

# *THE APGAR ASSOCIATION*

## **FAMILY NEWSLETTER**



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### REUNION & CELEBRATION '84

In the village of Cokesbury, New Jersey, Saturday morning September 15, 1984 was busier than usual.

The town policeman, Bill Everhardt, was directing cars into the parking lot across from the Cokesbury United Methodist Church and its old grave yard where headstones with the name Apgar can be found.

The doors of the church were opened wide to receive the Apgars who were gathering for the tenth family reunion since 1974 when this annual meeting was reactivated after being dormant for approximately twenty-five years.

This day was also a day of celebration of the 250th anniversary of the arrival, on the ship "Hope", of Johannes Peter Apgard at the Port of Philadelphia from the Palatine Region of the then known German states.



Colonial dress was the attire, on this occasion, for the committee officers and past officers of the Association.

Mingling in the crowd of returning family members could be seen three gentlemen greeters, Henry, George Sr., and Richard Apgar, in the German peasant farmer's dress. They were each wearing a wide brimmed hat, a loose, blousey shirt, knee britches, and buckled shoes. Inside the church, at the registration tables, Marybelle Hoffman, Mary, Ruth, and Debbie Apgar were wearing ruffled mobcaps, long calico print dresses covered by an apron from the waist almost to the dress hem. Barbara and Helen Apgar and Pauline Rabinsky, also in Colonial dress, were attending the table where Volume I of the Apgar Family genealogy was being sold.

George Apgar Jr. and Raymond Jachowski were dressed in the blue and buff uniforms of the American Revolution. They were busy giving explanations and answering queries at the Show-and-Tell tables where memorabilia sent in or brought in by family members was displayed.

Cafeteria service was provided in the all-purpose room of the church. Malvena Apgar was in charge of this project, with other members of the church's Anna Crump Society and the United Methodist Women of Cokesbury preparing the food that gave warmth and comfort to the guests who had spent the morning visiting and acquiring genealogy information from Reba and Harvey Bloom, Robert and Dorothy Apgar, Helen Cramer, Beverly Smith, Frank Rabinsky, Carmen Mills, Katherine Sutton, Mary Zakrzewski, and Wayne Apgar, all helping with the Kin Tracer's Korner.

For relaxation and enrichment, Fran Apgar and the Apgar Association presented from 12:45 PM to 1:30 PM The DaSala Chamber Artists, from New York City, New York, an ensemble of two violins, a viola, and a cello. Their program consisted of compositions by Mozart and Bach music familiar to the 18th Century. The music and the performance by the ensemble was so appealing that the audience applauded them to two more numbers.

After the business meeting presided over by Henry Apgar, Vice-President in the absence of Wilson Jones, President, the families began to leave for home, some lingering to take snapshots or to visit briefly someone they had missed seeing earlier.



Even though the day was gray, rainy and cool, 183 of the 224 expected attended the Reunion and Celebration. They would carry home memories of this special day and the reminder by Henry that the next Apgar Reunion will be on Saturday, September 21, 1985 "at which time the pride of our heritage will be in evidence".

Reba Bloom  
Clinton, NJ  
Frederick Line





Some members of the Apgar Family - 200 strong - at Saturday's reunion in Tewksbury were George Apgar Jr. of Middlesex, left, holding Adam Epstein, 1½, of Easton, PA, Barbara Apgar (Adam's grandmother) and Lenola Layden, at 91 the oldest female family member.

The Courier-News  
Monday, September 17, 1984

More reunion photographs of our tenth family reunion and complete coverage of our October 13, 1984 visit to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be covered in our next issue of The Apgar Association Family Newsletter.

George Apgar Jr. Newsletter  
Editor 1984-1986

Message From The President - Greetings from Georgia!

Due to our moving to Georgia shortly after becoming your president, a year ago, Doris and I regret that we could not be with you to celebrate the anniversary of our heritage at this year's reunion.

I am very proud to have been chosen as the president of such a fine pioneer American Family Association. Doris and I are greatly enjoying the friendships of 'new' cousins.

My thanks and appreciation are extended to those who took over my duties and helped make the reunion a memorable one.

It seems fitting that our future goals as a family association should be to grow in membership and continue historical activities to preserve our heritage for each new generation. The fine new Apgar Family History book and the trip to Philadelphia are examples.

After December 15th, our permanent address will be - 925 Roberts Way, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30245. Telephone 404 962-5669. We will be pleased to hear from you. Drop in if you are traveling South.

Doris and I wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and the very best for 1985.

Wilson Jones  
President 1984-1986  
Conrad Line





Message From The Vice-President

For the Apgar Family, 1984 was a busy year indeed with all the planned celebration going on. As this year comes to an end, it is the hope and wish that we will continue building our Association wisely and discretely and that all of us, as in the past, will take great pride and joy in our heritage.



Again in the early fall of 1985 we will gather together once more to visit and reminisce, to extol our virtues and to exhibit to all in the Cokesbury area and throughout the state and country the unending pride we take in our family name.

It has been a great pleasure for Ruth and I to spend this past year working to share our common goal of having these family reunions and to share with all of you the great joys and pleasures of our friendships.

Henry Apgar  
Vice-President 1984-1986  
Conrad Line

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The Treasurer's Message

Contributions totaled \$235.70 from our September 15, 1984 family reunion.

Our President Wilson Jones generously contributed the money for the printing of the attractive agenda booklet for this year's 250th celebration. By doing this, our Treasury was kept in good shape.

In addition, George Apgar Jr. of Chester, NJ donated \$51.00 from the sale of a book "Historic Notes On Fairmount, NJ" during the 1983 reunion.



Many very generous donations were received throughout the year by our Apgar Family "Newsletter" readers. Our treasury has remained solvent and "thank you" for making that so.

Again, we are always open to suggestions and any comments will be welcomed.

Barbara M. Apgar  
Treasurer 1984-1986  
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Adam Line

The Tenth Annual Apgar Reunion - The Minutes

Saturday, September 15, 1984, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey.

The Tenth Annual Apgar Association Reunion Meeting was called to order by Henry Apgar, Vice-President at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 15, 1984.

Henry read a letter from Wilson Jones, President, who expressed his regret that he and his wife, Doris, were not able to attend the reunion due to their move to a new home in Georgia.

The Vice-President thanked those who contributed to the success of the reunion, including Malvena Apgar and other members of the Anna Crump Society and the United Methodist Women who prepared the luncheon. Henry then also thanked Fran Apgar and the DaSalo' Chamber Artists who presented the excellent music program of 18th Century composers.

George Apgar Jr., Corresponding Secretary reported 271 letters were answered during the year, 403 reunion invitations were mailed, 63 invitations sent to State Historical Societies, 226 replies received from these invitations mailed out, 224 family members expected to attend this year's reunion (due to the rain only 183 were present), and 25 individual families were in attendance. Other than New Jersey, states represented were New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Maine, Maryland, South Carolina Florida, Illinois, Colorado, and California.

Barbara Apgar, Treasurer, reported \$975.50 in the working account (printing, postage, publishing the newsletter), \$466.70 in the Apgar book account and \$235.70 donations were received at this reunion gathering.



There was so much interest among family members in going on a hayride during the September 17, 1983 reunion Perc McCatharn (standing), Jacob Line, of Lebanon, NJ had to make two trips throughout the Hunterdon County countryside.

## The Minutes - Continued

Current newsletter editor, George Apgar Jr., stated that 207 family newsletters were sold and December is the publication date of Issue 6.

Dorothy Apgar, Historian, told about the visit she and her husband Robert made to Apgar, Montana this summer on their trip to the state of Alaska. Apgar, MT, located in the Glacier National Park, was named for Harvey Dimon Apgar, the town's founder.

Helen Apgar of Califon expressed her gratitude for the information and donations received for Volume I of the Apgar Family genealogy and said that Volume II of the genealogy will be ready for the next reunion.

Reba Bloom, Recording Secretary, read the Minutes of the 1983 Family Reunion business meeting.

Along with Barbara Apgar's help, George Apgar Jr., announced that 39 families were signed up for the Philadelphia trip scheduled for October 13th.

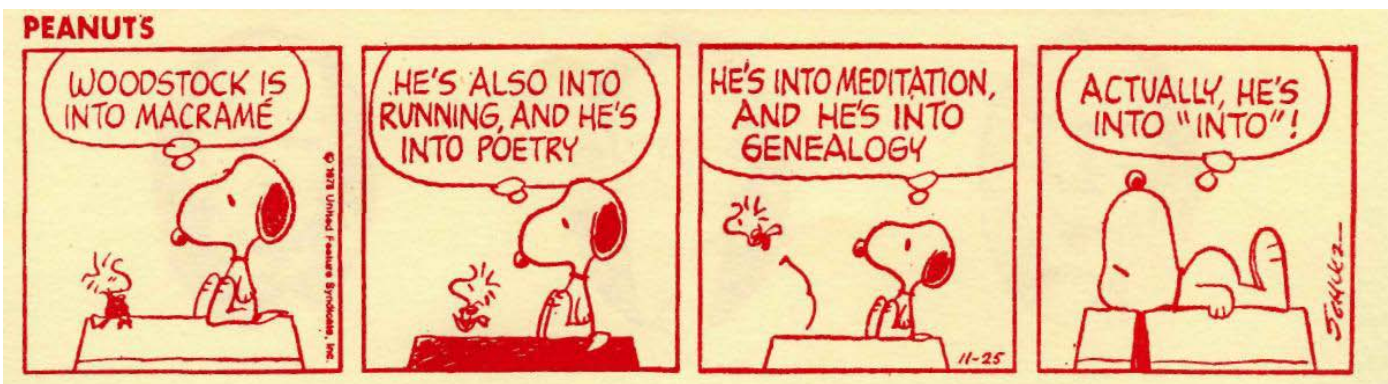
The following awards, donated by Ruth Apgar of South Plainfield, NJ and Mary Apgar of Middlesex, NJ, were presented by past President Richard Apgar to the youngest, Adam Epstein, 17 months, son of Norman and Patricia Epstein; oldest female, Lenola Layden, 91, from Whitehouse, NJ; oldest male, Albert Gladfelter, from Ortana, PA; married the longest, Ethel and Arthur Apgar, 53 years (June 17, 1931 in Annandale, NJ), from Whitehouse, NJ; traveled the farthest, a tie, Robert and Helen Apgar of San Diego, CA and Glen Apgar of San Francisco, CA; largest immediate family in attendance went to Beatrice Apgar of the Adam Line with eleven members.

In closing, Henry reminded all that the next reunion will be on Saturday, September 21, 1985, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Reba H. Bloom  
Recording Secretary 1984-1986  
Frederick Line





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NAME	DATE EMPLOYED	DECEASED	NAME	DATE EMPLOYED	DECEASED
CONRAD C. APGAR	1860	APR. 11-1919	FRED MILLER	NOV. 1879	MAY 16-1937
ELIAS STRUBLE	APR. 1866	JUNE 15-1926	LEVI ALPAUGH	OCT. 8-1880	JUNE 30-1935
DAVID L. APGAR	AUG. 1866	OCT. 20-1935	WILLIAM HOFFMAN	APRIL 1881	
JAMES KIERNAN	1867	OCT. 16-1918	ELLIS APGAR	1882	DEC. 4-1933
HEZEKIAH APGAR	1867	FEB. 2-1922	LAWRENCE GRIFFIN	1883	MAR. 20-1935
PATRICK J. MEANEY	JUNE 18-1868	JULY 25-1920	BLOOMFIELD APGAR	APRIL 1884	
JOHN MEADE	MAR. 1869	JAN. 23-1926	CHARLES M. GRIFFITH	MAY 1883	JAN. 10-1939
SAMUEL TAIT	1869	JAN. 6-1928	JOSEPH B. GARIS	OCT. 18-1886	
JEREMIAH CULLEN SR.	MAR. 1-1870	NOV. 26-1928	ROBERT C. McCLOY	FEB. 3-1887	
ALEXANDER STURGEON	JUNE 8-1870	MAR. 14-1923	CHARLES SNYDER	SEPT. 9-1887	
JOHN NAGLE	DEC. 1871	MAY 9-1939	CHARLES APGAR	1888	
JOHN D. ALPAUGH	FEB. 22-1872	AUG. 2-1933	HARRY M. MILLER	JULY 23-1888	
WILLIAM FRITTS	1872	APR. 23-1925	PETER HARKINS	MAR. 1892	
MARSHALL F. APGAR	NOV. 15-1873		BARTLETT B. JOLIN	APRIL 1892	
FRANK LATIMER	APR. 1874	DEC. 25-1937	TIMOTHY W. DALY	FEB. 1892	
GEORGE LATIMER	MAY 19-1874	NOV. 1-1928	JOHN F. DEVLIN	FEB. 1892	
JOHN DOUGHERTY	JUNE 1873	OCT. 3-1930			
EDWARD O'NEILL	MAY 1873	MAY 4-1926			
WALTER SCOTT BROWN	SEPT. 1874				
W. RODMAN WHARTON	SEPT. 1875				
SAMUEL PINE	SEPT. 1875	OCT. 8-1926			
WILLIAM H. NEIGHBOR	1878	AUG. 11-1934			
BENTLEY MCCLAIN	1878	MAY 5-1937			
TAMLS MEADE	NOV. 1877	AUG. 3-1935			
WESLEY HILDABRAND	NOV. 1878	SEPT. 21-1922			



Marshall F. Apgar



Bloomfield Apgar



Charles Apgar

Some of the Apgar employees for 50 years of more service - 1942



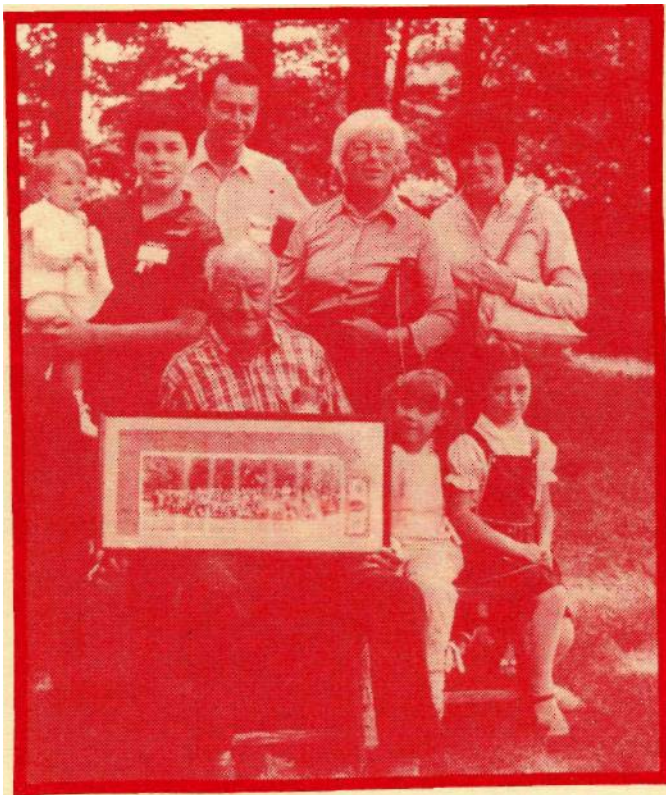
## The Historian's Message - Half Century Club

The 200th Anniversary of Taylor Wharton Iron and Steel Company was celebrated October 1942. At that time employees who had worked at Taylor Wharton for 50 years or more were honored. Seven of these men were Apgars. A list of all the men, date of employment and date of death, if deceased, was included in the book, "Taylor Wharton Company" published.

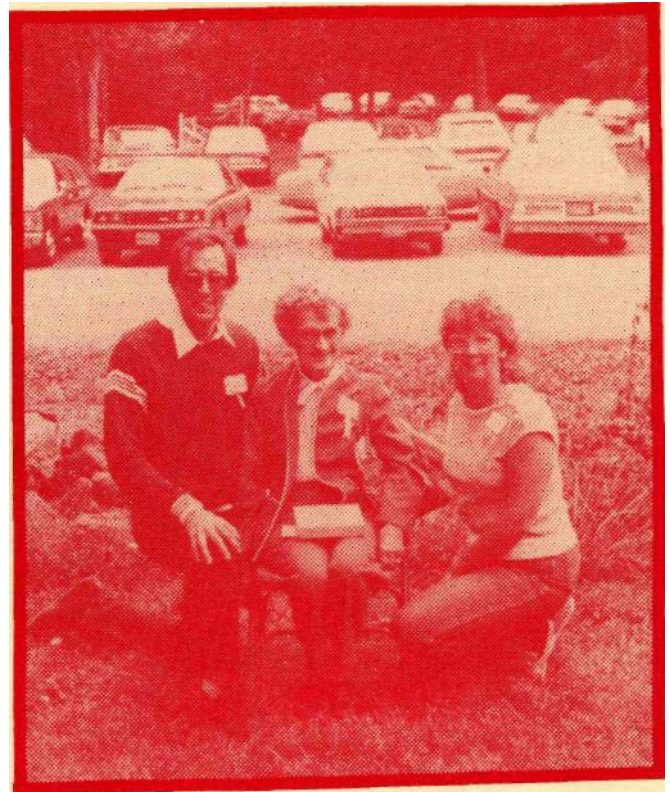
I am researching Apgar Family members that had three or more generations employed at Taylor Wharton at one time or followed one another. Any information you have would be welcomed and the article will be written up and placed in a future issue of our family newsletter.

Dorothy E. Apgar  
Historian 1984-1986  
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During Show-and Tell Time various Apgar memorabilia is brought by family members for display. Sitting center is Harvey Bloom, Frederick Line, admiring a 1931 reunion photograph owned by Grace Apgar, Adam Line, shown standing center. Surrounding Grace are members of her family who traveled from Marlboro, NJ to attend the 1983 reunion when this photograph was taken.



In 1966 the eight grade class of Central School, Middlesex, NJ dedicated the "Centralite" year-book to Mrs. Edith Philhower, history teacher. Now known as Mrs. Browne of Whiting, NJ (Herbert Line), she is pictured here with two of her former students, brother and sister, George Jr. and Debbie Apgar (Jacob Line) of Middlesex. Notice all the cars shown in the background!

## More About Our New Look . . .

Figuring it was about time to give our family newsletter a new look, Issues #4, #5, and #6 have displayed what I came up with the help of one other family member.

Since our mailing lists now spreads across the continental United States, I thought it would be appropriate to have a map of New Jersey depicting where our family patriarch Johannes Peter Apgard first settled after he arrived in Philadelphia, PA and to also indicate Cokesbury, NJ where many of his eleven children settled to raise their families and to show where we have been fortunate enough to have our current family reunions.

Coming up with a logo idea was a little more difficult and one such family member came to my rescue! Catherine Ganson of Saugus, CA sent me last year a couple of sketches on how she felt Johannes might have looked when he settled Cokesbury, New Jersey.

When I asked Catherine to give me some background explaining her love for drawing, she wrote me the following:

"I can't remember when I was given my first crayon, but do remember seeing a little box of water colors -and craving them nightly! My Aunts bought them for me, and mother taught me to use them. Shortly afterward, I started school, in a small one-room school-house, possibly three miles outside of Princeton, IL. I was five years old at that time. My teacher didn't quite know what to do with me. I could read, write, and count up to twenty-five. While the other "beginners" were happily doing "busy work", I was bored, and asking for something to do. In a spirit of helpfulness, mother suggested that I be allowed to take my crayons and water colors to school. My teacher eagerly agreed and the problem was solved! During my late teens, I studied for a few months with an outstanding old artist. This was the extent of my formal training. As he was, at that time, doing , water colors, so did I. In my thirties, I decided

to try oils, and stayed with them until this summer, when I am again playing with water colors. My painting was intermittent throughout my adult life, due to marriage, family, and jobs. Since I lost my husband eight years ago, I have painted seriously. I mainly do desert scenes, old buildings, and animals."

To Catherine a special thanks for your fine contribution to our family newsletter.

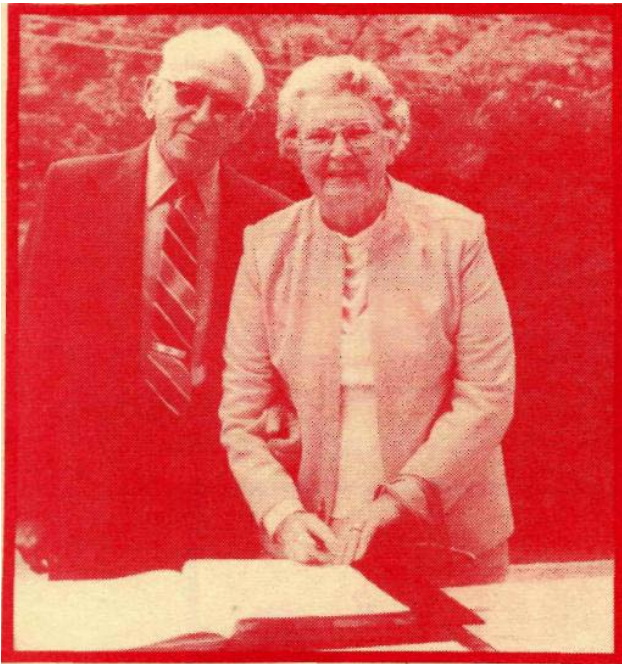


George Apgar Jr. Newsletter  
Editor 1984-1986 Jacob Line



This edition of our Family Newsletter is dedicated in memory to the following three members who, each in their own individual way, were very special in making our reunions the continued success they are today.

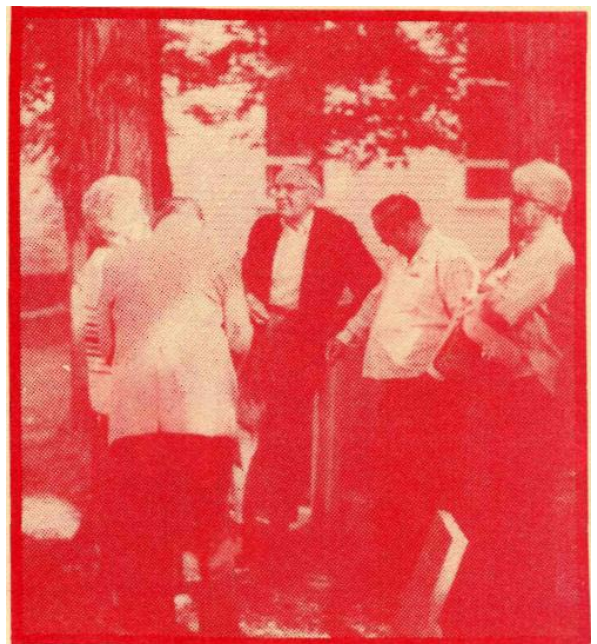
Carol T. McCatharn, 75, 1908-1984, Jan 7th  
(Pictured right with husband Perc.) If you attended the reunions since 1980, you would probably have seen Carol busy with other members of the church preparing lunch for our reunions. Her love for the Cokesbury United Methodist Church and people of Hunterdon County was never ending and she will be missed by all those who knew her.



Mildred K. Hann, 83, 1901-1984, March 10th  
(Pictured left with husband Leslie signing the registration book at 1983 reunion.)

When the family reunions were first started up again in 1975 it was Mildred and Leslie who were among the most loyal. Married September 8, 1918, they were regular winners of the longest married couple - 65 years in 1983. Her pleasant smile that she brought to our reunions will never be forgotten.

William C. Apgar, 82, 1902-1984, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>  
(Pictured center at the 1982 family reunion doing what he loved best talking Apgar history.) During the period before 1975 when reunions were nonexistent if the family had an historian - it was Bill. His love for our history was endless and for those he reached with conversation there can be no replacement. Bill's talks will continue forever.





Whatever Became of "Miss 'Dottie" Apgar?

Sometime between June, 1917 and November, 1918, "Miss 'Dottie" Apgar received a postcard in Homer, New York. Private Ray T. Smith sent it from Romorantin, a small town in France, due east of Tours, due south of Orleans. The picture side of the card showed a photograph of laundry day at the river's edge. (The river is a small tributary of the Loire River.)

On the message side of the card we learn that Pvt. Smith (Serial No. 31563) was with the 805th Aero Squadron of the A.E.F. (American Expeditionary Forces), serving with the Allies against the Germans in the "Great War" (World War I). His message to "Miss 'Dottie" reads: "Dear Dottie-, Received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. Will answer it some time this week. Best regards, Ray."

Because of his military status, Ray was entitled to send mail for free - as long as he wrote "Soldiers Mail" where a stamp should have gone. War-time in the war zone required mail to be censored to avoid the "loose lips" that might "sink ships." This might be why Pvt. Smith wrote so platonically to "Miss 'Dottie", so we can not guess what their real relationship might have been. In any case, the card was allowed to pass as written after Lft. (British for Lieutenant) S. Rassmussin placed his smudgy "Passed As Censored" stamp on the card (over poor Ray's signature) and applied his own signature and not-totally-decipherable designation of authority.

Because there are no return markings, it is certain that "Miss 'Dottie" received the card. The questions are: Did Ray Smith make it home to "Miss 'Dottie", and did they perhaps marry? Or, did he not come home, and perhaps she married someone else? And, from what Apgar line did "Miss 'Dottie" descend?

