

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, February 11, 2012**

**Call to Order – President Danell**

Danell welcomed members and guests.

**Minutes– Linda** The minutes of the 14 January 2012 meeting were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present with the following correction:

***Unfinished Business***

*Margaret explained the security alarm system for the museum complex which includes the Annex. (Sentence omitted here) There is no fire suppression system in the Annex. (Added) In 1997, Bill Gleaves researched the cost of insurance for the Annex. At that time, the cost was \$500 per year. It was the general consensus that \$500 was too expensive.*

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

**President - Danell**

**Past President - Margaret**

Margaret announced that a portion of the upstairs area in the Annex will soon be empty and our society will be able to use it for storage. Earle will place the boxes of master copies of the published materials in the upstairs of the Annex.

**Vice President / Programs - Faye**

February's program will be small group discussions on a variety of topics, giving an opportunity for input from the participants. A presentation by Beth Lambright, a Mayflower descendant, will be the March program. An Open House promoting our society is a possibility for April. Steve Morrison will present the program for May on the Starr family and local history. He will bring one of his books as a door prize.

**Treasurer / Finance Committee - Margaret**

Treasurer: Margaret reviewed the income and expenses for the month. We started the month with \$4,186.76 and the ending balance is \$4,245.71.

Membership - Mary Jo introduced, Paula, as a new member and several guests attending today were also welcomed. Mary Jo reported that we have 42 paid memberships.

Public Relations

**Publication committee**

Books for Sale:

Newsletter: Margaret reported the cost of copying and mailing the newsletters is about \$9 per month. She sends digital copies to other organizations each month. Some of the other organizations' newsletters that are sent to our society are available for viewing and research.

Brochures:

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

**Library Committee - Grace**

Librarian: Grace has ordered the book Hidden History of the Civil War in Oregon. Grace needs someone to cover several Saturdays in the BCGS library that Ellen will be gone. Contact Grace if you can help. Con-

The library staff has been working on a proposed acquisition policy to help guide the purchase of new books. The board will review the policy at the March meeting.

Library staff : A portion of the upstairs in the Annex will be empty soon and the library staff has selected some of the least used items to be stored upstairs including the computer, disks, maps, and the master paper copies of our society's published materials.

Volunteers are needed to build custom shelving to make the best use of the upstairs area.

Packing and moving selected library items upstairs will probably be done after the annual inventory

Ellen brought several books from our library to show and pass around at the meeting.

Historian: Nancy has started a new society album. The previously finished society album is available in the Annex for viewing anytime.

Photographer:

**Other**

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

The program "Ask Granny" was explained. Several possible ways of presenting this free program designed for senior citizens was discussed. We could present the "Ask Granny" as one of our monthly programs and invite the ambulatory residents from retirement homes to attend or we could conduct an out-reach program using volunteers to go to retirement homes and present this program at each facility with interested residents. Another idea was to "teach the teachers" such as the social directors at each facility. A test-run of at least one facility was also proposed. Faye will be the "point" person to explore the "Ask Granny" program in more detail and develop the best way to approach and utilize this program designed for senior citizens to record their family tree with paper and pencil.

Read more about the "Ask Granny" program at <http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art68055.asp>

**Queries**

**Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 9:00am

The next General meeting will be Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 10:00am

**Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary

# Benton County Genealogical Society

Saturday, February 11, 2012

11 a.m. to noon

Social Hall, College United Methodist Church

1123 Main St., Philomath

Free and open-to-the-public group discussions on the following topics:

1. Tips for researching in another country.
2. Combining documented data with family legends for personal use or for publication
3. Unexpected sources that contain genealogical information
4. Making a realistic schedule for traveling and for gathering family history
5. Making family reunions fun while gathering more family history

Each table will be facilitated by a society member, and attendees will have the opportunity to have questions answered.