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Our 28th Annual Reunion Attracts More than 100

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One hundred four members and guests assembled for our 28th annual reunion at the Whitehouse United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 21, 2002. The crowd included ten children (a number to build on), and many adults attending for the first time. Attendance exceeded the previous reunion (which suffered from the post-9/11 air shutdown) by 25%.

In the morning a Genealogy Workshop was presented to an overflow audience by Ann Schaefer, Judy Hankinson, and Hank Apgar. Following the catered lunch, we were treated to a slide show presentation by Louanna Rich on "Freedom, Fashion, and Fraktur, a view of the early Palatine immigrant lifestyle in 18th Century New Jersey." (see example Fraktur on p. 9)

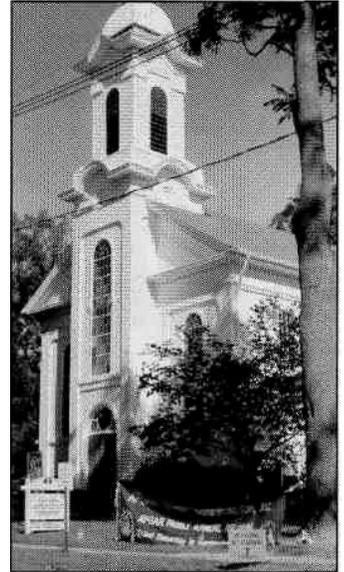
President John Apgar III welcomed those assembled for the afternoon business meeting and movingly noted the difficult times for the nation and the Family.

Trustee Mike Apgar was elected as President, succeeding John, whose

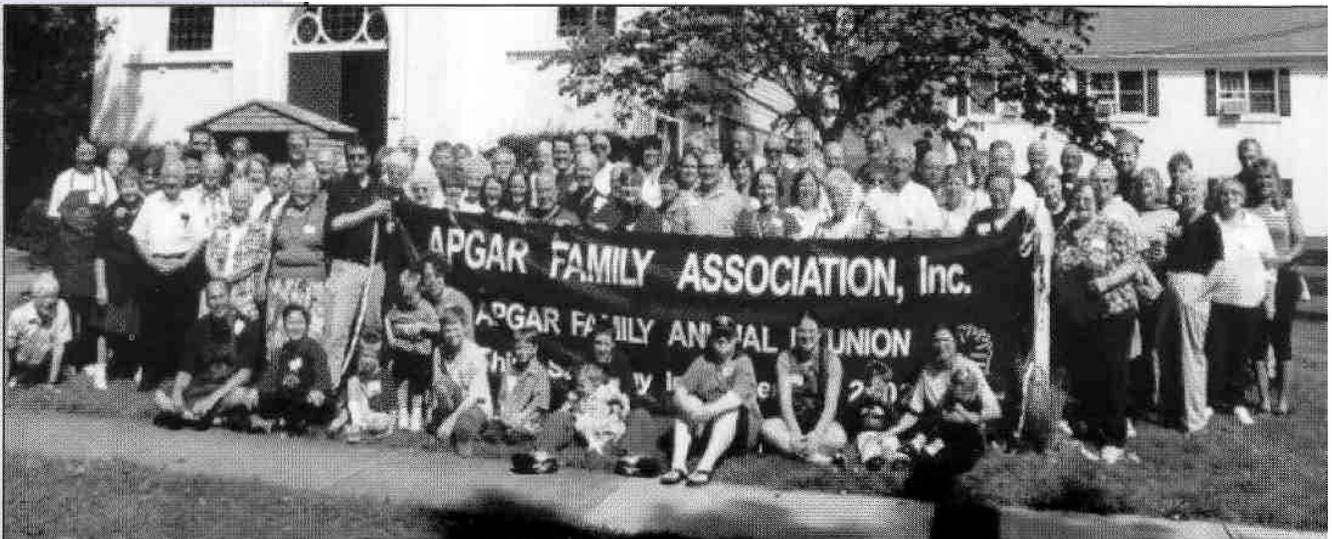
two-year term had expired. Trustee Howard Apgar was reelected as Treasurer, a job he has performed since the resignation of Wayne Dilts in June. New President Mike Apgar thanked outgoing trustees Cassie Apgar (who manages the sale of

Apgar memorabilia), John Apgar III, and Wayne Dilts. He then accepted nominees to fill trustee vacancies. Judy Hankinson was re-elected while Lynn Conley and Louanna Rachel Rich were newly elected.

Mike Apgar displayed military uniforms, similar to those worn by Apgars in both the



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Annual Reunion *(continued from page 1)*

Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Mike has now identified more than 160 Apgars who served in the Union Army, including two who held ranks of Colonel (Brevet Brigadier General) and Major, Samuel Rolla Mott and Dewitt C. Apgar, respectively. Newly acquired photos and brief tales about these latter distinguished soldiers were shared.

Trustee George Apgar Jr displayed a photo from the 1930 reunion, held at the Clinton Community Center. Historian Judy Hankinson read the Treasurer's Report from the 1930 reunion and shared excerpts from the 1997 book, "History of Apgar Reunions." Mike Apgar brought us up-to-date on current research concerning the previously unknown 12th child of Johannes—Maria Sophia Apgar.

Trustees George Apgar Jr and Judy Hankinson identified family members who died during 2001 and

2002, with a special tribute to Barbara Apgar, former trustee and Membership Chair.

President Mike Apgar thanked Megan Conley for managing the Children's Program during the reunion. Megan's original Children's Book on Johannes' arrival in America was displayed.

Keeping with tradition, we honored those attending with the following special awards:

- Oldest Gentleman - Newton Apgar of Middlesex, 90 years
- Oldest Lady - Grace Apgar
- Youngest - Gavin Apgar
- Longest Married - Newton and Grace Apgar, married 60 years
- Largest Family Line Present - Howard Apgar Family (13 members)
- Traveled Farthest - Rick Novak, California

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Sunday Tour by Mary Apgar Pratt

An adventurous group of 16 members joined a pre-planned caravan through the Mt Pleasant and Alexandria area, following a script prepared in advance by Judy Hankinson, Former Historian.

The tour began with breakfast at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant and services at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

The first stop was at the home once owned by Paul Apgar, great great grandson of Johannes Peter Apgard, located on Schick Road in Alexandria Township in Hunterdon County. Paul

sold the home to the father of the elder Curtis Schick in 1919.

The caravan drove through Little York, toward the first Alexandria Church in Mt Pleasant. On the way, we passed the Ram's Horn Hill homestead of "Boss John" Apgar, born in 1806. The home site still has remains of slave quarters.

The second stop was at the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church and adjacent cemetery.

Many Apgars are buried here, including William Queen, his wife, and daughter. Readers will

recognize them as subjects of the series of murder mysteries printed in several issues of this newsletter.

A special attraction in the church is the steeple bell, donated by Mrs. Edward Heddon Apgar and dedicated to Ethel Apgar; the bell was too heavy for the new roof and so it enjoys a prominent position in the court-yard.

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The Sunday Tour Group, with the Cokesbury United Methodist Church Pastor, receiving final briefing and preparing to depart on their historic interest tour, planned by Judy Hankinson (3rd from the right in the photo above).

Message From Our Association President- Mike Apgar



Outgoing President John Apgar III passed gavel to incoming President Mike Apgar

It is a real privilege and pleasure to serve as your President this year with a very talented and motivated Board of Trustees. I was very pleased to see so many old and new family and friends at our 2002 reunion, although those who attended are only a fraction of the thousands of members of the Apgar family.

This year, we're making a point of inviting not only the descendants of Johannes Peter Apgard, but also the descendants of other Palatine immigrants who settled in northern Hunterdon and

southern Morris Counties during the first half of the 18th century. Their surnames, many of which are included on one of our banners in an Apgar tree, are so numerous that a list would fill all the space in this column.

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Finding Our Forefathers by Ann Schaefer

Families with living grandparents and great grandparents have a great resource of their family history. Or that aunt or uncle, with the total-recall memory, who tells all the great stories.

Get out the family album, and let the conversation flow. If you fit the senior-roll in your family, share with those who are interested. The photo coping machines make it possible to copy and share treasured photos with family members. "Cousins" might be able to identify some of the folks you don't know.

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Ann Schaefer conducting Genealogy Workshop

"New" Apgar Family Patriarch by Mike Apgar

Johannes Peter Apgard's reign as the acknowledged sole patriarch of the Apgars in America has ended after only two decades. He attained the mantle of patriarchy from Johannes Adam Ebert, who arrived in Philadelphia in 1749 and was designated as father of the family by Theodore Chambers in his "Early Germans of New Jersey" tome, which was first published more than a century ago. Earlier Apgar Historians found that Johannes Adam arrived too late to sire many of his presumed children and settled on Johannes Peter Apgard, who arrived in Philadelphia on the 'Hope' in 1734 as father of the family.

More recent findings by Apgar Association researchers indicate that Friedrich "Fritz" Epgart, was the father of the presumed oldest sons: Herbert and John Peter. They were born in the Westerwald village of Niederdreis, in 1732 and 1735, and baptized in the Reformed Church at Puderbach, as Johannes Herbertus and Johannes Petrus, respectively. Their mother was Fritz's first wife, Anna Juliana Haag, who died in March 1739 and was buried at Puderbach. Six months later that year, Fritz married Anna Eva Schaefer. In the fall

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Learn about Fritz Ebgert, our true Family Patriarch
(Move over Johannes Peter Apgard!)
Research Revelations on old German Church Records
by Apgar Family Researchers

Don't Miss
Your 29th Annual
Apgar Family Reunion

It's Free!

It's Fun!

on the traditional
Third Saturday of September in Hunterdon County, NJ
10 am – 4 pm

September 20, 2003

at the
Whitehouse Methodist Church
Whitehouse, New Jersey
(just north of Rt 22)

Ken Keebaugh
on
The Apgar 'Lost Tribe' in
Frederick Co, MD & Bedford/Fulton Co, PA

Apgar Memorabilia

Prizes

Show 'n Tell Exhibits

Rick Novak on Rootsweb's Apgar-L Message Board

See Dorothy E. Apgar's New Genealogy for Herbert & John Peter Lines

Kid's Program

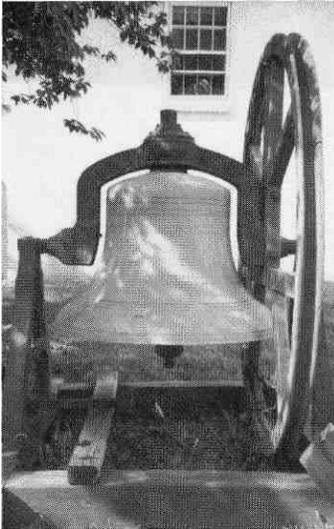
Catered Family Picnic Lunch

Elective 2nd Day of Church Service & Family Fellowship

Sunday Tour

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Ethel Apgar Bell outside First Presbyterian Church of Alexandria



The final stop was at the Victorian-style former "Apgar Bed and Breakfast" in Frenchtown, which was owned by William Conover Apgar. William also owned the National Hotel across the street. The B&B is now an art gallery.

President's Message

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One reason for being more inclusive, of course, is to boost attendance at the reunions and—for those in attendance who are mate hunting—an opportunity to widen our gene pool. Another, seriously, is to recognize and honor the fact that these people shared the experience of becoming refugees from their homeland, making a hazardous ocean voyage to an uncertain, but hopeful future in a new land, and working hard to establish themselves and their families on this new continent. We should also recognize that over generations of living and loving these people developed a very tangled, interwoven family forest of which all of us share membership.

These early pioneering settlers were strong individuals dedicated to their immediate families to be sure. They had a strong sense of right and

wrong and a belief that people should work out their mission on earth without need of intermediaries or the trappings of pomp and power. However, their real strength and ultimate success here came from their common notion of responsibility for the community to which they belonged.

In their everyday lives, they helped one another. And in the course of their history (our history) their children risked their lives and futures as a community to fight for and establish a new independent nation. Later their grandchildren and great-grandchildren fought to defend, preserve and perfect that union. Subsequently their descendants, down to our generations today have shared the benefits and shouldered the burdens to maintain their country and improve life for them-selves and for people in other parts of the world.

Our mission is to document, preserve and share our common history and ancestry, to honor those ancestors and to commit ourselves to do them proud. This is what a family association should be about: sharing and celebrating our family heritage by remembering and appreciating our past and by renewing ourselves in that recollection and enjoying our lives together today.

Besides planning another great reunion in 2003, your Trustees and committees will be working towards making our genealogy more accessible, with updates as CDs and/or on our www.Apgarfamily.com website. We also plan to pursue research for family roots in the Old World.

I hope that you're looking for-ward to this work and invite you to join with us in this effort. We certainly need and welcome all the help we can get. If you have any suggestions or time and talent to lend to your family, please contact me or one of our other Trustees or Committee Chairs. Finally, please mark your calendars for the third weekend in September to attend our 2003 Apgar reunion. This is going to be a great Apgar year!

Another Patriarch

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of 1740 they arrived in Philadelphia on the ship 'Samuel & Elisabeth'. In 1742, Friedrich Apkert was allegedly named in a N.J. Supreme Court case. (This case, which was likely a property dispute, is being investigated.)

Whether Fritz Epgart was the father of all 12 of the children, who head our Apgar family lines is unknown. Johannes Peter Apgard may yet turn out to be parent of some of them, although no trace of him has been discovered in New Jersey. Johannes Peter Apgard, who arrived in Philadelphia on the ship 'Hope' in 1740, was likely the son of Herbert Epgert and Anna Gertraud Kirbach, whose marriage was recorded in the German Reformed Church in Niederwambach, Westerwald, Rheinland in 1700. Johannes Peter Apgard and Fritz Epgart may have been cousins or even brothers, which suggests that the old family legend that "two brothers came to America" may turn out to be true after all!

We will have more information on Fritz Ebgert by the 2003 Reunion. Please note that this tale builds on the wonderful legacy of family history done by earlier family researchers, who support this effort!



Mike Apgar displays Rheinland-Pfalz and American flags at 2002 Reunion to note the Apgar Family's heritage and roots in Germany. The latter is the subject of current research.

Historian's Report

by Judy Hankinson, Former Historian, and extracted from her presentation at 2002 Reunion.

In thinking about the topic for my report, several things went through my mind - but this booklet called "A HISTORY OF APGAR REUNIONS" caught my eye! The information was compiled in 1997 by the first historians of the present day Apgar Family Association - Dorothy Apgar and Helen Apgar. The following was taken from that booklet.

Early History

The minutes of the 1923 reunion call it the first Apgar reunion. There might have been other reunions, as local folks recalled a "get-together" in 1921/22. As the story goes, notices went out the morning of that actual reunion day - by word of mouth from William C. Apgar, who was the post-man at the time in Cokesbury. Although he had to work that afternoon, he spread the word to all the village folks. They gathered at one of the farm homes and had a wonderful event, bringing their own instruments for music. From this could have come the committee to plan the first formal reunion.

There were about 30 people involved in putting on the first formal reunion held on July 28, 1923 at Riverside Park in High Bridge. Even though it rained most of the day, nearly 300 people showed up and about 200 of them were registered as Apgars. David C. Farley was the first secretary of this group and his handwritten minutes from various meetings are included in this book.

At the ninth Apgar reunion, Chambers' book "Early Germans in NJ" was written up in the minutes - the group now is beginning to look to re-researching the family. A family tree is planned. This year was the first that a group family picture was taken. The oldest person at this reunion was David Farley - and the youngest - Percy McCatharn, born in 1927. (Note: Percy was at this year's - 2002 -reunion - he recently died.)

On September 20, 1930 the reunion was held at the Clinton Community House. It was the first time a memorial service was held for members of the Apgar family who passed away since the last reunion. It was also the first time a historian was appointed - George Harvey Bloom of Frenchtown. There were over 350 people in attendance at this reunion. The next two reunions were held at the Mt. Pleasant Church Grove. The reunion held in 1931 was one of the largest reunions with nearly 400 people in attendance

Another source of information included in this booklet was listings, up to 1942, in a booklet owned by Mrs. Grover Hann Apgar. Frank E. Apgar of High Bridge kept the reunions going until 1942 - the war canceling out these big affairs. Dorothy makes a note here - "I like to think that local families had their own gatherings, keeping the tradition alive."

Renewed Reunions

While in Cokesbury cemetery in 1975 researching Bob Apgar's family, Dorothy and Bob met Helen Apgar of Calion - they were all there copying tombstone data. They talked about restarting the Apgar reunions which appealed to Bob. He remembers attending some with his family as a young child.

This chance meeting set off a flurry of activity - and soon they were finding Apgars who wanted to help. Sixty people attended this first reunion held at the home at Mr. and Mrs. Preston Geist, Silverthorn Road, High Bridge. A basket lunch was enjoyed and Robert O. Apgar was the first president elected - he remained in that office until 1981.

Among those at the first reunion was Mrs. Marjorie Brentschneider of Wisconsin. She had been re-researching the Apkers of WI and had written much of the information that we have for the early Apkers. We have her typed pages of genealogy in our files.

After the first few years it was decided that they had to find a place to hold the reunions inside. It was decided to go to the Cokesbury Methodist Church and to change the



Judy Hankinson, Historian at the time of this photograph, shares the excitement and satisfaction of careful documented genealogy re-research to a group of researchers at the 2002 Reunion

date of these reunions to the third Saturday of September. Reunions were held there until the year 2000 except for two years when they were held in Mt. Pleasant where two of the original sons are buried.

In 1977 plans were made to honor Johannes Peter Apgard, with a monument placed at his home place and where he is buried. This project was financed through donations and on August 7, 1979, the stone had been purchased and was on display at the reunion that year. Later, our president (Robert O.) and three other Apgars dug the base and the marker was placed near the

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Historian's Report (continued from page 6)

Cokesbury road, with permission from the current owner road, with permission from the current owner, David Mills. This marker shows the date Johannes Peter Apgard arrived in the ship "Hope" and, with the new research, the proper name of our ancestor.

Writing the Genealogy: Group of Ten

From the very beginning, it was the goal of the founders of this renewed Apgar reunions that we research, write and publish an updated genealogy. This work would be based on work already done by Fanny Gunderson, George H. Bloom, Marjorie Brentschneider, and many others. At the 1975 reunion Helen Apgar and Dorothy Apgar were appointed historians and Mildred Zekoll and Geraldine Geist, genealogists. The next year, people were asked to bring their family bible records and their family traced back as far as they could go.

The original "Group of Ten" - Forerunners (1980) of the Modern Apgar Family Association:

Herbert Line - Helen Cramer of High Bridge, NJ
John Peter Line - Katherine Sutton of Flemington, NJ
Adam Line - Barbara & Richard Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ
Catherine Line - Pauline Rabinsky, Pittstown, NJ
Heinrich Line - Marie Brown, Greenwich, CT
Jacob Line - Dorothy & Robert Apgar, Flemington, NJ
Peter Line - Helen Apgar, Califon, NJ
William Line - Dortha Johnston, Wellsboro, PA
Frederick Line - Reba & Harvey Bloom, Clinton, NJ
Conrad Line - Wayne Apgar, Somerville, NJ

[Note that little is known about George, the assumed 11th child of Johannes, so no line was established for him.]

In 1978 a committee was formed to go to Philadelphia to search out the authenticity of the original Apgar name. Under the leadership of Helen Apgar, who with her late husband, Raymond, had been searching the Adam line for many years, we formed in 1980, what we called the GROUP OF TEN. This refers to the 10 children of Johannes Peter Apgard. Since his son, George, had been killed by Indians in the West, and no records of his life had been found, we did not include him.

None of the group was paid for the expenses that they incurred. The Group of Ten mainly kept intact, but a few changes occurred as time went on. Beside the Group of Ten, there were many volunteers who did research. One important component of this work was the Kintracer tables – set up each year at the reunions. Many people brought their material to us and also we were able to identify people who didn't know "who they were". Each person typed up

the line they were researching - there were errors made and "additions and corrections" is ongoing.

In 1984, the 250th anniversary of Johannes's arrival in Philadelphia, it was decided to publish the genealogy. In summing up this work, Dorothy said - "those of us that did the actual work, did it because it was a work of love and needed to be done - not for ourselves, but for the future generations.

In thinking about the responsibilities of the historian, it became clear that this history needs to be continued. I will devote time between now and next year's reunion to updating this history - including the officers and trustees from the time this booklet leaves off to the present.

My plans are to have the information already included in this booklet reprinted along with updates. We have been busy over the past several years - the website addition, a turnover of trustees and officers - this all needs to be recorded and pre-served for the history of our association and for the benefit of our coming generations.

Finding Our Forefathers (continued from page 3)

Some other sources are family records, papers and memorabilia. These may contain genealogical information. Also family tradition which is the handing down of information, beliefs and customs by word of mouth from one generation to another generation

What is this genealogy? It is a study of one's family - a history of the family. It is the written history of the descent of a person or of a family from an ancestor.

How does one start? You start with what you know. You start with yourself. Each individual should have a birth certificate, a marriage record, and a death certificate. These are called Vital Records and are considered a primary source of information. These are civil records and may be acquired at the city, county, and state repositories: the city hall, the county archives, and the state archives.

Next you do your parents, your grand parents, great-grandparents and as far back as you care to go. As you gather facts they have to be recorded. You will use a Pedigree Chart/ Ancestor Chart which is a form used to record genealogical information on several generations of a person's ancestral lines.

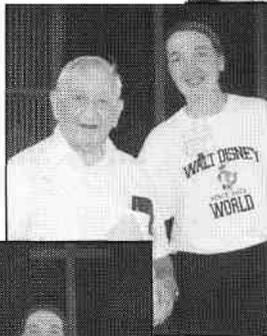
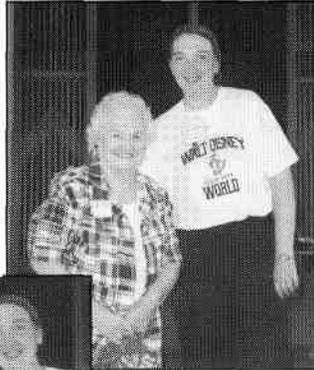
Be careful, researching ancestors can become addictive; it is rewarding.

Ann presented part of the Genealogy Workshop at the last Reunion; this is an excerpt of her presentation.

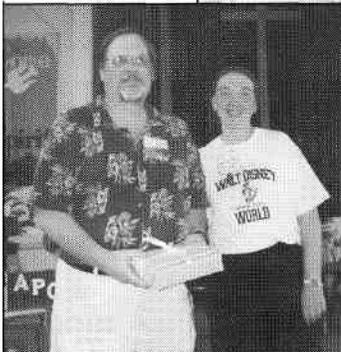
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- Oldest Gentleman at the Reunion— Newton Apgar, age 90,
- Furthest Traveled— Rick Novak, Danville, California; awards presented by Cassie Apgar
- Oldest Lady at the Re-union—Grace Apgar (Newton and Grace are also the longest married—60 years).
- 50/50 Winner - Wayne Dilts
- Afghan Winner - Richard Novak

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The APGAR General Store: Bargains, History, and More

by Cassie Apgar, Former Trustee

Interested in a shopping adventure that's both fun and convenient? Then you're in luck! For the past several years, dedicated and creative members of the Apgar Family Assoc, have seen to it that the Apgar General Store is stocked with new and interesting merchandise in time for the annual September reunion.

A lot of thought and time go into selecting items that represent the Family's heritage and provide a practical use in the here and now. From paperweights to Dr. Virginia memorabilia to the Ship Hope insignia to the Family Tree, we have it all! T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, towels, aprons, tote bags, umbrellas, ties—what have we forgotten? YOU tell us what interests you, and we will try and make it happen!

When you stop and shop at the Apgar General Store, you might take home a piece of history for yourself, or a Next Generation shirt for your children or grandchildren. Whatever your contribution, you help us keep the spirit of the Family alive and well and support the Association's treasury, allowing us to continue to bring you pieces of the past woven into the present and future. Thank for being there and supporting us over the years!

The Schick Reserve

by Judy Hankinson

This article was taken from website <http://www.co.hunterdon.ni.us/depts/parks/guides/SchickReserve.htm>

This reserve is 311 acres of gently rolling hills with a mixture of fallow fields, hedgerows, and woodlands. Located on the property is a "Bank Barn" constructed prior to 1855 by Philip Apgar (9.5.5.), a black-smith by trade, and his wife, Rebecca. Philip was from the Frederick line. Philip Apgar and Rebecca Ann Conover married 21 Feb 1833 and lived on a farm in Mt. Pleasant and then moved to Little York where this reserve is located. We traveled over to this area on our tour on Sunday, September 22, 2002.



Last stop on the Sunday tour for a photo op at the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

What is a Fraktur?

courtesy of Louanna Rich



Example of Fraktur; this one was designed in 1819 in Pennsylvania; see separate about Louanna Rich's presentation at the 2002 Reunion.

Presented to the Association

Seen at this year's reunion were Trustee George Apgar Jr. and Judy Owens of Ithaca, NY, admiring Judy's wall hanging presented to the Association .



The Queen Murder Trial

by Judy Hankinson

As promised in our last edition, the story of the Queen murders concludes in this issue. Excerpts were taken from articles that appeared in the Hunterdon County Democrat between June and August 1917.

From the Hunterdon County Democrat; Flemington, NJ; July 11, 1917

THE QUEEN MURDER TRIAL ON Paul Maywoon, Accused of the Murder of Wm H Queen, Wife and Daughter, on Trial for His Life

One would think it Fair time Monday morning, when the automobiles, wagons, etc., began to arrive in Flemington, coming from all parts of the county and beyond; carrying jurymen, witnesses, and curiosity seekers to listen to the trial of Paul Maywoon for the murder of the Queen family of Mount Pleasant on June 7th. Although court did not convene until ten o'clock, before eight o'clock the court room began to fill - long before ten o'clock there was not even standing room and before the day was over the court room held a record breaking crowd and many could not gain admittance.

There were more than 60 witnesses called to give testimony in this, one of the most horrible crimes, in all its details, that has ever been perpetrated anywhere. Some of those giving testimony were the County Engineer who had made maps of the Queen farm which showed the various points where the house, barn and wagon house had stood and where the bodies of the murdered family were found in the yard; the Flemington photographer who took pictures of the ruins of the farm; the doctor from Milford who gave the report of the autopsy done on William Queen the morning after the murder; the Mount Pleasant school teacher who was the first man on the scene of the tragedy; and three witnesses identifying Paul Maywoon as the man who had been working on the Queen farm. Sylvanus Apgar who lives on an adjoining farm also testified that he saw Maywoon on the afternoon of the murder standing in the field back of the barn buildings.

As it is necessary to close our forms on Tuesday afternoon, the remainder of the report of the trial will be given next week. From the progress of the trial thus far, it will be doubtful if the trial will be completed this week.

From the Hunterdon County Democrat; Flemington, NJ; July 18, 1917

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE Paul Maywoon, Murderer of the Queen Family, to be Executed Week of August 13

As we closed our forms last Tuesday, the trial of Paul Maywoon for the murder of Wm. H. Queen was holding the interest of thousands of people all over the country. Although the fate of the prisoner has been

settled, and the most brutal crime in the history of our county stands com-mitted to be avenged by the laws of our State, as the recorder of the happenings of our county, we deem it only right to our readers, and to the searcher after facts in the years to come, that we proceed and give a history of the trial in the end.

At the time of our forms had to be closed a week ago, witnesses were testifying as to the vivid details of the murders and the capture of the Lithuanian. John W. Queen, a brother to the murdered man, testified to having arrived at the Queen farm at seven o'clock on the morning after the crime, and of the condition of house and outbuilding on his arrival. He testified to having first seen Paul Maywoon on May 14th, in Jersey City, and to have taken him the next day to the farm of his brother, William, at Mount Pleasant, to assist in the farming of the place. He identified Maywoon and the coat found on him, when captured, as one that had formerly belonged to another brother, Judge Paul A. Queen.

Others testified as to having seen Maywoon during the time after the murders and before he was captured. One witness testified to having discovered the collar and necktie (previously identified as Maywoon's) on the apple tree after the murders - this linked Maywoon with the Queen farm.

At the convening of court at 1:15 Wednesday afternoon, Prosecutor Able announced that the State rested. And much to the disappointment of a very large audience, Counselor Stout, for the defense, announced that he had no witness to place on the stand. It was hoped that the prisoner would go on the witness stand in his own defense, but he did not.

Both the prosecutor and counselor made formidable please - no one of the large audience for a moment had the least doubt but that Maywoon would be found guilty of the crime and his able counsel, Harry I. Stout, confined his masterly address to the jury to saving him from the electric chair, and so strong and eloquent was his plea, that the jury was kept out until ten o'clock the next day on the question of the electric chair or State's prison.

Justice Trenchard began his charge to the jury at 4:45 and at 5:12 the case, so far as court and lawyers were concerned, was at the mercy of the jury of twelve men (from all over the county) sworn to give both the prisoner and society the protection of the law. (Among those serving as jury members was Raymond Anderson who was a member of the Apgar family.)

At about ten o'clock Thursday morning the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. This settled the question of Maywoon's fate. Justice Trenchard pronounced the sentence which the law imposed upon the crime for which he had been found guilty, that he should be electrocuted during the week beginning August 13th. He has just been taken to the State's Prison at Trenton, where he awaits his execution

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From the Hunterdon County Democrat; Flemington, NJ; August 22, 1917

PAY PENALTY FOR MURDER

Without a sign of emotion or the utterance of a word, Paul Maywoon, twenty-eight years old, Tuesday evening of last week went to his death in the electric chair at the New Jersey State Prison, at Trenton, for the murder last June at their home near Mount Pleasant of William Queen, his wife, and their daughter, Eleanor. Four minutes after he entered the chamber, the man was pronounced dead.

Memory Benches

The Union Township (Hunterdon County) Senior Club recently dedicated one bench each in memory of late town-ship residents, and cousins, Hobson C. Rodenbaugh and Earl Emery (4.5.9.1.3.2.). The benches were dedicated in a ceremony on October 14, 2002 by Mr. Emery's daughter, Helen Sloss (4.5.9.1.3.2.2.). Mr. Emery was a lifelong resident of Union Township. He raised his family in Pattenburg and was a veteran of WWI, serving in the Navy.

Hunterdon Family Featured on "Good Morning America!"

Early this summer, George Melick (6.4.3.5.1.1.1.1.) and his family appeared on this ABC television show. As part of an ongoing series highlighting "Amazing Families", the family of George Melick, Hunterdon County freeholder, was selected to appear on the show.

The staff at GMA had contacted the Express-Times (in Easton, PA) for suggestions about a New Jersey family to profile on the program. The newspaper provided a copy of its Father's Day Sunday feature "Following in Father's Footsteps" which profiled three local families, including the Melicks, and explored how family patriarchs have influenced their children's lives. Since 1728 the Melick family has been farming orchards and field in eastern Hunterdon County. They also operate a farm stand business in Oldwick.

"Eleven generations farming the same location since 1728 - which is astounding in this day and age, " which was the reason a producer chose to meet and interview the Melicks. The two-hour show was dedicated to life in the Garden State of New Jersey. For the show's trademark opening greeting, George and his children stood in one of the farm's flower gardens. He said, "Hi, I'm George Melick in Oldwick, Hunterdon County, New Jersey", and they all said "Good Morning America"!

George Melick has been running the family farm since his teens, after the death of his father, George,

Sr. .He expanded the business and has been joined by his three children, Peter, John and Rebecca. He has been involved in Tewksbury Township and Hunterdon County politics for nearly 40 years and has been a county freeholder since 1978. Looking back through his family's history, he said his father also served on some of the same township boards and his grandfather was a county committeeman in the 1920s. A Melick ancestor also served as a freeholder in the Revolutionary era.

Peter Melick has served on the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board and John Melick is on the county construction board of appeals. Plus, Peter, John, George and George Sr. have all been members of the Old-wick Fire Company.

Toby Jugs

Dot Phinney recently contacted Judy Hankinson asking if there was any information available about the Grace Apgar who restored American Toby Jugs originally designed by Geza de Vagh in his home in Tinton Falls, NJ. He had produced a limited number during WWII.

A fire in the old mill, followed by a flood buried the Toby Jugs deep in a layer of mud where they were almost lost forever. The line was rescued, purchased, restored and redesigned by Grace S. Apgar of Big Brook Studio, Marlboro, NJ who is a well known Sculptress, Ceramist and Teacher. Judy Hankinson has interviewed Grace and will have an article on the family of Archibald and Grace Apgar in the next issue of our newsletter.

Another Apgar First

In early January 2002, Army Sgt. Sherri Keebaugh, a descendant of Herbert, Adam and Maria Sophia Apgar, was the first American military woman to enter Kabul, the capital of Afgahnistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom. This was the code name for the U.S. retaliation at al Qaeda and the Taliban government that allowed them to be based in their country.

Sherri, along with other members of her Deployable Intelligence Support Element was deposited during the dark of night from a touch-and-go flight. Her team that served as a liaison between US forces and the International Security Force, which was to establish security in and around Kabul so the interim government could begin to function and also to train Afghanistan's new military and police forces. Sherri assisted with intelligence research and wrote daily intelligence summaries.

Sherri's blonde hair and blue eyes created a real stir in Kabul, even causing several gawking Afghan men to wreck

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Historical Happenings

by Judy Hankinson

The following information is taken from various sources - including for the first time, the Internet.

Using the Social Security Records and obituaries on line, I was able to find several more Apgars who have died over the last year (identified with an asterisk). Also, this list is being presented alphabetically rather than by date of death. If anyone wishes more information about a certain record contained here, please send a note or email to me and I'll respond with a copy of the obit, birth record, etc. Please remember to send new information to Lynn Conley!

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Deaths

ALPAUGH, Estelle M., (w/o 1.7.3.3.3.1.2.), 79, died 12 June 2002. Residence: High Bridge, NJ
ALPAUGH, Ruth E., (w/o 1.8.9.4.7.3.), 82, died 9 April 2002. Res.: Palmer Township, PA
ALPAUGH, James W., (1.8.9.4.7.3.), 85, died 3 June 2002. Res.: Palmer Township, PA
APGAR, Alma A., (unk line), died 23 April 2002. Res.: Richmond, GA *
APGAR, Barbara J., (w/o 10.5.10.10.1.1.), 83, died 26 May 2002. Res.: Brocton, IL *
APGAR, Charles Scheirer, Jr., (7.4.7.3.2.1.), 88, died 30 July 2001. Res.: Lancaster, PA*
APGAR, Donald H., (unk. line), 82, died 11 Sep 2002. Res.: Morrisville, PA

APGAR, Donald V., (unk line), 79, died 25 March 2001. Res.: Bedminster, NJ*
APGAR, E. R., (unk. line), 87, died 27 June 2002. Res.: Hillsborough, FL.*
APGAR, Frances, (unk. line), 83, died 14 Mar 2002. Res.: Orange County, FL*
APGAR, Edwin H., (7.13.1.1.3.1.1.1.), 83, died 26 Mar 2001. Res.: Ithaca, NY*
APGAR, Eugene S., (unk. line), 58, died 7 June 2001*
APGAR, Harley H., (3.5.5.5.2.1.), died 21 March 2001. Res.: New Haven, CT*
APGAR, Helen E., (unk. line), 80, died 20 March 2002. Res.: Pompano Beach, FL*
APGAR, James, (unk. line), 53, died 7 June 2002. Res.: NY State. *
APGAR, James William, (1.8.7.1.4.2.), died 5 July 2002. Res.: Kansas
APGAR, Jessie, (w/o Leonard – unk line), 74, died 25 Sep 2002. Res.: NJ
APGAR, Joan C, (w/o 3.7.9.12.2.2.1.), 73, died 28 Sep 2002. Res.: Liberty Corner, NJ*
APGAR, John F., (6.10.3.3.4.3.4.), 68, died 13 April 2002. Res.: Whitehouse Station, NJ
APGAR, Kenneth, (7.13.1.1.3.3.1.), 80, died 7 July 2002. Res.: Cortland, NY*
APGAR, Linford, (unk. line), 73, died 14 Jan 2002. Res.: Bayville, NJ*
APGAR, Nicholas Andrew, (s/o Robert C), 10, died 6 June 2001. Res.: Attleboro, MA*
APGAR, Oliver T., Sr., (6.4.3.6.4.3.1.), 81, died 8 Nov 2002. Res.: Lockport, IL
APGAR, Paul D. (Col), (unk. line), 82, died 20 Aug 2002. Res.: San Antonio, TX
APGAR, Robert A., (unk. line), 52, died 26 Feb 2002. Res.: Clermont Co., OH*
APGAR, Ruby P., (unk. line), 103, died 8 Feb 2002. Res.: Jefferson, IL*
APGAR, S. Gordon, (unk. line), 90, died 6 Feb 2002. Res.: Hillsborough, FL*
APGAR, Samuel W., (9.5.5.6.5.1.2.), 60, died 19 March 2001. Res.: Maine
APGAR, Wayne Floyd, (1.2.1.6.6.1.3.1.), 66, died 17 June 2002. Res.: Augusta, ME

APGAR, William R., (8.4.1.11.2.1.), 88, died 7 Mar 2002. Res.: Tioga, NY*
BALDWIN, Mildred Ann, (w/o 3.3.2.8.1.2.), 93, died 11 Jan 2002. Res.: Blackstone, VA
BEST, Mary M., (unknown line), 89, died 11 Sep 2002. Res.: Palmerton, PA
BRIGGS, Anita A., (4.1.2.2.5.1.2.1./7.2.1.4.2.3.2.1.1.), died 3 Nov 2002. Res.: Clifton, NJ
CLAWSON, Craig M. (Stepson of 3.7.7.7.5.5.2.1.), 18, died 21 Sep 2002. Res.: Califon, NJ
CONOVER, Frances E., (w/o 4.1.2.2.5.1.1.2./1.1.2.1.4.2.3.1.2.), 85, died 15 Oct 2002. Res.: Holland Twp, NJ
COX, Dorothy "Dolly", (w/o 4.1.2.2.3.6.4.2.), 65, died 25 Sep 2002. Res.: Center Valley, PA;
CRAMPTON, Harry W. (3.7.7.2.1.5.2.), 85, died 7 Feb 2003, Int Riverhurst Cemetery
CULLEN, Josephine, (2.3.1.12.5.4.), 78, died 25 Oct 2002. Res.: Lopatcong Twp., Warren Co., NJ
CYPHERS, Arthur D., Jr., (h/o 4.4.4.7.4.1.2.), 78, died 20 Sep 2002. Res.: Laurel, Montana.
FARLEY, Charles R., (h/o 3.7.7.7.5.1.3./ unk. line), 80, died 22 June 2002. Res.: East Stroudsburg, PA
FARLEY, Jeanette B., (w/o 6.4.3.1.1.5.4.) died 6 Sep 2002. Int. Cokesbury, NJ.
FLARTEY, Harold T., (6.4.8.14.4.1.), 88, died 4 Aug 2002. Res.: Mine Hill, NJ
FRITTS, Alberta M., (w/o 4.4.4.7.7.2.), 90, died 24 Oct 2002. Res.: Holland Twp, Hunterdon Co., NJ
GARLINGHOUSE, Ruth, (9.5.1.10.4.1.), 80, died 24 Jan 2002. Res.: Washington Township, NJ
YHOBBS, Jane Emmons, (6.11.11.2.11.), died June 2002. Res.: Vero Beach, FL.
HOFFMAN, Ruth Dean, (w/o 10.12.3.2.4.1.), 84, died 2 Oct 2002. Res.: Hackettstown, NJ
HORNBAKER, Marion, (1.2.11.9.7.2.1), 84, died 8 Aug 2002. Res.: High Bridge, NJ

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LANCE, Robert, (h/o 1.2.1.6.1.4.), 74, died 16 June 2002. Res: Glen Gardner, NJ

MANNERS, Elsie H., (4.1.2.2.3.1.2.1.), 75, died 13 Nov 2002. Res.: East Amwell Twp., NJ

MCCATHARN, Evelyn, (w/o 6.4.3.4.5.2.2.), 81, died 2 Oct 2002. Res.: Whiting, NJ

MCCATHARN, Percy K., Jr., (6.4.3.4.5.8.1.), 75, died 4 Nov 2002. Res.: Washington, NJ

PAPENFUHS, Virginia E. (1.2.3.7.2.4.6.1.), 72, died 14 Nov 2002. Res.: Bethlehem Twp., NJ

PYLE, Louis A., Jr. (Dr.), (9.5.6.1.2.2.2.), 81, died 14 Jan 2002. Res.: Princeton, NJ

REED, Raymond R., (s/o 6.2.3.5.2.1.4.), 67, died 16 June 2002. Res.: Union Township, NJ

SHERRERD, Dorothy "Dottie", (6.5.7.3.4.2.), 70, died 19 Jan 2002. Res.: Strasburg, PA

TKAC, Joan M., (10.14.3.1.3.1.1.), 69, died 22 Feb 2002. Res.: Clinton, NJ

TRIMMER, Robert Irving, (1.2.11.5.3.1.1.), 87, died 9 Nov 2002. Res.: Hawley, PA

VLIET, Harold A., (6.5.7.3.3.3.2.), 70, died 29 Jul 2002. Res.: Bethlehem Twp., PA

WIEDER, Robert S., (h/o 3.5.3.1.4.1.1.1.), 74, died 1 Aug 2002. Res.: Holland Twp., NJ

ZILG, George L., (h/o 10.14.6.3.6.2.), 80, died 6 Jan 2002. Res.: Dunellen, NJ

ZILG, Mary M., (10.14.6.3.6.2.), 77, died 22 Feb 2002. Res.: Dunellen, NJ

Births:

APGAR, Moira Bridget was born 15 Oct 2002 to Christopher Linford Apgar (2.3.1.2.1.2.1.1.1.) and Mary Veronica Gilmartin of Highland Park, NJ

APGAR, Jonathan James was born 16 Aug 2002 to Timothy Apgar (6.10.3.3.4.3.3.2.) and Elaine Conner of Whitehouse Station, NJ.

DiGIACOMO, Derrick Abel was born 15 Sep 2002 to Tary Flartey (6.4.8.14.4.1.1.2.) and Dennis DiGiacomo.

DOMAS, Joel Timothy was born 19 Feb 2002 to Susan Lynn Fury (9.5.9.6.2.1.1.2.) and Timothy Domas.

LANCE, Jeffrey Richard was born 28 Oct 2002 to Wesley Lance (10.15.8.2.1.1.1.) and Heather Lord.

MELICK, Andrew Peter was born 25 July 2002 to Peter Melick (6.4.3.5.1.1.1.1.1.) and Denise Blackstone of Tewksbury Township, NJ.

VAN DOREN, Gwen Elizabeth was born 2 May 2002 to Benjamin Van Doren (4.1.3.1.2.4.2.1.2.) and Deanna Van Doren.

WILT, Zachary Jacob was born 10 April 2002 to Alison Apgar (1.2.1.6.6.1.1.2.2.) and Neal Wilt of Flemington, NJ.

Marriages

Abbe Alpaugh, (3.5.3.1.3.3.5.2.), and William DeMaio were married on 23 Sep 2000 in the Princeton United Methodist Church. Their reception was held at the historic Red Mill in Clinton, NJ.

Kati Lynn Hankinson, (3.5.3.1.4.4.1.1.1.), and Tony Watkoskey were married 9 Nov 2002 in Faith Chapel Wesleyan Church, Annandale, NJ.

Noteworthy Events

Mae Mazar (2.3.1.7.1.3.) was honored recently by the Hunterdon Medical Center, Raritan Twp., and NJ. She has been a volunteer at the hospital for 35 years.

LeRoy and Millie Apgar of Raritan Township (NJ) celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on August 26, 2002 at a party at the Clinton House. They were married 26 Aug 1967 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Flemington (NJ). The Apgars have a son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Kathryn Blankenship of New Canaan, CT and three grandchildren. On June 23, 2002 10 members of the Clinton (NJ) Presbyterian Church were honored in a special service and reception at the church. The ten members average 62 years of membership ranging from 55 years for Douglas Martin and Lawrence (5.7.7.2.1.2.) and Helen Fox Apgar to 81 years for Fred Wille. Almost all honored are still very active in the church.

In Memoriam: 9/11 Revisited

Nearly everyone remembers Todd Beamer's last recorded words, "Let's roll!", spoken as he led fellow passengers on a counteract of the terrorist-hijackers on United Flight 93. Todd's American patriotism checked fanaticism in the skies over Pennsylvania, and saved our nation's Capitol or White House from destruction.

Did you realize that Todd was also a member of the Apgar family? His widow, Lisa Brosious Beamer, is the grand-daughter of Eben Brosious and Delilah Apker, a descendant of Conrad Apgar. Following that tragic event, Lisa has written a book entitled, *Let's Roll, Ordinary People, Extraordinary Courage*. In it, she shares stories about her life with Todd, their children and their beliefs, including family pictures. The book has garnered outstanding reviews by many readers. Please get a copy if you are interested in reading about a national AND a family hero.

This information came from Holly Hoyt Kennedy, a new member of the Apgar Association, who is also a descendant of Delilah Apker.

2002-2003 Committee Chairs

Appointed

The following 2002-2003 officers and committee chairs were confirmed at the Trustees Meeting following the September 2002 Reunion:

- President - Mike Apgar
- First Vice President - Judy Hankinson (later resigned)
- Second Vice President - Lois Dege
- Corresponding Secretary - Louanna Rich
- Recording Secretary—Judy Beck
- Membership - Debbie Apgar
- Website - Chris Apgar (Web Master)
- Finance - Howard Apgar (Treasurer)
- Genealogy - Lynn Conley
- Historian - Judy Hankinson (later resigned)
- Newsletter - Hank Apgar (Editor)
- Book Editor - Dorothy Apgar
- Public Relations - George Apgar Jr

Membership Committee Report

by Debbie Apgar, Committee Chair

As of September 2002, we have 241 paid members. Our paid membership at the end of 2001 was 217; at the end of 2000 was 240.

Finance Committee Report

by Howard Apgar, Treasurer

As of September 2002, our checking account has a balance of \$2,370 and we have a \$5000 certificate of deposit.

Newsletter Committee Report

by Henry Apgar Jr, Committee Chair and Editor

300 "June 2002" newsletters were printed. Most were mailed to association members but a few extras are available for new members who joined after the last mailing.

Meet our New Trustees

Lynn Conley

Lynn has been a longtime supporter of the association. Recently interviewed for the newsletter about her interest in genealogy, Lynn said, "In 1999 I began my Genealogical Ad-venture, I quickly became addicted to the hunt for family, past and present. I decided to start with my Dad's side of family, which brought me to Hunterdon County. He was born in Hampton, so that is where I started. I did visit the State Archives and copied needed birth and death records of his grandmothers and grandfathers, and it is his mother's side that brought me to the Apgar family.

"It was however, my husband Matt Krainski, who made the connection. The death certificate of Susan (Fritts) Teats, stated her mother was Elizabeth Sophia Epper, however, as my two children Matthew and Megan plus my husband and I searched the Cokesbury cemeteries, he said, "I don't see any Epper, but there are a lot of Apgars." I attended the 1999 Reunion and the rest as they say is history.

"As a recent retiree, after 29 1/2 years, from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Dental School, I now have the much needed time for the great adventure called family history, a big part being a trustee for the Apgar Family Association. I welcome my new role as trustee and hope my efforts will bring the association to many new Apgar cousins."



Lynn Conley (center) with winning entry in the "Homestead Brick and Boards Contest" for her replica of the Apgar Homestead; flanked by Mike Apgar and George Apgar, Jr.

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Louanna Rachel Heath-Hammond Rich

Louanna has been a strong supporter for many years. Those attending the 2002 Reunion heard Louanna speak about Fraktur and their role in genealogy research. In an interview for the newsletter, Louanna provided this insight:

'When asked about the origin of her name, my 95-year old grandmother replied, "It's English, from somewhere in the middle of England. No, it is not German." Twenty-four years later while surfing on the internet, I typed "apgar family history" and found a webpage, a family reunion, and the original of her surname—Epgart, Germany.

Perhaps my Epgart roots might explain my fascination with Fraktur, German-American folk art form whose origin was the 18th century Palentine Region of Europe. As a folk artist, I create contemporary Medieval Illumination Art-works and Fraktur folk art drawings.'



Louanna Rich (lower left) shown describing Frakturs during Reunion

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their bikes! She posed for pictures with Gen. Tommy Franks and Secy of State Colin Powell and was featured in the first installment of MTVs "Military Diaries. Her pictures appeared in People and Entertainment weekly magazines.

Back in civilian life, Sherri is a biologist employed with a Philadelphia-area firm doing medical research. On May 24, 2003, she married Jeff Boerger in the Chapel of the Christopher Wren Bldg (oldest college bldg in continual use in America) on the campus of Wm & Mary. The bride & groom rode through Colonial Williamsburg in a white carriage pulled by shiny black horses, prior to a honeymoon in the Carribean. We thank Sherri, and take this opportunity to express thanks to all family members serving our County.

Reunion 2003 Planning Workshop

By George Apgar, Jr.

On November 2, 2002, eight family members met at Round Valley United Methodist Church in Lebanon, NJ, to discuss planning the September 20-21, 2002, 29th Annual Family Reunion. This was the second planning workshop for our next reunion.

Anyone with suggestions for the reunion should call George at (732) 297-66896.



Reunion 2003 Planners; from left to right: Judy Hankinson, Lois Dege, Lynn Conley, Judy Beck, Louanna Heath-Hammond, Mike Apgar, and George Apgar Jr.

Research Message Board

Rick Novak, a 4-way Apgar descendant (Herbert, Jacob, Peter and Conrad) and very capable genealogist, is the new 'owner' of the Apgar-L message board for researchers at Rootsweb.com. Please check into this opportunity to share family information and get help with family-related questions.

For question about the list, contact Rick at APGAR-admin@rootsweb.CQm.

You can subscribe to the Apgar-L list for free by sending an e-mail message to APGAR-L-request@rootsweb.com. This will enable you to receive copies of all messages sent to the list-serv.

Or you can sign up for a digest of messages by sending a message to APGAR-D-request@rootsweb.com.

Apgar Family Association Trustees and Committees

Reminder: Next year's reunion, our 29th, will be held during September 20-21, 2003, at the Whitehouse United Methodist Church.

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**Your Family Association needs more People to Help it Help Our Family!
(Please see any Trustee about participating. You'll be the beneficiary)**

