

# APGAR

## Family Association Newsletter

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## New Meeting Place for 27th Annual Reunion on September 15-16

In its continuing drive to improve our reunions, your Board of Trustees has made two important changes. First, we have moved the Saturday meeting location to a larger and more central location, the **Whitehouse United Methodist Church**. Second, we are continuing the two-day agenda, to include a Sunday driving tour, that proved so popular last year.

Note that this special edition of the newsletter takes the place of your formal invitation. Please mail back the response card included with your newsletter.

We will continue to meet at the **Cokesbury United Methodist Church** for Sunday services as a prelude to the Sunday tour.

The Saturday meeting has been expanded to include more displays for the family seeking its roots. We have scheduled a genealogy workshop for beginning researchers. Holding the meeting in the Whitehouse United Methodist Church will provide more meeting rooms, better facilities in case of inclement weather, enough off-street parking for everyone, and a safe play area for children.

## Our Two-Day Reunion Schedule

### **Saturday, Sept 15, Whitehouse United Methodist Church**

10:00 AM Meet at Whitehouse  
United Methodist Church

10:30 AM Workshops

12:00 PM Catered Lunch

1:30 PM Annual Business Meeting

2:00 PM Program by Black River  
Journal Editors

1-10 PM Saturday Night "Open  
House" at the Whitehouse United  
Methodist Church – a chance to share  
genealogy, socialize, etc.

### **Sunday, Sept 16, Cokesbury United Methodist Church**

8:30 AM Join us at Spinning Wheel  
Diner for Breakfast

11:00 AM Meet at Cokesbury United  
Church for Sunday Services

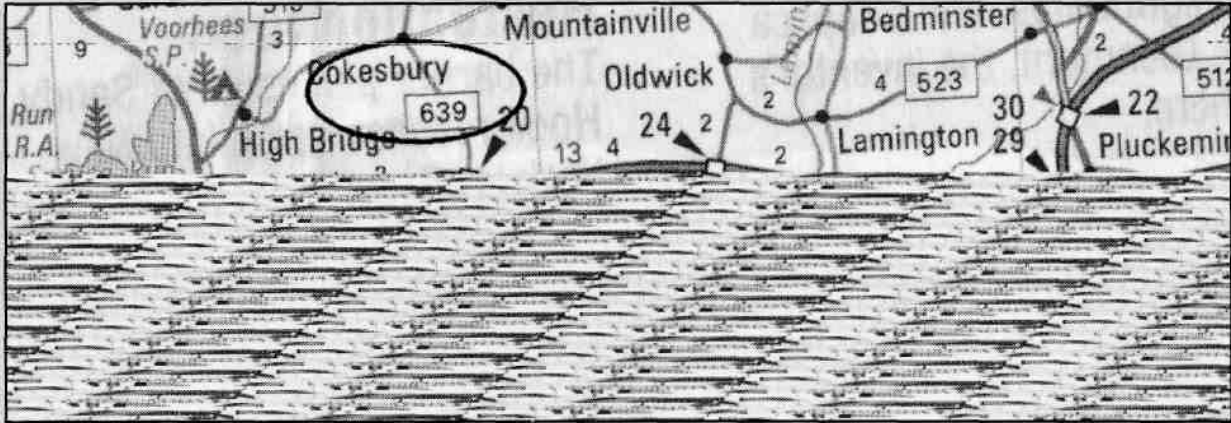
12:30 PM Reception in Church basement  
and pick up detail map for Sunday driving  
tour

1:00 PM Begin Driving Tour

4:00 PM Return to Cokesbury United  
Methodist Church

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## More Reunion Details



### Directions for Saturday:

Drive to Old Highway 28, which runs parallel to Route 22 in Whitehouse. The Whitehouse United Methodist Church is on the North side of Old Highway 28. If you get lost you can telephone the church at (908)534-2064.

### Directions for Sunday:

Drive a little further west than Whitehouse along Route 22 until you reach Lebanon, just north of Round Valley. Take Cokesbury Road North until you see the Cokesbury United Methodist Church on your right.

## Sunday Driving: A Preview of this Year's Family History Tour

Last year, your board of trustees decided to extend the reunion to include Sunday. We had a lot of fun driving throughout the countryside of eastern Hunterdon County visiting the various places where our forefathers lived and died. George N. Apgar Jr. led a wonderful tour of the family homestead located just outside Cokesbury, the Lebanon Reformed Church and the old cemetery.

This year's Sunday tour promises to be equally fun and enlightening. We will start the day with breakfast together at the Spinning Wheel Diner near Whitehouse beginning at 8:30 a.m. It might seem a long time before church starts at 11:00 in Cokesbury, but knowing how talkative this family is two and a half hours will leave us very little time to get to church!

Once we leave the diner, we'll make our way to Cokesbury United Methodist Church to worship where some of the early generations of Apgars worshipped. Imagine attending church where so long ago our forefathers sat, sang and prayed! The records of the church indicate so many members who were involved in the activities of the church throughout the years. Many infants, young children and adults buried in the cemetery beside the church were Apgars whether by blood or marriage.

Then, at 1:00, we will organize into car pools, pick up detailed tour maps, and drive to the homestead where the tour begins.

To remember our ancestors who moved to the south-western part of the county, we will proceed to the Mt. Pleasant/Little York area where Heinrich and Frederick lived. Conrad also spent some time living in that area. We will be able to park in the church lot and see the bell that was in the steeple until a couple of years ago. This bell is now secured in the courtyard of the church. This bell was presented to the First Constitutional Presbyterian Church of Alexandria (now Alexandria 1st Presbyterian Church) in memory of young Ethel Apgar (9.5.6.6.1.) by her mother, Mrs. Edward Heddon Apgar. It is inscribed as follows: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Ethel Apgar by her mother February 3, 1907. 'A lovely being scarcely formed or molded; a rose with all its sweetest leaves yet folded. For such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

The cemetery is across the road and we will be able to walk through the older section where Frederick and Heinrich and their future generations are buried. We will then head towards Little York and be able to pull into the homestead of 9.5.1. John ("Boss John") Apgar, grandson of Frederick. Located on Ram's Horn Hill, it is now owned by Curtis Schick. The village of Little York is just ahead -we will be able to see the old churches, inn and mill.

## Dear Association Members, Family and Friends,

Greetings from the desk of the President. I hope that you are enjoying this latest issue of the Apgar Family Association newsletter.

The primary reason for this edition is to remind you about the new family reunion details and hopefully answer all your questions about the changes being made. The board is excited about the changes taking place for the family get-together and we hope that you share in our excitement. The trustees are hard at work planning this event, coordinating activities and brainstorming for more new ideas to bring this function to fruition. Many of the changes we are initiating will make the reunion better than it was in the past. Our major change, the change of location, is one that we are very excited about! I know that many of you have a special place in your heart for Cokesbury church, and we do not intend to sever ties with them at all, but this new site, the Whitehouse Methodist Church, is much better suited for a gathering of our size.

The format of the reunion itself will stay close to your expectations with some minor changes. This year, we will be adding some workshops. Our first workshop will feature some of our trustees giving a layman's demonstration on researching family history and some of the tools available to assist you. We will then have a workshop geared at those artistically inclined persons to show some unique ways to make Christmas ornaments. Lunch will be in a similar format as before, as will the business meeting following lunch. A new offering this year is an informal "social hour" following the reunion at the church. We will re-open the doors in the evening for you to come back to Whitehouse and socialize with the family in an informal environment. Refreshments are being made available for this as well.

We will also be doing the Sunday activities again this year due to very good response last year. We will be meeting for breakfast, attending the morning service at Cokesbury church, and then having another tour of family sites in the area.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the family members who recently achieved a milestone in their education, but I would specifically like to congratulate my Mom, Cassie, who got her Doctorate in Adult Education from the Pennsylvania State University last month. I personally don't know how she managed to complete a program like that while flawlessly maintaining the regular responsibilities that come with life, such as work and family. I am extremely proud of her.

We are really looking forward to this next reunion, the new format and to seeing all of you in September. As always, if you would like to discuss any issues before the reunion, feel free to call me directly.

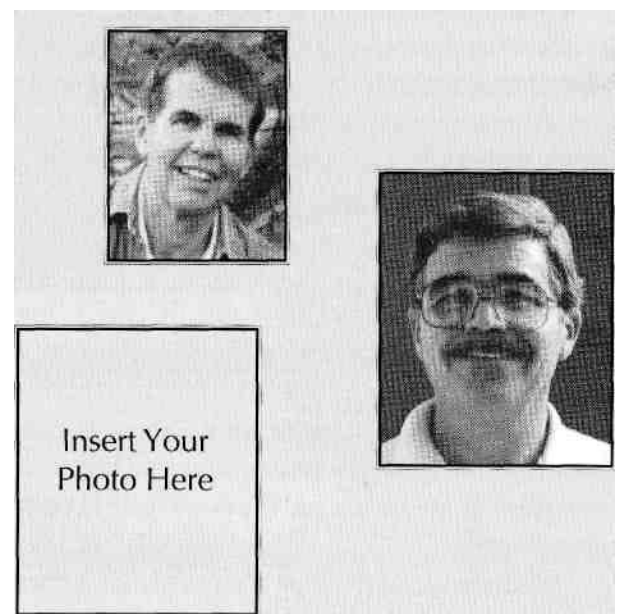
**John C. Apgar III, President**

## **Wouldn't you love to count yourself among the distinguished group pictured here?**

Many are called, but those chosen to be Apgar Family Association Trustees are few! Currently the Board of Trustees has the vacancies listed below, but they won't last long! Call President John Apgar (contact information on page 12) before you miss your chance to join this select group!

Positions available:

- ( Recording Secretary
- ( One Trustee position



## Barbara Apgar

### November 11, 1929 - March 28, 2001

Former Trustee Barbara Apgar lost her battle with breast cancer on the evening of March 28, surrounded by her loving family, as she had lived. Throughout her illness, she maintained a deep well of optimism and courage that was a model for all to follow. She had an unquenchable sense of humor and most people she knew found her a joy to be around. Her home was always a gathering place for family and friends, who dropped in at any time, happy to be recipients of her legendary hospitality. Friends would tell you that her hospitality and sense of humor was her greatest gift. But it wasn't.

Family meant everything to Barbara. She was one of the founding members of the Apgar Association and served for 27 years as the chairwoman of the membership committee. She would never plan to be anywhere else on the third Saturday of September! The times she could take care of friends and family were the happiest of her life. She loved keeping track of all the "Apgars," reading their notes and greeting them from behind the desk at the reunions. Some would tell you that her love of family was her greatest gift. But it wasn't.

Many would tell you that making others feel special was her greatest gift. And it was. Perhaps her niece, Abbe, said it best as she wrote, "As her laughter, her smile and her kindness enriched our lives for all these years, she will continue to be a part of our lives and will be remembered every time someone makes a request for some obscure condiment at a family gathering. Sadly, those requests will now go unfulfilled, as no one could have the heart of your mother, who made it a mission to make sure she had what you might want the next time you visited."

Barbara leaves her husband, Richard, her two daughters, Patricia and Debbie, and two grandsons, Adam and Mark. Quite a legacy! She sacrificed a great deal for her family and left us the better for it. She was generous with her time, her possessions, her love and her guidance. With her passing, the family and life as we have known it has changed forever.

We are grateful for what she gave to us, for who we are and who we have become. The world is a better place because she was in it. She will be missed at this year's high school graduation and journey on to college of her older grandson, who could talk to her when he wasn't in the mood to talk to anyone else. We will miss her during the acting, singing and trumpet concerts of her younger grandson, at Debbie's first anniversary and at the reunions and family celebrations at the beach.

But, the Barbara we knew and loved would want us to continue to do what matters in our lives, to love each other, to do good work and to find meaning. We will never forget her; how could we? She taught us to love nature, the birds, deer, ducks and flowers. She decorated her Christmas tree with bird nests and a wide variety of birds that she had collected over the years, and, in the spring, her yard reflected her love of daffodils and all types of flowers. Her many picnics and gatherings were full of fun. The conversation was never about her; she was interested in everyone else's life.

She was always ready to have a game of cards (some say she cheated!), a beer and a good laugh. We hope there IS beer in heaven!

Abbe also wrote, "we will all miss her, but we will always carry with us an extra measure of joy for having known her and had her in our lives. There are few people who touch so many with so much happiness and ask so little in return."

A life that touches the hearts of others goes on forever. Goodbye, Barbara. You always made us feel special and you will be greatly missed.

*"In one of the stars  
I shall be living  
In one of them  
I shall be laughing  
And so it will be  
as if all the stars  
were laughing  
when you look  
at the sky at night"*

*The Little Prince  
Antoine de Saint-Exupery*



## History of the Whitehouse United Methodist Church

The site of our Saturday meeting has a long history in the local area. Many Apgars worshipped there and a former pastor was an Apgar.

The Whitehouse United Methodist Church was dedicated on Dec 26, 1867. Volunteer workers dug the church basement by hand and carted stones from the nearby mountains to form the basement walls.

The church was partially destroyed by fire, and then restored, in 1872. The Church parsonage, which is the home for the present pastor, Reverend Shawn Callender Hogan, was built in 1896. Steam heat was added in 1901.

The original pipe organ was installed in 1925 and was upgraded to a modern electric organ in 1971.

Reverend George F. Apgar (see article below) assumed the role as pastor in 1892 and served the congregation for the next five years.

The original Methodist Church was built in 1845 on the site of the present Methodist Cemetery on Old Highway 28.

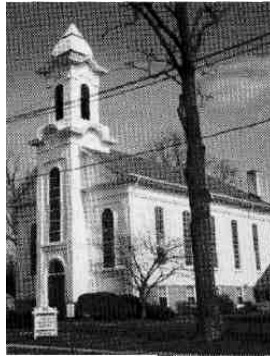
Did you know that Whitehouse was originally known as Mechanicsville because of so many mechanics living in the area?

### Reverend George F. Apgar

Reverend George Fletcher Apgar (6.4.8.3.) was born in 1842 to Conrad Pickle Cramer Apgar and Eve Elizabeth Hoffman. George married on 19 Aug 1864 Fanny Apgar (Frances M. 3.5.4.6.). They had four known children: Elmer F. Apgar, b. 21 Nov 1864; Carrie F. Apgar, b. 20 Aug 1867; Vincent W. Apgar, b. April 1874; and Marila C. Apgar, b. 29 Mar 1872.

Rev. Apgar was a Methodist Minister serving in several parishes including Centerville-Hainesville Methodist Churches, 1872-1875. In 1877 He was at Flanders Church in Warren Township, Somerset Co., NJ.

He served as Secretary for the Warren Township, Somerset County, Temperance Association. According to church records, he was also a minister at the then Whitehouse Methodist Episcopal Church where this year's reunion will be held.



## 1876 by Gore Vidal, a book review

*by Chris Apgar*

Apgarishness: social worthiness.

This is true, if not in real life, in Gore Vidal's 1876. This book is about Charles Schuyler, Aaron Burr's illegitimate son, and Charles's daughter Emma, the widowed Princess d'Argigente. After almost thirty-eight years in Europe, Charles returns to his native land, where he makes a living writing articles for newspapers, principally the New York Herald.

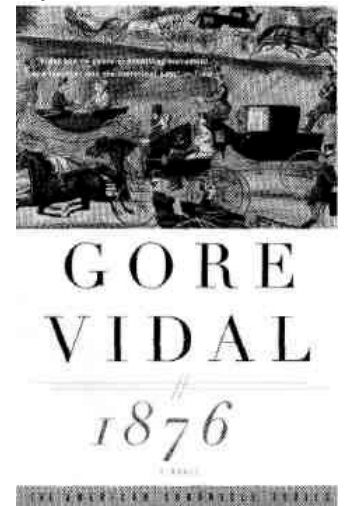
His financial resources having been depleted in the Panic of 1873 in Europe, Charles migrates back to New York to get Emma a wealthy American husband to support them both and become the American minister to France because of his friendship with Samuel Tilden, the favored presidential candidate. Before Charles can marry Emma off, John Day Apgar, who met Charles in Paris, proposes. Charles is unhappy because John is not very successful compared to others in New York society or even his family.

This book is interesting because not only does it give you an idea about what the Apgars were like in that period but it also talks about politics, the scandals of the Grant administration, the way people lived, how they responded to "new" inventions like the elevator, and much more.

Reading this book as an Apgar gave me an idea of what my ancestors were like during the age of the Vanderbilts. Although John himself was not living in luxury, the Nine Apgar Brothers led a highly prosperous law practice and some others were enjoying abundance in the extravagance of New York City 100 years into the history of our country.

Although this book is a novel, it is definitely worth reading if you want to know more about America and Apgars in the late 19th century.

Chris Apgar is the 12-year-old son of Trustee Chris Apgar.



# Jacob Apgar and William Wyckoff— Printers and Patriots

by Mike Apgar

Late on the grey, rainy morning of May 12, 1864, two 20-year-old Union soldiers, Privates Jacob D. Apgar (3.3.2.3.) and William H. Wyckoff (9.5.8.2.), were struck by Rebel bullets during the assault on the Confederate entrenchments near Spotsylvania Court House, known afterwards as "the Bloody Angle." Parallels in the lives and fates of "Jake" Apgar and "Willie" Wyckoff are striking. They were both born within a few months and a few miles of each other in Hunterdon County, New Jersey—William on September 5, 1843 near Clinton and Jacob on January 12, 1844, probably in Raritan Township.

Both William and Jacob were the second sons of their respective parents, Nathan Stiger Wyckoff and Elizabeth Apgar, and Jacob A. Apgar, Jr and Elizabeth Schuyler. Life was apparently rough for both boys, as they went to work as adolescent printer apprentices for local newspapers. Jacob, whose older brother died as a child, became the chief family breadwinner while still a boy. His father, a well-digger and jack-of-all-trades was a sporadic, unreliable provider. Jacob began work for the the Hunterdon County Democrat at age eleven in 1855. William probably joined a newspaper (perhaps the same one, maybe another) a few years later. Both boys likely had rudimentary elementary educations (at least enough so they could read and write) prior to beginning employment.

The Civil War had been underway for more than a year, when William and Jacob, each just 18-years-old (and thus eligible for military service) volunteered in early August of 1862 for service in the new Fifteenth New Jersey Infantry regiment. On August 25, 1862 Jacob was mustered into Company A, while William became a member of Company G. Physical similarities of the two boys were striking: William was 5 feet 5 inches tall, with grey eyes, light hair and a light complexion, while Jacob was 5 feet 6 inches tall, with grey eyes, light brown hair and a fair complexion.

After donning the Union Blue, both young soldiers posed for photographs. William sat cross-legged on a stool in front of a camp scene. His dress frock coat was casually unbuttoned and his pants appeared well-worn. Although attempting to strike a serious

attitude, his expression appears somewhat puckish. Jacob explained in a letter to his mother that "I got one [photo] taken for Ann [probably his older sister] and then the likeness man got ordered to Washington and I have not had any chance yet to get you one." No photo of Jacob is known to have survived.

In the last letters that Jacob wrote to his family (in late April and early May 1864), he sought to assuage his mother's concerns about his safety, as well as assure her that he was prepared to do his duty in the upcoming campaign. "Jake" (as he was known to his family) declared defiantly that "...nobody can ever say that J.D. Apgar ever flinched." Jacob directed his mother—possibly with the prescience of foreboding doom—that, "I want you to get my watch and if it is not in good working order have it fixed and give it to Joe [his 10-year-old brother] and tell him to take good care of it."



*William Henry Wyckoff  
(Courtesy of John W Kuhl)*

Jacob succumbed to his wound(s) at Spotsylvania, where he was reported "killed in action." His body—like those of the other enlisted men in the regiment that fell that day—was probably never recovered. Jacob's remains likely lie in one of the graves marked "Unknown" in the National Cemetery at Fredericksburg, Virginia (where 85 percent of the thousands of Union soldiers interred are similarly unidentified).

Based on his letters, Jacob sent most of his army pay home for his family's support. Armed with this evidence and the testimony of neighbors, his mother was awarded a pension (which amounted to only a few paltry dollars per month). His grieving mother had Jake's name chiseled on her tombstone in the Lower Valley

Cemetery near Califon, New Jersey: "Jacob D. Apgar, killed at Spotsylvania, a brave gallant soldier and a true patriot."

William was severely wounded at Spotsylvania, but survived. Five months elapsed before he was able to return to his regiment, which had been transferred to the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. Only five days later, on October 19, 1864, William was killed in action. At this point, the Fifteenth New Jersey was so depleted that three weeks elapsed before a letter was sent to Nathan Wyckoff notifying him of his son's death: "...he fell with his gun in his hand, nobly doing his duty. He was loved and respected by all who knew him, and his loss we deeply feel. His body lies buried near Middletown, Va., and I think if you wish to procure it, you had better come down soon. His watch, and other things, the enemy got." William's



former employer published that letter and lamented: "Willie Wyckoff is no more. All who knew him, can join us and mourn the loss of an intelligent, brave hearted and noble boy. He was a good soldier and he died as only the brave die, with his face to the enemy, nobly doing his duty."

The newspaper reported that "...Mr. Wyckoff has just returned from Virginia, where he has been endeavoring to procure the body of his son. We regret to say his efforts have proved unavailing, and he has returned without accomplishing the object of his mission." Nevertheless, Willie's name was inscribed on his parents' grave monument in the Evergreen Cemetery in Clinton, New Jersey. "William H. Wyckoff, killed at the Battle of Cedar Creek."



Gravestone of Elizabeth S. Apgar and monument to her son, Private Jacob D. Apgar. (Courtesy of Norma Shepherd)

Thus, the similarities between Jake and Willy extended all the way to the grave. Born close in time and place, to mothers named Elizabeth, both boys were their family's oldest sons to survive to adulthood. Both were employed by a newspaper and enlisted at the same time and age (upon becoming eligible for service) in the same regiment. Their physical characteristics were nearly identical. Both survived many hardships and fights, and both were among the casualties of the ill-fated costly charge on the "Bloody Angle" at Spotsylvania. Although Willy survived that fight, he too was subsequently killed in action. Finally, Jake and Willy were both lovingly memorialized on their respective family tombstones near their boyhood homes in Hunterdon County, New Jersey—even though their remains likely lie unidentified in the soil of Virginia.

*Acknowledgements: This article is based on information in the Apgar genealogy compiled by Dorothy E. Apgar, a book on the Fifteenth New Jersey by Joseph G. Bilby, compiled service records of William Henry Wyckoff and Jacob D. Apgar and Jacob D. Apgar's pension file at the National Archives, and information provided by John W. Kuhl, Norma B. Shepherd and Ann L. Schaefer. The author will be happy to provide specific references upon request and is interested in other information (pictures, letters and diaries) of members of the Apgar Family in the Civil War.*

## Reports and Announcements

### **Treasurer's Report (as of April 30)**

Checkbook balance is \$2065 plus we still have the \$5500 Certificate of Deposit.

### **Newsletter Report**

Three-hundred twenty-five December 2000 newsletters were mailed. We are currently publishing two newsletters each year, in December to report on the past reunion and in July to describe the forthcoming reunion. Each newsletter costs about \$3.15 to print and mail and only paid-up members will receive one. Members interested in submitting articles for publication should contact Henry Apgar Jr. (Contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.)

### **Apgar Family Merchandise for Sale**

The following Apgar Family Items are currently available by mail; all are in limited supply (note sizes available) and these items will not be restocked after the supply runs out:

- < Navy blue sweatshirt, size medium and small; \$ 18.
- < White sweatshirt, size medium; \$ 18.
- < Blue Ship "Hope" T-shirt, size medium; \$ 10.
- < White Dr. Virginia Stamp shirt, size medium and small; \$20.
- < Grey golf shirt, size medium, large, extra large; \$20.

Plus \$5 per order for shipping; no sales tax.

Contact Wayne Dilts. (Contact information is on the last page of this newsletter)

### **Custom Family Souvenirs**

For the third straight year, the Association has commissioned a distinctive ceramic piece to commemorate the reunion. For the 2001 reunion we offer a two-quart crock with the "1734 Ship Hope" legend for \$75 plus shipping. You can place your order at the reunion or beforehand by mail. No orders will be taken after the reunion, as the template will be retired. To ensure you will not miss this opportunity, we suggest you send your check directly to George Apgar Jr. to reserve your own family souvenir.

Also at the reunion you will be able to purchase a classic wooden box with the Apgar Family tree design. This custom souvenir will be available for only \$30.

### **Neckties, T-shirts Available at Reunion**

At this year's reunion, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase distinctive neckwear and T-shirts designed by Trustee Cassie Apgar for the 27th Annual Reunion. They feature the Apgar Family Tree logo and will come in the colors associated with each family line.

# HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

The following report comes from various sources. If there have been changes in your family, inform us, including your line, name, address, and full information on the birth, death, or marriage. For clippings, identify newspaper and date of notice. To ensure accuracy of family history and book information, send copies to both Judy AND Dorothy. Questions about information appearing here? Contact historian. By mail, enclose a SASE.

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## DEATHS:

**KOCH**, Virginia E. (d/o 8.6.7.4.4.), 82, of Bethlehem, PA died 1 Nov 2000. Int. Bethlehem Memorial Park.

**SWOPE**, Anna Mae (6.10.1.1.1.2.6.), 76, of Garwood, NJ died 12 Nov 2001 in Union, NJ. Int. Rosedale Cemetery, Linden, NJ.

**SHEPARD**, Karin L. (d/o 1.2.11.9.7.9.2.), 40, of Annandale, NJ died 16 Nov 2000. Int. Evergreen Cemetery, Clinton, NJ.

**APGAR**, Thelma (w/o 7.4.7.7.2.2.), 89, of Carlsbad, NM (formerly of Milford, NJ) died 3 Dec 2000. Services were private.

**HEIDECKER**, Ruth I. (9.5.1.2.1.5.6.), 81, of Bethlehem, PA died 16 Dec 2000. Int. Holy Family Cemetery, Bethlehem.

**FARLEY**, Dorothy (w/o 6.4.3.1.1.5.1.1.), 71, of Bridgewater, NJ died 29 Dec 2000. Memorial service.

**APGAR**, Frank, Jr. (6.7.6.3.1.3.), 63, of Clinton, NJ died 13 Feb 2001. Int. Riverside Cemetery, Clinton, NJ.

**HOPPAUGH**, Elsie Bonnet (w/o 6.7.1.6.3.2.), 85, of Columbia Cross Roads, PA died 14 Mar 2001. Int. Hillside Cemetery, Big Pond, PA.

**RAMSEY**, Barbara G., 65, of Whitehouse Station, NJ died 9 March 2001. Her husband, Lewis Ramsey, was s/o 7.4.3.2.2.2./4.1.2.2.3.3.1. Int. Hopewell, NJ.

**APGAR**, Irving Louis (3.5.3.4.12.3.1.), 74, of Westfield, NJ died 10 March 2001. Irving was the owner of Apgar Brothers Trucking in Finderne, NJ. (see adjacent page)

**COLEMAN**, Georgia (unknown line), 97, of Washington, NJ died 17 Mar 2001. Int. Stewartsville, NJ.

**CREGAR**, Wilson, Sr. (1.2.11.9.7.9.), 88, of High Bridge, NJ died 23 Mar 2001. Int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ.

**COYLE**, Joyce A. (6.4.3.4.2.1.2.5.), 69, of Bloomsbury, NJ died 23 Mar 2001. Int. Palmetto, FL.

**ZEKOLL**, Mildred I. (1.2.3.1.3.7.1.2.), 82, of Lebanon Twp., NJ died 25 Mar 2001. Int. Spruce Run Cemetery, Lebanon Twp., NJ.

**APGAR**, Barbara M. Wojcik (w/o 3.5.3.1.3.3.2.), 71, of Bethlehem Twp., NJ died 28 Mar 2001. Services were private.

**APGAR**, Ethel C. (w/o 6.4.3.6.6.1.), 88, of Whitehouse Station, NJ died 15 Apr 2001. Int. Newell Cemetery, Stanton, NJ.

**MILLER**, Charles Clayton (10.5.5.2.2.1.2.), 74, of Jefferson Township, OH, died 17 Apr 2001. Int. Jefferson Township Cemetery, Westboro, OH.

**ALLEN**, Patricia A. (grd/o 8.6.7.4.3.), 62, of Washington, NJ died 18 Apr 2001. Int. Musconetcong Valley Cemetery, Hampton, NJ.

**MORROW**, Frank K. (1.2.3.11.6.2.1.), 80, of Califon, NJ died 7 May 2001. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery, Califon.

**BOOS**, Helen E. Apgar (7.4.7.2.1.3.), 94, died 8 May 2001 in Tampa, FL. Int. Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle, NJ.

**PFEIFFER**, Jane M. (3.6.1.1.1.2.4.1.), 68, of Dallas, PA died 10 May 2001. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery.

**PHILHOWER**, Cora E. (w/o 3.7.7.7.5.1.1.), 71, of Lebanon Twp., NJ died 15 May 2001. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery.

**PHILHOWER**, Jesse F. (3.7.7.7.5.1.1.), 80, of Lebanon Twp. Died 30 May 2001. Int. Lower Valley Union Cemetery.

**BIGGS**, Howard Jr. (s/o 10.12.5.1.2.1.), 75, of Easton, d. 2 June 2001. Int. Cedar Hill Memorial Park Mausoleum, Allentown, PA.

**BRAUN**, Fred, Jr. (h/o 9.5.5.2.3.6.), 98, of Bridgewater (formerly of Pattenburg, NJ) died 11 June 2001. Int. Bloomsbury (NJ) Cemetery.

**CREGAR**, Frank, Jr. (s/o 6.10.10.4.2.), 85, of Boonton, NJ (formerly of Flemington, NJ) died 8 June 2001. Int. Union Cemetery, Ringoes, NJ.

## BIRTHS:

**RIVERA**, Chase Navarro was born 27 Aug 2000 to June Hoffman (1.2.3.11.1.2.1.1.3.) and Roland Rivera of San Diego, CA.

**MELICK**, William Blackstone was born 9 Jan 2001 to Peter Melick (6.4.3.5.1.1.1.1.1.) and Denise Blackstone of Tewksbury Twp., NJ.

**DiGIACOMO**, Darren Christian was born 16 Jan 2001 to Tara Flartey (6.4.8.14.4.1.1.2.) and Christian Di Giacomo in Morristown, NJ.

**KILKENNY**, Benjamin Earl was born 20 Jan 2001 to Matthew Kilkenny (3.5.3.1.4.1.4.3.1.) and his wife, Erica.



**McPHERSON**, Rebecca Anne was born 8 Feb 2001 to Kelly Anne Alpaugh (1.2.11.9.7.4.1.1.2.) and Brian Keith McPherson of High Bridge, NJ.

**HOFFMAN**, Danielle Ann was born 18 Apr 2001 to Kevin Kyle Hoffman (6.4.3.6.6.1.2.2.) and Annette Di Pasquale.

### **MARRIAGES:**

**APGAR**, Kelly Lyn (unknown line) and John Vincent Yerance, Jr. were married 14 Feb 2001 in Bethlehem, PA.

**HANKINSON**, Mary Ellen (3.5.3.1.4.4.1.3.) and Richard Marinelli were married 2 June 2001 at their home in White Twp., NJ.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Irving Apgar - Apgar Bros Founder**

Irving Louis Apgar (3.5.3.4.12.3.1.) of Westfield, NJ, chairman of trucking company Apgar Bros., died March 10, 2001 following a long illness. He was 74. Irving was an active participant and supporter of the trucking industry, becoming president of the NJ Motor Truck Association from 1985 to 1988. He started in the truck transport in 1953 with family-owned businesses Bound Brook Safety Equipment and Apgar Bros.

His grandfather founded Apgar Bros. in Findeme, NJ in 1916. The company started out by hauling ice from a pond the family owned to ice houses in Newark.

Irving was involved in the company until he was hospitalized in July of 2000. Health complications made his return to work impossible. According to longtime friend and Apgar Bros. President Matthew Wright, "Irv was the kind of man that people could still do business with on just his word. Honor meant more to Irv than winning." Matt also stated that they still service their very first customer! In the trucking business that says a lot! In memory of Irv, Matt chose to support publication of this newsletter, for which we are thankful.

Irving is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; a daughter, Elizabeth; a son, Douglas; and five grandchildren.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**FARLEY**, Jay S. (6.4.3.1.1.5.1.1.) and Dorothy Tampier of Bridgewater, NJ (formerly of High Bridge) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 21 Oct 2000.

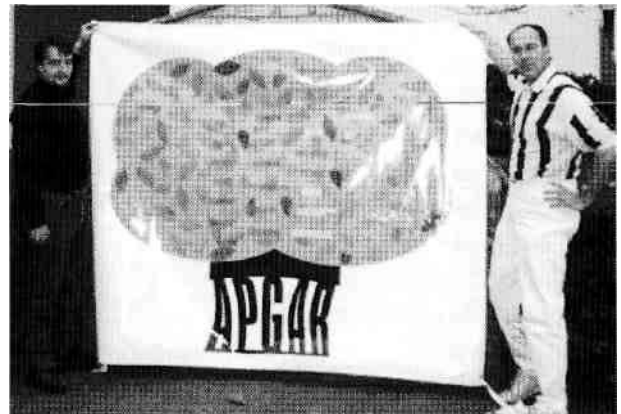
**DILTS**, Wayne (6.2.3.5.4.1.1.3.), **APGAR**, Cassandra (w/o 3.7.9.12.4.1.2.) and **SMITH**, Amanda W. (3.5.3.1.4.4.1.2.1.) all achieved academic honors this spring - see further information in this newsletter.

**APGAR**, James, grandson of trustee Howard Apgar (2.3.1.2.1.2.1.), recently graduated from Eisenhower High School in Russell, PA. James, valedictorian of his class, plans to study pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh.

**EPSTEIN**, Adam (3.5.3.1.3.3.2.1.1.) graduated from Chambersburg (PA) High School. He will be studying engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA.

### **Family Banner**

The Apgar Family Association unveiled the new Family Banner at the 2001 reunion. We need donations to pay for this banner as we had not budgeted for its purchase. If you can help, please mail your donation to Wayne Dilts, Treasurer. Note on your check the reference "Apgar Banner 2001." Thanks.



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## Some Educational Achievements...



### **Amanda Smith**

Current Layout Editor for the Association Newsletter, Amanda Smith, earned her BA degree at Douglass College of Rutgers University in May 2001. Her concern for social welfare led her to major in Women's Studies at Douglass after attending Goddard College in Vermont for two years. Of her distinctions,

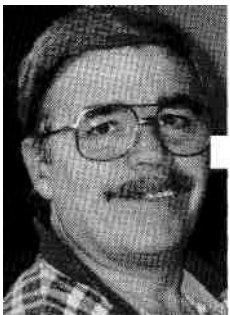
Amanda feels that the most notable is being the daughter of Judy Hankinson, current Trustee and Historian of the Association. In the fall, Amanda plans to pursue a Master's of Public Policy Degree at Rutgers' Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, where she hopes to use in service of the public good whatever brains she was fortunate enough to inherit from her Apgar ancestors.

### **Cassie Apgar**

Cassie, current Trustee, earned her Doctorate in Adult Education from Penn State University on May 12, 2001 (Mother's Day!!), a beautiful, sunny day in which to officially become Dr. Mom! Four generations of family were present to wish Cassie well at University Park.



Cassie, a registered nurse, previously earned two master's degrees, one in Business Administration (York College), and one in Nursing (Widener University). She now has more time to devote to her growing gardens, her children and grandchildren. However, her pursuit of knowledge will lead to other adventures (being a Trustee is one she enjoys!).



### **Wayne Dilts**

Wayne, current Trustee and Treasurer, completed his requirements in May 2001 for the Master's Degree in Education from Rutgers University. This is Wayne's second graduate degree from Rutgers; the first was in Speech and Theatre, following his BA in English from Trenton State. Wayne

is an accomplished playwright. His play, "The Scarlet Letter," based on the novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne,

was performed last August in New Hope, Pennsylvania. Readers can learn more about Wayne and his play through the website at <http://www.thescarletletter.net>

Wayne, his wife Lorrie, and daughters Katie and Kelsey, live in the same Whitehouse home as his parents and grandparents before him. He is active in the Whitehouse United Methodist Church, where we will be celebrating our 27th Association Reunion.

## Own a Piece of the Homestead!

As reported in our last newsletter, the Association has acquired some old bricks and siding boards that we believe are from the original Apgar Homestead built shortly after Johannes Peter Apgar's arrival in 1734.

The bricks were molded from a red clay mix and are somewhat irregular. The boards have identified as being white pine and definitely were rough-cut from an old mill in the area. Some show signs of peeling blue paint and rusted remains of old-fashioned nails.

These limited supply historic remnants have been combined into symbolic plaques and will be offered for sale to attendees at the September reunion for \$25 each.

For further information prior to the reunion, contact Mike Apgar. (Contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.)

## Reunion Workshops

In our endeavors to provide fun activities, we will present two workshops at this year's reunion:

### **All You Need to Know to be a Genealogist**

Judy Hankinson will give you the basics for starting genealogy research. Also, Lynn Conley will talk about how to research using the internet. Then Hank Apgar will talk about several computer programs available for electronically organizing the information you find.

### **A "Family Tree" at Christmas**

As in every family, there are some colorful, interesting and wonderful stories to tell. We, as family historians, strive to find ways to tell the tales and keep the memories alive.

Some years ago, after losing a dear family member, Loretta Pelaia decided to put her deceased relative's picture on her family tree. By placing other photos of ancestors on the tree, it became a unique "family tree." With copying machines and a glue gun it is easy to add a special touch to your celebration. Come see the possibilities!

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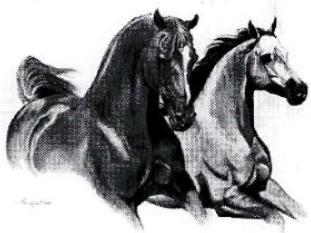
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