



The GSOC Newsletter

The Genealogical Society of
Okaloosa County, Florida

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**Thank you to our 2020 GSOC Chair,
Cindy Barber, and all
the GSOC 2020 Board Members!**

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January GSOC Meeting

Saturday, January 23, 10:30 am

By Zoom



Most families have a photo album somewhere or a box of snapshots tucked in a closet. Those pictures tell stories of what we wore and where we went. They may even reveal someone's silly side or their serious nature.

Decades or centuries from now, they'll become a precious link to the past – if they're still around. Fire, flood, and disinterested relatives are among the dangers to our printed

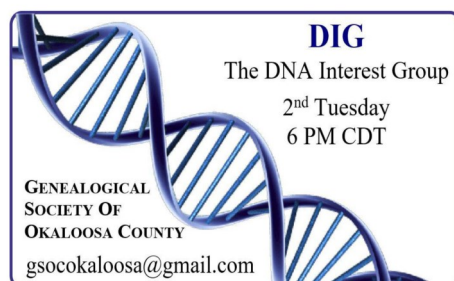
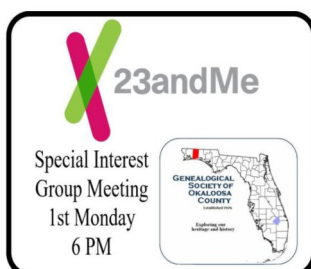
photos and documents. Sunlight can fade the colors, or insects could have a feast in that forgotten box. Presented by Auriette Lindsay . . .

Auriette Lindsay is Baldwin County Genealogical Society board member, is married and works at WEAR-TV. About four and a half years ago, Auriette was at work early, and #TartanDay was trending on Twitter. She remembered her mom saying her family had Scottish roots. With an hour to kill, Auriette thought she'd figure out what the family tartan was. That day she discovered how easy it was to build a tree on FamilySearch, and thanks to her genealogically-minded cousins, watched it self-populate back to William the Conqueror. Of course, the links to all the famous kings quickly fell apart when she learned about sources and looked more closely at the "child born after mother's death" hints. Still, she gets a thrill from finding a new record or adding a new profile to the tree, and she is still hopeful that one day she will identify her ancestors from Scotland, so she can proudly post about it on #TartanDay.

The public is invited. Registration is REQUIRED. Please check our website, <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~flocgs/>, for registration information or send e-mail with your full name and e-mail address to gsocokaloosa@gmail.com. (The Zoom link will be sent to all current GSOC members via email.)



- **The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County will be hosting a FREE and timely Presentation by Auriette Lindsey, of WEAR-TV and the Baldwin County Genealogical Society, on “Preserve Your Family History: Scan, Share, Save.” The presentation will be held over Zoom, at our meeting on Saturday, January 23rd, 10:30 a.m. The public is invited. Registration is REQUIRED. Please check our website, <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~flocgs/>, for registration information or send e-mail with your full name and e-mail address to gsocokaloosa@gmail.com. (The Zoom link will be sent to all current GSOC members via email.)**



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“The pandemic is giving us the opportunity to bring RootsTech to a broader audience world-wide,” said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch International CEO. “A virtual event also allows us to expand our planning to truly make this a global celebration of family and connection.” RootsTech Connect 2021 will be global in scope while offering many experiences that attendees have come to know and love from RootsTech events—including inspirational keynote speakers, dozens of classes to choose from, and an expo hall. Throughout the three-day online event, attendees will have the ability to interact with presenters, exhibitors, and other attendees through live chat and question and answer sessions. “Classes will be taught in many languages, and presenters will teach from a number of international locations,” said Rockwood. “We will celebrate cultures and traditions from around the world, with activities that the audience can participate in from home—such as homeland cooking demonstrations, storytelling, and music performances. This is one virtual event you won’t want to miss.” RootsTech Connect 2021 will offer a combination of both livestream and on-demand content to accommodate differences in time zone for participants. In addition, sessions will be available to view on-demand after the event concludes. Rockwood says that FamilySearch is looking forward to the opportunity to deliver the signature RootsTech experience and helping tens of thousands of participants worldwide to discover, gather, and connect their family story. RootsTech hopes to gather in-person again in the future, but anticipates the RootsTech Connect virtual opportunity will become a regular addition to the event. Register for free at [rootstech.org](https://www.rootstech.org). <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>



Made any New Year's Resolutions?

Get your Genealogy year off to a good start!

First and Foremost, join or renew our membership in the **Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County**! You'll find yourself among like-minded friends who can help you with your research and give you exciting new ideas about how to access and enjoy your family history. The membership form is on Page 6 of this newsletter.

(Dues have been suspended in 2021 due to the pandemic, so no dues payment is required with your new application. However, if you'd like to make a donation to the organization, we would be honored to accept it.)

Sometimes your research skills just need a little refresh—so this article from **Archives.com** has some great ideas about ways to expand your mind, your sources, and your vision.

<https://www.archives.com/experts/macentee-thomas/10-genealogy-new-years-resolutions.html>



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

ANNUAL DUES (Membership Year 1 Jan-31 Dec)

Dues have been suspended for 2021 because of the pandemic.

Please PRINT or TYPE all information:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Preferred Telephone (Home/Cell): _____

E-Mail: _____ Date: _____

Can your information be shared with other members?

Name: Yes ___ No ___ Address: Yes ___ No ___ Phone: Yes ___ No ___ Email: Yes ___ No ___

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

Please indicate areas of GSOC in which you can serve or contribute

Newsletter Editor ___ Write Newsletter Articles ___ Webmaster ___
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Workshop Leader ___ Workshop Volunteer ___ Special Event Organizer ___ Special Event Volunteer ___
Librarian ___ Publicity ___ Other _____

Research: Names 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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