

*MINUTES OF  
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
General Meeting, 14 December 1996*

Our meeting was opened by Ken Bielman, President. Minutes of our previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests and first time visitors were introduced.

Richard Cobb -1st time

*Treasurer's Report:*

After sharing our current financial report, Ron reported as of 30 November, 1996, our bank balance is \$1812.67.

*Library:*

Jean reported there was nothing new other than the new books listed in our newsletter.

*Merchandising:*

Dameris thanked everyone for their donations for the Christmas Tea and Auction. The generosity of our members and guests will benefit the society's library. The committee will have their next meeting the first part of the new year.

*Public Relations:*

No report was offered.

*Queries:*

The date of death for Samuel A. Oden was answered by research on the computer.

*Service Projects:*

The Mark Phinney papers have been parceled out to be indexed. There is a small snag. Judy Junten will be typing the whole thing which will change the indexing.

*Newsletter:*

Ed thanked Walt for the use of his printer since Ed's was down. He reminded us that we will continue receiving a newsletter if our 1997 dues are paid.

He hoped we have been enjoying the article by Gene Newcombe.

Ed shared the Christmas cards the society has received.

*Membership:*

The new name cards have been printed and ready today.

Presently, our membership includes 7 charter members, 39 singles memberships and 19 family memberships.

Danelle shared the recent passing of Doris Stewart and Etta Hughes. A card will be sent to the families.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was nothing to resolve.

**New Business:**

Pat Coolican said there will be a presentation by the Genealogy Forum of Oregon with Larry Jensen on German Ancestry in April at the Genealogy.

The California Genealogy Society will hold it's 12th Annual Fair April 25-26.

Ancestry will be aired January 4 on OPB. Dameris said she would tape the program and have it available in the library.

Dan Frolich would like to have copies of last Monday's Gazette-Times. A nice article and picture of Dan is in the newspaper.

Ed asked the group to save pull tops of pop cans. The collection will benefit those who need kidney dialysis. You can give the tops to Ed personally or leave them at the library.

Becky Kiger installed and presented the new board members for 1997.

Our meeting ended with a fine Christmas Tea and Auction.

Our next meeting will be 11 January 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary