

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

**Call to Order – Margaret**

Margaret welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

**Minutes– Linda Olsen**

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read by members by e-mail.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**President**

\*Margaret encouraged everyone to vote for new officers. Ballots were published in the November newsletter. The installation of officers will be held at the January 2012 General Meeting.

\*Margaret announced that the Family History Centers will remain open. In fact the centers will be spruced up a bit including new equipment. A rumor that the centers would be closing is totally false.

**Past President**

Bill mentioned that Damaris Reynolds has moved to Salem and that she had donated 166 books to our BCBS Library. Margaret has her address.

**Vice President / Program Committee**

Faye announced that Marlene McDonald is presenting today's program about her gr-gr-grandparents, William and Asenath Blodgett. December is our annual Holiday Party and auction. Pat Coolican will organize the December auction, and Ted Gump will be our Master of Ceremonies. Members are encouraged to bring items to donate for the auction such as gift items including food (baked breads, cookies), Christmas decorations, books etc.

Faye is organizing a program in January 2012 featuring a WWII re-enactor. Other possibilities for 2012 programs are another round table session that was so popular previously and a presentation about the Star family presented by Steve Morrison

**Treasurer / Finance Committee**

Judy reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,357.06.

**Membership**

Mary Jo is now accepting membership dues.

Margaret announced that the Public Relations job is open. Anyone who is interested in this appointed position may contact Margaret.

**Publication committee**

**Books for Sale:** Earle reported that there have been no recent book sales.

Earle has taken care of the books for sale for a few years and would like someone else to take over this position. It requires checking on our books in the BCGS Library bookstore and at the Historical Museum bookstore and replenishing the supply when they run low.

**Newsletter:**

**brochures:** Let Mary Jo know if you need some brochures to distribute.

**posters:** Posters help promote our society also. Let Margaret know if you can help distribute posters.

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

Linda reported that the updated library book shelf list is now posted on our society web pages.

See the updated list at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/booklist.html>

There are more than 2,700 items in our BCGS Library now, including mostly books but also CDs, videos, periodicals and records in the vertical file. Browse through the many selections for most of

the United States and some countries. Three new links have been added to the Benton County Gen Web Page courtesy of the Benton County Historical Museum at

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

1) Benton County cemetery maps with a zoom, 2) Benton County Business Directories 1867-1932, 3) Tour Guide Series all FREE online. Written by Ken Mumford and others.

### **Library Committee**

**Librarian:** Grace brought some books to show from the many excellent books donated by Damaris Reynolds. Ellen is working on selecting books appropriate for memorial dedications for Mary Yoke and Roberta Glass.

Addendum: The book NGS Research in the States Series - Oregon was selected for Roberta. A book on North Dakota will be selected for Mary Yoke.

Bill mentioned that if you want to purchase a genealogy book and are willing to pay half the cost, that with the approval of the book committee, the library may support half of the purchase cost.

#### **Library staff**

**Historian:** Nancy is finishing up the 2011 scrapbook and will begin a new album for 2012.

**Photographer:** Faye snapped many photos during Marlene's program presentation.

### **Audit committee**

Sandra Potter, Danell Aukerman, and Jerry Buthmann have completed the audit for September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011.

The committee has four suggestions that would make the next audit easier to accomplish:

1. have one receipt book for dues and funds received
2. make a monthly report to be filed for the audit committee, with the beginning balance, deposits, checks and ending balance listed.
3. have one standard check register with all deposits and checks entered
4. a list of items making up each deposit would be very helpful.

### **Other**

\*Susan Hayes asked how old records are to be stored when software systems are changed. For example: How to archive the past Treasurer's years of records? CDs, paper copies?

\*Mary Jo introduced and welcomed our new member, Connie Patterson.

\*Margaret read a thank you note from Lee Rudisill

\*Margaret recommended the American Spirit periodicals donated by Sandra Potter

### **Unfinished Business**

Members were reminded to vote. The blue envelope on the sign-in table has been designated as the ballot "box". Ballots will be available at the December meeting also.

### **New Business**

Everyone was encouraged to attend the December meeting which will be a Holiday Party. Bring an auction item such as food, Christmas related items, books, etc. Come and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 28, 2011

The next General meeting will be Saturday, December 10, 2011

### **Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary

A Benton County Genealogical Society Presentation

# The Blodgetts of Blodgetts' Valley : a struggle for survival



Photo courtesy of Benton County Historical Society and Museum

presented by Marlene McDonald

Land Patent Details						
Accession No: OROCAA 02533	Document Type: Serial Patent					
State: Oregon	Issue Date: 4/19/1881					
Cancelled: No						
Names On Document	Miscellaneous Information					
BLDGGETT, AGNESIA BLDGGETT, WILLIAM	Land Office: Oregon City					
	Mineral Reservations: No					
	Tribe: ---					
	Volume: ---					
	State In Favor Of: ---					
Military Rank: ---	Authority: September 27, 1860 Oregon Donation Act (grant #99 Stat. #96)					
Document Numbers	Survey Information					
Document No: 5260	Total Acres: 640.01					
Blk. Sec. No: ---	Survey Date: ---					
BLM Serial No: OROCAA 02533	Geographic Name: ---					
Indian Allot. No: ---	Notes/Bounds: No					
Land Descriptions						
State	Meridian	Top - Rng	Alqmts	Section	Survey #	County
OR	Willamette	011S - 020W		13	40	Wagon
OR	Willamette	011S - 020W		14	40	Wagon
OR	Willamette	011S - 020W		23	40	Wagon
OR	Willamette	011S - 020W		24	40	Wagon

BLM GLO online

Hear the tale of a man and a woman who came West to the "Eden" at the end of trail with the hopes and dreams of many pioneers only to encounter the harsh realities of life in the wilderness. Meet William, a strong, independent self-educated bear of a

man, who fell to a then largely unrecognized enemy - liquor, and his wife, small in stature but large in determination, who was left to raise the children and run the ranch. Twenty-five years later, in her 60's, she took her 80-year old mother and left, finally homesteading on her own in Idaho.



Find A Grave online  
Blodgett Cemetery

## Saturday, 12 November 2011

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Visitors Welcome

College United Methodist Church  
1123 Main Street  
Philomath, OR