

Meeting of the Benton County Genealogical Society, Saturday, February 13, 1999

Terri Greene, secretary, is presently working 7 days a week on income taxes at H&R Block, Salem, and was unable to prepare last months' minutes. Those at the meeting went over the high points of the last meeting.

Gene Kelsey reported on today's program. Bill Lewis of the Historical Association will talk about the Historical Association's building plans. There was a discussion of the program plans for next month's meeting. Mary Gallagher, who was supposed to speak, is busy, so our group will split into groups as planned for a previous meeting. Mary Gallagher will speak at the April meeting, if needed. Ken Bielman, program chairman, will be back in March and will be able to take over his duties again. There was a discussion on the possibility of holding one meeting at the public library in Corvallis in order for someone from the library to talk about the library amenities, but it was decided that now we are holding our meetings in Philomath, it would be too complicated to change the meetingplace to Corvallis for one program.

The hostess, Charlene Talbot, had nothing new to report.

The treasurer, Gene Newcomb, reported that in December the balance in the treasury was \$2,466.66. In January the balance was \$2,136.02 due to \$336.64 being paid for rent of our meetingplace. The group received 6 family dues and 25 individual dues during the month, plus a \$10 donation. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter came to \$47.88.

There were three visitors -- Eleanor Carpenter and two others.

Jean Grube, librarian, reported that the Corvallis library has a new book of importance, *Irish Families*. The Society library has shelf lists for sale and #9 envelopes (for enclosing as SASE) in #10 envelopes.

Damaris Reynolds, as Book Committee chairman, reported that she has an excellent article about Martha's Vineyard which would be of interest to anyone with ancestors there. It is becoming hard to find any books we don't already have. A meeting of the committee was cancelled because of snow.

Re Merchandising, the attendance at the December auction was disappointing. It was decided that a discussion would be held at the March meeting of whether the auction should be held in November. A decision will be made at that time. The spring garage sale will be held at the home of Jean Grube. The tentative date is the third weekend in May. The September sale will be at the Timberhill Townhouses, at the home of Damaris Reynolds. Someone will be needed to take over the chairmanship of garage sales as Damaris is no longer physically able to do the work. There are always people willing to help, but someone willing to give a week's time beforehand will be necessary.

There were no new queries to report.

Danell Aukerman was not present to report on service projects. She will be giving a class on Internet Genealogy at LinnBenton Community College on Saturday, her Beginners Class has ended, and the Intermediate Class has a few more sessions left.

Betty Vogel of the Historical Museum has taken over the Gazette-Times obituary project, but has not caught up with notes already made.

Re the newsletter, Dorothy Burt and Janice Barclay, co-editors, were both absent. Gene Newcomb reported that the code for unpaid subscription was inaccurate. At present there are about 110 units of paid subscriptions. It was decided to put a notice in the

newsletter that if someone outside the county wants a copy of the membership list, they should send a self-addressed envelope to the Society with their request. It was also suggested that new members should be reminded that the Society has pedigree charts from members and would like to add theirs.

Leila Crawford was not present to report of collecting Santiam and Flavorpak labels. Members were reminded that the bar codes on these labels are what is needed.

Gene Kelsey has not finished putting the book list on the Society's web page.

Another woman introduced who said she is researching Native American ancestors.

The program for the March meeting will be groups. Jim Russell pointed out that the kinds of groups should be decided ahead of time. Anyone who is interested in holding a certain group should let the officers know ahead of time. Damaris Reynolds and one other person offered to bring New England books next month for one possible group.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:10.