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Hi all,

Below are the reunion minutes. I'm sending them to Jackie Ferris for the King website. We have \$1,531.93 in the treasury.

Have a nice summer,  
Anne

#### Minutes of 2004 King Family Reunion

June 26, 2004

President Mimi Stang presided over the meeting held at Kings Valley School. Approximately 45 members and guests were present. Four were first-time attendees. Officers were introduced: President Mimi Stang, Vice President Earle Greig, Historian David Trask, Treasurer Anne Trussell. Secretary Pat Bearden was unable to attend. Anne reported we have \$1364. 93 in our account. (\$742.29 Newsletter fund, \$261 Cemetery fund, \$361.64 donations)

#### Announcements

A four-generation King descendant chart, spanning 127 feet, is taped to the wall. If you have any additions or corrections to the information, please give them to Anne Trussell.

Available here today is Shirley O'Neil's book Benton County Pioneers, Study of the Inhabitants Listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Benton County, Oregon. Of the \$25 cost, \$6 will go into the King treasury. The book can also be obtained through the Benton County Genealogical Society. Also available for \$3 is a book of King family charts created by Mimi Stang. All proceeds will go into the King treasury. Other Benton County books are on display and can be ordered through BCGS.

Nigel Parkhurst found a revised 2003 copy of "Looking Back" by Marlene McDonald at the Kings Valley store (last copy). Earle Greig will check with Marlene to see if she has more copies available.

Earle has agreed to do the newsletter for another year but would really appreciate receiving your articles. He announced "We publish anything!"

The school rental remains at \$35, a bargain.

## Guests

Dan Wojcik and his son, Mike Wojcik, were introduced. Dan's mother, Donna M. Wojcik, wrote *The Brazen Overlanders of 1845*. She began researching and writing it in 1952. It was published in 1976. Dan passed out dust jackets from the original book. He has received numerous requests for the book, which is out of print and extremely difficult to obtain as a used/rare book. He would like to have it republished. However, to publish a minimum of 750 books (250 hardback and 500 paperback) will cost him \$15,000, up front. He asked how many King family members would purchase the book if he has it reprinted. About ten people raised their hands. Many in the group already owned copies. However, the group felt that republishing the book is very important and many offered suggestions and advice for Dan and Mike.

Linda Crew announced the February 2005 publication of her book on the King family *A Heart for any Fate, Westward to Oregon, 1845*. She submitted it to the Oregon Historical Society as part of a grant/competition and the novel won the 2004 Stevens prize, publication by OHS. The book will be available in the OHS bookstore early next year. Linda read the introduction and excerpts from the book (thunderous applause!).

## Land and Deeds

There was a question last year regarding Solomon's land. Where did it come from since he didn't have a donation land claim? At the Benton County Recorder's Office, Mimi and Anne found a deed and a bond, indicating that Nahum and Sarepta's donation land claim was sold to Solomon in 1855. In return, Solomon bonded himself to them, promising to allow them to live in the "mansion house" on their property and to care for them until their deaths.

## Kings Valley Cemetery

Earle Grieg has been gathering information on having a bench installed in the Kings Valley Cemetery near the flagpole in memory of Nahum and Sarepta King. He distributed pictures of the bench, which will cost approximately \$110. The plaque cost is about \$250, depending on the font and the length of the wording. The plaque would be set in cement in front of the bench. Earle Greig and Bill Dixon offered to install the bench and plaque. Melissa Parkhurst made a motion that the bench and plaque be ordered and installed, with the King Family paying costs up to \$500. The motion was seconded and passed. Wording for the plaque was approved as follows:

Presented by

Descendants of Nahum King and Sarepta Norton King  
Pioneers of 1845

Earle announced that Audrey Theurer had some health problems and resigned her position with the Kings Valley Cemetery Association.

It was agreed that dues would remain at \$10 per year. Nigel made a motion that the slate of officers be reelected. The motion was approved. The meeting ended at 2:30 P.M.

Anne Trussell  
Secretary Pro Tem