

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
General Meeting
January 8, 2002

The meeting was moderated by Lyn Foster. She explained that since Bo Holly was in France, Regina Springer in the Hospital and Janet Meissner had the flu; this left Lyn as the last one standing for running this MAGS meeting.

Lyn announced that Grace Church required the meeting room on the date of the February meeting. Unless an alternative location can be arranged there will not be a MAGS meeting in February.

Lyn made a plea for volunteers to help index MAGS newsletters and other genealogical publications. The indexers meet between 9:30 and 11:30 on the first Monday of each month from September through June at the Library in Morristown.

The speaker for the evening was Christine Jochem who now heads the Local History and Genealogy Department at the Morristown and Morris Township Library. Her subject was new acquisitions and capabilities in the Local History and Genealogy Department.

The 1930 Federal Census for New Jersey will be released on April 1st and should be available at the Library soon thereafter. It will consist of 84 reels of microfilm. Having the 1930 census is the good news. The bad news is that there will not be an index to New Jersey. NJ is among some 36 states that do not have indexes. The NARA is releasing film of the census enumeration district maps. That will help to narrow searches when you have an address.

She was excited to report that the Library is installing two new film readers that have significant new features and capabilities. They will permit scanning images to a printer or a PC. From a PC you can write to disk, burn a CD, or re-mail the image to another party.

The Library is putting finding aids to the manuscript collection online. It is also digitizing the photo collection and creating a searchable catalog.

Chris said that she welcomed suggestions from MAGS for acquisitions to the LH&G Department.

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