

Barton Historical Society Reunion – Annual Meeting – Calhoun, Georgia – September 2014

Peggy Nouri, BHS President, opened the meeting and welcomed all the Barton cousins gathered in Calhoun, Georgia for the annual meeting.

The 2014 Annual Meeting was hosted by Mary Barton and her sons and daughters and they gave all the cousins a hearty welcome. A bus tour with family members enjoying historical sites in the North Georgia mountains began Friday. After the business meeting on Saturday, Mary and her family hosted dessert and refreshments at her lovely home.

Attending the annual meeting were: Peggy Nouri (TX), Mary C. Barton (GA), Darrell Anthony (SC), Laura Banton, David Barton, Rita Crook, Carol B. Watson, Judy Bunn (TX), Sarah Barton, Lisa Szeder, Amanda Barton, Loretta Hicks, Nora Terry Hall, Deborah Lee (SC), Evelyn Rogers (SC), Peggy Smith (LA), Charles Smith (LA), Bette Howard Pitman (SC), Jane Barton Shelnett, Kathy Barton-Gerwig (SC), Linda Chapman Poore, Ivan White (GA), Beth Barton (GA), Robin Payne.

Terry Barton gave a presentation of the Barton DNA Project. Terry Barton is the Administrator of our project and a number of others. His purpose for DNA Project is to see how all Barton families everywhere come together and how we came to be.

Terry explained about the types of DNA tests and information we could gather from each. He gave examples from the Barton testing of where we are today in the process. He stated easiest protocol to consider is Family Tree who has the largest and easiest to use database. For surname study you need the Y DNA. He discussed Mitochondrial DNA which is only inherited by the female. It was agreed at the 2014 that the Society would provide testing for female cousins.

Terry also gave information and power point presentation on his research and trip in Lancashire, England back to our last descendant of Fleetwood Barton, a female, from the 1500's.

Peggy Collins Smith presented a program on her research on the Thomas Barton who migrated to Texas. As a trained genealogist, Peggy was tracing the Thomas Barton on her line. She was able to make assessment that the Thomas she was tracking was not the correct man due to dates, marriages, age of children, etc.

Adjourned for Lunch

Business Meeting:

Peggy Nouri called the 2014 Business Meeting for Barton Historical Society to Order:

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deborah Lee. Deborah reported that we had a total of 8 new members in 2014 and that we had sold 7 Barton Blue Books. She reported the ending balance for August 1, 2014 was \$4,624.92 with deposits fo \$925.00 and disbursements of \$49.37 leaving the balance as of September 1, 2014 of \$5,500.55.

Terry Barton, Vice President and administrator of the family DNA project, asked for \$1,000 to continue offset cost of Kits for family testing. Peggy Nouri, President, agreed that the Society would make the funds available. Membership agreed with this.

Peggy Nouri said that the present officers had agreed to continue to serve and that there would be no election of officers in 2014. She stated that Peggy Smith had volunteered to compile the newsletter. Gary Barton, who was unable to attend, agreed to continue to update and host the BHS website. Beth Barton of Georgia made a motion to accept the proposal that current officers continue to serve. Motion was seconded and membership agreed with this and present officers will continue.

Discussion was held about next venue for the family reunion. Members wanted to return to South Carolina , and our President, Peggy Nouri agreed to host and plan the reunion in South Carolina.

Peggy Noori, President, asked if other business and there being none the meeting was adjourned.