
MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
General Meeting
April 13, 1999

We enjoyed wonderful refreshments provided by Ruth Grimm, Hospitality. Regina Springer, President of Morris Area Genealogy Society, opened April's meeting with several announcements. Reports are due by April 26th for all officers and committee heads. There will be an executive board meeting that night (4/26) and a card will be going out in the mail about it to all board members. Genealogy Day was Saturday and it was great success and we will do it again.

Regina told us we need to elect a new trustee but all other officers will remain in office. They are elected for two years. Ken Franz was nominated and we all showed hands in favor of having him for our trustee (there was no one opposed). Congratulations Ken.

Kevin Elliott answered questions from the audience while Roger Conover, Vice President, went looking for Bogert Holly, our speaker for the evening. We were reminded that Bo Holly, Past President takes train trips to New York and any one interested should contact him. Scott Shepherd, Interest Group Coordinator, also reminded us to fill out the questioners so it can be in the June Newsletter. Make sure we put our E-mail addresses down. Family Search is up graded to 2.26 version in the Library Computers. This has a partial database of the LDS records. While we were waiting for Bo, Kevin told us a story about what happened to him using a computer. There is a database called lost and found and all kinds of things are mentioned here. He found his grandmother's bible on the web page and just had to pay for UPS shipping charges to receive it. This is a bible no one in the family knew existed. It might be worth checking this site out.

Roger finally found Bogert Holly and brought him into the meeting introducing him so he could speak about JOINING HEREDITARY SOCIETIES. He had a uniform on from the Sons of the American Revolution. This he had worn as part of the color guard for one of the Societies he belongs to. It was complete with knickers that many remembered wearing as young boys. Bo mentioned what a big deal it was when you were finally old enough to go without them. I loved the hearts on the back of the jacket. Bo gave us a lively talk on what it was like to live in the past when people lived only to the ripe old age of 18! If we can trace our ancestors back to various times we can join hereditary groups such as the Sons of the American Revolution (if you had a relative in the American Revolution) or the Mayflower Society (had to have someone who came on the Mayflower). He showed us overheads with records that are needed to get into these societies. Each organization has its own rules and required forms to fill out. We were

also shown parts of lists of these various organizations, which included everything from Swedish Colonial Society to Huguenot Society and Former State Presidents Society to Colonial Society of Pennsylvania. If anyone is interested in joining any of these societies there is a book in the Morristown Library listing all and the addresses to write to for information along with all the requirements to join. Bo was happy to answer all our questions.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11, 1999. Ruth Daniels will be speaking to us on MIGRATION TO AND FROM NEW JERSEY.

Respectfully submitted,

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