



# APGAR

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## Henry Elston Apgar (1907-1998)

Former Apgar Family Association President Henry E. Apgar (10.14.6.5.1.) died June 1, 1998 at the age of 91. Henry was a dedicated member of the Apgar Family Association, serving as a trustee for ten years. During that time, he held the office of President for two years and the office of First Vice-President for four years. Henry was the oldest male in attendance at the 1994 reunion.

Henry was one of the people instrumental in gaining recognition for his second cousin, Dr. Virginia Apgar, when the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp in her honor in 1994.

A lifelong resident of South Plainfield, New Jersey, Henry also had a history of service to his community. He was a borough councilman from 1946 to 1952 and mayor from 1952 to 1956.

Henry was instrumental in establishing the Youth Guidance Council in South Plainfield and served on the board of directors of the American Red Cross. He was director of the South Plainfield Community

Fund and the Middlesex County Mental Health Board.

In 1979 the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus named Henry "Outstanding Senior Citizen," and he served as the grand marshal of the town's Labor Day parade that year.

Henry was a member of the Westminster Historical Society. He served as president of the South Plainfield Historical Society and was elected president of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens in 1980.

A licensed private pilot, Henry was also an avid fan of air travel. He was dubbed "the voice of Hadley Airfield," where he announced air shows in the 1930s and 1940s. Henry was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Aviation Fame.

Henry is survived by his wife, Ruth, who also served as a trustee of the family association for ten years, including a term as secretary. A son, Henry Jr., published the story of his journey to Epgert, Germany in our newsletter last year. Other survivors are two daughters, Darlene Sidie and Virginia Henry; a brother, Robert H.; a sister, Mary H.; and six grandchildren.

*The Apgar Family Association made a memorial contribution to Trinity Reformed Church, 401 Greenbrook Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060.*



*Henry holding a framed Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service*

# What did the Apgars do in the Civil War?

*(Adapted from a presentation given by Mike Apgar at the 1998 Apgar Reunion)*

At least 70 men named Apgar, Apker, or Apper served in the Union Army. They enlisted in 55 different volunteer infantry, cavalry and artillery regiments that were raised in 10 different states. These men were farmers, laborers and tradesmen. One listed his occupation as "capitalist."

The Apgar soldiers ranged in age from 15 to 53 years at the time they enlisted; however, most of them were between 18 and 22 years old. The majority of the Apgars served as privates, but there were also seven corporals, four sergeants, two lieutenants, and two captains — enough for nearly an entire company.

Apgars fought in virtually every major engagement of the war, from First Bull Run to Appomattox. Apgars were among the casualties at Gaines Mill, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Chicamaugua, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Hatcher's Run, and Nashville. They participated in the victories at Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Atlanta, Bentonville, and Mobile.

By the time the war ended, four Apgars had been killed. Eight others were wounded. Four were severely injured in the line of duty (two of these died shortly afterwards). Four died of disease.

## IN MEMORIAM .....

Faithful Apgar Reunion attendant Marian Braun, aged 91, died on 16 Dec 1998 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, NJ. She and her husband, Fred, won the Longest Married Couple award seven times. Marian also was the Oldest Female in attendance four times. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Fred Braun; 5 children; 20 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Seven had been POWs, and at least nine were discharged for disability. After the war 54 Apgar soldiers, their dependent widows, or parents applied for pensions due to death or disabilities resulting from their or their relatives' military service.

What did the Apgars do in the Civil War? The answer to the question is simple: Apgars helped win the war! And in so doing they helped preserve the Union and rid the nation of slavery.

Johannes Peter Apgard would have been immensely proud to know that a century after raising his own family in America, his namesake descendants played an important part in preserving the nation his children fought to establish. Apgars living today have good reason to be proud and thankful to those Apgar Civil War soldiers, too!

The effort to document the Civil War service of all Apgar Family members continues. Dorothy Apgar, Apgar Family Historian Emeritus, urged that this tale should include all Apgars — those descended through both the male and female members of the

family. As a result the roster has grown to 100, with another 40 probables who need to be verified. However, the list is likely still far from complete.

*If you have information to add to this story, Mike Apgar is attempting to write a narrative on each Apgar soldier of the Civil War and is happy to exchange information. See page 12 for contact information.*



*Mike Apgar speaking about the Civil War Apgars to the 1998 Reunion attendants*



*Marian Braun at the 1997 reunion, when she was the Oldest Female in attendance.*

# Tribute to Henry Apgar

*(Adapted from a eulogy given by Wayne Dilts.)*

Ruth, Hank, and the rest of your family, on behalf of our family association, I extend our deepest sympathies to you all.

When I began to think about what I could say here this morning, it became apparent to me just how much of an influence Henry had on my own life. One of my regrets, now, is that I really didn't think about it sooner.

About 10 years ago I went to my first Apgar Reunion. My own grandmother, Lenola Layden, had been the oldest female in attendance for several years in a row, and I went out of a sense of curiosity. One of the first people I met was Henry.

I was struck by his love of everything and everyone that made up the reunion. Here was this kind, warm man who had a huge smile and a sincerity about him that was infectious. He didn't know who I was, but made me feel so welcome.

Henry, in the friendliest way, also made me a little ashamed of myself: for not having been to the reunion before then, and for not having more pride in my heritage than I did. I got involved, slowly at first, but it was due in large part because of Henry's intense love of everything Apgar.

In the beginning of my involvement with our family association, I was the newsletter editor. One year, Henry and Ruth volunteered to help prepare the newsletter for mailing. I took my older daughter, Katie, who was about three or four years old at the time, with me to deliver the newsletters to Henry and Ruth at their home.

When we arrived, one would have thought my daughter was royalty, the way they treated her. Henry took great pride and pleasure in showing her the huge model dollhouse he had made himself and had on display in their basement. The dollhouse was a replica of his homestead, and it was a beautiful sight. I firmly believe that my daughter's love of dollhouses began at Henry and Ruth's house. They also gave her a little painted ceramic duck that she still has.

I will never forget Henry's passion for getting the U.S. Postal Service to approve a commemorative stamp honoring his second cousin, Dr. Virginia Apgar. It was only fitting, then, that he was invited to speak at the unveiling ceremony for the stamp in Dallas, Texas.

I am the current president of the Apgar Family Association, a position Henry held for two years. When I am faced with a difficult situation about family business, I often ask myself how Henry would handle it. While I doubt that I will ever have the impact he has had on this association, he continues to serve as a role model for me.

Like all of you, I am saddened by the loss of this dear friend. But at the same time, I am happy for Henry. Just imagine what it will be like for him to hobnob with all the ancestors he talked about, researched, and admired all his life. While we will miss his smiling face at the next reunion, I know he'll still be there with us.

Henry, we love you, admire you, and most of all miss you. But from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for being the best of what we all aspire to be: a good Apgar.

God bless you. Rest well.

## Apgars go on-line!



Surf on in to <http://www.ApgarFamily.com>

Two years ago the trustees began discussing the possibility of developing our own web site to promote the association. During the winter of 1997-98 we formally began the project. Web Site Committee Chairperson Steve Tiger and professional designer Lorrie Dilts worked hard to get the web site up and running. Steve describes the site as "a work in progress" that will be updated continually.

People all over the world will learn of our association through the web site. Since the site went on-line, we have heard from many people asking for genealogy and how to join our association. Barbara Apgar reported that she received a few memberships from people who looked at our web site.

# Tribute to Dorothy Apgar, our retiring historian

*(Adapted from an address to the membership at the 1998 reunion by Judy Smith.)*

Thinking back to my childhood, I remember playing with Dorothy's older children when we all lived in High Bridge — Dorothy, her late husband Bob, and their family lived down the street from our house. After they moved, occasionally I would have the chance to see Dorothy's son Bill when he'd be staying with his grandmother who also lived near us. Daughter Ruth would often stay with her grandparents on East Main Street. Bill and my brother, Jim, often did things together so Bill would pop in every once in a while. (Dorothy's daughter Mary and son John were a bit younger than me so I didn't really know them.)

The years have a way of passing without our realizing that we're growing older. Sadly enough, it was at the viewing for Dorothy's husband that I met with her whole family again. It was at this time that Dorothy asked if I would help keep her up-to-date with the Apgar families in the NJ area.

The first year or so, I mostly clipped articles (obituaries, birth announcements, etc.) from the local papers and sent them to Dorothy. At the next reunion, she asked if I would sit with her at the historian's table and

help her with inquiries and meeting new Apgars. That year, she also asked if I would take the notebook that she kept these clippings in so I could take over the keeping of these notices. Little did I know what lay in store for me!

From then on, Dorothy and I have corresponded regularly. So I wasn't surprised to learn of her plans to retire from her historian position. I have a lot of admiration for Dorothy and appreciate the endless hours she has given in service to this association. Keeping up with the additions to the family is a very time-consuming job. Dorothy has also spent a lot of time answering letters, trying to help others find their correct line to our patriarch, Johannes Peter. To my knowledge, it's only been recently that she's had time to devote to researching and compiling information on her own family lines.

I'm sure many of you have special memories of Dorothy in your heart, and I'm sure she'd like to hear from all of you. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. As she said in her report, her health is such that it keeps her at home most of the time.

Thank you, Dorothy, for giving so much to our family!

With love and much appreciation,  
Judy

## Don't Miss Out!! Fun for All Ages!!



The adage is true: a picture is worth a thousand words. One look at these 1998 Apgar Reunion attendants' faces reveals the joy and fascination our annual family gathering brings to Johannes Peter's descendants, young and old. Never fear — your chance to experience the smiles, laughs, and learning comes on Saturday, September 18, 1999 at the Cokesbury Methodist Church in Cokesbury, NJ. As this year is the 25th anniversary of the first Apgar Reunion, the Association's trustees have some special activities in store. Mention the Apgar Family Association special \$91 rate when you Reunion attendants from out-of-town call the Holiday Inn in Clinton, NJ at (908)735-5111 to reserve a room. Contact a current trustee for information, to make suggestions, or to volunteer. Look for your formal invitation in the mail.



*Hope to see you there!*

## Historian's Report

*(The following address was read by Judy Smith at the 1998 reunion)*

This will be my final historian report. I am retiring from the Historian part of my work with the Apgar Family Association. I will still be your Book Editor. My health is such that I cannot go too far from home.

It has been a rewarding twenty-odd years. We have researched, walked cemeteries, located Apgar houses, and bussed you around the various places of interest to Apgars. Best of all, we talked, wrote, read, e-mailed and wrote books that have been sold all over the country. The reunions have gathered together many Apgars from everywhere. We have been so lucky to have had good people to begin, and to continue, to work hard to keep the reunions and newsletters viable.

I will still be writing the Apgar genealogy. I can't tell you how much material and how many queries I receive every week. As I write this, I received 3 queries this last week. One from Canada, inquiring about a Mary Ann Apgar, married to Lewis Heath. Nowhere in all the material I have is there a Mary Ann Apgar married to a Lewis Heath or a Mary Ann listed that we can't account for. These and other puzzles that come along are all researched and letters are written, telling them where they might look for more information. No person is unanswered, but we cannot help everyone, as there are so many Apgars out there that we know nothing about.

So much new material has come in this last year, that writing additions and corrections is no longer a good way to share this information. I also have had many inquiries for Volume One. So I have decided to republish the books including all new material and corrections. Each book will be completely up-to-date, as of the date it is published.

Our books have come from a long line of genealogists, including George Harvey Bloom and his son, G. Harvey Bloom. Fanny Besson Hunt Gunderson published her book in 1960. Marjorie Apker and her sisters, Viva and Arlos, published their work in 1967. Ronald Apgar published his work in the 1980s. Raymond and Helen Apgar were untiring researchers and without Helen's work, we may never have come so far.

As you go through the Apgar volumes published since, you will note the names of the many whose work made these books possible. Each and every one of the contributors shares in the glory of these

books. Without you, I would not have the material to print.

The next work to be published is an index of every name with birth and death dates to be found in our Apgar Genealogy. This index will greatly aid researchers to quickly find the person they are looking for and where to find the information. This index would be transferred to a CD-ROM and be readily available in libraries, etc.

Mike Apgar and I are still working together on the book of Apgar Family Veterans. Mike and his wife, Carol, are doing a great job of researching and writing up the Civil War Apgars. It is so satisfying to find an interested younger person who works to continue what was started so many years ago.

I can't thank Judy enough. She has taken over most of the Historian work and we confer often by e-mail. I will still be available to her or anyone else that needs help in finding lost ancestors. Keep sending me your additions and corrections and your queries — I will always answer.

It is difficult to say good-bye, as so many of you have become real friends and I will miss seeing and talking with you whether by phone, mail or face-to-face. So many we knew and loved have departed this life, but they are still in our memories because each passing has been noted in my Historian Reports. I can't put many in the report without saying something about their life and how I knew them. I am sure it will stay that way.

Your retiring historian,

*Dorothy E. Apgar*

### Apgar Family Grace



Our Father, we thank Thee for having spared, once more, the lives of those who sit around this table. Bless the portion given for our use. Forgive us our sins for Christ, our Redeemer's, sake. Amen.

*The above was contributed by Cassie Apgar. She found this prayer, which has been passed down through several generations of Willard Apgar, Sr.'s family, among her late father-in-law's papers.*

# HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

The following report comes from various sources. If there have been any changes in your family, please send a clipping or note, including your line, name, address, and full information on the birth, death, and/ or marriage. If you send a clipping, identify the newspaper and date of notice. Thank you for continuing to inform us about your family.

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## **Deaths:**

CLAIRE ELEANOR APGAR ROBB (1.8.7.1.6.1.), 93, d. 18 Jan 1996 in California.

DOROTHY APGAR (w/o 7.3.1.2.2.3.2.), 86, d. 11 Nov 1997 in Highland Beach, FL

NELLIE E. BURD (6.4.8.9.1.2.), 85, d. 15 Nov 1997 in Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, NJ. Private services.

WILLIAM R. MCCATHARN (6.4.3.4.2.1.11), 79, d.16 Nov 1997 in Mountaintop, PA. Bur. Fairmount, NJ.

RONALD L. COX (4.1.2.2.3.6.4.1.), 64, d. 26 Nov 1997 at Vermont Veteran's Home in Bennington, VT.

MILDRED A. WALTERS (w/o 6.4.7.5.6.1.), 91, d. 29 Nov 1997 in Greenwood, SC.

KATHRYN E. SLIKER (4.1.2.2.5.2.4.), 94, d. 3 Dec 1997 in Pittstown, NJ. Bur. Clinton, NJ.

FLOYD H. HARRINGTON (h/o 3.7.8.5.1.3.), 84, d. 8 Dec 1997 in Lebanon Township, NJ. Bur. Califon, NJ.

LOUISE HAMILTON (unknown line), 78, d. 18 Dec 1997 in Easton, PA. Bur. Easton, PA.

NELLIE B. CORNINE (w/o 10.12.1.2.6.), 89, d. 22 Dec 1997 in Lopatcong Twp., NJ. Bur. Fairmount Cem.

MARJORIE H. STEPHENS (6.5.2.4.1.4.1.) d. 22 Dec 1997.

GRACEDOROTHY JULIAN (1.5.3.1.2.4.3.), 88, d. 24 Dec 1997 in Edison, NJ. Bur. Washington, NJ.

WILLIAM PERRY SHARP (4.1.1.6.3.4.2.), 84, d. 28 Dec 1997 in Raritan Twp., NJ. Bur. Quakertown, NJ.

ELIZABETH CROTSLEY (6.10.3.3.2.4.), 95, d. 28 Dec 1997 in Clinton Twp., NJ. Bur. Fairmount Cem.

EDITH M. CREGAR (w/o 1.2.1.1.2.1.1.), 81, d. 28 Dec 1997 in Oldwick, NJ. Bur. Oldwick, NJ.

JOHN H. SHINKOS (h/o 6.10.2.2.2.2.1.) d. 6 Jan 1998 in Lower Macungie, PA.

MARY F. APGAR (w/o unknown), 81, d. 14 Jan 1998 in Stuart, FL.

FLORENCE BROWN (6.10.3.3.4.2.), 90, d. 17 Jan 1998 in Flemington, NJ. Bur. Fairmount Rural Cem.

VIOLA C. APGAR (w/o 9.11.13.4.3.), 83, d. 21 Jan 1998 in Lexington, NC while visiting her sister.

ANNBONNEY KINNEAR (9.5.1.5.1.1.3.), 68, d. 24 Jan 1998, vacationing in Maui, HI. Bur. Newton (PA) Cem.

KENNETH Q. BRAY (h/o Clara Apgar, line unknown), 77, d. 30 Jan 1998 in Hunterdon Medical Center. Bur. Arneytown, NJ.

RICHARD D. CONOVER (stepson of 6.4.3.4.2.1.2.), 82, d. 13 Feb 1998 in Hanover (PA) Hospital. Bur. New Germantown Cem.

WILLIAM L. SHARP III (former h/o 6.4.3.5.1.1.2.1.) d. 25 Feb 1998. Bur. Clinton, NJ.

CLAIRE M. FOSTER (w/o 3.7.5.2.2.4.2.3.), 85, d. 3 Mar 1998 in Mesa, AZ. Bur. Clinton, NJ.

ELMER L. SLIKER (1.2.1.1.5.1.1.), 78, d. 12 Mar 1998 in Flemington, NJ. Bur. Lower Valley Union Cem.

RONALD FREDERICK APGAR (6.10.9.2.4.3.), 57, d. 1 April 1998 in Lehigh Valley Hospital, PA.

LORRAINE APGAR (w/o 2.3.1.7.3.2.), 74, d. April 1998 in South Plainfield, NJ. Bur. Cokesbury, NJ.

KARLTON G. APGAR (1.2.11.13.1.3.) d. 19 Apr 1998. Bur. Plainfield, NJ.

MARY PHILHOWER (w/o 3.7.7.7.5.1.5.), 67, d. 1 May 1998 in Flemington, NJ. Bur. Fairmount Rural Cem.

HAROLD R. MORROW (1.2.3.11.6.2.4.), 75, d. 4 May 1998 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, lived in Califon, NJ.

LOUELLA SHEPHERD (6.2.2.2.4.3.2.), 64, d. 6 May 1998 in Long Valley, NJ. Bur. Fairmount Cem.

ELIZABETH ADAMSKI (9.6.4.3.2.3.1.), 52, d. 11 May 1998 in Phillipsburg, NJ. Bur. Bloomsbury, NJ.

ROBERT B. INSCHO, SR. (s/o 7.3.1.4.1.1.5.), 59, d. 24 May 1998 in Easton, PA. Bur. Phillipsburg, NJ.

WILLIAM A. ROSEBERRY (s/o 7.9.1.1.3.1.), 76, d. 1 June 1998 in Easton, PA. Bur. Washington, NJ.

HENRY E. APGAR (10.14.6.5.1.), 91, d. 1 June 1998 in Plainfield, NJ.

JOHN H. APGAR, (1.2.11.5.3.3.3.), 80, d. 17 June 1998 in Easton, PA.

JENNESS B. HOFFMAN (6.4.3.1.1.5.2.) (w/o 1.2.3.7.2.6.2.), 96, d. in Lebanon Twp., NJ.

WILLIAM P. WALTERS (6.4.7.5.6.2.), 90, d. 27 June 1998 in Pitman, NJ. Bur. Scotch Plains, NJ.

DOROTHY APGAR (w/o 7.4.7.6.1.4.), 93, d. 28 June 1998 in Midland, MI. Bur. East Hanover, NJ.

FRANCIS FRITTS (4.4.4.7.7.5.), 86, d. 29 June 1998 in Norwich, NY. Bur. Hampton, NJ.

NIKIA N. PHILLIPS-APGAR (granddaughter of 8.6.7.2.3.2.4.) stillborn 27 July 1998. Bur. Easton, PA.

WALTER APGAR (6.2.8.1.2.3.4./10.12.2.1.3.1A), 72, d. 26 Aug 1998 in Bridgewater, NJ.

MARIE O. BIEL (5.7.7.2.3.2.), 75, d. 6 Sep 1998 in Union Twp., NJ. Bur. Norton, NJ.

MABEL S. ROCKAFELLOW (3.3.5.2.3.4.), 92, d. 10 Sep 1998 in Whiting, NJ. Bur. Flemington, NJ. WILSON FLARTEY (6.4.8.14.4.2.), 81, d. 18 Sep 1998 Camarillo, CA.

GLENDON L. LEAVER, SR. (1.7.4.7.7.1.2.), 73, d. 6 Oct 1998 in Fayetteville, TN. Bur. Quakertown, NJ.  
 HELEN G. A. HARTRUM (10.14.6.3.7.), 94, died 19 Oct 1998 in Muhlenberg Med. Cent. Bur. Plainfield, NJ.  
 ROBERT L. APGAR (s/o 1.2.1.6.6.1.5.), 50, d. 20 Oct 1998 in Easton, PA. Bur. Oxford, NJ.  
 META M. POTTER(1.2.3.6.3.2.2.), 100, d. 25 Oct 1998 in Lebanon Twp., NJ. Bur. Cokesbury, NJ.  
 WALTER F. DENNY (10.14.6.3.6.3.), 71, d. 4Nov 1998 in Cranford Health and Extended Care Center.  
 MARGUERITE G. FARLEY (4.1.1.6.4.1.5.), 79, d. 8 Nov 1998 in Port St. Lucie, FL. Bur. Lebanon, NJ.  
 HELEN B. ACKERMAN (w/o 10.14.8.2.1.), 75, d. 19 Nov 1998 in Wilson Borough, PA.  
 ELLSWORTHAPGAR(9.6.4.3.2.3.),84,d.2 Dec 1998 in Wilson Borough, PA. Bur. Bloomsbury, NJ.  
 GRACE HEACOCK (6.4.7.9.5.1.), 87, d. 3 Dec 1998 in Plainfield, NJ.  
 MARIAN BRAUN (9.5.5.2.3.6.), 91, d. 16 Dec 1998 at Somerset Medical Center. Bur. Bloomsbury, NJ  
 RUTH E. STONE (d/o 1.5.3.1.2.6.2.), 88, d. 31 Dec 1998 in Mansfield Twp., NJ. Bur. Stewartsville, NJ.

CHRISTOPHER S. QUERRY b. 5 June 1998 to James Querry (6.2.5.6.6.9.2./4.4.8.3.7.5.1.) and Mary Schutts of High Bridge, NJ.  
 ELISE K., GARRETT N., and CALLEN G. VANDER MAY b. 22 June 1998 to Tamara Apgar (3.7.7.2.7.6.3.3.) and Cliff Vander May of Wayne, NJ.  
 BRAD V. YERANCE b. 16 July 1998 to Kelly L. Apgar (line unknown) and John Yerance, Jr. of Washington, NJ.  
 COURTNEY L. APGAR b. 10 Sep 1998 to Kenneth (1.2.3.11.1.4.1.1.2.) and Donna Apgar in Camp Hill, PA.  
 STEPHANIE L. McDOWELL b. 9 Oct 1998 to Darin (2.3.1.11.6.3.1.3.) and Deborah Ann McDowell of Hampton, NJ.  
 CHRISTOPHER H. HARTKEMEIER b. 1 Nov 1998 to David F. (10.5.5.2.1.1.1.) and Sarah Hartkemeier of Cincinnati, OH.  
 JOHN C. APGAR b. 4 Dec 1998 to Christopher (s/o 7.4.7.8.2.2.1.) and Tracy Apgar of Frenchtown, NJ.

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**BIRTHS:**

THOMAS J. LUSTER, JR. b. 17 Sep 1997 to Mari LaRue (6.7.6.1.4.2.1.) and Thomas Luster, Sr. of Whitehouse Station, NJ.  
 HUGH GERALD EUGENE HAYNES b. 14 Oct 1997 to Melody Emery (4.5.9.1.3.2.3.2.) and Mike Haynes at Chilton Hospital, Pompton Plains, NJ.  
 NICOLE K. HERRON b. 8 Nov 1997 to Ray (1.2.1.2.5.1.9.1.1.)(6.2.5.6.6.9.1.1.) and Tanya Herron of Easton, PA.  
 MATTHEW G. TAYLOR b. 24 Nov 1997 to Kimberly Stiger (d/o 6.10.2.2.2.2.2.) and David Taylor in West George Medical Center, La Grange, GA.  
 THOMAS A. and ASHLEY L. ATTANASIO b. 7 Dec 1997 to Cynthia Alpaugh (1.7.3.3.3.1.3.1.1.) (1.2.11.9.7.4.1.1.1.) and Thomas Attanasio, Jr. of Washington, NJ.  
 GREGORY J. APGAR III was born 13 Dec 1998 to Gregory J. Apgar, Jr. (1.2.11.5.3.3.1.5.) and Karen McGeehan.  
 ZACHARY W. and NICHOLAS J. CREGAR b. 19 Dec 1997 to Jeffrey Cregar (s/o 1.2.11.9.7.9.2.) and Karen Marks of High Bridge, NJ.  
 LAUREN E. CAMP was born 14 Jan 1998 to Nancy Lee Kiel (7.4.7.6.1.4.1.2.) and David Lee Camp.  
 BRIAN K. MCPHERSON, JR. was born 27 Jan 1998 to KellyA.Alpaugh(1.2.11.9.7.4.1.1.2.) (1.7.3.3.3.1.3.1.2.) and Brian McPherson, Sr. of High Bridge, NJ.  
 DARIA C. VANDOREN b. 28 Jan 1998 to Mark (6.10.3.3.4.3.3.1.) and Michele VanDoren of Clinton Township, NJ.  
 JEREMY A. DEGE b. 3 Feb 1998 to Robert Alan Dege (6.4.7.5.6.2.1.2.) and Wenona Dinshah of Charlotte, NC.  
 PATRICK T. PRESUTO b. 28 May 1998 to Debra McCatharn (6.4.3.4.2.1.8.1.1.) and Thomas Presuto of Ringoes, NJ.

**In Memoriam**

Dr. L. James Butterfield, pioneer in neonatology, died June 1, 1999 at age 72. While not an Apgar descendent, Butterfield supported the adoption of criteria developed by Dr. Virginia Apgar to measure the health of newborns. In fact, Butterfield coined the name 'Apgar Score,' using the first letters of the five criteria — appearance, pulse, grimace, activity and respiration -as a mnemonic device. Butterfield was also instrumental in the campaign for a stamp honoring Dr. Apgar.

# Minutes of the 24th Annual Reunion — September 19, 1998

The Apgar Family Association, Inc. held its 24th annual reunion at Cokesbury Methodist Church.

Debbie Apgar, registrar for the reunion, reported sending out 338 invitations, 126 members responded, and only 94 were in attendance, down from 100 last year.

Mike Apgar of Dover, DE became a trustee over the winter and was welcomed by Wayne Dilts, President. Mike presented an informative program on the participation of Apgars in the Civil War. (see article on page 2) During his presentation, all joined in singing some old war songs.

Membership chairman, Barbara Apgar, reported that membership is very good. We have 226 members with \$2463 received from our membership dues.

Mr. Arthur Koenig proposed a scholarship program using funds from the estate of Dr. Wilbur Apgar, his father-in-law. Anyone interested in helping with this can contact one of the present trustees for more information.

Those members of our association who died during the past year include Ronald F. Apgar, 57, of Allentown, PA; Henry E. Apgar, 91, of South Plainfield, NJ; Walter P. Walters, 90, of Pitman, NJ;

and Dorothy Allen Apgar (Mrs. John), 93, of Midland, MI.

John C. Apgar, Vice-President, made the following nominations for the 1998-99 year:

President: Wayne Dilts  
Vice-President: John C. Apgar III  
Secretary: Judy Smith  
Treasurer: Wayne Dilts (until position is filled)

Steve Tiger motioned to re-elect George N. Apgar, Jr. to a 3-year trustee term. Wayne Dilts seconded the motion.

These awards were presented by George N. Apgar:

**Oldest Male:** Charles Favor Apgar, age 96

**Oldest Female:** Johannah Lorenz, age 91

**Longest married:** William and Hazel Apgar married 52 years

**Youngest:** Triplets Elise, Garrett, and Callen Vander May, 3 months, children of Tamara Apgar and Cliff Vander May

**Largest Family:** Al and Fran Tiger with 8 members present

**Traveled the Farthest:** Don and Jean Apgar of Huntington, CA

Richard Apgar of Clinton won the drawing for the afghan made by Eleanor Hankinson.

The business meeting was adjourned by President Wayne Dilts at 3:20 P.M.

*Judy Hankinson Smith, Secretary*



*Ninety-four members gathered at Cokesbury Methodist Church for the 1998 Apgar Reunion.*



## President's Message

This past year saw several low points in our organization's history. First were the deaths of our treasurer, Ronald F. Apgar, and our past president, Henry E. Apgar, Sr. Following those events were the resignations of our founding historian, Dorothy Apgar, and her son, trustee John S. Apgar. The board of trustees subsequently appointed Judy Smith as historian to replace Dorothy, but the board itself is now down to six members, the lowest number in our history. Our 24th reunion in September was attended by fewer than 100 people, the lowest turnout in about 20 years.

But things were not all bleak. Last summer we formally launched our web site on the internet with the tremendous efforts of Steve Tiger and Lorrie Dilts, who designed the site. We have already garnered some new members and sold some merchandise as a result.

The bottom line is: we need people. We need more members on the board of trustees. We need more members to attend the reunions and more volunteers to work at them.

While the board of trustees is making plans to make our 25th reunion in September the best one ever, it won't make any difference if no one attends. I was particularly disappointed in the number of familiar faces from past reunions that were absent from the most recent one.

Please ask yourself if there is something more YOU could be doing to help. And, if the answer is yes, please contact one of us trustees right away.

Thank you and I hope to see you at the silver anniversary reunion on September 18, 1999.

Wayne T. Dilts

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### **Marriages:**

ROBERT A. DEGE, JR. (6.4.7.5.6.2.1.2.) m. Wenona Dinshah 19 Sep 1992 in Lawrenceville, NJ.  
HOWARD APGAR (6.7.6.1.4.2.3.) m. Dawn Hall 11 Oct 1997 in High Bridge, NJ.  
WILLIAM MILLIGAN (s/o 4.4.4.5.1.3.3.2.) m. Kimberly Konkowski 15 Nov 1997 in New Brunswick, NJ.  
TIMOTHY J. APGAR (6.10.3.3.4.3.3.2.) m. Elaine M. Conner 21 Dec 1997 in Oldwick, NJ.  
ROBERT LEE DILTS (6.2.3.5.4.1.1.2.) m. Susan L. Kwiatkowski 24 Jan 1998 in Whitehouse, NJ.  
SCOTT McKAY ADAN (line unknown) married Rachel Mackelprang 18 Apr 1998. They live in Utah.  
JOHN B. SMITH III (3.6.1.7.2.4.1.2.1.) m. Lisa Ann Lazorchak 16 May 1998 in Somerset, NJ.  
KENNETH M. BECK (6.4.7.5.6.2.2.1.) m. Kelly Ann Colaluca 23 May 1998 in Middlesex, NJ.  
MICHAEL P. HANN (6.2.3.5.3.1.1.1.)m. Colleen Joyce Haffling 7 June 1998 in Annandale, NJ.  
TARA FLARTEY (6.4.8.14.4.1.1.) m. Dennis DeGiacomo 26 July 1998.  
SUSAN E. APGAR (6.4.6.2.2.3.1.2.2.) m. David Scott Moore 10 July 1998 in Long Branch, NJ.  
DONALD R. SPEARANCE (3.5.3.1.3.3.1.2.) m. Janet Balicki Cooper 23 Aug 1998 Northampton, MA.

### **Special Anniversaries:**

ELIZABETH PHILHOWER (1.2.11.3.2.4.1.) and Harry Bush of Walnutport, PA celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 26 Oct 1997.  
INEZ M. LINDABURY (6.4.3.4.2.1.6.2.) and Charles V. Cavlier, Sr. of Clinton Township, NJ celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 6 Dec 1997.  
ELEANOR MAY PERRY (3.5.3.1.4.4.1.) and Donald Leroy Hankinson of High Bridge, NJ celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary 5 Mar 1998.  
ELIZABETH NAUGHRIGHT (1.2.11.3.2.4.1.) and LeRoy Duckworth Jr. of Bethlehem, PA celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary 10 Oct 1998.  
HELEN E. FARLEY (1.2.3.3.2.3.5.1.) and Gustav C. Hintz of Port St. Lucie, FL celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 23 May 1998.  
MARILYN CREGAR(10.12.2.6.1.4.1./1.2.1.1.2.2.4.1.) and HAROLD C. RAMSEY (4.1.2.2.3.3./7.4.3.2.2.) of Benton, PA celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 24 Oct 1998.

# Apgar Trivia: Did you know???

## Taylor-Wharton Cane Carved by Marshall Apgar

Taylor-Wharton Co., originally headquartered in High Bridge, New Jersey, is one of the oldest continuous metal-working companies in the US and one of the oldest businesses in all of North America.

In 1881 Taylor-Wharton employee Marshall F. Apgar (6.12.10.5.) carved a cane for the company's owner, Lewis Hazelius Taylor. Taylor kept the cane, which was whittled from a piece of white oak salvaged from a dismantled forge hammer, until his death in 1908. His grandson then put a golden head on it and named it the mace of honor. The cane was passed to the oldest employee or retiree, which Apgar himself became in 1939. He had worked in the ironworks from 1873 until 1926.

The cane is now on display at the current corporate headquarters in Harrisburg, PA.

Note: There were many members of the Apgar family who worked at Taylor-Wharton Co. during their 200 years in High Bridge.

*Information used with permission of the writer of an article about High Bridge that appeared in the Express-Times on March 27, 1999*

## Apgar Descendant Was Sixth Man to Break Sound Barrier

Robert Harmon Claus (line of Peter Apgar) was born on March 6, 1921 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He changed his name in 1939 to Robert Apgar Champine in honor of his mother, Helen M. Apgar, and step-father, Clifford Champine.

Robert A. Champine received a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1943. He then was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, where he flew WWII fighter aircraft.

In 1947 he became a test pilot for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). Champine's career with both the NACA and NASA spanned a time of exciting air travel advances. Over California's Muroc Dry Lake, Champine himself became the 6th man and 3rd civilian to break the sound barrier on December 2, 1948.

Champine continued his research flights until his retirement from NASA Langley in January of 1979. After his retirement NASA asked him to "fly" the shuttle simulator to furnish data in preparation for the launch of the Space Shuttle.

Check this web site for more on Champine's career:  
<http://oea.larc.nasa.gov/PAIS/Supersonic.html> or send email to GRC6431(5)aol.com.

## Church Bell Donated by Mrs. E. H. Apgar

Until March 1999 the steeple of Alexandria First Presbyterian Church (site of previous Apgar reunions) in Mt. Pleasant, NJ was the home for a bell donated to the church by Mrs. Edward Hedden Apgar (w/o 9.5.6.6.) in memory of her daughter, Ethel Apgar (1888-1896). The inscription on the bell reads: 'To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Ethel Apgar by Her Mother February 3, 1897. 'A lovely being scarcely formed or moulded, a rose with all its sweetest leaves yet folded. For such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

Due to structural damage, the church's roof and steeple were replaced this spring. Because of its weight, the bell cannot be put into the new steeple. Therefore the bell will remain on the ground, in the area between the main portion of the church and a newly-constructed wing.



*Information gathered from Johannes Peter Apgard, Vol II Part IV- Other sources include a church member and an article which appeared in the Hunterdon County Democrat. April 8, 1999.*

## Newsletter Report

Lorrie and Wayne Dilts prepared the 1998 newsletter, with typing assistance from Judy Smith and her daughter, Amanda. Lorrie again did the graphics and layout.

Of 450 copies of the newsletter printed, 335 copies were mailed. Again, some copies were returned to Wayne because of incorrect mailing addresses. It is so important that you send changes in address to Barbara Apgar (address on page 12). Re-sending returned newsletters costs us money!

Wayne thanks all who have contributed to the newsletter over the years. Judy and Amanda Smith have assumed the duties of editing and laying out the 1999 newsletter, with Lorrie at hand for advice.

## Membership Committee Report

There were 230 memberships received into the Apgar Family Association during 1998. Several of these were the results of the Association's web site. Quite a few attendants of the 1998 Apgar Family Association Reunion joined the association at that time. We are always looking for new members to join us.

The monies collected from membership dues contributes to the organization's activities throughout the year. Your support of our association is appreciated.

*Barbara M. Apgar, Chairperson*

## Becoming a Member

To become a member of the Apgar Association please send your name, address and family line (if known) to: Barbara Apgar, 253 Anderson Road, Clinton, NJ 08809, USA. Enclose a check for \$6.00 for individual membership or \$11.00 for family membership.

Membership is open to anyone interested in our association. To be a voting member, however, you must be 18 years of age or older and have paid dues for the current year. The Board of Trustees has established two types of membership: individual or family (all of whom must live under one roof).

Memberships must be renewed yearly and expire December 31<sup>st</sup>. Trustees must be members of the association. Members receive the following: a copy of the annual newsletter, a written invitation to the reunion, and the right to vote at the business meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

The balance of the Apgar Association's checking account as of November 30, 1998 was \$1,661.48. At the direction of the Board of Trustees, in May 1998 I purchased a \$5000.00 certificate of deposit. Our checking account was earning less than 2% interest; the new CD is earning 5 1/4 %. The 13-month certificate will mature in June 1999. Our attorney assured me that this CD will not give us a return high enough to warrant interference with our non-profit status from the IRS.

Family dues do not cover our annual operating expenses; our surplus comes from the income generated by the items we have for sale at the reunions. The sales of merchandise at the 1998 reunion were down by about \$500.00 from last year, due mostly to low turnout of members.

The board of trustees is looking for a new treasurer. I have agreed to serve as Acting Treasurer until a permanent replacement volunteers.

*Wayne Dilts, Acting Treasurer*

## MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

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

- 1) Dr. Virginia Apgar commemorative magnet: \$3.00
- 2) Apgar Family Assoc. t-shirts: sizes S, M, L, XL: \$10.00
- 3) Apgar Family Assoc. sweatshirts (navy or white) — sizes S, M, L, XL: \$18.00
- 4) Dr. Virginia Apgar staff shirt (white) — sizes S, M, L, XL: \$20.00
- 5) Dr. Virginia Apgar navy nylon tote bag: \$15.00

To order 1-5, contact: Phyllis Apgar, 57 Parker Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853 (908) 876-3423

- 6) Hardcover Vol. 2, Part 3 (Jacob and William lines): \$40.00
- 7) First day of issue Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp cards: \$2.00

To order 6 or 7 contact Mary Apgar, 416 Runyon Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846 (908) 968-3065

- 8) Golf shirt (gray) with the Apgar Family Association logo (in lilac) — item not in stock, can be special ordered: \$25.
- 9) Reprints of the Apgar newsletter: \$3.00.

To order 8 or 9 contact Wayne T. Dilts, 3632 Route 22, Somerville, NJ 08876.

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