

THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF OKALOOSA COUNTY,
FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 1, 2013

Next GSOC Meeting

February 9, 2013



Happy Birthday to Us! This month marks our 37th birthday and we will be celebrating with birthday cake and coffee at our February meeting at 10:00 am at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida. An article from the February 29, 1976 issue of the Playground Daily News

which announces the formation of the GSOC and the first slate of officers is included on page 2.

In addition, Ken Elliott, our Vice President for Programs, will discuss and demonstrate the Flip-Pal which is a mobile scanner that is very useful for genealogical research. The technical specifications and more information about the Flip-Pal is included in this newsletter on page 3.



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We Celebrate February as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

GSOC Meeting Minutes January 12, 2013

Pat Pruett, Recording Secretary

The GSOC monthly meeting was held on Saturday, 12 January 2013, at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, FL.

President Donna Elliott called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and welcomed fifteen members and six guests. All officers were present with the exception of 1st Vice President (Programs). Ken Elliott.

Donna acknowledged Mary and Phil Trau for their outstanding Christmas Program again this past December. She thanked all those who attended for the food contributions to Sharing and Caring, which amounted to \$135.00.

Donna introduced Pat Pruett as the newly installed Recording Secretary and then requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Motion was made by Bob Basch and seconded by Malcolm Flanagan. Motion passed.

Officers reports:

Program: Donna said that Ken will present the February program which will be a demonstration of the Flip-Pal scanner.

Membership: Sue Basch reminded all that it is time to renew membership –Individual membership is \$24.00 and family dues are \$35.00. We presently have 63 members.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Basch stated that we have \$1850.00 on hand. He will have the 2013 Budget ready to present at the February meeting. Bob passed the Library Book donation box.

Corresponding Secretary: Jim Young welcomed returning members and guests.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter & Website: Jim Young reported everything is going well. Members of the audience complimented him on the quality of his Newsletter and his Website maintenance.

Publicity: Pat Pruett will continue to provide publicity until a new chairman is appointed.

Genealogist: Margaret Harris was absent. Donna said Margaret is available to lend help to anyone who requests it.

Library: Hilma Jenus was absent. Donna mentioned that there are journals and other literature on the tables to peruse and these will be delivered to the FWB Library by Hilma. Martha Trau agreed to be the representative for the Crestview Library and Beverly Gross represents the Valparaiso Library. Beverly reported that the Valparaiso Library has no needs at this time.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Malcolm has volunteered to Chair the Journal for 2013 as well as Book Sales. Donna announced the need for a new committee, Hospitality and Welcoming. Phil Trau volunteered.

Donna said she would like input from everyone as to goals and activities for this year. Bev Gross suggested we all bring any published genealogy that we may own to the meetings so that others may peruse them.

At the February meeting, we will celebrate the 37th anniversary of GSOC. Need volunteers to help with the party. Sue Basch passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Announcements:

Monroe County, Alabama, Heritage Museum will host its 12th annual Genealogy Workshop at the Old Courthouse Museum on Sat., Feb. 3rd, 8:30AM – 3:00 PM.

Genealogy Classes will be offered at Prime Time at NWFSC Niceville Campus by Bev Gross and at the Center for Lifelong Learning, UWF Campus by Hilma Jenus, as well as one by Margaret Harris. Contact these ladies for more info.

Eight members to meet for lunch at the Boathouse after this meeting.

Program:

Donna introduced Hank Klein who spoke on the *Civil War Captivity of Leonard Destin – A Yankee*.

His talk was very interesting and encouraged many in the audience to participate in asking questions and to relate their own local historical connections.

37 Years Ago ...

Name and Officers Chosen By Genealogical Society

Playground Daily News,
Sunday Morning, February 29, 1976

Mrs. H.W. **McCall** was unanimously elected president to head an initial slate of officers and members to fill executive positions in the newly formed Genealogical Society, Tuesday.

The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County, Florida, the name by which the group shall be known, was adopted by society members.

Other officers are: vice- president, Charles R. **Million**, Ocean City; recording secretary, Mrs. Floyd **Bryant**, Niceville; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Brenda J. **Lewis**, Niceville; treasurer &, membership chairwoman, Mrs. Max O. **Usrey**, Cinco Bayou; librarian, Mrs. Grant L. **Adams**, Wright; assistant librarian, Mrs. Martha G. **Michel**, Fort Walton Beach; society genealogist, Mrs. Elsie. M. **Dawson**, Fort Walton Beach; editor, Mrs. Sharon **Jasper**, Eglin AFB; assistant editor, Mrs. Charles **Healy**, Eglin AFB; publicity & historian, Wiley Benjamin **Hill**, Jr., Wright.

Other charter members of the society are Mrs. Paul W. **Brock**, Fort Walton Beach; Richard G. **Schillinger**, Valparaiso; MSgt. John **DeBlois**, Valparaiso; Mrs. Henry D. **Fisher**, Wright; Mr. Floyd **Bryant**, Jr., Niceville; Arthur C. **Wagner**, Niceville; Mrs. Sandra **Gilliland**, Shalimar; William S. **Borders**, Fort Walton Beach; and Mrs. Anne **Bettis**, Fort Walton Beach.

In other business, yearly dues for both individuals and full family membership were set at \$6, prorated from the time of joining the society.

Selection of a permanent meeting place and library location is still under consideration.

Bishop Paul W. **Brock**, of the Fort Walton Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints briefly spoke to the society and offered use of the church facility.

Bishop **Brock** brought to the Society's attention that any member of the Society or other individual will be welcome to utilize the church stake center branch library on north 9th Avenue just across from the Pensacola Junior College.

The library in the stake center in Pensacola has access to thousands of microfilmed records from the Genealogical Society, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150, which is a virtual treasure trove for genealogists.

A special meeting of the society was called for March 9 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, on Lake Drive, in Fort Walton Beach. Later, monthly meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner



For those who want to conveniently and reliably scan photos, images in books and magazines, and works of art so that they can be stored digitally, then shared with family and friends for under \$160. The flip-and-scan technology allows you to scan photos while still in the album or frame. Unlike alternative solutions that don't have the combination of mobility, accuracy, versatility, and keeping the original safe, the Flip-Pal mobile scanner is compact, simple to operate, has high resolution, quick scan time, battery power, cordless - no computer required, and has onboard memory.

Availability: Amazon.com, the Flip-Pal web site, and other stores. **You can also obtain a Flip-Pal through the Florida State Genealogical Society web site at <http://flsgs.org/>.** This will not only give you the Flip-Pal web site price, but it will also benefit the FLSGS.

For the Amazon.com listing (which includes reviews of the scanner), go to <http://www.amazon.com/Couragent-Inc-Flip-Pal-100C-scanner/dp/B003VPPA56>

(The Amazon.com price is \$149.99 + \$9.95 shipping)

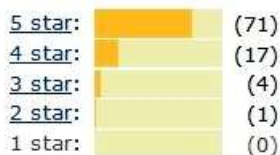
It is also available through the Flip-Pal web site at <http://flip-pal.com/winter-wonderland-sale/>

(The sale price of \$169.98 through this web site is valid until 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, and free shipping is available through the same time limit)

Amazon.com Reviews

Flip-Pal mobile scanner

93 Reviews



Technical Specifications

Scanner type	Flatbed color CIS scanner
Maximum scan area	4 x 6 inch single scan. Larger originals are accommodated by stitching individual scans.
Scan Resolutions	300 x 300 dpi, 600 x 600 dpi
Dimensions	10.25 x 6.5 x 1.25 in.
Weight	1 lb. 4.5 oz. without batteries
Scan speed	300 dpi: 6 sec., 600 dpi: 11 sec.
LCD	1.7 in. color LCD. Displays a thumbnail of the scan in progress, and thumbnails of scanned images stored on the SD card.
Number of scans	Typically 150 scans from one set of high quality alkaline batteries, 450 scans from photo lithium batteries, or 500 scans from high quality NiMH rechargeable batteries.
Supported SD cards	Standard SD and SDHC cards (tested up to 32 GB) are supported.
File size	The typical file size for a 300 dpi scan is 1.2 MB, and size for a 600 dpi scan is 1.6 MB. The included SD card will store about 1,200 scans at 300 dpi or 900 scans at 600 dpi.
Included software (loaded on SD card)	Windows: Toolbox, EasyStitch, Color Restoration, Facebook upload. Mac: EasyStitch, Facebook upload.
Added features	Removable lid Transparent window on bottom Stitching overlap guide marks Business card pocket Non-slip rubber feet
Accessories	The Flip-Pal mobile scanner comes with one 2 GB SD card (software pre-installed, no CD required), four AA alkaline batteries and one SD to USB card adapter. Additional SD cards and adapters can be purchased locally.
Power	4 AA alkaline batteries (included). Compatible with: photo lithium and NiMH rechargeable.
Maximum color depth	30-bit (3 color channels)
Interface connection	An SD to USB adapter is provided for devices without an SD card slot.

Revisit A More Gentle and Less Hurried Time



Before television existed or became widespread in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, children and families gathered around their radio for favorite weekly programs. These were the vintage shows our parents and grandparents loved, from popular comedies like Amos & Andy to westerns such as Gunsmoke.

Now you can hear these shows for free online. Click on the entries below to see a list of the available programs in that series that you can hear, or go to www.Dumb.com for a more complete listing.



Comedy

[Aldrich Family](#)
[Amos & Andy](#)
[Baby Snooks](#)
[Bergen & McCarthy](#)
[Bickersons, The](#)
[Bing Crosby](#)
[Bob & Ray](#)
[Burns & Allen](#)
[Danny Kaye Show](#)
[Duffy's Tavern](#)
[Father Knows Best](#)
[Fibber McGee & Molly](#)
[Gasoline Alley](#)
[Goldbergs](#)
[Great Gildersleeve](#)
[Halls Of Ivy](#)
[Jack Benny](#)
[Life Of Riley](#)
[Lum And Abner](#)
[Milton Berle](#)
[My Favorite Husband](#)
[My Friend Irma](#)
[Our Miss Brooks](#)
[Phil Harris & Alice Faye](#)
[Red Skelton](#)

Westerns

[Cisco Kid, The](#)
[Gene Autry](#)
[Gunsmoke](#)
[Have Gun Will Travel](#)
[Hopalong Cassidy](#)
[Horizons West](#)
[Lone Ranger A](#)
[Lone Ranger B](#)
[Roy Rogers Show, The](#)
[Tales Of The Texas Rangers](#)

Detective

[Boston Blackie](#)
[Dick Tracy](#)
[Dragnet](#)
[FBI In War And Peace, The](#)
[Gangbusters](#)
[Mr. District Attorney](#)
[Nero Wolfe](#)
[Night Beat](#)
[Philip Marlowe](#)
[Saint, The](#)
[Secrets Of Scotland Yard](#)
[Sherlock Holmes](#)
[This Is Your F.B.I.](#)

Mystery

[Black Museum](#)
[Darkness](#)
[Escape](#)
[Five Minute Mysteries](#)
[Frankenstein](#)
[Green Valley Line](#)
[Hall Of Fantasy](#)
[Haunting Hour, The](#)
[Hermits Cave](#)
[I Love A Mystery](#)
[Incredible, But True](#)
[Inner Sanctum, The](#)
[Lights Out](#)
[Macabre](#)
[Mystery In The Air](#)
[Quiet Please](#)
[Shadow, The](#)
[Suspense](#)
[Weird Circle](#)
[Whistler, The](#)
[Witch's Tale](#)
[X Minus One](#)

Drama

[Adventure Theater](#)
[Air Adventures Of Jimmy Allen](#)
[Archie Andrews](#)
[Audio History](#)
[Avengers](#)
[Bill Sterns Sports Reel](#)
[Birdseye Open House](#)
[Blue Beetle](#)
[Box 13](#)
[British Shows 1](#)
[British Shows 2](#)
[Campbell Playhouse](#)
[Captain Midnight](#)
[Commercials](#)
[Damon Runyon Theater](#)
[Family Theater](#)
[Fighting AAF](#)
[Fire Fighters](#)
[Flash Gordon](#)
[Goon Show, The](#)
[Hallmark Playhouse](#)
[Hollywood Star Playhouse](#)
[I Love Adventure](#)
[Information Please](#)
[Jungle Jim](#)
[Little Orphan Annie](#)
[Lux Radio Theater 465](#)
[Matinee Theater](#)
[Mercury Theater](#)
[Railroad Hour](#)
[Sears Radio Theater](#)
[Soap Operas](#)
[Superman](#)
[Tarzan](#)
[World War II Shows](#)
[Your Army Air Force](#)

What Makes a Good Genealogical Study?

In the view of many genealogists, a complete genealogical study should consist of more than just a well-documented listing of names, dates, and locations. Some refer to those listings as statistical genealogy and they are obviously an essential part of every family genealogy record. However, although it provides the required information for tracing family lineage and is necessary for membership in many heritage organizations, it is, at best, a dry set of facts. Another part of our genealogical research should be the preservation of stories that are handed down in our families. There is often little or no documentation for these, and some may have been embellished in the telling and retelling over the decades, but they provide the flesh on the bones of statistical genealogy. In fact, the Bay County Genealogical Society monthly meeting program on Saturday, February 16, 2013, in Panama City (see page 8) is on this very subject and is titled "If it's wrong--prove it's wrong!" A combination of the two approaches makes a valuable family record and family genealogists should be encouraged to collect this information by means of interviews, where possible, and use of family letters and other written records.

The following stories of two early settlers of Okaloosa County illustrate this combination very well. They are extracted from *The Heritage of Okaloosa County, Florida, Volume I*, published by the Okaloosa County Heritage Book Committee and the Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc. in 2004. The Okaloosa *Heritage* books contain a wealth of genealogical material, much of it with a combination of these elements.

- Editor

The Obadiah Edge and James McDaniel "Mack" Edge Families in Northwest Florida

Extracted from *The Heritage of Okaloosa County, Florida, Volume I*

Obadiah Edge

Obadiah Edge born April 12, 1831 in Pike County AL. was the third son of **Jesse L.** (abt, 1807-1887) and **Eliza Edge** (abt, 1812-1880) of Georgia. He followed his Uncle **John W.** and Aunt **Mary Edge** to Walton County Florida prior to the 1860 Census. His father and several siblings soon followed him. You will find most of the early family members buried in the Old Bethel Cemetery in Okaloosa County. It was part of Walton County, Florida when founded.

Obadiah was a successful farmer and waggoner according to family stories. He joined H Company 6th Florida Infantry, CSA in 1862 with his cousin **Jesse Edge** of Eucheeanna. His enlistment record lists him as six feet four inches tall with brown hair and blue eyes, occupation farmer. Three of his brothers, **George Washington** (1839-1925), **John Wesley** (1841-1912) and **William** (1844-1909) all joined the 29th Alabama Infantry in Covington County.

He was one of the founding members of the Masonic Lodge in Florala, Alabama. His home was about 20 miles from Florala in Walton County, Florida. This would have been an all day trip on horseback. Before moving to Florida, Obadiah owned land in Covington County, Alabama.

Family history has it that he built a 2-story home on the north side of the Shoal River in present day Okaloosa County. He furnished it with furniture built from oak trees on the property. He had a chandelier brought in from New Orleans. There were portraits of the family lining the stairs to the second floor. His youngest son **Stephen "Steve" Edge** (b. 1856) inherited this house. Steve never married

though it is said that he fathered a son out of wedlock. The home was burnt to the ground about 1926-27 along with several other homes in the area. It is believed they were burnt to cover up the burglary and theft of furnishings and other valuables.

Obadiah's oldest sons **James McDaniel (Mack) Edge** and **William G.W. Edge** were twins born July 24, 1853, they married the **Mason** sisters **Abigail** (b. September 1863 in AL, m. 1880) and **Elizabeth** (b. 1872 in AL, m. January, 28, 1899 in Walton Co., FL). The boys' mother was **Mary** b. NC, m. about 1853 in AL or FL, d. after 1885. **William** died January, 1910.

Obadiah's sons and grandsons were among some of the best woodsmen in north Florida, they cut trees for cross ties for the railroads and hand hew timbers to build fishing boats for the Niceville fishing fleet. They could hew out a forty-foot keel for a fishing boat by hand and not be off center by one inch from one end to the other. They were well as versed in the art of mullet fishing in the bay as running a trout line on the Shoal or Yellow River.

Obadiah was the postmaster at Wardville, Florida, from 29 Aug 1860 to 29 Mar 1867. The 1860 Walton County Census shows Obadiah having two domestic servants working in his household. The 1867 Walton County, Precinct 8, voters roll lists him as having been a resident for ten years.

Obadiah was a State Representative to the 1885 Florida constitutional Convention; this is the Convention, which forged the state government structure that the citizens of Florida lived by until the State Constitutional Convention

of 1968. The representatives were paid \$6.00 a day and ten cents a mile for travel.

Abbie Edge (Obadiah's daughter-in-law, wife of **James McDaniel Edge**) told her granddaughter **Eva** the story of how Obadiah died. She said that Obadiah had ordered himself a Mail Order Bride and the day he was to pick her up he stopped by his son Mack's place to let Abbie know he would be gone for a couple of days to Milton and that he would be married when he came home. He was driving a buggy with matched horses and carrying the wedding rings and a large amount of money with him. He also had a large gold railroad watch, which he had hid in his boot at Abbie's request. The family was informed a couple of days later that he had been found dead behind a livery Stable in Milton on 27 May 1905. His wife to be, the rings, buggy, horses and money were never seen or heard of again. The watch was still in his boot and was given to his great-grandson **Joe Edge** (son of **Florence Edge**).



Along with the Masonic Emblem the following Epithet is on his tombstone at Old Bethel Cemetery.

**In Memory Of
Obediah Edge**

**Born April 12 1831
Died May 27 1905
AGE 74 YR 1 M 12 DAYS**

**A Light From Our
Household Is Gone
A Voice We Love Is Stilled
A Place Is Vacant
In Our Hearts
That Never Can Be Filled**

Submitted by: Terry Edge (great grandson), Decatur, AL

James McDaniel "Mack" Edge

Grandson of **Jesse L. Edge**, son of **Obadiah Edge**, twin brother to **W.G.W. Edge**. Born July 24, 1853 in Alabama and died about 1925, in Florida. He is buried in Old Bethel Cemetery, Crestview, Okaloosa Co., FL.

This is the 1860 census, which gives us the earliest mention of **James McDaniel** living with his father. Walton County, Florida; East River District Enumerated by: **D.K McDonald** on 27 June 1860

322/322 **Edge, Obadiah**, 32, M, Teamster, AL; **Mary**, 34, F, Domestic, NC; **William**, 6, M, AL; **James M**, 6, M, AL; **Stephen**, 4, M, AL; **Steel, Beattus**, 15, F, Domestic, AL; **Mattox, Sarah**, 26, F, Domestic, GA; **Smith, Moses**, 20, M, Laborer, AL.

It is said that his mother died in an accident when the horses pulling the wagon she was riding in spooked and ran away causing the wagon to overturn.

Mack Edge met his future wife **Abigaile Mason** when she was working as a domestic for his father Obadiah. His brother married her sister **Elizabeth "Dutch" Mason**. Mack and Abbie had four children, **William James** in 1879, **Florence** in 1884, **James McDaniel Jr.** in 1888, and **Oscar** in 1894. Mack and Abbie lived in a home next to his fathers place. Both homes were burnt down in the 1920s while the family was working at a logging camp near Defuniak Springs, Florida.

He kept a gray squirrel as a pet, which he named Walter. One day Walter was turned loose by one of the grandchildren and ran away. Mack looked everywhere for Walter and left his cage open so if he returned he would be able to get in. After a couple of days, Walter did return. Mack was overjoyed that his pet was home. He went to the cage to feed him and was bitten on his finger. He never gave it a thought until the bite refused to heal and became infected. He rode his horse to see a doctor in Milton, Florida. When he returned he had the finger in a bottle and bad news for his family. He had rabies and it was too far along to be treated. He had his wife lock him in a room when he got to the point of losing control. He died soon after. His Granddaughter **Eva** was a young girl when this happened but her Grandmother **Abbie** told her the story many times, as she was growing up.

The 1920 Census for Okaloosa County Florida lists **James McDaniel** as 70 years old and Abbie as 60 years old. Their son **James McDaniel Jr.** and his wife were living in the same home. This is the last census that includes **James McDaniel Edge**.

The children of Mack and Abbie were:

William James 1879-1950 marr. **Milly C. Colson**, **Florence** 1884- 1958 marr. **JA Aplin**, **James McDaniel** 1888-19655 marr. **Emma Jane Cadenhead**, **Stephen** 1892, **Oscar** 1894-1959.



Sources: Family stories, census records, tombstone, other public records.

Submitted by Brandon Edge, great grandson of Mack

**Mack Edge tombstone in
the Old Bethel Cemetery.**

**"Asleep in Jesus
Blessed Thought"**

**(No dates or other
information)**



Civil War Sesquicentennial

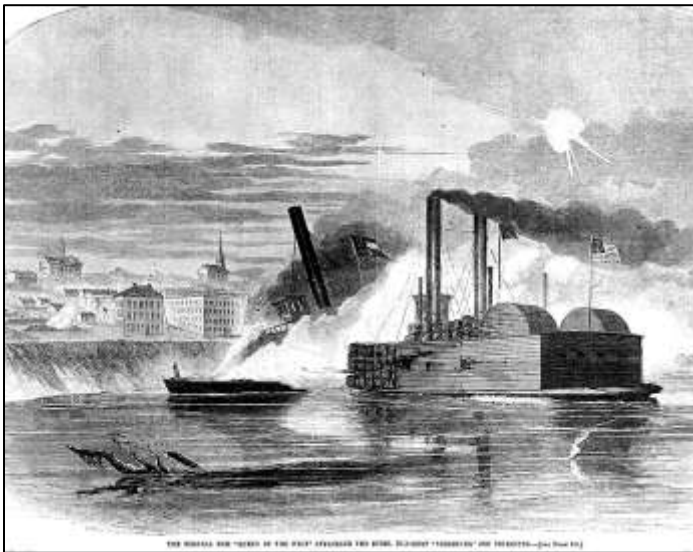
Selected Highlights of February 1863

<http://blueandgraytrail.com>

February 1 Naval assault on Ft. McAllister

February 3 The French offer to mediate the Civil War

February 3 Union ram *Queen of the West* sails past Vicksburg to disrupt Confederate shipping. After being hit 12 times by artillery, she rams the Confederate ship *City of Vicksburg*.



The Federal Ram "Queen of the West"
attacking the Rebel Gunboat "Vicksburg"

February 5 General Joseph Hooker reorganizes the Army of the Potomac appointing J. F. Reynolds, Darius Couch, Dan Sickles, George Meade, John Sedgwick, W. F. Smith, Franz Sigel and Henry Slocum in command of individual corps. George Stoneman is named his cavalry chief. Smith's Ninth Corps is assigned to Newport News to increase pressure on Richmond

February 6 William Seward informs Minister Mecier that the French offer to mediate the Civil War had been rejected by the United States

February 12 West Virginia's constitutional convention reconvenes following Congress's request that certain wording (about slaves) be modified.

February 12 Federal ships including the *Queen of the West* take more than \$2 million in cargo in a single day on the Mississippi, Red, and White Rivers and the clipper ship *Jacob Bell* in the Caribbean

February 13 President Lincoln is visited by diminutive circus act General Tom Thumb and his wife.



General Tom Thumb and Wife in 1863

February 14 *Queen of the West* runs aground on the Red River. It is abandoned.

February 17 West Virginia approves a revised state constitution

February 17 General Grant rescinds the order halting publication of the Chicago Times as a "copperhead" paper

February 18 A Democrat Convention in Richmond, Kentucky, is broken up by federal authorities because some members were pro-Confederate

February 24 Territory of Arizona is organized from the Territory of New Mexico

February 25 Major General Daniel Harvey Hill [CS] assumes command of all North Carolina forces

February 26 The National Currency Act was signed into law by President Lincoln, creating a national banking system, a Currency Bureau and the office of Comptroller of the Currency. The act's goal was to establish a single currency.

February 26 The Cherokee Nation rescinds its declaration of secession and abolished slavery, reversing its earlier course

February 28 At Ft. McAllister, federal gunships including the ironclad *U. S. S. Montauk* moved up the Ogeechee River to destroy the *Rattlesnake*, a Confederate privateer

February 28 Work begins on rebuilding Ford's Theater after a fire

Events, Groups, and Sites of GSOC Interest

Saturday, February 2, 2013, 10:00 AM

West Florida Genealogical Society, Pensacola FL
5740 N. 9th Ave., Pensacola, FL

African American Genealogy

Jerry Merritt and John Veasley will host a program of family research in observance of Black History Month. Members and guests can browse a display before the meeting starts. Introductory remarks and a PowerPoint presentation will be done after the meeting, with research following at the West Florida Genealogy Library (WFGL). This presentation will also provide techniques that everyone will find helpful in doing pre-1850 European research. If you are a volunteer at the WFGL or plan to help a friend with African American research, this program is a "must see."

Contact: (850) 494-7373

Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 10:30 AM

Crestview Public Library
1445 Commerce Drive
Crestview, FL

The History of Carver-Hill School and Museum

Celebrate Black History Month at the Crestview Public Library on Tuesday, February 5th when George Stakley will discuss the history of the Carver-Hill School and Museum. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and cookies served starting at 10 a.m. The library is located at 1445 Commerce Drive behind the Post Office in north Crestview. Call 682-4432.

Friday, February 8, 2013, 12:00 PM

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida
115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso

Hinterland of an Empire:

A Remote West Florida British Colonial Site
Free lunchtime lecture at the *Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida*

Catherine Nolan, from the Cultural Resource Management on Eglin Air Force Base will present, "Hinterland of an Empire: A Remote West Florida British Colonial Site". This British Colonial Period (1763-1781) site and updated exhibition of Colonial period artifacts will be discussed. Bring a sandwich and take your lunch break at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida for *History Sandwiched-In*, an informal lunchtime education program. This lecture is free and open to the public. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please call to reserve a seat. (850) 678-2615

Saturday, February 9, 2013, 10 AM - 12 PM

February GSOC meeting at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida

Celebrate GSOC's 37th birthday with cake and coffee and hear all about the Flip-Pal mobile scanner
115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso

Saturday, February 9, 2013, 2:00-3:30 PM

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida
115 Westview Ave.,
Valparaiso



"Valentine's Victorian Tea"

Celebrate Valentine's Day in a unique and fun way this year. Men, women and children will enjoy tea, a traditional Victorian lunch with scrumptious deserts while learning fun Victorian facts and tea etiquette. Cost: \$15 (\$12 for Museum Members.) **Reservations required:** (850) 678-2615
www.heritage-museum.org/

Saturday, February 16, 2013, 10 AM

LDS Church

333 Lake Drive NW, Fort Walton Beach, FL

Seminar: "Exploring FamilySearch.org"

Contact: Margaret Harris (margmarieh@cox.net)

Saturday, February 16, 2013, 1:30-2:30 PM

Bay County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting
BCGS Monthly Meeting at the Bay County Public Library
898 W. 11th St. Panama City, FL 32401

If It's Wrong---Prove It's Wrong!

Presented by Claudia Steindl

When a "family tale" seems just too odd to be true, do we take the time to prove it right or wrong, or do we merely laugh it off as some type of exaggeration? In this presentation, we will examine some common opportunities for major discoveries that can be, and have been, missed due to the assumption of an embellished "story" or clerical error. We will learn to take that extra time to prove its wrong....or maybe it was right

Free to the Public! Light Refreshments

Contact Person: Mary K. McGraw,

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Time to Renew GSOC Memberships

Membership renewals are now due for 2013. The annual GSOC membership is \$24 for an individual and \$35 for an individual and spouse at the same address.

Please bring your renewal to the next GSOC meeting or mail it to **GSOC, P.O. Box 1175, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-1175**, and make your check payable to **GSOC**.



GSOC INFORMATION

Officers for 2013

President, Donna Elliott (850 585-1739)
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 Recording Secretary, Pat Pruett (850 678-2023)
 Asst Recording Secretary, Frances Hoge
 Corresponding Secretary, Jim Young (850 862-8642)
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Journal Editor, Malcolm Flanagan (850 217-9455)
Historian, TBD
Genealogist, Margaret Harris (margmarieh@cox.net)
Publicity Chairperson, TBD
Webmaster & Newsletter Editor, Jim Young (850 862-8642)

(Elected, Appointed, and Ex Officio positions)

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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 February GSOC meeting will be on Saturday, February 9, at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, FL, at 10:00 A.M.

This will be our 37th birthday celebration with birthday cake and coffee being served. Ken Elliott, our Vice President for Programs, will discuss and demonstrate the Flip-Pal portable scanner.

Membership renewals are now due for 2013. The annual GSOC membership is \$24 for an individual and \$35 for an individual and spouse at the same address.

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

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