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Recent Manuscript Acquisitions to Historic Repositories in Mississippi

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This is the fortieth annual compilation citing manuscript acquisitions to appear in *The Journal of Mississippi History*. The collections listed below were acquired by libraries during 2017-2018. Unless otherwise noted, all collections are open to researchers.

Carl Brown Photographs Collection. Approximately twenty-five cubic feet. 1940s-1980s. Additions made include training certificates, photographs, poems, and newspaper clippings relating to the Carl Brown Photography Studio in Columbus and members of the Brown family. Collection already includes over twenty-five thousand photographic negatives and prints taken by professional photographer Carl Brown. Photographs include commercial, portrait, and advertising work. Collection being processed. Billups-Garth Archives in the Local History Department at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library.

Columbus Church of Christ Records. 9 cubic feet. c. 1960s-c.1990s. Consists of minutes, correspondence, photographs, slides, VHS tapes, and ephemera from the Columbus Church of Christ in Lowndes County. Collection not processed. Billups-Garth Archives in the Local History Department at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library.

Columbus Classroom Teachers Association Minutes. One ledger. 1980-1995. Consists of one minute book for the Columbus Classroom Teachers Association. Collection not processed. Billups-Garth Archives in the Local History Department at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library.

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Hayley Gilmore's Women's March Posters. Four posters. 2017. Collection contains four posters of protest art designed and printed by Lowndes County graphic designer Hayley Gilmore. One poster titled "A Woman's Place is in the Resistance" was used in the Women's March on Washington in 2017. Collection not processed. Billups-Garth Archives in the Local History Department at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library.

Mary A. McClure Hutchinson Martin Letters. Two cubic feet. 1945-1954. Collection contains over one hundred and forty letters relating to Martin's Lowndes County farm and family. It also includes correspondence through the United States Displaced Persons Commission with ten European families. The Commission's purpose was to relocate individuals displaced by World War II with work in U.S. businesses and farms. Billups-Garth Archives in the Local History Department at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library.

Pratt and Franklin Family Letters. Three cubic feet. 1771-1937. Consists primarily of over two hundred and fifty letters between Henry Merrill Pratt and Lilla Young Franklin Pratt of Columbus, Mississippi from 1904 to 1905, but also includes newspaper clippings, photographs, and ephemera. Billups-Garth Archives in the Local History Department at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library.

Bobby Joe Family Collection. Eight linear feet. Collection of statuaries, tea service, plates, bowls, soup spoons, chop sticks, pictures, vases, fans and other family housekeeping memorabilia. Delta State University.

Cannizzaro-Trigiani Family Collection. .50 linear feet. Two volumes of Cannizzaro Family History; some reproduction restrictions are set. Delta State University.

Cleveland Garden Club Collection. Six linear feet. Includes flower shows brochures, yearbooks, programs and minutes of meetings and luncheons, newspapers. Also evaluation, grading and floor planning of flower shows along with awards received by members and by the Garden Club. In addition, there are two scrapbooks the history of

Cleveland Garden Club for the years 1940-1941 and 1943-1944. Delta State University.

Floyd Wilsford Collection. .25 linear feet. Collection consists of one Mississippi State baseball game ball given to Wilsford who played basketball and baseball at Mississippi State University from 1938 to 1942. Delta State University.

Ford-Horne-Baird Collection. .25 linear feet. 1880-1904. Sue Evans Baird's diary documenting her experiences in and around Inverness, Mississippi. Delta State University.

George Jue Family Collection. Collection of Pat Jue's Pharmaceutical Materials and DVDs of family and pharmaceutical photographs. Delta State University.

Hewey Purvis Collection. .25 linear feet. Hand-colored maps of the Mississippi Delta river basin. Delta State University.

Hoo Family Collection. One 18" x 22" framed and matted silk embroidery depicting four individuals taking part in a ceremony with open temple food and candles. Delta State University.

James H. Chow Family Collection. .25 linear feet. Black and White photographs of James Chow and his Cub Scout troop. Delta State University.

J. N. Wun Family Collection. Three linear feet. Collection includes ephemera from the J. N. Wun store in Merigold, Mississippi. Delta State University.

Keith Fulcher Family Collection. .25 linear feet. Lebanese in the Delta project: digitized family photographs. Delta State University.

Lions Club Collection. .25 linear feet. The minutes of Lion's Club meetings. Delta State University.

Mike Dean Family Collection. .25 linear feet. Lebanese in the

Delta project: digitized family photographs. Delta State University.

Pang-Chinn Family Collection. .25 linear feet. Digital files of four scrapbooks related to the Pang families and their descendants, originally from Dublin and Marks, Mississippi. Delta State University.

Patterson Family Collection. .50 linear feet. 1951-1956. Includes Boyle High School yearbooks, 1951 & 1952; Delta State yearbooks, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956. Delta State University.

Robert "Bobby" Sferruzza Collection. Seventy-six linear feet. Collection consists of drafts and sketches along with final products of architectural renderings of businesses and homes primarily in the Mississippi Delta and the state while some projects are in Texas and international countries. Delta State University.

Susan Allen Ford Collection. Nineteen linear feet. Collection includes the research and teaching materials of Dr. Susan Allen Ford, Professor of English and the coordinator for Delta State University's Writing Center. Delta State University.

Shelby, Mississippi Collection. 9.30 linear feet. United Methodist Church, Shelby, MS: record books, rolls, photographs of congregation & church building and grounds, alter cross, communion and waifer trays, offering plate, tapestries; Lion's Club International Charter, minutes and programs; Bank of Bolivar County time book; guest book and photographs of opening of Bank in Duncan, MS; Rotary Club of Shelby, MS, 1939; spiral bound ledger from a cotton gin in 1953; and a map of Shelby. Delta State University.

Tiffany Abraham Family Collection. Twenty-five linear feet. Lebanese in the Delta project: digitized family photographs. Delta State University.

Voss Family Collection. .25 linear feet. 1935-2000s. Collection pertains to the Voss Plumbing company which began in Cleveland, MS in 1935 continues to operate under the leadership of Julius

Voss, the grandson of the founder. Considered the second oldest continuously operating African-American owned business in Cleveland, MS, the company has donated its archive of photographs. Delta State University.

Winston Ho Collection. .25 linear feet. "The Chinese Tomb at Cypress Grove Cemetery" by Winston Ho. Delta State University. Delta State University.

Yee Jue Family Collection. .25 linear feet. Collection consists of photos of Leland Food Store and Amy Yee's Memorial Service, 1923-2017. Delta State University.

Zengaro Family Collection. .25 linear feet. Two DVD's of the documentary, "I Sopravvisutti: The Survivors: Italian Americans in the Mississippi Delta" and a program from the first public showing.

SonEdna Foundation, Inc. Collection. Eleven linear feet (print) and 5 GB (digital). 2004-2017. The SonEdna Foundation celebrated and promoted the literary arts and writers of all genres and backgrounds in the Delta, in Mississippi, and the world. This collection includes governance records, programs and financial records, digital images, 5 GB of digital records containing photographs, websites, and Facebook pages via Google Drive. This Collection was donated to by Ms. Myrna Colley-Lee, founder of the SonEdna Foundation on October 23, 2017. Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University.

Alphonse Michael "Mike" Espy Papers (approx. 102 cubic feet). New additions include approximately 102 cubic feet of additional materials to the papers of former Congressman Alphonse Michael "Mike" Espy, donated in July 2017. Contents include constituent correspondence, reports, and subject files. The materials are in process and are closed. Congressional and Political Research Center collections at Mississippi State University Libraries.

Frank and Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolniana. The collection contains fifteen thousand books, pamphlets, and journals and over twelve thousand artifacts, numismatics, philately,

miniatures, photographs, broadsides, artwork, and ephemera. All items were collected by Chief Justice (Ret.) Frank J. Williams and his wife Virginia of Hope Valley, Rhode Island, from a variety of auction houses, private collectors, antique shops, and bookstores. The collection is currently in process but is open for research. Mississippi State University Libraries.

John Hailman Papers. Twenty cubic feet. Additions made to the approximately twenty cubic feet of subject file materials and research notes. The Hailman papers are in process and are closed. Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University Libraries.

Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library. Recent additions include a collection of original correspondence, photographs, engineering drawings, reminiscences, and ribbons from President and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, their son Fred Grant, and their grandson, Ulysses S. Grant, III, donated by Mrs. Claire Ruestow Telecki, President Grant's great-great granddaughter. Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University Libraries.

Bridgforth Family Papers. 4.5 cubic feet. Correspondence, photographs, genealogy records, and artifacts from the Bridgforth family and related families of Pickens, Mississippi. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Claiborne County/Port Gibson Historical Collection. .33 cubic feet. 1839-c.1990s. Collection consists of notes, correspondence and other material related to Port Gibson Pilgrimage, c. 1990s; ledger, 1866; *Daily Southern Reveille*, 7/19/1859; and Bank of Port Gibson Stock Book, 1839-1844. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Claude Dinkins Smith Navy notebook. c. 1940. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Danforth Fellowship Notes. One volume. 1944. Composed of two photographs and a scrapbook containing notes, photographs, and publications collected during a two-week internship at Purina Coun-

ty. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Emmett Till Trial Transcript (Partial). One folder. A fully legible copy of the typescript transcript of the second half of the trial for the murder of Emmett Till. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Fay Fisher Collection, composed of four 24"x48" jazz-themed paintings. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Glover Family Sheet Music Collection. 1892-1948. Composed of approximately eight pieces of sheet music. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Henry Haven Letters. .66 cubic feet. Collection includes approximately one hundred and five of the letters written by Henry Haven and others during World War II, and one photograph featuring Henry Haven. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Holt Collection. .33 cubic feet. 1861-1891. Collection contains papers from John and Joseph Holt including correspondence, manuscript notes, a letterbook, and pamphlets. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

James Canizaro Architecture Collection. 66 cu. feet and seventy-two tubes of drawings. 2013-2017. composed of architectural drawings and records. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Jennings Family Papers. .66 cubic feet. Collection includes World War II-era correspondence. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

John Robertson Henry Papers. One cubic foot. 1938-1955. Includes working papers of journalist John Robertson Henry, including clippings, correspondence, telegrams, and other materials. Mississip-

pi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Kellum Family Papers. One cubic foot. Includes books, farm journals, medical instruments, and other family papers. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Luther and Fannye Rhodes WWII Letters. .66 cubic feet. Collection consists of World War II-era correspondence and newspapers. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Manilla (Slave Token). One item. 1843. One child-sized piece of manilla (slave token) from the wreck of the English Schooner DUORO off the Isles of Scilly in 1843. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Nancy Margaret Curry Ballard Collection. One cubic foot. which includes a wool coverlet, carding tools, photograph and biographical information. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Preston Davidson Letter. One folder. Collection consists of one letter discussing the proposed appointment of Davidson to the position of lighthouse keeper in Pascagoula, plus associated research materials related to the letter. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Starkville-MSU Symphony Orchestra Collection. One cubic foot. 2017. Includes reel to reel tapes of recordings of performances, as well as correspondence, board minutes, treasurer's reports and other documents. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Starkville Pride Collection. .33 cubic feet. Collection includes buttons, stickers, carabiners, banners, signs, t-shirts, the inaugural issue of *Queer Magnolias*, newspaper articles, and other papers. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

T.D. and Myree Woodard Collection. .33 cubic feet. Collection includes World War II era photographs from the Air Force Base in Greenville, Mississippi and booklet from Greenville United Methodist Church. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

William Garbo Collection. Twenty-five cubic feet and rolled drawings. Collection consists of architectural drawings, project files, slides and other materials related to the professional landscape architecture career of William Garbo. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

William Hinds Papers. .33 cubic feet. Fifteen Civil War letters. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Yonge Family Collection. Collection includes photographs, a postcard and an insurance policy. Mississippi State University Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts Division.

Charles Hogarth Records. Three linear feet. 1919-2007. Correspondence, personal notes and writings, photographs, clippings, and ephemera by Charles P. Hogarth relating to his time as president of Mississippi State College for Women. Beulah Culbertson Archives and Special Collections, Mississippi University for Women.

Fant Family Papers. Sixteen inches. 1895-1929. Correspondence and photographs of John Clayton Fant (president of Mississippi State College for Women 1920-1929) and Mabel Beckett Fant, mostly during their courtship. Beulah Culbertson Archives and Special Collections, Mississippi University for Women.

Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Records. Ten linear feet. 1983-2017. Yearbooks, photo albums, scrapbooks, clippings, DVDs, VHSs, picture slides, posters and images relating to the school from its founding until 2017. Beulah Culbertson Archives and Special Collections, Mississippi University for Women.

Cherry Burns Papers. Twenty five cubic feet. At the age of nineteen, Cherry Fellner Burns (1926-2013) became the youngest woman of the Denver press corps. Throughout her travels, Burns maintained extensive correspondence and journals that chronicle Germany during the Marshall Plan years and her later travels across the globe. Her extensive slide collection likewise documents her travel. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Christopher Wilson Freedom Summer Collection. One cubic foot. The collection chronicles the Freedom Summer of 1964 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Christopher Wilson, a student at Stanford University in 1964, worked in Hattiesburg with the local chapter of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) and with the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), the organization that oversaw efforts by the various civil rights groups. This collection contains personal correspondence with his parents and their fundraising materials and correspondence from donors. Other materials include newspaper clippings, canvassing materials for Students for Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and MFDP, and educational materials designed to overcome obstacles designed to prevent African Americans in Mississippi from voting in elections. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Edythe Evelyn Gandy Personal Collection. Two cubic feet. The collection contains over five hundred photographs capturing the personal and political life of Evelyn Gandy (1920-2007). Additionally, it includes correspondence from her lieutenant governor campaign, speeches, newspaper articles, and family information. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Emilye Crosby Civil Rights Collection. 21.5 cubic feet. The collection is comprised of primary and secondary research materials related to civil rights activities led by Charles Evers in Claiborne County, Mississippi that included a boycott that ultimately was resolved in the United States Supreme Court Case *NAACP v. Claiborne Hardware Co* (1982). Materials include extensive copies of court transcripts, depositions from *Evers v Birdsong*, Federal Bureau of Investigation files, and National Labor Relations Board documents, and

census and income data. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Gulf Islands Conservancy Collection. Ten cubic feet. The records address the BP oil spill, casino and resort development, marina and mooring development, barrier islands, and the shrimp industry. Includes board minutes from 1996-2000 and numerous federal and state governmental reports on environmental issues impacting the Gulf Coast. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Harold Branton 103d Infantry Division Collection. Twelve cubic feet. Reference material for Harold Branton's and Roger Cranston's book, *103rd Infantry Division: "the Trail of the Cactus,"* 2010 and documentation of the 103d engagements in the European theatre during World War II including a scrapbook, general orders, newsletters, and maps. The collection also contains post-war materials from reunions and monuments. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera. Two accruals. 1.5 cubic feet. Seventy-four playbill spanning from 1986-2016 and two posters. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Hattiesburg Track Club. Two accruals. .75 cubic feet. Clippings, photos, documents, and regalia. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Jerry Keith Collection. 1.75 cubic feet. This collection consists primarily of still photography in taken by local commercial photographer, Jerry Keith, capturing the Hattiesburg area and the state of Mississippi during the late 1950s through early 1970s. A large number of the photos capture storefronts, graphics and products of local businesses. Highlights include photos of a Citizens Council meeting, the inauguration of Governor Coleman, military bases, and the Parchman state penitentiary. Still photography is in negative, slide and print formats. There are also moving images as well as accompanying newsclippings and subject files. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

John “Jack” Eckert scrapbook. One item. Compiled by Second Lieutenant, 16th Field Artillery Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, the scrapbook chronicles the regiment’s movement and engagements in the European Theater of World War I. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Just Over the Rainbow Theater Collection. .5 cubic feet. Sixty-two playbills spanning from 1987-2016. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Kenneth Uriel Gutsch Collection. Accrual. One cubic foot. Papers of University of Southern Mississippi psychology professor, Kenneth U. Gutsch. The collection consists of correspondence regarding his classes and publications, annotated publications, the manuscript of *Objective Measurement in Instrumental Music Performance*, 1991, which he co-authored with Davide A. Sisemore and five photographs. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

L.N. Dantzler Lumber Company Collection. Eighty-one cubic feet. Land deeds, plats, maps, timber estimates, title research, and photographs chronicling Mississippi’s early timber and associated railroad industries. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Max Grivno Research Collection. Twelve items. Documents and photographic materials pertaining to the institute of slavery and its aftermath. Highlights of the collection include two early 19th C letters and two engravings from Frank Leslie’s *Illustrated History of the Civil War*, 1892. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Mike Mulhern Research Collection. .5 cubic feet. Compiled by Mike Mulhern while researching Sylvester Magee, whose claim to have been an enslaved man who served in the Civil War led to his notoriety in the 1960s. The collection consists of correspondence, news clippings, and photos. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Mississippi Teachers’ Strike 1985 Photographs. Fifty-four items.

These photographs were taken during the prolonged Mississippi Teachers Strike of 1985 in which 9,429 teachers participated and halted classes for one hundred and seventy-five thousand students across the state. The strike culminated with a raise enacted by a legislative override of a gubernatorial veto. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

Stovall Family Papers. Accrual. .5 cubic feet. These accruals provide additional information on: the early Stovall settlers in Virginia; Quincy Alexander Stovall, who served in the Confederate Army; and the First United Methodist Church in Jasper, Alabama. The accrual also contains material from various family reunions. Special Collections, University of Southern Mississippi.

