

# Alabama Tourism Department: 2023 Community Grants Application

## Contact & Business Information

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**Name of Applicant Organization**

Baldwin County Department of Archives and History

**STAARS Vendor Customer Number**

VC000137679

**Contact Email**

fanderson@baldwincountyal.gov

**Project Director**

Felisha Anderson

**Address**

312 Courthouse Square, Suite 26

Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

**Work Phone**

(251) 580-2572

**Business Type**

☒ Not-For-Profit

☐ IRS Code 501(c)

**Date of Incorporation**

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**Charter Number**

[empty]

## Project Information

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**Project Name**

Removal of the County Seat

**Attraction Name**

[empty]

**Project Start Date**

10/05/2023

**Estimated Completion Date**

10/05/2023

**Date of Festival or Event**

10/05/2023

**Project Description**

Most of Baldwin County has heard the tale of the courthouse being stolen from Daphne and moved to Bay Minette in the middle of the night. The "removal" really did happen in a dramatic fashion, but none of it happened in the dark. More than a century later, the removal is still up for debate.

## Funding Information

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**Total Project Budget**

\$7472.50

**State Funds Requested**

\$5000

**Local Funds Provided**

\$2472.50

**Federal Funds**

\$0

**Federal Funds Purpose**

[empty]

**State Funds**

\$0

**State Funds Purpose**

[empty]

**Required Signatures**

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Project Director

<u>Felisha Anderson</u>	<u>Felisha Anderson</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>4/28/23</u>
Signature	Print Name	Title	Date

Signatures from three members of your organization and/or Board of Directors

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Signature	Print Name	Title	Date

Mail to:

**Matching Grants Coordinator**

Alabama Tourism Department

Post Office Box 4927

Montgomery, AL 36103-4927

Fax: (334) 353 - 8249



## ALABAMA STATE SENATE

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Education Policy  
Tourism

April 20, 2023

Alabama Tourism Department  
401 Adams Avenue, Suite 126  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Tourism Event Grant Staff,

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It draws a sizable crowd each and every year and gives an opportunity for locals and tourists alike to be able to learn an under-appreciated part of our local history, while also enjoying a baking competition and other family-friendly enjoyments. Felisha and her team at Archives does a phenomenal job with this event, just like every event they do for us.

I am happy to award this grant to the Removal Day Celebration and I know it will be able to make an immediate positive impact on our residents here.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Chris Elliott



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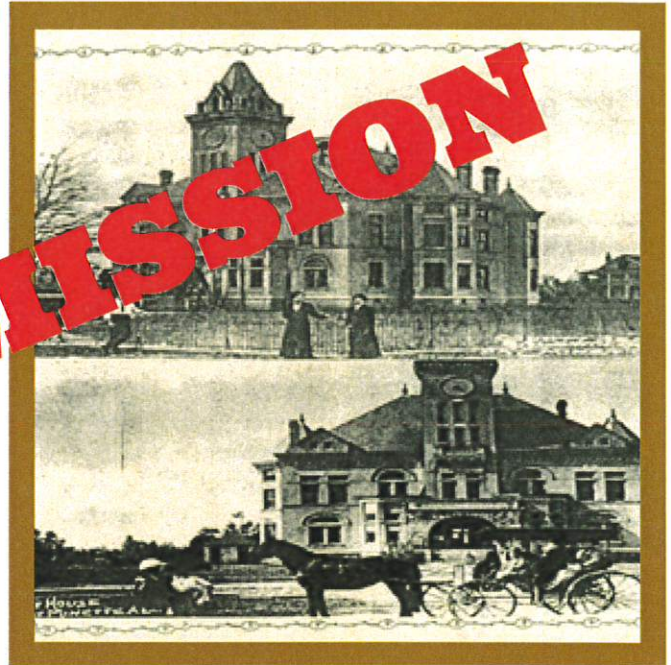
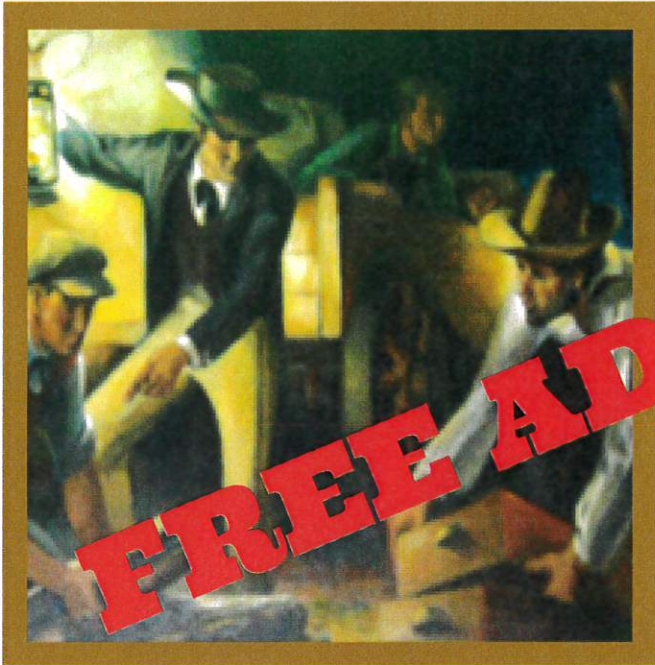
Senator Greg Albritton



WE CARE ABOUT HISTORY

# Story Telling & Reenactment of the

REMOVAL OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY SEAT  
From Daphne to Bay Minette



**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

**5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

at the  
**Courthouse Gazebo, Bay Minette**

## **STORY TELLERS:**

Cliff McCollum and Robert "Bob" Wills

## **REENACTORS:**

Sheriff Hoss H. Mack, Commissioner James "Jeb" Ball, Chief of Police, Al Tolbert, Jessie Peacock and more!

## **OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCORPORATED INTO THE EVENT:-**

Food Vendors

- Old Fashioned Dessert Eating Contest

- Period Attire Contest Age Groups (3-17), (18 & above)

- Games for the Kids

- Old Timey Music & More

- Bring your lawn chair & straw hat

For More Information Contact Baldwin County Archives & History at 251-580-1899  
or email: [archivalrecords@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:archivalrecords@baldwincountyal.gov)