

SPECIAL!! SPECIAL!! Our newsletter has been christened "The Generator"! ! Congratulations to member J. Alfred Dillow whose entry was selected out of 16 suggestions by the voting of the members at the September meeting. We are delighted over our new and unique name. To our knowledge, no other society is using the name. Al submitted a most interesting letter printed below.

The word gene comes from the Greek word "gene", meaning family. The gene is a complex self-reproducing molecule that constitutes the unit of heredity. Genealogy means the study of family origins and history and the compilation of pedigrees and lists of ancestors. Another word derived from gene is generate, which means to engender, breed, beget, get, sire, procreate, propagate, reproduce. Generate means all these words and it comes into comparison in the sense of to give life or origin to or to bring into existence by or as by natural processes. The word generate is now rarely used in reference to human beings, and seldom in reference to animals and plants. It has come to be associated with generating electrical current. So with that bit of history as a background, I suggest that we call our newsletter, "The Generator".

Sincerely, Alfred

NEEDED!! NEEDED!! A mast head for "The Generator". So all of you artistic and not so artistic members, we need your help in finding a face for "The Generator". If you have any suggestions, please let us hear from you.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, October 17th, at 7:30 PM in the library at the Esperanza Middle School. The speaker will be another of our members, Mildred Milburn Fletcher. Millie is a delegate to the Governor's Conference of Libraries and Information Services, currently taking place - Oct. 12-14 at the U. of Md. at College Park. Librarians are so vital in our research, and we are happy to have Millie representing us. We will be looking forward to hearing her report on the conference on Tuesday evening.

Our September meeting was quite productive. First many thanks to Alice Sanner Drury for her most interesting talk about the D.A.R. Alice presented Doris Beavan Jones a copy of "Washington Landmark"-a view of the DAR. The headquarters, history, and activities. Anyone wishing to see this most informative book, please contact Doris.

We welcomed a guest at our last meeting in the person of Randy Norris, a student at Esperanza Middle School. Randy has made much progress in researching his family lines with the help of our member, Harvey Lineback. It is always gratifying to see young people involved in genealogy. Thank you, Harvey, for bringing Randy to the meeting. We hope he will continue to join us. Many thanks also, go from all of us, Harvey, for again securing a place for our society to hold monthly meetings.

Many members present gave reports on their summer experiences, finds, and trips. Several of us decided it would be helpful to take Harvey along the next time we do research! He is probably booked up for the next several summers! !

It was suggested and decided that our society order certain genealogical forms and have them on hand at our meetings for sale for the convenience of our members. Our treasurer Sarah Hughes, has placed an order for pedigree charts, data work sheets, and children continuation sheets. Hopefully the shipment will arrive soon. Since these forms are not available locally, it is felt that this will be a most welcome service.

One of the main topics of discussion was a field trip. It was decided to plan a trip to Annapolis, Joseph Daugherty, our trip chairman, promised to check on the availability of transportation. We now have a firm date, and the trip to Annapolis has been scheduled for Oct. 28th. By now, everyone should have received a post-card concerning the trip. Have you contacted Kathy Daugherty at 863-8329? There will be something for everyone in Annapolis, the Hall of Records and the Naval Academy Library. There has been talk of future trips to Philadelphia and Richmond, nothing definite to date though.

We hear that David Roberts has 11 students in his new Adult Education Class in Genealogy. Dave, we hope you will tell them all about our society and let us know when you plan a trip!

FLASH!! FLASH!! We are very excited over a bit of news received last week from the Lexington Park Library. The 1900 Census of St. Mary's Co. has been received and is now available for use. We have asked about the availability of the 1900 census of the rest of Maryland and other states for borrowing by the library. As soon as we get more information we will advise.

A special welcome to three new members of our society. They are:  
Alma Tippet Lanier                      Dorothy Browne Stewart                      Margaret Finn Cook  
Cheltonham, Md. 20623                      Huntsville, Ala. 35802                      Chevy Chase, Md. 20015

We hope they will enjoy "The Generator", and that, through exchange of material, we will all benefit. We also hope they will be able to join us at some of our meetings.

Our St. Paul's project under the chairmanship of Ruth Grave's Raley, is progressing nicely after the summer break. As you know this involves sorting and transcribing Methodist church records at St. Paul's Church in Leonardtown. If you find you can help and did not sign up previously, Ruth will welcome a call at 475-9810.

Coming Events:

- Oct. 17th-Our meetinf 7:30 PM library, Esperanza Middle School
- Oct. 21st-National Genealogical Society Meeting, U.S. Archives 2:30-4 PM
- Oct. 28th-Our trip to Annapolis, meet 7:30 AM K-Mart parking lot. Cost \$2.50.

Queries:

No queries this month, please sent anything you have to Kathy Daugherty, MEMQ 1540-C, NAS Patuxent River, MD. 20670.

Its still not to late to join our society, please call Sarah Hughes 994-1036, if you need an application.