

**Sussex County Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes**

- Meeting Place:** Rehoboth Beach Public Library, Upstairs Meeting Room  
226 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
- Meeting Date:** February 17, 2007, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- Call to Order:** Carolyn Miller, Membership Chair, called the meeting to order in Jeanne Davis absence.
- Secretaries Minutes:** Nancy Purchase read the minutes of the January 20, 2007 General Meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.
- Treasurers Report:** Jim Blakeslee read the treasurer's report. As reported at the January Board Meeting, SCGS has \$91.11 in the Book Fund, \$302.04 in the Contingency Fund and a negative balance of (\$121.00) in the Lapel Pin Fund for a monthly ending balance of \$824.99. The treasurer's report was received subject to audit.
- Membership:** Carolyn welcomed everyone and introduced two guests. She informed members that if they have a blue sticker on their name tag, she has a membership booklet for you.
- Public Relations:** Francis Frampton handed out copies of the Searcher for anyone who hadn't downloaded it from the SCGS website.
- Speakers Bureau:** No upcoming programs were announced.
- Committee Reports:** **Service Committee:** Carolyn announced that we have a new chairperson for the Service Committee, Gene Chap. He will take over his duties when he returns from his travels in April, 2007.
- Spring Discussion Group:** Francis announced the subjects for the Spring Discussion Group which starts next Tuesday, February 20 at 2 p.m., at the Rehoboth Public Library. He handed out copies of the agenda. The Cape Gazette had an article yesterday on this upcoming series, a copy of which he also handed out.
- Old Business:** None.
- New Business:** Audrey Sensale (absent) bought three more books for the Rehoboth Public Library on behalf of SCGS. The titles were read aloud. Members were informed that if they show their membership card, they may take a book out for a two week period. Norma Jean Fowler, librarian at the Laurel Public Library, stated that she has reviewed our list of books and they are good ones. Please contribute to the Book Fund as it is now low.
- Lapel pins are not available today.

Announcements: Norma Jean announced that she has laid aside the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month from 1-2pm at the Laurel Public Library as a time when genealogy assistance will be available. All were invited to make use of this service.

Dr. G. Ray Thompson announced that the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture in Salisbury, MD welcomes visitors and has books available on Delmarva history and it's families.

Shirley Herndon announced that she will be leading a Continuing Education session, starting Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at Del. Tech. It will be a more advanced workshop on genealogy then her previous series. The cost is \$19.00.

Program: Norma Jean introduced our speaker Dr. G. Ray Thompson, Co-founder and Co-director of the Nabb Center. Dr. Thompson has authored “a dozen books” on Delmarva History. He spoke on “Types of Early Records in the Nabb Center Useful for Family Research.”

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Dr. Thompson by Carolyn Miller. SCGS also presented him with a book that had been on the Nabb Center's “Wish List.”

Adjourn at: It was moved and seconded that we adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Some members stayed afterwards to speak with Dr. Thompson. A visit is planned to the Nabb Center for attendees of SCGS Spring Discussion Session.

Submitted by: Nancy R. Purchase, Secretary