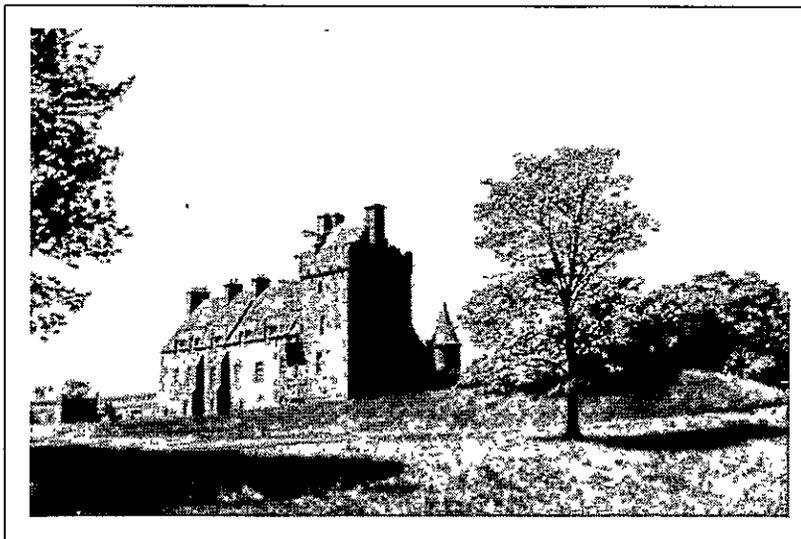


# The Agnewsletter



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## Lochnaw Castle — for Sale!



Anna Agnew

*Lochnaw Castle photographed in May 1991. Turn to page 6 for some different views of Lochnaw Castle.*

Lochnaw Castle, the family seat of the Norman Agnews in south west Scotland, is for sale. The property includes the 47 acre loch and 250 acres of natural woodland and grass paddocks surrounding the castle. Offers over £475,000 will be considered. At the current rate of exchange, approxi-

mately \$1.80 per £1, that's about \$855,000.

The present owner, Miss Del Agnew from the Tasmanian branch of the Lochnaw Agnews, purchased the castle at auction in 1956. At the time she bought the castle, it had not been owned or occupied by the Agnew

*See Castle, Page 2*

## Agnew Family Meeting, 1992

Plans for the 1992 Agnew Family Gathering are underway. We have located a potential site in the Chicago area. The Illinois Saint Andrew Society will hold its sixth annual Illinois Saint Andrew Highland Games the weekend of June 19, 20, and 21, 1992, in Oak Brook, Illinois. We're making plans now and we need to hear from you so we can solidify them. Turn to page 3 for details.



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# Castle for Sale

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family for many years. Now, with the possibility that the castle may once again slip from Agnew ownership, a number of Agnews, including Sir Crispin Agnew, have voiced concern and have expressed interest in keeping the castle in the Agnew family if at all possible.

The Agnew Association is not in a position to consider purchasing the castle. However, Convener Art Agnew has authorized Stephen B. Agnew of Santa Monica, California to look into the situation on behalf of the Agnew Association and to make recommendations about what role the Association could play. Stephen has visited the castle on several occasions. The story of one of his visits and his accompanying photographs were featured in the October 1989 issue of the *Agnewsletter*. He is deeply interested in the future of Lochnaw Castle, and plans a trip to Scotland to meet with the selling agent, the Lochnaw Castle caretakers with whom he has shared a

long friendship, and Sir Crispin. If you have any interest in participating in the purchase of Lochnaw Castle, want more details about the sale, or if you have or any ideas or suggestions about how to keep the Castle

in the hands of Agnews, please contact the Agnew Association, or Stephen Agnew at 723 Palisades Beach Road, Santa Monica, CA 90402.

## In and Out of Agnew Hands

Lochnaw Castle was granted to the Agnews in 1330 by David II of Scotland, a year after the death of his father, Robert the Bruce. The castle had been used as a royal hunting lodge until it was granted to the Agnews.

With the grant from David II came the title of Constable of Lochnaw. However, in 1390 the Agnews were overcome by the Black Douglas and Lochnaw Castle was destroyed. The site of the original castle was on the largest island in the Lochnaw loch.

In 1426, the estate was restored to the Agnews and they built a new castle on the southern shores of the loch, constructed in part with materials from the original castle ruins. The Agnews were given a grant of five pounds sterling to fortify the tower of the new structure. A stone plaque on the tower, written in Latin, describes the history of the royal grant to fortify it. Further verification is in the Great Seal Register of 1426 for Wigton.

Throughout their long history at Lochnaw, the Agnews were the Hereditary Sheriffs of Wigton (later Gallaway), Constables of Lochnaw and Baillies of Leswalt. They represented Wigton in Parliament for long periods, as well. In 1629, during the reign of King Charles I, the 8th Sheriff, Patrick Agnew, was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia.

# 1992 Agnew Family Gathering

In Chicago Area in June? Your vote may decide. Cast it now!

We must soon solidify our plans for a 1992 Agnew Family Gathering. The most promising possibility is to hold our biennial meeting in conjunction with the Illinois St. Andrews Society Gathering the weekend of June 19, 20, 21, 1992, in the Chicago area. George Miller of Glenview, Illinois has been working hard to make tentative plans for our reunion, but in order to make final arrangements, we must know very soon how many of our members would attend. Please complete the response form below, detach it, and send it by *March 27, 1992*, to:

*Art Agnew, Convener  
Agnew Ass'n of America  
P.O. Box 691  
Petaluma, CA 94953*

Your response will determine whether we will be able to hold an Agnew event in 1992.

If the response is positive to hold the gathering in the Chicago area, we will send those interested more information as soon as a decision is made, and more details in the *Spring Agnewsletter*.

If you want more information now, write to:  
1992 Illinois St. Andrews Society Highland Games  
28th and DesPlaines Ave.  
North Riverside, IL 60546

Advance tickets are available through May 22.

Special rates are available to Games participants at nearby hotels if reservations are made by June 2, 1992. Be sure to mention the Illinois St. Andrews Society Highland Games to get the special rates:

- The Drake Oak Brook - (708) 574-5700 (\$59.00)
- Stouffer Oak Brook Hotel - (708) 573-2800 (\$69.00-\$79.00)
- Clubhouse Inn - (708) 920-2200 (\$49.95)

Call the DuPage County Convention Bureau 1-800-232-0502 for more information about accommodations.



Complete and mail by <b>March 27, 1992</b> to: Agnew Association of America P.O. Box 691, Petaluma, CA 94953	<b>1992 Agnew Family Gathering          Interest Questionnaire</b>
Please check one:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am interested in attending the 1992 Agnew Family Gathering in Oak Brook, Illinois, in conjunction with the Illinois Saint Andrew Society's Highland Games the weekend of June 19, 20, 21, 1992.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not interested in attending the 1992 Agnew Family Gathering in Oak Brook, Illinois, in conjunction with the Illinois Saint Andrew Society's Highland Games the weekend of June 19, 20, 21, 1992.	
Name: _____	
Address: _____ _____	
Telephone: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> There will be _____ people in my party.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I'll help out at the Agnew tent.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please send more information.	
Please send any other comments you may have. Thank you for your interest.	



The Agnew Association of America is seeking a new editor for the *Agnewsletter*. The Association periodically rotates newsletter editors to provide a fresh perspective and viewpoint. The position of *Agnewsletter* editor offers a unique and exciting opportunity to expand one's knowledge of genealogy, to learn about the various branches of the Agnew family—both past and current, and to provide a valuable service to the Association.

For each quarterly issue, the editor compiles stories—most

submitted by members, corresponds with contributors to request and clarify information, writes articles, designs the layout, arranges for printing, maintains a current mailing list, and mails copies of the newsletter to members. The editor also communicates regularly with the Association's convener and secretary-treasurer to keep the membership list up-to-date and to ensure that Association business is covered timely in the newsletter. The *Agnewsletter* can be prepared using a computer, a word processor, a typewriter, or just by writing it out in longhand for typesetting by a print shop. Copies of past issues since

1989 are available on computer disk for the new editor.

The new editor will assume responsibility for editing and publishing the *Agnewsletter* effective with the Fall 1992 issue, which is currently scheduled to be published in November—but remember, the editor decides *when* to publish! We will announce the new editor in the Summer issue. If you are interested in serving the Association, please send a letter of interest to:

Agnew Ass'n of America  
P.O. Box 691  
Petaluma, CA 94953



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## William H. Agnew, S.J.

Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, has long been noted for its strong academic programs, particularly the medical school. Credit for bringing the medical program to such high level goes, in part, to the University President named in 1928—William H. Agnew, S.J., who came to Creighton from Loyola University in Chicago.

Father Agnew, although suffering from poor health, worked tirelessly to upgrade the research facilities, laboratories, and medi-

cal sciences of the University. High caliber students, faculty, researchers, and administrators have since maintained Creighton's Medical School reputation as one of the foremost in the Midwest and nation.

Father Agnew was born in Westphalia, Kansas on October 21, 1881, the son of Matthew and Bridget (McManus) Agnew. He was a good athlete, playing football and baseball. He attended St. Mary's in Kansas, St. Stanislaus in Missouri, and St. Louis Uni-

versity in that city. He was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1915. He served as a hospital chaplain, a parish priest in Chicago, edited a magazine, and lectured nationally for the National Catholic Welfare Council. After serving six years as President of Loyola, he moved to that position at Creighton in 1928. He died in Rochester, Minnesota in 1931.

*Principal Source: National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, Vol. 25, P. 200. Contributed by Allen M. Agnew of Fresno, CA*

# Looking for an Agnew

James E. Egnew

[Ed. note: This is not exactly a request for information but an offer of information. The "Looking..." column seemed the best place to put it.]

Ree van Oppen of Lancaster, CA has expressed an interest in joining the Association and has sent some interesting background about Agnews and Egnews.

Among Ree's ancestors were five brothers named Agnew, whose name was misspelled on the ship's entry log. As a result, their name was changed to Egnew. Three of the brothers went to Virginia and two other brothers, those who are Ree's ancestors, went to North Carolina and thence to Kentucky in the 1700's, supposedly with Daniel Boone.

Ree will share Egnew information, which has been proven only to James E. Egnew born February 2, 1801 in Harrison County KY. He died 24 March 1872 and is buried with his wife, Elizabeth Varner, in Yoar Cemetery Spencer County, Indiana.

Ree van Oppen  
2070 Baywood Ct, #150  
Lancaster, CA 93536

## Henry Clay Agnew

[Ed. note: Mrs. Barbara J. Binks, a subscriber to the Prodigy on-line computer information service, posted an inquiry about an Agnew ancestor. The Editor is also a member of Prodigy and responded by sending her a complimentary copy of the Agnewsletter, and promising to print her inquiry.]

Barbara Binks is interested in finding out about her grandfather and great-grandparents on her mother's side. Her grandfather, who died when Barbara was 4 years old, was Henry Clay Agnew. Henry was adopted but she is certain that Henry Clay Agnew was his real name. He was married to Mary Doyle and was born around 1910. He lived in and around Fayette County, Georgia. He had five daughters. He died in 1964 while undergoing open heart surgery. He had heart problems from the time he was born. He was a very tall man with dark hair and olive complexion.

If anyone has knowledge of Henry Clay Agnew and his parents, please contact her:

Mrs. Barbara J. Binks  
7836 Emily Drive  
Dallas, Georgia 30132.

## Frank Van Agnew

A student writing her thesis on the 1200 men who made up the First United States Volunteer Cavalry (the Rough Riders) contacted the Association for information on Frank Vans Agnew, who listed Kissimee, FL as his home when he joined the Rough Riders on June 5, 1898, at Tampa, FL. Please contact Karen Green if you know about Frank Vans Agnew. Her address is:

405 West Nations  
Alpine, TX 79830

[Ed. Note: Please remember to send us information you share with those "looking for an Agnew" so we can publish it in the Agnewsletter.]



## Elijah Agnew

David L. Causey is looking for information on Elijah Agnew born in South Carolina circa 1818 (page 379 Pickens County, South Carolina 1840 Census); married Susannah Nix (daughter of Daniel and Margaret Nix) and had children—Edgar F., Elizabeth Jane, Daniel Harrison, William Carlisle, George McDuffie, and Ludlow P. Agnew. Children settled in Texas and in Franklin/Hart Counties, Georgia. Elijah died in May of 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio. Anyone with information about Elijah Agnew should contact:

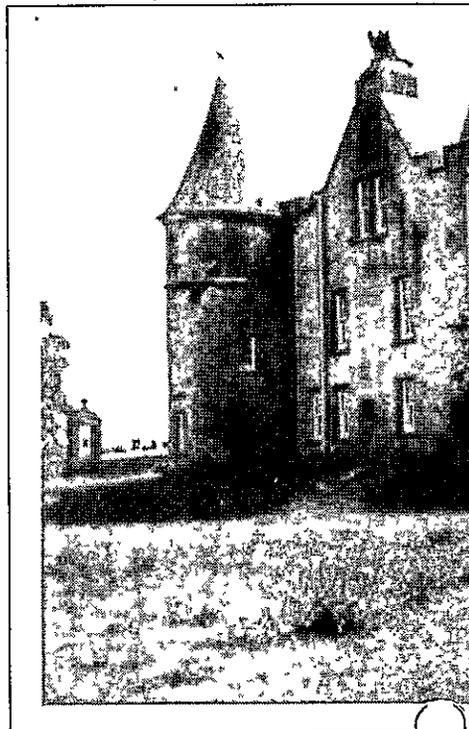
David Causey  
204 Heritage Dr.  
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093

## Springtime Views of Lochnaw Castle



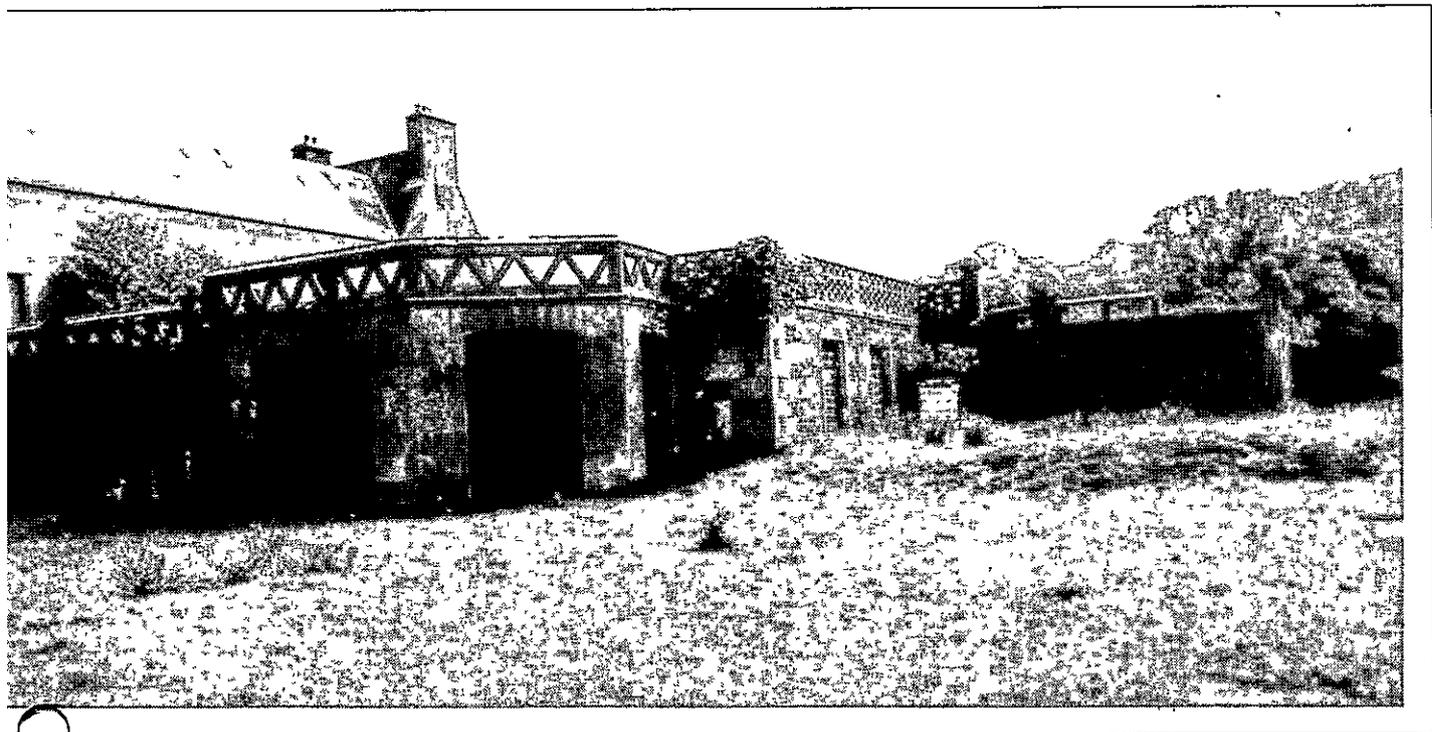
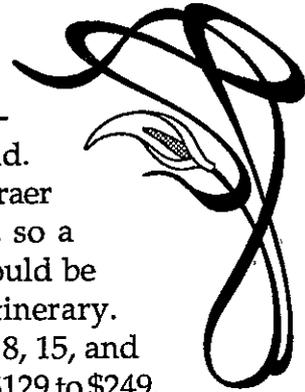
In May 1991, Anna L. Agnew, daughter of member Stan Agnew of Napa, visited Lochnaw Castle with her father and sister. She sent these photographs of Lochnaw Castle, including the photo on the front page, which she took with a Kodak disposable Stretch camera.

Spring is a lovely time to visit Lochnaw Castle. The banks of rhododendrons and azaleas are in bloom and the Loch Leven Brown trout are abundant in the loch.



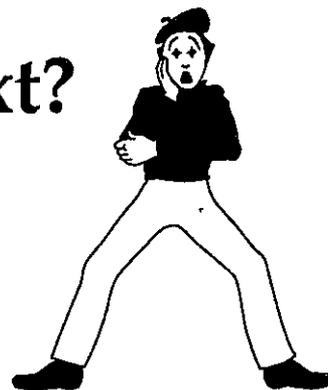


A visit to Lochnaw Castle is even easier now that Britrail has introduced its Scotrail pass, allowing travel on trains and major ferries throughout Scotland. There is a railway station at Stranraer which is near Lochnaw Castle, so a side trip to Lochnaw Castle should be easy to add to your travel itinerary. Scotrail passes are available for 8, 15, and 22 days and range in price from \$129 to \$249. Passes must be purchased before leaving the United States, so check with your travel agent.



# What Will They Say Next?

Quotations compiled by the Editors of Forbes Magazine



Heredity: the thing a child gets from the other side of the family

—*Marceline Cox*

With him for a sire and her for a dam,

What should I be but just what I am?

—*Edna St. Vincent Millay*

There are many kinds of conceit, but the chief one is to let people know what a very ancient and gifted family one descends from.

—*Benvenuto Cellini*

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.

—*Chinese Proverb*

Genealogy: A perverse preoccupation of those who seek to demonstrate that their forebears were better people than they are.

—*Sydney J. Harris*

Man is descended from a hairy-tailed quadruped, probably arboreal in his habits.

—*Charles Darwin*

Heredity is what sets the parents of a teenager wondering about each other.

—*Laurence J. Peter*

Many a family tree needs trimming.

—*Kim Hubbard*

A degenerate nobleman, or one that is proud of his birth, is like a turnip: there is nothing good of him but that which is underground.

—*Samuel Butler*

Think of your ancestors and your posterity, and you will never marry.

—*Ethel Mumford*



## Walter Scott Agnew – Cherokee Leader

Walter Scott Agnew, a Cherokee tribal leader, was born May 16, 1842. During the Civil War he served the Confederacy in Company B, First Cherokee Mounted Rifles and Company E., Second Cherokee Mounted Volunteers. He married Sarah Riley Seabolt, daughter of Feliz and Susie (Bigby) Riley in December of 1866. Walter and Sarah had one child, Laura



Agnew, who married William H. Robinson. Mrs. Sarah Agnew died and in July 1870, Walter Agnew married Mary Elizabeth, born May 19, 1849 to Andrew Jackson and Lucy Vicory Jackson. Walter and Mary Elizabeth lived in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

They had five children; Ellen, John Lowery, Robert Miller, Walter Lee, and Josephus E.

Walter Scott Agnew was elected a member of the Tribal Council from the Canadian (Oklahoma) District in 1887, Senator in 1899, and District Judge in 1895.

Source: *History of the Cherokee Indians*, by Emmett Starr, edited by Jack Gregory and Rennard Strickland, published by Indian Heritage Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas 82801. P. 493

Contributed by Allen M. Agnew, Fresno, California. He stumbled onto the information about Walter Scott Agnew while doing some investigating for a Cherokee friend.



# In Search of the Missing Link

## Agnews and Egnews

by Robert C. Egnew

My original interest in joining the Agnew Association was to try to discover the missing link between the Agnews and the Egnews. There has always been much speculation in my family as to the origins of the change in names but no hard facts.

The research done by the family indicates that three Agnew brothers came from Scotland and settled in Ireland, one at Craigmore, near Randallstown, county of Antrim; another at Donegore, near Antrimtown; and the other somewhere in the county of Tyrone. One or two of the sons of the Agnew who settled at Craigmore came to America and settled in Philadelphia.

James Agnew was born July 31, 1711, and probably came to Donegal (now Rapho) Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania when it was organized in 1729. He married Martha, maiden name unknown, in 1732, and had two children: John, b. March 4, 1732, and Jennet, b. August 22, 1735. James Agnew married for a second time to Rebecca Scott, b. December 17, 1707, daughter of Abraham Scott. They had nine children: Samuel, Martha, James, David, Margaret, Rebecca, Sarah, Abram, and Ann. Three of the sons of this union served in the Revolutionary War. James Agnew died on October 2, 1770.

The 1790 census records of Kentucky list a James Egnew in Bourbon County and from 1790 to

1838, the tax lists show many Egnews in Bourbon and Harrison Counties. James Sr., James Jr., Isaac, John, Andrew and David. There is no way to determine their relationship to one another.

The earliest proven information involves our specific line of the family and concerns James Hardin Egnew who was born in Kentucky on November 22, 1805, and died May 15, 1892. He married Margaret Pope in Harrison County Kentucky and had three children, Martha A., b. 1832; Anthony Shaller, b. July 4, 1833 and Peter Pope, b. 1836. The 1850 census revealed that they had moved to Spencer County, Indiana prior to 1840 where a fourth child, Elizabeth Henry was born June 29, 1840.

After the death of his first wife, Margaret, in 1843, James Hardin married Mary (Polly) Mason a widow with five children; Mary's maiden name was Richardson. This union produced four additional children: John R., b. 1843, William R., b. October 27, 1845, Joseph R., b. 1847 and Nancy I., b. 1849. Volume 5 of the Historical Records of Spencer County, Indiana, Clay Township, shows that Mary Richardson was married to James Agnew. It is unclear whether or how James Hardin Egnew (Agnew) was related to any of the Agnews of Pennsylvania or South Carolina.

James Hardin Egnew sent four sons into the Civil War: Anthony, Peter, John and William. The Egnew family helped establish the

Little Pigeon Missionary Baptist Church in Spencer County, Indiana where James Hardin and Polly and several of their children are buried.

Peter Pope Egnew, b. 1836, d. 1889, married Mary Smith and had eight children: Florence, Sherman, Nancy, Lizzie, Jane, Martha, John, and David. My grandfather, David Lemond Egnew, b. 1886, was the son of Peter Pope Egnew, the third child of James Hardin and Margaret Pope Egnew. My grandfather moved from Spencer County, Indiana to Montana where he homesteaded in 1912.

The speculation has always been that somehow the descendants of James and Martha Agnew, or James Agnew and his second wife Rebecca, moved to Kentucky and their name was mistakenly changed to Egnew. It has always been speculated that James Hardin Egnew must have been somehow related to James Agnew of Pennsylvania.

*[Ed. Note: If anyone has information that might link James Agnew of Pennsylvania with James Hardin Egnew of Kentucky, please contact:*

*Robert C. Egnew  
4904 Bellevue St.  
Soquel, CA 95073*

*Also note the offer of information about Egnews from Ree van Oppen in the Looking for an Agnew column, page 5.]*



## Agnews and Othernews

### New Members

Those joining the Association since November 1991 include:

Mrs. Beryl Agnew  
124 Rang St. Marie  
St. Chrysastome, P.O.  
Canada J05 IR0

Carl G. Weatherly  
204 W. Glade Lane  
Payson, AZ 85541

Mrs. Nancy Agnew Rooney  
6100 Nadine Cres.  
Richmond, B.C.  
Canada V7C 2T6

Sandra Gail Browning  
4512 Fairfax Place  
Powder Springs, CA 30073

### In Memorium

David E. Agnew of Santa Barbara, California, brother of Albert C. Agnew of Oakland, CA died in September 1991. The Agnew Association offers our deepest sympathies to the family.

### 1920 Census

The 1920 federal population census will be opened to the public March 1, 1992. On that date, microfilmed copies will be available for review at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC and the 11 regional archives across the U.S. and through the National Archives microfilm rental program.

## The Last Word

*Convener Art Agnew*

Plans for the 1992 Agnew family gathering are beginning to take shape. In response to our inquiry, we received lots of suggestions for the site of the gathering, from east to west, north to south, and lots of places in between. It is difficult to select a site convenient to all because we Agnews are so far-flung, but we have determined that the Illinois St. Andrew Society's Highland Games, scheduled for the weekend of June 19, 20, and 21, offer the perfect occasion for the 1992 gathering of Agnews. I want to give special thanks to George W. Miller of Glenview, Illinois for all the work he has done in arranging for the 1992 gathering.

I hope that many of you will plan to attend. Scheduled events will depend on how many of our members participate in the gathering. Please be sure to complete the questionnaire on page 3 of this issue, so we will know who, and how many, plans to attend. We'll announce more details about the 1992 gathering in the



Spring issue, scheduled for May. Those details will include an agenda for the biennial Agnew meeting, and some suggested changes for consideration at the meeting.

I recall with great pleasure the last Agnew family gathering held in Santa Rosa, California in 1990. I'm sure the meeting in June will be an event to remember, as well. We're looking forward to an eventful gathering.

### Social Security Records Must Be Saved

The Social Security Administration plans to destroy the original 37 million applications for Social Security. These early files include many persons born in the 1860's and 1870's. Many were naturalized citizens. The documents slated for destruction contain the address, date and place of birth, father's name and mother's maiden name of each applicant.

Concerned genealogists should write to the Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235 to ask that the records be turned over to the National Archives for genealogical research. A letter to your Congressional Representative may also be an effective way to help preserve these records.

## Membership Application and Renewal

The following form is used to apply for membership in the Agnew Association of America, to renew memberships, and to give gift memberships.

Please send completed applications or renewals to:  
**Agnew Association of America,**  
c/o Lois Schieck  
#108—3475 Broken Woods Dr.  
Coral Springs, FL 33065

Checks should be payable to the Agnew Association of America. One year is \$15. Three years is \$40.00. Thank you.

**Agnew Association of America**  
*Membership Application/Renewal*

Please check all that apply

New Membership

Myself  
 Gift(s)

Membership Renewal

Myself  
 Gift(s)

For gift memberships, please provide the name of the person for whom the gift is intended. For multiple memberships or renewals, please attach an additional sheet with the name and address of each gift membership or renewal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I have family information that I would be willing to share. I will forward it to the *Agnewsletter* for use in a future issue. *Agnewsletter* address: P.O. Box 691, Petaluma, CA 94953

Please contact me about the Agnew information I have.

Please send a gift announcement to each gift membership. (For gift memberships only)

Please send a copy of the latest issue of the *Agnewsletter* to each new member.

Please enclose a check payable to Agnew Association of America to cover each new membership or renewal (\$15.00 per year) and attach a listing of the names and addresses of gift memberships. Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Address, if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_

## Agnew Association Membership

*The Agnew Association of America was established in the United States in April 1984 at the request of Sir Crispin Agnew, Bt. of Lochnaw, Chief of the Family Agnew. The purpose of the Association is to bring together all of the name Agnew or those descended from the name Agnew to promote interest in lineage and exchange of information. An Association newsletter is published quarterly to disseminate items of Agnew interest and assist contacts with other members tracing their Agnew line. The newsletter is available to members only, and back issues are available at \$3.00 each to members and prospective members. Member queries are answered without charge. In order to support the Association, the Board of Directors established annual dues of \$15.00, and \$6.00 for students.*

*A three year membership is \$40.00. Dues are payable by July 1 of each year.*

*Lifemembership in the parent Association in Scotland is \$30 in the United States and Canada.*

*Membership application for both the American and Scottish associations and annual dues should be sent to:*

*Mrs. Lois Schieck  
#108 — 3475 Broken Woods Drive  
Coral Springs, Florida 33065*

*Please make checks payable to the Agnew Association of America. For membership in the Agnew Association of Scotland, send a separate check for \$30 payable to the Agnew Association.*

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