



The GSOC Newsletter

The Genealogical Society of
Okaloosa County, Florida

May 16, 2021

At our April meeting, Kristina Clever gave a fascinating presentation on how to get the most from our atDNA results.

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



We'll watch this 28-minute video together as a group, and then discuss ways in which the concepts presented might be helpful to each of us in our own research.

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Upcoming Events



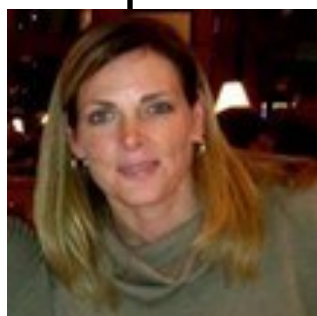
ULSTER – AMERICAN IMMIGRATION: DISTINCT STAGES – ONE STORY

PRESENTED BY

STEPHANIE O'CONNELL

**GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY OF
OKALOOSA COUNTY
MEETING**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26,
10:30 AM**



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)

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 (gsocokaloosa@gmail.com) - for consideration as a Members' Corner feature in an upcoming edition of the newsletter.

May is almost over and June is right around the corner. 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 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 (gsocokaloosa@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!

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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.

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(OR BRING THE FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY)

Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County

Zoom Meeting Minutes

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| GSOC Meeting: | 2021_04_24 |
| Call to Order: | 10:31 am |
| Attendees: | 10 - Barbara Bethea, Margaret Harris, Jodie Biles, Donna Elliott, Jim Young, Phil Hoge, Eppi Azzaretto, Pat Walker, Betsy Christianson, Judy Jehn 3 - Visitors: Kristina Clever, Pam Murray, Jorie |
| Presidents Report: (Margaret Harris) | Nothing to report. |
| Membership Report: (Jodie Biles) | 59 members |
| Programs Report: (Jodie Biles) | May program "Home of the Brave – Land & Military Research, Part 1." June – Jodie |
| Recording Secretary: (Barbara Bethea) | Approval of March 2021 Minutes – Donna moved we approve the minutes and Jodie seconded. All approved. |
| Corresponding Secretary: (Donna Elliott) | Nothing to report |
| Treasurer: (Phil Hoge by email) | <u>Financial Report for board meeting:</u> Blue Book Balance: \$884.82 Treasury: \$1,056.43 Bank Balance \$1,941.25 We had no expenses or deposits during this period. We have very little expenses. |
| 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 Family Search - Margaret - 3rd Wednesday 6pm |
| Presenter: | April program: Kristina Clever, President of the West Florida Genealogy Society "Getting the Most from Your atDNA Results". |
| Questions Asked: | Many questions were asked. |
| Meeting Adjourned: | 12:03 pm |