

## Email Update for GSOC Members – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

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### General Meeting Minutes 10 April 2010

Donna Elliott called the meeting to order at 10:08 at the Northwest Florida Heritage Museum in Valparaiso, Florida. Twenty one members and three visitors were present. Donna welcomed Del Lessard, Photographer for the Bay Beacon, his wife Carol and Linda Torres as visitors. Carol indicated she came to hear the guest speaker, Farris Powell. She had read the announcement in the Bay Beacon.

The March minutes were read by Mike Martell and approved by the membership. Donna showed a paper copy of the GSOC web site created by Jim Young and announced that it was available on line. Paper copies with the web address were available to attendees.

Lorna Sainz, reported that 33 members had renewed and there were three new members for a total of 36 members paid for 2010. Lorna also announced that the Crestview library was having a book sale today and tomorrow.

Bob Basch, Treasurer, announced that the GSOC balance was \$2,791.62.

Donna announced that GSOC had purchased five books for the Valparaiso library in the name of Dan Braxton. The books are *Marriage, Death, and Legal Notices from Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819 – 1893*, *Records of Walker County Alabama*, *History of Fayette County, Alabama*, *Marriage & Death Notices from Alabama Newspapers & Family Records 1819-1890*, and *Northern Alabama Historical Biographical*.

The Family Research Center is offering a dream genealogy vacation at their site in Salt Lake City, Utah. Vacation price included lodging, breakfast, access to the research center and the use of an assistant at the center during certain hours each day. Bob and Sue Basch are planning to attend in October. They will provide a report on their trip at November's meeting.

Walt Ruckel said he will be attending the National Genealogy Society in Salt Lake City, Utah and he would provide a report to the GSOC membership upon his return.

Donna asked for a Library report. Hilma Jenus said the Fort Walton Library materials were up to date with any recent materials added to the collection. Beverly Gross was not in attendance so no report was given on the Valparaiso Library. Martha Trau said she contacted the Crestview Library but had not received a response.

Donna announced that the May meeting will be held at the West Florida Genealogy Library in Pensacola, Florida. Information was given for those who wanted to carpool.

The guest speaker, Farris Powell, provided a program on the native Indians of the southeast from the 1500s to the 1840s.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40. Ten members went to lunch at Woody's Hog Heaven in Niceville, Florida.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Mike Martell. Recording Secretary

### GSOC Calendar

**May 8.** The May 8th GSOC meeting will be a field trip to the West Florida Genealogical Library, 5740 N. 9th Ave., Pensacola, FL. Please plan your travel to arrive at the library by 10:00 AM. Bring anything you need to make the best use of the resources that will be available. Go to the GSOC web site for a map to the library and a list of the resources that are available there.

**June 12.** The June GSOC meeting will be held at the Heritage Museum at 10 AM. The program is "Back to Basics" by Margaret Harris. There will be an optional Dutch treat lunch at a local restaurant following the program.



**July 10.** The July GSOC meeting will be held at the Heritage Museum, 10 AM; optional Dutch treat lunch.

**The only tombstone in the cemetery at location # 22  
on Eglin AFB has this sad inscription:**

**Nathan Smith  
Dec. 17, 1910  
In Memory of Nathan Smith  
b. in Tenn., d. in Fla. Dec 17, 1910 Age 44 years,  
first mama, now papa  
Only I remain Mattie Smith**

Source: <http://files.usgwarchives.org/fl/okaloosa/cemetery/eglinafb.txt>

This update by Jim Young, GSOC Corresponding Secretary