

BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met at the Brown Library on 3-3-09. A 7:00 p.m. President Gurkin welcomed 16 members.

Terria Baynor motioned, Willene Brinn seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read. The treasurer's report was given.

Mary Disharoon presented several publications of interest: Tyrrell Tides has an article on James Johnson Pettigrew, tracing his history from age 18 through the Civil War to his death in 1963, three weeks after his 35 birthday. The Durham-Orange County Newsletter presented a calendar of events scheduled for the Durham-Orange Area. It also provided an address on how to search 4 million new records added to Family Search's Record Search Pilot: <http://pilot.familysearch.org>. Broadfoot Publishing Company sent a flyer listing many publications available. Mary also reminded us of the upcoming conferences and workshops.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Reports: Jean is still plugging away with the Cemetery Book. No progress on the Bible Records. Willene reported Jo Ross's publications are about ½ completed and provided everyone with a list of her publications. Anyone wishing a copy of any publication call Willene.

Louise Cowell will contact all schools soon about the John Oden History Awards.

Albert Everson made copies of the Weyerhauser map reflecting cemeteries on Weyerhauser property. Several members will study these maps preparing to canvass them later.

Jean recently visited an overgrown cemetery in Edward that was being cleared. She learned there are at least 7 more overgrown cemeteries in that area. BCGS members will visit them to determine whether they need to be canvassed and recorded.

We were again reminded of the upcoming conferences and the trip to Archives scheduled for 6-6-09. Contact Jean or Louise. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the May regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Albert mentioned he'd signed up for Ancestry.com and was surprised but pleased to see the Piney Grove School and a group of students listed by name.

PROGRAM: Terria provided us with information concerning a Geographical Information System Conference she attended. The program featured Julia Stamper who provided her with a poster – "Mapping Ancestry with GIS" reflecting the trials her family took from the east coast to Indiana utilizing the GIS website. Terria will present a power point program for further edification at our May meeting.

Louise motioned, Wayne Jefferson seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernetta Lange