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Baldwin County Genealogical Society Presents



**Kristina Clever**

**“What’s New in DNA for Genealogists”  
Saturday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting Room Foley Public Library**

Professional genealogist and DNA expert Kristina Clever will explain the newest tools and how they can help family historians understand their relationships as DNA, the go-to tool for breaking through genealogical brick walls. The major testing companies are rolling out advancements to help users make the most of their connections.

The July meeting of the Baldwin County Genealogical Society (BCGS) will focus on those advancements. Clever has been using DNA testing since 2006 to solve mysteries in her own family tree, as well as finding the birth families for numerous clients.

Prior to the meeting, visitors and members are invited to visit the BCGS Facebook page and post their questions about DNA tools. Kristina will review the questions and answer them during her presentation.

The presentation is part of the program at the society's monthly meeting at the Foley Public Library. Meetings are free and open to the public. Following the presentation, guests are invited to join society members for light refreshments and discussion of research tips and brick walls.

Website: <http://www.baldwingenealogy.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/407785593137476/>

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO INTERESTED PUBLIC**

## **BCGS Officers 2019-2020**

**President ----- Tina Graham      Vice President ----- Auriett Lindsey**  
**Secretary ----- Peg Power      Treasurer ----- May Alanko**  
**Corresponding Secretary ----- Dot Brown**

**Board Members Expiring 2020: Kristina Clever and Maureen Lee**

**Board Members Expiring 2021: Virginia Shelby and Melanie O'Donell**

**Alternate Board Members: Mike Glass and Joe Webb**

**Yore Lore Editor ---- Jeanette Bornholt**

**Yore Lore Chair ----Don Ouelette**

**Membership Chair ---- Maureen Lee**

**Photographer --- Lennie Harris**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Thurs, July 11 at 2 p.m. Meeting Room: Foley Public Library** presents *Understanding Robert E. Lee*, program presented by David C. Lambert, graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, DC; served as Marine Corps officer during Operation Desert Storm; is a lifelong Civil War student and enthusiast.

**BCGS August 10<sup>th</sup>** BCGS presents “*The Revolutionary War in Baldwin County??*” program by Jeanette Bornholt, Librarian, Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections, Foley Public Library. Before it became Baldwin County, Alabama, the area was hot property wanted by French, British, Spanish, America and a host of others. We had our own ‘Paul Revere’ here in south Alabama

**BCGS Sept 17<sup>th</sup>** BCGS presents “Finding and Using Probate Records”

## BALDWIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES June 8, 2019

President Tina Graham called the Baldwin County Genealogical Society June 8, 2019 meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the PPL meeting room. Tina welcomed 36 members and/or guests.

The guest speaker was Joyce Cauthen with the presentation on “Way Down in Alabama”: Finding Old-time Fiddlers and Tunes”.

### REPORTS:

Treasurer’s report: Bank balance of \$1,075.52. Membership dues for 2019-2020 are due.

Minutes of the May 11, 2019 meeting were approved as published in Yore Lore

Sunshine Committee: Maurice Johnson has passed.

Obituary Committee: Meets Thursday of each month at 9:30. Onlooker time frame – 1988 to present and 1956 forward will be on the web-site.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Election of officers as presented at April 20, 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Auriette Lindsey will be working with WPMI (NBC15) news director on the program “Who Do You Think You Are”. Mike Glass presented information about the ‘Veterans Register of Honor’. Web-site is as follows:

[www.veteransregisterofhonor.com](http://www.veteransregisterofhonor.com).

Tina thanked Gloria & Alan Griggs and Peg Power for refreshments.

Door prizes were awarded (5)

Meeting adjourned: 12N

*Peg Power Recording Secretary – June 17, 2019*

## Baldwin County Genealogical Society loses members of longstanding... and we remember...

### **Maurice W. Johnson passed away on May 23, 2019, in Pensacola, FL.**

Maurice, a native of Pensacola, was retired from the United States Navy after 36 years service. He was a member and elder of Summerdale Church of Christ. He served 40 years on the Board of Pen Air Federal Credit Union. Maurice was a longtime member of the Baldwin County Genealogical Society having served various offices through the years. He was known for his wit and humor and “camera” ready to take photographs of the Society’s doings. Always with a quick smile and sage advice, he was available for any project we needed including our infamous yard sales to earn monies for the Genealogy collections.

Maurice is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lovie, and three children, Teresa Kichler (Jerald), Kenney Johnson and Richard Johnson (Martha) and number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### **Glen Wilson dies June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at William F. Green Veterans Home in Bay Minette, Alabama.**

Glen’s daughter writes” *my Dad joined my Mom in Heaven. The last month of his life was difficult and he is now healthy and at peace. There will not be a service. He will be cremated and buried with my Mom in Northern Alabama at a later date. Rest in Peace, Daddy, and give Mom a hug. He is survived by three children, Ken Herman, Chris Wilson and myself and five grandchildren, Alexandria Fisher, Jacob Wilson, Katherine Wilson, Heather Herman-Snipes and Gina Yagerl*”

Glen was born in New York, serving in the Navy and lived in California before coming to Alabama. He and his wife, Elois, were active members of Baldwin County Genealogical Society, willing to give their time whenever there was the need. While they made many contributions through the years, one of the long lasting is the countless hours Glen spent converting hundreds of VHS recordings of Baldwin County oral histories to DVDs. His willingness to help with computer “problems” is remembered by many as well. But yours truly will always remember his delightful dark humor, making light of things that may be considered serious to discuss but he would twist it a bit and you were left laughing.

## **Bryce E. Collings, a service of celebration and homecoming on his death Juen 15, 2019.**

His family says Bryce Edwin Collings lived a full life and enjoyed every minute of it. As a member of the Baldwin County Genealogical Society, that was proven true. He was a pastor's kid and his family moved many times in course of his educational career. In 1973, he graduated Cleveland Chiropractic College and married on same day to his bride, Teresa. Bryce enlisted in the Army in 1966, serving two tours in Vietnam which lead to his involvement with Baldwin County Veterans Court where he mentored, helped with website design and assisted with website. As member , Bryce also did same such duty taking on project of revamping the website for the Baldwin County Genealogical Society.

Bryce is survived by his wife, Teresea, daughter Jennifer Schroeder and husband Russell, one grandson Aaron Schroeder, two younger brothers, Eugene and Gerald Collings. We will miss Bryce's smile and glint in his eyes that hinted of mischief.

We extend our condolences to the families of these three gentlemen, who we proudly claim as members of the Baldwin County Genealogical Society.

## **Donations to Alabama, Local History and Genealogy Collections as of June 26, 2019**

### **Donations from: Pearl G. Douglas:**

*Lafayette County Mississippi Probate court records 1836- 1858*, vol 1 compiled by Catherine E, Mrs. G. L. Eatman and Earl A. Truett, Jr.

*The Second or 1807 Land Lottery of Georgia* by Georgia Genealogical Reprints.

*Research in Georgia* compiled by Robert Scott Davis, Jr.

*Loyalist in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War* by Murtie June Clark

*Index to War of 1812 Service Records for Volunteer Soldiers from Georgia* by Judy Swaim Kratovil

*Wills and Inferior Court minutes of Houston County, Georgia vol 1* by Central Georgia Genealogical Society

*Keystone Kin* by Keystone Genealogical Society, Monticello, Jefferson County, Fl Quarterlies

*Pea River Reflections* (Coffee County, Ala) by Marion Bailey Brunson

*Barnwell County Marriages, 1775-1879 implied in Barnwell County, S. C. probate and equity records* by Barbara R. Langdon and Shirley P. Langdon

*Index to Obituary Notices in the Richmond Enquirer from May 9, 1804, through 1828, and the Richmond Whig from January 1824 through 1838* edited by H. R. McIlwaine

*3<sup>rd</sup> Supplement D. A. R. Patriot Index* by National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

*Membership Roster, Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*

*Tracing your Civil War Ancestor* by Bertram Hawthorne Groene

*Search and Research* by Noel C. Stevenson

*Handbook of American History* by Donald B. Cole

*First Hundred and Ten Years of Houston County, Georgia, 1822-1932* by Central Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc. *Abstracts of Wills recorded in Orange County, North Carolina, 1800-1850* compiled by Ruth Herndon Shields

*Abstracts of Wills 1752-1800 Orange County, North Carolina and 202 Early Marriages not show in Orange County Marriage Bonds* compiled by Ruth Herndon Shields.

*Two hundred and two early marriages 1752-1800 found in Orange County, North Carolina, wills which do not appear in the Collected Marriage Bonds* compiled by Ruth Herndon Shields

*Index to Georgia Poor-School and Academy Records 1826-1850* by Taylor Foundation

*Authentic list of all Land Lottery Grants Made to Veterans of the Revolutionary War by the State of Georgia* compiled by Alex M. Hitz.

*Census records 1830 through 1860 Pulaski and Bleckley Counties, State of Georgia* compiled by Victor R. Myrick

### **Donations:**

*The "Cross-Road" a history of Wells River, Vermont* by Horance S. Symes, Jr.

*Northport (Tuscaloosa County, Alabama) Images of America* by Friends of Historic Northport, Inc.

*Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, Florida, vol 1 Sections A-J* compiled by Betty Jo Stockton for Central Florida Genealogical Society

*Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, Florida, vol 2 Sections K-W* compiled by Betty Jo Stockton for Central Florida Genealogical Society

## **Interesting tidbits to know..... or not.....**

**Daphne, Baldwin County, is listed among the oldest towns** in Alabama dating back to the Paleo-Indian period and Native American tribes around 9000 BC. In 1814, after a variety of wars and treaties, Daphne and the surrounding areas became a part of the United States.

**Some reporters just have a way with words: Williams' Station, Ala. June 18, 1884** – The *Montgomery Advertiser* newspaper – A lady boarded the up-bound train at Perdido Station yesterday, and at Williams' station met on the car another lady who proved to be her daughter. The two engaged at once in a scuffle, the result of which was that the daughter's dress was torn to shreds. It seems that the young lady was running away to get married, to which proceeding the mother objected. The mother was put off the train here, and the daughter, being provided with a duster by a sympathetic passenger, went on her way rejoicing to Brewton where by this time she is happily married. The parties are **Nerva Boatright** and **Clem Kelseo** of Williams' Station. On the same train, Mr. **Travis Stone** and

Miss **Sarah Perry** of Williams' Station. (*Williams' Station is the present day Atmore, Alabama, at crossroads with Brewton and Bay Minette, Baldwin Co. AL*)

## Where is the "Mississippi Settlement" in Baldwin County? ...

A question asked by couple of ladies looking for their ancestors. As a native of Baldwin County, my immediate remark was "never heard of it," which I had not. Never say never. There *was* a "**Mississippi Settlement**" located about 8 miles southeast of Foley, near Bon Secour area.

Family stories handed down say **Handsford Joseph Shows** b c1881, migrated from Jones County, Mississippi, with other families into settle in southwest area of Baldwin County in what became known as the "Mississippi Settlement." Here, **Hansford "Ham" Shows** married **Dovie Nall**, daughter of **Davis J and Sarah (Ryles/Riles) Nall** whose family, including a line of the **Wallace** family, had also migrated here from Jones County, Mississippi.

On August 17, 1916, The *Baldwin Times* newspaper, (Bay Minette) printed a letter to the editor from Bon Secour, Ala., given an accounting of damage from the hurricane of August 7, stating : *Only one house blown down in this section, south of Foley, that I have heard of, and that was our neighbor, Mr. H. J. Shows. No one was hurt as the family all gone over to their brother's. I am glad to say he is a member of Swift Camp, No.386, W. O. W. of Bon Secour and we will all help him put his house up, if it's but one dollar from each member. It is our duty to help him.*"

By August of 1928, headlines of *Transportation Bids Wanted* for children involved with school consolidations included Mississippi Settlement-Swift Consolidated to Foley as of last year of 1927. In June 1929, the Dairy Men of the held a meet of interest in Foley with cows, corn, fertilizer and cow judging contests that held countywide interest. The group was invited to go down to the **Mississippi Settlement** near Bon Secour to view the result of a fertilizer experiment being demonstrated with early corn on the farm of **T.J. Prince**.

In October of 1930 the people of the "**Mississippi**" settlement, were opening a 40 ft road from their settlement to the main Gulf Highway which is State Highway 59 today. On May 31, 1931, *The Onlooker* noted **Irvin Bradshaw**, a banker and several of his friends from Laurel, Miss., were visiting friends at the **Mississippi settlement** at Bon Secour over Sunday. At the same time, **Herman Dreis** was busy superintending the digging of a large drainage ditch on his extensive farm west of the **Mississippi settlement**.

The popular statewide homestead exemption was a point of argument for candidates running for the Legislature through out Alabama in 1934. McPhaul, a candidate running for the Legislature, in a conversation with a farmer in **Mississippi Settlement** at Bon Secour, he was accredited with statement: "*all woodland should be taxed at \$2.00 per acre, and improved land at \$75.00 per acre*". *On the basis of this statement, it was noted the Mr. McPhaul apparently was not as greatly interested in the small property owner. Instead his sympathy apparently was in the other direction.*" So noted the newspaper writer.

In 1948, it was noted the "Bus Route Extended." The Mills Still colored school was consolidated into the Foley Colored School early the week of Dec 23, 1948. Board of Directors Tharp said the Foley School bus route was extended into the "**Mississippi Settlement**" and **Magnolia Springs** and **Summerdale** bringing in more students into the Foley School. This would enable many Negro children at the **Mississippi Settlement** to attend school who weren't able to do so before.

Even as late as Dec 1951, reference was made to the settlement when **George Kaiser**, a farmer in the **Mississippi Settlement** southwest of Foley, was noted as draining wet areas on his farm that kept him from making full use of his good row crop land. **T. B. Rhodes** of Foley was noted as needing some terracing done on his land.

July 2, 1953, *The Baldwin Times* newspaper column 'West Comments On' featured "*What makes Baldwin the outstanding county in the South? Baldwin County is unique. No doubt the number one reason is the people Baldwin's population is a cosmopolitan one. There are people here from Indiana, Illinois, especially Chicago, from Wisconsin, from all over the cornbelt, people from neighboring states of Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida. There are people from upstate counties in Alabama. There are people of various nationalities, as we have the German settlement of Elberta, the Mississippi settlement in Bon Secour, the Italian settlement of Daphne and Belforest, the Bohemians and Czechs of Robertsdale.*"

*Baldwin Farmers work. One illustration of this is that of a man who came here from Birmingham. He was telling his friends "Down there we work 13 months." When asked how, he replied, "We work nights. Literally Baldwin farmers have no slack time unless one could call a few weeks in August one."*

Needless to say, there was a place named "**Mississippi settlement**" in Baldwin County, AL.