



President's Message

Welcome to this great edition of *Florida Lines*. This issue is the last for the year and has many informative articles and announcements. Look to see all the events that are presented for your research possibilities, fun, and enjoyment.

Thank you, for joining the board for our conference, in Panama City Beach, Florida, at the Bay Point Marriott Resort. The planning by Conference Chair, Ann Staley, and the local committee made this conference one to remember. Our featured speaker, Donna Moughty, did a wonderful job and gave exciting lectures and Dean DeBolt, noted Lecturer, historian and author, was a superb Banquet Speaker.

I presented the President's Citation to Amy Larner Giroux in recognition of the FSGS member who has done special contributions to FSGS this past term. She worked very hard during all the hurricanes to make sure that the Newsletter went out on time and that it was current even though she suffered an injury earlier this year. She is a dedicated member of the board and edits the *Florida Lines*.

I also awarded the Distinguished Service Award to Melody Porter given in recognition for her outstanding and continuous service to FSGS this past term. She is our elected Secretary and has volunteered to be the Administrator of the Pioneer Program. Melody drives many times to our Tallahassee Post Office box to keep our society's information moving.

This will be my last President's Message because at the annual business meeting I withdrew from the nominating committee report and my Vice President will move up to President next year. I

will continue on the board as Past President, a voting member of the board. I have enjoyed being your President and plan to continue my service to the society; only now I can work on my own family genealogy and pursue those lost lines that I know are out there.

This issue has many educational and informative articles. You might discover the clue that you need to further your research. We can learn from one another. Do you have a story that you could submit for publication? We are always looking for material. Genealogy is an inclusive pursuit; we find family in our research and friends at our events.

Lawrence R. Kirkwood
President

Florida Pioneer Descendant born at the Annual Conference

Charles Michael Bostwick decided to make an early entrance at his first genealogy conference with his mother Dawn Bostwick. Although both mother and father (Charlie) live in Fernandina Beach, it may be difficult to explain to their new son that his birth took place in Panama City. Two months premature, he weighed in at 2 lbs. 9.3 oz. and was born around 10 am on Friday, November 11, the first day of the conference.

He is a sixth generation Floridian through his father, Charles Bostwick. Dawn and Charlie would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and prayers.

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Banner Parade

We would like to thank the Society Liaisons and Presidents who brought their banners to the 2005 conference in Panama City Beach. Leading the banner parade were Deanna Ramsey, carrying our FSGS banner, Warren Smith, Pioneer Chair, carrying our Pioneer banner, and Barbara Anderson, carrying the banner of our host society, Bay County Genealogical Society. Others participating in the banner parade were:

- ◆ Alachua County Genealogical Society, Inc.
- ◆ Amelia Island Genealogical Society
- ◆ Central Florida Genealogical Society, Inc.
- ◆ Florida Genealogical Society
- ◆ Imperial Polk Genealogical Society
- ◆ Indian River Genealogical Society
- ◆ Jacksonville Genealogical Society
- ◆ Genealogical Society of Greater Miami, Inc.
- ◆ Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County
- ◆ Genealogy Club of Osceola County
- ◆ Tallahassee Genealogical Society, Inc.

Gulf County Genealogical Society displayed a new banner at their table in the vender hall, but did not march in the parade. The attendance award went to the Tallahassee Genealogical Society, Inc. Many thanks to each of you and we are looking forward to an even bigger parade in 2006!

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Publications Sale!

FSGS Members receive a 10% discount on regular priced publications (does not include special sale items).

"Census" Department of the South, November, 1864: For Jacksonville, Fernandina and St. Augustine, Florida. Ordered by the Department of the South, Hilton Head, South Carolina, 2002, 8.5 x 11.5, paper, 270 pp; \$35.00. This is an excellent publication for anyone interested in research in Florida, particularly for Civil War era and African-American history.

The Florida Genealogist, Numbers 1-38, on microfiche - \$20.00 VERY LIMITED

PUBLICATIONS SPECIALS - The following three titles are now available for \$10 each while supplies last:

- ◆ *Delegates to the Saint Joseph Constitutional Convention 1838-1839* (originally \$25)
- ◆ *Names and Abstracts from the Acts of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, 1822-1845* (originally \$25)
- ◆ *The Florida Genealogist Index, Volume I-X* (originally \$26.50)

All publications are sent postpaid, 6% Florida sales tax applies to orders delivered to Florida addresses. If you would like to order a copy of one or more of the above publications, make your check payable to FSGS and mail your order to: Dan Spellman, Publications Chair, 2020 N. Atlantic Avenue, 617S, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931



2005 Conference Speakers (L-R) Melody Porter, Pam Cooper, Dean DeBolt, Deanna Ramsey, Bill Zehner, Gladys Paulin, Donna Moughty, Ann Staley, Ann Osisek

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FSGS Website Update

The FSGS website has a new look—and new features—intended to make it easier to use. The home page now presents timely information, while providing ready access to a wealth of material about FSGS as well as state society programs and activities.

Some of the sites other changes include: Easier navigation, Quick Links with drop down menus, an improved Officers Contact page that includes more ways of finding people and a redesign of Calendar of Events to access upcoming events by month and area of the state.

Be sure to visit www.flsgs.org to check out the new design. We welcome your comments and questions about the new site. Please let us know what you think by using the main "Contact Us" form accessible from the header of any page on the site or by sending e-mail to deannaramsey@comcast.net



Board Meeting

The Florida State Genealogical Society Board of Directors held a board meeting on 11 November 2005. The following motions were passed during the meeting:

- ◆ Deanna Ramsey was approved as Webmaster, replacing Drew Smith.
- ◆ Robert A. Steed was approved as By Laws Chair and Parliamentarian, replacing Drew Smith.
- ◆ Minutes were approved as amended.
- ◆ Board approved donation of 2 pencil sharpeners for the Florida Historical Society.
- ◆ Board approved the revised Budget for 2006.



Library Donations

New Books:

300 Years of Joseph Olin and His Descendants, Volume 1-2. Donated by the author, Warren G. Olin

Beginners and Intermediate Genealogical Workbook edited and compiled by Sylvia Fushman Nusinov, President Emerita Jewish Genealogical Society Palm Beach County, Inc.

The following books were donated by Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC:

- ◆ *Records of Walker County, Alabama*
- ◆ *Marriage and Death Notices from Alabama Newspapers & Family Records 1819-1890*
- ◆ *History of Fayette County, Alabama*
- ◆ *Marriages and Obituaries from Early Georgia Newspapers*
- ◆ *The Third or 1820 Land Lottery of Georgia*
- ◆ *Cities, Towns and Communities of Georgia, 1847-1962*
- ◆ *A Researcher's Library of Georgia History, Genealogy, and Records Sources (Volume 1)*



Celebrating 150 years!

Quoted from *The Society Report*, Fall 2005 by the Executive Director Nick Wynne.

“As part of the celebration of its sesquicentennial, the Society is seeking **descendants** of the original founders to invite to the 2006 Annual Meeting, May 24-27, 2006, at the Registry Resort in North Naples.”

This group of men represented the most prestigious and influential men in the state. Former governors, soon-to-be governors, senators and representatives, judges and ministers, planters and merchants, military leaders and doctors---they all came together because they valued Florida's history and heritage.

List of the Original Founders

- ◆ Antonio Alvarez
- ◆ Rev. E. Aubril
- ◆ Rev. D. J. Auld
- ◆ Dr. Abraham S. Baldwin

- ◆ Thomas Baltzell
 - ◆ John Beard
 - ◆ Rev W. W. Bours
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 - ◆ Ex-Governor Thomas Brown
 - ◆ James Burt
 - ◆ George Burt
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 - ◆ Orloff M. Dorman
 - ◆ Charles Dupont
 - ◆ George R. Fairbanks
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 - ◆ Kingsley B. Gibbs
 - ◆ George E. Hawes
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 - ◆ James Lancaster
 - ◆ Steven R. Mallory
 - ◆ William Marvin
 - ◆ Dr. P. B. Mauran
 - ◆ A. R. Maxwell
 - ◆ McQueen McIntosh
 - ◆ Rev. A. A. Miller
 - ◆ Jackson Morton
 - ◆ Ex-Governor William D. Moseley
 - ◆ Rev. J. H. Myers
 - ◆ Dr. John E. Peck
 - ◆ Madison Starke Perry
 - ◆ Benjamin A. Putman*
 - ◆ Rev. J. M. Quarterman
 - ◆ Thomas Randall
 - ◆ A. M. Reed
 - ◆ St. George Rogers
 - ◆ Rev. Bishop Rutledge
 - ◆ William H. Simmons
 - ◆ Buckingham Smith
 - ◆ Matteo Solana**
 - ◆ D. A. Spaulding
 - ◆ David S. Walker
 - ◆ John Lee Williams**
 - ◆ Benjamin D. Wright
 - ◆ David L. Yulee
- *Benjamin Putnam served as the first president of the society.
- **Three individuals are on the Florida State Genealogical Society pioneer list.



Public Relations News

My main job as the Public Relations Chair is to publish the *Liaison Newsletter*. The newsletter is published monthly and is delivered via email to your local society's liaison. The newsletter contains announcements from Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS) and from societies around the state. It may also contain news from the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) as well as current legislative actions.

Once received, Local Society Liaisons are responsible for forwarding the FSGS Liaison Newsletter to members of their society.

How Do I Submit an Announcement?

Simply contact your local society Liaison and provide them with the information.

What is a Liaison?

An individual who volunteers to act as a conduit between the local and state society by reporting:

- Upcoming Events
- Political Activities Of Importance To Genealogist
- Publications
- Announcements
- And Any News Deemed Important For All Florida Researchers.

Who is my Society's Liaison?

If you wish to find out who your society Liaison is, visit the FSGS web site at www.flsgs.org and click on the Florida Societies link.

How Do I Submit an Upcoming Event?

Upcoming events must be submitted to your local Liaison. They will in turn submit the event through the Calendar Event Submission form on the FSGS web site.

How do I Volunteer to Become a Liaison?

If your society does not have a Liaison contact your society president and tell them you wish to volunteer. Your society president will notify me via email.

Missed an Issue?

The Liaison Newsletter is posted on the FSGS web site. If you did not receive the current issue, simply go to www.flsgs.org and click on the

Publications link to access past issues. Issues of the past twelve months are kept online.

If you have any further comments or questions regarding the Liaison Newsletter please contact me via email at deannaramsey@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you!

Deanna D. Ramsey
Public Relations Chair
Florida State Genealogical Society



Conference Report

The 29th Annual Conference was held 11 - 12 November 2005 in Panama City Beach, Florida at the Bay Point Marriott Resort with about 150 people in attendance.

We would like to thank our featured speaker, Donna M. Moughty, who presented four (4) excellent and exciting lectures. Donna is a well-known genealogical instructor and lecturer and has taught at the National Institute on Genealogical Research and the Salt Lake Institute. She is a member of NGS, APG, and other local and international genealogical societies and is Treasurer of the Genealogical Speakers Guild.

We also want to thank speakers Pamela J. Cooper, Amy Larner Giroux, CGSM, CGLSM, James McSweeney, Ann Mohr Osisek, Gladys Friedman Paulin, CGSM, Melody Porter, Deanna D. Ramsey, and William Zehner, CGSM. They brought to the conference their knowledge and skills and provided the opportunity to participate in 19 lectures on a variety of topics. Dean DeBolt, lecturer, historian and author, provided a very delightful banquet presentation, which was enjoyed by all.

We had what we think was a first to happen at this year's conference - one of the attendees was blessed with a baby boy on opening day. Charles Michael Bostwick was born on 11 Nov 2005. Congratulations to Dawn and her husband.

Bay County Genealogical Society - Local Host

Special thanks to our local host Society, Bay County Genealogical Society. They, along with volunteers from other groups, gave so much of

their time and talents to make the conference enjoyable for all attendees.

Bay County Genealogy Society Committee Chairs:

Barbara Anderson – Chair, Local Host & Door Prizes

Berniece Loper – Chair, Hospitality

Bill Zehner – Co-Chair, Name Badges; Chair, Registration; Co-Chair, Signs & Properties

Holly Wellman – Co-Chair, Name Badges & Signs & Properties

Mary K. McGraw – Chair, Publicity

Judy Benet Bennett – Chair, Welcoming

Greg Morrison – Photographer

Volunteers from the following organizations:

Bay County Genealogy Society (BCGS)

Panama City Family History Center (PC-FHC)

Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC)

Bay County Historical Society (BCHS)

Tallahassee Genealogical Society (TGS)

- ◆ Karen Adams – BCGS
- ◆ Rita Adams – PC-FHC
- ◆ Pat Beach – BCGS
- ◆ Sandra Brown – BCGS
- ◆ Mary Ann Buswell – BCGS
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- ◆ Karen MacLauren – PC-FHC
- ◆ Bill Querengesser – BCGS
- ◆ Sally Rinehart – BCGS
- ◆ Rebecca Brown Saunders – BCHS
- ◆ Bonnie Shipp – BCGS
- ◆ Carol Spurlin – BCGS
- ◆ Robert A. Steed – TGS
- ◆ Marlene Womack – BCGS
- ◆ Bama Young – PC-FHC

Door Prize Donations

FSGS would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their support of our 29th Annual Conference. The support for door prizes was overwhelming; they just kept coming. If we missed listing anyone, we sincerely apologize. Please notify us and we will be sure to acknowledge your very generous donation.

Wolf's Head Books, P. O. Box 3705, St. Augustine, FL 32085 – Six Gift Certificates for 20% off of purchase

Boyd Publishing Company, P. O. Box 367, Milledgeville, GA 31059-0367 – *Missouri Pioneers of Pike County*

Elizabeth M. Doering, P. O. Box 1156, Largo, FL 33779 – *The Orphan Path: Journals of Horace Hallock 1819-1834*

Family Tree Magazine, Kim Hoodin, Circulation Manager, 4700 East Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, OH – 1-Year subscription

Genealogy Club of Osceola County, Anza Bast, 1720 Rachel Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744 – Family Tree Charts

Beverly Mount-Douds, Gulf County Genealogical Society, 460 Redfish, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 – *Lighthouse Keepers, Atlas of Florida* from F.S.U. Institute of Science & Public Affairs

Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Mary S. Chauncey, 927 Grace Terrace, Jacksonville, FL 32205 – *1895 State Census, Nassau County, Florida*

Donald Spencer, Camelot Publishing, P. O. Box 731138, Ormond Beach, FL 32173 – *Historic Plantations of Northeast Florida: A Pictorial Encyclopedia*

Cindy Hineman Davis, Vero Beach, FL – *The Photo Scribe: A Writing Guide, Turning Memories in Memoirs: A Handbook for Writing Lifestories, The Lifewriter's Memory Binder (2)*

Pam Cooper – *Genealogical Research Directory 1997, FGS Syllabus "On to Richmond" 1994*

Yesterday in Florida, P. O. Box 38546, Tallahassee, FL 32315 – *Yesterday in Florida* 3 Vols. Issues #1-19, *Yesterday in Florida* Vol. 20 # Winter 2005, *Yesterday in Florida* (1st Edition??)

Treasure Coast Genealogical Society, c/o Pat Giordano, 118 Queen Eugenia Ct., Ft. Pierce, FL 34949 – Free admission to a seminar given by DNA Expert, Megan Smolenyak on March 18 in Ft. Pierce

Ann Staley – *The Civil War: A Visual Encyclopedia, Lewis & Clark: Voices from the Trail, Ellis Island: Gateway to the American Dream, The Spirit of Seventy-Six*

Federation of Genealogical Societies – conference Bags - 3

Tennessee Valley Publishing, P. O. Box 52527, Knoxville, TN 37950-2527 – *Writing, Publishing and Marketing Your Family History* by Dwain L. Kitchel - 6 copies

Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD – *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army* by Francis Heitman, *Royal Families-Gov Thomas Dudley* by Marston Watson

Anonymous Donors – *Military Service Records: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications* (2 copies), *Clans & Tartan of Scotland, Unsolved Mysteries of American History, Witnessing America*, 1" Presentation Binder Spines, 3-hole 6-pocket folder from Office Depot, Memory Maker Family Tree Kit, Big Tab Insertable Storage Dividers, Big Tab Extra Wide Insertable Storage Dividers, Photograph holder, Pen and Pencil Set – 2, Christmas Candle and Santa Claus Candle Holder

Dorothy Allen – 5 Handmade purses with various Family Tree Maker CD-ROMs, Christmas Plate, Handmade basket

Barbara Winge – Book

Bay County Genealogical Society – T shirt, Purse notepad, Note cards, Picture frame

Jane Atchison – Gift basket

Ann Robbins – Assortment of Florida County Maps, Various Reproduction Maps

Rebecca Saunders – Arcadia Bay County Books

Judy Bennett – Books

FSGS Membership Application

Membership is open to Individuals, Institutions, Libraries and Societies. The membership year is from January 1st through December 31st. If renewal dues are not received by February 15th, the member shall be removed from the membership rolls. Genealogical Societies of Florida receive honorary memberships.

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- New
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 Institution, Library, out-of-state Society: \$25

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 606 Nelson Point Rd, Niceville FL 32578-4507

FSGS CALENDAR

31 January 2006	Deadline for articles for Spring issue of <i>The Florida Genealogist</i>
30 April 2006	Deadline for articles for Summer issue of <i>The Florida Genealogist</i>
31 July 2006	Deadline for articles for Fall issue of <i>The Florida Genealogist</i>
30 September 2006	Deadline for final copies of application, forms and any additional fees for Florida Pioneer Descendant certificates
31 October 2006	Deadline for articles for Winter issue of <i>The Florida Genealogist</i>



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