

**Minutes of the Benton County Genealogical Society General Meeting**  
**14 April 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Vice-President Bill Gleaves..

**Guests. Visitors, and 1st time attendees were announced.**

**Minutes - Teri Greene**

- The minutes of the March 10, 2001 meeting were read and approved with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report - Gene Newcomb**

- 1 person paid dues this month.
  
- Summary of General account

Balance 28 Feb 01	\$902.29
Balance 31 mar 01	<u>848.04</u>
Change	-54.25
  
- Summary of Savings account

Balance 28 Feb 01	\$1647.42
Balance 31 mar 01	<u>1650.30</u>
Change	2.88

**Treasurer's Publication Report - Gene Newcomb**

- Summary of Publications account

Balance 28 Feb 01	\$450.48
Balance 31 mar 01	<u>416.22</u>
Change	-34.26
  
- Summary of Change (all accounts) \$-85.63.
- The Treasurer's reports were read and approved

**Library - Ken Bielman**

- The Library is open Tuesdays from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
- The Library has 4 new books:
  - 1) Oregon Lake Country, Fort Rock Valley Homestead Years
  - 2) Catholic Records - (How to research book).
  - 3) CD - Family Tree Maker, Version 5.0
  - 4) US Merchant Vessel Logbooks (good source of immigration records)
  
- Staffing is complete. The list of volunteers is in the library.

**Merchandising - No Report**

**Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds**

- Has little funding available.
- Ordered 2nd volume of 2nd series of the Great Migration for \$55.
- Book available: "Brides of Eden," by Linda Shaw is a novel published about the Cresfield case in Benton County at the turn of the century. Historical Society members receive a 10% discount.
- Information on using DNA to trace ancestors is available thru the New England Historical

Genealogical Society in Boston, MA. Need to submit a 4 generation chart.

**Hostess - Margaret Hays**

- All slots are filled at this time..

**Programs - Bill Gleaves**

- Today - Mimi Stang on the D.A.R.
- 12 May 2001 - Benbon County, OR Aviation History - Bill Gleaves
- 9 June 2001 - Potluck and book sale.

**Queries - Maybelle Martsching**

- None

**Newsletter - Dorothy Burt and Janice Barclay**

- No Report..

**Membership - Leila Crawford**

- No Report..

**Service Projects:**

**Society Adopted Projects**

**Corvallis Obit Project - Charlene Talbot**

- Reels 1865 - ~~1976~~; extract burth, death, and marriage records. Passing out list for more volunteers. 1979

**Publishing Committee**

- Printed 2 sets of the Cemetary Books and they are sold already. More will be made up for the National Genealogy Society Conference in Portland. See Old Business for more information.

**Other Projects**

**WPA Project/Service Projects/Classes - Danell Aukerman**

- WPA - No Report
- Classes
  - Beginning Genealogy - 6 wk class begins 4/2 (Monday nights) from 7-9 pm. Still has openings. 5 more classes to go. Located at the Corvallis High School, Room 218.
  - Intermediate Genealogy - 4/21 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Benton Center in Corvallis..
  - Internet Class will be held on Saturday 5/5 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Benton Center.

**General Web Page and BCGS Web Page - Lee Gentemann**

- Continually updating..

**Palestine Church Index - Gene Newcomb**

- Completed..

**Pedigree Charts and Surname File - Jim Russell**

- Pedigree charts and ancestor files are in library on acid free paper. Continue to submit names and pedigree charts.

### **Old/Unfinished Business:**

- **National Genealogy Society Conference in Portland May 16 - 19.** A fee is being charged to attend the sessions. There is a Free area where vendors are set up. 10% off. Computer classes on Family Tree Maker are being offered. Danell has brochures if anyone is interested in attending. Lee Gentemann will be there approx. 10 hrs for the Society fair to show books and will be taking membership applications and forms for ordering books. Danell will be going on Saturday to look at the various vendors.
- Volunteers for Sales and Activity Committees are still needed. The Sales Committee chairperson will be in charge of the June book sale, the garage sale, raffle, X-mas party/auction and delegate tasks. Damaris will advise and be in charge of any Thrift Shop donations.. The Activities chair is needed to organize field trips, library visits and other activities
- A vote on changes to the Society By-laws was taken. Damaris Reynolds moved to accept the changes and Lee Gentemann seconded it. Motion approved.

### **New Business:**

- Joan Mueller took microfiche machine and donated it to Goodwill and was able to take \$100 tax deduction on it which she donated to BCGS.
- Danell Aukerman has microfiche and microfilm readers available if anyone is interested in them.
- The Historical Society would like to use BCGS membership list for mailings. If you want your name removed from the list, contact Gene Newcomb or Danell Aukerman.
- Bill Gleaves needs to submit BCGS announcements to the Gazette-Times as Mitch Beard is still ill and not able to do it.
- A suggestion was made by Pat Cooligan to ask members for small contributions to the Book Committee fund. Contributions are tax deductible. Additional suggestions were to:
  - Include provision to specify what you want the donation to be used for. It is difficult to track specific book donations.
  - Draft article for the newsletter and include a separate form for contributions.
  - If donating money to be used for the book fund at the National Conference be sure to make notation so the committee knows what they have to spend.
- Volunteers are needed to open the library on another day. Let Lee Rudisill know if you are able to help out. Also need to clear additional library usage with the museum.
- The BCGS library will remain here when the new museum opens in Corvallis.
- Charlene Talbot has ordered 3 copies of the complete file of the new National Archives Pension Document packet for \$14.95 each if anyone is interested in purchasing a copy..

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Continue to bring Flavor-Pac and Santiam labels.
- Be sure to sign in at the table in the back of the Social Hall.
- New phone numbers for Danell Aukerman are: (541) 745-2003 - home and (541) 917-4352 - work.
- A note was received from Joy Read stating that she is out of the hospital and nursing home and doing better..

Next meeting to be held May 12, 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teri Greene, Secretary