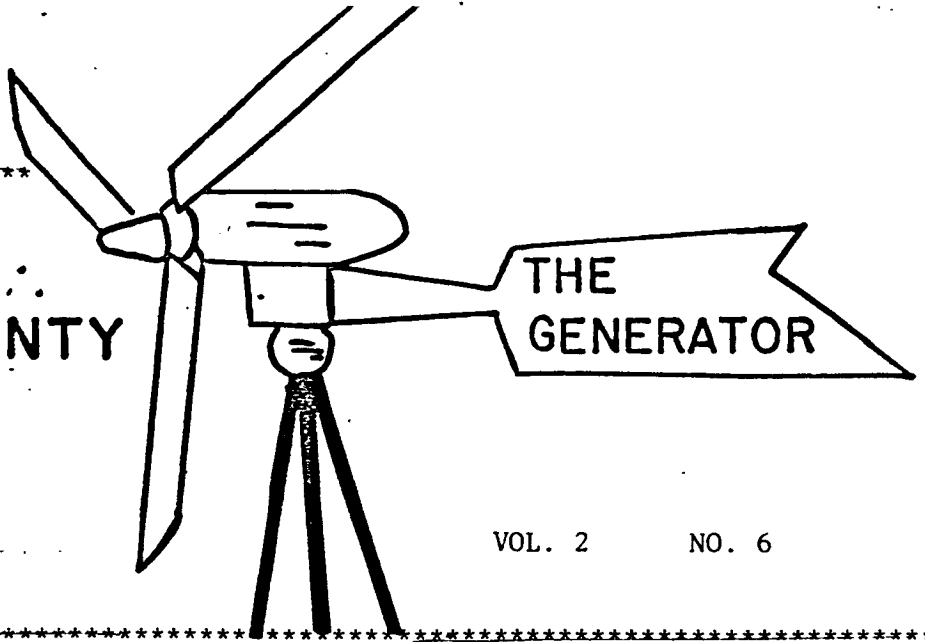


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With fanfare we proudly unveil the Generator's new mast-head! Congratulations and thanks go to member Arnold Kepple for designing and contributing the fine new face for our newsletter.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, February 20th, at 7:30 P.M. in the library at the Esperanza Middle School. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Michael Whitson, of Tri-County Abstract, Inc., who will speak on researching land records. Mr. Whitson has over 8 years of title searching experience as a professional, operates his own company, and has over 100 different clients. Land records provide many clues in our genealogical research, and this will be an opportunity for members to learn proper research methods. Come prepared with your questions.

Keep up with weather conditions and school closings. It is a policy of the Board of Education that no meetings are held in the public schools in the evenings of days that the schools have been closed because of inclement weather. Efforts will be made to have announcements placed on the local radio stations in case of the cancelation of any of the society's meeting.

We extend our gratitude to member Joan Burroughs for having us at the Camalier House for our January meeting and to Mr. Eddie Stokel, who gave such an interesting talk on the history of the house and of the Leonardtown area. Mr. Stokel delighted his audience with his knowledge, wit, and with his old pictures. It was most gratifying to see such a good attendance and to hear the favorable comments made by members and guests.

Joan Burroughs and Doris Jones provided refreshments for the January meeting. Members present unanimously approved of continuing refreshments at future meetings. Members Ruth Raley and Elna Helgerson volunteered to provided refreshments for the February meeting. We will be asking for volunteers for the March, April and May meetings.

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Randy Norris
Hollywood, MD.

Daisey Pegg
Lexington Park, MD.

George A. & Ruth Sloat
Lexington Park, MD.

Welcome back to some old members who recently renewed their memberships. Remember for anyone joining the Society now, dues are half price.

A reminder to all members that this is the last month to have old photos copied by member Arnold Kepple. Contact Arnold at 475-2257 for an appointment if you wish to take advantage of his fine offer. Please see the January Generator for complete details.

We have learned from the Register of Wills, Mrs. Norma Dawson, that the old records on file in the room off of her office, will soon be move to the Hall of Records at Annapolis. She will need our help in getting these records checked and readied for shipment soon. Those of our members, who volunteered to help with these files, can expect a call in the near future.

It was announced at the January meeting that our Society was the recipient of a fine booklet sent to us by the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society. It is the "Census of Deceased Personnel Buried at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland". This booklet was prepared as an Eagle Scout Project by Andy C. Watcher, Eagle Scout Candidate of Troop 379 and other members' of his troop, of Fort Meade, MD. The booklet contains 88 pages and the names and information taken from grave markings of 585 deceased individuals. We congratulate Andy Watcher and the scouts of Troop 379 for their splended contribution and extend sincere thanks to them and to the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society. This booklet will be available for circulation among our members.

Member Harvey Lineback reports he has received some response from members concerning publications they are willing to loan other members of the Society. It is hoped more lists will be turned into Harvey.

As announced by member Winifred Russell at the January meeting, there will be a Genealogical Seminar held at the D.A.R. Chapter House, 4701 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD., on Thursday, March 1st, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Subjects on the agenda are, land records, wills, and probate records. This seminar is free to anyone interested in genealogy. Those attending are asked to bring sandwiches. Coffee and tea will be provided. Further information can be secured by calling, Miss Anna M. Cartlidge, State D.A.R. Lineage Chairman at 433-7565.

The following information was passed on by members Arthue & Elna Helgersen. The library of the L.D.S. at Annandale, VA., is open at the following hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri., 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.; Sat. 9:30 A.M. to noon; Tues. & Wed. 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Member Margaret Fresco has informed us that she and member Shirley Colleary have been coping Catholic Records at St. Aloysius in Leonardtown. This is a real break-through!

We are indeed grateful for these members for sharing their knowledge with us. This is the type of input our Society needs.

Member Sarah Hughes made a fine suggestion at the January meeting concerning cards to be placed in the library. She suggested each member make up a 3"X 5" index card on each family he or she is researching. Information to placed on these cards will include: Name of family being researched at the top, area of research (state, county, etc.) and the name, address and phone number of the researcher. Permission was given by the Lexington Park Library over a year ago to place this file in the library. It will enable library patrons to check to see if anyone is researching a line in which he or she is interested. It is hoped this will benefit our members and anyone deong genealogical research.

The society has acquired a Shelf List of records on file at the Hall of Records in Annapolis from the Register of Wills in Leonardtown. It will be available at the February meeting for your convenience.

It was announced at the January meeting that the Lexington Park library has the latest catalog from which U.S. microfilmed censuses can be ordered. This is the 1900 census catalog.

Coming Events:

Feb. 20 - Our Meeting - 7:30 P.M., Library Esperanza Middle School

Mar. 1 - D.A.R. Genealogical Seminar - 10 A.M.-3 P.M., D.A.R. Chapter House, Baltimore, MD.

Mar. 3 - National Genealogical Society Meeting - 2:30 P.M., U.S. Archives, Speaker, Prof. Robert Hodge, "Newspapers As An Aid To Genealogy"

Mar. 7 - Prince Georges Co. Genealogical Society Meeting - 7:30 P.M. Largo Comm. College, Speaker, Olive Jones, "Reearching In Maryland and a Few Tedbits More"

Mar. 17- National Genealogical Society Meeting - 2:30 P.M., U.S. Archives, Speaker. Capt. Earl R. Smith, U.S.G.C. (Ret), "The Common Law, Doomsday Book"

Member Kathy Daugherty, who is also a member of the Connecticut Historical Society, has received a copy of historical and genealogical materials available from the Connecticut State Library, which is provided for your information and use in the enclosure of this newsletter.