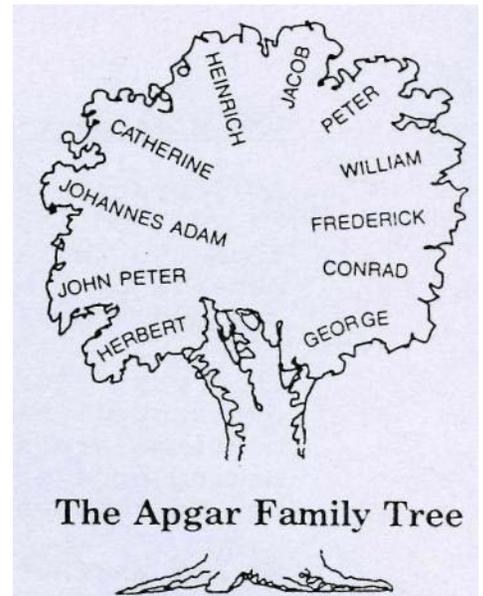
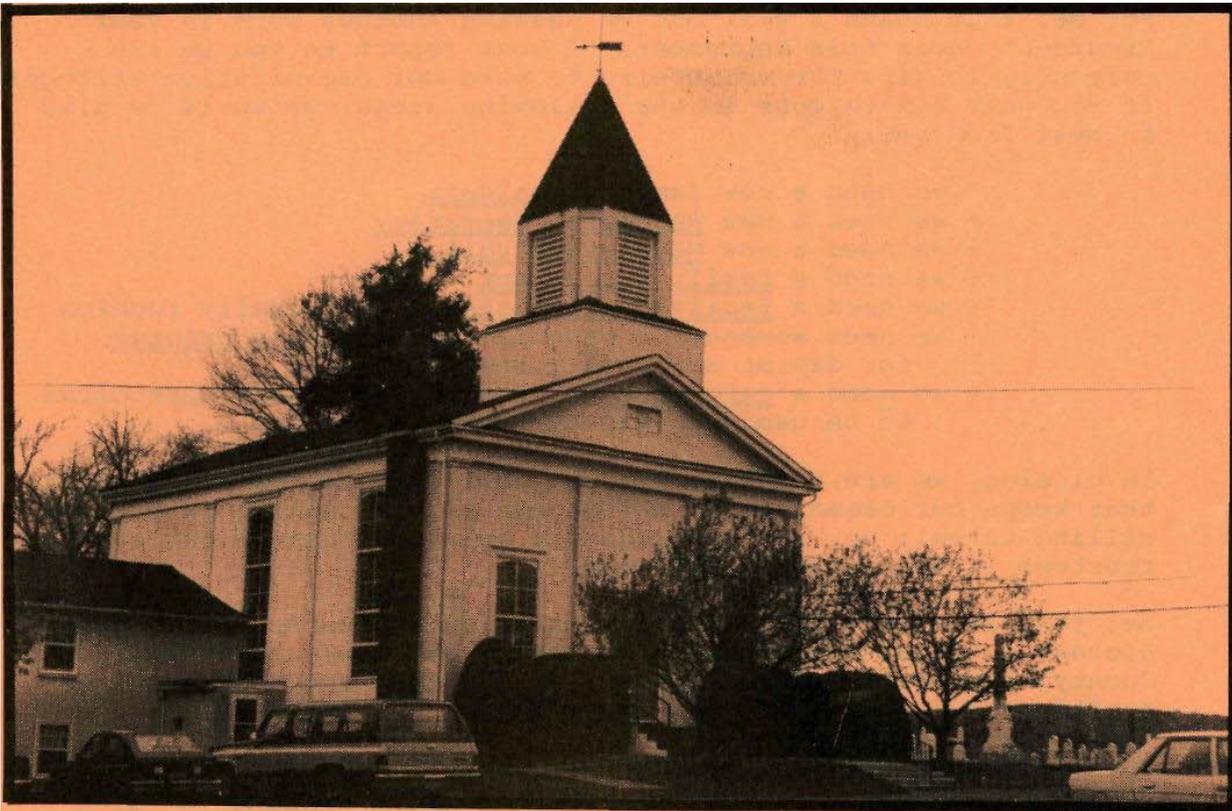


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ALEXANDRIA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. PLEASANT

Shown above is the setting where we will have our 15th Annual Apgar Family Reunion come this September 16, 1989. Known as the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant, this church is the home church of Frederick and Heinrich Apgar, two of the sons of our family patriarch Johannes Peter Apgard of Cokesbury, New Jersey.

More details and information will be mailed come mid-summer when we send our annual family reunion invitations to interested family members,

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

The President's Message:

As I write my third annual message as your President, Spring is well on its way here in Central New Jersey. Change seems to be the theme for both myself and the Apgar Association these days so it is on that subject I would like to talk about.

As noticed elsewhere in this current newsletter, this September 16th we will be changing the location of our annual family reunion. And as your President I promise to keep you posted of our plans. More details will be in our annual family reunion invitation that should be mailed sometime mid-summer.

This past December 1988, in between the falling snowflakes, I was fortunate to move into my first new home. This has kept me both busy and very excited about my new surroundings. For those of you who know me this has been a dream since I first graduated college over fifteen years ago. And with the added responsibility of owning a new home comes a second job and time for me to move on to other new challenges.

For me, that means I will not be seeking another term as your President comes this September. I must report to you we are currently looking for volunteers to make our organization stronger. If you have any talents in the following areas, we would be glad to hear from you:

- + we need a new family President
- + we need a new Recording Secretary
- + we need a new Newsletter Editor
- + we need a family accountant
- + we need a family photographer day of family reunion
- + we need someone to organize a children's program for day of our family reunion
- + we need a carpenter to construct portable corkboards to be used the day of our family reunion

In closing, we are a family blessed full of interest and support that keeps our organization strong and alive. Again, if you are willing to help us, we encourage you to contact me or any of the trustees listed in this newsletter.

See you all at our 15th Annual Reunion on September 16th at the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Let's make 1989 our most successful and exciting year yet!

In Family Unity,

George Apgar Jr.

President (1986-1988)
218 Kempsey Drive
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

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Pictured here are several of your trustees on the steps of the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant. Left to right, front row are Reba Bloom, Mary Apgar, and Dorothy Apgar. Back row are Robert Apgar, Henry Apgar, and Ruth Apgar.

Not shown are trustees George Apgar of New Brunswick, George Apgar of Chester, Rob Apgar, Al Tiger, and Wayne Apgar.

Photograph taken by George Apgar of North Brunswick.

*Henry Apgar
 *Ruth Apgar
 Trustee 1988-1991
 315 Clifford Street
 South Plainfield, NJ
 07080

*Mary Apgar
 Trustee 1988-1991
 416 Runyon Avenue
 Middlesex, NJ
 08846

*Wayne Apgar
 Trustee 1988-1991
 102 Eastern States Parkway
 Somerville, NJ
 08876

*Rob Apgar
 Trustee 1987-1990
 80 Wendover Court
 Bedminster, NJ
 07921

*Reba Bloom
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 68 North Slope
 Clinton, NJ
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*Al Tiger
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 Somerville, NJ
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 08822

The Fourteenth Annual Apgar Family Reunion - The Minutes;

Saturday, September 17, 1988, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Cokesbury, New Jersey

Once again it rained and was cold on the day of our family reunion. But as in past years, this did not dampen the spirits of the more than one hundred and forty Apgar descendants and relatives that met at the Methodist Church in Cokesbury on September 17, 1988.

The program got underway at 1:45 P.M. when Dorothy Apgar, family historian, greeted the families and brought everyone up-to-date on the publishing of our family history.

Dorothy reported ten new Apgars were added to our family roster when she received correspondence from a family member living in Willow, Alaska.

She continued her report by telling an interesting story about a cane that was carved by an Apgar many years ago and was presented to the President of Taylor Wharton Iron and Steel Company of High Bridge. Marshall Frederick Apgar, grandfather of Robert Apgar, our current Corresponding Secretary, made the cane which was then passed on to each new President of the firm. A gold handle was later put on the cane. But somewhere along the line the where-abouts of the cane became unknown after Taylor Wharton became a part of Harrisburg Steel Company.

Robert then spoke of his endeavors to locate the cane and get it back into our family hands. He hopes to eventually recover the cane and present it to the Hunterdon County Historical Society in Flemington, New Jersey for all to enjoy.

Dorothy next introduced guest speaker James Wright, teacher and historian, who gave an interesting account of the 15th Regiment's participation in the Civil War. Several family members were a part of that regiment from Flemington.

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Corresponding Secretary Robert Apgar of Flemington greets Iva Herzog of the Adam and Jacob line as Second Vice-President Imelda Mercier of Bricktown looks on.



Dorothy Apgar, family historian, chats with our guest speaker, James Wright. Dressed in an authentic Civil War uniform, James is a well-known historian/ genealogist and newspaper columnist for the Easton Express.

For our day's agenda, James spoke on the 15th New Jersey Volunteer Regiment, raised from Hunterdon/Warren/Somerset Counties.

The Minutes - Continued:

Following our guest speaker, President George N. Apgar, Jr. called the 14th annual meeting to order. George welcomed the family and noted there were a number of new faces in attendance this year. He thanked Bill Everhardt for the handling of the traffic in front of the Church and Malvena Apgar for her usual excellent preparation and the serving of the food at our lunch hour.

Al Tiger, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the last years meeting.

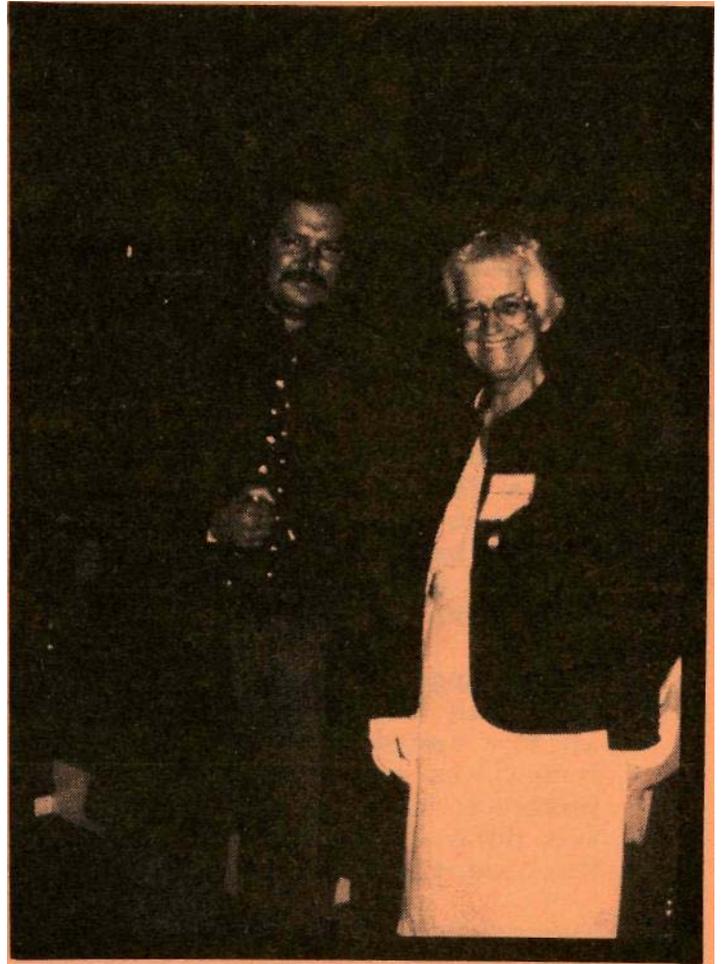
George M. Apgar, Jr., Treasurer, reported there was a balance of \$1899.44 in the General Fund and a total of \$1303.59 in the Book Account.

Robert Apgar, Corresponding Secretary, read a letter from past President Wilson Jones who regretted he could not attend due to illness in his family. Robert reported that 502 invitations were sent and that 42 families replied that they would attend this years reunion.

Barbara Apgar, Chairperson of Membership, reported to date that there are 259 members in the Association and that \$1830 in dues had been received.

The President next called Barbara and Richard Apgar of Clinton to come forward. The Trustees had wished to acknowledge their appreciation for jobs well done during their term as Trustees. George then presented Barbara and Richard with a plaque and thanked them for their service.

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The Minutes - Continued;

New business included the trustee nominations. The following family members were placed in nomination by Robert Apgar, the current Corresponding Secretary to serve as Trustees for (3) three years: Henry Apgar, South Plainfield; Ruth Apgar, South Plainfield; Wayne Apgar, Somerville; and Mary Apgar, Middlesex.

Henry and Ruth Apgar's terms as Trustees were coming to an end and both agreed to run again. Wayne and Mary ran to fill the vacancies created when Barbara and Richard Apgar chose not to be reappointed for another three year term. No other nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made to appoint the above as Trustees and Dorothy seconded the motion. The motion was carried by family members.

The President announced that the current Trustees were looking for a family accountant and would welcome anyone with this experience who might be willing to help the Association. He also stated we could use the help of a carpenter, photographer, as well as a newsletter editor to replace George who would like to step down as editor.

Henry Apgar spoke in regards to an Apgar stamp to commemorate the late Doctor Virginia Apgar who devised the Apgar Score used in the testing of new born babies. Henry reported that the hospitals and doctors would be happy to have such an honor bestowed upon Doctor Apgar and felt that it was time something was done to honor someone in the medical profession. Henry will continue to pursue this project.

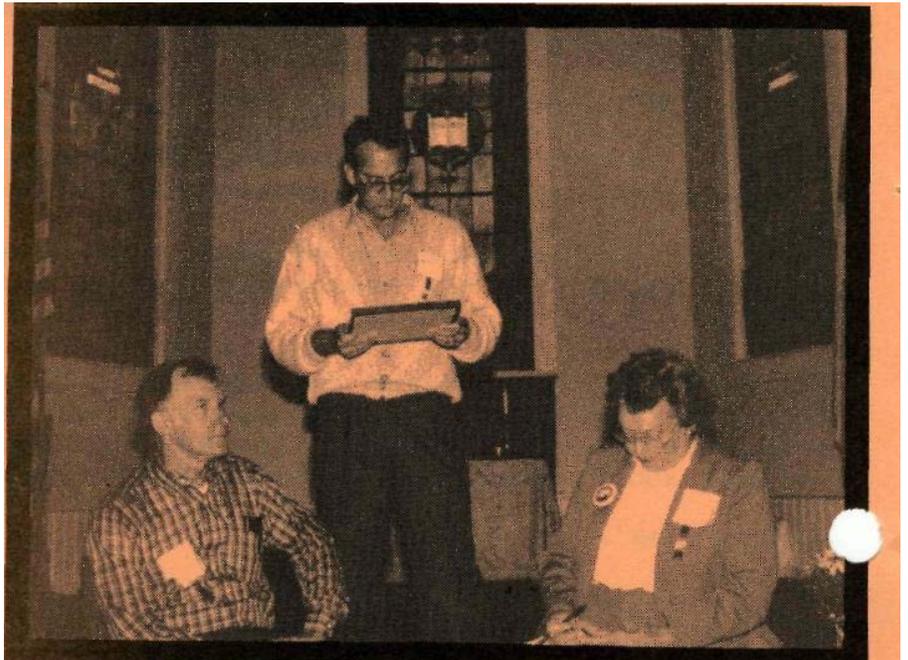
Awards were made to the following in attendance:

Youngest: Mark Daniel Epstein, age 20 1/2 months; Mark's parents are Patricia and Norman Epstein of Easton, PA.

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It was during our business meeting that our President George Apgar presented out-going Trustees Barbara and Dick Apgar with a plaque which read in part "in recognition of your help and achievement that contributed to the Apgar Family Association, Inc. successes and continued work of preserving our family history for generations to come. As Trustees you have met our family goals with energy, enthusiasm, and support."

Barbara and Dick are original members of our family reunions for the past fifteen years!



The Minutes - Continued:

Oldest Female: Lenola Layden, age 95 of Whitehouse, NJ

Oldest Male: Leslie Hann, age 90 of High Bridge, NJ

Longest Married Couple: John and Dorothy Apgar, married on September 1, 1926 (62 years ago) from Milburn, NJ

Persons Who Traveled Farthest: Bill and Dorothy Apgar from Albuquergue, New Mexico and Marybelle Apgar from Wheatridge, CO.

Largest Immediate Family Present: Beatrice Apgar from Hampton, NJ with eleven family members present

Special Honor: Arthur, Ethel, and son Clarence Apgar, of Whitehouse Station, NJ for their many years of faithful attendance to our annual reunions!

President Apgar then asked for a show of hands if the members present would be in favor of holding a family reunion for one time only in the Mt. Pleasant Church to honor the Frederick and Heinrich lines. There seemed to be favorable response and George told the membership they would be advised at a later date as to the reunion plans for 1989.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM. The Fifteenth Apgar Annual Family Reunion will be held the third Saturday on September 16, 1989.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alvin B. Tiger
Recording Secretary (1987-1988)

The Treasurer's Message:

This being my second report as your Treasurer, once again there has been an increase in membership and in book sales during 1988.



We hope this trend continues as the rest of our family history books are sold throughout 1989.

Due to our membership fees, we now have a total of \$1252.08 in our general account and a sum of \$2268.87 in our book account.

As in past years most of our monies have gone toward expenses in mailings, printings, and general correspondence throughout the year.

Thank you.

George M. Apgar, Jr.
Treasurer (1987-1988)
41 Fairmount Ave. - POB 398
Chester, NJ 07930

An Awards Photo Essay From Our Fourteenth Apgar Family Reunion:



Showing off their new "Apgar Mugs" are Bill and Dorothy Apgar of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Mary-belle Apgar from Wheatridge, Colorado. All three traveled the farthest to attend our family reunion. Sitting in the middle is current family President George Apgar.

Frederick Mercier, husband to Second Vice President Imelda Mercier helps out presenting her "Apgar Mug" to oldest female family member in attendance, Lenola Layden, who is 95 years young!



Family member Beatrice Apgar from Hampton, NJ has the largest immediate family members in attendance with eleven present for the second year in a row. Keep up the great work people!

Membership Chairperson Report:

The year 1988 has proven to be another successful membership year. This is the second year we have been accepting our family memberships.

A total of 265 people counted as individuals and families have become members in the Apgar Family Association, Inc. for the year 1988.

The 1989 annual dues for the Apgar Family Association, Inc. 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 attached to your membership response card.

Membership cards will be mailed out in early January 1989 to everyone on our current mailing list. If you are not on this list you will not receive a membership card application. Therefore, if anyone knows of someone who would like to become a family member, please let me know.

The monies collected by membership dues is what our organization depends on to carry out our activities throughout the year.

We are looking forward to a great 1989 membership year!

Thank you.

Barbara M. Apgar
Membership Chairperson (1987-1988)
92 Anderson Road
Clinton, NJ 08809

POSSIBLE Bus Trip From Cokesbury To Mt. Pleasant And Return Day of Our Family Reunion - September 16, 1989

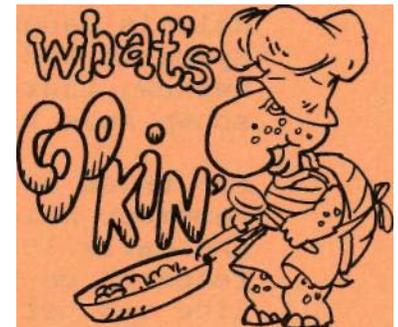
We are CONSIDERING running a bus for those of you who are unable to travel to Mt. Pleasant for the day's reunion.

We need at least forty family members to make this trip possible and the cost would be approximately \$5.00 each.

If you are interested in taking this bus shuttle from Cokesbury to Mt. Pleasant, please fill out the below form and return it to me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please do not send any money at this time!

NAME: _____ Phone Number: _____

RETURN TO: George Apgar Jr., 218 Kempsey Drive, North Brunswick, NJ 08902



Apgar Family Mugs For Sale:

Making their debut at our September 17, 1988 family reunion, we still have some mugs left for sale.

On the front of our mug is our Johannes Peter Apgard Family-tree and on the reverse are words "Apgar Family-Reunion, Third Saturday in September, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, Apgar Family Association, Inc."

Mary Apgar sitting in front of mugs.



All monies collected on this project go towards our current book fund account. Mugs are \$7.00 apiece and please do not use post office box numbers since these mugs are mailed UPS.

To order make your checks payable to: Mary Apgar, 416 Runyon Ave., Middlesex, NJ 08846. Any questions you may reach Mary on 201 968-3065.

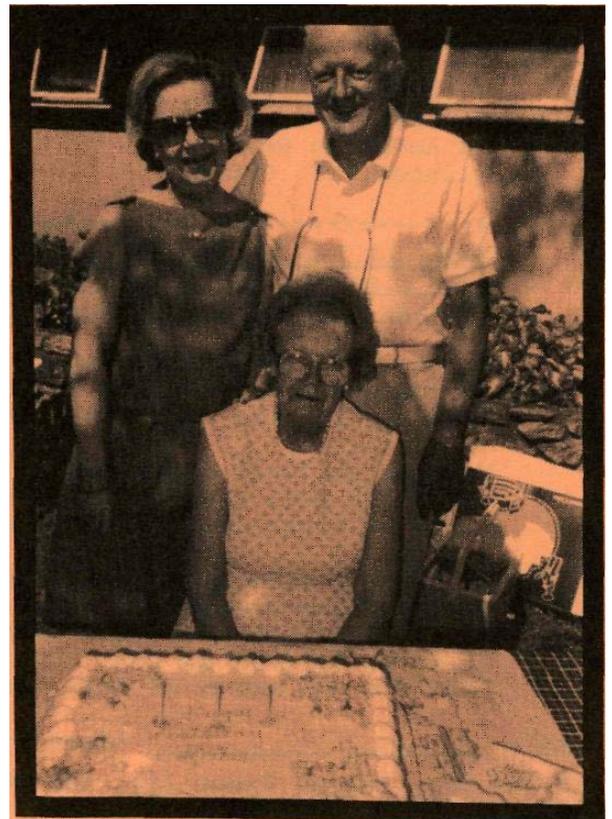
Helen Cramer Celebrates A Very Special Birthday:

This past summer, Helen Cramer, of High Bridge, NJ, celebrated her 85th birthday.

At a party held by Helen Heintz of Lebanon Township, those in attendance included Helen's daughter, Dorothy Sperduto and Helen's nephew, Clarence Blazure shown here with Helen.

For those of you who remember Helen, back in the early 1980's she did research on the Herbert Line and her work is in that volume of our family history.

If you would like to drop Helen a line she may be reached at 167 Fairview Avenue, High Bridge, NJ 08829.



Our Committees for 1989:

Committees for the Apgar Family Association, Inc. are as follows;

Reunion Committee: George N. Apgar, Jr., Chairperson
 Henry and Ruth Apgar
 George M. Apgar, Jr.
 Al and Fran Tiger
 Robert and Dorothy Apgar
 Rob Apgar
 Reba Bloom
 Wayne Apgar
 Imelda and Fred Mercier
 Barbara and Dick Apgar
 Mary Apgar
 Debbie Apgar



Financial Committee: George M. Apgar Jr., Chairperson
 Barbara Apgar
 Dorothy Apgar

Nominating Committee: Current Eleven Trustees

Newsletter Committee: George N. Apgar Jr., Chairperson
 Reba Bloom
 Dorothy Apgar

Apgar Genealogy Committee: Dorothy Apgar, Chairperson
 Barbara Apgar
 Helen Apgar

These committees are formed every year at our family reunion. If you would like to help us make our association stronger, please contact any of the family members listed. We will be glad to hear from you!

George Apgar, Jr. - President

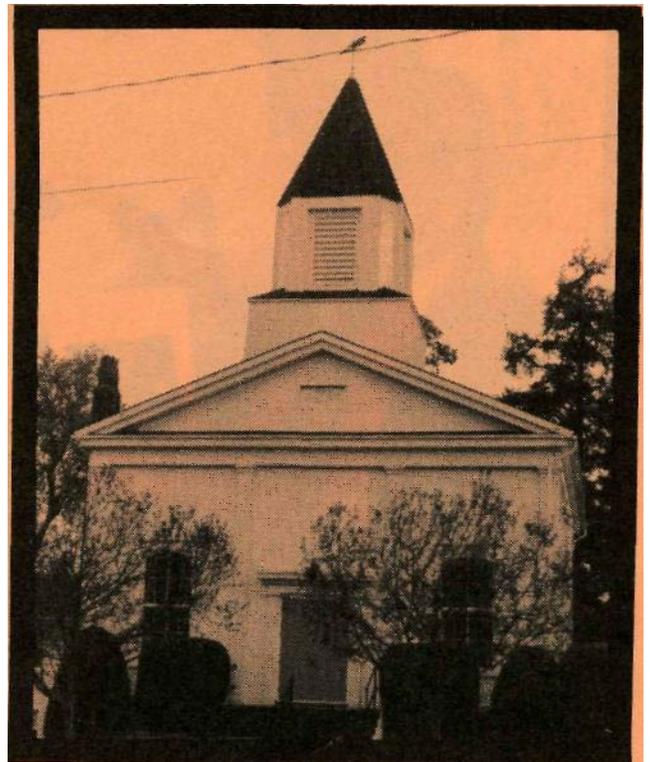
Mark Your 1989 Calendar Now!

Our Fifteenth Annual Apgar Family Reunion will be held this coming September 16, 1989 at the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant, New Jersey.

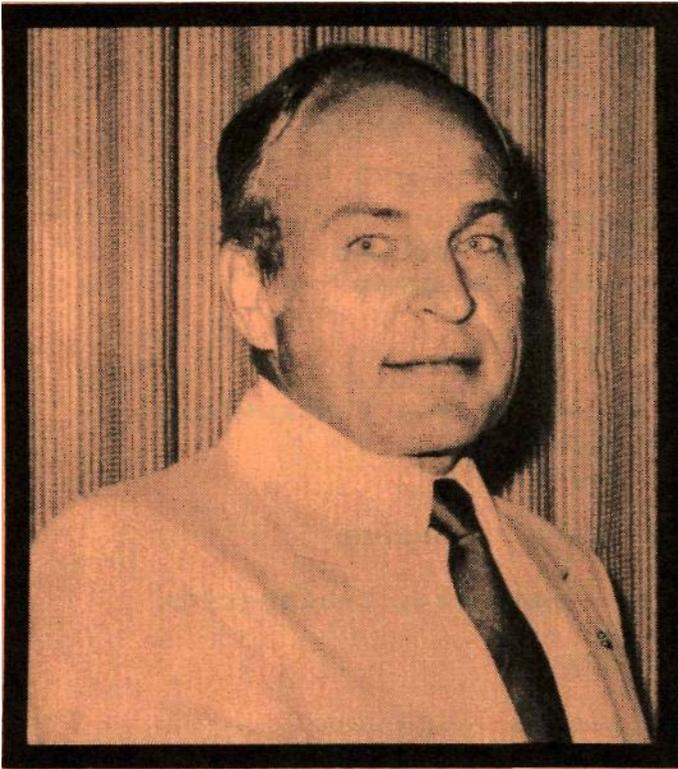
More details with our family invitations when they are mailed around July-August of this summer.

See you at our reunion on September 16th!

If you have any good ideas on how we can improve our reunions, feel free to drop us a note!



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



John N. (Jack) Apgar, 59, 1928-1987
Born in Bound Brook, NJ, Jack was a life-long resident of the area. Working as Chairman of the Board of Somerset Tire Service, Inc. Jack was never too busy to talk Apgar family history, Whenever in Europe on business he made it a point to try to visit Germany to look for any material on Johannes and his support of our former paperweight project will never be forgotten. Jack is from the Adam Line.

Katherine M. Sutton, 66, 1922-1988

For those of you who remember our first reunion days at the Geist family home in High Bridge, Katherine was

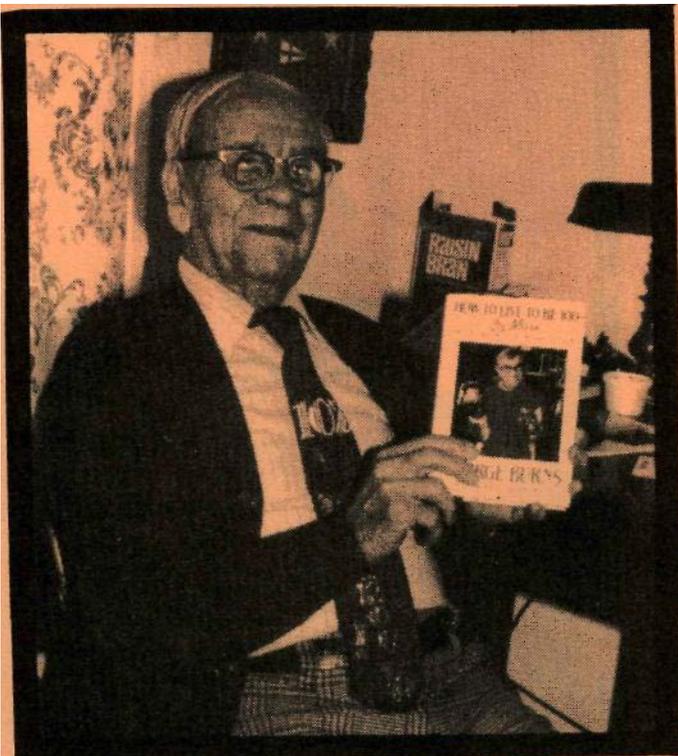
always present and working. Her research on the John Peter Line will be with us for a long time. Katherine's smile and support will indeed be missed!



G. Charles (Charlie) Gunderson, 105, 1883-1988.

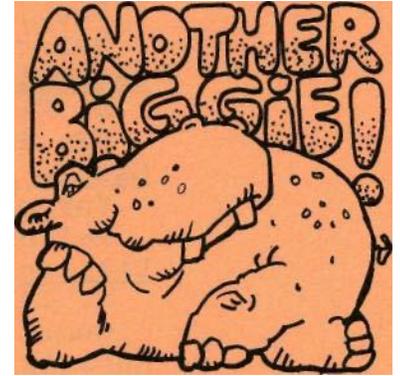
Engineer, inventor, yachtsman, you name it Charlie did it. Married to our own Fanny Hunt, whenever Charlie came to

our reunions, the agenda was all his and we are a stronger family because of it. Shown here with his George Burns book, he often wrote to George giving him pointers on how to reach 100. Coming from the Frederick Line, Charlie gave us wisdom and faith!



Historian's Report:

This being the second year I have done this report as published in our annual newsletter, my report is made up from many sources, so if you have any changes in our family send me the clipping or a short note, including your line, name, address, and full information on the birth, death, and/ or marriage. Please note if you send a clipping, identify the newspaper and date of the notice. Thank you to those of you that sent notices this past year and thanks in advance to those of you that have information for me this coming year of 1989.



Dorothy E. Apgar
Family Historian (1975-1988)
56 Cherryville-Stanton Road
Flemington, NJ 08822

DEATHS:

Richard B. Snowden (10.14.6.9), 85, d. 2 Dec. 1987, Plainfield, NJ.
Henry Alpaugh (6.4.3.4.2.1)(10.14.3.1.3), 81, 20 Dec. 1987, of Clinton, NJ, int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ.
Frank Apgar (unknown), 80, d. 28 Jan. 1988, of Parsippany, New Jersey.
Ethel Gertrude Apgar (wife of 3.5.3.4.12.2), 89, d. 30 Jan. 1987, of Bound Brook, New Jersey.
*John N. Apgar (3.5.3.4.12.3.1), 59, d. 23 Dec. 1987, of Martinsville, NJ, int. Bound Brook Cem, Bound Brook, NJ.
Daniel M. Arnesen (hus. of 10.12.2.3.2.5), 68, d. 19 Nov. 1987, of Jutland, NJ, int. Union Cem., Grandlin, NJ.
Dolores M. Apgar (wife of (2.3.1.2.1.2.3)(4.1.1.6.3.3.1.3), 59, d. 19 Nov. 1987 of High Bridge, NJ, int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, New Jersey
Jennie D. Apgar (wife of 1.8.8.5.2), 86, d. 30 Nov. 1987, of Lebanon, NJ, int. Mountainview Cem, Cokesbury, NJ.
Paul F. Stewart (hus. of 1.2.3.11.1.2.2), 86, d. 26 Nov. 1987, of Washington, NJ, int. Union Cem, Hackettstown, NJ.
Marjorie Alpaugh Sheridan (1.7.3.3.1.1.), 69, d. 20 Nov. 1987, of Deer Park, TX, int. Immaculate Conception Cem., Clinton, New Jersey.
David F. McCatharn (6.4.3.4.5.4.2), 62, d. 23 Dec. 1987, of Willseyville, NY, int. Mountain View, Cokesbury, NJ.
Floyd Apgar (6.10.3.6.1.1), 82, d. 11 Dec. 1987, of Pohatcong Twp NJ, int. Greenwich Cem., Greenwich Twp, NJ.
Gladys McCatharn Philhower (6.4.3.4.2.1.7)(10.14.3.1.3.1), 81, d. 20 Dec. 1987, of Kunkletown, PA, int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ.
Juanita J. Apgar (wife of (6.2.3.1.9.4.1), d. 18 Jan. 1988, of Mendham, New Jersey.
Harry S. Wagner (4.5.8.3.7), 80, d. 5 Feb. 1988, of Clinton, NJ, int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ.

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Historian Report Continued: DEATHS:

Roscoe H. Anderson (10.12.1.3.2.1)(6.10.3.3.3.1), 84, d. 1 Mar. 1988, formerly of High Bridge, NJ and North Plainfield, NJ, int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ.

Marion L. Van Cleef (wife of 10.14.1.3.1.1), 90, d. 28 Dec, 1988, of Somerville, NJ, int. South Branch Reformed Church Cem.

*Katherine Apgar Sutton (2.3.1.11.2.1)(3.5.3.1.3.1.1), 66, d. 21 Mar 1988, formerly of High Bridge and Flemington, NJ, int. Mountainview Cem., Cokesbury, NJ.

Mattie Apgar Watters (3.5.5.2.3.2), 86, d. 15 Mar. 1988, formerly of High Bridge and Flemington, NJ, int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ.

Lillian Lila Reed Hockenbury Gutman (2.3.6.1.1.1.1), 91, d. 13 Mar. 1988, of Lebanon Twp., NJ, int. Spruce Run Cem., Lebanon Twp., NJ.

Russell Nunn Fritts (4.4.4.7.7.3), 81, d. 18, 1988, of Holland Twp., formerly of Hillside, NJ.

Norman Querry (6.2.5.6.6.9), 71, d. 8 Mar. 1988, of High Bridge, NJ, int. Musconetcong Valley Cem., Hampton, NJ.

Lloyd Castanien (hus. of 1.2.3.3.1.1.3.1), 67, d. 10 Apr. 1988, of Lebanon Twp, NJ, int. Spruce Run Cem., Glen Gardner, NJ.

Helen Rockafellow Bush (3.3.5.2.3.2), 84, d. 23 May 1988, of Flemington, NJ, int. Prospect Hill Cem., Flemington, NJ.

Elizabeth Thornton Apgar (wife of Albert M. Apgar, line unk), 96, d. 14 June 1988, of Newark, NJ, int. Gate of Heaven Cem., Newark, NJ.

Ronald L. Campbell (hus. of Joyce Apgar Campbell, line unk. 42, killed 27 May 1988 in an airplane accident, Refuge Cove, British Columbia, Canada, Vietnam Veteran, moved to Seattle, WA 1973 from Plainfield, NJ.

Ethel R. Apgar (wife of Frank A. Apgar, line unk), d. 14 Aug. 1988, lived in Toledo, OH, than Sarasota, FL.

Wilbert H. Applegate (3.6.3.1.1.2.1), 77, d. 9 Aug, 1988, of Califon and Lebanon Twp., NJ, int. Fairmount Cem. Tewksbury Twp., NJ.

Myrtle Apgar Hall (3.7.7.7.2.7), 73, d. 11 Aug. 1988, of Long Valley, NJ, int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ.

Lena Hann Harrington (1.2.3.6.5.1.?), 93, d. 9 Sept. 1988, of Rt. 513 Lebanon Twp., NJ, int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ.

Ann B. Wack Ort (dau. of Jacob and Amanda Wack Ort), 96, d. 15 Sept. 1988, of Califon, NJ, int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ.

Theresa Apgar (wife of Stacy Apgar 6.5.2.1.2.2.2), 84, d. 3 Oct. 1987. Mahlon Apgar III (9.5.6.1.3.1), 85, d. 8 June 1988, of Clearwater, FL, int. Mt. Pleasant Cem., Mt. Pleasant, NJ.

Tracy Lynn Apgar (unknown), 15, d. 22 Sept 1988, as a result of an automobile accident, Brookville, OH, int. Royal Oak Memorial Gardens, Brookville, OH.

* See page 12 for special memorial dedication.

Editor's Note: This report will continue in our next newsletter.

A New Stamp Would Be Nation's Thanks To Virginia Apgar

Be warned. I owe this column. However much of my feelings show, I am trying to be objective. . . Could you find space in your column to mention Dr. Virginia Apgar and her contributions to infants around the world? a Denver perinatologist asked me. He is collecting support for a commemorative stamp to be issued in Dr. Apgar's honor. . . How could I not? . . Millions of babies owe Virginia Apgar their good start in life. I owe her for an inspired education. . . Every baby born in a modern hospital anywhere in the world is looked at first through the eyes of Virginia Apgar a physician once said. He is right. She developed the Apgar test, used all over the world to evaluate the physical condition of newborn babies at one minute and five minutes after birth and to call urgent attention to any need for emergency care. . . But Virginia Apgar was much more subtle and complicated than this suggests. She graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons when that was a rare achievement for a woman, and won certification as an anesthesiologist, when the country had only forty-nine others. At Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, she specialized in obstetrical anesthesia and was often appalled at how little attention physicians paid to newborn babies, even those in urgent trouble, because they were so busy caring for the new mothers. . . But much can go wrong with babies long before they are born. So after earning a master of public health degree from Johns Hopkins, Apgar joined what is now the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, as it was switching its focus from the conquest of polio to new battlegrounds. As medical director, she helped fund a complexity of research into the generic, infectious, environmental and still unknown causes of birth defects, their prevention and treatment. . . Dr. Virginia Apgar has had many honors. Her alma matter, Mount Holyoke College, has named an academic chair for her. The American Academy of Pediatrics calls a prestigious annual award by her name. A commemorative stamp would be especially fitting (oh yes, she found time to build an impressive stamp collection), an appropriate national thank you for a woman who former Surgeon General Julius Richmond says has probably done more to improve the health of mothers, babies and unborn infants than anyone this century. . .



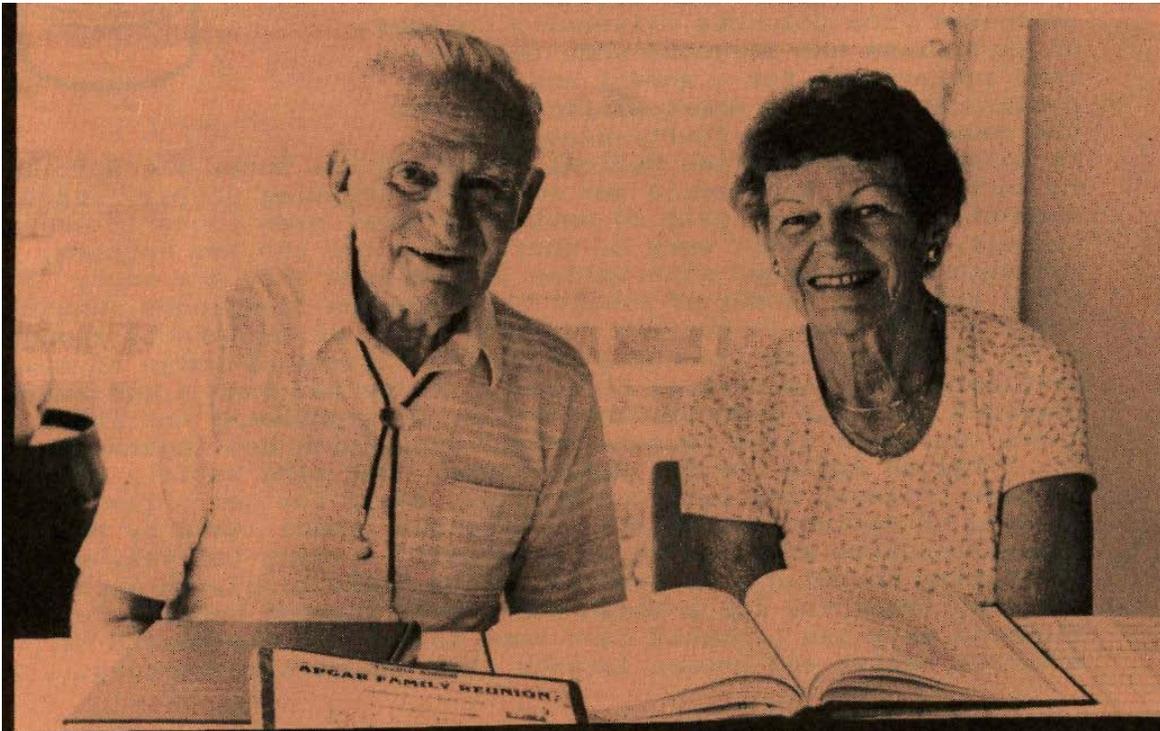
Joan Beck
Chicago Tribune
March 17, 1988

Editor's Note: Joan Beck wrote a book with Doctor Apgar on the topic of birth defects. This project took about five years to complete since both woman had very busy schedules at that time. Doctor Apgar wanted the book to be published for the benefit of parents.

Henry Apgar In Crusade To Honor Famous Relative;

Henry Apgar wants the nation to pay homage to his long lost relative, a woman whose face he believes should be on a postage stamp. . .Dr. Virginia Apgar should be honored, he says, because in a way she is related to untold millions of Americans and most children born in the world today. It is impossible to estimate the value of her contribution to the lives of new born babies. The life and accomplishments of Dr. Apgar, a native of Westfield, NJ, are well known now and are well known by her contemporaries. But to Henry Apgar, who served as South Plainfield's mayor from 1952-1956, Dr. Apgar was just a forgotten second-cousin. . . Only in recent years did Henry, who is now 81, learn who the woman with whom he shares a great-grandfather was. The information came to him through the Apgar Association, a group of his relatives who gather to commemorate and learn about their family, which traces its American roots to 1734. . . Now Henry is an enthusiastic part of the Apgar Association's efforts to get the postal service to issue a stamp commemorating the life of Dr. Apgar. The stamp would honor a true world citizen and a woman ahead of her time.

Bill Reynolds
The Reporter
August 4, 1988



Henry and Ruth at their home working on their family research.

Editor's Note: If you would like to join our efforts in trying to make this planned tribute a reality, we have attached to this newsletter a sample letter you may sign and return to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. Dr. Apgar's impact on the world of medicine has been great so what better tribute than a United States Postal Stamp!

