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THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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*MARCH 24, 2018 at GSOC
10:30 am*

*Dr. Tom Sajwaj presents:
"Ethics in Genealogy: Case
Studies"*

Dr. Sajwaj is a popular GSOC guest speaker who always gives us a new perspective on our research and its possible impact on others.

Tom is a retired psychologist who was active in clinical research with children and their behavioral therapies and directed an urban mental health center in Nashville.

Dr. Sajwaj has been involved with genealogy since 1999. He co-teaches Beginning Genealogy and helps conduct a Genealogy Forum class at the Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) in Fort Walton Beach. Tom has published two articles in genealogical journals and completed a biography of one of his great-grandfathers.

April 28, 2018 at GSOC 10:30 am
John Marshal Presents "Ready, Set, Now What"

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John Marshal at the gravesite of his 5th GGF, Richard King, in Harrison County, Kentucky

John's presentation "Ready, Set, Now What...." is designed to appeal to a wide range of audience members and skills. As an introduction for those new to DNA genealogy, John will briefly introduce the various tests and vocabulary needed to successfully get started in using DNA testing. With that foundation behind us, John will devote the rest of the program to highlighting what happens after you test, which is very much dependent on what you are looking for. Perhaps you are looking for someone specific (like a parent or sibling). Perhaps you are looking to expand your network of cousins (for a future family reunion). Or perhaps you are wondering about your distant past and want to explore your lineage. Using practical examples that he has accumulated through being self-taught, John will blend strategies and tools to give you a starting point for your research. John spent 20 years in the United States Air Force as an aircraft maintainer; then 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 – with his evenings being spent on genealogy, of course. John and his wife, Darlene, live in Shalimar.

**GSIG**

Take advantage of the VAST knowledge of our group! We help each other as well as ourselves by sharing ideas and techniques for research. Help members of the public with questions about how to research their families. Bring your concise questions. Come share your knowledge!

First Saturday of each month 1030-1200
Fort Walton Beach Library

GSOCCSIG@gmail.com

Our strength is in our joint knowledge

ODDS AND ENDS



Genealogy Genie

This is a new feature added to the GSOC Newsletter. It is called [Genealogy Genie](#). It will include answers to submitted questions, as well as, information about learning Genealogy. Sent your questions about Genealogy to: editorGSOCFLnews@gmail.com.

No questions have been received at: editorGSOCFLnews@gmail.com.

Remember, the only dumb question is the one you do not ask.

This month: “Is there a book about my family?”

Genie says, not all family names have been researched and the results published in book form. Do a Google search, “your sir name” Family Book. I was surprised when I discovered a book tracing my sir name from very early days in England to when they migrated to the United States.

If no books can be found, check web sites that list families by Sir names. Google “(your sir name) family tree”. It will take more “hunting” to see if you are related to any of the families listed, but if you are lucky you will benefit from all the previously researched data.

If nothing can be found, consider writing your own book or history document. Google search, “How to make a family history book” or “How to write your family’s history”. There are many sites offering free material and software:

- Google Books
- Internet Archives
- Hathitrust
- Family Search
- Genealogy Gophers
- Amazon (partly free or inexpensive)

Writing about your family does not require you to be an author. It does require time and effort. Start by simply making a list of things you know about members of your family. Try to get other family members to help you. Write about stories you heard, where everyone lived and worked, hobbies, projects, and skills that were part of their life.

Future members of your family will greatly appreciate the information you will be able to pass on to them.



GENEALOGY FOR KIDS – ON THE WEB

Search Google: Kids Genealogy

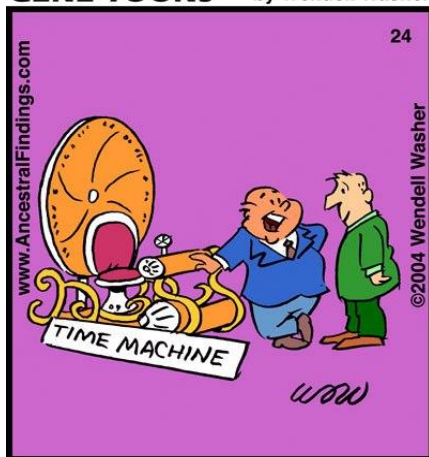
Genealogy Work Search for Kids

Can you find all the hidden words in this word search?

Words can go in the following directions: → ↓ ←



GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



This baby'll help you find those hard-to-place ancestors!



GRANDPA
SISTER
CHURCH
GRANDMA
SCHOOL

FATHER
FAMILY
MOTHER
BROTHER

FLORIDA
MARRIAGE
WEDDING
HISTORY

Solution on next page

Hey, Kids, does your History class seem boring, dull, and so "why do I need to know this?"

Try talking to your parents about what part your family members, past and present, played in the era you are studying. You may find exciting and interest things that are not in the history books but were very important to your family or your local community.

Solution

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(Over, Down, Direction)

GRANDPA (1, 1, E)
 FATHER (11, 7, S)
 FLORIDA (6, 2, W)
 SISTER (2, 5, E)
 FAMILY (4, 6, E)
 MARRIAGE (2, 3, E)
 CHURCH (5, 8, W)
 MOTHER (10, 1, S)
 WEDDING (4, 7, W)
 GRANDMA (6, 12, W)
 BROTHER (2, 9, W)
 HISTORY (4, 4, W)
 SCHOOL (2, 10, W)

Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County Meeting Minutes, 24 Feb 2018

The meeting of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County was held on Feb 24th, 2018. President Jon Sheperd welcomed members, the program speaker, Mr. Dean DeBolt, and three visitors. There were 25 people present.

On this day, GSOC members celebrated the 42nd birthday of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County. It was formed in February of 1976 with 19 initial members. Attendees enjoyed cupcakes, lemonade and ice tea during the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: The January 2018 minutes were briefly discussed. They were published in the February Newsletter and there were no changes to them. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Family History Fair: Will be held Saturday 3 Mar 2018 at the LDS Church building in FWB. Jon said approximately 200 people were expected to attend. GSOC will set up a table to advertise the Society. Kathie Sheperd will man the table, and Ed Crosby, Chuck Licari and Phil Hoge volunteered to assist. Three of our members are giving formal presentations: Jon, Cindy, and Margaret.

Genealogy and Special Interest and Genie Groups: Both groups are active and going strong. We had a very informative GSIG meeting this month; John Marshall from Shalimar, talked to the GSIG about DNA research. The next GSIG will be April 7th. And remember, anyone can send an inquiry to the GSOC website (Genie) at any time. Jon thanked Cindy Barber and Ed Crosby for heading these up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Door Prizes: Val Moreland donated a jar of her homemade jam (won by Phil Hoge) and Ed donated a container of his home developed honey (won by Margaret Harris). We are very thankful for their donations.

New GSOC Brochure: Cindy Barber redesigned the GSOC brochure and had them re-printed as our supply was getting low. The new brochure was updated to more accurately reflect what we do now. We will be providing a set of the brochures and a plastic display to the local libraries. Jon thanked Cindy for the revision.

Genealogy Workshop: There will be a genealogy workshop at the Crestview Public Library on May 10th from 10:00 to 12:00. GSOC members are encouraged to attend. Jon thanked Cindy Barber and Margaret Harris for heading this up. We would appreciate any other members joining them so we would have sufficient help for those who attend.

Field Trip: We will have a field trip to the Baker Block Museum in the May-June time period. Kathie volunteered to head that up. The Board discussed the possibility of doing a field trip to the Pensacola Genealogy Library. Jon asked if there was interest in going to the Pensacola Genealogical library and about eight people raised their hands.

2018 Journal: Cindy has agreed to be the editor again this year. She came up with a great theme which the Board has approved. The theme is basically: Why did you or your Ancestors come to NW Florida? Every member here has a story to tell so we want to hear it. Whether it is a paragraph or a page, that is up to you. So, start thinking about it and put some words on paper or computer. Hilma Jenus and Marv Cochran agreed to help edit.

Library Committee: We formed a GSOC library committee consisting of Phil, Kathie, and Val. They have already met once here in the FWB library and have gone through some of the genealogy books/publications and eliminated the ones that are not useful anymore. They could use some help in the future so let Kathie know if you are interested.

Christmas Party: The Board thought we had such a great setting and meal for the last Christmas party at the Ft Walton Yacht Club that we should use it again this year. Jon asked the members if they wanted to go there again by a show of hands and no one had objections.

GSOC Picture: At the March meeting we will take a group picture that we can use for the scrapbook and for publicity. Please be sure to be there.

GSOC Historian: Jon asked for a member to volunteer to be the GSOC Historian. The Historian would not be a big job, but it entails keeping up with our scrapbooks and other historical items. Phil volunteered.

Volunteers: Each member should have received a volunteer form when they came in to the meeting. Jon asked attendees to please mark off those areas where they can help and return the form to Jerry.

Lunch at local restaurant: The group went to Fokker's Pub.

REPORTS:

1st VP Cindy Barber: Cindy discussed the upcoming presentations; she has every month planned out for the year. Stay tuned to the GOC website for upcoming presentations. Our March program speaker is our own Dr. Tom Sajwaj who will provide us another look & a different presentation (case studies) for ethics in genealogy research. Members may recall his fascinating presentation with his family history examples in 2016.

2nd VP Jerry Rush: One new member joined at the meeting. A reminder to members that dues are \$24 per year for a single member or \$35 for family. Membership Renewal Forms are always on table by door. Please be sure to pay your dues by the March meeting. Contact Jerry if you need to mail your dues.

Treasurer Phil Hoge: Phil reported that our membership payments are lagging this year. We have had 20 members who have paid and the balance in our account is \$1923.00.

Recording Secretary Kathie Sheperd: Nothing sufficient to report.

Corresponding Secretary Val Moreland: Nothing sufficient to report.

Newsletter, Ed Crosby: Please consider submitting news stories to the newsletter.

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

Genealogist, Margaret Harris: The FWB Family History Center will be closed March 3rd to support the Family History Fair.

GSIG: Cindy reported that the March 4th GSIG would be cancelled because of the Family History Fair. The next meeting will be the first Saturday in April (April 7th), 10:30 am at the Fort Walton Beach Library. This is the genealogy group that works together to overcome brick walls.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Charlene Grafton reported that she has been battling severe health issues which started in 2007 when she almost died. Charlene was prescribed a regimen of prescription drugs which had adverse cumulative effects on her health over the years. Charlene took it upon herself to look into her own genetic bio markers. MEDICARE denied payment for genetic information about her own disease. Charlene asked her doctors specific questions and they did not know the answers to the questions she sought. She then wrote the pathologist and asked some very specific questions and waited 7 months for answers. She had difficulty "finding my bio markers" she said, but eventually she prevailed. Charlene eventually changed her medical regimen and because of it, her health has improved, and she feels immensely better. If anyone is interested in pursuing this for themselves, Charlene is available and may be contacted at 850-217-9987. She is currently writing a book to teach others how to pursue this.

If anyone is interested, the play, "To Kill a Mockingbird" will be performed in Monroeville, AL, the home of the author (Harper Lee). Tickets are on sale now and may be obtained at <http://www.tokillamockingbird.com/the-play/>

PRESENTATION: Cindy Barber introduced the program speaker, Mr. Dean DeBolt who is the University Archivist and Librarian at the University of West Florida Archives and West Florida History Center on the UWF campus, Pensacola. He is responsible for the largest research collections in existence on West Florida. The collection is 1.5 million items and includes rare books, maps, manuscripts, photographs, and paintings. Dean is also an Adjunct Professor in the History Department where he teaches Archives Administration and Management. He holds a MA in Library Science and a MA in History and received an Archives Certificate from the Ohio Historical Society. Dean is a frequent lecturer on history and genealogy and his writings have appeared in many professional journals and publications.

Dean handed members a Quick Guide to the West Florida History Center & University Archives which listed types of collections available to include family papers, business records, personal papers of prominent West Floridians, oral histories, newspapers, magazines/publications/church newsletters, etc., as well as books (histories/genealogies/city directories/publications of city, county, state governments and agencies), maps from the 1500s to the present and photographs from 1850s to the present.

Links to the Department, collections, portal to the Collection Guide and to the Archcon catalog of holdings may be found at: <http://libguides.uwf.edu/universityarchives>

See the "digital objects" tab of the Archcon catalog for larger digital collections (e.g. newspapers) at <http://uwf.digital.flvc.org>

Archives hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 8:00-12:00, 12:30-4:30.

PRESENTATION NOTES:

Dean discussed how to preserve documents and genealogy, showing members how to organize their holdings by collections, record group, series, and subseries the way that state archives do. For family history, these may be arranged by family group (i.e., Jones) family name (i.e., John Jones) with subfolders (for each family name) of vital records (birth, death, marriage), correspondence, pictures, etc. On each file folder, make a simple tree chart showing relationships

Preservation is important! We want to maintain what we have in its present condition that allows it to remain unchanged. There are rules:

- Don't change the nature of the original (such as through lamination)
- Use acid free paper for storage

There are different kinds of preservation: Certificate, newspaper clippings, report cards etc. (pieces of information). One problem is old paper items in deterioration, printed with bad quality paper.

We want to put materials in acid free folders to protect and use sheets of acid free white paper between items. Unfold the folded items; Dean recommends using a rounded spoon to smooth the fold and bend the paper back to minimize the fold). Don't write on the material, or perhaps use a pencil if you must. Use ink to mark the folders, not pencil which is graphite and will rub off eventually.

Dean recommends having multiple copies for sharing. Use computers to save materials and print out everything so that there is a paper copy. In 20 years what we believe is standard for archival digital storage today will change. JPEG formats will change and be unreadable. Problems with computers are access and system changes. For long term access, have your records on paper and have multiple copies. For PRESERVATION, do paper.

Other tips:

Never laminate

- Zip lock bags (some people use for photos) have plasticizers that break down over time, affecting material inside.
- Plastics cause problems and these include zip locks, mylar, vinyl.
- Remove any photographs, very carefully, from those old photo albums with the sticky backs/plastic covers. They actually breakdown the photo paper.
- ***Use only polypropylene sleeves to store old photos***.

Where to get acid free paper products:

Don't use products that just say "archival". Get acid free boxes, papers, storage materials. He recommends these companies to meet our archival and preservation needs:

- **Hammermill** – 24# acid free (\$5.99) paper.
- **Hollinger Metal Edge**, a great company for archival products. They sell the polypropylene sleeves for old photos, acid free tissue paper to put between pages, document storage boxes, etc.
- **Gaylord Archival** (they make archival scrapbooks, and have supplies, etc.)
- **Printfile**, this company has photographic supplies.

Inks from Printers: Inks that are longer lasting are oil based. The problem with computer printers is that they are not permanent.

Photocopying on acid free paper is good, and laser printer ink is best.

Dean answered questions from the audience and provided these recommendations:

- You can file papers back to back but cut a piece of acid free paper to put between the sheets.
- Letters written in pencil: Scan first, manipulate the image to be able to print it darker. Print a copy to store with the original.
- Old photos that curl: the photo side has shrunk and the paper side has retained the original shape. There really is nothing to do about fixing the problem but scan the image.
- Remember USB drives have a life expectancy that will degrade. Do not use them for permanent storage.
- One of the problems we have today is "what to save." (i.e., we take too many pictures). Narrow these down so that they would be easier for others to enjoy.
- Slides: Ink on a slide can change color. Slides must be stored in a cold, dry environment. It is best to transfer them to a digital form.

The presentation concluded, and everyone agreed it was a fascinating topic.

CLOSING:

Jon thanked everyone for coming and especially to Dean DeBolt for his great presentation. We all appreciate knowing how to better preserve our collections.

The next meeting will be here on Mar 24th at 10:30 am when we will hear from our own Tom Sajwaj when he talks about some new case studies involving ethics in genealogy. He reminded attendees to sign up for the Family History Fair on March 3rd.

/s/

Kathie Sheperd
GSOC Recording Secretary

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.

The Web Site

<http://www.YOUNGJ.US>

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.)

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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

Surname	State or Area

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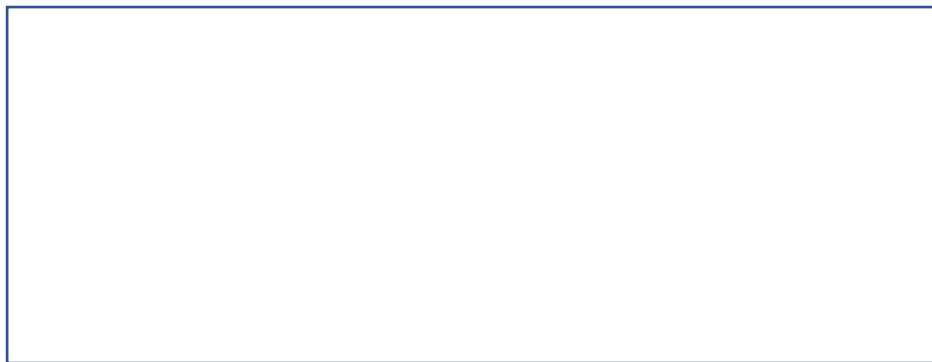
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