Minutes of the Benton County Genealogical Society, October 9, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

In the absence of the Secretary, President Kribs read his notes on the September meeting.

Visitors Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood were welcomed.

The Librarian reported on new books. Lee Rudisill has Tuesday staffing signed up for the year. The Library will not be opened the Tuesday between Christmas and the New Year.

Damaris Reynolds reported that the September garage sale netted \$169.40. There should be some re-thinking on the garage sales in the future. The Christmas auction has been changed to a November event. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy. The raffle drawing will be in December. Damaris exhibited two items for the raffle -- a hand-embroidered tablecloth and a large colorful afghan. A suggestion has been made that a third raffle item might be a gift certificate to a florist or nursery. The Book Committee has not met, waiting to see the new budget.

The President reminded members to bring Santiam and Flavor-Pac labels.

Treasurer Gene Newcomb is now collecting dues. The bank balance stands at \$1,946.94. Pat Coolican has prepared a budget for the coming fiscal year, which members are invited to inspect if they wish. The Board has recommended that \$100 be taken out of the Library budget to defray expenses of programs.

Hostess Charlene Talbot reminded members to bring cookies for sale at the December Christmas party.

Maybelle Martsching has been researching the Kibbeys in Polk and Benton County. She needs a living descendants to help her with Mary E. Kibbey, who lived in Blodgett in the 1900 census. There was some discussion of the query re the name Crabtree.

Danell Aukerman will have two internet classes -- one each in Albany and Sweet Home. She is planning to take a group to Salt Lake City on April 2 through 8,2000. This will be offered through LBCC, and is limited to 30 members. The 6 nights and 7 days will cost approximately \$500.00, which will include plane fare and hotel space. Meals are not included. A January deposit will be required. Danell will offer an intermediate class beginning in late January.

Danell has put almost all of the Phinney interviews on the Web. She also brought books and genealogical materials for sale, including forms, archival supplies, a legal size binder, etc.

The marriage records at the court house are now open to the public again.

Charlene Talbot is typing the Corvallis newspaper microfilm project. She passed a sign-up sheet for microfilm readers around. The films can be read at the Museum, the City Library, or at OSU.

Jim Russell reported on the pedigree chart submissions, which he is entering into a data base. Family group sheets can be given to him in GEDCOM. He also reported that, due to construction on Harrison, access to the Family History Center will be difficult for some time. Call Dale Romrell if there is a problem.

We have 143 members, including 41 families.

The President reported that Ken Bielman will head the nominating committee, which will present a new slate of officers at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55. After a short break, a very informative presentation on research in the British Isles was given by Dale and Kathy Moss.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean B. Grube, Secretary pro tem