



# THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

## THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

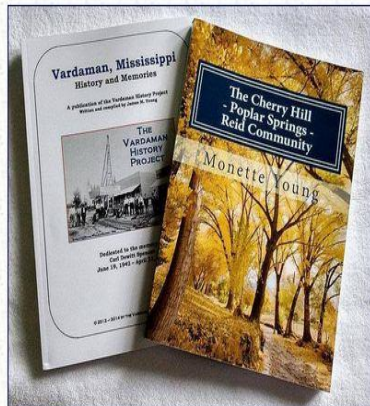
**AUGUST 19, 2019**

**August 24, 2019, 10:30 AM**

Fort Walton Beach Library  
185 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL.

### **WRITING AND PUBLISHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY**

Presented by Jim Young

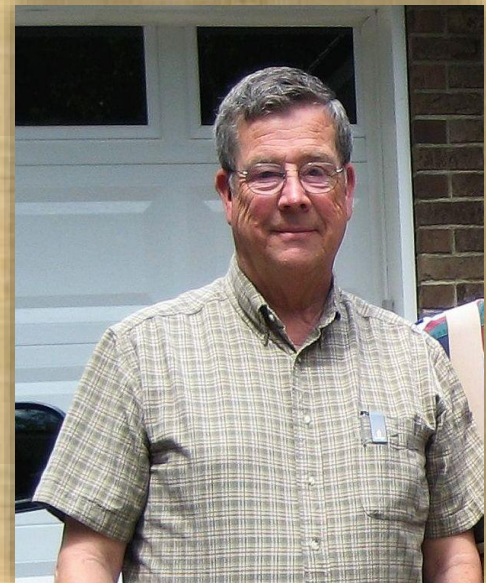


The July 2018 GSOC presentation by Susan Lewis, *Legacy Publishing*, gave us very useful information about how to get our memoirs and family histories published, and this inspired me to try it.

I had previously written/compiled two family and community history books which I had printed by local printer companies. All those copies had been sold or given away and I decided to follow the process outlined by Susan to get more printed. I was especially interested to find out that I could do this at no cost to me!

Come to our meeting on August 24th and hear about my experience with Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) and take a look at the two books I've published using KDP. You can do this, too!

Jim Young, the GSOC Webmaster



**Jim Young**

Born in Vardaman, a small town in rural Calhoun County in north central Mississippi. He is the descendant of people who had moved from the Carolinas through western Tennessee and north Alabama to north Mississippi in the early 1800s to settle what had once been Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian lands. He is a past president of the GSOC and currently serves as the GSOC webmaster. He's a

Director of the Murphree Genealogical Association and the MGA webmaster, the Chairman and webmaster of the Vardaman History Project, and is President of the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Conference Historical Society and the editor of their quarterly Journal, "The Circuit Writer".



## GSOC President's Corner August 2019

*If you have never been to a Genealogy Conference, or it has been several years I want to recommend IGHR! Kristina Clever, Bert Outlaw and I drove up to the beautiful UGA campus in Athens, Georgia for a week of genealogy by firehose! It was exhausting! Classes were from 8 AM to 5 PM each day, then we attended evening sessions until 8! Instructors moved from class to class, we had a field trip, and lots of in class discussion. It was an amazing experience! We are already planning next year!*

*Looking forward, fall is in the air (come on Fall!) and our schedules are turning back to learning! There is a lot happening - so make sure to check the newsletter and website for events.*

*If you have suggestions for a workshop or presentation topic, please let us know.*

From our President, **Cindy Barber** [Cindybarber2@gmail.com](mailto:Cindybarber2@gmail.com)

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **DNA Painter** with Cindy

**September 7th  
10-Noon**

**Seating is Limited  
Reservations Are Required**

DNA painter is a free website that lets users bring together their DNA matches from multiple testing companies and display them in a graphic format.

This workshop will introduce the site's features and tools for chromosome mapping and relationship prediction. You will learn how to paint your matches and tips for sorting them.

You **MUST** have DNA test results from Gedmatch, 23andMe, Family Tree DNA (ftDNA) or My Heritage.

Niceville Public Library  
206 Partin Drive N.  
Niceville, FL 32578  
(850)279-4863

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

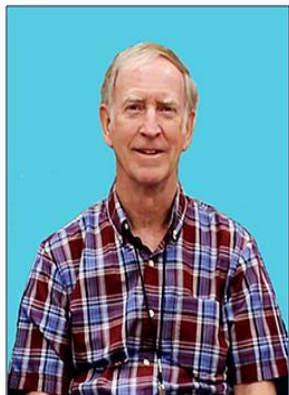
SEPT 28	CINDY BARBER	"INTRO TO DNA PAINTER"
OCT 26	DON ALLGOOD	"OKALOOSA COUNTY RECORDS"
NOV 23	GSOC MEMBERS	"SHOW & TELL" Individual members discuss their research and discoveries during the year
DEC 12	GSOC MEMBERS	GSOC CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TRADEWINDS

## SPECIAL EVENT

### **An Introduction to Genealogy**

**November 16, 2019 10:30 AM**

**Robert L. F. Sikes Public Library  
1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview, Florida**



The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC) will be holding their fall program in Crestview on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Jon Sheperd will be presenting An Introduction to Genealogy.

Jon has been doing genealogy research for many years. He teaches at the Center for Lifelong Learning, and is a past president of the GSOC.

After the presentation, Jon and other members of the Society will be available to answer questions.

The GSOC meets on the fourth Saturday of each month (except December) at 10:30 in the Fort Walton Beach Library. The Society also holds periodic presentations and workshops at other locations in Okaloosa County.

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### **Newspaper Research at the Susan Meyers Learning Resources Center at Northwest Florida State College**

The Northwest Florida Daily News dates from Feb. 7, 1946. If you are searching for an earlier item, please try the Okaloosa News Journal or the Pensacola News Journal. The Fort Walton Beach Public Library has the Okaloosa News Journal newspapers on microfilm. The John C. Pace Library at the University of West Florida has both the Okaloosa News Journal and the Pensacola News Journal on microfilm.

Northwest Florida State College Susan Meyers Learning Resource Center has morgue books and microfilm for the Northwest Florida Daily News. The newspaper refers callers to the Meyers LRC.

The morgue books, actual paper copies of the newspaper by month, housed at the Meyers LRC date from July 1, 1980, to Jan. 1, 2011. Microfilm dates from Feb. 7, 1946, to Aug. 31, 2018. Individual newspapers from Sep. 1, 2018, to current are available.

There is no public index for the entire Daily News and a day-by-day search is required to find items if the date is not known. If you have a name and a date for an obituary or the title of an article, you may call the Meyers LRC at 850-729-5318 and a librarian will help you. There are two aggregated data bases accessible in the Myers LRC which cover 1988-2016, U.S. Southeast NewsStream, Jan 1988-Nov 2016 and Florida Newspapers (Newsbank) 2006-2016.



However, there is an index that dates from approximately early 1989 until August 4, 2017. There are some high-profile events that have been archived to the index as well. Linda Murchison is available Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon to help you. Email her at [murchisl@nwfsc.edu](mailto:murchisl@nwfsc.edu) or call 850-729-5318 x6738 and leave a message.

The Meyers LRC also has morgue books of the Bay Beacon that date from Jan. 1, 1999, to Dec. 31, 2017. Individual newspapers are available from Jan 1, 2018, to current.

## GSOC MEMBERS HELP FWB LIBRARY WITH GENEALOGY SECTION



The library purchased 30 new magazine boxes to replace some of the old boxes that hold our Journal collection. Val Moreland and Cindy Barber spent Saturday morning putting the new boxes on the shelves. The Library will be printing new labels for the boxes.

The Journals have all been sorted thanks to ALL the members who have worked on this project on Wednesdays!

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### Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County Minutes of the July 27, 2019 Meeting

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<b>GSOC Meeting:</b>	2019_07_27
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<b>Call to Order:</b>	10:34 am
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<b>Approval of June's Minutes:</b>	Val Moreland moved the minutes be approved as presented and Phil Hoge seconded it – Minutes were approved.
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<b>Finance Report:</b>	Bank Balance: \$2,123,29 - Blue Box Balance: \$702.33
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<b>Membership Report:</b>	Jerry - 20 members and 5 visitors attended (includes presenter)
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<b>Correspondence:</b>	Val
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<b>Website:</b>	Jim - Absent
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Ed
<b>Genealogy Report:</b>	Margaret - Absent
<b>Project Lead:</b>	Donna Elliot - Draft of Quick Sheet was passed around. Will post on website for member's review.
<b>Jon:</b>	Lunch after meeting will be at Mary's Kitchen.
<b>Cindy: (Absent-attending IGHR)</b>	Library Status - New Journal boxes are on order. <b>We definitely need volunteers for library for help with genealogy and any DNA questions.</b>
<b>Volunteers for Library:</b>	1-4 on Wednesdays - Passed sign-up sheet around. We need volunteers for the library to answer genealogy and DNA questions. (During that time the volunteers may work on the books, or do their own research.)
<b>Crestview</b>	Fall Beginning Genealogy Presentation on Basic Genealogy will be held in Crestview on November 16th. (Thanks to Jon for doing this.) <b>WE NEED 2 OR 3 MEMBERS TO ASSIST!</b> Crestview will handle the advertisement.
<b>Destin</b>	Fall presentation in October/November. DNA Workshop in January.
<b>Niceville</b>	Intermediate DNA topics in Niceville on Tuesday evenings. Date and schedule to be determined.
<b>Fort Walton Beach</b>	Who is interested in having a Saturday Intermediate DNA Workshop in FWB?
<b>Christmas</b>	The luncheon will be on Thursday, 12 December at Tradewinds in Niceville. We have a reservation for 11:30 am. More information will be released next month but put it on your calendar now.
<b>Presenter</b>	Welcomed Donna Ortman - Lineage Societies . She presented a very informative presentation with handouts on the many lineage societies that we can apply for and join and answered many questions from the members and visitors.
<b>Door Prize Winners</b>	Val Moreland and Bob Loomis
<b>Ancestor Story</b>	Jodie Biles (member) presented an interesting story regarding her ancestor that she located in a newspaper that she found on-line.
<b>Questions Asked</b>	Would like instructions on how to transfer DNA info into Gedmatch.com. Also, would like to have a class on DNA Painter. So, a possible 2 session class will possibly be worked up for them around September. Information on these subjects will be posted.





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*“Whatever you know, whatever you learn – Pass it On!”*



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