

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, October 13, 2012**

Call to Order – President Danell

Danell welcomed members and guests.

Minutes– Linda The minutes of the 8 September 2012 meeting were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Danell

Danell is starting a new society web page similar to Linn County Genealogical Society's web page. It will have a database capable of locating multiple sites while searching on a surname. The board approved the \$12 per month cost of the new web page.

Past President - Margaret - no report

Vice President / Programs - Faye

Today, Stewart Myers, a registered patent attorney, will discuss intellectual property and address questions specific to genealogy. He will suggest ways to protect original material. November's program will be speakers acquainted with what's available locally for research sources such as the Corvallis archives and Benton County Historical Museum; and broader sources such as the Family History Center and interlibrary loan services.

Treasurer / Finance Committee - Margaret

Treasurer: Margaret - no report

Membership: - Mary Jo reported there are currently 54 paid memberships

Publication committee

Books for Sale: Danell reported that three cemetery books and two marriage books had been sold.

Newsletter: Margaret - no report

Brochures: Mary Jo

Posters: Many posters had been distributed

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

Diana Greb gave Danell a flash drive containing images of Benton County death certificates through 2009. These will be published on the new web site that Danell is working on. She hopes to have the new site up and running by January 2013. This will be a searchable database linked to multiple resources.

Library Committee - Grace

Librarian: Grace brought a notebook filled with book purchasing information. She showed a new book just received titled Tracing Your Irish Ancestors. Most of the missing books from the last inventory have been located. Some BCGS Library books are being moved to the upstairs library space in the Annex.

Library staff: no report

Historian: Nancy reported that she will be adding photos and sign-in sheets for September to our society scrapbook which is stored in a closet in our BCGS Library. Members are welcome to look through it anytime.

Photographer: Faye explained that some of the photos she takes are used for the newsletter and some are sent to the historian for the scrapbook.

Unfinished Business

1. Grace will be checking on the Philomath Reader board to get our meeting time and place entered as often as possible.
2. We will continue with a discussion of ways to honor past members at the next meeting. Margaret Fox is collecting ideas. Send her your suggestions at margaretwfox@gmail.com
3. Danell told about the family group charts and pedigree charts contributed by members which are currently available in notebooks in our library and encouraged all members to add their information. They are invaluable to researchers.

New Business

1. It's time to select new officers. Danell explained the process of selecting officers. Members are needed to serve on a Nominating Committee. Contact Danell if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or serving as president. Contact Faye if you are interested in serving as vice-president. Nancy shared some ideas she utilized last year to find nominees such as phoning members using the sign-in sheets as a guide to find the names of active members.
2. Replacing tombstones and markers was discussed. Grace showed photos of the new cemetery markers she had replaced this summer. Contact Grace for more information on who she hired. Danell suggested we may want to develop a column in the newsletter for tips and services that would be helpful to genealogy research.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 9:00am in the Annex.
The next General meeting will be Saturday, November 10, 2012, at 10:00am in the church social hall.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

Benton County Genealogical Society

presents

Stewart Myers

Attorney at Law

Registered Patent Attorney

Willamette Valley Intellectual Property Law, L.L.C.

presenting

- * Overview of intellectual property law including a summary of patents, copyrights, and trademark
- * Further explanation of copyright law including what is protected by a copyright and how protection is established
- * How copyright law applies to genealogy
- * Suggestions and strategies for protecting genealogical research
- * Available resources for further information
- * Q&A session

When and Where: Saturday, October 13, 2012,
11:00 am - 11:55 am, Social Hall, College United Methodist
Church, 1123 Main Street, Philomath. Visitors may join
members for refreshments in the society's library located in
the annex of the Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main
Street, following the presentation. The library will be open to
the public from noon to 3 p.m.