




The GSOC Newsletter

The Genealogical Society of
Okaloosa County, Florida

June 16, 2021

At our May meeting, we viewed a video on Alabama Genealogy entitled "Home of the Brave—Land and Military Research, Part 1." We then discussed ways in which the information presented might be helpful to each of us in our own research.

Don't miss our upcoming meetings—more great information for genealogists of every skill level!

 <p>ULSTER - AMERICAN IMMIGRATION: DISTINCT STAGES - ONE STORY</p> <p>PRESENTED BY STEPHANIE O'CONNELL</p>	<p>GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY MEETING</p> <p>SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 10:30 AM</p> <p>Fort Walton Beach Library <i>185 Miracle Strip Pkwy, SE FWB</i></p> <p><i>We're back in person!!</i></p>
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Our June Meeting will be IN PERSON at the FWB Library. No masks or social distancing required ***if you are vaccinated*** —but please follow whatever protocols make you comfortable. We'll be happy to see your smiling faces!!!

If you would prefer to participate via ZOOM link, that will be possible as well.

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Upcoming Events



ULSTER – AMERICAN
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PRESENTED BY

STEPHANIE O'CONNELL

GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY OF
OKALOOSA COUNTY
MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 26,
10:30 AM

Fort Walton Beach Library

185 Miracle Strip Pkwy, SE
FWB

We're back in person!!



Stephanie O'Connell is a Professional Genealogist and descendant of a long line of resilient Irish women whom she has located in more than one prison record

Specializes in Irish research, with a focus on the periods of Irish and Scots Irish migration to America

She is an alumnus of ProGen 42 and has recently submitted her portfolio for review to become certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG)

Member of Association of Professional Genealogists (APGEN) and National Genealogical Society (NGS)

Stephanie lives in Seattle, Washington with her husband and two teenagers; when not working on genealogy, she enjoys rowing and fly fishing with her family

✓ The Baker Block Museum, a local history and genealogy museum, is hosting its first Baker Arts Festival, on **Saturday, June 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Jeanette and Charles Henderson Heritage Park. More than 40 artists, crafters, and food vendors plan to display and offer their treasures for sale. The Museum is also celebrating its 25th Anniversary. <https://www.bakerblockmuseum.org>.

✓ Genealogy Volunteer Opportunities— Type or transcribe handwritten reports: NARA Escape and Evasion Records; NARA African American History; NARA WWI Capture the Captions found on WWI photographs. If interested, go to [ConferenceKeeper.org](https://www.conferencekeeper.org).

Members' Corner

Share Your Story With Us!

Do you have a family story that's particularly interesting - frustrating - or a big surprise? We'd love to hear more about it!

Just submit your story to the GSOC First Vice President - Jodie Biles (gsocakaloosa@gmail.com) - for consideration as a Members' Corner feature in an upcoming edition of the newsletter.

From our VP Jodie Biles: *In June we mark the first day of Summer and new beginnings. We just celebrated Mother's Day and will be celebrating Father's Day in June. Both days are special to me. I take time out to remember my parents who have both passed away. I never knew my maternal grandparents and only my grandmother on my father's side. As genealogist and family appointed historian, I have discovered many things about my ancestors. We genealogists tend to celebrate our brilliant research finds. I'm guessing you too have uncovered some gems about the men and women in your family. For this July's program I am asking for your participation. We haven't been able to meet in person for quite some time, but we can still connect online. I'd like to showcase some of your finds, hear some of your stories. Do you have an ancestor who stands out from the rest? Did you recently discover the identity of your Great Great Great Grandfather or your Great Great Grandmother? I'm sure there are stories to be told and we would like to hear them.*

If you have any research to share or stories to tell, you can do so at our monthly GSOC meeting in July. Feel free to contact Jodie Biles through the GSOC email (gsocakaloosa@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. In the mean time enjoy the warm weather and think about the story you want to tell!

Jodie

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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 ___
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 ___ 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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PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE GSOC POST OFFICE ADDRESS ABOVE
(OR BRING THE FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY)

Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County

Zoom Meeting Minutes

GSOC Meeting:	2021_05_22
Call to Order:	10:32 am
Attendees:	<p>9 - Barbara Bethea, Margaret Harris, Jodie Biles, Donna Elliott, Mike Kley-pass, Jim Young, Sue Basch, Mariand Roberts, and Bob Bryan.</p> <p>1 - Visitors: Jay Purut</p>
Presidents Report: (Margaret Harris)	The June 26 meeting will be in person at the FWB Library at 10:30am. Zoom will also be available
Membership Report: (Jodie Biles)	59 members
Programs Report: (Jodie Biles)	<p>May program "Home of the Brave – Land & Military Research, Part 1."</p> <p>June – Scots-Irish Genealogy presented by Stephanie O'Connell from Seattle.</p> <p>July - member oriented. Jodie has asked for stories or significant genealogy research finds in honor of a male or female ancestor for Mother's Day/ Father's Day which will have just passed.</p> <p>Jodie asked if anyone was interested in having the DAR give us a presentation.</p>
Recording Secretary: (Barbara Bethea)	Approval of April 2021 Minutes – Donna moved we approve the minutes and Mike seconded. All approved.
Corresponding Secretary: (Donna Elliott)	Announcements went out to all contacts. Jodie will attempt to put information on conference keeper.
Treasurer: (Phil Hoge by email)	<p><u>Financial Report for board meeting:</u></p> <p>Blue Book Balance: \$884.82</p> <p>Treasury: \$966.44</p> <p>Bank Balance \$1,851.26</p> <p>Expenses during this period include \$75.00 to Kristina Clever (Presentation) & \$14.99 reimbursement to Phil Hoge for zoom payment made by credit card .</p> <p>Deposits - None</p>
Newsletter: (Eppi Azzaretto)	Nothing to report.
Website: (Jim Young)	Nothing to report.

Sig Reports:	23&Me - Jodie - 1st Monday 6pm Family Tree Maker - Cindy- 1st Wednesday 6pm- suspended until the Fall. Family Search - Margaret - 3rd Wednesday 6pm
Presentation:	"Home of the Brave – Land & Military Research, Part 1."
Questions Asked:	None. Discussion followed concerning Alabama research.
Meeting Adjourned:	11:22 pm.
	



Our GSOC President - and Family Search SIG leader—Marie Harris was unable to conduct the June meeting—but she had worked hard on the presentation, which is available here: <http://bitly.ws/emv2>

(To move through the presentation, just click from one slide to the next.)