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# NEWSLETTER



**Lily Pad Outing** *Two men and a dog maneuver among giant lily pads in July 1913, somewhere in Coahoma County. This image (#546) is one of over 1,000 in the MDAH Milton McFarland Painter, Sr., Photograph Collection.*

## Blues Trail Marker To Honor Elmore James and “The Hollow”

Join the Mississippi Blues Commission and the Canton Convention & Visitors Bureau/Black Heritage Committee on Tuesday, July 17, at 3:30 p.m. for the dedication of the Elmore James/Hickory Street Blues Trail marker. Hickory Street, known locally as “The Hollow,” was a hub of social life, commerce, and entertainment for the African American community of central Mississippi for several decades, up through the 1970s. Canton’s most famous blues musician, Elmore James, performed often in the local cafes and clubs. James also learned the electronics trade by working at Robert’s Radio Repair on Hickory Street, and he developed a powerful and original electric blues style. The ceremony will be held on Hickory Street, or in case of rain, at the Canton Welcome Center, 147 North Union Street. For more information, call Kimberly Green, 601-359-3424.



*Elmore James. (Courtesy Mike Rowe/ Jim Gregory / Living Blues Magazine, Blues Archive, University of Mississippi.)*

## MDAH EVENTS

### Greenville

#### Winterville Mounds

2415 Highway 1 North

662-334-4684

Monday–Friday, July 9–14, 10 a.m.–noon. *Winterville Adventures*, a series of workshops for children ages six to twelve. Free of charge.

### Jackson

#### Manship House Museum

420 East Fortification Street

601-961-4724

Monday, July 16, 23, and 30, 10–11 a.m. *Summer Workshops for Children*. Children ages five to twelve learn about life in the nineteenth century through crafts and hands-on activities. Free of charge, reservations required.

**William F. Winter Archives and History Building, 200 North Street Lobby, through July 16: 2007 10 Most Endangered, Mississippi Heritage Trust**

#### History Is Lunch

601-576-6857

Wednesday, July 11, noon–1 p.m. Charles Reagan Wilson, University of Mississippi, will discuss his book *Southern Missions: The Religion of the American South in Global Perspective*.

Wednesday, July 1, noon–1 p.m.: Gerry Helferich will discuss his book *High Cotton: Four Seasons in the Mississippi Delta*.

Wednesday, July 25, noon–1 p.m. LaRita Smith: “A Portrait of the Artist as a Creek Dweller, Human Shield, and More.”

Wednesday, August 1, noon–1 p.m. Clay Williams, exhibits director for the Museum of Mississippi History, will discuss the restoration of the Old Capitol.

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### Washington

**Historic Jefferson College Highway 61, 601-442-2901**

**July 11–13, Civil War Adventure Camp.** For ages 8 to 12. Classes in infantry, artillery, cavalry, cooking. Classes conducted by historian H. Clark Burkett. Call for more information.

### Clyde Everett, 1910–2007

Margaret Clyde Bryant Everett, a life member of the Mississippi Historical Society and a longtime supporter of the Department of Archives and History, died June 7 in Vicksburg. A native of Coffeetown, she attended Ole Miss, where she received the first degree given in the Music Department. She married Frank E. Everett, Jr., who served as the first president of the Mississippi Historical Society following its reorganization in 1953 and as a longtime MDAH trustee. Mrs. Everett honored him after his death by helping endow the MHS Frank E. Everett, Jr., Award. Mrs. Everett will be remembered by her many friends around Mississippi for her rich sense of humor, her love of her home state, and her devotion to Ole Miss.

## Input Invited

The Historic Preservation Division of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is developing its priorities and objectives for Fiscal Year 2008 Historic Preservation Fund-assisted programs. Suggestions and comments from the public in regard to proposed priorities, objectives, and projects are invited. Annual grants-in-aid to Certified Local Governments are made available through a competitive application process. Historic preservation projects benefiting minorities and the disabled are encouraged. Please address comments or questions to Kenneth H. P'Pool, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, MDAH, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

## New Listings: National Register of Historic Places

**The Meridian Downtown Historic District,** Lauderdale County, combines the previously listed Union Station Historic District and the Meridian Urban Center Historic District and incorporates 123 additional resources.

**The Southern Christian Institute in Edwards,** Hinds County, was formed in 1882 by the Home Missionary Society of the Christian Church (Disciples

of Christ) to educate African American ministers and Bible teachers. In 1953, the school merged with nearby Tougaloo College. In 1962–63, the SCI campus was the site of training for civil rights workers under SNCC field secretary Bob Moses and Bernice Robinson.

**The Captain Jack C. Hardy House in Brookhaven,** Lincoln County, was built in 1877 and is an example of a well-preserved Italianate town villa. The interior retains its ornate plaster moldings, ceiling medallions, and mantelpieces.

**The Tallahatchie County Second District Courthouse in Sumner** was built in 1910 in the popular Richardsonian Romanesque style, executed in brick. In 1955 it was the scene of the Emmett Till trial, a signal event in the growing civil rights movement.

**The Owen-Richardson-Owen House in Columbus,** Lowndes County, was built in 1907 for Thomas G. Owen, the owner and operator of one the largest floral nurseries in the South. The house, an excellent example of late Neo-Colonial residential design, is largely unaltered.

**The Newton County American Legion Post No. 89 Hut in Decatur,** Newton County, a fine example of Rustic style architecture, was organized by veterans

of World War I in 1920. A 1933 original structure burned, and the post rebuilt the hut in 1934 on its original site overlooking a lake.

**The Turkey Creek Community Historic District in Gulfport,** Harrison County, is a surviving community established in 1866 by newly emancipated African Americans. It is located along Rippy Road and Turkey Creek in the north part of Gulfport. The early settlers lived in temporary brush shelters that were later replaced by log cabins, which were, in turn, replaced by many of the vernacular homes now found in the community. Current residents have successfully resisted encroachment by neighboring commercial and industrial development.

**The Bear Creek Fishweir #2 in Tishomingo County** represents an ancient practice utilizing the built environment to assist in harvesting fish from rivers. This fishweir is a double-wing structure of sandstone rocks angled across Bear Creek. At the opening of the apex of the V-shaped structure is a short chute where fish were captured in traps.

For more information about these recently listed sites or others on the National Register of Historic Places, contact Bill Gatlin, 601-576-6951.