

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL.
MEETING OF THE BOARD
8 JANUARY 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorraine Hathaway in the Community Room of the Moline S.E. Branch Library, Moline, IL.

Those present were: Bill Burrows, Dwight Mohlenbruck, Delmar Moore, Shirley Plumb, Liz Casillas, Bev Francque, Jean Wistedt, Ken Jones, Pam Lawson, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Lorraine Hathaway, and Diane Lovell.

The Minutes of the Board Meeting of 11 December 2003 were read and approved as read except for a question from Bev Francque about what the discussion of the digital camera had been about. Also, Shirley Plumb reported on the Email received from Gary Miller with an offer of a used computer. Shirley called him rather than writing to him about not accepting the used computer per the consensus of the Board at the 11 December meeting.

Treasurer Pat McCoy was absent due to a death in her family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Computer Interest: Bill Burrows reported he had nothing further from Jill Hoff regarding the Society purchasing a new computer through Deere & Co. at a reduced cost. Bill reported on an LCD projector available at Sam's that now has a reduced price that could be used for many things for our Society, projecting video tapes on a screen, TV picture, power point and more. The cost is around \$1,000.00. Bill Burrows made a motion that we purchase this LCD projector for the approximate cost of \$1,000.00. Jean Wistedt made the 2nd. There being no further discussion, the Board vote approved this motion. There then was discussion about the use of the projector being only for the Society. Jean Wistedt made a motion that the projector be used only by Blackhawk Genealogical Society functions and run by a member of Blackhawk Society who has been trained to use the projector. Linda Polich 2nd the motion. The motion carried. There was also discussion about insurance on the projector for damage and servicing. Bill Burrows will check into the possibility of insurance for this piece of equipment.

2. Conference: Pam Lawson advised that there had been no meeting.

3. Education: Linda Polich has sent out 20 flyers to the waiting list for the Genealogy classes and 13 have signed up. The committee for the classes will meet on Jan 27th. She also reports that there are free online genealogy classes through Brigham Young University. Also Black Hawk college is offering online genealogy classes, the cost is \$90.00.

Shirley Plumb added that Pat Scott will be starting classes March 16 – May 11 at a cost of \$30.00, they are to be held 6 pm to 8:30 pm at the Davenport library. It was thought that it might be a good thing to notify the people who attended our fall classes that were interested in more classes. Linda will send the item out to those people.

4. Historian: Delmar Moore showed us the new scrapbook he has purchased for 2004.

5. Queries & Research: Bev Francque will report at the regular meeting what Queries she is working on.

6. Registrar: Marilyn Mix reported 86 renewals, with the life memberships that gives us a total of 97. There are 19 more received this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Lorraine Hathaway reported that she sent a letter to South Park Presbyterian Church about the meeting dates for our monthly meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report on the March Beginning Genealogy Workshops have already been reported on and plans are moving along.

There is nothing new to report on the June Historic Cemetery Tour.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dean Ring will be starting the audit soon.
2. Lorraine Hathaway reports most of the programs are set for the year but she asked for input on the July meeting which is scheduled to be at the Mercer County Historical Museum in Aledo. She was wondering if we thought people would go since it is out of town, consensus was to go with it. Also, in regard the programs, Sept 28th which will be about applying to lineage groups such as DAR. Bill Burrows asked that they explain why they would want to join a lineage group at that program.
3. Hospitality sheet was routed to board members for the year.
4. In February this room is not available so we will be meeting at the R.I. Library. March and April will be back at the S.E. Branch Library.
5. Lorraine Hathaway announced that there were several changes needed to the Standing Rules. We were all given a copy with the changes as proposed to Rule 3, 10, 11 and 17. Bill Burrows made a motion that these changes be accepted, Marilyn Mix 2nd the motion. The motion carried. A copy of the Standing Rules & Job Descriptions is attached and are a part of this report.
6. The subject was brought up as to whether or not our holdings at RICHS is insured. No one seemed to have an answer. Lorraine Hathaway will check with RICHS and FGS and see what is usually done. Someone mentioned that we have a contract with RICHS and we should see what the contract says, maybe we have insurance through RICHS. Lorraine will also check and see what that contract says. Lorraine will report back to us at the next Board Meeting.
7. A discussion was had on the possibility of having a handout for visitors to RICHS and our collection. RICHS gives them their last newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

The next Board Meeting will be February 12, 2004 at the Rock Island Public Library.

The next general meeting will be on January 27, 2004 at South Park Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, IL. Program: "Rock Island Arsenal Prison Barracks" by Kris Leinicke.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL.
GENERAL MEETING
27 JANUARY 2004**

The meeting was opened at 7 PM by President, Lorraine Hathaway. She welcomed guests and new members.

Jean Wistedt presented a Resource Brief on the Prairie Farmer's Directory of Mercer and Rock Island Counties, Illinois. A handout on this resource was provided.

Minutes were read and approved from our last general meeting which was the October, 2003 meeting.

The list of planned programs for the year 2004 were given to those present.

The Treasurers report was given by Pat McCoy as follows: As of 12/31/03; Checking account balance \$1,794.97; Money Market Account \$6,223.45; 6 Month CD \$2,180.33; and 12 Month CD \$5,515.58. The President called for the question, there being none the report was filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: We have received a flyer for South Bend Michigan Area Genealogy Society Fair on March 27th in South Bend, Indiana.

CEMETERIES: Dwight Mohlenbruck gave some interesting information of the Haslett Cemetery and the problems encountered getting access since a farmer plowed and planted the lane leading to the cemetery. Also, he and Dr Al Zimmer visited a cemetery in Henry County that they have allowed to grow up in prairie grass.

COMPUTER INTEREST: Bill Burrows gave a report on the possible purchase of a LCD projector by the society, advising that the Board had discussed this and passed a recommendation that we purchase a LCD projector. Bill handed out information of the projector for the members to see. Bill also warned everyone about a serious virus that was invading e-mails and to be sure we have a current update to our virus control.

Dwight Mohlenbruck made a motion that we give Bill Burrows authorization to purchase the LCD Projector with a 3 year Service Agreement and that said projector be used only for Blackhawk Genealogical Society functions and operated by a member trained in the use of the projector. The motion was seconded by Linda Polich. The vote was unanimous in favor of this motion.

EDUCATION: Linda Polich reports that the flyers are ready for the spring workshops. Sixteen have already signed up. There will be a limit of 30 people. There are five sessions; 4 at Moline Public Library, Southeast Branch and 1 at RICHS with a tour and time for research.

E-MAIL: Ruth Thompson reports that we have over 100 members who have e-mail addresses.

PROJECTS: Ken Jones reports that the cemetery trip that was postponed last fall is tentatively set for June 12th. He is trying to get a bus reserved for that date. He is hoping to have more information by next month.

OTHER REPORTS:

Shirley Plumb advised that we are invited to a SIGS meeting on June 7th at Oakdale Cemetery Mausoleum in Davenport. This is a very interesting and historic cemetery. There will be a speaker on the cemetery.

President Lorraine Hathaway reports that the program next month, February 24th, will be Lillie Setterdahl speaking on the early swedes of Moline.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

We enjoyed a very interesting program given by Linda Polich on Croatian history, emmigration from Croatia to the U.S., research in Croatia, and the settlement of people from Croatia to our area.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell, Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
FEBRUARY 12, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorraine Hathaway at the Rock Island Public Library meeting room at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Diane Lovell, Linda Polich, Ken Jones, Delmar Moore, Bev Francque, Dwight Mohlenbruck, Dean Ring, Jean Wistedt, Liz Casillas, Dorothy Darland, Pat McCoy, and Bill Burrows.

The secretary's minutes from the last Board Meeting were read. There was clarification given by Dwight Mohlenbruck that in the motion for the projector we wanted to purchase the extended warranty. Minutes then approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was read by Pat McCoy, giving a balance as of 1/31/04 of \$1,223.51. There was a question brought up about giving RICHS an amount again this year. Last year we increased that amount of \$200.00. Linda Polich made a motion to again give RICHS \$200.00 and renegotiate the amount again in 2005. Bev Francque 2nd the motion and the motion carried. The books are ready for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Interest – Bill Burrows has purchased the LCD projector and it is set up to demonstrate at the end of the meeting.

Conference – Lorraine Hathaway reports that there is a meeting on the 19th and the brochures will be ready for mailing after that date.

Education – We have 22 signed up for the March class. The deadline is 2/14/04. There was discussion about linking our web site to RICHS web site.

Librarian – Periodicals – Dorothy Darland reports that all periodicals are filed. We have had the Redbook 2002 Funeral Home Directors book donated to the library.

Publication Sales – Lorraine Hathaway reported for Eileen Nelson that there has been 1 publication order for \$49.00, and 2 orders for 6 generation pedigree charts totaling \$29.60. Lorraine reported that she has ordered 100 more 6 generation charts at 85 cents each with free shipping. We will sell them for \$1.50.

Quarterly Editor – The Quarterly is proofed and ready to print.

Quarterly Mailing/Registered Agent – Dean will do the mailing when printed.

Registrar – we have 15 more renewals and 5 new memberships with 1 from Sweden.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lorraine had a letter from United Fire & Casualty stating that our treasurers bond will not be renewed. Also, a letter from E.H. Schroder Agency that they will find another company before April 25th for the bond.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken Jones reported that the Cemetery Tour bus is booked, they are sending a contract. The date is June 19th. Ken is working on further plans for this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lorraine has some information on insuring our library collection and is getting more information. So far the prices are high ranging from \$500. to \$1000. per year. The auditing committee will be meeting soon for the 2003 records. Hospitality sign up sheet was passed around.

There was discussion about having round table discussions quarterly so we can discuss our 'brickwalls'. We could take a donation to defray expenses for use of RICHS or possibly RICHS could co-sponsor such an event. This will be pursued and reported back to the Board.

Since the Linda Polich moved her program to January, March is open. It is planned that Bill Burrows will demonstrate the LCD Projector as the program in March.

The next Board meeting will be at 6:30 PM, March 11, 2004 at Southeast Moline Library. The next general meeting will be at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St, Rock Island, IL with Lilly Setterdahl on Researching Swedish History in Moline.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. after a demonstration for the Board of the new LCD Projector.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary

Blackhawk Genealogical Society
General Meeting
23 February 2004

The general meeting of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society was opened at 7 pm on 23 February 2004 by President Lorraine Hathaway. She welcomed guests and new members.

Jean Wistedt presented an informative Resource Brief on sources for death dates. Her handout included several helpful websites.

Minutes from our January meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers Report was read by President Lorraine Hathaway in Pat McCoy's absence. Total income for January 2004 was \$755; \$205 from March Beginning Genealogy Workshops, \$69 from publication sales, and \$481 from membership dues. Total expenses for January 2004 were \$1266.46; \$1016.86 for purchase of LCD projector, \$14.40 for copying flyers for workshop, \$20 for membership renewal in Quad-Cities Heritage League, \$140 for rent to church for 2004, \$60.20 for miscellaneous copies and postage, and \$15 for safety deposit box.

Eileen Nelson reported on the April Conference, which will be Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the Moline Viking Club. Speaker will be Michael John Neill. Flyers will be in the mail next week.

Lorraine reported on the Mid-America Genealogy Conference in Springfield in July. She also reported that we have three copies of the Brickwall book available for purchase at \$25 each. Lorraine reported that BGS has purchased 100 copies of a six-generation pedigree chart. These charts are available for purchase at \$1.50 each.

Bill Burrows reported that the LCD projector was purchased since the January meeting and it will be used for the March workshops, and other future BGS events.

Lorraine received a listing from Bev Francque of all the queries Bev has answered since 2000. This listing will be helpful to members.

Linda Polich reported that 27 people have registered for the March Beginning Genealogy workshops, starting on 03 March 2004.

Pam Langston purchased a new book for the BGS collection at RICHS called "Grand Army of the Republic: Department of Illinois Transcription of Death Rolls 1879-1947". This will be a great addition to our collection, and provides name, rank, company, post, and death date of Illinois veterans.

Ken Jones reported that the cemetery tour is on schedule for Saturday, June 19th. The flyers will be in the Spring Quarterly. Ann Riepe took a copy of the flyer and will announce it at the SCIGS meeting on March 1st. As an added bonus to the cemetery tour, Ken is making divining rods for everyone so we can do some "grave-witching" at the cemeteries we visit.

Lorraine reported that the Quarterly should be mailed within the next two weeks.

Ruth Thompson reports 110 members with e-mail but is concerned that mail from her may be going in members spam box.

The meeting adjourned for a short break before the program given by Bill Burrows demonstrating our new LCD Projector on Computer Genealogy.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
MARCH 11, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorraine Hathaway at the Southeast Branch of the Moline Public Library meeting room at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Eileen Nelson, Linda Polich, Pam Lawson, Marilyn Mix, Pat McCoy, Bev Francque, Liz Casillas, Dwight Mohlenbruck, Delmar Moore, Dean Ring, Dorothy Darland, Ken Jones, Jean Wistedt and Diane Lovell.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

There was no Treasurer's report, she will give it at the general meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conference: Eileen Nelson reports that the next meeting is scheduled for 13 April, there are 111 registration received as of this date.

Education: Linda Polich reported on the workshop – there are 29 attendees. They have had 2 sessions. The last workshop was on vital records conducted by Shirley Plumb. Linda reported that Shirley made it a fun and informative session. The last session will be March 31 at RICHS from 6 to 8:30 p.m., if anyone can come and help that evening it would be greatly appreciated.

FGS Delegate: Eileen Nelson says there is nothing new, the next conference is in Texas.

Historian: Delmar Moore reports he has added the obituary of a former member, Phyllis Coopman to his records.

Librarian: Lorraine Hathaway reported on the possibility of insuring our holdings, she reports we would have to take a \$5,000 personal liability policy, this is the minimum they would write, with a library rider and the cost would be \$500.00 per year. Dorothy Darland advises that the only thing in our library that isn't replaceable or in other libraries are our cemetery records. She suggested we take them and make copies and present to other libraries so there are other copies available. Ken Jones suggested we ask for extra donations from members to defray the cost of the insurance. He also said that we should probably take this to the membership. This was tabled for further research for all possibilities.

Projects: Ken Jones noted that the flyer for the Cemetery Tour in June did not get printed and included with the Quarterly. We need to print the flyers and get them in the mail. Printing will cost approximately \$26.00 plus extra postage to mail them. We already have 6 signed up. Marilyn Mix has the list of those that signed up last year before it was cancelled, she will provide that list so they can be notified of the new plans. Ken advises the meal will cost \$6.85. The committee will be meeting again soon.

Publications: Eileen Nelson reported that we did very well last year with publications. They will have Family Group Sheets available for sale at meetings and at the conference.

Quarterly Editor: Lorraine advises the Quarterly has been mailed. The man doing the printing has died since printing this last Quarterly so we will have to do some checking before the next printing as we may have to look for another print shop.

Quarterly Mailing/Registered Agent: The Quarterly has been mailed, otherwise nothing new.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix reports 132 registered members.

OLD BUSINESS

Auditing Committee reports the books have been audited.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2004 Budget was presented. Motion made by Bev Francque that the budget be accepted as presented. Eileen Nelson seconded that motion. The motion carried.

There was discussion on the purchase of a portable microphone for the society's use. Lorriane Hathaway had looked this up on the internet and Dwight Mohlenbruck had checked with Radio Shack. Eileen Nelson made a motion that we purchase a reasonably priced microphone system. Marilyn Mix made the second. Dwight amended the motion to include the phrase that the microphone system only be available for BGS functions. The motion as amended was carried.

Dwight Mohlenbruck advises RICHS has a slide carosel of the Dunlap Cemetery and they were wondering what could be done with it. Dwight wondered if we could make a book from the slides. Ken Jones will look at this and see what can be done and report back to the Board.

It was noted by our President that the next Board Meeting falls on Maundy Thursday and some of the Board may be attending church services. A show of hands indicated more than half would be involved and probably would not have a quorum, our President and Vice President would also both be absent. There is not another day that week open in this library. Lorraine will check with the Rock Island Library and see if their meeting room is open another evening that week. If unable to make those arrangements, we may meet 1 hour before our April General Meeting. Arrangements will be communicated to the Board.

Linda Polich cannot serve the General Meeting in April, she will take March and Lorraine and Diane will switch to April.

Next General Meeting is March 23rd at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St, Rock Island, IL with Bill Burrows on Computer Genealogy.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES, IL
23 March 2004

The general meeting of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society was opened at 7 pm on 23 March 2004 by President Lorraine Hathaway. She welcomed guests and new members.

Jean Wistedt presented a Resource Brief regarding death certificates at the Illinois State Archives in Springfield.

Secretaries Minutes of the February 23rd meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer report gave a checkbook balance on 2/29/04 of \$320.96. The report will be filed for audit.

President Hathaway, gave a report on the research being done of the possible purchase of a portable microphone for the society.

Dwight Mohlenbruck gave a report on the county cemetery at Oak Glen Home.

Conference reports 180 registrations to date..

Linda Polich reports this is the 4th week of the workshops, they have 29 very enthusiastic people. She reports that the last meeting will be at RICHS, they would welcome help from the membership at the library that night.

Delmar Moore gave an update of items for the scrap book.

Dorothy Darland requested help at the societies conference publication table. There were a number of volunteers from those present.

The Quarterly is mailed. A flyer on the June cemetery trip was supposed to be included and was not. There will be a special mailing this week for the cemetery trip.

Marilyn Mix reports we have 143 paid memberships, with 41 renewals received. There are 46 members present and 2 guests.

Ken Jones reports that on the cemetery tour he will show how to safely clean a tombstone and gravewitching as well as having historians at each of the cemeteries.

Note was made that we have periodical exchanges on the table to look over, and 6-generation pedigree charts to purchase.

Shirley Plumb, President of Muscatine Genealogical Society informed us of their meeting this Thursday in Muscatine.

Arlene Hudson shared a discovery she made of weekly columns in the Rock Island Daily Union from 1911 and 1912. These columns include information about early families in the Andalusia, Drury, Buffalo Prairie, and Edgington Townships.

The meeting was adjourned and Lilly Setterdahl presented an excellent program on Researching Swedish History in Moline.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Polich

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
APRIL 27, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorriane Hathaway at the Southpark Presbyterian Church at 5:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Diane Lovell, Eileen Nelson, Linda Polich, Bill Burrows, Dwight Mohlenbruck, Liz Casillas, Shirley Plumb, Dorothy Darland, Ken Jones, Jean Wistedt and Pam Langston.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance in the checking account of \$829.10. Their being no question, the report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conference: President Hathaway thanked Eileen and her committee for another great conference. Our publication sales at the conference were \$364.00. Marilyn Mix and Dorothy Darland will be conference chairs in 2005. Eileen reported that she had not had time to do any checking on speakers.

Education: Linda Polich reported that the workshops were a great success.

FGS Delegate: Eileen asked if anyone had something to put in the Forum to let her know.

Librarian: Pam Langston reported that she purchased 3 books at the conference for the library.

Projects: Ken Jones reported that we have 44 signed up for the cemetery tour, there are only 12 to 14 seats left.

Publications: Eileen Nelson reported that we need to order more reprints of the marriage book.

QC Heritage League Delegate: Linda advised that the booklet "On This Site" listing Quad City historical places will have our name in the booklet.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix reports 156 members, 1 exchange, and 10 life members for a total membership of 167.

CORRESPONDENCE: ~~We have a letter from Office Max with coupons available.~~

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing new to report in regard the microphone.

The next Board Meeting will be May 13, 2004 at Southeast Moline Branch Library at 6:30 P.M. The general meeting is to be held at 7:00 P.M. tonight, the program will be presented by Betty Kulas on "Writing Your Memories and Personal Stories"

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Lovell, Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES, IL
GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2004**

The general meeting of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society was opened at 7:00 P.M. by our President, Lorraine Hathaway.

A resource brief was presented by Jean Wistedt on using the Family History Library for World War I draft registration cards for Rock Island County. She also told us about finding the same information at familysearch.org.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer reports a balance in the checking account on 3/31/04 of \$829.10. There being no questions, the report is filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries: A quit claim deed has been found for Essex Cemetery. Dwight has done some checking in regard the Hebrew Cemetery, if you have the name and lot #, you can find the death dates in the records.

Computer Interest: Bill Burrows told us that the NGS books that we paid around \$20.00 for at the conference, are at Sam's for around \$9.48

Conference: There were 240 registered and the conference was a great success.

Education: There were 5 sessions of the workshop with 29 people attending. It was felt that we had another successful workshop series.

Librarian: Pam Langston reports the purchase of 3 books at the conference for our library. Pam asked if there was someone who could take over her job as librarian.

Projects: Ken reported there are 45 paid seats so the June 19th cemetery tour is on.

Publication Sales: We had publication sales at the conference of \$364.00.

Membership: We have 158 regular paid members, 1 exchange, 10 life members for a total of 169 membership.

Our president reminded us to check out the periodical exchanges on the table. Our next meeting will be by May 25th at the Center for Belgian Culture, 712 18th Avenue, Moline, IL.

There was a short break before we enjoyed our speaker Betty Kulas who spoke on "Writing your Memories & Personal Stories". The meeting was adjourned after the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
MAY 13, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorriane Hathaway at the Southeast Branch of the Moline Public Library at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Diane Lovell, Linda Polich, Pat McCoy, Bill Burrows, Dwight Mohlenbruck, Delmar Moore, Jean Wistedt and Marilyn Mix.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance in the checking account of \$654.10. Their being no question, the report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Linda Polich reported that they need to schedule a meeting. She mentioned that October is Family History Month and that it is possible they can work something out with DAR for some activity and publicity.

Librarian: Dorothy Darland reported that they will meet June 9th at 9 A.M. at RICHS to go through the collection and determine what books are not available anywhere else. She advised that they would welcome help to join them.

It was also discussed about getting a complete print out of Pam Langston's list of our library collection so it can be available at RICHS for the use of research visitors.

Projects: There are 47 paid for the June Cemetery Tour.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix reports 170 members paid, about 12 not paid from last year.

OLD BUSINESS: Lorraine gave a report on her research regarding the possible purchase of microphone equipment for the society. Dwight Mohlenbruck made a motion that we purchase a unit with wireless microphones, 2 50 watt speakers with warranty and service contract. He included in his motion that the use of the equipment would be for society use only. Bill Burrows made the 2nd. Motion carried. President Lorraine Hathaway will purchase the unit after checking further on the wireless microphones.

NEW BUSINESS: Jean Wistedt explained the possibility of our society obtaining a grant from the Rock Island Community Foundation. She had the form and instructions on completing the form. This possibility could be pursued through the Education Committee. Jean Wistedt made a motion that we work to complete the application for a grant from the Rock Island Community Foundation so it can be done by the July 31 deadline. Linda Polich made the 2nd and the motion carried.

A discussion was held on the possibility of changing the society name to Rock Island County Genealogical Society from Blackhawk Genealogical Society of Rock Island and Mercer Counties. We will put out some feelers and see how other members feel about this change. It was felt this would better represent who we are.

Lorraine told the Board about GenLine having someone at the Swenson Swedish Research Library on July 1 to demonstrate their web site. GenLine has the swedish parish records on line.

The next Board Meeting will be June 10, 2004 at the Rock Island Public Library at 6:30 P.M. The next general meeting is to be held at 7:00 P.M., May 25th, 2004 with a visit to the Center for Belgian Culture, 712 18th Avenue, Moline, IL with Bev Francque and Linda Polich.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Lovell, Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES, IL
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 25, 2004**

**THERE WAS NO BUSINESS MEETING.
MEETING WAS AT THE BELGIAN CULTURE CENTER
AND MUSEUM, THERE WAS NO BUSINESS MEETING**

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
JUNE 10, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorriane Hathaway at the Rock Island Public Library at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Linda Polich, Delmar Moore, Dwight Muhlenbruck, Liz Casillas, Ruth J. Thompson, Dorothy Darland, Pat McCoy, Ken Jones, Eileen Nelson, Pam Langston, Jean Wistedt, Marilyn J. Mix and Diane Lovell.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance in the checking account of \$1762.04. Their being no question, the report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conference: We have not been reimbursed for 4 years for mailing of conference brochures. The conference has given the society a check in the amount of \$363.04 for those costs.

Education: The committee is planing a Brick Wall Session October 20, 2004, this is a Wednesday and represents Family History Month. The session will be limited to 30 people or less.

E-Mail: Ruth asked if we wanted a general e-mail regarding seats left on the Cemetery Tour. It was decided not to as there are only 2 or 3 seats available.

FGS Delegate: Eileen is sending in an article regarding Dwight Muhlenbruck's book and some other recent accessions.

Librarian: Pam says the problem with getting a listings of our library holdings is because of her old computer and getting data out of it. The books are listed in a card catalogue at the library. She and Bill Burrows will work to get the problem resolved.

Projects: Ken showed the divining rods he has made and ready for the cemetery tour. There are only a few seats available. Everything looks good, hope for a good day and a fun trip.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix reports 171 members.

Old Business:

Necessary papers have been found so we can proceed with application for a Rock Island Community Foundation grant.

It was noted that our President had mentioned the possibility of a society name change at the last month meeting and no one had any feed back on it. Lorraine will talk to Eulalia Garrett and get her input about the possible name change in the society and where we might stand with omitting or including Mercer County in that name change.

Eileen Nelson brought a portable microphone system for us to try. The system was a MiniVox and the cost is approximately \$280.00 plus tax. Ken Jones made a motion that we purchase this system with no service contract and to be used only for society functions. Motion was seconded by Dwight Mohlenbruck and motion carried.

The next board meeting will be July 8, 2004 at 6:30 PM at Hauberg Center, 1300 24th Street, Rock Island, IL.

The next general meeting will be a visit to the German American Heritage Center, 712 West 2nd St, Davenport, Iowa on June 22, 2004 at 7 PM.

The August Board meeting will be before the general meeting on August 24, 2004 at South Park Presbyterian Church.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell, Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES, IL
GENERAL MEETING**

June 22, 2004

**THERE WAS NO BUSINESS MEETING.
MEETING WAS AT THE GERMAN AMERICAN HERITAGE
CENTER IN DAVENPORT, IOWA**

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
JULY 8, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorriane Hathaway at the Hauberg Center on July 8, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Ruth J. Thompson, Jean Wistedt, Linda Polich, Bill Burrows, Marilyn J. Mix, Ken Jones, Dorothy Darland, Diane Lovell, Liz Casillas, and Pam Langston.

Secretary's minutes of the last Board Meeting on June 10, 2004 were read and approved.

Treasurer, Pat McCoy was out of town so there was no report.

Committee Reports:

Computer Interest: Bill Burrows reports he has been able to access Pam Langston's data base that has the library holdings and made a CD of it. They will be able to get a newer version of the same program and continue with the current data base information.

Education: Linda Polich reports that a brickwall session is planned for October 20th with the Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter of DAR. This will be limited in number and for members only. Linda and Lorraine will conduct a 1 hour beginning genealogy program for the county home extension.

Library: Dorothy Darland advised that some are meeting at RICHS to look at our library holdings and decide what books need copied if they are only copy available anywhere.

Projects: Ken Jones reports a great success on the cemetery tour, he hopes to repeat it next year on other cemeteries if historians can be found in other areas of the county.

QC Heritage League Delegate: They have a new booklet out and our society is mentioned on page 90. Also, RICHS has a new brochure and includes mention of our holdings being at their library.

Quarterly Editor: Lorraine advised the next Quarterly is being worked on.

Quarterly Mailing/Registered Agent: Dean was absent but Lorraine advised the State of Illinois report has been mailed.

Registration: Marilyn Mix says the number is at 171.

Old Business:

The application for the Rock Island Community Foundation for a laptop computer for educational purposes is ready to submit, we are using an amount of \$2,000.00 in our request for a grant.

Last month we approved the purchase of a microphone system in the amount of \$280 plus tax. However, the system that was demonstrated with a wireless mike was \$537.00 plus tax. A motion was made by Linda Polich that we purchase the system with a wireless mike for \$537.00 plus tax and that it be used only for society functions by trained members. Pam Langston made the 2nd and the motion carried with 1 decent. After further discussion, the motion will be taken to the general meeting and the membership in August for their approval.

Because of the discussion on the microphone system and the amount being more than \$500., it was decided by consensus than Lorraine will prepare a change in the Standing Rules to clarify that any purchase over \$500.00 would be taken to the membership. There is no restriction at this time but many members felt there should be such stipulation.

The August Board meeting was scheduled for the 24th before the general meeting. The meeting dates has been changed to Tuesday, August 10th at the Rock Island Branch Library, 30th Street and 31st Avenue in their community room.

Dorothy Darland made motion that we make 4 copies of our cemetery books to be sent to Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana to be bound. We pay \$12.50 for 3 copies to be bound, the library keeps the 4th. Linda Polich made the 2nd and the motion carried. Lorraine Hathaway advises that it is time to name a nominating committee of three. She is asking for volunteers. We need a slate by September and the vote is in October with installation at the Annual Meeting.

Bethel Wesley UMC is unable to serve our annual meeting on the regular date of Nov 16 but they can on the 9th of Nov. Lorraine will check with the program and see if they can make that change and report back to us.

Jean Wistedt and Diane Lovell attended a demonstration of GENLINE at the Swenson Library on July 1st and reported back on how useful this could be for Swedish research. There will be a book signing in October of a new book put out by them and Family magazine and RICHS will be asked if they would host a signing if we can get a date with GENLINE for this. Also, we will see if they might be available for a program in 2005. Next general meeting is July 27th and will be a visit to the Mercer County Historical Society's Essley-Nobel Museum in Aledo, IL.

Next Board meeting is August 10th at the Rock Island Branch Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell, Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES, IL
GENERAL MEETING**

July 27, 2004

**THERE WAS NO BUSINESS MEETING.
MEETING WAS AT THE MERCER COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY'S ESSLEY-NOBEL MUSEUM IN
ALEDO, ILLINOIS**

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
AUGUST 10, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorriane Hathaway at the Rock Island Library 30/31 Branch on August 10, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Dorothy Darland, Diane Lovell, Bill Burrows, Linda Polich, Jean Wistedt, Ken Jones, Liz Casillas, Shirley Plumb and Dean Ring.

Secretary's minutes of the last Board Meeting on July 8, 2004 were read and approved with a change in the vote for the sound system, there was one descent and abstension.

Treasurer, Pat McCoy was out of town but she submitted a report showing a balance in the checking account of \$1,411.39 on 7/31/04. The treasurer advises that we should take the money for the microphone system from the checking account.

Committee Reports:

Computer Interest: Bill Burrows reports we should check the website, the Fort Wayne Library newsletter is posted.

Conference: There is no report, they will start meeting in September.

Education: Linda Polich reports that a brickwall session is planned for October 20th. There are beginning classes planned for March and April of 2005.

Library: The old database has been put in Excel and can now be used.

Quarterly Editor: Lorraine advised the next Quarterly is at the printer. The company has changed hands. She is printing 225 copies.

Old Business:

The Annual Meeting will be Nov 9th, the program was able to change the date so we can still go to Bethel Wesley UMC. Lorraine has the contract with the church.

South Park will allow us to use the microphone on August 24th, and we will be allowed a key for the building. However, the building will have to remain locked during the meeting.

Because of discussion and concern over the purchase of the microphone system, a change in the Standing Rules was presented as follows:

"The Board shall not make any unbudgeted purchase over \$500.00 without the approval of the general membership." This change was accepted by the Board and will be inserted as #8 with the following rules advanced one number.

The Nominating Committee has been appointed as Marilyn Mix, chair, Liz Casillas, and Barb Evans. They will present a slate of officers for 2005 in September, the vote will be in October and installation at the November Annual Meeting

Lorraine has made an inventory of the safety deposit box and a copy of that inventory is provided to all Board members.

Kathy Mead with GENLINE will be able to do a program for us next year but she will need internet connection. Lorraine will check into other possibilities to meet that month where we can have internet access.

Lorraine has been working on programs for 2005 and gave us a rundown on what plans she has made.

Dorothy Darland advised that Ft. Wayne library already has copies of 6 of our cemetery books so we won't be sending those to Ft. Wayne.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, September 9th at the Rock Island Branch Library, 401 19th Street, Rock Island, IL in the Community Room.

Our next general meeting is August 24th with Jill Seaholm on the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th Street, Rock Island, IL.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell, Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES, IL
GENERAL MEETING
August 24, 2004**

The general meeting of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society was opened at 7 PM by President Lorraine Hathaway.

The Secretary's Report was read for April 27, 2004 and approved as read.

Treasurer reports a balance in checking of \$1,033.39 after paying for the summer quarterly.

The only correspondence was notice of a swedish conference at the Swensen Library.

Cemeteries: Dwight had several items to report: A \$500,000. Crypt is being built at Chippiannock Cemetery; a mound has been found along the river near Illinois City; Mr. Spector told Dwight that the jewish cemetery was accepting gentiles if they were married to a jew; Dwight is getting rid of a lot of stuff, on the table are a number of BHGS Quarterlies and Genealogical Helpers, he asked that everyone help themselves, he is not taking them home.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix advises that we had two new members join last month and that we have three guests tonight.

Librarian: Pam Langston is still working to update the card catalogue and she will have it on the computer soon.

Education: Linda Polich told us about the plans for the Brickwall Solution Class on Oct 20. There are blue sheets on the table if you are interested. The class is limited to 30 from BHGS and DAR members only. Response is needed by the September meeting. There is a cemetery walk on Sept 18th which is a 2 hour class on art on tombstones. It is through the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center.

E-mail: Ruth Thompson advises that Barbara Appleby who lives in Florida, does look up for Rootswebb on the Past & Present of Rock Island County 1886. She needs someone to take over this project for her. Ken Jones volunteered to do that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lorraine explained that the Board had approved the purchase of a MiniVox wireless microphone for \$570.56 tax included. However, since the amount was over \$500.00 it was felt it needed approval by the general membership. Bill Borrows made the motion that we approve the recommendation of the Board. Dwight Mohlenbruck made the Second. Motion carried.

We have applied for a grant from the Rock Island Community Foundation for a laptop computer and software. We will know if accepted or not by the end of October.

President Lorraine Hathaway presented again the wish of the Board to change our name to Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society. This will take a change in bylaws and other legal forms to be updated. There was some discussion but nothing negative so the Board will proceed in that direction.

A Nominating Committee is named as follows; Marilyn Mix, Liz Casillas, and Barbara Evans. They will report back at the September meeting with a slate of officers.

The Annual Dinner date has been moved to November 9.

Summer quarterly will be mailed this week, this is our first electronic edition.

Next month we will meet at South Park Presbyterian Church on the 28th of September. The program will be "How to Get Into DAR and Other Lineage Organizations".

The meeting took a break to enjoy a wonderful dessert served by Ken Jones.

A program given by Jill Seaholm on the Swenson Swedish Immigration Center at Augustana College followed the break. It was a very informative and enjoyable program with a short question and answer time.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 9, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorriane Hathaway at the Rock Island Library on September 9, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Diane Lovell, Liz Casillas, Bill Burroughs, Linda Polich, Dean Ring, Marilyn Mix, Dorothy Darland, Ken Jones, Jean Wistedt, Pam Langston, Pat McCoy, and Ruth Thompson.

Secretary's minutes of the last Board Meeting on August 10, 2004 were read and approved.

Treasurer, Pat McCoy reports balance in the checking account of \$1,033.39 on 8/30/04. Lorraine reported the Quarterly has been mailed, she is happy with the new printing company and also advises it was less expensive than before. This quarterly the printing cost was \$371.00 compared to the past two times of \$408 and \$423.

Committee Reports:

Computer Interest: Bill Burrows reports people are having trouble with the service pack for XP. If you are, go to the Microsoft website and find the number to call for trouble.

Conference: There is no report, first meeting is scheduled for September 14th.

Education: Linda Polich reports that she has 2 applications for the Brickwall Seminar Oct 20th at RICHS.

February 16th is set for the Spring classes. Where they will be held is not known at this time.

RICHS is celebrating its centennial next year and want to bring new focus to genealogy search, they also want to do something with Pioneer Member Certificates. RICHS is also thinking of some research nights or mini-workshops on nights they are not normally open and we will probably help them with this. Lorraine would like to incorporate this into our programs.

Library: Dorothy Darland will take over the Librarian position in January from Pam Langston. Pam will still help and Linda Polich will help as a computer person. Pam advises she has put 60 books of Judy Rueckert's donation on the shelves.

Quarterly Editor: Lorraine advised the Fall Quarterly has been given to Dorothy Darland to proof, included is Annual Dinner form and membership renewal form.

Quarterly Mailing/Registered Agent: Dean Ring says we are mailing 214 Quarterlies. He thinks the mailing list should be updated.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix advises no changes.

New Business:

Proposed bylaw change of the name of our Society was discussed. Bill Burroughs made a motion that we change our name to Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society. Liz Casillas made a second of the motion. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee does not yet have a complete slate of officers for 2005.

Lorraine gave a list of programs that are lined up for 2005; March, ^{Benton} Ben McAdams, Jr on the Confederate Prison; April, Pam Langston on English Genealogy; May, GenLine Program by Kathy Meade; and June, Rock Island County Recorder of Deeds.

The next Board meeting is Thursday, October 14th at the Rock Island Library, 401 19th Street, Rock Island, IL in the Community Room.

Our next general meeting is September 28th on "Getting into the DAR and Other Lineage Organizations" at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th Street, Rock Island, IL. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lovell, Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES, IL
GENERAL MEETING
September 28, 2004**

The general meeting of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society was opened at 7 PM by President Lorraine Hathaway. She welcomed guests. Ruth Thompson reported 36 members present, 1 new member and 2 guests.

The Secretary's Report was read for August 24, 2004. However, the amount reported for the Treasurer's Report for that meeting was corrected to be \$1,411.39. The report was then approved.

Treasurer reports a balance in checking of \$1,033.39.

Cemeteries: Dwight reports that the new mausoleum at Chippiannock Cemetery is completed.

Computer Interest: Bill Burrows reported on the many places where free internet access is available, rest areas, restaurant and motels using Ispot Access. He advised us that the Quad City Computer Society program on October 13th would be Ispot. The meeting is at the Jewish Center at 7 pm.

Education: Linda Polich has three handouts for us to pickup; one on conference lists; Genealogy night at RICHS, co-sponsored by our society on Monday, October 11th from 4 to 9 pm.; and the Brick Wall class held at RICHS on October 20th, pre-registration is required for both.

E-mail: Ruth Thompson asks that we notify her if we have a change in our e-mail address.

Historian: Delmar Moore has the book here and some other items we might want to look at on the table.

Librarian: RICHS donated some books to our collection that they received on Union County. They concentrate on Rock Island County only.

Quarterly Editor: The Fall Quarterly is at the printer, be sure and find the application for the annual dinner and membership renewal enclosed. We should receive it next week.

OLD BUSINESS: The microphone that we voted to buy last month has been ordered and will be here Thursday, September 30th. They loaned us a microphone system to use for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board has approved a name change in our society to Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society effective January 1, 2005. The society vote on this By-Law change will be at the October 26th meeting. The reason is that we get many inquiries about indian research and the Blackhawk War but very little on Rock Island County. This will better identify who we are.

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The nominating committee; Marilyn Mix, Liz Casillas and Barbara Evans presented the following slate of officers for 2005.

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Recording Secretary – Diane Lovell
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Lorraine Hathaway outlined some of the program plans for 2005.

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**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
OCTOBER 14, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorraine Hathaway at the Rock Island Library on October 14, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Ken Jones, Linda Polich, Liz Casillas, Shirley Plumb, Bill Burrows, Eileen Nelson, Dorothy Darland, Marilyn J. Mix, Pat McCoy, Lorraine Hathaway, and Diane Lovell.

Secretary's minutes of the last Board Meeting on September 9, 2004 were read and approved with the change in the name of Ben McAdams, Jr. to Benton McAdams, Jr.

Treasurer, Pat McCoy reports a balance in the checking account of \$1,400.71 on 9/30/04. The Money Market amount is \$6256.96; 12 Month Certificate amount is \$5602.38; and the 6 Month Certificate amount is \$2204.92 as of 9/30/04.

Committee Reports:

Education: Linda Polich reports that the Genealogy Night at RICHS had 17 people and she felt it was very successful. There are 8 registrations for the Brickwall Session next week. The Education Committee has met and are reviewing the registrations. The Spring workshops are scheduled to begin February 16 and will be held at the Rock Island Public Library.

FGS Delegate: Eileen Nelson has nothing to report but she will be sending in an article about the name change after the vote at the next meeting.

Librarian: It was reported that a member, Ralph Hughes, has brought in 60 books for the library.

Projects: No projects pending but Ken Jones reported that he has submitted a name for the new Rock River bridge with full documentation for "Carrs Crossing".

Publications: Eileen Nelson has used the Botanical Center copier in her project of printing the Rock Island County Deaths 1878-1921 and she asked if we might reimburse them for a toner. Linda Polich made a motion that Eileen Nelson be reimbursed for the cost of this printing. Ken Jones made the second. Motion carried. Shirley Plumb will deliver this book to Ft Wayne for binding when she makes a trip there in the near future. Eileen also reports publication sales of \$180.00 in the last month.

QC Heritage League Delegate: Linda Polich reports that she is not going to continue as a delegate any longer. If anyone is interested in doing this, let Lorraine know.

Quarterly: Lorraine Hathaway is working on a new front page after the vote for the name change is accepted. The Fall Quarterly is mailed. The Winter Quarterly will be ready soon.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix advises that renewals have started to come in. She also reports that the slate of officers is complete.

New Business:

Lorraine reports that Linda Polich and Liz Casillas will head up a committee to plan a trip to Allen County Public Library in Ft Wayne, IN in October, 2005.

Shirley Plumb advises that Dwight Muhlenbruck had given her the obituary cards for 2000 – 2004 that number in the thousands. We need to sort and type them into Excel for publication.

Lorraine gave us a run down on the program plans for 2005.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, November 11th at the Rock Island Public Library, 401 19th Street, Rock Island in the Community Room. The next general meeting is at 7 PM October 26th at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th Street, Rock Island, Bev Francque is in charge of hospitality. The program will be give by Shar Blevins "Analyzing Your Research Project". We will also be voting on the society name change. The Annual Dinner meeting will be at 6 PM at Bethel Wesley Methodist Church, 1201 13th Street, Moline, that program will be given by Dick and Doris Balzer on "Col. George Davenport and his Historic Home".

The board meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES, IL
GENERAL MEETING
October 26, 2004**

The general meeting of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society met on October 26, 2004. The meeting was opened at 7 PM by President Lorraine Hathaway.

The Secretary's Report was read for September 28, 2004 and approved as read.

Treasurer reports a balance in checking of \$1,400.71 on 9/30/²⁰⁰⁴~~94~~. There being no question, the report was filed for audit.

Having two important items of business, we started the meeting with those items.

First, the Nominating Committee read the slate of officers they are recommending for acceptance:

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The President asked if there were any other nominations, there being none Bill Burrows made a motion the nominations be closed and accepted as presented. Linda Polich seconded the motion. The vote carried.

Second, The recommendation of the Board to change the name of the society was presented with the following change to the Bylaws of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society.

“Section 1: The name of this organization is Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society, hereinafter call the Society.”

Bill Burrows made the motion to accept this change in the Bylaws to be effective January 1, 2005. Linda Polich made the 2nd, the vote carried unanimously with a “yes” vote. With this, President Lorraine Hathaway signed the Illinois State papers “Amendment to Articles of Incorporation” and prepared them for mailing.

The President called our attention to the newspaper item about Jean Wistedt and her genealogy search, also an interesting obituary that was sent to us about a former resident with the name Sloe Ginn.

Shirley Plumb explained about Dwight Muhlenbruck's book project and the need for help from the membership to type the obituary cards for the next book because of Dwight's health problem. She needs lots of help as there are approximately 40,000 cards and she wants them done in early January, 2005. Dwight will write the introduction for the book. The goal is to have it finished by the end of January, 2005. A copy of the book will be placed in our library, Rock Island Public Library, The Davenport Public Library and the Allen County Public Library in Ft Wayne, IN.

The following Committee reports were then given:

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Annual Dinner: To date there are 45 registrations. Registrations will be accepted through November 2, 2004. Forms for reservations are on the tables as you come in.

There are also lavender sheets on the table showing the planned programs for 2005.

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Our next general meeting will be January 25, the program will be Civil War Records Video & Discussion.

A break was taken while Bev Francque served a delicious dessert.

The program followed, given by Shar Blevins on "Analyzing a Research Project".

Meeting adjourned.

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**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
NOVEMBER 11, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorraine Hathaway at the Rock Island Library on November 11, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Dean Ring, Pam Langston, Ruth Thompson, Marilyn J Mix, Jean Wistedt, Dorothy Darland, Liz Casillas, Linda M Polich, Bill Burrows, Lorraine Hathaway and Diane Lovell.

Secretary's minutes of the last Board Meeting on October 14, 2004 were read and approved.

Treasurer, Pat McCoy reports a balance in the checking account of \$1,928.39 as of October 31, 2004. The report is filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Computer Interest:

Bill Burrows has arranged for the necessary computer wiring for Kathy Meade and the GenLine program she will present next year. She will use the LCD projector.

Conference: Marilyn Mix & Dorothy Darland reported that they are meeting but there is nothing to report.

Education: Linda Polich reports they they are working on the plans for the spring classes.

Librarian: They report that there are some more donations.

Quarterly: Lorraine Hathaway is working on the Winter Quarterly.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix advises that there are 77 renewals and 3 new members for 2005 so far.

New Business:

Dorothy Darland mentioned that we would need new stamps with our new name for several different areas. Lorraine will get them ordered.

Linda Polich advises that RICHS will be having open house on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 5 pm.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, December 2nd at the Rock Island Public Library, 401 19th Street, Rock Island in the Community Room.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary

**BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, IL
MEETING OF THE BOARD
DECEMBER 2, 2004**

The Board Meeting was opened by President Lorraine Hathaway at the Rock Island Library on December 2, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Those present: Lorraine Hathaway, Marilyn J Mix, Bill Burrows, Linda Polich, Dorothy Darland, Dean Ring, Shirley Plumb, Jean Wistedt, Liz Casillas, and Diane Lovell.

Secretary's minutes of the last Board Meeting on November 11, 2004 were read and approved.

Treasurer, Pat McCoy was absent.

President Lorraine Hathaway reported that the Articles of Incorporation Amendment to our name change had been received and she would have it recorded at the County. She also has the new name stamps for those who use them.

Committee Reports:

Computer Interest: Bill Burrows reports that he has re-designed the web site with our new name. Bill brought his laptop so he could show us how it looks. He had an e-mail yesterday from a lady in San Diego asking about the Dunlap Cemetery and wants a copy of the names in the cemetery. Bev Francque will make a copy and mail it to her.

Conference: Marilyn Mix and Dorothy Darland report that the contract is signed. They are revising the brochure and map. They will meet next on January 18.

Education: Linda Polich reports that the History Channel grant has to be coordinated with school children and we don't have time to work something out with a close deadline. She reports she will have more information on the Spring Beginning Genealogy classes after the first of the year.

Library: Dorothy Darland says that they have received more book donations.

QC Heritage League Delegate: Linda Polich reports we have an invitation to their open house on December 12th from 2 to 4 pm. Linda will not be continuing in this position.

Quarterly: Lorraine Hathaway reports that the Winter Quarterly is ready to be proofed. The flyer for the Spring Beginning Genealogy classes will be included in this Quarterly.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix advises we 81 Renewals, 1 Credit and 9 Life Memberships for a total of 91 as of 2 Dec 2004.

New Business:

Shirley Plumb had been to a Scott County Genealogical Society Board meeting and a question was asked about not receiving our Quarterly. There has never been an exchange of Quarterlies between the two Societies. The discussion was that we would be happy to exchange Quarterlies if SCGS is interested.

Shirley also mentioned that she has the introduction from Dwight Mohlenbruck for the cemetery book. Work is progressing in the typing of the obituary cards for the book. Liz Casillas is transcribing the current newspapers for the rest of 2004 and would like to continue as an ongoing project.

Our next board meeting is January 13, 2005 at the Rock Island Public Library, 401 19th Street, Rock Island, IL in the Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned by our president at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lovell
Recording Secretary