

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
General Meeting
October 14, 1997

President Bogert Holly called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He welcomed all present and greeted new members and first time attendees.

Bogert announced that next Monday, the 20th of October would be the first session of a 5 meeting Genealogy Course. The course will be held in the Meeting Room, here at the library. There are still spaces available. Cost is \$15 which automatically makes participant a MAGS member with all its benefits. Present MAGS members may attend, free of cost.

Also announced was a Germanic Society Conference in Maryland, on the 25th and 27th of October. Brochures are available.

Bogert will again lead trips into New York for those interested. Sign-up sheet available.

Meeting was then opened for the 10 minute question period.

A question was asked dealing with research into Albanian sources.

A second question dealt with sources of information about railroad accidents.

A third question dealt with meetings of special interest groups.

Jan Huth, Program chairman, reminded members of our Holiday Party on the 2nd of December. A sign-up sheet was sent around for members to list refreshments which they would bring. It was hoped that these would be ethnic foods. If so, a printed "hand-out" recipe should be included.

Jan, then introduced our evening program. The speaker, Vivian Hight is from Edison, NJ. She is a former president of the Metuchen Society. She is presently studying Creative Writing. Her talk was about Family History. Specifically, she spoke about her personal family history research. She has published her book privately, at a cost of \$5,000. through Kinko's. Some copies are on acid-free paper. One copy has been donated to the Morristown Library. A number have been donated to various other libraries, including the Library of Congress. Vivian spiced her talk with amusing anecdotes such as: the unusual hats which she wears, a 'murder' in her family tree, one ancestor who was very tight with his gold. In this case, a relative accused him with, "You can't take it with you; and if you did, it would melt!"

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Weis
Recording Secretary