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January meeting is changed to January 20th
due to Library being closed 13th for MKL holiday.

Baldwin County Genealogical Society Presents

GAYLE UNDERWOOD

'Burial of the dead of Battle of Gettysburg both Union and Confederate'

January 20th, 2018 ~ 10 a.m. Meeting Room, Foley Public Library

Back by popular demand, **Gayle Underwood**, a retired Pensacola history teacher and Gettysburg Shriver House Museum tour guide, will discuss "*Burial of the Dead after the Battle of Gettysburg, both Union and Confederate*" on **January 20th, 2018 beginning at 10 a.m.** As a living historian, Gayle splits her time between her home in Pensacola, Florida, and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where she is a museum guide for the historic Gettysburg Shriver House.

In the days following the Battle of Gettysburg, Union and Confederate soldiers were buried near where they fell, some by comrades, most by burial crews in the week after the battle. But later Union soldiers were removed from the battlefield. *Where were the more than 3,500 Union dead buried? Where are the Confederate dead buried? Are there still bodies in the battlefields that have not been found?* These questions may be answered in the program Gayle will provide with an interesting, informative insight into the burial of the dead in Battle of Gettysburg's aftermath, and the birth of the Gettysburg National Cemetery in a program you won't want to miss.

All meetings are open to interested public

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REFRESHMENT HOSTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Please, pick a month the signup sheet at meeting. Simple refreshment to accompany the provided drink and coffee.

January 13th ?, 2018 Peg Powers and Mary Adams ~ February 10th ? ~ March 10th ? ~ April 14th ? ~
May 12th ? ~ June 9th ?



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Discover! An Adventure for Learning in Retirement

Welcome...

January 16,23, & 30 2018

1:30 -3:00 pm

Gulf Shores Cultural Center

Your Family Tree:

Who, What, When & Where...

Are you interested in starting a genealogical search, or are you in the early stages of family research?

This course is for you. Topics include:

1. How do I start my family tree? And even if I have started, what am I missing?
2. To prove or disprove - document, document, document – and how to do just that!
3. Genealogy and world wide web - How do I utilize this crazy search engine?

About the Instructor

Jeanette Bornholt is the Genealogy & Alabama History Division Head at Foley Public Library. She has been conducting family research for over forty-five years. She is an active member of the Baldwin County Genealogical Society . She is an experienced and engaging instructor who always seeks to make family research fun as well as factual!

Course Registration Fee: \$35/person

Register by: Monday, January 15, 2018

To register or for information:

By telephone - 251-460-7200

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Baldwin County, Alabama, Beats and Precincts

Webster's dictionary defines "beat 9) a: an administrative subdivisions of a county Alabama or Mississippi — also called *supervisor district*; b: an election precinct in Alabama or Mississippi." Precinct is defined as "c: a subdivision of a county, town, city or word for election purposes — called also *election district*."

In doing census research, it is vital to confirm states, counties and enumeration locations in confirming the family you are seeking is your family line. The following has been transcribed or is a facsimile from Baldwin County newspapers as dated; *The Onlooker* in Foley, and *The Baldwin Times* in the county seat of Bay Minette, Alabama. (from the *Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections, Foley Public Library*)

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county, state of Alabama, to be at the place of holding elections in each precinct in the said county of Baldwin on the first Monday in August, 1910, to-wit:

Precinct No. 1, Box No. 1, Montgomery Hill—Inspectors, A. B. Blair, Geo. McGowan and Harry Davis; returning officer, Thomas H. Doyle.

Precinct No. 1, Box 2, Moore's Distillery—Inspectors, W. J. Tolin, Joseph Myles and H. C. Staples; returning officer, M. H. Bass.

Precinct No. 2, Stockton—Inspectors, L. R. Woolf, Robert F. Smith Jr. and R. B. McMillan; returning officer, P. A. Bryant.

Precinct No. 4, Box No. 1, Bayminette—Inspectors, Joseph Fennear, Sam Page and Abe Whitus; returning officer, William R. Corley.

Precinct No. 4, Box No. 2, Hurricane Bayou—Inspectors, S. W. Davis, G. W. Durant and D. T. Murphy; returning officer, C. H. Carpenter.

Precinct No. 3, Perdido Station—Inspector, Jason Hubbard, C. R. Weekly and G. G. Parker; returning officer, James M. Voltz.

Precinct No. 5, Box No. 1, Holman's—Inspectors, Thomas J. Holman, D. G. McNeill and R. O. Townley; returning officer, A. A. Leonard.

Precinct No. 5, Box No. 2, Gateswood—Inspectors, J. L. Waters, S. Z. Bellah and E. L. Jones; returning officer, Emanuel Waters.

Precinct No. 6, Box No. 1, Shiley's Mill—Inspectors, B. C. Taylor, I. I. Ward and W. T. Davison; returning officer, John Harley.

Precinct No. 6, Box No. 2, at H. J. Duck's—Inspectors, A. D. Duck, P. F. Brady and L. B. Weekly; returning officer, R. F. Duck.

Precinct No. 7, Court House—Inspectors, I. F. Nixon; John P. Griggby and H. J. Burroughs; returning officer, Sheriff.

Precinct No. 8, Box No. 1, Dannelly's Mills—Inspectors, P. J. Cooney, W. V. Street and Geo. Mason; returning officer, John H. Underwood.

Precinct No. 8, Box No. 2, Battles Wharf—Inspectors, Jesse Miller, Jr., George Bryant and Martha Lowell; returning officer, J. B. Baldwin.

Precinct No. 9, Box 1, Live Oak Springs—Inspectors, J. B. Brusson, S. P. Paterson and E. B. Malone; returning officer, D. T. Boyington.

Precinct No. 9, Box No. 2, Ruston—Inspectors, N. R. Lewis, Alexis Brill and W. O. C. Roberson; returning officer, H. M. Cooper.

Precinct No. 10, Box No. 1, Helton's—Inspectors, S. D. Gaur, W. H. Roberts and J. W. Brunson; returning officer, J. G. Hudley.

Precinct No. 10, Box No. 2, Emanuel French—Inspectors, J. P. Lipscomb, Owen Roberts, Jr. and H. T. Helton; returning officer, Wm Weekes.

Precinct No. 11, Box No. 1, Bonsecour—Inspectors, Wm M. Lovelady, B. W. Childress and Geo. W. Enteklat; returning officer, E. G. Calloway.

Precinct No. 11, Box No. 2, Shell Banks—Inspectors, Joseph Thornton, Jr., J. C. Nelson and J. D. Nelson; returning officer, J. J. Childress.

Precinct No. 12, Box No. 1, Camp Powell—Inspectors, Henry Lewis, G. R. Suarez and Gus Crosby; returning officer, W. T. Kee.

Precinct No. 12, Box No. 2, Robert's—Inspectors, W. T. King, C. H. Dannelly and L. Walker; returning officer, David Staples.

The Onlooker, June 30, 1910

The board of Registrars will be in Beat 3 at the Stockton box on July 20, 1910, Beat no 4 at Bay Minette on July 21

4. Carpenters, July 2
6. Stapleton, July 23
6. Ducks, July 25
7. Gateswood, July 26
7. Holmans, July 27
12. Seminole, July 27
12. Lillian, July 29-30
13. Elberta, Aug 2
14. Foley, Aug 3
11. Summerdale, Aug 4.
9. Robertsdale, Aug 5
9. Loxley, Aug 6
3. Deans, Aug 15
5. Perdido Sta., Aug 16
5. Lottie, Aug 17
1. Blacksher, Aug 18
2. Tensaw, Aug 19
2. Latham, on Aug 20
8. Daphne, on Aug 29
10. Fairhope, Aug 30
10. Point Clear, on Aug 31
11. Marlow, Sept 1
14. Magnolia Spgs., Sept 2
15. Swift's Store, Sept 3
15. Shell Banks, Sept 5

Precincts listed in 1910

- Precinct 1 Blackshear
- Precinct 2 Montgomery Hill and Latham
- Precinct 3 Stockton and Deans
- Precinct 4 Bay Minette
- Precinct 5 Perdido and Lottie
- Precinct 6 Stapleton and Ducks
- Precinct 7 Holman and Gateswood
- Precinct 8 Daphne
- Precinct 9 Loxley and Fairhope
- Precinct 10 Fairhope and Zundel's
- Precinct 11 Summerdale and Marlow
- Precinct 12 Seminole and Lillian
- Precinct 13 Elberta and Josephine
- Precinct 14 Foley and Magnolia Springs
- Precinct 15 Bonsecour and Palmetto Beach with Fort Morgan

The Onlooker, December, 1919

In accordance with provision of Section 15, of an Act "To provide for the Registration of Electors" enacted by the Legislature of 1915, as amended by the legislature of 1919, the Registrar of the county of Baldwin, Alabama, does hereby give notice that the following appointments are set for the purpose of registering those qualified under the law to register as electors:

- Precinct no. 1 at BlacksherDec 10th, 1919
 - Precinct no 2 at TensawDec 9th, 1919
 - Precinct no 2 at Latham.....Dec 8th, 1919
 - Precinct no 3 at Stockton..... Dec 5th, 1919
 - Precinct no 3 at Deans..... Dec 4th, 1919
 - Precinct no 5 at Perdido.....Dec 11th, 1919
 - Precinct no 6 at Stapleton.....Dec 24th, 1919
 - Precinct no 7 at Gateswood.....Dec 25th, 1919
 - Precinct no 7 at Holmans.....Dec 31st, 1919
 - Precinct no 8 at Daphne....Dec 6th & 27th, 1919
 - Precinct no 9 at Loxley.....Dec 13th, 1919
 - Precinct no 9 Robertsdale Dec 16th 22nd, 1919
 - Precinct no 10 at Fairhope Dec 16th, 22nd, 1919
 - Precinct no 11 Summerdale.....Dec 12th, 1919
 - Precinct no 12 at Lillian.....Dec 18th, 1919
 - Precinct no 13 at Elberta.....Dec 17th, 1919
 - Precinct no 13 at Josephine.....Dec 30th, 1919
 - Precinct no 14 at Foley...Dec 20th & 23rd, 1919
 - Precinct no 14 Magnolia Spgs.Dec 19th, 1919
 - Precinct no 15 at Bon Secour....Dec 29th, 1919
- At Court House Jan 1st to Jan 5th, 1920

ABNER J. Smith, Registrar for Baldwin County. Parties who will become twenty-one years old before the next general election are entitled to register. No one can register except in his own precinct and at the Court House.

Baldwin County, Alabama, Beats and Precincts continued:

The Onlooker Jan 22 1920

APPOINTED REGISTRARS OF VITAL STATISTICS OF BALDWIN COUNTY

- Registrar of Vital Statistics of Baldwin County, appointed by State Board of Health.
- Precinct No. 1--R. P. Darte, Blackshear.
- Precinct 2--J. B. Tenaw.
- Precinct 3--Geo. Haskew, Stockton.
- Precinct 4--R. M. Hearn, Bay Minette.
- Precinct 5--J. A. Shivers, Perdido.
- Precinct 6--H. A. Ormsby, Stapleton.
- Precinct 7--S. M. Watas, Gatewood.
- Precinct 8--B. L. Randall, Daphne.
- Precinct 9--A. J. Aubert, Robertsdale.
- Precinct 10--J. P. Powell, Fairhope.
- Precinct 11--S. A. Scott, Summerdale.
- Precinct 12--M. F. Villar, Elberta.
- Precinct 13--J. B. McGraw, Milledgeville and Robt. J. Milder, Elberta.
- Precinct 14--Chas. Lonot, Magnolia Springs.
- Precinct 15--J. B. Childress, Bon Secour.

Note--Births and deaths occurring in precinct for which no registrar has yet been appointed should be reported to the nearest registrar.

The Onlooker, January 17, 1924

Registration Notice

At Court House from January 21st to January 31st, 1924, inclusive

- Precinct no 5 at Perdido, Feb 1st, 1924
- Precinct no 4 at Bay Minette Feb 2nd, 1924
- Precinct no 14 at Foley Feb 4th, 1924
- Precinct no 15 at Bon Secour Feb 5th, 1924
- Precinct no 13 at Lillian Feb 6th, 1924
- Precinct no 13 at Elberta Feb 7th, 1924
- Precinct no 4 Bay Minette Feb 8th & 9th, 1924
- Precinct no 10 Point Clear Feb 18th, 1924
- Precinct no 10 Fairhope Feb 19th & 20th, 1924
- Precinct no 7 Gateswood Feb 22nd, 1924
- Precinct no 1 Myles & Earles Store Feb 15th, 1924
- Precinct no 2 Tensaw & Latham. Feb 26th, 1924
- Precinct no 3 Stockton Feb 27th, 1924
- Precinct no 14 Foley Mar 3rd, 1924
- Precinct no 14 Magnolia Spgs Mar 4th, 1924

From March 5th to March 11th, 1924, inclusive at the Court House.

J.W. Lea, chairman

W H. Hawkins

Chas. Lenoir Registrars, Baldwin County

Change 1940 census

State Alabama Incorporated place Elberta Ward of city Elberta Valuation of place Elberta

County Baldwin Township or other division of county Precinct 13 Block No. 1 Enumeration 1

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE--BUREAU OF THE CENSUS SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES POPULATION SCHEDULE

APRIL 1, 1940

AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	MOTHERS MARRIAGE	RELATION	RACE	SINGLE	MARRIED	DIVORCED	WIDOWED	UNMARRIED	MARRIAGE		MARRIAGE		MARRIAGE		MARRIAGE		MARRIAGE		
											DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	
1	M			Husband	White						1900	Alabama									
2	F			Wife	White						1900	Alabama									

filled and of the candidates therefor *John Dennis*

1896 **HOW TO PREPARE BALLOTS** *Josephine*

SEC. 32. On receiving the ballot the elector shall forthwith and without leaving the polling, retire alone to one of the booths or compartments provided for that purpose, and there prepare his ballot by marking with pen and ink or pencil, in the appropriate margin or place, a cross mark (X) before the name of the candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, or by filling in the name of the candidate of his choice in the blank space provided therefor, and by marking a cross mark (X) before the answer he desires, in case of constitutional amendment or other questions submitted to a vote of the people.

SEC. 41. Be it further enacted, That after preparing his ballot the elector shall fold the same so as to conceal the face thereof and show the stub thereto attached with the name or initials of the inspector and hand it to the relieving inspector, who shall, after detaching the stub, deposit the ballot in the box in the manner now prescribed by law.

HOW TO OBTAIN NEW BALLOT.

SEC. 40. Be it further enacted, That any elector who shall, by accident or mistake, spoil a ballot so that he cannot conveniently or safely vote the same, may return it to the inspectors and receive another in lieu thereof. In no case shall any person be permitted to carry a ballot outside of the polling room.

PENALTIES.

SEC. 37. Be it further enacted, That any person who willfully, during or before an election, removes, tears down, or destroys or defaces any booth or compartment, or any convenience provided for the purpose of enabling the elector to prepare his ballot, or any card printed for the instruction of electors, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ten or more than five hundred dollars.

SEC. 38. Be it further enacted, That any person making a false declaration under the provisions of Sec. 33 or 34 shall be guilty of a felony, and in conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than one or more than five years.

SEC. 43. Be it further enacted, That any elector who shall, except as herein provided, allow his ballot to be seen by any person, or who shall, take or remove, or add, or place or mark upon his ballot by which it may be identified, or any person who shall interfere with any election when inside the polling place, or when marking his ballot, or unduly influence, or attempt to unduly influence, any elector in the preparation of his ballot, or any elector who shall remain longer than the specified time allowed by this act in the booth or compartment, after being notified that his time had expired, who shall endeavor to induce any elector to show how he marks, or has marked his ballot, or aids, or attempts to aid, any elector by means of any mechanical device, or any other means whatever in marking his ballot, or shall print or procure to be printed, or have in his possession any copy of the ballot prepared to be voted, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined not less than ten or more than one hundred dollars, and any ballot marked by the elector for identification shall be rejected.

Extracts from Alabama Election Law. Approved Feb. 21, 1893.

BAR PILOTS

Mobile Bar Pilots Association: “The first permanent Mobile Bar Pilot was appointed by the King of France in the year 1711. Pilots have navigated ships over the Mobile (sand) Bar ever since. Shortly after Mobile was occupied by American troops during the War of 1812, their first American pilots were licensed. These men lived at a community located on **Navy Cove** known as **Pilot Town**. At first, the pilots worked independent of each other. They maintained a lookout, scanning the horizon for ships. When a sail was spotted the pilots would race each other to the ship. The pilot with the fastest boat won the job. Once on board, the pilot would navigate the ship over the Mobile Bar to a position four miles northwest of Mobile Point known as Lower Fleet Anchorage. The anchorage had to be used because the mouth of the Mobile River was too shallow for ocean-going ships. At the anchorage, the ships would transfer cargo to or from small light draft vessels that could transit the upper bay.”

Simon Causott, a resident of Massacre Island was appointed by the King of France as the first permanent pilot to safely navigate ships across the sand bar at the bay’s entrance. Historian Doris Rich writes “**Samuel Carr** was as first pilot under the English about 1760. An account of the now famous pilot races was witnessed in 1813 from a lookout at the village of Nave Cove or on a ladder-equipped giant oak at Mobile Point. Rich states after Mobile became an American city in 1813 and took charge of pilotage on the bay and outer bar were first pilots to qualify, **James Rooney** and **Richard Dailey**.”

As early as 1820s, bar pilots had established a community at Navy Cove where they built homes literally on the beach and made their living. In 1833, there were six licensed pilots on the Mobile Bar, **Harvey Curtis, James Giles, Andrew Dorgan, John Dorgan, Robert Bruce** and **Lima Dunmore** were licensed pilots of Mobile Bar.

In 1842, Outer Bay pilots were **Andrew Dorgan, Robert Bruce, John Dorgan, Thomas P Downer, Henry Hardy, Richard Nixon, James Needham**. For the Upper Bar were **Richard St. John** and **P. McKibbon**. Competitive pilots proved problematic and decided in order to improve their service, a boat need to be stationed at the sea buoy instead of Pilot Town. In 1843 four pilots found a solution, formed a consortium, purchased a boat, and took turns with the jobs.

Captain Wm. T. Norville left Baltimore on the pilot boat “Relief”, came to Mobile when he was 14 years of age. He remained a member of the Crew and was made a pilot as soon as he reached majority. He lived at Navy Cove and Mobile raising three daughters and four sons, two of whom followed him in his career on Mobile Bar. Norville was a pilot in Mobile bay and bar for more than forty years.

Martin Freeman, who received the Medal of Honor, was ‘pressed’ into service with the Union fleet and became the pilot aboard the U.S. flagship ‘Hartford’ as a bar pilot for Farragut. Freeman was commended for being cool and brave during action as he was in the main top piloting the ship in the bay.

According to his descendant Edward O. Wilson, **William Christopher Wilson**, called Black Bill by his friends, was one of the founding members of the Mobile Bar Pilots Association, a guild still in operation today, Wilson moved his family to Navy Cove, on Fort Morgan Peninsula where the sails of approaching merchantmen could first be sighted on the Alabama coast as they approached across the open Gulf of Mexico. Historian Doris Rich writes, ... during the War Between the States, “Wilson was captured at Fort Morgan and sent to a New York prison after he turned down an offer of \$50,000, a home on the Hudson and transportation for his family if he would pilot the Union fleet into Mobile Bay.” He survived prison and returned to his family in Pilot Town.

In 1850 Federal Census for Alabama, Baldwin County, Pilot Town: some of families listed with head of household occupation as Pilot are: **Frederick Smith, Charles A. Hobday, James W. Allen, Henry Coster, James Coyle, Andrew and Edward Dorgan, Charles Wallace, Samuel Wilson, John Calip, Robert May**.

1860 Federal Census, Alabama, Baldwin County, some families listed with head of household occupation as Lower Bar Pilot: **William Lee, Samuel Wilson, William Johnson, Charles Johnson, Andrew Dorgan, William C. Wilson, Frederick Smith, Robert Moore, William Norville, Edward Dorgan, Charles Wallace**.

In 1906, a hurricane destroyed Pilot Town with loss of lives and property, and it was never rebuilt. In 1997 the Mobile Bar Pilot Association was absorbed in Mobile Bar Pilots. LLC , nature of business “piloting vessels over Mobile Bar and in Mobile Bay.” Descendant of one the original family of bar pilots, **John “Sonny” Dorgan** has said “Pilot Town is one of Alabama’s most significant historical sites.”

Sources: Mobile Bar Pilots Association; “Naturalist” by Edward O. Wilson, pg 65; Historian Doris Rich’s Bar Pilots History File; Alabama Official and Statistical Register 1907 compiled by Thomas M. Owen; Press-Register ‘Pilot Town went from ‘Garden of Eden’ to ‘Armageddon,’ Joey Bunch, staff reporter; Foley Public Library’s Baldwin County History Files ‘Bar Pilots’; Baldwin County History Files ‘Navy Cove-Pilot Town.’