

American-Canadian Genealogical Society of N.H.

Board Meeting - December 5, 1976 - at Lucille Lagasse's home,  
Goffstown, N.H.

Due to the absence of our President, Lucelle Lagasse, the meeting was presided over by Jean Pellerin, Executive Vice-President, who opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer for Armand Lagasse who is very ill.

My report of the last Board Meeting of September 12 was not given since I was unable to be present at that meeting. Minutes of that meeting shall be entered in this record book from notes of others - hopefully.

- Treasurer's Report was given by Edgar Geoffrion and accepted. It was decided that the Treasurer should purchase the following genealogical charts, or has already purchased them; in French, 100 for \$1.15 each and sell for \$2.00; -- from Goodspeed in English, 100 for \$1.60 each and sell for \$3.00. He is to buy \$35.00 worth of two inch paper tubes in which to mail the above charts. He states we have \$300.00 more to pay on the Library Fund debt and we have until April to pay for the same. Members to date -- 398.

- Since only individuals may become members of La Societe Genealogique Canadien Francaise, it was voted and accepted that the (ours) Society should subscribe to the above organization's journal under the name of our Corresponding Secretary, Therese Pellerin. It costs \$12.00 plus .50 for bank handling (by check), 4% exchange for American money. Title of the journal is "Les Memoires de--".

- Eugene Tatro suggested some note should be made of missing books from our Library and it was decided and agreed upon that in every meeting notice, members be advised that during our meetings at St. Anselm's College the book room would be closed, but that the books would be available to members during the morning hours, and also after the meetings until 11:P.M. It was also agreed there should be no smoking nor eating and drinking both at the college meetings and at Pellerin's home as well, because of the danger of book or manuscript destruction by burning or spilling of liquids. Mention to be made of these decisions in the bulletins. Richard Fortin will supply "no smoking" signs. Roger Lawrence said the College has "no smoking" signs already in the building.

- Dick Fortin suggests members extract articles from their towns and states. He said there was a possible grant to be had from the National Historical Publications and Records Commissions for extractions by micro-film or by hand of endangered records. Application to be made by mid-February. He also told us some French newspapers have been micro-filmed at the A.C.A. and it would be advisable to extract some of these by hand or otherwise. We discussed extracting genealogies from these and other papers. R. Fortin and R. Lawrence have been extracting data from the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Concord, N.H.

- Roger Lawrence suggests asking Guy DuBay, author of "Picking up the Family Tree", as a main speaker for a future General Meeting. He also suggests we obtain five generation charts for children and young people to encourage their interest. He told us of a Boivin phone call. Mrs. Agnes Grady, #51, has said that when she has finished extracting information from the Boivin book of St. Anne's marriage records, she will donate her copy to our Library.

The gathering of the LAGASSE families was held in October, 1976. -- The first one.

Local Meeting - December 2, 1908 - at Middle Tennessee, a home, Chattanooga, W.M.

Due to the absence of our President, Joseph Lawrence, the meeting was presided over by Jean Williams, Executive Vice-President, who opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer for friends and those who are very ill.

My report of the last Board Meeting of September 15 was not given since I was unable to be present at that meeting. Minutes of that meeting shall be entered in this record book from notes of others - hopefully.

President's report was given by Edgar Gaulton and accepted. It was decided that the Treasurer should purchase the following genealogical cards, or has already purchased them; in French, 100 for \$1.15 each and sell for \$2.00; 4 -- from Gaulton in English, 100 for \$1.00 each and sell for \$2.00. He is to pay \$22.00 worth of two inch paper tubes in which to mail the above cards. He states we have \$300.00 more to use on the library fund left and we have until April to pay for the same. Minutes to date -- 1908.

Since only individuals may become members of the Society, the following Canadian names, it was voted and accepted that the (over) Society should subscribe to the above organizations' journals under the name of our Corresponding Secretary, Joseph Lawrence. It costs \$12.00 plus .50 for handling (in check) for exchange for American money. Title of the journal is "The American Genealogist".

Joseph Lawrence suggested some notes should be made of missing books from our library and it was decided and agreed upon that in every meeting notice, members be advised that during our meetings at the Association College the book room would be closed, but that the books would be available to members during the morning hours, and also after the meetings until 11:30 A.M. It was also agreed that should we be seeking for setting and printing both at the college meetings and at Joseph's home as well, because of the danger of loss or misplacement during or settling of papers, Joseph Lawrence will supply "no smoking" signs already in the building.

Joseph Lawrence suggested members extract articles from their copies and stated. He said there was a possible grant to be had from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for extractions by micro-film of hard to exchange records. He also told us some extractions to be made by mid-February. He also told us some extractions have been micro-filmed at the I.C.A. and it would be desirable to extract some of these by hand or otherwise. It discussed extracting genealogies from these and other papers. Joseph Lawrence and K. Lawrence have been extracting data from the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Concord, N.H.

Joseph Lawrence suggested setting up a "Library of the Future" as a main speaker for a future General Meeting. He also suggested we obtain five generation charts for children and young people to encourage their interest. He said that when Joseph Lawrence called Mrs. Agnes Brady, she had said that when she had finished extracting information from the living book of St. Ann's church records, she will donate her copy to our library.

Board Meeting - December 5, 1976 - cont'd

Armand Lagasse, husband of Lucille, died on December 21, 1976. He was our 1st. Treasurer.

- Roger Lawrence thinks a letter from the Bishop would open doors to parish records, or at least, in some cases. Also that we should set up a budget for buying books and other things. Nothing was decided on that definitely, although it was agreed more purchases should be made at some time.
- I am to contact Roger Lecerte about his inventories of French Newspapers in "Acadia". Titles and prices.
- John Pellerin read a letter from Maurice Loranger, our capable Editor, giving his resignation - which we accepted with much regret. Father Gerald Boucher has been approached on this matter of becoming our Editor and is considering it but no answer has been given as yet. No one else was mentioned as a possible Editor if Fr. Boucher should not accept. A letter is to be written to Maurice Loranger of our appreciation of his fine work.
- It was agreed that the trip to France should be included in our President's letter to the members. We were shown a full itinerary of the proposed trip.
- The Pellerins are in the process of selling their house and a new location for our Library Collection is needed. Recommendations are asked to be made for locating these books permanently.
- Another Franco-American Congress is coming up and contact should be made with them to set up some of our material at their meeting to further our purposes, and with their becoming acquainted with the fundamentals of our Society.
- Richard Fortin thinks we should look into the Franco-American Cultural Exchange Commission - a state funded agency to promote cultural exchanges. Dr. Maronforte, an ex-director, may be of some help there.
- We are still looking for a hall in which to hold a whist party for fund-raising. R. Lawrence believes we may be able to hold one in his parish church hall (Our Lady of Cedars) for \$25.00 and will look into the matter.
- Many typists are needed for typing file cards from the many newspaper obituaries. Volunteers are needed and possibly some high school typing students could put some time into this for practice with members in attendance during these sessions. Nothing was decided but it is known that index card workers are needed.
- Charter Members need to be listed and John Pellerin said he would put the available listing of them on file cards.
- It was agreed that all of our College Meetings be held on the first Saturdays of May and October, although R. Lawrence said the college may have conflicting days, but he would see about it.
- Also voted upon and accepted was that our Board Meetings be held on the first Sundays of February, April, June, September and December -- the first Sunday after Labor Day in September.
- Edgar Geoffrion states we are accepted, finally, as a non-profit organization by the Post Office Department, thus we have lower mailing rates.
- Roger Lawrence said all non-profit organizations must be audited every three years.
- E. Geoffrion feels we should offer Dr. Robert A. Beaudoin a Life Membership to our Society because of his loan so kindly made to us that enabled us to purchase the Olivier Library Collection. This suggestion was passed and accepted.
- We agree to subscribe to the "French-Canadian and Acadian Genealogical Review" of Quebec - Roland-J. Auger, Editor-in-Chief.
- Our sincere thanks to Lucille Lagasse for the use of her home even though she could not be present. All other Members of the Board were present with the exception of Maurice Loranger.

Respectfully Submitted, *Janette Dinwoodie*  
Rec. Secty



THE AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY of N.H.

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Dear Member,

This correspondence to you was delayed for the following reasons:

- 1) We were awaiting a finalized report on the trip to France, which is attached for your consideration.
- 2) My husband, Armand, was hospitalized from September through December 20 when he passed away. God giveth, God taketh away, and though I always accept the Lord's Will, I shall miss him.

As for my neglect to the Society, I apologize, but will make up for it in the subsequent months.

Our October meeting was very well attended with members coming to do research from as far as N.J. Maybe the far-away members could plan either Spring or Fall vacations in N.H. as our meetings will always be scheduled for the 1st Saturday in May and October. Meeting with other members who have the same interest gives us immeasurable pleasures which are undefinable - and the help that we get as personal charts are examined is often a bonus to many of us.

One member suggested that we had never requested 5-generation charts from our charter members, so anyone wishing to send this information for our files may send these to Mr. Lou Verrette, 514 Amherst St. Manchester, N.H.

Our Library is now housed at Villa Augustina, Mast Road, off Rte 114 - 2 miles toward Goffstown. The private school authorities allotted us free space, and the tables, lighting system and heat are very conducive for research. You need not call ahead, but, you must show your current membership card to the portress. Evenings and weekends also will always find the library attended.

All of us, near and far, who researched at the home of the Pellerins appreciate immensely that they, indeed put themselves out, at a time when we needed a haven for our books. Thank you Theresa and John.

Our Editor Maurice Loranger and his wife have moved out of State and because he felt strongly that the Editorship should remain in N. H., he tendered his resignation which the Board of Directors accepted reluctantly. Mr. Loranger contributed much of himself to produce a beautiful edition of The Genealogist. Thank you again Maurice and we wish you well.

Reverend Fr. Gerard Boucher - 27 Library St. Hudson, N.H. 03051 has accepted the position of Editor. His expertise in genealogy, his applied discipline in all endeavors and his willingness to serve will benefit our growing Society. Thank you Father.

The Treasurer, Edgar Geoffrion - 138 Kimball St. Manchester, N.H. 03102, has purchased hundreds of English and French ancestral charts. They will be mailed to you at \$3.00 postage paid for the english chart -- \$2.00 postage paid for the french chart.

The next issue of The Genealogist will supply you with the names of the new members which make up a total of 401 members. Reach out for new members by sending our free brochures, available from our Secretary, Mrs. Theresa Pellerin 145 Oakdale St. Manchester, N.H., to people listed in your phone book whose names are French oriented.

If any of you were ever tempted to organize a family reunion, don't delay another year, act on it, as it is the most rewarding experience ever. It was the first one for the Lagasse family, and this tradition, now begun, will continue every year. They came from Florida, and five other states. It was a warm gathering and memorabilia was exchanged which was priceless.

A Whist Party will be held in February for the purpose of clearing the debt on our books and for the purpose of buying new ones. If you have any prizes that you wish to contribute, you may send these along, the local group will take care of the work involved.

Being part of this Society is inspiring and fulfilling, as all of you recognize that there is more life in the dead, without whom there would be no history, than in the automata that we sometimes see walking around us.

Officers for the year: President: Lucille Lagasse  
Executive Vice-Pres: John Pellerin  
1st Vice-President: Roger Lawrence  
Recording Secretary: Jeannette Dinwoodie  
Corresponding Sec.: Theresa Pellerin  
Treasurer: Edgar Geoffrion

Directors: Lou Verrette  
Rita Lippe  
Eugene Tatro  
Louise Fluet  
Richard Fortin, Public Relations

Editor: Rev. Gerard Boucher

May you have Peace and Good Health all year, and I hope to meet you when I lead the genealogical group into France in May.

Very Sincerely,

*Lucille A. Lagasse*  
President

