

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
General Meeting

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

Meeting Date: January 21, 2006, 10:35 AM.

President's Remarks: Audrey Sensale. See attached.

Secretary-Minutes: Nancy Purchase. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers Report: Jim Blakeslee reported that we have \$620.67 in the bank, \$115.83 of which is in the Book Fund.

It was reported that Al Beasley had passed away. Al did the auditing of our treasurer's books. His obituary is in the Wave and Cape Gazette, among other papers.

Membership Chair: Carolyn Miller welcomed all. Three guests were in attendance and one new member.

It was suggested that we present to the membership a preview of the Speakers Bureau presentation It has been arranged for Tuesday, April 4th at 7-8 p.m. at the Rehoboth Library. This presentation will be publicized in the newspapers and posted on our website - SCGSdelaware.org Some flyers were handed out announcing the SCGS preview.

Program Chair: Lynne Hooker announced a program on February 18th, 2006 in which Tom Summers will speak on Searching the US Census and he will compare the internet genealogy sites of Heritage Quest.com versus Ancestry Plus.com

A summary of the SCGS Discussion Group Meeting of January 17th, 2006 informs us of the discussion about, and tentative dates for, the workshop on Family Tree Maker 2006.

Newsletter chairman/Historian: Fred Schiding is unable to be with us today.

Public Relations Committee: Ron Ray will advertise the programs for the remainder of the year. These will also be posted on our website.

Rules Committee: Francis Frampton and Audrey continue the work on the Policy and Procedures Manual.

Service Committee: Judy Lally takes care of Awards, the Book Fund, Education and the Bus

Trips.

She announced that the discussion groups on Family tree maker will be on Tuesday, March 28, April 4, 18 and 25, May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2006 at the Rehoboth Library from 2 to 4 p.m.

The dates of the upcoming bus trips to Wash D. C. were announced as April 11, June 17, Aug. 15 and Oct. 10th. The cost will be \$30 non-members and \$28 for members (we in SCGS are considered members). However, an e-mail from Charlotte Halloway has no April trip listed, but rather one in May. This is to be checked. Pat Gruzenski has volunteered to be our new bus trip coordinator. She will work with Charlotte Halloway in arranging these genealogy trips.

Old Business: Fairfax Genealogical Society Annual Conference will be held March 25th 2006 in Fairfax, Virginia. Flyers are available.

New Business: Shirley Herndon asked that we announcement her upcoming genealogy workshops which will be Monday, February 2nd from 6-8 pm and Saturday, February 25th from 10-12 noon. Call DelTech at 302-855-1617 with any questions.

Ralph Nelson reported that the Delaware Genealogical Society is reviewing what to do about abandoned cemeteries. They have a campaign to have all cemetery/burial records put into a central location. (Some are owned privately.)

The SAR (rsar.org) is doing a program on "The Real Story of the American Revolution."

A good program on PBS had a cemetery special a few weeks ago - watch for it to be repeated. The Delaware Historical Society Library on Market Street in Wilmington is now open one Saturday a month. It contains different books than are available in Dover in it's excellent library.

Ralph also announced the Lancaster Family History Conference which will present "Only a Few Bones" with keynote speaker John P. Colletta, Ph.D. This conference will include 20 genealogy workshops from March 31 to April 1, 2006 at Lancaster Mennonite School, Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The Georgetown Historical Society sent a letter of appreciation to our Speakers Bureau for their January program. They presented our Society a book in appreciation.

Audrey is trying to work out a method by which Members would to be able to check out selected books from the Reference Shelf of the library.

A plea was made to consider putting a \$1.00 donation to the Book Fund in the basket as you exit the door.

Call to adjourn: The call to adjourn was made by Ralph Nelson and seconded by Francis Frampton. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Program Chair: Lynne Hooker introduced our speaker, Edward "Ed" Wright, who spoke on Church records, where to find them and how to use them. He started Colonial Roots Book Store with his daughter, Holly Wright, in Lewes, Delaware - www.colonialroots.com They maintain a surname list of these who appear in their books. Ed has published books of his own.

Ed was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the SCGS.

Submitted by: Nancy Purchase, Secretary