

Baker Block Museum
North Okaloosa Historical Association
Newsletter

Svea, FL 1918

Hope McDonald, Tommie Simon

Canoe Community, Church, ca 1920

Pyron Chapel Community, 1915

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August 2012	61,920	8,968
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Surnames and Places
- ◆ **Learn to use the PALMM Research on line; it is wonderful!**



It isn't something for nothing!!

The museum maintains a selection of small items made in Okaloosa County. They make great hostess gifts, helpful additions to your genealogy collection, party favors or stocking stuffers. Stop inside and check them out. Proceeds help us maintain the collections and exhibits throughout the museum.



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It's that time again!
Saturday, 3 November 2012

North Okaloosa Historical Association's

Annual Heritage Festival

9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Entertainment by
Sandyland Bluegrass
and others...

Intersection of
Hwy 189 & Route 4
Baker, FL 32531



- ◇ Flint Knappers
- ◇ **Tri County Beekeepers Association**
- ◇ Blacksmithing
- ◇ Florida Forest Service with forestry display and Smokey the Bear
- ◇ Crocheting
- ◇ **Santa Rosa County Creek Indian Tribe** with Weaving
 Beading
 Flute playing
- ◇ Pine Needle Baskets
- ◇ Barney Fife Look-a-like
- ◇ Bullwhip Maker
- ◇ Corn Shuck Dolls
- ◇ Turpentine & Timber Tools Display
- ◇ **Alger Sullivan Historical Society** with historical display and books
- ◇ **Florida Fish & Wildlife Exhibit** (new this year)

- ◇ **Brooks Farms** produce
- ◇ Vendors with items for sale
- ◇ Watercolors, Acrylics
Guitars
- ◇ Repurposed Horseshoes
- ◇ Canes, Gourds, Jewelry,
- ◇ Fried Pork Skins
- ◇ Goat Milk Soap
- ◇ Old Coins
- ◇ Homemade Baked Goods
- ◇ Ceramics
- ◇ Kettlekorn.

Florida Public Archaeology Network

They ask that you **bring artifacts for identification** (not antiques but more like things you've dug up or found in the forest)



The Florida Public Archaeology Network is dedicated to the protection of cultural resources, both on land and underwater, and to involving the public in the study of their past. Regional centers around Florida serve as clearinghouses for information, institutions for learning and training, and headquarters for public participation in archaeology.

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Back to School For all students

Activity Handouts and Quizzes:

The booklet packet contains "A History of Florida and Okaloosa County" narrative; Handouts include: blank maps, class and individual activities and pop quizzes based on the biographies and subjects which are also in the packet.

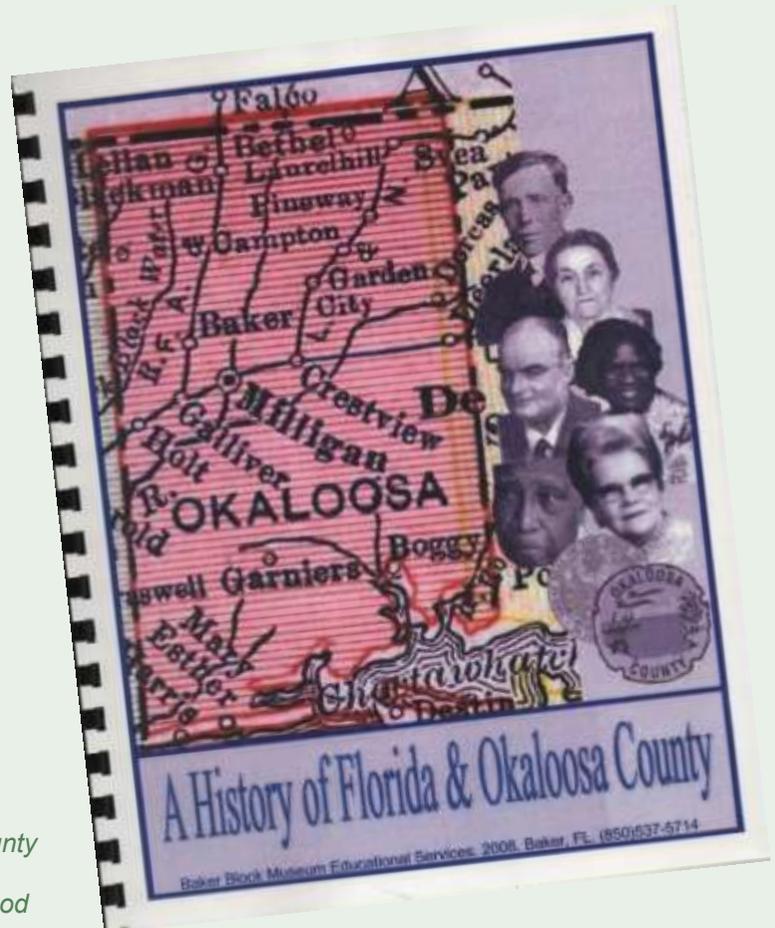
Booklet Chapters are:

Geography, Land and Climate
Florida's Early Residents
Territorial Florida
The Area Begins to Change
The Florida Flag
The Florida State Seal
The Civil War in the Area
Industry and Agriculture in Florida (Making Cane Syrup)
Okaloosa Becomes a County
Okaloosa County Government
Okaloosa's Early Developers
(Gristmills in Northwest Florida & Railroads)
Word War II and Beyond

Student Activities:

"Load the Train Car" - Naval Stores
"Secret Code" - Creation of Okaloosa County
"Bi-plane to Jet" - Concept of Change
"Jackson Trail Crossword" - Early Statehood

- These materials were developed to meet **Sunshine State Standards**, Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies.
- Electronic technology has been employed to assist teachers and students in the learning environment.
- Not all items can be downloaded; some appear only in the book packet available from the museum Library.
- We ask that you leave the footer on each page you download.



The following [highlighted items can be download](#) from our site at bakerblocmuseum.org - - - -
go to [Educational Services](#) on the right panel of homepage and click on [Florida History Curriculum](#).

Okaloosa County Biographies. These topics build upon the students personal sense of change and history and encourage critical thinking, problem-solving and inquiry into history, culture and change.

- * Agnes Gerlach (Camp Walton)
- * W.H. Mapoles (Founder of Okaloosa County)
- * Caroline Baker Allen (Educator; Public Figure, Crestview)
- * Gladys Milton (Midwife)
- * Addie R. Lewis (Educator, Valparaiso)
- * Mayme Tyner (Pioneer Family)
- * Samuel H. Hayes (City Council; Military; Educator)
- * William Lee Walton (Entrepreneur and Family man, Niceville)
- * Agnes Hall (Florosa, FL)
- * Pearl Tyner (Business woman; Philanthropist, Laurel Hill)

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Local Poley Surnames:

- ◇ Brent
- ◇ Dean
- ◇ Foster
- ◇ George
- ◇ Grissett
- ◇ Hickey
- ◇ Martin
- ◇ McDavid
- ◇ McGee
- ◇ Mizell
- ◇ Parker
- ◇ Shepherd
- ◇ Stringfellow
- ◇ Wilson

In the 1800s Poley, AL. was known as "Sand Flats"

It was a small logging camp near the AL/FL line in present-day Covington Co. AL. Sand flats was a reference to a wide sandy place in a creek nearby. Originally logs were cut and moved using a pond and ditches to float the logs (nicknamed "poles" by the lumber men) to market. Once the railroad came through that changed, of course. Local records note that this logging camp morphed into what is now Opp, AL.

Read all the details in **THE OPP NEWS, Bicentennial Edition 1976.** A copy is on life in the microfilm section of our museum. There are also photos.

Associated with Poley, AL

- ◇ Old Shepherd Home
- ◇ Valley Grove Community
- ◇ Charlie Stringfellow Farm
- ◇ Miller-Brent Lumber Company
- ◇ Jackson Timber Company
- ◇ L & N Railroad
- ◇ Lightwood Knot Creek
- ◇ Pine Level Community
- ◇ Confederate Salt Works
- ◇ Green Bay Community
- ◇ Micholas Cotton Mills
- ◇ Andalusia (aka Montezuma)

*Have you discovered
these records?!*



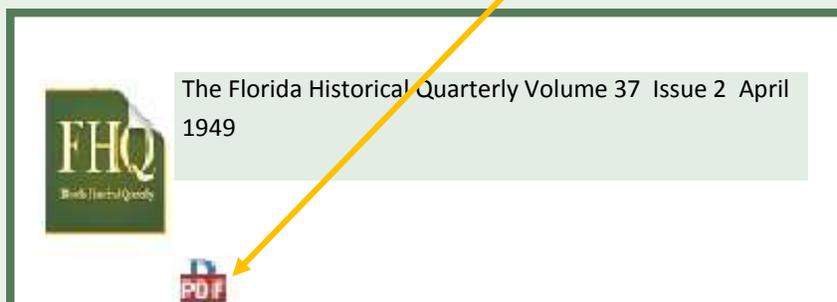
Type this e-address into your search engine.

<http://palmm.fcla.edu>

- ◆ On this page click on the right side of the page in the red box "SEARCH PALMM"
- ◆ Type in a word or phrase (for example, "Okaloosa"), then click on "GO". The page that comes up will show that there are 146 records available for you to browse.
- ◆ Most of the records will have a tiny icon you can click on to go to the reference. METS or FA or PDF (see below)

The PDF files are my favorite because I can search individual words within the document instead of having to scroll through every page. Look for that option in the left column once you open the record it says,

Find a Word in the current - it is the last line on the page. After you click look for the small window waiting for you to type the word, then hit the  button. Wha Laa!



*"If we don't preserve the history and culture of our families and community heroes,
who will?"*