

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, April 14, 2012**

Call to Order – President Danell

Danell welcomed members and guests.

Minutes– Linda The minutes of the 10 March 2012 meeting were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Danell

Danell was a presenter at the Sweet Home Genealogical Society in March. She invited their members to attend our April program on DNA. Danell also spoke at Beta Sigma Phi and invited their members to join us for our April program. She decided to use standard genealogical forms for her presentation at Beta Sigma Phi instead of using the "Ask Granny" program which required more time than she was scheduled for. Her program presentations were well received.

Past President - Margaret

No report

Vice President / Programs - Faye

Faye announced the April program; Emily Aulicino is speaking on DNA, "The Gene in Genealogy." Steve Morrison will be the speaker for May. His topic is the Starr family and local history in the Bellfountain area. He will bring one of his books as a door prize. June is our annual picnic, then summer break. September is our show and tell time to highlight our genealogical discoveries. The "Ask Granny" program is a possibility for the fall.

Faye needs a volunteer to help with the June potluck.

Treasurer / Finance Committee - Margaret

Treasurer: Margaret reviewed the income and expenses for the last month. Our previous balance was \$4281.04. Our current balance is \$4,301.22.

Membership: - Mary Jo reported we now have 51 paid memberships.

Public Relations:

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Judy reported that no published books have been sold this month, and our society's extra published books and masters have been moved to the new area, upstairs in the Annex.

Newsletter: Margaret brought some of the newsletters from other societies to share and pass around. These newsletters are kept in our BCGS library and are available for research.

Brochures: Mary Jo has extra BCGS brochures to give anyone who wishes to distribute them.

Posters: Faye thanked members for distributing April's program posters.

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> Our Society Web Page
 <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page

Linda has posted three more bibles on the Benton County Family Bibles web site making a total of 33 bibles. See the Ezra Allen, Maxfield, and Pittman-Bump bibles and updates at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm>

The Bibles Surnames Index page is now updated to include the additional surnames within each bible. A new page, "About the Benton County Family Bibles", has also been added. The BCGS web page is now updated to include the new officers.

Library Committee - Grace

Librarian: Grace announced the library inventory will take place on Tuesday, June 5th. Our new space in the upstairs of the Annex is nearly ready for less used books to be moved upstairs.

Library staff: Ellen brought several new books from our library to highlight: Families of Whidby Island, The Terrible Trail: The Meek Cutoff, 1845, and Ancestor Records of Eastern Oregon.

Historian: Nancy invited members to look through our BCGS album. She is collecting photos of events and other materials to add to the album.

Photographer: Faye thanked Judy for helping her when her camera malfunctioned during the March program. Carrying a spare memory card and batteries for your camera is an excellent idea.

Other

Judy updated us on the project to relocate General Thorp's grave marker from Crystal Lake Cemetery in Corvallis to Riverview Cemetery in Portland. She's working with the Sons of Union Veterans to make this happen.

Judy is also involved with the county in trying to secure a grave marker for George Wren who was the only fireman that died in a fire.

Unfinished Business

The two red volumes and an index of Family Group Sheets and Charts containing genealogical information from our membership are available in our BCGS library. These are wonderful resource materials. New members are encouraged to add their family information to these resources.

New Business

1. Danell brought a very thick 1941 Portland City Directory to show.
 2. Margaret described the indexing project for the 1940 census and asked for volunteers. Contact Margaret if you would like to participate in the indexing project.
 3. Margaret announced that the upcoming Genealogical Council of Oregon, Inc. statewide conference will be held in Eugene at Lane Community College on Saturday, July 28th. Our society will host a table. Featured speakers are John Philip Colletta and Thomas MacEntee.
- For more information go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/>

Reminder: May is Historic Preservation Month. Watch for the many scheduled events.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 9:00am in the Annex.
The next General meeting will be Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 10:00am in the church social hall.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

The Gene in Genealogy

Would DNA testing of a family member(s) show:

- (1) a name change?
- (2) an adoption?
- (3) to whom you are/are not truly related?
- (4) if the family legend of a lineage containing Native American blood can be proven?
- (5) if same-surname immigrants arriving in America several years apart were siblings?
- (6) an answer to your specific question?

Emily D. Aulicino,

a retired teacher and a genealogy researcher with over 40 years of experience, will speak to the

Benton County Genealogical Society,

Saturday, April 14th, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon,
in the social hall, College United Methodist Church (shares the same parking lot with the Benton County Historical Museum),
1123 Main St., Philomath. Free and open to the public.

Visitors may join members for refreshments in the society's library located in the annex of the Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main St., following the presentation. The library will be open to the public from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Aulicino ...

- * is administrator of **seven** surname e-mail lists on Roots Web, **three** genetic e-mail lists on Yahoo, and another on Yahoo which helps genealogists & non-genealogists write family & personal memories.
- * teaches a class on Genetic Genealogy at the *Genealogical Forum of Oregon* (Portland) which is open to the public.
- * is the Regional Coordinator of the *International Society of Genetic Genealogists* (ISOGG) for Oregon, Washington and Idaho,
- * manages **thirteen** DNA projects through *Family Tree DNA (FTDNA)* which include surname, geographical, & society projects ... and more...

"Memoing" My Memories, A Simple Technique for Writing Your Family Stories, her 130-topic spiral-bound booklet, will be available for purchase for \$20.00.