

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, February 12, 2011

Call to Order – Margaret

Margaret welcomed members and guests.

Minutes, read, amendments or corrections – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the January meeting were read and corrected.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President

Margaret explained that the By Laws, Policies and Job Responsibilities are now available in a notebook in our library.

Margaret acknowledged members serving on committees for their service to the society.

She also explained that we need a commitment from individual members to be responsible for organizing one program each month. A Sign up sheet was passed around and several members obliged. May and October are now covered for programs.

Announcements:

Several great genealogy programs on TV are: Who Do You Think You Are? is now showing on Friday evenings. The Generations Project will start soon.

Ancestry.com is now available again at the Family History Center. Open hours are T-W -Thurs from 9:00am till 4:00pm ---(closed)--- 7:00pm till 9:30pm at the church on Harrison Blvd.

Past President

Bill reported that the audit committee is about half done.

Vice President/Program Committee

Susan thanked the Round Table Discussion leaders and introduced each leader and their topics for today's program. She explained the organization of two 25 minute sessions. Susan also told about the program for March which will be a DVD titled "Coming of Age"—a keynote address about the future look of Family Search presented by the 2010 National Genealogical Society Conference.

Treasurer

Gene reported that he is paying the bills and that our finances are about where they should be at this time of the year.

Finance Committee

Mary Jo indicated that the Finance Committee will meet soon and discuss distributing responsibilities amongst the members.

Library Committee

Grace indicated that they are still sorting through usable and unusable items. Saturdays are now covered with library staff from now until June. An inventory will be scheduled in June.

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Earle reported that one WPA Interviews book was sold.

Newsletter: Leila is mastering the art of newsletter writing and Gene is acting as proofreader.

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/>

Linda made the following updates to our BCGS web page:

1. Updated statements which included increased fees: \$20 fee for members who request their

newsletter be mailed; \$10 fee for each ½ hour of research plus 25 cents per each photocopy plus postage; and Book price lists.

2. Added a list of example questions to help researchers ask the types of questions we can answer.
3. Added a statement about members receiving a 10% discount on BCGS books they purchase.
4. Added a statement about charging non-members \$5 for each use of our library.
5. Added the current By-Laws and membership form to our BCGS web page.
6. Added Marriage Records to Community Service Projects list
7. Corrected wording to say Benton County Historical Society and Museum
8. Added Greig Family Bible to Benton County Family Bibles web page = 30 bibles total now.
9. Received the two newspaper microfilms digitized on CDs, and made copies for our library and the museum, and asked for a volunteer to help index the last CD.
10. Applied for and received a grant from "Honoring Our Ancestors" which will cover the expense of digitizing the two newspaper microfilms.
11. Wrote an article for the Genealogical Forum of Oregon on Researching in Benton County. Margaret assigned Earle and Linda the writing task. It will be published in the June issue of the quarterly Bulletin of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Leila brought the bucket of labels to show and explained that saving Santiam labels is a fund raiser for our society. The bucket is stored in the library and anyone may deposit Santiam labels in the bucket anytime.

Leila also announced the Sweet Home Genealogical Society is hosting a workshop March 18th and 19th in Sweet Home. The speakers listed are noteworthy. Leila has the detailed information flyer.

Queries

Linda received 3 e-mail queries: Roy Currington requested obituaries for members of the Kay family, information was requested for the Pulse family, and the Busby family. No research request forms have been received from them as yet.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be February 28, 2011

The next General meeting will be March 12, 2011

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

OBITUARIES

G. Joan Froehlich

Dec. 31, 1927 – Feb. 11, 2011

After a long struggle resulting from strokes and complications, Joan Froehlich went home to be with the Lord.

An only child, she was born in Salem, the daughter of Delbert and Doris (Hensley) Schwab-bauer. She was proud to be a

fifth-generation Oregonian, raised in Salem by her parents and extended family. She attended both Northwest Bible College (Kirkland, Wash.) and Oregon State University.

On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1953, she married Henry A. Froehlich, also of Salem. They had four children (and three grandchildren): Daniel Froehlich (and grandson Nisseem) of Corvallis, Karen Bell of Corvallis, Gary Froehlich of Bend, and Susan Olson (and grandchildren Jenelle and Andrew) of Spokane, Wash.

Joan loved the Lord, and enjoyed serving Him through her own church (Kings Circle Assembly of God) and through many missionary outreaches. As a long-term member, she taught Sunday school, assisted the college ministry and the seniors group, decorated for countless special events, made weekly floral arrangements, and participated in many church activities.

She and her husband went on several mission trips, to both Central America and the South Sea Islands. For many years they supported "Beyond the Reef," a ministry to Pa-

cific Islanders, headquartered in Aurora, and the Filipino Church in Portland.

Through the years, she helped with many school projects and sports in which her children and grandchildren were involved. She also had great enthusiasm for traveling, gardening, sewing, floral arranging, crafts, reading and collecting (antiques, china, miniatures, etc.).

Because of her passions, she was a proud and active member of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Benton County Genealogical Society, the Marion County Historical Society, the Oregon Historical Society, and too many others to list!

To celebrate her life, a memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at Kings Circle Assembly, 2110 N.W. Circle Blvd., Corvallis. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the service and the reception following. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Kings Circle Assembly for missionaries Bill and Diane Jackson (ministering in Spain), or to Benton Hospice Service, in care of McHenry Funeral Home.



Joan
Froehlich

Mary Alice Yoke

July 9, 1921 – Feb. 22, 2011

Mary Alice Yoke of Corvallis died Tuesday.

Mary Alice (also known as Mickey) was born to John J. McPherson and Mary Pearl Kelso on July 9, 1921, in Pullman, Wash., where her father was completing his education after World War I. Her father moved frequently as a school administrator in Washington and Oregon until 1930, when he became superintendent of schools on the Red Lake Indian Reservation in Minnesota.

Mary finished her elementary schooling in a two-room public school on the reservation, then attended St. Mary's Hall in Faribault, Minn., and later graduated from Westhope High School in Westhope, N.D.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree from the University of North Dakota in 1941, she returned to the ancestral home in Kitsap County, Wash., and entered the Law School at the University of Washington, but dropped out after the Pearl Harbor bombing. She spent World War II working for the U.S. Navy in Bremerton, Wash.; Kodiak, Alaska; and New York City.

She spent the next 10 years at the University of

Michigan as a student and a staff employee. She married John T. Yoke III on June 16, 1956, in Bremerton. They lived in Cincinnati, Ohio; Chapel Hill, N.C.; Tucson, Ariz.; and, since 1964, Corvallis, where her husband was a professor at Oregon State University.

She was a homemaker, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was engaged in volunteer work with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and was active in the Benton County Historical Society, the Benton County Genealogical Society and occasional music groups. She enjoyed travel.

Her husband, John T. Yoke III, preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, Mary E. Faure-Yoke of Paris, France; two sons, John T. Yoke IV of Corvallis and James R. Yoke of Cupertino, Calif.; and grandchildren Timothy Faure and Sheena Faure of France, and Emily Yoke of California.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Benton County Genealogical Society or the University of North Dakota Music Department, in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

A memorial Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 3, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Corvallis, with inurnment at St. Mary's Cemetery. No flowers, please.