

AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Dear Member and friend:

Contrary to the old adage "The dead don't speak" we, the genealogists know that they furnish us with most interesting details if we but search and probe their every step.

We missed seeing you at our May 29 Spring meeting, but because we know that you were close to us in spirit, we'll bring you closer by relating the events of that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Pellerin and Richard Fortin transported the Society's entire book collection to St. Anselm's for the day, enabling the members who were armed with their notes - charts - and portable files to add more names and historical facts to their personal genealogies.

At 10:00 A.M., 35 members attended the beginners' workshop given by Lucille Lagasse. Other members got acquainted and exchanged personal and mutual data. Research was the order of the day.

In a very relaxed atmosphere, brown bag lunches were enjoyed at the noon break, while others tripped over to the nearby restaurant for lunch. The members and guests enjoyed coffee and dessert which was made available by Mrs. Cecile Mumford and her committee, with friendly conversations abounding.

In a short business meeting, the members were urged to contact their State Legislators in regard to the Laws which are being written to restrict researchers. The keepers of the books must be reminded that they are there to serve us and not dictate to us. U.S. Senators and Representatives should be alerted also that we do not wish the availability of records denied us in our search.

The Treasurer, Edgar Geoffrion, informed us that \$600.00 had been paid on the Reginald Olivier Library note, and that 63 new members had joined since September '75. ✓

Maurice Loranger, our Publisher, reminds us that SEPTEMBER 15 is the deadline for queries for the next issue of "The Genealogist". Please include stamps when writing to him, as he will always acknowledge your correspondence.

Mr. George F. Theriault, Professor of Sociology at Dartmouth College, delighted the group with his talk on the Migration of French-Canadians from Quebec and the Maritime Provinces into the U.S. His personal anecdotes added flavor to an afternoon of reminiscing with our ancestors. We are appreciative of his visit. ✓

Professor Roger Lawrence, our first President, introduced our second main speaker, Attorney Denis Racine, President of the Genealogical Society of Quebec, who gave us much needed information on How to Research in Canada. As there are 3million marriages in the Archives of Quebec, we need a guide, and his text which will be published in our October edition of The Genealogist will furnish us with that kind of help. A generous "Thank You" Mr. Racine for your week-end gift to us. ✓

The suggestion was made by Mr. Freeman Pluff that those of us who are aware of out-of-the-way graveyard stones, please record these and turn the information over to a local genealogical society before they are destroyed or become unreadable.

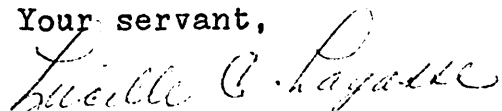
For those interested, Mrs. Pauline Methot #25, has for sale a huge compilation of all the Births and Deaths from St. Marie Parish of Manchester, N.H. Included in these 2 volumes are 14,000 marriages of parishioners which have taken place all over the world.

The meeting ended at 3:15 P.M. whereupon the members continued their research into evening.

One last reminder for the local members...Please don't forget to offer your specialty to Mrs. Val Vallee (668-3227) for our July 10th Food Sale. Thank you.

We had a pleasing day and we look forward to seeing you at our Fall meeting.

Your servant,



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