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Baldwin County Genealogical Society  
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BALDWIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER

Paula L. Webb & Mary S Palmer  
“Mississippi Mojo and Murder:  
Tale of the Blues”



Paula Lenor Webb



Mary S Palmer

Sat. October 8, 2022  
10 a.m. Meeting Room

Foley Public Library

RSVP Dates: Sept 10- closed when seating capacity met  
Email: [BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com)

*“The home of the blues...I was happy to make this, my first piece to be used as a book cover. The story is set in a place dear to my heart. Paula and Mary have written this redemptive tale in such a way that transports you to the Delta. You can feel the gentle breeze coming across the Sunflower River and hear the mellowed notes jumping off the blues man’s guitar.”*

**Abe Partridge**, singer and artist

As individuals, both Mary S Palmer and Paula L. Webb have presented programs before the BCGS. Together, they have written this redemptive tale as to transport you to the Delta. Perhaps there is someone in your family tree that may have this special gift of Mojo, the magic power, charm, talisman, that brings good luck or keeps away evil.

**Mary S. Palmer**, author of “Boyington Oak, a grave injustice” and her latest “Time will Tell”, has Master of Arts Degree in English with concentration of Creative Writing from University of South Alabama in Mobile. She is currently teaching English at Faulkner Univeristy, Huntingdon College and Coastal Alabama College.

Author, **Paula Lenor Webb** has always enjoyed research and documenting her local history findings in her previous book “Mobile under Siege” and Such a Woman: Life of Madam Octavia Walton LeVert” She is currently a tenured Librarian at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. She has a Master’s in Library and Information Science from University of Alabama.

**All meetings are open to all interested public.**

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL BCGS GENERAL MEETINGS.

PLEASE CANCEL IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE THE MEETING AS THERE IS A WAITING LIIST Thank You.

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

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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:

Nov. 12, 2022: Tracy D. Neely, President of Mobile Creole Cultural and Historical Preservation Society, Presentation about the MCCHPS Genealogy and Society. (Oct 12 – closed when seating capacity met)

Dec. 10, 2022: BCGS Committee – Members Christmas Social (Nov 16- closed when seating capacity met)

Jan. 14, 2023: Dr Jack Dwyer, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) Fairhope, AL. SAR, Presentation “Mayflower Pilgrim Genealogy” (12/14/ 2022– closed when seating capacity met)

Feb. 2023: **What Countries and States Are You Researching? (Response Requested)**

Our February 2023 Guest Speaker has asked what countries and states that our members are researching. For example: Austria, Croatia, Germany and USA – Michigan and Pennsylvania. Respond via email to BCGS Email address: [BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com) with your name and information. This information will also be collected at the October 8, 2022 Meeting. The program will be customized to address what locations we are researching.

Thank you, Barbara Thompson, BCGS Program Committee Chair

## 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

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## BALDWIN COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING, August 13, 2022

DATE: 10 September 2022

Members / Visitors. 33/ 2 Total 35

The General meeting of the BCGS was called to order at 10:00 am on 10 September 2022 by President Pat Brummett. Pat called on Vice President Becky Younce to introduce the Speaker Mike Bunn who spoke on "The Assault on Fort Blakeley: The Thunder and Lightning of Battle"

After a short break the meeting was reconvened at 11:11 am. Pat welcomed visitor Kim Scott.

**Corrections/ Revisions**-Minutes were printed in last month's "Yore Lore"

**Treasurer's Report:** Tina Graham gave the Treasure report.

The beginning bank balance on 01 August 2022 was \$2,035.72; Deposits 90.00; (see Treasurer's Book for details); Expenses 479.89; Ending Balance 31 August 2022. \$ 1,658.37

### REPORTS:

**Corresponding Secretary**- Maureen Lee sent thank you card to last month's speaker.

**Membership**- Maureen stated there were no new members last month.

**Baldwin County Fair**- Pat reported everything is underway for the BCGS fair booth. Volunteers are still needed to help during fair hours. Most of the prep work is completed.

### OLD BUSINESS

- October 22, 2022 is the Foley Public Library Halloween Extravaganza from 4-6 p.m. Several members have sign up to help. If you are interested in helping, please let Pat know.
- The Baldwin County Fair will be Sept 22-26. If you are interested in helping with the BCGS booth, please let Coletta Bailey know.
- Barbara Thompson reminded members that the sign-up sheet for next month's meet is on the side table. Only members may sign up at this time.

### GENEALOGY MINUTE:

Susan Stein presented information on using a professional genealogist to help with you research. Especially if you have a research roadblock. Susan also informed the membership about the Thigpen Picture Collection at USA . There are 1000's of pictures of old Mobile.

Pat thanked Sherry Johnson this month Hostess. Next month's hostesses are Beth Traylor and Becky Younce.

There were 5 door prizes awarded..

### UP COMING EVENTS:

- October 8 : Mary S. Palmer & Paula L. Webb, Co-Authors and Historians, Mobile , AL  
"Mississippi Mojo....And Murder" ( Tale of the Blues)
- November 12: Tracy D. Neely – Mobile Creole Cultural and Historical Preservation Soc.
- December 10: BCGS BOD– Members Christmas Social

**ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am to meet again at 10:00 am 08 October 2022.

Respectfully Submitted: Billie Nardell, Recording Secretary

## Alabama Historical Commission

RE: **Nancy Lewis Home**, 309 Ingleside Street, Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama

The Alabama, Historical Commission is pleased to announce that the above referenced property has been listed in the Alabama Registr of Landmarks and Heritage. The Alabama Register is the state's official listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. Listing in the state register is an honorary designation.

## Alabama Historic Cemetery Register – Baldwin County

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) considers historic cemeteries particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of special recognition. The Alabama Historical Commission will keep all submitted documentation in its permanent records and will make the information available to researchers.

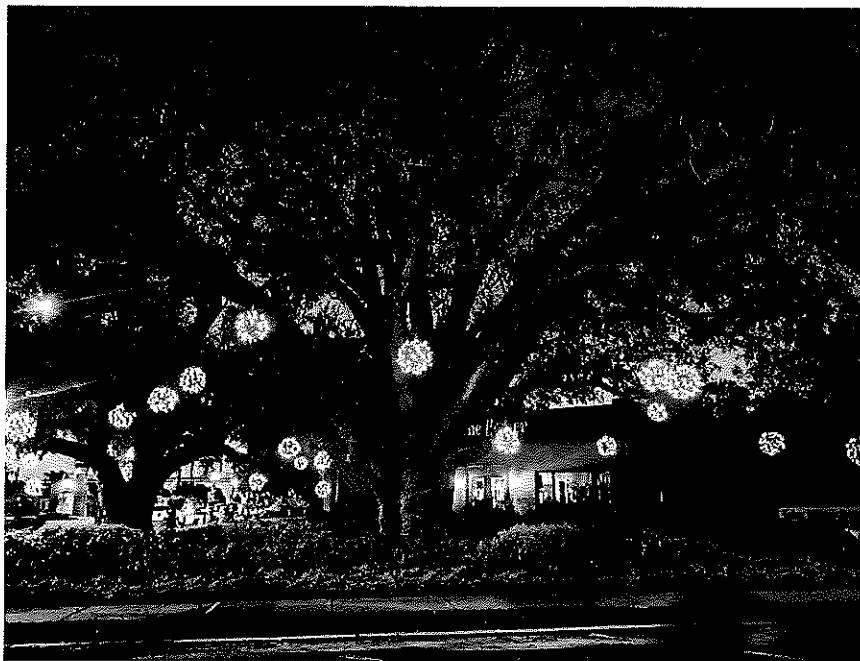
The designation neither restricts the current or future property owner, nor does it require that a landowner maintain the cemetery. However, state law protects all cemeteries from willful destruction, regardless of age or historic designation. State law also provides a legal process for all cemetery relocations. Applications for nominating a cemetery to the cemetery register are available online.

The following are listed in Alabama Historic Cemeteries for Baldwin County:

Daphne United Methodist Church Cemetery listed March 2, 2015;	High Ground Burial listed May 29, 2003;
Little Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery listed May 1, 2019;	Marlow Methodist Church Cemetery listed October 16, 2013;
Miller Memorial (Coburn-Lagoon) Cemetery listed September 22, 2021;	Montgomery Hill Memorial Cemetery listed April 15, 2020;
Navy Cove Cemetery listed Sept 22, 2021;	Old Spanish Cemetery listed Sep 6, 2018;
Orange Beach Community Cemetery listed January 19, 2020;	Overton Family Cemetery listed Oct 16, 2018;
Persimmon Swamp listed Oct 16, 2018;	Persimmon Swamp Cemetery listed September 22, 2021;
Roberts-Childress Cemetery listed Sept 22, 2021;	Shellbanks Baptist Church Cemetery listed Sept 22, 2021;
Tatumville Cemetery listed Feb 16, 2016;	Twin Beech Community Cemetery listed June 15, 2021;
United States Colored Infantry Burial Site (Haywood Stanley & Sgt. Jerome Nichols)* listed May 14, 2021;	Yancey-Crane Cemetery listed Mar 3, 2012.
Wallace Cemetery listed September 9, 2021;	

\*Primarily African-American Cemetery

## In search of the history of the Duffie Oak Trees, Foley, Baldwin County, AL



The two Duffie Oak trees in front of what is today Foley Welcome Station, were planted as young trees grown from acorns from the historic Southern live oak Duffie Oak tree in Mobile. It is said members of the Foley Beautification Committee brought two of the young oak trees back to be planted what was originally the site of the City of Foley Public Library.

Once known as the "Seven Sisters Oak" because of the tree's seven main limbs, it is now named for the former mayor of Mobile George A. Duffie who lived nearby the tree when he was mayor in 1878. The tree is considered by scholars to be the oldest living landmark in Mobile.

Sources: Duffie Oak, Wikipedia, <https://en.ciklopedia.org>; Treehugger 4: Duffie Live Oak, Mobile Bay Magazine, 2012; Notes on Mobile Bay Wildlife, Mod Mobilian, retrieved Nov. 2012; Al; Alabama's Famous & Historic Tree Program, Alabama Forestry Commission, State of Alabama, nov 20, 2008; Live Oak Project, Mobile, AL, Native Tree Society, Eastern Native Tree Society, retrieved Nov 2012; Mrs. Peggy Hesse, oral history, Sept, 2022 via Brenda Shambo, City Hall, Foley, AL.