



MINUTES

HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION

GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Thursday, February 6, 2003



Members Present

Gene Walker
Keith Hansen
Marilyn Rehse
Joanne Overton
Sandy Kennedy
Susie Alves
Al Ball {V}

Members Absent

Vince Minto
Linda Greenacre {V}

Others Present

Don Hampton, City Librarian
Mary McKeough, Library Board
Doris Cooper

1. **Introduction & Announcements**

Gene Walker convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

2. **Topics for discussion and consideration**

a. **1917 Inventory of County Records Book**

Gene advised that the above named book has County records listed by department. It is the Commission's goal to locate these records and make an index of their location, and provide the Library with a copy. Gene suggested that the Commission create a book of County records from 1917 to date, and also provide a copy to the Library; and advised that he has located a "List of Registrants" of Glenn County, dated 1917 .

b. **Inventory of Old Law Books**

Gene advised that the inventory is complete and members were provided with a list. He also advised that he had received a letter of response from the Meyers & Boswell, advising that they are not interested in purchasing the law books and referred the Commission to various bookstores in Sacramento. Upon discussion, it was decided that the Commission begin with a "Community Book Sale" and then seek other interested collectors.

c. **County Records in City Museum**

Discussion was held regarding old newspapers that are located in the Museum basement. Mr. Hampton advised that there is a steady run on the papers, from 1900 on. Research will be done to determine which years have been microfilmed and if there are newspapers currently being stored by the County Clerk.

d. **Possible Sale of Non-Historical Records**

Aside from the sale of the old law books, it was discussed that the Commission could also sell various documents, such as lithographs of the Constitution. Gene claimed that there are 8 or 9 copies, which could be sold.

e. How to Establish Book Values

Mr. Hampton suggested using “Friends of the Library” website to post the books in order seek interested parties. Other suggested resources were offered as www.abebooks.com and www.bookfinder.com, which specializes in antiquarians.

3. Other Matters

Sandy Kennedy announced that the Law Library Board of Trustees had met regarding the sale of the Trustees books and decided to allow the Commission to sell the books and keep 50% of the proceeds, with the other 50% to go to the Law Library.

Keith Hansen advised the Commission of a Resolution that the Board of Supervisors recently adopted, which discourages member absences of County commissions and committees.

Gene advised of an Antiquarian Convention held in San Francisco. He will attempt to get a list of vendors/prospective buyers for the sale of the remaining law books.

Don Hampton expressed his interest and offered his assistance to the Commission. It was decided to include Mr. Hampton and Jack Campbell of Expressive Surroundings in future meetings.

Upon discussion, the Commission would begin cataloging records on the following days:
February 19th – 9:00 am to 12 noon and February 21st – 9:00 am to 12 noon

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

4. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 27, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Board Conference Room.**

Distribution: All County departments, Board of Supervisors, Vince Minto, Keith Hansen, Gene Walker, Marilyn Rehse, Joanne Overton, Sandy Kennedy, Susie Alves, Linda Greenacre (v), Al Ball (v), Connie Oreggia, Jack Campbell, Don Hampton