

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
General Meeting
March 11, 1997

President Bogert Holly called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. There was a large group in attendance. New persons were welcomed including a number of people who had attended the instructional workshop the previous evening . Bogart noted that 42 persons had attended the latter. He read information from one of the certificates which will be presented to them at the completion of the course.

A Board meeting will be held soon at which time the annual gift to the Library will be decided. The nominating committee will announce the slate of officers for the coming year at the April meeting.

Field trips were discussed. The practicality of group transportation for the Tarrytown, New York conference has been questioned due to the high cost of registration and the projected number of participants. Bogart has accompanied a number of members on trips to the archives in New York City and will continue to do so. Interested persons are asked to contact him.

There has been some confusion regarding projected plans in Washington to close the National Archives Northeast Division in New York City as detailed in the last MAGS Newsletter. Petitions had been signed and genealogists in other areas were making a concerted effort to express their concern - so much so, in fact, that Bogart received a letter asking that a correction be made. They assured him that there are currently NO plans to make changes.

It has been suggested that MAGS be represented at genealogical fairs or conventions with perhaps a publicity table or something similar.

In the Fall, it is anticipated that an advanced, two hour course in computers be held and plans are already underway with the assistance of Lyn Foster and Spencer Klein.

Jan Huth, Program Chair, introduced the speaker of the evening, Gary Maher, who spoke on Irish Genealogy. He explained some of the difficulties in obtaining Irish records and showed family records which he obtained after what, at first, appeared to be an insurmountable task.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Huth
Secretary Pro Tem