

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, March 14, 2009**

**Minutes – Linda Olsen**

Bill welcomed members and guests. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb**

Gene reported the income and expenses for this month. Our current balance is \$3,365.62.

**Programs – David Kribs**

Today's program will be presented by Billee Hoornbeek about researching the town poor. The English Research presentation will be postponed until fall. Other future program ideas are an historical interpretive reenactment, German research and a "How To" segment from the Family History Center. Let Dave or Bill know if you have ideas for program presentations.

**Host – Dean Johnson**

**Librarian – Sandra Potter**

Sandra brought a box of donated and purchased books and materials to show. Among the variety of genealogical materials was a thesis written about the poor people of Benton County, a booklist from the Oregon State Library to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Oregon's statehood, a passenger manifest, books about Hessian Soldiers and Diaries from the Revolutionary War. Sandra also received \$10 for a box of old books she took to Browser's Bookstore downtown.

**Membership – Leila Crawford**

Leila reported that we now have 95 members.

**Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil**

**Publishing –Earle Greig**

**Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds**

Let Damaris know if you can help her review catalogs of genealogical materials to select appropriate books to recommend for our BCGS library.

**Queries -**

**Newsletter – Teri Greene**

Teri would like to have someone help her type the newsletter. Let her know if you can help. Teri brought two articles to share about how to find maiden and married names. The articles will be available in the library.

**Service Projects**

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

Updates for the web pages:.

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

Linda has added more bibles to the Benton County Family Bibles web page. There are now 21 family bible images and transcriptions of the family information pages.

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

Surname File – Tonya Rawie  
Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt  
Historian – Lee Rudisill

### Old Business

Raffle tickets are for sale. Prizes for the raffle are 1) computer assistance or photo restoration, 2) One hour airplane ride, 3) white afghan, 4) HP Scanjet 4890, 5) framed genealogy chart. The raffle drawing will be in April.

### New Business

Ted Gump asked if anyone knew anything about James Woods who is buried in Philomath. He is curious to know if this person and his ancestors traveled across the plains together. Bill suggested Ted put a query in the newsletter. Teri offered to help.

Bill mentioned the Associate membership will soon be discontinued.

Discussion developed about the Monroe museum. The museum is open 1:00 to 4:00pm on Wednesdays and the last Saturday of the month.

Billee brought a mystery photo that had been found in book. Information with the photo indicated it was from Linn County. She may put the photo information in the newsletter.

Bill told the story of someone who found a lengthy family history at a garage sale for 10cents and contacted him with the information which turned out to be his family. Such items show up at garage sales. Bill also recommended that anyone visiting other museums or historical societies to be sure to ask about family history files they may have.

Bill also reviewed how helpful the National Genealogy Society meetings can be. The next one meets in North Carolina in May.

### Health and Welfare:

Condolences were extended to Danell on the death of her father, Robert Aukerman, and Mary Yoke on the death of her husband, John

### Announcements

The next Board meeting will be March 30, 2009

The next General meeting will be April 11, 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary