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BALDWIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER

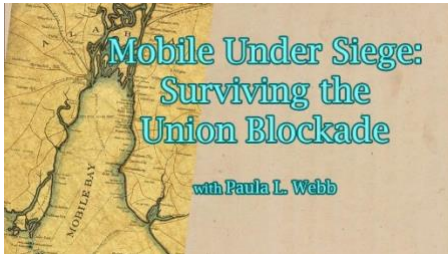
PAULA L WEBB

July 9, 2022

10 a.m Meeting Room Foley Public Library

RSVP Dates: June 15 – July 6

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“*Mobile Under Siege: Surviving the Union Blockade*” was Paul L. Webb’s first book in 2016. Describing Mobile, always a uniquely Southern city, Paula tells of the people, their stories, their experiences in one of the most turbulent times in the city’s existence. The time is from August 1864 to April 1865, during and after the Battle of Mobile Bay to the surrender of the city to Union forces on April 12, 1865.

Paula discovered a folder of letters dated between time of the Battle of Mobile Bay and the surrender of the city, also discovering Mobile remained in Confederate hands for eight more months after the significant battle. All which led to questions of what happened in the city during those months, why did it take so long, and how important was Mobile to both sides of the Civil War during this time?

Paula Lenor Webb is an author, historian and tenured Librarian at the USA, Mobile. She also volunteers at the Minnie Mitchell Archives where she discovered the folder of very personal letters that gave a new perspective on the city of Mobile. The Minnie Mitchell Archives are located at Oakleigh Place in Mobile, Alabama

All meetings are open to all interested public.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED for each meeting you wish to attend, *deadline dates given for each meeting.*

Email: BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com with your name or call Barbara Thompson 251-424-4681. Confirmation email will be sent. Maximum seating: 50. Website: <http://baldwingenealogy.org> or Baldwin County Genealogical Society – Home/ Facebook

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Do you have questions about Family Search or need help regarding Family Search?

The (Church of Latter Day Saints) LDS Elders are at Foley Library in Computer Lab every Wednesday 4 to 5 pm to answer your questions and assist you with Family Search.

DON’T OVERLOOK GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINES AVAILABLE

National Genealogical Society: *NGS magazine, NGS Newsletter; History News magazine, Family Tree Magazines* are among periodicals available to check out from Alabama History & Genealogy Collections of the library.

Obit Committee meets every Wednesday, 1 p.m. in Genealogy Collections Room

BCGS Board Meetings will continue to meet at 9 a.m. Board Room.

Upcoming programs:

- Aug. 13, 2022:** Olivia McCarter, Majoring in Anthropology at USA Mobile, AL and an Investigative Genetic Genealogist with Redgrave Research Forensic Services. Presentation “Update on Solving Cold Cases Using Investigative Genealogy” (Jul 13 -Aug 10)
- Sept. 10, 2022:** Mike Bunn, Author and Historian, Daphne, AL. Book “The Assault on Fort Blakeley: The Thunder and Lightning of Battle” (Aug 17 – Sep 7)
- Oct. 8, 2022:** Mary S. Palmer & Paula L. Webb, Co-Authors and Historians, Mobile, AL. Book: “Mississippi Mojo... And Murder” (Tale of the Blues) (Sep 14 – Oct 5)
- Nov. 12, 2022:** Tracy D. Neely, President of Mobile Creole Cultural and Historical Preservation Society, Presentation about the MCCHPS Genealogy and Society. (Oct 12 – Nov 9)
- Dec. 10, 2022:** BCGS Committee – Members Christmas Social (Nov 16 – Dec 7)
- Jan. 14, 2023:** Dr Jack Dwyer, LtCol, USAF (Ret) Fairhope, AL. Sons of the American Revolution, Presentation “Mayflower Pilgrim Genealogy” (Dec 14 2022 – Jan 11, 2023)

BALDWIN COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING, June 11, 2022

MEMBERS/GUESTS: 32 / 5 total 37 present

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pat Brummett at 10:02. As the Speaker was running late Pat proceeded with the business portion of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING- Revision to May General Meeting minutes: Bob Bailey seconded the slate of Officers.

TREASURES REPORT: Tina Graham stated the our bank Balance beginning 30 April 2022 was \$2035.35, with deposits of \$137.00. No expenses leaving a balance of \$2172.35 on 31 May, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Brochure** The new brochures are finished
- **Heritage Park Bricks** The brick to honor Our Founders Dot Brown & Berdine Rittenhouse has been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **LDS.** There will be members of the LDS at the Foley Public Library from 4-5 pm on Wednesdays to help people with their Genealogy Research
- **Genealogy and History Section Foley Public Library** you can now check out Newsletter publications of the National Genealogical Society, the Alabama Genealogical Society, and copies of Family Tree magazine.

GUEST SPEAKER Monica Tapper –“A Culinary Tour Through Alabama History” Barbara Thompson and Becky Younce introduced our speaker Monica Trapper.

GENEALOGY MINUTE: Billie Nardell spoke on “Genealogy and Food”, how food connects generations together.

UP COMING EVENTS:

- July 9 Paula Webb- Mobile Under Siege: Surviving The Union Blockades
- August 13 Olivia McCarter- Update on Solving Cold Cases Using Investigative Genealogy

HOSTESSES: The Hostesses for June were Tina Graham, Sherri Marshall & Joe Webb. Hostesses for July are Bob & Coletta Bailey.

DOOR PRIZES AWARDED: There were 6 door prizes awarded

ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m, to meet again on 9 July, 2022, at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Billie Nardell, Recording Secretary

Additions to Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections

Memorial: Dorothy “Dot” Brown on anniversary of her birthday June 5th

Monetary gift from April Lee White, Perdido Beach, AL

Estate of Wesley Delman and Marjorie Katherine (DeVan) Weber by their children and grandchildren

Before and After the Storm- Navy Cove, Alabama, 1908 by S. A. Ladnier

South Land Sketch Book, the Memorial Edition, 1977 by Walter Overton

Glimpses of Old Mobile by Marian Francis Acker, 1955

The Story of the Old French Market New Orleans, 1916, republished 1960 by Catherine Cole

California Names Pronounced and defined, 1940 by Harry L. Wells

The First Families of Frederica: Their lives and Locations (Georgia) by J. T. Scott

Boundaries, Areas, Geographic Centers, and Altitudes of the United States and the Several States, 2nd ed. Geological Survey

Bulletin 817, 1932 by Edward M. Douglas (with maps)

French Military Adventurers in Alabama 1818-1828 by Thomas W. Martin, 1937, signed by author

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Map and Aerial Photograph Reading, Marine Corps Schools, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, 1943

Port Hudson, its history from an interior point of view, 1863, (Louisiana) by Lieut. Howard C. Wright

AAF, the official guide to the Army Air forces, directory, almanac and chronicle of achievement, 1944, special edition

Unbelievable True War Stories, Stories of World War II by Walter Overton, c1970

Confusion Beyond Imagination, Series of Ten on China-Burma-India in World War II by William Boyd Sinclair

Rules for the Management and Cleaning of the Rifle Musket, Model 1863, for the use of soldiers with descriptive plates by

Washington, Government Printing Office.

The China-Burma-India Theater Stilwell’s mission to China by Charles F. Romanus and Riley Sunderland, 1953

Ghosts of Old Mobile by May Randlette Beck , 1946

The Best Place to Be, the story of Orange Beach, Alabama by Margaret Childress Long with Michael D. Shipler

History for Schools – Alabama by Charles Grayson Summersell, 1957

Santa Maria de Galve, a story of survival, Pensacola Historical Society, 1998

The history of Baldwin County by Kay Nuzum, signed by author

Once upon an Island Gulf Shore Woman’s Club

New Orleans Radio by Dominic Massa 2014

The present state of the European settlements on the Mississippi; by Captain Philip Pittman, a facsimile reproduction of the 1770 edition, University of FL Press, 1973 (with maps)

The Valley of the Mississippi, illustrated in a series of views, by J. C. Wild, 1841

Travel Guide to the Natchez Trace Parkway between Natchez, Mississippi, and Nashville, Tennessee, 1984

Thirty-Two picture postcards of Old New Orleans, 1979

Ten Air force Story ... in World War II by Kenn C. Rust, 1980

The World Book of Webers, vo 1, 2, Halbert’s Family Heritage

Postcard Book Aircraft of the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution 1988

Profile Aircraft, N.A. B-25A-G Mitchell

Deadly Duo, the B-25 and b-26 in WW-II by Charles A. Mendenhall c1981

Supt. Lands and Highways reported request of Society of Friends for a deed to one-half acre land on leasehold of Herman - Battey, for a Friend's burial ground. It was moved and carried that request be granted. Adjourned. All action by unanimous vote as stated.

Herman Battey and the Society of Friends, Fairhope, Alabama

This story begins when **Maureen Lee**, BCGS member, found a newspaper item about a cemetery which was unfamiliar. Thus began the search of **Herman Battey** donating for a Friend's burial ground, the Friend being a fellow member of the **Society of Friends, Quakers**.

Herman J. Battey, a native of Viola, Iowa, where he spent his boyhood, attended **Friends Boarding School**, graduated from **Scattergood Seminary** in 1893. Herman married **Isabella**

Henderson in 1909. In the fall of 1913, he had a severe case of bronchial trouble and, as many others, found the warmer climate of Fairhope beneficial. They became residents of **Fairhope**, Baldwin County, Alabama, where he farmed and took up carpentering which he worked at the most the rest of his life.

In the early 1900s, **Quakers** migrating from **Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, North Carolina, and Kansas**, began settling on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay and Fairhope. Here land was purchased in the name of the **Fairhope Single Tax Corporation**, then leased under a 99 year renewable lease; ownership of improvements on the land belonging to the lessee. In 1908, residents totaled about 500 in **Fairhope**; in 1915, there were 20 **Quaker** families living there.

The **Quakers** began building a one-room schoolhouse in 1916 that was also used for meetings and for worship. A meeting house next to the school was completed at the cost of \$1,346.64 plus \$100 cost for benches. Their members did grow in numbers as they set deep roots in the community, building farms, working various professions and raising their families. In June, 1917, an 'application for land' was made of



Herman J & Isabell Battey



the **Fairhope Single Tax Corporation**, a lease of ½ acre set aside from the 80 acre dairy farm of **Herman J. and Isabell H. Battey**. It passed unanimously by vote. The following May, 1918, **Asa Chase Stapler** b1831, was laid to rest in burying ground on **Herman Battey** place. In December, 1937, **Samuel Smith** died, one of the pioneer residents of the **Quaker Colony** in East Fairhope, a lifelong member of the Society of Friends. Funeral services were held at the Friend's meeting home and interment made in their burying ground on the **Herman Battey** place.

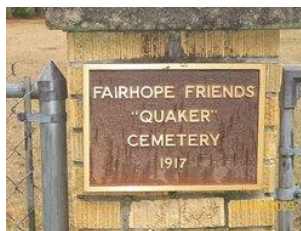
Then **Congress** passed the **Selective Service Act of 1948**. On October 26, 1948, **Marvin Rockwell** sent written notice to the **Local Draft Board** in **Foley, Alabama**, advising of his non-compliance by refusal to register on religious grounds. By December, 1948, four young Fairhope Friends were arrested, each entering a plea of nolo contendere for refusal to register for the draft. Court records reflect and statement of **Marvin Rockwell**, in essence, "*he cannot imagine Christ in a military uniform taking training in the art of murder.*" **U. S. District Court Judge McDuffie** replied at sentencing, in essence, "*This is a government of laws and not of men and so long as you live here, you should abide by the laws of the land ... those who oppose the laws of the country and this form of government, even when it goes to war, should get out of this country and stay out.*" The four men were sentenced to prison for one year, eligible for parole an end of four months.

During the next eight months, deep personal and spiritual issues were addressed among the **Quakers**. It was difficult to make decisions best for their specific circumstances. A group did immigrate to **Costa Rica** numbering thirty-one in first move. By 1951,

forty-four moved, ages from two years old to eighty, all by individual decision and action, not sponsored by the Friends. Today, Fairhope Friends Quakers continues and the Fairhope Friends Quakers Cemetery holds 115 grave sites.



FRIENDS MEETING 1936 -- FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA



Sources: *Fairhope Courier* newspaper, June 8, 1917 pg 8; *Herman Battey* obit, *Fairhope Courier*, Mar. 1957, pg1; *Quakers, Fairhope Friends History*, also as *100 years of Quiet Tenacity* by Laura Melvin; findagrave.com; fairhopefriends.org; compiled by Jeanette Bornholt, Librarian, Foley Public Library.

