

Benton County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes - 10:30am, March 14, 2026
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President: Dana Sanchez called the meeting to order and welcomed members and visitors.

1. The February minutes were approved and posted on our website.
2. **Next Board meeting** - April 3, 2026, 3rd floor library in museum 1:00pm.
3. **Next General meeting** - April 11, 2026, 2nd floor in museum 10:30am.
4. Dana announced the program for today “Moses & Me” by Walter Frankel.

Program Review: March program: Lois introduced the speaker, Walter Frankel. Walter Frankel, a volunteer for 25 years at the Philomath Museum, presented a wonderfully detailed program on the Moses family that lived in our area and developed the Vina Moses Center. The Moses family donated a large collection of papers, letters and photographs to the museum. Through detailed research, Walter Frankel was able to sort piles of family information and eventually put names to most of the photographs through reading the many family letters dating from the 1800s and more research. Genealogy charts for multiple ancestors of the Moses family were displayed on the screen and memorabilia was displayed on a table for all to view.

This excellent program was a wonderful example of how to find your ancestors through letters and what ever trail your ancestors left.

Vice President: Any member interested in becoming our Vice President could contact any board member for information.

Treasurer/Finance: Lois reported we have \$3,600 in the bank. Our largest expense of \$800 each year is for the museum. Our \$20 membership dues for 2026 need to be paid as soon as possible. Pay by check or cash at a meeting or Mail a check to:

Benton County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 35
Philomath, OR 97370

Membership: Candy has recorded 25 paid memberships so far for 2026.

Webmaster: George posts all meeting minutes on our BCGS website and takes care of the Cookbook proceeds.

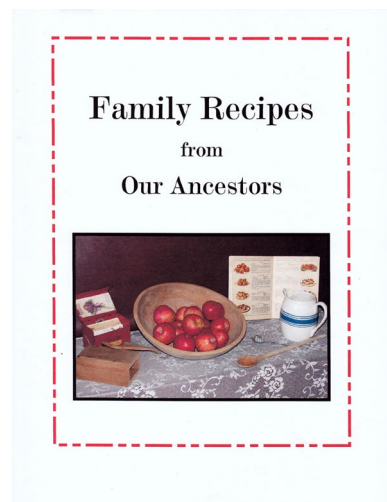
Library: Liza reported our library inventory is nearly completed. She is sorting outdated brochures, duplicates and non genealogical materials.

Newsletter: Laurie Corliss asked members to send her a photo of their most loved memorabilia with an explanation of who it belonged to and why it is so special to them. A collection of these items will be featured in upcoming newsletters.

Recipe Project: The “Family Recipes from our Ancestors” cookbook is available to download from our BCGS website. We are asking a \$5 donation to the society for the cookbook. You may donate more if you wish. All proceeds go to the society.

New Business: Our April program will be, “Sharpen Your Skills with the Family History Guide” by Bob Taylor.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Olsen, Secretary



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