

MINUTES
BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (BCGS)
March 2, 2010

WELCOME.

Jean Gurkin called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm in the recreation hall of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 80 Cedar Circle, Washington, NC. She welcomed the attending local members and Ted Hill from Pasadena, MD who is an out of town member. Ted grew up in the Chocowinity area and he is researching the Warren and Barr families as well as consolidating family research being performed by friends and relatives.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Kenneth Boyd read the minutes from the February 2, 2010 BCGS meeting. Louise Cowell mentioned that some of the people who made and seconded motions recorded in the minutes were not actually current members of the society. Albert Everson motioned to approve the minutes as written with an annotation indicating the inappropriate motions. Ann Basnight seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read with the requested annotation.

TREASURER.

Deborah Waters was not able to attend the meeting; Jean Gurkin summarized the financial transactions made on the society's behalf during the previous month from a written report Deborah provided. Albert Everson suggested moving the society's CD to the State Employees Credit Union since they are paying a higher rate of interest but no decisions were made. The Treasurer's report was accepted without further comment.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Willene Brinn was not able to attend the meeting; Jean Gurkin summarized the correspondence she was aware of that the society had received during the previous month.

• At 7:00 pm on May 21, 2010, the New Bern-Craven County Public Library, New Bern, NC is hosting a presentation by Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr. entitled "The Palatines: Profiles in Courage" where he will discuss the early 18th Century migration of the Palatines from Germany and Switzerland to North Carolina. The presentation will be made at the Craven County Community College. The event will continue the following day at the Library in downtown New Bern where a Seminar will be hosted from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. The presentation on the 21st is free but there will be a charge (\$40.00 with advance registration or \$50.00 at the door) for the seminar on the 22nd. Visit the New Bern-Craven County Public Library website at www.newbern.cpclib.org/research/ for more details.

- The Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville, NC is hosting two presentations celebrating the 250th anniversary of Pitt County. The first will be at 3:00 pm on March 14, 2010 and it will be a lecture by Roger Kammerer and William Cox. The second will be at 3:00 pm on March 21, 2010 and it will be a lecture by Bill Kittrell. The subject for both presentations is the “History of Pitt County”. The presentations are free. Visit the Sheppard Memorial Library website at www.sheppardlibrary.org for more details.

OLD BUSINESS and COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- “Free” Query Definition. Ann Basnight discussed the results of committee discussions on the “Free” query issue. She suggested an approach for addressing the issue but in group discussions it was agreed the issue needed to be fleshed out a little more before any decisions are made. Louise Cowell volunteered to serve on the committee reviewing the issue.

- Cemetery Books. Jean Gurkin discussed the committee’s slow progress with this initiative and the difficulties they are encountering with OCR scans of the original publication. Additionally, she said they are rethinking how to handle the cemetery maps embedded on the pages. There was some discussion on approaches for handling the maps and the possibility of including GPS coordinates in the publication but no decisions were made.

- East Carolina University (Joyner Library) Visit. Russell Tyson was not able to attend the meeting; Janice Tyson gave an update on this initiative in his behalf. The 13th of March date proposed at the previous BCGS meeting is not feasible. An alternative of Saturday the 20th of March from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm was proposed and accepted. It was agreed that because of the limited parking available at Joyner Library, those interested in attending will meet in front of the Beaufort County Courthouse at 9:30 am on the 20th and carpool over to Greenville. Russell is going to follow-up with the Joyner Library to see if parking passes can be obtained.

- Josephine “Jo” Ross Publications. Willene Brinn was not able to attend the meeting so no update was given on this initiative. Louise Cowell mentioned her copy of the previous publication is available for scanning.

- “Pamteco Tracings”. Articles for the June 2010 BCGS journal should be forwarded to Victor Jones via e-mail not later than the 1st of May. The articles should be written in Microsoft Word, 12 point Times New Roman font, with one inch margins, and set up for 8” x 11-1/2” paper. Victor’s e-mail address is vtjonesjr@gmail.com.

- Cemeteries on Weyerhaeuser Property. Albert Everson reported this effort continues to be on hold because of poor weather conditions.

- 5th Generation Ancestral Charts. Albert Everson continues to work on this initiative and he encouraged anyone who has not provided their family charts to do so. The submitted charts are being maintained in a binder in the BCGS Library.

- Publication Storage. The BCGS publications have been transferred to the new storage facility. Albert Everson, Odell Parker, Charlie Cowell, Jean Gurkin, and Louise Cowell assisted in the publication move.

- Family Surname Index. Jean Gurkin discussed a problem she encountered with the Microsoft Word form she is preparing to solicit the family surnames being researched by the

BCGS membership. It was agreed that once completed, the form will be e-mailed to all BCGS members who have e-mail addresses to solicit their input. Kenneth Boyd agreed to work with Jean on this effort and to incorporate the surname information into the membership database.

NEW BUSINESS.

No new topics were discussed.

PROGRAM.

Following the business meeting, Ann Basnight made an informative presentation on the use of "Pedigree Charts" commonly used by Genealogical researchers to document research and the conventions normally used to index the charts. She discussed both "Ascending Charts" used for documenting ancestors and "Descending Charts" or "Family Group Charts" used for documenting descendants. Blank copies of the charts she discussed are available for free download from www.ancestry.com.

ADJOURNMENT.

Jean Gurkin adjourned the BCGS meeting at 9:00 pm following a motion by Albert Everson and a second by Janice Tyson.

NEXT MEETING.

The next BCGS meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, April 6, 2010 at the same location.

ATTENDEES AT MARCH BCGS MEETING.

Jean Gurkin, President
Albert Everson, Vice President
Kenneth Boyd, Recording Secretary
Jimmy P. Taylor
Louise Cowell
Janice Tyson
Ann C. Basnight
Wayne Hodnett
Ted Hill