

Sussex County Genealogical Society
Rehoboth Beach Public Library
February 28, 2004

Called to order by Founder, Francis R. "Pat" Bray, Jr. He announced that Carolyn Miller will be interim Membership Chairperson. Applications for membership are available. Membership will run through May 2005. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on Ma 15, 2004. Fred Schiding will do the newsletter. He needs a good title for the newsletter. Monthly donations will be used for books for the library and honorariums for outside speakers. Pat announced a trip t the National Archives, DAR and Library of Congress will be on April 20, 2004. Bus will leave at 5:45am, cost will be \$23.00. This trip will take the place of the April meeting. The March meeting will be on March 23, 2004 at 2:00pm. The speaker will be Rebecca C. Warlow, Archives Specialist, National Archives and Records Administration, Mid-Atlantic Region, Philadelphia, PA. It was announced that Delmarva Roots (www.colonialroots.com) will give a 10% discount. They are located in Lewes on Schley Ave, 644-2798.Holly Wright spoke about the bookstore.

Pat Bray was the speaker for this meeting. Topic: Vital records and Other Genealogical Resources. Pat gave a history of the Archives. It maintains any and all records generated by US government. It determines what is to be preserved. Keeps only 2-5%. Must have long term research value. Ground was broken in 1931. Hoover laid the cornerstone. It was established in 1934, holdings date back to 1775. 1960 established regional archives, 199 Archives II were paced in College Park. Non-genealogical. Pennsylvania Avenue is the research entrance and Constitution Avenue is Charters of Freedom. Military records Revolution to Pre-WWI. WWI to Present are located in St. Louis. Naturalization can be found in regional centers. Passenger list 1820 to present by port and date of arrival. 1790-18870 use reference library, 1880 – current on Soundex. Pat recommended use Heritagequestonline.com (available in Rehoboth and Lewes Libraries).

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM

Marjorie F. Frampton, Acting Secretary