

March 8, 2001

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM, March 8, 2001.

The topic for the March meeting is scheduled to be open forum, and therefore, the President declared the first half of the evening would be devoted to question/answer & open forum. The business portion of the meeting would commence after the break.

The meeting was opened for general questions regarding possible problem areas being encountered in genealogical research. Several questions came up regarding research of Civil War information. Chris Czopek, a member who is also known as specialist in Civil War Research, was able to furnish much information on sources of data and location of sources available for Civil War research. He also included info on some of the pitfalls that can be encountered at various facilities and types of sources.

Another area of particular concern was researching Dutch and German ancestors, and locations of research materials. Greg James indicated he had some material and would forward to those members wishing a copy. Also included was a discussion of genealogical computer programs for those new to the use of computers for research.

After the break, the 50-50 drawing was held and the winner was Margie Dickinson. There were 25 members present for the meeting.

President John Castle re-convened the meeting, and asked for a motion on the minutes of the 8 Feb 2001 meeting. Discussion revealed three corrections were needed. One was in reference to the "1905 Orion Newspaper", one was spelling of Suzie Hass' name, and the other was identifying a guest, Mrs Voss. Motion made by Sally Landreville and seconded. Motion passed

Sally Landreville mentioned that program for April is Genealogy & Genetics, by Shirley Hodges.

Treasurer report indicates a balance of \$2880.87 in checking and \$4848.23 in savings for a total of \$7729.10. There were no comments by the Trustees.

Isabel Wells brought to the meeting some of the new items that can be found in the resource room at the Mason Library. She further indicated that additional volunteers were needed to assist in the resource room.

Barbara Smith mentioned that newsletter was nearly ready to go to press, and also that some space was available for additional articles.

Greg James indicated he was working on preparing a CD covering the Ball-Dunn Funeral Home records. The intent is to have one or more copies available to sell at the Book Sale in April, at the Genealogy Conference being conducted by Eaton County in May, and listing on the society web-site as a sale able item.

There being no further business, Sally Landreville motioned for adjournment and Bruce Bevier seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM with reminder of the next general meeting on 12 April 2001.

Respectfully submitted by Sam Pardee, Recording Secretary