

MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Beilman. The minutes of the March meeting were read. A correction was made in that Ken Munford (rather than Mr. Barnett) is offering copies of his newspaper articles. The minutes were approved as corrected. Addition: Following the March program by the Ridenours, Mary Hamlin won the door prize--an "Echo Lake" CD.

Two guests from Albany were introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer's Report: Income for March 1 through March 31 was \$415.14; expenses \$508.50-- a decrease of \$93.36. Total in bank--\$1,054.63.

Library Report: The Librarian announced the new library acquisitions as published in the newsletter. Library users were urged to look in the Vertical Files for small items.

Merchandising: The garage sale will be May 18th at Jean Grube's. Damaris Reynolds passed around a sign-up sheet for help. A strong arm is needed in the afternoon to help load things that are not sold.

Book Purchases: The book committee met on Thursday. and a few items were ordered. Damaris mentioned that she had ordered a film which is now at the Family History Center. It contains miscellaneous Hampshire County, Massachusetts records. She also mentioned an article in Ann Landers' column about family "round robin" letters.

"Warnings Out in Vermont", one of the new books listed this month, does not list undesirable people, but rather those who possibly could not support themselves and would have to return to their previous location.

Hostessing: Refreshments are signed up for through June.

Queries: Maybelle has a query on the Settlemeiers of Linn County. They were also in the Woodburn area.

Report on Founders' Remembrance Day: The June meeting will be a potluck salad luncheon honoring charter members, who have invitations in the mail. Through Leila Crawford we have free use of the large hall at the church. The usual rate is \$75.00. A "thank-you" note should be sent to the church.

Newsletter: Ed apologized for any errors--he is having serious difficulties with his eyesight. The celebration in Mill City is on the same day as our garage sale. Another historical article by Virginia Hocye is included in this month's Newsletter.

Membership: Danell has membership packets for new members joining during the past few months. Ed mailed out 102 Newsletters, including exchanges with other societies.

Pedigree Charts: Jim explained our pedigree chart computerizing. He has some forms for proof-reading. He would appreciate computer input to facilitate entries into the print-out.

Computer Survey: Joan Mueller reported on the members' computer survey. She has twenty-two members listed and has charted them out as to name, type of computer and printer, phone number, etc. She will meet with Ed and Ken next Tuesday at the library to see where to go from here.

Some E-Mail addresses will change now that OSU is going off "PEAK".

Unfinished Business:

Minor changes have been made to the budget presented by the budget committee. They are to be thanked for their good work.

New Business and Miscellaneous:

Damaris has written a letter to OPBS urging them to show the program "Ancestry". They replied that they have tentative plans to broadcast it, but probably not on prime time. They will let the Society know the date and time. Members were urged to also write to OPBS on this matter.

Lee Rudisill has a cancellation for April 30th at the Library. Kathy Coan and Charlene Talbot volunteered.

There is a new list server on the Internet--OR Roots, sponsored by the State Archives. Ed will print the Internet address in the Newsletter.

The Crosiars, long-time members, have moved to a retirement village in Sublimity, but will remain members. They have sold their Polk County property and are having a home built. Their present address is 390 S. E. Church, Apt 32, Sublimity, Oregon 97385. Telephone: 503-769-7407.

The Society had a letter from Coleen Nickerson of Waldport. Writing on behalf of the Alsea Historical Society, she inquired if our Society had published any census records of Benton County **before** 1893, when Lincoln County was separated. It was suggested that she contact the Oregon Genealogical Society in Eugene for published census records. Or Erma Brown of the Salem Society might have published them.

Gene Newman exhibited an article on hi-tech genealogical research from the Wall Street Journal for 10 April. Also, his wife is going to Nova Scotia for two weeks in the first part of May and has offered to search book stores there, if anyone wishes books on that area. She will purchase them for full cost, taxes, and shipping. It was suggested that

he contact Mildred Hawkins or Pat Rawlinson, both of whom are active in Canadian research.

A copy of the International PAF Users Group Quarterly was exhibited.

For the program, Danell brought her archival materials and gave an interesting and informative talk and demonstration on Archival Storage.

The next Society meeting will be May 11, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean B. Grube
Secretary pro tem