**Catonsville Genealogy Society**

**Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2011**

Miles Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

**Carolyn Bracken** welcomed everyone to the meeting including Willard Wolf and Jim Schaub.

**Harry Robertson** sent out postcards reminding members of our meeting.

**Treasury**: Eleanor reported a balance in the treasury of $936.06.

**Dues:**

The Catonsville Historical Society has sent dues forms to members. You should pay both the Historical Society and Genealogy Society dues directly to the Historical Society. A returned envelope was also included.

**News From the Historical Society**

Miles Davis attended the Historical Society Board Meeting on 12 July 2011. Joan Bender is retiring as President after 9 years of service. The President’s duties will rotate among Board members each month for the time being.

**Refreshments:**

Refreshments were supplied for the meeting by Laura Kooyman and Linda York. We lost some of our refreshment supplies due to the basement flooding. Eileen will replace and be refunded by the treasury.

The October meeting – refreshments will be supplied by John Flinton and Michele Dunn.

**Checklists:**

Checklists for refreshment preparation, serving and cleanup have been prepared by Eileen Haggerty. A checklist for opening and closing the building was prepared by Miles Davis and Susan Rura from a previous draft written by Frank Wheltle. We will keep copies of these Checklists in the file cabinet.

**Irish Research:**

Eileen sent out an email about Irish Research directing us to website:

<http://search.freefind.com/find.html?id=45948717>

Other Irish genealogy websites are:

[www.irishorigins.com](http://www.irishorigins.com)

[www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie)

[www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)

[www.irishgenealogy.com](http://www.irishgenealogy.com)

[www.goireland.com](http://www.goireland.com)

[www.irl.gov.ie](http://www.irl.gov.ie)

**Email & Address Updates:**

Please keep Carolyn Bracken notified if you change your mailing or email address.

**Newsletter:**

Susan Rura distributed copies of her latest “Genealogy Gazette”. We are in a good position this year with speakers. We have a speaker set up for all months except May 2012.

Oct 5, 2011 – Rebecca Koford – “Finding Female Ancestors”

Nov 2, 2011 – Sue Mortensen – “Using Wills In Genealogical Research”

Feb 1, 2012 – Show N Tell & Stumped Roots

Mar 7, 2012 – Lovely Lane Methodist Records

Apr 4, 2012 – Phyllis Legare - Beyond The Death Certificate

May 2, 2012 – To be announced

June 6, 2012 – Board Meeting

**Upcoming Genealogical Events:**

September 17, 2011 – Friends of the Virginia State Archives – speaker Elizabeth Shown Mills. 4 lectures – At the Library of Virginia in Richmond. Registration closes September 12th. Cost is $45 for non-members. Contact Ann Taylor Brown at

804-741-0136 or email annetaylorb@aol.com.

October 15, 2011 – The Annual LDS Conference in Essex, MD. This is Free but you should register ahead of time.

[www.baltimorefamilyhistoryworkshop.org](http://www.baltimorefamilyhistoryworkshop.org)

**Fund-Raiser:**

Raising money for our club. Susan Rura had an idea to raffle off a basket full of goodies which would be done at the Christmas Open House. She will be shopping for items to put in the basket. We will have to have this idea approved by the Board. Miles will take care of that.

**Bad Weather & the Phone Tree:**

Who would have thought we would have a hurricaine in September. I think this is the first time since I joined the club many years ago, that I thought cancelling the meeting due to the bad weather might be necessary. The rain was horrible which made driving dangerous and the parking hard to walk through. Since we couldn’t remember who and how the phone tree would work, I have dug up the following from our March 2011 Meeting Minutes.

**Reverse Phone Tree – From March 2011 Minutes…..**

Eileen Haggerty spoke about using a reverse phone tree when weather conditions are potentially bad and members want to know if we will have our scheduled meeting. This is mostly for people who don’t have email.

When it has been decided by Miles to cancel the meeting, Eileen will send out an email to that effect. For those who don’t have email or want to talk to a person, they can call the following people to find out if the meeting has been cancelled:

Carolyn Bracken - 410-747-1752

Susan Rura - 410-465-4778

John Flinton - 410-788-3229

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2011. Rebecca Koford will speak to us about “Finding Female Ancestors.”

**Tonight’s Speaker**

**Rebecca Whitman Koford – Photographs & Preservation**

Rebecca started out with a short history of photography—describing the different types of photography and their characteristics.

Daguerrotypes – 1838 – expensive and only one at a time – Reverse image

Ambrotypes – 1854 – on glass – reverse image - cheaper than Daguerrotypes

Tintypes – 1856 – Direct positive image – fast & cheap – can make copies

Carte de Visite – 1855

Sterographs – 1860’s

Kodak’s first film camera & Kodak’s “Brownie”– 1880’s

1935 – color film introduced.

Amateur Photography took off with Kodak’s development of the “Brownie” camera in the 1880’s.

* When you are trying to identify a photo, check with family members. Someone might have the same photo but with some additional information written on it.
* Look for clues from the clothing, hairstyles, positions of people and accessories.

Refer to books and websites to date clothing styles.

* Children of both sexes often wore dresses until age 7 or 8.
* Girls often wore their hair parted in the middle while boys parted it on the side.
* Identify the photographer: If you see the photographiers name imprinted on a photo, it can be a clue to the location & time period.
* Search online at [www.findingphotogrpahers.com](http://www.findingphotogrpahers.com) and [www.deadfred.com](http://www.deadfred.com)

Preserving Photos & Documentation:

Don’t write on the face of photos

Don’t use a ball-point pen to write on back

Don’t attach sticky notes

Don’t carry original photos around with you.

Keep photos in acid-free sleeves

Site your source for a photo

How to Share Your Photos With Others:

* Include them in a published narrative
* Make Scrapbooks
* Create Digital Slideshows or Books using some of these websites:

 [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)

 [www.ancestrypress.com](http://www.ancestrypress.com) – “My Canvas”

 [www.PassageExpress.com](http://www.PassageExpress.com)

 [www.reeltributes.com](http://www.reeltributes.com)

Rebecca will be back with us next month, speaking on “Finding Female Ancestors.”

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