

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, October 10, 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**

Leila reported that our current balance is \$3, 635.11. Membership dues may be paid to Leila today.

**Programs – David Kribs**

Dave announced that Mary Dean Snelling would be presenting our program today on genealogy research in Germany. November's program will be on English research presented by Susan Hayes and Bill Gleaves.

**Librarian – Sandra Potter**

Sandra announced that the BCGS library is now open at the regular times. Recent purchases for the library include a CD of English Origins of New England Families, Virginia Military Records, and The Great Migration Vol. 6 published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

**Membership – Leila Crawford**

Leila reported that there are about 97 members. Memberships are \$15 for a single person or a whole family. She also explained our fund raising projects and encouraged members to contribute Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels.

**Host – Dean Johnson**

**Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil**

**Publishing –Earle Greig**

**Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds**

**Queries -**

**Newsletter – Teri Greene**

In Teri's absence, Bill requested members e-mail Teri with stories and new web sites to publish in our newsletter. Find-a-Grave.com was mentioned along with Google books online, and alumni publications which may list occupations following graduations.

**Service Projects**

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

**Benton County Family Bibles**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 21 total

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

**Surname References to Benton County Newspapers – updated May 31, 2009, - 15,500 entries**

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

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

**Old Business**

Nominations for new officers are:

Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Susan Hayes

Secretary for the Board Meetings & Membership – Sandra Potter  
Librarian – Grace Maddux

**Returning:**

President – Margaret Fox  
Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Dean Johnson  
Treasurer – Gene Newcomb  
Secretary for General Meetings – Linda Olsen

**New Business**

Lincoln County guests brought two cemetery notebooks to donate to our BCGS library. They were acknowledged and thanked for contributing The Davidson (Peak) and Mays - Strouts cemetery notebooks to our library collection.

Bill encouraged members to add GPS coordinates to cemetery locations if possible. Cemetery locations can be lost due to time and neglect unless a more permanent reference is recorded.

Bill announced a history program which will be held at the Corvallis-Benton County Library on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Saving Lives, One Story at a Time

Ted Gump gave us the results of his research he had been working on for his cousin's wife. Miss Nichols had been the Goddess of Liberty for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in 1928 at the Pine Grove School near Peoria. He found a photo and has donated the photo and information to our library and other places.

Margaret Fox brought books to donate to our library. She also mentioned the brief introductory video on "How to use the new Family Search pilot site". Look for it in the "genealogy" section of the Corvallis Benton County Library web page. The Family History Center has expanded their evening times. They are open now on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Margaret also passed around a Service Project committee sign-up sheet.

Linda explained how to locate some of the Corvallis Benton County Library reference books that are now available online. She passed around copies of the web pages which describe how to navigate to these online history books. A step by step guide to locate the reference books online is in the October newsletter.

Ed showed us his digital E-book reader and told how he downloads digitized books for easy reference.

Bill will bring his books on Tennessee to the BCGS Library on Tuesday Oct. 13, 2009, from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Anyone with a shared interest in Tennessee was encouraged to attend.

Bill encouraged members to attend the National Genealogical Society meeting to be held in Salt Lake City April 28 through May 1, 2010.

**Health and Welfare:**

**Announcements**

The next Board meeting will be November 2, 2009  
The next General meeting will be November 14, 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary