WALTON RELATIONS

The 1940 Census

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration (WPA, later renamed the Works Projects Administration) was established to help "New Deal" agencies put people back to work. One of its early projects was the 1900 census indexing project. That census was chosen for indexing in anticipation of a future federal annuity program (now Social Security). It would provide the place and date of birth for future beneficiaries as birth certificates were not yet universally required in 1900. Having the records indexed would prove to be a great help to federal and state agencies that needed proof of age.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will make digitalized copies of the 1940 Census available to the public for free on their Online Public Access site next April. As with most of the 1930 census, the records will not be indexed by the government. Thanks to **Anita Harris**, we have learned of a tool that may help you find your family in 1940 using Enumeration District (ED) maps: http://www.stevemorse.org/census/.

For more information about the history of the WPA and its involvement with the census, see "The WPA Census Soundexing Projects" by Claire Prechtel-Kluskens and "WPA Historical Records Survey" by Steve Paul Johnson.

WCGS Meeting

The Walton County Genealogy Society will meet Saturday, September 10, at 10:00 AM at the Walton County Heritage Museum. **Wayne Sconiers** will present training on "Hard Drive Failed: Things to Consider When Backing Up Your Computer."

Legends from the Graves

Walton County Heritage Museum volunteers will host the second Legends from the Graves event on Saturday, October 1, in Eucheeanna, 10 AM-noon.

Upcoming Reunions

Donaldson Family Reunion, Saturday, November 5, at the Steele Church in Alaqua.

Garrett Family Reunion, Saturday, October 1, at the Friendship Church on Highway 83 in DeFuniak.

Weimorts Family Reunion, Sunday, September 11. Suedelle Wilkerson, suedelle@fairpoint.net.

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Children's Home Cemetery: A Comparison of Inventories

The following is a comparison between the Findagrave.com entries for the Children's Home Cemetery on August 19, 2011, and an inventory on file at the Walton County Heritage Museum by Dallas and Kathleen McMichael dated February 22, 1991. Red notes in brackets are mine. – Diane Merkel

http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gsr&GScid=2203825	1991 Survey
Barlow, S 🌼 b. unknown d. 1940	John S. Barlow 1879-1940
Batson, H L 🌼 🪦 b. Apr. 28, 1904 d. Apr. 14, 1928	H. L. Batson 28 Apr 1908 – 14 Apr 1928
Batson, Jesse Franklin 🌼 🪦 b. Jul. 3, 1904 d. Aug. 29, 1904	Jesse Franklin Batson 3 Jun 1904 – 29 Aug 1904
Batson, Lonie 🌼 🪦 b. unknown d. Aug. 12, 1941	Jonnie Batson Nov ? – 12 Aug 1941
Cannon, John H 🌼 🪦 b. Feb., 1873 d. Dec. 31, 1902	John Cannon d. 31 Dec 192_(?)
Carter, Rachel *Oneal* 🌼 b. unknown d. unknown	[Unmarked grave. See note in "Flowers" section on web page.]
Carter, Wesley D 🌼 b. unknown d. Feb. 2, 1888	[Unmarked grave. See note in "Flowers" section on web page.]
Carver, Jessie May 🌼 🪦 b. Aug. 5, 1906 d. Sep. 8, 1908	Jessie May Carver 5 Aug 1906 – 8 Sep 1908
Cawthon, Allen H 🌼 🪦 b. Jan. 6, 1867 d. Mar. 16, 1870	Allen Cawthon Broken headstone Son of (?) M Cawthon 6 Jan 1867 – 16 Mar 1870
Chestnut, Bettie 🌼 🪦 b. Nov. 2, 1889 d. Jul. 29, 1898	[Name not listed – may be listed as "Unreadable child stone marker."]
Chestnut, Son 🌼 🪦 b. Nov. 28, 1891 d. Aug. 3, 1893	Eliga Otis Chest, son of Mr/Mrs John Chest 28 Nov 1891 – 3 Aug 1898
Gautney, B. H. 🌼 🪦 b. 1900 d. 1953	[Name not listed – may be listed as "Two concrete unmarked graves (Billy Gautney)"]
Note: The photos for B. H. and Bullie Gautney are the same.	
Gautney, Betty 🌼 🪦 b. unknown d. unknown	Betty Gautney, Mother
Gautney, Bullie 🌼 🪦 b. unknown d. unknown	[See note above.]
Gautney, Cleve 🌼 🪦 b. May 17, 1941 d. unknown	Cleve Gautney Pvt. US Army 17 May 1941
Gautney, Clyde 🌼 🪦 b. unknown d. unknown	Clyde Gautney, Son

Gautney, Jesse 🌼 RIP b. unknown d. unknown	Jess Gautney, Father
Gautney, Mary Francis 🌼 RIP b. Dec. 12, 1873 d. Apr. 20, 1957	Mary Frances S. Gautney 19 Dec 1983 – 20 Apr 1957
Gautney, U L 🌼 b. unknown d. unknown	[Name not listed.]
Gautney, William 🌼 RIP b. 1844 d. 1932	William Gautney 1844 - 1932
Gautney, Willie Fay 🌼 b. unknown d. unknown	[Name not listed.]
Hurst, Julia 🌼 RIP b. Mar. 11, 1853 d. Aug. 4, 1924	Julia Hurst 1 Mar 1853 – 4 Aug 1924
Kimmons, John 🌼 RIP b. Nov. 17, 1827 d. Dec. 25, 1910	John Kimmons 17 Nov 1827 – 25 Dec 1910
Madden, Theodore 🌼 RIP b. Feb. 10, 1919 d. May 16, 1948	Theodore Madden 10 Feb 1919 – 16 May 1948
Mason, Dovie 🌼 RIP b. 1905 d. 1908	Dovie Mason 5 Apr 1895? - 1898
Mason, James 🌼 RIP b. unknown d. Oct. 16, 1938	James Mason d. 16 Sep 1938
Mason, Lizzie 🌼 RIP b. unknown d. unknown	Lissie Mason (no dates)
Steel, M C 🌼 RIP b. Sep. 18, 1877 d. Jan. 9, 1918	Broken headstone St ____(?) 16 Sep _(?) – 9 Jan 1918
Steele, Emily 🌼 RIP b. 1837 d. Mar., 1886	Emily Steele 15 Jul 1837 – Mar 1886 [See additional info on web page.]
Steele, Infant 🌼 RIP b. unknown d. unknown	Infant of W. L. and Ida Steele
Steele, Peter 🌼 RIP b. 1823 d. 1882	[Name not listed – may be listed as "Unreadable marker." See additional info on web page.]
Steele, T A 🌼 RIP b. Jun. 7, 1882 d. Jun. 20, 1915	T. A. Steele (Woodman of the World Stone) 7 Jun 1882 – 20 Jun 1915
Sukow, Sgt James Kenneth 🌼 RIP b. Feb. 16, 1922 d. Jul. 22, 1962	James Kenneth Sukow 16 Feb 1922 – 22 Jul 1962
Sukow, Marie G 🌼 RIP b. Mar. 29, 1919 d. Oct. 30, 1992	Marie (Evelyn) G. Sukow 29 Mar 1919 – 30 Oct 1992

Not listed on the Findagrave list: **Ames K. Sukow, 1922 – 1962,** and several unmarked graves.

Legends from the Graves: Eucheeanna

By **Wayne Sconiers**

The Walton County Heritage Museum will host "Legends from the Graves" at Eucheeanna Presbyterian Cemetery on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Group tours will start at 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, and 11:30 AM. For directions call 850-892-4269. Hot dogs, drinks, and desserts will be sold as well as books including *History of Walton County*. Tickets are $10 each and may be purchased at The Bookstore on Baldwin Avenue and at the Museum.

The Eucheeanna Presbyterian Cemetery is the final resting place of many of the early settlers of Walton County. The historic marker for the Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church and Cemetery reads:

> This is the site of one of Florida's oldest organized Presbyterian Church which was the largest Presbyterian Church in Florida until 1885. On May 27, 1827, the Reverend Murdoch Murphy of the Alabama Synod presided with one Elder, Donald McLean, Sr., and 15 families. This log church served the community for 20 years until a new 50 by 100 ft. church with large inside galleries was built adjacent to the log church in 1847. Reverend Samuel Robinson dedicated the new church on November 26, 1848. Reverend Robert Quarterman Baker, civil war veteran from Georgia, served the church until his death in October 1923. The third and present church was erected, using foundation supports from the original log church. The cemetery contains the remains of many of the original settlers, including two signers of Florida's first Constitution, veterans of all wars dating from the Revolutionary War, civic leaders, elected officials and ministers. There are more than 3,000 graves in the old cemetery, many unmarked, and many brought home from Alabama and Northwest Florida.

The stories of some of those settlers will be told during "Legends from the Grave," including:

- **Rev. R. Quarterman Baker** – Rev. Baker was living in Georgia when he received the call to serve the Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church, the oldest Presbyterian church in the state of Florida. For some unknown reason, his wife and daughter did not follow him here but remained in Georgia.

- **Giles Bowers** - Giles Bowers married the daughter of John McKinnon and built the first successful mercantile business in the county.

- **Daniel Douglas Campbell** – Campbell was one of the three men credited with meeting Sam Story, chief of the Uchees, and settling the area.

- **Charles Shephard Vinson Jones** – Rev. Jones was the Postmaster in Alaqua in 1827 and 1828. He founded the Alaqua Methodist Church in April 1827 and was its first pastor.

- **Col. John L. McKinnon** - McKinnon was one of the three men credited with meeting Sam Story, chief of the Uchees, and settling the area. His son was the author of *History of Walton County*, which was originally published in 1911.

- **Daniel Campbell McLeod** – In 1832, McLeod ran successfully for Sheriff against his kinsman, Alexander Campbell. He was a practicing attorney at Eucheeanna before the Civil War. In 1866, he was appointed Judge of the Criminal Court for Walton County by Gov. David S. Walker.

- **John Newton** – Newton was the founder of the Knox Hill Academy and taught there for many years. At one point, he moved to the Camp Walton area and founded a city named for two of his daughters, Mary and Esther.