



# THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

## THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

**JULY 20, 2019**

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**JULY 27, 2019, 10:30 AM**

### ***"Lineage Societies"***

**Presentation by Donna Ortman:**

### **Lineage Societies**



When people get involved in genealogy, a lot of them will eventually become interested in Lineage Societies. Donna will give us an overview of Lineage Societies, their definition and purpose, discuss the most popular Societies, and a few you might not know about, the requirements needed join and how these Societies can help you further your family research.

Donna is currently serving as the Registrar for the Pensacola Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and Governor of the Edward Doty Colony, Florida State Society Mayflower Descendants, and in 2018, she became a member of the Don Tristan deLuna Chapter of the

National Society Daughters of the American Colonists. Recently, she submitted her application to the National Society Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 which is the first step to forming a Detached Tent in West Florida for that organization.

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### *GSOC President's Corner July 2019*

Our project to organize and make a list of all the Journals in the library is complete! I've forwarded the data to the library staff. They will be printing the labels for us.

You will notice a mix of magazine boxes holding the Journals. We have requested 50 plastic boxes to replace the metal ones. We have over 100 boxes of Journals. If you have not checked them out for your research, you need to - many times Journals will be the only place to find Bible records or other little-known information. There are a LOT of Kentucky registers that are not in boxes, too. Thanks to everyone who helped and to Val for the extra days she met with me to finish this up.

The Quick Sheet project is almost complete, thanks to Donna Elliott, Betty Gross, Kathie Shepard, and others. I will give Mike some draft copies to share with you at the meeting.

Mike, Nicki Cunningham and I attended a short notice presentation by Annette Graham on 3 July in Pensacola. We had a great time! We did a little research in the library before and after the presentation, too. We are looking for a restaurant for the Christmas Luncheon. Do you have any suggestions? The restaurant has to be able to seat about 20 of us. We need **YOUR** suggestions for books needed in the library. What books would you like to see in our collection?

I am off to IGHR on the 19th. The week will be busy from 0830-2030 almost every day. After class, there are evening sessions. The call went out for volunteers to collect meal tickets and provide general assistance, so of course, I volunteered to help over 3 days of the conference. I plan to come back exhausted but energized!

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

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AUG 24	JIM YOUNG	"WRITING AND PUBLISHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY"
SEPT 28	CINDY BARBER	"DNA PAINTER"
OCT 26	DON ALLGOOD	"OKALOOSA COUNTY RECORDS"

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

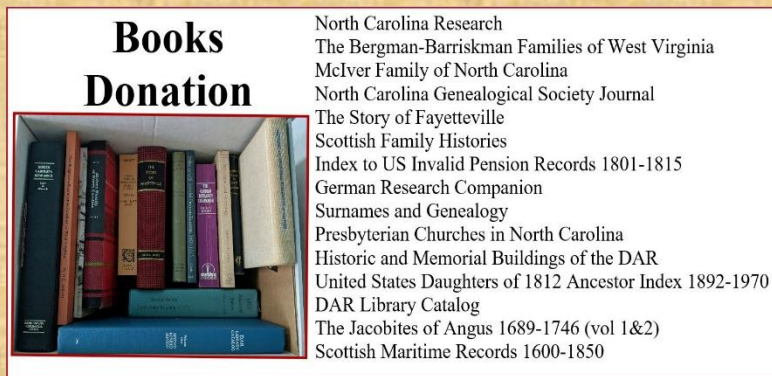
### **The WORLD WAR I GENEALOGY RESEARCH GUIDE, by Debra M. Dudek**

Now available for reading online or downloading (or both) on the GSOC web site in the members-only section.

This 104-page book is jam-packed with information about record collections, repositories, and search strategies. The author's knowledge and suggestions are particularly helpful if your World War I ancestors' Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF's) were destroyed in the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. She also provides recommendations for learning more about your ancestor's military service unit, and about females who served as nurses or as volunteers.

## BOOK DONATION

Jerry Black donated many of his mother Geraldine's genealogy books.



These books will be added to the Fort Walton Beach Library.



## Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC) Meeting Minutes 22 June 2019

Phil Hoge moved that the May Minutes be approved as presented, Jerry Rush seconded. Minutes Approved.

**Finance Report - Phil.** \$1387 in the regular account, \$700 in blue box.

**Membership Report - Jerry.** Jerry announced the 4 people who have not renewed. John Ward has moved away. Margaret will follow-up with one member, the other two will be removed from the rolls. No visitors were in attendance.

**Correspondence - Val.** Absent but sent word she had nothing to report.

**Website - Jim** was absent.

**Newsletter - Ed.** Links in the newsletter are fixed. Nothing else to report. Ed has a research guide to WWI records he will talk to Jim about making available on the website.

**Genealogy Report - Margaret.** No queries were received. Margaret brought items to share.

**Project Lead - Donna Elliot** Donna presented the first draft of the quick sheet.

**Cindy:**

- Library status - the Journal indexing is almost complete. We will work with the library to label the boxes and continue to work to improve the section.
- Books Donation - 2 boxes of books were donated by Jerry Black. They were his mother Geraldine's. Many are in delicate condition. Cindy will work with the library to add what we can to the collection. Cindy will ask Dean Debolt for guidance about the most delicate books.
- Volunteers for Library 1-4 on Wednesdays - passed signup sheet around.
- Beginner DNA workshop - Niceville - Mike gave a report on the workshop. 10 people attended. It was very successful. The Niceville Library did a great job advertising this and they want us to return.
- Crestview Program in the Fall. Cindy asked for suggestions. Jon asked if this will replace a meeting. It will not, it will be a separate event. Please send topic ideas to Cindy.
- Speakers are needed for meetings - please volunteer or help Mike find topics or speakers

Cindy gave a presentation on Ancient Diseases. The presentation will be posted to the website.

Carl Laws won the door prize.

Cindy will not be at the July meeting; she will be at IGHR.

*Submitted By: Cindy Barber*

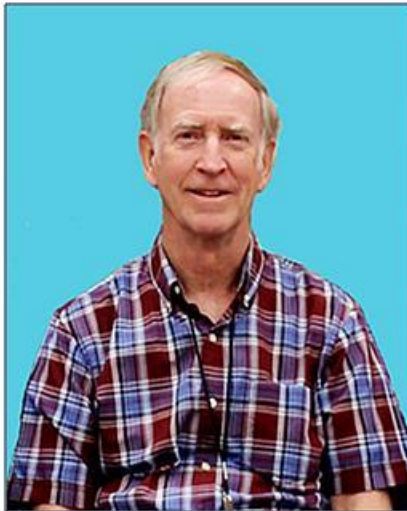
**For Events & Information of GSOC Interest  
See our web site [WWW.rootsweb.com/~flocgs](http://WWW.rootsweb.com/~flocgs)**

## **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.





Our next meeting will on Saturday,  
July 27th, at 10:30 am.

*Featuring:*

## ***“Lineage Societies”***

*presented by Donna Ortman*

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



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