

Benton County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes - 10:30am, April 11, 2026
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President: Dana called the meeting to order and welcomed members and visitors.

1. The March minutes were approved and posted on our website.
2. **Next Board meeting** - May 1, 2026, 3rd floor library in museum 1:00pm.
3. **Next General meeting** - May 9, 2026, 2nd floor in museum 10:30am.

Program Review: April program:

“Sharpen Your Skills with The Family History Guide”
by Bob Taylor assisted by Brent Bunker.

Bob Taylor demonstrated the “Family History Guide” available online for free at thefhguide.com . This extensive program uses pathways that include Projects, Goals, Choices, and Steps. He showed how easy the “Family History Guide” is to use with pull down menus to select topics of interest whether it’s in the US or foreign countries. Their mission is to “greatly increase the number of people actively involved in family history worldwide, and to make everyone’s family history journey easier, more efficient and more enjoyable.

Vice President: currently vacant

Treasurer/Finance: Lois reported our income is nearly even with our expenses and membership has increased.

Membership: Candy recorded 30 paid memberships so far for 2026.

Webmaster: George posts all meeting minutes on our BCGS website and takes care of any other important business relevant to our website.

Library: Liza reported the book inventory is completed. Now she is sorting outdated brochures, duplicates and non genealogical materials. She brought some outdated pamphlets and booklets to give away to our members.

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: Linda announced 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. All proceeds go to the society.

New Business:

May 9th program:

At our May program you will find out about the Collaboration between the Benton County Historical Society and the Benton County Genealogical Society:

Sources in the BCHS Research Library for local Genealogy Research, presented by Larry Landis, former director of OSU's Special Collections and the university's Archivist, and he is also president of the Historical Society's Board.

June 13th program:

Everyone is invited to come June 13th and share your summer plans or next-steps in your genealogy plans, what brick walls you're working on, genealogy travel plans, cooking, etc. Then we will take a summer break!

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Olsen, Secretary

