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TRACING JOHANNES' ROOTS

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Editors note: Henry Apgar, Jr., son of former Apgar Family Association President Henry Apgar, Sr., told the 1997 Family Association Reunion members of his one-day exploration of the area we believe was the homeland of our patron, Johannes Apgard. Here is his story.

Like most Germans emigrating to the English Colonies in North America during the early 1700s, Johannes came from the German Palatine region through Rotterdam (Holland) on English ships. Later German emigrants would come from Hamburg and Bremen on German or American ships. Most of the immigrants headed for the German-speaking communities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Research tells us that Johannes came in one of the later waves of immigrants in 1734. We believe that he traveled to the New World with other families from his hometown. But, where was his hometown and why did he leave?

According to our Association Historian, Dorothy Apgar, the Palatine emigration was caused by a combination of local wars, heavy taxes, and harsh winters.

The migration was encouraged by the British government to attract more Protestant Germans to pre-revolution America and also was stimulated by the inherent nature of Germans as "risk takers".

Starting with basic information received from Dorothy during the 1996 Apgar Family reunion, I started my search for the six, close together, German Palatine towns which have old church records mentioning Epgert (or similar) family names.

Johannes's family name in Germany may have been **Epgert** (possibly from the village of Epgert or another nearby Palatine village in the Westerwald). If Johannes could not properly write his name, the ship captain, Daniel Reed, may have written it phonetically as **Apgard**, later changed to **Apgar**.

On a crisp Saturday morning in May of 1997, I drove my rented German car from Frankfurt up the Rhine River toward Cologne. Herr Winfried Weber, my German
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Henry Apgar, Sr., (pictured right) past president and trustee, died on June 1, 1998, after a year of declining health.

This edition of the newsletter was going to print at the time, so rather than delay this long overdue issue, we will pay tribute to Henry in greater detail in the next issue.



Henry Sr, Ruth and Henry Apgar Jr. at the reunion.

In Memory of Ronald F. Apgar, Trustee and Treasurer (1940-1998)

The treasurer of the Apgar Family Association, Inc., Ronald F. Apgar, died on Wednesday, April 1, 1998 in Lehigh Valley Hospital outside of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Ron's death was a sudden and awful shock to all of us, and followed what was to have been a routine heart operation. He was single and 57 years old at the time of his passing.

Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Fenton and Jennie Pollock Apgar. A graduate of Allentown Business School, he was a senior operator in printing services at Pennsylvania Power and Light Company for 20 years.

Ron came to the annual Apgar family reunions for several years, but being the shy person he was around strangers, kept pretty much to himself. In 1996, he was approached at the reunion to see if he was interested in becoming a trustee of the family association. Fortunately, he was and subsequently was elected to the board that year. The following year, he was elected to the position of treasurer.

Ron's was a brief but important contribution to our organization and he will be sadly missed. At his funeral, the eulogy was delivered by his friend, Stephen Wheeler, who informed us that Ron had spent many years visiting the Good Shepherd Home in Allentown, where he had established a relationship with John Carson for many years. John was an accident victim at the age of nine years old which left him a quadriplegic. Ron visited John every day in the home and cared for him. John also made a moving tribute to Ron at the funeral, expressing his love for a man who had befriended him for many years.

The Board of Trustees has made a donation to the Good Shepherd Home in Ron's memory for John.

Six Board Members Retire

At the Board of Trustees meeting in August, six of the trustees announced their decisions to retire as of the reunion in September. Leaving the board after many years of service were: President **Phyllis Apgar**, First Vice President **Henry Apgar**, Second Vice President **Al Tiger**, Recording Secretary **Brenda Zimmerman**, Corresponding Secretary **Mary Apgar**, and trustee **Ruth Apgar**. The mass exodus from the board was coincidental. "Each retiring trustee reached their own decision independently of each other," said Wayne T. Dilts, who, as treasurer, was the ranking officer to remain on the board. "There was no mass revolt of any kind. Each one simply felt it was time to move on. They will each be missed very much. Their years of contribution, hard work, and experience brought our organization to where we are today. We owe them a great debt of gratitude, and we wish them all well." As President for the past five years, Phyllis Apgar established a series of firsts: she became our first female



Retiring Trustees (from left) Phyllis Apgar, Brenda Zimmerman, Al Tiger, and Mary Apgar are acknowledged at the 1997 reunion.

president, the first president who was not born an Apgar (she is married to Willard Apgar) and since she is not descendant from Germans but rather from British ancestry, her relatives were on the other side of the war in the American Revolution. Henry Apgar is also a Past President (1991-92) and has served as First Vice President for the past five years. He and his wife, Ruth, who also retired this year, served as trustees since the Association was incorporated in 1986, but were also active in the organization prior to that. Al Tiger, another past president (1990-91) has also served on the board since its inception in 1986. Al has also served as Vice President. Mary Apgar served on the board since 1988, the last year as Corresponding Secretary. Brenda Zimmerman has served since 1991 as Recording Secretary.

Minutes of the 23rd Reunion, September 20, 1997

Apgar Family Reunion. "This is the 4th year in a row that we've been blessed with a beautiful day", Phyllis stated. "Fortunately the forecast of rain has held off. As I've said before I'd like to believe that Dr. Virginia is still showering us with sunshine."

Phyllis called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m. Mary Apgar reported that 102 were in attendance today. Mary sent 318 invitations and 130 people responded. She asked that address corrections be sent to her as several invitations came back.

Reports from Officers

Wayne Dilts reported a balance of \$6494.69 in the treasury. The trustees will be discussing at the meeting (following the reunion) putting some of the money into a CD. After making up a budget guide line, Wayne realized that dues alone do not cover expenses which is why so many Apgar items are sold.

Reports from Trustees

George N. Apgar received a letter from Governor Christie Todd Whitman stating that Cokesbury is now on the historical district. Our home church here (Cokesbury) was built in 1810.

Membership Committee Report

Barbara Apgar, Membership Chairman, reported that there are 238 paid members, down from 275 last year, although many paid their dues today. Membership cards will be going out in January. Please make known to Barbara any address changes.

Reports from other Committees

Our historian, Dorothy Apgar, was not able to attend the reunion due to health problems. Judy Smith who has been assisting Dorothy read her report.

Phyllis introduced Henry Apgar, Jr. of California. He is the son of Henry and Ruth Apgar of South

Plainfield. Henry spoke of his recent trip to Germany where he traveled in the area of Johannes birth place. He told of his experiences in his travels through six German villages. He will write an article for this year's newsletter.

Phyllis said that she is the first woman president since the reunions began around 1922, the first one who is not descended from an Apgar and the first who is not of German blood. In fact, she has "a sneaking suspicion my ancestors fought on the other side in the Revolutionary War."

At 2:00 PM. the Sweet Adelines performed with selections including Ain't Misbehavin, Sitting on Top of the World, I'll be Seeing You, and Who's Sorry Now. Al Tiger was responsible for the entertainment again this year.

A tribute to this year's deceased members was read by Wayne Dilts:

Elsie M. Lindabury, aged 86, of Clinton, NJ.

Lt. Col. William Apgar (Ret.), aged 78, of Albuquerque, New Mexico

Lu Lu Apgar, aged 90, of Bloomsbury, NJ (widow of Charles L. Apgar)

William P. Apgar, aged 66, of Danforth, Maine

Edithe Brown, aged 91, of Lakewood, NJ

This year six trustees are retiring, including our President, Phyllis Apgar. Phyllis presented a plaque to Mary Apgar, Brenda Zimmerman, and Al Tiger. Henry and Ruth Apgar were presented with a special plaque last year. She thanked all for jobs well done. Wayne Dilts presented a plaque with gavel to Phyllis who thanked everyone and said she has enjoyed it very much and hoped

that everyone would give the new trustees the support given to her.

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Membership Committee Report

by Barbara M. Apgar, Chairperson

1997 was again an excellent year for the Apgar Family Association, Inc. with 243 memberships.

New membership cards will be mailed out in January 1998 to all members on our current mailing list. It is very important to indicate which line of the family you belong to when returning your cards (i.e., Adam, Conrad, etc.). Our historians, Dorothy Apgar and Judy Smith, can help you if you are uncertain.

We are encouraging families to get their relatives and children involved in our association. It's quite exciting to trace back roots.

Your membership and support to the Apgar Family Association is appreciated and we are looking forward to a great 1998.

**PLEASE NOTE:
CHANGES OF ADDRESS
ARE VERY IMPORTANT.**

TRACING JOHANNES' ROOTS

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The little town of Epgert, nearly lost among its larger neighbors, but still there.

friend from Darmstadt, had purchased for me some detailed roadmaps of the region and let me borrow his historical atlas of old German maps, which showed how the area looked in 1734, when Johannes left his homeland for the New World.

As I passed near the famous Rhine towns of Mainz, Rudesheim, and the Lorelei, I pondered why Johannes and his friends would ever have left such a beautiful and bountiful area for unknown Philadelphia. The riverbanks are thick with vineyards. Germany's greatest poets, painters, and other artists were attracted to this area. Even then, the "Father Rhine" served as Europe's principle commercial waterway — the main river trade artery between the heart of the continent and the North Sea.

Crossing the Rhine at Koblenz, I approached the industrial city of **Neuwied**, important because of its position on the Rhine and the beginning of the region of Apgard ancestry. I then looked for **Puderbach**, site of the earliest (1701) church record of a family member.

Easy to find and possessing a large new church, the town is typical of a modern German city with shops, homes, and schools. One building near the church displayed a marker indicating it was originally built in 1703.

Niederdreis, Rossbach, and Niederwambach are small farming towns and were more difficult to find. The maps proved not entirely accurate and some marked roads were little more than unpaved farm access roads. It was here that I began to see how harsh life might have been for Johannes. The land is hilly and rocky, difficult to farm. The population now may not be appreciably greater than in the 1700's. There is little industry here and the farm homes look unchanged from early drawings of the era. Actually, there is a striking visual similarity with the area around Cokesbury, New Jersey.

A typical farm in the little town of Niederwambach, still home to Epgert farming descendants.



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Although there are relevant church records dating back to 1698, as reported by Henry Jones, I didn't find any churches that old. His two books, More Palatine Families and Westerwald to America, are good starting places for the serious family researcher. The churches I found dated from the 1800's and the oldest cemetery markers dated from the early 1800's. No Apgards or Epgerts



there, either. Had they all moved to America?

A modern church and cemetery in Neiderwambach, where Epgert records date back to 1698.

I desperately wanted to find Epgert, the one village most closely aligned with our ancestor. Following the map, even at a scale of 1 to 25,000, proved frustrating. It was getting late in the afternoon and so I got back onto the Autobahn. I pulled off at the next rest station and found, to my surprise, that the roadhouse was named "Epgert". The restaurant proprietor explained how the name came from a nearby town whose main road had been intersected by the building of the autobahn.

Encouraged by this confirmation that our namesake's town still existed, I resumed my search with

new enthusiasm and, after a few more tips from local residents, found the pair of yellow German road signs that announce the start and end of all German towns. The two road signs were close enough so that I could see both of them from the same position. But, there they were, solid proof that the one-road town of Epgert was still there.

Hardly the "jewel in the crown", but I had found Epgert and successfully completed my search for all six German towns in which Johannes might have lived. I have not contributed much to ancestral research, which can only be done by a genealogical professional, but I did confirm that the villages still exist, with all the charm of 300 years ago. And, it is possible I walked down the same streets that Johannes might have walked to school and to work!



Germany Today
(map includes former E. Germany)
[grid square] = location of this story.



Above: Modern town of Puderbach, largest of those with Epgert records.



Left: The roadside restaurant named after our patriarch, on the Frankfurt- Cologne Autobahn.

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

The following report comes from various sources. If there are any changes in your family, please send me a clipping or a note, including your line, name, address, and full information on the birth, death, and/or marriage. If you send a clipping, please identify the newspaper and date of notice. Thank you, to those of you who sent notices this year, and thanks in advance to those of you who have information for me this coming year.

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DEATHS:

ANNA SMALL CREGAR, (w/o 10.12.2.6.1.271.1.1.2.2.2.), d. August 1996. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery, Califon, NJ.
FRANK J. WELSH, JR., (7.4.3.2.5.2.), 86, d. 9 Oct 1996, Binghamton, NY. Private services.
KENNETH CHARLES KELLY, (1.7.4.7.7.1.3.2.2.), 23, d. 9 Oct 1996. Cremated - services Wesley Methodist Church, Phillipsburg, NJ.
GRACE V. ROCKAFELLOW, (3.3.5.2.3.3.), 88, d. 13 Nov 1996, Flemington, NJ. Int. Prospect Hill Cemetery, Flemington, NJ.
MARY LARGE MOORE, (d/o 4.1.3.1.1.1.2.), 81, d. 20 Nov 1996, Atlanta, GA. Burial in Atlanta.
LEWIS MARSHALL RAMSEY, (s/o 7.4.3.2.2./4.1.2.2.3.3.1.), 65, d. 23 Nov 1996, Middlesex, NJ. Memorial services.
GEORGE N. ALPAUGH, (1.8.9.4.7.1./ h/o 6.5.7.4.1.2.) 83, d. 25 Nov 1996, High Bridge, NJ. Int. Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester, NJ.
DAISY KEITH, (10.1.2.7.2.1.1.4.), 27, d. 17 Apr 1997, a suicide, Malibu, CA.

HELEN C. HARRINGTON, (3.7.8.5.1.3.), 86, d. 8 Dec 1996, Lebanon Twp., NJ. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery, Califon, NJ.
ELIZABETH LORENZO, (6.2.2.2.4.8.), 91, d. 11 Dec 1996, at home in Hamilton Twp., Mercer Co., NJ. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery, Califon, NJ.
GEORGE HUGH LANE, (h/o Emily Apgar, line unknown), 89, d. 21 Dec 1996, Albany, NY. Burial private.
JOHN H. YOUNG, (4.1.3.1.5.1.2.), 94, d. 22 Dec 1996, Tewksbury Twp., NJ. Burial private.
THEODORE D. APGAR, (6.10.1.1.1.2.8.), 65, d. 31 Dec 1996, at home in Benbrook, TX. Int. in Greenbrook Memorial Park, TX.
HARRY "CHUB" DILTS, (9.5.9.9.2.2.), 83, and wife, VIOLA M. DILTS, 75, d. 13 Jan 1997, when their house in Finesville, NJ burned. Int. Riegelsville Union Cemetery, Riegelsville, PA.
BEATRICE L. DEVATT, (line unknown), 61, d. 15 Jan 1997, at home in Bath, PA. Int. Hillside Cemetery, Oxford, NJ.
CHARLES "PETE" CONOVER, (6.4.3.4.2.1.2.9.), 79, d. 15 Jan 1997, Gladstone, NJ. Int. Middle Valley Cemetery, Washington Twp., NJ.
ELIZABETH "BEA" L. LANDON, (6.10.2.2.2.1.2.), 76, d. 29 Jan 1997, at home in Cokesbury, NJ. Int. Union Cemetery, Lebanon, NJ.
HARRY W. CREVELING, (3.6.1.1.1.2.4.), 92, d. 6 Feb 1997, Lebanon Twp., NJ. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery, Califon, NJ.
LT COL. WILLIAM APGAR, USAF, (RET), (2.3.1.7.6.2.), 78, d. 11 Feb 1997, at home in Albuquerque, NM. Int. Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.
FRANK LESTER APGAR, (10.14.1.2.3.2.), 80, d. 13 Feb 1997. Int. Los Gatos, CA.
KENNETH H. APGAR, SR., (unknown line), 72, d. 6 Mar 1997, Easton, PA. Int. South Easton Cemetery, Easton, PA.
MARTHA "PENNY" APGAR, (wife of unknown line), 75, d. 21 Mar 1997, Easton, PA. Int. South Easton Cemetery, Easton, PA.
MARY GRACE PILL, (w/o 3.5.10.2.1.1.1.), 71, d. 21 Mar 1997, Califon, NJ. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery, Califon, NJ.
LU LU APGAR, (w/o 9.6.4.5.1.), 90, d. 29 Mar 1997, Bloomsbury, NJ. Int. Bloomsbury Cem., Bloomsbury, NJ.
INEZ APGAR, (6.10.3.3.4.10.), 77, d. 3 Apr 1997, Clifton, NJ. Int. Fairmount Rural Cemetery, Tewksbury Twp., NJ.
WILLIAM P. APGAR, (6.4.3.6.5.3.1.), 66, d. 12 May 1997, Danforth, ME. Int. Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor, ME.
KATHY M. PHELAN, (1.2.11.9.7.4.1.4.), 41, d. 14 May 1997, High Bridge, NJ.

DOUGLAS E. WEAVER, (h/o 9.11.13.4.4.1.), 63, d. 14 May 1997, Wilmington, DE. Int. Musconetcong Valley Cemetery, Hampton, NJ.
MILDRED A. BENWARD, (6.4.3.4.8.2.2.), 76, d. 20 May 1997, Asbury, NJ. Int. Harmony Presbyterian Cemetery, Harmony, NJ.
EDWIN T EDWARDS, JR., (h/o 9.5.5.2.4.2.1.), 68, d. 24 May 1997, Somerset, VA. Int. Milford Union Cemetery, Milford, NJ.
NICHOLAS JAMES PRESCUTO, (6.4.3.4.2.1.8.1.1.), d. shortly after birth 24 May 1997, Raritan Twp., NJ. Int. St. Magdalen's Cemetery, Flemington, NJ.
ARTHUR R. BENWARD, (h/o 6.4.3.4.8.2.2.), 93, d. 31 May 1997, Asbury, NJ. Private services.
GLADYS A. APGAR, (w/o unknown line), 85, d. 26 May 1997, Bethlehem, PA (formerly of West Portal, NJ). Services private.
EDGAR C. WYCKOFF, (4.5.5.3.1.2.1.), 83, d. 5 June 1997, Stuart, FL (formerly of Waterbury, CT). Int. Mt. Oliver Cem., Watertown, CT.
NORMAN R. INSCHO, (s/o 7.3.1.4.1.1.5.), 60, d. 7 June 1997, Phillipsburg, NJ. Int. St. Mary's Cemetery, Alpha, NJ.
FRANCES M. INSCHO, (7.3.1.4.1.1.5.), 82, d. 9 June 1997, at home in Phillipsburg, NJ. Cremation.
HAROLD LESTER APGAR, (7.3.1.2.2.3.2.), 87, d. 14 June 1997, Highland Beach, FL. Int. Boca Raton Mausoleum.
BRIAN MICHAEL KEITH, (10.1.2.7.2.1.1.), 75, d. 24 June 1997, a suicide, at home in Malibu, CA.
CHARLES C. APGAR, (s/o 3.7.7.6.4.), 86, d. 30 June 1997, High Bridge, NJ. Memorial services.
JAMES D. DUNCAN, JR, (son of unknown line), 46, d. 20 July 1997, Easton, PA. Int. South Easton Cemetery, Easton, PA.
IRENE R. APGAR, (w/o 1.2.1.6.2.4.1.), 96, d. 16 Aug 1997, Langhorne, PA. Int. Evergreen Cemetery, Clinton, NJ.
FRANK C. APGAR II, (6.10.3.3.4.7.2.), 60, d. 11 Sep 1997, Long Valley, NJ. Int. New Germantown Cemetery, Oldwick, NJ.
IDA R. VAN DOREN, (4.1.3.1.2.4.), 81, d. 24 Sep 1997, Lebanon, NJ. Int. Lebanon Cemetery, Lebanon, NJ.
MABEL TOMELOVECH, (6.10.3.3.9.), 97, d. 28 Sep 1997, Andover Twp., NJ. Int. Fairmount Rural Cemetery, Tewksbury Twp., NJ.
GEORGE W. SCHUYLER, (3.7.5.2.2.1.1.), 90, d. 23 Oct 1997, Clinton, NJ. Int. Evergreen Cemetery, Clinton, NJ.

FREDERICK "BUS" JOHNSON, (h/o 5.7.7.3.2.1.), 86, d. 25 Oct 1997, at home in White Twp., NJ. Int. Summerfield Cemetery, White Twp., NJ.
 WALTER F. JENNESS, JR. , (h/o 4.5.8.3.7.5.2.), 48, d. 28 Oct 1997, Holland Township, NJ. Int. Fairmount Cemetery, Tewksbury Twp., NJ.
 PAULINE P. APGAR, (w/o 3.7.7.7.7.7.), 71, d. 29 Oct 1997, Union Township, NJ. Int. Fairmount Cemetery, Tewksbury Twp., NJ.

MARRIAGES:

PAMELA ANN FEDORKO (6.11.11.3.1.2.2.?) and Richard Martin, 8 June 1996, Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, NJ.
 PAULA CHRISTINE FISCHER (6.11.11.3.5.1.3.) and Joseph Vincent Klak, 21 Sep 1996, Vera Beach, Indian River, FL.
 DONALD ALLAN APGAR (1.2.11.5.3.3.1.3.3.) and Jeanine Elaine Allen, 28 Sep 1996, Bloomsbury United Methodist Church, Bloomsbury, NJ.
 VICTORIA LOUISE APGAR (6.4.3.6.5.3.1.3.) and Peter Dean Dal Pozzo, 30 Nov 1996, Penobscot Valley Country Club, Orono, ME.
 LEE SCOTT APGAR (10.14.4.3.2.1.1.) and Laura Jean Krouse, 14 Dec 1996, Beaver Creek, CO.
 DANIEL JAMES HANKINSON (s/o 3.5.3.1.4.4.1.1.) and Barbara Jean Mueller, 25 May 1997, Spruce Run Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lebanon Twp., NJ.
 ERIC NATHAN APGAR (10.14.4.3.2.1.2.) and Karen Lapuk, 17 Aug 1997, Miss Porter's School, Farmington, CT

BIRTHS:

JOSHUA JOHN ROBINSON born 2 May 1996 to Alisa Claire Ramsey (10.12.2.6.1.4.1.3.) and John M. Robinson, Easton, PA.
 JAYSON NATHANIEL ENGLISH born 8 May 1996 to Kellie Sue Del Aversona (10.12.2.6.1.4.1.2.1.3.) and Harold Donald English, Bloomsburg, PA.
 ROBERT WILLIAM APGAR born 30 June 1996 to Robert Cybrouch Apgar (9.6.2.10.7.1.1.) and Christa Rumpf.
 THOMAS W. CENOVA born 10 Oct 1996 to Mark Cenova (10.1.5.4.3.3.2.) and Christina M. Pollack, Johnson City, NY.
 KATHERINE FRANCES MC NEEL born 15 Oct 1996 to Andrew McNeel (1.2.3.11.1.4.2.1.1.) and Ellen Hall.

EVA LEEDHAM APGAR born 19 Nov 1996 to Robert H. Apgar (3.5.3.4.12.3.2.2.) and Lori Apgar, Pittsburgh, PA.
 TESS REBECCA APGAR born 7 Dec 1996 to John Apgar (6.12.10.5.2.3.2.2.) and Ellen Rubin, Flemington, NJ.
 GWYNETH SARAH LEAVER born Feb 1997 to Cheryl Leaver (6.12.10.5.2.3.1.1.) and Tom Curbishley, Lawrenceville, NJ.
 KATHERINE NICOLE HOMULAK born 21 Mar 1997 to Gail Homulak (2.3.1.11.2.1.2.) and Robert Mitchell.
 JACOB RILEY ADAMSKI born 11 Apr 1997 to Joseph R. (9.6.4.3.2.3.1.2.) and Tracy A. Adamski, Easton, PA.
 REBECCA CLAIRE MARTIN born 25 Apr 1997 to Pamela Ann Fedorko (6.11.11.3.1.1.2.?) and Richard Martin of Long Branch, NJ.
 JONATHAN DOUGLAS KELLY born 20 June 1997 to Jann Kristin Kiely (9.5.9.2.1.2.2.5.) and Mark Stephen Kelly.
 MORGAN WARD born 14 Aug 1997 to Kim Apgar (d/o 6.2.2.2.2.1.3.2./ 1.2.3.11.6.4.2.) and John Ward, Milford, NJ.
 LACEY MORGAN KAPPUS born 23 Aug 1997 to Diane Hanna (d/o 3.7.5.2.2.1.1.479.5.5.2.3.5.3.) and William Kappus, Alexandria Township, NJ.
 TYLER JAMES MILLET born 26 Aug 1997 to Karen Cyphers (4.4.4.7.4.1.2.1.1.1.) and Jeffrey Millet, Allentown, PA.
 COULTER WILLIAM LEWIS AND TAYLOR HOPE LEWIS, twins, born 27 Aug 1997 to Judy Lance (10.14.8.2.1.1.2.) and Scott Lewis, Clinton Township, NJ.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

LAWRENCE (5.7.7.2.1.2.) APGAR, SR. and HELEN FOX APGAR celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married 1 Mar 1947 at the bride's home in Clinton, NJ.
 JOHN (4.1.3.1.5.1.1.2.) and RUTH HAGEN RINEHART of Franklin Township celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on 19 Oct 1946 at Stanton Reformed Church.
 LEROY APGAR (6.4.3.6.5.2.1.) of Flemington donated \$1,000 to the Hunterdon Medical Center to commemorate his 70th birthday (Hunterdon County Democrat, Nov 1996).



Longest Married Couple

Fred and Marion Braun at the 1997 reunion have been married for 67 years.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

by Dorothy E. Apgar

(The following is the text of Dorothy's report to the membership at the reunion. Ed.)

I am sorry I am unable to be with you this year. Hopefully my eyes will be free of cataracts soon. My computer is set up for large print and so I am able to do the work on additions and corrections. This year, I have received over 200 pieces of correspondence. Many of these have been new people that we have not been aware of. Many of you have sent corrections to me and also additions to your families. The Apgar family is growing by leaps and bounds. Keep sending your additions and corrections. As I could not begin to finish the material that I received this year in time for this reunion, I can always insert your material into its proper place, even if it is last minute.

Johannes Peter Apgard set down a deep root in Cokesbury. His family spread outward - while some of the Apgars remained in the local area, many established themselves further west. The Apgars found the lure of the west intriguing and so followed their friends and neighbors to help settle the wilds of, first Pennsylvania and western New York, then onward to Ohio. As the railroad spread westward, so did the Apgars. I have found as more and more people get in touch with me from middle America, they descend from railroad men. Families followed the men, established railroad boarding houses along the track and so the women supported themselves and raised their families. I hope that you

will read some of these stories when the additions and corrections are finished. Newspaper articles, pictures, families memories, and many other pieces of information will be included whenever I have the material.

Judy Smith, my assistant, helps me keep this job rolling along. I certainly appreciate her help. She is doing a superb job and is doing more and more work, especially finding the births, deaths, and marriages. Keep sending them to either of us and keep those additions and corrections coming to me.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Dorothy E. Apgar, Historian



1997 Apgar Family reunion photo

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The following is a condensation of the minutes of each trustee meeting during the past year.

April 21, 1997 - A letter was received by Phyllis Apgar from Mahlon Apgar IV. He is in charge of St. David's Boys' Choir in Baltimore. He sent a CD for the Apgar archives. Also, Phyllis received notice that the National Women's Hall of Fame is planning a gala in July of 1998. (Dr. Virginia Apgar was inducted into this hall of fame. Ed)

George N. Apgar reported that next year (1998) is the 100th anniversary of the founding of High Bridge. For information contact Barbara Repka of High Bridge. This year is the 250th anniversary of the Lebanon Reformed Church. George brought in some things for the Apgar archives which were placed in the hands of Wayne Dilts.

Those trustees who will be leaving the board in September are Phyllis, Henry and Ruth Apgar, Al Tiger, and Brenda Zimmerman who all hold offices. Those positions will need to be filled by September. Wayne has agreed to be the new president and Ron Apgar has agreed to take over as treasurer. Also Al Tiger's son, Steve, is interested in being a trustee.

Wayne suggested forming a committee to establish an Apgar web site.

Judy has been in touch with people who have just discovered they are members of the Apgar family and has helped some find their line. Barbara, membership chairman, reported that membership returns were excellent for this year.

June 30, 1997 - Correspondence from Dr. L. Joseph Butterfield, who spearheaded the campaign to get the Dr. Virginia Stamp released, offered to put together a collection of letters, memos and publications



Robert H. Apgar & Family (from left) Deirdre (11), Eva (1), Jack (6), Grant (9) and wife Lori.

about Dr. Virginia on behalf of the AAP

The Warren County Historical Society contacted Judy asking for any help with Apgar genealogy. Efforts will be made to get some information to them. Also the filing cabinet which houses the Apgar genealogy, newsletters and other memorabilia was turned over by Dorothy Apgar to Judy.

Ron Apgar compiled a booklet of Apgars listed on the internet for the trustees to use. Barbara Apgar was given approval for a membership drive which she will do as a winter project.

New items for sale were suggested - Brenda suggested the sale of attache bags at the reunion. A motion was made and seconded to order 5 dozen bags. Also Apgar note pads will be orders and sold at the reunion.

Judy accepted the position of secretary for the association and John C. Apgar accepted the position of vice president - both starting in September.

A committee was formed to investigate costs and benefits of

establishing a web page for the Apgar Association.

August 18, 1997 - A discussion was held on what to do with some of our treasury money. It was decided to check into putting some of it into a CD.

Mary Apgar stated that she would be leaving the board when this year is over.

Judy reported that she talked with Barbara Repka, High Bridge Historian, who told her that they will have a book about High Bridge - for their centennial next year - which will go on sale soon. A copy of this book will be purchased for the Apgar archives. Judy also prepared a tribute to the actor, Brian Keith, who was a member of the Apgar family. This will be displayed at the reunion. Wayne showed an article that appeared in the Star Ledger on August 13th - he and his daughter were one of the features in an article about reunions.

Final arrangements were made for this year's reunion. We will have a small group from the Sweet Adelines of Somerset Co. as the featured entertainment.

A proposed budget was presented by Wayne - this shows that our yearly expenses can not be met by membership dues alone. That is the reason for selling Apgar items.

Phyllis received a letter from Martha Weiss who is from the Assoc. of the Alumni College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University. They have Dr. Virginia's musical instruments and are looking for a possible place to have a concert. They play mostly classical music.

Those members of the board who will be leaving in September expressed their thanks to the other trustees for the work they've done to help them in past years.

September 20, 1997 - The meeting was called to order at 3:45 P.M. by President Wayne Dilts. Wayne read a letter to us from him stating that the six members of the board who retired today had more than 80 years of combined service to the Apgar Family Assoc. The present board has only one member with more than 3 years of experience - George N. Apgar who has 18 years of experience. The slate of new officers was introduced as follows: President - Wayne Apgar; Vice-President - John C. Apgar, III; Secretary - Judy Smith; and Treasurer - Ronald N. Apgar. New trustees are John S. Apgar and Stephen Tiger.

George N. brought up the idea of compiling a list of reasonable accommodations for out-of-town family members to be ready in time for next year's reunion - will be discussed further at next meeting.

A discussion was held on some items to be included in this year's newsletter (which have been included - Ed). Thank you letters will be sent to Malvena Apgar and the workers in the church kitchen for preparing and serving a delicious luncheon; to Rev. Gary Bartlett of the Cokesbury Methodist

Church for use of the building; and to Eleanor Hankinson for making and donating the afghan for raffle.

Next reunion date - September 19th, 1998.

John S. Apgar has gathered information on possible containers for the time capsule - he would like us to make a list of things we'd like to see in it if we were looking into it in 100 years. Proposed time line for project development of project - by next year's reunion so membership can be told about it.

At this time, Judy Smith is handling both secretarial positions but this will change when a someone is available for the corresponding secretarys job.

Discussion of proposed web site - also, we'd like to bring back the family tree logo with the names of Johannes' children on it. The day of our meetings was changed from Monday to Friday and the time was also changed to 7:00 p.m. to make it a little easier for some of our trustees to make the long trip.

Ozzy Apgar was the youngest at the 1997 reunion at 12 months old.



President's Message

Never in the 23-year history of the Apgar Family Association has there been such a major turn-around in the composition of the Board of Trustees as we have seen this year: six former trustees just retired, a majority of the Board, with more than 80 years of combined service to this organization.

With such a drastic overhaul must come changes: the average age of the members of this board now stands at less than 50; only one trustee has more than three years of service; and there is only one female on the board.

While we strive to serve you, the membership, we are still in need of additional help. If you or anyone in your family is interested, we want to talk to you.

I look forward to leading our organization with renewed hope and confidence. You will see not only a new board, but also the new ideas and fresh opinions that will keep our past heritage strong, our current membership growing, and the demands of the future in focus.

In advance, I want to thank all of you for your support, encouragement, and help. Together we can face and overcome any challenges that come our way. It's the Apgar way.

Wayne T. Dilts

Minutes of the 23rd Reunion (continued from page 3)

Al Tiger nominated new trustees and officers as follows: Trustees - three-year terms.

Officers:

Wayne Dilts, President
Stephen Tiger
John C. Apgar, III, Vice President
John S. Apgar
Judy Smith, Secretary
Ronald Apgar, Treasurer

All officers and trustees will be elected at the business meeting after the reunion.

Phyllis introduced John S. Apgar, son of the late Robert O. Apgar and the present historian, Dorothy Apgar. Stephen Tiger was unable to attend the reunion. He is the son of Al and Fran Tiger. John and Stephen are both second generation trustees and also both of their fathers were presidents and secretaries of the Association.

Phyllis introduced Wayne Dilts, our new president. He really doesn't need an introduction as he has done a terrific job as Newsletter Editor and photographer.

John C. Apgar made a plea for new trustees. We are in need of 4 trustees - call John or another trustee if interested in becoming a trustee.

Gifts were presented to:

Oldest Male

Fred Braun, 94 years,
Pattensburg, NJ

Oldest Female

Marion Braun, 90 years,
Pattensburg, NJ

Longest Married Couple

Fred and Marion Braun, 67 years,
Pattensburg, NJ

Youngest Child

Ozzy Apgar, b. 29 Aug 1996

Greatest Distance

Mr. Roberts from Alabama

Other States with members in attendance: Ohio, California, Florida and Michigan.

Largest Family Attending

Kenneth Apgar with 8 members

Phyllis called on Eleanor Hankinson (mother of Judy Smith, our new

Secretary) to do the drawing for the afghan. This is the second year in a row she has made and donated the afghan. Eleanor showed us today of her dedication to the reunion - her husband's 80th birthday celebration was delayed until tomorrow so she and her daughter could attend the reunion. Don Hankinson came in later in the meeting and we were able to sing happy birthday to him and wish him many more! The afghan was won by Gary Apgar of Glen Gardner, NJ.

Next year's reunion will be on September 19, 1998.

On a final note (from Phyllis) Before I adjourn this year's meeting, I would again like to thank all of you for your support over the years. I could not have functioned as President without the input of each and everyone of you. It is through your efforts that our family continues as one in unity. As we move into the 21st century, let us all strive to make this Association stronger and preserve a rich heritage for future generations. Thank you all for attending. May you all be blessed with joy and prosperity in the coming year. Until we meet again, this meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Zimmerman, Recording Secretary

APGAR TWINS

A feature in last year's newsletter showed two sets of male twins - John D. and Willard S. Apgar and Francis R. and Matthew K. Apgar. It seems as if male twins are popular in the Apgar family. A question followed asking if anyone knew of female Apgar twins. In response to this question, Judy Smith received a note from Charlotte Apgar Hallock stating that she was one of twin girls born to Charles L. Apgar and Lu Lu Dalrymple of Bloomsbury, NJ. Her twin sister, Lillian Lucille, died shortly after birth.

IN MEMORY

On February 11, 1997, Retired Air Force Lt. Col. William C. Apgar of Albuquerque, N.M., died at age 78. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

We will pay tribute to him in greater detail in the next issue.

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The following items are available for purchase. Prices quoted are for each item and do not include the cost of postage and shipping.

- 1) The Dr. Virginia Apgar commemorative magnet - \$3.00
- 2) Apgar Family Association tee shirts-sizes s, m, l, and xl - \$10.00
- 3) Apgar Family Association sweat shirts - navy or white - sizes s, m, l, and xl-\$18.00
- 4) Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp staff shirt white-sizes s, m, l, and xl - \$20.00
- 5) Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp nylon tote bag - navy-\$15.00

To order the above, contact

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- 6) Hard cover edition of Vol. 2, Part 3, Jacob and William lines available for \$40.00
- 7) First day of issue Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp cards - \$2.00

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