

THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 19, 2019



GSOC President's Corner - October 2019

Our library volunteers have been busy this month! Check out the genealogy section to see their work. We always need volunteers so, please give us part of your Wednesday afternoon!

The DNA Interest group is going well, and the Family Tree Maker group will be forming shortly.

Do you have a spooky story in your family? Have you been drawn to an ancestor this month? Write their story!



Happy Halloween!



Cindy Barber

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCT 26	DON ALLGOOD	"OKALOOSA COUNTY RECORDS"
OCT 26	GSOC MEMBERS	"FAMILY TREE MAKER USER'S GROUP FORMATION MEETING" (after GSOC Meeting)
OCT 29	GSOC MEMBERS	"INTRODUCTION TO WORKING WITH YOUR DNA MATCHES" (Held in Destin)
NOV 16	JON SHEPERD	"AN INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY" (Crestview, FL)
NOV 23	GSOC MEMBERS	"SHOW & TELL"-Individual members discuss their research and discoveries during the year
DEC 12	GSOC MEMBERS	"GSOC CHRISTMAS PARTY" AT TRADEWINDS

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

SPECIAL EVENTS




Family Tree Maker®

User's Group Formation Meeting
Immediately after the
26 October GSOC Meeting

When, Where and Format will be decided
All experience levels are welcome!

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October 29, 2019
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Destin Library, 150
Sibert Avenue
850-837-8572

Introduction to
Working with Your DNA Matches

Did you get your DNA results back but don't know
what to do with them?


This hands-on workshop will help you better
understand your DNA results and use them to get
started on your family history.

You will need to have submitted your DNA for testing
and have received the results.
Bring your computer and your questions.

An Introduction to Genealogy

November 16, 2019 10:30 AM

Robert L. F. Sikes Public Library
1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview, Florida



The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC) will be holding their fall program in Crestview on November 16th at 10:30. Jon Sheperd will be presenting An Introduction to Genealogy.

Jon has been doing genealogy research for many years. He teaches at the Center for Lifelong Learning, and is a past president of the GSOC.

After the presentation, Jon and other members of the Society will be available to answer questions.

The GSOC meets on the fourth Saturday of each month (except December) at 10:30 in the Fort Walton Beach Library. The Society also holds periodic presentations and workshops at other locations in Okaloosa County.

"MAKER'S DAY" AT FORT WALTON BEACH LIBRARY

November 2nd

The Fort Walton Beach library asked us to participate in Maker's Day on November 2nd. This is a family focused event with artists, the science center and more at the Library. We will have a table and two chairs. If you like talking to families please volunteer for two hours, either 10-noon or noon-2. We'll have trees for coloring and our new Research Guide to show off. Call or email me to volunteer.



Special "Show and Tell" Meeting - November 23rd

Next 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**

VIDEOS AND WEBSITES ONLINE

Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qaaoj6nxsoc> (Youtube Videos that might help with your newspaper search:)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzM9GD_zczw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3nzy1N36o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lq9oKtErzWU>

Websites:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

(Library of Congress - 1690-Present)

<https://guides.library.upenn.edu/hometabs>

(Penn Libraries-Historical Newspapers Online)

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/>

(California Digital Newspaper Collection)

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>

(Georgia Historic Newspapers Archive)

<https://Fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

(Newspapers)

<https://lawsonresearch.net/forensic-toolbox/newspaper-links-of-old/> (Newspaper Links of Old)

<https://lawsonresearch.net/category/forensic-toolbox/state-resources/> (State Resources)

<https://libguides.bgsu.edu/CanadianNewspapers> (Canadian Newspapers)

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/newspapers/newspaper-collection/Pages/newspapers-collection.aspx>

(Library and Archives Canada)

MEET NEW MEMBER – MONIQUE “NICKI” CHAMBERLAIN



Where were you born? I was born in Oklahoma City, OK. We only lived there a few months. My father was in the Air Force and so I was a “Military Brat”.

Have you lived in other places? Where? Of course being part of a military family, we went all over the world. Early 1950’s we were stationed at Eglin AFB, Florida and where my brother was born at Eglin Hospital in 1953. In 1954-56, we were stationed at Clark AFB, Philippines. We lived in a large house with a screened in porch all around the house. It was so big, Dad rode his motor bike around the screened in porch. When we left the Philippines, we came back to Eglin AFB until Dad got orders for Rhein Main Air Base, Germany 1963-66. We lived on the “economy” near the base in Kelsterbach, Germany. While living there for a year, I learned from a German boy running up to me yelling “Your president has been murdered!!” My brother and I had just gotten out of a German theater at night while watching “The Birds” in German (didn’t understand the movie, but it scared us). I couldn’t believe that President Kennedy had been shot. In a year we moved on base. I graduated from Frankfurt American High School in 1966. We then got orders to go back to Eglin AFB. We lived on base for a couple of years until Dad retired. Then my parents purchased a house in Fort Walton Beach. I got married in 1970 after my husband joined the Navy. My husband and I lived in Norfolk, Virginia before his 6 month Mediterranean cruise. I found out I was pregnant after he left for his cruise and had our daughter at the Fort Walton Beach Hospital in 1971. We moved back to Norfolk when he returned. Then he got out of the Navy and we moved back to Fort Walton Beach. I moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana after my divorce in 1976, to be near my father. Remarried my husband in 1977 and returned to Fort Walton Beach. I have been here ever since. Note: Besides living in the above areas, I have traveled to Italy, France, Belgium, and Spain, etc.

What is your background (Where did you work, what did you do, etc.?) In the early 60’s I worked on base for the Staff Judge Advocates office – it was only a temporary position as stenographer. I met my husband while working for his father and mother at Charlie Wilkerson Gas Company in FWB. I worked for Gary Smith Ford (car sales) as a receptionist, Pensacola News Journal (receptionist - when they had an office here in Ft. Walton Beach, FL). I was a secretary for the Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Fort Walton Beach. My favorite job was working for Keltec (now Crane Aerospace) for 30 years in Industrial Park in Fort Walton Beach. I was a Q.A. Secretary, Personnel Secretary and ended up being a Buyer in the Purchasing Department (which I loved).

When did you start doing genealogy? I started my genealogy addiction after one of my best friends (Naomia) talked me into attending a church service at the LDS Church in 1981. It’s funny, I talked to her last week (she lives in Illinois now) and I fussed at her for starting my addiction! She just laughed.

What geographic areas have you researched? Belgium (My Mother was from Antwerp), Canada, Alabama, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Virginia, Texas, Kentucky, and Vermont.

What are the surnames you are researching on your family tree? Paternal Line - U.S. Surnames: Williams (AL/KY/NC/VA), Whisenant (AL/GA/SC/NC/GA/Germany/Switzerland), Pearson (AL/SC/VA), Tidwell (AL/SC/VA/England), Bradshaw (AL/TN), Cleavenger (KY), Taylor (TN/VA), Seward (VA), Golightly (VA), Adams

(GA/SC/NC), Blake (TN), Forrester (GA/NC), World (GA), Barker (GA/VA), Helms (SC/VA), and Barrett (VA).

Maternal Line - Belgium Surnames: Goetkint, Geerts, Boumans, Dassen, VanDenBrande, Rebec, DeVisser, Trike, Raymakers, Hermans, Van Meel, Hillen, Mertens, Punt, Staes, Aerts, Peeters, Roosemeijer, Vermarien, Smulders, Debacker, and Verhaeghe. **Husband's Lines:** Chamberlain (VT/NH/Canada/CA), Gardner (VT/Canada), Picoyr/Picard/Pecor (VT/Canada), Hemond (VT/Canada), Laporiet (VT/Canada), Legault (VT/Canada), Cyr (Canada), Connier (VT), Lausi (Italy/NH/MA), DeMartino (Italy/NH/MA), Riviello (Italy).

Have you attended any conferences? No, not yet. I usually see if they have videos with some of the speakers.

Do you belong to any other genealogy related societies? I've been a member of the "Williams Group 8 Seekers" since before DNA tests and now the group is working with the ZZ37 Research Group of FTDNA. I also have recently become a member of the "World Chamberlain Genealogical Society" and used to be a member of the "NE Alabama" Genealogy Society. I've been corresponding with the "Genealogical Society of Flemish Americans" to see if it would help me with my mother's Belgian line.

Tell us about one of your brick walls. I have "MANY" brick walls, but the one that irritates me the most is – I can't find my father in a census in 1930!! He was only 8, so he had to be with his mother..... but they are nowhere! Of course it doesn't help that my father is "William Wesley Williams, Jr." – "Williams" is a genealogy surname nightmare!

Have you DNA tested? Yes, I tested with Ancestry.com and moved it to FamilytreeDNA and My Heritage. My brother turned in his DNA for me and we sent it to Family Tree DNA. We completed the 37, 67, 111 and Y-500. I just bit the bullet and purchased the test to extend his Y-500 to Y700. I won't get that back for a while. I wish I could talk my husband into getting one, but he won't budge.

Does one of your ancestors have an unusual name? With working on genealogy for 38 years, I don't know what unusual means anymore.

Do you have an ancestor you would consider famous? I do have someone that married into my tree, but not on my direct line – not too famous Hugh Dorsey GRAVITT – he's the taxi driver who ran over Margaret Mitchell – the author of "Gone with the Wind". I'm not sure if you would call him famous. I have several newspaper clippings on him. From what I've read, I don't think it was his fault. I think she just ran into the street when she was fighting with her husband.

If you could ask one ancestor a question, who would you ask and what would the question be? Besides asking my Dad - where was he in 1930? I would like to find out more about my 4th Great Grandfather Reverend Gray WILLIAMS. He was a Methodist Preacher who was a "Circuit Rider" in the 1800's. Rev Williams was ordained an elder by Bishop William McKendree in the year 1811, under the auspices of the Virginia M.E. Conference. They had a reenactment at the Kennerly Chapel (<http://www.kennerlyschapel.org/related.htm>) which included my relative, Rev. Gray Williams on October 6, 2007.



Monique "Nicki" Chamberlain

October 2019



ATTENTION GSOC MEMBERS:

Please join us for the December 12th 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. You will need to provide her with the money (\$14 per person) and your reservation prior to December 8th 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!**

Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County

Minutes of the September 28, 2019 Meeting

GSOC Meeting:	2019_09_28
Call to Order:	10:35 am
Approval of June's Minutes:	Val moved we approve the minutes as written and Phil seconded. – Minutes were approved.
Finance Report:	Phil - Bank Balance: \$2,015.81 - Blue Box Balance: \$802.32
Membership Report:	Jon will take over for the next few months. Total of 73 paid memberships, 5 are organizations and this includes 3 new members. There are 4 visitors. We will take 2020 membership applications again in December.
Officer Nominations:	Jerry is giving up second vice-president for membership. Jodi volunteered to take the position.
Correspondence:	Val – Nothing to report. If you aren't getting emails let Val know.
Website:	Jim – the website is up-to-date.
Newsletter:	if you didn't receive the newsletter or have suggestions let Nicki know. If you change your email, then let her know also.
Genealogy Report:	Margaret – she was able to help someone with a query for a father and son. If you are interested in the Family History Center, ask Margaret or google for the closest location.
Project Lead:	Donna Elliot –Okaloosa County Research guide is done on 11x17 cardstock. Price has not been decided. Will probably offer it laminated and unlaminated.
Jon:	Lunch after meeting will be at AJ's on the Bayou.
Cindy:	FTM Event was a huge success! Hopefully we will be getting more genealogy events here. Is there an interest in a FTM User Group? There is an interest. Think about when you would want to meet and let Cindy know in October after the meeting. We are ordering the next 30-35 boxes for the genealogy section. They will be ordered in October because the city is closing out the fiscal year. FamilySearch Affiliate Library contract has been submitted; city is working with SLC. Pensacola Library is an Affiliate. This would give us access to more FamilySearch records.
Volunteers for Library:	1-4 on Wednesdays - Passed sign-up sheet around for Oct and Nov. We need volunteers for the library to answer genealogy questions. We are also reorganizing the genealogy section. There is a cart of books that needs shelved. Also want to move the city directories to our section in the back wall – but we are waiting on permission.

Crestview	Fall Beginning Genealogy Presentation will be held in Crestview on November 16th. (Thanks to Jon for doing this.) WE NEED 2 OR 3 MEMBERS TO ASSIST! Crestview will place the ads and handle registration. A flyer will be created.
Destin:	October 29 th – Introduction to working with your DNA matches. January – workshop TBD.
Foley:	Oct 12 th , Saturday - Cindy will do her presentation on Ancient Diseases in Foley, AL.
Niceville:	RSVP IS REQUIRED - CALL THE LIBRARY 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.
Fort Walton Beach:	Next meeting – “County Records” by Don Allgood, Director of Operations, Okaloosa County Clerk of Courts.
Christmas:	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. We need to have 25 people or the deficit will be taken out of the treasury. We need donations for the gifts also. *(Note: Please check Christmas party flier on Page: 6)
Presenter:	Cindy gave a presentation on <i>DNA Painter</i> - a free website for basic use. There are extra tools that cost. Presentation will be available on the website. Some of the screen shots may have changed because the website was recently updated. Cindy will add instructions for uploading information to the newsletter.
Door Prize Winners:	Honey-Val and Jam-Ed. Cindy also received a jar of honey.
Miscellaneous:	A thank you card was received from Bay County Genealogy Society and was passed around. Fliers for Bay County Genealogy Society Fall Seminar on Oct 26 were also passed around. State Archives of FL - many events were passed around also. Information may be available on the website. Jodi will be doing a beginning African American research class in the future.
Questions Asked	None.
Meeting Adjourned:	12:20pm



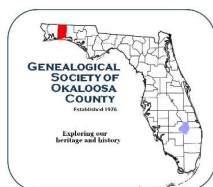
Our next meeting is Saturday,
October 26th, at 10:30 am

Featuring:
"Okaloosa County Records"
Presented by Don Allgood



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

"Whatever you know, whatever you learn – Pass it On!"



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