

MINUTES OF
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting, 9 March 1996

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

Guests and first time visitor were introduced.

Treasurer's Report: No report was given due to Ron's absence.

Library Report:

An announcement was made of the new library purchases.

The letters "OS" next to a book title listed in the newsletter means the book will be found in the *oversized* book section in the library.

The new Revolutionary War abstracts are just great. Since these books won't be circulated, Jean described the process to use these books for research.

Shelf lists and family group sheets are still available. Please ask the librarian for a copy.

The 1850-1880 US mortality index is available on two new CD roms.

There is sufficient staff for April.

Merchandising:

The garage sale will be May 18. Start bringing your items to Jean or Dameris' house. The money earned from the sale will go toward new book purchases.

Book Purchases:

Dameris acknowledge the generosity of the those individuals who contributed towards the *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*.

The book committee will meet in two (2) weeks. Suggestions would be appreciated. Dameris will bring her New England "how to " research tapes next Tuesday.

Queries:

Maybelle has been working on the William Leper request.

Newsletter:

Ed hoped we are all enjoying the installments written by Virginia Hoeye.

He shared that steel paperclips and "stickies" shouldn't be used on archival quality materials.

Pedigree Charts:

Jim has an index of names and submitters from members pedigree charts. He copies the information to his program and converts it to a database, then hands his work back to ask for corrections.

Jim can accept PAF or Gedcom files which he prefers to hand keying the individuals in.

If you are adding or updating family names, please make a notation.

Unfinished Business:

Although the budget committee worked very hard on the current proposal, the board is asking for minor adjustments to certain line items. Ken will report back to the board at the April meeting.

New Business:

A motion was moved and carried to include maiden names when possible to book plates.

Aaron and Noami McKee are doing a fine job restoring the Charles King home. They will be listing the house with the national registry and having an open house.

Mr. Barnett(?) is offering copies of his newspaper articles. An index is being made of his newspaper columns.

Announcements:

The Linn County Boston Mills will be refurbished as an interpretive center and museum. The Boston Mill was built in 1858 by Finley, one mile east of Shedd. It is the oldest continuous mill in Oregon.

The Family History Center has a beautiful new CD on early Scottish registry. An 1881 England census is also available.

After our general meeting, Carla and Dennis Ridenour shared their skill, knowledge and interest in computers and genealogy.

Our next meeting will be 13 April, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary