



JULY 4, 2013

Next GSOC Meeting

July 13, 2013



Our speaker will be Farris "Blue Heron (Wah-Ka-chobee)" Powell who will discuss the Seminole and Creek tribes of the Panhandle area from 1700 to 1830.



This meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, .

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GSOC Meeting Minutes June 8, 2013

Patricia Pruett, Recording Secretary

President Donna Elliott called the meeting to order at the meeting room of the Heritage Museum, Valparaiso, FL, at 10:15 AM. She welcomed the nineteen members in attendance.

Donna asked if there are any changes to be made to the minutes as published in our June Newsletter. There being none, she entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Motion to do so was made by Sue Hicks, seconded by Val Moreland and passed unanimously.

Officers' reports:

1st Vice President Ken Elliott gave an update on upcoming programs as follows: July, Farris Powell; August, Show and Tell; September, Trip to Baker Block Museum in Baker, FL; October, Jim Young; November, Hilma Jenus;

December, Christmas party and installation of officers. Details are yet to be worked out.

2nd Vice President: Sue Basch was absent. Donna announced that four new members joined in the past two months.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Basch was not present. Donna read the checkbook balance which is \$2340.29 and reported there are no outstanding bills.

Recording Secretary: Pat Pruett thanked Asst. Recording Secretary Frances Hoge for filling in for her at the April and May meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: Jim Young had no new correspondence to report. He said he keeps the website updated each time he works on the Newsletter. He commented on the fact that he had fixed a photograph used in the Newsletter and an interest in the subject on the part of the membership prompted Ken to ask Jim to present a program on photo repair. Jim agreed to do this at the October meeting. Several people tried to name the "Mystery Photo" in the newsletter. Jim said it was a photo of Bob Bryan a member who lives in central Florida.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter & Website: Jim Young – see report under Corresponding Secretary.

Publicity: Pat Pruett reported our meeting notice was an item on the front page of the Bay Beacon this past week and was in the calendar of the Northwest Florida News this morning.

Genealogist: Margaret Harris was recognized by Pres. Donna Elliott as a member of long standing. Margaret then commented that Marsha Cox was present and was a member even longer than herself. Marsha served the GSOC for many years in many positions

Library Reports: Ft. Walton Beach Library–Representative Hilma Jenus reported that the Journals that we have on display today will go to the FWB library. She now has the sign-up sheet ready to place in the Genealogy room at the Library. Valparaiso Library - Beverly Gross not present. Crestview Library- Martha Trau not present

Old Business: President Donna stated that she had no old business to present. V. Pres. Ken suggested Sue Hicks and several others who have traveled to Ireland and other countries on their family search should think about relating some of their stories when we have "Show and Tell" in August.

New Business: Donna said that the Officers will be having a meeting soon strictly for planning purposes.

Announcements:

June 14 (Friday) – The City of FWB Heritage Park and Cultural Center hosting a free public lecture in honor of Camp Walton School House 100th birthday. It is entitled “The History of Eglin AFB”, presented by Dr. Robert Kane, 6:00 p.m., at Indian Temple Mound Museum.

June 15 – “Honoring My Civil War Ancestor”, a free presentation by Janice Moore Cronan, Bay County Genealogical Society, 1:00 p.m. Bay County Library meeting room; 898 W. 11th St.; Panama City, FL.

June 18 (Tues) – 6:30 p.m., Niceville Community Center, a free program “about the pirates who terrorized the Gulf Coast during the 1800’s”, presented by historian, Mike Thomin. This program is in celebration of Florida’s 500th Anniversary. Call 279-4863, ext 1504 to reserve a spot.

June 29, Craft Beer Tasting at Malibu Jacks in Destin, 981 Hwy 98 E, 4:00-6:00 p.m. to benefit the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida. Admission is \$15 or \$12 for Museum Members.

August 5-9, “History Rocks!” Summer Camp at Heritage Museum, hours 9:00-12:00. Cost reduced for Museum family members.

Donna mentioned that the Heritage Museum no longer has county financial funding and suggested our GSOC group might consider ways to help them out. Ken suggested that anyone who has a computer that they plan to upgrade might consider donating the old computer to the museum. The museum also needs volunteers to work in the shop and on the museum tours.

Malcolm Flanagan expressed a need for stories for our Journal, concerning this area immediately following the end of WWII.

Ken said no door prize will be awarded today. He then counted twelve members who planned to have lunch together at Ed’s Restaurant.

Program:

Ken introduced Margaret Harris who spoke on “Beyond Basic Genealogy”. Margaret always furnishes us with great ways to access information from the Internet. She recommended new and reliable websites to help us advance in our quest for new family information.

Margaret teaches genealogy classes through the CLL at UWF-Ft. Walton campus.

President Donna Elliott closed the meeting at 12:00 PM.

GSOC Mystery Member



Our June Mystery Member was Bob Bryan who lives in central Florida at Seminole.

Recently Received Publications from Other Societies

The Butler County Historical & Genealogical Society Quarterly, Greenville, AL, Vol. 49, No. 2, April 2013, 22 pages

Kinfolks, Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc., Lake Charles, LA, Vol. 37, No. 2, May 2013, 38 pages

The Coweta Courier, Coweta County Genealogical Society, Inc., Grantville, GA, Vol. 32, No. 4, Summer 2013, 26 pages

Buried Treasures, Central Florida Genealogical Society, Inc., Orlando, FL, Vol. 45, No. 1, January-March 2013 [Received by GSOC on 16 June 2013] 23 pages

Pea River Trails, Pea River Historical & Genealogical Society, Enterprise, AL, Vol. 38, No. 1, Spring 2013, 35 pages

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Bulletin, Union Gap, WA, Vol. 45, June 2013, No. 2, 32 pages

Santa Clara County Connections, Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, Santa Clara, CA, Spring 2013, Vol. 50, No. 1, Whole No. 142, 94 pages

Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly, Oklahoma City, OK, Vol. 58, No. 2, June 2013, 43 pages

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

Future GSOC Meetings

August - Show and Tell

September - Trip to Baker Block Museum in Baker, FL

October - Working with Digital Photos

Best Free Genealogical Web Sites

The old saying, “You get what you pay for”, is generally true; however, there are some excellent genealogical web sites that are free.

Experienced family researchers are probably already familiar with these, but newcomers to genealogy or newcomers to internet searching may find some of these very useful.

-Editor-

[Ancestry.com](#)

Ancestry.com is probably the most renowned (and most expensive) website for discovering your family history. However it offers a **14-day free trial** that is well worth your time. You will still have to supply Ancestry.com with your credit card information before you can really dig into the nitty-gritty, but you won't be billed until the two-week tryout comes to a close, thus giving you time to do some thorough background research on your family.

Warning! To make this really free, you will need to cancel before the 14 day period ends.

In addition to immigration records and census data, the site lets you scour records for births, marriages, deaths, and military service in the U.S. and around the globe. The interface and navigation tools are a bit confusing, but the overall design is rather minimalist and clean. The popup hints, a feature that suggests personal links to public records for individuals on your tree, is a welcome touch that will help you build your family tree from scratch. If the genealogy records and data you're looking for exist, there's a pretty good chance you will find them on Ancestry.com with a little ingenuity and time.

The Library Edition of Ancestry.com is a great free source. However you will need to use it at a participating library. Unfortunately it's not intended for home use and you need library access in order to use it. While that's not the toughest thing to get, it's still not as easy as some of the other sites like Family Search.

[Family Search](#)

FamilySearch.org, a free service brought to you by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is another great option for carrying out family research. It may not be as capable and accessible as Ancestry.com, but the site is incredibly resourceful when it comes to tracing your roots and delving into genealogy research. This site doesn't require you to sign up for a free account, but doing so will open up a wealth of features not available otherwise — such as the ability to save and share records. Start by entering your name and various background information such as your birthplace, residence and anything else that may better identify you and your

history. Afterward, search for your ancestors in a similar fashion. You can also refine your results by relationship, specified ID number, and a few other simple options.

Although results will always vary depending on what records are available, Family Search hosts one of the most robust catalogs of digitized records and family history databases available. The newly redesigned interface and expanded archives are only a plus.

[Archives.com](#)

Launched in 2009, Archive.com works in the same vein as Ancestry.com and Family Search, **but only offers a week-long free trial of its subscription-based service.** The site boasts more than 2 billion records — from U.S. vital records and newspaper clippings to obituaries and other assorted documents — and is equipped with a variety of notable features capable of shedding a little light on your family's past.

Aside from the standard ability to build a family tree, the site also features Facebook integration and a laudable search engine that fishes around for any relevant information or potential matches.

Although the site is relatively good at searching through historical documents, it doesn't offer the number of documents its premium cousin Ancestry.com does, especially when it comes to more recent generations. Still, the site's ease of use and clean design make it yet another standout among the rest of the genealogy sites out there.

[Roots Web](#)

Roots Web is one of the oldest and most useful free genealogy sites on the Web. Not only does it help researchers connect and collaborate on projects online, but it also serves as one of the most extensive learning communities dedicated to genealogy, complete with a family tree builder and a robust forum selection.

The search utility isn't the most inclusive or thorough when it comes to filtering through public records, but it does a decent job finding some of the most basic types of records, including births and deaths.

The interface and navigational features, though useful, could use an overhaul. However, the forums and help guides are where the heart of the site thrives.

[The USGen Web Project](#)

The USGen Web Project is a superb genealogical undertaking. A vast network of historical junkies and volunteers curate and maintain the free-to-use site, providing an abundance of information to researchers across the country.

Although the site is more of a resource than a database — it serves as a gateway to state-level GenWeb sites — it is still an excellent tool to begin your search if you want to

know information about a particular region in which your family lived. Simply click the state link on the left-hand side or select one from the drop-down menu to access the state-level GenWeb. From there, use the tabs to navigate the additional information and database links.

The site is relatively organized and up-to-date despite being entirely volunteer-based, but it only provides historical information for the United States.

[Find a Grave](#)

I am amazed each time I remember to return to this great site. It is the product of a labor of love of thousands of volunteers and contains an enormous amount of information about cemeteries and the graves to be found there. From tiny country cemeteries to large urban ones, there is probably a listing that you may be interested in when researching your family. It currently includes information about 400,000 cemeteries in over 200 different countries and has at least a partial listing of graves for over 250,000 of these cemeteries.

The site is designed for easy searching. For genealogical searches, the **Find Graves** part of the site is the most useful. There you can find the graves of ancestors, create virtual memorials, add 'virtual flowers' and a note to a loved one's grave, etc.

Among other features, you can:

- [Search 100 million grave records](#)
- [Search for a cemetery](#)
- [Add burial records](#)
- [View recently added names](#)
- [Stroll through our online cemetery](#)
- [Join the Find A Grave Community](#)
- [Top 50 Contributors](#)
- [Link To Find A Grave](#)
- [Surname index](#)

[Cyndi's List](#)

Cyndi's List has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 17 years. *Cyndi's List* is free for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online.

What exactly is *Cyndi's List*?

A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.

A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.

A free jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.

A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.

[Access Genealogy](#)

Access Genealogy has been online for the past 10 years. Starting out as a simple set of 50 state pages, it has blossomed into over 250,000 pages, and millions of records.

Access Genealogy is still run by the same two people who started it, and the occasional contract worker who assists with multiple tasks.

Although Access Genealogy is known for Native American data, it actually has more data for the regular American researcher than we do Native American.

[National Archives](#)

Information that is available online here includes:

[How to start genealogical research, with links to web sites with tutorials.](#)

[Topics on genealogical records](#) held in the Archives.

[Online documents from certain collections in the ARC](#)

[Genealogy Workshop Schedules](#)

[Articles on various genealogical topics](#)

[Database to Search Microfilm in our holdings](#)

[Guides to Microfilm](#), Census (1790-1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930), [Passenger Lists](#), [American Indians](#), [Black Studies](#), and

[Military Records](#).

[WWII casualty records](#) in the Archival Research Catalog

[Casualty lists for the Korean and Vietnam Wars](#)

Search for [Casualty lists](#) for WWII, Korea and Vietnam Wars

Search for [Passenger lists into the Port of New York, 1846-1851](#)

[How to search the Dawes Rolls online](#)

[Index to the Applications Submitted for the Eastern Cherokee](#)

[Roll of 1909 \(Guion Miller Roll\)](#)

List of genealogy-related [journal articles](#)

[The Olive Tree – A Good Starting Point for Any Amateur Researcher](#)

Olive Tree Genealogy is a private researcher's website holding a collection of links and resources for historical data. One thing that sets this site apart from others is that it's apparent a great deal of research went into the provided links. The website creator, Lorine McGinnis Schulze, writes that she started the site in 1996 in order to provide *free* resources to other researchers.

The truth is, she delivers well on that promise. One of the more impressive links on the site are the ship passenger lists where you can search through the names of your ancestors who immigrated to the U.S. decades ago. Another very useful resource for anyone first starting out in genealogy is the "guide for beginners" that walks you through each step of finding your ancestors, and gives you the specific resources you should check out first in order to conduct that research.

[Family Tree Searcher – Online Quizzes to Help Your Research](#)

The family tree searcher is another website created by a private researcher. This site is unique in that some of the resources are actually interactive quizzes that allow you to customize your research method.

One very useful quiz in particular is the “free advice” quiz, which asks you a series of questions about what you’re looking for, and at the end it provides you with a customized “research plan” along with the free resources that are most likely to help.

[Genealogy Today – The Google of Ancestry](#)

Of all privately created websites, this one is probably one of those that you could bookmark and use for *all* of your research needs. This site provides links to the usual resources like census data or death records.

What makes this site stand above the rest are the more creative sources offered, such as funeral cards, ration books, criminal records and even business cards. As many researchers know, the most successful results usually come from the more unorthodox methods.

[Ellisland.org](#)

Offers a list of passengers from every ship that entered the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924. Manifests include place of last residence, occupation, family members in the United States and the residence before arriving in United States.

[Jewishgen.org](#)

JewishGen is features a free, easy to use website with thousands of databases, research tools and other resources to help those with Jewish ancestry research and find family members.

JewishGen is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Currently, JewishGen hosts more than 20 million records, and provides a myriad of resources and search tools designed to assist those researching their Jewish ancestry.

[Mocavo.com](#)

One of the selling points for Mocavo seems to be its ability to automatically index records that can be accessed free-of-charge. Whereas some of their competitor’s genealogical search tools bring up a whole bunch of results which then require payment before users can actually access the information, Mocavo looks for all the freebies. The service itself is offered via 2 packages: “Mocavo Basic,” which is totally free; and “Mocavo Plus,” which is currently being offered as a 14-day free trial, but then goes to \$59.95 for a year’s membership.

The free version seems to be pretty useful – not to mention fun. Just type in your name and the name of the person you’re searching for, and a number of interesting things pop up, like pictures of gravestones, death certificates, newspaper articles, and other stuff along those lines. Users can also upload their own documents and family tree-related information using the free version. The “Plus” version includes all of that – but also provides some additional tools to help find what you’re looking for.

Donations are requested for the Inside/Outside Yard Sale Spectacular planned for August 24

The *Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida* is requesting donations for their annual **Inside-Outside Yard Sale Spectacular** planned for Saturday, August 24, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Help preserve the past for the future by donating items you no longer need. Donations are now being accepted (no clothes please) during regular Museum hours, Tues-Sat, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For additional information, call the Museum at (850) 678-2615

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Happy Birthday America!

FREE Museum Admission
July 4th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
FREE American flags
while supplies last


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of Northwest Florida

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Preserving Old Photos

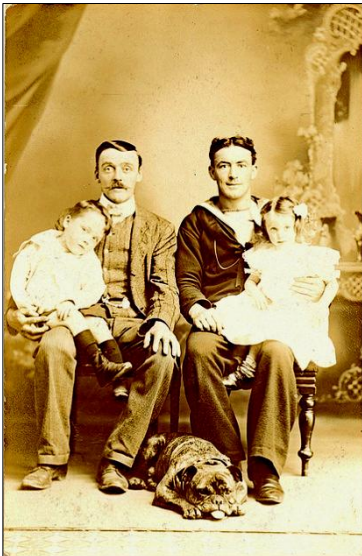
Useful information that bears repeating!

Photographs provide a graphic portrayal of yesterday, but if we neglect and don't preserve our photographs, some of our history will fade away along with those images.

Keeping the original photographs is important, but if possible also scan them and save the graphics files on CDs or DVDs for permanent safekeeping. Keep in mind, though, that storage media technology changes and as new methods come along and gain wide acceptance you should copy these files to the new media.

The first and perhaps the most important step in preserving old photos is to identify what the pictures show, because only photos that are identified and labeled are worth preserving.

Sometimes it's best to start with your most current photos and work backward in time. Write the information on the back of the photo with a soft 6B drawing pencil. Be sure to use people's real names if you know them, not just associations like mother or grandfather. Many people have old photos in their collections that are often unidentifiable. Set them aside and work on them last. Put your energy into the ones that can be identified.



After you've identified the photos, work on storing them properly. There are two primary ways to store photo-graphic prints - using a filing system in archival boxes or using photo albums. File photos in archival boxes if you have a lot of photos to arrange. It's important to use acid free folders and boxes. The acids in paper products can be harmful to photos.

Albums allow you to display pictures more easily, but also tend to be more expensive than filing. Archival, photo safe, acid, lignin and PVC free pre-made albums are available from several sources. If making your own, seek out acid-free papers made from archival board. Or you can buy clear plastic pages made from polypropylene and insert the photos. Do not use vinyl pages or notebooks. They emit harmful vapors and shorten the life of photos.

In general, don't take apart existing photo albums. They're like diaries and scrapbooks; they have a personal story and order to them. Often they contain the handwriting of the person who made them. If you do need to remove photos from an album the safest and recommended way to remove them from the paper is to carefully try to lift the photos off of the album page with a tool called a micro-spatula or a small spatula. Slip the micro-spatula under the edge of the photo, and carefully move it back and forth. The ease with which the photos come up will vary depending on the humidity level. If they

can't be lifted, cut away the black paper around the photo if possible.

The exception to the "don't take apart rule" is magnetic photo albums. They contain a sticking material that is detrimental to photos, and they need to be taken apart. Slides can be stored in boxes or carousel trays if you keep the lid on; they are very susceptible to dust, light, and extreme heat or cold. Non-vinyl slide pages can also be used.

If you have slides, photo CDs, home movies, or home videos, **be sure to save the hardware that you'll need to view them.** You'll need that equipment to enjoy your images, when the original technology becomes obsolete in the future.

An alternative to saving slides is to convert them into digital photographs and save those on CD or DVD. Relatively inexpensive slide converters are now available.

If you have negatives, it is important to save them. They are the originals and they'll allow you to make new prints if a print is destroyed. Negatives last well if they're not handled. Keep them in polyethylene or polypropylene sleeves.

A word about scanning photos, slides, and negatives. Scanning photos, no matter how high a resolution you use to scan, will almost always appear "grainy" if you increase their size much beyond that of the originals. Slides and negatives, on the other hand, have such a high resolution that you can scan them and increase the size of printed pictures significantly without degrading the quality.

Exposure to light can hurt photos. Locate framed pictures on the least sunny walls in your house. Better yet, make a copy of the photo and keep the original in dark storage. Dark storage is especially important for color photos, such as children's school portraits. Some studios do not process them properly, making them more susceptible to color changes

Copy photography is the way to save the images on torn or defaced photographs. A basic rule in photograph preservation is to leave the original just the way it is. The copy photographer uses retouched copy negatives or copy prints to bring back the image.

Temperature and humidity affect photographs and documents more than any other element. Best conditions are under 70° F, with the relative humidity under 50%. High humidity is most harmful, and high temperatures accelerate the deterioration. Cyclic conditions (high heat and humidity followed by cold and dry weather, followed by high heat, etc.) are very bad for film emulsion and may cause cracking and separation of the emulsion from the support. Wood and papers contain harmful additives. Use only paper products that are acid free. Rubber bands and rubber cement contain sulphur, which degrades photographic emulsions. Paper clips can abrade or scratch the surfaces of prints or negatives. Pressure sensitive tapes usually contain acids which accelerate the deterioration process. Inks also contain acids. Fingerprints on prints or negatives create physical damage from the oils and acids in human skin.

Compiled from various web sources



Civil War Sesquicentennial

Selected Highlights of July 1863

<http://blueandgraytrail.com>

July 1-3 Battle of Gettysburg. General Robert E. Lee [CS] advances into Pennsylvania where he meets George Meade [US]. First battling north of the city, by the second day Union forces had retreated south, forming a strong line as men arrived almost continuously. On the third day, the infamous Pickett's Charge marked the end of the Confederates hope for a victory. These were the bloodiest three days in American history.

July 3 John Pemberton, commander of Confederate forces at Vicksburg asks Ulysses S. Grant for terms. Grant demands an unconditional surrender. Pemberton refuses. Late in the evening, Grant offers excellent terms and Pemberton accepts.

July 4 Ulysses S. Grant accepts the surrender of the second Confederate Army he has defeated, at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Torn on the Fourth of July

From the *Civil War Times*

A supreme irony of the war was that on, of all dates, the Fourth of July 1863, the Confederacy, at the height of its power suffered two enormous reverses from which it would never recover and, instead of using these twin calamities as an opportunity to sue for peace, the South forged ahead for two more years into wrack and ruin.

At Gettysburg on the evening of the 4th, remnants of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia began their retreat after three days of battle. The losses were so severe he was never again able to take the offensive. Gettysburg became known as the high tide of the Confederacy.

On the same July day, 1000 miles south of Gettysburg, Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton surrendered his Confederate army at Vicksburg, Miss., to Maj. Gen Ulysses Grant. Vicksburg was the last rebel bastion on the Mississippi River, and its loss cleaved the Confederacy in two, fatally crippling the South's efforts in the war's Western Theater.

Despite the grievous losses, the politicians in Richmond insisted that the Confederacy must fight on to final victory.

July 8-9 After crossing the Ohio River on captured steamboats, John Hunt Morgan and his men loot Mauckport and Corydon, Indiana.

July 8 Port Hudson is surrendered, giving the Union control of the Mississippi.

July 9-16 Battle of Jackson, Mississippi.

July 10-11 Battle of Fort Wagner, South Carolina

July 10 Federal forces complete an amphibious landing on Morris Island near the entrance to Charleston Harbor. They will fortify the position over the next 3 weeks

July 13 After several days of plundering Indiana, John Hunt Morgan crosses into Ohio

July 13 Battle of Yazoo City, Mississippi



July 13-16 Draft riots, New York City

July 17 In Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma) 65 miles west of Fort Smith, Federal forces defeat Confederates in the battle of Honey Springs

July 18 The 54th Massachusetts, comprised primarily of free blacks from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, attack Battery Wagner in Charleston Harbor, losing 30% of their men and forcing Quincey Gillmore to lay siege to the city. The film "Glory" is based on this action.

July 19 Daniel Harvey Hill replaces William Hardee in command of the Second Corps of the Army of Tennessee.

July 19 While crossing the Ohio River into Kentucky at Buffington Island, John Hunt Morgan's raiders stumble onto a fortified position. Federals manage to kill or wound 120 and capture 700 men and most of the rest return to Ohio to find an alternate crossing.

July 25 Department of East Tennessee, comprised of 17,800 men under Simon Bolivar Buckner, is merged into Braxton Bragg's Department of Tennessee. Major General Buckner is assigned command of a corps.

July 26 John Hunt Morgan is captured at New Lisbon, Ohio. Most of his command had already been apprehended.

Events, Groups, and Sites of GSOC Interest

Important Information Concerning the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida



Okaloosa County no longer provides ANY financial support to the Museum. The only sources of Museum income now are membership dues and donations.

In addition, at the end of February, Gina Marini, the Museum Manager, received a letter from the Okaloosa County Administrator who informed the Museum that since there no longer was an Okaloosa County employee working there, the county would not be able to support the Museum with computer equipment or IT services.

The computer equipment which the county owns has now been removed and the county e-mail addresses which the Museum had been using were deleted on May 31.

These are the new addresses:

gmarini@heritage-museum.org

(The direct email address for the Museum Manager.)

gwimmers@heritage-museum.org

(The email address for Ginny Wimmers, Museum Education Coordinator.)

<http://heritage-museum.org/>
(This is the Museum web site.)

In addition, the Museum was forced to buy new software since the software previously used was licensed to the county. Fortunately, the Museum was able to purchase software at a reduced rate for non-profits. The major issue now is that the Museum's remaining computers are too old and obsolete to support the new software. To give Museum Members an idea of the severity of the need, the computer that holds the Museum's historic collection is 13 years old.

If you are interested in helping and would like to know more information, please contact the Museum Manager at the Museum (850) 678-2615 or at the new e-mail address listed above.

The HMNF is open Tue-Sat, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is \$5-Adults, \$4-Seniors, \$3-Children, Free-Museum Members, Free-Active Duty Military and up to five family members through September 2, 2013.

gmarini@heritage-museum.org

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida Seeks Volunteers

The *Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida* is seeking responsible community volunteers to assist with greeting and reception in the Museum's Gift Shop. Volunteers are needed for shifts 10a-1p or 1p-4p Tuesday – Saturday. Interested individuals may call 678-2615 or stop by the Museum 115 Westview Avenue in Valparaiso, during regular business hours: Tues. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday, July 12, 2013, 12 PM

**Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida
115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso
(850) 678-2615)**

Free lunchtime lecture, "Your Heritage Ladder", presented by Charlene H. Grafton, local author of *What's In Your Genes? & Human Threads Linking Genetics and Genealogy*.

Bring a sack lunch and take your lunch break while hearing this informal lunchtime education program.

Autographed books are available in the Museum Gift Shop & Book Store. This lecture is free and open to the public. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please call to reserve a seat.

Destin History and Fishing Museum Honored by Sam Lombardo



The Destin History and Fishing Museum was recently honored by Destin resident, Sam Lombardo, World War II Veteran and author of *O'er the Land of the Free*. Lombardo donated a case of his books to the Museum to sell. His book depicts some of his experiences from his first ten years in Italy, through his developing years in Pennsylvania, and finally, to his combat experiences during World War II including the Battle of the Bulge. Some of his stories are humorous and some are tragic, but all lead up to the challenging task of making the American flag, using whatever materials could be secured. This flag, pieced together, under combat conditions, by the author and many of his soldiers, took two-and-a-half months to complete. The 99th Division's "Old Glory" was the first American flag to cross Remagen Bridge during the war and today is on display at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Support the Museum with a purchase of this wonderful book just in time for the Fourth Of July Celebration.

The Destin History and Fishing Museum is located at 108 Stahlman Avenue Destin, Florida. Call the museum with any questions concerning tours, memberships or sponsorship opportunities at 850-837-6611.

GSOC INFORMATION

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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 youngimy@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.



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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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The July GSOC meeting will be on Saturday, July 13, at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, FL, at 10:00 A.M.

The program will be presented by Mr. Farris "Blue Heron (Wah-Ka-chobee)" Powell who will discuss the Seminole and Creek Tribes of the Panhandle area from 1700 to 1830.

This meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida.

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

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