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Soundex Indexing

At last month's meeting, during a discussion of the Soundex indexing system, a couple of members pointed out that the first four digits of your Florida driver's license are the Soundex code for your surname. That was news to several of us, but it is true!

As a refresher, here is the Soundex Code:

The letter is always the first letter of the surname. The numbers are assigned to the remaining letters of the surname according to the Soundex guide shown below.

- No. 1 = B, F, P, V
- No. 2 = C, G, J, K, Q, S, X, Z
- No. 3 = D, T
- No. 4 = L
- No. 5 = M, N
- No. 6 = R

Disregard the letters A, E, I, O, U, H, W, and Y.

Additional rules can be viewed at:
www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/soundex.html

On online Soundex calculator is available at:
www.eogn.com/soundex/

Next WCGS Meeting

The Walton County Genealogy Society will meet at the Walton County Heritage Museum on **Saturday, November 13, at 10:00 AM**. Please join us!

Cemetery Project

We are adding information to our website on a regular basis. The most recent addition is a list of all known cemeteries in Walton County. We are not going to list the internments on the website, just the cemeteries themselves. To see the list, please go to waltoncountyheritage.org/GenSoc/cemeteries.htm.

If you see any mistakes or know of other cemeteries not listed, please contact us. We are especially interested in old family plots that may not be known to the public.

Walton County Heritage Museum

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1:00- 4:00 PM
1140 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
850-951-2127

www.WaltonCountyHeritage.org
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Honoring Your Veterans



Walton County Supervisor of Elections Bobby Beasley and his staff host a project that honors veterans of Walton County. Living or deceased, life-long or short-term residents of the county, the Vote in Honor of a Vet program salutes them all. An important component of the program is the “Veterans Wall,” located in the Walton County Courthouse, which displays photographs of individuals from Walton County who have served in the military.



For more information about the Vote in Honor of a Vet program and instructions about how you can submit your veterans’ photographs and biographies for inclusion on the Veterans Wall, see <http://www.votewaltoncounty.com/HonorVets.aspx>. If you need additional information or have questions about the program, please contact Bill Vorwald at 850-892-8112 or vorbill@co.walton.fl.us.

The Walton County Genealogy Society would appreciate it if you would also consider donating copies of the photographs and biographies to the Heritage Association for display in the Heritage Museum.

On the Bookshelf

The following materials are available for your use on the Genealogy Society bookshelf at the Walton County Heritage Museum:

1880 United States Census and National Index (CDs)

The 1880 United States Federal Census contains information about 50 million individuals. This census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1880 and contains information about a household's occupants including birthplaces, occupations, health conditions, and education.

The 1880 census is a valuable tool in part because it is the only U.S. census available for the last two decades of the 1800s. Most of the original 1890 population schedules were destroyed in a fire at the Commerce Department in 1921. Less than one percent of the schedules—records enumerating only 6,160 individuals—survived.

Many of these questions, specifically those detailing mental and physical health, can only be found within the original census document. The age of this data may lead to discoveries about fourth, fifth or even sixth ancestral generations. The depth of this data can offer personal detail lacking in earlier census surveys. The family relationships category can provide information about extended family. If a married daughter has been counted as part of her father's household, her married surname will appear in the census. Questions about health may reveal symptoms of family illnesses that have appeared in later generations.

The 1880 census began on 1 June 1880 for the general population of the United States. The enumeration was to be completed within thirty days, or two weeks for communities with populations of 10,000 or more. Regardless of when an individual was contacted, all responses were to reflect the status of the individual as of 1 June 1880, the official Census Day.

Thirty-eight states (including the recently admitted Colorado) were enumerated in the 1880 census, along with eight territories: Arizona, Dakota, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Non-organized Alaska was also enumerated, but the "Indian Territory" (now Oklahoma) was not enumerated for non-Indians.

Enumerators (census takers) collected the following information for each household:

- Address (name of the street; house number)
- Occupant (name of each person and their relationship to head of family)
- Personal (sex, race, age, marital status, ability to read and write, birthplace, and birthplace of parents)
- Occupation (trade or profession; number of months unemployed)
- Health (blind, deaf and dumb, crippled, maimed, idiotic, insane, bedridden, or otherwise disabled)

Cemetery Book Redbook (book)

States, Counties and Town sources

Heart and History of Holmes County (book)

With glimpses of the Panhandle

The Handbook for Genealogists (books)

Walton County and the War Between the States (book)

Florida Index of Toponyms (book)

Family Histories and Genealogy (books)

Smith, John

Morrisson

Sconiers family of Walton County

A genealogical listing of the families from William Sconyers in Dobbs County, North Carolina, to the descendants now residing in Walton County.

Griner, Spoon, Wise

Cadenhead, Green Jasper and Melvinie Parthenia George

Henderson, Duncan

McLeods of early Walton County with allied families

A discussion of where they settled, the McLeod Crest, Eucheeanna, Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, the highland Scots, the Carolina connection, the ancestry of Leod, the clan MacLeod, Scotland, the Old Scottish Cemetery, lineage of Alexander McLeod and Mary McCaskill, William McCaskill McLeod and Sarah Catherine Bethune family, lineage of Alexander McCaskill McLeod and Sarah Gillis, lineage of Nancy McLeod and Kenneth McCaskill, lineage of Angus McCaskill McLeod and Mary Christian McDonald, Daniel McCaskill McLeod and Flora Slocum (McLean), lineage of Alexander P. McLeod and Mary McKinnon, John P. McLeod, lineage of Judge Daniel Campbell McLeod and Catherine Douglass McLean and the Roderick McLeod family.

Heart of Walton County (book)

Encyclopedia of Florida Sheriffs (book)

Includes a photo and bibliography of each Sheriff

Walton County Tidbits (book)

Evan's Funeral Home Records, Florala, Alabama (3 CDs)

Joe Evans of Evan's Funeral home made the records available to be scanned. Rob Bryan, Leah Ann Wilkerson, Ernestine Harvey, and Mary Ellen Wexler produced the images. Many thanks to them all.

Records from as early as 1914 to 1998 contain name of deceased, spouse/son or daughter, who to charge to, how secured, date of funeral, residence, place of death, funeral services at, time, clergyman, certifying physician, his residence, number of the burial certificate, cause of death, occupation, single or married, religion, date of birth, age in years and months, name of father, his birthplace, name of mother, her birthplace, body to be shipped to, information about the coffin and the lot or grave number. Mother's maiden often shows up on the form. Each CD has an index which tells you where the record is located.

Walton County Genealogy Newsletters (notebook)

Walton Relations a monthly newsletter published by the Walton County Genealogy Society

Crowder Chapel and Cemetery (notebook)

A History of the Early Days and Families of this area

The book includes a historical background of the area, info on the Christian Creek burial houses in the cemetery, discussion of the area families' ancestors and descendants, Crowder Homecoming notes and minutes of the Crowder Cemetery Trustees from 1952 to 1985, headstone photos, a burial list and index.

The Herald Breeze Newspaper

Newspaper images on 16mm film

- 15 July 1909 through 14 March 1912
- 1 January 1914 through 22 July 1915
- 22 July 1915 through 30 December 1915
- 4 January 1996 through 25 July 1996
- 1 August 1996 through 30 January 1997
- 6 February 1977 through 4 December 1997
- 4 December 1997 through 21 May 1998
- 21 May 1998 through 12 November 1998
- 19 November 1998 through 3 June 1998
- 10 June 1999 through 23 December 1999
- 23 January 1999 through 30 December 1999

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