

Sussex County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Meeting Place: Rehoboth Beach Public Library
Upstairs Meeting Room,
226 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 1997
Meeting Date: September 16, 2006 Time: 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order: Jeanne Davis, President, made the opening remarks.

Announcements: Audrey Sensale showed the updated SCGS Display Board that will be available for public events. Her daughter, Audrey Lynn Sensale, created and executed the panels for the board and did the artwork for the family tree. We were cautioned that the panels were done using a photo emulsion method and cannot be rolled or folded.

Programs: Lynne Hooker announced that she has the programs for the year in place, although they may change depending on some outstanding issues. A poll of the members found that the majority of members were studying Irish and English ancestors followed by German ancestors. The tentative schedule is:

September 16: Nancy Lyons Researching Your Irish Ancestors in Irish records, The Tools.

October 21 Sharon Harris Researching and Publishing Your Family History.

November 18 Linda Reno Maryland 400 - The Brave Man

December 16 SCGS annual Christmas Party and round table discussion.

January 20, 2007 Harriet Hook on her book My Virginia Connection. The Mechanics of Self Publication.

February 17 or March 17 Peggy McKenzie on German Research II – exact title to be decided at a later date.

February 17 or March 17 Dr. G. Ray Thompson, head of NABB Center – Topic to be decided.

April 21 Regina Berry Beginning English Genealogy – Research from this side of the Pond.

May 19 Election of Officers and our own annual “Show and Tell.”

Lynne will put out the completed schedule as soon as possible.

Lynne presented our Past President, Audrey Sensale, with the Federation of Genealogical Societies Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of outstanding service to the genealogical community. She also presented Audrey with a paper weight displaying our SCGS logo, to thank her for her service as President of the Society

Carolyn Miller invited anyone who was interested to join her and Tom Roche on a trip to the Maryland Archives in Annapolis, on Wednesday, October 11th. They will be driving and have 4 pick-up points around the area. Call Carolyn or Tom if you would like to join us.

Shirley Herndon announced that she will be a speaker at the Bridgeville Historical Society at 7 pm. Oct. 18 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. She will also be doing workshops on October 14 and November 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Deltech.

There is a charge for the workshops of \$29. Shirley gave the phone numbers.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Blakeslee read the treasurer's report which is the same as reported at the September Board Meeting. SCGS has \$810.89 in the general fund and \$41.10 in the Book Fund. The treasurer's report was received subject to audit.

Secretaries Minutes: Nancy Purchase read the minutes of the last General Meeting, which was May 20, 2006. They were accepted as corrected.

Membership: Carolyn thanked all for coming, in spite of the bike races snarling traffic on Route 1! She asked guests to stand and introduce themselves. We had guests from Ocean City, South Bethany, Dagsboro, and Laurel.

Speakers Bureau (SB) - The S.B. will be at Laurel Library on September 23 at 10:30 a.m. to give a presentation and then follow up by assisting guests with their research. She introduced Norma Jean Fowler, Laurel Library's Adult Services Director. Norma Jean has become a member of SCGS. On October 5, the Bureau will present the "Mommy" program at the Selbyville Public Library at 6:30 p.m. The S.B. has already been asked to present the program to the Lord Baltimore Lioness Club in September of 2007.

Francis Frampton announced that the Dover Archives will have a program September 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. – Dr. Robert A. Selig is speaking on "The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in Delaware." (for the 225th anniversary of the movement to Yorktown in September 1781.) Free admission.

Francis also reminded us of the Fall Series Discussion Group – Technology and Techniques for the Genealogist, which will begin Tuesday, September 19, at the Rehoboth Library. These sessions will run every Tuesday through November 14, except for October 10 when there is a previously organized bus trip to the National Archives in Washington D.C.

It was announced that Audrey is looking into getting SCGS lapel pins.

Audrey gave Certificates of Recognition, in absentia, to Holly Wright our Webmaster, and Tom Roche a member of the Public Relations Committee who helps with our website and handles the Society's E-mail.

Lynne announced our fund raiser at the Roadhouse Restaurant on Route 1 in Rehoboth, Monday

November 13, 5-7 p.m. We will set up our SCGS Display Board there and be available to answer questions about the Society. There will be a sign-up sheet available at next month's General Meeting for volunteers to host at the restaurant.

Adjourn: Gene Chap made the motion to adjourn, Audrey seconded it, to end the business meeting before we began the program.

Submitted by: Nancy Purchase jointly with Sally Nelson.

Program: Lynne introduced Nancy Lyons for her presentation Researching Your Irish Ancestors in Irish records, The Tools. After the presentation Nancy was given a Certificate of Appreciation for her presentation. Her Irish oriented website is www.lalley.com