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Baldwin County Genealogical Society Presents



Susan Stein

"The Secret Training Mission at the Grand Hotel in WWII"

MARCH 11, 2023

10 a.m. Meeting Room, Foley Public Library

Reservation Required – Seating is limited to 42

Email your name to: BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com

Feb 11, 2023 – closed when seating capacity is met.

Susan Stein, historian for the Grand Hotel, conducts history talks about the historic **Grand Hotel in Point Clear**, and will present program about the occupation of the Grand Hotel during WWII Alabama.

As a member of the Historic Hotels of America; there has been a hotel at Point Clear since 1847. The first Grand Hotel served as a hospital during the Civil War; a nearby cemetery is the final resting place for approximately 300 soldiers. The most historic building on property today is the Main Building, which opened in April of 1941; it was leased to the US military in 1944-45 to become a training facility for the US Army Air Corps.

All meetings are open to interested public.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL BCGS GENERAL MEETINGS.

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

Email: 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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CORRECTION to Dues Printed in error last month: Membership Information: Annual Dues due in January: **\$10.00 person or \$15.00 couple**. Pay at a meeting or send your check to: BCGS ; P.O. Box 108 ; Foley, AL 36536

All meetings are open to the public

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

16 March 2023: John Weaver author of "A legacy in brick and stone" construction of 3rd system fortifications like **Fort Morgan**

8 April 2023: Donna Lewis, Family Search and the **Daphne History Family Center**

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.

Minutes of the Baldwin County Genealogical Society February 11, 2023

The General meeting of the BCGS was called to order at 10:00 am by President Pat Brummett. Barbara Thompson was called by President to introduce our guest Speaker Dr Jack Dwyer who spoke on "The Mayflower Pilgrim Genealogy ". After the speaker there was a short intermission.

At 11:15 am, the meeting was reconvened by President Pat Brummett.

Corrections/ Revisions- There were no corrections or revisions to January 2023 minutes. Minutes stand as printed in the "Yore Lore".

Treasurer's Report: If you haven't paid your annual dues, they are past due. Tina Graham reported the bank balance as of 01 January 2023 was \$1842.0; No Expenses; Deposits 171.00; Ending balance 01 February 2023. \$2013.04

REPORTS:

Membership: Tina stated there are 38 paid members. Dues were due in January and dues are still coming in.

Obituary: Tina Graham asked for volunteers to help with filing obituaries in Genealogy collections at the Foley Public.

Sunshine: Billie Nardell reported sending 2 cards this month: thank you card to Linda Spangrue, last month's guest speaker; a Sympathy Card to a member who lost a family member.

Genealogy Minute: Billie Nardell spoke on the importance of a Research Log.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board will be placing a brick in Heritage Park in honor of Maureen Lee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joni Euler will be going to the National Genealogical Society conference in May and a trip to Salt Lake City in April.

Five door prizes were awarded. Coletta and Bob Bailey were hosts this month. March is our Anniversary month.

UP COMING EVENTS:

11 March 2023 Susan Stein, "The Secret Training Mission at the Grand Hotel in WWII- Operation Ivory Soap"

08 April 2023 Donna Lewis Family Search and the Daphne History Family Center

ADJOURNED: At 11:45 am to meet again on 11 March 2023 at 10:00 am

Respectfully Summited, Billie Nardell, Recording Secretary

Bits and Pieces from Early Records, and Local Newspapers (some are excerpts)

The Fairhope Courier, Fairhope, October 15, 1894:

Statement of Mr. C.W. Joseph, a truck farmer of Baldwin County, living within a short distance of our proposed colony site, "The following is a true statement of what I am raising and prices I get for truck. Most of my crops are sold to the summer and winter at the hotels and boarding houses along the eastern shore, with the exception of potato crop, most of which is sent north and west. Cabbage shipped in crates of 15 to 18 large, 30 to crate, weighing 165 pounds, freight to Chicago, 50 cents; Cincinnati, 60 cents."

Statement of Mr. R. H. Caswell, "Use guano for corn, 300 pounds to acre, cost \$21 per ton. ... Sugar cane: use stable manure, plough to furrow, lay cane cut in two foot lengths, put manure on top, turn soil over by running a furrow on each side; makes 400 gallons of molasses, and of barrel of sugar to the acre.

The Onlooker, Foley, May 30, 1820:

Frank Baker, Creole, Laid to Rest Saturday. Frank Baker, age 67, creole of Vernant Park, died last Wednesday of heart disease. The funeral was conducted at Vernant Park cemetery Saturday Morning.

L. Jansa Dies at Mobile Hospital. Louis Janas, of Orange Beach, died Saturday, May 25, in the Mobile Infirmary. He suffered with liver sickness. His daughter, Mrs. M. Cervic, was notified Friday of the seriousness of his condition and left Detroit immediately arriving in Mobile Sunday. Funeral services were held Tuesday and a quartet of the Bohemian singing society, B Smetana, sang at his grave. Mr. T. Vonashek delivered the sermon. Mrs. Cervick is here for the first time and will stay several days. Mr. Jansa sold his residence at Orange Beach just before he left of the hospital and the new owner is expected to arrive some time this week.

The American Banner, Bay Minette, Oct 1899:

The Bay Minette public school session, with S. J. Boykin as principal, commenced on the first Monday, and the only one for colored students that has commenced in the county. *The American Banner, Bay Minette, Oct 19, 1901:*

Mr. J. D. Hand wants the address of every colored and white minister of the gospel of Baldwin County, He has made arrangements to furnish them with some books of value and valuable literature.

The Onlooker, Foley, December 11, 1912:

Fairhope has 25 widows, 20 old batchelors, 10 widowers, and near a dozen old maids in each of which the number is constantly increasing. Occasionally there is a wedding, and now and then, a death takes place here when the whole town feels sad and mournful.

The Onlooker, Foley, January 8, 1913:

Hints for the Housekeepers. Keep **Foley's Honey and Tar Compound** always on hand and you can quickly head off a cold by its prompt use. It contains no opiates, heals and soothes the inflowed air passages, stops the cough and may save a big doctor's bill. In the yellow package. **Dr. E. A. Moore** (advertisement)

New Settler for **Elberta**. **E. H. Pflaum** from **Rulo, Nebraska**, has arrived with his car to settle on his farm in the **Elberta District**.

Fairhope Courier, Fairhope, July 4, 1913:

The House party that has been here for the past two weeks in the **H. L. Graham** cottage left Saturday morning after a delightful visit. Among the party were the **Misses Krudopf** and brother, Miss **Ida Nett Gibson** and brother **Ashby**, Mr. **Walter De Miller** and several others.

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, March 21, 1918:

Red Hill News Notes. Misses **Anna Ard** and **Ella Lee Martin** and brother, Mr. **Earl**, attended church in **Bay Minette** last Sunday.

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, November 7, 1918:

Baldwin County's Part In the United War Work Campaign. **W.D. Stapleton**, Chairman **Baldwin County Council of Defense**: The people of the **United States** were compelled to take arms against a foe that threatens the liberties of the peoples of the world: the lives of women and children, particularly, and of all free men. ... these seven organizations (authorized) to look after the welfare of the men in service: Young Men's Christian Association. Young Women's Christian Association. National Catholic War Council K of C. Jewish Welfare Board. War Camp Community Service. American Library Association, Salvation Army.

Fairhope Courier, Fairhope, November 8, 1918:

Stelzenmuller on Sheep Meeting. Due probably to our failure to recover completely from the **Spanish influenza** Scare, the sheep meeting at **Bay Minette** Friday was not well attended. **Prof. Templeton**, of Auburn, however was on hand, and gave some valuable pointers about sheep.

River Park. Miss **Catherine Schultz** was taken sick with the "Flu" while at her work in **Mobile**. She is now at her home here and is able to be about again. Mr. **Nelson** "clerk" on the *Magnolia* is back again after a tussle with the "Flu".

The Baldwin Times Bay Minette, August 9, 1928:

The Francisco Suarez Tract Section One (1). that part of the "**A.P.K. Jones Tract**" lying and being between settlement known as "**Navy Cove**" and **Fort Morgan**, extending along the beach about two miles, bounded on the west by the East line of the **United States Government Reservation** known as **Fort Morgan**, on the North by **Mobile Bay**, on the east by the West shore of **Alligator Pond** or **Bayou**, and on the South by the North line of the **Francisco Suarez Tract** Section Two (2).

The Baldwin County News, Robertsdale, November 14, 1929:

Announcement. I bet to announce that I have purchased the **Orange Crush Bottling Company**, formerly owned and operated by Mr. **George C Randolph** and wish to assure my friends and patrons that all of my efforts will be towards putting out the highest grade of soft drinks possible. I appreciate the patronage of **Baldwin County**. November 12, 1929. **ROBERT J. LAUDER**.

The Foley Onlooker, Foley, June 4, 1936:

Kaechele-Pilgrim Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. **J. A. Pilgrim** announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, **Thelma Jean** to Mr. **John F. Kaechele** of **Mifflin at Pensacola, Florida**, on May 28, 1936.

Engagement Announced. Mr. and Mrs. **J. A. Pilgrim** announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their eldest daughter, **Barbara** to Mr. **Fred Seibert, Jr.** of **Elberta, Ala.**, the marriage to take place on June 20th, 1936.

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, February 13, 1938:

Cownapped, not Kidnapped : Great fears were aroused Monday when the whereabouts of little four year old **Andrew Marfelan**, of **Elberta** could not be ascertained. It was first feared that the little fellow had been kidnapped, the sheriff was informed and a general broadcast was made by police radio, for apprehension of suspects. But little Andrew had just strolled off, holding on to the end of a cow's tail. Bossy took to the woods, Andrew did, too. The cow's tail was the happy ending of "much ado about nothing."

The Onlooker, Foley, June 4, 1936:

Find Skeleton of Indian Over 1,000 Yrs Old. **Dr. Walter B Jones**, state geologist, returned Wednesday to **Tuscaloosa** taking with him skeleton of an **Indian** woman found at the **Gulf**, south of **Foley**, which he estimated was buried from 1,000 to 2,000 years ago.

The skeleton, in a fair state of preservation, the first ever to be taken from the **Shellbank** section, was discovered Monday by **Dr. Jones**, who has previously made interesting discoveries while on other archeological work in this section. ... believed his find to be of medieval class, ... which gives these former dwellers of the **South Baldwin Coast** line a place in aboriginal history. **CC boys** from **Gulf State Park** who assisted **Dr. Jones** were said to have become a real efficient archeologist crew ... He pointed out, these ancient dwellers ate more clams than oysters ... determined by comparative oyster and clam shells in the **Shellbank** section. The former dwellers found the clams during low water in the late summer and established villages on the shore line.

The Baldwin News-Herald & the Robertsdale American, Robertsdale, June 29, 1939:

News just recently received of recent marriage of Mr. **Arthur Carlson** to a young **Chicago** lady. Mr. Arthur is the son of Mr. C. O. Calson, a member of the organized **Svea Land Company** here in **Silverhill**.

