

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club

Minutes of December 1, 2016 Meeting

Club President Kerry Wolfe called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. She started the meeting by telling a joke.

Kerry welcomed our December speaker, Michelle Goodrum from Phoenix.

One new member, Beverly Smith, introduced herself. She told us she was uploading her mother's genealogy records on Ancestry.com as well as digitizing and uploading family photos.

There were four visitors: Lynn Simon, Shirley Morris, Ray Gerard, and Jan Sugg.

Kerry invited the visitors to join the club.

Kerry told us that our treasurer, Pat Spencer, is ill, so there will be no treasurer's report this month.

Kerry welcomed Randy Gibbs, the club vice-president back from spending the summer in Michigan. Randy introduced the speaker, Michelle Goodrum, who talked about what kinds of land records can be useful in genealogy research. She gave six reasons for researching land records.

1. Land records place one's ancestor in a certain place at a certain time.
2. Land records may document relationships between ancestors.
3. Land records enable researchers to actually locate and visit the places where ancestors lived.
4. Land records may help researchers distinguish between people with the same name and identify which person is one's ancestor.
5. Land records can help researchers identify where a person came from and where they went.
6. Land records may help researchers understand an ancestor's social and economic status.

Ms. Goodrum discussed what government entities maintained land records, starting with the 13 colonies. She discussed surveying land and what types of survey terms might be found in land records. She talked about the government awarding land to soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War, thus encouraging settlement farther west. She discussed later acts passed to grant land to U.S citizens, the varying requirements of these acts.

Kerry called for committee reports.

Gloria Quigg reported starting a DNA Special Interest Group (SIG). The first meeting was held in November and was attended by 8 or 9 people. Gloria will schedule a meeting in December as soon as she can secure a meeting room.

The SaddleBrooke Computer Club will offer a class on Roots Magic taught by Dave Tiefenbach. The class will start on March 2 at 11 A.M. and will continue every Thursday for a few weeks.

Registration for the Computer Club classes will open at 6 A.M. on December 15th

Bonnie is trying to establish a SIG on Irish research. No one came to the first meeting. She will hold another meeting on January 12 at 10 A.M. at her house.

Sharon Scanlan reported that several of the Genealogy Club's books on genealogy have been relocated to the Desert View Library. Patty Burke and Sharon's husband process the books at the Desert View library. The genealogy books occupy a special place on a shelf close to the front door where they are likely to attract attention. Several books have already been checked out. More books from the Genealogy Club's library will be moved to Desert View in the near future. Each book identifies the owner as the SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club and provides information on when and where the club meets. We hope to inform more people of the existence of the club and attract new members through the genealogy books in the Desert View Library.

Chris Nelson reported that she signed up the club for a table at the Activity Fair which is on Saturday, January 28th, in the ballroom at Mountain View.

Kerry reported that a genealogy conference will be held in Mesa on January 15th. Pinal County Genealogy will hold workshops in Casa Grande on Saturday, January 28th from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. if you plan to attend you must submit the \$20 registration fee before January 14th. The \$20 includes the conference and lunch. See pinalctyazen.com for more information. Note that this conference is on the same day as the SaddleBrooke Activity Fair.

Kerry announced that Lydia O'Connor has volunteered to be the club's Publicity Chair. She will write articles on the club activities for the *SaddleBrooke Progress*. Lydia's willingness to take on this job is much appreciated.

It was announced that the speaker in January will be Dave Troxell who will speak on Revolutionary War uniforms. We anticipate that he will wear a uniform to the meeting, so come to the January meeting and see what a Revolutionary War uniform looks like.

Door Prize winners were Wanda Buehler and Betty Meyer.

The meeting ended with Kerry wishing everyone Happy Holidays.