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James M. McAteer, Editor

### **Message from the outgoing President**

Dear Member:

As we all do, I want to welcome our new president, James McAteer. I thank all of you who have been so helpful to me during my presidency and I am sure that all of us will give Jim the kind of support you all gave to me. I thank all of you and will continue to see you at meetings.

Esther F. Richwine

### **Message from the Incoming President**

I thank outgoing president Esther Richwine for her leadership and guidance over the last several years. Also, I want to recognize Jon Mansch for his excellent performance as Librarian. I look forward to working with both of them in a new capacity during the year.

The organization needs help from all members to continue to prosper and, with this in mind, I request that all members consider volunteering time to accomplish that mission. There is a great deal to be accomplished over the next twelve months. Your help in meeting those goals is needed and deeply appreciated.

James M. McAteer

Election of new Officers:

The September meeting included elections of officers. The nominating committee, consisting of Jim McAteer, Marion O'Neal and Fern Keefer Boyer, presented a slate of officers. The following is the recommendation of the board and the results.

President: Esther Richwine

Esther announced that she declined reelection as president. Nominations were requested from the floor and James McAteer was nominated as a candidate for president. There were no further nominations and nominations were closed. James was elected president by present members.

Vice President: James McAteer and Robin Lighty

James declined to serve as he was just elected president. Further candidates were requested from the membership and, hearing no further names, nominations for Vice President were closed. Robin was elected vice president by present members.

Secretary

Freda Yocum was nominated by the committee to continue as Secretary. Further candidates were requested from the membership and, hearing no further names, nominations for Secretary were closed. Freda was elected Secretary by present members.

Treasurer

The Nominating Committee nominated Marion O'Neal to continue as Treasurer. Further candidates were requested from the membership and, hearing no further names, nominations for Treasurer were closed. Marion was elected Secretary by present members.

Librarian

The Nominating Committee recommended Karl Fox to be Librarian. Further candidates were requested from the membership and, hearing no further names, nominations for Librarian were closed. Karl was elected Secretary by present members.

Directors

The Nominating Committee recommended the following Directors: Fern Keefer Boyer, Richard Rudisill and Betty Hummell. Further candidates were requested from the membership and, hearing no further names, nominations for Director were closed. Fern, Richard and Betty were elected Directors by present members.

### **Donation**

This will acknowledge the generous contribution to CAGS of \$300 made by Jonathan Mansch in honor of the Emerick's of Harrisburg and Dauphin County. Thank you, Jon, for benefiting CAGS in this way and for remembering your ancestors, the Emerick's.

## Monthly Topics

- November 2009 Dead Men Do Tell Tales – stories of Lancaster County’s past
- December 2009 Christmas Program
- January 2010 Jim McAteer will present an introduction to free Internet genealogy websites.

## Genealogy Corner:

### Computer Website:

Anyone researching ancestors who were veterans of American wars may be interested in the National Archives in Washington, DC. If you or your parent was in the military, you may request a military transcript free of charge. All other transcripts of service require a fee. There Internet website is located at:

<http://www.archives.gov/>

Consider visiting the Commonwealth Library in Harrisburg to pursue your genealogy research. It is in the area and has a wealth of information. The library was hit hard with current year fiscal cuts so the hours are now Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9AM to 4PM. Street parking may be a bit of a problem and meters cost twenty-five cents for 10 minutes. Two blocks away is the Pennsylvania Archives, another wealth of information.

<http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us/libraries/site/default.asp>

[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=2887&&level=1&menuLevel=Level\\_1&parentCommID=0&mode=2](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=2887&&level=1&menuLevel=Level_1&parentCommID=0&mode=2)

## **Biography**

Here is a biography presented by Esther Richwine:

My grandfather was an evangelist/bishop. He was bishop over the Oklahoma territories even before Oklahoma became a state. He was meticulous about his appearance and, since the Brethren in Christ Church to which he belonged believed in a certain length of hair and beard, Grandpa's barber followed the restraints. However, when it was time for Grandpa to prepare for General Conference in Kansas, Grandpa's barber was out of town. Grandpa, having to pass through Fay, Oklahoma, anyway, decided to get his grooming done there. Although grandpa felt his instructions were implicit, something went amiss in the communication. When grandpa viewed himself in the car mirror, he was horrified. His beard was trimmed so short he felt he could not meet church standards, so he prepared to turn around and return home. Grandma, who was very persuasive, talked him into continuing the trip but he insisted that, as one of the church leaders, at the first opportunity he got, he would explain his dilemma to the brethren. As he started to speak, to explain, the gas generated lights went out and, as no one could see what he was talking about, there seemed to be no need to go into much detail. As grandpa prepared to leave the platform, the lights went back on and, to everyone's amusement, what grandpa felt were his awful shortcomings, were visible for everyone to see. The crowd was amused but I don't think anyone laughed any harder than my grandmother.

## **Research**

The Capital Area Genealogical Society has a large collection of names in the library, which is open from 1:15 until 2:30 before each meeting. Some of the alphabetized index cards also reference other family names in the system. You may also find names on our website

<http://www.capitalareagenealogy.org/>