

GALLATIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

The November meeting of the Gallatin County Genealogical Society was held at the Bozeman Public Library in the small conference room with 21 members present. A brief business meeting was conducted to leave maximum time for the much-anticipated presentation on dating old photographs. Lynne Elder made a motion to approve the September and October GCGS Minutes submitted earlier by Bonnie Jackson via email. Norma Ardesson seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as written. Norma Ardesson read the Treasurer's Report indicating that there is currently \$466.40 in the checking account. Bonnie Jackson reminded members that the current indexing project for the society is voter registrations at the Pioneer Museum, which at this point is half completed.

The program, "How to Date Old Photographs" by Steve Jackson, Curator of Art and Photography at Museum of the Rockies, was very interesting, informative, and helpful. Some highlights from his presentation were on old photo processes, including Daguerreotype, ambrotype, tintype, carte de visite, cabinet card, and crayon portrait. He handed out a comprehensive packet from the website Phototree.com outlining these topics. Steve said his weakness in dating old photographs is fashion history, so he often gets help from Pat Roth at MOR, who would also be willing to help members if they make an appointment. Steve showed numerous photographs from the early history of Bozeman and encouraged our members to access these photos at his MOR website. He just asks that members ask for permission before using these photos in their projects since MOR owns the copyright to many of these old photographs. After the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m., Steve helped members with dating their old photographs and made appointments with other members who needed additional time.

The next meeting is Saturday, January 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Bozeman Public Library in the small conference room. The program will be Ancestry.com Q&A, Part 2 by Tricia Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jackson
GCGS Secretary