



The County Line

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FSGS 29th Annual Conference Coming to Bay County

Bay County Genealogy Society Selected as Local Host for Florida's Biggest Annual Genealogy Event

By Bill Zehner

The Bay Point Marriott will be the focal point for area genealogists on Veteran's Day weekend when the Florida State Genealogical Society presents their annual conference. A variety of topics suitable for both experienced family historians and beginners will be presented, including methodology, technology, archives, naturalization, and organization; plus census, military, cemetery, land records. Featured speaker Donna M. Moughty will be accompanied by seven experienced speakers well-known throughout Florida and the Southeast.

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. Additional details can be found at the top of the FSGS home page, www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs under "More Conference Details!"

This is a great opportunity for all of us in north-west Florida, south Alabama, and south Georgia 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.

FSGS State Conference Chair Ann Staley met with the BCGS conference committee at the Bay Point Marriott on June 28 to work out details for the event. Members present included President Barbara

Anderson, Immediate Past President Berniece Loper, Librarian Linda Kleback, and Bill Zehner.

We ask all Society members to support this special event by attending, and, if possible, by helping with the many functions that are needed to make the conference a big success. If you know someone who is interested in family history but who is not a BCGS member, please mention this event to her/him. A conference flyer has been included on page five of this issue, and a registration form is included on page six.

Hospitality committee chairman Berniece Loper is still looking for several individuals to help with lecture room tasks. You can elect to serve for as little as one hour or as much as all day. ❀

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Family Tree Maker Classes Offered at Gulf Coast Medical

The H2U program at Gulf Coast Medical Center will sponsor two classes for FTM users or those wishing to learn how.

October 14, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **Family Tree Maker Tips & Tricks.** This class has been designed for those familiar with Family Tree Maker but who wish to learn more advanced features of the program. We will cover features such as merging duplicate individuals, merging your entire family tree files, fixing relationship mistakes, and backing up and restoring family files.

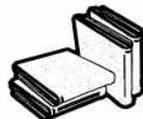
November 2 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. **Family Tree Maker I.** Using Family Tree Maker 2005 you will learn how to set up your family file, add and delete individuals, and create and print ancestor/ descendant trees! Previous Family Tree users will also benefit from this class.

Deanna D. Ramsey, a corporate trainer from Tallahassee with a degree in computer programming, will be the instructor. She is also Vice President, Webmaster, and newsletter editor of the Tallahassee Genealogical Society; and the Public Relations Chair of the Florida State Genealogical Society.

Classes will be held in the Computer Training Center of Gulf Coast Medical Center at 449 W. 23rd Street, Panama City, Fla. The courses cost just \$20 each. To register, please call 747-4858. ❀

New Books In the Genealogical Collection Of The Bay County Public Library

By Linda Pazics Kleback
Genealogy Specialist
Bay County Public Library



From 22-Aug-05:

GENERAL:

- Ships from Ireland to Early America 1623-1850. 2 Volumes.—Gen. R929 Dob
 Scots-Scandinavian Links to Europe and America, 1550-1850—Gen. R929.3 Dob
 Eastern Cherokee by Blood 1906-1910—Gen. R929 Eas
 The Box Book with McElroy and Floyd—Gen. R929.42 Wad
 Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts: A Primer for Genealogists, Writers & Researchers—Gen. R346.7304 Car
 Contributions by United States Colored Troops [USCT] of Chattanooga & North Georgia During the American Civil War, Reconstruction and Formation of Chattanooga—Gen. R973.7 Eva
 Key Is My Name—Gen. R929.42 Pad
 Bartholomew Stovall Tricentennial 1684-1984—Gen. R929.42 Sto
 Moving On: The Stovalls—Gen. R929.42 Bea

ALABAMA:

- The Heritage of Macon County, Alabama—AL Gen. R976.1 Her
 The Heritage of Randolph County, Alabama—AL Gen. R976.1 Her
 The Heritage of Winston County, Alabama—AL Gen. R976.1 Her
 Genealogical Abstracts from Cases in the Alabama Supreme Court, Volume 1 (1820—AL Gen. R929.3761 Cav
 Death, Marriage and Legal Notices from Tallapoosa County, Alabama Newspapers (1860—AL Gen. R929.3761 Cav

FLORIDA:

- Vernon, The Heart of Old Washington County, Florida—FL Gen. R975.995 May
 Calhoun County Court Records 1848-1859—FL Gen. R929.3759 Moo
 Lynn Haven—FL Gen. R975.995 Wal
 Fort Myers in Vintage Postcards—FL Gen. R975.948
 Tur The History of the First Assembly of God, Chipley, Florida—FL Gen. R280 Coo

NORTH CAROLINA:

- Eastern Cherokee Census, Cherokee, NC, 1915-1918. 2 Volumes—NC Gen. R929 Eas ❀
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Coming Events

Our programs committee, chaired by Berniece Loper, continues to provide top-quality presentations, delivering information, education, and entertainment for the Society throughout the year. She invites you to share any thoughts you may have about future topics and speakers. Meanwhile, please give Berniece a big ATTAGIRL if you have enjoyed her efforts.

October 15. Ann Robbins will be our speaker. Ann is a long-time Society member.

November 19. 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.

December 17. Our annual meeting will feature a review of the Society's accomplishments for the year, our goals for the coming year, and election of officers. ❀

Compiling a Book of Family History

Presented by Bonnie Morrow Shipp

An enthusiastic crowd at our September 17 meeting got a real treat when long-time Society member Bonnie Shipp presented an entertaining and informative report on a topic of special interest to those planning to publish their research in book form for future generations. Bonnie showed us what she has learned from creating several books about her own family histories. She described several types of bindings, various types of paper for photos, and different ways to design covers. What to include and how to organize it was discussed, including table of contents, and indexes, family photos, scanned images of heirloom objects, obituaries, probate records, and maps. She showed several different types of charts produced by Family Tree Maker, and some of the many chart options that are available. *Ed.* ❀

Goodbye, Billy



On June 7, your Board received a most unhappy e-mail message from Billy Nale indicating that he had elected to relocate to Alabama for health reasons. He has been one of our most active members. Although he somehow avoided a seat on the Board, he attended Board meetings regularly and his organizational skills have been very helpful in many ways, including support of the annual BCGS seminar events.

Billy was *The County Line* editor from March 2001 through October 2002, and also was guest editor of the December 2004 edition. He took over our Web site on January 29, 2002 and turned it into one of the best society sites in the country. He is still Web master although he has requested a replacement.

He is past chairman of the GCCC Education Encore Advisory Council and past coordinator of the Gulf/Franklin program. Under his leadership, both programs have included introduction to genealogy courses. He is retired from U.S. Army Intelligence, and the Naval Coastal Systems Station where he was LCAC Electronics Program Manager. He has lectured at the Annual Panama City Family History Seminars for several years, where his presentation on English, Scottish and Irish Immigration has been consistently among the most popular topics.

Always an enthusiastic individual, Billy will be missed greatly by the Society, and especially by your editor, to whom Billy was a much-appreciated mentor. We wish him all the best in his new home, fair winds, and following seas. ❀

Finding Cousins on the Internet

By Bonnie Morrow Shipp

Wonderful information, beautiful old pictures and great family stories have been saved by some of your cousins. Finding these cousins with whom you have never been in touch can be a daunting task. Surfing genealogical message boards for the surname you are researching can be fruitful. In fact, that is how I first contacted a cousin who had compiled a book about my Elliott line. That led to further contact with other cousins. Visiting with them has been a delight to me.

Since I don't particularly like spending hours searching through messages, I've decided it's best for me to leave queries on message boards and county Web sites hoping someone else will do the searching. Leaving queries on the Surname Message Boards makes your e-mail address available to anyone who might be searching. One cousin of a second cousin contacted me and put me in touch with Aunt Belle's family. That has been seven years ago and we are still in touch. Two other second cousins e-mailed me after finding queries I had placed on message boards. It was been wonderful to be in touch with them. We have shared family pictures and stories. One of these cousins took a genealogy trip to Mountain Home, Arkansas where our great grandparents met and married. He shared pictures of the trip including a picture of the land our grandparents had owned and tombstones in the local cemetery. The other cousin wrote an interesting story about his family to share with us.

I had not known of my great uncle Leander Dale until I began researching family history several years ago. I noticed in a great aunt's Memory Book that among her brothers was listed "Lee." Who was this Uncle Lee that I knew so little about? In the 1880 census, among my great grandparent's children is Leander—that must be Uncle Lee.

I knew the sons in the family had all settled in Texas, and there was Leander Dale in the 1900 census in Abilene. Texas has great data available online. I was able to find the names of all Uncle Lee's children, their spouses and some of the grandchildren. But a thorough search did not find one of

them on a surname or county query site. However, one of them is listed on a www.rootsweb.com Family Tree. An e-mail to the owner of the Web site where this second cousin was listed asking for a way to contact him produced an outdated e-mail address. The owner of the Web site realized the error at about the same time and sent a snail mail address. A query was in the mail the next day to that cousin. Apparently, it wasn't convenient for him to answer, so he forwarded my letter to another cousin who was interested and who is in contact with many of the descendants of Uncle Leander.

That began a wonderful exchange of information and photos which culminated in a book that I compiled about the descendants of Lucy Elliott Hope Dale and John D. Dale. There was at least one descendant of each of Uncle Lee's six children who contributed information and pictures. Three of the cousins have died this year: what a blessing to know that they contributed to and enjoyed the family book.

A little more unusual way to get location information online is posting whatever is allowed on the www.usgenweb.com county Web site. Giles County, Tennessee, has a great web site and the only one I know of that allows posting a three-generation family tree. For seven years, nothing was heard from the posting of Joseph Bailey's family tree. Then, unbelievably, a complete stranger found the family tree I had posted and sent me a story about a visit to the Maury/Giles counties area written by his great uncle in 1938. The story mentioned my second great-grandfather, Joe Bailey and his son, John. The story had information about a move from one county to another and the location on the new home. That information had not appeared in census data.

The main places you can post your information and e-mail address are surname and county message boards. Subscribing to county mailing lists can be helpful. Be sure to search message boards and family trees for both husband and wife's surnames. Good luck! ❀

**Your vote counts!
New bylaws proposed.
See page 9 for your ballot.**

29th Annual Genealogy Conference

11 - 12 November 2005

Bay Point Marriott Resort

4200 Marriott Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida

Mention FSGS for a special room rate (\$89.00 + taxes for up to two people).

Rooms being held until OCTOBER 18th. For reservations call (800) 644-2650.

Featured Guest Speaker

Donna M. Moughty

Donna Moughty is a well known genealogical instructor and lecturer and has taught at the National Institute on Genealogical Research. She is a member of NGS, APG, and other local and international genealogical societies and is Treasurer of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. Her topics are:

- ♣ Applying for Your Irish Passport
- ♣ Immigration
- ♣ Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are!
Hide and Seek on the Internet
- ♣ Using Griffith's Valuation



Scheduled Speakers

Census	Military	Methodology
Ann Mohr Osisek <i>Going in Circles - Concentric Circles in Census Research</i> Amy Lerner Giroux, CGSM, CGLSM <i>Pre-1850 Census Research - Determining Parentage</i>	Pamela J. Cooper <i>Military Records at the National Archives</i> William Zehner, CGSM <i>Tracing Your Confederate Soldier</i>	Gladys Friedman Paulin, CGRSSM <i>Lost in the City: Researching Urban Ancestors</i> Pamela J. Cooper <i>Border to Border: Statewide Sources & Indexes</i>
Computer/Technology	Archives	Naturalization
Deanna D. Ramsey <i>Digital Document Restoration</i> Deanna D. Ramsey <i>Valuable Gadgets for Family Genealogist</i>	James McSweeney, Regional Admin. NARA Southeast Region Archives <i>An Insider's View of the New Archives</i> <i>Traditional & Non-Traditional Resources</i>	Gladys Friedman Paulin, CGRSSM <i>To Naturalize or Not: Why & When Our Ancestors Became Citizens</i>
Cemetery	Organization	Land Records
Amy Lerner Giroux, CGSM, CGLSM <i>Cemetery Research - A City of Stones</i>	Ann Mohr Osisek <i>"24/7" - Making Time for Research</i>	William Zehner, CGSM <i>Using Land Records</i>

Additional Topic - Florida Pioneer Descendants (FPD) Certification Program

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Local Host:

Bay County Genealogical Society

FSGS Twenty-Ninth Conference Registration Form

Please print or type in black ink. Use a separate form for each person. This form may be duplicated.

Name (Print name as it should appear on badge, including maiden name if desired.) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Registrations must be postmarked by **18 October 2005** (late fee is applicable after this date).

Make registration check payable to: **Florida State Genealogical Society** (Your check is your receipt.)

Mail to: **Ted Williams (Treasurer), 24 Old Post Road, Longwood, FL 32779** (Send a SASE for confirmation)

After 1 November 2005, refunds will not be given.

- I am the President of a Genealogical Society
- I am a Librarian serving Genealogists
- I am a Florida State Genealogical Society Liaison
- I am a Florida Pioneer Descendant
- I learned about this conference from:

FULL TWO-DAY REGISTRATION

(Includes Lectures, Friday Banquet & Saturday Luncheon)

Postmarked by 18 October 2005

____ FSGS Member \$85.00 _____
 ____ Non-FSGS Member \$95.00 _____

Postmarked after 18 October 2005

____ FSGS Member \$95.00 _____
 ____ Non-FSGS Member \$105.00 _____

- Special Meal and ADA Requests:

Registrants with vegetarian or other special meal requirements and/or special needs requirements as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act must detail those requirements in writing to FSGS by 18 October 2005.

FRIDAY ONE-DAY REGISTRATION

(Does NOT include Friday Banquet)

____ FSGS Member, lectures only \$40.00 _____
 ____ Non-Member, lectures only \$45.00 _____

SATURDAY ONE-DAY REGISTRATION

(Does NOT include Saturday Luncheon)

____ FSGS Member, lectures only \$40.00 _____
 ____ Non-Member, lectures only \$45.00 _____

- Current FSGS Member – I want to renew for 2006!
- New FSGS Member – 2006 Membership paid at time of registration entitles registrant to FSGS Member rates:

2006 Individual Membership: \$25.00 _____
 Each additional name(s) at same address: \$5.00 _____

MEALS FOR BANQUET AND LUNCHEON GUEST

____ Friday Banquet (Adult) \$35.00 _____
 ____ Friday Banquet (Under 12) \$20.00 _____
 ____ Saturday Luncheon \$22.00 _____

Name for Guest Badge _____

Name for Guest Badge _____

REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 18 OCT 2005 FOR SURNAMENAMES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SYLLABUS
 If you include your surnames with this registration, your name, address, telephone number and email address will be included in the syllabus. If you do not want this information made public, please do not submit any surnames.

PLEASE PRINT

SURNAME	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	COUNTRY	DATES
Example: Smith	Cocoa	Brevard	FL	USA	1880-1900
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

Bylaws Under Review

Your Vote Counts

By Bill Zehner

Ballot delayed. An unexpectedly large number of changes to the proposed bylaws were suggested by members, which prompted the Board to delay the ballot until after the September Board meeting at which the Board considered the suggested changes and approved most of those changes.

The text of the amendments proposed by members and approved by the Board is included below and should be compared to the copy of the proposed bylaws that was attached to the July issue of the newsletter.

Ballot. Your ballot is attached as page nine of this newsletter. Your vote is important; please return it by October 11, 2005. Because these amendments affect your rights, a two-thirds majority is required for passage.



Amendments to Proposed Bylaws Approved by the Executive Board 17 Sept 2005

Amend Art III - Membership and Dues, Sec 3, by changing the word "name" to "member."

Amend Art IV - Meetings, Sec 1, by replacing the phrase "monthly except in July and August" with the phrase "as specified in the Standing Rules."

Amend Art IV - Meetings, Sec 1, by replacing the word "rescheduled" with the phrase "rescheduled, or called."

Amend Art IV - Meetings, Sec 4, by striking out the section. [Explanation: redundant with Art IV, Sec 1, as amended above.]

Amend Art V - Officers and Directors, Sec 2, by replacing the word "two" with the word "at most four"

Amend Art V - Officers and Directors, Sec 3, by replacing the phrase "odd-numbered" with "even-numbered"

Amend Art VI - Executive Board, Sec 1, by replacing the section with "Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers (6), and the elected directors (at most 4)"

Amend Art VI - Executive Board, Sec 4, by replacing the phrase "monthly except in July and August" with the phrase "as specified in the Standing Rules." Also replace the phrase "by the Executive Board" with "by the President."

Art VI Executive Board Sec 6 B. Amend to read: "Determine appropriate Standing and Special Committees, duties and responsibilities of each and appoint chairs."

Art VI Executive Board Sec 6 F, Delete and replace to read: "Critique at least annually the Standing Rules and revise as needed."

Amend Art VII – Duties of Officers, Sec 1-1-b, by deleting the phrase “from the list provided by the Nominating Committee.” [Explanation: The President should be free to choose his/her own cabinet.]

Art VII Duties Sec 1-2-c. delete. [Explanation: vague & "programming" is mouthful enough for one person.]

Art VII Duties Sec 1-2-d. delete after "Committee".

Art VII Duties Sec 1-3-c. delete after "Committee".

Art VII Duties Sec 1-3-d. delete. [Explanation: again, Membership is enough for one person.]

Art VII Duties Sec 1-3-e. Move this duty to the president; item g, under Art VII, Sec 1-1.

Art VII Duties Sec 1-7-a. delete as extremely vague.

Amend Art VII – Duties of Officers, Sec 1-5-f, by replacing the word “regarding” with “regarding.”

Amend Art VIII – Standing and Special Committees, Sec 1, by replacing the section with the phrase “Standing Committees. The Standing Committees of the Society shall be created by the President, with approval of the Executive Board, as needed and as specified in the standing Rules.”

Amend Art VIII – Standing and Special Committees, Sec 2, by replacing the phrase “at the December Executive Board meeting from a list provided by the Nominating Committee (see Section 4, Number 8 below)” with the phrase “as needed.”

Amend Art VIII – Standing and Special Committees, Sec 4, Duties, by striking it entirely [Explanation: Duties of committee chairs are ephemeral and should be relegated to the Standing Rules] and replacing it with

1. Nominating Committee shall:

- a. Consist of three members. The committee shall be elected by the general membership in the month specified by the Standing Rules to provide nominations for the following annual meeting.
- b. Nominate candidates for vacating officers and directors.
- c. Report the list of candidates to the Executive Board before the November Board Meeting and report at the regular meeting in November. Additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

Amend Art IX – Nominations and Elections, Sec 2-A, by deleting the phrase "and for the chairman of each standing Committee."

Art XII – Amendments sec 2. Change the phrase “Voting shall be by mail” to “Voting shall be held a the General Meeting. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting is required for passage.”



The Bay County Genealogical Society

October 1, 2005

To the members of the Bay County Genealogical Society:

Your Executive Board proposes to delete our present constitution and bylaws, and replace them by the newly-drafted "Proposed Bylaws," a copy of which was attached with your July 2005 issue of *The County Line*, as amended per the copy included in the October issue of *The County Line*. These bylaws have been carefully prepared in accordance with generally-accepted current practice, including *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. Your Board believes these bylaws will serve our Society well in the future.

Your vote is important. A two-thirds majority of votes cast is required for passage. Your vote must be post-marked by October 11, 2005 in order to be counted at the October 15 Board meeting. (Please note that the 26 October 26, 2005 deadline stated in the July *County Line* was in error.)

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Please indicate your selection by placing an "X" in the appropriate box with blue or black ink:

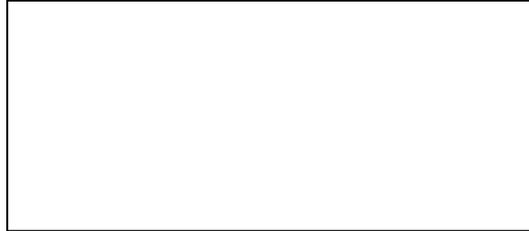
<u>Proposal:</u>	<u>Board recommends:</u>	For	Against	Abstain
1. To approve the Bay County Genealogical Society Proposed Bylaws dated 18 June 2005	For	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date _____ (must be postmarked before 11 October 2005.)

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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> E-mail: bander6477@knology.net

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