



THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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JUNE 22, 2019, 10:30 AM
Presentation by Cindy Barber:



Ancient Diseases

Many of our ancestors faced diseases we no longer think of as life-threatening. The GSOC June presentation will explore some of these diseases, how they may have affected our ancestors and tips for finding information.

GSOC President's Corner

June 2019

I hope all of you are staying cool this year. It's certainly a hot spring! Mike and I held the first session of the Beginners DNA workshop in Niceville on 11 June. We had 10 people attend. The questions were great, and we hope we helped the attendees gain some understanding of their tests. Session 2 is the 18th. The Library staff had cookies and coffee for us! We hope to do more evening events there.

As Father's Day is here, I can only reflect on my new cousin who now knows who her father was and was welcomed into her stepbrother's family with open arms. It was certainly an emotional few weeks for all of us. Her father was quite the character. Learning about him has broadened all our genealogy skills! I know Father's Day is special for her this year. Her brother is the oldest direct line ancestor we have located. His gift to me was an autosomal AND Y-DNA test!

Our Library Journal Project is almost complete. We only have a few more to index. A few books are in for repairs, as well. Hopefully, the library will get our labels printed and we can finish the Journal project up in July.

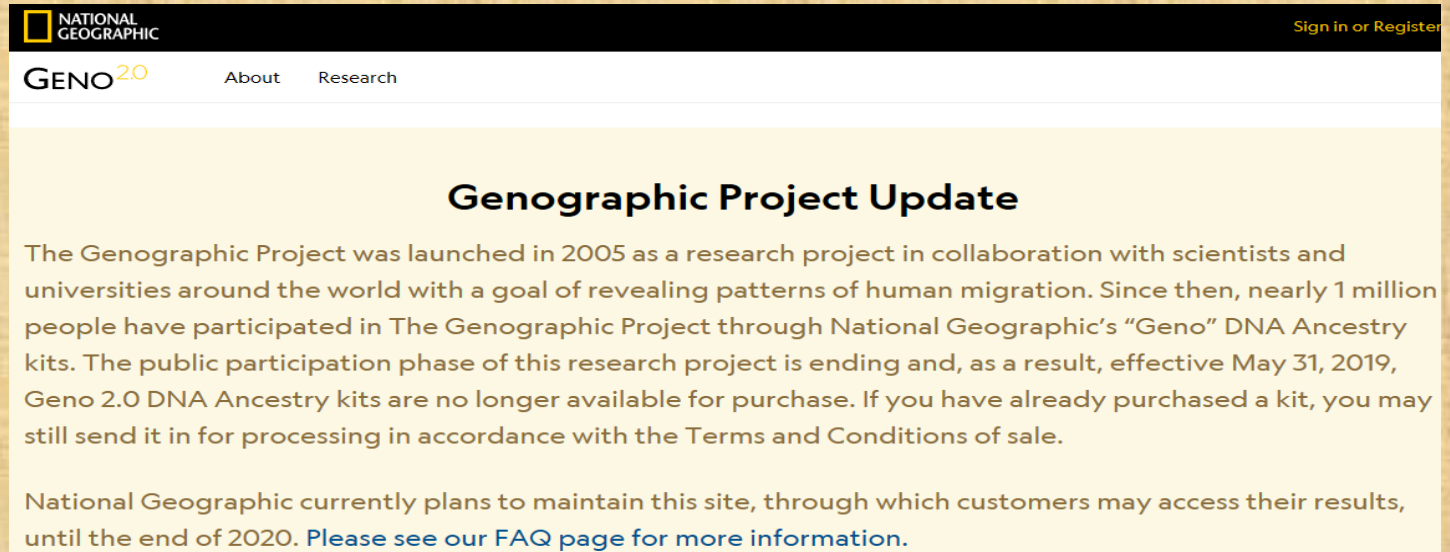
We need Library Volunteers for the July 10, 24th and 31st. Please help us in the library. I'll have the signup sheet at the meeting, but if you cannot come to the meeting, please email me to sign up.

If you have suggestions for a workshop or presentation topic, please let us know.

*From our President, **Cindy Barber** Cindybarber2@gmail.com*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Today, on the National Geographic Society's Genographic Project page, we find this announcement:



The screenshot shows the top of the National Geographic Genographic Project website. The header includes the National Geographic logo, the text "GENO 2.0", and navigation links for "About" and "Research". A "Sign in or Register" link is in the top right. The main heading is "Genographic Project Update". The text below states that the project was launched in 2005 and that the public participation phase is ending as of May 31, 2019. It mentions that Geno 2.0 DNA Ancestry kits are no longer available for purchase but can still be sent in for processing. It also notes that the website will be maintained until the end of 2020 and provides a link to the FAQ page for more information.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

GENO 2.0 About Research Sign in or Register

Genographic Project Update

The Genographic Project was launched in 2005 as a research project in collaboration with scientists and universities around the world with a goal of revealing patterns of human migration. Since then, nearly 1 million people have participated in The Genographic Project through National Geographic's "Geno" DNA Ancestry kits. The public participation phase of this research project is ending and, as a result, effective May 31, 2019, Geno 2.0 DNA Ancestry kits are no longer available for purchase. If you have already purchased a kit, you may still send it in for processing in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of sale.

National Geographic currently plans to maintain this site, through which customers may access their results, until the end of 2020. [Please see our FAQ page for more information.](#)

This is a sad day indeed.

Effective May 31, 2019, you can no longer purchase Genographic kits.

If you currently have an unsubmitted kit, you may still be able to submit it for processing. See [this link](#) for more information about your specific kit.

The Genographic website will be taken down December. 31, 2020. Your results will be available for viewing until then, but not after that date.

Data will be maintained internally by the Genographic project for scientific analysis but will not be otherwise available.

Please Transfer Your DNA Results

The original Genographic project had two primary goals. The first being to obtain your own results, and the second being to participate in research.

If you are one of the 997,222 people in 140 countries around the world who tested, you may be able to transfer your results.

Depending on which version of the Genographic test you've taken, you can still preserve at least some of the benefit, for yourself and to scientific research.

- If you tested before November 2016, [Family Tree DNA](#) processed your kit for the Genographic Project, and you **can transfer** your results to [Family Tree DNA for free](#) by [clicking here](#).
- If you tested internationally after November 2016, your kit was processed by [Family Tree DNA](#) and you **can transfer** your results **for free** to [Family Tree DNA](#) by [clicking here](#).
- Note that only Y and mitochondrial DNA results can be transferred, because that's all that was tested. How much information can be transferred is a function of which level test you initially took, meaning the version 1 or version 2 test.

- If you tested within the US in November 2016 or after, you tested on the Helix platform and your results **cannot** be transferred to [Family Tree DNA](#).
- If you have already tested your Y (males only) and mitochondrial DNA at [Family Tree DNA](#), there is no need to transfer Genographic data. [Family Tree DNA](#) information will be more complete.

FamilyTreeDNA DNA TESTS UPLOAD DNA DATA SHOP SIGN IN

National Geographic
Genographic Project Transfers

THE GENOGRAPHIC PROJECT

Enter National Geographic Kit Number

Where do I find my Geno ID Code? ☐ Accept Terms

We do not accept National Geographic tests provided via Helix.

Transfer your National Geographic Genographic Project results to
FamilyTreeDNA for FREE to get more insight into where your
ancestors came from.

Salvage as Much as Possible

As a National Geographic Society Genographic Project Affiliate Researcher and long-time supporter, I'm utterly heartsick to see this day.

Please transfer what you can to salvage as much as possible. We already lost the [Sorenson data base](#), [Ancestry's Y and mitochondrial DNA data base](#) along with [YSearch and MitoSearch](#). How much Y and mitochondrial DNA information, critical to genealogists and the history of humanity, has been lost forever?

Let's not lose the Genographic Project information too. Please salvage as much as possible [by transferring](#) - and spread the word.

Please feel free to repost or preprint this article.

This aid may help in your research:

Records Checklist

Look for your ancestor in these documents.

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

- ☐ apprentice and indenture records
- ☐ company newsletters
- ☐ government patents
- ☐ insurance records
- ☐ merchants' account books
- ☐ professional licenses
- ☐ Social Security applications (SS5)

CEMETERY AND FUNERAL HOME

- ☐ burial records
- ☐ grave-relocation records
- ☐ tombstone inscriptions

CENSUSES

- ☐ agriculture schedules
- ☐ American Indian
- ☐ Civil War veterans schedules
- ☐ defective, dependent and delinquent (DDD) schedules
- ☐ federal censuses
- ☐ manufacturing/industry schedules
- ☐ mortality schedules
- ☐ school censuses
- ☐ slave schedules
- ☐ state/territorial and local censuses

CHURCH

- ☐ baptism and christening records
- ☐ confirmation records

- ☐ congregational histories
- ☐ marriage banns
- ☐ meeting minutes
- ☐ membership, admission and removal records
- ☐ ministers' journals

COURT

- ☐ adoption records
- ☐ bastardy cases
- ☐ coroners' files
- ☐ criminal records
- ☐ custody papers
- ☐ estate inventories
- ☐ guardianship papers
- ☐ insanity/commitment orders
- ☐ licenses and permits
- ☐ marriage bonds, licenses and certificates
- ☐ military discharges
- ☐ minute books
- ☐ name changes
- ☐ naturalizations
- ☐ property foreclosures
- ☐ voter registrations
- ☐ wills

DIRECTORIES

- ☐ biographical
- ☐ city
- ☐ occupational
- ☐ telephone

HOME SOURCES

- ☐ baby books
- ☐ checkbooks and bank statements

- ☐ diaries and journals
- ☐ family Bibles
- ☐ funeral/memorial cards
- ☐ heirlooms and artifacts
- ☐ letters and postcards
- ☐ medical records
- ☐ photographs
- ☐ prayer cards
- ☐ wedding albums
- ☐ recipe books
- ☐ school report cards, yearbooks and scrapbooks
- ☐ wills

IMMIGRATION

- ☐ alien registration cards
- ☐ citizenship papers
- ☐ passenger lists
- ☐ passports and passport applications

INSTITUTIONAL

- ☐ almshouses
- ☐ fraternal associations
- ☐ hospitals
- ☐ orphanages
- ☐ police registers
- ☐ prisons
- ☐ schools
- ☐ work-farms

LAND AND PROPERTY

- ☐ deeds
- ☐ grants and patents
- ☐ homestead records
- ☐ mortgages and leases
- ☐ plat maps
- ☐ surveys

- ☐ tax rolls
- ☐ warrants

MILITARY

- ☐ draft records
- ☐ pension applications
- ☐ service records

NEWSPAPERS

- ☐ announcements
- ☐ classified advertisements
- ☐ immigrant ship notices
- ☐ gossip columns
- ☐ legal notices
- ☐ local news
- ☐ obituaries/death notices
- ☐ runaway notices

PUBLISHED SOURCES

- ☐ compiled genealogies
- ☐ genealogical periodicals
- ☐ local histories
- ☐ record abstracts and transcriptions

VITAL

- ☐ amended birth certificates
- ☐ birth certificates
- ☐ delayed birth certificates
- ☐ death certificates
- ☐ marriage licenses and certificates
- ☐ stillbirth certificates
- ☐ divorce/annulment decrees

In each issue, **Your Turn** offers a form that'll help you preserve your family's unique stories and organize your research. Tear out and use the form or make a photocopy of this page.

KILROY WAS HERE!

"Kilroy was here" messages were scrawled on surfaces throughout the world during and following World War II. They even appeared in Calhoun county (MS), where I grew up, during and after the war. The photo here shows it inscribed on the WWII Memorial in Washington.

The strongest claim to who Kilroy was came from a contest by the American Transit Association to find the REAL Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article.

Almost 40 men stepped forward, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts had evidence of his identity. He was a welding inspector at a shipyard, and his job was to check the work done by others on the inner bottoms and inside the tanks of ships being manufactured there. He became frustrated with bosses who would not believe he had checked all the work areas. In a fit of pique one day, as he emerged from the hatch of a tank he'd just inspected, he scrawled in yellow crayon on its top, where the boss could easily see it, "Kilroy was here." To help prove his authenticity, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car.

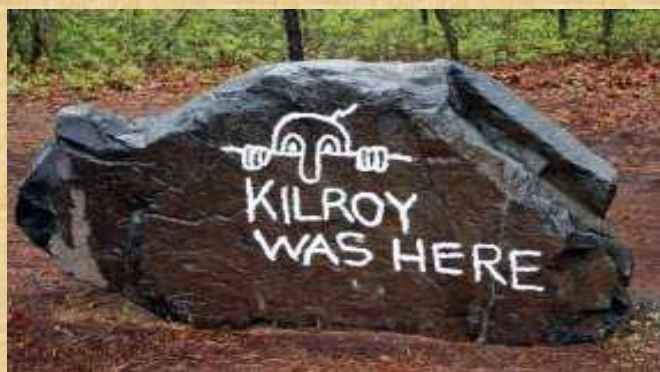


So the phrase that would quickly travel the globe and be found in unexpected places was born. As for the graphic that came to be associated with the phrase, it's not clear how the two came to work together. The little drawing of a man peeking over a wall, with just his eyes and nose (and sometimes his fingers) showing, began as a British cartoon.

Kilroy's "trademark" was seen by thousands who boarded the troopships the yard produced. They spread it all over and began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived. Kilroy became the Super-GI who always had "already

been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable.

As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for the coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. The first person inside was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"



Editor's Note: Thanks to Jim Young for this short version of an article from the March 2012 GSOC Newsletter.

12 Genealogy Research Rules



The word "rules" might be a little strict...let's just call them guidelines. :)

FamilyHistoryDaily.com

1. Always Cite Your Sources. Always.
2. Never, Ever Assume Another Researcher's Information is 100% Correct
3. Remember That Every Name Has Variations, Check Them All
4. Never Copy Another Person's Public Tree, Use it Only as a Helpful Aid
5. Share Freely With Others and They Will Share With You
6. Don't Trust Your Assumptions, Only Sources
7. Check and Double Check Your Facts Before Recording or Sharing
8. Take a Second Look at Records, Your Answer May Be Right in Front of You
9. Don't Limit Yourself to Only One or Two Research Sites, Look for Options
10. Go Offline or Order Hard Copies to Expand Your Research
11. Back Up Your Files Monthly, Keep at Least Two Copies of Your Research
12. Never Give Up *you may not find what you're looking for but the journey is always worth the effort*



Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC) Meeting Minutes

25 May 2019

Call to order: 10:34 am

Approval of March Minutes: Val moved to approve the minutes as written.

Finance Report – Phil – Bank Balance: \$2041 with blue box balance of \$678.

Membership Report – Jerry – 67 paid/life members. 4 more people haven't renewed.

Correspondence – Val – No report. If you aren't getting her emails let her know.

Newsletter – Ed – If you didn't get a newsletter, he needs your email address. Visitors get 3 months of the newsletter by email. If you have anything for the newsletter it can be added.

Genealogy Report – Margaret – No queries lately.

Project Lead - Donna Elliot, Beverly Gross – Donna sent Cindy a report - the quick sheet is still a work in progress. They hope to have a draft finished in June.

Website – Jim – For new members there is a website with lots of past information and upcoming events. Jim can give you the password to the Members Only Area.

Presidents Report:

- Book donation to Library from Tom Sajwaj – Legacies of our Great Grandmothers: Early Tennessee Women.
- Book buy: 10 used books were purchased at a cost of \$47.
- Volunteers for Library: 1-4 on Wednesdays - passed signup sheet around. Starting to get some interest.
- Day of DNA - 22 people attended. One no-show. 4 new members gained. We made a profit of \$163.32



Cindy Barber, President of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC) presents a check to Marie Heath, Director of the Robert L. Sikes Public Library in Crestview in appreciation of their support for the Day of DNA Seminar held on April 27th.

- Upcoming events: o 11 & 18 June: 6:00-7:30 pm – Basic DNA hands-on Workshop at the Niceville Library. Bring your laptop. Call the library to reserve a seat. You must have a reservation.
- Fall Crestview Program - suggestions? Let Cindy know.

Other Reports:

Caroline Webber – taken custody of father's genealogical data.

Presentation:

Google For Family History by Leslie Dannelly. Google can be an effective tool in your genealogical research. New information is added daily to millions of websites. Google helps you sift through all that information to find family history treasures! We will discuss what to use, how to use it and the expected results.

mldannelly@gmail.com – email her with questions.

Leslie was given local honey as a gift.

Door prizes: Won by Judi, Jodi, and Barbara.

Next meeting: June 22. Program to be announced later.

Meeting adjourned: 11:42 am.

Events and Information of GSOC Interest

Officers for 2019

President, Cindy Barber
1st Vice President (Programs), Mike Kleypas
2nd Vice President (Membership), Jerry Rush
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Recording Secretary, Barbara Bethea
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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 2018 issue was published and distributed in September 2018 and has been mailed to all GSOC members. The theme of the 2018 issue is the "Why did I come here". If you are a member and didn't receive your copy, please contact us.

NOTICE: Web Site has been restored:
<http://www.rootweb.ancestry.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.

GSOC on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/okaloosagsoc>

The address to the official page of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County is shown above; or you can go to your Facebook account and search for **Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County**. This page provides the latest information about our future meetings and other news that is important to members or prospective members. There is also a Facebook group. It is useful for exchanging information about your research and getting help with questions you may have about the Society or resources available to you. You can find it by going to your Facebook account and searching for **Friends of the GSOC**

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.)

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY

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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)

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

Please PRINT or TYPE all information:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Preferred Telephone (Home/Cell): _____ E-Mail: _____ Date: _____

Can information be shared with other members? Name: Yes/No, Address: Yes/No, Phone: Yes/No, Email: Yes/No

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

Please indicate areas of GSOC in which you would like to serve or contribute:

Newsletter Editor ___ Write Newsletter Articles ___ Webmaster ___ Journal Editor ___ Journal Staff Member ___ Write Articles for Journal ___ Serve on Short-term Committee ___ Nomination Committee ___ Organize Field Trips ___ Christmas Party Organizer ___ Give Genealogy Presentation ___ Workshop Leader ___ Workshop Volunteer ___ Special Event Organizer ___ Special Event Volunteer ___ Librarian ___ Publicity ___ CD Sales ___

Research: Name of families and states you are researching

Surname	State or Area

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PLEASE MAIL FORM (ALONG WITH CHECK) TO THE GSOC P.O. ADDRESS ABOVE (OR BRING FORM AND CHECK TO NEXT SOCIETY MEETING)



Our next meeting will on Saturday,
June 22th, at 10:30 am.

Featuring:
"Ancient Diseases"
presented by Cindy Barber

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185 Miracle Strip Parkway SE,
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

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



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