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## *17<sup>th</sup> Annual Apgar Association Reunion* *September 19, 1992*

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A cloudy, threatening day turned clear in the afternoon. It always seems to turn sunny when the Apgars get together. President Henry Apgar called the reunion meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Mary Apgar reported that 120 members were present today, and suggested that reunion invitations be sent out earlier next year to give members more time to plan. Ruth Apgar then read the minutes from the 1991 reunion, to which there were no corrections and they were approved as read.

The vice presidents' reports included First Vice President Al Tiger praising Henry as "doing a good job." Second Vice President George N. Apgar, Jr. reported concern for the Hunterdon County Historical Society which recently had its budget cut by \$120,000. He also noted that the second generation headstones in our cemetery are not too well kept. He produced a cemetery sign that was very hard to read, and asked for volunteers to help make a new, longer-lasting sign. The first person was buried in that cemetery in 1815 and the last one was in 1893. There is no more room left in that cemetery.

President Henry then welcomed all new members in attendance today. Jack Shuster had nothing to report except that he "is proud to be an Apgar."

In his treasurer's report, George M. Apgar, Jr., reported a balance of \$3,046.74 on hand as of today. George then enthusiastically reported that we have a new lapel pin in the same design as our T-shirts (with the Ship Hope) on sale for \$5.00 each and a paperback book of the minutes and officers of Apgar clan

with our Apgar cups.

Trustee Wayne Apgar commended the Association for all the work that got accomplished this past year. Membership Chairperson Barbara reported 248 members for 1992 with a total of \$2171.00 in dues paid and \$73.00 in donations. Our Historian, Dorothy, is not here today due to the loss of her grandson; our sympathy and prayers are extended to her and her husband Robert O. Apgar.

At a meeting earlier this year, the Trustees became aware of a book called Apgars Since the Civil War. It was purchased and found to be nothing more than a listing of 20,000 names taken from various telephone books. Members were warned to stay away from this kind of scheme, and if anyone had any questions about a purchase of this type, to contact the one of our officers or trustees for information. It was also suggested that, now that we had made that investment in a list of names, that we use it as part of a membership drive



1992 FAMILY PORTRAIT

Newsletter Editor Wayne Dilts reported that 350 copies of the 1991-92 newsletter had been distributed. In that newsletter was included the Association membership form, thus saving the additional cost of printing and mailing it separately, a savings of about \$100.00. As the reunion's official photographer, Wayne also has copies of the family portrait available at \$10.00 for an 8 x 10. He also brought with him to the reunion the wedding certificates of his great-grandparents, William T. and Luella Apgar, who were married 100 years ago in March, 1893, and that of their daughter, Lenola H. and William J. Layden, married in 1913. Jack Shuster commended Wayne for a good newsletter.

With the absence of Robert O., Wayne Dilts reported the list of members that passed away within the past year:

- \* Leslie Hann - 93 (Jacob line) High Bridge, NJ
- \* Clarence W. Apgar - 96 (John Peter line) High Bridge, NJ
- \* Keith William Apgar - 89 (William line) Wellsboro, PA
- \* Russell Apgar - 94 (Adam line) Bridgewater, NJ
- \* Harold Mullenax (husband of Jacob line) Drumright, OK
- \* David Povlick - 73 (husband of Jacob line) Inwood, WV
- \* Frank Rabinsky - 69 (husband of Catherine line) Royal Palm Beach, FL
- \* John Wilson Apgar IV - 49 (Herbert line) Raritan, NJ
- \* Wesley E. Apgar - 70 (Jacob line) Joliet, OH
- \* Russell J. Apgar (Adam line) Rio Rancho, NM
- \* Chester Paul Apgar, Jr., Chester, NJ
- \* Catherine Apgar Ganson, Hemel, CA
- \* Fenton Apgar, Jr. (Jacob line) Allentown, PA
- \* Evelyn Apgar Thompson - 89 (Adam line) Madison, NJ
- \* Stacey L. Apgar -18 - Bangor, PA

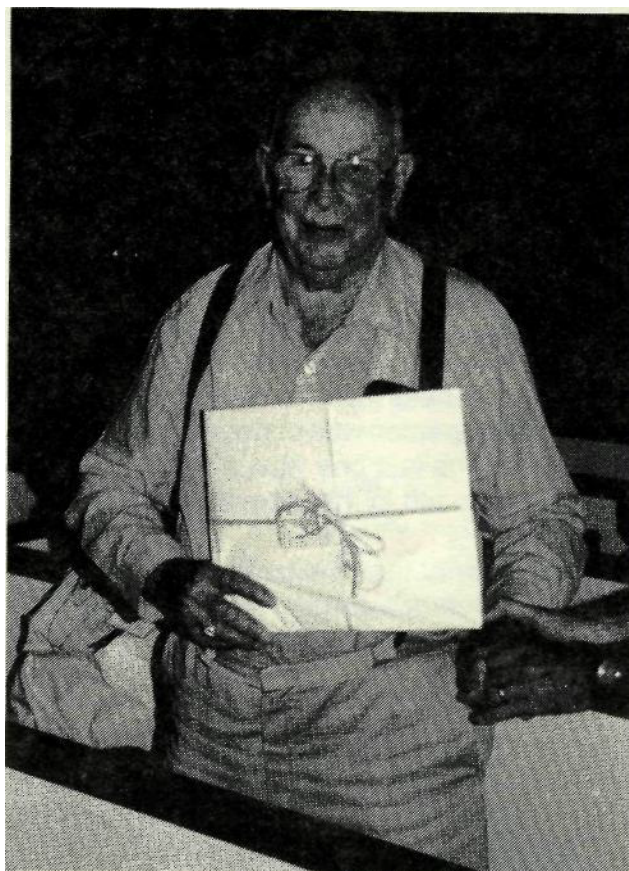
Sadly missed and may they rest in peace

George N. Apgar, Jr., reported that Dick Apgar's mother, Beatrice, was present today. Beatrice is 89 years old and her family held an early 90-years-old

birthday party for her this summer. She has five children, 18 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren, and she is completing her 20th year as a Foster Grandmother.

(Editor's note: Beatrice was found to be the oldest female in attendance at this year's reunion - see notation below - Sadly, two weeks after the reunion, Beatrice passed away suddenly. We will all miss her.)

Nominating Committee Chairman Robert H. Apgar made a motion to re-elect George N., Jr., and George M., Jr., for another term as Trustees. Robert also nominated Phyllis Apgar to be president next year, replacing Henry who, after two terms, has decided to step down. Henry was nominated to be First Vice President and Alvin Tiger as Second Vice President. Election for officers will be held at the Trustees meeting immediately following the reunion.



*OLDEST MALE AT THE 1992 REUNION WAS FRED BRAUN (89) FROM CLINTON, N.J.*



One of the most looked-forward-to events of the reunion, the honors, were then awarded to those in attendance by Jack Shuster and George N. Apgar, Jr. They included:

**YOUNGEST** - John Newton Apgar IV (second year in a row), now 19 months young, from Somerville, NJ.

**OLDEST FEMALE** - Beatrice Apgar (89) from Hampton, NJ.

**OLDEST MALE** - Fred Braun (89) from Clinton, NJ.

**LONGEST MARRIED** - Fred and Marion Braun (third year in a row, now 62 years) from Clinton, NJ.

**LARGEST FAMILY** - George M. Apgar, Jr. of Chester, NJ (third year in a row), 17 members in attendance.

**TRAVELED FARTHEST** - Mary Bell Hoffman, from Colorado.

Congratulations to all.

Henry wanted to thank everyone for their support during his two years as president, including the officers, trustees, committee chair-people, and, of course, all the Apgars who come out and support and attend the reunion. He thanked Robert H. for his wise counseling and for the use of his office for the Trustees meetings, as well as for his tremendous efforts in the Dr. Virginia Stamp crusade. We continue to hope for the reality of having a stamp released soon to honor this "Great Lady." He also thanked the ladies that prepared such a delicious lunch, and to George N. Apgar, Sr. for helping to park the cars today.

Next year's reunion will be held on September 18, 1993, again at the Cokesbury church.

Have a safe trip home and we hope to meet again next year.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Apgar, Recording Secretary



LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE AT THE 1992 REUNION WERE FRED & MARION BRAUN (62 YEARS) FROM CLINTON, N.J.

## *1992 Reunion Program*

Through the combined efforts of Helen and Dorothy Apgar, this year's program at the reunion dealt with Apgar Reunions both past and present, and how the "Group of 10" came about.

The reunions began apparently in 1923, as it is stated in the minutes we have as "The First Apgar Reunion." If there were others, we have no written confirmation, although we do have some local folks telling us that in 1921/22 they held what were considered to be "get-togethers." Sadly, 1931 was the last year for which we have minutes, although deaths since the 1930 reunion were listed, as were officers and committee members for 1932.

According to a booklet owned by Mrs. Grover Hann Apgar of High Bridge, Frank E. Apgar of High Bridge kept some reunions going until 1942, when World War II intervened. Dorothy would like to believe, however, that local families had their own gatherings, keeping the tradition alive.

Of our current Apgar Association reunions, the history began with a chance meeting in 1975 of Robert, Dorothy and Helen Apgar in the Cokesbury Cemetery. Our first reunion was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Preston Geist of High Bridge, N.J. with 60 people in attendance. Helen and Dorothy were elected Historians, a position that Dorothy still holds. The prevailing interest of the group, at the time, was to gather Apgar genealogy that could be published in a book.



LARGEST FAMILY AT THE 1992 REUNION (17 MEMBERS)  
WAS OF GEORGE M. APGAR, JR., OUR TREASURER

In 1980, the children of Johannes Peter Apgard began to be referred to as the "Group of 10". His son, George, had been killed in the West by Indians and since no record of his life had ever been found, he was excluded from the group. With the help of many of our family members who had been researching their own family backgrounds by that time, there was a great deal of information to build upon. Finally, in 1984, the dream became a reality with the publishing of Volume I of the Apgar genealogy. The book went on sale at our 1984 reunion, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Johannes' arrival in this country.

We had hoped that this program would be a happy trip down memory lane with Helen and Dorothy, but Helen was unable to make the trip from her home in Maryland and, tragically, Dorothy and Robert just lost their 5-year grandson and were not at the reunion. The program was presented by Phyllis Apgar, who gave a tribute to the untiring efforts of both Helen and Dorothy in preserving the Apgar heritage, our heritage.

### ***Board of Trustees Meetings***

(Editor's note: In the past, efforts have been made to print the minutes of each Board of Trustees meeting. In an effort to save space, but in no way minimizing the effort and work the Trustees put into this organization, I have taken it upon myself to report here only the highlights of the board meetings during the past year.)

#### **June 8, 1982:**

Robert O. Apgar reported that this could be in fact the 38<sup>th</sup> year of a reunion of Apgars. According to newly-discovered minutes and notes, Apgars began meeting in Hunterdon County on a regular annual basis in 1923 and kept meeting until World War II. Our association has been meeting for 19 years, so we could have been meeting formally for at least 38 times now.

Robert also suggested a "Time Capsule" to be opened in the year 2134, or the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Johannes' journey to America. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

Robert also suggested that the minutes of our meetings be placed on microfilm.

George M. suggested we sell lapel pins at the reunion as another way of raising funds. He will report back at the next meeting on the cost and possible profit margin.

Jack Shuster reported that some of our older tombstones were impossible to restore and should be replaced. He will head up further study of this.

For the reunion program this year, it was decided to honor Dorothy and Helen for their dedicated time, work and patience in compiling the Apgar books.

#### **July 20, 1992:**

George M. reported that the cost for 500 lapel pins would be \$2.40, and that they could be sold for \$5.00 each. Robert H. moved that we get a price for 250 pins, since we would have trouble selling 500 of them.

Robert O. presented a suggestion that Dorothy has compiled the information on minutes and officers of the Apgar reunions in the 1920s and 1930s and would be able to put them in book form to be sold at the reunion for \$10.00 a copy. This suggestion was greeted with warm enthusiasm, and with Brenda's help, printing costs could be kept to a minimum.

#### **August 17, 1992:**

George M. reported that the lapel pins would be one inch in diameter, with the same design and



colors as our Ship Hope. It was decided to order 250 pins and sell them at \$5.00 each.



DONATED AFGAN, MADE BY ELSIE LINDABERRY (center) WITH MARY MEYER (left) WHO WON IT, AND GEORGE N. APGAR, JR.

It was reported by Barbara Apgar that Elsie Lindaberry has offered to donate a hand-made crocheted afghan to be raffled off at the reunion. Referring to the terms of officers and trustees, President Henry asked to step down from his office this next year. The trustees asked that he reconsider, hoping that he stay in office until the Dr. Virginia stamp becomes a reality. All officers and trustees agreed to stay on in support of Henry.

Brenda brought one copy of the book Dorothy compiled on the officers and minutes of Apgar meetings since 1923. The trustees were thrilled with the book, and it was agreed that Brenda would have 30 copies printed to be put on sale at the reunion for \$10.00 a copy.

Dorothy has agreed to be the spokesperson at the reunion on the accomplishments she and Helen have made in publishing the Apgar family history books. She will speak on the history and the writing of the books.

The board agreed to buy the book, Apgars Since the Civil War, that has been mailed to many of us to see if they are copying any of our information.

**September 19, 1992:** (following the reunion meeting)

Robert H. Apgar made the following nominations for officers: President, Phyllis Apgar; First Vice

President, Henry Apgar; Second Vice President, Alvin Tiger. Robert O. Apgar was designated as "Honorary Trustee" for another year. With no other nominations, the vote was cast. The only "Nay" vote was from Ruth Apgar, who felt that Al should maintain his position as First Vice President.

The only other business transacted at this board meeting was the acknowledgement of bills to be paid with respect to the reunion, and two \$50.00 donations to be made: one to the Cokesbury church for its use for the reunion and one in loving memory of Brian Fillebrown.

#### **October 19, 1992:**

Phyllis opened the meeting with a statement requesting the full support of the board of trustees to help her become a more effective president, thanking Henry for his two years of inspirational leadership, and reiterating that if the Dr. Virginia stamp becomes a reality during her term of office, that she will immediately resign that office so that Henry can once again be president to share the honor of the stamp's issuance.

George M. reported that monies received from the reunion include \$78 for the afghan raffle, \$415 from the sale of 83 lapel pins, \$240 from the sale of Dorothy's \$10 book, \$120 from the sale of three Apgar books, and two T-shirts at \$10 each. George also reported that we still have some pins available for sale.

Jack Shuster reported that he was overwhelmed with the book Brenda and Dorothy put together for the reunion of past minutes and officers of Apgar reunions in the 1920s and '30s. He stated that he had read every word and found out so much about his grandfather, and how active he had been in the previous Apgar Association, that Jack now felt much closer to him after having read this book.

Jack also reported that Phyllis is the first female president the association has ever had.

There was nothing new to report on the Dr. Virginia stamp movement, but Robert H. said that he would write a follow-up letter to the Postal Service to find out if there is anything new to report. (Note: See related article elsewhere in this newsletter. Ed.)

The board decided to use the Apgars Since the Civil War book and send a letter and membership form to 50 of the names listed in the book as part of a membership drive.

Ruth Apgar submitted a letter of resignation as Recording Secretary after fulfilling the role for the past three years. After some discussion, Brenda agreed to step down as Corresponding Secretary to assume the Recording Secretary position, and Jack Shuster agreed to serve as the new Corresponding Secretary.

The program for the 1993 reunion, if we do not yet have a Dr. Virginia stamp, should be "Promote Family Heritage."

The date of the next board of trustees meeting will be April 26, 1993.

Ruth included the following note at the end of these minutes: "Since this will be my last minutes recorded for the Association, I want to thank everyone for their support. It has been a pleasure and I hope I can continue as a Trustee of the Association."



AT THE 1988 REUNION.

## ***18 MONTHS OF IRONY***

*by Wayne T. Dilts, AFA Newsletter editor*

This past year and a half have been filled with ironies, particularly tragic ones, for the members of the Apgar Family Association.

In April, 1991, we lost my grandmother, Lenola Layden, at age 97. She had been the oldest female at the family reunion for eight years in a row, including the last reunion she attended in

1989 when her newest great-granddaughter, Katie Dilts, was the youngest in attendance. The

1990 reunion was the first she missed. It was my grandmother that got me interested in and, ultimately involved with, the Apgar Association.

Less than nine months later, her cousin, Leslie Hann, 93, passed away on December 20, 1991. Leslie had been the oldest male in attendance at the previous several reunions and, before his wife Mildred died in 1984, they had been the longest-married couple at the reunion for many years.

Ironically, a year to the day that Leslie Hann died, his only son, Leroy "Butch" Hann, also passed away, on December 20, 1992, of a sudden heart attack. Just one week earlier, my wife gave birth to our second daughter, just one floor below Butch's room at the hospital.

The ironies weren't limited to my immediate family, either. The worst hurricane to hit Florida this century leveled our own Robert O. and Dorothy Apgar's home in Homestead, Florida, last August. In trying to escape from that tragedy by coming north, they got back to New Jersey only to lose their five-year-old grandson to leukemia.

The last two reunions also fell victim to tragic irony: the oldest male in attendance at the 1991 reunion was Clarence Apgar, 96, of High Bridge, N.J. Sadly, Clarence passed away the following December. This past year, the oldest female in attendance at the 1992 reunion was Bea Apgar, who died just two weeks after the reunion.

We know that death is the inevitable and ultimate part of life, and each death we experience brings us to a closer understanding of our own mortality. But, speaking personally, that is one of the reasons I want to stay involved with the Apgar Association. When I lose a member of my immediate family, I realize that I have this much larger family still there; that there is a strength I can draw from to keep on LIVING this life as an Apgar; and that the reunion is a chance for me to keep in touch with all those who have gone before. I got a very distinct feeling at this last reunion that there were several other Apgars there in spirit, looking down on us, reminding us to not forget.

It renewed my faith. Ironical, isn't it?

## HISTORIAN REPORT

### DEATHS

**Frederick Victor Mercier** (husband of 9.6.2.10.1.3), 78, d. 24 Sept. 1992. Int. Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Trenton, N.J.

**Brian S. Fillebrown** (3.7.11.1.2.2.1.1.3), 5, d. 17 Sept. 1992 of leukemia. Cremation. Grandson of Historian and Past President/Honorary Trustee of the Apgar Association.

**Leslie M. Hann** (6.2.3.5.3.1), 93, d. 20 Dec. 1991. Int. Middle Valley Cemetery, NJ. Former Oldest Male at reunion.

**Beatrice Berry Apgar** (wife of 3.5.3.1.3.3), 89, d. 4 Oct. 1992. Int. Musconetcong Valley Cemetery, Hampton, NJ. Oldest female at 1992 reunion; mother of Past President of Apgar Association.

**Clarence W. Apgar** (2.3.1.2.1.2), 96, d. 6 Dec. 1991. Int. Lower Valley Cemetery, Califon, NJ. Oldest male in attendance at 1991 reunion.

**Preston "Jack" Geist** (1.2.3.3.1.1.1.1), 71, d. 15 Oct. 1992. Int. Spruce Run Cemetery, Glen Gardner, NJ. Jack hosted the Apgar reunions at his home for a few years.

**Russell J. Apgar**, (3.7.9.3.6.3.1), 67, d. 8 Jan 1992, Rio Rancho, NM

**Elsie M. Pickle Apgar**, (wife of 3.5.10.3.2.1), 66. Int. St. Bernard's Cem., Bernardsville, NJ

**Robert A. Apker** (10.1.?), 78, d. 27 June 1990. Int. Rest Haven Memorial Park, Lock Haven, PA

**Edgar R. Apker** (10.1.?) 82, d. 4 Jul 1991. Int. Phoenix, AR

**Irene A. Apker** (wife of 10.1.?, Charles A. Apker), 87, d. 15 July 1990. Int. Cedar Ledge Cemetery, Grover, PA

**Keith W. Apgar** (8.4.1.9.3.1), 89, d. 14 Oct. 1991. Int. Welsh Settlement Cemetery, Charleston Twp, Pa

**Kyle J. Apgar (8.4.1.9.3.2) d. 19 1991.** Int. Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsboro, PA

**Lawrence A. Kshir** (hus. of 8.4.1.9.2.2.6.1), 49, d. 24 Feb. 1991. Int. Gray Cemetery, Covington, PA

**Russell I. Apgar** (3.5.3.4.12.1), 94, d. 26 Oct. 1991

**Jennie M. Philhower** (3.7.7.7.5.1), 88, d. 29 Dec. 1991. Int. Fairmount Cemetery, Fairmount, NJ

**Leslie E. Tomson** (5.7.7.2.3.4), 64, d. 8 Oct. 1991.

**Harold Wren Mullenax**(hus. of 6.5.1.1.1.2.1.1), 71, d. 26 Sept. 1991. Int. Oak Hill Cemetery, Drumright, OK

**Daisy M. Snyder** (6.2.5.6.3.2.4), 68, d. 4 Oct. 1991. Int. Lebanon Reformed Cemetery, Lebanon, NJ

**David Povlick** (hus. of 6.12.9.5.1.1), 73, d. 24 Nov. 1991. Int. Union Cemetery, Lebanon, NJ

**Bessie Apgar**, 78, d. 20 Dec. 1991. Int. Summerfield Cemetery, White Twp, NJ

**Adrian A. McDowell** (hus. of 2.3.1.11.6.3), 70, d. 8 Dec. 1991. Int. Evergreen Post Falls Cemetery, Post Falls, Idaho

**Irene B. Smith** (wife of 6.4.7.5.2.7), 86, d. Sept. 1991. Int. Greenwood Memorial Park, Millville, NJ

**Frank Rabinsky** (hus. of 4.1.1.6.2.2.1.1), 69, d. 9 Dec. 1991. Int. Grandin Cemetery, Clinton, NJ

**Beatrice Maxwell Apgar** (wife of 3.3.2.8.3), 91, d. 11 Jan. 1992. Int. Lower Valley Cemetery, Califon, NJ

**Knox Taylor Apgar** (6.12.10.5.6), 82, d. 28 March 1992. Cremation in FL

**John S. Gano** (hus. of 1.2.3.3.10.2.6), 72, d. 28 Jan. 1992. Int. Spruce Run Cemetery, Glen Gardner, NJ

**Anna Stevenson Hageman** (wife of 1.8.8.4.2.1), 84, d. 29 Jan. 1992. Int. Mountainview Cemetery, Cokesbury, NJ

**Steward Bessick** (10.12.1.1.3), 81, d. 12 Mar. 1992. Int. Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Pleasant Grove, NJ

**Kathryn H. Apgar** (8.6.7.4.2.1), 76, d. 7 Apr. 1992. Int. Holly Memorial Gardens, Charlottesville, VA

**Marion E. Hoffman** (wife of 1.2.3.4.3.2.3), 82, d. 5 May 1992. Int. Lower Valley Cemetery, Califon, NJ

**Pauline Smith** (9.5.9.9.1.1), 82, d. 11 June 1992. Int. Union Cemetery, Riegelsville, NJ

**John Wilson Apgar IV** (1.8.8.52.1.1), 49, d. 6 July 1992. Cremation.

**Wesley E. Apgar** (6.4.3.6.4.1.3), 70, d. 18 May 1992. Int. Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet, IL

**Stacey L. Apgar** (3.7.1.9.7.5.1.2.2), 18 (car accident), d. 8 June 1992. Int. convenience of family, Pen Argyl, PA

**Sarah Wilson Baker** (unk, daughter of Isreal Wilson and Lizzy Emma Apgar), 96, d. 21 Feb. 1992. Int. Holcombe-Riverview Cemetery, Delaware Twp., NJ

**Alice Riddle** (wife of 4.9.2.4.2.1.3), 81, d. 3 Oct. 1991. Int. Musconetcong Valley Cemetery, Hampton, NJ

**Charlotte Apgar** (wife of 3.7.1.9.2.2.1), 85, d. 29 June 1992. Int. Union Cemetery, Gladstone, NJ



**Charles "Hockey" Orts** (6.12.14.3), 80, d. 27 Feb. 1992. Int. Rural Hill Cemetery, Whitehouse, NJ

**Stanley Seal** (3.7.5.2.2.4.1), 84, d. 19 July 1992. Int. Locust Grove Cemetery, Quakertown, NJ

**Celina Apgar** (2nd wife of 6.7.6.3.1), 87, d. 18 July 1992. Int. Riverside Cemetery, Clinton, NJ

**Eleanor DeWitt Rich** (7.9.2.6.1.1), 80, d. 12 Sept. 1992. Int. Clove Cemetery, Sussex, NJ

**Marilda I. Eick** (3.3.5.4.3.1), 88, d. 10 Oct. 1992. Int. Union Cemetery, Lebanon, NJ

**Chester Paul Apgar, Jr.** (1.2.3.11.10.1)

**Fenton Apgar, Jr.** (6.10.9.2.4.2)

**Catherine Apgar Ganson** (6.2.3.4.4.1), 87, Hemel, CA

**Evelyn Apgar Thompson** (3.7.7.2.7.4), 89. Harry Sutton, Jr., (3.5.3.1.4.2.1), 70, d. 3 Mar. 1991.

### **MARRIAGES**

**Jann Kristen Kiely** (9.5.9.2.1.2.2.5) and Mark Stephen Kelly, 18 July 1992, Tower Hill Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, N.J.

**Tamara L. Apgar** (3.7.7.2.7.6.3.3) and Clifford D. VanderMay, 21 March 1992

**Judith Lance** (10.14.8.2.1.1.2) and Scott Brian Lewis, 17 Aug. 1991, High Bridge Methodist Church, High Bridge, NJ

**Jeffrey Wilson VanNatta** (10.12.42.1.1.1.1.1) and Chrstitina Lynn Simpson, 7 Sept. 1991, Clinton Methodist Church, Clinton, NJ

**Timothy Alan Apgar** (6.2.8.1.2.3.9.1.1) and JoAnn Elizabeth Tigar, 11 April 1992, Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ringoes, NJ

**Dawn Marie Apgar** (dau. of Daniel Apgar, line unk.) and Thomas Jones, 19 May 1992, Wayfarer Chapel, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

**Cheryl Ann Leaver** (6.12.10.5.2.3.1.1) and Thomas Bolton Curbishley, 22 Aug. 1992, Edith Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville, NJ

**Ronald Frederick Apgar** (son of Ronald Apgar, Sr., line unk) and Sharon Lee Petrakian, 19 Sept. 1992, First Presbyterian Church, Easton, PA

### **BIRTHS**

**Kelsey Lorraine Dilts**, 13 Dec. 1992, to Wayne T. Dilts (6.2.3.5.4.1.1.3) and Lorraine Gilrane, High Bridge, NJ

**Justin Michael Dilts**, 3 March 1992, to Richard W. Dilts (6.2.3.5.4.1.1.1) and Maria Fimani, Toms River, NJ

A son, Oct. 1991, to Kim L. Apgar and John J. Ward, Milford, NJ

**Jaime Alan Apgar**, 12 Dec. 1992, to John S. Apgar (6.12.10.5.2.3.2) and Ellen Rubin, Flemington, NJ

**James Jakucyk**, 28 Feb. 1992, to Mary Ellen Hankinson (3.5.3.1.4.4.1.3) and James Jakucyk, Phillipsburg, NJ

**Sue Lynn Bunn**, 21 Dec. 1991, to Robert P. Bunn (6.11.11.3.2.1.1) and Janice Palacids, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

**Amanda Elizabeth Rainville**, 26 Feb. 1991, to Nancy E. James (6.4.8.14.3.2.3.2) and Gregory Rainville, Murietta, GA

**Charles Salvatore Oddo**, 14 July 1991, to Maria Theresa Maiolo (6.4.8.14.3.2.3.1) and Charles Oddo, Huntington Station, NY

**Kevin Alexander Cullen**, 14 May 1992, to William Cullen (4.4.4.7.2.3.1.1) and Minga Mustard, Clinton, NJ

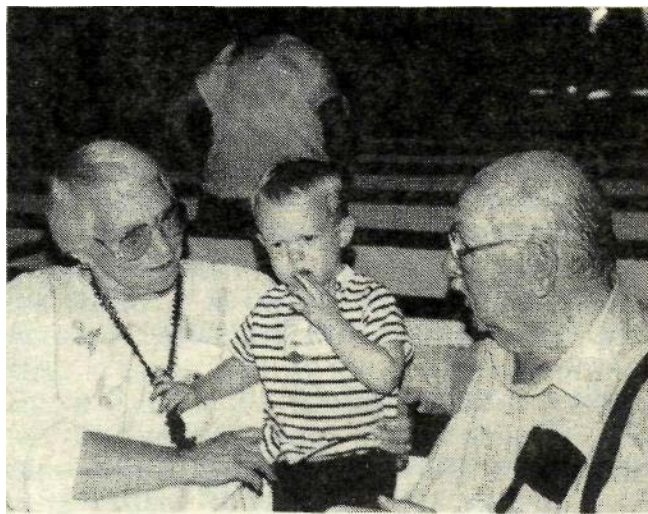
**Andrew Timothy Braun**, 30 Mar. 1992, to Timothy Braun (9.5.5.2.3.6.3.3) and Eleanor Quartel, Flemington, NJ

**Kari Elizabeth Cregar**, 2 Apr. 1992, to Jim Cregar (1.2.11.8.7.9.2) and Lisa Bush, Hampton, NJ

**Tyler Ryan Miller**, 24 July 1992, to Joanne Trimmer (3.7.7.2.3.2.5.2.2) and Troy Miller, Flemington, NJ

**Connor Matthew Franc**, 23 Aug. 1992, to Carol Apgar (2.3.1.8.1.1.1.1) and Matthew Franc, New Brunswick, NJ

**Nicole Ellyn Curtis**, 26 Aug. 1992, to Peggy Apgar (dau. Richard W. Apgar, Sr., Phillipsburg, NJ, line unk) and Scott Curtis, Phillipsburg, NJ



OLDEST MEETS YOUNGEST AT THE 1992 REUNION.  
BEA APGAR WITH JOHN N. APGAR IV AND FRED



## *Membership Committee Report*

This year was a good year for membership, with 248 Apgar Family Members. Membership in our association entitles members to the annual newsletter, voting privileges, and a mailed invitation to our annual Apgar Association Reunion which is held every year on the third Saturday in September.

Your membership also gives you the satisfaction of keeping the Association active! Your support is appreciated, and we are looking forward to a very successful 1993.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara M. Apgar,  
Membership Chairperson

## *President's Message*

This is my first year serving as your president. I am very honored to be elected to this office and hope that I am able to execute my duties to your satisfaction.

It is not an easy job to follow in Henry's footsteps. He is one of the most honorable men that I have had the pleasure to know and work with. His leadership and dedication have been an inspiration to all of us. Henry has assured me that he will be there to help both me and the Association in every way that he can. Also, I would like to state again that if the Dr. Virginia stamp becomes a reality during my term, I will step down so that Henry will once again be your president to share in this honor. It has been through Henry's untiring efforts that we are getting nearer to this goal.

It was with great reluctance that the resignation of Ruth Apgar as Recording Secretary was accepted by the board of trustees at their meeting on October 19, 1992. Ruth has held this position for three years and has done an outstanding job.

Ruth and her husband, Henry, are fine examples of what a family in unity can accomplish. She has agreed to stay on as a Trustee, so we will still have her expertise. Ruth, we thank you sincerely for all that you have given to our association. Brenda Zimmerman, our new Recording Secretary, and

Jack Shuster, our new Corresponding Secretary, are both dedicated workers and will serve the Association well, as they have done in the past.

As an association, we need everyone's help to increase our membership and your new ideas to make our reunions even more successful. It is through your continued support that our Apgar heritage is being preserved and is one of which you can be proud.

I would like to thank all of the Trustees, officers and committee members for their hard work on behalf of the Association. It is through the labor of these people that our family has achieved so much. My best wishes to all of you in the coming year.

*In family unity, Phyllis P. Apgar,  
President*

## *Attention Family Members*

Still available at a special price of \$40.00 each are the Apgar Family Volume II, Part III - Jacob and William lines. To order, contact Mary Apgar, 416 Runyon Avenue, Middlesex, N.J. 08846 (908) 968-3065

## *Jane Apgar Sommers Has One-Woman Art Show*

The granddaughter of Henry and Ruth Apgar recently had a one-woman art show in Fremont, California. On August 2, 1992, the Fremont Art Association held a reception at its Studio Gallery to celebrate the opening of a month-long one-woman exhibition of the art of Jane Apgar Sommers. Jane, a descendant of the Conrad line, is the daughter of Dulcie and Henry E. Apgar, Jr., of Thousand Oaks, California.

The art exhibition was a multi media showing of horses, whales, masks and children's fairy tale illustrations done in colored pencil, pen and ink, chalk and oil pastel, water color, and sculpture. Apgar Sommers, who signs her works "Jane Apgar," is a science and mathematics teacher at Ochoa Middle School in Fremont. She has produced illustrations for a children's "paper doll"



horse cut-out book titled *My First Horse*, written by Marilyn Schwab Rose and published in 1991 by Arabian Marketing International. She is currently working on illustrations for a children's book of poetry by Jean Sylwanowicz of Denver, Colorado. One of her colored pencil drawings, "Celtic Carousel," is in limited-edition print.

HEADSTONE MARKING THE ORIGINAL COKESBURY  
HOMESITE OF JOHANNES APGAR.

## *Dr. Virginia Stamp Update*

There has been little, if any, movement by the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee in getting a commemorative stamp issued by the United States Postal Service to honor our own Dr. Virginia Apgar.

In correspondence between Robert H. Apgar and Elizabeth Altobell, Marketing Programs Manager of the Stamp & Products Design Section of the Postal Service, we have learned that the Dr. Virginia stamp will not be issued in 1993, and it is not on the proposed list of 1994 issues. Attempts by Rob to confirm this information have not been responded to as of our publication date.

We will keep trying, and we will keep you, our family members, advised of any progress that is made. We will see this important tribute to one of our own become a reality. Stay tuned.

Virginia Apgar M.D.: At the Forefront of Obstetric Anesthesia by Selma H. Calmes, M.D. (reprinted from the American Society of Anesthesiologists Newsletter, Oct. 1992)

Every baby born in a modern hospital throughout the world receives an Apgar Score, developed

by anesthesiologist Virginia Apgar, M.D. (1909-1974). As a result, her name is probably the most remembered of any anesthesiologist. She is remembered also by those who knew her personally for her warm, dynamic personality

and energetic lifestyle filled with many interests such as baseball (the Brooklyn Dodgers were her team), deep-sea fishing, stamp collecting and, most of all, music.

She was born in Westfield, N.J. to an unusual family (*italics added, ed.*). Her father's scientific and inventive interests made economic support of the family difficult. Her brother was chronically ill. These elements probably led her towards her interest in medicine. She graduated fourth in her class from New York's Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1933, and spent the next couple of years training as an anesthesiologist. She returned to Columbia in 1938 as Director of the Division of Anesthesia in the surgery department. By 1949, she had moved into obstetric anesthesia, which was a sorely neglected area.

About this time, the Apgar Score was developed. At breakfast in the hospital cafeteria one morning, a medical student made a chance remark on the need to evaluate newborn babies. Dr. Apgar said, "That's easy. You'd do it like this." She grabbed the nearest piece of paper, jotted down the five points that were to become the basis for the Apgar Score, and ran off to the O. B. to try it out. The Score was published in 1953.

The Apgar Score could be used as a standard evaluation, and it was now possible to compare different methods of infant resuscitation. For instance, they demonstrated that hypoxia and acidosis were not normal at birth; low Apgar Scores mean hypoxia and acidosis, and treatment should be given promptly.

In 1959, Dr. Apgar went to the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health to get a masters degree in public health. While there, she was offered the position as Director of the National Foundation's (previously March of Dimes) new division of congenital defects. There was no conflict about accepting; she wrote, "Who wants to retire? This entirely new career intrigues me." She spent the last 15 years of her life with the National Foundation.



# BEATRICE BERRY APGAR:

## *In Memorium*

*by Marybelle Hoffman, Wheat Ridge, Colorado*

We all lost a great friend on October 4 - an institution, really. Bea Apgar represented all that is good in this world: giving, loving, caring, sharing, all based on her belief and trust in God and the teachings of the Bible.

Bea was married to Bernard "Doc" Apgar, on Nov. 28, 1924. Doc was born in Woodglen, N.J. on Nov. 1, 1899. They had been married for 46 years when Doc died on April 16, 1971.

Throughout her life, Bea was a volunteer, from plane-spotting in Woodglen during World War II, to the Red Cross, to her 20-year involvement with the Foster Grandparent Program at the Hunterdon Developmental Center outside Clinton, N.J. She was also very active in the Hampton Methodist Church and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hampton Fire Department.

It appears that Bea almost "scripted" her final year. She had her first heart attack in 1991 just after completing the quilt that she had been working on for 30 years. She used to say, "As long as I'm working on this quilt, I won't die."

grandchildren be present at the 1992 reunion. Since school is in session in September, the family decided to have an early 90th birthday



BEA APGAR (left) AND HER DAUGHTER, MARYBELLE HOFFMAN AT THE 1992 REUNION WITH A PICTURE OF BEA'S FAMILY THAT GATHERED FOR HER EARLY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY.

party for Bea on August 1, 1992. (Her birthday wasn't until December 9.) The party was attended by all of her children, her grandchildren, and all but one of her great-grandchildren, as well as many of her friends. Later in August, she had a chance to bid goodbye to her ocean at the Jersey shore, and was treated to a horse-drawn carriage ride through Clinton as a treat during the annual Developmental Center picnic.

Finally, on September 19, 1992, she was honored as the oldest female in attendance at the Apgar Family Reunion - a very fitting finale.

Bea left this world the way she would have wished: She spent Friday, October 1, at the Developmental Center with her "special children," but was not to return the following Monday; she passed away Sunday morning, after being assured that her children would celebrate dinner together on her 90th birthday in December.

She will be sorely missed.

## *McKinney-Apgar House Update*

The McKinney-Apgar stone house, built in 1806 and possibly the oldest remaining house in Hamilton County, Ohio, outside of Cincinnati, will find a new resting place in nearby Warren County (Ohio).

The two-story structure, the source of several legendary stories including one that Aaron Burr spent a night there during a trip through Ohio, was the center of controversy this past summer because it stood on a prime development lot. The local town council had originally agreed to move the house to a local park as part of an historical display, then later changed its mind when the cost of moving the house became prohibitive to them.

Don Richards, the president of Pioneer Village at Caesar Creek State Park near Waynesville, was contacted by one of Dave McKinney's descendants, Sherry Hitchcock, and he welcomed the home to enhance the several other historic buildings in the park. Gateway Federal Savings Bank, which had sold the McKinney property to a developer, agreed to move the house to the Pioneer village site.

Local neighbors of the McKinney house are glad to see it go. It has been repeatedly vandalized over the past six years and has become an eyesore to its neighbors. Hitchcock said she has already been contacted by someone who said they would return a banister taken from the house years ago, adding that she would be happy to accept any other pieces taken from the house with no questions asked.

(This report was condensed from news reports in The Cincinnati Enquirer 12 June 1992 and 3 July 1992.ed.)

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