

# THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County, Florida

November 5, 2010

## GSOC Calendar

### November 13

There will be a regular GSOC meeting at the Heritage Museum at 10 AM followed by an optional Dutch treat lunch at a nearby restaurant. This meeting will include the election of GSOC officers for 2011 which will be followed by an open forum to explore ideas for next year's programs.

### December 11

The December meeting will be held at the Coach-and-Four Restaurant in Crestview. It will include a short program for the installation of the GSOC officers for 2011 followed by the traditional annual holiday party at 10:30. Entertainment will be provided by Phil and Martha Trau.

### 2011 Schedule

January 8, February 12, March 12  
April 9, May 14, June 11  
July 9, August 13, September 10  
October 8, November 12, December 10

## Minutes of the October 9th Meeting

President Malcolm Flanagan opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Northwest Florida Heritage Museum with 16 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Malcolm thanked Rita Bartmess and Beverly Gross for completing the 2010 GSOC Journal. Beverly thanked the many typists who were involved and asked for volunteers for the 2011 Journal to submit articles and provide typing support. Malcolm also announced that:

(1) 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November is the Florida Genealogy meeting in Sarasota, Florida. More information at <http://tiny.cc/3izyn>

(2) 13<sup>th</sup> of November there is a genealogical meeting sponsored by Ancestry.com event in Duluth, Georgia. More information at <http://tiny.cc/1rdum>

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(3) The Heritage Museum is hosting a wine tasting event at the Boathouse to raise money for the museum. The cost is \$25.00 with all proceeds going to the museum. Tickets are available at the museum or from Beverly Gross or Ken Elliott. Malcolm encouraged members to attend if possible since the museum supports the GSOC.

(4) Lorna Sainz has placed membership update forms on the back table. All members are asked to update their membership information. Please include the areas you would like to work. Assistance is needed in several committees.

Donna Elliot, First Vice President Programs, provided an update on future programs. The November meeting will be our election of officers and there will be an open forum to explore ideas for next year's programs. December will be the Christmas party at 10:30 at the Coach and Four Restaurant, in Crestview. Entertainment will be provided by Phil and Martha Trau and there will be a short meeting to install the 2011 officers.

Mike Martell announced that we are looking for materials for the newsletter and web site. Anyone can provide tips, techniques or their research for inclusion in the newsletter and website. The location of the GSOC web site has changed. The address is now <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flocgs>.

Mike asked if there were any changes to the September meeting minutes as posted. No changes were made and the September 2010 minutes were approved by the membership.

Bob Basch, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2487.63.

Beverly Gross announced the proposed slate of officers for 2011: Malcolm Flanagan, President, Donna Elliott, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Membership, Lorna Sainz, with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Membership Assistant, Carol Lessard, Recording Secretary, Mike Martell, Recording Secretary Assistant, Francis Hoge, Correspondence Secretary and web master Jim Young, and Treasurer, Bob Basch.

Donna introduced this month's guest speaker, Dale Cox, Civil War Historian from Two Egg, Florida. Dale provided a program on the Civil War period in North-west Florida. After the meeting closed, twelve members went to Woody's Hog Heaven for a Dutch treat lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Martell, Recording Secretary

## Summary of the October 9th Program

As mentioned above, our October speaker was **Mr. Dale Cox**, a native of the community of Two Egg, Florida. Mr. Cox is a writer and historian who has received growing praise for the unique literary style and depth of research evident in his books. Called a "skillful reconstructor of battle narrative" by one national reviewer, Cox's works range from local histories to widely acclaimed volumes on small but significant Civil War battles.

Mr. Cox spoke about the **Asboth Raid of 1864**. This was the Union raid that started in Pensacola on September 18, 1864, and passed through what are now Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties, culminating at the Battle of Marianna. He focused on events in Okaloosa and Walton Counties while giving an overview of the rest of the raid and an outline of the battle itself. This raid was significant for several reasons.



First, it was the deepest penetration of Florida by Union troops during the entire Civil War. Second, it covered more linear miles than Sherman's March to the Sea. Third, Walton, Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties suffered more economic damage than any other counties in Florida during the Civil War, entirely as a result of the 1864 raid. Fourth, it resulted in the single largest mass liberation of African Americans from slavery in Florida during the Civil War. Mr. Cox also brought handout maps, etc., that those attending were able to keep.

**Dale Cox to Speak at Heritage Museum on the Battle of Camp Walton.** If you missed Mr. Cox's excellent presentation to the GSOC, you have another

chance to hear him! The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida will be hosting this author and historian for a free lecture about the Civil War Battle of Camp Walton on **Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 11:00 a.m.**

Mr. Cox will also be available for book signing and to share information about his latest work, *Old Parramore: The History of a Ghost town*.

Bring a sack lunch and come to the Heritage Museum for *History Sandwiched-In*, an informal, lunchtime educational program. This lecture is free and open to the public (donations appreciated) however, space is limited. Please call **(850) 678-2615** to reserve a seat.

You can visit Mr. Cox online at:

<http://civilwarflorida.blogspot.com/>

and also at

<http://www.exploresouthernhistory.com>

## Useful Internet Links

### Destin History

***Destin History ....and the Roots Run Deep*** by Vivian Mettee and Associates. This booklet was approved by the Destin, Florida, City Council in October 1995 as the official "pre-city" history of Destin. You can read it at:

<http://www.tiny.cc/52vxs>

### United States Census Tutorial

Censuses are an excellent resource for researchers and historians that provide a snapshot of an individual or a household at a specific time and place in history. The tutorial link below has been created with the express purpose of helping individuals with little or no previous census research experience to learn how to effectively search and utilize the U.S. Federal Census schedules. Censuses are an important potential source of information about individuals, households, and communities located in the United States within the last 200 years. Here's the link to the tutorial:

<http://tiny.cc/brk3i>

Thanks to Margaret Harris for mentioning this tutorial on Facebook



### Florida GenWeb

Explore links to all Florida county genealogical and historical organizations at <http://fl-genweb.org/>

# Cousins

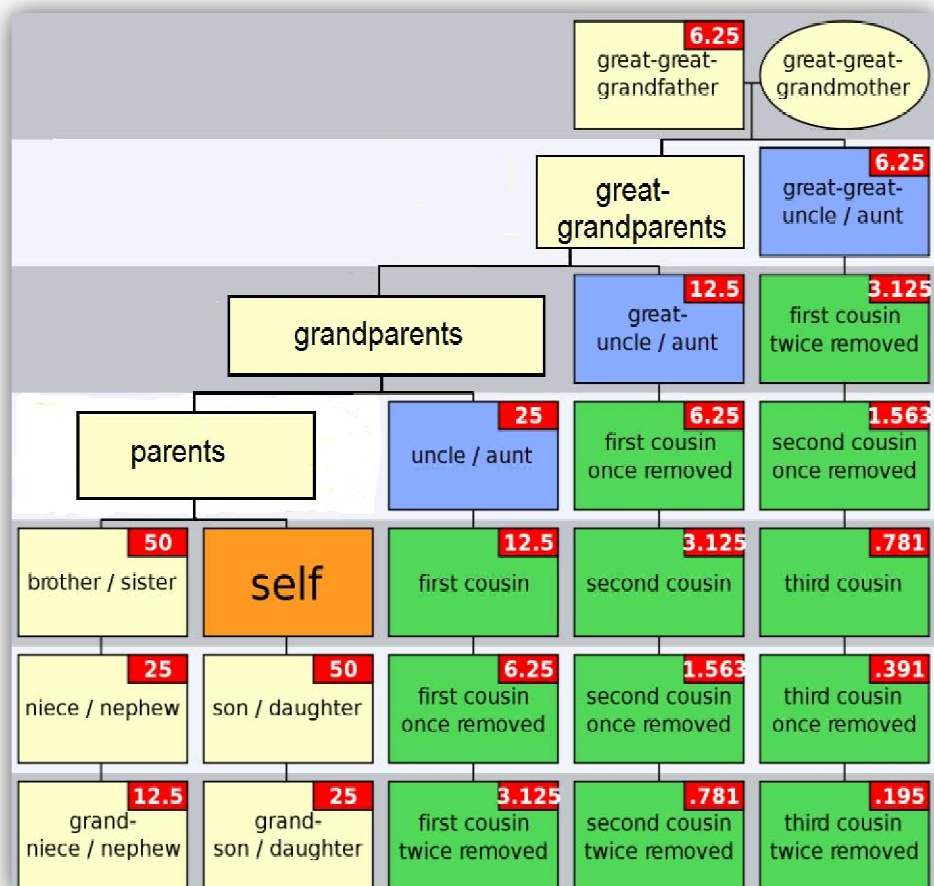
## Are You Confused about the 'First Cousin Once Removed' Terminology?

I went to the funeral a few weeks ago of my first cousin once removed. He was my mother's first cousin and I had always thought of him as my second cousin. Like so many of us, I didn't understand the "once removed" terminology. If someone walked up to you and said "Howdy, I'm your second cousin, twice removed," would you have any idea what they meant?

Most people have a good understanding of basic relationship words such as "mother," "father," "aunt," "uncle," "brother," and "sister." But what about the relationship terms that we don't use in everyday speech? Terms like "second cousin" and "first cousin, once removed"?

Here's a family tree showing the relationship of each person to the orange person. Cousins are colored green. The genetic degree of relationship are marked in red boxes by percentage (%).

The *degree* (first, second, third cousin, etc.) indicates one less than the minimum number of generations between both cousins and the nearest common ancestor. For example, a person with whom one shares a grandparent (but not a parent) is a first cousin; someone with whom one shares a great-grandparent (but not a grandparent) is a second cousin; and someone with whom one shares a great-great-grandparent



(but not a great-grandparent) is a third cousin; and so on.

The *removal* (once removed, twice removed, etc.) indicates the number of generations, if any, separating the two cousins from each other. The child of one's first cousin is one's *first cousin once removed* because the one generation separation represents one *removal*. Oneself and the child are still considered first cousins, as one's grandparent (this child's great-grandparent), as the most recent common ancestor, represents one *degree*.

Equally the child of one's great (also known as "grand")-aunt or uncle (who is one's parent's cousin) is one's *first cousin once removed* because their grandparent (one's own great-grandparent) is the most recent common ancestor.

**Non-genealogical usage often eliminates the degrees and**

**removals, and refers to people with common ancestors merely as *cousins* or *distant cousins*.** Alternatively, the terms 'second cousin' and 'first cousin once removed' are often incorrectly used inter-changeably.

Just to complicate matters, there are also many cases of **double cousins**. This situation usually occurs when siblings from one family marry siblings from another family. The resulting children, grandchildren, etc. are double cousins, because they share all four ancestors in common. These types of relationships can be difficult to determine and it is usually easiest to chart them one at a time (through one family line and then through the other).

The diagram and discussion in this article are based on public domain material in Wikipedia

## Okaloosa County Libraries

### Valparaiso Community Library



**459 Valparaiso Parkway**  
**Valparaiso, FL, Phone: (850) 729-5406.**

The Valparaiso Community Library has been a cultural and intellectual center for the community since it opened in 1972. It provides a high level of service in a friendly atmosphere. The library is a member of the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative of Okaloosa County to provide improved access to information and education.

The library's web site is at <http://vcl.valp.org/>

**The Louise K. Fitzgarrauld Genealogy Department boasts one of the finest genealogy collections in the state of Florida. Over 7,000 volumes of printed materials and 1,200 microfilm reels from Federal Census records and other references are available for use. The library also offers free access to subscription-based online genealogical services.**

Regular hours for the Valparaiso Library are:  
Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed on Weekends.

### Fort Walton Beach Library

**185 Miracle Strip Parkway, SE, Phone 850 833-9590**



**Journals and newsletters received by the GSOC as part of our exchange program with other societies are available at this library.**

The FWB library has a monthly newsletter which can be accessed through their website. Just go to Library Newsletter at <http://www.fwb.org/library> or to <http://www.tiny.cc/1vm9v> for the Nov-Dec issue.

Hours: Monday: 10-8, Tuesday: 10-6, Wednesday: 10-6, Thu: 10-6, Friday: 10-5, Saturday: 10-4, Sunday: Closed

### Baker Block Museum Reference Library



**Hwy. 189 & SR 4, Baker, FL, Phone 850 537-5714**

The Baker Block Museum & Historical Park is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 AM to 3:30 PM and the 3rd Saturday of the month.

In addition to a huge collection of artifacts, it provides an excellent place to research local history, heritage and culture in the reference library which has a large collection of genealogical material. For an index of the genealogical material available, go to: <http://www.tiny.cc/m2ofg>

### Robert L. F. Sikes Public Library

**1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview, FL 32539**  
**Phone: (850) 682-4432 or (850) 682-8776**



The first library in Crestview was started in the 1940's by Bertha Henry in her home using her personal books as well as books belonging to her mother. Later, she also used the services of the Episcopal Church lending library and moved the library into the Episcopal Church which her mother Lucy Henry had endowed. The library was called the Lucy Henry Library.



The library later moved several times as it grew until funding was secured to design and construct the present library which opened in June 2002.

Library Hours: Mon. & Tues: 10 - 8; Wed. & Thurs: 10 - 6; Fri: 8:30 - 4:30; Sat: 10 - 4.

### Heritage Museum Archives



**115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso, FL  
Phone: 850 678-2615**

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida maintains archives with materials pertaining to local, regional and state history. Research materials include books, photographs, newspapers, manuscript documents, obituaries, oral histories, periodicals and maps.

The library is open to the public and research may be conducted by appointment during museum hours. Call **(850) 678-2615** for more information or to schedule research time. Specific inquiries also may be made via [email](#).

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

### Niceville Public Library



**206 North Partin Drive, Niceville, FL  
Phone: 729-4090.**

The Niceville Public Library provides ready reference help by phone or in person; Book, magazine, and newspaper collections; Quiet study rooms; Internet information; Large print book collection; Consumer,

Career and Map resources; Copiers, typewriter, printer & fax; Register to vote.

Basic notary service available at no charge. Adult programs are held every month. See [calendar](#) for details.

Hours: Tue/Thurs: 9 - 8; Wed/Fri: 9 - 6; Sat: 9 - 2; Sun/Mon/Some Holidays: Closed

### Destin Library



**150 Sibert Avenue, Destin, FL, Phone: 850 837-8572**

The library opened in 1940 in the Destin Presbyterian Church on Calhoun Avenue with the core collection being donated by Fred and Donald Zerbe, Alice and Al Fox, Tyler and Ida Calhoun. Gaylord Bros. of Syracuse, New York donated oak shelving, maple card catalog and supplies. During 1947 to 1982 the library relocated twice and expanded. In 1989 the City of Destin accepted the library as a City Department, and in 1998 the Destin City Council approved the purchase of land for a new library and secured architectural services. On March 17, 2003, the library opened to the public.

Hours: M & F: 9 - 5; W: 1 - 5; T & Th: 9 - 8; Sat: 9 - 5.

### Mary Esther Library



**100 Hollywood Blvd. West  
Mary Esther, FL. Phone (850) 243-5731**

The Mary Esther library services include Reference Help, Internet Access, Tax Forms, Copier, Fax, Typewriter, Voter Registration, Testing Materials, Inter-library Loan, New Books/Audios, Book Reserve System, and Home Schooling Assistance.

**Mon 11 to 6; Tue 9 to 6; Wed 9 to 6; Thu 9 to 6; Fr 9 to 5; Sat 9 to 5; Closed Sunday and some holidays**

## Upcoming Events of Genealogical Interest

### HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 6, 2010, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

#### **Baker Block Museum & Historical Park**

**Corner of Hwy 189 & SR 4, Baker, Florida**



*Woodworking, Quilters, Log Cabin tours, Corn Crib, Cornhusk Dolls, Flint Knappers, Family Heritage, County Heritage, Farm Demonstrations, Native Americans in our area, Naval Stores Displays, Lunch in the park, Greens 'n Cornbread, Boiled Peanuts, and much more, Southern Gospel and Blue Grass Music*  
North Okaloosa Historical Association

### 2010 Atlanta Family History Expo

November 12-13, 2010  
Gwinnett Center, Duluth, Georgia  
Sponsored in part by [Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)

Take part in two full days of family history classes, exhibitors, and other events designed to improve your family history skills.

**The Keynote Address** on Friday, November 12 at 8 AM is Free to the Public. Other sessions require registration. Click on the expo title above to link to the expo web site, or on the link below.

<http://tiny.cc/1rdum>

### **FLORIDA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*November 12-13 at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota  
1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL*  
More information is at <http://tiny.cc/3izyn>

### *Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida Annual Wine Tasting*



### The BOATHOUSE LANDING

124 N John Sims Parkway, Valparaiso

(850) 678-2805

Saturday, Nov. 13 3 – 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$25



Call today to reserve your tickets:

(850) 678-2615

Guests will receive a commemorative wine glass; enjoy live entertainment, refreshments and a silent auction. Relax, mingle and come on out to the Heritage Museum's Annual Wine Tasting at the Boathouse Landing overlooking the beautiful Boggy Bayou, Nov. 13, and "Help Save History"! Call for tax deductible tickets today (850) 678-2615.

### GSOC Officers for 2010

President, Malcolm Flanagan  
1st Vice President (Programs), Donna Elliott  
2nd Vice President (Membership), Lorna Sainz  
Treasurer, Bob Basch  
Immediate Past President, Beverly Gross  
Recording Secretary, Mike Martell  
Corresponding Secretary, Jim Young  
Historian, Sue Basch  
Genealogist, Margaret Harris  
Publicity Chairperson, Pat Pruett  
Webmaster & Newsletter Editor, Jim Young  
(Elected and Appointed positions)

### Proposed Slate of GSOC Officers for 2011

President, Malcolm Flanagan  
1st Vice President (Programs), Donna Elliott  
2nd Vice President (Membership), Lorna Sainz  
2nd Vice President (Membership) Asst, Carol Lessard  
Treasurer, Bob Basch  
Recording Secretary, Mike Martell  
Recording Secretary Assistant, Francis Hoge  
Corresponding Secretary, Jim Young  
Webmaster, Jim Young

## GSOC Addresses

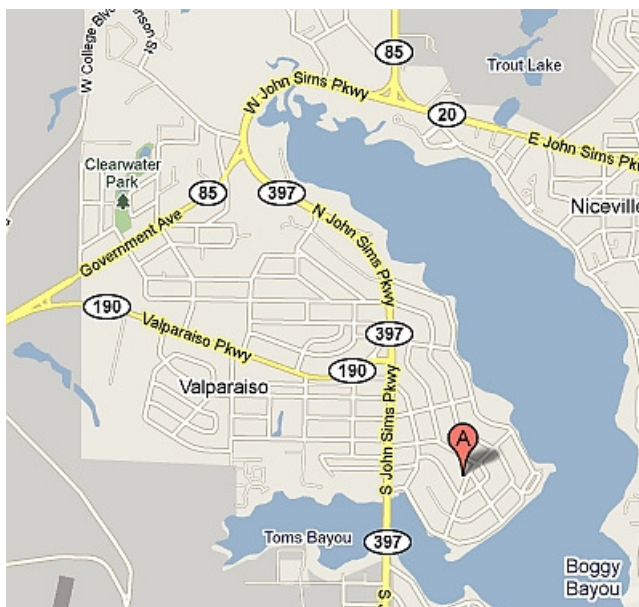
Web Site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flocgs>

Email: [gsocokaloosa@yahoo.com](mailto:gsocokaloosa@yahoo.com)

P.O. Box 1175, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-1175

## Meetings and Membership

Regular meetings of the GSOC are held at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso, FL, at 10 AM on the second Saturday of each month. There is no admission charge and all are welcome. The meetings are usually followed by an optional Dutch treat lunch at a nearby restaurant.



Heritage Museum of NW FL Location is at the "A"

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

If you would like to become a member of the GSOC or need to renew your membership, please go to the GSOC website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flocgs> and download either a renewal form or a membership application.

Checks should be made out to GSOC and mailed along with the application form to the GSOC post office address or brought to a meeting.

## The Journal

The GSOC Journal, *A Journal of Northwest Florida*, is published once each year. The 2010 issue, Volume XXXII, Issue 99, was published in September 2010.

## The Newsletter

The GSOC Newsletter is published on the first Friday of each month. Suggestions for articles are welcome. The editor can be contacted by phone at 850 862-8642

## GSOC Book Sale

Because of storage issues, the GSOC has opted to liquidate the stock of published books on hand.

<b>Volume I (out of print but on disk), Cemeteries of Okaloosa County, Florida</b> 24 cemeteries east of the Yellow River & north of the Shoal River	\$5.00 plus \$2.50 postage
<b>Volume II Cemeteries of Okaloosa County, Florida</b> 26 cemeteries north & west of the Yellow River	\$5.00 plus \$3.00 postage
<b>Volume III Cemeteries of Okaloosa County, Florida</b> 11 cemeteries south of the Shoal River	\$5.00 plus \$3.00 Postage
<b>Funeral Records of Okaloosa County</b> Records from McLaughlin Funeral Home, Crestview, FL, From 1927 - 1984. Over 11,000 entries. Includes the names of the deceased and, when given, the names of parents. Deceased are listed alpha- betically. Parent's names are indexed.	\$5.00 Plus \$3.00 postage
<b>Santa Rosa County Marriages 1869-1906</b> Over 7,000 names with every-name index, 123 pgs	\$5.00 plus \$3.00 postage
<b>Walton County Marriages 1885-1915</b> Over 10,000 names with an every-name index, 165 pgs	\$5.00 plus \$3.00 postage

If ordering more than one book, the postage is \$3.00 for the first volume and \$1.00 for each additional volume.

Special Offer: Complete set of all published volumes for \$20.00 plus \$8.00 postage.

Mail your order with your payment to:  
GSOC, Attention: Book Sales, P.O. Box 1175, Fort  
Walton Beach, FL 32549-1175



**Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County**  
**Next meeting: Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Location: Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida,  
115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso, FL  
Time: 10:00 AM**

**Agenda includes the election of GSOC officers for 2011  
and an open forum to discuss ideas for programs for 2011.**

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Okaloosa County (GSOC)  
P.O. Box 1175  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-1175**

