



# *The County Line*

## Bay County Genealogical Society Newsletter Bay County, Florida

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### **FSGS 2005 Conference Coming to Bay Point**

For Genealogists in Northwest Florida,  
a Very Rare Opportunity

By Bill Zehner

It has been a long time since the Florida State Genealogical Society brought its annual conference to the panhandle (1997, in Fort Walton), and never to Bay County. But it's coming this year—to Bay Point—and it's a great opportunity for many of us to see and hear a variety of carefully selected topics presented by speakers from all over Florida and across the Southeast. Several speakers are also recognized nationally.

Presentations will be ongoing all day Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, 2005, with registration starting Thursday evening and continuing Friday and Saturday mornings.

As we go to press, schedule details have not been released, but when they are, you will be able to view them at [www.rootsworld.com/~flsgs](http://www.rootsworld.com/~flsgs).

The Bay County Genealogical Society has been invited to host this event. We want to help make it the most successful state conference ever. That will take a big effort, because Panama City clearly cannot compare with metropolises like Melbourne and Orlando in terms of number of residents and research opportunities. But we do have an enthusiastic crew, and we do have lots of willing and able neighbors nearby, including the Tallahassee Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County, the West Florida Genealogical Society, and the Gulf County Genealogical Society, among others.

If you know someone who is interested in family history but who is not a BCGS member, please

mention this event to her/him. As soon as we receive our flyers, we will make them available to BCGS members for distribution.

As the host society, we have many tasks to accomplish. We have six committees that will provide various services before and during the event. We are going to need all the help we can get. Some tasks can be done in as little as a hour, and some can be done without even leaving your home. Please check the committee list below and consider whether you might like to serve in some capacity suited to your own interests. If so, please contact the committee chairmen below to learn more about requirements and duties. You need not be a BCGS member to serve on a committee.

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## President's Message

By Barbara Anderson



There are exciting things happening in our Society. The FSGS is having its annual meeting at the Bay Point Marriott on November 11 and 12. Our Society has been asked to be the local host. We will be assisting with name tags, speaker aids, registration, and helping the delegates. I know many of you will want to attend as they will have some outstanding speakers. This is the first time the conference has been held in Bay County. We have a chance to attend without the added expense of a hotel room. I'll be calling on our members to help with our part of the arrangements.

The second exciting thing is here in this newsletter. We have had a committee working on a new governing document for our Society since our current one has not been updated in 20 years. Please read the proposed bylaws carefully and make any suggestions that will make this a better document. A big thank you to Billy Nale and Bill Zehner who studied the bylaws of other societies and wrote the proposed document. The Executive Board met and approved the bylaws to be submitted to the membership. We will be voting on the changes in the fall.

We will not be meeting in July and August. Have a safe summer with lots of luck updating your genealogy. I look forward to seeing you September 17th.



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## Welcome New Members

By Judy Bennett

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We are very pleased to report four new members this quarter. Please give them a warm welcome at our next meeting.

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## New Member's Packet

By Judy Bennett

If you have not yet received your New Member's Packet, please pick it up from our vice president, Judy Bennett, at our next meeting. Originally designed to help new members get started finding their ancestors right away, it was so popular that current members demanded one also. It contains a membership card, name tag, volunteer survey, blank pedigree chart, surname sheet, BCGS brochure, FHC brochure, free copy of the latest *County Line*, and several special aids, including "Getting Started" and "Books Recommended for Basic Research," by Nancy Roberts, "Recording Basics" by Natalie

Thompson, "Sources Around Your Home," and "Starting Your Genealogical Research at the Bay County Library," by Linda Kleback. Beginning next year, the packet will also contain a copy of the BCGS Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Calendar of Events. ❀

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## Members and Their Surnames

By Judy Bennett

Starting this year, the Society wants to publish the surnames, up to five, that each member is working on. Look to see if you are also researching that surname; then contact the member.

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<b>Andrews</b> (Trumbull, OH; Escambia, FL; Orleans, LA; England)	By members Dick & Pat Beach, 315 S. Bonita Ave., Panama City, FL 32401-3961, 850-785-5753, <a href="mailto:pnbeach1139@comcast.com">pnbeach1139@comcast.com</a> .
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<b>Downs</b> (Trumbull, OH)	
<b>Quiqley</b> (Queen, Ireland; Escambia, FL)	
<b>Wilson</b>	

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<b>Gainer</b>	
<b>Peterson</b>	
<b>Scurlock</b>	

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<b>Oltman</b> (IL)	
<b>O'Neill</b> (MA)	

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### Notice:

There will be no monthly BCGS meeting in July or August 2005. Our next scheduled meeting will be on September 17.

## Bylaws Under Review Your Vote Counts

By Bill Zehner

**Governing rules.** Our Society presently operates according to a constitution and bylaws. These documents, last amended many years ago, have been carefully reviewed by a Bylaws Committee chaired by Billy Nale. To bring our governing document into conformance with current practice, the Committee has fashioned a revised set of bylaws in a format proposed by the Federation of Genealogical Societies that also meets the requirements in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. Your Executive Board believes these bylaws will provide a solid foundation for the direction of our Society for years to come.

**The complete text** of the proposed new bylaws is attached to this newsletter, along with the Committee's recommendations, and guidelines for proposing amendments. All Society members are encouraged to review the proposed new bylaws and submit any suggested changes in writing, using the supplied format, to the Executive Board not later than August 10, 2005. This is your opportunity to help direct the Society.

**New offices and committee chairs available.** Members are also encouraged to carefully examine the sections describing the duties of officers and committees. If the bylaws pass, several new offices and committee chair positions will be created. Please read the descriptions to see if you might like to serve in one or more positions. This might be just the opportunity you have been thinking about to serve our community, either as an officer, director, or committee member or chair. Many positions require very few hours per year, and some can be handled from your home. Your Board looks forward to hearing from you.

**Ballot.** After the Board resolves any member concerns and suggestions, a ballot will be attached to the October *County Line*. Your vote is important; please return it by October 26, 2005. Because these amendments affect your rights, a two-thirds majority is required for passage. ❀

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# Editorial: A Writer's Cramp

By Bill Zehner

Among my pet peeves are manufacturers who make exaggerated claims about their product's capability. Especially when it comes to the narrative report writing features in genealogical software. Shortly after I first started dabbling in genealogy, I was surprised to discover that reports generated by software of vendors claiming adherence to *NGSQ* or *NEHGS* style did nothing of the sort. My sixth grade English teacher would have flunked those reports in a heartbeat.

I also discovered that those vendors aren't interested in their customer's suggestions, although they all claim to be very customer-oriented. I continued to monitor the latest versions of software programs over the years hoping their report-writing modules would improve by the time I finished the research for my first book. But software reviewers—who I naively presumed to be independent of the vendors—never seemed to notice how bad the narratives were. Often they didn't even review report-writing features at all. Then I discovered that reviewers accept free copies of software for review, which certainly raises at least the appearance a conflict of interest. And because genealogical periodicals depend on advertising dollars from software suppliers, they clearly aren't interested in publishing negative product reviews. So the only way I could find out what a particular program could actually do was to buy it and try it.

Eventually, I started investigating formats, fonts, footnotes, and all the other technical details that go with authoring and publishing. I learned how to write my own WordPerfect macros to convert those sophomore reports into quality narratives. All of this wasted a lot of time and money that could have been used for family research. More recently I realized that other genealogists probably were experiencing the same frustrations.

So I decided to test the narrative report-writing features of several commonly used programs myself and post the results on my Web site for the benefit of other family history writers. It also

includes a brief definition of the features I consider important.

The *NGS News Magazine* contains a description of how those features simplify the writing of family histories and improve their quality on page 57 of the April/May/June 2005 edition. It is titled "Writing and Editing Features in Genealogy Software."

The test results can be viewed at [www.northwestfloridagenealogy.com/genauthsoftguide](http://www.northwestfloridagenealogy.com/genauthsoftguide).



## Genealogy for Addicts Fall Educational Opportunity

By Bill Zehner

A slightly-beyond-basics potpourri of topics by several of the region's most popular speakers will be presented as a part of the Gulf Coast Community College's Education Encore in the Fall 2005 semester. Society members Billy Nale and Bill Zehner will team up with Deanna Ramsey of the Tallahassee Genealogical Society and Phil Thornton to present six topics on successive Fridays beginning September 23. The tentative topic schedule includes:

Outsmarting Online Census Indexes	Bill Zehner
Publish It Yourself	Deanna Ramsey
U.K. Immigration to the U.S. 1629-1775	Billy Nale
U.S. Migration Routes	Billy Nale
Building Your Own Family History Web Site	Deanna Ramsey
Planning and Executing a Cemetery Research Trip	Phil Thornton

Schedule details will appear on the Encore Web page: <http://lll.gulfcoast.edu/encore/Bay.htm> shortly.



## Coming Events

By Nancy Roberts  
BCGS Life Member

By Berniece Loper

**September BCGS program.** When we meet again on the seventeenth, long-time Society member Bonnie Shipp will present a topic of special interest to those who are thinking of putting their research together in a readable form for future generations. "Compiling a Book of Family History" will show us what she has learned from creating several books about her own family histories.

**October.** Ann Robbins will be our speaker.

**November.** Bama Young, Director of the Panama City Family History Center, will present a refresher on the genealogical resources available at our local FHC, with special emphasis on recent additions to the collection.

**The Federation of Genealogical Societies** presents their annual conference September 7-10, 2005 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The FGS annual conferences are the *crème de la crème*. View their schedule at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org). ❀

Our May meeting featured one of the founders of the BCGS, Nancy Roberts. Always an informative and entertaining speaker, Nancy described some of the items you can and cannot find at the "courthouse." In what evolved into a condensed review of local genealogical sources, we were reminded to plan our trip carefully, obtain detailed maps of the area, and check the Internet for locations, operating hours, and holdings of all repositories in the area of interest—not just courthouses.

Among the county's most experienced genealogist, Ms. Roberts has presented many different programs and workshops at BCGS meetings and seminars. She recently published her *Cornelisons 1726 to 2001* family history in hardback. She is a regular lecturer at the Annual Panama City Family History Seminars. —*Ed.*

## The Runaway Bride: Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue!

By Dean DeBolt, MA, MLS

As archivist and librarian of the Special Collections Librarian at the John C. Pace Library, University of West Florida, Mr. DeBolt oversees one of the largest research collections of archives, family records, and publications in Florida. At our June meeting, he reported several new programs at his library, including scanning and uploading their collection of approximately 15,000 photographic plates to the Internet with an associated surname index. Also underway is the scanning, indexing, and uploading of a number of pre-1923 Florida documents, including county histories and court records. Entertaining as well as informative, Dean's presentation was well attended and provoked a number of questions from the audience.

Dean has a Masters Degree in history from Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois and a Masters Degree in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. —*Ed.* ❀

## Spring Programs Well Attended

### Preserving Photographs

By Judy Bennett

A large crowd at our April meeting enjoyed an interesting and informative presentation by Vice President Judy Bennett. She discussed the multitude of factors that, over time, can degrade our heirloom photos and some steps we can take to reduce or prevent aging. She provided a very useful handout loaded with tips, references, and Web sites; and a chronological table of photographic types that have evolved over the past 150 years. She has also written a summary plus some additional information on longevity of various inks and print papers used in home printers. See page six of this edition. —*Ed.*

### Research at the Courthouse

# Preserving Photographs

By Judy Bennett

Photographs are made with many chemicals that are not entirely stable, so they will not last forever. But preserving them to the best of our ability is every genealogist's desire.

## Five biggest threats to photos:

1. Heat (photos like to be cool);
2. Light (especially ultraviolet, causes fading);
3. High humidity (makes photos soft and sticky and causes microscopic mold spores);
4. Low humidity (causes the binder to shrink and crack and the secondary support to curl);
5. Changing humidity.

**Air** may contain gases harmful to your photos, such as burning fossil fuels (from furnace or fire-place), ozone produced by copiers and printers, kitchen grease, bug spray, untreated wood paints and varnishes, and fumes from cleaning solvents. Insects and rodents also love to eat photos and leave their droppings.

**Acid and lignin.** Paper is made mainly from wood, so it naturally has acid and lignin, both of which are harmful to photos. Any paper touching, or even near, your photos should be acid-free and lignin-free.

Wash hands before handling photos and touch only on the edge. Wear white, soft, cotton, lint-free gloves.

**Frames.** Beware of frames bought at discount stores. To frame a picture, first make a duplicate and frame the copy for display. Store the original safely. If using a professional, make sure she uses archival safe materials, a mat thick enough so your photos won't touch the glass, and UV filtering glass.

**PVC.** Plastic sleeves are safe, except for one type—polyvinyl chloride (PVC or vinyl). When you enclose your photographs in safe plastic, it prevents fingerprints and allows the photo to be viewed.

**Storage.** Archival safe albums are the ideal storage method, but the pages, not the covers, have the biggest influence on longevity. Use only archival safe adhesive or photo corners to adhere your picture to paper sheets.

**Caption** your photo by writing on the back with a soft lead pencil. Place the photo on a clean, hard surface to prevent embossing. Remember to include who, what, when, where, and how. Create and maintain a system for organizing photos.

**Digital storage:** Back up your collection frequently on high-grade recordable media such as CDs or DVDs. Keep several copies of each set in different locations. Share your pictures. Keep up to date with technology and migrate your digital collection frequently.

**Inkjet printers** are improving continually, but prints made by most do not last very long because their inks and print papers are not designed to. Check your manufacturer's MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) for your particular printer's cartridge. Wilhelm Research tests printer inks and print papers for longevity. See [www.wilhelm-research.com](http://www.wilhelm-research.com).

**Negatives.** Preserve your negatives the same way you preserve your photos, plus avoid cutting negative strips and keep negatives strips separated from other negatives.

For more information online go to:

[www.loc.gov/preserv/care/photolea.html](http://www.loc.gov/preserv/care/photolea.html)

<http://clarke.cmich.edu/pres.htm>

[www.archives.gov/preservation/general\\_guidance.htm](http://www.archives.gov/preservation/general_guidance.htm)

[www.creativescrapbooking.com/topics/heritage.htm](http://www.creativescrapbooking.com/topics/heritage.htm)

[www.aic.stanford.edu/](http://www.aic.stanford.edu/)

[www.scrapbookpreservationsociety.com](http://www.scrapbookpreservationsociety.com)

For a handout with more info, E-mail me at [judybennett@knology.net](mailto:judybennett@knology.net).

*(Editor's note: the July 2005 issue of Consumer Reports recommends that you "replace prints made on an inkjet printer more than a year or two ago with fresh ones on the latest high-quality paper. Today's inkjet photo paper should last a lot longer than earlier papers.")*

## Queries & Questions

Queries are now being accepted as space permits. They are free to members; \$5.00 per query to non-members. Submissions should be typed and brief (150 words or less), and may be edited for clarity. See back page for e-mail & postal mail addresses. As always, remember to enclose SASE when requesting help from others by postal mail.

# The Heritage of Bay County, Florida

Linda Pazics Kleback

After four years of hard work, our book, *The Heritage of Bay County, Florida*, is finished! The Bay County Heritage Book Committee is very proud of the end result, and the comments we've received have been wonderful. This book is different from any others that have been published about our county. All of its family and topical stories were written by those who live in or have ties to Bay County. They read like oral histories. Many are funny. Some are sad. All are interesting and well worth reading. I know I've learned a lot about



Heritage Book Committee officers: Chair Linda Pazics Kleback, Family Coordinator Ann Johnson Robbins, Topical Coordinator Rebecca Brown Saunders, and Treasurer Janie Ruth Ammons. Reprinted from page iii of the book with permission of the Committee

people I know and what it was like to grow up here.

The publisher produced 850 books. More than 300 were pre-sold, and we have sold almost 100 more here at the Bay County Public Library. If you are interested in getting a copy, they are \$63.90 if picked up here at the library. They can also be ordered from the publisher for \$65.00 postpaid at Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc., PO Box 67, Clanton, AL 35046, or by calling 1-800-568-1611. If you'd like to pay by credit card, you need to order from the publisher.

Copies are also available to check out at the Bay County Public Library and its branches. We also

have copies in Reference, Local History, and Genealogy that you can look at while visiting the Bay County Public Library and some branch libraries.

*(Editor's note: Also assisting Linda and Ann Robbins on the Committee was BCGS member Mildred Richbourg. Great job, ladies.)* ❀

## Pedigree Resource File Upgraded

By Bonnie Ship

Bama Young, Director of the Panama City Family History Center (FHC), has announced that the FHC has recently purchased Volume Four of the Pedigree Resource File (PRF) collection of compact disks (CDs). The Family History Center now has CDs 1 through 100 of PRF and the staff invites you to come in to use them.

Pedigree Resource File is a database containing family histories contributed by various individuals and compiled by the Family History Department in Salt Lake City, Utah. Some of the files contain notes and sources that may be particularly helpful in your research. The names and addresses of contributors are listed, giving you an opportunity to contact other descendants of your family line.

A master index to the all PRF volumes is available at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). However, to view or print charts from PRF it is necessary to use the CDs. Family Group Sheets and a variety of very attractive ancestor and descendant charts—and even narrative reports—may be viewed and printed. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

*(Editor's note: As with all derivative sources, it is important to verify the information with primary sources.)* ❀

## Surfing The Net

### Unexpected Surprises

By Natalie Thompson  
Orem, UT  
BCGS Life Member



## The Real Royal Engineers

The Real Royal Engineers (RE) deals with the men of the North American Boundary Commission, specifically the Royal Engineers who came to British Columbia in the fall of 1858 and spring of 1859, to help cut the boundary between the United States and Canada. The REs came by ship, around Cape Horn, some bringing their wives and children. Most stayed in British Columbia when the RE disbanded in 1863. The following three sites would prove very interesting to anyone who might have ancestry in this area and time period:

[www.royalengineers.ca/CDROLL.html](http://www.royalengineers.ca/CDROLL.html)  
[www.royalengineers.ca/BBCroll.html](http://www.royalengineers.ca/BBCroll.html)  
[www.royalengineers.ca/sindex.html](http://www.royalengineers.ca/sindex.html)

These sites list names that you can click on for further information regarding that particular individual. The information being added to the internet is incredible! Sometimes you just have to do a Google search and then narrow your search further for sites of interest to you and your particular research.

Natalie's special site of the month: [www.holsclaw.net/BYU/googling.pdf](http://www.holsclaw.net/BYU/googling.pdf). It's a special site for power users of the Google search engine that shows you how to fine tune your searches using some undocumented tricks of which few people are aware. Check it out.

*(Editor's note: The most useful site I've found lately is [www.Linkpendium.com](http://www.Linkpendium.com). Very well organized and uncluttered, it is a portal to about 1.5 million links—organized by either state or surname (your choice)—many to sites that may never show up in a Google search. Have a look.) ☘*

## New Books

### In the Genealogical Collection Of The Bay County Public Library

By Linda Pazics Kleback  
Genealogy Specialist  
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**From 22-Feb-05:**

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA:**

Charleston, South Carolina City Directories For the Years 1830-41 – SC Gen. R917.57 Hag  
Charleston, South Carolina City Directories For the Years 1849, 1852, and 1855 – SC Gen. R917.57 Hag

#### **TENNESSEE:**

Earliest Tennessee Land Records & Earliest Tennessee Land History – TN Gen. R929.3768 Gri  
1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements, Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee Counties (In What is Now Tennessee) – TN Gen. R929.3768 Ful

#### **VIRGINIA:**

Huguenot Emigration to Virginia – VA Gen. R929.3755 Bro  
Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants – VA Gen. R929.3755 Car  
Virginia Historical Index- 2 volumes – VA Gen. R016.929 Swe

**From 7-Jun-05:**

#### **MICROFILM:**

Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Georgetown, South Carolina, 1923-1939, and at Apalachicola, Boynton, Boca Grande, Carrabelle, Fernandina, Fort Pierce, Hobe Sound, Lake Worth, Mayport, Millville, Port Inglis, Port St. Joe, St. Andrews, and Stuart, Florida, 1904 - 1942 – Gen. R929.375

**GENERAL:**

- Finding Italian Roots. Second Edition. – Gen.  
R929.1 Col
- Heritage & Kinfolk – Gen. R929.42 Spi
- Locating Your French & Indian War Ancestor: A  
Bibliography & Finding Aid With Maps – Gen.  
R929.1 Mor
- Pioneers of the Old South – Gen. R973 Joh
- Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors 2000, 4  
Volumes – Gen. R940.531 Mee
- Robert A. Williams and James Howard: A Re-  
searched Account of Their Contribution to the  
Civil War – Gen. R973.7 Bel
- The Handwriting of American Records for a Period  
of 300 Years – Gen. R652.1 Kir
- The Rudolph Family – Gen. R929.42 Dix
- The Stovall Family in America – Gen. R929.2 Smi
- The Tomkins – Tompkins Genealogy – Gen.  
R929.42 Tom

**ALABAMA:**

- The Heritage of Lawrence County, Alabama – AL  
Gen. R976.1 Her
- The Heritage of Tallapoosa County, Alabama – AL  
Gen. R976.1 Her

**FLORIDA:**

- Celebrating Florida's First 150 Women Lawyers –  
FL Gen. R923.473 Loq
- Family Records of the African-American Pioneers  
of Tampa and Hillsborough County – FL Gen.  
R929.2 Bro
- Florida Historical Society 1856 - 2004 – FL Gen.  
R975.9 Sho
- Florida Place Names of Indian Origin and Seminole  
Personal Names – FL Gen. R917.59 Rea
- Heritage of Bay County, Florida – FL Gen. R976.9  
Her
- Historic Homes of Chipley 1885 - 1939 – FL Gen.  
R975.5996 Cam

**MARYLAND:**

- Abstracts of Wills, Montgomery County, Maryland,  
1776 - 1825 – MD Gen. R929.3752 Mal

**MASSACHUSETTS:**

- Pioneers of Massachusetts – MA Gen. R929.3744  
Pop

**MISSISSIPPI:**

- A Hard Trip: A History of the 15th Mississippi In-  
fantry, CSA – MS Gen. R973.7 Wyn
- Confederate Military History of Mississippi – MS  
Gen. R973.7 Hoo
- Only A Few Bones – MS Gen. R364.1523 Col

**NORTH CAROLINA:**

- Caswell County, North Carolina, Marriage Bonds,  
1778 - 1868 – NC Gen. R929.3756 Ken
- Currituck County, North Carolina Eighteenth Cen-  
tury Tax & Militia Records – NC  
Gen. R929.3756 Ben
- Families of Cabarrus County, North Carolina 1792 -  
1815 – NC Gen. R929.3756 Mar
- Reminiscences and Memoirs of North Carolina –  
NC Gen. R975.6 Whe

**PENNSYLVANIA:**

- Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Penn-  
sylvania, Personal War Sketches of the African  
American Members of Col. Robert G. Shaw Post  
No. 206 – PA Gen. R973.74 Rag
- Pennsylvania Births: Dauphin County, 1757 - 1825  
– PA Gen. R929.3748 Hum

**SOUTH CAROLINA:**

- Abstracts from The Pickens Sentinel, Pickens,  
South Carolina, 1875 - 1915 – SC Gen.  
R929.3757 Bal
- The Keowee Courier, 1849 - 1868 – SC Gen.  
R929.3757 Keo

**VIRGINIA:**

- Virginia Genealogy, Sources and Resources – VA  
Gen. R016.929 Mac

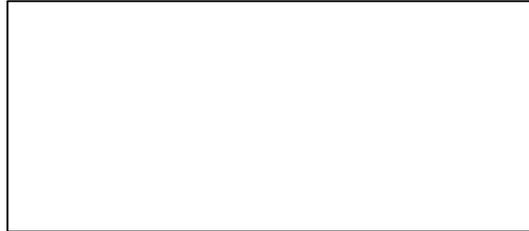


**Help Wanted.** A few members have not turned in their Volunteer Survey forms yet. If you do not wish to serve your society, that is OK. But if you *are* thinking of serving, *now* is the time to let us know. Your nominating committee is going to be very busy beginning in September: Besides many new committee chairs, offices, and directorships being created by our new bylaws, we are, sadly, going to lose several key board members to relocation. We believe that our society provides important services to this community. Bay County is growing rapidly, and our society needs to grow with it. Please join us.

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***THE BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY***  
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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 third Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Panama City Library. The Board of Directors meet at Quality Analytical Laboratories, 2355 St. Andrews Blvd. at 10:00 a.m. also on the third Saturday of the month. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year for individuals, \$20.00 for single-address families, and \$10.00 for full-time students, payable in December.

Our web address is <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flbcgs>

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