favor of relinquishing sponsorship of a speaker at the 2000 NGS Conference in Providence RI, due to expenditure. Members present agreed with the decision. Tom Howard mentioned that the program for the 2000 conference is expected to be out in November.

Web Page: Barbara Mathews is expecting to update our website soon. Watch for changes.

Quick Reference Card for town clerks – Following a suggestion from Manchester CT Town Clerk Joseph Camposeo, Fred Hart handed out draft copies of a potential design for such a card. Fred and Barbara Mathews are collaborating on this effort, which will be discussed further at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dianne Lenti suggested changing the current by-laws to include "no meetings in July and August." Members decided against this and wish to have the by-laws remain as they are, with no meeting in January.

Norman Ingham asked if CPGC has guidelines in place for not publishing information on living persons. We do not, but this is a very good point and our group may decide to research it further in the future.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15 p.m. (1) Mike Castroll (2) Penny Hartzell

Dianne B. Lenti, Recording Secretary

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

October 7, 1999 – CPGC Meeting, 10 a.m. "Communicating with Town Clerks" – Manchester, CT Town Hall. (directions on cover). Round table with Joseph Camposeo, Manchester Town Clerk; Joan Gerdsen, Mansfield Town Clerk, Pres. Town Clerks Assn.; Bernadette Dillon, Portland Town Clerk, Legis. Liaison, past Pres. Town Clerks Assn. Topics: Technology, legislation & customer service - open discussion.

November 4, 1999 – CPGC Meeting, 10 a.m. Annual Meeting, Polish National Home, Hartford, CT

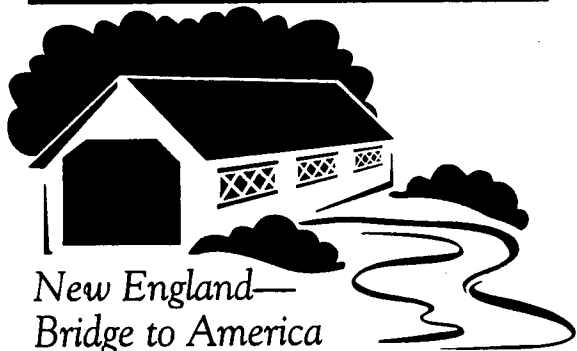
December 2, 1999 – CPGC Meeting, 10 a.m. – Subject and place not confirmed.

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)

National Genealogical Society 2000 Conference in the States

NGS Conference in the States



New England—
Bridge to America

PROVIDENCE • RHODE ISLAND

31 May - 3 June 2000

Local Host

New England Regional
Genealogical Conference

31 May–3 June 2000

Providence, Rhode Island

Join with NGS as the 2000 Conference in the States comes to New England, where from the rocky headlands of Maine to the sandy shores of Rhode Island, nearly four centuries of adventurous immigrants have landed—their Bridge to America.

Find that the New England states offer the most comprehensive and well preserved collections of public records in the nation—the town meeting form of government encouraged record keeping.

Learn that regional and local history record repositories are not only accessible; but that information on immigrant groups—origins, settlement, and migration—abounds.

Expect basic fundamentals, advanced methods, professional topics, genealogical and family history writing, computer-assisted genealogical topics, genetics and family health history.

Relish witchcraft, passenger arrivals, naturalizations, state census records, tax lists, early handwriting, gravestone inscriptions, mill workers, shipping, whaling, as potential subjects.

Enjoy the vast array of genealogical goods and services which will be presented by exhibitors.

Plan to attend the meeting and the many places you have been awaiting the perfect opportunity to visit.

Yes! I want to receive the NGS 2000 Conference Brochure as soon as it is available.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

The NGS 2000 Conference in the States will be on our web site beginning in November 1999. You may register for the conference and join NGS online.

- Nonmember
 I want to become an NGS member

Mail to: NGS 2000 Conference Brochure, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399

Phone: (703) 525-0050 Toll Free: (800) 473-0060 Fax: (703) 525-0052

E-mail: conference@ngsgenealogy.org

Web site: www.ngsgenealogy.org

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL

NOTICE - PLAN TO ATTEND

"COMMUNICATING WITH TOWN CLERKS"

*Joseph Camposeo, Manchester Town Clerk
Joan Gerdson, Mansfield Town Clerk & Pres. Town Clerks Assn
Bernadette Dillon, Portland Town Clerk, Legislative liaison and past
Pres. Town Clerks Assn.*

*A great opportunity to discuss technology, legislation, and
customer service with Town Clerks*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1999 - 10 A.M.

DIRECTIONS

From 84 east - 84 east to 384 east, to Exit 3, turn right off the exit onto Main Street. Follow Main Street through several stoplights to intersection of Main Street & Center Street. Turn left onto Center Street, and right into driveway between Firehouse and Town Hall. (Note: Large white Congregational church is next to town hall.)

From 84 West - Take 84 West to 384 East, to exit 3, and follow directions above

From 91 North/South - Take 91 North or South to 84 east and follow directions above

From eastern and southeastern CT - Routes 6 and 44 both connect into 384 West, proceed to exit 3, take left off exit to stop light (Carter Chevrolet on right) - turn right onto Main Street and proceed to intersection of Main & Center. Turn left onto Center and right into driveway between Firehouse and Town Hall.

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IMPORTANT



10-99

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NEXT MEETING
Thursday - 10:00 A.M.
October 7, 1999
Manchester Town Hall
41 Center Street
Manchester, Connecticut

