

# THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MARCH 17, 2017

**GSOC Program for March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Fort Walton Beach Library, 10:30 am

## **Land Records 101**

**Presenter: Mr. Bert Outlaw**

Our March program will be presented by Bert Outlaw who will discuss how land was originally organized in the United States, metes and bounds, public domain states, reading and understanding deed land descriptions, military bounty land grants, Tract Books, and land entry case files.



Mr. Outlaw was born and raised in Alabama. He has been an infantry officer, a helicopter pilot in the Army, a pilot in the Navy, and a commercial pilot. He taught school for 7 years and was an instructor pilot for Lockheed. Mr. Outlaw is a past president of the West Florida Genealogical Society and has earned a BS in Business and an MS in Aeronautical Science. He is a member of several state and national genealogical societies.

## **Time to Renew Your Membership for 2017**

Dues must be paid by the end of March 2017 or you will be dropped.

There is a **revised** membership form in this newsletter and also on our web site. The volunteer section of the form has been updated and the GSOC Board encourages **everyone** to select one or more areas to help the society next year.

If there are no changes to the ancestor research section at the bottom of the form please put "no changes". Otherwise, add additional ancestors.

You can mail the membership form and check or you can bring the form and money/check to the next meeting.



## **AFGHAN RAFFLE**

For benefit of the  
Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County

Beautiful handmade afghan (shown folded in half)  
Measures approximately 41" wide and 86" long  
Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00  
You do not have to be present to win

Tickets will be on sale before the beginning of the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The drawing will be during or at the conclusion of the meeting.

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# The Unsolved Murder of the Cape San Blas Light Keeper

By: H. C. "Hank" Klein



**Cape San Blas with Assistant Keepers and Keepers Homes, Lighthouse, and Oil House**

**O**n July 15, 2014, hundreds of people watched as the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, its two keepers' quarters and the oil house made their journey from the shores of Cape San Blas into Port St. Joe. The convoy, which was over 900 feet long and two lanes wide, as it moved from the gulf shores of Cape San Blas to its new location at George Core Park, in the downtown Bayfront area of Port St. Joe, Florida, where they are on display today.

You may be aware that the Cape San Blas Lighthouse was moved to Port St. Joe, but did you know that a murder occurred in the assistant light keeper's workshop, located behind his home, in March of 1938 that has gone unsolved for nearly 70 years?

In 1926, at the age of twenty-seven Ernest W. Marler gave up fishing at Destin, Florida, and moved his family to Cape San Blas, in Gulf County, to help man the lighthouse. Ernest was the assistant lighthouse keeper at Cape San Blas lighthouse until his death on March 16, 1938 at a salary of \$440 per year plus room and board.

Ernest had married Suzie E. Stephens in 1924. According to the 1935 Florida Census, they had four children: their 10-year old daughter Ernestine, 8-year old son James, 4-year old daughter Mamie Sue, and 2-year old son Raymond. The Lighthouse Board furnished two, three-bedroom, two story homes, one for the keeper and one for the assistant keeper and their families.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1938 Ernest, after caring for the light in the morning, went to a small workshop behind his home at about 10:00 am. When he failed to come to

dinner at 12:00 noon, his wife sent Ernestine, their 13-year old daughter, to check on her father. Ernestine returned shortly to tell her mother that her father was hurt bad.

Ernest's wife Suzie went to the workshop and found her husband lying in a pool of blood at the end of his work bench. He had been stabbed fourteen times in the chest, neck and arm. Nearby were a bloody knife and hatchet. The head keeper, Sullivan R. White, had gone to Port Saint Joe with his wife at 9:00 am and did not return until 11:30 am that day. He was summoned and determined that Ernest was dead. Sheriff E. W. Parker was called and he and Judge Alton Dendy arrived from Wewahitchka about 4:30 pm.

As reported in the Port St. Joe STAR newspaper on Friday, March 26, 1938, at the coroner's inquest, head keeper White was asked whether or not he was afraid to continue living at the lighthouse. Mr. White stated, "Yes, I'm afraid, because I believe someone is trying to get our jobs. Several threats have been made to previous keepers by persons wanting the job at the lighthouse. I am afraid to stay there – afraid that some desperado with get me. If Marler was murdered, they might get me too." That statement shows just how coveted the job of a light keeper was in those days.

Later that year head keeper Sullivan R. White left the Cape San Blas lighthouse and was replaced by Frank Spongia who served until his retirement in 1942. He speculated that Marler was murdered by keeper Johnny Jones, who was the man who took Marler's place as assistant keeper. However, investigators at the time felt that Spongia's



claims were unjustified and they believed that, more than anything else, Spongia was just paranoid.



**Frank Spongia, Head Keeper, Cape San Blas Lighthouse – 1938-1942 – in his Uniform**

The death of Ernest W. Marler was never solved. Some believed he was killed by local moonshiners, while others believed it was a revenge killing for his testimony a few days earlier in a trial against some thieves.

After the death of her husband, Ernest's wife Suzie and her four children moved back to Destin, Florida. In the 1940 Federal Census Suzie Marler and her four children are living on the harbor along with her 55 year old mother – Mary Stephens. They also have a border living with them, a local fisherman named Roy D. Shirah. Roy Shirah is author H. C. Klein's wife's uncle on her mother side of the family.

Ernest Marler was a cousin to Hank Klein's wife's father, Clarence Lee Marler. Ernest was born in 1899 and Clarence was born in 1901 so there was only two years difference in their age growing up in Destin, Florida.

In 2012, a mystery novel was written by Charles Farley titled *Secrets of San Blas*. In Farley's book he took the real events involved in the 1930s surrounding Port Saint Joe, the new Paper Mill, Cape San Blas, the lighthouse, and the unsolved murder. He made a fictional novel with an interesting ending, which isn't true, but is still interesting. The *Secrets of San Blas* is currently available at both the Niceville and Destin libraries.

The Cape San Blas Lighthouse and the two keeper's homes are a nice addition to the City of Port St. Joe's downtown George Core Park. Not many locals remember the murder that occurred at lonely Cape San Blas in March of 1838 that has gone unsolved to this day.

H. C. "Hank" Klein is a Destin historian who visits this area often and lives in North Little Rock, Arkansas, with his wife (the former Muriel Marler of Destin).

Klein recently published historic books about Destin - *DESTIN Pioneer Settlers...A Land History of Destin, Florida from 1819-1940* and *DESTIN'S Founding Father...The Untold Story of Leonard Destin*. Both can be obtained from Amazon.com, Tony Mennillo of Arturo Studios at 850/585-2909, Dewey Destin's Restaurants in Destin, the Magnolia Grill in Fort Walton Beach, and Bayou Books in Niceville.

Klein can be contacted at [klein@aristotle.net](mailto:klein@aristotle.net).

## Some fascinating things on old tombstones



Harry Edsel Smith of Albany , New York :

***Born 1903--Died 1942.***

***Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.***

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:

***Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102.  
Only the good die young.***

In a London , England cemetery:

***Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid  
but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767***

In a Ribbesford, England , cemetery:

***Anna Wallace  
The children of Israel wanted bread,  
And the Lord sent them manna.  
Clark Wallace wanted a wife,  
And the Devil sent him Anna.***

In a Ruidoso, New Mexico , cemetery:

***Here lies Johnny Yeast.  
Pardon him for not rising.***

A lawyer's epitaph in England :

***Sir John Strange.  
Here lies an honest lawyer,  
and that is Strange.***

John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, England , cemetery:

***Reader, if cash thou art in want of any,  
Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.***

In a cemetery in Hartscombe , England :

***On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out  
of tune.***

# Rants and Raves

Extracted from posts by J.L. Beeken, Genealogy Blogger

## The Genealogy Police

I had a visit from the Genealogy Police this week. I'd heard of the Genealogy Police but I'd never met even one, so I thought they might be just a figment of someone's worst nightmare. But, now it's clear they do exist. And if she'd had her way I would have been shot, hung and quartered. Then burned at the stake and my ashes ground into dirt.

Apparently, these are **The Genealogy Regulations** that I had been oblivious to:

1. Genealogy is not like the rest of the Internet.
2. If you post something online it has to be Proven Fact. Otherwise, don't post it.
3. If you do post it, you are required by **Genealogy Law** to post a disclaimer stating that there may be errors contained therein.
4. If you post incorrect information without a disclaimer, and get caught, you are obligated to flagellate yourself to death because you have now committed the most heinous of sins for which there is no forgiveness, may your soul writhe in Hell, your life is OVER.

Oh, dear. OK, so here's what I've come up with:

Warning! You have landed on a genealogy website where you may find information about dead people. Just in case this is your first day on the Internet and/or it hasn't crossed your mind yet, the information herein could contain errors. Some of the people named have been dead for hundreds of years ... how accurate do you think I can be?

This is not a professional treatise. I write my sources how I damn well please. I even have un-sourced data from my early days and that's just tough. If I source data from a book written 100 years ago and it turns out to be incorrect ... oh, well ... bad things happen.

Sometimes I post errors on purpose to see if you're paying attention. Or maybe I don't. You'll never know for sure.

Genealogy is exactly like the rest of the Internet. It's written by human-beings of varying skill levels prone to all the vagaries of humankind. If you find any errors, you are not welcome to send email beating me across the head about them. You may, on the other hand, approach with kindly interest and attempt to engage me in mutually-beneficial conversation.

## My Lying Grandmother

My maternal grandmother strung such a line of baloney. If it wasn't so sad it would be funny.

I grew up in a world where I had no past. And I had no past because my parents divorced early which just left me with my mother and my mother had no past because her father left and her mother lived behind a moat of secrecy.

According to my mother my grandmother had only two *vague* memories: a dark lady with braids leaning over a cooking pot and an Irish man with red hair. Just the kind of information any family historian would be thrilled to inherit!

**The lies my grandmother told:** She was born in 1900, she was part Cherokee, her first daughter was born in 1921, she had only two *vague* memories.

**Here's some truths:** She was born out of wedlock in 1899, she was not even remotely Cherokee, she lived with her mother, grandmother, aunt and 1st cousins until she married in 1919.

Her first daughter was born in January 1920, 7 months after she married. She hid her from the census-taker in March.

Her aunt's youngest child was born (also out of wedlock) when she was 15 but she didn't know anything about a man hanging around her house. Total blank.

When my mother, at age 10, asked her why her mother and her aunt had the same surname, my grandmother said they must have married brothers in a tone that told my mother to SHUT UP.

She was 20 years old when her grandmother died but her children never heard anything about this woman.

Her mother-in-law died when she was 31. Her children didn't know anything about her.

The grandmother of her husband (also born out of wedlock) died when my mother was 12. My mother never met her or even knew she existed.

She had a close relationship with her father until she was **36** years old and he moved out of the area. My mother never heard of him.

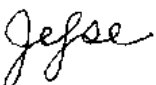
It's been a long road but we know who he is now. And we've figured out some of this other bullshit. Rest in peace, Pearl.

## Deciphering Old Handwriting

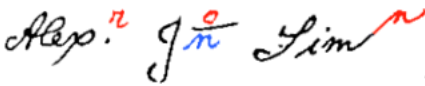
### From a genealogy course taught by Sabina J. Murray

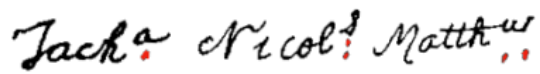
Not only have our words and their meanings changed throughout the years, the way we form the letters have too. In order to get the most information from the records that are available, we have to decipher these records and put meaning into the symbols we see on the old documents or papers that we find. As we read old Bible, census, courthouse, archive and Church records to obtain the names, places and dates, often we are unclear at the words before us. Also, the further back we go - the harder it is to read. An important note to remember is that much of the writing is "phonetic." They wrote the name the best that they could by how it sounded. This brief tutorial will help you understand these old records better.

**The Leading "s"** One of the most dramatic changes in letters has been the letter "s."

 Here is a regular lower case "s" and another "s" that looks like a backward lower case "f." Over 100 years ago the "s" was often written like a backward "f." This strange symbol for "s" was used very commonly in instances where there was a "double s." The unusual s first, called the "leading s." Then the regular s. Sabina came across this name, early in her research experience, in the U.S. Census. She interpreted this name to be "Jefse" (after all, there are some very unusual names on these records) Later on she found out about the correct translation and felt a little foolish. The true translation is "Jesse."

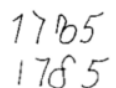
**Old Style Abbreviations** Some of the writing looks like our modern day shorthand. To save paper and time, abbreviations were used often. Here are some of the things you will encounter:

 Lines were often used in abbreviations. They can be found over, under and through any given abbreviation. Smaller letters (both top and bottom) are common. Single and double dots are used in a variety of positions.




**Marks** When we think about someone's mark, we usually think of an "x." But, there were many different kinds. Many of our ancestors could not write. Many of the signatures on wills and other legal documents were signed by a court clerk, while the person made his or her "mark." Even if they could write, many people still used marks. Look at some examples of marks in <http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/x-marks.html>

**Numbers were also different.**

 Here is a good example of how an "8" can look much like the number "6."

**The old mystery that had Sabina stumped for many years** is from the will of Doctor Jonathan Eamnis from Montgomery County, Georgia in 1797. Who did he leave some of his possessions?

 The good Doctor left his dear friend **Sands Standle**, his still (medicinal purposes only), a rifle, a barrel shotgun, his notes of hand, personal estate, and even his wearing apparel.

He also left Sands Standle's wife a silver watch and...



**Sabina J. Murray** is an accredited genealogist, teacher and expert researcher based in Northeast Florida. She is a former director of a Family History Center and her old handwriting course has been enjoyed by millions since it went on-line in 1995. She has additional tutorials published on the Treasure Maps genealogy Web site at <http://www.amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/> - Your resource for genealogy, family tree and family history products, research tools and other genealogy search helps.

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# Events and Information of GSOC Interest

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## GSOC INFORMATION

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### Membership

Annual membership dues are \$24 for an individual and \$35 for an individual and spouse at the same address.

You can obtain a revised membership form from our web site or use the copy that is included in this newsletter.

### The Journal

The GSOC Journal, *A Journal of Northwest Florida*, is published once each year. **The 2016 issue, was published and distributed in October 2016 and has been mailed to all GSOC members.** The theme of the 2016 issue is the Vietnam War. If you are a member and didn't receive your copy, please contact us.

### The Web Site

<http://www.rootsweb.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 shortcut 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 will provide 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.)

### The Newsletter

The GSOC Newsletter is published on or before the third 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 [youngjmy@cox.net](mailto:youngjmy@cox.net). Letters to the editor are welcome and may be published.

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### A Note from Jim Young

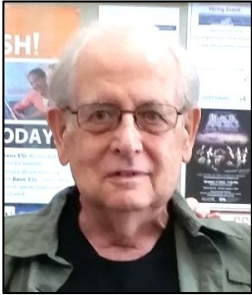
I've been the editor of *The GSOC Newsletter* since 2010 and am delighted that **Edward Crosby** has volunteered to become our next editor. Ed and I are working together during this transition period. My last issue as editor will be the June 2017 one and Ed will be responsible for July 2017 and subsequent issues. I've enjoyed being your newsletter editor and I'm so pleased that Ed has volunteered to become our new editor.



## Genealogical Information in Okaloosa County Libraries

Update by Edward Crosby

At the last GSOC meeting someone said that the Valparaiso Library was shutting down their Genealogy section.



I asked about that when I talked with David Weatherford, Library Director. He informed me that is not the case. He is trimming outdated material.

**Ed Crosby, Associate Editor  
The GSOC Newsletter**

The Genealogy section has very low usage but he is trying to maintain quality information.

Genealogy Society journals and newsletters, donated by the LDS church, were removed as they were never used. Outdated material, now available on the web, was removed.

All states books will remain, as well as material donated by local families.

I did an on line search using the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative search engine for Genealogy material. I wanted to see how many items are available at each library.

These are the results:

Library	Quantity of Material Available
Valparaiso	3,639
Crestview	109
FWB	88
Niceville	39
Destin	35
Mary Esther	20

### MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2017 GSOC MEETING Fort Walton Beach Library

President Jon Sheperd welcomed members, visitors and guests to the February Meeting. He also gave a warm welcome to the guest speaker, Ms. Sarah Roach.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: There were no changes to the January meeting minutes, which were approved by acclamation.

Afghan Raffle: Cissy Larson donated an afghan to the Society as a way to make money for the GSOC. Cost for raffle tickets: \$1 for each ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Members are encouraged to help sell the tickets to friends. Fliers are available and Phil Hogue has the raffle tickets. Drawing will be at the March meeting.

New GSOC Brochure: Please take a few to give to friends who may be interested in GSOC.

Appeal for Volunteers: The Society needs everyone to help participate in both small and large ways. Jon was happy to report that Ed Crosby agreed to be our new Newsletter editor! Information about ways to help the Society are on the new volunteer form (website and at the back of the room each meeting).

Workshops and Seminars: Board members are taking the lead on having a seminar, probably at the Bob Hope Village, in the near future. We need volunteers to help, please.

Fieldtrips: Possible field trip to the UWF Library which has an excellent local heritage collection. More information to follow.

GSOC Records/Publications: One final appeal: if you have any knowledge of where Society records are, please let Jon know. After they are gathered, they will be stored at the FWB Library (in a new, yet to be purchased storage cabinet).

Lunch: The day's lunch was to be held at Slick Mick's Deli and Grille, FWB.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Door Prizes: None available.

FWB Library Genealogy Info: The library moved the genealogy information to the back corner where the set-up is very nice. Members are encouraged to check it out and use the Valparaiso library as well. We need to support the readership of these books, or the libraries will cease to support genealogy information. Charlene Grafton was just at the Val-P library and noticed they reduced their genealogy holdings.

GSOC Out Of Print Publications: The Board decided to put our older publications on the website for free: The Okaloosa County Florida Cemeteries (3 volumes), Marriages in Walton and Santa Rosa Counties, and Funeral Records of Okaloosa County. These pubs are out of print.

Video Projector: The Board approved and purchased a \$400 video projector and carrying case to support the monthly meetings and local seminars/workshops. The projector was used at the February meeting.

Birthday Celebration: The GSOC was established 41 years ago and the members celebrated that birthday at the February meeting with cake and refreshments. Thank you, Sue Basch, for bringing the delicious cupcakes.

#### REPORTS:

1st VP Margaret Harris: She received one email and confirmed that Mr. Burt Outlaw will speak next month on the importance of using land records for genealogical research.

2nd VP Jerry Rush/Membership: Membership costs are \$24/individual member or \$35 per individual and spouse. Membership forms may also be found on the GSOC website and down-loaded or on the counter by the door.

Treasurer Phil Hoge: Phil reported that there is \$2256.79 in the GSOC bank account. This included dues from 14 new members.

Recording Secretary Kathie Sheperd: Nothing sufficient to report.

Corresponding Secretary and Publicity Val Moreland: Val is working at changing the email for GSOC publications.

Newsletter Editor Jim Young: Jim is not feeling well today and could not attend.

Genealogist, Margaret Harris: Margaret introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Sarah C. Roach, who comes to us from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Sarah served 21 years with the Tennessee Valley Authority and teaches classes in TN, AL, GA, and FL. She is a certified Daughters of the American Revolution genealogy consultant and belongs to many genealogical lineage societies. Margaret warmly welcomed Ms. Roach, whose presentation was titled "Walking Back Into Colonial America, An Entirely Different Paper Trail."

#### GUEST SPEAKER:



Ms Roach provided a detailed 12-page hand-out to the society which was sent to members via email. Each page had the talking points and information that she discussed.

Please refer to the handout for the greater part of her presentation.

A copy of her handout can be found in the members-only section of the GSOC website.

Some brief notes: One of Ms Roach's favorite TV shows is the Oak Island on-going TV series (History Channel). Part of the problem with colonial genealogy is knowing where your family was and of the changes going on at that time. It is important to know if companies (in your particular ancestor's colonial area) had land records. These would show trade and profit, and mention names of individuals. Church records can be examined, if for instance, the colonials migrated for religious freedom reasons.

Historically, Georgia was a buffer colony to keep Spain and the Spanish down in Florida. Consequently, there were debtors there, and restrictions on African Americans. The

size of the plantations kept the colony small. The colonies all had governments which mirrored their home country. Counties were in New England, but not elsewhere. The counties were established around the churches and colonists could not leave the county. It is important to learn the history of the colony so you know where to look. Otherwise, you might waste time looking in the wrong colony. If the colony was for religion, it would have contained men, women and children. If the colony was founded for trade/profit, it would be composed primarily of men.

Tax records are important. They can identify when sons show up and you can estimate the son's age of majority by the date they appear. Property owning settlers could be literate and have paper, but indentured servants likely wouldn't have paper. Primary sources of information prior to 1776:

- Colonial Charters (granted by the king)
- European & colonial gov't records
- Immigration records
- Denization & naturalization records
- Land grants from companies and gov'ts
- Court records such as deeds, wills, estate settlements
- Church records
- European & colonial newspapers/periodicals
- Family bibles, diaries & journals

Note: the handout explains theses resources in detail.

Clarification of terms: Emigration means point of departure from the birth homeland. Immigration means point of arrival to the new homeland. Migration is the term used when traveling from one colony to another.

In Denizations by the kings of England, men could go to the King and pay a price and take an oath of office. This would grant him land in the new colony, but not full citizenship. Naturalization means the individual was a full citizen.

The last couple of pages of the handout are the words from the 1734, 1693-1694 and 1658 wills of Ms Holt's ancestors. They show a line of succession which she used to record the children of these early immigrants to the American colonies.

One of Ms. Roach's favorite reference books is titled: *Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775* by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck. The ISBN is 9780806317540. She passed around her personal copy for the audience to review.

#### CLOSING:

President Jon Sheperd thanked Ms Roach for her highly informative presentation. He then thanked everyone for attending and reminded them the next meeting would be at the Fort Walton Beach Library on March 25th, at 10:30 a.m.

**Kathie Sheperd, Recording Secretary  
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):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 \_\_\_  
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