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Website Updates www.apgarfamily.org

Although I have resigned as Trustee and Technology Coordinator, I will continue to host the Apgar Family Association website. To make the site easier to maintain, I recently eliminated the need for user accounts and logins.

I have also made updates to the Virtual Museum so that photo albums display properly.

The following content has been added. You should check it out when you get a chance.

- ◆ Newsletters for 2013—2016
- ◆ Reunion Photos from 2003, 2004, 2006, 2015 and 2016
- ◆ Reunion Ledgers from 1923—1947

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2016 Reunion Guest Speaker Michelle Tucker Chubenko

Last year's reunion featured speaker Michelle Tucker Chubenko, who presented **Stay Connected: What's New in Genealogy?** Michelle reviewed many of the latest tools available to assist one in their genealogical pursuits. Her presentation touched on the following:

Websites:

FamilySearch www.familysearch.org
Ancestry www.ancestry.com
New Jersey State Archives
www.nj.gov/state/archives
Germanic Genealogy Society
www.ggsnm.org
Internet Archive www.archive.org

Programs:

RootsMagic www.rootsmagic.com
Legacy Family Tree
www.legacyfamilytree.com
Family Tree Maker
www.familytreemaker.com
OneNote www.onenote.com
Evernote www.evernote.com
VueScan www.hamrick.com
PaperPort www.nuance.com
Adobe PhotoShop CC
www.adobe.com/products/photoshop.html
Adobe PhotoShop Elements
www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements.html
GIMP www.gimp.org

Social Media:

Facebook www.facebook.com
Instagram www.instagram.com
Twitter www.twitter.com

Tools:

FlipPal Mobile Scanner
www.flip-pal.com
StandScan www.standscan.com
Magic Wand
www.vupointsolutions.com

DNA Testing:

AncstryDNA www.dna.ancestry.com
23andMe www.23andme.com
FamilyTreeDNA www.familytreedna.com



Michelle Chubenko, demonstrating how to use the FlipPal Mobile Scanner.

Blogging:

Blogger www.blogger.com
WordPress www.wordpress.com

Photos:

Shutterfly www.shutterfly.com
Google Photos www.photos.google.com

Backup Services:

Drop Box www.dropbox.com

September 17, 2016 Apgar Family Association Business Meeting Minutes



submitted by Mary Carpenter

Prior to the business meeting, the group participated in a word search game. Winners of the Silent Auction and prizes were also announced. See photos on pages 10 and 11 for winners.

President Karen Prince-Steinberg called the business meeting to order at 3:12 PM.

Report of the Officers

President: Karen Prince-Steinberg announced that Mary Riley has decided to step down as vice president. Also, Lois has resigned as a trustee due to health issues.

Corresponding Secretary: Since this position is currently vacant, Karen Prince-Steinberg had planned on sending out thank you notes for members that made donations beyond the annual dues but did not get around to it. On behalf of the Association, she expressed our appreciation.

Recording Secretary: Mary Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes from last year's meeting, which were printed in the Association's 2016 newsletter. Motion was seconded by Jim Pickle and approved by all.

Treasurer: David Rich provided the Association's financial report for the period of 9/1/2015 to 8/31/2016.



The beginning bank balance was \$8,431.68. We had receipts of \$3,574.00 from membership dues, donations, 2015 reunion lunch deposits, store and raffle ticket sales. There were disbursements totaling \$2971.91 for the newsletter and reunion expenses, including lunch, guest speaker and supplies.

This gave us an ending balance of \$9,033.77. The current value of the C.D., effective 3/2/2016, is \$8,103.17 and it will mature on 12/2/2016. Total assets for the Apgar Family Association as of 8/31/2015 was \$17,163.94

Historian: In Judy Beck's absence, Karen Prince-Steinberg requested that in addition to letting Judy know of births, marriages and deaths, that members also let her know of achievements such as attaining a graduate degree and starting a business.

Report of Chairs



Membership Chair: Debbie Apgar reported that there were 166 paid members and that we had approximately 55 people in attendance at the reunion.

Newsletter: In Hank Apgar's absence, Karen Prince-Steinberg noted that Hank has stepped down as the newsletter editor and that a new one is needed.

Technology Coordinator: Mary Carpenter reported that she needs help with maintaining the web-site. She asked the attendees to talk to anyone they know that might want to learn to see if they are interested. Their location does not matter since Mary is willing to coach someone over the phone; something she is quite comfortable with.

None of the other Committee Chairs or Trustees were present at the meeting.

Old Business

Karen Prince-Steinberg reported that she and **Mike Apgar** were still working on getting the gravestones placed. A letter had been sent to Mrs. Mills but there was no response. They are figuring out what their next step should be.

Karen Prince-Steinberg has sent in a new application for Virginia Apgar to be nominated to the New Jersey Hall of Fame. She is in touch with a woman that is writing a biography of Virginia and is hoping that this might help our efforts.

New Business

Since there are many volunteer positions open, **Wayne Apgar** made a motion to put something on his Apgar Facebook page requesting volunteers. Mary Carpenter seconded the motion.

A suggestion was made from the floor to have another event during the year like a picnic, which would appeal to the younger generation, to get them more involved in the Association. This is something that will need to be discussed further by the Trustees.

Karen Prince-Steinberg made a

motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.



A few of the Trustees and Officers present at 2015 Reunion; From L to R: Hank Apgar, David Rich, Mary Carpenter, Karen Prince-Steinberg, Robert Apgar. See page 16 for the full list of 2017 trustees and officers.

Volunteers Urgently Needed !!!

A Note about our Officers, Trustees and Committees by Mary Carpenter

2017 was a difficult year for most of the Association's Trustees. Although several attempts were made to have a Trustee Meeting via teleconference in the fall of 2016, we did not have enough participants for a quorum.

As a result, most officer positions and committees were vacant for the 2016-2017 year.

With all of the technology available to us, not living in the New Jersey area is no longer a barrier to participation. The Association by-laws provide guidelines on trustees, officers and committees:

- **Board of Trustees** with no less 5 and no more than 11 members. The term of each trustee is 3 years, unless a new trustee is brought on to finish the term of a trustee who has resigned.
- **Officers** to include President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and one or more Vice Presidents. Additional officers may be designated by the Board of Trustees and one person may hold two or more offices.

- The Board of Trustees determines what committees are needed each year. Per the by-laws, the following committees should be established with 3 to 7 members:

- **Nominating Committee:** recommend Association members to the Board for election as trustees.
- **Genealogy Committee,** including the Historian: act to preserve Apgar family artifacts, documents, records and items of interest, and to discover, record, update and publish the Apgar family genealogy.
- **Reunion Committee:** hold an annual Apgar family reunion.
- **Newsletter Committee:** publish and circulate an Apgar family newsletter or bulletin on a regular basis.

With Lois Pfeffer's resignation just prior to the 2016 Reunion and my resignation this past October, there are two Trustee positions open.

If you are interested in filling either of these two open positions, contact any of the remaining Trustees.

Newsletter Chair Still Needed

The Apgar Family Association is still in search of a Chair for the Newsletter Committee.

In the past year, several members have volunteered to serve on the committee and assist with the proofreading and editing of submitted articles. Thanks go out to **Joe Fabian, William Apgar, Nancy Morera and Peggy Huff**; the Board appreciates your willingness to lend a hand.

And while former Trustee and Technology Coordinator **Mary Carpenter** agreed to step in and prepare the final layout of this 2017 newsletter, with her resignation someone will be needed in the future.

Finally, there is a need for someone manage the process and the responsibilities are:

- Procurement of the articles from Trustees, Officers or members, including setting deadlines and following up with authors as needed.
- Coordination of editing, proof-reading and layout work.

The only requirements are:

- An interest in story telling and providing the members an annual view into the workings of the association.
- Basic proficiency in computer word processing.

Contact Trustee Henry Apgar Jr. for more information.



Hunting for Family in Newspapers by Lynn Conley

As the internet expands, more and more documents are being digitized for on-line viewing. Historical newspapers have become a fantastic tool for genealogy as well as history research and many of them are free. Old newspapers have articles and stories about our families and how these individuals related to the community. Newspapers provide day to day accounts of a particular period in time and supply insight into the customs, cultural values, and social issues which impacted communities on local and state levels. Just having a list of who was born from whom, does not do a family history justice. Newspapers give a family depth, as they may show if a person owned a business, was involved in local politics or a particular church or school and if you're lucky, like I was, you may even get a picture of that elusive family member. My use of newspapers just recently started with a paid subscription to Newspaper.com, however I am now finding many more free sites with many different newspapers.

In regard to genealogical research, newspapers can provide death notices/obituaries, births, marriages and other personal announcements as well as celebrations, community involvement, social news and gossip, lodge and club news, employment ads, real estate transactions, legal notices, casualty lists, military news, criminal activity, and much more. Finding community news and the public attitude of a particular region can also be beneficial to your family research. Newspapers can be used to track neighborhood changes over time through coverage of business news and advertisements, the buying and selling of property, residential development, and local events. Local newspapers often capture details of residents' lives that may not be found in other genealogical records. Newspapers or closely related publications in the United States began shortly after the arrival of the first colonists in the 1600s, but the first continuously published newspaper in British North America is considered to be the Boston News-Letter, first published on April 24, 1704.

As noted, newspapers usually began before government birth, marriage, and death records were recorded, in fact, newspapers published soon after the initial settlement of a locality. Newspapers can also serve as a substitute for civil records that may have been destroyed. Unlike most government records,

newspaper articles are not limited to a form. Thus, newspapers may contain details not found in more structured records. Newspapers also report marriages, deaths or accomplishments of people who no longer live in the area but who still have friends or family there. Examples of what a newspaper might provide:

- **Birth announcements** may contain the infant's name, birth date, and parents' names, as well as the religion of the family.
- **Wedding announcements** may contain the wedding date and place; the names of the bride, groom, bride's parents, and groom's parents; and the religion of the family.
- **Death notices and obituaries** may contain the name and place of residence of close family and friends of the decedent, as well as the decedent's death date and place, birth date and place, and biographical information, such as occupation, military service, religion, schools attended, parents' names, places of residence over time, and place of origin.
- **News stories, legal notices, local personal columns and advertisements** may contain nearly any information imaginable, including political or criminal activity, legal and domestic disputes, real estate transactions, business information, social contacts, military service, missing persons (including runaway slaves), or information about local disasters, epidemics, or other community milestones which affected the local population. Early local columns are more like local gossip but contain rich family information.

A great on-line site to help you get started using newspapers for genealogy is **The Ancestors Hunt**, by Kenneth R Marks. (<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>). Everything you need to get started is on his site, including tutorials. Mr. Marks even has a Facebook page. You will be amazed at what you can find out about your family in the newspapers.

Good Hunting!!

Saving Family Histories is Now! by Lynn Conley

The majority of the Greatest Generation are now gone, only a few remain, it is crucial that we save their histories. Families should cherish their pictures, letters, artifacts, and especially their stories. Your goal is to ensure that the history of your family is not lost, but preserved for research and future generations. As stated by Cicero, (106 BC-43 BC) the Roman philosopher, politician, lawyer, orator, political theorist, consul, and constitutionalist, "History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life and brings us tidings of antiquity." If you do not want to keep your ancestors treasures, many museums would love to have their histories. Two such museums are the **National WWII Museum in New Orleans** and for United States Coast Guard memorabilia the **USCGC INGHAM Maritime Museum & National Historic Landmark** in Key West, Florida. In fact, the US Cutter INGHAM, is an artifact from WWII which provides a unique interactive experience of getting up close to this historic time. The ship served in WWII providing Atlantic Convoys (31), in the Mediterranean and Pacific Theaters and was the last U.S. warship afloat today to have sunk a Nazi U-Boat (U-626). The INGHAM

also served as the flagship when General MacArthur re-captured the Philippine Island of Corregidor in 1945. In 1985, the ship was determined to be the most decorated ship in the United States Service as noted in a letter from President Ronald Reagan. As you can see, going to these museums provides a totally different experience than seeing a picture or reading book, it is the real history of our fathers and grandfathers.

Your relatives history could be a part of this experience, so before you throw away their pictures, letters or artifacts, think about making a donation. Bill Verge, Executive Director of the USCGC INGHAM Museum will gladly preserve your Coast Guard treasures. **US Coast Guard INGHAM (WHEC 35) Maritime Museum & National Historic Landmark, National Memorial to Guardsmen Killed in Action in World War II and Vietnam** at PO Box 186, Key West, Florida, 33041. Other services should contact the **NATIONAL WWII Museum** at 945 Magazine St, New Orleans, LA 70130.

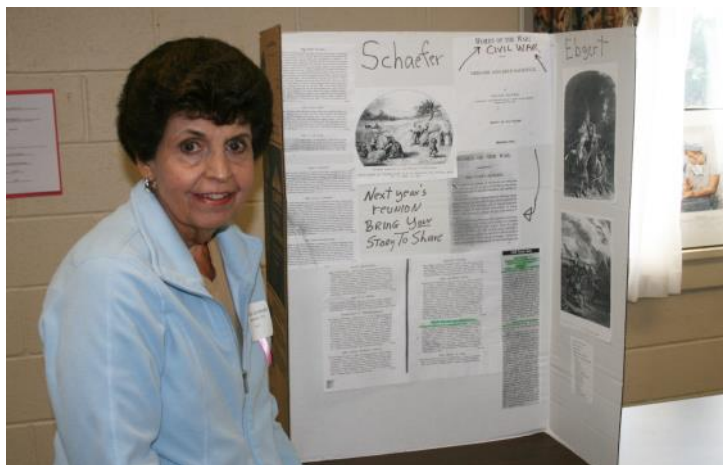
Make sure your ancestors "stuff" remains a "Treasure" by donating it to a Museum!



What Line am I from?

Not sure what family line you are from? Historian Judy will be happy to search through our electronic records to help you out.

Mary Carpenter assisting (L-R) **Joni Nodes**, **Nancy Spooner** and **Rich Nodes** at the 2016 Reunion.



Tell your Story

Got an interesting family story to share? Bring it with you just like **Jeannette Lesinski** did at the 2016 Reunion. There are always tables available for members to set up displays.

Profile on Bertha Apgar (1880-1958) by George B. Martin, 6/12/2011

Bertha (a great-grandmother of this writer) was born in Iroquois County, Illinois on January 8, 1880. She was the youngest of four children born to the marriage of David Apgar and Allie Pierce. Both of her parents had previously been married, had at least one child, and became widowed at a young age. It does not appear that Bertha's half siblings were a major part of her life when she was young. Her half brother on her father's side was part of the household in the 1880 census, but he was 21 years older than Bertha. Bertha's half sister on her mother's side was not listed as part of the Apgar household. Bertha lived about the first 40 years of her life in or near Watseka, the county seat of Iroquois County, about 100 miles south of Chicago. Not much is known about her life when she was young. One thing I did hear is that young Bertha was told that as a farmer's daughter, she was expected to be a farmhand, and maybe later on marry another farmer and raise another generation of farmers. Education for her was not encouraged. I don't know how much formal education she actually received, such as whether or not she graduated from high school. On the other hand, she did resist the idea that she should live her whole life on a farm. Bertha's father, David Apgar, came originally from New Jersey and was identified as a farmer in the 1880 census. Her mother, Allie Pierce, lived her entire life in or near Watseka. Allie's father, William Pierce, had come from Ohio in the 1830's and was one of the early settlers in the area.

On May 22, 1901, Bertha married James Carey of Watseka. There are two interesting (to me, at least) observations regarding the fact of this marriage. First, James was older than Bertha by 19 years. In a similar way, Bertha's mother was 17 years younger than her (Bertha's) father, so in this regard Bertha was just following a pattern set by her parents. Second, James Carey was an attorney, not a farmer. In this regard Bertha was possibly rebelling against her parents' expectations that she was to remain on the farm. Bertha and James had two children: Irene (born in 1902) and Walter (born in 1911). Life seemed to be generally agreeable until 1919, when James Carey suddenly died.

Meanwhile, in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette, a widower named George L. Martin was finding it a challenge to raise his two children, and he placed ads in a few downstate newspapers for a housekeeper who could also help him with raising his children. Bertha answered the ad and soon moved up to Wilmette with Irene and Walter. George's two children, George and Mary, were similar in age to Irene and Walter. Bertha

and the elder George eventually got married. Prior to their marriage, they had been an unmarried man and woman living in the same household. Today, such an arrangement would hardly be a topic for gossip, but at that time, they must have felt a lot of pressure to make the arrangement look respectable, and it is commonly agreed in the family that the appearance of respectability, rather than a truly romantic relationship, was the basis of their marriage. George was born in 1861, the same year as James Carey, and was therefore also 19 years her senior. He died in 1930, making Bertha a widow for the second time when she was only 50 years old. One byproduct of the living arrangement between George and Bertha was that George's son, George, married Bertha's daughter, Irene. This makes the family picture look a little confusing. From the standpoint of George and Irene's children (George, Fred, and Susan), their grandmother was married to both of their grandfathers! Note, however, that she was married to only one of them at a time.

During the Great Depression of the 1930's, Bertha lived for awhile with George and Irene, but then she moved out to St. Charles, Illinois. Her first husband, James Carey, had been politically connected downstate, and as a favor in his memory, the now-twice widowed Bertha was given a job as a housemother at a school for boys in St. Charles. There is a letter from 1934 addressed to "Mrs. Bertha Martin, St. Charles, Illinois [no street address on the letter]. The letter is on the letterhead of State of Illinois, Department of Public Welfare, Springfield. More specifically, the letter is from Dorothy L. Kay, Assistant Director. It appears that Mrs. Kay and Bertha knew each other personally and were friends on some level. However, Ms. Kay was also apparently writing to explain to Bertha why certain employees (friends of Bertha?) had to be fired or laid off.

Bertha's daughter, Irene, indicated that her mother had some emotional difficulties. Irene told me once, "When my mother could not get her way about something, she would yell out, 'Get me a knife! I am ready to kill myself!' Well, of course, I did not want her to kill herself, so I would always give into her tantrums. Maybe that was not the right thing to do. But she did that a lot. And I would give in, which I suppose just encouraged her to do more of the same. One time, when your father (meaning Irene's son, George) was about 17, Grandma called out, 'Get me a knife! I am going to kill myself!' Your dad said, 'Okay, come on, somebody get her the knife, if she really wants to kill herself.' You know what? Grandma actually laughed when somebody finally

called her bluff. But I also think that your dad thought he was living in a crazy household. He soon afterward left home and joined the navy."

Bertha was a valuable presence in the lives of her two younger Martin grandchildren, Fred (born 1938) and Susan (born 1944). Irene and George had been good and attentive parents to their older son, George (born 1926), but they were unfortunately less attentive, and arguably less responsible, toward Fred and Susan. Bertha was a part of that household with George and Irene and Fred and Susan. The family lived at 2325 Marcy Avenue in Evanston, Illinois. Bertha was the only living grandparent that Fred and Susan had, and she gave them the unconditional love and emo-

tional support that did not come so easily from their own parents. When Fred went off to college, Bertha wrote him far more frequently than George or Irene did. This was despite the fact that her own health was failing. In the last year or two of her life, which is the only part I can personally remember, she was sick most of the time with diabetes. Her last days were spent at Evanston Hospital in August, 1958. Her third great-grandchild was being born at the same hospital. The child, Robert Martin, was born on August 20. Bertha was aware that she was near the end, but she was pleased to learn of the baby's arrival. I do not know whether she actually saw him or not. She died on August 25, 1958.



Bertha Apgar - age 14



Two photographs of Bertha Apgar. The one on the left was taken about 1894. The one on the right (shown with daughter Irene and husband James Carey) was taken about 1903.

Share your Story

Have a ancestor's story you want to share? Consider submitting it for publication in the newsletter, like George Martin did. You can send your article to the Newsletter Committee Chair, once one is found, or to any of the associations Trustees.



Registration



Robert Apgar runs the Store



46 attendees posed for the annual group photo for the 42nd Apgar Family Reunion at Stanton Grange Hall, Lebanon, NJ



John C Apgar III, with younger attendees—John, Jacob and Jack



2016 Apgar Silent Auction



#1: Mangia Mangia
Winner: **Shirley Carvatt**



#3: Coffee Aficionado
Winner: **Idalean Hasenauer**



#4: Tea for Two
Winner: **Gail Apgar**



#2: Have Any Extra?
Winner: **Lee Anderson**



#6: Poppy Love and #7: Autumn Hues
Winner: **Lee Anderson**

Not Pictured
#5: Ginger Winger
Winner: **Jeannette Lesinski**

2016 Reunion Prize Winners



Idalean Hasenauer—Word Search
Idalean found 23 out of 41 words.



Mary Apgar—Oldest Female
Mary turned 90 on the 23rd of September.



Arthur Koenig—Oldest Male
Artur, who is 88 years old, is pictured here with his wife Jean.



**Marie Hill and her husband—
Longest Married**



**Carol Frazee—Person with
the most descendants**
Carol has five children, ten grand-children and five great-grandchildren.



Emily Apgar—Youngest
Emily, pictured here at check-in, is three years old.

Paul Lubben—Furthest Traveled
Paul and his son Andrew are from Huston, Texas



Profile on David Apgar (1824-1909) by George B. Martin, 6/27/2015

David George Apgar a 2nd great-grandfather to this writer. The Apgars had lived in and around the village of Cokesbury, New Jersey for three generations prior to David. The most solid facts we know about David Apgar are the following:

- He was born on December 25, 1824 in Cokesbury, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.
- His parents were Johannes Adam Apgar, Jr. (1790-1865) and Catherine Potter (1790-1867).
- He was the third out of six children of his parents, born in the years ranging from 1811-1834.
- He lived in Ohio at the time of the 1850 census, with his parents and three of his siblings.
- The move from New Jersey to Ohio occurred no earlier than 1834 and no later than 1850.
- After previously being married, David married Allie Pierce in Illinois on October 24, 1867.
- He had at least one child from his first marriage, a son named Ambrose (b. 1858 or 1859).
- He had four children from his second marriage: William, Harry, Mary, and Bertha.
- In the available census records, from 1850-1880, his occupation is listed as "farmer."
- He died October 18, 1909 in Iroquois County, Illinois.

David was married twice. Although I am descended through his later marriage to Allie Pierce, there is an interesting question regarding the identity of his first wife. According to an obituary following David's death in 1909, he had one surviving child from his first marriage, a son named Ambrose Apgar. From the 1880 census, we can infer that Ambrose was born in 1858 or 1859. There could have been other children from the first marriage, but only Ambrose survived him. The obituary does not mention the name of David's first wife, only the fact that there had been a marriage previous to his marriage with Allie. There are conflicting pieces of information regarding the possible identity of David's first wife.

The 1860 census reports that "D. G. Apgar," age 35, was living in Salem Township, Warren County, Ohio. The images in that census report are faint, but the indications are that others in that household included Amelia, age 38, who presumably was David's (or at least D. G.'s) wife, plus three children with the Apgar surname. I cannot be certain that this is my ancestor David Apgar. However, the age is about right, and like

David, D. G. Apgar was born in New Jersey. The name is hardly a common one. It seems very improbable that there were two men, who had the same or nearly the same unusual name, born at about the same time, and both of them born in New Jersey but living as a young adult in Ohio. However, the named children introduce some confusion into the picture. The three children named are "P. C. Apgar" (age 15), "Jacob Apgar" (age 13), and "Milvine Apgar" (age 9). The children do not include Ambrose, who would have been a year or two old at that time. Besides that, from all available indications, David was still single and childless at the time of the 1850 census. It is not likely that the children were his, and if they were, why were none of them later named in David's obituary in 1909?

Despite those troubling questions, it is quite possible David's first wife was Amelia. At Find-a-Grave Memorial #3300997, we find Amelia Apgar, born July 14, 1822 (age reasonably consistent with the 1860 census), died December 4, 1868, and buried in Clermont County (which is adjacent to Warren County), Ohio. Amelia is identified as the wife of David George Apgar (1824-1909), so that would seem to clinch the assertion that Amelia was the wife of David.

On the other hand, at Find-a-Grave Memorial #53049240, we find Ambrose Apgar, born May 27, 1858 (again, age is consistent with later census reports), died October 2, 1920, and buried in Porter County, Indiana. Ambrose is identified as a son of David and Hester Flommerfelt Apgar. I have so far found no further information on Hester Flommerfelt Apgar: no information on her origins, her years of birth, death, or marriage to David. So, was David married for the first time to Amelia or Hester? Or is it possible that he was married to both women, and that Allie was actually his third wife? Or were Amelia and Hester actually the same person? There is at least some reason to suspect that Amelia and Hester were the same person, and that she (Amelia, anyway) was a 2nd cousin of David.

According to a web site operated by the Apgar Family Association, Amelia Apgar was a daughter of Minert Apgar and Eva Flomerfelt. With a slight spelling variation, there is that Flommerfelt name again. Minert Apgar (1785-1867) was a son of Conrad Apgar (1755-1839), who was a son of Fritz Apgar (or "Epgert," 1708-1760). Amelia's husband (maybe), David Apgar, was a son of Johannes Adam Apgar, Jr. (1790-1865), who was a son of Johannes Adam Apgar, Sr. (1741-1815), who was brother of Conrad and son of Fritz. This

means that Amelia's original surname really was Apgar and that she and her apparent husband, David, had a common set of great-grandparents and were therefore 2nd cousins.

As for the Flommerfelt surname referred to in Find-a-Grave, it does not seem too far-fetched to have a woman being assigned the surname of her mother rather than her father. It sounds a little more peculiar to equate "Amelia" with "Hester," but again, Find-a-Grave is a helpful indicator but not the most authoritative source. Until there is better information, I believe that Amelia and Hester were most likely the same person, and that she was the first wife of David Apgar and the mother of Ambrose Apgar.

If Amelia was David's first wife, there is still another question to be answered. How did that marriage end? We know that David married Allie in 1867, but according to Find-a-Grave, Amelia died in 1868. Did David really divorce his wife, and 2nd cousin, in order to marry Allie, and then the first wife dies a year later? It is not impossible, of course. I have found no indications of a divorce, and Find-a-Grave implies that Amelia died as David's wife. Perhaps the death date is misstated. Could Amelia have actually died at least two years earlier than the stated date of death?

So far, there are several unanswered questions regarding the early adult years of David Apgar. Most fundamentally, was he the same person as "D. G. Apgar" shown in the 1860 census? Was his first marriage to Amelia, or to Hester, or was he married to both women, or were Amelia and Hester the same woman? Who are the children listed in "D. G.'s" household in the 1860 census? If Amelia was David's first wife, how did that marriage end? The information available appears to be inconsistent, and taken together, it can only be accurate if we make several possible but unlikely assumptions.

As noted above, David lived with his parents in Ohio at the time of the 1850 census. More specifically, the household included Adam Apgar (age 60, farmer), Catherine (age 60), David (age 25, farmer), Morris (age 20, farmer), Peter (age 16, farmer), and George (age 30, cooper). The household lived in Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. Hamilton County, which includes Cincinnati, borders Warren County, where the household of D. G. Apgar lived in 1860. While there can be some doubt about the information in the 1860 census, the 1850 census certainly describes David and his family at that time.

An obituary of David Apgar in 1909 states that he came to Iroquois County, Illinois in 1866 and lived

there for the rest of his life. It also suggests that he came to Illinois directly from his original home state of New Jersey. This would mean that he never lived in Ohio, and we can be sure this is not correct. He almost certainly lived in Ohio for at least ten years, and perhaps much longer.

Whatever may have happened before, we do know that David married Allie Pierce on October 24, 1867. The marriage occurred in Middleport Township, Iroquois County, Illinois. Allie had also previously been married. Her first husband, John Cotteral (there are variations in the spelling of that name), had died in 1866. David was almost 17 years older than Allie. They lived in Iroquois County, Illinois (100 miles south of Chicago) throughout the years of their marriage. They had four children together. The youngest of those children, Bertha, (born in 1880) was a great-grandmother to this researcher.

In the 1880 census, the family lived in Iroquois Township in the county of the same name. The household included David (age 55, farmer), Allie (age 40, wife), Ambrose (age 21, son), Willie (age 9, son), Harry (age 6, son), Mary (age 3, daughter, and Bertha (age 5/12, daughter). Allie had a daughter from her earlier marriage, Alice, who was not part of the household in this census. Alice married a man named Henry Stump, and they probably were already married by 1880.

David Apgar died October 18, 1909 in Watseka (Iroquois County), Illinois. One Watseka newspaper obituary reads as follows:

David Apgar, an old resident of West Watseka, died at his home Monday morning. His death was due to complications of extreme old age, being 85 years. He was born in New Jersey and removed to Iroquois county in 1866. He was twice married. By his first marriage he has one son living, Ambrose Apgar, of Clifton. In 1867 he married Mrs. Allie Pierce Cottrell, by whom he had four children: Harry and Mrs. Mary Tracey, who live at Dean, Iowa; William of Mitchell, S. Dakota; and Mrs. J. H. Carey of this city.

Mr. Apgar was an honest, upright man, and no evil action was ever laid to his doing. He joined the Christian church in 1903. The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Axton having charge. Internment was had at the Pierce cemetery west of town. Those from out of town attending the funeral were Ambrose and Harry Apgar and Mrs. Mary Tracey.

A similar obituary, presumably from a different newspa-

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Historical Happenings (2017) by Judy Beck, Historian; judithb@embarqmail.com; 908-823-0413

Please forward marriages, births, deaths and noteworthy events to Judy or to a trustee; new and updated information are much appreciated. If you know something about a person listed as "unknown", it would be great to hear from you. We are happy to assist with genealogy research.



Correction and Apology: There was an error in a death listing in the summer '16 newsletter. I extend my sincere apologies. Here is corrected information:

ZIMMERMAN, David L., (h/o 3.7.9.12.2.1.2.1.), 72, died 5/28/14. Res: Peapack, NJ

DEATHS:

APGAR, Beulah Kinney (w/o 9.11.13.4.4.), 99, died 2/13/17. Res: Asbury, NJ
APGAR, Dr. Carlton G. (3.7.7.2.7.5.1.), 86, died 2/4/11. Res: Huntington, WVA
APGAR, Dorothy (w/o 6.4.6.2.2.3.1.2.), 88, died 6/28/17. Res: Freehold Township, NJ
APGAR, Dorothy B. (w/o 7.1.7.3.1.1.3.), 95, died 9/12/16. Res: Marshalltown, IA
APGAR, Evelyn Jane (line unk.; w/o Paul), 83, died 2/12/17. Res: San Antonio, TX
APGAR, F. Jane (d/o 6.12.8.2.2.4.), 97, died 2/7/17. Res: Escondido, CA
APGAR, Florence B. (line unk.; w/o Arnold A.), 83, died 1/1/17. Res: Smyrna, DE
APGAR, Frank (2.3.1.8.1.3.), 101, died 1/24/17. Res: Annandale, NJ
APGAR, Helen Schonwald (w/o 10.1.2.2.1.1.2.), 94, died 2/6/17. Res: San Diego, CA
APGAR, Jeanne B. (line unk.; w/o William Lloyd), 98, died 11/11/16. Res: Pt Charlotte, FL
APGAR, John W. (line unk.), 80, died 8/9/16. Res: Kennard, TX
APGAR, Kathleen King (line unk.; w/o Matthew), 46, died 9/9/16. Res: Saginaw, TX
APGAR, Kathryn (line unk.; w/o Edward), 91, died 6/25/17. Res: Concord, MA
APGAR, Margaretta (line unk.; w/o Paul V.), 90, died 5/26/16. Res: Parkesburg, PA
APGAR, Michael (s/o 6.5.7.1.3.1.), 67, died 5/5/16. Res: Berkeley, CA
APGAR, Mildred E. (line unk.; w/o James R.), 96, died 11/16/16. Res: Kansas City, MO
APGAR, Nancy Kellogg (w/o 3.7.7.2.7.5.1.), 86, died 9/28/16. Res: Huntington WVA
APGAR, Patricia K. (w/o 5.7.7.3.2.3.), 85, died 8/22/16. Res: Andover Township, NJ
APGAR, Preston I., Jr (9.11.13.4.4.2.), 79, died 9/15/16. Res: Hampton, NJ

APGAR, Robert Francis (9.6.2.10.5.1.2.), 62, died 9/30/16. Res: Hamilton, NJ
APGAR, Robert Michael (10.10.5.3.1.4.), 77, died 12/23/16. Res: Elliston, VA
APGAR, Robert Raymond (10.1.2.2.1.1.2.), 96, died 1/11/17. Res: San Diego, CA
APGAR, Thomas "Tim" (10.5.10.10.1.1.1.), 67, died 10/29/16. Res: Versailles, MO
APGAR, Zane LaRue (8.4.1.9.3.2.1.), 84, died 7/7/17. Res: Shelburne Bay, VT
BELL, Mary Lynn Sherrer (former w/o 9.5.5.6.1.1.4.3.), 74, died 12/2/16. Res: Anderson, SC
BURD, Blanche (3.7.8.2.1.6.2.), 88, died 6/10/17. Res: Califon, NJ
CLARK, Barbara Apgar (line unk., 69, died 3/26/17. Res: Franklin, OH
CLARK, Dean A. (line unk.; s/o Joanna Apgar Wester), 59, died 5/4/17. Res: DeKalb, IL
CONOVER, Doris Apgar (2.3.1.11.6.;w/o 6.4.3.4.2.1.2.3.), 90, died 11/12/16. Res: Bath, PA
CONOVER, William H. (6.4.3.4.2.1.2.3.;h/o 2.3.1.11.6.), 86, died 10/18/13. Res: Bath, PA
CORNING, Russell C. (s/o 10.1.1.4.2.3.), 89, died 6/14/12. Res: Appleton, WI
DEVOE, Ruth Arlene Apgar (3.5.3.1.9.2.1.), 88, died 6/26/17. Res: Silverpoint, TN
GAMBLE, Rev. Dr. Kenneth N. Jr (7.4.7.6.1.3.1.), 86, died 7/10/16. Res: Leonardo, NJ
GANSON, Glenn O. (6.2.3.4.4.1.2.2.), 47, died 5/17/04. Res: Lake Havasu City, AZ
GANSON, Joan Chupka (w/o 6.2.3.4.4.1.1.), 82, died 10/6/13. Res: Redmond, WA
GANSON, Oakley Apgar (6.2.3.4.4.1.1.), 87, died 7/3/16. Res: Redmond, WA
HECK, Beverly J. (8.4.1.9.2.2.11.), 85, died 3/8/17. Res: Wellsboro, PA
HERDER, Lillian Melick (likely Catherine line), 90, died 11/2/16. Res: Lebanon Township, NJ
HINTZ, Helen Farley (1.2.3.3.2.3.5.3.), 86, died 12/20/16. Res: Port St Lucie, FL
HORBIEY, Agnes C. (10.1.5.4.3.2.), 86, died 1/10/12. Res: Greater Binghamton, NY
JONES, Elizabeth B. Firth (7.3.1.4.1.1.1.4.), 94, died 9/29/16. Res: Williams Township, PA
LANCE, Walter W. "Bucky", Jr (6.10.2.2.2.1.2.), 91, died 4/27/17. Res: Whitehouse Station, NJ
LEWIS, Sylvia Apgar (3.5.10.3.2.3.), 91, died 6/23/16. Res: Hillsborough, NJ
MCCORMICK, Irene Jane Apgar (line unk.; w/o Rex A. Apgar), 94, died 10/20/16. Res: Ft Myers, FL
MILLER, Nancy Apgar (10.2.1.4.1.3.), 97, died 5/22/16. Res: Elmhurst, PA
PAPENFUHS, Neil A. (s/o 1.2.3.7.2.4.6.1.), 50, died 1/23/17. Res: Bethlehem Township, NJ

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PERRY, Alfred Francis (line unk.; s/o Vera Apgar), 85, died 12/18/16. Res: Keene, NH
RICHARDSON, Lillian E. (line unk.; d/o Wm. Apgar), 70, died 8/13/16. Res: Marcus Hook, PA
RUEDINGER, Gordon (10.1.1.8.7.2.2.), 81, died 7/15/13. Res: Oshkosh, WI
RUEDINGER, Paul E. (10.1.1.8.7.2.1.), 83, died 4/16/14. Res: Oshkosh, WI
RUMPF, Donald F. Sr (4.1.2.2.5.2.10.1.), 84, died 12/7/16. Res: High Bridge, NJ
SEXTON, Carole Ann Reece (w/o 9.5.9.9.1.3.1.), 71, died 6/26/16. Res: Stone Mountain, GA
SHOCK, Wilma J. (d/o 7.1.4.6.9.), 73, died 2/24/17. Res: Adams County, IN
SMIRNE, Marion B. Hartman (8.6.7.1.1.3.), 94, died 6/16/16. Res: Bethlehem, PA
SPRINGER, William C. (line unk.; h/o Patricia Apgar), 92, died 6/14/17. Res: Port Charlotte, FL
TRIMMER, Sylvia Angela (w/o 3.7.7.2.3.2.5.1.), 74, died 5/19/17. Res: Frenchtown, NJ
VELDHUIZEN, Carl W. (line unk.; h/o Margaret Jane Apgar), 84, died 7/22/17. Res: Oskaloosa, IA
VYBIHAL, Florence E. (6.4.3.4.5.8.3.), 80, died 8/1/14. Res: Clinton, NJ
VYBIHAL, John Thomas (6.4.3.4.5.8.3.1.), 62, died 6/12/16. Res: Jupiter, FL
WALTERS, Beverly A. (w/o 6.12.4.2.3.1.2.), 78, died 12/11/16. Res: Duxbury, MA
WOJNOWSKI, Becky Lynn Mavis (line unk.; d/o Beatrice Apgar), 58, died 10/5/16. Res: Gladwin, MI
WOODS, Margaret Sadie (3.7.7.7.5.1.5.), 90, died 10/12/16. Res: Pittstown, NJ

BIRTHS:

Ian Alexander **REEL** (6.4.3.6.4.1.3.1.1.3.) was born on 10/7/15. His parents are Kelly **Larson** (6.4.3.6.4.1.3.1.1.) and Matthew **Reel**. Proud Grandma is Penny Larson (6.4.3.6.4.1.3.1.). They are Illinois residents.

Note: The following abbreviations are used in reporting historical happenings:

d/o — daughter of
 h/o — husband of
 s/o — son of
 w/o — wife of
 unk. — unknown

Profile on David Apgar, continued from page 13

per, reads as follows:

David Apgar, 85 years of age, died at his home in West Watseka, Monday. He lived in Iroquois county 45 years, having removed here from his native state, New Jersey, in 1866. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Axton, Tuesday afternoon at the family home, burial being in Pierce cemetery. There were present from out of town, of the children surviving, Ambrose Apgar, a prosperous farmer of near Clifton; Harry Apgar and Mrs. Mary Tracey, of Dean, Iowa; Mrs. Henry Stump, a stepdaughter of near Watseka, and Mrs. Will Yates, a granddaughter, of Kankakee Hospital. Mr. Apgar had been a member of the Christian church since 1903. He was a conscientious, upright, Christian gentleman. Mrs. J. H. Carey, Watseka, is a daughter of the deceased.

Genealogy research is a common reason for attending the Apgar family reunions.



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