

MINUTES
BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (BCGS)
MAY 4, 2010

WELCOME.

Jean Gurkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the recreation hall of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 80 Cedar Circle, Washington, NC. She welcomed the attending members and Ed Mann who was attending the meeting as a visitor. Ed is currently researching the Mann and Gunter families in Hyde County.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Kenneth Boyd read the minutes from the April 6, 2010 meeting. The minutes were accepted without comment.

TREASURER.

Deborah Waters summarized the financial transactions made on the society's behalf in the previous month and the current account balances. The financial report was accepted without comment.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Willene Brinn provided a summary of correspondence received during the previous month.

There was a subsequent discussion on the need to establish an e-mail address for the society where we could receive electronic materiel forwarded by other Genealogical Societies since this seems to be a developing trend. It was agreed that Jean Gurkin would contact Sheila Cantine to see about getting this set up and if possible arranging to have incoming e-mail automatically forwarded to Willene Brinn's personal e-mail account.

OLD BUSINESS and COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Query and Research Requests. Ann Basnight passed around a proposed policy for handling query and research requests submitted to the society. There was general agreement that the proposed wording was satisfactory.

Cemetery Books. Jean Gurkin said the initiative has been placed on hold.

Josephine "Jo" Ross Publications. Willene Brinn said she and Louise Cowell are making progress.

BCGS Journal. Jean Gurkin reminded the membership to start developing articles for the December 2010 publication of the society's journal. Kenneth Boyd inquired if he needed to

make mailing labels for distributing the June 2010 journal. Jean Gurkin suggested he contact Victor Jones to see what his plans were for distributing the journal.

5th Generation Ancestral Charts. Albert Everson encouraged anyone who has not provided their family charts to do so. The submitted charts are being maintained in a binder on the society's bookshelf at the LDS Church.

Members Surname Index. Kenneth Boyd said he had been holding the initiative in abeyance waiting for the society's 2010 membership roster to stabilize. Kenneth said he expected to send out an e-mail solicitation to the society's membership for update information later this month.

NEW BUSINESS.

Cedar Hill Cemetery. Jean Gurkin announced she and Louise Cowell had undertaken an initiative to survey the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Washington, NC. She said they were having difficulty identifying all of the graves because some were not marked and some grave markers had been turned over. She said they contacted the local funeral homes to see if they had any information that could help to identify the graves. She also said they contacted the City of Washington to see if they could provide information on grave plot ownership. The city told her that they would have to check to see if they are allowed to release the grave plot ownership information. Albert Everson volunteered to assist with the initiative.

1916 Arrest Warrant. Albert Everson discussed a June 26, 1916 arrest warrant that had recently come into his possession. He said he would share it with the general membership at the next meeting after he mounted it onto something more substantial since the paper of the original warrant was beginning to fall apart at the fold marks.

Odell Parker. Kenneth Boyd announced he had received an e-mail from Odell Parker saying he had been deployed to the Gulf Coast for the next three to six months.

PROGRAM.

Harry Thompson, Curator of the Port O'Plymouth Roanoke River Museum, Plymouth, NC, gave an informative presentation on the divided loyalties of the civilian populace in Eastern North Carolina during the American Civil War.

Harry was asked if he would be interested in coming back and making a presentation at the society's Christmas Dinner meeting scheduled for early December 2010. Harry agreed to make the December presentation.

ADJOURNMENT.

Jean Gurkin adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm following a motion by Vernetta Lange and a second by Ann Basnight.

ATTENDEES AT MAY BCGS MEETING.

Jean Gurkin, President
Albert Everson, Vice President
Deborah Waters, Treasurer
Willene Brinn, Corresponding Secretary
Kenneth Boyd, Recording Secretary
Ann Basnight
Terria Baynor
Louise Cowell
Mary Disharoon
Vernetta Lange
Jimmy Taylor
Janice Tyson
Russell Tyson
Gladys Alexander
Dorothy Adams
Wayne Jefferson
Betty Dixon
Wayne Hodnett
Ed Mann (visitor)
Harry Thompson (presenter)
Loretta Thompson (visitor)