

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of General Meeting April 8, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President David Kribs at 10:05 a.m. He was able to use the new gavel presented to the Society by Lee Rudisill. Two new members, Ardith Jones and Anne Clark, were introduced, and one visitor, Ann Clark's husband.

The minutes of the March meeting were read by Ken Bielman, who had acted as secretary pro tem. They were approved.

Gene Newcomb, treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,400.67 in the Society's account.

Lee Rudisill asked for a volunteer to sit at the library on Tuesday with Betty Swan, and the new member, Anne Clark, and her husband will fill in.

Damaris Reynolds spoke about the up-coming May garage sale and sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Ken Bielman has updated the list of books in the library, and it was suggested that the new books be posted on the door of the library.

The out-going hostess, Charlene Talbot, named those signed up for cookies for the May meeting.

Bill Gleaves announced that the program for the next meeting would be a speaker who would talk about Fort Hoskins.

Mabelle Martsching said that Edna Weise was able to come to the library this last Tuesday when Mabelle was library-sitting. Edna Wiese is a charter member who has been unable to attend Society functions for some time due to health. Mabelle had had a query from Rochester, Washington about the Howell family of Benton County and had found a certain amount of information on them.

Danell Aukerman reported that she will be attending a seminar on how to put forms on the Web, and she hopes to learn how to do the WPA forms that have been keyboarded by various members so the forms will be available to people searching the Benton County GenWeb.

Regarding the projected genealogy trip to Salt Lake sponsored by Linn-Benton Community College, there is to be a meeting about it on May 22 at LBCC. The trip will cover five days in September at the Family History Library. Hotel accommodation and plane fare will be approximately \$500.

Janice Barclay talked about the newsletter and apologized that it was dated February instead of April. She will do next month's because Dorothy Burt is otherwise involved.

Leila Crawford reported that we currently have 140 members. Packets for new members will be at the Society library in the Museum Annex.

Jim Russell was not present to report on the pedigree charts.

Danell Aukerman also reported that the three genealogy societies in Linn County are getting together to try to recreate the 1890 census for Linn County, using tax records, etc. She will be helping.

Gene Newcomb talked about working on the Year 2000 Census. He is finding it interesting, confusing and frustrating.

The next general meeting will be May 13th. The meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Talbot, secretary pro tem.