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**The BCGS will meet 10 a.m. December 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Room is still limited to 20 people, registration will be necessary, please email or call Tina Graham: [tdrcgraham@yahoo.com](mailto:tdrcgraham@yahoo.com) 251-978-2137.**

Bring favorite refreshments, enjoy telling favorite Christmas memory. Door prizes. It has been a tough year but hopefully we will end the year with a Merry Christmas. Stay well, wash hands often and wear a mask!

Please stay posted to BCGS and Foley Library's webpage.

We wish all to be careful and take care.

*Tina Graham, President*

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**January 9, 2021: BERT OUTLAW will present program 'Cadastral Maps,'** via Zoom/virtual. A map that shows the boundaries and ownership of land parcels. Outlaw explains how to find and use these maps to learn more about your family history. Outlaw was past president of West Florida Genealogical Society.

**The program will be via virtual/zoom. Please call or email Tina for zoom meeting ID and Passcode:**

**[tdrcgraham@yahoo.com](mailto:tdrcgraham@yahoo.com) or 251-978-2137. Watch Facebook group also for login link.**

**BCGS Board Meetings will continue to meet at 10 a.m. Board Room**

**Obit Committee is meeting with respect to social distancing.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month in AL, Local History & Genealogy Room

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**'Honest to Goodness'** a collection of "high on the hog" recipes from down to earth ingredients" ....  
by Dot Brown and Joyce Hudson Glass.

*Editor note: A few years back to earn funds for the Society, Dorothy "Dot" Brown and Joyce Glass compiled a booklet of family recipes worthy of family reunions .... and holiday gatherings. Just for fun here are a few favorites with commentary by Dot.*

**Papa's Pecan Pie Cake** (*Papa fell off a park bench and is hardly ever able to sit up and take nourishment. He reckons he will start feeling better as soon as his lawsuit against the city goes to court and he can get out of that neck brace. Still, Pa never turned down this dessert.*)

1 yellow cake mix, 1 egg,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup margarine melted. Mix above three ingredients together. Reserver 2/3 cup of batter. Pat remainder into greased 13x9 inch ( or whatever big pan you have) baking pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes. 2/3 cup reserved batter, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups white Karo syrup, 3 eggs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar, 1 tsp vanilla, 1 to 2 cups pecans. Mix above six ingredients together and pour over bottom crust. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool. cut into bars.

**Easy Chip Cookies** (*Beauford Roy's boy, Beauford Roy Jr., is meaner than a riled up polecat. His mamma, Dora Josephine, makes these by the sack to keep Beauford Roby Jr busy and away from the matches. Beauford Roy says the boy's porch light is on, but nobody's home*)

1 box (18.25 ozs) Chocolate cake mix,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup vegetable oil, 2 eggs, 2 cups chocolate or butterscotch chips,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped pecans. Stir oil and eggs into cake mix. Add chips and nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoons on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until centers are just set. Let cool on sheets for 2 minutes, the remove to wire racks to cool completely.



## Genealogy from a ..... Cookbook?

*With exception of the 'ledger cookbook', all the following cookbooks are in the Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections, Foley Public Library.*

It was an old ledger the storekeepers of old would use to write the names of patrons, monies paid or owed. Yellowed pages from age with tattered edges, the ruled lines were filled with handwritten recipes for such staples as tomato catsup using a peck of ripe, firm tomatoes; pancakes calling for 12 large eggs or a fried pastry delight call "torn britches." But, midway through the ledger written in beautiful cursive were two pages of births, deaths and marriages of family members. The genealogy treasure was written by a daughter practicing her penmanship while being prompt, no doubt, by her mother while she was cooking or baking. Genealogy in a ledger cookbook.

"It's finally here!" proclaims the intro to '**All Those Years and Still Cooking**', Foley High School alumni cookbook full of recipes collected from past students, faculty and friends. Unique not just for the recipes but for memories it will stir as each division of the book is introduced by school photographs of certain decade, the unusual feature of many family connections represented, husband-wife, parent-child and sibling groups. A Class of 1923 alumni was joined by her granddaughters, Class of 1980 and 1983, in sharing recipes while a four generation family sent in their recipes. Most of the recipes are accompanied with school photo of contributor. That in itself is great. Genealogical finds in a cookbook.

**St. Mark's Lutheran Ladies Aid** in Elberta, Alabama, organized in 1922, was ten ladies with records being kept in German language. Later the ladies who became **St. Mark's Lutheran Women's Missionary League**, put together a cookbook '**Feeding Our Flock**', with the church history and recipe with contributors and their recipes spanning the ages.

The **Josephine Community** boasted a popular **Josephine Arts & Crafts** club who published '**A Nostalgic Look at Josephine, Alabama**' with wonderful history along with family recipes with contributors' names. The quiet little community is located at the southeastern point of Baldwin County, near infamous **Pirates Cove**.

Stories and photographs from early years to today are side by side with favorite recipes of residents from those early days to today in their '**Magnolia Springs Cookbook**.' The first edition printed of the cookbook was where this editor discovered a newspaper clipping stuck in the pages of a great-grandfather building the first bridge in Magnolia Springs which led to the find of original newspaper item.

It has become a local classic, the cookbook '**Food, Fun and Fable from Meme's on Bon Secour River**' written by **Charley and Meme Wakeford**. If you were here long enough, you will remember sitting in the little house turned restaurant overlooking Bon Secour River surrounded by moss-laden oak trees and the mouth-watering aroma of the best, yet-to-be-beaten gumbo around. The added treasure of this cookbook are the local legends and descriptions of the area such as "Sanctuary Road"; the only water mail route in the United States and the mail carriers; Hurricane proof preserves, and "God's Lighthouse", a church that once stood where Bon Secour River enters Mobile Bay. The church was called **St. Peter's Episcopal Church** by the Sea and the names of families who met for services are listed in the cookbook.

One of the cookbooks in the Genealogy Collections is '**Pennsylvania Dutch Cookery**' compiled by **F. George Frederick**, copyright of 1935. What catches one's eye are the dog-eared pages of the cookbook. It was as if one remember Grandma mixing '*grumbera dumplings*' or *filsel*'; Aunt Katherine making '*zitterling*', mother's '*rivel kuche*'... good eating, but what was it, how did you make it?. This cookbook has the recipes. By the way, the preceding recipes are potato dumplings, potato and bread stuffing, souse, then crumb pie. HMMMMMM !

You may not want to stew a Shoat's Head or make a cabbage pudding or even grill kidneys as recipes call for in the '**Housekeeping in Old Virginia**', a classic cookbook by **Marion Cabell Tyree** printed in 1879. But it will give you an insight to your ancestor's lifestyle. In the same cookbook, you will learn to scrape two carrots, then stew in two tablespoonfuls of hog's lard, add two plantain leaves and when carrots are well done, strain and use as a salve for blisters ... if you don't eat it first. Tyree gives credit with a list of 250 contributors which claimed to "*bring within the reach of every American housekeeper who may desire it, the domestic principles and practices of famous Virginia homes.*" Your ancestor may be on that list.

## Genealogy finds in a cookbook.

"BALDWIN BILLBOARD" by Bill Stewart The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama, Jun 13, 1946 (copied as printed)

Editor note: With stay-at-home predominate today, sit back and enjoy a ride seen through the eyes of Bill Stewart.



Dolphin at play in Perdido Bay, AL



Old Lillian Bridge looking southeast



Elberta Firetower  
taken down in 2020



Krauss farm northeast Elberta

Did something last Friday we've been wanting to do for a long time ... went down to Lillian to see Perdido Bay ... had passed over the bridge there several times before but it had always been at night ... consequently we'd missed the beauty of the spot ... the opportunity to see the bay was well worth the trip ... besides, there're now quite a few residents of Lillian on our mailing list ...

On the way out from **Elberta**, we made several stops along the highway ... called first at the home of **Mr. J. H. Keller**, whose husband's employed at the **Pensacola Navy yard** ... she decided to try the *Times* for a year ... then right next door there was **Mr. J. F. Baumann**, who's also a Naval employee but was taking a few days off to fix up his barn ... and across the highway was **Mrs. Albert Koehler** ... **Mr. Koehler** also works at the Navy yard in Pensacola ...

Well, on down the highway a bit, we found **Mrs. Frank Mullek, Jr.** busy making ketchup ... and across the road, we noticed the beautiful flowers in bloom in **Mr. M. Kiefer's** yard ... and farther on, a couple of pretty hydrangea bushes caught our attention on the big lawn of the **A. J. Krieger** home ... as did a snake we almost stepped on as we were walking back from **Mr. Krieger's** house on the highway ...

About that time, we came into **Lillian**, and sat for awhile talking with **Mr. C. S. Faircloth** on his front porch ... then stopped to chat with **Mr. C. S. Faircloth, Jr.**, who's been out of service only since March and was pretty busy working around his house ... and little later added **Mrs. T. E. Lane Jr's.**, name to the mailing list ... she said she'd never taken the *Times* before but had heard it was a good paper ... and we agreed ...

Right down on the bay we talked to **Mr. M. Schnatz**, who let his subscription run out a short time back but agreed with us that it was time to renew ... and dropped in the post office to talk a few minutes with **Miss Elizabeth Kaiser**, daughter of **Mr. Paul Kaiser** ... then started back to **Elberta** ... took time, though, to go up a road we'd missed coming down ... added the names of **Mr. W. R. Abbott** and **Mr. Clifford W. Hurst** to the subscription list ... and talked a few minutes on the fallacies of politics with **Mr. Roy Epperson** ...

Started back toward **Elberta** again ... but turned off the highway at **Mr. Joe Trinkwell's** store and went back up into **Gilleytown** ... found the **Gilley families** have just recently put up a sawmill ... among those we met were **Mrs. Tom Gilley**, who swapped up some eggs for subscription ... and **Mr. J. B. Madden**, who lives in **Seminole** but was a **Gilley** before her marriage ... she and her husband are now building a home near **Lillian** ... then there were **Mrs. Charles Markin**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gilley**, and **Mrs. D. E. Madden**, also a **Gilley** relative ...

Stopped at the sawmill for a few minutes and watched the work ... then headed back for **Sycamore Inn**, which **Mr. Trinkwell** operates ... met **Mr. Elmer Kinsey**, the new road commissioner there ... he helped us sell **Mr. Trinkwell** a subscription .. and we headed back for **Bay Minette** ...

Anybody who worked out in the open Saturday knows it was a hot day ... we went up around **Stockton** .. took the old road up ... found **Mrs. L.H. Catrett** at home and ready to subscribe to the *Times* ... and talked for awhile with **Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Carlton** while they sat on their front porch ... then **Mr. Dennis Thompson** and **Mr. Ed Hammonds** went in together in a subscription .. and we manage to get over a very bad road to reach the house of **Mr. Durwood Thompson** ... the road finally came back into the paved highway and we went on into **Stockton** ... stopped a minute at **Mr. L. D. Thompson's** store ... then went on up to the **Hastie** home, where we accomplished

three things in short order .. talked for a few minutes with **John Hastie** about the new furniture manufacturing business in **Bay Minette** ... met and sold a subscription to **Mr. B. F. Hastie** ... and renewed **Mrs. W. D. Hastie** ....

Well, it was getting mighty hot about that time, so we started back for **Bay Minette** ... back down the old road ... **Mr. C. M. Harville** came out to meet us as we walked up to his home ... and **Mr. W. D. Parker** said he 'd been planning to come into the office to subscribe .. while we recalled adding the name of **Mrs. W. J. Crane** onto the mailing list some five years age .... and noting the Florida tag on **Mr. G. B. Gentry's** car, we asked how long he had been in Baldwin County .. seems he hadn't been back this time but two weeks but actually is a native of the county.

That was about all, except that we stopped at **Mrs. M. L. Catrett**, where we heard music emanating from one of those old-fashioned victrolas we've always like so much since the time years ago when we used to listen to 'The Prisoner's Song' and 'I've Got My Captain Working for Me Now' over and over ... but what we're getting around to say was that **Mr. Catrett** persuaded **Mrs. Catrett** to subscribe ... she said she might as well ...she bought a *Times* every week anyhow. #30



Kaiser Farms



old sawmill rusting



Street scene Stockton



Baldwin County Courthouse, Bay Minette

Sources: photos from google.com; *The Baldwin Times* newspaper, Bay Minette, Alabama, June 13, 1946 pg 1and 8. Compiled by J. Bornholt, Librarian, FPL.



From editor of *Yore Lore* joining with the spirit of Charlie Brown and his friends, have a safe, enjoyable, and Blessed Christmas and New Year.