

**Benton County Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes - 10:30am - Noon, Annex, Sept. 10, 2022**  
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**President:**

George arranged for us to meet in the Annex this morning since it was not convenient for us to use the gallery at the museum while they changed exhibits. It was a smoky day with only 12 members present.

George will meet with the Methodist Church folks soon to discuss using their social hall for our meetings and to determine if our society will be able to afford meeting there.

**Treasurer:** George reported for Lois that we have \$4,800 in our account.

**Membership:** George reported for Connie that membership will be caught up next month.

**Library:** Discussion developed around rearranging the library duties. Liza suggested dividing the duties into a partnership of possibly 7 or 8 people who would each have specific duties. This idea of a library committee would have no specific leader and would meet only once in awhile. More will be discussed on this topic at the next meeting.

Sue will write a list of library duties and publish them in the next BCGS Newsletter. George offered to e-mail the list of duties to the membership and ask for volunteers.

Joan Cook volunteered to look through our library book list to find those books that are NOT online as a way to promote our library.

**Program: Gathering Back Together**

The rest of our time was used for getting reacquainted and telling about what we accomplished over the summer break.

**George** visited family in South Carolina and has new great grandchildren.

**Lyle** identified a mystery person in his family by matching DNA.

**Bill** identified numerous ancestors that had all fought in various wars through multiple generations.

**Kathryn** has a new great grandson.

**Leila** enjoyed the summer and gardening.

**Joan** discovered her son-in-law's relative was involved with the Salem witch trials. Some of Bill's relatives were also part of the Salem witch trials.

**Sue** relaxed with gardening projects.

**Grace** told about a girl from California who had called her trying to find family history information. Her brothers gave DNA samples which may identify the girl's father. They are still waiting for the DNA results.

**Lee** who is now a perky 97 year old lady, told about visiting a family cemetery some years ago. On a more recent visit the cemetery had vanished. By asking the towns people they deduced the few graves had probably been relocated to larger cemeteries.

**Linda** told of family memorabilia from a cousin that revealed the family of her great aunt who grew up in Blodgett. In the boxes of photos of the Hall family she found two photos of children standing in front of Blodgett School about 1920. Darline Hall of Blodgett married Bill Coon of Corvallis in 1935 her great aunt and uncle. She also told about how to date postcards.

**Dana** has already booked a trip to Scotland next summer to visit her ancestral home which is still there. She recommended a book on Scotland for our library which is dedicated to her mother, Jane Mathews, a past member.

**Liza** is working on several projects for Linn County and also had ideas to share about promoting our BCGS Library and forming a library committee of 7 or 8 volunteers to divide up the library duties.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Olsen,  
BCGS Secretary