

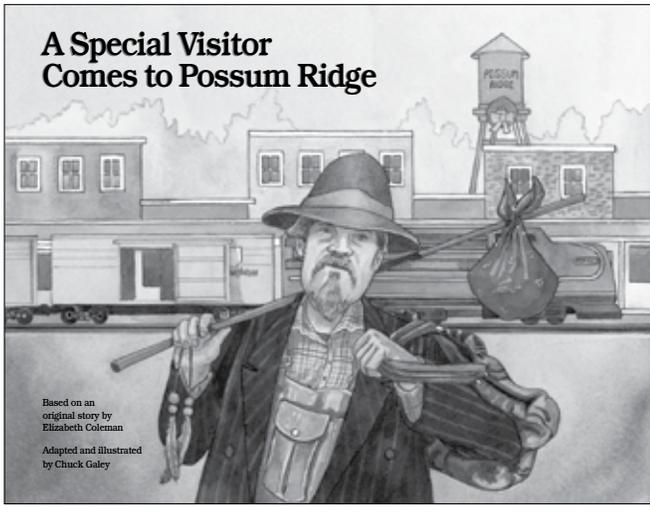
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A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge



Based on an original story by Elizabeth Coleman
Adapted and illustrated by Chuck Gale

A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge, written by Museum staff member Elizabeth Coleman and illustrated by Jacksonian Chuck Gale, will be featured at the **December 1 Open House** of the new **Mississippi History Store** in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, 200 North Street, Jackson. Also featured at the Open House will be Walt Grayson, who will sign copies of his new book, **Looking Around Mississippi... Some More**.

Shaifer House Dedication Nov. 20

The Shaifer House, a restored historic MDAH property, will be dedicated in ceremonies on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. **Terrence J. Winschel**, National Park Service historian at the Vicksburg National Military Park, will deliver the dedicatory address. Tours of the site will follow ceremonies. **Shuttles to the Shaifer House** from the Port Gibson Baptist Church, will leave at 10 a.m.

The A. K. Shaifer House was the site of the opening shots of the Battle of Port Gibson. Fought

on May 1, 1863, this signal battle was the first in General Ulysses S. Grant's last—and successful—campaign to capture Vicksburg during the American Civil War.

The Shaifer House restoration project began in 2006 as a component of the TEA-21 Mississippi Civil War Trails Project. It consisted of two phases: 1) soil erosion repair and 2) exterior stabilization and repair, including the creation and installation of interpretive signage for the site. Robert Parker Adams, P.A., of Jackson was the project architect.



MDAH EVENTS

Jackson

Manship House Museum
420 East Fortification Street
Monday, November 5, 10 a.m.
Food, Victorian Style. Free of charge. For information call 601-961-4724.

William F. Winter Archives and History Building
200 North Street
Saturday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m. **Open House, Mississippi History Store.**

Along with books, crafts, and new gift stock, two new books will be featured: **A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge** and **Looking Around Mississippi... Some More with Walt Grayson.**

History is Lunch

Wednesday, November 7, noon–1 p.m. MDAH Historic Properties director **James F. Barnett, Jr.**, will discuss his

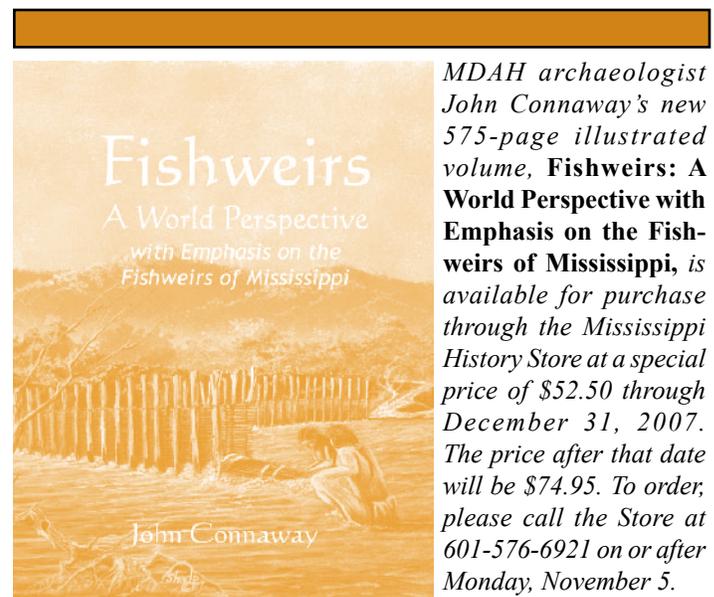
new book, **The Natchez Indians: A History to 1735.** For information call 601-576-6857.

Greenville

Winterville Mounds
2415 Highway 1 North
Thursday–Saturday, November 1–3. **Native American School Days.** School groups can participate in traditional Native American activities such as cooking, javelin throwing, flintknapping, and more. The public is invited to view demonstrations of activities. Free of charge, for more information call 662-334-4684.

Washington

Historic Jefferson College
Saturday–Sunday, November 10–11 at Historic Jefferson College, Washington. **Civil War Reenactment.** Free of charge, for information call 601-442-2901.



MDAH archaeologist John Connaway's new 575-page illustrated volume, **Fishweirs: A World Perspective with Emphasis on the Fishweirs of Mississippi**, is available for purchase through the Mississippi History Store at a special price of \$52.50 through December 31, 2007. The price after that date will be \$74.95. To order, please call the Store at 601-576-6921 on or after Monday, November 5.



John South Lewis (center), Simpsonville, South Carolina, recently donated an original diary kept by his ancestor, John South Lewis, 16th Mississippi Regiment, Wilkinson Rifles, from February 10, 1864, to the time of his capture during that year. Diarist John South Lewis was a resident of Woodville. Shown with the donor are (left) MDAH director emeritus Elbert R. Hilliard and (right) MDAH director H. T. Holmes.



MDAH Board of Trustees president William F. Winter spoke at the dedication of the Emmett Till Murder Trial marker October 2 in Sumner. Above, Till's relatives read text marking the site of the 1955 trial. The last line reads, "Till's murder, coupled with the trial and acquittal of these two men, drew international attention and galvanized the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and the nation."

Social Studies Teachers Workshop

On Friday, November 2, the Museum of Mississippi History holds its Twenty-fourth Annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop for fourth-through twelfth-grade teachers. The theme this year is "Culture Shock: 1500–1800 Mississippi," with featured speakers Patricia Galloway, University of Texas, Austin, and director of the *Mississippi, 1500-1800* exhibits in the Old Capitol Museum; and Michael Gomez, New York University, New York, and director of the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora. Teachers receive a .5 CEU credit through Mississippi College. For information, call 601-576-6920.

Mississippi History Store Opens Nov. 5

The **Mississippi History Store**, formerly the **Old Capitol Shop**, will be in the same place—the Winter Building—but will offer new stock and a new look. The recently hired museum manager, Melissa Miller, brings seventeen years of retail experience to her new job. Come by and help us celebrate November 5.

SCHAC To Meet at Grand Village

The South Central Historical Archaeological Conference will meet at the Grand Village in Natchez on Friday and Saturday, November 16-17, 2007. The conference is being coordinated by Sara and Thurston Hahn at Coastal Environments. For more information, call 601-446-6502.

Mississippi History Now

featuring

"Prehistoric Mississippi: Some New Perspectives"
by Samuel Brookes

and for November:
"Alfred Holt Stone"
by James G. Hollandsworth, Jr.

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