

THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF OKALOOSA COUNTY,
FLORIDA

AUGUST 2, 2013

Next GSOC Meeting

August 10, 2013

Our August meeting will be held at the Heritage Museum, beginning at 10 am. The



program will be a Show-and-Tell by GSOC members.

These meetings have been very enjoyable and instructive in the past as we learn what other members

have found in their researches and the good experiences that they can share.

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GSOC Meeting Minutes July 13, 2013

Pat Pruett Recording Secretary

President Donna Elliott called the meeting to order at the Heritage Museum, Valparaiso, FL, at 10:00 AM. She welcomed seven guests and twenty-two members.

Donna asked if there were any corrections to the June minutes as published in the Newsletter. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes was entertained. Motion to do so was made by Sue Hicks and seconded by Nancy Welhart. Motion passed unanimously.

Officers' reports:

1st Vice President Ken Elliott passed a signup sheet for speakers at the 10 August meeting which will be a Show and Tell by members. This is a popular type of meeting from past experience. Ken, then, laid out the schedule for the meetings for the rest of this year, as follows: 14 September-Baker Block Museum Field Trip; 12 October-

Jim Young will be featured speaker; 9 November-Hilma Jenus to be featured speaker; 14 December-Christmas Party.

2nd Vice President Sue Basch - absent

Treasurer Bob Basch not present; Pres. Donna reported that the checking account balance is \$2340.29 with one check for \$24.00 to be deposited. Donna explained the purpose of the book box and it was passed for donations to buy library books.

Recording Secretary Pat Pruett. Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary Jim Young said he had nothing significant to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Sue Basch (absent)

Newsletter & Website Jim Young -No report. Jim was complimented by members and Pres. Donna for the quality of information in the Newsletter on the Website.

Publicity Pat Pruett agreed to serve as Publicity Chairman for the rest of this year. She reported on a picture from our June meeting that was published in the Friends and Neighbors column of the NWFDN, as well as the good publicity in the Beacon. She has received two phone calls concerning this meeting from publicity in the local papers.

Genealogist Margaret Harris mentioned that genealogy classes will be taught again this Fall at the Center for Lifelong Learning and Prime Time.

Library Reports Hilma Jenus, for FWB Library, said that the publications that Jim Young put on display today will be taken to the FWB library. Jim said he publishes a list of those received in the newsletter. Bev Gross, for Valparaiso Library, was absent. Martha Trau was present and had no report for the Crestview library.

Journal Malcolm Flanagan -absent.

Old Business No old business to present.

New Business Hilma said that she has contacted the Ft. Walton Beach Library concerning holding one of our meetings there, but the Genealogy Room is not available on Saturday mornings due to another organization meeting there regularly. Phil Trau volunteered that he

has a program to inscribe the name of records onto discs if we need to use it.

Announcements:

Pres. Donna made the following announcements in support of the Heritage Museum and the Indian Temple Mound Museum:

20 July (Sat) 7:00pm, Heritage Museum "Night at the Museum" featuring the Emerald Coast Theatre Company. Guests will enjoy an entertaining guided tour of the museum and experience the history of Northwest Florida through characters from the past. There will be a wine tasting, silent auction and food sampling from local restaurants. Make reservations for \$30 by calling 850-678-2615.

5-9 August, "History rocks!" Summer Camp at Heritage Museum, hours 9:00-12:00. Cost \$50 for Museum family members.

23 August (Fri) 6:00pm, Indian Temple Mound Museum, Diane Merkel will be presenting "Defuniak Springs, a Pictorial History," 1885-1915.

24 August (Sat) 7:00-12:00 Heritage Museum, "Inside/Outside Yard Sale Spectacular". Donations are needed and can be dropped off Tues-Sat, 10:00-4:00, but please no clothes.

Fourteen people signed up for lunch at the Boathouse restaurant.

Ken Elliott then introduced our guest speaker Farris "Blue Heron" Powell who regaled and educated his audience with tales of the lives of the Indians who lived in the Southeastern section of our country in the 1700 and 1800s and forward.



We were, also, privileged to have Mr. Powell's daughter, Angie "Fire in the Sky" Powell, who was dressed in native attire, as was her father.

Pres. Donna adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

Recently Received Publications from Other Societies

These and all other publications received are available for review in the History Room of the Fort Walton Beach Public Library.

The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, Vol. 111, No. 2, Spring 2013, 167 pages

American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D.C., Vol. 147, No. 4, July/August 2013, 50 pages

Buried Treasures, Central Florida Genealogical Society, Inc., Orlando, FL, Vol. 45, No. 2, April-June 2013 23 pages



VIVA Florida Exhibit

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida (HMNFWL)

presents the exhibit "Homesteading in Northwest Florida" in cooperation with Okaloosa County and the Eglin Cultural Resources

Management as part of VIVA Florida 500, a statewide celebration of 500 years of Florida history. This historic exhibit also features a display of unique artifacts discovered on Eglin Air Force Base from the time period of the Homestead Act of 1862. The HMNFWL is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children, free for HMNWF members (and active-duty military and up to five family members through September 2nd as part of the Blue Star Museums program.)

What's In Your Genes?

The Friends of the Niceville Library are pleased to host author and guest speaker, Charlene H. Grafton, Nurse Case Manager, as she shares information from her seventh book "What's In Your Genes?" This free program will be held in the Library on **Thursday, August 8** at 6:30 pm. Seating is limited! Please call 279-4863 x1504 to reserve a seat.

Her seventh non-fiction book was written following a series of life-threatening illnesses described in the book. She brings to the reader the reasons for finding your ancestors by linking the human threads of your genes and your genetics. Exploring ancestry for the medical aspects of American healthcare. She will share information that is now available for individuals to research and learn about their genetic heritage and diseases with the knowledge of new gene tests.

The Burlison Family

By Rogene Anchors Hasty, Crestview, FL, and

The Burlison Family of Rocky Bayou

By LaRue Smith Heller, Niceville, FL

My maternal grandparents were descended from Burlisons and Boltons. The earliest Burlison that we know about was Aaron Burlison, born in 1695 in Wales. His wife's name was Sarah but we do not know if she came from Wales or if they met and married in America. He died in 1765. Five generations later, Seaborn J. Burlison was born in 1807 in Randolph, Georgia. He married Melinda Wilder, and in 1870 they were living in Camp Walton, Florida (1880 Geological Survey Map) about where the Brooks Bridge is at Ft. Walton Beach today.

One of their sons, Simeon Wilder Burlison (b. 9/15/1846 - d. 2/4/1907) was my grandfather. He enlisted in the Civil War when he was seventeen years old, in the Union Army, A Company, 1st Regiment of the Florida volunteer cavalry. His medical records show that he was 5'7" tall, with light complexion, blue eyes and fair hair. He enlisted at Fort Barrancas, Pensacola Florida, and became a corporal before mustering out in 1865. Because of military-related injuries, in later years he received a Civil War disability pension.

He married Rebecca Ann Bolton (b. 5/6/1847 - d. 9/7/1938) in Escambia County, Florida on December 27, 1867. He became a carpenter and a farmer, one of the first who grew rice in this area. Simeon and Rebecca lived at Blackwater (Milton, Florida) until 1887 when they moved to Mary Esther on Colar Bayou [see footnote.] That is where their youngest two children (Carl and Pearl) were born.

They had eleven children, with seven living to adulthood:

James Franklin (b. Okaloosa, 11/3/1868 - d. 3/31/1950), who married Irene Watson, and they had six sons and one daughter. Three of Simeon and Rebecca's sons, Simeon Jr. (b. 9/1/1870), Joseph H. (b. 10/7/1874), and William Dallas (b. 1876), all died in 1880 and were buried in Rocky Cemetery

Noah Edward Burlison (b. 3/18/1878) was captain and co-owner of the steamer Belle. On April 26, 1911 the Belle, heavily loaded with rosin and turpentine, sank. Edward drowned, along with his partner's wife and two young daughters. Edward was also buried at Rocky Cemetery.

Simeon and Rebecca's other children included eldest daughter was Rose Ella (b. 1/29/1880 - d. ?/20/1972). She married Daniel Simmons, a Congregational minister who later studied law and became a Duval County, Florida judge. A fifth son, Charles Ezra (b. 12/2/1883) married Minda Johnson. A second daughter, Alice Martha (b. 11/2/1884 or 1885) was buried at Rocky Cemetery. Mary Melinda "Linnie" (b. 6/15/1886 - d. May 1986), married George McLellan in 1907; he died in the influenza

epidemic of 1918. Both Charles and Linnie and their families lived in Pensacola Florida. A sixth son, Carl Eugene (b. 2/8/1889 - d. 1/23/1973), married Ida Destin. They lived in Jacksonville, Florida. The youngest child, my mother, Pearl Irene (b. 7/30/1890 - d. 8/15/1980), married my father, Garner Beauford Anchors.

The Steamer Belle Goes Down In Choctawhatchee River and Four Lives Are Lost

River Steamer Bound to Pensacola From Vernon with Naval Stores Sinks as a Result of Severe Gale and Four Members of Crew Drown.

While enroute to Pensacola yesterday afternoon the river steamer *Belle*, of Vernon, Fla., encountered several winds in the Choctawhatchee river, sank to the bottom and four lives were lost. The captain, engineer, and two children who were passengers on the steamer lost their lives, having gone to the bottom with the steamer.

The *Belle* was loaded with naval stores and it is suggested that the load was too heavy for safe navigation in the fifty-mile gale which raged in this section during Wednesday.

The dead: Ed Burlison, of Pensacola Captain, Charley Belle, of Vernon, engineer. Two children, names not learned. The cargo valued at five thousand dollars will probably prove a total loss.

The sad incident was reported on the arrival of the *Swan* from Boggy Bayou this afternoon at three o'clock. The *Swan* brought the body of the dead captain, who was a well known citizen of Pensacola.

The Pensacola Evening News, April 27, 1911

When Pearl was four years old, Simeon homesteaded on Rocky Bayou, building a two-story home with a wraparound porch and a store, selling necessities to his neighbors. It was on the point of Sarah Ann Bayou, which is today in Niceville, Florida. He also built small boats, oars, and small pieces of furniture for his family and neighbors and had an early fish camp where people from Alabama and Georgia came down with oxen teams to buy the fish, oysters and crabs that he and his sons caught. Rebecca had a garden and peach, plum and fig trees. She also knew which native herbs, berries, nuts, greens and roots were edible. She liked to fish in the bayou for trout, and she was an expert at cracking and hulling hickory nuts and making cookies from them. Rebecca's grandmother was a Creek Indian who had taught her about natural remedies. Rebecca was also a very spiritual person, reading her Bible and praying every day and teaching her children her religious beliefs.

Simeon and Rebecca's older children rowed a skiff up to the head of Rocky Bayou to attend school. Rebecca's brother, James Bolton, lived there at Bolton and was the first postmaster of that community. As teenagers, Pearl and Linnie would sail their daddy's sloop, a small sailboat, to their Uncle James's to get the mail. By the time Pearl started to school, Simeon and the other fathers had built a oneroom school across the street and up the hill from the current Niceville High School.

The Burlisons of Rocky Bayou

By LaRue Smith Heller

Our family is descended from Simeon and Rebecca (Bolton) Burlison who lived on the north shores of Rocky Bayou near Sara Ann Bayou from 1897 until their deaths.

Simeon and Rebecca had 11 Children, four of them passed away at an early age from what was called back then the fever, but is now known as influenza. They, along with other members of the family, are buried at Rocky Memorial Cemetery in Niceville. The surviving children were James F., Noah, Ella, Charles, Melinda (Linnie), Carl and Pearl.

James Franklin was our Grandfather. James Married Irene Watson on Christmas Day 1890. They had 7 children - 6 boys and 1 girl Irene Watson was born in Mary Esther and was the daughter of Wilson and Elizabeth Watson. Their children's names were Oscar, Edgar, Curtis, Roy, Wilder and Iris (skinny). The was Rubye and she was our mother.

James and Irene lived at the head of Rocky Bayou on land that James homesteaded in 1900. It was located along the northern shore of Rocky Bayou across from where Rocky Bayou Gannon State Park is now located. They paid a \$10.00 fee and approximately \$1.25 per acre for the land from the United States Forest Service. The land was to be occupied for 5 years and improvements made. They planted peas, corn, potatoes and watermelons for personal use. Some of the land had timber, which was leased for turpentine. There might have been hopes of planting more crops on the land but the soil wasn't the best for extensive farming. After he started a family, my Grandfather earned a living working on fishing boats traveling from Boggy to Pensacola.

In later years, James and Irene moved closer to Sara Ann Bayou and built a house to be near Simeon and Rebecca as they were getting older and needed help. James was no longer able to fish for long periods on the boats and he started a business near home. James (known as "Uncle Jim" to the people around Boggy) earned his living fishing, as did most of the people of the area. Most of the Burlisons have worked on the water in one way or another. Even though the Sons of James and Irene moved away from the area, they also turned to the water for a living. They worked on Tugs or other types of boats. Oscar, Edgar and Iris moved to Panama City Fla., Roy lived in Point Washington Fla., Wilder in Pensacola and Curtis in Houston, TX. Rubye never moved away from Niceville.

James caught fish and oysters out of Rocky and sold or traded them for other things the family needed. He had several small boats called "skiffs" that he used. One skiff had a large net on the back that he used to catch mullet and other fish. He would row out to look for fish and when he found them he would encircle them with his net, then pound on the boat to scare the fish into the net, and quickly pull in the net full of fish. It may sound like a simple thing to do but it was hard work. The fish that were not used to feed the family were sold. If a large catch was made they were salted to preserve them for later use and sometimes traded for goods. In the cooler weather James would catch oysters. He built a small building on Sara Ann Bayou that extended over the water in the back. The back of the building had a shutter that could be propped open and inside there was a counter and some stools. He called it his "oyster house" and he would open oysters for people and serve them on the half shell while everyone socialized. People came from Crestview, Dorcas, and even Alabama for Uncle Jim's oysters and conversation.



James and Irene Burlison

My Grandmother was the one who kept the family household running smoothly. While my Grandfather away on the boats she took care of things at home. She did a lot of sewing and quilting along with the other chores that were required for everyday life. She loved her flowers and had a green thumb and she was one of the best cooks in the world. As James and Irene got older our family moved in with them.

This home was located

at the end of 23rd and that is where my brothers and sisters and I grew up, lived in the same house with some minor improvement until the 1960s when it was destroyed by fire.

As the seven children got married and their families our numbers quickly increased. There was always company on weekends or holidays and I think it was for my Grandmother's cooking. She made everything taste so good that I don't remember ever not wanting to eat. I mostly enjoyed when the families all came to visit and cook fish and eat – well at least until I was old enough to wash dishes.

These two articles were extracted from *The Heritage of Okaloosa County, FL*, Volume 2, 2008, Okaloosa County Heritage Book Committee, Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc. The newspaper extract is from the excellent Niceville, FL, Online History Center, at <http://boggyflorida.com/Niceville/>

* "Colar" Bayou is probably the small bayou shown on current maps as Kohlar Bayou. It is located on the north side of the Santa Rosa Sound, almost due south of the main Hurlburt Field runway.

The Mooneys of Mooney Road

Euphrates Alfonso Mooney was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1860 and came with his parents to New York City when he was three. His father was an American physician, one of the founders of the Biltmore Hospital, and was a cousin of U.S. Grant; and his mother had been born in Germany.

At the age of six years, his father bound him out to the Steinway Piano Company, where he learned to recognize each piece of a piano and to be able to assemble a piano completely. He became a musician of some note, having studied abroad, as well as in the United States. While still a young man, Mr. Mooney married a young lady from Germany and they had several children.

The Steinway Piano Company needed wood such as mahogany, walnut, and ebony. Because of his knowledge of the wood used in pianos, he was sent on overseas missions to select it. While on one of these missions, he became shipwrecked and was incapacitated abroad until he was well enough to return and to find a ship bound for the United States. His wife had waited for him for more than two years; but after not hearing from him for such a long time, she presumed he had died and took the children and returned to Germany. He began the search for them as soon as he was physically and financially able to do so; however, by this time the trail was too cold for him to follow successfully. He was never able to contact them again, a situation that grieved him the remainder of his life.



Professor E.A. Mooney

Mr. Mooney, when he was a very young man, also traveled extensively for the Steinway Piano Company in the United States. On one of his travels, he had business for his company in Cuthbert, Georgia. While there, he met Joseph Newton Stanford. Mr. Stanford was impressed with him and invited him to visit in his home. It was there that he met and fell in love with Julia Daisy Stanford who was twenty years his junior. She was the

daughter of Joseph Newton Stanford and Catherine Tate Dunaway Stanford and was born June 22, 1881 in Cuthbert. She graduated from Andrew College in Cuthbert in 1897. They were married in 1901 and went to live in Montgomery, Alabama where he worked for the Jesse French Piano Company.

After about two years, his health began to fail, and his doctor advised him to take a long rest, and to even change the kind of work he was involved in. He answered an advertisement placed in the newspaper by a man who wanted a couple to look after his property and his mother. The place was located near Garniers Bayou near Camp

Walton, Florida. He and his wife took the job and liked the area so well that in 1904 he homesteaded a place on Garniers Bayou.

In 1906 they established the Garniers Post Office and mercantile business. Later he realized the need for better educational facilities for the community and built a school house.

Life was difficult for Julia Daisy when she arrived in Florida as a new bride. Things were quite different from the life that she had led while growing up in the little college town of Cuthbert, surrounded by her large family and many friends. However, she grew to love the simple and rugged life and also the people living in that area. She became an advisor and counselor for many.



Julia Daisy Stanford Mooney

Euphrates Alfonso Mooney died January 26, 1936

in Ft. Walton Beach. He is buried in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Crestview. After Mr. Mooney's death, Julia Mooney succeeded her husband as the postmaster and served for over 28 years as postmistress.

Mrs. Mooney served faithfully as the postmistress of Garniers for many years. She also worked to obtain good roads for the area and to work for the election of those who would work for the progress of the community. She died April 6, 1956 in Ft. Walton Beach and was buried beside her husband.

Garnier Post Office Museum

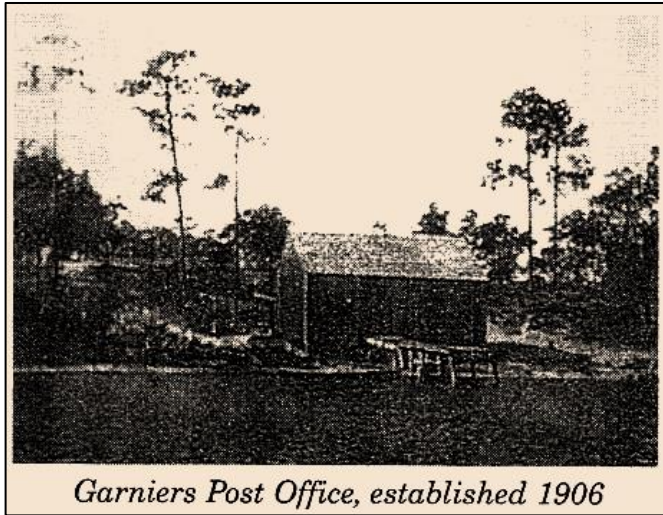
Euphrates A. Mooney was appointed postmaster of the original Garnier Post Office in 1906. It was located on the beach of Garnier's Bayou, in the corner of a mercantile store called "The E. A. Mooney and Company." The mail came by boat from Pensacola and overland six miles from Mary Esther. The mail boat then chugged on to Boggy Bayou staying overnight and returning to Pensacola the next day.

Mrs. Mooney gave the people their mail day or night, whenever they called for it. Some people travelled as far as 28 miles to get their mail.

When the mail began coming from Crestview in 1918, the older post office location was deserted and a new post office was built at the junction of Mooney and Garnier Post Roads.

Old timers say that the creation of rural routes finally killed the Garnier Post Office. When the mail was

delivered to homes by postal carriers, small rural post offices were no longer effective and soon were phased out.

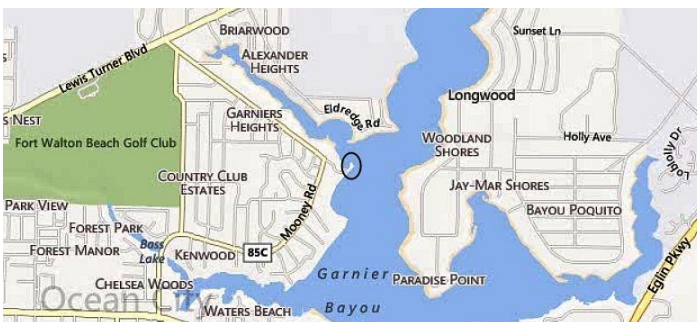


This post office was phased out before Mrs. Mooney's death in 1956. The Garnier Post Office building was moved behind the Camp Walton Schoolhouse Museum on First Street in 1986.

In January 2006 the Garnier Post Office Museum was moved to its current location and is now part of The City of Fort Walton Beach Heritage Park and Cultural Center.



Current Location

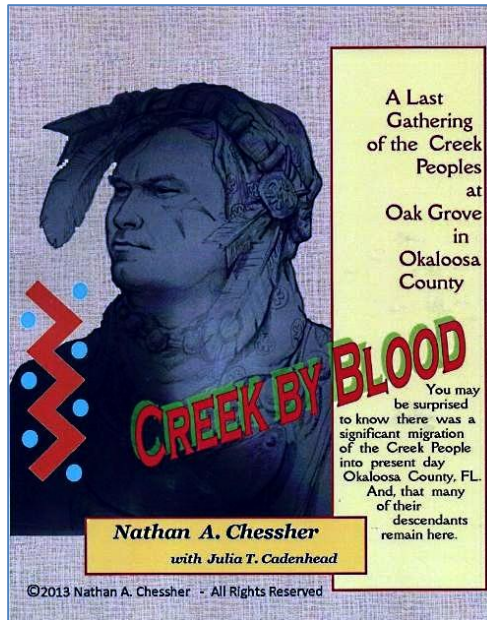


Map of Garnier Bayou Showing Mooney Road
The oval indicates the location of original Post Office

Extracted from articles in the Heritage of Okaloosa County, Florida, Vol. II, 2008, Okaloosa County Heritage Book Committee, written by Odessa Stanford Garrison and Judith Richbourg; and from the web site of the City of Fort Walton Beach Heritage Park and Cultural Center.

Creek by Blood

Long before the Spanish or French or British came to settle northwest Florida, the Alabamos, Cushettas, Euchees and Muskogees populated the area with paths and trade trails, village and tribal life. As time passed they were assimilated into and joined by other Native Americans moving



south and east to avoid persecution and Removal. They first traded in deer skins and later learned to raise and herd cattle to market with the Indian Traders—many of whom were, themselves, mixed or 'halfbloods'. During the Indian Removals of the 1830s and 40s they learned how to

blend in with the settler culture to protect themselves.

Nathan Chessher and Julia Cadenhead want Okaloosa County residents to know that Creek Indians' presence here preceded widely circulated dates. "We didn't just fall off the turnip truck," Chessher, author of the new book, "Creek by Blood," said. The Crestview resident, a descendant of the tribe, explores this area's rich Native American culture in the book's pages. "Nearly everybody in this part of the country has some Indian (heritage) within them," Chessher said. That, in part, is due to the tribe's longevity in this area.

Throughout his life, Chessher has studied the Creek Indians. Cadenhead, who called the publishing process a year-and-a-half "labor of love," convinced Chessher to write the book. "I figured I better get it down (on paper) or it's going to die with me," he said. Now that it's written, the pair hope Okaloosa residents will explore the book and learn more about local history. "I hope people will read it and feel encouraged about who they are and what may or may not have been in their past," Cadenhead said.

Copies are available from the Baker Block Museum.

Make check payable to Baker Block Museum (write book order on the 'for' line). Mail your check along with your name and post office address to Baker Block Museum, P. O. Box 186, Baker, FL. 32531. Cost per book is \$20.00; if ordering more than one book, add \$1.00 per book to offset postage. (Or come in and purchase it at the Baker Block Museum.)



Civil War Sesquicentennial

Selected Highlights of August 1863

<http://blueandgraytrail.com>

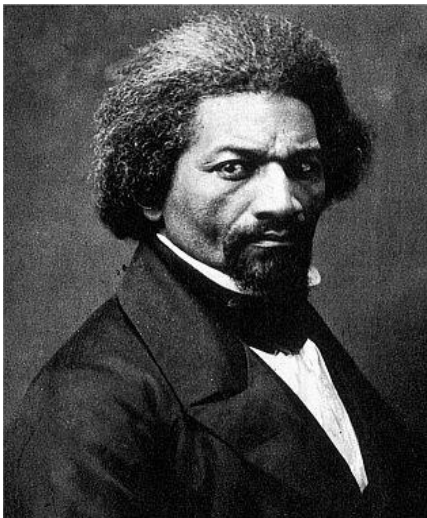
August 1 Federal forces begin a prolonged bombardment of entrenchments around Charleston Harbor

August 1 David Porter assumes command of federal Navy forces on the Mississippi River.

August 2 Following Lee's retreat from Gettysburg, the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac establish lines with Virginia's Rappahannock River between them.

August 5 In a letter to Nathaniel Banks, Abraham Lincoln states 'I am an anti-slavery man' and goes on to state he would never return a "negro" freed under the Emancipation Proclamation to slavery.

August 8 Robert E. Lee offers his resignation to Jefferson Davis. Davis refuses the offer.



August 10 President Lincoln meets with former slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Among the topics discussed are the treatment and pay of black soldiers in the U. S. Army

August 11 Confederate forces pound Federal entrenchments on Morris Island

August 12 Federal batteries on Morris Island open up a "ranging" barrage that will last four days

August 17 In an impressive display of firepower, Federal batteries begin heavy shelling of Confederate positions ringing Charleston Harbor including Fort Sumter. Using Parrott rifled cannon including the 200 pound Swamp Angel, the artillery is deadly accurate and easily breaches Sumter, but no assault is forthcoming. Although the initial attack is the heaviest, Federal assaults continue off and on until September, 1864.

August 18 The Great Sioux Uprising begins under Chief Little Crow in Minnesota.

August 18 General Thomas Ewing issues orders freeing slaves of Missourians actively involved with the Confederate Army.

August 19 300 men under the command of William Quantrill, popularly known as Quantrill's Raiders, leave Blackwater Creek, Missouri heading for Lawrence, Kansas

August 21 The Confederate Navy attempts to attack the USS New Ironsides with a torpedo from the four-man vessel the CSS David. The attack is ineffective

August 21 Quantrill's Raiders, now numbering more 400, attack Lawrence, Kansas, killing every male they could find who was old enough to carry a gun (a total of 183 men). One they missed was U. S. Senator James H. Lane, who hid in a cornfield in his nightshirt. Quantrill's men burned the town following the raid



August 25 In response to Quantrill's raid on Lawrence, Kansas, Brigadier General Thomas Ewing [US] orders civilians out of their homes in 3 Missouri counties (Jackson, Cass and Bates) and parts of a fourth (Vernon). Union soldiers burn the homes, barns and crops.

August 26 General John Floyd dies of natural causes in Abingdon, VA

August 27 Ford's Theater reopens as Ford's New Theater

August 29 The Army of the Cumberland begins the Chickamauga Campaign, heading east for passes in Lookout Mountain

Events, Groups, and Sites of GSOC Interest

West Florida Genealogical Society Saturday, August 3, 2013, 10:00 AM

West Florida Genealogy Library
5740 N. 9th Ave, Pensacola, FL.. 850-494-7373

Mr. Doug Bell will discuss "Will or No Will: Genealogy, Probate and Death Records". This program introduces probate records and various sources of death records, where to find them and how to use them to extend family lines. Mr. Bell has been a genealogist for over 30 years, specializing in Southern genealogy and land records.

Contact Cynthia Dean 850-432-7072
cgdean@bellsouth.net

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida August 5th – 9th, 9 am – 12 pm

History Rocks! Summer Camp

Ages 5-12 will learn the history of NW Florida through the eyes of a child. Monday – Little Indians; Tuesday – Youngster Pioneers; Wednesday - Growin' Up Fishin'; Thursday – Kids! Diggin' in the Dirt; Friday – Be A Curator. The cost is \$60 (\$50 for Museum Members.) Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call 850-678-2615

Destin History & Fishing Museum 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, FL

Tuesday – Saturday, 10am to 4pm
Adults: \$5; Seniors & Military: \$4; Students: \$3;
Kids 6 & under and Members: Free
850-837-6611

Bay County Genealogical Society September 21, 2013

Bay County Library, 898 West 11th St., Panama City, FL

Scottish Genealogy, Anne McLeod (Colonel, USAF Ret), the genealogist for her husband's Clan MacLeod, will present a program on Scottish Clans.

BCGS meetings are held the **third** Saturday of each month (except July & August) at 1:00 p.m.

The BCGS web site includes a merged countywide index to every interred person in all 38 Bay County cemeteries reported by 1995.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flbcgs/cemetery/index.html>

Bay County Genealogical Society October 19, 2013

The BCGS Annual Fall Seminar
Bay County Library, 898 West 11th St., Panama City, FL

Please pre-register due to limited seating. Prices include the seminar, lunch, drinks, and snacks. Cost: \$15 (BCGS Member), \$20 (non-member), \$30 (new members only, includes 2014 dues.)

Theme: 21st Century Genealogy Research Tools.

8:30 – 9:00 Registration & check in;

9:00-11:35 Morning Program;

11:35-12:20 BBQ Lunch;

12:20-3:30 Afternoon Program.

Topics:

The Family Jewels in Your Genes

The Top 10 Breakthrough Technologies

Timelines: How to Make Sense of all that Research
Using Library Online Resources & Interlibrary Loan

Contacts: Janice Cronan 850-647-3105

and Judy Bennett 850-215-1579

Please make checks payable and mail to:

BCGS, P.O. Box 662, Panama City, FL 32402-0662

West Florida Genealogical Society November 9, 2013

The WFGS Fall Seminar

Washington High School Auditorium,
6000 College Parkway, Pensacola, FL

Speaker: Megan Smolenyak - Popular genealogist, speaker and author of six books.
Google her name for lots of background.

Pre-Registration: WFGS Members: \$35.00; Non-Members: \$40.00; On site Registration (8-9 AM): \$40.00.
Continental Breakfast Included

8:00-8:50 Check In/Registration, Coffee, Donuts, etc.

8:50-9:00 Welcome and Introduction

9:00-11:30 Morning Program

11:30-12:45 Lunch (You're on your own)

12:45 4:00 Afternoon Program

Topics:

Right Annie, Wrong Annie

Trace Your Roots with DNA

Find That Obituary! Online Newspaper Research

Honoring Our Ancestors

Q&A Session, Book Signing

For more information, visit the WFGS web site:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flwfgs/>

Click on 2013 Calendar. Scroll down to Nov. 9 for speaker's topics, map & directions and registration form.

GSOC INFORMATION

Officers for 2013

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Meetings and Membership

Regular meetings of the GSOC are held at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso, FL, at 10 AM on the second Saturday of each month. There is no admission charge and all are welcome. The meetings are usually followed by an optional Dutch treat lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Annual membership dues are \$24 for an individual and \$35 for an individual and spouse at the same address. If you would like to become a member, want to renew your membership, or want to update your membership record, please go to the GSOC web site and get one of the appropriate forms.

The Newsletter

The GSOC Newsletter is published on or before the first Friday of each month. Suggestions for articles are welcome. The editor, Jim Young, can be contacted by phone at 850 862-8642 or by email at youngjmy@cox.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 2012 issue, Volume XXXIV, Issue 101, was published and distributed in November 2012.

The Web Site

The GSOC web site is hosted by Rootswest at:
<http://www.rootswest.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.



The symbol on the left is the QR code for the address of the GSOC web site. Scanning this symbol with properly equipped mobile devices will connect that device to the GSOC website.

Meeting Location



The arrow indicates the door to the room used for GSOC meetings at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida

GSOC Publications

Volume I (out of print), Cemeteries of Okaloosa County, Florida 24 cemeteries east of the Yellow River & north of the Shoal River and I-10	Out of print but available on CD, see below
Volume II (out of print), Cemeteries of Okaloosa County, Florida 26 cemeteries north and west of the Yellow River	Out of print but available on CD, see below
Volume III Cemeteries of Okaloosa County, Florida 11 cemeteries south of the Shoal River	\$5.00 plus \$3.00 postage
Funeral Records of Okaloosa County Records from McLaughlin Funeral Home, Crestview, FL, from 1927 - 1984. Over 11,000 entries. Includes the names of the deceased and, when given, the names of parents. Deceased are listed alphabetically, parents names are indexed.	\$5.00 plus \$3.00 postage
Santa Rosa County Marriages 1869-1906 Over 7,000 names with every-name index, 123 pages.	\$5.00 plus \$3.00 postage
Walton County Marriages (out of print), 1895-1915 Over 10,000 names with every-name index, 165 pages.	Out of print but available on CD, see below
The GSOC Publications Disk This compact disk (CD) contains <u>searchable</u> PDF files containing the books listed above: Cemeteries of Okaloosa County, Volumes I, II, and III; Funeral Records of Okaloosa County; Santa Rosa County Marriages 1869-1906; and Walton County Marriages 1885-1915	\$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage

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GSOC, P.O. Box 1175, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-1175
 and mark your envelope "Book Sales"



The August GSOC meeting will be on Saturday, August 10, at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, FL, at 10:00 A.M.

This will be a Show-and-Tell program by GSOC members.

"Whatever you know, whatever you learn – Pass it On!"

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