

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY

General Meeting

March 9, 1999

Members and guests had a great time talking and enjoying refreshments provided by Ruth Grimm. She thanked members for all their help, donations, and cards during her recuperation with her broken arm. Regina Springer announced someone left behind a scarf from our meeting in January. Turns out to belong to Bogert Holly. Our treasurer, Henry Weis, was not in attendance so there was no treasurer's report. Linnea Foster spoke about our meeting at County College of Morris on April 10. Anyone interested in hearing the program should let her know and she will be taking checks or cash tonight. If you know you are not going to be able to attend please let her know because she will be sending out a notice to everyone who has not signed up. Mary Middleton, one of our members, will be speaking at Barrick Street, New York on Tuesday at 8PM on the Federal Archives. All are welcome to come and hear her.

Next month we will be having elections. If you know of anyone you feel would be a good candidate to run, you must speak with him or her and they must agree to run before submitting their names. All board members will need their yearly reports for the April meeting. Ken Franz has agreed to be part of the board.

Scott Shepherd is our new Interest Group Coordinator. He passed out special interest survey forms that members are to return to Morris Area Genealogy Society or put it in the special interest in basket at our monthly meetings. Here we list our surnames we are currently researching and interested in sharing with others along with the part of the country this ancestor was from and the time period they lived. There is also a spot for any subjects you are interested in seeing addressed at future meetings. We are handed a contact list with members numbers and names. We can look on the chart at each meeting and match up numbers with our area of interest. Using this list we can find the name and address of others who have similar special interest areas that we do. A complete list will be mailed out with the June Newsletter.

Bogert Holly introduced out speaker of the evening, Bob Gibson. His topic was **NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (NYG & B) HOLDINGS**. Bob is librarian at NYG&B. They have about 258 members but always welcome more. A membership application was passed out. Everyone is also welcome to attend their meetings. March 10th is one at 5:00 PM and on Sunday, April 18th a lecture will take place on a Recipe For Writing Your Family History. The cost of admission to these lectures is \$10.00 - \$15.00 for non-members. You may also register online at www.nygbs.org. If you can not get into New York, they will do research by mail. They are located at 122-126 East 58th Street and hours the library is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9:30 to 5. There is lots of parking close by and it is easily accessible by public transportation. Non-members are welcome at all times but have access to the book collection only and a \$10.00 donation is required.

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society is the second oldest genealogical society in the United States. New England is older. It is 125 years old. The Library has a director and two assistant librarians and right now only 1 clerk but hopefully in the future 2 will be available. The library is mainly on New York but other states are also included such as New England and Middle Atlantic States. They are noted for their manuscript collection of unpublished material on New York families. For further information be sure to visit them at their online address.

Bogert Holly will be our speaker next month. His topic will be Joining Hereditary Societies. We hope you will all join us.

Respectfully submitted,

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