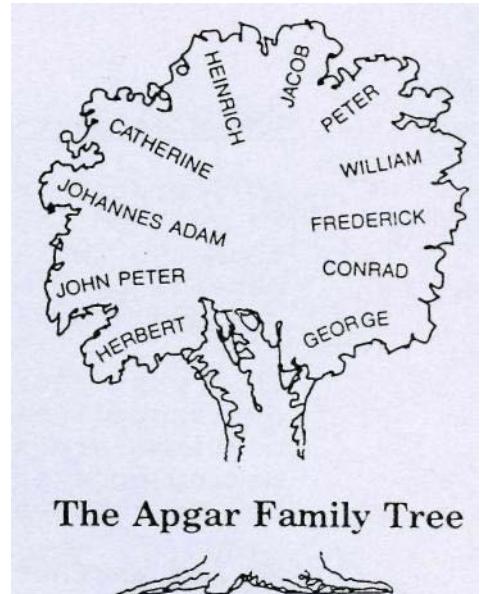


THE APGAR ASSOCIATION

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1987 REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shown here are some of our family members who helped to organize our family reunion this past September 19, 1987. This photograph was taken at Barbara and Dick's home in Glen Gardner, NJ.

Pictured left to right are Ruth Apgar, Dick Apgar, Harold 'Spike' Apgar, Barbara Apgar, Henry Apgar, Malvena Apgar, Mary Apgar, Debbie Apgar, and George Apgar Jr.

Not present at the time this photograph was taken on July 19, 1987, are Imelda Mercier, Fred Mercier, George M. Apgar, Jr., Al Tiger, Fran Tiger, Robert Apgar, Dorothy Apgar, Rob Apgar, and Reba Bloom.

SUPPORT OUR FAMILY ORGANIZATION - SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES TODAY!

The President's Message:

As I prepare my second annual message as your President, winter is well on its way here on the East Coast. And since it is less than two weeks from our Christmas Holiday, I want to begin my message by wishing each and everyone of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year 1988.

This past year your trustees met seven times to discuss and plan our annual family reunion. Even though a large portion of our meetings are still bogged down with discussing finances, we are making good progress in shifting emphasis back on the subject of how to improve our September reunions.

We had another successful family reunion this past September 19th even though the weather once again did not cooperate. With cool temperatures, cloudy skies, and drizzle that later turned into showers, 174 family members did attend from the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, California, and Washington. We are pleased to have photographs of the days reunion included throughout this news-letter.

As we end 1987 we are currently looking for some volunteers to make our organization stronger. If you have any talents in the following areas, we would be glad to hear from you:

- * family accountant
- * someone to organize a children's program for day of the reunion
- * carpenter to construct portable corkboards to be used day of reunion to post newspaper clippings
- * family photographer to take photos day of reunion

In closing, we are a family blessed full of interest and support to keep our organization continuing. Again, if you are willing to help us, we encourage you to contact anyone of the trustees listed in this newsletter.

See you all at our 14th annual reunion on September 17, 1988. Let's make 1988 our most successful and exciting year yet!

In Family Unity,

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President
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The Thirteenth Annual Apgar Family Reunion - The Minutes:

Saturday, September 19, 1987, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey

In spite of it being a cold and dreary day, nothing could dampen the spirits of the more than 174 Apgars and descendants who gathered at the Cokesbury Methodist Church for the 13th annual Apgar Reunion. President George N. Apgar, Jr. opened the business meeting at 1:45 PM and welcomed all those in attendance. He noted that this was the 8th year the reunion was being held in the Cokesbury Methodist Church. He extended a special thanks to Malvena Apgar for the preparation and serving of the luncheon and presented her with a gift of appreciation. He thanked Bill Everhardt for his efficient handling of traffic and announced a donation was being made to the Church in his name.

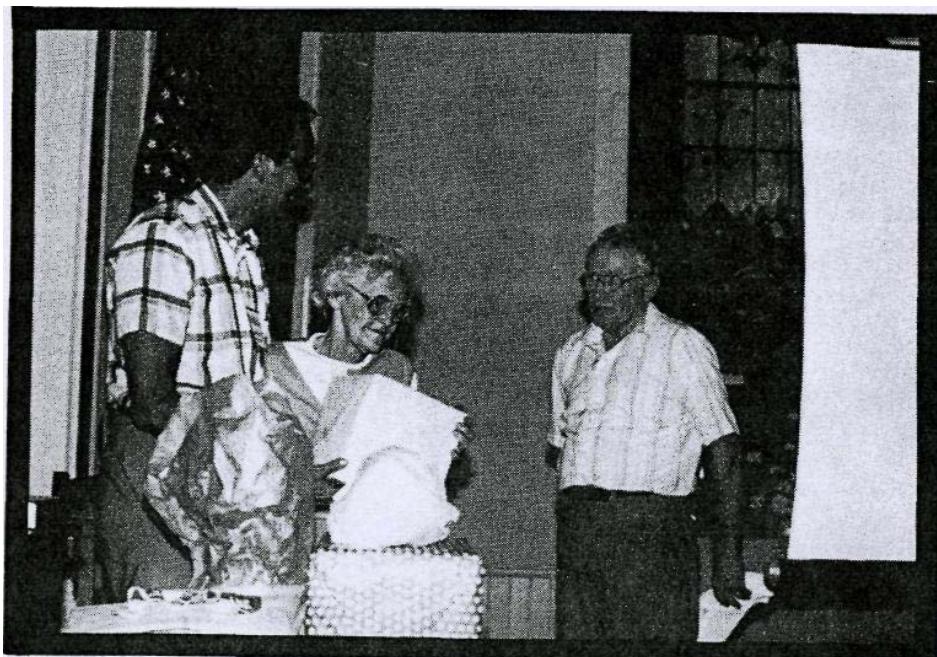
George said the theme for this years reunion was in honor of Catherine Apgar Emery of Franklin Township. The President then asked for reports from the Officers.

First Vice-President Henry Apgar began by saying "How bright you make the day". He commented on a good year and the fact that there were good officers serving the membership.

George M. Apgar, Jr., Treasurer, reported there was a balance of \$1,530.20 in the General Fund and \$939.77 in the Book Account.

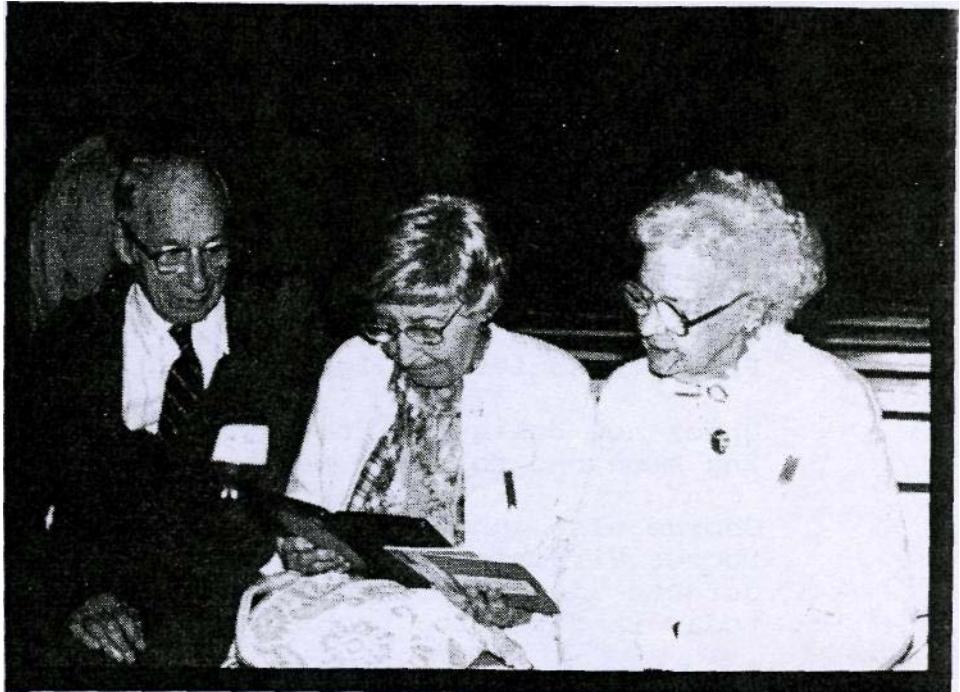
Al Tiger, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of last years Annual Reunion as recorded by Reba Bloom, past Recording Secretary.

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President George N. Apgar, Jr., presents Malvena Apgar a gift of appreciation for her work with our reunion lunches while Malvena's husband, Harold 'Spikel' Apgar looks on. We all appreciate the fine food that help make our reunion a great success. Thanks again Malvena!

Talking over old times before the start of our business meeting are John Apgar, Nina Phillips, and Dorothy Apgar. Nina is from the Jacob line and visited from Hialeah, Fl, her first visit back home in over twenty-five years. Coming from the Peter line, John and Dorothy traveled from Milburn, NJ and are yearly attendees.



The Minutes - Continued:

Robert O. Apgar, Corresponding Secretary reported 425 invitations were sent out and 174 returns were received. In spite of the weather, 174 came to the reunion and 73 people took the bus trip that stopped at various places of Apgar interest, including the Apgar homestead.

President Apgar then asked for reports from the Committees.

As newsletter editor, George said a newsletter will be forthcoming. However, he reported he would be looking for a new Editor for 1988. Interested family members should contact him.

Barbara Apgar, Membership Chairperson, reported there were 2 36 paid members in 1987 and that \$1,665.00 had been received to date. Barbara said she was accepting 1987 and 1988 membership dues at this time.

Dorothy Apgar, Historian, reported that she has had calls from all over the United States. They think they are an Apgar and are soliciting help from the Historian. She asked for help from the membership to tell her what they know about themselves; check the family Bibles. She'll eventually help them find their place in the family.

Dorothy also said she will be writing stories about various Apgars and urged anyone having a story to send it to her.

Finally, she said more books must be sold to get the money to publish the next family book.

The Minutes - continued:

Rob Apgar, Trustee, announced the election of Trustees whose terms expire in 1987. They are Rob Apgar, Reba Bloom, and Al Tiger.

Rob stated every member is entitled to exercise his/her right to vote. He asked if there were any other nominations for Trustee-ship and there being none, the membership did vote to elect the above members to three (3) year terms as Trustees to the Apgar Family Association, Inc.

Under new business, President Apgar spoke on the need for finding some one to serve as the family Accountant.

George also announced the March of Dimes 1987 recognition of Doctor Virginia Apgar who in 1952 devised the testing for birth defects immediately after birth. The procedures are still used today in detecting problems in new born infants.

There being no new business, awards were made to the following in attendance:

Youngest: Mark Daniel Epstein, age 8½ months

Mark's parents are Patricia and Norman Epstein of Easton, PA.

Oldest Female: Lenola Layden, age 94 of Whitehouse, NJ

Oldest Male: Albert Gadfelter, age 93 of New Oxford, PA

Longest Married Couple: John and Dorothy Apgar, married on September 1, 1926 (61 years ago) from Milburn, NJ

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A view from inside the Cokesbury Methodist Church taken during our business meeting.

Unfortunately due to the rainy weather, we were not able to take a group photograph this year. We all look forward to a sunny warm September 17, 1988!



The Minutes - continued:

Persons Who Traveled Farthest: Marguerite Day from Covina, CA and Debbie Apgar Gilbert from Port Angeles, WA

Largest Immediate Family Present: Beatrice Apgar from Hampton, NJ with twelve family members present.

Dorothy Apgar, Historian, then introduced the guest speakers. J. Edward Stout, Researcher and Writer of Franklin Township, in honor of Catherine Apgar, spoke and showed slides of points of interest in Franklin Township.

Kenneth Myers, President of the Hunterdon County Historical Society gave an interesting presentation regarding the function of the Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM. The Fourteenth Apgar Annual Reunion will be held the third Saturday on September 17, 1988.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alvin B. Tiger
Recording Secretary

The Treasurer's Message:

In my first newsletter report as Treasurer, I would like to thank Barbara Apgar (former Treasurer) and Dorothy Apgar (Historian) for their assistance in easing the transition.



There has been a tremendous increase in memberships and in book sales during 1987. We hope this trend continues as more books are printed and orders filled. Contributions and donations toward expenses incurred with our mailings, printing, and general correspondence will be greatly appreciated.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the 1987 Apgar Reunion and look forward to seeing you all in 1988!

Thank you.

George M. Apgar, Jr.
Treasurer
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Each of us needs a sense of where we belong.

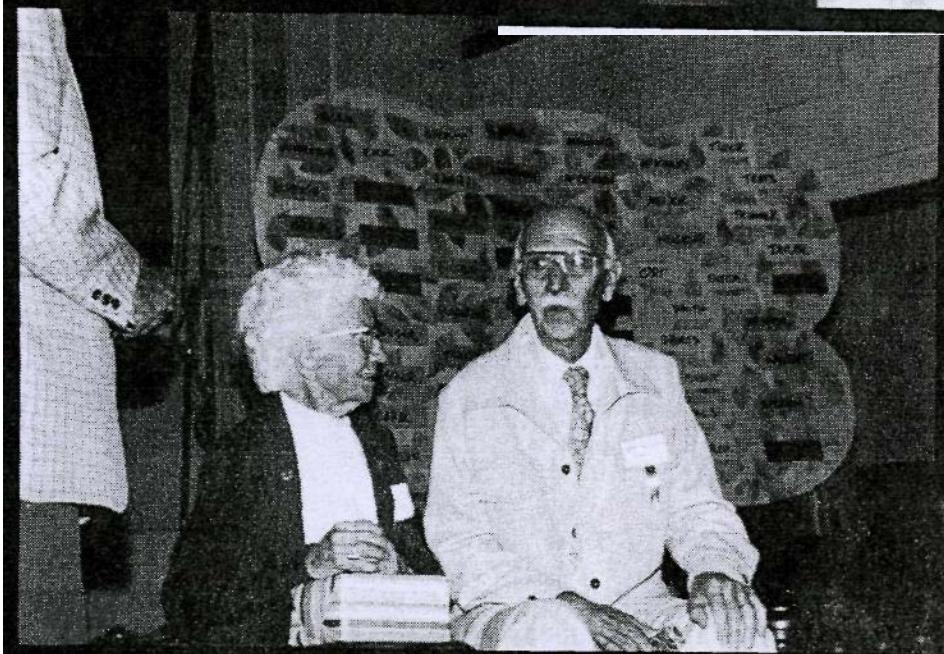
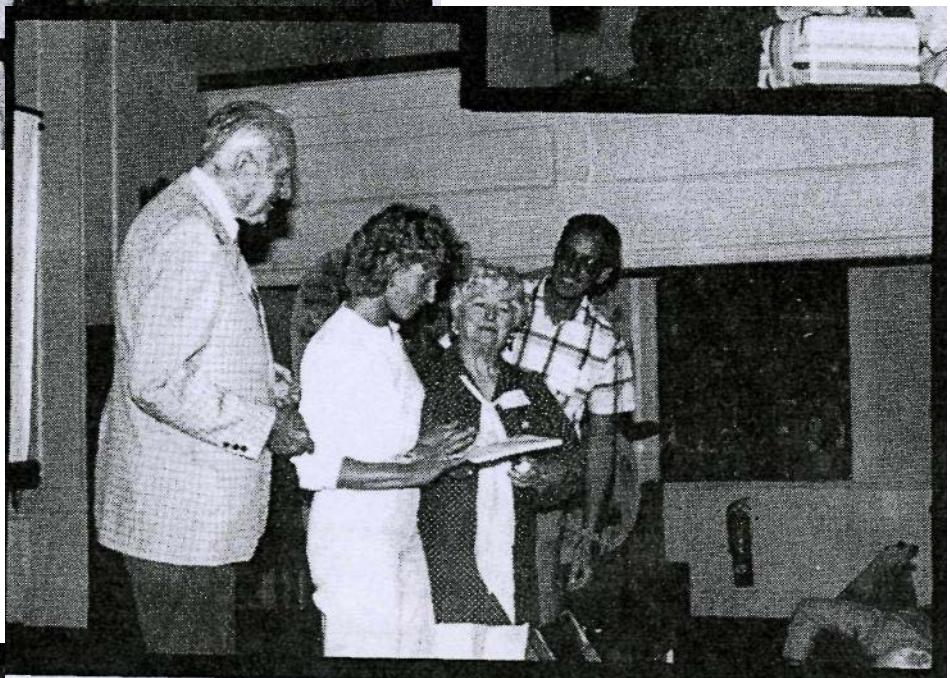
- author, Alex Haley

An Awards Photo Essay From Our Thirteenth Family Reunion:



Coming from the Peter line, shown here are Dorothy and John Apgar receiving their award for being the longest married couple in the group - 61 years!

Oldest male, Albert Gadfelter says a few words to the group with oldest female Lenola Layden; both are in the young 90's age group!



Vice-President Henry Apgar presents Debbie Gilbert of Port Angeles, WA and Marguerite Day of Covina, CA a gift for traveling the farthest to attend our reunion; looking on is President George Apgar of Somerset.

Membership Chairperson Report:

As Membership Chairperson I am happy to report that 237 people as individuals and families have become members to the Apgar Family Association, Inc. for the year 1987.

This is an excellent response to the 380 membership cards mailed out in 1987. We are trying to reach out to everyone who is interested in becoming a member of our Association.

The 1988 annual dues of the Apgar Family Association, Inc. shall be as follows:

Individuals - \$5.00
Family - \$10.00***

***For family dues this includes all family members living under one roof and a list by each name should be attached to your membership response card.

Membership cards will be sent out in early January for the year 1988. Our membership year is January through December.

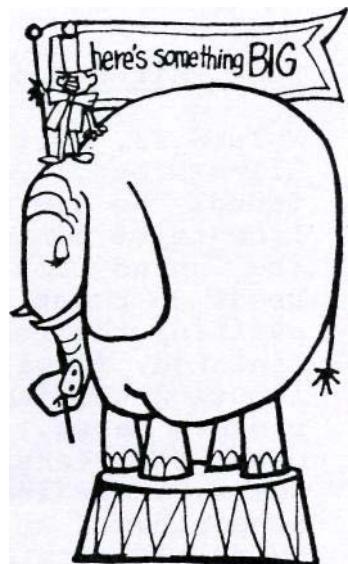
Membership with the Apgar Family Association, Inc. entitles our members to the annual newsletter, notices of our annual reunion, and voting privileges at our yearly meeting. Again, donations will no longer be asked for, however, if there is a special cause to do so, donations will be gladly accepted.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member who is not on our mailing list, please let me know.

Thank you.

Barbara M. Apgar
Membership Chairperson
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Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

***** BROOM-HILDA *****



Book Editor Report:

Volume II, Part I, Part II, and Part III are out. Part IV is 2/3's finished. We are waiting for the Conrad Line to be finished. Our writer of the Conrad Line is working on it and about 35 pages are in my computer awaiting the rest. After Conrad is finished, it will take 3-4 days for imputing the index and titling the picture pages. The printer is another two weeks and the binder 8-10 weeks, according to his work schedule. I am doing my best to hurry along this work.

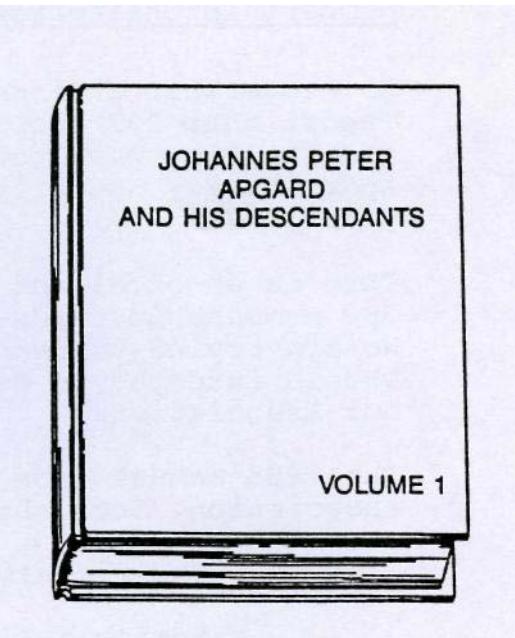
Corrections/additions for any of these Volume II books should be sent to me as soon as possible. A supplement to the books will be printed and notice will be sent out as to the cost. The cost will be as low as possible. I charge only for the cost of the printing and the mailing.

Volume II, Part I is being reedited. Any other corrections or additions to Part I, Herbert, Heinrich, or John Peter should be sent to me as soon as possible. I will also be taking orders for Part I with delivery expected sometime this Spring. The binding is always a hold up. I am also interested in knowing if anyone would be interested in a soft flexible plastic cover. The cost would be a lot less.

A few Volume I's are still available as are Part II and Part III. Please use the order blank printed on the last page of this newsletter. I thank you for your patience. The work has been overwhelming. I do not believe any of us realize how much time and effort we had to expend just to finish the Apgar Genealogy. The information that was sent in to us was welcomed and sent us out on a hunt for the rest of the pieces. We added many new families and have found that there is a lot we have missed. Please excuse our mistakes. We did not mean to be incorrect, but as fatigue sets in and the eyes cloud or the information was unreadable, we faltered. We are proud of our work - mistakes and all. Send in your corrections and we will clean up our act.

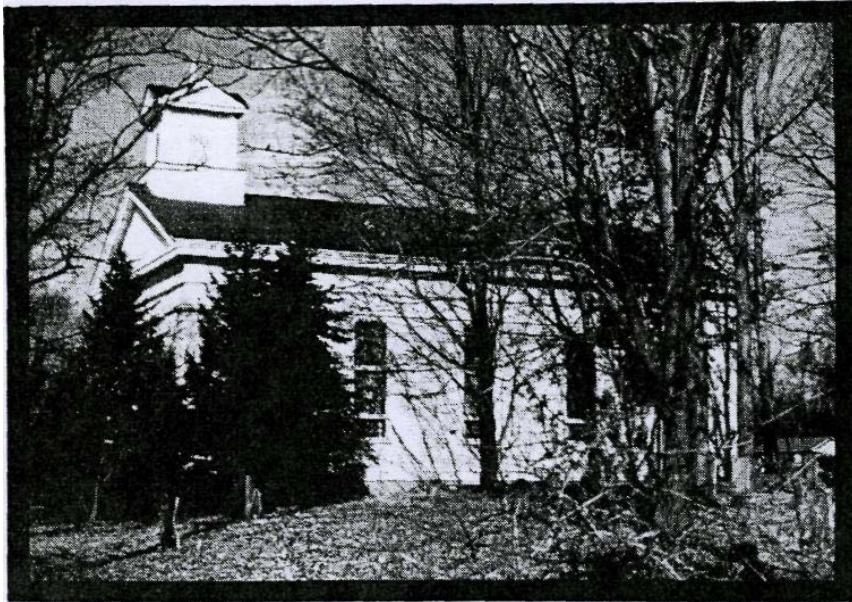
Thank you.

Dorothy E. Apgar
Chairperson of Apgar Family Genealogy
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A guy who leans on his family tree will never get out of the woods!

- Graffiti (May 28, 1980)



Mark Your 1988 Calendar!

Our fourteenth Annual Apgar Family Reunion will be held this coming September 17, 1988 at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, NJ.

More details with our invitations when they are mailed around July-August of this summer.

See you at our reunion on September 17th!

And if you have any good ideas on how we can improve our reunions, feel free to drop us a line!

Peacetime Casualty Wins Military Victory, Sept 12, 1987,
The Daily Journal, Elizabeth, New Jersey

Robert Apgar, a carpenter by trade and a military enthusiast, joined the Fifth Squadron, 117th Cavalry, National Guard in mid-life. On August 19, 1983, while doing his monthly duty, he was returning home from two weeks of active duty at Fort Drum, New York.

One of the vehicles ahead of his troop's convey made an unscheduled stop. In a chain reaction, two dozen or so military vehicles stopped in succession. Apgar, driving a jeep and an attached trailer, was unable to see what was going on, but fearing a collision, hurled his passenger into the back of his jeep, and bolted onto the shoulder to avoid a crash with the five-ton truck directly in front of him.

Robert's trailer jack-knifed and the vehicle flipped over three times and he was thrown fifteen feet onto the highway, smashing his skull. After undergoing life-threatening neurosurgery and months of recuperation, Apgar is trying to get back to his old self.

This past September 13th, Robert received a National Guard Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Defense for his faithful service and pain and suffering he endured as a member of the Army and National Guard. He comes from the Jacob line and along with his wife and daughter, attended our family reunion for the first time this past September.

We all wish Robert continued recovery and days of health and strength to handle his new day-to-day routines resulting from his accident. He has indeed been a good soldier!

Firefighter Honored, October 4, 1987, Herald-News, Joliet, IL

Dave Apgar recently received the annual Fireman of the Year award at a luncheon sponsored by the Exchange Club of Joliet. Enroute to an apartment fire, Apgar, along with Mark Wayne, who he shared this award with, were told that people were trapped on the third floor. Although the stairwell was engulfed in flames, the two men put on air packs and headed upstairs to seek out occupants. They located a mother and her two children and assisted them out a window and down a ladder to safety.

Dave is thirty-eight and has been with the department twelve years. He is from the Jacob line and has attended our reunions regularly in the past. Congratulations on a job well done!

Our Committees For 1988:

The following committees were recently formed for the 1988 year:

Reunion Committee:

George N. Apgar Jr., Chairperson
Henry Apgar, South Plainfield, NJ
Ruth Apgar, South Plainfield, NJ
Imelda Mercier, Bricktown, NJ
Frederick Mercier, Bricktown, NJ
George M. Apgar, Jr., Chester, NJ
Al Tiger, Somerville, NJ
Fran Apgar, Somerville, NJ
Robert Apgar, Flemington, NJ
Dorothy Apgar, Flemington, NJ
Barbara Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ
Dick Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ
Rob Apgar, Bedminster, NJ
Reba Bloom, Clinton, NJ
Toni-Gai Stolz, Lebanon, NJ
Mary Apgar, Middlesex, NJ
Debbie Apgar, Middlesex, NJ
George M. Apgar, Jr., Chairperson
Barbara Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ
Dorothy Apgar, Flemington, NJ



Nominating Committee: Current eleven trustees

Newsletter Committee: George N. Apgar, Jr., Chairperson

Apgar Genealogy Committee: Reba Bloom, Clinton, NJ
Dorothy Apgar, Flemington, NJ

These committees are formed every year. If you would like to help us make our association stronger, please contact any of the family members listed. We will be glad to hear from you!

George Apgar Jr. President

Genealogy Awakens Memories:

Often when a person is contacted about genealogy information, relatives of an earlier time are remembered and the question of what has happened to them arises.

This last year Dorris Borrup Kelly sent me some of the family information she had on the Apgar, Peck, and Borrup lines. Doris is a great granddaughter of William and Jane Alpaugh Apgar of the Frederick line. It seems that William and Jane's daughter, Elizabeth married Milton. C. Peck, widower of Carrie, Elizabeth's sister.

Doris, who is the daughter of Frederick and Bertha Peck Borrup, and the granddaughter of Milton and Elizabeth Apgar Peck, has been living in England for the past fifteen years.

In her correspondence, she mentioned that she had lost touch with her cousins, Mildred, Everett, and Donald Peck whose father was Ernest Dodd Peck, the son of Milton and Carrie Apgar Peck. Doris sent me possible addresses for Mildred and Donald (Everett was deceased) and hoped that I would be able to locate them.

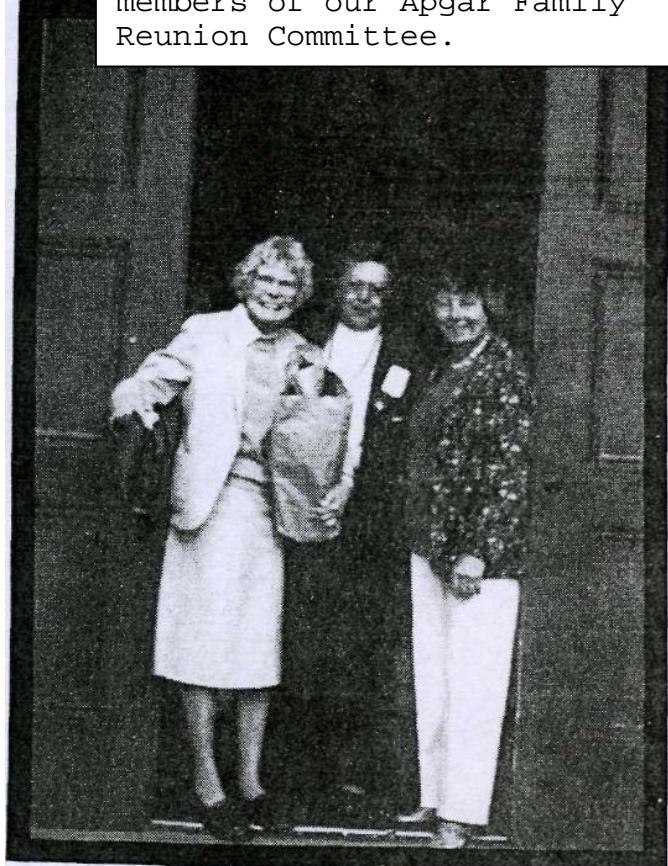
I was about to write Doris that I had failed to find any telephone numbers for them, when I received a call from Donald Peck. He and his wife had retired to Florida three years ago. They had driven to New Jersey for the Thanksgiving Holiday to visit their son John, in High Bridge, their son Robert, in Whitehouse, and their daughter Donna Murray, in Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

Donald remembered that he and his brother and sister with their parents used to spend several weeks during the summer at the Irving David Apgar farm in Hampton, NJ. He visited Preston and Beulah and Preston's wife gave him my telephone number. I in turn gave Donald the address of Doris.

I was pleased that through our genealogy research, cousins who had memories of each other from earlier times had found each other.

Reba H. Bloom
Member of Newsletter Committee

Leaving our family reunion at Cokesbury Church are left to right Reba Bloom, Barbara Apgar, and Mary Apgar, members of our Apgar Family Reunion Committee.



Historian Report:

This marks the first year I will be reporting on births, marriages, and deaths. I have not received many clippings or notes from you - our Apgar Family members. I ask that if you have any change in your family during the year, reunion to reunion, that you send me the clipping or a note, including your line, name, address, and full information on the birth, marriage, or death. If you send a clipping, please identify the newspaper and date of notice. Thank you, to those of you that sent notices this year, and thanks in advance to those of you that have information for me this coming year.

Dorothy E. Apgar
Historian

DEATHS:

Marie R. Brokaw (3.3.5.2.3.1), 88, of Middlesex, NJ, died 31 July 1987
Lida Hoffman Philhower (6.10.2.2.2), 96, of Cokesbury, NJ, died 10 September 1987.
Leila Lindabury (6.4.3.4.5.5), 93, of Cokesbury, NJ, died 30 September 1987
Opaline Van Billiard Apgar (wife of 7.4.10.1.1), 99, of Millington, NJ, died 11 March 1987
Jeanette Smith Smithson (4.4.4.7.3.2.1), 63, of Oxon Hill, MD (formally High Bridge, NJ), died April 1987
David R. Farley (6.4.3.1.1.5.3.2), 53, of Bartow, FL (formally from Oldwick, NJ), died 1 April 1987
D. Allen Hoppaugh (6.7.1.6.3.1), 72, of Califon, NJ, died 11 March 1987
Charles P. Apgar (9.6.2.9.1), 86, of Stewartsville, NJ, died 19 March 1987
Emma J. Alpaugh (wife of 1.8.9.4.7), 96, of High Bridge, NJ, died 11 February 1987
Alice J. Apgar (wife of 1.2.3.11.1.2.1), 67, of Lebanon, NJ, died 6 December 1986
Ruth L. Apgar (wife of Marvin D.), 78, of Phillipsburg, NJ, died 5 December 1986
Jane Apgar Kolb (7.4.7.6.1.2), died 28 November 1986, interred Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, NJ
Kenneth N. Gamble, Sr. (husband of Lillian Apgar 7.4.7.6.1.3), died 26 July 1987, interred Hollywood Memorial Park, Union, New Jersey

MARRIAGES:

Kristie Beavers (6.10.5.5.1.1) and Timothy Brown, Cokesbury, NJ, 21 February 1987
Tracey Ann Apgar (7.1.4.6.8.1) and Joseph E. O'Connor III, Phillipsburg, NJ, 14 February 1987

Historian Report Continued: MARRIAGES:

Cindy Lou Apgar (1.5.3.1.4.5.4.2.1) and Michael E. Gilmore, Harmony, NJ,
16 May 1987

Vicky Lynn Cos and William H. Wilson (1.1.6.4.3.2.2) and
(6.10.8.3.2.1.2), Alpha, NJ, 1 August 1987

Donna Schwietering and Brian Braun (9.5.5.2.3.5.1.3), Cherryville, NJ, 30
August 1987

BIRTHS:

Jacob Woodhouse Shuster born to Jonathan and Marianne Shuster, 8 January
1987, (9.5.9.2.1.2.1.1)

Timothy Sidie born to James M. and Darlene Apgar Sidie, 15 September
1987, Conrad line, Henry & Ruth Apgar are the grandparents.

Alisha Marie Sweeny, born to Clayton Sweeny (4.1.1.6.2.2.1.1.3) and
Wanda Reed Sweeny (3.7.7.7.4.1 and 6.2.3.5.2.1.4), 3 May 1987

Clifford Allan Barr, Jr. born to Clifford and Theresa Wilson Barr, 9 May
1987, greatgrandmother is Viola Apgar of Broadway, New Jersey.

Amy Loren McKeever born to Tim (1.5.3.1.4.5.4.1.1) and Lynette Diller, 4
October 1987

Brandon Scott Fishburn born to Galen C. and Cynthia Prygrocki
(1.2.3.3.10.2.8) Fishburn, 6 October 1987

Jessica Marie Cavlier born to Charles V. Jr., (6.4.3.42.1.6.2.1) and
Cynthia Dawson Cavlier, 3 January 1987

Brian Dean Apgar, Jr. born to Brian D. and Deborah Apgar (line unknown)
31 December 1986, Martha Apgar is a grandparent.

Mark Daniel Epstein born to Norman B. and Patricia Apgar
(3.5.3.1.3.3.2.1) Epstein, 29 December 1986, Richard and Barbara Apgar
are the grandparents.

The Apgar Family Association, Inc. has established a collection of Apgar Memorabilia. This collection may be added to by anyone. The material will be numbered, stored, and passed from historian to historian. The material will be shown at the family reunions on a rotating basis. Family Bibles are difficult to store so we ask that bibles be retained in your family if possible and that you send to us copies of the family records and a copy of the title page of the Bible. This way we have a record that can be filed and used in our research. The Apgar Family Association, Inc. By-Laws state that in case the association disbanded, all materials will be given to the Hunterdon County Historical Society. This insures that no record will be lost. Any further information you need, please feel free to contact myself or any current trustee. Thank you for your interest!



Dorothy E. Apgar - Historian
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The long awaited second volume of the Apgar Story is ready for ordering to all interested family members and friends!!!

Each part of Volume II is approximately the same size as our Volume I which was 280 pages. Volume II includes the fifth generation up to the present time. It is four parts and you can order any or all of these parts. When you order, you must give us your "line" since this determines which part you will receive. If you do not know your line, contact us and we will help you determine which line of the family you belong to. Volume II includes the following lines:

VOLUME II

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- Part II - Adam and Catherine
- Part III - Jacob and William
- Part IV - Frederick, Conrad, and Peter

Due to the cost of publishing such a massive work, prepaid orders must be requested. The cost will be \$45.00 for each part of the volume. NJ residents must add 6% state sales tax to their total.

Please fill out the form below indicating which line you wish to purchase, your complete mailing address (no box numbers please!), telephone number, and amount enclosed. Mail order form to: Dorothy Apgar, 56 Cherryville-Stanton Road, Flemington, NJ 08822; telephone number: 201 782-3643.

Also, Volume I can still be ordered! The cost is \$40.00 per book which includes the corrections and additions. NJ residents must add 6% state sales tax to their total.

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Please indicate which parts of Volume II you would like to order. Remember each part cost \$45.00 (NJ residents must add 6% state sales tax) and payment must accompany this order form.

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