

The GSOC Newsletter

**The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County, Florida
September 2020**



GSOC PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this some of our members are still feeling the effects of hurricane Sally. It is amazing to see the huge boats laying in yards and hearing how some of our friends may be without power for a week or more. What an opportunity to record your experience!

Our Zoom meetings seem popular. Each Special Interest Group had multiple attendees in September. I turned off the registration requirement, so members can join using the links without registering beforehand.

Margaret Harris has offered to lead a SIG for Family Search on the third Wednesday of the month, so look for that NEW SIG in October. GSOC can host ongoing to single meetings on any topic, so let me know if you want to take advantage of this virtual meeting space.

We are still looking for a President, Vice President and Newsletter editor. If we do not have candidates by the end of October, the board of directors will be faced with making tough decisions on the future of GSOC. So, come forward! GSOC needs you!

I hope everyone stays safe, recovers from Sally and is able to join us for the September meeting.

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**GSOC Monthly Meeting
Saturday, Sept 26, 2020
6:00-7:00pm – on Zoom**



FamilySearch Announces RootsTech Connect 2021:

A Free Global Virtual Event

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“The pandemic is giving us the opportunity to bring RootsTech to a broader audience world-wide,” said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch International CEO. “A virtual event also allows us to expand our planning to truly make this a global celebration of family and connection.” RootsTech Connect 2021 will be global in scope while offering many experiences that attendees have come to know and love from RootsTech events—including inspirational keynote speakers, dozens of classes to choose from, and an expo hall. Throughout the three-day online event, attendees will have the ability to interact with presenters, exhibitors, and other attendees through live chat and question and answer sessions. “Classes will be taught in many languages, and presenters will teach from a number of international locations,” said Rockwood. “We will celebrate cultures and traditions from around the world, with activities that the audience can participate in from home—such as homeland cooking demonstrations, storytelling, and music performances. This is one virtual event you won’t want to miss.” RootsTech Connect 2021 will offer a combination of both livestream and on-demand content to accommodate differences in time zone for participants. In addition, sessions will be available to view on-demand after the event concludes. Rockwood says that FamilySearch is looking forward to the opportunity to deliver the signature RootsTech experience and helping tens of thousands of participants worldwide to discover, gather, and connect their family story. RootsTech hopes to gather in-person again in the future, but anticipates the RootsTech Connect virtual opportunity will become a regular addition to the event. Register for free at [rootstech.org](https://www.rootstech.org). <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>



Special Interest Groups On Zoom



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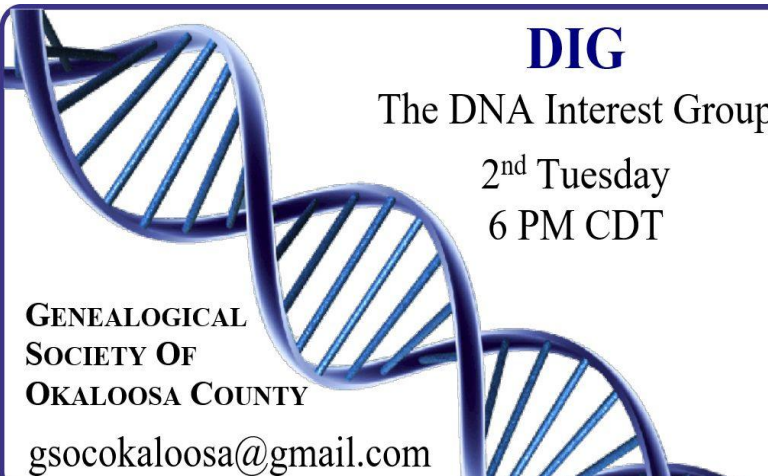
Special Interest
Group Meeting
1st Monday
6 PM



Family Tree **Maker**

Special Interest
Group Meeting

1st Wednesday
6:00 PM

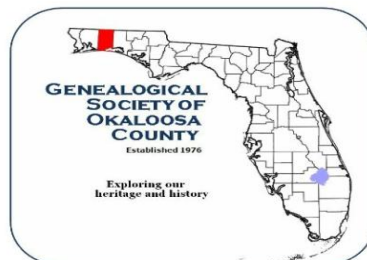


DIG
The DNA Interest Group
2nd Tuesday
6 PM CDT

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FamilySearch



Special Interest
Group Meeting
3rd Wednesday
6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Schedule

ZOOM into Genealogy!

Upcoming Meetings

Open to ALL GSOC Members

Watch your EMAIL for an invitation to these meetings

Topic: GSOC Monthly Meeting

Time: Sep 26, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time (US)

Topic: 23 & Me Interest Group

Time: Oct 5, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time (US)

Topic: Family Tree Maker Interest Group

Time: Oct 7, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time (US)

Topic: DNA Interest Group

Time: Oct 13, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time (US)

Topic: Family Search Interest Group

Time: Oct 21, 2020 6:30 PM Central Time (US)



How to Join a ZOOM Meeting

By Cindy Barber

GSOC is excited to offer our members ZOOM meetings on a variety of topics until we can meet again in person! Below is a quick primer on how to join a ZOOM meeting. You will need to download the "Zoom" app.

- 1) Be *PATIENT* and *KIND*! The meeting leaders have very limited experience running Zoom meetings. We hope we get better as time goes on, but please be patient as we learn our way through this. Many of us have participated in meetings, but few have 'hosted'.
- 2) To get the most out of Zoom you will need a computer with a camera and microphone. If you do not have this, you can still call in with your phone and follow along with your computer.
- 3) A few days before the meeting you will receive an email invitation. A sample is below. Each invitation is different. Make sure you are using the correct one.
- 4) Simply click on the link in the invitation and you will be taken to the meeting. If you are early, you will be put 'on hold' until the host arrives.
- 5) To call in on your phone, use the "Dial by your location" information at the bottom of the screen

SAMPLE Invitation

GSOC Info is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: GSOC Monthly Meeting

Time: Aug 22, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

**VERIFY
TOPIC**

**VERIFY
TIME**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84334128594?pwd=emtzL0ZkeW1aTk12MWFoZS9EV2VHUT09>

CLICK ON LINK

Meeting ID: 843 3412 8594

Passcode: 790989

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,84334128594#,,,,,0#,,790989# US (Germantown)

+13126266799,,84334128594#,,,,,0#,,790989# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 843 3412 8594

Passcode: 790989

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84334128594?pwd=emtzL0ZkeW1aTk12MWFoZS9EV2VHUT09>

WANTED

**President
1st Vice President - Programs
Corresponding Secretary**

These positions **MUST** have candidates by
October 24th!

Email cindybarber2@gmail.com or call me at
863-307-2300 to volunteer for these positions!

**The Future of GSOC
Depends on YOU!**

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Help Wanted

Newsletter Editor

Part time - a few hours, 3-4 days a month

Word Processor Knowledge Required

Start by January 2021

Email Cindybarber2@gmail.com to apply

Understanding Colonial Documents

Many probate records and deeds refer to my early ancestors as 'planters'. Because they were in tobacco growing Maryland, I assumed this meant they were tobacco farmers. I did not realize how important this term was until I got into the pre-revolution records. It then began to 'niggle' at me, and now that I am working on men who are recorded in Maryland as early as 1640, the importance of the term 'PLANTER' became clear.

The best resource I found is a book titled "Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia, 1607-1625". This book is available in many libraries but can also be read or downloaded from archive.org. A few of the terms I now understand and that helped me with my research are:

Adventurer - stockholders in the companies formed to settle the colonies.

Adventurers of Person - the immigrants who came to the colonies.

Planters - adventurers become planters when they settle an area.

Cousin - often meant niece or nephew.

Esquire - Title of Respect often applied to the son of a knight, a member of a council, or to a Naval Collector.

Headright - there is an excellent explanation in this book.

Son-in-law, daughter-in-law - often meant a stepchild. The exact meaning depends on the context of the document, and careful analysis may be needed of the family to determine the meaning.

Servant - generally used in the modern sense of employee - see more explanation in the book.

Remember too that records before the Revolution may be in England.

Websites & Webinars

<https://dna-explained.com/category/relationship-predictor/>

https://familytreewebinars.com/archived_webinars_free.php

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>

<https://www.pinterest.com/abundantgenealogy/genealogy-tip-jar/>

<http://eogn.wikidot.com/eogn-calendar:online-webinars>

<https://www.bodetech.com/pages/webinars-workshops>

<https://lialisson.com/free-genealogy-courses/>

<http://genealogytrails.com/main/legalterms.html>

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