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## Alice Green Hoffman Timeline: Part 2

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*Part 1 of the Alice Green Hoffman timeline, which appeared in the last issue of The Shoreline, began with Alice's birth in 1862 and ended after WWI. A year earlier, Alice had bought property on Bogue Banks and was about to return to Paris. Part 2 takes us to her death on Bogue Banks and to the much later death of Alice's close companion, Gabrielle Brard, who was with Alice in her final years and was known by many locals. More graphics are available at [pineknollhistory.blogspot.com](http://pineknollhistory.blogspot.com).*

**1918, age 56.** Alice Hoffman returns to Paris after the WWI armistice, having caretakers maintain her Bogue Banks property, where she is raising Holstein-Friesian cattle to give to France to replenish herds lost to war.

**1919, age 57.** The Post Office Department establishes the Bogue Banks post office at Shore House, appointing Alice postmaster.

**1920, age 58.** Women gain the right to vote. A passport issued on August 13, 1920, gives Alice's residence as North Carolina. She plans to leave New York on the SS *La France*, departing September 8.

**1921, age 59.** *The New York Times* "Social Notes" reports "Mrs. Alice Green Hoffman gave dinner party at the Ritz-Carlton."

**1922, age 60.** Alice sails on the White Star line *RMS Majestic* from Cherbourg, France, to New York City, arriving on

October 3. Ship records give her a New York address at 25 West 56th Street, and a passport issued three days later, on October 6, has her residence as Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, Paris. However, in 1922 her long-term lease on 29 rue Bois de Boulogne is not renewed, and she purchases Chateau des Landes, Suresnes, Paris, France. That same year, John A. Royall sells the western portion of his Bogue Banks property, which later becomes Emerald Isle, to Henry Fort.

**1923, age 61.** Alice begins purchasing land on the north shore of Bogue Sound near the town of Mansfield to establish a dairy farm. A Salter Path lawsuit establishes that original squatters and their descendants may live there, but Alice owns their Bogue Banks land.

**1924, age 62.** Alice's legal disputes with the French government over her Chateau des Landes property in Paris begin and will continue until 1938. Alice travels to China as a guest of the British minister to China, Sir Roland Macleay. She travels with maid Charlotte Baumberger and her parrot Polly. Her travel time there was one month, and she stays for four months. **1925, age 63.** Alice departs Yokohama, Japan, on February 9 aboard SS *President Lincoln*. She arrives in San Francisco on February 21, and makes a four-day railroad journey to New York City, where she proceeds to make major alterations to her apartment in her building at 12 East 61st Street. Sometime later in the year, she must have returned to France because she takes the *RMS Majestic* from France and arrives back in New York City on September 29. For that trip, she gives her address as Bogue Banks, NC.



*RMS Majestic* was Alice Hoffman's ship of choice for crossing the Atlantic.—Photo from the Pine Knoll Shores History Committee's archives

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