

MINUTES OF  
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
General Meeting, 10 February 1996

The meeting was opened by Ken Bielman, President. Minutes of previous meeting were read and corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** A balance of \$1,081.95 as of January 31, 1996 was reported.

**Library Report:**

The Tuesday library staffing is adequate.

**Merchandising:**

Donations of books for the thrift shop were accepted.  
The garage sale will be in May.

**Book Purchases:**

There are many excellent books available in our library. A list will be available in the library.

The book committee wants to purchase the Genealogical Abstracts of the Revolutionary War, but the cost is \$565. A sign up sheet will be passed around to determine who desires the books and what money they can donate toward the purchase of this four volume set.

**Refreshments:**

There are enough volunteers to provide refreshments.

**Queries:**

No current queries.

**Newsletter:**

A report about how AGLL CD-Roms was presented.  
A letter was received from Mildred Hawkins.  
Mailing label codings were approved by the post office.  
The answer to last month's newsletter question was given.

**Membership:**

As of February 1, there are ninety-one (91) members and eight (8) charter members. Surnames were read.

**Pedigree Charts:**

2,500 surnames were submitted. Danelle will print this.

**Labels:**

Use *Santiam* labels and turn them in.  
Save *Pepsi* pull tabs for rebate for the kidney fund.

**Unfinished Business:**

The audit committee reported the books are in very good order.

A suggestion was made that the June meeting be a picnic to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the society and to honor our charter members.

\*A discussion followed about getting some publicity and activities for the picnic.

\*A request was made for volunteers to coordinate the picnic.  
\*A notice will be put in the newsletter.  
There was a discussion of having a beginners genealogist class.  
The budget committee meeting will be rescheduled.

*New Business:*

The 1996 National Genealogical Society will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on May 8 through May 11.

The Scandinavian Genealogical Society seminars will be in Portland during February, March and April.

The George Schweitzer program will be in Vancouver Washington on March 23, 1996. A discussion followed about attending and maybe getting a van for transportation if there is enough interest.

The Genealogical Council of Oregon will be October 4-6, 1996

Gene Newcomb told about his trip to California and his experiences with genealogical resources at libraries in Huntington Beach, Carlsbad and the Mormon Temple in Santa Monica.

After our general meeting today, interest groups will meet at the annex.

Our next meeting will be March 9, 1996 and Carla Ridenour will present a program of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary