



THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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April 28, 2018 at GSOC 10:30 am

Joe Meyer presents:

"Eglin Cemeteries, A Brief Overview"



Joe Meyer has a BA degree in Anthropology from Louisiana State University (1986) and a MA degree in Interdisciplinary Humanities from University of West Florida (1999). He currently works as a Research Associate III, with the Center for Environmental Management Military Lands (CEMML), Colorado State University. With over 30 years of experience in cultural resource management across the southeastern US, Joe provides guidance on Federal Laws and Regulations such as the National Historic Preservation Act and the Archaeological Resource Protection Act. In his off time, he enjoys nature photography, outdoor activities, and spending time with his family. Joe is a Louisiana native and now resides in Navarre Florida.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 26, 2018



John Marshal at the gravesite of his 5th GGF, Richard King, in Harrison County, Kentucky

John's presentation "Ready, Set, Now What...." is designed to appeal to a wide range of audience members and skills. As an introduction for those new to DNA genealogy, John will briefly introduce the various tests and vocabulary needed to successfully get started in using DNA testing. With that foundation behind us, John will devote the rest of the program to highlighting what happens after you test, which is very much dependent on what you are looking for. Perhaps you are looking for someone specific (like a parent or sibling). Perhaps you are looking to expand your network of cousins (for a future family reunion). Or perhaps you are wondering about your distant past and want to explore your lineage. Using practical examples that he has accumulated through being self-taught, John will blend strategies and tools to give you a starting point for your research.

John spent 20 years in the United States Air Force as an aircraft maintainer; starting his second career with Boeing 13 years ago, where he currently works in Logistics Support. John enjoys boating, camping, and all the other nice things that life on the Emerald Coast offers – with his evenings being spent on genealogy, of course.

John and his wife, Darlene, live in Shalimar.



GSIG

Take advantage of the VAST knowledge of our group! We help each other as well as ourselves by sharing ideas and techniques for research. Help members of the public with questions about how to research their families. Bring your concise questions. Come share your knowledge!

First Saturday of each month 1030-1200
Fort Walton Beach Library

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Our strength is in our joint knowledge

ODDS AND ENDS



Genealogy Genie

This is a new feature added to the GSOC Newsletter. It is called [Genealogy Genie](#). It will include answers to submitted questions, as well as, information about learning Genealogy. Sent your questions about Genealogy to: editorGSOCFLnews@gmail.com.

This month: “What software should I use?”

Genie says: There are many genealogy software programs available:

- Free – No cost involved
- Paid prescription – Annual payment
- Buy to own

FREE:

- WWW.Familysearch.org
- WWW.techshout.com/features/2013/22/best-free-geneagoly-software/ - Good review of free software.

PAID PRESCRIPTION:

- Ancestry.com
- MyHeritage.com

BUY TO OWN:

For a guide to buying check this web site: WWW.theGenealogyguide.com/best-genealogy-software-programs-your-top-5

For a good review of the top 10 genealogy software programs, check out this web site:

WWW.toptenreviews.com/software/home/best-genealogy-software/

This website will help you in deciding on software plus it has a nice comparison chart of the best family tree program options both free and non-free: familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/best-family-tree-software.

NEWS ITEM: My Heritage has added a new scanner and inbox feature in their mobile app.

Two sites to help with GPS Gravesite locations:

- Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) Database: www.geonames.usgs.gov/index.html. Click on [Search Domestic Name](#).
- POI Factory: www.poi-factory.com

Check this out.....Genealogy Gems You-Tube Channel is rolling out the Red-Carpet Series with “Tips for how to organize your on-line life for genealogy. It’s FREE.

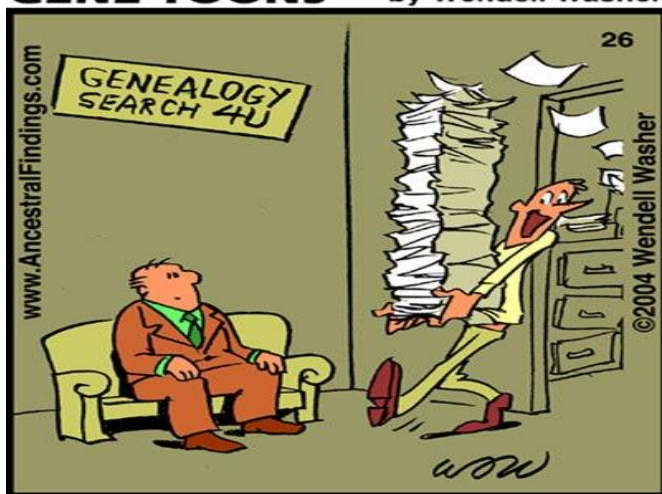


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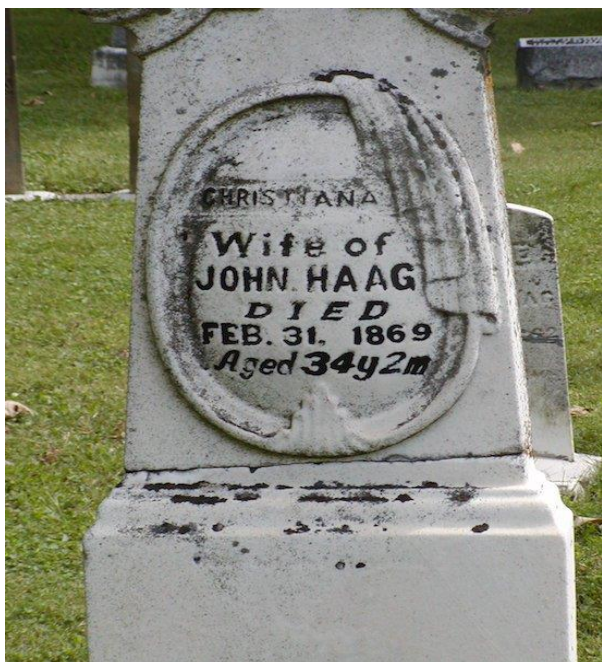
"STRANGE FACTS ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL FAMILY TREES"

Click on this web link: WWW.familytreemagazine.com/preimum/presidentail-family-trees/

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Good news, Mr. Smith!...



In 10 seconds can tell what is wrong with

this untouched photo?

Would do you like to honor a remembered:

Fallen Soldier
War Buddy
Family Member or Friend
Teacher & Classmate
Coach & Mentor
Coworker
Ancestor
Religious Leader
Celebrity

You can at WWW.Fold3.com/newpage.

With free membership you can:

- Create & share memorials
- Print & save images
- Share your discoveries with family & friends
- Save documents to your Ancestry family tree

Start by [searching Fold3's Honor Wall](#) for names of those you wish to remember or simply [start a page](#) from scratch. Using either method, you'll quickly be able to create rich, memorable pages that you can share with others in a meaningful and positive way. It's easy and it's totally free.

Remember *your* hero and [start a memorial page](#).

GSOC Members March 24, 2018



Front Row, left to right: Elizabeth Mangum, Yvonne Payne, Barbara Bethea, Jon Sheperd, Hilma Jenus, Margaret Harris.

Center Row, left to right: Chuck Licari, Sue Basch, Val Moreland, Cindy Barber, Marian Roberts, Pat Pruett, Francis Hoge, Kathie Sheperd

Back Row, left to right: Bob Loomis, Ed Crosby, Jerry Rush, Pat Walker, Jim Young, Tom Sajwaj, Judy Jehn, Glenda Sajwaj, Keith Latimer, Phil Hoge



GSOC PRESENTS CHECK TO FWB LIBRARY.

The GSOC Board of Directors presents a \$100 donation to the FWB Library in appreciation for their effort in preparing the meeting room each month and being very accommodating to any requests asked of them. Jon Sheperd, GSAC President, hands check to Kaylyn Will, Sharon Tartarilla, and Charlotte Barnes (staff members of FWB Library) while members of the GSOC Board members (L to R) Jerry Rush, Phil Hoge, Val Moreland, Katie Sheperd, Sue Basch and Cindy Barber look on.

Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County Meeting Minutes, 24 Mar 2018

The meeting of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC) was held on March 24th, 2018. President Jon Sheperd welcomed members, and the program speaker, our own Dr. Thomas Sajwaj, and visitors. There were 28 people present.

OLD BUSINESS:

The February meeting minutes were published in the March Newsletter. No one had corrections.

- Family History Fair: The Genealogy Fair on March 3rd was a great success, judging by the feedback Jon received. Many GSOC members attended. Jon and Margaret will be collecting additional feedback so please see them if you wish to provide it. He thanked Ed Crosby, Chuck Licari, Kathie Sheperd and Phil Hoge for manning our GSOC table. He also thanked Cindy Barber and Margaret Harris for being fellow presenters (*Recording Secretary note - Jon also presented*). One interesting activity at the Fair was using the "Relatives Around Me" feature on the Family Search App. Jon found out some GSOC members were his distant cousins!
- Genealogy Workshop: There will be a genealogy workshop at the Crestview Public Library on May 10th from 10:00 to 12:00. GSOC members are encouraged to attend. Jon thanked Cindy and Margaret for spearheading the effort.
- Field Trips: The GSOC plans to travel to the Baker Block Museum (Baker, FL) on Friday, June 8th, where the visiting hours are 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Admission is free. Their website is: <http://bakerblockmuseum.org/clouds/intheclouds/index-a.html> for those who are interested. We are also planning on a trip to the Pensacola Genealogy Branch Library in a few months. More details will follow about these trips.
- 2018 Journal: Reminder -- the theme for the 2018 GSOC Journal this year is "Why did you or your ancestors come to NW Florida?" Please start thinking about how you can contribute with your own story. We would like every member to contribute a story or at least one good sized paragraph by June. Remember -- your help is needed!

NEW BUSINESS:

Door Prizes: Our visitor, Katherine, won a door prize of honey which was harvested and donated by Ed Crosby. Cindy Barber won a jar of delicious homemade jam, donated by Val Moreland. Thank you, Val and Ed, for your many contributions to the Society!

- November 2018 Meeting: Last November, the Fort Walton Beach library closed on short notice for our meeting day. This was due to Thanksgiving. Expecting the same problem, we plan to meet one week earlier on 17 Nov 2018, same time, same place. We will remind you again as we get closer to November.
- NW Florida Genetic Genealogy Society: This society is being formed and has its initial organizational meeting on April 14th at 4:00 pm at the Niceville Family History Center. Members may have already received an email about this. A flyer describing this group was passed around the room.
- NWFL/Gulf Coast Family History Letter: This is a new bi-monthly newsletter published by Margaret and it contains links to various genealogy websites and a schedule of local genealogy events or meetings. Here is the URL for the newsletter: <https://app.box.com/notes/284182616575?s=3ut5w1kgvhjo57gbr14orz481xdx9u8m>
- Saturday in the Park: This annual event is held by the NW Florida Heritage Museum in Valparaiso and this year, it is April 28th. There were no members interested in manning a GSOC table at the event.
- Donation to the FWB Library: Because of their support of GSOC, the Board decided to donate \$100 to the FWB Library. The check was presented after the March 24th morning meeting.
- Lunch at local restaurant: GSOC members met at Fusion Bistro, FWB. Margaret said they now sell cakes.

REPORTS:

- 1st VP Cindy Barber: Cindy passed around a new reference book she purchased for herself, titled Evidence Explained (see <https://www.amazon.com/Evidence-Explained-History-Artifacts-Cyberspace/dp/0806317817>)
- Cindy announced that John Marshall will be speaking to GSOC about DNA in March and in May, Joe Meyer, archeologist at Eglin AFB, will speak to us about the old cemeteries on Eglin AFB property. Sharon Marsh, June's program presenter, will speak about the First Florida Cavalry in the Civil War. (*Recording Secretary's note: Mr. Marshall had to bow out of the April meeting because of a work conflict. Jon subsequently coordinated with Mr. Marshall and he will now speak in May and our formerly scheduled May speaker Mr. Meyer will step up to speak in April (flipping the months both speakers will speak.)*)
- 2nd VP Jerry Rush: Reminder: all members wishing to renew should have paid dues by now. Dues are \$24 for a single individual, \$35 for family. Be sure to completely fill out a Membership Renewal Form (found at the door or on line, at <http://www.youngj.us/Join-new.html>). We also have a volunteer form (found in the Join the GSOC section of the website) and would like each member to volunteer in some way. We encourage everyone to help make GSOC more productive.
- Treasurer Phil Hoge: The GSOC treasury balance is \$1,668.56. This money is used for out of town speaker travel expenses, speaker's lunch, newsletter printing and mailing, and Journal printing and mailing, as well as our post office box, etc. The Blue Box going around the room is a way to add to our funds and purchase library books. Donations are encouraged, and we typically receive about \$20.00 to 25.00 per month.
- Recording Secretary Kathie Sheperd: Nothing sufficient to report.
- Corresponding Secretary Val Moreland: If members are not receiving emails, please contact her.
- Newsletter, Ed Crosby: Nothing sufficient to report.
- Webmaster, Jim Young: Just a reminder that our website is temporarily located at <http://www.youngj.us/GSOC> until Roots Web is back up.
- Genealogist, Margaret Harris: The Latter-Day Saints had a genealogy workshop at the Destin Library and nine people attended.
- Genealogy Special Interest Group: The next GSIG is April 7th at 10:30 at the FWB Library. Contact Cindy if you have questions.
- GSOC Picture: Members posed for our 2018 GSOC picture. The picture was later sent electronically to all members.

PRESENTATION: Cindy Barber introduced our speaker, Dr. Thomas Sajwaj. Tom's presentation is a follow-on to his 2016 Ethics in Genealogy presentation to GSOC.

Dr. Tom Sajwaj:

Ethics and our genealogy affect more people than just ourselves and he reminded us of some cardinal rules in researching genealogy:

- Do not disseminate or communicate any material about living individuals
- If not sure the individual is deceased, do not disseminate any material
- Consider all individuals, living and dead who may be affected by the dissemination of genealogical material
- Be aware that involved individuals, and their descendants may cross multiple generations
- Consider consulting with an experienced genealogist (before making decisions to disseminate).

The primary principle about ethics in genealogy is "Do No Harm." This is especially true in situations regarding out of wedlock or children with different parentage. The resolution of many, if not most issues involving ethics, will not be clear cut and there may be multiple solutions to ethical issues, each with its own plusses and minuses. We must determine who may be possibly be harmed and the nature of harm, check into professional organizations with relevant guidelines and/or practices, and we must think long and hard before acting

Tom proceeded to inform the audience that he and Cindy Barber would present three case studies with ethical implications.

CASE STUDY ONE: Tom gave an example which he called "The Idolized Uncle". The case had to do with a favorite young uncle, who after he died (his wife died and one of his children died); a man popped up and informed Tom that he was the illegitimate son of the Idolized Uncle. The man was seeking information about his father's life and any photos. Tom asked the man to relate how he believed he was the illegitimate son, and the man gave considerable detail that Tom was already familiar with, including a time when both the uncle and the man lived in the same town. (Both had subsequently moved away.) Then the man wrote Tom and said: "I can't begin to tell you how excited I am that at this late date in my life I have a chance to at least know where my facial features come from. My Mom always told me I looked so much like my father, (his dimples and Slavic brow), but I had no way to know." The man was not interested in contacting any of his father's legitimate children. Tom consulted his genealogy mentor on how to proceed.

SECOND CASE STUDY: Cindy Barber's presentation was titled "What would you do?" Cindy discussed a case which began in 1937. Ruth's (age 17) parents had separated and father was deceased, meets "Glenn." They got their marriage license in a neighboring county and on the license, Glenn, age 20, states his parents were deceased. However, on the 1940 census, Glenn lives with his "deceased" father, mother and two brothers and reports himself as divorced. There is a daughter with him – age 2 years & 9 months. Also, in the 1940 census, Ruth lives in a boarding house with a woman her mother's age and both have slightly changed names. Both Glenn and Ruth remarry other people. About 1965, while shopping for school clothes, Ruth meets a man on the elevator by chance and there was recognition and fear. Over the years, Ruth mentioned she had been previously married, but she is now deceased. The daughter from the 1940 census is now deceased. The children of Ruth believe that the daughter might be a half-sister. Cindy discussed with the GSOC about how to possibly proceed.

THIRD CASE STUDY: In the fall of 2011, Tom received an Ancestry.com DNA message about a close match his wife had with someone else. Tom looked into the match and used Blaine T. Bettinger's (The Genetic Genealogist) "The Shared CM Project" – Version 3.0 in order to consider how to interpret the Ancestry DNA data (1,915 centimorgans across 46 segments; a substantive match). And, according to the DNA Detectives Autosomal Statistics Chart, the DNA of the other person to his wife would indicate a half sibling, an aunt/uncle/niece or nephew, a double first cousin or grandparents/grandad. The other person with the close DNA was 2 years younger than Tom's wife. Tom ruled out the unlikely relationships and concluded his wife had a previously unknown half-brother which was a great surprise...! The man's family had been adamant to tell him nothing about his relationship to his biological father even though he knew he was an illegitimate child and his parents had no other children. Tom and his wife want to help him...

In conclusion, the group had some interactive discussions and some of the other members had similar ethical issues in their family lines. It reminded all of us that there are surprises in most family trees. How we address those surprises depends on our knowledge of ethics in genealogy and willingness to "Do No Harm."

CLOSING:

Jon thanked Tom and Cindy for their case studies and thanked the membership and the group for coming. The next meeting will be at the FWB Library on Apr 28th at 10:30 am.

/Signed/
Kathie Sheperd,
GSOC Recording Secretary

Events and Information of GSOC Interest

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Membership

Annual membership dues are \$24 for individual and \$35 for individual and spouse at same address. You can obtain a membership form from our web site or use the copy included in this newsletter.

The Newsletter

The GSOC Newsletter is now published on or before the third weekend of each month. Suggestions for articles are welcome. The editor, Edward Crosby, can be contacted by phone at (850) 678-5423 or by email at edcrosby@valp.net. Letters to the editor are welcome and may be published.

The Journal

The GSOC Journal, *A Journal of Northwest Florida*, is published once each year. The 2017 issue, was published and distributed in September 2017 and has been mailed to all GSOC members. The theme of the 2017 issue is the Education. If you are a member and didn't receive your copy, please contact us.

The Web Site

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flocgs>

The site is updated frequently and contains information about future GSOC meetings, minutes of past meetings, copies of the newsletters, articles and items of genealogical and historical interest, and much more.

GSOC on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/okaloosagsoc>

The address to the official page of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County is shown above; or you can go to your Facebook account and search for **Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County**. This page provides the latest information about our future meetings and other news that is important to members or prospective members. There is also a Facebook group. It is useful for exchanging information about your research and getting help with questions you may have about the Society or resources available to you. You can find it by going to your Facebook account and searching for **Friends of the GSOC**

The GSOC Books

The five GSOC cemetery, marriage, and funeral books are all out of print, but are now available on the GSOC web site for reading on line and for downloading as searchable PDF files, at no charge. **Please note that all these GSOC books are copyrighted by The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County and may be only used for personal use. Reproduction is prohibited without the permission of the GSOC.** Go to the web site, scroll down and click on the **GSOC Books** link, click on the name of the book to access, and read it on line. Save it to your computer to download it. Because of the size of these books, it may take them a few minutes to display (depending on the speed of your internet connection.)

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I hereby apply for membership or the renewal of my membership in the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County

ANNUAL DUES (Membership Year 1 Jan-31 Dec)

Individual \$24.00 Family \$35.00 (For Individual & spouse at the same address)

Please PRINT or TYPE all information:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Preferred Telephone (Home/Cell): _____ E-Mail: _____ Date: _____

Can information be shared with other members? Name: Yes/No, Address: Yes/No, Phone: Yes/No, Email: Yes/No

Your level of experience: Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___ Family Genealogist ___ Professional ___

Please indicate areas of GSOC in which you would like to serve or contribute:

Newsletter Editor ___ Write Newsletter Articles ___ Webmaster ___ Journal Editor ___ Journal Staff Member ___ Write Articles for Journal ___ Serve on Short-term Committee ___ Nomination Committee ___ Organize Field Trips ___ Christmas Party Organizer ___ Give Genealogy Presentation ___ Workshop Leader ___ Workshop Volunteer ___ Special Event Organizer ___ Special Event Volunteer ___ Librarian ___ Publicity ___ CD Sales ___

Research: Name of families and states you are researching

Surname	State or Area

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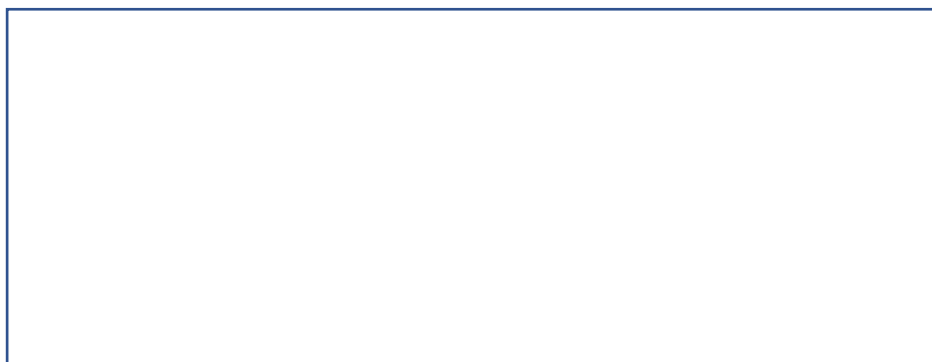
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Featuring: **“Eglin Cemeteries, A Brief
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Presented by: *Joe Meyer*

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