

WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USERS GROUP

June 20, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

Greeters: Ron Coleman; Marilyn Rohrer

Welcome: Connie Stewart at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Russ Bateman

Class Presenter: Paul Larsen. Hew has had 23 years of experience, made many presentations, written numerous articles. He and his wife Peggy live in St. George. Today he is speaking about the Third Edition of "Crash Course in Family History". The book sells for \$34.95 plus \$5.95 shipping. It is 240 pages packed with 3 step-by-step tutorials and lessons helping us with the easiest ways to connect to our ancestors. It took Paul a full year of research to write this book. He also created a web site that goes along with the book. He will try to keep this book current by republishing with the new things that have happened since this latest version. He spoke on:

- Top 10 US WebSites (#1 is FamilySearch; the Granite Mountain vault contains 132 more times the documents than the Library of Congress)
- New or Improved Websites
- Family Trees
- Web Directories and Portals
- Latest software
- Finding billions of Database Records and Invaluable Resources
- Social Networking Sites
- Tools to Make It Easier
 - Death Indexes.com – on-line death certificates in digital form
 - Immigrants.byu.edu
 - Books.Google.com
 - Newspaper_Archive.com
 - GenealogyBank.com – newspaper collections
 - One-Step Search Tools – SteveMorse.org
 - Tutorials for how-to search
 - WeRelate.org

Family History Made Easy – Paul's website even has his book on it in a searchable form. You get one new membership for free which otherwise costs \$20.00 per year.

The book is designed for the novice as well as the seasoned researcher.

Prize Drawings/Winners: Gaye Bateman, Karla Cannon, and Sterling Davis.

Closing Prayer: Ron Coleman – Total Attendance: 24, all members