



# Wakulla County Historical Society Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2010 "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY"

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**WCHS  
BOARD  
MEETING  
FEBRUARY  
16, 6:00 P.M.  
AT THE  
MUSEUM**

Our monthly program presented by Rachelle Donaldson and Brad Chamberlain with The Civil War Civilians Society of Florida presented us with many interesting facts about how the soldiers and their families lived during the War Between the States. You will not want to miss the next opportunity you have to visit one of these re-enactments.

The February program entitled "**Wakulla Springs: Hub of Exploration**" to be held on **February 9, 7 p.m.** at the library, promises to be equally as interesting. Mrs. Betty has invited Parks Services Specialist Jeff Hugo to be with us. We will enjoy a PowerPoint tour of the Park, its history and some of the people involved in that history. Jeff will also touch on many state parks in this region offering more opportunities for discovery. With 2010 being the 75th anniversary of the Florida State Parks system, it is hoped our people will want to know more about the many values of OUR two-time gold medal winning State Parks. The public is encouraged to attend another informative WCHS program.



We would like to express our condolences to the family of Arlan Bowen our past Treasurer. We appreciate Arlan's dedication and devotion to the betterment of The Historical Society.



**Historic  
Preservation &  
Florida  
Communities  
Trust Grants**



Can you identify this man? If so, call Mrs. Betty Green



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***The Preservation  
of Wakulla County  
History  
"A Work In  
Progress"***

We have applied for a Historic Preservation Grant to complete the second phase of the restoration of the Old Jail now known as The Wakulla County Museum. Another grant is being submitted for The Heritage Village. We are excited and in hopes of seeing our projects supported so we can continue to preserve the history of Wakulla County.



**Upcoming  
Events For Fund  
Raising**

*We will be at the* following festivals and will need volunteers to help with all these events. Contact Carolyn Harvey.

❖ **Wildlife Heritage and Outdoors Festival held at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge this Saturday, February 6, 2010**

❖ **Valentine Festival Saturday, February 13, 2010 - Crawfordville**

❖ **Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival – Saturday, April 10, 2010**



**Spotlight on the  
Museum**

Mary Sampson, Museum Director, has big plans for our museum. The front entry will have a feature "Spotlight on History." Come by to see what we have on exhibit now.



**William Augustus  
Bowles**

The program presented on January 28, 2010 was well attended. Thank you to Madeleine Carr for continuing to bring us informative programs in conjunction with the William Augustus Bowles exhibit at San Marcos de Apalachee.

The historical society and the Florida Humanities Council sponsored this event as part of the William Augustus Bowles exhibit.



**Committee Reports:**

**Genealogy**

Carolyn Harvey, Committee Chair of the Genealogy Group, would like to invite you to join them for the next meeting on **Thursday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.**

“Using a Diary as a Source for your Genealogy Quest” is the theme of the Wakulla Genealogy Group. The guest speaker will be Sara Straub. Sara has been working on her genealogy for many years but in the last 10 she seriously has been doing her research on the surnames of Straub, Schroeder, Haas, Willi, Montefiore and Knapp. Come hear how she has taken a Diary that was written on a trip from London to Barbados, Jamaica and eventually to America. She will tell us about how she did this and more.

Bring a friend and meet Sara at the Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:30PM. For more information call Carolyn W. Harvey, 850-524-5334.

To receive tips called "About Genealogy Tip of the Day, and "The Weekly Discovery." Send your request to [46frog@gmail.com](mailto:46frog@gmail.com).



**Membership**

Tanya Lynn reports that there were no new members this month. She also stated that many people have not paid their dues. She asks that you do so as soon as possible. Contact Tanya at [tanyalynn165@gmail.com](mailto:tanyalynn165@gmail.com) for more information.



**Heritage Village Committee**

If you are interested in helping with the Heritage Village project, you can email Murray McLaughlin at [murmac@embarqmail.com](mailto:murmac@embarqmail.com).



**Cemetery Committee**

Taking care of our cemeteries is one of the best jobs in our society where no one will bother

you “as John likes to say.” If you would like to help John E. Roberts, you can contact him at [jeroberts@comcast.net](mailto:jeroberts@comcast.net).



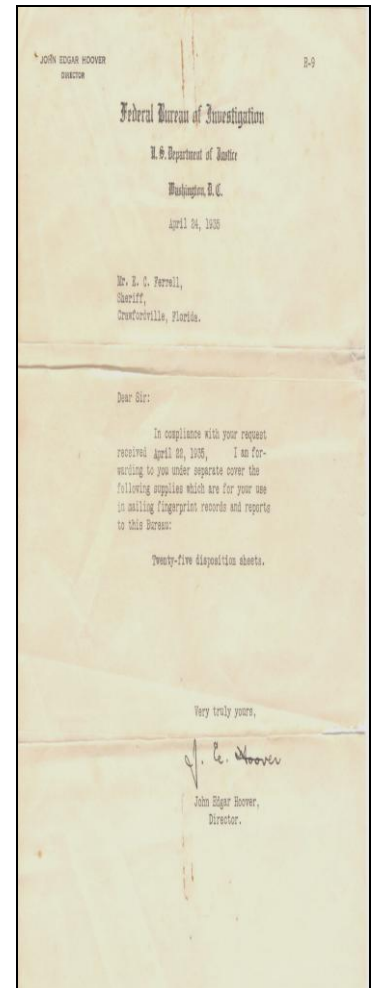
**Audio Visual Coordinator**

Great progress is being made toward coping videotapes of past Historical Society meetings to DVD's to archive and copy for sale at the Museum. Volunteers are still needed. You can contact Scott at [scottj@wakullalibrary.org](mailto:scottj@wakullalibrary.org).



**Historian**

Arlene Vause is working with Scott to preserve our past programs. She still seeks an assistant to help her with working on preservation of our documents at the museum.



**Michael Compton Donation of letter sent to E.C. Ferrell from J. Edgar Hoover See it at the museum.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



**Jim Calhoun & Alan  
Whitehead at  
Arbor Day**

We had another productive board meeting this past month and many exciting plans are being made for The Historical Society. I encourage you to find something you love to do and join one of our committees. We all love what we are doing and would love to have you working with us.

We appreciate Jim Calhoun providing a refrigerator for the Museum. Thanks to Mary Sampson for getting it ready for us to use.

As I always like to remind you, without all our volunteers and continued community support we would not be able to see our dreams of historic preservation for Wakulla County come true. THANK YOU!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting always on the second Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library.

*Cathy Gray Frank*  
President WCHS



**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT FROM GENEALOGY**

Tallahassee Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar March 13, 2010 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker will be Lloyd Bockstruck, author, staff writer for Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and recently retired as Supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Texas Public Library System since 1973 and for seventeen years he wrote a weekly genealogy column in the Dallas Morning News.

Topics Include:

Colonial Migrations, Church Records, Pitfalls, and How to find the Maiden Names of Females Location – St. John's Episcopal Church Alfriend Hall, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL (Entrance to Alfriend Hall is located at the corner of Call and Calhoun)

For additional information contact Carolyn Harvey at 850-524-5334.

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***“Visit the Museum on Thursday's from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. You can contact Mary Sampson, Museum Director at [msampson26@comcast.net](mailto:msampson26@comcast.net) if you need any assistance or would like to visit the museum. ”***

***Museum Telephone Number 850-926-1110***

***We're on the web at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flwchs/>***