



# THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

## THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 23, 2019



## Special “Show and Tell” Meeting – November 23rd

This month's GSOC Meeting will be a “Show and Tell” program where each participant is asked to bring family artifacts, documents, photos, and family stories you may want to share, or any family research you have done this year. You may also want to share any special finds, websites, record sources or hints that you may have discovered in your research. Be prepared to tell a brief story about each item to the audience. Each presentation will be limited to 3-5 minutes or so, based on attendance. Be sure to register as soon as possible so that we can get you on the program!

To register, contact Mike at [mikekleypas@gmail.com](mailto:mikekleypas@gmail.com).



### *GSOC President's Corner - November 2019*

I had an amazing experience on October 29th! The Destin Library presentation was "Introduction to Working with Your DNA Matches". It was a dark and rainy night... but one brave young man came to see the presentation. I asked if he had done DNA testing, and he said "Y". I replied, "My cousin Jim Rutledge just bought a Y test". "What was that name?", the man asked. "Rutledge, Jim Rutledge", I replied. "I'm Tom Routledge!"

Tom Routledge, the man who runs the Routledge Clan Society and traces the surname in England/Scotland attended my presentation! After the presentation, we had a great conversation and exchanged personal emails. Tom is stationed at Eglin for the next 3 years or so. What an opportunity to MAYBE get my family "across the Pond!"

Tom has offered to give a presentation or two next year! We can learn about England/Scotland research from an expert! What an opportunity!

So never be disappointed when only one person shows up for an event, or if you are the only person. You never know when the next door may open.

*Cindy Barber*

[Cindybarber2@gmail.com](mailto:Cindybarber2@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

NOV 23 - GSOC MEMBERS - "SHOW & TELL"-Individual members discuss their research and discoveries during the year  
JAN GSOC MEMBERS - "INTRODUCTION TO WORKING WITH YOUR DNA MATCHES. (Destin Library) **Date TBD**

## ONGOING PROGRAMS



### **DNA Interest Group**



On the 2nd Tuesday of each month a small group of dedicated DNA researchers is meeting from 6-7:30 PM at the Niceville Library. We have 'cherry picked' our easy matches and are working together to discuss DNA topics and tackle more distant or confusing matches. We have seats for 4-5 more. If you would like to join us, please let Cindy know you are coming - [cindybarber2@gmail.com](mailto:cindybarber2@gmail.com)

## HAPPENINGS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

### **Maker's Day Report (02 Nov 2019)**

"The event at the Library on November 2nd went off quite well. There was not a huge crowd, but it was steady - there was always someone to talk with as a "visitor" to our table. Donna did very well in telling people about our GSOC organization, and we may get some new members thru today's efforts. If anyone asks me, "I'd say that it's worth it for GSOC to participate in this event each year as long as it is held at the Library. " - Hilma

Jon and Kathie said the afternoon was pretty steady also, and agreed we should do it again. The word search puzzle and coloring page were popular. Maybe we can find some more interactive stuff for next year.

Thanks to Donna Elliot, Hilma Jenus, and Jon and Kathy Sheperd for representing GSOC!

### **New Books Donated to Us**

The Pensacola Genealogy Library donated 66 books to our collection. Cindy and Nicki drove to Pensacola after the October meeting and picked them up. The FWB library is processing them and moving them into the stacks. The number of books from each state is listed below:

4 – GA,      2 – KY,      14 – MO,      18 – PA,      4 – SC,      14 – VA

The remaining 10 are on Emigrants, part of the Great Migration series, and the Original Scots Colonists.

### **Voting for GSOC Officers**

Voting for GSOC Officers will be held at our next GSOC Meeting on 23 November 2019. We will look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

# Christmas Party

## ATTENTION GSOC MEMBERS:

Please join us for the December 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Luncheon and December's monthly GSOC program Meeting at **11:30 AM** at "The Trade Winds Italian Restaurant". Trade Winds is located at 205 Government Avenue (FL-85, Niceville, FL. (If you have never been there before, it is a fantastic Private luncheon venue. **THE FOOD IS DELICIOUS!**)

Kathie Sheperd is your luncheon point of contact, so if you have any questions, email her at [jkshep@cox.net](mailto:jkshep@cox.net). You will need to provide her with the money (\$14 per person) and your reservation prior to December 8<sup>th</sup> as she must collect the money in advance and have the exact payment for the luncheon. Payment for luncheon and food selection can be paid at our Oct. or Nov. meeting or mail payment by December 6 to: Kathie Sheperd, 105 Port Drive, Shalimar, Florida 32579. (Cash preferred, or checks can be made out to "Kathie Sheperd".)

### \*\*\*\*\*MENU SELECTION (Pick one choice per person):\*\*\*\*\*

- **CARBONARA.** Alfredo sauce (cream sauce) with bacon served over penne pasta.
- **RAVOLI.** Three cheese raviolis, a meatball & Italian Sausage with marinara sauce, topped with mozzarella cheese and oven baked.
- **CAPRICIOSA PIZZA.** Boars Head salami & and capocollo meats, artichokes, Kalamata olives, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms.
- **TOM'S PASTA.** Sausage & mushrooms cooked in red wine then tossed with marinara sauce & penne pasta.
- **TURBO SALAD.** Salad greens served with an assortment of veggies & topped with a lightly fried chicken breast with our house dressing on the side; balsamic vinaigrette (no other dressing available).

All lunches include entrée, side salad, bread & dip, & soft drink (tea/soda).

Cost is \$14pp, including tax & gratuity. Dessert – Additional \$2.00 - choice of a small cannoli or small piece of Tiramisu (You must order and pay in advance for this also.)

**THERE IS A 25 PERSON MINIMUM TO BOOK, SO PLEASE CONSIDER COMING TO THE LUNCHEON AND BRING YOUR SPOUSE OR A FRIEND!!**

# VIDEOS AND WEBSITES ONLINE

## Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qaa0j6nxsoc> - Researching Newspapers for Genealogy for Free

## Websites:

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/10-free-resources-researching-african-american-ancestors/>

10 Free Resources for African American Research

[WWW.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) - See Page 3 for info.

<https://www.italiangenealogy.blog/> - Italian Genealogy

<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery> - Digital Library on American Slavery

[www.capitalareagenealogy.org/documents/Guide to Documentation.pdf](http://www.capitalareagenealogy.org/documents/Guide%20to%20Documentation.pdf) - to save a free ebook "Guide to Documentation and Citing Sources" by Emily A. Croom

<http://www.genealogycenter.org> – Allen County Public Library

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk> – British National Archives

<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk> – British Newspaper Archive

<https://feefhs.org/index.php/> - Foundation for East European Family History Studies

<https://family-tree-advice.blogspot.com/> - Blog

Permission has been received from Glendora Whetstone, administrator of Facebook –

## **Findagrave.com**

### **Cremations - How to make a memorial**

**By Glendora Whetstone**

This issue has come up a few times lately so I thought I would make a document for us to refer to about this issue. It is two-fold.

1. If the person has a marker in a cemetery (even if the ashes are not yet inurned or buried there), you make the memorial in the cemetery. You may note in the bio where the ashes currently are but only ONE memorial and in the cemetery where the marker is. IF the ashes are not with the marker, you would want to send a link to that memorial to [edit@findagrave.com](mailto:edit@findagrave.com) and ask them to mark the memorial as a cenotaph.
2. If the person is cremated and there is no marker anywhere, you can still make a memorial for them. When creating the memorial, click the box "Not buried in a cemetery" and you will get options and one of them is Cremated. You click that and continue making the memorial and specifically add where the ashes are, where they were scattered, etc.

### **From Facebook Findagrave.com:**

How can I get a list of interments, memorials without photos, memorials with photos? (I haven't tried this yet, but will.)

JENNIFER SPARKS·

To retrieve the list of choice, go to <http://sents.net/fg/gps.php>. Enter the cemetery ID number (In the website address, it is the numbers immediately following 'CRid='). Only those lists with clickable links can be captured using this method. If the full list of memorials exceeds the limit, but the 'with' and 'without' lists do not, you can simple save them separately and combine them later. When you get the list, copy and paste it into a text document (I use Notepad) and save the file. To make it a spreadsheet: **Open a new Excel sheet:**

- Click DATA from the top line of options
- Make sure your curser is in the A1 cell
- Select FROM TEXT (3rd option from left)
- Select the file you saved and click IMPORT
- Step 1 select DELIMITED-CHARACTERS SUCH AS COMMAS...NEXT
- Step 2 remove the checkmark from TAB and place in OTHER
- Place a ~ in that box
- Click NEXT
- Step 3 Click FINISH
- Click OK

That should give you a sortable, editable spreadsheet of entries if you want to download one of your Virrtual Cemeteries:

- Open a new Excel sheet
- Click DATA from the top line of options
- Make sure your curser is in the A1 cell
- Select FROM TEXT (3rd option from left)
- Select the file you saved and click IMPORT
- Click FINISH
- Click OK

### **Cemeteries in Okaloosa County (Findagrave):**

[https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/search?cemetery-name=&cemetery-loc=Okaloosa+County%2C+Florida%2C+United+States+of+America&only-with-cemeteries=cemOnly&locationId=county\\_361&page=6#cem-2185006](https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/search?cemetery-name=&cemetery-loc=Okaloosa+County%2C+Florida%2C+United+States+of+America&only-with-cemeteries=cemOnly&locationId=county_361&page=6#cem-2185006)



Has anyone used Pinterest.com? It has a little bit of everything. You might even call it a certain type of search engine. It has everything imaginable.....including genealogy topics. Try it! If you are looking for information about “genealogy research”, then you go on Pinterest.com and .....

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#25 Access Genealogy: accessgenealogy.com

#40 Internet Archive: archive.org

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### **MEET THE MEMBER – JAMES “JIM” YOUNG**

I was born in Vardaman, MS, in a small rural county in north central MS. My maternal and paternal ancestors had lived there since the early 1800s. After high school I went to Mississippi State University and earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. My enrollment in Air Force ROTC led to my being called to active duty within weeks of graduation, and that led to a career in the Air Force. My last active duty assignment was to the Test Wing at Eglin AFB and I retired here. I worked in research, development, test, and evaluation during my years with the Air Force, including a three-year assignment as a Senior Lecturer (Professor) in Radar and Telecommunications at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, in Lincolnshire, U.K. I had a second career with an Air Force support contractor and I retired from that in 2006.

I joined the GSOC in 2009, and I've served as Corresponding Secretary and President. I also created and edited the GSOC monthly newsletters from January 2010 through June 2017 and was the GSOC Journal Editor for the 2014 and 2015 issues. I created and maintain the GSOC website and continue to serve as the GSOC webmaster.

I was lucky with my genealogical research. My mother did extensive research on my maternal family, and my first cousin did a superb job researching the paternal side. Only after Mother died did I begin to do any research and writing on my own. On the paternal side, my immediate family lines of interest are Young, Richards, Winter, and Blue. On the maternal side, the immediate lines are Morgan, Murphree, Swindoll, and Hardin.

The research done by Mother and my cousin were pre-internet and I have been able to get additional information through Ancestry.com, FindAGrave, etc. that they didn't have. I have done my own research work primarily in the area of family and community history. Mother left me with literally scores of hand-written letters which I used to create and publish a book about the rural area where she was born and the families there. "The Cherry Hill – Poplar Springs – Reid Community in Calhoun County, Mississippi", by Monette Young is that book and I will be describing the process that I went through in getting it compiled, edited, and published in a future presentation to the GSOC.

Mother and one of my great aunts were charter members of the national Murphree Genealogical Association (MGA) which was founded in 1963 by Bill R. Linder, a distant cousin on my Murphree line. Bill Linder was the Director of Historical Information at the National Archives as well as a dedicated genealogist. Wow! Imagine having the entire National Archives at your fingertips! I joined the MGA in 2001 and became active in it. I'm currently one of the directors and I also created and maintain the MGA website. I'll be attending the 2019 MGA Convention in late July.

My brick wall, the same one that my cousin ran into, is my great great Grandfather Thomas Jefferson Young. We can't find who his parents were or even for sure where he was born. If I could ask a question of any of my ancestors, it would be to ask him about his parents, siblings, and birthplace.

I have had my DNA tested with no surprising results and I continue to hope that one of these days a distant cousin will pop up who can help me break down that brick wall.

**Photo:** Jim Young and his granddaughter at her recent high school graduation.

**James Young**

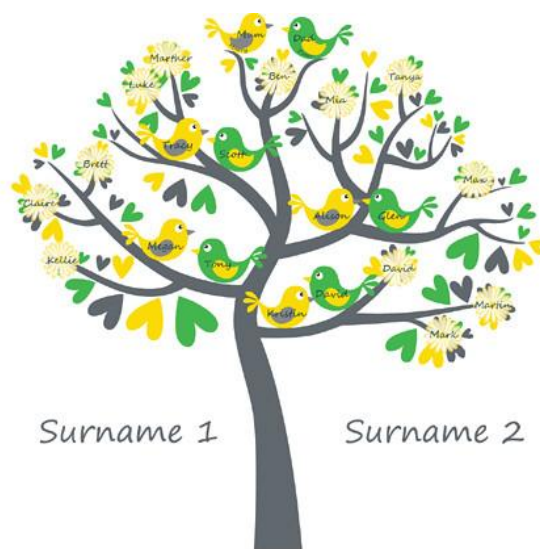
**November 2019**

***Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County***  
***Minutes of the October 26, 2019 Meeting***

<b>GSOC Meeting:</b>	2019_10_26
<b>Called to Order:</b>	10:38 am by President Cindy Barber
<b>Approval of Sept's Minutes:</b>	Val moved we approve the minutes as written and Phil seconded. – Minutes were approved.  Due to the absence of Barb Bethea, Kathie Sheperd took the minutes of today's meeting. Thanks Kathie!
<b>Finance Report:</b>	Phil - Bank Balance: \$1,922.32 - Blue Box Balance: \$682.33
<b>Membership Report:</b>	Interim 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP, Membership, Jon Sheperd: We have 68 individual members in the GSOC. One new member, Linda Hoon, joined today! We have membership from 5 organizations.  We will take 2020 membership applications again in December.
<b>Officer Nominations:</b>	Past President, Jon Sheperd: For the 2020 nominations, we have incumbents in the following officer positions: President, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President for Programs, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Jody Biles has volunteered to be nominated for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Membership. If anyone else is interested in any position, let Jon know. Officers will be elected at the November meeting.
<b>Correspondence:</b>	Val – Nothing to report. If you aren't getting emails let Val know.
<b>Website:</b>	Jim – the website is up-to-date.
<b>Newsletter:</b>	If you didn't receive the newsletter or have suggestions about a subject to put in the newsletter, let Nicki know. If you change your email, then let her know also.
<b>Genealogy Report:</b>	Margaret – She has a key to the FWB Family History Building and will be happy to with us one on one doing genealogy inquiries.
<b>Project Lead:</b>	Donna Elliot –Okaloosa County Research guide is done on 11x17 cardstock. Price has not been decided. Will probably offer it laminated and unlaminated.
<b>Cindy:</b>	There are ongoing special member interviews so we could get to know one another better. Cindy reminded everyone to please fill out the member interview form to be included in the newsletter.
<b>Volunteers for Library:</b>	1pm-3:30pm on Wednesdays - Passed sign-up sheet around for Nov. and Dec. <b>We still need volunteers for the library to answer genealogy questions.</b> We are also reorganizing the genealogy section. There is a cart of books used by library patrons that need reshelfed. Also want to move the city directories to our section in the back wall – but we are waiting on permission.
<b>Crestview:</b>	Beginning Genealogy Program by Jon Sheperd on Nov 16th.
<b>Destin:</b>	January – workshop TBD.
<b>Niceville:</b>	<b>RSVP IS REQUIRED - CALL THE LIBRARY</b> Intermediate DNA topics in Niceville on 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:00pm-7:30pm. This is an open workshop. This is <u>not</u> a beginner's group.



<b>Fort Walton Beach:</b>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Programs, Mike Kleypas - Next meeting– We will be doing “Show and Tell”. Let Mike know if you would like to present anything.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Maker’s Day at the FWB Library – November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hilma and Andrea volunteered to work 10-12 and Jon and Kathie, noon-2. The library furnished the table and 2 chairs. Cindy has a kid’s coloring sheet, a word search puzzle and some other handouts to give to the children.</p>
<b>Christmas:</b>	<p>The luncheon will be on Thursday, 12 December at “Tradewinds” in Niceville. We have a reservation for 11:30 am. Kathie Sheperd is coordinating and taking money now. Price is \$14 to include meal, drink and tip. As of now, we have 25 people. <b>We need donations for the gifts also.</b> *(Note: Please check Christmas party flier on Page: 6)</p>
<b>Presenter:</b>	<p>Our guest speaker for this month, Don Allgood, had to cancel. There was a death in his family and he notified Mike late the day before the meeting. So Cindy gave a presentation on “Genealogical Organization”. Thank you Cindy!</p>
<b>Door Prize Winners:</b>	<p>Honey-Ann Sutherland and Jam- Jan Campbell. Cindy also received a jar of honey in appreciation of her being the guest speak this month.</p>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	<p>A special meeting of the Family Tree Maker Group was held following the meeting today. It is a new group starting up with GSOC. For those who are interested, Contact Cindy or Mike.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Also - in regard to the Affiliate Library, the Okaloosa County lawyer has asked for some changes to the contract.</p>
<b>Questions Asked</b>	<p>None.</p>
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<p>12:10pm</p>



*Family is like music,  
some high notes, some low notes,  
but always a beautiful song.*





Our next meeting is Saturday,  
November 23rd, at 10:30 am

*Featuring:*

## Special “Show and Tell” Meeting

By GSOC Members

Fort Walton Beach Library  
185 Miracle Strip Parkway SE,  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

*“Whatever you know, whatever you learn – Pass it On!”*

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



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