

wife and I are active members of Heritage Baptist Church in West Greenville. It is a missional church with many outreach ministries. I presently serve as Deacon, Finance Officer, and member of the Missional Outreach Team.

My hobbies are music and sports. I enjoy listening to a variety of music - gospel (traditional and contemporary), classic rock-n-roll, country, and jazz. I love to go to live concerts whenever possible, especially at the Gospel Music Fests in Pigeon Forge, TN at Dollywood. I really like stock car racing, enjoy football and basketball and am an avid USC fan.

Congratulations to our new officers!

**Ye editor adds his thanks to those of BHS as expressed at the Annual Meeting through lovely plaques presented to retiring and long-time Secretary Shirley Keith and Treasurer Mary C. Barton. Thank you so much ladies for your years of dedicated service!**



### Browsing The Web

At **Archiving Early America** we find several collections of interest to history buffs. One of them is The Music of Early America at [www.earlyamerica.com/music/](http://www.earlyamerica.com/music/) "The Girl I Left Behind Me" was popular during the French & Indian War.

**History Through The Eyes of Those Who Lived It** is the tag line for EyeWitness to History [www.eyewitnesstohistory.com](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com) which features digital snippets of first-hand accounts. Ye editor found the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century offerings to the most compelling.

## Annual Meeting Minutes

Annual Business Meeting

August 29, 2009

Austin, Texas

The Annual Business Meeting of the Barton Historical Society was held on Saturday, August 29, 2009, at the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas. **President Terry Barton** called the meeting to order.

In the absence of **Secretary Shirley Thompson Keith**, Terry read the Minutes of the last meeting as recorded and submitted by Shirley. The Minutes were approved as read. **Mary Chapman Barton** presented the Treasurer's Report. She spoke of her appreciation for the honor of serving for the last six years. The report was approved as presented.

Terry Barton presented plaques to Mary Barton and Shirley Keith as tokens of appreciation for their service to Barton Historical Society. **Jan Hamilton** spoke in memory of **Wilson Barton** of Flomot, TX, who died February 9, 2009. Wilson was son of **A. L. Barton** and **Addie Bishop Barton**. He is buried at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, TX. Terry spoke in memory of **Carroll Pitman**, noted Barton researcher and member of the Barton DNA Sponsorship Board since its inception.

Terry Barton spoke of the need to adopt new By Laws as proposed on printed handout copies distributed to members. A motion was made and seconded to adopt as presented. A vote was taken, and the By Laws were approved for adoption. This action will allow the Barton Study to become a "Category A" member of the Guild of One-Name Studies. (Gary advised us after the meeting, on August 31, that the Guild has now recognized the Barton Study as "Category A" - which is their top designation)

A tribute to **Gary Barton** was made by Terry Barton. Gary is Editor of Barton Historical Society Newsletter, creator and keeper of the online Barton Database, and now also manages the Barton Study at the Guild of One-Name Studies. His contributions to the organization are much appreciated. [Ye editor is blushing!]

Terry expressed gratitude and praise to **Peggy Nouri** for her outstanding work in planning, coordinating, and implementing the 2009 "Gone to Texas" Barton Reunion. She was given a hearty round of applause.

Terry Barton spoke of his planned trip to Kent and Lancashire, England, in two weeks, and the desire to be able to offer DNA kits to particular Barton donors who may offer more DNA lineage information. A motion was made by Karla Cox Smith and seconded by Jan Hamilton, to use five kits of the fifteen already purchased in 2008, to be taken to England. The motion passed.

Good wishes were extended to everyone by **Army Sgt Brett Barton** who is serving in Afghanistan and again communicating via email about his experiences there, as he did while serving in Iraq. Brett is son of President Terry Barton.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for offices for the coming year: **President – Terry Barton; Vice President – Peggy Barton Nouri; Secretary – Lee Weaver; Treasurer – Carl Lee.** Nominations from the floor were called for, and Michael Barton nominated Dr Jan Hamilton as Secretary. A vote was taken for the offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer, which yielded approval. A second vote was taken and **Lee Weaver was approved as Secretary.**

Jan Hamilton announced that descendants of A.L. Barton would have a reunion at her home on October 17, 2009, in Matador, Texas. A cordial invitation was extended to all.

Peggy Nouri announced that vans would be available at the Hotel at 6:30 pm to take members to Texas Old Town in Kyle, Texas for the scheduled dance and barbeque.

A motion was made and approved to hold the 2010 meeting in East Texas to be hosted by **Peggy Nouri** and members of her family. [After the meeting, **Karla Smith, Louise Sanders and Deborah Lee** volunteered to host the 2010 Annual Meeting in Greenville, South Carolina. Peggy agreed to delay the East Texas meeting until 2011. BHS members who attended church on Sunday morning - August 30 - voted to confirm the change in plans]

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Betty B. Howard Pitman**  
**Chief of Clan**  
 (for Shirley T. Keith *in absentia*)  
 August 30, 2009

**Barton Historical Society**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**(1-1-2009 through 8-31-2009)**

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2009	\$3,144.60
Income	4,606.00
Expense	-4,185.49

Cash-on-Hand 8/31/2009	\$3,565.11
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Respectfully submitted,

**Mary C. Barton**  
**Treasurer**

**IMPORTANT**

Check your address label! The month & year following your name is your membership expiration date. If you see an "R" on your