

# YORE LORE

Baldwin County Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 108, Foley, Alabama 36536

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**new starting time: Meet and Greet 9:45 AM; General Meeting 10:00 AM.**

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Presents

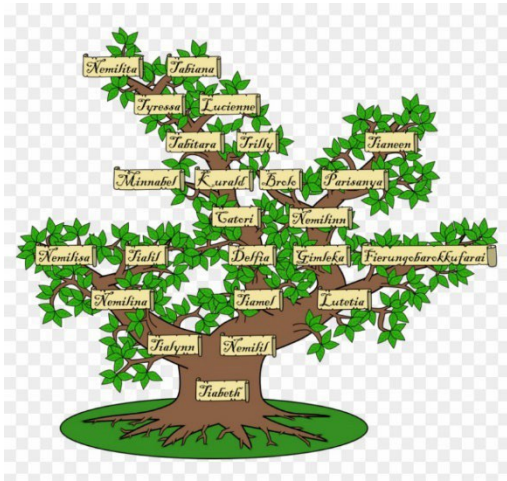
## Jeanette Bornholt

“Errors, Lies, Mistakes & More  
In Genealogy”

**Saturday August 12, 2023**

**10:00 AM Meeting Room**

**Foley Public Library**



A mistake often made in researching family, old and new, is to assume that the information on the official records are always correct. While the majority of records will be accurate, there are significant number of records may contain errors, intentional misinformation, inaccurate reading of handwritings ...and on and on. Once a mistake is made and not corrected these inaccuracies are repeated ... especially with today's online research of copy and paste.

**Jeanette Bornholt** will give light-hearted, but also serious, notes on the errors that are in family research and what can be prevented. “Errors of the way ... genealogy errors that can be, should be, need to be, corrected with a dash of salt.”

Jeanette, librarian with the Foley Public Library for over thirty years, works in the Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections of the Library. She has personally worked on her own family research since the 1960s.

**Reservation Required - Seating is limited to 42**

Email your name to: [BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com) **March 11, 2023 -- closed when seating capacity is met. Seating is Limited to 42. Reservations will close when met.**

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

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

Confirmation email will be sent. Website: <http://baldwingenealogy.org> or Baldwin County Genealogical Society – Home/ Facebook

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**9 September, 2023: Tim Russell** “United States Veterans Gift of Democracy to the World” Russlell, Baldwin County Probate Judge, former Mayor of Foley, served as Officer in U.S. Army during Vietnam era.

**14 October, 2023: Judge Frank (Trippy) McGuire**, “The Creek War of 1813-14, William “Red Eagle” Weatherford”. Retired Judge McGuire teaches 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Opp, AL about the Creek War.

**NO meeting in November: Veteran’s Day**, Foley Library Closed for observance.

**9 December, 2023: Christmas Social** for BCGS Board of Directors, Members.

**BCGS Board Meetings** will continue to meet at 9 a.m. Board Room of Foley Public Library

**Obit Committee** meets every Wednesday, 1 p.m. Genealogy Collection Room

**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

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## BALDWIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY July 8, 2023

**MEMBERS/GUEST.** 33 present

**CALL TO ORDER:** The general meeting of the BCGS was called to order at 10:00 by Treasurer Tina Graham. All were welcomed.

**PRECEDING MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes are published in “Yore Lore” and approved as printed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tina Graham gave the treasurers report as follows: beginning bank balance 01 June 2023: \$1,963.69;

Deposits: 62.00; \* Expenses: 75.00; Ending bank balance 30 June 2023: \$1,950.69 (\* see treasurers' book for details)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Sunshine:** Coletta Bailey reported mailing a get-well card, a thank you card to last month's speaker and replied to several emails.

**Baldwin County Fair-** Coletta Bailey has been working on surname folders for the BCGS display at the Baldwin County Fair coming in September; requesting need to old photos from before 1925 in Baldwin County. If you would care to share them or if you would like to help, please contact Coletta.

**Obits-** Tina reported the Obit Committee is up to date.

**Genealogy Minute:** Janice Hudson gave some “Tip for Identifying Old Family Photos” and what information you can find from them.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We are still in need of a President and Vice-President.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business at this time.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Becky Younce introduce this month speaker, Joni Euler, who spoke on “Desperately Seeking Ancestors” from her trip to the Family Search Facility in Salt Lake City UT.

### UP COMING EVENTS:

August 12, 2023: Jeanette Bornholt on “Errors, Lies, Mistakes and More in Genealogy”.

September 9, 2023: Tim Russell will speak on “United States Veterans, Gift of Democracy To The World”.

October 14, 2023 Judge Frank McGuire will speak on William “Red Eagle” Weatherford

November 11, 2023: No Meeting. Veterans Day, Library closed.

December 9, 2023: Members Christmas

**DOOR PRIZES AWARDED. ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned to meet again on 12 August 2023 at 10 AM in Meeting Room at the Foley Public Library. Submitted by Secretary Billie Nardell.

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## DONATIONS to Alabama, Local History & Genealogy including Special Collections

### Donations from Carol Warren, Plano, Texas:

Macon County, Illinois, Cemetery Inscriptions, vol 6, containing Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Decatur, Illinois

Macon County, Illinois, Marriage Records, 1851-1860 vol 2

Macon County, Illinois, Marriage Records 1891-1900 vol 6

U. S. Federal Census 1860 Coles County, Illinois

Kentucky Explorer journals, 14 volumes: 28 -30

Trend and Tradition magazine winter 2020 –winter 2022

Mount Vernon magazine Spring 2023

Estes Trails an Estes Family Newsletter vol 39, 2020 – 42 – 2023

### CAROL WARREN SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Documented Family Histories:

**file 1: Virginia WARREN** (Warren Family from early Virginia) Documents include book *Warren and related Families of North Carolina and Virginia Revisited* by Holland D. Warren, PhD, facsimile of book *History of the Warren Family A. D. 912-1902* by Rev. Thomas Warren F. R. S. D. Ireland

**file 2: WARREN FAMILIES:** Warren Descendants in Wayne Co. IL & Miller Family info; ‘Hugh’ Warrens

**file 3: WARREN FAMILIES:** Francis Warren b ca 1620 and descendants, related families Sylvanus Walker and descendants;

Robert Allen Walker families; Alexander Walker

**file 4: ‘WARREN’ Related Families:** William Warren/Ann Wilcox (study file); **WALLER FAMILY**

### Donated by Janice Hudson:

Bon Secour Cemetery aka Swift Cemetery Bon Secour & Morgan Chapel, information provided by Janice Allen Hudson, July 2023, 2 copies

### Donation: Weber Estate: Wesley Delman and wife Marjorie DeVan Weber:

Little Gems from Fort Morgan, Alabama, Little Gem No. 66 “The Hospital or Christianity” by Hatchett Chandler

Little Gems from Fort Morgan no 72, The Legend of Hatchett Chandler by Don Emerson

Little Gems from Fort Morgan by Hatchett Chandler

Little Gems from Fort Morgan, the Cradle of American History by Hatchett Chandler c 1960, pages 85

Little Gems from Fort Morgan, the Cradle of American History by Hatchett Chandler c 1961, pages 239  
 Abraham's Children by Olive Hearon, Alabama author  
 In a Town Called Lillian, a novel by Erica Koehler, Alabama author  
 Destiny's Train, a novel by Erica Koehler, Alabama author  
 Justin Wilson's Cajun Humor by Justin Wilson and Howard Jacobs  
 Life's The world's Most Haunted Places, creepy, ghostly, and notorious spots  
 The Battlefields of the Civil War by William C. Davis  
 The Alabama Review 2020 vol 73 no 2/3; 2021 vol 74 no 1/3; 2022 vol 75 no 1/2/3//4; 2023 Vol 76 no 1

*Did you know ...*

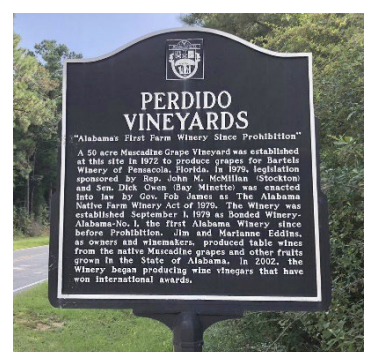
... **A county older than the state – Baldwin County.** Third oldest county in Alabama, created in 1809 while still part of Mississippi Territory, Baldwin County was named for **Abraham Baldwin** (1754-1807) who was founder of University of Georgia, delegate to the Constitutional Convention, member of Congress, 1789-1707. This county once lay west of the Tombigbee River, but after series of boundary changes, it now lies east of the Mobile and Alabama Rivers. The county seat is **Bay Minette** since 1901; early seats at **McIntosh Bluff, Blakeley, and Daphne**. It has long been a center of conflicting claims: by **Spain, France and England**: by royal governors of **Florida, Louisiana, Carolina, Georgia, and West Florida** until the **Mississippi Territory** formed in 1798 and from it, the **Alabama Territory** in 1817. In struggle for control of the Southwest, many armies have camped in this area: **1528-Narvez**, Spanish conquistador; **1588-DeLuna**, Spanish colonizer; **1719-Bienville**, French colonizer; **1780-Galvez**, Spanish conqueror; **1813-Red Eagle**, Indian revolter; **1814-Jackson**, American defender; **1815-Packenham**, British invader; **1864-Maury**, Confederate defender; **1865-Canby**, Federal invader. [Historical marker 1957: Courthouse lawn, 200 D'Olive St. Bay Minette] Source Alabama Historical Association.

.... **Noble Leslie DeVotie** was first Alabama soldier to die in the Civil War. Drowned February 12, 1861, while on duty as chaplain of the Alabama troops. Before enlisting he was pastor of Selma Baptist Church. DeVotie graduated in 1856 from University of Alabama where he was chief founder of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, the only national social fraternity founded in the Deep South. He attended Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Princeton in 1859. He was 23 at the time of his death. . [Historical Marker 1964: Dixie Graves Parkway (Al Hwy 180) at Fort Morgan] Source: Alabama Historical Association

....”**That there were more settlers** killed by the Indians at Fort Mims in Baldwin County than at any other point in the United States?” Source: Baldwin Times newspaper, Bay Minette, Alabama, July 1937 pg22.

.... **First Air Mail Letter- Miss Essie Hester** was the addressee of the first air mail letter received at the local post office over the new air mail route via Mobile. The letter was sent from Birmingham, bore the date of 6 a.m. and was received here on No. 4 at 3 p.m. Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Source: Baldwin Times newspaper, Bay Minette, Alabama May 3, 1928, pg 1.

.... **The Mound Line also known as Ellicott Stone / Ellicott Line** charted the first southern boundary of the United States, separating the U. S. from Spanish Florida. The Line was marked at one-mile intervals by earthen mounds, approximately fifteen feet square and three feet high with a charred lighter-pine post at the center, hence the name Mound Line. Jointly surveyed by Major **Andrew Ellicott**, U. S. Commissioner and **Esteban Minor**, Spanish Commissioner, to determine boundaries as agreed in the Treaty of San Lorenzo in 1795. The line began at the Mississippi River, ran east along U. S. 31<sup>st</sup> North Latitude parallel to the Chattahoochie River, eventually to the Atlantic Ocean. Stockton was divided by this line, with some residents living in the United States and some in Spanish Florida. Although Stockton became a “border town,” U. S. law generally prevailed in the area. [Historical marker 1999, 53018 Hwy 59. Stockton] Source: Alabama Historical Association.

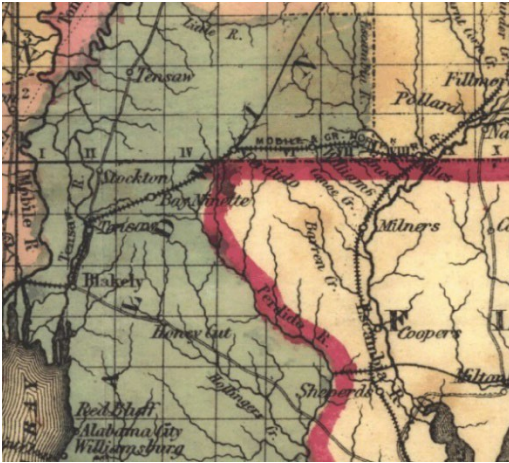


Splinter Hill Bog preserve, (pitcher plants) near Perdido, Alabama

Perdido Vineyard & Winery, Perdido



## Perdido, an early community in Baldwin County, Alabama



Alabama 1859 Map by George Woolworth Colton



Ellicott's Stone: "Dominion his majesty King Charles IV Lat. 31, 1799"

Probably named for the nearby river, **Perdido** is an early settlement in **Baldwin County** located east of **Stockton**, another early settlement, and **Rabun**, situated near the state line in northeast area of county. It also became known as **Perdido Station** when the Louisville and Nashville Railroad line was established.

April, 1799, a boundary marker was placed by a U.S.-Spanish survey party headed by **Andrew Ellicott**, between U. S. and **Spanish Florida** from the **Mississippi** east to **Chattahoochee River**, the defined southern boundary of **Mississippi Territory** created in 1798. The marker became known as **Ellicott's Stone** located very near the **Ellicott** boundary of 31<sup>st</sup> Parallel North Latitude.

While **Perdido** means 'lost' in Spanish, others believe it meant 'lost' that comes from an Indian tongue, as the Perdido (Lost) River which begins just south of the settlement.

In 1804, **Maj. Gen. Edmund P. Gaines** had the hazardous duty and perform to the satisfaction of the Government to settle dispute when it was found that **Spain** refused to deliver up the territory between the **Mississippi** and **Perdido**, including **Mobile** and **Baton Rouge**, having obstructed the American trade with the **Gulf**.

In 1871, the "**Swamp Lands**" were in the news, when **Gov. Lindsay** ordered the sale of the swamp lands donated by **Congress**. During this time when the former Board were in office, a Chicago lumber company had made application to enter a large body of land on the **Perdido**. The purchasers invested over a quarter of million dollars in building mills, (but) brought out a large white population paying taxes on largest single investment of that county. The end result was the commissioners obtained warrant to bring suit against owners of the **Perdido Tract** causing issue of *writ of detinue* over an immense amount of logs, forcibly stopping the operation of the lumber mills.

The infamous **Hadleys-Bryers** feud headlined newspapers in September, 1875, with "Arrest of the **Hadleys**." **M. McMillan**, Esq. Sheriff of **Escambia County**, with a posse, arrived on the **Montgomery** train bringing with them **James Hadley**, **James M Hadley**, **Jesse Headley**, **Howell Penchor** and **Thomas Stewart** accused of murdering the **Bryers family**, also wounding two, in **Perdido**. Two of the **Hadleys** were also shot. The accused surrendered themselves to officers of the law.

In 1896, an application for a public road leading from **Bay Minette** to **Perdido** on the south side of the **Lat. 31, 1799"** **L&N Railroad**, was continued until next term.

In 1901, **W. B. Thomley** represented **Perdido** as delegate from **Baldwin County** to the **Good Roads Convention** held in **Mobile**, Alabama. In 1904, "Messrs. **Joe Deaux** and **C. E. Pressley** from **Perdido** were in **Bay Minette** on business." Legal notices in the **Baldwin Times** newspaper in October, 1902, shows some the homestead settlers to **Perdido**: **John Gray**, **John R. Presley**, **Charley Smith**, **A. D. Grimsley**, **James** and **William W King**, and **Robert Barber** who was listed as Register.

Labeled the "**Gulf Coast Inland Waterway Project**" in 1908, known today as "Inter-coastal Canal", the project associated to stretch between **Mobile** and **Apalachicola** via **Pensacola** and **Santa Rosa** sound. West Florida and Alabama were especially interested in the project as it affected the **Perdido** country included nine miles of canal and about 2 ½ miles of channel deepening.

A post office was established in **Perdido** by **Henry and Nancy (Allen) Havard** in 1876 to 1878. Henry also donated the land for **Perdido Baptist Church Cemetery** in 1907 and his wife **Nancy** was the first person to be buried there prior to donation in 1903. The post office was re-established in 1910, and listed as still active in 1916. In **Perdido**, **Henry Havard** owned the local livery stables, general store and owned and operated a saw mill, a turpentine business, spirit of gum and rosin.

**Robert T. Thomley** 1873-1951 and his wife **Matilda Eveline (White) Thomley** 1877-1951 were early settlers, both buried in the **Bryars-McGill Cemetery** in **Perdido**. Other cemeteries in the **Perdido** include **Mustin Family Cemetery**, **Coleman Cemetery**, **Pine Grove Freewill Baptist Church and Cemetery**, and **Morning Dove Cemetery**.



Helen & Henry C Havard

Today, **Perdido** seems to still live its name's meaning, "lost", despite its rich history, quiet, peaceful, off the beaten path.. But it is also home of Alabama's own **Perdido Vineyards and Winery**, part of 12,000 acres of grape-growing farmland scattered across the state. The native farm winery, owned and operated by **Jim and Marianne Eddins**, is one of only five in **Alabama**. A producer of popular muscadine wine made from scuppernong grapes known to southern states.

"The taste of memories of picking scuppernong grapes from grandma's arbor."

Sources: Alabama 1859 Map by George Woolworth Colton, New York, G.W. & W.B. Colton, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History; Heritage of Baldwin County, Alabama, c2001, pg 13; *Death of Gen. Gaines*, The Democrat newspaper, Huntsville, AL Jun 1849 pg3; *Ellicott's Stone*, Wikipedia; *Post Offices, United States* and worldwide Postal History, Jim Forte; Birmingham Age-Herald newspaper, Birmingham, AL, Sep 1908 pg 6; Baldwin Times newspaper, Bay Minette, Jun 1896 pg 3; ditto, Jul 1904 pg 3; ditto, Oct 1902 pg 4; *Henry C. Havard*, ID 6242215, [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com). Compiled by Jeanette Bornholt, Librarian, Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections, Foley Public Library

