

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
General Meeting
September 12, 1995

The Society began its new year with this meeting held at its former location, The Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township. President, Barbara Davidson opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. held in the Meeting Room of the Library. She noted the earlier time for refreshments this year, scheduled for 6:45 p.m. It is hoped that this change will allow time for visiting following the meeting and also an opportunity to converse with the guest speaker. A welcome was extended to all.

On the table at the rear of the room were copies of the Secretary's minutes of the last meeting held in May; also copies of Gleanings which Barbara noted are so well done by Marion Harris. Membership Forms were there and included the schedule of the 1995-1996 yearly programs.

In the corridor was an exchange table. Barbara explained that materials there may be borrowed and returned for further exchange or may be kept on a permanent basis.

Treasurer, Bill Graves was absent but the report was read by John Ware. He reported a balance of \$3,638.10 as of May ninth and \$5,431.34 as of September twelfth.

Barbara read a letter from Lesley Douthwaite detailing the anticipated public access computer purchase gifted by MAGS to the Library. It will include the Family Search Program. The staff also applied for and received a grant from the High Regency Co-operative. Lesley extended her thanks to MAGS for its part in making this purchase possible. It is hoped that volunteers from MAGS will be available to help patrons with the computer and a training session for volunteers is anticipated. It is felt that it would be most helpful to have this assistance available at times when the LDS is closed. A sign-up sheet was circulated for possible volunteers.

Thanks was extended to Eleanor Cassagrand for editing the Newsletter and to Lois and Henry Weiss for mailing the same. Ruth Grimm assisted with this and she was also thanked for hosting refreshments for the current meeting. Thanks, too, was extended to Helen Woolf and Julia Slovinski for caring for publicity for the meeting.

Prior to this meeting, the Executive Board had met and accepted with regret the resignation of Alice Min as Vice President as of October first. She will be moving from the area. Alice had also

as part of this office, served as program chair and had worked hard all summer scheduling programs for the year ahead. The Board voted to have Helen Wolf serve as Vice President in her place for the 1995-1996 year.

Kevin Elliott is coordinator for the computer group which meets at separate times from the regular meetings. It was explained that general meetings are open to the public but special groups such as this are open to members only.

Visitors, Shirley and John Fisher, were introduced and Shirley told the group that interested members could determine persons they are researching by checking names printed on the back of her shirt!

Member, Regina Springer, displayed a huge chart which contained many names with added genealogical information. This had been researched over a period of fifty years by someone living in Texas.

A planned trip to the Archives in New York City was announced by Carlene Johnson. This will be on Wednesday, September 20th. Interested persons should contact her for further details.

The business meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Alice then introduced the speaker of the evening. She also spoke of a cable TV. program called Family History which she had tried unsuccessfully to view. After some discussion, it was concluded that future programs could probably be found on Tuesday evenings on 59 Sammons.

The speaker of the evening was Debbie Galant who spoke on recording oral family history and played some of her own recordings. During the discussion following the program, tips were given by both Debbie and Alice on ways to store and preserve genealogical collections.

A recording of this meeting and program was recorded by John Ware and, like a number of previous meetings, will be available on tape upstairs in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet M.Huth
Recording Secretary