

Forty-three persons interested in a genealogical society met at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 1972, in the Buttenworth room of Moline Public Library.

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★ Temporary chairman Mrs. Joseph Normoyle of Rock Island welcomed everyone, especially D. B. Allaman, Larry Pittman and Mrs. Ruth Herrick, all of the Knox County Genealogical Society.

Mrs. Normoyle explained that we hope to affiliate with the Illinois State Genealogical Society, of which Mr. Allaman is a board member. She envisions our group covering a six or seven county area, and hopes we will have brief business meetings with emphasis on sharing of materials and experiences.

Each person introduced himself. The group includes a certified genealogist, a publisher, an author of a family genealogy, and many others with special genealogical knowledge.

Mrs. Herrick of Knox County said their group started a year ago with 29 members, and they now have 115. They issue a quarterly newsletter. A planned project is the indexing of vital statistics in the

county clerk's office.

Mr. Allaman conducted the group during the three steps to chartering:

1) choosing a name, 2) paying dues, and 3) electing officers.

1) Mrs. Buel moved and Mr. Wood seconded that we be the Black Hawk Genealogical Society. Approved unanimously.

2) Mr. Hilligoss moved and Mrs. Young seconded that dues be \$4 per year. Approved unanimously. Mr. Allaman explained that this should cover to the end of 1973, and that it is customary for family members to pay \$4 for the first person and \$1 for each extra. The meeting was halted for ³³34 persons to pay the dues to Mrs. Francis Moseley of Milan.

3) The following officers were nominated and elected without opposition:

President - Mrs. Joseph Normoyle, Rock Island.

First vice president - Gerald Wood, Rock Island

Second vice president - Mrs. Ralph Clifford, Colona

Recording secretary - Mrs. Kenneth Buel, Moline

Corresponding secretary - Mrs. William Cosfman, Moline

Treasurer - Mrs. Francis Moseley, Milan

The president will appoint two board

members for one and two-year terms.

Mr. Allaman congratulated the new society and new officers and gave Mrs. Normoyle some literature from I. S. G. S. about officers' duties.

Mr. Allaman invited us to future Knox County meetings:

- 7 p.m., Monday, October 9, a workshop in the L. D. S. church on Fair street, Galesburg.

- November 13, Barbara Dalby, L. D. S. genealogist.

- December 11, Knox County club.

He also mentioned the I. S. G. S. fall conference, September 29 and 30, in Springfield.

Mrs. Normoyle introduced Mrs. Charles Hoeckel of the Moline library staff. She explained the holdings, use, and restrictions of the Butterworth room and library facilities. Mrs. Normoyle praised the efficiency and courtesy of the Moline staff.

Mrs. Normoyle recognized Miss Mary Morrissey of the Black Hawk College library, with a reminder that our next meeting will be at 7 p.m.,

Tuesday, October 24, in the
Black Hawk student ~~room~~^{center} building.

In a period of sharing information:

- Mr. Allaman recommended our use
of the Illinois room in the Galesburg Public
Library.

- Mrs. Paxton announced that
Williard Heiss of "Tri-State Trader" will
speak to the Iowa Genealogical Society,
November 11 in Des Moines.

- Miss Morisey told of her recent
adventures in tracing her Morrisseys,
Corbs and Ryans from the potato famines
of Ireland to the new state of Iowa in
the 1840's.

- Mrs. Harold Pierce asked if the
group might help the Rock Island
library board prevent further disposal
of valued genealogical material while
providing better storage and working
space for genealogists. It was moved
and seconded that a committee of
Mrs. Pierce, Miss Morisey, Mrs. Coopman
and Mrs. Paxton help Mrs. Normayle
in writing to the board. Approved
unanimously.

- Mr. Wood showed a collection

of ^{Madison,} Indiana genealogical columns which he preserves and will share.

- Mr. Allaman offered to speak to the group after April.

- An L. D. S. representative, Mrs. Sally Bartlett, of Scott County, told of their church library in Salt Lake City, Utah, which now has 36 million names on file. The church also sponsors an excellent 4-day workshop each August. The church hopes to have an L. D. S. library in Davenport eventually.

- Mr. Hilligoss mentioned that the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, can Xerox up to 200 pages for \$6.

Meeting adjourned to allow library to close at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret C. Beul, secretary

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* We were welcomed by Mrs. Paul Hinrichs of East Moline, who asked us to register and to fill out four ancestral cards.

The board of Blackhawk Genealogical Society met at 7:30 p.m., Tues., 17 Oct., at the home of its president, Mrs. Normoyle. Eight persons were present.

We dispensed with the minutes of the organizational meeting.

Corresponding secretary Mrs. Coopman read a letter from Mrs. Normoyle and committee to the Rock Island library board. The secretary filed a copy.

Treasurer Mrs. Mosely has deposited \$112 paid by 34 members at Rock Island Bank and Trust. Our post office box is 912 in Rock Island. Members are asked to submit all bills, large and small.

Mrs. Normoyle asked if the group would accept an offer from Lowell Volbel, assistant state archivist, to hold a workshop here. He charges \$2 per person. The board will consider early April as a possibility.

Mrs. Normoyle announced three appointments to the board:

Jon Brodd, Davenport, 2 years

Mrs. Wendell Paston, Bettendorf } one year each
Mrs. Walter Fuhr, Taylor Ridge }

Mrs. Normoyle said an early responsibility will be work on by-laws.

Mr. Wood asked the board to consider a proposal to be made at the regular meeting: that we each donate 25¢ per month for genealogical purchases.

Mrs. Normoyle announced that Miss Mayjoni Smith of Thomson will speak at the general meeting 24 Oct.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret C. Buel,
Secretary

Blackhawk Genealogical Society
met ^{at 7 p.m.,} Tues., Oct. 24, 1972, in the Student
Center of Black Hawk College, with Mrs.
Joseph Normoyle presiding.

Mrs. Normoyle introduced officers
including new board members:

- Jon Brodd, Davenport, 2 years
- Mrs. Wendell Paxton, Bettendorf, 1 year
- Mrs. Walter Fuhr, Taylor Ridge, 1 year

The September 26 minutes were
approved as read.

Treasurer, Mrs. Hoseney, reported a deposit
of \$112 from 34 members in Rock Island
Bank and Trust. Following payment for P.O. Box
912, Rock Island, we have \$103 on hand.

Mrs. Normoyle said 4 members attended
the Knox County workshop Oct. 9.

Mr. Cosner moved and Mr. Normoyle
seconded that we print membership cards
with the charter notation. Approved
unanimously.

Mrs. Normoyle said that assistant
state archivist Lowell Volkel is available
for a local workshop for \$2 per person,
plus expenses. Mrs. Pierce moved and
Mrs. Sisson seconded that we empower
a committee to contact him and

proceed as needed. Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Sisson moved and Mrs. Rund seconded that we accept voluntary donations at each meeting toward group acquisitions. Following discussion, approved unanimously. Mrs. Sisson consented to work on acquisitions with 2nd vice president, Mrs. Clifford.

Mrs. Normoyle thanked Mrs. Young for our first acquisition: the indexing of 3 Iowa cemeteries.

Following discussion, 9 members volunteered to help catalog local libraries' genealogical holdings. They are Mrs. Young, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Closeby, Mrs. Fuhr, Mrs. Hinricks, Mr. Neuenburg, ~~Miss~~ ^{Mrs. Millett,} Williams, and Mrs. Garrett. Mrs. Normoyle suggested that we ^{also} might catalog county records and cemeteries later.

Mr. Wood introduced our speaker Miss Majorie Smith of Heritage House, who held our attention with delightful and informative stories of early Illinois roads, wagons, and stagecoaches; rivers, canals and boatmen.

Mrs. Normoyle said our next

meeting will be Nov. 28 in the same place.

It was announced that the secretary has a copy of our committee's advisory letter to the Rock Island library board.

Mr. Allaman again invited us to Knox County meetings Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

Mr. Hilligoss expects to show us his Xeroxed book from Michigan next time.

The meeting was adjourned to view holdings in the college's library special collections room and to share our own materials.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret C. Buel,
Secretary

OK Nov. 28 with addition

The executive board of
Blackhawk Genealogical Society met
at 6:30 p.m., Tues., 28 Nov., 1972, in
the Black Hawk College Student Center
Building, 6 persons attending.

Mrs. Normoyle announced that
Lowell Kolbel, asst. state archivist, could
hold a workshop for us the 1st or 2nd
Saturday in May.

Also, Mrs. Barbara Dalby, L.D.S.
authority, is available to work with
him.

Such workshops usually run
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with members
bringing a sack lunch and paying
a \$2 fee.

Mrs. Normoyle confirmed that
regular meetings will continue to be
on 4th Tuesdays.

We were told that our new
membership cards and stationery
are ready, courtesy of Mr. Brodd.

Meeting adjourned.

Margaret C. Beul,
Secretary.

The Blackhawk Genealogical Society met at 7 p.m., Tues., 28 Nov., 1972, in the Black Hawk College Student Center Building.

The Oct. 24 minutes were approved with an addition.

Mrs. Moseley reported that we have 50 members and \$147.02 in the bank.

Membership cards were distributed and samples shown of our new envelopes and stationery. Mr. Brodd was able to do our work at cost for he did the printing himself, and an associate did the designing free. Expenses, including 1000 newsletter pages, will be approximately \$35. It was moved by Mrs. Buel and seconded by Mr. Wood that we pay Mr. Brodd. Approved unanimously.

We heard a copy of the letter our group sent to the Rock Island Public Library board. We have had a gracious answer from them, with the assurance that they welcome our suggestions and help. Some improvements already have been made. Mrs. Norrmyle especially

thanked Mrs. Pierce for her work on the letter.

Mrs. Normoyle said Lowell Kolbe, asst. state archivist, will be available either the 1st or 2nd Saturday in May for our workshop. Available to appear with him is Mrs. Barbara Dalby, L.D.S. authority. Each would charge us for expenses only. Such workshops usually last from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with members paying \$2 and bringing sack lunches.

It was announced that 12 from our area heard Williard Heiss in Des Moines Nov. 11.

Mrs. Normoyle thanked Mr. Boone for his presentation of his Boone family genealogy and historical letters.

Mr. Hilligoss showed a sample of the beautiful Xerox work done by the University of Michigan on any book sent to them. The cost runs about \$6 per 200 pages and takes about 8 weeks.

~~Extensive picture and book covers are extra.~~
Mr. Hilligoss presented our group with a catalog of books the University copied in 1971.

Mrs. Normoyle said the Society

will offer a 3 or 4 week beginners workshop in her home. Mr. Hilligren will help. Mrs. Herick suggested a panel discussion, and Mr. Pierce suggested a dinner meeting at the Rock Island Y.

Our next meeting will be at the same place. In the meantime, Mr. Wood, Mr. Hilligren and Mr. Pierce will consider other places including the L. P. S. Church in Rock Island.

It was reported that the Muscatine library's genealogical holdings are cataloged and ready to be typed.

Our speaker, Duwood Allaman, president of the Knox Co. Genealogical Society, shared with us his extensive knowledge of German migrations, from the 16th century revolt against the Catholic church, to various colonies up and down our eastern seaboard, and on to midwestern areas in the early 1800's. Our group is grateful for the continuing professional and personal help given by Mr. Allaman.

Miss Smith welcomed anyone to talk with her about her group

trip to the L. D. S. library in Salt Lake
City the 3rd week in June.

Meeting adjourned.

Margaret C. Buel,

Secretary

OK 23 Jan. '73