

GENERAL MEETING APRIL 9, 1994

Thirty-one members were present for the April meeting of Mid-Valley Genealogical Society. One new member was introduced, Carol . Carol has already volunteered to help with the Gazette Times computer recording project! Treasurer's report indicated a March 31, 1994 bank balance of \$1276.93.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library: A list of new items is in the newsletter. The on Virginia is an INDEX ONLY; if you find a surname searched you can purchase the appropriate county booklets for \$5-\$7.50 to obtain details.

Merchandizing: We will have a garage sale on Saturday, June Fourth, at Jean Grube's home, 2020 NW 23rd St., Corvallis. Helpers will be needed on Friday June 3rd for marking and set-up, and on Saturday; hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Book Committee: The committee is considering purchasing the U.S. Pension Roll of 1835 for \$185. This 4-vol. plus index set lists 60,700 service records, including all who served in the American Revolution; with info. on widows. The system used in other genealogical societies will be followed; i.e.; if pledges of \$100 towards its purchase are received, WVGs will pay the remainder. Likewise, for purchase of General History of the Upper Monongahela Valley, W. Va. (2 vols: \$80); if \$50 is received in pledges, WVGs will pay the additional \$30. These items would be loaned out on basis of first pledge and others in rotation, not by the amount pledged.

Public Relations: Judy Beale requested cookie donations for the May 16th public event. The list for monthly refreshment helpers is being passed around for sign-ups for the new year of Sept. '94-June'95.

Queries: JOHN AND CAROLINE PATERSON, who lived in Benton County before 1880.

Service Projects: Becky Kiger reported that several have volunteered for the G.T. Obits. computer project. Sheila Fitzpatrick undertook research into early newspapers in an effort to find what proceeded the present Benton Bulletin, which has been published since 1976. A Benton County Review, published from Nov. 02, 1907 until Aug. 13, 1964, is recorded on microfilm at the University Library, Eugene. It was supposedly stopped in 1970, but no copy or indication of what happened between 1964 and 1970 was found. Two brief publications, the Philomath Crucible (Mar. 17-May 08, 1879), and Oregon Oracle (June 11-Oct. 08, 1885) are also on microfilm at Eugene. A Benton County Herald, immediate forerunner of B.C. Bulletin (?), is available at Corvallis City/County Library.

Labels: Audrey Broadley has done this project for many years and wishes for a replacement. Laura Crosiar volunteered. She requested that members collect them regularly instead of all at the final time of turn-in.

National Archives Requests: Janice Barclay has taken over the task of sending in written requests, relieving Ricky Yoke from this responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Russell, chair, absent. One new member

NEWSLETTER: Ed Stratton's finger has healed enough to type! He reported he has several articles available for next edition. In the listing of monthly states to have materials brought in for sharing, North Carolina was missing; it will be added to April. If additional states are desired, members should ask the board. Of late there has been a scarcity of materials brought in at meetings for sharing; please do so.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Daniel Froehlich has purchased the new Germany Zip Codes (since reunification), and will give information to members from it if they telephone him.

Member Fred Zwalen is in Intensive Care at Corvallis hospital.

Programs open to public: Albany G.S. at the Waverly branch of Public Library, and Polk County Museum open house at the old Dallas Public Library building; both of these are April 16th.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Coolican asked if members would like more field trips. A hand-count indicated enough members interested to merit a trip to the Eugene G.S. Library. A volunteer will be sought to make necessary arrangements. Date to be announced.

Ken Zielman, president, reminded members of the May 16th program by Ron Bremer.

Meeting adjourned. Program on Benton County and Oregon history presented by member and local historian, Ken Mumford.

Respectfully submitted:



Jo Triggs, Secretary