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## **BEGINNER'S GENEALOGY SEMINAR SET FOR OCTOBER 19, 2002**



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Berniece Loper

The month of October is a special month for the Bay County Genealogical Society. The Beginner's Genealogy Seminar is scheduled for October 19, 2002 at Gulf Coast Community College. Of course, we are indeed fortunate to have a very special speaker, Natalie Thompson. Natalie has conducted the past two Beginner's Seminars for us, and they have been most successful. We are looking forward to another seminar that will be educational to the beginner and a beneficial refresher to the seasoned family researcher. We are also pleased to have a great facility in which to conduct the seminar - the Gibson Lecture Hall of GCCC. I am sure that you will not want to miss this most informative seminar. Please come and bring a beginning researcher.

Our November 2<sup>nd</sup> BCGS meeting will feature a unique program. Retired Judge Larry Smith will be our guest speaker. Judge Smith will enlighten us on the peoples and environment of the colonies leading to the Declaration Of Independence and the Constitution.

This will be our last newsletter before Christmas; therefore, please don't forget that our December meeting will be on the second Saturday and consist primarily of our fun-filled Christmas Party. Also, don't forget to bring your favorite goodies.

Finally, I want to thank all of the BCGS officers and members who have made and continue to make our society one of the best in America.

*Berniece*

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# BEGINNER'S GENEALOGY SEMINAR - Not Just For Beginners

By Billy Nale

The Bay County Genealogical Society will present its annual Beginner's Genealogy Seminar on Saturday, October 19, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Gibson Lecture Hall, Student Union East Building of Gulf Coast Community College. Cost of the seminar is \$15.00 which includes lunch. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the seminar will start at 9 a.m.



**Natalie**

The seminar will be conducted by *Natalie Thompson*, past BCGS Vice President and Program Chairman. Natalie is a seasoned genealogist and is widely sought as a genealogy speaker.

Natalie attended Brigham Young University and obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Florida State University, Panama City Campus. She has attended three Family History Seminars at Brigham Young University and has taught classes at junior colleges in the continuing education programs. While living in Chicago, IL, Natalie participated on the genealogy speakers circuit taking her to the Chicago Genealogical Society, local area county genealogical societies and several D.A.R. chapters. Natalie has presented many programs and training sessions for the BCGS. She currently volunteers at the Family History Center at the LDS Church on State Street, Panama City.

Natalie will present the basics of genealogy research as well as information on what is available on the Internet and how to find it.

The **Seminar Topics** will include:

- 1) **Getting Started and Organized - Charts, Forms, and Basic Organization**
- 2) **Vital Records**
- 3) **Census Records**
- 4) **Introduction to Genealogy Research on the Internet**

Although oriented for the beginning family researcher, the seminar will be an excellent refresher for the seasoned genealogist. Natalie's search methods and techniques will enlighten all attendees.

Attendees will receive an information packet of handouts that will be invaluable in beginning research, and will serve as handy reference material for years to come.

The seminar will be conducted in a supportive, informal, and friendly atmosphere to enable the attendees to obtain the most from the information presented.

There will be four presentation periods with refreshments available throughout the day. Lunch will be served in the facilities of the Commodore Cafd located in the same building. You will have ample opportunity to talk with new and old friends, as well as seasoned genealogists.

The Gibson Lecture Hall of GCCC is an amphitheater-type room with excellent visibility, sound, and desk place to take notes. The facility has been recently updated to include state-of-the-art computerized visual and sound aids to accommodate the needs and desires of the instructors and participants. Restroom and communication (telephone) facilities are readily available.

**Directions:** Gulf Coast Community College is located at the west end of Panama City, FL on U.S. Hwy 98 just east of the Hathaway Bridge which connects to Panama City Beach, and Destin, FL. The main entrance to the college is located on the north side of U.S. Hwy 98. There is a Burger King located on the south side of U.S. 98 in front of the college. Parking is to the right of the entrance. The Student Union East and West Buildings are directly north of the entrance road. The Gibson Lecture Hall is located on the second floor of the Student Union East Building. Look for the BCGS yellow banner outside the entrance to the Student Union East Building.

**Special Needs:** Please note that parking is readily available for those persons with disabilities. An elevator and ramp makes easy access to the second floor Gibson Lecture Hall.

For more information, please contact:

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Alice Locke 850-265-0708

## BCGS 2003 ANNUAL SEMINAR

### • Planning Progresses

#### - Topics Selected

by Phil Thornton, Committee Chairman

*“Yes, Sir Folks Step Right This Way”* and the old-time Carnival barker begins his spiel. You stand there and despite yourself, you listen to what he has to say. “Is it really that good?” you wonder “Is this just another gimmick with no value and very little amusement?”

Well, we don't know about the amusement but we know about the value and the Seminar the Bay County Genealogy Society has been preparing for **Saturday February 8, 2003** is the real deal! It's entitled, *“Where's an Ancestor When You Need One?”* and will focus on genealogy research with one of the best in the field and a recognized expert:

#### Mr. Michael J. Neill



Mr. Neill has a national reputation for giving great seminars, packed with all kinds of hints, tips and just real down home practical knowledge that you will be able to use right away.

For many of our readers, this is a familiar name as Michael writes a weekly column on genealogical research for the world's most popular genealogy magazine on the World Wide Web, *The Ancestry Daily News*. This popular “e-zine” can be delivered to your email front door **Free** just by signing up at Ancestry.com and you can begin to read Michael's columns and then you will see each week why we think this will be one of the best genealogy seminars you will ever attend here or anywhere.

We spoke of value and that can usually be established by checking a speaker's resume. The old farmer used to say that cream rises to the top and that's the case here with Mr. Neill. Look at the following credentials:

-Mr. Neill has a Masters degree in Mathematics from Western Illinois University.

- Lecturer at such prestigious conferences as the “National Genealogical Society Conference” in both 2000 and 2002; the “Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference” in 2002 and at the annual

GENTECH conferences in 1999, 2001, and 2002.

- Researcher, with more than 20 years experience in genealogical research.

- Author, having written on genealogical research and methods since 1987 and is currently second vice-president of “International Society of Family History Writers and Editors.”

- Columnist, Federation of Genealogical Societies' FORUM where Mr. Neill writes a column on web-based research strategies for this quarterly newsletter.

- Instructor of Mathematics, Carl Sandburg College, a community college in West-Central Illinois. Mr. Neill is also the coordinator and instructor for their very popular week long genealogical computing workshops held every March for the past several years at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, IL.

- Course Designer/Instructor, Genealogical Institute of Mid-America where he is the Part I Studies coordinator for this annual genealogical institute.

- Part-time instructor at the Union Institute where he designed and currently teaches two online classes on “Internet Research Strategies” and “Land Record Research.”

- Ezine editor for the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual Conference in Orlando, FL, in 2003

***But, You can hear him first right here in Panama City at Gulf Coast Community College on February 8, 2003.*** Join us for a day of great lectures, good discussions, and good companionship. You won't regret it!

“So, What is he going to be speaking on?” I'm so glad you asked because that's the best part. He allowed the Board of your Society to pick out the courses we thought you would most like to hear him discuss here in Panama City.

**“Research on a Tight Budget”**

**“On-Line Searching, Tips and Tricks”**

**“Note Taking, Abstracting & Extracting”**

**“Locating Immigrant Origins”**

Now, Aren't you glad you asked?

We hope to see you there. We know we wouldn't miss it for the world. **Can you believe it? Michael Neill right here in Panama City, at Gulf Coast Community College on February 8, 2003.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

By Billy Nale

### BCGS MEETINGS



#### **2 Nov: We The People**

*Judge Larry Smith (Retired)* will be our guest speaker. Judge Smith currently teaches a course on the US Constitution as part of the Gulf Coast Community College Education Encore Program. Judge Smith's presentation will focus on the origin of the peoples and environment of the colonies leading to the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution.

#### **14 Dec: (Second Saturday) Christmas Party**

**Don't forget to bring your goodies to share with other members of the society.**

#### **Note: Come Prepared**

We are now allowing time after the program in each meeting to assist and provide guidance in your research. So bring your "brick walls" and other questions, and have another cup of coffee while we discuss them. BCGS genealogists with years of experience will be there to help.

### BCGS EVENTS

#### **19 Oct: Beginner's Genealogy Seminar**

Natalie Thompson will conduct this popular annual workshop. The seminar will be held in the Gibson Lecture Hall, of the Student Union East Building of Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, FL. **See separate article in this newsletter, page 2.**

#### **8 Feb 2003: BCGS Annual Genealogy Seminar**

The seminar will also be held in the Lifelong Learning Conference Center, Student Union East Building of Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, FL. **See separate article in this newsletter, page 3.**

## FLORIDA

#### **15-16 Nov: FSGS Annual Conference**

The Florida State Genealogical Society 26th Annual Conference will be held 15 -16 Nov 2002 at the Hilton St Petersburg Hotel, St Petersburg, FL. The keynote speaker will be Linda Woodward Geiger, CGRS. Linda is an associate of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, a member of National Genealogical Society, and numerous state and local genealogical and historical societies. The Hilton St Petersburg Hotel is located at 333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 888-843-6929. Individuals must identify themselves with the Florida State Genealogical Society group, at the time the reservations are made in order to receive the special group rate. More details at <http://www.rootsweb.com/-flsgs/>.

## REGIONAL

#### **9 Nov: George G. Morgan at Okaloosa County**

Gen Society November Conference:  
The Okaloosa County November 2002 Conference will feature Georg G. Morgan. The Conference will be held at 339 Lake Drive, Fort Walton Beach, FL from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost of the conference is \$25 preregistration which includes syllabus and lunch. Please mail check to GSOC, P.O. Box 1175, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549. For further details contact: Margaret M. Harris at 850-243-4589, or  
E-Mail: [msthmstirh@cox.net](mailto:msthmstirh@cox.net)

#### **1 Mar 2003: WFSG Annual Winter Conference**

The West Florida Genealogical Society has TENTATIVELY set 1 March, 2003 for their Annual Winter Conference. Additional information to be provided as developed.

## NATIONAL

#### **16-18 Jan 2003: GENTECH 2003 CANCELLED**

Details at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

\*\*\*\*\*Coca-Cola was originally green.\*\*\*\*\*



## BACK TO BASICS

By Judy Bennett

### *How Did You Get Your Name?*

Have you been asked that? Or have you asked others that question? I was given the name "Judith," because my parents thought it meant "gift from God." It wasn't until I got involved with genealogy that I realized that people were usually named for someone else. This given name (or Christian name) can usually be traced back to a relative, a friend, or a famous person. My first husband's middle name "Alan" came from Alan Ladd. That dates his mother. My second husband's middle name was his grandfather's -"Ferdinand." When Walt Disney introduced Ferdinand, the Bull, Don got a lot of ribbing.

One BCGS program we had several years ago told about the Scot's naming pattern. I found it to be used in a lot of European countries. It goes like this:

1. First son named after paternal grandfather
2. Second son named after maternal grandfather
3. Third son after father.
4. First daughter after maternal grandmother
5. Second daughter after paternal grandmother
6. Third daughter after mother.

I started looking at my family's names and, sure enough, they were named after other family members.

One family came to a dead end, and I wanted to find out who their parents were and where did they come from. Here is the family. This is to show you how I used the children's names to find out the names of their parents.

David PORTER and Tirzah Vandever's children:

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Margaret        | 6. Richard        |
| 2. Hannah Amelia*  | 7. William David  |
| 3. Adeline Rachel  | 8. James Rollie   |
| 4. Robert Henry    | 9. Sarah Jeffries |
| 5. Thomas Vandever | 10. John P.       |

The "\*" represents my ancestor. In the 1870 Illinois Census, the first two children were born in Indiana; the rest in Texas. David was born in Pennsylvania and Tirzah, in Indiana. When I looked at their children's census in Florida, everyone agreed that David was born in Pennsylvania, but they had

Tirzah born in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

I started with Tirzah's parents, because of number 5 son, named Thomas Vandever. Thomas might be her father's name. I had a lot of states and lots of Vandeveres to search for, but found in Orange County, Indiana, a Thomas, who, with his wife Hannah (see child # 2), sold land. Searching Orange County marriage records, I found David and Tirzah's marriage recorded.

Finding David's parents was harder, but I was guessing the father was Robert and the mother was Margaret, from the children's names. In Orange County there were several David Porters, but in 1850 they were all accounted for. My David was in Ellis County, Texas at this time. So how did David and Tirzah get together? Where was David before their marriage?

Now was the hard part, but I happened to be lucky with it. I researched the 1850 Indiana census for all surrounding counties, looking for Porters, who were born in Pennsylvania. David was in Texas, but maybe family members were still there. Fortunately, I found them in Lawrence County, just north of the township where Tirzah lived in Orange County. All the other Porters in the surrounding counties were born in other states! The two I found were Robert, Jr. (see child # 4) and William (child #7). In Texas there were two other brothers, James L.(child #8) and Henry E.(child #4), living next door. While searching through probate records, I found David's parents: Robert and Margaret L. My guess was correct. Amelia came from Tirzah's sister's name. Adeline Rachel was named after David's sisters. I don't know who Richard was named for. James was David's grandfather. Sarah Jeffries was Tirzah's next door neighbor. John was the name of David's uncle.

The records I mentioned were not the only ones I researched to determine who the parents were, but the census, probate and deeds gave the most helpful information.

Since then, I always study the names of children to help find the parents. I hope what I discovered will help you knock down a few brick walls.

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\*\*\*Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.\*\*\*



## GENEALOGY AND COMPUTERS

By Sondra Taylor

### MINIMIZING THE EFFECTS OF A COMPUTER CRASH

I have owned personal computers for over ten years, but within the last few months I have experienced my first "computer crash." And, only three weeks before that precipitous event, I experienced my first "pc monitor death," which led to the purchase of a new computer. I have not been completely rational through this series of events. And, my pursuit of genealogical research has been seriously curtailed until I get all of my hardware and software problems resolved.

I have always been a firm believer in backing up data - especially my genealogy data, but now I also recommend backing up your data in several different media formats. If at all possible, try to back your data to diskettes, zip disks, and CD-ROM - and if a different media is ever available, back up your data to it as soon as possible. I had a back up on zip disks only, which is still viable, but was difficult to use because my new computer does not have a zip drive. If you ever have to accomplish a complete "rebuild" of your computer, having back ups, original installation disks for software, and hardware and software manuals all in one place will make the ordeal less traumatic. And, you will ultimately have more time for obsessing over your genealogical research.

#### WEB LINKS

Tips for Researching Irish Ancestors:  
<http://www.ireland.progenealogists.com>

E-Transcriptum: Free service to decipher text written in foreign languages  
<http://www.e-transcriptum.net/eng>

American Civil War - Georgia Units  
<http://www.colquitt.k12.ga.us/glens/gacsa.htm>

Old Fashioned Clip Art  
<http://www.oldfashionedclipart.com/clip.htm>

Translation (Identify/Guess Language)  
<http://translation.langenberg.com/>

Circle Chart Generator (Free)  
<http://warp.byu.edu/circlechart/>

MultiMap: UK-based map site that plots localities all around the world  
<http://www.multimap.com>

Obituary Depot: Database of the Regional Obituary Indexing Project (approx. 200,000 citations)  
<http://www.daddezio.com/obituary>

Historical information on Women Veterans:  
 Contact the Women In Military Service for America Memorial (WIMSA) located at the gates of Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, VA.  
<http://www.womensmemorial.org>



### DID YOU KNOW - BCGS History

On 2 September, 1980 nineteen people interested in the pursuit of genealogy met in the Conference Room of the Bay County, FL Library and agreed to form the Genealogical Society of Bay County.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted. Annual dues were set at \$5 per year for individual members and \$2.50 for a member's spouse or immediate family member.

Officers elected at that first meeting were: Nancy Roberts as President, Barbara Winge as Secretary, and Bill Kelsy as Treasurer.

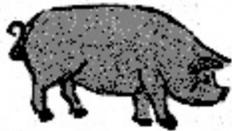
And, Did You Know? - Both Nancy and Barbara were at our Oct 2002 meeting.

We are certainly indebted and appreciative of the bold steps our founders took at that time. The next time you see Nancy and Barbara, please give them a hug of gratitude.

## GENEALOGY & HISTORY

By Wallie Waltonen

**The Last of A Series of the Florida  
Panhandle featuring  
Amanda Anderson Graves**



**Amanda's Story -  
Mandy Visits Her Hog  
Pens.**

Stock laws were enacted in Florida shortly after World War 11. Cattle and hogs were fenced in and kept off the roads. Many hogs were left in the woods and swamps of Bay and surrounding counties. In the fall and prior to a good freeze, woods hogs were trapped, hauled back to fenced enclosures and pens for fattening up prior to slaughter. This required the setting and baiting of hog pens in selected places in the woods. It was not unusual to have five or more traps set in the woods.

A hog pen consisted of two connected pens about four feet high. The trapping pen had a door which was tied to a crossbar placed against the far side of two upright stakes. Corn or acorns were spread around the upright stakes. When the woods hogs ate the corn around the stakes they dislodged the crossbar and let the trap-door fall trapping the hogs. Another door in the trapping pen led to the holding pen.

The trap would be visited every couple of days to move the trapped hog to the holding pen. The trap would then be re-set. Then, food and water would have to be provided for the trapped hog. When several hogs were trapped, they would be caught by slipping a noose onto one hind leg, applying tension while another person grabbed the knees of the hind legs. While in this position the hog couldn't turn to bite, the legs were then tied and the hog moved back home for fattening.

Mandy regularly visited her hog pens following a well used path. One day on her return from the hog pens, she noticed a man's footprints crossing her tracks and following them for some distance. She heard no sound of anyone and nothing happened on her return journey.

Mandy mentioned this event to one of her kids. The response was that the tracks had to be someone who didn't know her. Anyone who knew her would think twice about sneaking up on her in the woods, for she was a crack shot and carried her 22. Cal., semi-automatic pistol with her whenever she was in the woods.

## BCGS NOMINATION COMMITTEE APPOINTED



By Billy Nale

A Nomination Committee has been appointed by the BCGS Board of Directors to recommend officers, and committee chairmen and members for the BCGS Board for calendar year 2003. The Nomination Committee consists of M a r y A n n Buswell, Chairman, Rusella Johnson, and Phil Thornton.

The Nomination Committee has advised that vacancies do exist on the Board and that help is desperately needed in some areas. The BCGS Board is an enjoyable and supportive organization that administers the affairs of the Society and plans the programs and activities for the year.

Please consider volunteering to serve on the Board, and if you are contacted by the Nomination Committee, please consider favorably accepting the nomination.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members:

Mary Ann Buswell  
850-535-2666

Rusella Johnson  
850-784-0712

Phil Thornton  
850-785-9686

**NEW BOOKS IN THE  
GENEALOGICAL  
COLLECTION OF THE  
BAY COUNTY PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

Linda Pazics Kleback,  
Genealogy Specialist  
Bay County Public Library



**Data as of 20 September 2002**

**MICROFILM CENSUS:**

1840 Indiana: 1 roll  
1850 Indiana: 2 rolls  
1880 Indiana: 3 rolls  
1910 Michigan: 1 roll  
1920 Michigan: 1 roll

**GENERAL:**

*Confederate Veteran*, Volume VI, 1898 -Gen.  
R016.9737 Con  
Register of Graduates and Former Cadets, United  
States Military Academy, West Point, NY,  
1985, 1993, 1995 & 1996 (separate  
volumes) - Gen. R355 Reg  
Immigration Digest - Gen. R929.1 Imm  
Family History for Fun and Profit - Gen. R929.1  
Eak  
How to Research A Little Bit of Indian Gen. R929.2  
Rei  
Marriages: Marriage Jurisdictions and Sources Gen.  
R929 Eak  
Europe Genealogical Research Syllabus -Gen. R929  
Eur

**ALABAMA:**

The Heritage of Jefferson County, Alabama -AL  
Gen. R976.1 Her  
The Heritage of Lamar County, Alabama -AL Gen.  
R976.1 Her

**KENTUCKY:**

Kentucky Presbyterians - KY Gen. R 285 Wee  
Kentucky - KY Gen. R929.3769 Eak

**MISSOURI:**

Index to St. Louis, Missouri, Marriages, 1804-1859  
2 volumes - MO Gen. R929 Moc  
Index to St. Louis, Missouri, Marriages, 1860-1876  
2 volumes MO Gen. R929 Moc

**SOUTH CAROLINA:**

Those Who Remain: Native Americans in South  
Carolina 500 Years After Columbus -SC  
Gen. R970.4 Cre



**AVOID THE RUSH -  
Pay 2003 Dues Now**

By Billy Nale

BCGS membership dues for calendar year 2003 are payable in December 2002. However, you can avoid the rush by paying at the November and December BCGS meetings. Dues are \$15 per year for single or family membership. Please bring a check made payable to BCGS or cash. Judy Bennett, the Membership Chairman will be there to provide you with your 2003 membership card, and, of course, our Treasurer, Walter Sherman, will be there to assist you in the money transaction. You may also mail your dues to the BCGS address shown on the back page of this newsletter.

What do you get for this \$15 bargain?

First, you will receive the BCGS quarterly newsletter, *The County Line*, packed full of the society, regional and national genealogy news, and informational genealogy articles

Second, you will contribute to the growth of the Library's genealogy department. The BCGS purchases books that our genealogy librarian, Linda Kleback, can't purchase due to the lack of funds. In past years, the BCGS has purchased many books useful to the society members.

Finally, you have the opportunity to serve on the board of directors where you will help make decisions about the programs and plans for the future.



## Publications For Sale

By Judy Bennett

The Bay County Genealogical Society has undertaken a project of publishing the marriages in Bay County since its conception in 1913.

The following four publications of the **Bay County, Florida Marriages** are now for sale: **1900-1920, 1921-1925, 1926-1930, 1946-1950, and 1951-1955.** The cost is \$12 each, which includes postage. Please address requests to the BCGS address shown on the last page of this newsletter.



## BCGS Historian Help Needed

Board member Russie Johnson is the Historian for the BCGS. If you have any newspaper articles, photos, or other items pertaining to BCGS, past or present, please mail them to the BCGS address or bring them to our next meeting.

## ADDRESS CHANGE/CORRECTION REQUESTED.



**Addressees: Please review your mailing address for correctness. If it is incorrect or needs changing in any way, please notify me via one of the following means:**

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Panama City, FL 32402**

**Or you may call me at (850) 265-5169**

*Thank You, Billy Nale, Editor*

## Where's Grandma Buried and How Do I Find Her Gravestone?

By Billy Nale



The title of this article is from a most informative presentation by Philip Thornton at the BCGS meeting on 5 October, 2002. Phil is a member of the BCGS Board of Directors and Chairman of the BCGS Annual Seminar 2003 Project. Phil is exceptionally qualified in Cemetery Research and his presentation was proof of that fact.



Phil guided us through the search for a cemetery and gravestone from preparation to conducting the search, photographing and recording and beyond.

Phil's excellent presentation guided us through a search via the following Topics:

- **Before the Search Begins - Getting Prepared**  
- Rules to follow
- **Now Comes the Adventure**  
- Finding the Cemetery
- **Searching the Cemetery Grounds**  
- Tools and Dress You Will Need
- **Recording Your Findings**  
- Photographing and Journal Entries
- **Why Couldn't I Find The Grave?**  
- Reasons for Being Disappointed

If you were not at the meeting you missed a great educational treatise for Cemetery Research.

For more information and a copy of Phil's presentation, please contact the BCGS (see last page), or Phil Thornton at: (850) 785-9686, E-mail: [philmel@knology.net](mailto:philmel@knology.net).



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**The Bay County Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization within the definition of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, dedicated to the advancement, education and promotion of personal and general genealogical research and the preservation of historical records relative thereto, for the cultural enrichment of the people of Bay County, Florida and surrounding areas.**

**Membership in this organization, with voting rights and the right to hold office, is open to anyone, without restriction of race, color, creed, or sex, who has a continuing interest in Genealogy and whose membership dues are current.**

**Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Panama City Library. The Board of Directors meet at the library at 10:00 a.m. also on the first Saturday of the month. Dues are \$15.00 per year for single or family membership payable in December.**  
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