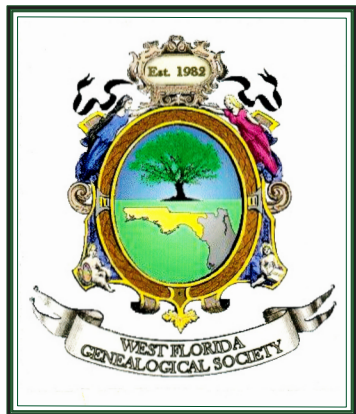




West Florida Genealogical Society 2026 Conference

with
Pam Vestal

Virtual via Zoom

March 14, 2026

Saturday

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Early Registration Begins October 1, 2025

WFGS Members \$20.00

Non-Members \$25.00

No refund after March 9, 2026

- Registration is by mail or at the West Florida Genealogical website at: www.wfgs.org
- **Registration closes March 9.**
- This program is recommended for adults interested in genealogy and ancestry.

Schedule

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Virtual Doors Open (no logins after 9:45 a.m.)
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction / First door prize awarded
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Teasing Out the Story Hidden Behind the Genealogical Facts</i>
11:10 – 12:10 p.m.	<i>Why They Left, Where They Went, and What Their Journeys Can Reveal</i>
12:10 – 12:30 p.m.	Door Prizes (4)—Must be present online to win

Times subject to change due to extenuating circumstance.

Featured Presentations

Teasing Out the Story Hidden Behind the Genealogical Facts

One of the biggest challenges we face when writing family histories is how to turn the bare facts into tales worthy of being read, but our ancestors were real people, not just names, dates and places. We'll explore four different approaches that can help us to understand them in the context of the time and place in which they lived, and to look for unexpected clues in the information we've already gathered. By digging deeply into the genealogical details, we can bring our ancestors' stories to life.

Why They Left, Where They Went, and What Their Journeys Can Reveal

Why did our ancestors leave their homes? Why did they settle where they did? Using unexpected records, social history, the law, and more, we'll discover the secrets our ancestors' migrations can reveal as we track them from place to place, across the ocean, across the country, even across town!

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Pam Vestal specializes in conducting extensive family history research and then turning the genealogical facts into illustrated stories than anyone can enjoy. After a 20-year career as a professional writer, Pam turned her full attention to her longtime love of genealogy. Since then, her articles have appeared in the *National Genealogy Society Magazine*, the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, and the *Federation of Genealogical Society's Forum* magazine. As a national speaker, her lectures have taken her all over the United States.

Early Bird Special Drawing—All who register and pay for the Conference by Tuesday, December 30, 2025, will be eligible for a special drawing. Two free memberships will be awarded. If membership dues for 2026 have been paid, they will be refunded OR applied to the 2027 membership. The drawing will take place at the January 3 WFGS meeting.

Registration Form

Early Registration starts October 1, 2025

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Address (City, State, & Zip): _____

Register Before March 9

WFGS Members: \$20.00 each x # of Persons Attending _____ = \$ _____

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Register by Mail: Make a check payable to West Florida Genealogical Society and mail to—
Treasurer WFGS; P.O. Box 10217; Pensacola, FL 32524-0217

Register on-line: www.wfgs.org

Please include the correct email address.

The handouts, the Zoom link, and password will be emailed the day before the conference.