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Dear Readers,

The Society of Mississippi Archivists suffered a tremendous loss when long-time *Primary Source* editor and SMA friend and champion Irmi Wolfe passed away in May of 2005. Irmi was hard at work on this particular issue (Winter 2004), with a theme of maps, and fretting about not having "The Journal" ready for press, even as she faced serious illness and severe treatments. What you will find assembled here are the articles Irmi solicited and acquired for the maps issue. My sincere thanks to Irmi's husband, Dr. James Wolfe, and especially their daughter, Christine Wolfe, for such diligent and thorough efforts to gather computer files, copy disks, search email subject lines, collect pertinent papers and provide all of the information necessary to get the issue out. Thanks also to Diane Ross for assisting with technical tasks and for her continued support.

As most of you know, the *Primary Source* was a significant and enjoyable aspect of Irmi's career. After retiring from The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries, Irmi remained committed to SMA and to creating a quality journal for our organization. Always charming in her eager solicitation and kind with her deadlines, Irmi hoped to expand the role and reach of the articles to cover the cultural heritage professions at large, and to connect with a more general audience. And she wanted the *Primary Source* to last.

SMA is committed to the *Primary Source*. We are taking steps to ensure that the journal continues beyond Irmi's superb editorship and grows with our profession. An editorial staff was created at the Southern Archives Conference in April and will begin work on Volume 27 soon. Other changes may arise as the journal incorporates the sensibilities, insights, and expertise of rotating editors, but the *Primary Source* will continue to reflect the standards, vision and intentions of Irmi Wolfe.

Thank you for your patience. Please do not hesitate to send your suggestions and comments to me at [Peggy.Price@usm.edu](mailto:Peggy.Price@usm.edu).

Enjoy.