

MINUTES OF
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting, 12 April 1997

The meeting was called to order by Gene Kelsey, President. Minutes of the March general meeting were read and approved.

Guests, first time visitors and new members were introduced.

Treasurer's Report:

*As of 31 March 1997, our balance was \$1,544.25.

Library, Book & Merchandising Committees:

*We haven't bought any new books but we acquired quite a few from charter member Etta Hughes, a very devoted member of our society and DAR. Books which duplicated the libraries collection may be sold to any member for their personal library. The remaining books will be advertised on the internet for sale.

*Based on our individual library purchase policy, the membership was asked to make a donation for a CD-Rom of marriage records being sold for \$199. Fifty dollars has been promised so far. Danell thought it was an excellent item for the library.

*Our spring garage sale will be May 5. The proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase additional books for the library.

Newsletter:

*Ed reported on the beginning genealogy class. We had a good turn out. Ten of the students have joined our society. We will be offering a second class on 17 May.

*He told the group about an on-line computer class that will be soon *be starting*.

*If there is room, Ed will have a listing of our library videos *in our next newsletter*

Queries:

*Maybelle has completed her research on Mr. Baldwin, the OSU English teacher ~~and has mailed her report.~~

Membership:

* We are still searching for our name tags and the box they were stored in.

*We have a new membership list and name tags for our new members.

Pedigree:

Jim shared his procedure for compiling a database from our membership information.

Labels:

*The society has earned \$21.00 for our library fund by collecting these labels.

New Business:

*Our members voted to change ^{the} ~~our~~ by-law Article V Section A from 1 January through 31 December to 1 September through 31 August.

*We are continuing to make progress on our web page for Benton county.

The next meeting will be 8 March 1997

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford
Secretary