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### Come to The Reunion on September 17

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The 37th (of the modern era) annual reunion will be held at the Stanton Grange Hall, on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet old friends and members of our extended family, descendants of the original Apgars who came to Hunterdon County from Germany in the 1700s.

Joseph Hauck, Historian of the Borough of Lebanon, will be our speaker. His presentation "The Revolutionary War in Hunterdon Co—Neighbor against Neighbor" will address local strife, illustrated with actual incidents.

A hearty German farm-style meal will be served, consisting of roast beef, real mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, garden salad, rolls & butter, beverages, plus home-made cookies and ice cream. Come hungry!

Despite the rise in food prices, the price will remain the same as last year, \$13.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children.

See the Reunion RSVP form included with this newsletter.

#### Volunteers Needed

Come to the Grange Hall on Friday evening, 5:30—7:30 to meet your Trustees, help set up tables, arrange exhibits,, and organize the Apgar General Store.

#### Saturday Schedule

10:00 am	Coffee & Check-in
11:00 am	Show & Tell; Genealogy Assistance
11:30 am	Speaker
12:30 pm	Annual Group Photo
12:45 pm	Lunch
2:15 pm	More Show and Tell
3:00 pm	Business Meeting
4:00 pm	Closing

#### Sunday Schedule

8:00 am	Breakfast at Spinning Wheel Diner, Route 22
9:30 am	Worship Service at Lebanon Reformed Church

#### Driving Directions

The Stanton Grange Hall is at 16 Route 618, in Lebanon, New Jersey. The Route 618 East exit on Route 31 is about 5 1/2 miles north of the Fleming- ton traffic circle, and about 4 miles south of 1-78.

The Grange hall is on the left at the crest of the hill, about 1/4 of a mile from Route 31.

A map is available from the Reunion page on our web site, [www.apgarfamily.org](http://www.apgarfamily.org).

Last year's reunion, Stanton Grange Hall —Photo by Jim Pickell



# Your Trustees and Officers for 2011



Left to right:

- Back row — Henry Apgar, Jr. (Newsletter), George N. Apgar Jr. (Vice President), Mike Apgar (President),
- Front row — Lois Pfeffer, Mary Carpenter (Web Master), Lynn Conley (Genealogist), Jeanette Lesinski (Recording Secretary), Debbie Apgar (Membership)

## Letter from the Officers and Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Apgar Association would like to thank all of our family members who so generously gave an extra donation to our association this year. Although we cannot thank you individually, we want you all to know how much your extra gifts are appreciated and that they will go to help support our association and our continued efforts to present an interesting and entertaining family reunion. We value the continued encouragement and support that all of our members provide us in keeping our Apgar Association functioning.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees of the Apgar Family Association



Early attendees at the 2010 Reunion got front row seats.

# A Message from the Association President

## Mike Apgar

It's summertime already, which means time for several lines of Early German families of northern Hunterdon- southern Morris Counties, including those of the families Pickel, Fritts, Philhower, Swackhammer-Dufford, Apgar, and others.

Each of these gatherings has its own traditions and regular constituents. I heartily recommend each of them for an interesting day with close and distant relatives. However, each these gatherings is attended by relatively few people (probably averaging less than 50 people), has overlapping constituents (due to intermarriages over more than 10 generations), and are difficult to attend for those of us who live outside New Jersey. Consequently, many have questioned, "Why not a single reunion for the multitude of the descendants of all these families." What do you think?

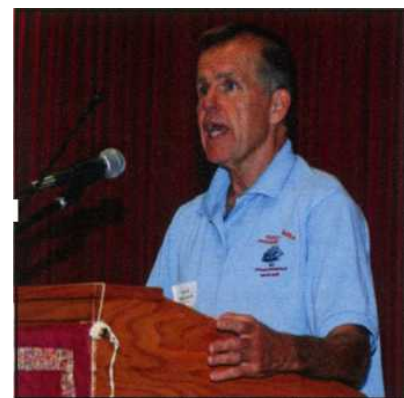
Your Trustees are also want to expand our search for former and living relatives of the Apgar (there "Epgert") family in Germany. We have been able to trace back to the middle 1600s and a few surviving descendants down to the present day.

The latter includes offspring of Johannes Peter Epgert, a highly decorated WWII soldier German soldier, who rose to "Feldwebel" (Sergeant) over more than 2 years on the Eastern Front. He died in action in late October 1943, but not before fathering a son Wolfgang, who is still living in Essen and whose

daughter Alexandra has completed a graduate degree at the University of Dusseldorf. Another Epgert descendent is Barbara Else Steffan, the daughter of Anneliesa Marta Epgert. She is married to Klaus Szymanski a professor at the University of

Dusseldorf. Both Alexandra Epgert and Klaus Szymanski are fluent in English. More information on these and any other of our German "cousins" would be a great addition to our family lore.

If you have opinion or suggestions on either of these topics—or have contacts or talents (such as fluency in German) that might help—please share them with one of your Trustees. Your family association needs fresh ideas and welcomes additional volunteers. The salary isn't great, but the satisfaction makes it worthwhile!



Mike at 2010 Reunion

## Apgar Family, 100 Faithful Holds Its 36th Annual Reunion

Reprint from September 2010 newspaper story by George Apgar, Jr.

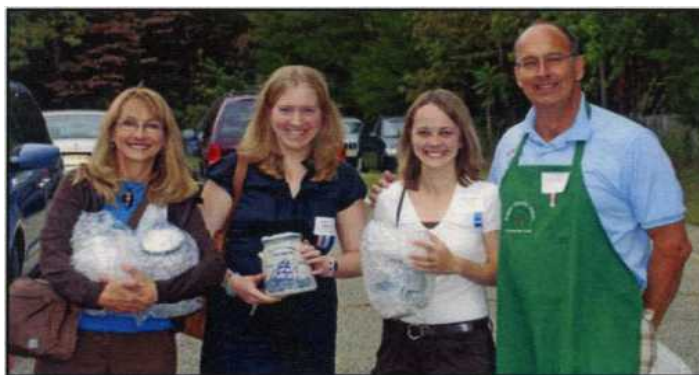
Stanton, NJ - Just under 100 members and relations of the Apgar Family from several counties of New Jersey and the Sates of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Arizona, and California attended the 36<sup>th</sup> annual reunion of the Apgar Family Association on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Stanton Grange, Lebanon, New Jersey.

The family began gathering shortly after 10 AM for the morning time was spent in a "get Acquainted period". Then later in the morning the Apgars had a show and tell time and gave genealogy assistance workshops to family members whom did not know how they are descendant to their family patriarch and matriarch Fritz and Anna Schaefer Epgert whom emigrated to the New Jersey Colony back in 1740.

Pastor Rev. Stephen Yon of the High Bridge Reformed Church made a moving presentation on "Apgars are a patient People," even humorously mimicking our dogged approach to

work. As a complimentary close, Kim (Apgar) Costa then gave her clever rendition of "Growing Up Apgar."

At noon-time Pastor Yon blessed the luncheon meal and a photograph was taken of all members wearing their Apgar



Lesley Apgar, Leia Apgar, Kristie Apgar, and George Apgar

reunion shirt around a cake wishing the Palatines a 300th Celebration of 1710 immigration arrival. It was the arrival of the largest group of Colonial settlers that landed in Colonial America coming from the southwest area of present day Germany.

Several Apgars plan to travel to Germantown, New York on October 2nd to attend the two day celebration to be held at the Reformed Church of that town that was settled by the Palatines in large numbers in 1710.

Anyone interested in their 1710-1776 Palatine immigration history or genealogy can contact the Apgars at [www.ApgarFamily.org](http://www.ApgarFamily.org) or by calling George Apgar @ 732 297-6686.

# Who was She?

By Lynn Conley-Genealogist

Finding the maiden names of our ancestors, as many Ap- gars know, can be a difficult task. There are however some online resources as well as archive records that can be very helpful. The discovery of a maiden name provides a new opportunity in researching new branches of our family trees thus providing new connections and a better understanding of the family's legacy. The 10 most productive areas that generally mention a female's maiden name are:



1. Marriage records, which includes looking at marriage licenses, marriage certificates, marriage announcements, marriage bonds and marriage bonds that are required by various religions.
2. Cemetery records, where tombstones may list the wife under her maiden name or list her maiden name as a middle name. In addition it can be beneficial to check nearby plots for potential family members
3. Census records are a valuable resource, as young married couples may be living with the wife's parents, or other family members, such as brothers, sisters or even parents come to live with your ancestors providing positive clues as to the maiden name. Also look at the names of nearby family as newly established family many times did not move far from the homestead.
4. Land records are very important as deeds were very often passed down from father to daughter. It is also important to examine the land deeds of the husband especially those that include the phrase "et ux." (and wife) and "et al." (and others) which may provide the names of siblings, children and other family names. Another clue is land that is sold for a dollar or small amount, since more than likely these may be the parents or relatives of your female ancestors.
5. Church records are a good source for birth and christening records, which commonly name both parents, including the maiden name of the mother. Church marriage records may also include the wife's maiden name and are very important for the years prior to mandated civil registrations.
6. Wills and Probate records many times list the female children along with their husband's names thus leading you to deed indexes and probate proceedings that provide additional clues.
7. Newspaper records are constructive in finding the maiden name; however you must not overlook, notices for siblings or other family members. Some of the records to look for are birth and marriage announcements, obituaries and even social events, which mention visits with other family members.
8. Death records is an area that may have a maiden name, however since the information provided may contain inaccurate data, it is a good idea to check for the familiarity of the relationship between the informant and the

deceased to evaluate the correctness of the facts that were provided.

9. Military records may also impart clues through pension applications and military records that often include biographical data. Family members were sometimes required to sign documents as witnesses or provide statements as to illnesses and eligibility for the pension.
10. Naming patterns could offer valuable evidence, as the maiden name may be used as a middle name or the eldest daughter may be named after her maternal grandmother.

In addition to the archive records a great web-site for unearthing the females in your family includes going to [http://net.lib.byu.edu/fslab/restricted/ig\\_november2010.pdf](http://net.lib.byu.edu/fslab/restricted/ig_november2010.pdf), which provides an online copy of the Internet Genealogy Magazine, and which includes an article by Lisa A. Also listing [15 Fantastic Sites for Tracing Female Ancestors](#).

The magazine furthermore has information on 30 great web-sites for family research plus what is new at Family- each.org, and the value of newspapers which are often underutilized. May the information provided help you have fun finding a female family member!

## Availability of Genealogy CDs

By Mary Carpenter



The following CDs in pdf format are available for purchase:

- **Volume I:** The Immigrants and First Four Generations in America—\$25 including handling & shipping.
- **Volume II:** Descendants of the Fourth Generation in America—each are \$25 including handling & shipping.
  - Part 1: Herbert, John Peter and Heinrich—\$25
  - Part 2: Johannes Adam and Catherine—\$25
  - Part 3: Jacob and William—\$25
  - Part 4: Peter, Frederick and Conrad—\$25

See our web-site to order: <http://www.apqarfamilv.org> or purchase at the reunion.

This web site is also searchable by association members. To request a user account, just:

1. Click on the Family Tree Box on the Home Page
2. Click on the Register Box
3. Fill in required information and click on the Submit button at bottom of page. You will be notified when your account has been set up.

# Tribute to Helen Smith Apgar ( - 2010)

Helen Smith married into the Apgar family 21 August 1954 to Raymond Banghart Apgar (3.5.3.1.3.4) of the Adam line from Califon, New Jersey. She came from Canada to study at Rutgers University.

Helen was a teacher in Califon and the original genealogist to this group in the 1970's. She was also editor of Volume One of "Johannes Peter Apgard and His Descendants" published in 1984. Helen was a trustee during 1986 and 1987 and Historian during 1975—1985. She was later honored by the title, Historian Emerita of the Apgar Family Association.

Helen passed away at her home in Parkville, Maryland, on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010. Her cremated remains have been taken to New Jersey to be placed beside her late husband in the Apgar family lot in Cokesbury Cemetery, Hunterdon County, NJ.

The following is an excerpt from a report by Dorothy Apgar, an earlier Historian, and published in *A History of Apgar Reunions*.

"In 1975, Dorothy Apgar and her late husband, Robert, were exploring the Cokesbury cemetery researching data on ancestors when they happened upon Helen Apgar of Califon,

NJ, who was doing the same thing. They compared notes on what they were doing and discovered a commonality in the originating ancestor, Johannes Peter Apgard.



Helen Apgar (right) with niece, Marybelle Apgar Hoffman, in 2004.

In the course of one of their conversations, Helen brought up the idea of resurrecting the Apgar family reunions. Robert, remembering attending the reunions in High Bridge as a boy, was very receptive to the idea, and a project was begun. The first reunion was held on August 10, 1975, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Preston Geist on Silverthorne Road in High Bridge and was attended by some 60 people. "Officers were elected, and the first president was Robert O. Apgar. Helen and Dorothy were the first Historians. The Apgar Family Association was begun. Reunions have been held every year since then. "Through their research efforts, Dorothy and Helen and other volunteers were able to identify the eleven "first" generation

Apgars, at the time identified as the children of Johannes Peter Apgard. "

Helen's niece, Marybelle Apgar Hoffman, remembers Helen as a strong woman: "When I visited with her in 2004, she had enough left to give me driving directions to the restaurant. We enjoyed our meal."

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## Apgars in the Civil War, by Mike Apgar

Americans are also commemorating the 150th anniversary of the onset of our Civil War in 1861. In so doing, we should remember the more than 150 members of the Apgar Family who served and suffered in the military.

All of the folks we've identified to this year served in the Union Army. Their sacrifices led to both preservation of the United States, the abolition of slavery, and a more widely shared citizenship for all men...although the effective achievement of equality and extension of such rights to the freedmen and for women came later, and continue to evolve.

During, the past year an Apgar member of the US (Union) Navy was brought to our attention. He was Captain Allen S. Apgar (#7.3.6.5.), who served as a Gunnery Officer on a ship, as well as the acting assistant paymaster, of the flotilla that—together with the US Army under Ulysses Grant—succeeded in capturing Vicksburg, MS.



Captain Allen Stoddard Apgar—Gunnery Officer, US Navy.

After the war, Allen used his wartime experience in finance—with his twin brother Frederick William Apgar—in the banking business in New York City. They eventually worked their way to co-heads of the Merchants & Mariners Bank in Brooklyn.

### Mark Your Calendar

A Revolutionary War Living History Weekend at the Red Mill Museum Village, Main Street, Clinton, NJ; August 6-7, 2011; 10:00 - 4:00 pm.  
*More info: [www.theredmill.org](http://www.theredmill.org)*

# Growing Up Apgar – A Story about my Father, by Kim (Apgar) Costa

Dad's passing this year, although sad was a blessing of peace to both him and those who loved him. Each day brought a new challenge as the illness that gripped him became more vengeful and unforgiving. The frail frame called homeward was hardly recognizable from the robust father we once knew.

Funerals are such odd affairs.

The living gather as a final tribute to the departed; and while we are sad for their passing, there is joy in connecting again with the living. A joy we only seem to make time for when we are down by one. For a brief moment we step out of the tempest of our daily lives and gather together.

Here, for a time, we find joy in past memories and present company. Admonitions that we must not wait for the next funeral to reconnect, while embraced as enthusiastically as our welcome to each other, all fade away as we go our separate ways and step once again into the whirlpools from which we were able to withdraw for a time.

Gathered around the dining room table that has seen so many family gatherings I sat back, watched and listened, just for a moment, as a visitor to all the conversations taking place. How extraordinary I thought. How alike in so many ways. The joy of a house once again full with family was tempered by the deafening quiet that followed once they had all left.

I spent the last year of dad's life consumed by the present. Since his passing, I've spent my time living in the past. It is bittersweet. The photos of family and friends tucked neatly away in cardboard boxes show moments of everyday life not really so very different from today. Girls in prom dresses and boys in tuxedos; both clearly uncomfortable. Military uniforms bear sad testimony to the times. In rapid succession are photos of weddings, first a bridesmaid than a bride. Pictures of picnics, school outings, family pets, holiday gatherings and so on.

Holiday dinners were especially amusing because everyone seemed to always take the same place at the table. The only thing that changed was the hairstyles and hemlines and the unfortunate thickness of my glasses. Not really so very different from today, except that now I wear contacts. Some photos were rather challenging to figure out. A few giggles when you realized the baby pictures were your uncles or cousins. Did we really all have SO much hair was it really THAT dark; and were we really all that THIN?!

It's had me thinking quite a lot about my childhood, the town I grew up in and the family and friends who were there through it all. I would consider my childhood, overall, a very charmed and special time. We only feared God and our parents and not always in that order. An endearing cast of characters with a strong core of Christian values, a strong work ethic, and a strong arm if you didn't mind either of those. They were never timid about speaking their minds, and who laughed often and hearty. A blessing indeed when held against the muddle of contemporary life. How extraordinary I thought. How alike in so many ways. And I thought what does it really mean "to grow up Apgar?"

Well, you might be an Apgar if you LOVE to talk. A gift passed on to each generation as the end of the school year "never at a loss for words" award, given to my youngest son Daniel can attest to. Nobody can talk like an Apgar. We are natural storytellers and EVERYTHING has a story to tell. Like the

moral in a fairy tale, our stories do not simply relate a sequence of events but also an observation of human folly. We are just as quick to laugh at ourselves as others. But it's definitely more fun when it's others.

We are, for the most part, laid back and easy going; generally accepting and non-judgmental. We see no reason to raise our voice when all things can be reasoned out.

Those Apgar's who do have a temper could make a solar flare look like a flicker, but then we never do anything by half's.

We don't bear a grudge so once excoriated it is soon forgotten.

We've been called stubborn, but that's because others don't realize that we're right and we see no reason to move from our position. Apgar's don't give you an argument when you tell them "no", because we don't take you seriously in the first place and are going to do whatever we want anyway.

Apgars aren't very good at just sitting around, unless gathered for a special family event, in which case we're all talking about things we've been doing or will be doing or would like to be doing. We have a restless spirit for adventure, travel, and knowledge that makes us hard to stay put in one place for very long.

We have an almost childlike insatiable curiosity about everything and anything. We are taught from the cradle that education is very important. We may have varying degrees of formal education but more importantly we are life-long

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**Kim (Apgar) Costa, first cousin of our President Mike Apgar, was an invited speaker at the 2010 Reunion. She presented her story, "Growing Up Apgar," a tribute to her father, Kenneth L. Apgar, and to all Apgar fathers. Thank you, Kim, for sharing your story with us.**

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students of learning. A holy grail of continuous quest for knowledge until we draw our last breath

If we appear distracted and absent minded it's only because quite frankly we are bored with the ordinariness of everyday life and are distracted by something of more interest. Perhaps a passing car or the particular path a bug has chosen to walk. We simply have more important things to do. We have to fill every moment with purpose. There is so much to be done and so little time in which to do it.

We have no problem with authority, so long as we're the authority.

For the most part we bear our cares lightly and with a laugh. We feel deeply but privately and are a bit out of place in this emotive society we currently live in.

We are a people of substance and have little use for pretense.

We are quick witted and always land on our feet. If there's yolk to be worn on someone's face you can be sure it will not be ours. It will make a good story for another time when we can relate with pride how we outfoxed someone yet again.

We are very independent and resourceful. We are business men and woman, tradesmen and educators.

We love the outdoors. We are campers, park rangers, geologists and gardeners.

We are exceptionally skilled in home arts. Apgar men are skilled artisans. The women are home makers, amazing cooks, gardeners, and extraordinarily accomplished with a needle. They are both women of their times and ahead of their times. Many working just as tirelessly outside their homes in their own business, church and community. Those who survive and thrive are as hard headed and opinionated as the men. They have to be. Both are frugal to a fault.

We are fun loving and modest, which is quite remarkable really given our intelligence and levels of accomplishment.

It's not so much that we desire to stand out, we just resist blending in. We delight in getting around "the system" not because we're mean-spirited but more to see if we can and to show those around us that you can't tether an Apgar.

We're organized and organizers. We have to be because we're also pack rats.

We are at our best when told what we want is impossible. We are hard workers and hard headed and have an unshakeable "can do" spirit and delight in confounding preconceived expectations.

As the mother of son's I've been told there's a special place in heaven for us. No doubt because of the extra energy and exuberance son's require in their upbringing. That being said, there must surely be a very special place indeed in heaven for those who had the temerity and good sense to marry an Apgar.

## **Frederick and Elizabeth Philhower Apgar Descendants**

By George Apgar, Jr.

Pattie Tiedman of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant, New Jersey is writing a history of the area and would like to include photographs taken before our Civil War of any Apgar Line.

If you have early family tintypes/photographs, call her @ 908 996-4333. She is most interested in old photographs of the farms, blacksmith, grist mills, and general stores of the area of Mount Pleasant, i.e., Frederick Apgar II farm known as "mansion farm" located near Little York, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

## **Historical Society Files**

By George Apgar, Jr.

16,000 Newspaper Clippings are now on file at Hunterdon County Historical Society, published from 1908 to 1949, in Flemington, New Jersey.

In 2010, a large quantity of Hunterdon County newspapers published during this last century were added to the Hunterdon County Historical Society collection. Clippings include engagement, marriage, and obituaries as well as wedding announcements, notable birthday celebrations, divorces and other biographical articles from these periodicals.

White there are a fair number of clippings dating from the late 1800's a majority of the articles come from newspapers published from 1908 through 1949 . Most of these clippings are from the Hunterdon County Democrat newspaper.

## **Maintain Cherry St Cemetery**

By George Apgar, Jr.

The cemetery adjacent to Lebanon Reformed Church, on Cherry Street needs some maintenance. This cemetery is important to the Apgar Family Association as it serves as the final resting place for five of our family Revolutionary War soldiers: Peter Apgar, Conrad Apgar, Andrew Broy, John Cregar, and Michael Shurts.

Financial donations would assure some maintenance this year, if you can help, please send your check, payable to "Lebanon Reformed Church" with notation "for maintenance of Cherry Street Cemetery." Mail your check to:

Reverend Ken Petty Jr.  
Lebanon Reformed Church  
100 Brunswick Ave  
Lebanon, NJ 08833

## **Newsletter Position Open**

The position of Apgar Family Association newsletter editor is open for next year. For more information, contact Henry Apgar Jr. or George Apgar Jr.

# Get Ready for 1940 Census Release

By Lynn Conley-Genealogist

The 1940 U.S. Federal Census was conducted based on a census date of April 1, 1940. Given the seventy-two year privacy restriction, family historians will need to wait until **April 2, 2012** before they can inspect schedules from the sixteenth census of the United States. The census counted a total of nearly 132.2 million people living in 48 states.

Since April 1st falls on a Sunday in 2012, we'll have to wait an additional day to access the 1940 census schedules, but recent announcements from officials at the National Archives have indicated the schedules are already scanned and being prepped for digital release through the NARA website, rather than microfilm as has been done in previous years.

## 1940 Census Questions

The following questions were those included on the Population Schedule for the 1940 Census.

The header of each Population Schedule reads "Department of Commerce — Bureau of the Census, Sixteenth Census of the United States: 1940" and includes fields for State, County, Incorporated place, Township or other division or county, Ward of city, Block Nos., Unincorporated place, Institution, Supervisor District Number (S.D. No.), Enumeration District Number (E.D. No.), date of actual enumeration, name of enumerator, and sheet number.

LOCATION: Street, avenue, road, etc.

LOCATION: House number (in cities and towns)

HOUSEHOLD DATA: Number of household in order of visitation

HOUSEHOLD DATA: Home owned (O) or rented (R)

HOUSEHOLD DATA: Value of home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented

HOUSEHOLD DATA: Does this household live on a farm? (Yes or No)

NAME: Name of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940, was in this household.

RELATION: Relationship of this person to the head of the household, as wife, daughter, father, mother-in-law, grandson, lodger, lodger's wife, servant, hired hand, etc

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Sex — Male (M), Female (F)

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Color or race

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Age at last birthday

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Marital status — Single (S), Married (M), Widowed (Wd), Divorced (D)

EDUCATION: Attended school or college any time since March 1, 1940 (Yes or No)

EDUCATION: Highest grade of school completed

PLACE OF BIRTH: If born in the United States, give State, Territory, or possession. If foreign born, give country in which birthplace was situated on January 1, 1937. Distinguish Canada-French from Canada- English and Irish Free State (Eire) from Northern Ireland.

CITIZENSHIP: Citizenship of the foreign born

RESIDENCE APRIL 1, 1935: City, town, or village having 2,500 or more inhabitants. Enter "R" for all other places

RESIDENCE APRIL 1, 1935: County

RESIDENCE APRIL 1, 1935: State (or Territory or foreign country)

RESIDENCE APRIL 1, 1935: On a farm? (Yes or No)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Was this person AT WORK for pay or profit in private or nonemergency Govt, work during week of March 24-30? (Yes or No)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: If not, was he at work on, or assigned to, public EMERGENCY WORK (WPA, NYA, CCC, etc.) during week of March 24-30? (Yes or No)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Was this person SEEKING WORK? (Yes or No)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: If not seeking work, did he HAVE A JOB, business, etc.? (Yes or No)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Indicate whether engaged in home housework (H) in school (S), unable to work (U), or other (O)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Number of hours worked during week of March 24-30, 1940

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Duration of unemployment up to March 30, 1940 - in weeks

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Occupation: Trade, profession, or particular kind of work

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Industry: Industry of business

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Class of worker

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Number of weeks worked in 1939 (Equivalent full-time weeks)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: INCOME IN 1939: Amount of money wages or salary received (including commissions)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER — EMPLOYMENT STATUS: INCOME IN 1939: Did this person receive income of \$50 or more from sources other than money wages or salary? (Yes or No)

FOR ALL WOMEN WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN MARRIED: Age at first marriage?

FOR ALL WOMEN WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN MARRIED: Number of children ever born (Do not include still-births)





# Tribute to Louanna Rich (1946-2010)

By David A. Rich

Louanna Heath-Hammond Rich (1.5.3.1.1.1.2.1) was born on September 18, 1946 in PennWynne, PA (a suburban area west of Philadelphia). She was a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

At the age of six her family moved to Hatboro, PA., a suburb north of Philadelphia. She worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in a hospital facility until her retirement in 1985. At that time she married David Rich (current Treasurer of Apgar Family Association) and also opened an artist business which she worked from her home.

In 1987 she began to travel with her husband who was an Auditor for a railroad labor organization. On her travels, she sketched many scenes and made them part of her portfolio. During her art career she entered many shows and was successful at selling her paintings.

One of her favorite art forms is the "Fraktur". This art form originated in Germany and was brought to this country by our ancestors. Louanna made a "Fraktur" for the Apgar

Family Association and copies of it were sold at the store.

Louanna made a large number of "Fraktur" art and they were sold at the Mennonite Heritage Center in Harleysville, PA, and several were purchased for resale at the Mercer Museum Store in Doylestown, PA.

Louanna was a member of the Montgomery County Art Association, Bucks County Art League and the Lancaster County Art Association. She was an animal lover and had two dogs and three birds. She was also a member of the Bucks County S.P.C.A. Louanna had no siblings or children.

Louanna attended her first reunion in September 2001. At that time she joined the Apgar Family Association and was subsequently elected Trustee and

Corresponding Secretary. Louanna continued her art business from home until her death on October 10, 2010, after a sixteen month illness.

I know we will all miss her.



Louanna Rich at a recent reunion

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## Ancient Apgar Heirlooms Come to Light

by Mike Apgar

Several years ago, an old trunk in an attic in Phoenix Arizona was found to contain some of the oldest Apgar family heirlooms. The trunk and it's contents was left to Barbara Martin, nee Barbara Hutton Rowe (#6.2.3.4.4.3.1.), by her deceased aunt Edna McGaughy, nee Edna B. Apgar. Barbara, who makes her home in Ohio, graciously shared the information about some amazing items discovered in the trunk.

Among them were a silver snuff box, which belonged to Revolutionary War veteran Peter A. Apgar (oldest son of Herbert Apgar who immigrated from Germany with his father, family patriarch Fritz Eggert), the cartridge box and bayonet carried in the Civil War by Conrad Watson Apgar (#6.4.8.6.), and an old, well-worn, leather-bound and buckled, family hymnal.

The old hymnal, titled "Gesang Buch", is in the German language. It was printed in 1772 in Philadelphia by Christoph Saur.

In case you may have forgotten, this same Christoph Saur published the first public edition of the Declaration of Independence the day before it was formally adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Yes, yes, that iconic American document appeared in print in German before it was available to the public in English!

Handwritten (in English) inside the back cover of hymnal

are the names and birth dates of Eva Apgar, her husband John Tests and their seven children. Eva Apgar, the tenth child of Peter Apgar and his second wife Anna Eich, was born May 20, 1776. Her seven children were born between 1796 and 1812. Interestingly, only six of these offspring were listed in "The Descendants of Herbert Apgar and John Peter Apgar" (2005).

The hymnal title page is shown at left. Thanks, Barbara, for sharing those precious keepsakes! Does anyone know of an older Apgar artifact?



Gesana Buch Title Page

# Ellis A. Apgar, a Giant in Public Education

By Mike Apgar

Did you know that the first head of the State of New Jersey's public education system was Ellis Ayres Apgar? Through his tireless efforts and guidance, the states' public educational system achieved greatness recognized throughout the nation and worldwide. Following his illustrious career Ellis was lauded as "an industrious worker and excellent organizer" and termed "the real author of the Free School System in New Jersey".

Ellis Ayres Apgar (2.3.6.1. according to our association's numbering system) was born March 20, 1836 in Peapack, NJ, the eldest child of 3 offspring (all boys) produced by David and Hannah (Whitehead) Apgar.

David Apgar was a cabinet-maker, but his sons, demonstrated early aptitudes for academics.

While working with his father in the trade of cabinet-making, Ellis managed to receive a good preparatory education at the State Normal School. After graduation, Ellis began a teaching career. In 1862, at the age of 26, he entered Rutgers College in New Brunswick, where he excelled in mathematics. A few months before he completed his degree, Ellis was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the State Normal School.

Shortly after he graduated from Rutgers in 1866, that is, following the end of the Civil War, New Jersey established a State Board of Education, and Ellis was appointed the State's first Superintendent of Education. The following year he married Camilla S. Swazey, daughter of a prominent Warren County lawyer, Alpheus Swazey and his wife Mary Ann Lawrence. Ellis and Camilla resided in Trenton, where the state government was seated. Between 1868 and 1875 they had 3 children.

Ellis occupied the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a position requiring both the public trust and leadership, for more nearly two decades. He served under half a dozen governors, during both Democratic and Republican administrations. It was through Ellis' efforts that the supervision of schools was transferred from local town to county-based superintendents. He was instrumental in securing the vote of the State Legislature which made public education free to all students by levy of an annual state tax. During his tenure, the school curricula were improved and coordinated and the value of school property increased more than fourfold to more than six million dollars.

Ellis was also a prolific writer throughout his career.

He co-authored with his younger brother Austin C. Apgar, at least seven efforts, including, including "Apgar's Physical Chart" and "Apgar's Political Chart" (1865), "Apgar's Map-Drawing" (1866), "Apgar's History of New Jersey" (1870), "Apgar's System of Map-Drawing" (1873), "Apgar's Plant Analysis" (1874), and "Apgar's Special Geography of New Jersey" (1876). Ellis also submitted detailed annual reports on the state's educational system from 1866 to 1881, as well as more than 200 miscellaneous contributions to the state's press.

Following some political maneuvering in 1885, Ellis was finally unseated from his position as State Superintendent. This politically partisan conclusion of his superlative career in public office was apparently unforeseen and without consideration of his performance. It

resulted in considerable harm to Ellis's professional pride and personal spirit. During his retirement, Ellis and Camilla continued living in Trenton until their deaths in 1905 and 1918, respectively.

Truly, Ellis A. Apgar should be fondly remembered for the remarkable and lasting impact that he made. He was definitely a credit to the Apgar family.



**Ellis A. Apgar, NJ Superintendent of Public Instruction**

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## The Palatine Professors

In his travels this past year, George encountered several experts on Palatine Migration to America. Four experts keep showing up, - presenting historical talks, and writing books and articles. Here is a thumbnail sketch of these Palatine Professors:

1. Hank Z. Jones, Jr. is probably the most famous of the four. He is also a dynamic speaker, due in part to his 25 years as a film and television actor prior to entering the field of genealogy. His books include, "The Palatine Families of New York," "More Palatine Families," and "Still More Palatine Families."
2. Philip L. Otterness is Professor of History and Political Science at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina. He published "Becoming German: the 1709 Palatine Migration to New York."
3. Pastor David Jay Webber is a Germantown Central School graduate and Palatine descendant, who is an expert on Palatine history. He has published genealogy articles in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register.
4. Alice Clark grew up in Germany as the child of a US diplomat. After retiring from an international banking career, she began a Palatine genetic DNA project.

You will be hearing more from them during the coming year.



**George Apgar, Jr., Family Researcher**

# Travels with George

By George Apgar, Jr.

This is a report of a year-long pilgrimage of visiting other reunions and Genealogical Society meetings throughout the Northeastern United States by George and his family which was then reported to your Editor for compilation in this newsletter. Programs and other relics will be available at our 2011 Reunion for inspection by the members.

George studied the Palatine Migrations (1709-1775) through his year-long quest for knowledge and for networking among similar genealogy groups. "The 2000 census indicates that 17% of the US population consists of German-Americans, making this group the largest ethnic group in the US. Knowing where your ancestors settled in the



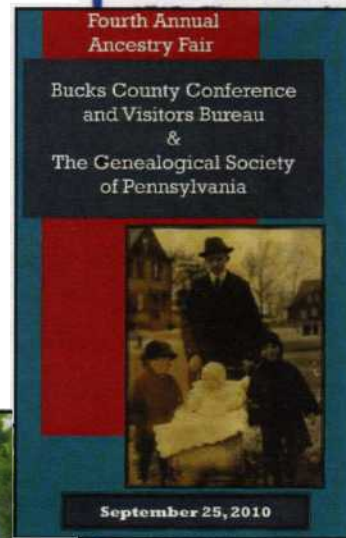
George and his family represented the Apgar Family Association at this Fair— even included a full page ad for us and created a special bookmark (at right).

mid-1700's can often lead you backwards toward their original immigration to America by considering the migration routes of other Germans, particularly allied families." appeared on the reverse side of the bookmark which George created and distributed on his travels.

A "main event" was the Palatine Heritage Weekend in Germantown, NY— also billed as the "Palatine Oktoberfest" in October 2010, celebrating the 300th birthday of the town as well as the 300th anniversary of the Palatine immigration. The largest group of immigrants in Colonial times arrived in the Hudson Valley in October 1710. They landed at Germantown, first called East Camp, tucked into the Southwest corner of Columbia

County (New York).

In the early 18th century, Germany was anything but unified. There were many states, fiefdoms, and principalities, ruled by self-styled princes, dukes, and counts. The people were farmers, tradesmen, artisans, coopers, and craftspeople. They were devastated by almost constant wars between Protestant German States and Catholic France.



Fritz Epgert (aka George Apgar, Jr. (far left in photograph) at the Palatine Re-enactment in East Millstone, NJ in May 2011.





# HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS (2011)

By Judy Beck, Historian; [judithb@embarqmail.com](mailto:judithb@embarqmail.com); 908-823-0413

## Judy Beck, Historian

This has been an exciting year for your historian. I was contacted by a number of our descendants who are doing an amazing job of researching their families. Because of their hard work, I have been able to fill some holes in our recordkeeping. It is extremely fulfilling to see large chunks of missing information become a part of the Apgar Family Association archives! So, please, remember to forward marriages, births, deaths and noteworthy events to me or to a trustee. New and updated information is greatly appreciated. And please remember that I am happy to assist with genealogy research you may be doing.

### Deaths:

APGAR, Adele Hoy (unknown line, w/o Ronald Apgar), 63, died 6/1/11. Res: Lexington, NC.

APGAR, Cecil E. (unknown line), 76, died 12/11/2010. Res: Texico, IL.

APGAR, Clifford E. (unknown line), 95, died 11/8/10. Res: Hamilton, OH.

APGAR, Eleanor O'Reilly (w/o 3.5.5.2.2.1.1.), 90, died 8/19/10. Res: South Hadley, MA.

APGAR, Francis R. (1.2.11.13.1.3.1.2.), 21, died 6/6/11. Res: Bridgeport, CT.

APGAR, Helen Smith (w/o 3.5.3.1.3.4.) died 11/25/10. Res: Parkville, MD.

APGAR, Mary Ross (w/o 3.11.2.6.1.3.), 96, died 5/25/11. Res: Hyde Park, OH.

APGAR, Nicolas A. (6.12.8.9.3.), 93, died 3/9/11. Res: Brattleboro, VT.

APGAR, Robert Austin (9.11.6.2.5.1.), 68, died 12/15/10. Res: Berwyn, PA.

APGAR, Susan VanBuskirk (unknown line), 46, died 9/24/10. Res: St Cloud, FL.

APGAR, Sylvia M. (w/o 6.10.10.1.2.2.1.), 74, died 11/11/10. Res: Cokesbury, NJ.

APGAR III, William H. (7.13.1.8.5.1.), 85, died 3/18/11. Res: Old Forge, NY.

APGAR, William Kenneth (unknown line), 83, died 9/11/10. Res: Xenia, OH.

BERGEN, Evelyn Apgar (Adam Line), 82, died 11/25/10. Res: Piscataway, NJ.

BURLES, Mary Jo Hutchinson (6.4.4.1.10.6.1.), 81, died 10/15/09. Res: Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada

CAWLEY, Dorothy E. (step-daughter of 7.9.2.3.4.), 104, died 3/3/10. Res: Flemington, NJ.

DILTS, Melvin Curtis (9.5.9.9.2.5.), 90, died 1/18/11. Res: Alpha, NJ.

EMERY, Clement G. (s/o 4.5.8.5.4.), 88, died 8/25/10. Res: Annandale, NJ.

FORNER, Robert H. (4.1.2.2.3.2.3.1.), 84, died 12/18/10. Res: Readington Twp, NJ.

GEIST, Betty Elaine Sliker (1.2.3.7.2.4.4.1.), 81, died 5/12/11. Res: Charlotte, NC.

HEATH-HAMMOND (Rich), Louanna R. (1.5.3.1.1.1.2.1.), 64, died 10/10/10. Res: Hatboro, PA

HOFFMAN, John R. (1.2.2.4.8.1.2.1.2.), 62, died 4/10/11. Res: Snug Harbor, NC.

HUTCHISON, Claire Joyce Apgar (7.4.7.6.1.4.2.), 82, died 6/6/11. Res: San Diego, CA.

LANCE, Violet F. (w/o 6.12.7.2.1.4.), 86, died 3/10/11. Res: Suffolk, VA.

LUBBEN, Alice Carolin Apgar (7.3.6.4.2.3.), 82, died 1/9/11. Res: Kingwood, TX.

MCCATHARN, Arnold "Pete" (6.4.3.4.2.1.12.), 90, died 1/16/11. Res: Lebanon, NJ.

NILES, Elizabeth Apgar (unknown line, d/o Edward Lea Apgar), 60, died 3/31/11. Res: Montclair, NJ.

OWENS, Judith (Judy) Apgar (7.13.1.1.3.1.4.3.), 73, died 2/22/11. Res: Ithaca, NY.

PASKO, Dorothy Scott (1.2.3.7.3.1.1.1.), 92, died 2/22/11. Res: Dunellen, NJ.

PAXSON, Pauline H. (7.9.6.1.1.1.4.), 90, died 5/30/11. Res: High Bridge, NJ.

PURSELL, Verna B. (9.5.5.2.1.1.1.), 92, died 4/2/11. Res: Milford, NJ.

RAMSEY, Marilyn Cregar (1.2.1.1.2.2.4.1.; w/o 7.4.3.2.2.2.1.), 80, died 11/20/10. Res: Millville, PA.

SLOSS, Helen Hazel (4.5.9.1.3.2.2.), 83, died 7/16/10. Res: East Amwell Twp, NJ.

STUDDIFORD, Johanna Schenk (w/o William Emery Studdiford, IL; Catherine Line), 74, died 9/14/10. Res: Point Pleasant, NJ.

THORNE, Helen Apgar (1.8.7.1.2.1.4.), 83, died 6/2/11. Res: Franklin Twp, NJ.

TIGER, Mabel H. (w/o 1.2.3.7.2.7.2.), 96, died 5/1/11. Res: East Windsor, NJ.

### Births:

APGAR, Lauren Ursula, born 5/21/10 to Drs. Anders (7.4.7.8.3.1.1.2.) & Jackqueline Apgar. She is the grand-daughter of William A. and Margaret D. Apgar and joined her brother, Sean Paul (born 7/7/08) and sister, Kathlene Virginia (born 6/8/06).

### Noteworthy Events:

**John Melick** (6.4.3.5.1.1.1.3.) of Oldwick, NJ, was selected 2011 Outstanding Young Farmer by the NJ Board of Agriculture. He was also one of four 2011 National Outstanding Young Farmers named by the U.S. Junior Chamber (Jaycees). He was honored at their Awards Congress in Louisville, KY.

There are no marriages or landmark anniversaries to report.

Notes: The following abbreviations are used in reporting historical happenings.

h/o – husband of

w/o – wife of

d/o – daughter of

s/o – son of

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Phyllis Apgar (1928-2009)

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## Plan Ahead for Next Year...

## Apgar Family Association 38th Annual Reunion

## September 15, 2012



# APGAR FAMILY ASSOCIATION 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

## September 18, 2010 – Jeannette Lesinski, Recording Secretary

The 2010 Annual Family Reunion began with a Coffee Hour, followed by Show and Tell time and Genealogy Assistance.

Our keynote speaker was Reverend Stephen Yon, Pastor of the High Bridge Reformed Church, who convinced us that “Apgars are a Patient People.”



**Reverend Stephen Yoo, High Bridge Reformed Church**

This presentation was followed by Mike’s niece, Kim Costa, who spoke about her father, Ken Apgar on “What it Means to Grow Up Apgar.” [See story on page 6.]

Lynn Conley described requests she received to do genealogy research and described her recent research into the following areas:

- NJ archives on the internet
- The Supreme court cases - early marriages
- National archives - civil war records
- Need more info on Eva Schafer

After posing for the annual family photo and sitting down together for the traditional German lunch, the meeting resumed at 2:15 pm.

George Apgar Jr spoke of the Palatine study and what he learned there. He also suggested some interest in visiting Germany next year.

Topics related to Old Business included the following presentations:

- President Report - Mike Apgar
- Treasurers Report - Dave Rich; we had \$4611 of revenue and \$3370 of expenses. Warren C. Apgar left a bequest of \$1000 to the association. Our total assets are determined to be \$11,870.
- Vice President Report - George Apgar; there are several 300th anniversary celebrations of the Palatine migration to America being planned during the coming year; George will represent our association on as many as he can and will report back at our 2011 reunion.

- Technology Update - Mary Carpenter reported that new CDs are now available. [See story on page 1.] and the new website, [www.apgarfamily.org](http://www.apgarfamily.org) is now ready.
- Membership - Debbie Apgar reported that we have 182 paid members and that 93 are in attendance at this reunion.
- Historian Update - Judy Beck

The following presentations were made:

- Oldest male (89 years) – Bill Roberts, Moody, AL
- Oldest female (85 years) –Jayne Apgar Garrison, Phillipsburg, NJ
- Youngest member (9 years) – Bridget Apgar, Branchburg NJ
- Longest married (60 years) - Harry & Dolorita Wright, Pequannock NJ
- Traveled farthest to attend - Hank Apgar, Thousand Oaks, CA
- Newest member - Robert Apgar, Milford, OH
- Largest family group present (13 members) - Mike Apgar’s family, Dover, DE
- The raffle prize, an afghan made by Debbie Apgar was won by Carol Apgar of Delaware



**300th Anniversary Cake**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

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## Help plan our Next Reunion

You are invited to help plan our September 2012 reunion. Please call George Apgar, Jr., (732) 297-6686 or any other trustee with your ideas.

## 2010 Reunion Photos — Courtesy of Jim Pickell



**Oldest Male (89 years) Bill Roberts with Lynn Conley and Mike Apgar**



**Oldest Female (85 years) Jayne Apgar Garrison with Mike Apgar and Lynn Conley**



**Youngest member (9 years) Bridget Apgar with Lynn and Mike**



**Moria, Gavin, and Ozzie Apgar at the Lunch**



**Longest Married (60 years) Harry and Dolorita Wright with Lynn and Mike**



**Matt Kransky collecting dues and meeting fees at 2010 Reunion**

## More 2010 Reunion Photos — Courtesy of Jim Pickell



Mary Carpenter



Peggy Sargent



Debbie and Mary Apgar



Lee Anderson and Wayne Apgar



Mary Pratt, Wanda Apgar, and Judy Dickman



The Howard Apgar Family: Mike, Jim & Lesley, James & Leia, Kip (Apgar) Costa, Carol, Ozzy, Kristie, Gavin, Chris & Mary, and Moira



Lesley Apgar tends the Apgar Store