

# 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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## President's Message

Dear Family Members:

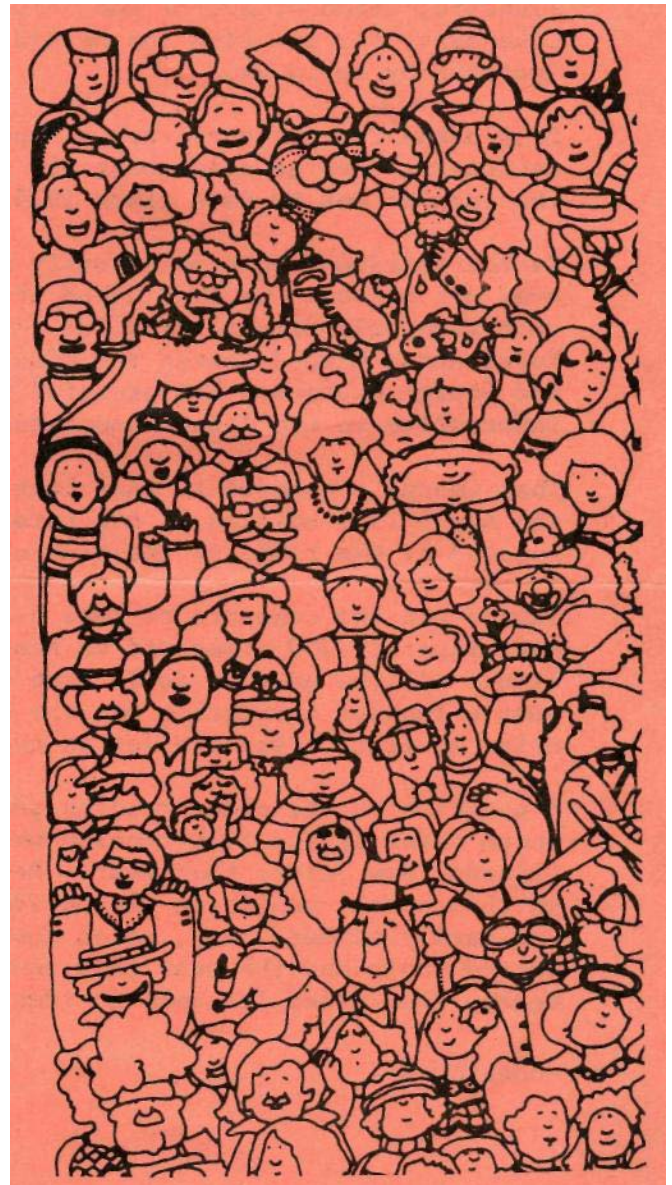
The seventh annual reunion held on September 19, 1981 at the Cokesbury Methodist Church was the largest gathering of Apgars since the Apgar Reunion was revitalized in 1975 after a lapse of many years. There were approximately 260 people in attendance.

The success of this 1981 reunion is yours, and our thanks go out to each and everyone of you who travelled from far and near to attend and participate and especially to the Committee who worked all year to put this memorable day together.

The secret to a good organization is communication and participation, so please contact any member of the Apgar Association Committee with suggestions, genealogy information, newsletter items, etc. We depend on you.

Thank you.

Dick Apgar, President  
Glen Gardner, NJ



The Seventh Annual Apgar Reunion - The Minutes

Saturday, September 19, 1981  
Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, NJ



11:00 Start of "Show and Tell" and "Kin Tracer's Corner". These two events were delayed a little since the skies were cloudy and light rain fell throughout most of the day.

12:30 Group photograph of the Apgar Family 1981 was taken outside the front of the Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

2:00 Start of the business meeting. Dick Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ introduced himself as President of the Apgar Association. He thanked the ladies of the church for providing the good luncheon and expressed his pleasure in the size of the crowd. Dick then thanked the family members who put this reunion together: Helen Apgar, Califon; George Apgar Jr., Middlesex; Mary Apgar, Middlesex; Reba and Harvey Bloom, Clinton; Helen Cramer, High Bridge; Pauline Rabinsky, Pittstown; Katherine Sutton, Flemington, NJ; Dorothy and Robert Apgar, Flemington; Barbara Apgar, Glen Gardner; Wayne Apgar, Somerville; and Peggy Kinnaird, Lebanon, all of New Jersey. He also thanked Bill Everhardt of Cokesbury, for the fine job he did parking the cars. The group showed their approval by applause.

Dick asked for the secretary's report from George Apgar Jr., the current secretary. George said about 260 people were present which made this reunion ± largest one to date since 1975.

George mentioned that many family members have asked him if the Apgar Family ever met before. He than asked if anyone has material from the earlier reunions that were held before World War II and if so please send this material to him. Rufus Apgar handed George the minutes from the 1921 to 1931 reunions over lunch and George expressed how grateful he was to Rufus in providing such valuable information to the Apgar Association.

Then George proceeded to read last year's minutes. If you have not received the April 1981 edition of our first newsletter, you should sign the list located at the table in the back corner by the two doors.

George had two comments to make here. The current mailing list is made up of approximately 300 names and we need everyone's help in keeping this list up to date. All you have to do is drop George a line for any address changes. This year's reunion invitation was the color gold and if you did not receive a gold color invitation you are not on our current mailing list.

A question on the older reunion photographs was then asked. George held up a photo taken at the 1930 reunion which was held at the Community Center in Clinton, New Jersey that year. He asked if anyone knows the family members in this photo, would you please identify them on the list next to the photo. One family member, Mary, asked about the other print. Minnie Apgar owns the second photo and the year this reunion photo was taken was in doubt. 1931? George also asked for help in identifying the 1979 and 1980 reunion photographs.

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Dick then asked for the treasurer's report from Barbara Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ. Barbara said the balance in the savings account was \$384 after the 1980 reunion. Donations and interest totaled \$485.52 including a \$100.00 memorial donation in memory of a departed Apgar being added to this figure. Expenses totaled \$766.75 and the largest expense was the postage for bulk mailings of the newsletter, reunion invitations and the family questionnaires which came to over \$300.00. Printing costs were the second largest expense. \$103.49 is left in the treasury at the present time.

Old business was discussed next with Helen Apgar, Califon, NJ, historian speaking. Helen said we are hoping to have our book printed by 1984, but added we are not sure that deadline is going to be met. Over 1,000 family questionnaires were sent out and only a few came back. Helen stressed the need to have complete addresses for mailing, especially on the rural ones. She commented on all of the marvelous items family members bought with themselves today and that these historic gems are needed to make the book sell. Please keep the information coming and Helen concluded by saying that we hope to have us move forward on this project as one grand united family.

George talked about the large book he started as a rough sketch of our future book. He described the chart on display which showed Johannes Peter Apgard, his eleven children, and Johannes' grandchildren. Johannes' children are as follows: Herbert, Johannes Adam, Catherine Emery, Heinrich, Jacob, Peter, John Peter, William, Frederick, Conrad, and George. This chart showed the first three generations of Apgars in America. Almost 114 grandchildren of Johannes are listed on the chart.

For our book we need a numbering system. Johannes, the patriarch, is the father of our family. His wife's name is unknown at present. Johannes would be assigned number 1, this number 1 will be common to all family members. The next number will reflect what child, 1 to 11 you would be related to. At present, the book has 11 chapters, one for each child. Currently we have nine lines being traced. Then George proceeded to introduce each family member who is working on each of the nine lines.

New Business. Mahlon Apgar presented a book to be added to a collection of books written by Apgar Family members. To start this collection, Mahlon donated to the association his book, "New Perspectives on Community Development". This book compares land policies of the United States, Britain, and France. His inscription reads, "For The Apgar Association with pleasure that the families long history of contribution and useful support is being continued and strengthened today". Signed Mahlon Apgar, IV, Washington, DC September 19, 1981. Mahlon suggested that we place this book in the Hunterdon County Historical Society which already has a collection of Apgar papers.

Mahlon continued with another new item of business, on the Frederick line. The Frederick line of descent is now registered in London because Mahlon was granted the coat of arms by Queen Elizabeth for his service done in the Middle East. This search was done on the Apgar genealogy from the inception as British subjects before our War of Independence. This line was documented with the assistance of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. As a result of this,

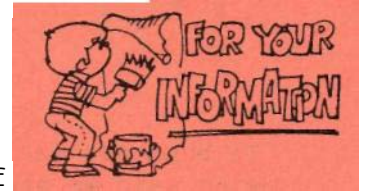
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there is an Apgar coat of arms on registration from the Frederick line. Mahlon added he would be happy to make this information available to anyone who desires it.

Nominating Committee. The committee was headed by Harvey Bloom of Clinton, NJ. Harvey said the nominating committee wished to place in nomination these officers of the Apgar Association as follows:

Richard Apgar	-	President
Robert Apgar	-	Vice President
George Apgar, Jr.	-	Secretary
Barbara Apgar	-	Treasurer



Harvey said the nominating committee suggested the election of the present officers. The crowd today reflects the kind of job they are doing. The suggestion was also for these four people to be elected for a period of two years. A successful family association elects their officers for three years and we think this is a good idea, Harvey continued saying. And at such a critical time in the revitalization of the family association, the committee thinks it is important that they continue in office. This would then make a period of a total of three years as a term in office. The group agreed by applause.

Dick said he would appreciate nominations from the floor. Dick thanked the group for their confidence.

Awards. The youngest child present was Daniel Van Kirk of Budd Lake, NJ. Daniel is the son of Clifford and Nancy Van Kirk and was one year eleven months old. He received a stuffed toy. The oldest male, age 88, was Albert Gladfelter from Orrtanna, PA. Ruth Apgar, of Frenchtown, NJ, was the oldest female in attendance with a 90th birthday come this December 1981. Longest married couple was Mildred and Leslie Hann of High Bridge, NJ. On September 8th, they were married 63 years. Elizabeth Pensa, of Columbia, South Carolina, travelled the farthest. Other family members came from Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The largest immediate family present was Beatrice Apgar of Hampton, NJ with eleven members in attendance. Beatrice received a box of candy. Other than the stuffed toy and box of candy, all of the gifts presented were handcrafted by Robert Apgar of Flemington, NJ.

Dick then announced tours of the three Cokesbury cemeteries after the business meeting starting with the cemetery next to the church. The other two must be visited by car and Dick asked the family members to car pool to avoid traffic jams at the cemeteries.

Harvey Bloom then spoke about some material he found that morning while he gathered up the family albums. One item was a copy of the 1932 Apgar Family Reunion Program. Harvey then read the agenda as follows:

1932 Apgar Family Reunion Program

10:00 - 12:00 = Sports in charge of the Amusement Committee.

12:00 - 1:00 = Social Hour and Basket Lunch.

1:00 - 1:30 = Sports in charge of the Amusement Committee "in order to settle our dinners".

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1932 Apgar Family Reunion Program - Continued.

1:30 - 2:00 = Business Session, Memorial Services, Singing of "America" and "Bless Be The Tie That Binds"

So far this group had 2½ hours for sports and ½ hour for business, memorial services, and the singing of two hymns. Sports is way ahead in this agenda, Harvey commented.

2:00 - 2:30 = Vocal and Instrumental Selection in charge of the Music Committee.

2:30 - 3:00 = Talks on the Apgar Family.

3:00 - 5:00 = Social Time and Sports in charge of the Amusement Committee, with ALL TAKING PART.

Conclusion is this: 4½ hours of sports, ½ hour of business.

The group applauded this agenda!

New Business. J. William Apgar, Havre de Grace, Maryland, had a suggestion. He started by saying his father was treasurer at one time of the association. From the old genealogies he had collected information pointed to Lombardy, Italy. William said he has a daughter, Reta, who lives in Italy and if the association would like her to do some research in this area, she would be available.

An afghan made by Debbie Apgar of Middlesex, NJ was won by Hazel Apgar, of Green Village, NJ. Brenda Apgar of Stewardsville, NJ; Virginia Apgar of Camp Hill, PA; and Mahlon Apgar IV of Washington, DC each won a painted capital letter "A" made of ceramics, also made by Debbie. Elizabeth Pensa, who travelled the farthest, helped award the winners their prizes.

Dick then mentioned orders for the 1981 reunion photograph will be taken at the back of the church after the meeting by Carole Trautwein. The cost is \$12.00 per photograph.

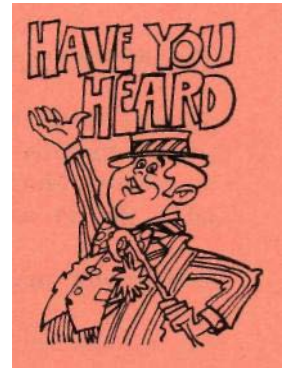
Extra money was needed for our work to continue so a hat was passed around for donations. Contributions were greatly appreciated.

Dick ended the meeting at approximately 3:15.

The Slide Show. Dorothy Apgar, Flemington, NJ narrated the slide show of pictures taken at the 1980 reunion. Before Dorothy started the show, she mentioned Evelyn Miller brought some old photographs with her and would like to share them with the rest of the family members present. The group agreed by applause. Dorothy said if anyone desired any copies of the slides shown she would be happy to send them copies. Slides shown were of the day's events from the sixth Apgar Reunion held September 20, 1980. George then presented his slides after Dorothy. Wayne Apgar, Somerville, NJ, then showed slides taken of Conrad Apgar's new gravestone marker.

Wayne then talked about Veterans gravestone markers like Conrad's. He said these stones are free to anyone who has had an ancestor fight for our country in any past war. If no one in your family has applied for such a marker from the Director of Veteran's Interment in Washington, DC, then you could get such a marker. Conrad

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Apgar, 10th son of Johannes, now has such a stone on his grave. To deter theft, plain marble markers are the best to order. Wayne said anyone who would like to visit Conrad's grave after the business meeting would be welcomed to do so with Wayne showing the way.

The group applauded the slide show.

At approximately 4:00, the reunion came to an end.

Respectfully submitted,

George Apgar Jr. - Secretary  
Middlesex, NJ

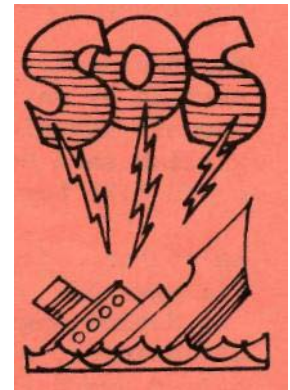
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Treasurer's Message

A message from the Treasurer - HELP! As reported at the reunion meeting, our treasury had a balance of \$103.49. Our largest expenses were for postage for bulk mailings of the newsletter, reunion notices and questionnaires. Once again postage has increased. Printing was the second biggest expense. At the September 19, 1981 reunion \$258.13 was realized by generous donations and \$94.10 was received from chances sold on a beautiful afghan made by Debbie Apgar of Middlesex, NJ. Thanks to Debbie! This account is funded by donations only and any contributions will be appreciated. Your check may be made to THE APGAR ASSOCIATION.

Thank you.

Barbara M. Apgar - Treasurer  
P.O. Box 46  
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826



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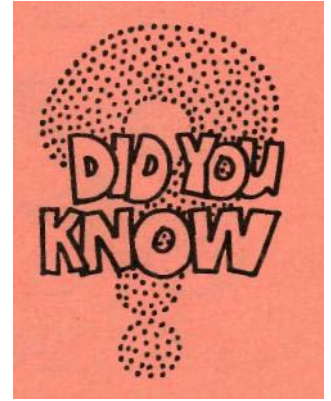
Our Quartimillennial Anniversary is coming in September of 1984!

Otherwise known as 250th, the 1984 Reunion Committee is in desperate need of help and ideas. Formed at the 1979 Apgar Reunion, the committee presently consists of Barbara Apgar, Glen Gardner; Wayne Apgar, Somerville; and myself. We all would like something special done for the 1984 reunion since that September it will be 250 years since Johannes Peter landed as an immigrant in Philadelphia, PA. But all three of us have been busy organizing our lines (Johannes Adam, Conrad, and Jacob) for the upcoming book and have not done much in the way of planning for 84. We welcome any ideas and would like to ask for volunteers to work on the 1984 Apgar Family Reunion Committee. We are striving to make this reunion a very special occasion. Many helping hands are needed to plan this gala affair. Only qualification is the desire to have a good time planning a reunion we all can enjoy.

George Apgar Jr.  
Middlesex, NJ

Apgar Mountain, Montana

Apgar Mountain is in Glacier National Park at the lower end of Lake McDonald and two miles from the West Glacier entrance. It was named for the first Postmaster, Jesse Apgar, who maintained an office from 1913 to 1931. Now it is a town of tourist camps and stores, but the settlement dates back to 1895 when Dimon Apgar and others cut a road from Belton through heavy forests to Lake McDonald and then took up homesteads around the lake. The town of Apgar, Montana was named for H. D. Apgar, who homesteaded in that section in the early days.



All of the above information is from the Montana National Historical Society particularly from the book entitled "Names On The Face of Montana".

Mary Eyles  
Phoenix, Arizona

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Current Apgar Association Committee Members

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- George Apgar Jr.  
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- Helen Apgar  
P. O. Box 336, Califon, New Jersey 07830
- Wayne Apgar  
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- Reba and Harvey Bloom  
68 North Slope, Clinton, New Jersey 08809
- Helen Cramer  
167 Fairview Avenue, High Bridge, New Jersey 08829
- Peggy Kinnaird  
95 Brunswick Avenue, Lebanon, New Jersey 08833
- Pauline Rabinsky  
83 Sidney Road RD, Pittstown, New Jersey 08867
- Katherine Sutton  
RD#4, Dayton Village, Flemington, New Jersey 08822

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Mark Your 1982 Calendar Now!

1982 Apgar Family Reunion to be held on September 18, 1982. This will be our 8th reunion. More details and our invitations will be mailed around July-August of 1982.

As with last year, reservations will be a must! Plans currently include a show and tell time and a second year of our "Kin Tracer's Korner". See you there!



More About The Cokesbury United Methodist Church



Johannes Peter Apgard, our patriarch, was born in 1714 in the Palatinate Region of Germany. He came to the city of Philadelphia on September 23, 1734 on the Ship Hope. Johannes travelled up the Delaware into what is now Hunterdon County and settled in Cokesbury. In September of 1979 some members of the present Apgar Association placed a marker on the family farm, one mile from the Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

Johannes Peter married and had eleven children. They played a big part in settling this countryside and building and maintaining the church. When the circuit riders came to preach at the church, they stayed at the homes of Conrad Apgar, Mindurt Farley, and others. Through the generations, the Apgar Family has contributed and still does share in responsibilities to the community. Long may the Apgars and Cokesbury thrive.

Carrie Hoffman  
Pottersville, NJ

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Apgars in Public Service



Henry Apgar, of South Plainfield, New Jersey, was the "Voice of Hadley Airport" for seventeen years beginning in 1935. He served as borough councilman from 1946-1952 and then served as mayor of South Plainfield from 1952 to 1956. During his time as mayor, Henry was instrumental in establishing the Youth Guidance Council and the Industrial Commission. Henry is a descendant of Conrad's lineage.

Wayne Apgar  
Somerville, NJ

Austin Craig Apgar, brother of Ellis Ayres Apgar, held the position of Superintendent of Trenton State Normal School during the years 1866 to 1881.

Irving W. Apgar, son of Wesley Apgar and Delilah Starker, was at one time Mayor of the Boro of High Bridge, New Jersey. His niece, Viola Apgar of Plainfield, NJ, received the corsage for being the eldest lady in attendance at the 1980 Apgar Family Reunion. These folks are of the Herbert Apgar line.

Wilbur E. Apgar is the son of Ogden Knox Apgar and Mary E. Blazure of the Herbert branch of the family. Wilbur co-authored the publication, "New Jersey, Past and Present", which was put in circulation during the New Jersey Tercentenary in 1964. At the present time, Wilbur is Professor Emeritus of the Jersey City State College, and enjoying his retirement in sunny Florida. Our own Jean Koenig is his admiring daughter. Jean lives with her family in Piscatway, NJ and faithfully attends our reunions. Congratulations, Jean. You have a famous father!

Helen Apgar  
Califon, NJ



Reflections On The 1981 Reunion

With mixed emotions of gratitude and regret, I wish to, first of all, thank all those brave souls who came in spite of cold and rainy weather; secondly, to apologize to all those who stood in line so long just to be signed in and get their luncheon tickets. We of the Group of Ten tried to be all things to all people and we did not succeed.



Next year we promise to eliminate the need to wait in line no matter what else transpires. A more successfully conducted "Kin Tracer's Korner" is our second aim. Please have patience. . . . we are still learning. To those of you who brought such a rich treasure store of family records and mementoes and never had a chance to show them, we bow our heads in shame, and beg your forgiveness.

Helen Apgar  
Califon, New Jersey

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Up To Date Report On The "Book To Be"

The Group of Ten have sent one thousand letters to Apgars across the States during these past eight months. We have gained a wondrous host of correspondents all bonded together by relationship to the German immigrant, Johannes Peter Apgard. Such an enthusiastic, loyal, cooperative, and friendly group you have proven yourselves to be! Our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every one of you. Please keep up the good work in the coming months as we move ever nearer to our goal of publication by 1984.



We do appreciate your generous donations, without which we could never combat the rising cost of the postal service. To avoid further postal expenses, please give complete mailing addresses. Either a house number and street designation, or a box number is a necessity. Without this, we are subjected to a twenty-five cent charge per letter, and non-delivery of same, unless we use a fresh envelope and pay twenty cents more.

Helen Apgar  
Califon, New Jersey

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"A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, woman, an occasional animal, and the common cold."

Ogden Nash

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"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors."

Plutarch

Apgar Family Line Contact Addresses As Of November 1981

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Conrad's Line: Wayne Apgar  
102 Eastern States Parkway  
Somerville, New Jersey 08876

George's Line: WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON THIS LINE.

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From The Secretary's Desk

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 400 this year!

Apgar Family Association Logo - Do you have any ideas 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, drop me a line.

Genealogical - The Apgar Family - The dictionary defines genealogy as "the study or investigation of ancestry and family histories". If family members think there is a need for it, I would like to start a "Genealogical - The Apgar Family" section in the next newsletter.

In this section would be queries from family members looking for other family members who might be able to locate information needed in writing their family genealogy. Be sure to list all queries with as much information known and if handwritten, please print. And please leave a contact mailing address where you might be reached. All queries should be sent to me.

The Apgar Family Reunions 1921 - 1939(?) - As most family members know, our family has had reunions before in Hunterdon County. And for some unknown reason, these first reunions came to an end around 1939.

A special thanks goes to Rufus Apgar of Lebanon, New Jersey here. He presented me with the 1921 to 1931 Apgar Association minutes from those reunions at our September 19th reunion this year. In some future editions of the newsletter, I hope to share with you some of the information found on those pages. They are priceless and our family is indeed thankful for Rufus' thoughtfulness in giving us this material.

If anyone else knows why the early reunions came to a sudden end and/or have any written minutes from the 1932 to 1939(?) reunions, please drop me a line. We would indeed like to have this material so we can continue our work on our family history.

**APGAR FAMILY REUNION**

The fifteenth annual Apgar Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 21, 1935, at the Cokesbury M. E. Church Park, convening at 10 o'clock a.m. sharp, rain or shine. A table will be prepared to display relics of the Apgar Family. A prize will be given for the oldest relic. A basket picnic lunch from 12 m. to 1 p.m. The ladies of the church will have for sale, lunch and refreshments.

Various games and contests have been arranged by the amusement committee and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Come and meet your relatives and friends and please invite any one you know who is related to the Apgar family.

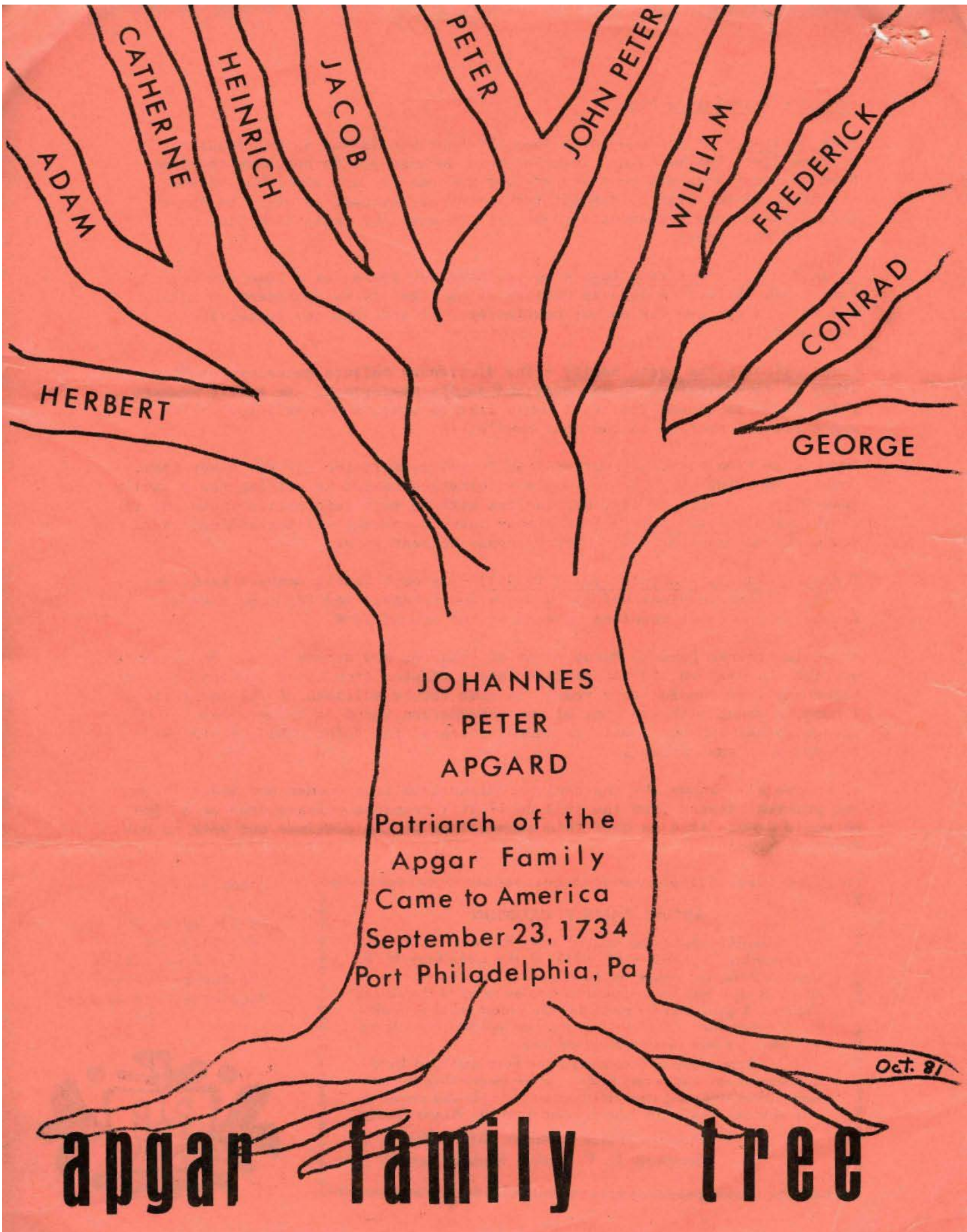
President, Frank E. Apgar, High Bridge, N. J.

Secretary, D. C. Farley, High Bridge, N. J.

Thank you.

George Apgar Jr.  
Secretary-The Apgar Association  
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JOHANNES  
PETER  
APGARD

Patriarch of the  
Apgar Family  
Came to America  
September 23, 1734  
Port Philadelphia, Pa

Oct. 81

# apgar family tree