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Genealogy Talks

The April 2013 issue of *Walton Relations* featured an article by H. C. "Hank" Klein titled "Captain William McPherson – Commander of the Walton Guards." On Saturday, January 11, at 5:00 PM, Hank will talk about Capt. McPherson and the Walton Guards at the Indian Temple Mound Museum, 139 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-833-9595. If you cannot make that, the talk will be repeated on Wednesday, January 29, at 10:00 AM at the Coastal Branch Library (see below for address and phone number).

Walton County Genealogy Society President **Wayne Sconiers** will present two talks this month, both of which are open to the public. On Wednesday, January 15, Wayne will speak at the Coastal Branch Library, 437 Greenway Trail, Santa Rosa Beach, at 10:00 AM. The talk is free, but you should call 850-267-2809 to reserve your space as the Wednesday lectures are usually full. Wayne also will discuss genealogy during the Florida Chautauqua Assembly on Saturday, January 25, from 10:45 until noon at the Heritage Museum, 1140 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs. Tickets are required for attendance and can be purchased that morning at the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, 95 Circle Drive. Call 850-892-7613 for more information.

WCGS Meeting

The Walton County Genealogy Society will meet at the Museum on Saturday, January 11, at 10:00 AM. You do not need to be a Heritage member to attend. WCGS President **Wayne Sconiers** will appreciate your input at the meeting to plan genealogy projects for 2014. Volunteers are always needed!

New Email Address for Heritage Association

The Walton County Heritage Association is now using HeritageMuseum@centurylink.net for communicating with its members. Messages sent to that address will be available to all board members and docents at the Museum, and Heritage members will receive announcements from that address.

For genealogy inquiries, contact Wayne Sconiers directly at WayneSconiers@embarqmail.com. Articles and questions about *Walton Relations* should continue to be sent to Diane Merkel at WaltonCountyHeritage@cox.net.

Walton County Heritage Museum

Open Tuesday - Saturday: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
1140 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
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The Story of Florida

The Walton County Heritage Museum recently received a four-volume set of books from **David Bludworth**. *The Story of Florida* was written by W. T. Cash, the State Librarian in 1938. The first two volumes relate the history of the state, and the third and fourth volumes provide mini-biographies of important Floridians, most of whom were Mr. Cash's contemporaries. Unfortunately, there is no discernible system to the biographies—people are not listed alphabetically, chronologically, or geographically—so the volumes had to be reviewed page by page in hopes of finding information about Walton County residents. Below are very brief summaries of those with Walton County connections (names in bold). The links will take you to more information on findagrave.com. We welcome any information you may have about these Waltonians.

– Diane Merkel, WaltonCountyHeritage@cox.net

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Joshua Mercer Sapp (1878-1971) was an “outstanding and practicing lawyer for almost three decades, city attorney of Panama City for twenty years, and former member of the State Legislature.” Sapp graduated from the State Normal School in DeFuniak Springs in 1903. His wife, **Ella May Patton Sapp** of Apalachicola, also attended that school.

Murdock Gillis McQuagge (1843-1930) from Knox Hill was the father of **Duncan Gillis McQuagge** (1888-1952), the Bay County Tax Assessor from 1932 until 1952. “On his father’s side, the family traces its Florida ancestry to **Norman Daniel McQuagge**, grandfather of Mr. [Duncan] McQuagge, who came to this state from North Carolina during the early part of 1830 and settled in Walton County, then part of Escambia County. The progenitor’s son, Murdock Gillis McQuagge, . . . engaged in farming throughout his life and during the War Between the States served as a member of the Home Guard.” His service during the War is in question as he had a crippled right hand. See *The Heritage of Walton County*, pp. 242-243, for more information about this family.

Ira Augustus Hutchison (1879-1965) was born in north Walton County, the son of Perry Newton (1859-1943) and Georgiana Eudora (DuBose) Hutchison (1864-1943), “both natives of the State of Alabama and members of old and distinguished American families.” Ira Hutchison was an attorney who served as a judge of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth District in Panama City. He and his wife, **Marion Theodora Farris Hutchison**, had six children.

John R. Peacock of Blountstown, who was the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sarasota, married **Allie Jeanette Garrett**, a native of DeFuniak Springs, on July 10, 1910. They had two children, Hazel Margaret and **John Roege Peacock**.

Clyda Anna Magee married Adolphus Eugene Summers in DeFuniak Springs on February 20, 1901. A. E. Summers was a farmer and businessman from Alachua County who was more than 20 years her senior. In *The Story of Florida*, Clyda was reported to be the daughter of “Colonel Clyde and Artie (Gilettee) Magee.” The 1900 Census for Precinct No. 14 in DeFuniak Springs lists Clyda as the 15 year old daughter of Colin and **Effie Magee**. “Colonel Clyde and Artie (Gilettee) Magee” could not be found. Clyda apparently remarried and is buried in the same cemetery as her mother and son, **Adolphus, Jr.**, who was a lawyer in High Springs.

Janie Williams, daughter of **Edward A.** and Nellie Devane Williams, married **Howard Danly** of DeFuniak Springs. Edward Williams was the editor and publisher of the *Holmes County Advertiser*.

John W. Cole, a journalist and politician in Escambia County, married **Estell Townsell**, “a native of Walton County, Florida,” in February 1932.

William H. Watson (1876-1967) was born in Freeport, the son of **John William** (1848-1880) and **Octavia Bludworth Watson** (1851-1939). William graduated from the State Normal School in 1896 and was later a principal of the “De Funiak High School.”

John Thomas Mapoles (1859-1918), a missionary Baptist preacher and county judge, taught school in what was then Walton County for 20 years. His son, biography subject **William Henry Mapoles** (1878-1958), was responsible for the bill that created Wilson (later renamed Okaloosa) County from portions of Walton and Santa Rosa counties.

John W. Hightower, who founded the Hightower Drug Company in 1921 in Marianna, married **Lily Higgins** [**Livy Huggins**? (1900-1985)] of Freeport.

John C. Winslett, who was editor of *The Jackson County Floridian*, married **Marie Miller** of DeFuniak Springs in 1925. She was the daughter of **T. J.** and **Maggie Brown Miller**. The Winsletts had three children, John C. Jr., John E., and **Norma Winslett Hung** (1927-2008).

Lula Virginia Guilford of Dothan, wife of Marion B. Knight, attended Palmer College. Mr. Knight served as the county attorney for both Calhoun and Liberty counties.

John Wylie Kelly (1875-1938) was born in DeFuniak Springs, a son of **John Reuben** and **Cornelia Eleanor Kitchens Kelly**. John Reuben Kelly was born in Terrell County, Georgia, on December 11, 1847, and died on September 8, 1932. He was a member of the Florida Legislature for two sessions, Taylor County superintendent of public instruction, and chairman of the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners. Cornelia Eleanor Kitchens Kelly was born in Abbeville, Alabama, on January 1, 1851, and died on May 18 1936.

Robert Lee Turner's second wife was **Mary Lou Cawthon** (1882-1975) of DeFuniak Springs. Mr. Turner served in many educational positions throughout the state. They made their home in Clearwater.

Wallace Tervin was born in Freeport on February 17, 1892, a son of **Lucius Patrick** and **Sarah Frances Baker Tervin**. He lived in many counties throughout the state and taught school in Santa Rosa and Washington counties. He attended the Normal School during the summers until he entered the University of Florida. He was a respected attorney and member of the State Senate. His father, **Lucius Patrick Tervin**, was born in Walton County and was a carpenter and livery and stable operator. His grandfather came from North Carolina to Walton County in 1824. His grandmother was a member of the McKinnon family and settled in Walton County about 1824 also.

Eugene Glover, Santa Rosa County tax assessor, married **Stella Catherine Bishop** of Walton County, the daughter of **Arch Monroe Bishop** (1873-1911), “the son of one of the original settlers in Florida,” and **Susanna Elvie Hardy** (1879-1950). They had four children: Hazel Clarice, Archie Owen, Bobby Jean, and Mary Helen.

Daniel Gillis Ray (1883-1984) was born at Knox Hill, the son of **John Gunn** and **Flora (McKinnon) Ray**, and served as the Walton County tax assessor. He married **Leola L. Garrett** (1894-1985), and they had two children: **Ethel Gertrude** and **Randall Garrett Ray**.

Daniel “Dorrie” Clayton Adkinson (a/k/a Adkison) was born in Walton County on July 20, 1897, the son of **Jason D.** and **Annie Infinger Adkinson**. Jason D. Adkinson was born in Alabama but moved to the Alaqua district as a child. Annie Infinger Adkinson was born in Walton County, the daughter of **Clark Infinger** who fought for the Confederacy. Dorrie taught school and served as the Walton County tax assessor and then as Sheriff, the position he held when he was killed on April 7, 1938. [See *Encyclopedia of Florida Sheriffs* by Victor Silvestri.] He was married to **Celia Jernigan** (1898-1985) who was appointed Sheriff after his death, and they had five children.

Edwin Wallace McMullen, an educator who taught at many schools and colleges throughout the state, married **Della Moore**, daughter of **Lovell** and **Mary King Moore**, of DeFuniak Springs. “Her family, both the Moores and the Kings, were pioneers of that region. Her maternal grandfather was a planter and merchant, and the Moores were more especially concerned with the lumber trade.” Della McMullen died in 1923 as the mother of three children: Eldon, Tweed, and Edwin W. McMullen, Jr.

Websites You May Have Missed

The following linked websites are free to use!

Ellis Island Immigration Records – FamilySearch.org has added over 28 million Ellis Island records online, and access to them is free: **New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1891** and **New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists, 1909, 1925-1957**. For more information about immigration into Ellis Island, see **“Ellis Island Immigration Records.”**

First World War Centenary – 2014 starts the commemoration of World War I. The Centenary website has some databases you can explore, mostly for United Kingdom participants. More websites and databases will be available in the near future.

Florida Historical Counties – This website lets you see county boundaries on dates you choose. In the upper right, select the date and click “Refresh Map” under the legend. You can choose the features you want to see, such as modern county seats and names, and you can choose to look at other states also. It’s a handy tool when determining counties for censuses, cemeteries, etc.

Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee – All doctors in Scotland were required to register during World War I. This database contains information about 2,150 Scottish doctors during that period. Perhaps those of you with roots in the Euchee Valley will find a distant cousin or two.

Ships Passenger Lists – FamilySearch.org now offers three image collections of ship passenger lists for **Baltimore** (1820-1897), **Boston** (1899-1940), and **Philadelphia** (1800-1906). Click the link that says “Browse through _____ images” to be taken to contents pages divided by surnames.

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