

# THE APGAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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THE ELEVEN CHILDREN OF JOHANNES PETER APGARD: THE SECOND GENERATION

*HERBERT - JOHANNES ADAM - CATHERINE EMERY - HEINRICH - JACOB PETER - JOHN  
PETER - WILLIAM - FREDERICK - CONRAD - GEORGE*

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ISSUE 1

Dear Family Members:

In our continual effort to gather and update Apgar genealogy material, we are introducing our first annual newsletter. All Association members are encouraged to contribute genealogy information, biographies, and/or suggestions for this newsletter to be a success. Send your information to George Apgar Jr., current Secretary of the Apgar Association. Thank you.

Richard Apgar, President  
Robert Apgar, Vice President  
George Apgar, Jr., Secretary  
Barbara Apgar, Treasurer  
Helen Apgar, Historian  
Dorothy Apgar, Historian  
Peggy Kinnaird, Research Analyst  
Wayne Apgar, Research Analyst

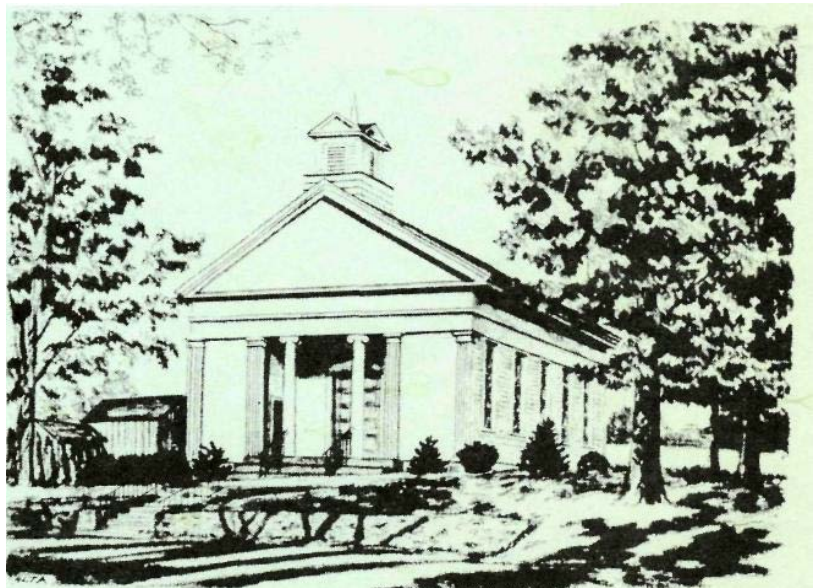
Officers 1980-1981

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Mark this date . . .

1981 Apgar Family Reunion to be held at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey on September 19th. It will be our 7th reunion and more details and invitations will be mailed around July-August of 1981.

Plans currently include a show and tell time and a luncheon. This year reservations are a must. See you there!



*United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey*

The Sixth Annual Apgar Reunion - The Minutes

Saturday, September 20, 1980

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, NJ



11:00 Start of "Show and Tell" time. Tables were set outside of the church and they displayed many memorabilia from the Apgar Families.

1:30 Group photograph of the Apgar Family 1980 was taken after lunch.

2:00 Start of the business meeting. Robert Apgar, Flemington, NJ, introduced himself as President of the Apgar Association. He welcomed everyone and expressed how glad he was to see the great turnout. Robert also thanked the ladies of the Cokesbury United Methodist Church for putting on the lovely lunch meal. No one could possibly be hungry after that lunch. Then Robert publicly thanked all the people who worked on the committee for the tremendous amount of work they did. He thanked Mrs. Raymond Apgar, Califon, NJ, George Apgar Jr., Middlesex, NJ, Wayne Apgar, Somerville, NJ, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ, Peggy Kinnaird, Lebanon, NJ, and Robert's wife, Dorothy.

Robert then asked if everyone would like to see slides of the past reunions. His wife, Dorothy, ran the projector and first narrated the slides. She talked about the reunions of 1976, 1977, and 1978. George took over and talked about the year 1979 reunion and how the marker was placed on Johannes Peter Apgard's Homestead in Cokesbury, New Jersey.

After the slide show, Robert asked for any old business. No treasury or secretary's report was given. George remarked that we need some competition in the election of officers. Wayne spoke of the 1984 planned reunion when it will be 250 years since Johannes Peter came to America and we would like to do something special for that year. We need some help in the planning. Peggy Kinnaird, Lebanon, NJ, talked about the family work sheets we are all currently filling out. If anyone needs a copy of the worksheet they should contact George.

First thing under the new business was Wayne suggesting we hold the reunions the third Saturday in September. Newton Apgar seconded the motion and it was passed by the group.

Richard Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ, conducted the election of officers for 1981. Results can be seen on the first page of this newsletter.

Presentation of gifts was also done by Richard. Oldest male was Leslie Apgar, Bedminster, NJ and the oldest female was Viola Apgar, Plainfield, NJ. Flowers were given to both of them and jewelry, handmade by Robert, was given as gifts. Longest married was Leslie and Mildred Hann of High Bridge, NJ. Helen Apgar, Califon, NJ presented Debbie Apgar, Middlesex, NJ a chocolate candy telephone for her making of the afghan that was used as a prize. Matt Apgar, Somerville, NJ was the youngest in attendance at age 18 months. He is the eighth generation of Conrad Apgar. Longest traveled was Marguerite Bay of Covina, California. Mrs. Beatrice Apgar had the largest family members of an immediate family with twelve members. Beatrice is from Hampton, NJ. The afghan was won by Carole Trautwein, Middlesex, NJ.

George said approximately 75 families and 140 Individuals were represented. And if you have not signed the register, please do so. The hayride started after the meeting and there was room for about 30 people. A hat was passed around to help Perc McCatharn, who drove his tractor, with expenses. Helen mentioned a motorcade would be formed for those who did not want to ride in the wagon. The ride lasted about a half an hour.

Peggy mentioned the newsletter idea to express what is going on. She also mentioned a directory of Apgar businesses so we can patronize each other. The group agreed by applause. Also, addresses need to be kept current and we need your help to make our list grow.

Robert also noted that Mr. and Mrs. Mills were invited to attend but did not come. Mr. Mills owns the land where we placed the marker for Johannes Peter Apgard. Robert made a belt buckle for Mr. Mills and a bracelet for Mrs. Mills. Robert also remarked if you are not going on the hayride, stay around the church to talk some more. Extra money is needed for the work to continue on the reunions and for our proposed book, so a hat was passed around. Contributions were greatly appreciated.

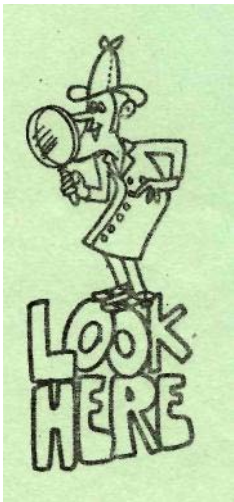
The meeting ended at 3:00 PM. Approximately, 3:15 the hayride started with about 25 people on the wagon. 4:00 the reunion came to an end.

Respectfully submitted,

George Apgar Jr.  
Secretary-The Apgar Association

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Johannes Peter Apgard



During the month of November in 1978, Helen Apgar, Califon, NJ, George Apgar Jr., Middlesex, NJ, Reba Bloom of Clinton, NJ, and myself traveled to Philadelphia, PA to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to look at the records there. We only scratched the surface. We looked at the original ship's log to the Ship Hope. The result was a copy of the exact signature of Johannes Peter Apgard. Daniel Reid was the Master sailing from Rotterdam. There were 49 males above 16, 45 females and 14 boys and 17 girls --- 125 in all. Three different lists were made in Philadelphia. Clerks listed and spelled the names as they read the high German that was on the original ship's list. These lists are copied from the original lists and bound into books as the state of Pennsylvania will no longer let anyone research the original documents. Passenger list A was signed, Joanis Peter Apgard, age 20. List B read Johannes Antger, September 23, 1734. List C

showed Johannes (X) Antger, September 23, 1734 at the court house. If anyone does continue this research in the records at Philadelphia, please let us know of your findings. We should continue our research there for it can be of interest to us all.

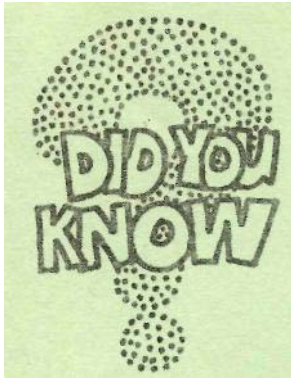
Dorothy Apgar, Flemington, NJ

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1984 Reunion Committee 1734-1984

Remember this date — September 15, 1984, Looking forward to seeing you at this reunion.

Doctor Virginia Apgar 1909--1974



Virginia Apgar, daughter of Charles and Emily Apgar was born in 1909. She is a descendant of Conrad Apgar's lineage, son of Johannes Peter Apgard.

Doctor Apgar grew up in Westfield, New Jersey and attended Westfield Public Schools. Upon completion of the above education, she attended and graduated from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. Doctor Apgar became the first professor of anesthesiology at the school. She also received degrees at Mt. Holyoke College, John

Hopkins University and in 1967, received an honorary Doctor of Science Degree from the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey.

She was co-author of the book, "Is My Baby All Right?" and more than seventy articles, on anesthesiology, resuscitation of newborn and congenital abnormalities. Doctor Apgar was most recognized and widely know for "The Apgar Score", a test that evaluates newborn infants 60 seconds and again at five minutes after birth. By checking on the child's heart rate, respiration, muscle tone and color, this test is now mandatory on all newborn infants and in. most cases the nurse on the hospital floor will gave the test results to an Apgar relative!

A person of many interests, she played the viola with symphony orchestras, and was a member of amateur chamber music groups. She also made her own musical instruments and was a member of the Catgut Accoustical Society. At the time of her death, she was senior Vice President for medical affairs of the National Foundation March of Dimes.

She also enjoyed photography, gardening, and had her own private pilots license. Doctor Apgar never married and died at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York on August 7, 1974.

She will always be remembered and recognized in the medical profession for her many achievements and in our own genealogy for being Doctor Virginia Apgar.

Wayne Apgar, Somerville, NJ

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A message from the treasurer:



We currently have \$284.72 in the treasury. The cost alone of printing, wrapping, and mailing this newsletter cost us approximately \$70.00. This account is funded by donations only. Anyone with any suggestions or ideas on how to increase our treasury would be welcomed. At the September 20, 1980 reunion, \$248.31 was realized by generous donations. If you would like to send any contributions so we have something to work with for this year's reunion plans (planning lunch ideas, printing invitations, mail cost, etc.) make your check out to THE APGAR ASSOCIATION and mail them to me. Thank you,

Barbara Apgar - Treasurer  
Anderson Road P.O. Box 46 Glen  
Gardner, New Jersey 08826





The Apgar Business Directory

In the next issue of the newsletter we would like to include a list of "Apgar" owned businesses. If you are in business and wish to have your product or service printed in our directory, just send the following information to me:

- Your name
- Name of your business
- Business address and telephone
- Product or service offered

Please indicate if any kind of discount would be available to Apgar Association members. This is just a thought, not a requirement or request so feel free to ignore it if you wish.

We hope that when the directory is printed, everyone will keep it handy and see who is in your area that could fill your needs. Be a customer or a client to your "cousins".

Peggy Kinnaird  
95 Brunswick Avenue  
Lebanon, New Jersey 08833

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Assistance Required:

Member of Lebanon Reformed Church, Lebanon, New Jersey needed to assist me in having old cemetery on Cherry Street listed with the State and National Historic Register. Please contact me at:

Wayne Apgar  
102 Eastern States Parkway  
Somerville, New Jersey 08879

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Apgars in Public Service

Although the first Apgar emigrant came to this country speaking a language that the natives did not know, his children and children's children mastered the English language so well that they were given positions of trust and responsibility that reflected well on their abilities and patriotism.

Ellis Ayres Apgar, son of David Apgar and Hannah Whitehead of Peapack, NJ rose to the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of New Jersey. During his lifetime he was influential in persuading the State Legislature to provide free education in the public schools of this state. His folk are of the Hans Peter line.

George Harvey Bloom, Frenchtown, NJ, held the position of County Surrogate for Hunterdon, having been elected to that office in 1909. In 1932 he was elected a Freeholder, later being promoted to the position of Head of Freeholders, which post he held until his death in 1937. Our own Harvey Bloom of Clinton, NJ is a son, and a great credit to his parents. They trace their lineage to Frederick Apgar of Little York, near Mount Pleasant. Frederick was one of the original ten sons of Johannes Peter.

Helen Apgar, Califon, NJ

Genealogy Pointers

When making a sketch of your family on an ancestral chart, record your mother's full maiden name only. Always record the wives under their maiden names, for in the next generation those become the names of the lines you are tracing.



You should always record the sources of your information for each generation you are working on because if you or any of your descendants ever want to join a patriotic society or organization in which one qualification for membership is based on heredity, you will need those references. Get into the habit of noting references!

When one comes across a nickname or "pet" name, place it in a parentheses or square bracket so you can have a record of it.

Tips from Searching For Your Ancestors, by Gilbert Doane and James Bell, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis 1980.

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From the Secretary's Desk

1980 Apgar Reunion Photograph

Let's try it again! 8 by 10 inch color photograph of "137 Apgars" - cost is \$6.00 each. Make your checks payable to THE APGAR ASSOCIATION. The ordering deadline is June 1, 1981. All photos will be mailed by June 27, 1981. Send number of photos desired, checks, and your mailing address to me, George Apgar Jr.



More Invites - If you know of a family member who is not on our regular mailing list, let me know. Remember just because you do not have the last name of Apgar does not mean you are not welcomed to our reunions. Anyone who has a direct line of descent from an Apgar forebear is still an Apgar regardless of one's present surname. Let's make our invitation list go over 200 this year!

Family Questionnaire - The next family questionnaire will be mailed shortly. For those of you who have filled out our first one, this will be your second. It will ask about your brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. Grandparents will also be included. Remember for you to be listed in our upcoming book you have to help do your line!

Apgar Family Association Logo - Do you have an idea for, a logo for our family newsletter? A logo is defined as an identifying statement or motto and we sure can use one on our newsletter. If you have any suggestions bring them to our next reunion or send them to me.

My address is as follows: George Apgar Jr.  
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Jersey 08846

"The family is one of nature's masterpieces."

--George Santayana