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CONRAD & PETER A. APGAR TRIBUTE

After spending the day depicting an ongoing living history reenactment from the American Revolution time period in honor of Conrad and Peter Apgar, members of The Light Company join members of the Apgar Family Association celebrate their eleventh annual reunion which was held on September 21, 1985 at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury.

SUPPORT OUR FAMILY ORGANIZATION - SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES TODAY!

The President's Message:

As your new President, I first want to send my sincere greetings! For those of you unable to attend our twelfth family reunion in Cokesbury this past September, I took over as fourth President of the Apgar Family Association since our reunions started up a second time in 1975.

And even though it is early February as you read this, I hope you had the merriest of all Christmas' and the happiest and healthiest of all New Year's 1987!

After our elections this past September, I also agreed to continue to serve as Newsletter Editor. Wearing these two hats, I would like to address a few of the concerns we face as a family organization come 1987 and beyond.

You may first wonder why I kept a December 1986 date on this issue when it first hit our mails in February of 1987? As you know from our September reunion invitation I had originally planned to publish this issue in November of 1986. But faced with moving to my new home, illness in my immediate family, unexpected busy period at work, and getting caught up in that stretch of time from Thanksgiving through Christmas to New Year's, the days just were not long enough.

With 1986 past, this will be the last time we will charge for our family newsletter. This past September we incorporated for the first time as an organization and early in 1987 you should have received your membership application. As mentioned in these invitations, the annual newsletter will become part of the membership fee.

Also in 1987 we will be looking for new faces to help serve on various reunion committees. Our reunions need a fresh change and currently the eleven family members who have worked so hard these past twelve years need a rest. Besides, eleven people a reunion does not make and with attendance to our September reunions in the 180-240 range, we can always use new faces and ideas.

One of my biggest challenges as your new President is keeping both our reunions together and interest high so they continue. Sad as it may be, by the year 2000 there will no longer be a typical American family. Instead we will have many different types of families with the traditional family - married couple with children - continuing to shrink from almost half of all family types in 1970 to a quarter by the year 2000 - and that is only thirteen years from now!



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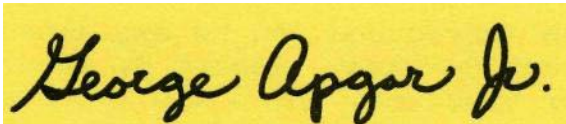
The President's Message - Continued:

The last few decades has seen the American household go through rapid changes. We have gone from households headed by a husband and wife with children to many types of households now headed by single parents, single people, unmarried couples and others.

And with our family having a long and proud history here in America since 1734, it is ever so important for us as a family to preserve our history in writings and for all of us to continue to hold a successful and rewarding annual family reunion. I am confident we will accomplish both goals plus much more as we head into the year 1987.

In closing, I continue to welcome articles for future editions of this newsletter, thank those of you who have contributed to this issue of our newsletter, encourage you to support our Volume II publications of our family history, and ask if you are willing to help serve on a committee for our 1987 family reunion to be held once again in Cokesbury this September 19th, please contact either myself or any of the other newly elected trustees listed below.

In Family Unity,

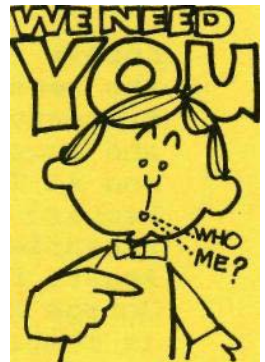


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The Twelfth Annual Apgar Family Reunion - The Minutes:

Saturday, September 20, 1986, Cokesbury United Methodist Church,
Cokesbury, New Jersey

Henry Apgar, Vice-President, opened the twelfth annual meeting, extending a hearty welcome to the family members and friends from himself and Wilson Jones, President.

Then Henry spoke of the progress that has been made in the past year in the following areas of public relations, fifty copies of Volume I reprint, the work that has begun on the printing of our next Volume II under the direction of Dorothy Apgar, our family historian and the work done by Robert H. Apgar, attorney for our family association. Robert filed papers for Certificate of Incorporation and prepared a set of By-Laws of the Apgar Family Association, Inc., reflecting the intention of the By-Law Committee. These documents were received and officially accepted on this day during an earlier meeting of the trustees of our Association.

Continuing with his speech, Henry urged family members to view the outstanding exhibit at the Hunterdon County Library. Titled "The Apgars-A County Family History Since 1734", this exhibit was on display for the month of September at the library.

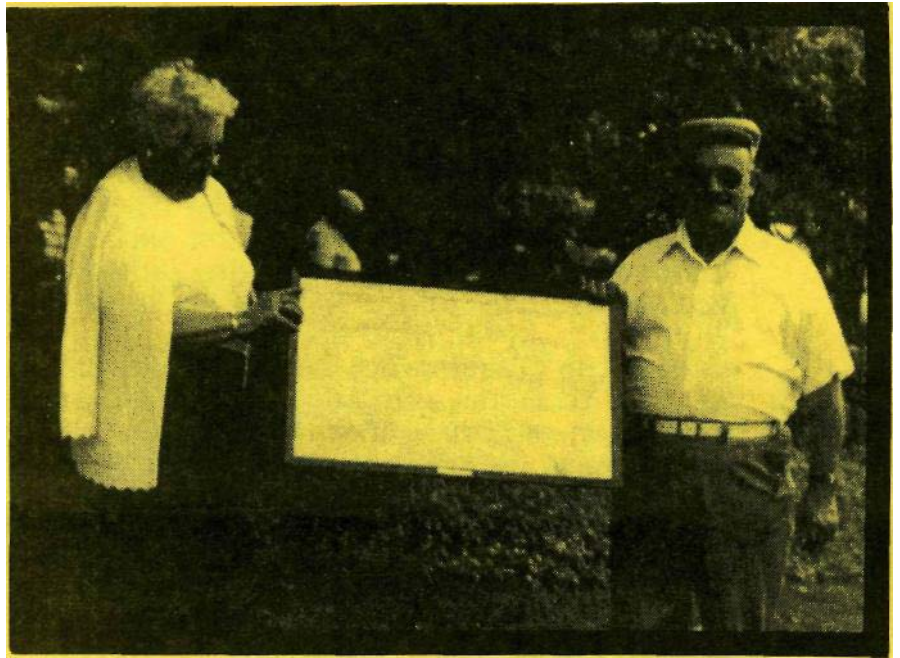
Robert H. Apgar, Attorney, was then introduced and he explained the reasons for the Incorporation and By-Laws. Robert O. Apgar presented the slate of nominees for trustees, which was approved and accepted: Helen Apgar, Califon, NJ, Reba Bloom, Clinton, NJ, and Al Tiger, Somerville, NJ all have one year terms; Barbara and Richard Apgar, Glen Gardner, NJ, and Henry and Ruth Apgar, South Plainfield, NJ all have two year terms; and Robert O. and Dorothy Apgar, Flemington, NJ, George M. Apgar Jr., Chester, NJ, and George N. Apgar, Jr., Middlesex, NJ all have three year terms as members of the newly created trustee title.

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Elizabeth and Bill Coleman of the Frederick line traveled from Mentor, Ohio to attend our eleventh family reunion. Also shown here is Debbie Apgar of Jacob line, far left, and Barbara Apgar of the Adam line working at the name tag table.

Representing the Adam, Conrad, Jacob, and the Herbert lines each, Ruth and Harry Apgar of Whiting, NJ show off their Apgar memorabilia to family members at the Show-and-Tell Table September 21, 1985.



The Minutes - Continued:

Henry then turned the meeting over to Wilson Jones, President, who greeted the reunioners and presented awards to: youngest child present - Gretchen, ten months, daughter of Gary and Susan Apgar of Lebanon Township, NJ; the oldest female in attendance - Lenola Layden, age 93 of Whitehouse, NJ; and the oldest male present - Hugh Browne, age 89 of Whiting, NJ; the longest married couple - John and Dorothy Apgar, 60 years, of Milburn, NJ; Marybelle Hoffman of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, who traveled the farthest to attend our reunion; and the largest immediate family present was Helen Hartrum of Plainfield, NJ with thirteen members present!

Barbara Apgar, treasurer, reported \$578.58 in the working account with \$236.65 of that coming from the successful paper weight project. In the Apgar book account the total monies of that account is \$402.02.

George N. Apgar, Jr., Corresponding Secretary for the past seven years gave his final report as family secretary. He answered approximately 222 letters since the last reunion and 350 invitations were mailed for this September reunion. States represented at this year's reunion were New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and Colorado. George thanked John Apgar of Flemington for taking the photograph of the family at this year's reunion. The Hunterdon Democrat and the Courier-News gave good news coverage on Association activities. Newsletter number eight will be published in November and George reported articles are needed for this issue. 194 paperweights were sold at \$10.00 each and from this project, a check for \$236.65 was given by George to Barbara for the working account.

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The Minutes - Continued:

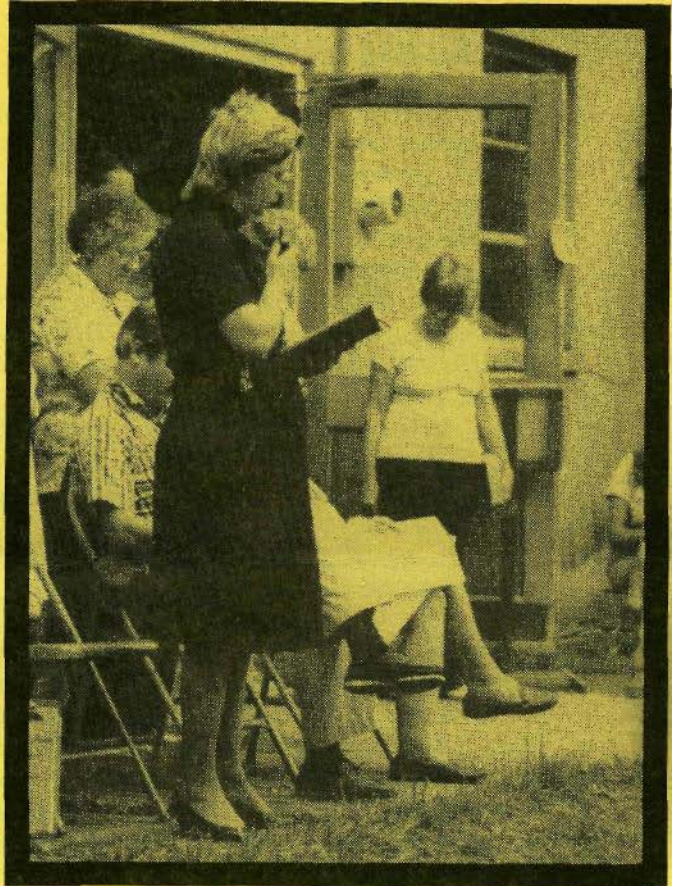
Family Historian, Dorothy Apgar, reported that fifty copies of Volume I were reprinted and sold with inserts for additions and corrections included. Additional copies of Volume I may be ordered by contacting her. Volume II will be divided into four parts and the same size as Volume I will result in this volume. Each copy of Volume II will cost \$40.00 plus NJ residents state sales tax of 6% which includes mailing. Dorothy concluded by asking that any additions and/or corrections for Volume I and future Volume II's be sent to her.

Recording Secretary, Reba Bloom, read the minutes of the 1985 annual reunion meeting. Then Robert O. Apgar presented the slate of officers for 1986-1987: President George N. Apgar, Jr., Middlesex, NJ; First Vice-President Henry Apgar, South Plainfield, NJ; Second Vice-President Imelda Mercier of Bricktown, NJ; Treasurer George M. Apgar, Jr., of Chester, NJ; Recording Secretary Al Tiger, Somerville, NJ; Corresponding Secretary Robert O. Apgar, Flemington, NJ; and Historian Dorothy Apgar, Flemington.

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While attending our 11th reunion from Inwood, West Virginia, David and Virginia Povlick donated a family Bible of Frederick Apgar (Jacob line 6.12.9) to our Association!



It was during the ceremony honoring Peter A. and Conrad Apgar that Pastor Gerry Schiermeyer of the Cokesbury United Methodist Church offered a memorial prayer in their memory.

The Minutes - Continued:

In closing, Wilson Jones reminded all that the next reunion will be held on Saturday, September 19, 1987, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM. Following the business meeting, Dorothy Apgar, Historian, spoke about "Our Western Ancestors" and that today some in the western states are starting local Apgar Family Reunions. A collection was taken which came to \$214.00 and it was reported that 195 members were present at this year's reunion.

Respectfully submitted,

Reba H. Bloom Recording Secretary

On The Radio And Television:

In 1986, we were very fortunate to have two fine public relations events on our family.

On April 7, 1986, In Celebration 1886-1986, An American Portrait on the CBS-TV Network did a segment on our own Dr. Virginia Apgar! Even though it lasted for only sixty seconds, it was a super tribute to our most famous family member.



Dr. Virginia Apgar was an anesthesiologist who witnessed the delivery of countless babies. She observed that infants were not thoroughly examined until well after birth by which time serious disorders could have developed. In 1952 Apgar devised a brief effective examination for babies in their first minute after birth. The Apgar Score system takes only a few seconds but can detect many disorders that require immediate treatment. It is a potential lifesaver for millions of newborns in America and through-out the world. I am Celeste Holm with An American Portrait.

Lasting just under one-half hour on the radio, our own Helen, Robert, and Dorothy Apgar were on New York Radio Station WOR this past August 14, 1986. WOR drew a record 4,500 spectators for the day when it broadcast from Flemington and joining the day's activities which also included talk host Joe Franklin, our own Governor Kean, and even Tiny Tim, Helen, Robert, and Dorothy spoke of our early reunions in the mid-1970's, how to start up a family reunion, and even answered questions from the audience that gathered under blue skies and sunshine. Those fortunate to be able to hear the program know how much they enjoyed doing it. Thanks for a job well done!

George Apgar Jr. - Editor

Membership Chairperson Report:

On September 20, 1986, the Apgar Family Association became incorporated. There are 3 1-year, 4 2-year, and 4 3-year trustees. In the By-Laws it was voted by resolution to have annual dues. These dues shall be paid by the calendar year. The 1987 annual dues of the Apgar Family Association shall be as follows:

Individuals - \$5.00 Family - \$10.00***

***For family dues this includes all family members living under one roof and a list by each name should be provided.

Our membership year is January through December. Membership into the Apgar Family Association entitles the member to the annual newsletter, notices of the reunion, and voting privileges at our yearly meeting. Donations will no longer be asked for, however, if there is a special cause to do so on an individual basis, donations will be gladly accepted.

The By-Laws are available upon request. Membership applications have been sent to everyone on our current mailing list. If, however, you do not receive one of these membership applications or would like a copy of the By-Laws, please write to me.

Help support our family organization and send in your dues today!

Thank you.

Barbara M. Apgar
Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 46
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

The Treasurer's Message:

After seven years of being our Treasurer for the Apgar Family Association, I am reluctantly stepping down from this position to accept the newly created position of Membership Chairperson.

It was my pleasure to receive your generous donations over the years which kept our treasury in good shape and able to continue to keep everyone posted on our activities. George M. Apgar, Jr., of Chester, NJ has accepted the position as our new treasurer and with his background and experience will do a great job!

Contributions totaled \$214.00 from our September 20, 1986 family reunion. Donations this past year from many "Apgars" across the country were very much appreciated. These donations have helped us to keep up with the expenses incurred with our mailings, printing, and general correspondence.

Barbara M. Apgar
Treasurer (1979-1986)
P.O. Box 46
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Historian Notes:

This year has been a busy busy year. Material has been flowing, the telephone has been ringing, and my husband and I enjoy hearing from you all.

We have enjoyed speaking to newspaper reporters and the results have been wonderful. Our library exhibit resulted in a lot of publicity and several inquiries about our family.

Helen Apgar, my husband Robert, and myself were asked to be on a WOR talk show broadcasting from New York City. Station WOR comes to Flemington for a day every year. This year we were asked to talk about reunions. This thirty minute program was fun for us and brought in more calls and information.

I am very pleased in the four parts of Volume II that are progressing nicely into publication. Part I has already been mailed out to interested family members. The printers have done a great job and Part II is ready to go to print and will be mailed shortly. Part III will follow probably in March with Part IV following in its footsteps.

We put in many pictures if we have them. Newspaper articles, Bible pages, etc. have also been included in these volumes. If you have something for Part III and IV, call or write. Please copy anything that is valuable and send a copy that is ready for reproduction.

Additions and corrections to Volume I is a four page two-sided pamphlet that we are selling for \$2.00. If you wish to correct and update your Volume I, please send a check to me made out to The Apgar Family Association for \$2.00 plus 50 cents mailing costs.

I am collecting and publishing in our newsletter any notices of births, marriages, and deaths that have occurred during the past year. This method of updating our family keeps us current and also is a written record kept by the historian. Send me newspaper articles on, not only your own family, but any Apgar news you come across.

I will be having a short talk at this year's reunion about how to preserve, collect, research your own history. This talk will be at 11:00 AM so as not to interfere with the major program. Please bring or write to me any questions you might have so that I will be prepared to help you.

See you at our reunion come September!

Dorothy E. Apgar
Historian & Chairperson of Apgar Family Genealogy
56 Cherryville-Stanton Road
Flemington, NJ 08822





William Lesley Apgar and Family

Donated to the Apgar Family Association this past year by Imelda Mercier of Bricktown, New Jersey, this photograph is of the family of William Lesley and Margaret Jane Apgar (nee Joyce) taken in 1904, Trenton, NJ.

We really encourage items like this for our collection of family memorabilia and if you care to donate such items you may contact any of the current Apgar Family officers listed in this issue of our family newsletter.

George Apgar Jr. - Editor



Mark Your 1987 Calendar Now!

Our thirteenth Apgar Family Reunion will be held this coming September 19, 1987 at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey.

More details with our invitations when they are mailed around July-August of this summer.

See you at our reunion on September 19th!



The Light Company

For those of you who attended our eleventh family reunion on September 21, 1985, you know we were very fortunate to have members of The Light Company present. It was during the day they did an ongoing living history in tribute to our two family members who served in our American Revolution - Conrad and Peter A. Apgar.

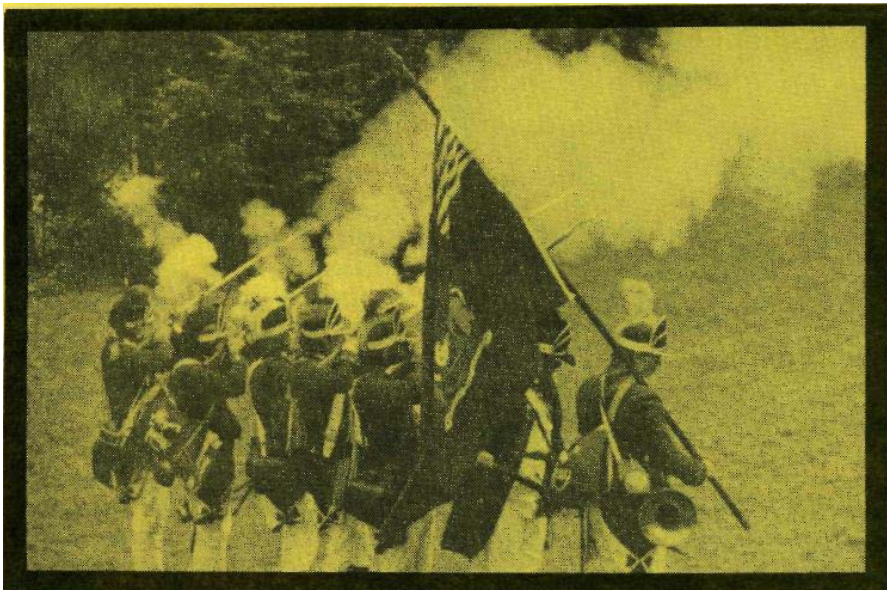
Illustrated here are some of the sights we enjoyed on this very special occasion!

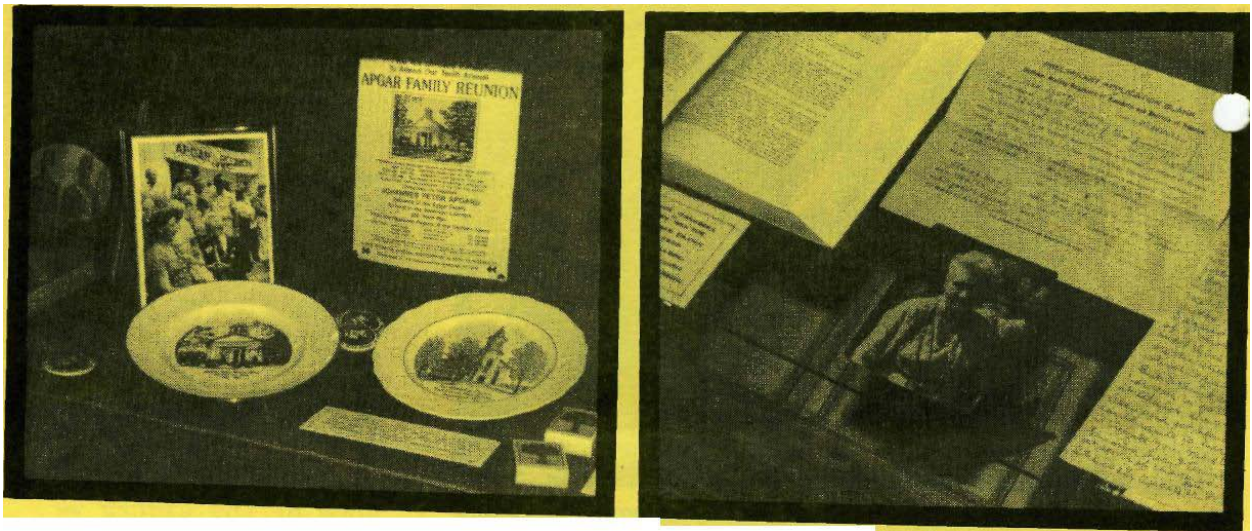
The Light Company is a group of history enthusiasts who devote their time to reliving our Revolutionary War history.

Starting in 1976, the group has participated in many of the bicentennial events. The Light Company name is derived from the Corps of Light Infantry of George Washington's army, first commanded by Brigadier General William Maxwell of New Jersey.

New Jersey soldiers played a prominent role in the history of this group. Members of The Light Company portray the soldiers and camp-followers of this select unit.

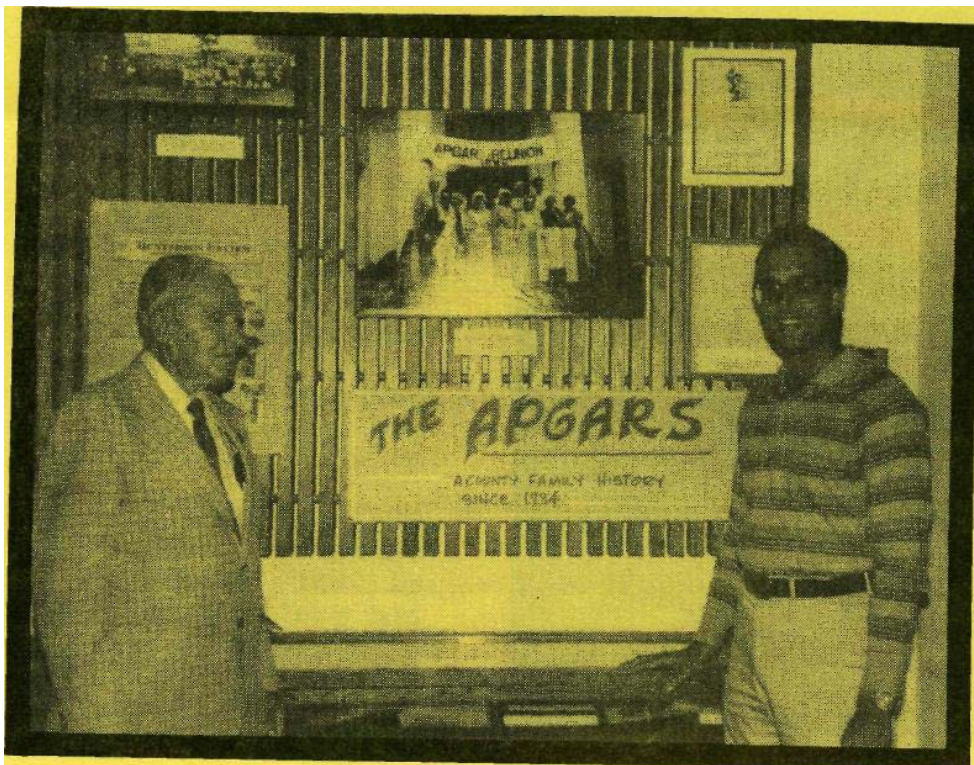
When asked to perform, members re-construct military evolutions and drill of the military camp life.





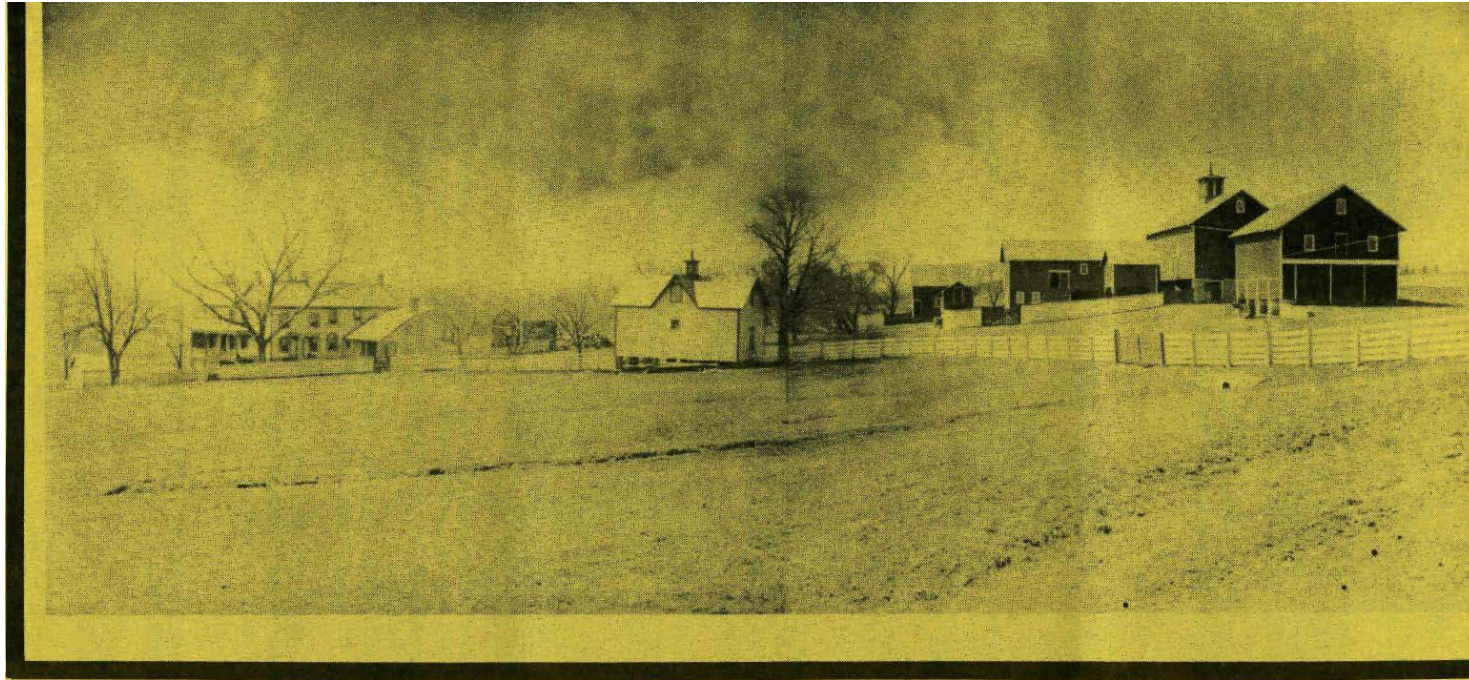
The Apgars - A County Family History Since 1734

Proud of our heritage, and hoping to inspire others to trace their roots, members of the Apgar Family Association set up a display at the Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ. Shown throughout the month of September 1986, a highlight of the exhibit was a large, colorful family tree carrying the names of the many Hunterdon families who have married into the Apgar Family over the years. Also included in the exhibit was early church records from the Lebanon Reformed Church dating back two and one-half centuries. Taylor-Wharton steel mill memorabilia, Revolutionary War and Civil War data, and other family records the family has collected over the years from their Show-and-Tell Tables set up by family members during their annual family reunions in Hunterdon County, NJ.



Shown on the left is Henry Apgar, First Vice-President and on the right is our newly elected President, George Apgar Jr.

A special thanks to family members and friends who had helped to make this exhibit a huge success it was: Reba Bloom, Robert Apgar, Leslie Hann, George Apgar Jr., Stacy Apgar, Virginia Povlick, Henry Apgar, Wayne Apgar, Nina Phillips, Raymond and Artie Jachowski, and the Lebanon Reformed Church.



9. Frederick Apgar - His family farm near Little York, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

I was very fortunate to be in attendance at an Alexandria Township Historical Society meeting that was held on April 23, 1986 in the former Mt. Salem Methodist Church building. The Frederick line was more fortunate because Reba Bloom of this line spoke to members of the society on the Apgar Family and son number nine - Frederick, who along with his wife, Elizabeth, are buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, New Jersey (1832 and 1848 death dates respectively).

Reba's talk started with 1734, the year our patriarch arrived in the American Colonies and ended with the family of Frederick and Elizabeth Mettler Apgar and their 12 children.

Reba did a super job and we all thank her for her time and efforts. If you are interested in contacting this historical society, you may write: Mary Ellen Soldavin, Alexandria Township Historical Society, RD2 Box 119, Milford, NJ 08848.

George Apgar Jr. - Editor

Greetings From Beaver Dam, WI!

Many years ago my wife, Jeanette, and I knew a fine man named Larry (Lawrence) Apgar. At the time he was an instructor in music, organist, and organ teacher at Earlham College in the city of Richmond, Indiana. Larry was a really great musician -and a great humorist too. When he would visit us now and again, he would usually bring my wife flowers.

Anyway, we would like to know whether he is still alive - and whether you could possibly send us some address for him?

Yours Sincerely,

Ernest O. Norquist
Retired Pastor
222 Park Avenue
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Philhower Family Annual Reunion:

The 70th Annual Reunion of the Philhower Family in the Hunterdon County area was held on Saturday, September 6, 1986 at the local Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey.

Preparations were made for over one hundred members and guests to attend. A turkey dinner was served by the women of the church around 1:00 PM and registration and children's games started earlier in the day at around 10:30 AM.

After dinner a short business meeting was held followed by a slide program presented by the Hunterdon County Park System on "A Visit To The Hunterdon County Park System".

A large bulletin board, prepared by Mrs. Raymond Philhower of Morristown, was available for all to enjoy. It had some very interesting items covering happenings of all family members since their last yearly reunion.

The Philhower family are descendants of Philip Philhower, who came from Germany by way of Holland and arrived in Philadelphia in 1748. Shortly thereafter he settled in Mountainville in Hunterdon County. In Volume I of the Apgar Family History, approximately sixty Philhower Family members are listed with many more promised to be recorded in Volume II.

The first reunion was held on August 25, 1917 in the Hickory Grove of George Lindabury in Farmersville, Hunterdon County. Today many members are now living in various states throughout the country.

If there is a Philhower in your line, we would appreciate hearing from you!

Thank you.

Raymond Philhower
261 Speedwell Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

Clover Family Exchange:

Somewhere around 1767 to 1770 Catherine Clover married Peter Apgar a/k/a Peter of Lebanon. This information is found in T. F. Chamber's EARLY GERMANS OF NEW JERSEY, published 1895, page 239; Peter Apgar of Lebanon, son of John, md (1) Catherine Clover.

According to a publication entitled "First Four Generations of Peter Apgar of Lebanon, son of Johannes Peter Apgard" researched by Helen M. Apgar of Ithaca, NY and Helen S. Apgar of Califon, NJ, Catherine Clover was the daughter of Peter Clover of Prussia and Catherine Sharpenstine of Holland.

Thirteen children were born to this couple and this book gives their names, birth dates, and the names of spouses and marriage information when it applies.

This information helps to verify (1) that Catherine Clover Apgar was, indeed, the mother of the thirteen children (another source suggests she was a second wife and may not have been the mother of any of them; (2) that Catherine's mother's maiden name was Sharpenstine. "The Vandembark History" (by Isa Reed) has supported this, and our October research in SLC indicates that there were a number of Sharpe families in the German Valley area of New Jersey in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties whose names had been shortened from Sharpenstine.

If you find anymore descendants of Clover and Sharpenstine in your family research, I would appreciate hearing from you. We still have a lot of work to do on those early lines and sure can use some help.

Thank you.

Robert H. Clover
1861 Cameo Court
Redding, CA 96002

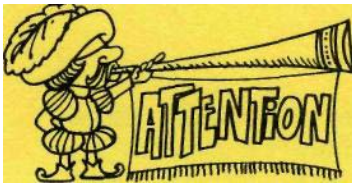
Wanted To Buy Antique Apgar Baskets In Good Condition:

About three years ago, I came across a booklet on antique baskets. This booklet contains photographs of many antique Apgar baskets of all sizes and shapes. I would like to add to my basket collection an "Apgar basket". If you can help I would appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you.

Carol Russ
664 West Crescent Avenue
Allendale, NJ 07401





The long awaited second volume of the Apgar Story is ready for ordering to all interested family members and friends!!!

Each part of Volume II is approximately the same size as our Volume I which was 280 pages. Volume II includes the fifth generation up to the present time. It is four parts and you can order any or all of these parts. When you order, you must give us your "line" since this determines which part you will receive. If you do not know your line, contact us and we will help you determine which line of the family you belong to. Volume II includes the following lines:


VOLUME II

- Part I - Herbert, Heinrich, and John Peter
- Part II - Adam and Catherine
- Part III - Jacob and William
- Part IV - Frederick, Conrad, and Peter

Due to the cost of publishing such a massive work, prepaid orders must be requested. The cost will be \$40.00 for each part of the volume. NJ residents must add 6% state sales tax to their total.

Please fill out the form below indicating which line you wish to purchase, your complete mailing address (no box numbers please!), telephone number, and amount enclosed. Mail order form to: Dorothy Apgar, 56 Cherryville-Stanton Road, Flemington, NJ 08822; telephone number: 201 782-3643.

Also, Volume I can still be ordered! The cost is \$30.00 per book which includes the corrections and additions. NJ residents must add 6% state sales tax to their total.

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