

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, June 12, 2010**

**Call to Order – Margaret**

Margaret welcomed us and a new member. Teresa Shaw told us about herself and her interests in Benton County genealogy.

**Minutes – Linda Olsen**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**Presidential Announcements:**

1. Margaret discussed a resource list. Members with some expertise in a particular area were asked to sign-up. When members or visitors need information, this list could be used to match areas of expertise with information requests.
2. The writing group which is focused on family history is off to a good start. It meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3pm in the Annex.
3. Two books on preservation and identification of photographs were available to peruse.

**Treasurer – Gene Newcomb**

Gene reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance as of the end of May 28 is \$3,642.60.

**Librarian – Grace Maddux**

Grace announced the library inventory is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up if you can help. There were no new or donated books.

**Publishing – Earle Greig**

Earle said nothing needed to be printed. Danell is helping to scan the marriage certificates and asked if anyone could help with that project. She enjoys listening to a genealogy podcast while scanning. Using a digital camera to take photo images to save time instead of scanning individual certificates or obituaries was discussed.

**Auditor – Bill Gleaves**

**Membership – Sandra Potter**

An additional family membership of 5 individuals from the Cunningham family was added to our previous memberships making a total of 67 memberships and 90 individuals.

**Hospitality – Dean Johnson**

Leila volunteered to bring cookies for the September general meeting.

**Programs – Susan Hayes**

Margaret reviewed our future programs: a show and tell in September and tour of OSU Archives Collection in October, Newspaper Research by Leslie Lawson in November and the annual December auction and Christmas Party. Margaret also reviewed the need for members to help out with presentations or discussion groups for future programs as the budget can only support two or three paid presenters per year. See the June 2010 newsletter for a list of round table discussion topics.

**Newsletter – Teri Greene**

Teri informed us that she will be resigning as newsletter editor at the end of December after 9 years of service. She is still looking for stories to put in the next several newsletters. Dorothy offered to e-mail Teri copies of the New England Historical Genealogical Society Weekly Newsletter for possible articles.

**Historian – Lee Rudisil**

Margaret passed around photos taken at the Crystal Lake Cemetery Stories from the Grave event held in May. Several other photos of members were also passed around.

**Book Committee - Dean Hart**

**Queries -**

Linda added a note of correction to the 1847 Coon-Miller Trail Diary web page to help resolve the query about confusion of the several John Millers referred to in the diary. She forwarded several other e-mails to Danell that had genealogical information that could potentially update the Pioneer Database.

**Service Projects**

**Benton County GenWeb page – Danell Aukerman/Ron and Linda Olsen**

Updates for the web pages: On June 11, 2010, dates and information were updated on web pages containing links to the newspaper surname index which was updated to include 16, 790 entries

**Benton County Family Bibles - Ron and Linda Olsen**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 29 total

**GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen**

**Surname References to Benton County Newspapers –** updated 11 June 2010 - 16, 790 entries

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

**Old/unfinished Business**

Danell told about Footnote.com offering the month of June free for Civil War records. From the online site Genealogy in Time, you can click on Footnote.com to get free access. Margaret reviewed the Footnote.com offer of a one year ½ price subscription for our membership until the end of June. Our society also receives a small percentage for each subscription received.

**New Business**

Ted Gump brought a 1929 Metzger Map to donate to the society.

Earl told about visitors to our library who found family information in the newly arranged Marriage Certificate notebooks and the new donated Metzger Maps.

Bill explained new DNA information about older men who apparently have a higher incidence of mutations. It was suggested that this topic would be a great round table discussion group or program.

Danell announced that she will be teaching a genealogy class in the fall through Linn Benton Community College.

**Health and Welfare:**

**Announcements**

The next Board meeting will be August 30, 2010

The next General meeting will be September 11, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings

## Jean Etta Burt Grube

Feb. 11, 1920 — July 10, 2010

Jean Burt Grube died peacefully July 10, 2010, in Corvallis.

She was born Feb. 11, 1920, at Columbus, Stillwater County, Mont., the youngest child of John David and Mary P. McDuffee Burt.



Grube

She grew up in Carlton and Newberg, where her father published weekly newspapers, high school and college annuals, and some books. The whole family worked in his printing business. They also picked hops, prunes, walnuts and filberts to supplement their income. It was the Great Depression.

She graduated in 1937 as valedictorian of Newberg Union High School, winning a four-year scholarship to Linfield College at McMinnville. She graduated summa cum laude and valedictorian of the Linfield Class of 1942. Following graduation, she worked in Portland as a secretary.

She had met Joseph Grube at Linfield when he escorted her to the college May Court. They were married on Nov. 28, 1942, at Everett, Wash., where he was stationed as a P-39 pilot at Payne Field. The next few years were spent travel-

ing to the various Air Fields where he was assigned.

At the end of World War II, they moved to Lowell, and, in the early 1950s, to Grants Pass. She earned a teaching certificate at Southern Oregon College.

In 1957, the family moved to Lake Minchumina, Alaska, a remote weather station of the Civil Aeronautics Administration (now the Federal Aviation Administration), and, one year later, moved to Fairbanks, Alaska. There Jean worked as secretary to the staff chaplains at Ladd Air Force Base.

When the Base became Fort Wainwright, she worked at the Yukon Command Library until she became executive secretary to the Commanding General of the Fort, and to a series of Generals thereafter. When Fort Wainwright was downsized, she worked as secretary to several Vice-Presidents of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Jean retired in 1979, and she and Joe moved to Corvallis to be near her brother, Wayne V. Burt, and his wife, Louise. Here she became active in the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society (now the Benton County Genealogical Society), holding many offices, especially as Librarian, for many years. She was also on the Benton County Historical Society Board of Directors for one term.

For 10 years, she was treasurer of and a contributor to "Patchwork," a magazine published by her sister-in-law, Louise Burt. She was a longtime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and several genealogical societies, and was national treasurer of the McDuffee Clan of America.

Over a five-year period she, along with several other members of the local genealogical society, inventoried all of the cemeteries in Benton County, establishing a database of more than 20,000 names.

As a Certified Genealogist, she taught several classes in genealogy at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and at Tanana Community College. In 1979, she published "Descendants of Nathan Spicer (1735-1811)." She also wrote a melodrama ("Until The Clock Strikes 12") that has been performed several times in the Benton County area as a fundraiser for nonprofit organizations.

In their retirement, Jean and Joe traveled to all 50 states and around the world. Highlights were trips to New Zealand, Australia, England, Scotland, Spain, France, Austria and Italy, and special cruises in the Mediterranean and through the Panama Canal, many of their trips with Wayne and Louise.

As a young woman, she taught herself to play piano, became quite accomplished, and composed many pieces of music. She wrote poetry as well as family histories, and enjoyed knitting, crocheting and

handwork. She dearly loved her family, and especially enjoyed gathering her family around her at the piano for an evening of singing!

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Joseph; her sons Gareth (and his wife, Barbara), David (and his wife, Lynn), Michael (and his wife, Melanie), and daughter Kathleen ("Susie"), as well as five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

At her request, there will be no memorial service, but a celebration of her life will take place later this year.