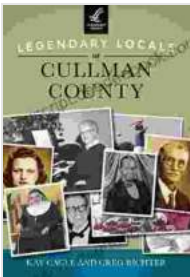


Legendary Locals: The Unsung Heroes of Cullman County

Cullman County, Alabama, is a place steeped in history and rich in character. From its humble beginnings as a frontier outpost to its present-day status as a thriving community, Cullman County has been shaped by a cast of extraordinary individuals whose stories deserve to be told.



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These legendary locals have made their mark on the county's landscape, its culture, and its people. They are the unsung heroes who have built schools, founded businesses, fought for justice, and inspired generations. Their stories are a testament to the indomitable spirit that has always defined Cullman County.

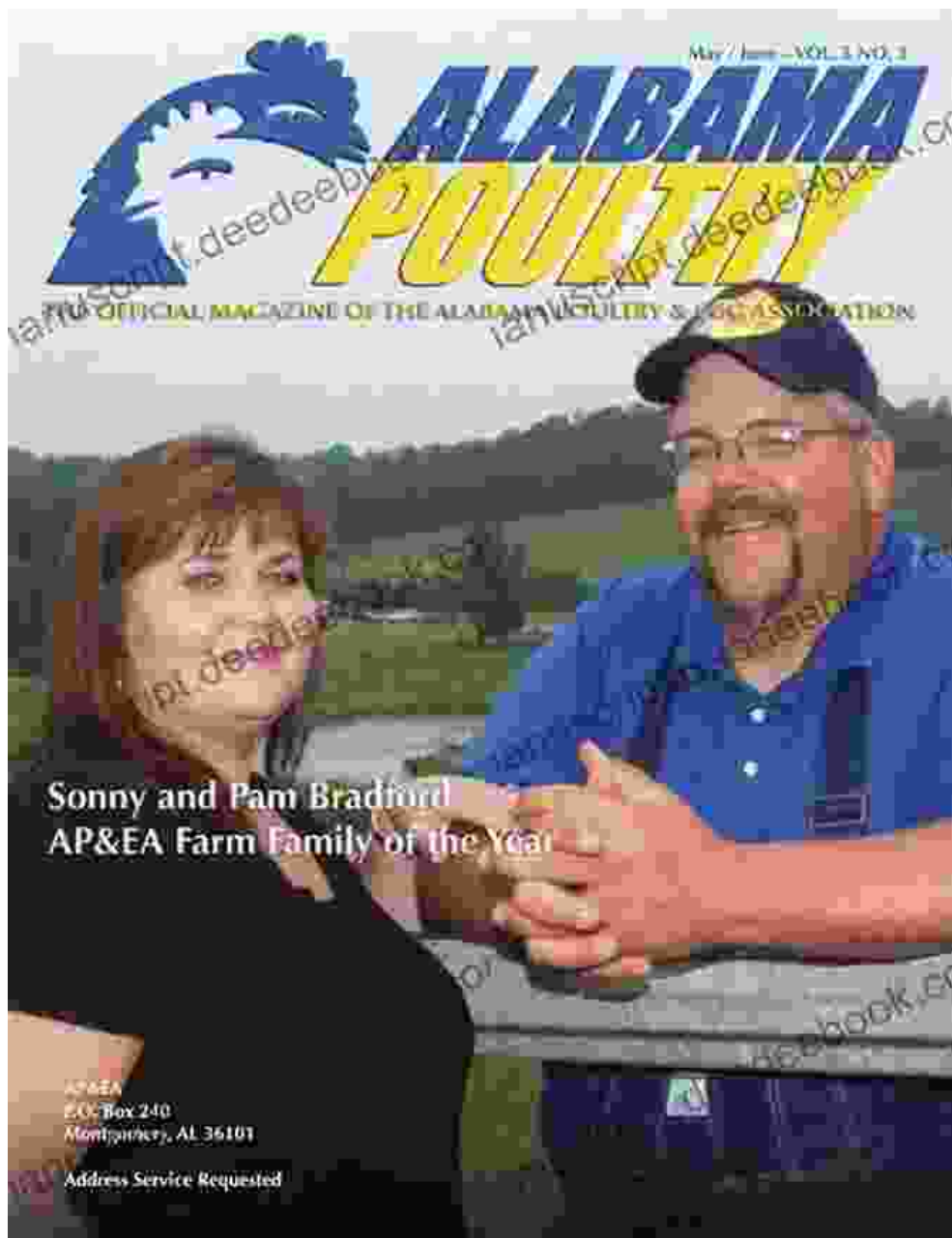
1. Reverend Edward A. O'Rear: The Father of Cullman



Reverend Edward A. O'Rear was a Catholic priest who arrived in Cullman in 1873. He found a community of poor German immigrants struggling to make a living in a harsh frontier environment. O'Rear dedicated his life to helping these immigrants, and his efforts were instrumental in the growth and development of Cullman County.

O'Rear founded St. Bernard's Catholic Church, the first Catholic church in Cullman County. He also established St. Bernard College, which later became St. Bernard Preparatory School. O'Rear's vision and leadership helped to shape the cultural and educational landscape of Cullman County.

2. Colonel Frederick W. Smith: The Father of Alabama's Poultry Industry



Colonel Frederick W. Smith was a businessman and civic leader who played a major role in the development of Alabama's poultry industry. Smith founded the Alabama Poultry Federation in 1937, and he served as its president for many years. He also helped to establish the Alabama Poultry Research and Development Center at Auburn University.

Smith's efforts helped to make Alabama one of the leading poultry-producing states in the nation. The poultry industry has been a major economic driver for Cullman County, and Smith's contributions to the industry have had a lasting impact on the county's economy.

3. Judge William H. Orrick: A Champion of Civil Rights



Judge William H. Orrick was a federal judge who played a key role in the Civil Rights Movement. Orrick was appointed to the federal bench in 1961, and he quickly became known for his fair and impartial treatment of all

litigants. He issued several landmark rulings that helped to advance the cause of civil rights.

In 1964, Orrick ruled that Alabama's ban on interracial marriage was unconstitutional. This ruling was a major victory for the Civil Rights Movement, and it helped to pave the way for the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Loving v. Virginia* the following year.

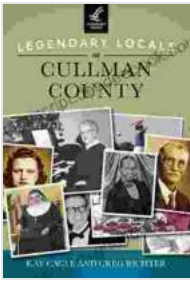
Orrick's legacy as a champion of civil rights continues to inspire generations of Americans. He is a reminder that one person can make a difference in the fight for justice.

4. Dr. Martha Welborn: A Pioneer in Women's Health



Dr. Martha Welborn was a physician who dedicated her life to improving the health of women in Cullman County. Welborn was one of the first female doctors in Alabama, and she faced many challenges in her career. But she never gave up on her dream of providing quality healthcare to women.

Welborn founded the Welborn Hospital for Women in



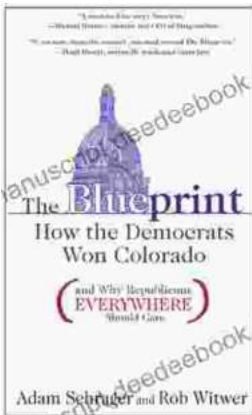
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