



American-Canadian Genealogical Society

Founded September 1973 in New Hampshire

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November 3, 1987

St. Marie School

Manchester N.H.

On Monday November 3rd. the board met at Ste. Marie's in search of a temporary place for the library.

Al Hamel motioned to consider St. Marie as a temporary place for our library as indicated and talked over with Fr. Leo Foisy and to draft an appropriate letter of agreement for the two rooms on the third floor of the Holy Angel School building. This was 2nd by Ky Stratoti. The vote of 10 members present was unanimously.

Mark Gauthier will draw up a lease agreement to present to Fr. Foisy.

Bob Maurier will contact movers setting plans for our move in motion.

Al Hamel will be negotiator with Fr. Foisy and work out details.

Suggestion to donate 250 or 300 a month toward heat and electricity was made. 3 for \$250. and 7 for \$300.

Helen Tuttle will take care of notifying Insurance and make the correct changes.

Ky Stratoti is to insert notification of our move and change of address in the Genealogist.

Need for a telephone to be discussed at the next meeting.

The library is to be closed Dec. 23rd thru Jan. 1 except by appointment, or special permission only. This is due to lack of volunteer during the holiday season.

Search for a permanent place is still in progress.

The Weston Fire House is not allowed to be rented for \$1. a year lease agreement and stipulation being worked on. The rent by the foot will be deducted from the repair bills submitted. They still have the option of a thirty day notice to vacate and money invested is non refundable.

The meeting and tour closed at 6:15

Old Firehouse Needs Repairs Before Genealogical Library

A request by the American-Canadian Genealogical Society for use of the old Weston Fire Station is on hold pending a review of the building's needs by Building Commissioner Armand Gaudreault.

The aldermanic Committee on Lands and Buildings met Tuesday with the society's co-founder Lucille Lagasse, its president Mark O. Gauthier and other members to explore the possibilities of relocating the society's 5,000-volume library to the second floor of the facility.

City Public Buildings Services Director Richard Houle said the building, which has been unoccupied about eight years, needs, at the least, a new roof, a new heating system, replacement of vandalized windows and a second means of egress to meet codes.

Gauthier said the society needs new quarters when it moves from 52 Concord St. no later than January 1988.

Lagasse, a former candidate for U.S. Congress, founded the society in 1973 after she had delved into her own and her husband's family histories and recognized the need for a central, complete resource of genealogical references.

"We have the marriage books of all the marriages in Canada from 1640 to the present," Lagasse told The Union Leader.

She said the society does not confine its assistance to only Canadians of French descent but extends its help to people from any ethnic background. Although the society specializes in Canadian genealogical searches, it will provide assistance to anyone who asks.

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MARK GAUTHIER, to occupy the second story of the Weston Fire Station for a non-profit research library of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society (first floor being used by the School Department for storage) at 3 Weston St., corner of Concord Street. It was stipulated the request was granted for a non-profit research library for the named society only and parking was to be provided.

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Vacant Fire Station Sought For Genealogical Library

The unoccupied Weston Fire Station will be the site of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society's library if approvals from the city are forthcoming.

The aldermanic Lands and Buildings Committee will meet with representatives of the society at 6:30 tomorrow evening to discuss the group's request to renovate the second floor for its own use.

The former fire station on Weston Avenue serves as a storage center these days. The school department uses the first floor to house department materials. Over recent years, several attempts have been made to put the building to use — once as a center for the elderly, another time as an alcohol detoxification center.

Mark O. Gauthier, president

of the society, said the group is willing to renovate the second floor and to restore electrical, plumbing and all necessary security services "if we are allowed to use this fine facility."

Gauthier said he and Mrs. Lucille Lagasse toured the building and were impressed by the possibilities of the second floor.

The committee is chaired by Ward 11 Alderman Henry Thibault and also includes Ward 7 Alderman Paul Dwyer and Ward 9 Alderman Peter Burkush.

The only other aldermanic committee meeting scheduled this week is the Committee on Accounts, Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. It is chaired by Ward 2 Alderman Catherine Schneiderat. Ward 1 Alderman David Wihby and Ward 5 Alderman Glen Gervais are also members.

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Our Plans and Needs!

At the end of this year, the ACGS Library will need to vacate its present location and move to another site. Whether the library is able to continue functioning with little interruption depends on timing and finances. The ACGS Officers and Board of Directors are carrying the responsibility for decisions and operations of the move. This is all in addition to the normal functioning of the society. Frankly we need help!

We need help that will reduce individual work loads and help that could reduce the cost of our transition. If you have the capacity and the time to work with the officers and board, your aid would be most gratefully received. Volunteer work has made ACGS a dynamic society in guidance, research and participation. If you can contribute some hours of your work for the society, you can share in the mutual aid principle that makes ACGS function well.

Some of the areas in which aid will be needed to reduce costs for the move are as follows:

- Removal of books from shelves and packing into boxes.
- Packing viewers, equipment and files for safe transit.
- Cleaning up of the library space when the contents are moved.

There will be a professional mover who will cart and truck the material to our new site or to a storage area if the site is not ready. We may need to rent from the mover costly storage space.

- Unless you have safe storage space to let us use.
- Or can move our library contents professionally.

The new library location will need cleaning, painting & repairing. We will find out whether the roof needs repair, electrical circuits need replacement and addition, and the plumbing requires correction and updating. Shelves must be built and stained. Tables and chairs will be needed for research and work. All the material and labor will cost ACGS unless it is donated. Apart from the materials for carpentry, plumbing, and electricity for which we hope to find donors, we will require.

Licensed plumbers and electricians.

Carpenters both experienced and capable do-it-yourselfers.

Painters for the inside woodwork and shelving.

Roofer with equipment in case the roof needs work.

We will need help to set the library back into working order. The books will need restacking, the files need positioning and the readers placed in working locations. Professional help is not required to get the library back to functional state.

When we have our own location, the hours that the library will be opened can be increased ONLY IF library volunteers can be obtained. Since the librarian aids researchers, the librarian must be familiar with the resources for research and the technique of finding the more evasive ancestors. Training in both is given to volunteers as needed.

We need more library volunteers to increase library hours.

Another big IF is the possibility that our site selection may not be available with the conditions we wish. Therefore we need input about alternate site locations and we have very ^{little} time left to relocate.

We need:

Alternate sites at most realistic rates.

Persons to follow up the site procurement.

Can you volunteer for any of our needs? If so, fill in the spaces below to give us your capacity of help.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Area or type of volunteer aid _____

Comments:

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR REPLY TO A/ HAMEL, 71 HAVERHILL RD, CHRISTIAN NH 03026
ACGS, PO BOX 668, MANCHESTER, NH 03105

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Library Treasurer's Report
October 1987

Balance in Checking Account on Oct 13 \$ 98.82

Receipts

None

Disbursements

None

Balance in Checking Account on Oct 31 \$ 98.82

The Library Treasurer's Fund has advanced the following amounts to the General Fund. Remuneration of the amounts should be considered.

1 Jul 1986	Periodical Binding (New England Duplicator)	\$ 241.14
3 Aug 1985	Oak Drawer Cabinet	525.00
6 Oct 1985	Periodical Storage Boxes (The Highsmith Co)	93.43
19 Feb 1986	Jette Purchase for Raffle	150.00
7 Sep 1986	Periodical Binding/Copy Express	956.25
12 Nov 1986	Boivin Repertoires	450.00
	Total	\$ 2815.82

The 20% allotment for the Library Fund has not been received for:

Oct, Nov, Dec 1986

June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct 1987

Submitted by

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Library Treasurer