

*MINUTES OF
THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting, 4 November 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.

Treasurer's Report:

As of 30 November, 1996, our current balance is \$1338.90.

Merchandising:

The Christmas auction is a nice social occasion and a wonderful opportunity to make money for the library. A nice stain glass from the Barclays will be donated for the auction.

Ted Gump has volunteered to be our auctioneer. Ed and Dameris have will start setting up for the auction and raffle sale at 9:30. Each one of us is being asked to bring a snack to share.

Library:

Jean clarified what areas of New York the new CD listed in the newsletter covered and she thanked those who gave books to the library.

New library book lists are available. The major listing will cost \$2 and the update is 50 cents.

The library will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Queries:

The date of death for Samuel A. Oden has been requested.

Service Projects:

The Mark Finney project is fascinating stories in 3 volumes. Each section is being parceled out for indexing.

A new suggestion is to share genealogy at retirement or assisted living centers for seniors as a hobby and by the society as a community service project.

Newsletter:

Ed gave a brief review of the current newsletter.

Membership:

There are 137 members. Only 38 have paid their dues for next year.

Danelle and Ed are working on new name tags with our logo.

Unfinished Business:

The 1997 officers of the society board was approved by the membership. Installation of the new board members will be held at the December general meeting.

The nominations are:

President:	Gene Kelsey
1st VP, Program:	Ken Bielman
2nd VP, Hostess:	Judy Beals
Treasurer:	Gene Newcomb
Secretary:	Leila Crawford
Librarian:	Jean Grube
Membership:	Danelle Aukerman

New Business:

We will need a 1997 budget committee. Pat Coolican will be the chairperson.

Gene Newcombe asked the group to write a letter by November 19 to express your opinion on the Canadianian bill C32.

The death index from Ohio from 1913-1917 is on the internet.

Ken will do the search of the *Roll of Honor* CD from the library.

There are 27 people who have filled out a computer interest form. Six are Mac users and 16 of us have PAF.

Our next meeting will be December 14, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Crawford, Secretary