

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

April 5, 1993

The meeting was called to order at the home of Jean Grube by President Daniel Froelich.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Damaris talked about the up-coming class and said that she will put a notice about it in the G-T.

A call was received from librarian, Wendy James. She has had a very sudden job offer from Virginia and is in the process of moving and will not be able to attend the meetings. There was discussion about how to replace her and Jean Grube and Damaris Reynolds volunteered to finish out the year as joint librarians since both have been assisting in the re-numbering of the library.

Ken Bielman asked if Kansas could be added to the areas designated for the sharing table. It will be added for June.

The program for the next meeting will be Margaret Ingram of Albany speaking on how to write your life history, Daniel said.

Damaris will be getting an Oregon Trail tape which she suggested could be used as a program for a meeting. Perhaps it could be shown in the Museum auditorium. She will check with Jim Russell.

Damaris reported that three new books have been received. She has also ordered a set of books which are the indices for the genealogies held by the Library of Congress. They were bought with \$35. subscribed by members as part of the \$75. price. Two copies of the new Oaklawn cemetery book have already been sold, she said. They are \$35.50 by mail and \$29. locally.

Ken reported two new family memberships and 2 new singles. He read a list of delinquent members. He has sent out reminder letters with some results but there are still quite a few delinquent members. At present we have 97 single memberships and 22 families, a total of 144 members.

Daniel will not be at the Saturday meeting and will give the agenda to Jim Russell, who will preside.

Ed talked about the newsletter. He reported that he does have some material on hand but welcomes articles, queries, or other material from members.

Mabelle said that she will be holding her garage sale about the last week in May if the society wants to join in it.

The next meeting will be May 3 at the home of Damaris Reynolds.

Jane Barclay

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Meeting of April 10, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bill Russell due to the absence of Daniel Froehlich.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Darrel Kahl gave the treasurer's report. Income included \$201. from membership dues and totaled \$275.91. Expenses included \$571.50 for printing cemetery books and \$29.70 for new library books. The bank balance was \$1289.79.

A letter from Librarian Wendy James was read. Wendy has accepted a position in Virginia and has already moved to Roanoke. Jean Grube and Damaris Reynolds have agreed to fill her position for the remainder of the year.

Damaris reported that a new book, only two months old, is missing from the library and there is no card for it. It is Records of State Censuses. She asked that it please be returned if anyone knows where it is.

The book committee asked for matching contributions for a book on Wisconsin Indexes. If there is enough interest in the book, the society will pay half of the cost.

Mabelle Martsching reported that she has had new queries and is researching the names Bray, Willey, Busch, and Smith and would welcome help if anyone has knowledge of these families.

Becky Kiger reported that the last cemetery book is out. It is Volume V and is Oaklawn Cemetery. Letters are being sent to those who have purchased the rest of the set.

Volunteers are still needed to read and index births, marriages and deaths in old G-T's for the Museum.

Ken Bielman introduced new member Cecilia Anderson. He reported that the society now has 98 single members and 22 family members, making a total of 145 members.

New members were invited to turn in five generation pedigree charts, which will be put in the computer and a copy kept in the library.

Everyone is asked to bring items for a garage sale to be held in May. Profits go to the book fund.

Ed Stratton explained that it is no longer necessary for us to save the entire Flavor-Pac label in order to get the rebate. All that is necessary is the UPC label. It is much easier to handle the labels if they are done in this way.

Kansas is being added to the sharing table list of places and will be featured in June.

Ed reported that we have acquired 50 new books in the last few months and there will be an addendum to the book lists ²at members have purchased.

He also asked that members keep giving him articles and material for the Newsletter.

The roster for library volunteers was passed around by Mary Yoke and several volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned.

Janice Barclay

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[DANIEL: PLEASE READ THIS LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE 4/10 MEETING:]

April 4, 1993

To Daniel Froehlich, President of the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society, and its Board of Directors and Members, from Wendy James, Librarian 9/91-4/93:

Due to financial reverses here in Corvallis, I have been forced to seek employment elsewhere. Last week on a trip to the Roanoke/Salem area of the State of Virginia, I accepted employment with one of the large regional medical facilities there, the Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley in its "Prenatal Diagnostic Center" within the Center for Women and Children where I had a pre-arranged job interview for a medical transcriptionist. I also found a nice apartment only a short commute away in Salem, a suburb of Roanoke. My new employer wants me to return to Roanoke as quickly as soon as possible to start my job, so I will be packing my stuff and moving even before you know about this.

I am sorry for the very short notice, and I will miss the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society and its library but most of all its members whom I have come to know, respect and love. I am sorry there is not more time to arrange for a replacement librarian, but I understand Jean Grube and Damaris Reynolds may pinch-hit until then, and my thanks go to them.

I am extremely fortunate that I could arrange to rent an apartment adjoining the property of Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, upon whose grounds my ancestor William Bryan had the original land grant, as he had for most of the Salem business section. While there last week, I also visited his grave which is only a walk away and have picnic'd on the site of the spring water for the property, now a city park and lovely with ducks and swans. Both the Roanoke and Salem libraries have large Virginia history sections, and I will be joining their historical societies as well as the Southwest Virginia Genealogical Society based in Roanoke. I feel very lucky that I can live near my buried ancestors and can also do much more research in and around this area than I could from Corvallis. This area is truly the foot (or heart) of the Shenandoah Valley, and I feel very lucky indeed for this opportunity.

I give you an open invitation to arrange to visit and stay with me while you are in the area researching your Scotch-Irish and German emigrants to the Shenandoah Valley. My hobby room will be my guest bedroom for you. Here is my new address (phone number has yet to be arranged). Sincerely:

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