



## Walk Down Memory Lane

by Janice Moore Cronan

Oh how pictures and stories can stir those memories of days gone by! The images on the preceding page were selected from several issues of *The County Line* newsletter, and I'm sure they stir warm memories for many of you. Much of the history of the Bay County Genealogical Society can be found within these pages with the first issue being published September 1982. The society's creation date can be found in, "The Heritage of Bay County Florida." On page 63 Linda Kleback says, "The Genealogical Society of Bay County was organized on 2 September 1980 with nineteen charter members." The caption under the picture in the book says, "Working to keep the Past Alive: Bay County Genealogical Society Members, 2003." I recognize a few of those members, like Ed Doyle, Walter Sherman, Rebecca Saunders, Sally Reinhardt, Judy Bennett and Marlene Womack.

Several "old timers" have told me the society met long before the 1980 organization date. I think it would be interesting to collect stories about those early meeting days of the society. If you have recollections of these meetings please put them on paper and mail them to your editor: Janice Cronan, 229 Balboa St., Port St. Joe, FL 32456.

If you would like to take a stroll down memory lane, the newsletters from November 1982 – April 2013 can be found here: [Bay County Genealogical Society Publications](#). I recently discovered the pdf copies are searchable by key word or name on the toolbar at the top of your screen. See the example below where I searched for the word "census." The search took me to the highlighted word on page 4.



You might take a look at archived newsletters because society and club newsletters can give us insight into a person's hobbies, interests, and acquaintances. This type of information can round out a family history by giving us more details about what one does with their leisure time.

Don't get me wrong, newsletters will never be as important to our genealogy research as newspapers are. Speaking of newspaper research, if you need to brush up on how to research newspapers effectively

register before October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 Eastern for the Legacy webinar, *Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers* at this link: [Legacy Family Tree Webinars: Upcoming Webinars](#)

In 1996 the Genealogical Society of Bay County changed their name to Bay County Genealogical Society. I'm not sure why, but due to our society's name change I was designated the "line leader" last year at the FSGS Conference due to the alphabetical lineup. What fun! I felt as giddy as a child in grade school who had just been chosen "line leader" for recess.



Banner Parade at 2012 FSGS Conference

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## President's Message

Fall is nearly here again, and it's time to get back to work. I have just gotten my iMac back from the repair shop. The whirling beach ball of death kept coming out about every fifteen minutes, and I would have to shut the machine down to get control over it again.

As I mentioned in the April edition, we have been fairly active over the summer transcribing the 48 months of data missing data from the on-line obituary notices. During the past three months, Janice Cronan and I have entered all but five months of the missing obituary information into the data base. This information was extracted from the library's microfilm collection of *Panama City News Herald* publications in the library.

The entire obituary database will be updated as soon as the remaining five months of data is transcribed. This will expand our obituary site to about 42,000 names from the current value of about 25,000 names, and will cover the 27 years from 1987 to 2013. Future work may include the years prior to 1987.

Elsewhere, we have an exciting group of programs for the upcoming monthly meetings including our Annual Fall Seminar in October, a special presentation by the Vernon Historical Society on many of Washington County's families in November, and our special Christmas party in December.

On yet another front, Janice Cronan has been invited to participate in the Florida State Genealogical Society Webinar series on 17 October 2013. This should be a truly inspirational talk titled, *Organizing and Carrying out a Society Project*. So please pre-register at <http://flsgs.org/>.

While writing this, I noticed on several occasions, the dreaded whirling beach ball again, so now I'm back on that case again.

Your President, William Zehner

FYI...for those non-mac users, like me, you can read more about Bill's beach ball problems here.  [Troubleshoot the spinning beach ball | Macworld](#)



## How to Use Webinars

At the beginning of this year, Doug Dunks, our FSGS Liaison announced that our state society would be hosting monthly webinars called "Poolside Chats." You can register for the free live webinar from the link provided in the monthly FSGS e-messenger, or from their website. The snip below is from the FSGS member's website and shows the titles of previous webinars which have been presented.

[Welcome to The Florida State Genealogical Society](#)



**FSGS Poolside Chats Webinars**

Most webinars will be available to registered users for a very short time after breakfast and then only for FSGS Members.

April 25, 2013: "Generation Y and Your Society" with B. Joshua Taylor. [Click here for the handout.](#) The password to access the video is: FLSTGENSOC

May 16, 2013: Cemetery Research: A City of Stones with Amy Larner Green, CG, CGL. [Click here for the handout!](#) The password to access the video is: FLSTGENSOC

June 20, 2013: "Cloud-Based Services and How They Can Help Your Society" with Drew Smith. [Click here for the handout.](#) [Click here to access the video.](#) (I'm trying a different storage service; will return to the original if there are issues; let me know!)

July 18, 2013: "Introduction to Genetic Genealogy at Family Tree DNA" with Ellis Friedman. [Click HERE for the handout.](#) [Here is the link for the video!](#)

August 15, 2013: "Innovative Programming for Societies: A Panel Discussion" [Here is the link to the video.](#)

September 19, 2013: "Florida Pioneers: Conquistadors, Colonialists, & Crackers" with Amy Crabb Lay. [Click HERE for the handout.](#) To register, [click here.](#)

The "President's Message" mentions that your editor will be taking part in the October 17<sup>th</sup> event, and I hope you can "log in." If you have never watched a webinar please follow the tips below for setting up your computer. You can practice using webinars by registering for a "free" webinar from Legacy Family Tree. Get some experience before October 16<sup>th</sup> so you won't miss hearing me "toot our horn" about BCGS.

### What exactly is a webinar?

A webinar is an audio and visual presentation on the Web. The live or recorded presentation is delivered to



your location to your computer screen over the Internet. Webinars are typically 60 minutes long with 45 minutes presentation, and the last 15 minutes for questions and answers.

### How do I view the webinar?

Many companies and groups are using the "GoToWebinar" technology for presentations to teach a variety of subjects. For genealogy enthusiasts we can watch live or archived presentations on various subjects. This link below from Legacy Family Tree lists several FAQs to help explain the process. <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>

What you will need to view a webinar:

- Computer with high-speed Internet
- Computer with speakers/microphone
- Current Java application-Download free version here: <http://www.java.com/en/>
- Test your connection after log-in

You can view most **live webinars free, but you will need to pre-register**. Many societies today offer the archived versions to their membership or for a small fee. I found this interesting article at *About.com*, and it lists most of the good genealogical webinar outlets, including SCGS. [Genealogy Webinars Online](#)

When you log into your webinar you will see this image in the upper right corner of your webinar screen. It is the "dashboard" controls. Here you will need to follow the directions and check your volume to make sure you can hear the presenter, and then you can minimize it.



If you are watching a live Webinar, like the one from FSGS this month, you will need to log into the webinar about 5 or 10 minutes early with the link previously provided from the society.

### How do I ask a question, or communicate?

All participants will be on mute. You will not be able to see who is on the webinar. Instead you will be viewing the power point slides and you will hear the presenter discuss the information on the slides. Only the presenter and moderator are able to speak. If you have a question during the presentation, type it into the box provided. If the question is for the speaker the moderator will wait until the end of the presentation to ask all the questions at once.

### How do I register?

You can register online via the link provided by the company hosting the webinar, or use the FSGS link provided in the e-messenger or their web page. [Florida State Genealogical Society](#)

Get started now by registering to view some upcoming free webinars at Legacy Family Tree. Below is an example of my most recent registration.

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#)

**Webinar Registration**

Yearning to "read all about it"? Newspapers are a fantastic source of research leads, information and historical context for your family history. Learn the specialized approach that is required to achieve success in locating the news on your ancestors. Includes 3 Cool Tech Tools that will get you started.

About the presenter - Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, the popular online genealogy audio show as well as the Family History: Genealogy Made Easy podcast, both available at [www.GenealogyGems.com](http://www.GenealogyGems.com). In iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app, and free toolbar. Her podcasts bring genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists in 73 countries around the world.

In addition to the webinar, we'll have door prizes, discount coupons, and provide the opportunity for you to ask your questions.

Time zones: 2PM Eastern U.S., 1PM Central, 12PM Mountain, 11AM Pacific, 8PM GMT.

\* First Name:  \* Last Name:

\* Email Address:  \* State/Province:

\* Country:

\* Indicates a required field.

By clicking the "Register Now" button you submit your information to the Webinar organizer, who will use it to communicate with you regarding this event and their other services.

### When do I receive my logon information?

This is sent via email soon after you submit your registration. Put the date/time on your calendar. You may receive: a reminder email the day before, a handout link, and later a follow up email thanking you for your attendance.



## Extraction Projects

By Diana Cochran

Since April, we have completed several extractions. Bill had discovered that several issues of the News Herald were missing from our Obituary Index Online.

Thanks to **Bill** and Janice working feverishly on the microfiche machine, several months have been finished. This is an ongoing project at this point. Hopefully, when we get these caught up our index will be complete from 1987 - 2012.



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**Carolyn Herrera** is working on the 2013 obituaries day by day. At the meeting on Saturday she gave Bill a CD copy of her indexing dated April - August 2013. Thank-you Carolyn for your dedication!

**Jan Williams** has completed the 1933 Panama City Pilot Birth, Marriage and Death notices. Jan enjoyed reading the Pilot so much and finding items about her and her husband's families that she has volunteered to work on the 1918 Panama City Pilot. Thanks to Jan for her help in this ongoing project!

If you would like to join us in our efforts to get these records online, contact me. [dbcocoran@bellsouth.net](mailto:dbcocoran@bellsouth.net)

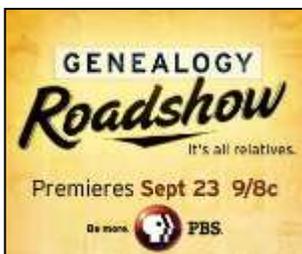


## “Genealogy Roadshow”

Good Topic for November “Tracing Past” Article

I hope everyone has seen the newest TV program about genealogy. The first episode was aired September 23<sup>rd</sup> on the PBS channel at 8:00 Central.

According to Dick Eastman, editor of EOGN, “Genealogy Roadshow”



is structurally similar to Antiques Roadshow and is modeled after an Irish TV program of the same name which is in its second season. [The First Episode of Genealogy](#)

[Roadshow - Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#)

Part detective story, part emotional journey, Dick says that the Genealogy Roadshow will combine history and science to uncover the stories of diverse Americans. Each individual's past will link to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. This premiere season will feature participants from four American cities (Nashville, Austin, Detroit and San Francisco) who want to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, that may (or may not) connect them to an event or a historical figure.

Last month I wrote an article about the recent show, *WDYTYA*. It was submitted to *The News Herald* and published. BCGS members have been volunteering as

contributing writers since Linda Pazics Kleback retired in 2010. If you would like to read some of these articles you can find them archived here [Tracing Pasts](#).

Writing articles for the *Tracing Pasts* column is a great way to let the community know about our BCGS meetings and inform our community about what we are doing. Since I have recently requested the *Tracing Pasts* committee chair, I hope to see you take advantage of this opportunity to share your love for genealogy by contributing a 500 word article on a genealogical subject which interests you.

Actually, I would like to see someone write an article



on how this new *Genealogy Roadshow* compares to *WDYTYA*. Who's up for the challenge?

If it is you please email:

[jmcronan@aol.com](mailto:jmcronan@aol.com)



## Welcome New Members

### Judy Bennett, Membership Chairperson

What fun to return to our regular monthly meetings after summer break! Judy was very busy renewing memberships and greeting the attendees. The torrential downpours did not dampen the spirits of those eager to hear our guest speakers talk about Scottish Clans and the Highland Games. Many guests attended, a large number of members were present, and we are so excited to welcome two new members, Gerry Redmon and Mr. & Mrs. Vic Johnson.

Geraldine “Gerry” Redmon is back! Gerry a past



member of BCGS, has returned from her travels and what a beautiful photo of her in Italy. She has also visited her

ancestor's homeland in Scotland, met the leader of their clan, and visited their house which was built in the thirteenth century. Welcome back Gerry!

Welcome, Sally and Vic Johnson who also joined us on Saturday. This couple is well known by several of our members and they love to travel, also. Both are active in several local lineage societies. Sally is active in the St. Andrew Bay [DAR](#) and the Confederate Salt Works [UDC](#).



Ron Young, BCGS photographer, and his wife Bama, both faithful members and great pictures, Ron!



### Scottish Clans & Highland Games

Presented by Ann and John McLeod

Words cannot express our appreciation to the McLeod's for driving down from Madison County, Georgia to present such an informative and entertaining program, but pictures can "tell the tale." Below, John and Ann are dressed in their traditional clan attire. The Clan MacLeod Society can be found here <https://clanmacleodusa.org/> Ann's page: <http://www.clanmacleodusa.tribalpages.com/> Information: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish\\_clan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_clan)



## Coming Events

**Thursday, 17 October 2013**

### Genealogy After Hours!



**Bay Co. Public Library  
898 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Panama City, FL  
From 5 to 8 p.m**

This is especially valuable for those pursuing First Families of Bay County Certification. Reservations required.

Please call 850-522-2130.

**Saturday, 19 October 2013**

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Genealogy Research Tools

**Annual 2013 Fall Seminar**

Saturday, 19 October 2013



8:30–3:30 See registration form next page or more info here: [BCGS Society Fall Seminar](#)

## West Florida Genealogical Society Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

**9 November 2013**

Booker T. Washington High School,  
6000 College Pkwy. Pensacola, FL

### Registration Form

"Right Annie, Wrong Annie,"  
"Trace Your Roots with DNA,"  
"Find That Obituary! Online  
Newspaper Research" and  
"Honoring Our Ancestors"



BCGS members may want to carpool to this one in Pensacola.....any volunteers to drive or any riders?

**Saturday, 16 November 2013**

### by Vernon Historical Society

Members of the Vernon Historical Society will present a program on the contents of the Stephen Brown Simmons Genealogical Collection which covers 50 years of research on many families who have "roots" in Washington County, Florida. For the past year, they have been organizing, cataloging, and scanning the documents. They are hoping to have a "media" event introduction of the completed project in September. The collection will be available for research at the Vernon Historical Society Museum.

**Saturday, 21 December 2013**

### BCGS Annual Christmas Party

The BCGS staff will present our annual Christmas program with short stories, ornament exchange, a potpourri of tasty pastries and snacks specially selected for their historical and seasonal importance.

**Saturday, 22 March 2014**

### BCGS Spring Seminar



**Spring Seminar with Dick Eastman**  
Saturday, March 22, 2014 Panama City, Florida

**Seminar Topics**

**Genealogy Searches on Google**  
This is his most-requested topic, and he enjoys demonstrating how to optimize your results with each search.

**Genealogy Apps for Mobile Devices**  
A number of applications for the iPhone, iPad, and tablets, which are designed to carry your genealogy database with you will be discussed including "the cloud."

**The Organized Genealogist**  
This talk focuses on converting paper-based record keeping to digital records and several ways to back them up.

**Wikis for Genealogists**  
A wiki is a great tool for families or groups to "proof" their research efforts. Ex: FamilySearch Wiki or Familypedia

**Schedule of Events**

**Bay Co. Genealogical Society Presents Dick Eastman**  
Mark your calendar for:  
Saturday, March 22, 2014

Registration 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Program 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Place: Forest Pk. UMC, 1401 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Panama City, FL 32405  
Costs include Seminar, Lunch, Snacks

**Pre-register Before March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Members: \$40.00  
Non-members: \$45.00  
**After March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
And at the door: \$50.00 (lunch not guaranteed unless pre-registered)  
New Membership  
Plus Seminar: \$50.00  
Updates at the BCGS Web Site:  
[Programs and Events](#)

Pre-Registration begins October 19, 2013

## 21st Century Genealogy Research Tools

### The Family Jewels in Your Genes Back by Popular Demand! Jerry Merritt

The first decade in the new millennium has witnessed the introduction of DNA testing to help genealogists prove or disprove ancestral descent. Jerry's power point presentation will focus on the use of autosomal (atDNA) DNA testing for genetic genealogy. He will review the genetic genealogy tests available and show us how to use our atDNA results and those of our genetic cousins to trace "unknown" ancestors.

### The Top 10 Breakthrough Technologies by Doug Dunks

Think of the most frustrating, intractable, or simply annoying genealogy problems you have. Now think about what technology is doing to fix them. That's the goal of the Top 10 Breakthrough Technologies. Let's take a quick look at technologies that will expand the scope of genealogical research.

### Timelines: How to Make Sense of all that Research! by Judy Bennett

The timeline is the easiest way to "see" our ancestor's life. Where was my William Moore at a certain time? How old was he when he first bought land? These questions can be answered with a timeline for William. Timelines are one of the basic research strategies to help us learn about our ancestor.

### Using Library Online Resources & Interlibrary Loan by Darby Syrkin

In this session, learn how to access and search online resources such as Florida Electronic Library, Florida Memory Project, and WorldCat, as well as how to request items through Interlibrary Loan.

Registration Form  
BCGS Fall Seminar  
19 October 2013 8:30-3:30  
Bay County Library Conference Room  
898 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Panama City, FL

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Please pre-register because seating is limited.

Prices include: Seminar, Lunch, Drinks, & Snacks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 BCGS member
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Non-member
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Only New-members (incl. 2014 dues)

### Please make checks payable and mail to:

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850-215-1579

**New Books in the Genealogical Collection of The Bay County Public Library**

**Rebecca Brown  
Saunders  
Genealogy Specialist  
Bay County Public  
Library  
21 Aug 2013**

**Alabama**

*Recollections of the Early Settlers of Montgomery County and their Families* / Robertson, W. G. AL Gen R 929.3761 ROB

**Florida**

*The History of Methodism in Pensacola Florida; its rise and progress* / Hoskins, F. W. / FL Gen R 287.6759 HOS

**Georgia**

*A resource guide to Georgia marriage records* / GA Gen R 929.1 RES

*Abstracts of Georgia land plat books A & B, 1779-1785* / Mathews, Nathan / GA Gen R 929.3758 MAT

*Early court records of Columbia County, Georgia, 1792-1840* / Baker, F. F., Mrs. / GA Gen R 929.3758 BAK

*Into the Gray Vale : registers of the Georgia Confederate Soldiers' Home Atlanta, Georgia 1901-1941* / Brooke, Ted O. / GA Gen R 973.7 BRO

**General**

*British Origins of American Colonists, 1629-1775* / Dollarhide, William / Gen R 973 DOL

*Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830* / Dobson, David / Gen R 929.3 DOB

*Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records* / Szucs, Loretto Dennis / Gen R 929 SZU

*Links : my Family in American History* / Link, William A. / Gen R 378.1 LIN

*Mastering Genealogical Proof* / Jones, Thomas W. / Gen R 929 JON

*Norris, Hackett, Prescott and Allied Families : our Ancestors and their Descendants, Including Adams, Andrews, Bachelder, Bartlett, Boulter, Brewer, Brown, Burge, Button, Carter, Chandler, Coxe, Dalton, Davis, Dingley, Eastow, Folsom, Ford, Harding,* / Johnson, Hugh A. (Hugh Albert), / Gen R 929.2 JOH

*The Name is the Game : Onomatology and the Genealogist* / Bockstruck, Lloyd DeWitt / Gen R 929 BOC

*Understanding Documents for Genealogy & Local History* / Durie, Bruce / Gen R 929.1 DUR

**North Carolina**

*Histories of the several regiments and battalions from North Carolina in the Great War, 1861-65* / vol. 1, Clark, Walter ed. / NC Gen R 973.7 CLA

*Histories of the several regiments and battalions from North Carolina in the Great War, 1861-65* / vol. 2, Clark, Walter ed. / NC Gen R 973.7 CLA

*Histories of the several regiments and battalions from North Carolina in the Great War, 1861-65* / vol. 3, Clark, Walter ed. / NC Gen R 973.7 CLA

*Histories of the several regiments and battalions from North Carolina in the Great War, 1861-65* / vol 4, Clark, Walter ed. / NC Gen R 973.7 CLA

*Histories of the several regiments and battalions from North Carolina in the Great War, 1861-65* / vol. 5, Clark, Walter ed. / NC Gen R 973.7 CLA

*Wilkes County, North Carolina court minutes 1789-1797, volumes 3 & 4* / NC Gen R 929.1 WIL

**Oklahoma**

*Redskin, 1972* (yearbook) / OK Gen R 929.1 RED

**South Carolina**

*Equity records of old 96 and Abbeville District, as on file in the Abbeville Courthouse, S. C.* / Young, Willie Pauline. comp. / SC Gen R 929.3757 YOU

*Pendleton District and Anderson County, S.C. Wills, Estates, Inventories, Tax returns, and Census records* / Alexander, Virginia Wood. / SC Gen R 929.3757 ALE

**Tennessee**

*The Military Annals of Tennessee. Confederate.* First series: embracing a review of military operations, with regimental histories and memorial rolls, compiled from original and official sources. / Lindsley, John Berrien, 1822-1897 ed. / TN Gen R 973.7468 LIN

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*"This is the Place" : a History of Lebanon, Tennessee, 1780-1972* / vol. 1, Schlink, Ellen Taylor / TN Gen R 976.854 SCH

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**THE BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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The Bay County Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization 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 (excluding July and August) at 1:00 p.m. in the Panama City Library. The Executive Board meets in the Library at 10:00 A.M. on the third Saturday of each month. Membership dues are \$20 per year for individuals, \$20 for single-address families, and \$10 for full-time students, payable by December for the following year. Web address [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flbcgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flbcgs)

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