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Baldwin County Genealogical Society Presents

SHARON D. MARSH

“1st Florida Cavalry: Union Volunteers”

Sept 8, 2018

10 a.m Meeting Room, Foley Public Library

From 1863 to 1865, dedicated men from Florida and Alabama fought for the Union with the 1st Florida Cavalry Regiment. **Author, blogger, and genealogist Sharon D. Marsh** will give us a glimpse of what life was like for a Southern Union regiment during the Civil War.

The 1st Florida Union Cavalry was stationed at Fort Barrancas in Pensacola and participated in a number of engagements from Marianna, Florida, to Mobile, Alabama. Marsh researched the regiment and its impact on the troops, their families, and their communities for a book that includes information on the men’s lives and their service to the United States of America.

Marsh is a family historian and an avid student of American history, especially the antebellum and Civil War eras. Her family helped settle Florida, with the earliest settler arriving in the territory around 1821. Since retiring from her day job, she spends much of her time reading, researching history and genealogy, and writing books. The presentation is part of the program at the society’s monthly meeting, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Foley Public Library.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Following the presentation, guests are invited to join society members for light refreshments and discussion of research tips. Tell us which surnames you’re researching, and you may even meet an unexpected cousin!

Foley Public Library, [319 E. Laurel Avenue, Foley](#)

Meetings are open to interested public



ONE MAN’S JUNK, ANOTHER MAN’S TREASURE \$\$\$\$ IN-HOUSE YARD SALE SEPT MEETING



Got some nice stuff too good to throw out but don’t want??
Need to clean out the hall closet, cabinets, some of the garage (*don’t bring the old lawnmower*), an unopened Christmas present?

Bring the stuff to BCGS September Meeting with some ridiculous cheap price tag to share in the in-house yard sale to earn monies earmarked for publicity booth at the Foley Library’s Halloween Scary event in October.

REFRESHMENT HOSTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Please, pick a month the signup sheet at meeting. Simple refreshment to accompany the provided drink, coffee.
Sept. 8 Dot Brown, Alan & Gloria Griggs ~ Oct 13 ? ~ Nov 10 ? ~ Dec 8 Everyone brings a treat.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct 13th: H. F. "Tighe" Marston "Cemeteries – A Genealogical Dead End" ~ Nov 10th: Max Mateer
"History in Performance" ~ December 8th: Virginia Shelby "Christmas Through the Ages"



Check us out on Facebook and 'like' our page!



Baldwin County Genealogical Society General Meeting August 11, 2018

President Tina Graham called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. 37 were in attendance

Guest speaker Auriette Lindsey presented a program about preserving our family history with photos. She talked about different options for scanning family photos including file formats and image quality. TIFF is best for archiving but is not recognized by some online websites. Adobe Bridge is a free program that you can use to add metadata to photos and scanned documents. This allows you to preserve information about the photo (who, what, where, when).

Minutes approved as published in YoreLore.

Treasurer - Bank balance \$1,138.98.

New acquisitions--Hancock Family History Vols 1 & 2 from Tina Graham

Bryce helped us set up our new website, www.baldwingenealogy.org. Website Committee--Tina, Don, Auriette, Maureen and Kristina. Please feel free to send suggestions for additions. Some suggestions already: Add membership form and names/contact of board members. Edit title ("w" looks funky)

September 8 meeting, in house yard sale to raise money for candy for Halloween event at Foley Library.

September 14--WFGS Heritage Day

Speaker schedule: September 8--Sharon Marsh, 1st Union Florida Cavalry;

October 13--Tighe Marston, Cemeteries, A Genealogical Dead End;

November 10-- Max Mateer, Research

December 8-- Virginia Shelby, Christmas Through the Years

Judy DeWitt is looking for information on Manning family.

Mike Glass discussed charts Y-DNA and mtDNA haplogroups. 23andMe sold 5 million DNA codes to Smith-Klein.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45. Kristina Clever, acting secretary



ADDITIONS TO THE ALABAMA, LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY COLLECTIONS

Memorial: Martha Hancock Land by granddaughter Tina Graham:

The Hancock Family History volumes 1 & 2 compiled by Mildred Gruner

Donation: Carol Warren, Plano, Texas:

(magazines) Austrian, Swiss & German Life, 7 issues

Old New Kent County (Virginia) some account of the Planters, Plantations and Places, vol 1 compiled by Malcolm Hart Harris

Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, Virginia wills, 1767-1820 compiled by Lela C. Adams

Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia, 1749-1800 by Blanche Adams Chapman

Charles Parish York County, Virginia, history and registers births 1648-1789, deaths 1665-1787 by Landon C. Bell

Virginia County Records, new series, vol 1 Westmoreland County edited by William Armstrong Crozier

Charles City County Virginia recors 1737-1774 with several seventeenth century fragments abstracted/compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III

History of Caroline County, Virginia by Marshall Wingfield

Donations and additions:

Bernardo de Galvez in Louisiana 1776-1783 by John Walton Caughey

Adventurism and Empire, the struggle for mastery in the Louisiana-Florida Borderlands, 1762-1803 by David Narrett

Independence Lost, Lives on the edge of the American Revolution by Kathleen DuVal

Athens, a pictorial History (GA) by James K. Reap

6 'Secret' Google Search Tricks for Genealogy That'll Help You Find Your Ancestors

Family History Daily (<http://familyhistorydaily.com>)

(Condensed for printing purposes, jb)

Most of us Google search to look for our ancestors on a regular basis. After all, once we're done searching our favorite family history sites (<http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/50-freegenealogy-sites/>) directly, Google is our best bet for locating new records. Below we have walked you through 6 of these hidden search tips that will help you locate your ancestors much more quickly. We are using an example ancestry = James Wilcox married to Mahala and born in 1837 – to illustrate each trick.

1. Apply Quotations Marks

Also known as string search, this is one of the best, most obvious ways. To limit search results. When you type James Wilcox or Wilcox, James with quotations, Google will limit the results. Also apply quotations around terms like "obituary" to make them exact – otherwise Google will substitute other words like 'death' or 'died'.

2. Use the Minus Sign

Oftentimes in searching, those with common names for certain person or location we're NOT looking for turns up again and again. If James Wilcox who lived in Somerset keeps coming up and definitely not our guy, place a minus sign before term to exclude such as ("wilcox, James 1837 mahala – somerset)or

term string ("-Wilcox, James Robinson") Make sure the minus sign is placed directly in front of the term with no space in between) This works to exclude specific sites as well (-rootsweb)

3. Get Site Specific Results

Need results only for a specific website such as FamilySearch? Use 'site:SITEURL' before a term or terms to do this. Example: site:familysearch.org"Wilcox, james" - note that we didn't place a space between 'site:' and the url and that we didn't include the 'http...www' part either.

4. Search Only Page Titles

Looking for a specific ancestor can be very helpful to have pages only be ones that focus on that individual alone. Or, when searching for a surname, to find articles centered around that specific last name. Making sure a search term appears in the title of the page is a good way to do this. This isn't always true of course, and you'll miss a lot of results this way but when looking for discussions, biographies or in-depth data about a person, it can be a very helpful trick. To search *only* web page titles use "allintitle:" Example allintitle: "Wilcox, James" You can also search only the text, and exclude the titles, by using 'allintext:'

5. Search a Date Range

This is one of the best and most underused Google search tips for genealogist. This super cool trick lets you search multiple dates at one time without having to enter them individually. Hugely helpful if you are looking for birth marriage or death records (or any date based source) but don't know the exact date of an event. Just add Date..Date to your search box. We could search for "Wilcox, James" 1835..1839. This will bring up only pages that include one or all of the dates *1835, 1836, 1837, 1838 and 1839*. It will not *exclude* pages that include other dates (which we usually would not want to do.) But if we did want to do that we could exclude any date by typing -Date, such as -1840 after our other terms.

6. Search for terms near each other

One of the most frustrating things about searching for ancestors in Google is that while the engine will search an entire page for your terms, your terms may not have any association to each other. For instance, our searches for James Wilcox and 1837 turned up pages that include James Wilcox and 1837 but that date was often applied to other people on the page.

There is a way to ask Google to find terms near each other by entering AROUND(1) between terms to do this. Example: "James Wilcox AROUND(10) 1837. That means Google to look for pages where the exact name James Wilcox appears within 10 words of the date 1837 or "James Wilcox AROUND(1) Mahala) a lower number means a closer association and thus usually few results. We can apply this to multiple terms (Example: "Wilcox, James" AROUND(10) Mahala AROUND(5) 1837) You will be blown away by how much this helps you find more relevant results.

We hope these 'secret' tips help you in your Google genealogy searches! Don't forget to combine them to maximize your results. **Note:** Sometimes when you apply the operators, especially if you do so several times in a row, Google may check to make sure you're a real person and not a computer by transferring you to a caption verification page. Don't worry, just type in the characters and proceed. And try not to get too excited that you're geeky enough to be considered a computer by Google ☺

What stories a map can tell.....Highways in Baldwin County, Alabama

U. S. Highway 59 runs north to south through Baldwin County, Alabama, intersecting in 'downtown' city of Foley with Highway 98 which runs west to east... according today's maps. Highway 59 heads on south though Foley, Gulf Shores and dead ends on the beautiful white sand shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico where everyone and their Aunt Josie seems to be heading these days.

Back in Foley, intersecting Highway 98 heads *east* through little towns of Elberta, Lillian, and over the bridge of Perdido Bay into Pensacola, Florida, and its Naval Air Station while going *west* on 98 is scenic route through numerous communities and over Mobile Bay to Mobile Shipping Docks and city of Mobile, Alabama.

A gentleman called the library requesting information on *Highway 59* once being *Highway 3*. Years ago, he remembered a "banner/sign" near Berry Street in Foley proclaiming "Highway 3 to the Sea." Ah, to find a map proclaiming Highway 3 and what year did it change to Highway 59 as it is known today?

According to a map dated 1937 courtesy of Fred S. Kendrick, Sr., and a 1955 map courtesy of Patrick Koehler, it was Highway 3 dead ending at the beach. Not only that, Highway 98 running east and west was originally Highway 89 and 42. Gulf Shores' highways 180/181 today running parallel with the Gulf waters were 160/161 and part of it was 138 and 182.

North of Foley the infamous Highway 90 running somewhat parallel with the Old Spanish Trail, shared number Highway 16. You can't make these things up, folks. So when **researching history or family historic migrations**, be aware road numbers or names did/do change which proves it is good to study a map along with your research of family's travels. Not that my husband would resort to a map much less asking someone the way when he is lost and driving in circles.

Today, City of Foley's slogan is "Gateway to the Gulf", not too far from original slogan "Highway 3 to the Sea."

Sources: Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections Librarian, Patrick Koehler, Fred Kendricks, University of Alabama maps

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The Foley Public and its Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections
are pleased to acknowledge as a designated
Official Volunteer Family Historian and Genealogist

Lois Marie O'Konek

It is acknowledged in appreciation for outstanding, dedicated assistance Lois Marie generously shares with her expertise and experience in concern with local and nationwide research requests, the support and networking contacts, and in preservation of historic endeavors in these fields.

In January of 2016, Lois Marie began assisting Jeanette Bornholt, Librarian of the Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections, with research, family trees, customized reports She has worked projects in house at the Library such as compiling the "*Mittie Cherry Scrap Album*" and "*WWII Enlistment Records*" among others, but does the bulk of her research from her home in Fairhope, Alabama, using, among her research tools, multiple paid genealogy websites.

Lois Marie has sixteen years genealogy experience. Her credentials include MSLS Catholic University of American and the Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate. She is a member of Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, Civilian Conservation Corps Legacy. In January, 2018, she taught the newspaper research segment of a Genealogy course at University of South Alabama campus in Gulf Shores.

We thank Lois Marie O'Konek for the valuable assistance she gives us in the Foley Library's ongoing dedication to serving the public to the best of our abilities.