

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 10, 2012**

Call to Order – President Danell

Danell welcomed members.

Minutes– Linda The minutes of the 11 February 2012 meeting were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Danell

Danell will be a speaker at the Sweet Home Genealogical Society annual Genealogy Workshop next Saturday, March 17. She will also have a table set up. She offered transportation to any member that wants to ride with her and attend the workshop for the day.

Past President - Margaret

Margaret will speak at the Corvallis Mac Users group and highlight our online web sites. Margaret digitized some of our past society newsletters and gave a DVD to the museum.

Vice President / Programs - Faye

Beth Lambright, a Mayflower descendant will be our speaker today for the March program. In April, Emily Aulicino will speak about DNA. In May, Steve Morrison will speak on the Starr family and local history. June will be our annual potluck. Summer break is July and August. September is our show and tell time to highlight summer genealogical activities and discoveries. The "Ask Granny" program is a possibility for the program in October.

Treasurer / Finance Committee - Margaret

Treasurer: Margaret reviewed our income and expenses. Our previous balance was \$4,245.71 and our current balance is \$4281.04. Margaret passed around a current budget sheet.

Membership: - Mary Jo reviewed our membership status. Currently there are 46 paid memberships. She also welcomed and introduced Gladys, a new/returning member.

Public Relations: All members act as advocates for our society.

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Judy reported that all the society published books are now in our BCGS library.

Newsletter: Margaret announced that Dick Eastman will be the speaker at the Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar. See the March BCGS newsletter page 3 for more details or go to <http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/springseminar.html>

She also announced that John Colletta will be a speaker at the Genealogical Council of Oregon program held in Eugene at Lane Community College on July 28th. Go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/conf2012/program.htm> for more information.

She also passed around several other societies' newsletters.

Brochures: Contact Mary Jo if you need brochures to distribute.

Posters: Faye requested assistance designing program posters on a Mac computer. Margaret offered to help. Mary Jo suggested e-mailing the program posters to members at the same time as the newsletters. It was the general consensus that this would be a good idea.

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> Our Society Web Page
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page

Linda has two more Benton County Family Bibles ready to post on the web page. The Maxfield Bible and the Pittman-Bump Bible will be available for viewing soon.

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

Library Committee - Grace

Librarian: Grace passed around the new library book Hidden History of Civil War in Oregon by Randol Fletcher. Judy spoke briefly about the book—see her review in the March BCGS newsletter.

Judy also shared her experiences after she found out that a Civil War soldier, General Thorpe, who was buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery for a short time is now actually buried in Portland. This was just recently discovered. She is in the process of figuring out how the marker for General Thorpe may be moved from Corvallis to Riverview Cemetery in Portland.

Library staff: Ellen brought several books from our BCGS library to highlight and pass around.

Historian: Nancy has lots of BCGS photos and is keeping the album up to date.

Photographer:

Unfinished Business

Grace read a copy of the Library Acquisition Policy to the members. The board has approved this policy. Linda will attach a copy to the March General Meeting minutes. Additional guidelines relating to donations will be added eventually.

Earle had purchased bookshelves from OSU surplus for the BCGS upstairs storage area in the Annex. He asked for assistance moving the shelves upstairs.

Earle has a copy of the book Terrible Trail that he offered to the library.

New Business

Danell will speak at a local service organization, Beta Sigma Phi and try out the “Ask Granny” program as her topic.

Gene announced that it is nearly time to turn in the food labels that our society uses for a fund raiser. Norpac Foods, Inc., with the brand names Flav-R-Pac (frozen), Santiam (canned), or Westpac are the labels to collect. If you have labels to donate, turn them in to the museum or to Nancy Basque at the Family History Center on Tuesdays or Margaret Fox at the FHC on Thursdays.

Other

A gift certificate was given to Bill Gleaves in appreciation for his years of service to the society.

Best wishes were expressed for Dave Kribs' recovery.

Queries

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 9:00am in the Annex.

The next General meeting will be Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 10:00am in the church social hall.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

Do You Have a *Mayflower* Ancestor?

Beth Lambright took the stories her mother told her as a child and the two pages of her early American Veazie family history (everything her mother knew of their family) and grew it into over 1,000 pages of genealogical data, family history, and family stories. In doing so, she discovered four *Mayflower* Ancestors.

Mrs. Lambright will speak at the Saturday,
March 10, 2012,
Benton County Genealogical Society Meeting,
11 a.m. until 12:00 noon,
Social hall, College United Methodist Church,
1123 Main St., Philomath.

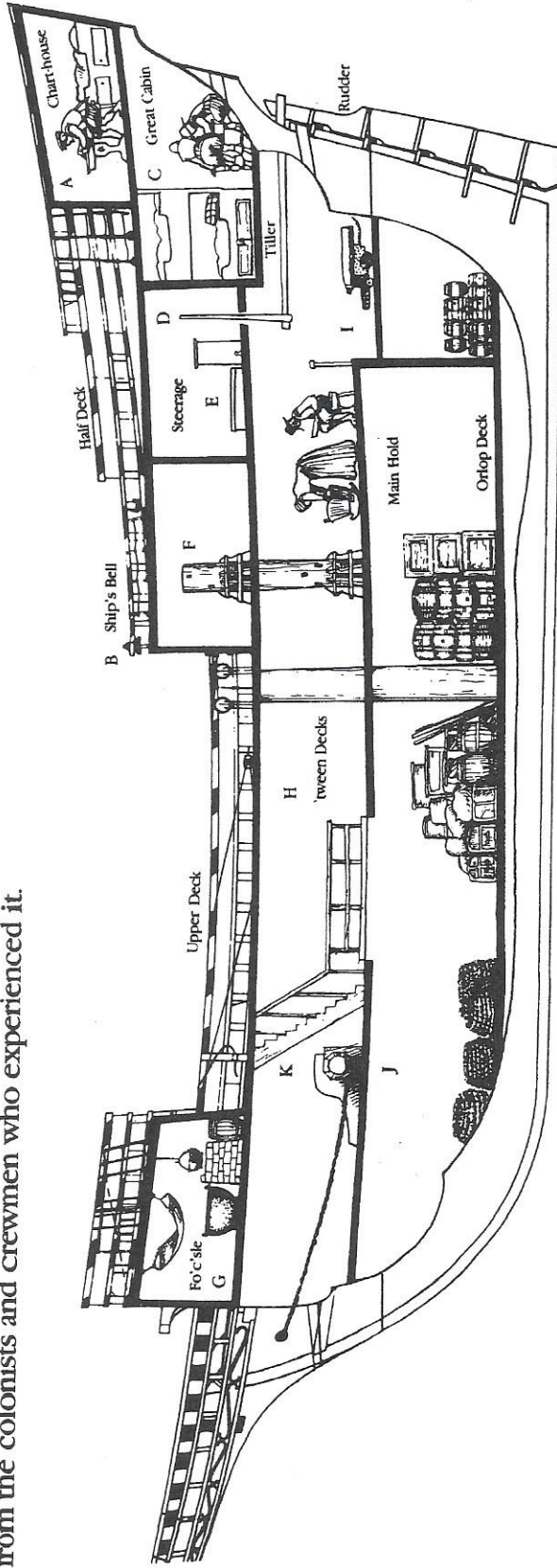
The native New Englander will be in the period dress of Elisabeth Fisher Hopkins, her 11th great-grandmother and the wife of Stephen Hopkins, signer of the Mayflower Compact. She plans to bring props of some of the things her ancestors would have used in America in the 1600s.

Beth will also tell about some of the processes involved as she gathered part of her documentation, and she will let the attendees know who published her family history last year.

Visitors are invited to join members for refreshments in the society's library located in the annex of the Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main St., following the presentation. The library will be open to the public from noon until 3:00 p.m.

MAYFLOWER II

Come aboard *Mayflower II* and hear the story of the famous 1620 voyage and that terrible first winter in the New World, from the colonists and crewmen who experienced it.



Welcome Aboard

Your visit to *Mayflower II* begins with a dockside exhibit that introduces her passengers in 1620. You may be surprised at the diversity of backgrounds and motivations within the small band of colonists. Once aboard ship, you will meet men and women portraying the sailors and passengers who made the 66-day voyage. The sailors are looking forward to returning to England. The passengers, on the other hand, are concerned with the challenge of building a colony here in the New World.

After leaving the ship, you will find a second exhibit area focusing on the construction of *Mayflower II*. Large panels show how she was built in Brixham and sailed across the Atlantic in 1957. A three-quarter scale cross section shows how centuries-old techniques were used to build the vessel you visit today.

Before you begin your visit, you might like to know the names of some of the important areas and equipment on the ship.

A. The Chart-house is the chartroom from which the Master, Christopher Jones, and his mates direct the ship's progress.

B. The Ship's Bell is rung to mark the hours of the watch. Each "watch" or shift of four hours is divided into eight half-hours corresponding to eight strokes, or bells.

C. The Great Cabin houses the ship's master and some of the officers.

D. The Whipstaff is a long pole which moves the tiller, located on the deck below, to steer the ship. The helmsman gets his directions from the compass in the Binnacle in front of him and from an officer on the Half Deck above.

E. Steerage is the quarters of the ship's officers.

F. The Capstan, a spindle upon which lines are wound, is fitted with holes where bars can be inserted. Sailors pushing the bars can raise top-masts, yards and cargo.

G. The Fo'c'sle or Forecastle houses the ordinary seamen and the hearth where they prepare their meals.

H. The 'tween Decks is where most passengers stayed during the voyage. Their quarters are small cabins or bunks built along the sides of the ship around a common area.

I. Cannon are carried by nearly all ships as protection from pirates and privateers. These, called "sakerets", fire a 3½-pound iron ball about 2500 yards.

J. The Hold is the main cargo space. It holds most of the household goods, tools and supplies, and the ship's stores of food, cordage, canvas, cannon shot and powder.

K. The Windlass is used for raising anchors and works the same as the capstan.