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## MISSISSIPPI NEWS

### Alabama and Mississippi Materials Rescued at Auction

In April of 1997, more than one hundred of the records of the Mobile Alabama Probate Court, together with records of the probate courts of Baldwin and Washington counties, the Chancery Court in Jackson County, Mississippi, and the Mobile Municipal Archives were recovered from the "Neville Collection of Civil War Antiquities Auction" in Fairhope, Alabama. Judge Margaret McMahoney of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court ordered materials returned to the Mobile County Probate Court since the "Neville Collection" was under the jurisdiction of the court. Among the Mobile County records were original wills such as those of Pierre Baptiste and Rene Krebs and estate documents such as those of Joseph Chastang. The records of Baldwin and Washington counties were returned also, but Jackson County could not establish adequate ownership of the Chancery Court records because of a fire which destroyed the appropriate indexes. (Collette King in *The Alabama Archivist*, Fall 1997).

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This single Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter 1997 issue is one of two retrospective issues intended to bring *The Primary Source* to currency in 1998, while providing a continuous record of Mississippi archival activities.

---Mattie Sink

## James T. (Jim) Dawson Obituary

On Friday August 22, 1997, James T. (Jim) Dawson passed away at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. As the founder and Executive Director of the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History (LCDAH), Jim Dawson was known and beloved by us all. Taking a dream and turning it into a reality, Mr. Dawson was the driving force behind the Archives. No, that was a gross understatement--he was the Archives. We will surely miss him.

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During his tenure, Mr. Dawson received numerous awards, a list that includes the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's Recruitment Award and the Governor's Distinguished Service Award. Nor were his achievements limited to local awards as indicated by the Archive's recent award from the National Genealogical Society. Not limiting his interests to Lauderdale County, Mr. Dawson also served as the State Director of the Mississippi Society of Archivists.

As a volunteer, Mr. Dawson has never received any monetary compensation for his work as the Executive Director of LCDAH.

Although Mr. Dawson was born in Oklahoma, his connections to Lauderdale ran deep, with both his parents being natives of Whynot, Mississippi. His paternal grandfather, James Eli Dawson, was a farm overseer, and his maternal grandfather, Thomas A. Means, a sawmill operator, surveyor, and farmer.

Dawson was valedictorian of his Whynot Consolidated High School class. After graduation he joined the Navy, serving in both the Second World War and the Korean War. Retiring from the service as a Chief Warrant Officer after a 20-year career, Dawson worked with the Mississippi State Employment Service. In 1984, he retired as the metropolitan manager of the Meridian branch office. During his many years with the agency, he garnered many honors, including local, state, national, and international awards for his service to veterans.

After his "second" retirement, Dawson launched the drive to establish the LCDAH. What began as a one-man operation with a few volunteers, is today an active and growing agency. Dawson always said that his work at the Archives was his way of "giving something back to the county that means home to me. (Mike Mansfield in *Quarterly Newsletter of the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc.*, 1997, no. 2, [p. 1]). (Editor's Note: Thanks to LCDAH for permission to use this article verbatim).

### Staff Changes: Lauderdale Department of Archives and History

Mike Mansfield, who replaced Archivist and Records Manager Will Henson at the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, resigned in 1997 and returned to Alabama to pursue his studies and career.

In September of 1997, Robert J. Overton, Jr. assumed the position of Archivist and Records Manager. Overton, a 31 year old native of Jackson, Alabama, received a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of West Alabama, (formerly Livingston University), in 1991. In 1993 while attending graduate school at the University of South Alabama, located in Mobile, Mr.

Overton was hired as an Archives Technician for the Archives Department of the Mobile County Probate Court. Enjoying this work very much, Overton changed the emphasis of his graduate program from research to archival practice. He served as Archives Technician at Mobile County until September of 1997.

Edwin Shields, formerly volunteer Assistant Director of LCDAH has been serving as volunteer Director since Jim Dawson died in 1997. Shields is a retired missionary who was interested in the work at the Center and had been an invaluable asset as Assistant Director. The Center Board is searching for a permanent replacement for Jim Dawson.

### **Staff Changes: University of Mississippi Department of Archives and Special Collections**

DebbiLee Landi resigned from the Department of Archives and Special Collections in August of 1997. Landi will attend the University of British Columbia at Vancouver to obtain a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies, with an archival emphasis. Landi had served as Curator of Manuscripts in the Department for five years.

### **Mississippi Archivists Invited to Contact ACA Ombudsman**

Do you have questions about your Academy of Certified Archivists membership? Do you have concerns that you would like ACA officers to discuss or that you would like brought up at our annual meeting? Are you unsure whom to contact ACA regarding dues, address changes, or recertification?

To help you, the Academy of Certified Archivists recently created the new position of "Membership Ombudsman." The Membership Ombudsman will serve as your first contact and referral point for any ACA membership questions. If the ombudsman cannot answer your question immediately, he will refer you to the person who can and make sure your questions are answered quickly and fully.

Because membership concerns are vital to the life of the academy, the academy has made the position of Membership Ombudsman the permanent duty of one of its highest officers, the Vice-President/President-Elect. We hope this will ensure that the ACA's incoming president will be well-versed in the membership concerns of Certified Archivists. We also hope it will guarantee that our members' concerns are central to all ACA plans, meetings, and discussions.

Our Membership Ombudsman this year is Charles Schultz, Hoadley Professor and Clements Archivist at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. He welcomes your membership questions and comments via email at [C-Schultz@tamu.edu](mailto:C-Schultz@tamu.edu) or phone at 409-862-1555. He also invites you to write to him at his work address of Cushing Library, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-500, or his home address of 1200 Goode Street, College Station, TX 77840.

Of course, as always, we encourage you to contact any ACA officer, regent or committee chair with your questions, comments, and concerns. With our new

Membership Ombudsman, however, we hope to ensure that member concerns always remain central to the life of the Academy of Certified Archivists. For more information, contact the Academy of Certified Archivists, 48 Howard Street, Albany NY 12207, ph: 518-463-8644, fax: 518-463-8656. (Contributed by Bobs Tusas, University of Southern Mississippi).

## ACQUISITIONS

### Recent Donations at the University of Mississippi

#### James Meredith Collection

In 1997, James Meredith donated his collection of papers to the Department of Archives and Special Collections at the University of Mississippi. Although the collection contains only a small number of records from Meredith's early years, fortunately Meredith began collecting in-depth during the period of his attempted integration of the University and continued collecting until the donation of the papers. As one might imagine, the collection includes primary subject material on the University of Mississippi and civil rights, including letters of reaction written to Meredith during the integration period. Other materials include Meredith's speeches and articles, personal notes, interview tapes, publications, Mississippi campaign ephemera, materials concerning Meredith's service as special aide to North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, and materials concerning Meredith's entrepreneurial activities (Reported by Leigh McWhite in *Esprit de Corps*, July, 1997).

### Society of Mississippi Archivists Proposed Slate of Officers, 1997-1998

**President Elect** (replacing David Richards who resigned to take a position at the University of Missouri):

Marja Lynne Mueller, Mississippiana and Rare Books Librarian, Mississippi State University Library

**Vice-President and Chair, Education and Program Committee:**

Juanita Murray, University Archivist, Jackson State University

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**Directors:**

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Antoinette Nelson, University of Southern Mississippi

1997-1999:

Sandra E. Boyd, Official Rcrds, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Submitted by Elaine Owens, Chair, Nominations Committee, April 1997

## NATIONAL NEWS

### **Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress Reopened**

The Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress Officially Reopened on May 1, 1997. After more than a decade of restoration and modernization, the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress will officially reopen to the public on May 1. The opening of a new exhibit, "Treasures of the Library of Congress," was part of the celebration. When the Jefferson Building was completed one hundred years ago in 1897, James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, has noted that it was called "the most beautiful public building in America." The renovated building includes a new Visitors' Center, an expanded Sales Shop, a 90-seat visitors' theater with a new film about the Library of Congress, and new exhibit areas. Especially notable is the cleaning of the marble and artwork. This has lightened and brightened the spaces of the Great Hall and the Main Reading Room that can seat 226 researchers. (Washington Update, April 2, 1997).

### **Making of America Project**

Cornell University and the University of Michigan have together mounted a collection of Americana on the web which documents U.S. social history from the Civil War through Reconstruction. The Making of America Project draws on materials from both university libraries, which together house some 5000 volumes published from 1850 to 1877. The site is funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation and is found at <<http://www.undl.umich.edu/moa/>> (Library Journal, August, 1997).

### **F. Gerald Ham Winner of Distinguished Service Award**

Archivist F. Gerald Ham won the 1997 Distinguished Service Award of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The award recognizes individuals whose careers have demonstrated exemplary accomplishment and extraordinary commitment in forwarding the mission of the NHPRC and individuals who have made notable accomplishments in the fields touched by the NHPRC's work. Previous recipients have been Arthur Link, H.G. Jones, Robert Warner, Dorothy Porter Wesley, Charles Lee, Carol Bleser, and Mark Hatfield. Dr. Ham began his archival career as the Associate Curator of the West Virginia Collections at West Virginia University, then in 1964 moved to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin where he served for over 25 years as the State Archivist and Head of the Archives Division. From 1967-1991, he also taught archival courses as adjunct professor in the University of Wisconsin's School of Library and Information Studies.

Ham has influenced a generation of archivists, many of whom are now leaders in the field. His archival education sequence attracted scores of students to Wisconsin who used the rich collections of the Society for their work. His graduates are found in repositories throughout the country and abroad. Dr. Ham's writings have also helped define the profession. Among the Ham's critical writings are his widely reprinted SAA Presidential address, "The Archival Edge", "Managing the Historical Record in the Age of Abundance", which won the Posner Prize, and *Selecting and Appraising Archives and Manuscripts*, which won the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize. Ham's leadership at the Wisconsin Historical Society won him wide respect, as did his

contributions through leadership in the Society of American Archivists (*National Archives Press Release*, April, 1997).

### **Library of Congress American Memory Sites**

Ten libraries from across the United States were given awards totaling \$600,000 in 1997. The awards were funded through a partnership between the Library of Congress and Ameritech to digitize historically significant American collections and make them available for the first time via the Internet from the Library's American Memory site.

The 10 winners were:

\* Brown University, Providence, R.I., for African-American Sheet Music. Award amount: \$72,193. This collection consists of 1,500 pieces of African-American sheet music from 1870 to 1920, providing a window into the daily concerns and pastimes of African Americans in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

\* Denver Public Library, Denver, for History of the American West, 1860-1920. Award amount: \$71,250. This collection includes 7,500 photos documenting the lives of the Plains, Mountain and Southwestern tribes of Native Americans and the mining booms in Colorado, plus access to 48,000 previously digitized images in the Denver Western History Collection.

\* Duke University, Durham, N.C., for Historic American Sheet Music. Award amount: \$64,688. This collection consists of 3,000 pieces of historic American sheet music from the period 1850-1920, representing a wide variety of musical types including bel canto; minstrel songs; protest, political and patriotic songs; plantation songs; spirituals; songs from vaudeville, musicals, and Tin Pan Alley; World War I compositions; and Civil War battle songs.

\* Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for American Landscape and Architectural Design, 1850-1920. Award amount: \$33,214. This collection consists of 2,500 lantern slide images assembled to support teaching and student presentations in the field of architecture, landscape architecture and urban planning.

\* New York Public Library, New York City, for Small Town America: Stereoscopic Views from the Dennis Collection, 1850-1910. Award amount: \$74,956. This collection includes 11,552 stereoscopic views representing the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

\* North Dakota State University, Fargo, for The Northern Great Plains, 1880-1920. Award amount: \$15,628. These collections include more than 900 images documenting the settlement and agricultural development of the Northern Great Plains.

\* Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, for The African-American Experience in Ohio, 1850-1920. Award amount: \$72,844. This digital collection of 22,000 pages of text and images focuses on themes such as slavery and emancipation, religion, public opinion and political action.

\* University of Chicago, Chicago, for American Environmental Photographs, 1897-1931. Award amount: \$67,418. This collection of 5,800 photographic images documents natural environments, ecologies, and plant communities in their original state throughout the United States.



\* University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for First-Person Narratives of the American South, 1860-1920. Award amount: \$74,782. This compilation of 100 printed texts documents the culture of the 19<sup>th</sup> century American South from the viewpoint of Southerners and includes diaries, autobiographies, memoirs, travel accounts and ex-slave narratives.

\* University of Texas, Austin, for The South Texas Border, 1900-1920. Award amount: \$46,945. This collection consists of 8,241 photographs of northeastern Mexico and the South Texas border area, including images of the diverse ethnic groups living in the area, military preparation for the Mexican Revolution and World War I, and the natural and built environment. Additional information on the Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Competition is available at: The Library's Web site -- <http://www.loc.gov/> or The Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library>Competition Web site at --<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/award/> or The Ameritech Web site -- <http://www.ameritech.com> > Washington Update, April 10, 1997).

### **Smithsonian and Bethlehem Steel Establish Museum of Industrial Past**

In 1997, the Smithsonian Museum and the Bethlehem Steel Company joined together to establish a museum on the national industrial past in Pennsylvania. On February 27, Michael Heyman, the Secretary of the Smithsonian along with representatives of Bethlehem Steel announced plans for a \$60 million museum on America's industrial history. Heyman said "This is the beginning of our nationwide program to share the vast Smithsonian collections with cities and towns across America." This is the first time the Smithsonian has established a partnership to exhibit part of its large collection of artifacts outside Washington. Most of the 140 million artifacts that the Smithsonian owns are currently in storage, and the Smithsonian welcomes this opportunity to have more of its items exhibited. The Smithsonian will be loaning objects to the new museum for five years, subject to renewal, and will be providing staff assistance for the planning and building of the museum. It, however, will not contribute money or help run the museum. (Washington Update, March 12, 1997).

### **Clinton Presidential Library to be Located at UALR**

On February 12, 1997, President Bill Clinton announced that the Clinton Presidential Library would be located in Little Rock and would be affiliated with the University of Arkansas. Skip Rutherford, an old Clinton friend and a Little Rock public relations executive, will coordinate the local planning for the library. Clinton has indicated that he hopes the Library will employ the most advanced technology to make its holdings available to all Americans (Washington Update, February 28, 1997).

### **Nazi Gold Records at the National Archives**

From 1996-1997, streams of researchers visited the National Archives in College Park to review records related to Nazi gold. What began as a few researchers in March of 1996 from Senator Al D'Amato's (R-NY) office mushroomed into delegations from the Swiss government, Jewish organizations, representatives from Swiss banks, and numerous scholars and reporters. To assist these researchers the National Archives developed a 300 page finding aid that covers Nazi gold related records that are located in over 30 different record groups from 1940 to the 1960s. "Records Related to World War II, Economic Warfare, the Safe Haven Program, and the

Diplomatic and Financial Aftermath of the War: A Finding Aid to Records at the National Archives at College Park," developed by Dr. Greg Bradsher of the National Archives, proved to be a timely and indispensable tool for those researching this subject.

An Interagency Group on Nazi Assets had the task of finding out what the American government knew and did about Nazi loot. This interagency group had a subcommittee on historical research headed by the Historian of the State Department, William Slany. The Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade Stuart Eizenstat and William Slany worked to produce the subsequently released report, "U.S. and Allied Efforts to Recover and Restore Gold and Other Assets Stolen or Hidden by Germany during World War II". As a part of this effort, almost one million pages of U.S. records have been declassified and transferred to the National Archives, including previously unavailable OSS, Army, State, Treasury and Justice Department records.

Eizenstat stated that the report documents one of the greatest thefts by a government in recorded history, the confiscation by Nazi Germany of an estimate \$580 million of gold, which would be worth about \$5.6 billion in today's values. He noted that around \$400 million of this looted gold, \$3.9 billion in today's values, went to Switzerland either to the Swiss National Bank's own account or the accounts of other countries at the Swiss National Bank. Our mandate from President Clinton, Eizenstat said, was to describe to the fullest extent possible, U.S. and Allied efforts to recover and restore gold and the initially valiant but ultimately inadequate steps taken. "The picture which emerges," Eizenstat said, "from these pages is often harsh and unflattering, particularly when dealing with actions and attitudes of the neutral countries." The Report, together with the finding aid from the National Archives is available on the State Department's Web page (Washington Updates, February 18, 1997 and Press Release, 1997).

### **Arizona State University Archives Website**

The Department of Archives and Manuscripts at Arizona State University Libraries announces the availability of its World Wide Web site at <http://www.lib.asu.edu/archives/damage.htm>. The site presents information about the Department's five distinct research collections -- Arizona Collection, University Archives, Chicano Research Collection, Labriola National American Indian Data Center, and Benedict Visual Literacy Collection -- as well as staff listings, access to local arrangements information for visiting scholars, and a description of the Exhibits of Arizona program.

Future plans for the site include digitized photographs from the Department's extensive collections, finding guides to manuscript materials, and quick reference information on the history of Arizona State University. Questions and comments on the site should be directed Heather McIntyre ([mheather@asvm.inre.asu.edu](mailto:mheather@asvm.inre.asu.edu)), University Libraries/Archives & Manuscripts/Arizona State Univ., Box 871006/Tempe, AZ 85287-1006, (602) 965-9276.

**ARCHIVAL ACCESS AND PRESERVATION MATTERS!****Society of Mississippi Archivists****1997 Annual Meeting****April 3-4, 1997****Mississippi State University****Wednesday, April 2**

- 2:00-5:00 PM Templeton Music Museum and Archives open for visitors
- 4:30-6:30 PM Welcome reception and registration, University Inn, Starkville
- 6:30 PM- Dinner (On your own)

**Thursday, April 3 Memorial Hall Continuing Education Center, Auditorium, MSU**

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome: **Victor Bailey**  
*President of the Society of Mississippi Archivists*  
*Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History*
- 9:15 AM Keynote Speaker: "Access to Archives:  
Key to Success or Root of Failure?"  
**Dr. Terry Latour**  
*Director of Library Services*  
*Delta State University*
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:15 AM "The Researcher's Perspective on Preservation and Access"  
-12:15 PM **Dr. Martha Swain**  
*Professor of History, Mississippi State University*
- Dr. William Scarborough**  
*Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi*
- Dr. Elizabeth Nybakken**  
*Professor of History, Mississippi State University*
- Moderator: **Dr. Lynne Mueller**  
*Mississippiana and Rare Books Librarian*  
*Mississippi State University Library*

**Thursday, April 3, continued**

- 12:15 -1:30 PM Lunch (boxed) and informal luncheon session:  
"From the Trenches: The Archivist's Perspective"  
Session Leaders:  
**Sandra Boyd**, *Official Records*  
**Elaine Owens**, *Graphic Records Curator*  
*Mississippi Department of Archives and History*
- 1:30 -3:00 PM "Archival Access and Preservation in Guyana."  
*Archivist*  
*Tougaloo College*
- 3:00-3:45 PM Break and travel to Columbus, Mississippi
- 3:45-4:30 PM Tour, Billups-Garth Archives, Columbus, Mississippi.  
**Martha Sparrow**  
*Historian and Archivist*  
*Billups-Garth Archives, Lowndes County Library*
- 4:30-5:00 PM "Tales from the Crypt: Inspiring Gifted Students to Research and  
Lowndes County Produce a Public History Program".  
Archives Conference **Carl Butler**  
Room *Professor*  
*Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science*
- 5:00-6:00 PM Break and tour of Stephen D. Lee Home and Museum, Columbus  
6:00 PM SMA Dinner, Stephen D. Lee Home and Museum
- 7:30 PM- "Tales from the Crypt: A Graveyard Tour," Friendship Cemetery  
Columbus
- Friday, April 4** **Mitchell Memorial Library Auditorium, MSU**
- 9:00 AM SMA Business Meeting
- 10:00 AM "Electronic Records: NHPRC Grant Q&A."  
**Linda Culberson**  
*Electronic Records Archivist*  
*Mississippi Department of Archives & History*
- 11:00 AM Tour of the new MSU Library and Special Collections Department.  
**Lynne Mueller, Michael B. Ballard and Mattie Sink**

## REPORT ON THE SIXTH MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVES WEEK November 1-9, 1997

During this sixth year of archives celebrations throughout the state, we had a total of 38 sites/events. Irmi Wolfe made a special effort to contact the black colleges about participating, and two new sites were in those location. Almost every library we contacted wanted to participate; those who did not had previous conflicts or building problems that prevented their involvement this year. Statistics for the week are given below.

1. Fifteen (15) exhibits prepared and distributed by committee:  
Sent out five (5) Preservation exhibits. Sent out seven (7) Genealogy I exhibits Sent out three (3) Genealogy II exhibits
2. Nine (9) libraries prepared their own exhibits from local materials.
3. Nine (9) sites requested speakers. The responses at each site are listed below.

All speakers were well received and seemed to enjoy the oportunity to get out "among the people." We were fortunate to be able to draw on retired Archives staff members as well as members of SMA. Publicity for the activities also led to an invitation to speak at a junior high school in the Jackson area (30 students).

Program Site	Attendance
Alcorn State University	25
Canton	6
Collins	12
Jackson	7
Kosciusko	5
Macon	10
Madison	7
Natchez	34
Waynesboro	12

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### The Society of Mississippi Archivists Renewal Application

Please complete the membership renewal application below, enclose with membership dues, and mail to SMA Membership Chair, P. O. Box 1151, Jackson, MS 39215-1151.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

Membership categories:

Student	\$5.00
Individual	\$10.00
Institutional	\$20.00
Patron	\$25.00 or more

## ACCESSIONS

### Mississippi Department of Archives and History

#### Special Collections, Manuscript Collection

ALCORN-RUSSELL FAMILY PAPERS. ca. 1874-1932. 1.30 c.f.

The papers include genealogical material concerning the Alcorns, Russells, and related families; a senatorial photograph of James L. Alcorn; and two commissary store ledgers from Eagle's Nest, the Alcorns' plantation in Coahoma County, Mississippi. Utilized in the 1920s as scrapbooks, the ledgers contain family souvenirs, news clippings, photographs, and illustrations. Some of the latter depict contemporary views of black life in the South. Presented by Nan M. Russell, Jonestown, Mississippi.

BELLANDE (RAY L.) PAPERS. 1993-1997. 0.50 c.f.

The papers consist of photocopies of articles written by Ray L. Bellande for his weekly "Sous les Chenes" column of the *Ocean Springs Record*. The articles address a variety of topics, and include studies of prominent persons, historic buildings, and cemeteries in Ocean Springs, and Jackson County, Mississippi. Presented by Ray Bellande, Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

BLANTON (DENVER MITCHELL) MEMOIRS. 1918-1994. 0.10 c.f.

This collection consists of a transcript of the memoirs of Denver Mitchell Blanton of Ackerman and Houston, Mississippi, concerning his service in the American Expeditionary Force in 1918 and 1919. Included with the memoirs are an introduction, dated 1994, and photocopies of photographs. The memoirs were edited by Merle Blanton, Barbara Blanton Carnes, and Omega Castles Blanton. Presented by Merle Blanton, Houston, Mississippi.

BURTON FAMILY PAPERS, ACCRETION. ca. 1907-1980. 0.33 c.f.

These papers include correspondence, financial records, social papers and genealogical material concerning the Burton family of Kemper and Lauderdale Counties, Mississippi. Among the papers are English compositions written by C. W. J. Burton around 1907. There are also papers concerning the military service of Albert Currie Hopper, Jr., in World War II, including a photocopy of a log documenting his naval service from 1941 through 1942. Presented by Albert Currie Hopper Jr., St. Petersburg, Florida.

CAPERS (CHARLOTTE) PAPERS, ACCRETION. 1930-1965. 0.25 c.f.

This accretion to the papers of Charlotte Capers consists of her 1930 yearbook from Central High School, Jackson, Mississippi, which includes annotations, social papers and clippings, and a travel diary containing entries from 1961 through 1965. Presented by the estate of Charlotte Capers, Jackson, Mississippi.

CAPERS (CHARLOTTE) PAPERS, ACCRETION. ca. 1943-1991. 0.10 c.f.

This accretion consists of manuscripts and photographs from a folder entitled "As the Crow Flies." The manuscripts are typed, annotated, largely undated, and primarily consist of stories

relating to Charlotte Capers' career at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Among the three photographs in the folder is one of Charlotte Capers and Eudora Welty. Presented by the estate of Charlotte Capers, Jackson, Mississippi.

CAPERS (CHARLOTTE) PAPERS, ACCRETION. 1954-1996. 1.50 c.f.

This collection is an accretion to the CHARLOTTE CAPERS EUDORA WELTY COLLECTION (Z/U/81.069), and consists of thirty-one works written by or about Eudora Welty. Many of the volumes contain signatures or inscriptions by Eudora Welty. Several first editions are included. Presented by the estate of Charlotte Capers, Jackson, Mississippi.

CAPERS (CHARLOTTE) PAPERS, ACCRETION. 1990-1993. 0.20 c.f.

This accretion consists of two certificates of honors bestowed on Charlotte Capers: the doctorate of letters awarded by Millsaps College, Jackson, in 1990, and the Dunbar Rowland Award given by the Mississippi Historical Society in 1993. Presented by Charlotte Capers, Jackson, Mississippi.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIPLOMA. 1919. 0.10 c.f.

This collection consists of the diploma awarded to Dollie Pickett at the Hickory Ridge School, June 4, 1919, for completing the course of study prescribed for the Claiborne County, Mississippi, Graded Schools. Provenance unknown.

CLAIBORNE (WILLIAM CHARLES COLE) LETTER. 1801. 0.10 c.f.

Written while Claiborne was governor of the Mississippi Territory, this letter commends his brother, Captain Ferdinand Leigh Claiborne, to the patronage of General Samuel Smith, United States Congressman from Maryland. Purchased from the William Reese Company, New Haven, Connecticut.

COHN BROTHERS STORE (LORMAN, MISS.) MISCELLANY. ca. 1919. 0.10 c.f.

This collection consists of two items. The first, a letter written by LeRoy Wells to his sister from Marseilles, France, on March 18, 1919, concerns family news and news of his service in the American Expeditionary Force. The second is an unidentified photograph. Both items came from the Cohn Brothers grocery store in Lorman, Jefferson County, Mississippi. Presented by Marcia Weaver, Jackson, Mississippi.

COLUMBUS AND GREENVILLE RAILWAY COMPANY RECORDS, ACCRETION. ca. 1978-1981. 0.33 c.f.

This accretion consists of correspondence, reports, publicity materials, plans, and financial and legal records of the Columbus and Greenville Railway Company of Columbus, Mississippi. Transferred from the library of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION (NATCHEZ, MISS.) MINUTES. ca. 1887-1924. 0.33 c.f.

This volume contains minutes of meetings of the Confederate Memorial Association, Natchez, Mississippi, from 1887 through 1911, as well as correspondence, social papers, newsclippings, copies of addresses, and an undated list of subscribers to the Confederate Monument Fund. The

minute book was kept by the family of General William T. Martin of Natchez, Mississippi. Presented by the Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi.

COOPER (LAWRENCE OWEN) PAPERS. ca. 1923-1987. 250.00 c.f.

The papers of Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mississippi, consist of correspondence, photographs, published materials, clippings, and video and audio tapes concerning his work with the Mississippi Chemical Corporation and the Southern Baptist Convention. Presented by Elizabeth Thompson Cooper, Yazoo City, et al.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS (JACKSON) CHARTER. 1905. 0.10 c.f.

This general order, issued April 1, 1905, authorizes the opening of Jackson Council, Number 2, of the Daughters of Confederate Veterans, at Jackson, Mississippi, and lists its founding members and officers. Transferred from the library of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

DAY (W. J. H.) LETTER. 1864. 0.10 c.f.

This letter from Day to his mother, Nancy J. Day, was written at a military camp at Winchester, Virginia, and contains news of military affairs and family concerns. Presented by Phil Smith, Jackson, Mississippi.

ELABOTUBBE LAND GRANT. 1846. 0.10 c.f.

By this document, bearing the secretarial signature of President James K. Polk, the United States acknowledged a stipulation made in the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, and granted one section (approximately 640 acres) of land to the Choctaw Indian Elabotubbe. Purchased from the William Reese Company, New Haven, Connecticut.

FERRIS (EUGENE B.) AND FAMILY PAPERS, ACCRETION. 1895-1928. 0.10 c.f.

This accretion to the family papers of Eugene B. Ferris of Vicksburg, Mississippi, includes an 1895 diploma from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi (Mississippi State University), a 1917 commission signed by the Assistant Secretary of War appointing Ferris to the board of the Southern District of the State of Mississippi, and a 1928 passport. Presented by William R. Ferris, Jr., University, Mississippi.

GRAYUM (WILLIAM) LETTERS. 1862-1865. 0.10 c.f.

This collection consists of photocopies of letters written by William Grayum, captain in the 4th Virginia Regiment of the Union army during the Civil War. Several are written from camps in Mississippi, and concern the siege of Vicksburg. A historical note written in 1969 by the transcriber of the letters, Virginia Grayum Petitjean, accompanies the letters. Presented by Vickie Mason, Jones, Oklahoma.

HIGHTOWER (W. T.) LETTER. n.d. 0.10 c.f.

In this undated, two-page commentary written by W. T. Hightower, treasurer of Nolan County, Texas, on county letterhead, he offers criticisms of an unnamed author's historical sketch of the



Thirtieth Regiment Mississippi Infantry, Company C, in which Hightower had served as a private. Transferred from the library of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

**HOWELL (DAVID B.) PAPERS. 1962-1967. 0.33 c.f.**

The papers of David B. Howell of Aberdeen, Mississippi, and Thibodaux, Louisiana, document his career in library science at Mississippi State University, Starkville, and consist of correspondence, reports, programs, pamphlets, newsletters, and newsclippings. The papers include material concerning the activities of the Mississippi Library Association in 1966. Presented by David B. Howell, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

**HUDSON (LUCY) FUNERAL NOTICE. 1859. 0.10 c.f.**

This collection consists of one item, a funeral notice for Lucy Hudson, dated June 28, 1859. Apparently a resident of the Natchez area, Lucy Hudson was the daughter of H. B. Cozzens. Presented by James A. Harris, Natchez, Mississippi.

**HUNTER FAMILY PAPERS. ca. 1878-1909. 0.10 c.f.**

The papers of the family of John Hunter, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi, include correspondence, funeral notices, genealogical information, clippings, and a scrapbook apparently kept by Hunter's wife, Rosa, containing entries on family illnesses and deaths, as well as poetry and clippings. Transferred from the library of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

**HUTCHINS FAMILY PAPERS. 1787-1813. 0.10 c.f.**

This collection consists of five items (a memorandum and four depositions) pertaining to the dispute among members of the families of Anthony and Thomas Hutchins over a claim to 1,000 arpents (approximately 846 acres) of land in the Natchez District originally granted by the Spanish to Anthony Hutchins in 1788. Purchased from the William Reese Company, New Haven, Connecticut.

**JACKSON COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS RECORDS, ACCRETION. ca. 1952-1978. 0.50 c.f.**

Materials concerning the Jackson Garden Club form this accretion to the council's records and scrapbooks. The materials include copies of the club's constitution and revisions to its charter; membership rolls and directories; correspondence concerning its 1959 Avenue of Governors Project; clippings; scrapbooks; and histories of the club. Presented by the Jackson Council of Garden Clubs, Jackson, Mississippi.

**KENNEDY (J. BRANDON) LETTER. 1864. 0.10 c.f.**

This collection consists of the original letter written by Kennedy near Dalton, Georgia, and of a partial photographic reproduction of it. Written to his daughter, Mary M. Kennedy, the letter contains advice on and instructions for her conduct and education. Provenance unknown.

**MCALISTER (SARA EMMA) PAPERS. ca. 1924-1945. 0.10 c.f.**

The papers of Sara Emma McAlister of Tchula and Ripley, Mississippi, document her career as a music teacher in Tchula, Holmes County, Mississippi. They include programs of recitals and

musical events at the Methodist Church and Tchula Public School. Presented by Tommy Covington, Ripley, Mississippi.

**MCINTOSH (ALEXANDER) JOURNAL. 1772-1774. 0.25 c.f.**

This journal kept by merchant and landowner Alexander McIntosh contains entries from March 1772 through November 1774, concerning his trading establishment at Pointe Coupee, British West Florida. The journal includes customers' names, their status as creditors or debtors, and lists the goods or services provided them, giving information on early settlers of British West Florida and the Old Natchez District. A portion of the journal is missing. Purchased from Anne Gwin Vaughan, Natchez, Mississippi.

**MILLER FAMILY PAPERS. ca. 1830-1861. 1.00 c.f.**

The papers of the Miller family of Pontotoc, Mississippi, consist primarily of correspondence of Hugh Reid Miller and Susan Grey Walton Miller. The collection includes a muster roll book of the Pontotoc Minute Men, Company G, Second Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers, containing financial accounts of Captain H. R. Miller; an 1835 map of the Chickasaw Cession lands; and occasional financial records, essays, and miscellaneous printed material. Presented by Virginia Thompson Munford, Jackson, Mississippi, et al.

**MILLER FAMILY PAPERS, ACCRETION. ca. 1847-1861. 4.50 c.f.**

This accretion to the papers of the Miller family of Pontotoc, Mississippi, consists primarily of correspondence of Hugh Reid Miller and Susan Grey Walton Miller. Presented by Virginia Thompson Munford, Jackson, Mississippi, et al.

**MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION, ACCRETION. 1887. 0.10 c.f.**

This accretion consists of a program for the thirty-fourth commencement of the Central Female Institute, Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi, dated June 30, 1887. Presented by Linda Hileman, Cobden, Illinois.

**MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION, ACCRETION. 1978. 0.10 c.f.**

This accretion to the collection consists of a program documenting the 1978 reunion of descendants of Ruben and Martha Anderson of Jackson and Bolton, Mississippi. Presented by Wilma Gladney, Jackson, Mississippi.

**MUIRHEAD (JEAN DENMAN) PAPERS. ca. 1967-1996. 7.80 c.f.**

The papers contain correspondence and files relating to Muirhead's service in the Mississippi State Senate, as a judge in the Social Security Administration, and her work in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as well as her campaigns for election to the Mississippi Senate and Hinds County Chancery Court, and her involvement in women's issues and organizations. Photographs, calendars, memorabilia, clippings, and scrapbooks are included. Presented by Jean Denman Muirhead, Memphis, Tennessee.

**NUGENT (WILLIAM L.) PAPERS. ca. 1832-1883. 0.10 c.f.**

The papers of William L. Nugent consist of correspondence and financial and legal records concerning his property of Locust Plantation, Washington County, Mississippi, and include an

1872 arbitration of debt involving William L. Nugent, William P. Montgomery, William A. Percy, John H. Nelson, and others. Presented by Maxine L. Hall, San Diego, California.

PEGRAM (T. E.) PAPERS. 1911-1912. 0.10 c.f.

The papers consist of correspondence of James K. Vardaman and of Thomas Edward Pegram, of Ripley, Mississippi, concerning their activities in the Mississippi Democratic Party. Presented by Tommy Covington, Ripley Public Library, Ripley, Mississippi.

PHELPS (DAWSON A.) PAPERS. ca. 1937-1982. 0.33 c.f.

The papers of Mississippi historian Dawson A. Phelps contain correspondence, biographical and genealogical materials concerning Phelps and his family, memorabilia, and publications. The collection also includes research materials and copies of articles either authored by or sent to Phelps. Research interests of Phelps reflected in the collection include Meriwether Lewis, colonial Natchez, the Natchez Trace, and the Vaudreuil expedition. Presented by Mrs. Dawson A. Phelps, Pasadena, Texas.

RUSSELL FAMILY SCRAPBOOK. ca. 1834-1981. 0.20 c.f.

This collection consists of a photocopy of a scrapbook compiled by attorney George Ramsey Russell. The scrapbook contains slave receipts, railroad bonds, Confederate currency, and clippings concerning members of the Russell family of Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi, and of the related Heggie and McBride families of Carroll County, Mississippi. Presented by Sherrie McKenzie Russell, Greenville, Mississippi.

SHEFFIELD (SARAH) MANUSCRIPT. n.d. 0.10 c.f.

This undated manuscript concerning hospitals and care of sick and wounded at Columbus, Mississippi, emphasizes the role of women in medical care during the Civil War. Provenance unknown.

SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVISTS RECORDS, ACCRETION. ca. 1982-1991. 0.50 c.f.

This accretion consists of papers relating to the service of Forrest Galey in the Society of Mississippi Archivists. Included are correspondence, copies of *The Primary Source*, conservation leaflets, and records concerning the publication of the Society's *Guide to Women's Studies In Mississippi Repositories* and the meetings of the Southern Archivists Conference. Presented by the Society of Mississippi Archivists, Jackson, Mississippi.

SPARKS (RUTH E.) PAPERS. 1936; 1997. 0.10 c.f.

These papers consist of a typescript copy of a diary kept by Ruth Elizabeth Sparks Ferriss concerning a trip she and Mignonne Caldwell Maxwell made to Chicago in 1936 and a 1997 letter from Maxwell commenting on the diary account. Presented by Abbott L. Ferriss, Atlanta, Georgia.

STEWART FAMILY PAPERS. ca. 1891-1957. 2.00 c.f.

In this collection are a 1918 army equipment ledger; the charter of the Natchez and Vicksburg Packet Company; brochures and newsclippings concerning Natchez, Mississippi, and the Pilgrimage; and financial records concerning several mercantile families and firms. These include

papers of B. C. Geisenberger, E. J. Hodge and the Natchez Drug Company, the Dewees family store, and the Schwartz and Stewart Hardware store. Presented by Betty Stewart, Natchez, Mississippi.

**TAYLOR FAMILY PLANTATION LEDGER.** ca. 1838-1849. 0.33 c.f.

The Taylor family plantation ledger includes accounts; daily diary entries recorded from 1843 through 1849 at Robinson Place, Cedar Hill, near Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi; and a list of slaves recording names and dates of birth. Presented by John Hebron Moore, Tallahassee, Florida.

**UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS (HATTIESBURG CAMP) MINUTE BOOK.** ca. 1901-1910. 0.50 c.f.

The minute book of the United Confederate Veterans, Camp Number 21, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, includes the constitution and bylaws; minutes of meetings; resolutions; lists of Cross of Honor recipients; tributes of respect for deceased veterans; and a loose 1865 muster roll for the Twenty-Seventh Mississippi Infantry Regiment, Company G. Presented by Robert Hopkins, Belle Chasse, Louisiana.

**UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY RECORDS, ACCRETION.** ca. 1987. 0.10 c.f.

This accretion consists of two photographs documenting the organization's activities; one concerns the marker for the Jefferson Davis Highway created by the W. D. Holder Chapter. Presented by Mrs. Dale S. Fleming, Jackson, Mississippi.

**VARDAMAN (JAMES K.) INAUGURAL PROGRAM.** 1904. 0.10 c.f.

This collection consists of one item, a program for the January 19, 1904, inauguration of James K. Vardaman as governor of Mississippi. Provenance unknown.

**WEBSTER (HAROLD WARREN, JR.) PAPERS, ACCRETION.** 1957-1966. 0.10 c.f.

This accretion to the papers of Harold Warren Webster, Jr., includes photographs of his activities at Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, Port Gibson, Mississippi, in 1957, and clippings and magazine articles concerning the 1996 publication of his work, *The Complete Venison Cookbook*. Presented by Harold Warren Webster, Jr., Jackson, Mississippi.

**WILLIAMS-HALL FAMILIES PAPERS.** ca. 1830-1905. 2.83 c.f.

The papers of the Williams family contain correspondence of Daniel O. Williams from Camden, Arkansas, records of justice of the peace Sampson Williams, labor contracts, and other business and legal records concerning properties in Hinds and Issaquena counties, Mississippi, and including Danover Plantation. Mercantile and plantation ledgers of Danover's subsequent owners, the John C. Hall family, also concern properties in Sharkey County, Mississippi. Presented by John Hebron Moore, Tallahassee, Florida.