

THE APGAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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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EIGHTH ANNUAL APGAR REUNION

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
Cokesbury, New Jersey

Saturday, September 18, 19 82
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Rain or Shine
Cafeteria Lunch starts at 11:00

Directions: Route 22 - Turn
onto Cokesbury Road at Lebanon
and go up about four miles; the
church is on the right.

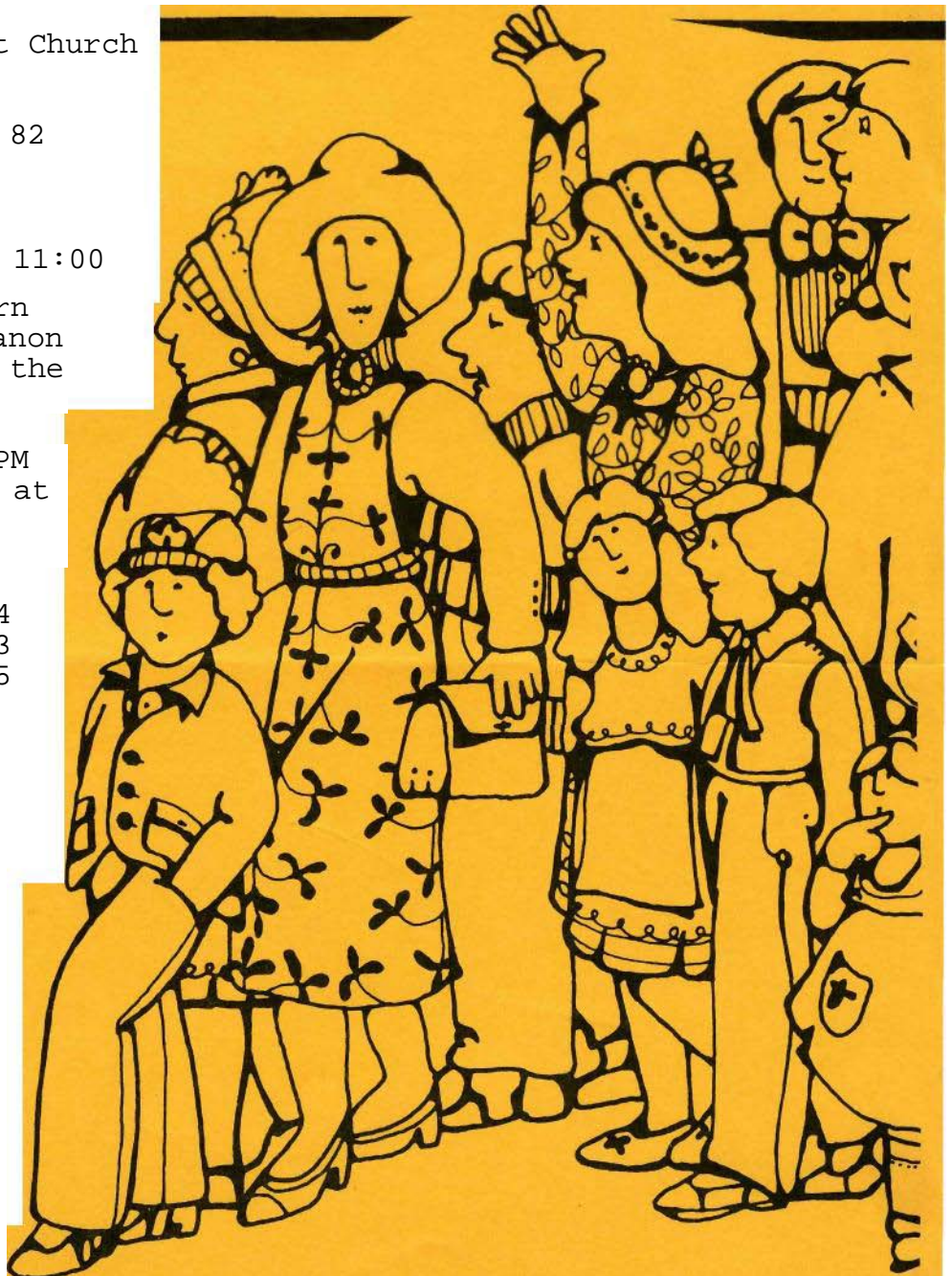
Group Photograph at 1:00 PM
8x10 Color Photo for sale at
\$10.00 each at reunion.

Questions:

Dick Apgar 201-638-6884
Robert Apgar 201-782-3643
George Apgar 201-968-3065

If you have any Apgar
memorabilia for our "Show
and Tell Time", please
bring these items with you.

And to help us plan our
reunion better, please
return our last page
questionnaire as soon as
possible. Thank you.





Plans are being made now for the largest Apgar Family Reunion to date to be held this coming September 18, 1982.

Included with the invitation to the reunion this year is a newsletter we hope you will enjoy and find informative. We have combined these two mainly for economic reasons since we have over 400 mailings and the postage is our largest expense.

We sincerely urge all of you who received this newsletter and invitation to return the questionnaire on the last page. It would help us to keep our mailing lists up to date and help us plan a better reunion, eliminate waiting lines, and let us know how many people are planning to attend since the lunch this year will be cafeteria style. See you at the reunion.

Dick Apgar, President
Glen Gardner, NJ

The Treasurer's Message - The treasurer's report may be a bit gloomy but a sincere "Thank You" for contributions received from all Apgar Families. After the reunion in 1981, we received to date \$163.00 which helped immensely to defray mailing and printing costs of our November 1981 newsletter and our March 1982 family questionnaire.

We now have \$144.00 in the Apgar Association account and this amount will be used to print and mail the invitations and newsletter you are now reading so therefore our account will then be depleted.

Suggestions on how to keep our treasury solvent so that we may continue to keep everyone informed of the activities would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Barbara M. Apgar - Treasurer
P.O. Box 46 Glen Gardner, NJ
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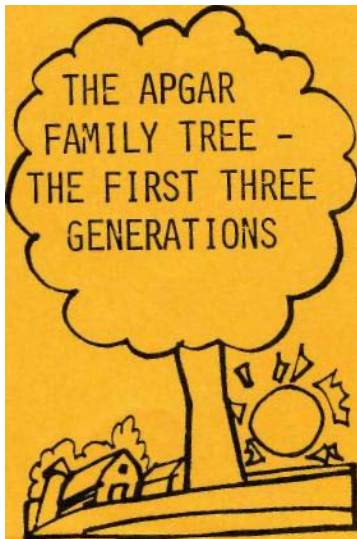
A Model Home - Henry Apgar, a former mayor of South Plainfield, NJ and long active in borough affairs, is building an exact replica of his boyhood home. Reconstructed largely from memory, the model will contain all of the elements of the home Henry knew and loved as he grew up in the community many years ago.



The labor of love for the former mayor illustrates his still keen interest in local history and more than 50 years of participation in civic affairs.

Henry's most enduring memories are the times he handled the public address system for some of the air shows at the old Hadley Field in South Plainfield, New Jersey.

The Courier News, May 4, 1981
Bridgewater, New Jersey



This is our first attempt at printing an Apgar Family Tree. On this 11 inch by 17 inch print are the names only of our patriarch, Johannes Peter Apgard, his eleven children, and Johannes' one hundred and ten grandchildren!

To date, this is the most accurate list we have. Since it is the first attempt that we know of in getting the first three generations of Apgars in print, there might be errors in the number and order of the children listed.

This print is printed on tan certificate rag paper with brown ink and originally done by an artist in the shape of an actual tree. The cost per print is \$6.00 each.

This is also our first attempt at a fund raising project for our upcoming book. All monies collected from this sale will be set aside from our treasury to be eventually used as a deposit for the printing of our family history.

I am only printing 100 copies for sale at this time. If you wish to receive a copy of this print, please indicate on the last page of this newsletter on the bottom of our Apgar Association Mailing Questionnaire.

The cost is again \$6.00 per print and your checks should be made to THE APGAR ASSOCIATION.

We all would appreciate your support in our first attempt in raising money for our proposed family book.

Thank you.

George Apgar Jr.
Book Committee Member

REPORT ON THE APGAR "BOOK-TO-BE" Your 'Group of Ten' met recently with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Jones at the home of Dick and Barbara Apgar. Wilson is a Conrad Apgar descendant. Through his expertise as a former librarian, Wilson gave us valuable information on how to prepare and publish a book on genealogy.

Wayne Apgar, also of the Conrad Apgar line, arrived at the meeting with almost enough material to publish a book on his own Conrad branch. Then the Group decided we would have to publish two volumes. There will be the first five generations in Volume I, and the last five or more generations in Volume II. The dividing line in time would approximate the 1860's. No generation will be split, each complete in its own volume.

If you know of anyone who has not as yet contacted us, please urge that person to send us information needed for inclusion in the book. We suspect that many of our letters to you were never delivered, because less than ten per cent were answered. Time is growing short. Please write to us. Thank you.

Helen Apgar
P.O. Box 336
Califon, NJ 07830



Fanny Besson Hunt Gunderson - Genealogy of Fanny Besson Hunt; Mrs. G. Charles Gunderson. Born at Riegelsville, New Jersey on November 1, 18 84, her parents were John Stanford Hunt and Elizabeth Metier Apgar. Fanny graduated from Riegelsville Academy in 19 02 and from Stroudsburg Teacher College in 19 04. She was a teacher in her home town for a year, then accepted a position in Perth Amboy, NJ where she remained until her marriage in 1912.

Fanny was a member of the Woman's Club of Perth Amboy and also of the Ompogia Chapter of the DAR in that city. She was very much interested in genealogy coming from several families that settled in this country in the early days of its existence. Her mother's family, the Apgars, seemed to be her favorite, no doubt because she was able to obtain more information on that family from the present source of supply. Fanny obtained enough information on that family to publish a book which is at present located in the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Many other records of her research of the families in and around Perth Amboy are in the DAR of which she was a state historian.

Fanny was the mother of two boys, Edward Hunt Gunderson and Charles Francis Gunderson, both living in this vicinity. The family moved from Perth Amboy to Atlantic Highlands in 19 4 7 and Fanny resided there until her death on January 2, 1968. She was then 83 years old and was also a member of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America and the New Jersey Genealogy Society. Fanny is buried in Bayview Cemetery, Leonardo.

G. Charles Gunderson
Spring Lake Heights, NJ

Newspaper Coverage On The 1981 Apgar Family Reunion

The following article appeared in The Star-Ledger, Newark, NJ on Friday, September 25, 1981, page 42.

Big reunion is in the making

Descendants of Johannes Peter Apgar, 260 of whom attended the seventh annual family reunion earlier this month, already are planning for a larger gathering in 1982.

George Apgar Jr. of Middlesex, secretary of the Apgar Association, said he was digging deeper into the roots of the family tree to find branches that might not even know they are Apgars.

The gathering Sept. 19 at Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Cokesbury drew family members from nine state's and the District of Columbia. Their ages ranged from Daniel VanKirk of Budd Lake, who will be two in October, to

several in the 80s and Ruth Apgar of Frenchtown, who won a prize as the oldest but kept her age a secret.

Mildred and Leslie Hann of High Bridge were presented with pins in honor of their 63d wedding anniversary, while Beatrice Apgar of Hampton was cited for bringing 11 members of her family.

Richard Apgar of Glen Gardner was elected president for the 1981-82 term and Robert Apgar of Flemington vice president. While most of Johannes' descendants are believed to live in New-Jersey, they also came to the reunion from Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina.

Apgars who have served as Postmasters:

Hunterdon County Postmasters:

Anthony Apgar - May 26, 1903 to January 14, 1906 in Anthony
Amos A. Apgar - August 15, 1861 to November 14, 1864 in Cokesbury
Stephen Apgar - March 14, 1884 to November 23, 1907 in Cokesbury
Mary J. Apgar - November 23, 1907 to February 16, 1911 in Cokesbury
John E. Apgar - July 27, 1893 to October 2, 1895 in New Hampton
Benjamin F. Apgar - July 12, 1893 to June 21, 1897 in High Bridge
Jacob Apgar - August 2, 1845 to January 21, 1849 in New Germantown
George C. Apgar - December 16, 1878 to May 17, 1883 in New Hampton
Cornelius S. Apgar - May 20, 1851 to July 16, 1853 in White Hall
Peter C. Apgar - October 20, 1854 to January 17, 1865 in White Hall
George C. Apgar - June 11, 1889 to July 13, 1893 in Woodglen
George C. Apgar - March 31, 1898 to January 31, 1907 in Woodglen

First Postmaster's in the New Jersey Postal History:

David L. Everett - February 19, 1855 to December 1, 1895 in High Bridge
Benjamin F. Apgar - December 1, 1895 to December 1, 1905 in High Bridge
Abraham Amerman - February 16, 18 52 to March 26, 18 55 in South Branch
James Bowman - February 11, 1861 to December 1, 1895 in South Branch
George V. Apgar - December 1, 189 5 to December 1, 190 5 in South Branch
DeWitt Bowman - December 1, 190 5 to June 8, 19 76 in South Branch
Henry P. Apgar - March 8, 1872 to June 15, 1903 in Plainville
G. N. Williamson - December 22, 1823 to January 21, 1878 in Flaggtown
Ezekiel B. Allen - January 21, 1878 to June 29, 1907 in Frankfort
Robert L. Apgar - June 29, 1907 to May 12, 1911 in Flagtown

William C. Apgar
Lebanon, New Jersey

Genealogical - The Apgar Family

NEIGHBOUR - I am working on a project to update the book Descendants of Leonard Neighbour written by L. B. Neighbour and published in 1906. I wish to correspond with any descendant of Leonard Neighbour. The following is a list of Apgar-Neighbour marriages. There may well be others of which I am unaware.

1. William E. Apgar (1850-1914) m. Cora V. Neighbour (1858-1937).
2. Casper E. Apgar (1850-1893) m. 1873 Mary Elizabeth Neighbour (1850-1927). Their son Edson b. 1873.
3. George Apgar (1846-1901) m. 2nd Emma F. Neighbour (1852-1946). Their daughter Madeline S. (1884-1973).
4. Catherine Apgar (1808-1890) m. Leonard N. Flumervelt (1807-1848). Leonard was son of Zacharias Flumervelt and Catherine Neighbour.
5. Nathan T. Apgar (1818- ?) m. 2nd Elizabeth Flomerfelt. Elizabeth was dau. of Catherine and Leonard Flumervelt of #4.
6. Willard Apgar (1855-1929) m. Mary L. Cole (1853-1878). Mary was dau. of Benjamin Cole and Sophia Neighbour.
7. Ira Ralph Apgar (1891-1938) m. Emma Neighbour (1888 - ?).

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