WALTON RELATIONS

Lakewood-Paxton Field Trip

Thanks to **Martha McNeill Bradford** (visible through the window) and **Tom McNeill** for sharing their memories of Lakewood and to **Bruce Cosson** for taking us to old mill sites in Paxton and demonstrating metal detecting. It was a great day!

WCGS Meeting

The Walton County Genealogy Society will meet at the Museum on Saturday, November 9, at 10:00 AM. You do not need to be a Heritage member to attend. This will be the last genealogy meeting for 2013, but you can meet with **Wayne Sconiers** at the Museum on Wednesdays from 1:00 until 4:00.

Who Is This?

This portrait was found in an abandoned house in DeFuniak Springs and has been in the Museum's military display case for a long time. Please contact us if you know who this is.

Walton County Heritage Museum
Open Tuesday - Saturday: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
1140 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
850-951-2127
www.WaltonCountyHeritage.org
WaltonCountyHeritage@cox.net

Websites You May Have Missed
All of the following linked websites are free to use!

Ancestry magazine ceased publication with its March/April 2010 issue; however, about 20 years of the magazines are available online through Google Books. Put "Ancestry magazine" in the search box to get the list of available issues (not chronological). You will have to search each issue individually unless you know which issue and article you want, but at least they are available.

Elephind.com makes it possible to search online historic newspapers from one place rather than having to visit each website separately. A search for "DeFuniak Springs" returned 555 results from seven online source sites. (The University of Florida's collection has not been added yet.) The publications ranged from the *Adair County News* (Kentucky) to *Western Kansas World* and spanned the years 1885 through 1981. Elephind has the potential of being the "Google" for historic newspapers.

Also, the University of Pennsylvania has an excellent Guide to Historical Newspapers Online as does Wikipedia. Both of those sites are free, but some of the newspaper sites they link to are not free.

Facebook has become a popular place for genealogy pages. You can download a list of over 3,000 Facebook Genealogy pages. They are grouped by state and have links to the pages.

FamilySearch.org has added more than 43 million indexed military records and images to its website, including collections from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

FamilySearch has also compiled a database of Family History Books available from eight major libraries and research centers. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees.

Those with ancestors from North Carolina will appreciate Digital Collections and Publications from the State Archives of North Carolina.

If you have Revolutionary War ancestors, you will want to search the database of Southern Campaign Revolutionary War Pension Statements & Rosters. Scroll down the home page to see the listing of those who are represented in the database.

War of 1812 Pension Application Files are now available online through a joint effort of Ancestry.com and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). Approximately 180,000 pension and bounty land warrant application files relating to claims based on service between 1812 and 1815 are in the collection at the National Archives. Only 12% of those records have been digitalized so far, so FGS is fundraising and Ancestry is matching the dollars raised. About 850,000 records from those application files are currently online.

WolframAlpha is a "knowledge engine" that is difficult to explain in a few sentences but apparently can be helpful by providing answers not found elsewhere. See "WolframAlpha: A New Tool for Genealogy" and "WolframAlpha: What Is It and Why Might Genealogists Care?" for explanations and examples of its many uses.

Zoom.it is a great tool for those who love to explore the intricacies of images. Link to any online image or map, and zoom.it will convert it so that you can zoom in to see the smallest details. Try this example to zoom to our area and see that Alaqua was the most important place in our county in 1863!