

AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

December 7, 1974
St. Anselm's College

The Society's second meeting of 1974 began with registrations at 1:P.M. The business meeting began at 2:P.M. with about twenty-five members in attendance.

Professor Lawrence, President, opened the meeting with an interesting account of his attempts to find records of his ancestors in France, especially Rouen. Many records were lost between 1590 and 1710, also during World War's I and II. He learned much Irish history at Limerick, Ireland searching for further material on Louis Riel (O'Rahilley) who went from Limerick to Canada around 1704 with his name eventually being changed to Riel. His talk also covered research in Italy and Spain.

Father Gerard Boucher of Hudson, N.H., a member, told us of his good fortune in finding his Boucher links in France, emphasizing that the civil records - Le Notaire - go back to the 1500's - at the Mayor's (Maire) Office and were the best source of records. Some church records go back to 1585. Napoleon had insisted all church records be recorded into civil records which is much to our advantage at this time. This rule is not kept today.

I corrected an error brought to my attention on a member's name. The error was mine for which I apologize.

Lucille Lagasse, Vice-Pres., remarked that parental birthplaces in New Hampshire records be made more complete rather than just "Canada" or other countries. She had a batch of letters from members - some asking for data and others willing to help members finding data. The Corresponding Secretary having resigned, Lucille Lagasse had corresponded with many members. She cautioned copiers of records to be aware of the many changes in spellings that occur due to the writer of the originals being unable to know the true spellings and the party involved being unable to write or spell their name. Also the penmanship does not always clearly determine the correct spelling.

The Recording Secretary being absent, no minutes of the last meeting was officially read, but was accepted as read from Bulletin #1.

Professor Lawrence spoke of all the many letters Lucille Lagasse had received and had answered. Also of the many people she had conducted to the A.C.A. Library, the N.H. Archives at Concord, the N.H. Historical Library at Concord and other places, guiding them in their researches. The N.M. Room of the Manchester Library is another place she had taken them for much material to be found. Mrs. Lagasse read the Treasurer's Report, the Treasurer being unable to attend.

A motion was made and seconded that the excellent personal library of our late member, Reginald Olivier, be purchased for the sum of \$1500, and a discussion followed as to possible methods of payment for the same. It was voted to name the books the "Reginald Olivier Genealogical Collection" and a tentative decision was made to locate the books at St. Anselm's College, if possible, to make them better available to members.

October 7, 1938
St. Ann's College

The Society's annual meeting of 1938 was held at St. Ann's College, St. Ann, Michigan, from October 7-10, 1938. The meeting was held in the gymnasium of the college.

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Lso Bisailon suggested taking out a loan and an assessment of the membership of \$10.00 each if possible - there being 137 members as of today. He also displayed a mock-up of a booklet form of journal to be issued by the Society at a later date and to be financed by advertizements. The size and format was discussed. Articles are needed as well as sources of research accessible, and the journal would be bilingual. A motion was made and seconded that the Executive Board design a shield for the Society.

Lou Verrette was given credit for filing data on obituaries and marriages. A motion was made and seconded to send membership genealogies to him to be filed in a color card system.

The Constitution's acceptance was made and seconded as read - to be reviewed again next meeting for any changes.

Nomination of officers was the last order of the meeting. They are as follows:

Roger Lawrence - re-elected as President
Lucille Lagasse - re-elected as Vice-President
- and as Corresponding Secretary
Jean Pellerin - Treasurer
Jeanette Dinwoodie - Recording Secretary
- Robert Bisailon
- Lou Verrette
- Leo Bisailon

The meeting adjourned at 5:P.M. Refreshments followed and then a research session was held with the Olivier Collection available plus other material.

Our thanks to Armand Lagasse, Treasurer; Paul Munson, Director; Marguerite Bournival, Recording Secretary; and Henri Chapdelaine, Corresponding Secretary, for their services. They have relinquished their posts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Dinwoodie
Recording Secretary

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Joe Vertette was given credit for filling data on publications and memberships. A motion was made and seconded to send membership newsletters to him to be filled in a color card system.

The Committee's acceptance was made and seconded as read - to be reviewed again next meeting for any changes.

Reinstatement of officers was the last order of the meeting. They are as follows:

- re-elected as President - Roger Lawrence
- re-elected as Vice-President - Lucille Jackson
- and as Corresponding Secretary - Jean Holman
- Treasurer - Jean Holman
- Recording Secretary - Robert Hillion
- Joe Vertette
- Leo Hillion

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. Refreshments followed and then a research session was held with the Oliver Collection available also other material.

Our thanks to Arnold Jackson, President; Tom Jackson, Treasurer; Marguerite Jourdain, Recording Secretary; and Henri Deschamps, Corresponding Secretary, for their services. They have relinquished their posts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary