

Benton County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes - 10:30 - 10:50am, Nov 8, 2025, 2nd floor
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President: George Davidson welcomed members and visitors.

1. Our previous minutes were approved as posted online.
2. Next Board meeting will be **December 5, 2025**, at 1:00pm, 3rd floor in museum.
3. Next General meeting will be **December 13, 2025**, 10:30am 2nd floor, in museum.
4. Our president and vice-president would like to be replaced with new members.

Program: Brent Bunker gave a wonderful overview of his travels to find where his ancestors lived. First he traveled to China to acquaint his adopted Chinese daughter with her birth place where she met those who had cared for her as an abandoned infant. Then they traveled to Switzerland, Scotland, England and back to New England searching for the homes and cemeteries of the Bunker ancestors. He now has a deeper appreciation of his ancestors and corrected some of his own written family history. He suggested starting with **Family History Guide** to plan a trip to search for your ancestors.

Vice President: Kathryn: The Board members decided to have an auction again during our usual December program time. **Please bring items such as things you no longer have use for or food such as breads or cookies to sell.** Last year we made about \$130 with a silent auction. It was enjoyable and gave our finances a boost.

Treasurer/Finance: Lois reported we still have \$37,000 in the bank plus \$86 from the Bottle Drop efforts. Members were encouraged to bring their bags of empty cans and bottles to a program. George has stickers for the green bags to indicate they are for our BCGS account. George can drop them off and give you a new green bag with stickers already attached.

Membership: Candy reported taking in more membership dues for 2026 today!

Webmaster: George posts the meeting minutes on our website. If you would like to be a newsletter editor, contact any board member.

Library: Liza talked about the new arrangement for multiple volumes of our library books of the same topic to be grouped together. All were invited to have treats in the library following the program and see the progress she and George have made.

Project: Linda Olsen is collecting your recipes from your ancestor's for a society cook book. Please bring a recipe copy to the next meeting. You may submit several recipes.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Olsen, Secretary

Many trees make a forest!

