

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

September 2005 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Rehoboth Beach Public Library
Upstairs Meeting Room
226 Rehoboth Avenue
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971

Meeting Date: September 17, 2005

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Audrey Sensale at 10:31 a.m.

President's Remarks: Audrey Sensale welcomed us to the first general meeting of the second year of SCGS's existence as a society. The board has been hard at work planning for the coming year's activities. In addition to our monthly meetings, they have planned a Discussion Group which will consist of eight two-hour sessions centering on "Organizing Your Research and Files." See the club web site for particulars.

Lynne Hooker and Audrey Sensale flew to Salt Lake City, Utah for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference "Reminders of the Past, Visions for the Future" which was sponsored by the Utah Genealogical Association (UTA) and the FGS. Their websites are www.infouga.org and www.fgs.org. Audrey and Lynn also enjoyed a day of research at the Family History Library (Latter Day Saints/Mormon Library).

Secretary's Report: Nancy Purchase read the minutes for the May 21, 2005 meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$808.75, an income of \$12.00, expenses totaling \$175.81, and a Book Fund value of \$88.43 for a remaining balance of \$644.94.

Membership: We had three guests in attendance at our meeting and a good showing of members.

Newsletter: Fred Schiding reported that the current newsletter is now on our website and six copies are being mailed. He still needs articles for future newsletters. If anyone is willing to help with newsletter, he would like assistance. Fred spoke about what that involved. Also, he would like to see more articles from our members about their research and about items they have read that they can share.

Public Relations: Tom Roche is filling in for Ron Ray. He announced the up coming Dover Archives Summit which will be October 1, 2005 and the Fairfax County Genealogical Society Annual Fair "G. Wiz: Genealogical Wizardry: Internet Research which will be October 29 in Virginia. Their website is: www.fxgs.org. January 9 - 13, 2006 the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy invites us to "Delve into one of nine courses of study for a comprehensive learning experience with 20 hours of Instruction." March 12, FxGS Annual Conference will present "Something for Everyone, A Conference for Today" with 16 lectures, 4 expert speakers, demos and vendors. August of 2006 the FGS/ New England Historical and Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Boston August 30 - September 2, 2006. Register at www.fgs.org. Ralph announced a seminar of the Delaware Historical and Genealogical Society, November 5 in Wilmington. He has registration forms if anyone would like to attend.

Shirley Herndon has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Downstate Genealogical Society in Dover, Delaware. Congratulations Shirley.

Service: Judy Lally stated that the bus trip to Washington D.C. will be Tuesday, September 20, 2005. 35 people are signed up. November 1st will be the next research trip to Washington D.C.

The upcoming Discussion Group, consisting of 8 sessions, will begin on Tuesday, September 27th from 2 -4 p.m. Shirley Herndon will run the first two sessions. The group will be using the books "Cite Your Sources" and "The Organized Family Historian."

The society is continuing to add books to the Rehoboth Library's resources. Audrey brought back from Salt Lake City, two videotapes that members can sign out and view.

Gene Chap has bought the society a digital recorder for the Secretary's use and he is personally donating a tape recorder so that the speakers can be recorded.

Historian: No comments

Education Committee: No comments

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Program: Today's speaker is Richard Hutchinson who will be speaking on DNA and Genealogy.

Adjournment: Marjorie Frampton moved to adjourn the meeting and Fred Schiding seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned 12:50 p.m.

The next general meeting will be Saturday October 15, 2005 when Shirley Herndon will speak on "The Other Censuses."

Submitted by: Nancy R. Purchase, Secretary.