

# CONTRIBUTORS

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**RAY L. BELLANDE**

Ray earned a petroleum geology degree from Mississippi State in 1965 and later worked for Humble Oil and Tenneco. In 1980, he became an independent geologist, but he's best known for creating the Ocean Springs Archives. A respected local historian, he now serves as the official historian for the City of Ocean Springs.



**ELSE MARTIN**

Else Martin, a lifelong resident of Jackson County, has dedicated over 40 years to researching local history and genealogy. She served as a librarian with the Jackson-George Regional Library System from 1985 to 2002, working in children's services and later specializing in genealogy and local history. A graduate of Moss Point High School and Mississippi State University, Else is passionate about preserving and sharing the rich heritage of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



**CHELSEA PRINCE**

Chelsea quickly fell in love with the Mississippi Gulf Coast's history and its beauty after moving to the area. She is the author of a children's book, *Carl the Rooster*, founded the Ocean Springs Mississippi Historical Archives Facebook Group and now works as the Outreach Coordinator for the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area. She enjoys gardening, beachcombing and exploring with her husband and three children.



**BRILEY RICHMOND**

Briley Richmond is a lifelong resident of Ocean Springs and a retired attorney. A former Navy Lieutenant, he served as an American Naval Officer. He has held roles as Alderman and Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Ocean Springs. Briley has a passion for history and art and enjoys sharing stories that highlight the rich heritage of his hometown.



**BERNARD ROUGHTON**

I've been an Elvis fan since age 11 after hearing 'All Shook Up' on an HMV 78 in England. I collect memorabilia, helped produce Elvis videos through the fan club and worked 30 years with the BBC, one of the first to film inside Graceland. I've made several Elvis trips to the U.S., with a special interest in King Creole and a love for the Gulf Coast, whether America or Mexico.



**LURIE ROSETTI**

Laurie is a native of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Her roots go back nine generations to the early 1700s and the original families who settled the area. She is employed with the City of Biloxi and her job includes helping to preserve Biloxi's vast cultural heritage. She graduated Sacred Heart Catholic Girls' High School and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. She is mother to Bryan Rosetti, Jr. and Dylan Russell Rosetti. She enjoys genealogy, cooking and Saints football.



**VINCENT CREEL**

Biloxi native Vincent Creel is the former Public Affairs Manager for the City of Biloxi and a former reporter and editor for the Sun Herald.



**JESSE YARBOROUGH**

Jesse moved to the Coast in 1991 and graduated from St. Martin in 2005. A lifelong history buff, he served five years in the Navy in Norfolk, later joining the Mississippi Army National Guard. He earned a B.S. in History from Liberty University in 2021 using the G.I. Bill. Now living in Saucier with his wife, Katie Mae, and their four children, Laney, Luke, Anna, and Bella, Jesse works as a senior technician at Stennis Space Center and recently joined the Navy Reserves.