

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Board meeting of October 7, 1991

The meeting was called to order by president, Daniel Froehlich.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected. The secretary had noted that Jean Grube was the person to call for special entry into the library at the Annex. Jean said that she was not the person to call. Ed Stratton said that the Museum staff has a list of persons authorized to get in so that no resource person should be necessary. In an emergency, Damaris Reynolds would be the person to contact.

Rules for use of the library are now posted at the library. For volunteers who work at the library on Tuesdays, it is important to be sure all doors are locked when they leave. Damaris offered to bring an electric heater to use in the room so that the furnace would not need to be turned on in milder weather.

Becky Kiger announced that the program for the October meeting would consist of a talk by Judy Juntunen, assistant director at the museum. Her talk will be called "Wrights and Wrongs of Benton County History."

The treasurer, Darrell Kahl, reported an increase of \$257.88 in the treasury, making a total of \$1032.33.

Sheila Madden said that someone had requested that she order the new Handy Book for Genealogists. Everyone agreed that the book should be ordered.

Mabelle Martsching said that she is having trouble with a request for information on Wm. and Josephine Townsend Reeves. Ed will put an query in the newsletter.

The cemetery book committee is starting work on Oaklawn Cemetery. They will go out on Wednesday, October 7, to work on it according to Betty Swan. She invited all interested persons to join them. This cemetery is the last major cemetery to be read.

We have one new member, Jean Haberman.

Planning for the Christmas meeting and raffle was begun. We need some rather nice items for the raffle and handmade items for the auction. A white elephant table was suggested and approved. Homemade breads, etc., sell very well. Sometimes handmade items do not bring as much at the auction as the cost of the materials in them. It was suggested that each item have a note attached which shows the cost of materials and that they not be sold for less than that amount. Ed will put an article about this in the November newsletter.

Ed discussed the October newsletter, read excerpts of items, and accepted new material.

Daniel appointed a nominating committee consisting of Valerie Nichols, Lee Rudisill, and Jean Grube.

There was discussion on the need for a beginning genealogy class for our newer members. Everyone thought it a good idea, since nothing of that kind has been done for a long time. Daniel appointed a committee to plan such an event, consisting of Damaris Reynolds, Ed Stratton, Becky Kiger and Jean Grube.

Lee Rudisill said that the Museum has been given films of old Gazette Times news papers and those that preceded it. They have a plan to have interested persons adopt a roll of film and go through it to make a listing of all obituaries, which will go into their computer. She will take a sign-up sheet to the meeting to try to get volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Janice Barclay, Secretary*

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY MEETING  
October 12, 1991

The meeting was called to order by the president, Daniel Froehlich.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The <sup>Treas</sup>secretary, Darrell Kahl, reported a total of \$1032.33 in funds.

Joanne Perry, librarian, reported that we are acquiring many new books which she will be processing and shelving as soon as possible. The Corvallis Public Library has donated most of its books on genealogy to the society and we have received two new family histories. She requested that members be aware that our books are numbered and also color coded. When they are returned to the shelves, they should be placed in numerical order in the correct section according to color. The number has nothing to do with subject matter, she said, but the color indicates the area with which they deal.

Betty Swan encouraged members to bring items for the sale table and also to start thinking about craft items for the December auction. We will also have a white elephant table at the December meeting. Larger items were requested for the raffle. Lee Rudisill will make a wreath for this and Janice Barclay will ask her husband to make a stained glass piece.

Mabelle Martsching reported that she has had a query concerning a couple, Reece H. and Elizabeth Sanders who lived around Monroe in 1857. All she has learned about them so far is that they had a donation land claim.

She also reported that she has a list of addresses where vital statistics may be obtained in the various states. She will bring copies for those interested in obtaining a copy to the next meeting.

Becky Kiger reported that the cemetery committee spent one day recently surveying Oaklawn cemetery. They were not able to finish so will go back on the 15th.

Becky also talked about the "adopt a film" program that the Historical Society is promoting. They have been given film strips of old Gazette Times papers and the predecessors and want volunteers to go through them and make an index of all births and obituaries found in them. Ed Stratton is making a form to be used in extracting this information. Becky passed around a sign-up sheet for those willing to adopt and read a roll of film.

Daniel reported that Mary Yoke is assembling an order for films to be ordered from the American Genealogical Lending Library. They cost \$3.25 apiece to order.

We have three new members this month. They are Marceille Engburg, Charles Sartwell, Jr. and Nelda Kingsbury.

Ed Stratton again asked for more queries and more articles for the newsletter.

Daniel thanked Audrey Broadley for the donation of a vacuum cleaner for the library and Betty Swan and John Martsching for clocks.



The Education Committee composed of Damaris Reynolds, Ed Stratton, Becky Kiger and Jean Grube reported that they are working on plans for a training program for new genealogists to be held at the museum in the spring.

Daniel announced that the nominating committee for officers for the next year will consist of Lee Rudisill, Valerie Nichols and Jean Grube.

There was discussion on the need for a photocopy machine for the library. Ed said that we do have a very old one that might be usable. The museum is setting up a machine which also might be available to members.

Valerie Nichols brought a South American wedding invitation to share and also showed a copy of a Greene family pedigree chart about six feet long which she acquired while in the east.

Daniel reminded members that dues may be paid at any time now.

The meeting was adjourned and Judy Juntunin, assistant director of the Museum, presented an interesting program on the history of the area including anecdotes and old pictures.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Barclay, Secretary*