



THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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June 23rd at GSOC 10:30 am

Sharon D. Marsh

Presents

“The 1st Florida Cavalry Union Volunteers”



The 26 May meeting presentation will be on the 1st Florida Cavalry Union Volunteers. It will present a brief synopsis of the nine counties that in 1860 contributed a significant number of men to the regiment then move to discussing the regiment itself, how it was organized, how it functioned in the panhandle and some detail on the various activities and expeditions they participated in during the war. The presentation will wrap up by focusing on the men who served, presenting some detail on some of the families represented in their service, some detail on service of these men in the Confederacy versus draft dodging, and some photos of a few of the men. Paperback and hard cover books will be available for purchase and signing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 28, 2018

Susan Lewis

Presents

"Legacy Publishing"

"Your story is the greatest legacy that you will leave to your friends. It's the longest-lasting legacy that you will leave to your heirs." –Steve Saint



There's a story inside everyone. The problem is, most people feel their story is insignificant compared to others. They haven't had massive upheavals or staggering tragedies, great moments or huge success. So, why bother? Who would want to read about a person who woke up every day, went to work at the same job, raised a family and lived a long life? Your family, that's who. They want to know about the part of you that existed BEFORE. As a child, as a teen, your friends, the prom, your first job, your first date. It might not seem like much to you...but to your loved ones, it's the world. You see, the hard part isn't coming up with the story because you've lived the story. The hard part is knowing how to write it and then, how to go about getting it published. With some guidance and a little "insider knowledge", tackling your memoir won't feel as overwhelming.

Susan Lewis served on the West Florida Literary Federation's Board of Director's as Director of Student Poetry for 8 years. She is the Vice President of the Gulf Coast Authors, was a finalist for Northwest Florida's Poet Laureate and has published seven books, one of which, "Goodbye, Mama" was a Best Seller, about the death of her mother. She owns Proper Publishing, which is a publishing company that specializes in legacy/memoir publishing.

Susan Lewis has volunteered with Hospice for the last 22 years, hosts a monthly support luncheon for Military Loved ones, has mentored Marines and Marine spouses through MCFTB/MATSG-21 for over 10 years, and teaches poetry on a volunteer basis through the Escambia County School District to children of all grade levels. Married for 30 years to GySgt Steve Lewis (retired) together, they have three children, Steve, Minnie and Ben.

ODDS AND ENDS



Genealogy Genie

This is a feature of the newsletter that includes answers to submitted questions, as well as, information about learning genealogy. Sent your questions about genealogy to:

editorGSOCFLnews@gmail.com.



This month: "What are the relationships within a family called?"



Genie says: *The following chart may help you to untangle the confusion over how relatives are related:*

common ancestor	child	grandchild	great-grandchild	2x great-grandchild	3x great-grandchild	4x great-grandchild	5x great-grandchild	6x great-grandchild
child	brother/sister	nephew/niece	grand-nephew/niece	great-grand-nephew/niece	2nd great-grand-nephew/niece	3rd great-grand-nephew/niece	4th great-grand-nephew/niece	5th great-grand-nephew/niece
grandchild	nephew/niece	first cousin	first cousin once removed	first cousin twice removed	first cousin 3x removed	first cousin 4x removed	first cousin 5x removed	first cousin 6x removed
great-grandchild	grand-nephew/niece	first cousin once removed	second cousin	second cousin once removed	second cousin twice removed	second cousin 3x removed	second cousin 4x removed	second cousin 5x removed
2x great-grandchild	great-grand-nephew/niece	first cousin twice removed	second cousin once removed	third cousin	third cousin once removed	third cousin twice removed	third cousin 3x removed	third cousin 4x removed
3x great-grandchild	2nd great-grand-nephew/niece	first cousin 3x removed	second cousin twice removed	third cousin once removed	fourth cousin	fourth cousin once removed	fourth cousin twice removed	fourth cousin 3x removed
4x great-grandchild	3rd great-grand-nephew/niece	first cousin 4x removed	second cousin 3x removed	third cousin twice removed	fourth cousin once removed	fifth cousin	fifth cousin once removed	fifth cousin twice removed
5x great-grandchild	4th great-grand-nephew/niece	first cousin 5x removed	second cousin 4x removed	third cousin 3x removed	fourth cousin twice removed	fifth cousin once removed	sixth cousin	sixth cousin once removed
6x great-grandchild	5th great-grand-nephew/niece	first cousin 6x removed	second cousin 5x removed	third cousin 4x removed	fourth cousin 3x removed	fifth cousin twice removed	sixth cousin once removed	seventh cousin

23 Non-Genealogy Websites That Genealogists Really Should Use

From FAMILY LIVE MAGAZINE:

"Reap the rewards of expanding your online family history research to these 23 not-just-for-genealogy websites."

These websites are not necessarily designed for genealogists but can prove useful. Family Life magazine came up with a list of 23 "non-genealogy" websites that can help you solve genealogy research problems, find valuable new resources and connect with cousins.

1. [ArchiveGrid](#)
2. [David Rumsey Map Collection](#)
3. [Digital Public Library](#)
4. [eBay](#)
5. [EasyBib](#)
6. [Facebook](#)
7. [Flickr](#)
8. [Google](#)
9. [HathiTrust](#)
10. [History.com](#)
11. [HistoryPin](#)
12. [Instagram](#)
13. [Internet Archive](#)
14. [JSTOR](#)
15. [Library of Congress](#)
16. [Pinterest](#)
17. [Trello](#)
18. [Twitter](#)
19. [WolframAlpha](#)
20. [WorldCat](#)
21. [WhatWasThere](#)
22. [YouTube](#)
23. [Zillow](#)

Website link for information on each of these websites:

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/nongenealogy-websites/>



GENEALOGY FOR KIDS – ON THE WEB

Click on this web link:

WWW.familytreemagazine.com/kids/familytreefun/

You will find:

- Genealogy Word Searches
- Make Picture Magnets
- Create a Tombstone Rubbing

Genealogy & the Honey Bee



- A Queen can lay over 2,190,000 eggs in her lifetime & determine the sex of each. Approx. 10-20% males, 80-90% females.
- Queens mate once in their lifetime. Offspring never know their father as he dies after mating.
- Drone (male) bees have a grandfather but no father. Drones are produced from an unfertilized egg.
- Worker (Female) bees will never have any babies. They are born with instinct to do housekeeping, nanny. Guard, construction, wax making, maid, , heating/cooling, and undertaker but need to be taught by experienced bees on how to make honey.

Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County Meeting Minutes, 26 May 2018

GSOC President Jon Sheperd welcomed members and guests, especially John Marshall (our speaker), to the meeting. There were 27 people present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were published in the May GSOC Newsletter. As there were no changes, they were approved by acclamation.

Genealogy Workshop: There was a genealogy workshop at the Crestview Public Library on May 10th. Cindy Barber headed this up and reported that 7 people attended, all beginners in genealogy. They want to form a family history club in the Crestview area and decided to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Thank you, Cindy, for facilitating the workshop.

Field Trips: The GSOC will be traveling to the Baker Block Museum on Friday, June 8th and then having lunch afterwards at the Gator Café. Val Moreland and Jon volunteered to be drivers if anyone wants a ride. We are also planning on a trip to the Pensacola genealogy library in a few months. More details will follow on that.

2018 GSOC Journal: Just a reminder that the theme for our annual journal this year is "Why did you or your Ancestors come to NW Florida?" Please start thinking about how you can contribute with your own story. We would like to hear from as many members as possible by the end of July.

NW Florida Genetic Genealogy Society: A reminder that this new organization meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday from 4:00-5:30 pm at the LDS Church in Niceville. They have met twice.

Interim Vice President Volunteer: Jon requested a volunteer to assume the responsibilities for the Vice President/Programs chairperson for the remainder of the year. All the guest speakers are lined up, and the only responsibility is to follow up with them and introduce them at the monthly meeting. Simple! PLEASE VOLUNTEER – LET JON KNOW AT THE NEXT MEETING IF YOU CAN HELP. It takes more than 4 people to run GSOC and coordinate events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Door Prizes: Bob Loomis won the jar of homemade preserves kindly donated by Val Moreland and Dennis Blumenthal took home the home-grown honey harvested by Ed Crosby. We are appreciative to both donor individuals for their donations!

Genealogy Presentation: At the request of a Genealogy Group in Blue Water Bay Jon gave a Beginning Genealogy presentation to 5 people last week. He also promoted GSOC and some expressed an interest in checking us out.

Dutch Treat Lunch at local restaurant: The group met after the meeting at a new restaurant called The G.O.A.T. (stands for Greatest Of All Time) which is located at 138 Highway 98.

REPORTS:

1st VP: Jon informed the GSOC of our June and July guest speakers. In June, Ms. Sharon Marsh will talk about the 1st Florida Union Calvary in the Civil War. Then, Ms. Susan Lewis will give a presentation on Legacy Publishing at our July meeting.

2nd VP Jerry Rush: Jerry reminded the group that annual membership dues are \$24 for an individual or \$35 for family. He has membership forms on the table by the door.

Treasurer Phil Hoge: Total in our banks account: \$1978.56.

Recording Secretary Kathie Sheperd: Kathie gave a Library Committee report:

Val Moreland, Mike Kleypas, and Kathie met three times at the Fort Walton Beach (FWB) Library (Phil Hoge also met once) to undertake a big task to organize the genealogy section and to update the genealogy reference books. The committee is taking three actions: 1) Remove outdated/no longer useful material, remove books that do not belong in that section; 2) Have the library catalogue the GSOC owned books to give them visibility, search-ability, and protection from walking out the door. 3) Remove all the family "surname books" where they will be co-located alphabetically. This is a work in progress, and about 60 GSOC owned books were removed thus far to have the library catalog them. These books will become the property of the Library.

The Library Committee will be seeking the board's approval to purchase new reference books for the FWB library. We propose to spend a little over \$300 now from our 2017 Blue Box collection (which is for the support of the library). We plan to make another proposal to the GSOC Board at the end of the calendar year.

The Library Committee will be recommending a 2-year magazine subscription to Family Tree Magazine, and the following reference books: Genealogist Guide to Discovering Your African American Ancestors; The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy; The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy, 3rd Edition; The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy; and Map Guide to the US Federal Census, 1790-1920.

Corresponding Secretary Val Moreland: Let Val know if you are not receiving email updates from her.

Newsletter, Ed Crosby: Jon appreciated Ed's efforts and asked that members help contribute news articles.

Webmaster, Jim Young: Just a reminder that our GSOC website is temporarily located at <http://www.youngj.us/GSOC> until RootsWeb is back up.

Genealogist, Margaret Harris: Margaret was not able to make the meeting due to hospitalization. The entire GSOC organization wishes her well and on the road to recovery.

Genealogy Special Interest Group: Cindy Barber reminded the group that the GSIG meets monthly at the FWB Library on the first Saturday, 10:30. However, it will not meet during the months of June and July. GSIG is open to anyone who desires assistance in solving a genealogy brick wall, or who wishes to offer their assistance. It is another tool to help us in our personal research.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN MARSHALL:

Jon Sheperd introduced Mr. Marshall. John spent 20 years in the USAF as an aircraft maintainer and started his second career with Boeing 13 years ago, where he currently works in Logistics Support. John enjoys boating, camping, and all the other nice things that life on the Emerald Coast offers. Most evenings find him working on his genealogy. John and his wife, Darlene, live in Shalimar. John is a self-taught expert on DNA testing. His presentation will tell us how we can better use this tool in our genealogy research. His presentation is titled "Ready, Set, Now What?"

(Note: these presentation minutes are greatly abbreviated, partially because of the complexity of the subject matter and not wanting to make mistakes.)

John Marshall:

John told the GSOC audience that he is not associated with any DNA company, nor does he derive an income from his DNA expertise. He is self-taught. John showed us in cartoon like drawings how DNA works in family relationships. Each set of parents is one generation. "Your parents", he says, "is Generation One. Your grandparents are Generation Two, and great grandparents are Generation Three, and so on. Your degree of cousins, as you go further and further, is that generation minus 1. (4 generations back = 3rd cousins). You get 50% of your DNA from your mom and 50% from your dad. John showed the group a "cousins chart" and these can be found on the internet". He recommended everyone have one. (For instance, Kathie found one by Family Tree Magazine.)

John showed how DNA is represented in a scale of chromosome (CHR) positions or centimorgans (cM). In a family unit of mom, dad, a son and a daughter, Junior may share a different 50/50 percent from Sister. Autosomal DNA is a type of

DNA that is most popular to test for and it is the cheapest (in cost). Autosomal is good for 4 to 6 generations. John showed a depiction how Junior shared 5 cMs (50%) with his Mom (on a greatly reduced sample scale of 10 cMs) and 1.25 cMs with his 3rd cousin.

Looking at DNA percentages four generations back, it would typically be 50%, 25%, 12.5% and 6.25%. DNA at 3% or lower, could give you a false reading. The more DNA you share (cMs), the closer the relationship. Interfamily marriages can adjust these values. When evaluating two people, the oldest ancestor that both share is called "Most Recent Common Ancestor" or MCRA. Shared DNA is not consistent, and one way we see that is with biological difference between siblings.

We must remember DNA between people must be validated by maps, photos, records, etc. So do your homework, as appropriate.

Every company uses different software algorithms which may show different results. You have probably noticed that various DNA testing companies produce differences in the same person. This is because the DNA companies have different chromosome browsers. We discuss DNA in terms of chromosome number, number of segments (of genetic material), segment length (centimorgans), start and stop. (John proceeded to show how the DNA results for the same person are depicted differently on various company websites.) John also showed how his personal DNA results and that of his daughter on Ancestry.com supported his explanation of parent child relationships and percent of DNA. There are charts to show relationships vs centimorgans.

When looking about CHR 23, boys get Y from Dad, X from Mom. Girls get X from Dad, X from Mom (no Y). If a male finds a match that has xDNA, it means the match must be related to mother's side. This gets trickier after the first generation. With cMs, the large the value, the closer the relationship. It isn't an exact science. Blaine Bettinger, a renowned DNA expert genealogist, www.TheGeneticGenealogist.com, has a project from the internet which Bettinger calls "The Shared cM Project". John showed us a chart in version 3.0, dated August 2017 titled "The Relationship Chart" (it showed relationship to "self" vs other relatives.) John showed other various charts, such as the DNA Detectives Autosomal Statistics Chart and Risk Tolerance Chart.

John concluded by saying, *"When you do DNA testing, post a public tree so that there is a tool for people to look at and see if they might be related. It does not have to include all the pictures and documents you found to validate your ancestor's life. A simple tree is needed, otherwise, the DNA testing is not useful other than to know if your ancestors wore kilts or lederhosen. There are various tools such as Genome Mate, DNA Painter, and Clustering for us to use".*

After speaking, John then did a drawing and one lucky person (Monique Chamberlin) won a free session with him to help her translate her DNA results.

CLOSING:

The meeting concluded, and Jon thanked everyone for coming and especially thanked John Marshall for taking the time to speak to us. John will send Jon a copy of his slides and these will be posted in the Members Only section of the GSOC website.

The next meeting will be at the Fort Walton Beach Library on June 23rd at 10:30 am when we will hear Sharon Marsh talk about the 1st Florida Union Calvary in the Civil War.

Meeting adjourned.

/S/

Kathie Sheperd

Recording Secretary, GSOC

Events and Information of GSOC Interest

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Membership

Annual membership dues are \$24 for individual and \$35 for individual and spouse at same address. You can obtain a membership form from our web site or use the copy included in this newsletter.

The Newsletter

The GSOC Newsletter is now published on or before the third weekend of each month. Suggestions for articles are welcome. The editor, Edward Crosby, can be contacted by phone at (850) 678-5423 or by email at edcrosby@valp.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 2017 issue, was published and distributed in September 2017 and has been mailed to all GSOC members. The theme of the 2017 issue is the Education. If you are a member and didn't receive your copy, please contact us.

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WWW.youngj.us/GSOC

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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The GSOC Books

The five GSOC cemetery, marriage, and funeral books are all out of print, but are now available on the GSOC web site for reading on line and for downloading as searchable PDF files, at no charge. **Please note that all these GSOC books are copyrighted by The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County and may be only used for personal use. Reproduction is prohibited without the permission of the GSOC.** Go to the web site, scroll down and click on the **GSOC Books** link, click on the name of the book to access, and read it on line. Save it to your computer to download it. Because of the size of these books, it may take them a few minutes to display (depending on the speed of your internet connection.)

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ANNUAL DUES (Membership Year 1 Jan-31 Dec)

Individual \$24.00 Family \$35.00 (For Individual & spouse at the same address)

Please PRINT or TYPE all information:

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Your level of experience: Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___ Family Genealogist ___ Professional ___

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Research: Name of families and states you are researching

Surname	State or Area

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Our May meeting will on Saturday,
June 23rd, at 10:30 am.

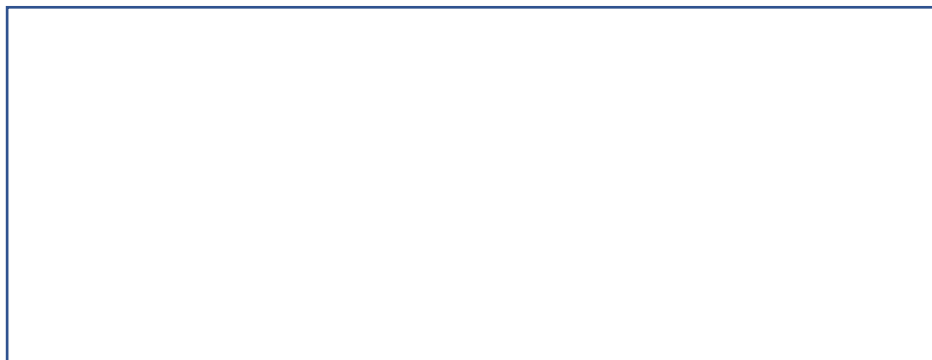
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