

# The GSOC Newsletter

The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County, Florida

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## GSOC President's Corner

Cindy Barber

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I hope each of you is well and not touched by Covid-19. Like most of our neighbors, we used the first weeks working in the yard and doing those house chores that we always seem to put off. We had our old shed reskinned (planned before C-19) and I was so glad Sherwin Williams was still open! I called in my order and picked the paint up outside the store.

When this started, my first thoughts were about all the genealogy work I was going to have time for. But with spring weather calling, I spent little time with my research. The dogs are enjoying all the playtime and walks, too!

I returned to Genealogy this week. Here are some of the things I am doing, maybe they will give you some ideas:

- Make a word search puzzle - <https://thewordsearch.com/maker/> is a simple one. I found several, so do some searches.
- Make a Crossword Puzzle - there are several of these online too.
- Create a well sourced tree for some of my Y-DNA matches. I've discovered that many of the trees of the Y-DNA matches are no better than other trees. This was disappointing to me, as I thought if people Y tested, they would be more 'into' genealogy and have good trees. Was I naive! It's fairly easy to prove the more recent generations, but past that, I am finding people who have NO PROOF of relationships and are very irate that I even asked.
- Create an event and sources for at DNA matches who I have placed in my tree, capturing screenshots of each match. I've attached details in a separate article. Some of these matches trees are not well sourced, so I made a note to source their line later.
- Pick a random person in my tree and check for proper sources. I liked this one, I flipped through several people I have not looked at in years. I've filled in several years

with directories and census records and removed some sources that were obviously for a different person. I created tasks for more in-depth research later. I started by picking people with unusual names, like Arilda Matilda.

- Verify parentage of people in my database. This came about when a DNA match had a child attached to the sister of her actual mother. The tree did not change, as far as parents, and she quickly fixed her tree when I sent her my sources. I started with my immediate family and this is going quickly. It's also a good way to review my research for missing sources. For each person my question is: "How do I **KNOW** that they are his/her parents?", or for those more BCGy.... "What evidence do I have proving that XX is the parent of YYY?"
- Learn new software. I bought Deedmapper and learned to plat metes and bounds deeds. This led to a HUGE hint. One of my most ancient ancestors actually lived on the COAST, 30 miles from where we assumed he lived! When he died his sons moved inland. I can't wait to get to Baltimore and look at the old maps!
- Watch webinars. There are lots of free ones out there now - I watched one on Lucid chart, my favorite drawing program for charts. I try to watch at least one a week. My favorite site is: <https://familytreewebinars.com/>.

There are many other sites as well, check out <https://thegenealogyreporter.com/> for a list.

>[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

><https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/upcoming-free-webinars#upcoming>

We are looking forward to the library opening and restrictions easing so we can come together again.

**Stay safe!**

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE/RESCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

(Mike Kleypas-Program Chairman)

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - The Border Reivers – Anglo-Scottish Border  
1350-1650 by Thomas Rutledge

Jun 27<sup>th</sup> - Research Logs and Citations  
by Kristina Clever

Due to the present health risks, we had to cancel our programs scheduled for March and April. Kristina Clever, was scheduled for our March presentation, and fortunately has agreed to reschedule for Jun 27th. John Marshall's presentation was to be part of DNA Month and hopefully it can be rescheduled for a later date.

In May, Thomas Rutledge, who was born in England and is presently stationed at Eglin, will discuss **"The Border Reivers"**. They were the families that fought on the Scottish, English border and defined a nation. After 300 years of blood and strife most were executed or deported to Ireland, then on to America. There were approximately 77 surnames classed as Border Reivers, with some stronger in numbers than others. Tom, along with other Routledges founded the Routledge Clan Society which now has over 100 members: [www.clanroutledge.com](http://www.clanroutledge.com). Tom's program will be interesting both from a historical and a genealogical perspective as several of our members can trace some Scottish Heritage.

Program also to be rescheduled:

### **African American History: The Challenges and Rewards**

By Jodie Biles

**African American Genealogy:** How to Navigate the Obstacles by Jodie Biles which was scheduled for 18 April at the Crestview Library has been rescheduled for Saturday, 20 June 2020.

A lot of interest in this subject was generated during our meeting in February. I will be meeting with the staff in Crestview as soon as the library reopens to discuss where we want to take this program. I will be helping anyone who wants to learn about records and organizations specific to African American Genealogy.

GEDmatch recently started an Ancestry Project entitled: Enslaved and Enslavers DNA Project. Anyone looking to discover more about their enslaved ancestors or who descended from a slave holding ancestor willing to share information about the enslaved is welcome to join the project.

## Book Review – Cindy Barber

*Your DNA guide - the book  
by Diahana Southard*

Diahana Southard is the owner of yourDNAguide. She started working with DNA in research labs 20 years ago and has been working in the genealogical community since the beginning. This book is only about autosomal DNA.

Written in a very personal style that I appreciated when I started, it quickly lost its appeal by page 6. The grammar was off putting, sentences exceptionally long, and the speech was 'in my face'. For example, on page six, I was told to "put this book down right now..." in the middle of a single sentence that took up more than three lines of the paragraph.

Forging ahead, because Diahana is an expert and I wanted to get to the 'meat' of the book, I found myself on page 20 looking at a two-page graphic. This is an overview of "The Plan". I realized it is an attempt to document her process flow. The boxes have cryptic names like "MM.28", which refer to parts of four categories of steps. There are a lot of black, red and green arrows that seem to dance all over the pages.

"Working your plan" explained the four concepts very well, but several places referred me to distant pages, and I quickly found myself flipping back and forth through the book while trying to follow the original paragraphs.

Page 34 is the start of a section about searching for grandparents. On this single page (that is not even a full page), I was referred to three other pages. Those pages in turned referred me to other pages. I was quickly lost.

I often flip to the back of a book when checking it out. I am glad I did. Page 100 is the start of the Learning Guides. Each chapter addresses a different topic, some very lightly and others more in-depth. Her explanation of endogamy was quite easy to understand. I suggest you explore these guides.

I closed the book. I assume Diahana's process works, but let's be truthful here. There is basically one process when working with autosomal DNA matches. It is simple - you work to find a common ancestor. Techniques for doing that are probably buried in this book. There may be gold hidden inside, but between the generous use of prepositional phrases, long sentences, style of speech and the helter-skelter instructions, I will not find it.

## Membership

By Jodie Biles

Hello everyone, hope you are all well and keeping busy during this challenging time. I am thankful that I have a passion that keeps me entertained. I sent out a reminder at the beginning of March about GSOC membership >>>

renewal. I want to thank everyone for their timely responses. We understand that these are not normal times and we are willing to adapt to the circumstances. Those of you who indicated that they wanted to pay at the next meeting, we will be happy to collect your dues and renew your membership at that time. Until then keep researching and stay safe.

<https://thewordsearch.com/maker/> - to make up your own wordsearch puzzle!

### Genealogy Records Word Search

Cindy Barber - April 2020

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Birth Certificate	Naturalization	Telephone Book	Registrations
Passenger list	Advertisement	Announcements	Guardianship
Employment	Almshouse	Directory	Agriculture
Newspaper	Military	Register	Passport
Cemetery	Hospital	Obituary	Yearbook
Warrant	Pension	Coroner	Poll tax
Probate	Prison	Patents	Survey
Census	Bible	Church	Court
Bond	Will	Land	Voter
Plat	Tax List	Deed	Bank

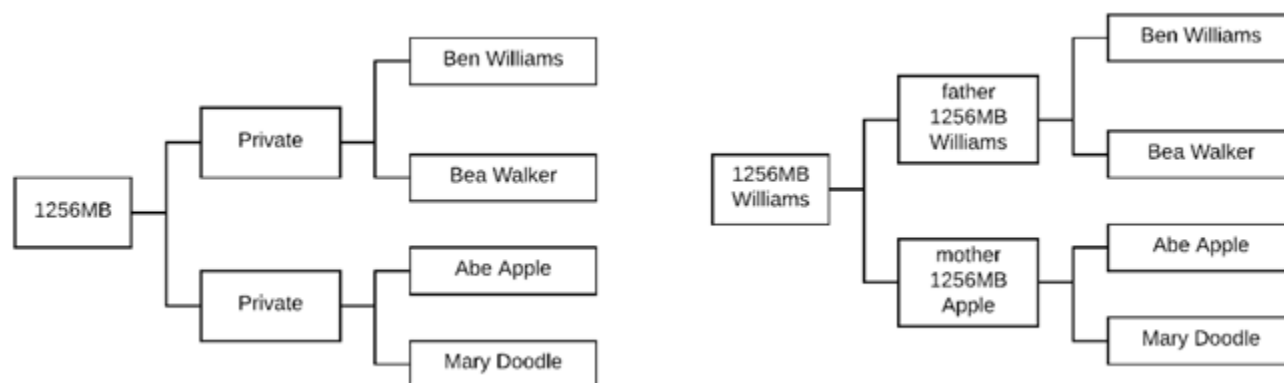
***The April GSOC meeting is canceled.  
We hope it will be safe to gather for a meeting soon.***

## How to Create Sources to Document a DNA Match

Finding the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) with a DNA match is always exciting! Figuring out how to properly document that match has been a struggle. I use four steps to 'source' an autosomal DNA match. All screen shots are in Legacy, but you should be able to adapt this to whatever software you use.

**Step One:** Using the tree supplied by the match, I add their line to my tree. I do this in a 'quick and dirty' fashion, using only the direct line and their spouses from the match to the MRCA. I put birth and death dates if given. I may put a state, but unless the name is quite common, I do not bother with places. I estimate the birthdates of descendants based on their parent's dates.

Why don't I type in the matches entire tree? First, because our 'blood' relationship at this point is only on one line and second, because I want the online databases to generate hints for me. It is my lazy way of building sources for the tree.



How do I deal with usernames and private parents? I will put in as much information as I can figure out. The graphic below is an example of how I deal with private parents.

If the MRCA is an ancestor of Ben Williams, then I will continue to add his line only.

1256MB Individual Information:

The screenshot shows a software window titled 'Individual's Information [6349]'. The main form is titled 'Individual's Information'. It has fields for 'Given' (MB1256), 'Surname' (Williams), 'Title Pre.', 'Title Suf.', 'Born' (Abt 1960), 'Chr', 'Died', and 'Buried'. There are also fields for 'Living?' (Yes/No), 'Age' (60), and 'Desc' (0). Below these are 'Events/Facts' with columns for 'Age', 'Event/Fact', 'Date', and 'Desc/Place/Notes'. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Repeat', 'This individual never married and had no children', 'Exclude from Potential Problems...', 'Privacy Settings...', 'Birthday Reminder', and 'Death Date Reminder'. There are also fields for 'User ID', 'AFN', 'FamilySearch ID', and 'Find a Grave ID'.



## Step Two: Create an event on the match called "DNA Relationship".

In the description field I put the testing company name and the amount of shared DNA. The sentence in the Notes field, shows who the tester was and the match's screen name. If I later figure out that MB1256's real name is Michael Williams, I will still include the screen name in the event information.

Add Event to MB1256 WILLIAMS

Event/Fact: DNA Relationship

Description: Ancestry, sharing 87 cM across 2 segments.

Date:

\*Notes Sentence Override

DNA provides evidence that MB1256 and Cindy Procter are third cousins.

☒ Add the event notes to the sentence

Strip HTML

Refresh Sentence Edit Event Sentence Definition...

DNA Relationship: Ancestry, sharing 87 cM across 2 segments.\* DNA provides evidence that MB1256 and Cindy Procter are third cousins.

☐ Exclude this instance of this event from problem checking

☐ Private

**Step Three:** Create sources. I usually have two sources for each match, the testing company match report and the Shared cM Project.

Here is what my Master Source looks like in Legacy:

Edit Master Source Definition

Fill in the fields below.

You selected: Genetics > Databases (corporate sponsored) > Basic format

\* Source Info Text/Comments \* Repository Media Override

Source List Name (name to display in master source list):

Ancestry DNA Match

Agency/Creator: Ancestry

Format: personalized database

Website Title: AncestryDNA

URL: ancestry.com/dna

Date: Type the date posted, updated, or

Output Preview:

**Footnote/Endnote Citation:**  
Ancestry, .AncestryDNA (.ancestry.com/dna).

**Subsequent Citation:**  
Ancestry.

**Bibliography:**  
Ancestry, personalized database, .AncestryDNA, ancestry.com/dna.

☒ Verified ☐ Tag ☐ Exclude from reports

Recorded Date: 8 APR 2020 Today's Date

File ID:

Save Cancel Options Help

Here is the detail:

The item of interest reads: Predicting "2nd-4th cousin" genetic relationship with tester "MB1256" with 87

Source Detail

### Step 3. Add the Source Detail using SourceWriter

Master Source being Cited: Ancestry DNA Match  
Fill in the detail information below.

**\* Detail Information** | Text/Comments | Media | Overrides

Database Title: AncestryDNA Report for Cindy Procter

Date Accessed: 11 APR 2020 | Today's Date

Item of Interest: Predicting "2nd - 4th cousin" genetic relationship with te...

**Optional...**

Surety Level: 3. Almost Certain Conclusion

Analyze Source Quality

Recorded Date: | Today's Date

File ID:

☒ Include this Citation on Reports  
☐ Verified

**Output Preview**

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Subsequent Citation:  
Ancestry, "AncestryDNA Report for Cindy Procter" database, Predicting "2nd - 4th cousin" genetic relationship with tester "MB1256" with 87 cM shared across 2 segments.

Bibliography:  
Ancestry. personalized database. *AncestryDNA*. ancestry.com/dna.

[Click here to go to the overrides tab](#)

cM shared across 2 segments.

Here are the Shared cM Project screen shots:

Edit Master Source Definition

### Fill in the fields below.

You selected: Internet > Database

**\* Source Info** | Text/Comments | Repository | Media | Override

Source List Name (name to display in master source list): Shared cM Project

Author Last Name: Bettinger

Author Given Name(s): Blaine

Author Suffix: Ex.: Jr., IV, etc.

Agency/Creator: Or, if authored by an agency, type the name here.

Database Title: Shared cM Project v4

Format: Database

Website Creator: Type the author/creator of the website if different from the

Website Title: DNA Painter

URL: dnainter.com/tools/sharesmv4

Date: March 2020

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Subsequent Citation:  
Bettinger, "Shared cM Project v4," database.

Bibliography:  
Bettinger, Blaine. "Shared cM Project v4." Database. *DNA Painter*. dnainter.com/tools/sharesmv4 : March 2020.

#### Step Four:

Attach screen shots of each item. For this match, I have a screen shot of the following:

- The match information from Ancestry. Save the screen that appears after you click on the match. The title is: "Cindy Procter and 1256MB". This shows both the predicted relationship and shared DNA information. |
- The Shared cM Project screen after I type in the shared cM amount
- The persons tree on testing company site, just the first few generations are fine.

#### Family Tree DNA (ftDNA) as a source:

Family Tree DNA reports ALL the cMs shared with a match, so many times their predicted relationship is not accurate. When using ftDNA, always look at the chromosome browser for matches over 8 cMs.

Example: I share 89 cMs with Sandi. FtDNA predicts she is my 2nd-4th cousin. When I look at the detailed segment data in the chromosome browser, I find that we share 30.05, 15.51 and 10.72 cMs on 3 segments. This is a total of 56.28 cMs. The rest are all less than 5 cMs each.

Attach a screen shot of the Chromosome browser detail screen, sorted so the largest segments are at the top. Grab the top cMs showing one or two of the small segments. In this example. I grabbed the first 5 lines of the detail. This shows the 3 large segments and 2 small segments.

My item of interest is: Predicting "2nd-4th cousin" genetic relationship with tester "Sandi" sharing 89 cMs total, 56.28 cMs shared across 3 segments with the rest under 5 cMs.

Here is the difference from the Shared cM Project:

89

reset

or enter %

Then any relationships that fit will stand out below

[Click here for a shareable link to the cM amount above](#)

**New** Click on any relationship to view a histogram

Relationship probabilities (based on stats from [The DNA Geek](#))

30.97%	Half 2C 2C1R Half 1C2R 1C3R
29.90%	3C Half 2C1R 2C2R Half 1C3R
24.74%	Half 3C 3C1R Half 2C2R 2C3R
9.35%	4C Half 3C1R 3C2R
3.94%	Half GG-Niece / Nephew † Half GG-Aunt / Uncle † 2C Half 1C1R 1C2R
1.09%	4C3R † 5C1R † 5C2R † 5C3R † 6C † 6C1R † 6C2R † 7C † 7C1R † 8C † Half 3C2R † 5C 4C1R 4C2R 3C3R

† this relationship has a positive probability for 89cM in thednageek's table of probabilities, but falls outside the bounds of the recorded cM range (99th percentile)

56.28

reset

or enter %

Then any relationships that fit will stand out below

[Click here for a shareable link to the cM amount above](#)

**New** Click on any relationship to view a histogram

Relationship probabilities (based on stats from [The DNA Geek](#))

28.80%	Half 3C 3C1R Half 2C2R 2C3R
21.26%	4C Half 3C1R 3C2R
20.31%	3C Half 2C1R 2C2R Half 1C3R
18.77%	5C3R † 6C1R † 6C2R † 7C1R † 8C † 6C 5C 4C1R 5C1R 7C Half 3C2R 4C2R 5C2R 3C3R 4C3R
10.86%	Half 2C 2C1R Half 1C2R 1C3R
~ 0%	** 2C 1C2R

\*\* this set of relationships is just within the threshold for 56.28cM, but has a zero probability in thednageek's table of probabilities

† this relationship has a positive probability for 56.28cM in thednageek's table of probabilities, but falls outside the bounds of the recorded cM range (99th percentile)

Sandi is my 4th cousin. If I had only looked at the total cMs shared, I would question this relationship, but by using only the largest segments, 4th cousin falls well within the expected range for the value.

Sourcing DNA matches is not difficult and provides evidence of our various genetic relationships. The more cousins identified along a specific line from various children of an ancestor coupled with traditional genealogy research builds confidence that the tree is correct. DNA is but one other piece of evidence in our research. Now that you have documented the DNA match, verify the tester's line with traditional research.

## VIDEOS AND WEBSITES ONLINE

Free Internet Genealogy Magazine:

[https://internet-genealogy.com/New\\_Issue/IG\\_March2020.pdf](https://internet-genealogy.com/New_Issue/IG_March2020.pdf)





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Please check: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

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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: January 31<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Individual \$24.00 or Family \$35.00 (For individual & spouse at the same address)  
Please PRINT or TYPE all information:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please circle your level of experience: Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced / Family Genealogist / Professional

**Please check the areas of GSOC in which you can serve or contribute:**

- ☐ Newsletter Editor; ☐ Write Newsletter Articles; ☐ Webmaster  
☐ Journal Editor; ☐ Journal Staff Member; ☐ Write Articles for Journal  
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☐ Christmas Party Organizer; ☐ Give Genealogy Presentation  
☐ Workshop Leader; ☐ Workshop Volunteer; ☐ Special Event Organizer; ☐ Special Event Volunteer  
☐ Librarian; ☐ Publicity; Other \_\_\_\_\_

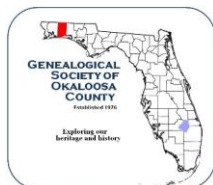
**Research:**

Surnames of families and states you are researching. If no change, so indicate.  
If family membership - use left column for husband's family and right column for wife's.

Surname	State or Area

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(OR BRING THE FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY).



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