

## Moncrief Photos Online

The Moncrief Photograph Collection is now available for viewing online at the MDAH Web site. Winfred Moncrief, an award-winning newspaper photographer from Hattiesburg, donated his collection of photographs to MDAH in 1994. The collection of nearly 900 black-and-white photographs made between 1952 and 1968 features significant people—civil rights activists Charles Evers and Aaron Henry, Mississippi governors Ross Barnett and Paul B. Johnson, Jr., and Alabama governor George Wallace, among others—and events such as the 1953 Vicksburg tornado, nuclear testing in Lamar County, voter registration, a Ku Klux Klan rally, and the murder of civil rights activist Vernon Dahmer. The images in this online collection are scans from Moncrief's original negatives. Photographs may be browsed by thumbnails or searched by subject at [mdah.state.ms.us/arlib/contents/er/index.html](http://mdah.state.ms.us/arlib/contents/er/index.html).

**Local History, the bi-annual newsletter of the Federation of Mississippi Historical Societies, is now available in electronic format as well as print. To view the online version, please visit the Federation's Web site, [mdah.state.ms.us/admin/fmhs.html](http://mdah.state.ms.us/admin/fmhs.html).**

## Home Movie Day

On **Saturday, November 3**, MDAH and co-sponsor Crossroads Film Society are joining the national celebration of Home Movie Day. Bring your family's home movies (*film*) to the William F. Winter Building, 200 North Street, Jackson, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and MDAH staff members will evaluate their condition and screen the films. They will also explain to owners how to preserve film and make video transfers. The service is free; 16mm, 8mm and Super 8mm films will be accepted.

The event will be held in the classroom on the first floor. Those without films to submit are welcome to come and watch screenings. For more information, call 601-454-9507.

## Map Cataloging Workshop

A Map Cataloging workshop will be presented on **Thursday, November 1**, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. in the William F. Winter Building, Jackson. Participants will learn the basics of map cataloging, including scale, main entry, MARC tagging, and subject headings. The instructor will be **Susan Moore**, who has more than twenty years of map cataloging experience and has been teaching such workshops since 1999. She is a member of the Map and Geography Round Table of the American Library Association and currently serves

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*Manship descendant William T. Phelps (right) of Ridgeland donates a handmade wooden box shaped like a book to the Manship House Museum (director Marilynn Jones). The wooden box, made by Charles Henry Manship, contains cleverly concealed compartments for storing small objects. The donation was made on July 31, 2007, when the Manship House Museum celebrated a trio of anniversaries—the 25th anniversary of the museum's opening, the 150th birthday of the construction of the house, and the 195th birthday of Charles Henry Manship.*



*Carroll Waller (Mrs. William Waller) was honored on her eightieth birthday August 8 at the Governor's Mansion for her wide-ranging contributions to historic preservation in the state. As First Lady she played a major role in restoring the Governor's Mansion, and she went on to be active in the Mississippi Historical Society. Above: the Honorable William Waller, governor 1972–1976; Carroll Waller; historian David Sansing, co-author with Mrs. Waller of a history of the Governor's Mansion; and Elbert Hilliard, MDAH director emeritus, who helped direct the restoration of the Mansion, which was completed in 1975. Photo by Elwynn Williams.*

## Workshop, *cont'd*

on the MAGERT Committee on Cataloging and Classification.

Co-sponsoring the workshop with MDAH is the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). The workshop fee is \$220 for SOLINET members and \$270 for non-members. To register, call 800-999-8558 or register online at [www.solinet.net](http://www.solinet.net). For more information, contact Jane Phillips, 601-576-6896.

## American Archives Month

“Celebrating the American Record” is the theme of American Archives Month for October 2007. MDAH is featuring several special programs—see *Archives Month Programs* under MDAH Events. The programs celebrate the MDAH theme, “The Many Faces of Mississippi” and the contributions of varied ethnic groups to Mississippi’s rich history.

Access the Directory of Archives Month activities at [statearchivists.org/archives-month/AAM-directory.htm](http://statearchivists.org/archives-month/AAM-directory.htm).

## MHS Awards 2007

The Mississippi Historical Society is accepting applications for its annual awards for outstanding work in interpreting, teaching, and preserving Mississippi history, including awards for the best new book on Mississippi history, best article in the *Journal of Mississippi History*, and best history teacher—and this year for best doctoral dissertation as well.

All prizewinners will be invited to the Mississippi Historical Society’s annual meeting, to be held in Starkville March 6–8, 2008, to receive their awards. The **McLemore Prize**, which carries with it a \$700 stipend, is given to the best book on a subject related to Mississippi history or biography published the previous year.

The **John K. Betterworth Award** is given annually to an outstanding teacher of middle or high school history in Mississippi. The winning teacher receives a \$300 cash award and is invited as the society’s guest to its annual meeting.

The **Riley Prize**, which carries with it a \$500 stipend, is awarded biennially as merited

for a doctoral dissertation on a topic in Mississippi history or biography completed within the previous two years.

The **Glover Moore Prize**, which carries with it a \$300 cash award, is given annually as merited to the author of the best master’s thesis on a topic in Mississippi history or biography completed the previous year.

The **Frank E. Everett, Jr., Award** is given annually as merited to a local historical organization that, as a member of the Federation of Mississippi Historical Societies, has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation and interpretation of Mississippi history. The winning society receives a \$300 cash award.

The **Elbert R. Hilliard Oral History Prize** recognizes as merited oral history projects exemplifying a distinguished collection, high-quality preservation, and proper use of oral history.

The **James T. Dawson Award** is presented as merited to a local government in Mississippi with an exemplary records management program. A local government eligible for the award may be a municipality, a county, or a school district.

**Awards of Merit** are presented annually to individuals or organizations for their outstanding archival or museum work.

The awards have different deadlines and criteria. Please visit [mdah.state.ms.us/admin/mhistsoc](http://mdah.state.ms.us/admin/mhistsoc) for details. Submit nominations to (1) Mississippi Historical Society, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571 or (2) by email, [mhs@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:mhs@mdah.state.ms.us). For more information contact Katie Blount, MDAH, 601-576-6856.

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## Shaifer House Dedication

The restored Shaifer House and site near Port Gibson will be dedicated and opened to the public in ceremonies on **Tuesday, November 20, 2007**, at 10:30 a.m. **Terry Winschel**, historian at the Vicksburg National Military Park, will deliver the dedicatory address, and tours of the site will follow, led by Libby Hollingsworth of Port Gibson, a descendant of the Shaifer family, and Jim Barnett, director of MDAH Historic Properties, which oversees this site.

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 Program. 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.

For more information, call MDAH Public Information at 601-576-6857 or email [pubinfo@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:pubinfo@mdah.state.ms.us).

## October is Archaeology Month.

For a complete list of scheduled statewide events, please visit [msarchaeology.org](http://msarchaeology.org)



*Ron Stowers, chairman of the Mississippi Division SCV Flag and Monument Restoration Committee, left, of Jackson, presents Michael Wright, curator of collections, Museum of Mississippi History, three checks from the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans for the conservation of three flags in the museum collection. To date the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, has donated \$80,075 to the Museum for the conservation of ten flags.*

## Teachers' Workshop Grant Awarded

Millsaps College has been awarded a \$150,000 grant for a **Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops for School Teachers**, to be held in Jackson in July 2008. "**Eudora Welty's Secret Sharer: The Outside World and the Writer's Imagination**," is the theme of the workshops, scheduled for July 6-11 and July 20-25, 2008. **Suzanne Marrs, professor of English at Millsaps College and Eudora Welty Foundation scholar-in-residence, is the grant coordinator.** Teachers who are awarded \$500 grants to attend the workshops will visit the Eudora Welty House, view Welty manuscripts at MDAH, and visit three museums: the Medgar Evers House, Smith Robertson Museum, and Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

Teachers interested in applications for the workshop should contact **Wanda Manor**, Office of Continuing Education, Millsaps College, 601-974-1130 or manorwl@millsaps.edu. Information is also available at [eudorawelty.org](http://eudorawelty.org).

## BIG SPENDER



*Utica historian Mary Collins Landin, holds her six-foot-long receipt for books from the MDAH/Old Capitol Shop sale September 14-15. Landin donated many of the books to the Utica public library.*

# Statewide MDAH EVENTS

## Jackson

**Manship House Museum**  
420 East Fortification Street  
601-961-4724

**Thursday-Friday, October 11-12. *Manships Unearthed.*** Students can observe archaeologists conducting an excavation on the grounds of the Manship House to learn more about this unique family's history. Free of charge, reservations required.  
**Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. *Civil War Sites and Sounds.*** Step back in time at the Manship House Museum and observe life as it was during the Civil War. Free of charge.

**William F. Winter Building**  
200 North Street  
***History Is Lunch***

601-576-6857  
**Wednesday, October 3,** noon-1 p.m. Archaeologist **Keith A. Baca** will discuss his new book, *Native American Place Names in Mississippi.*

**Wednesday, October 10,** noon-1 p.m. **David E. Weaver**, author of *Black Diva of the Thirties: The Life of Ruby Elzy*, will discuss and play recordings by **Ruby Elzy.**

**Wednesday, October 24,** noon-1 p.m. MDAH archaeologist **Jayur Madhusudan Mehta** will talk about **Native American ritual architecture.**

**Archives Month Programs**  
601-576-6884

**Monday, October 15,** noon-1 p.m. **Randy Kwan**, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, will discuss "The Chinese in Mississippi."

**Thursday, October 25,** noon-1 p.m. **Barnett Taylor**, a popular genealogy workshop leader, will discuss methodology of African American genealogy. Refreshments provided by Mortgage Consultants, Inc.

## Greenville

**Winterville Mounds**  
662-334-4684

**Archaeology Month Programs**

**October 1-31:** A **mock excavation** and other special programs will be held throughout the month for school groups. John Sullivan, Winterville archaeologist, and Jan Taylor, Winterville historian, are available all month to give **archaeology demonstrations and talks about Native Americans** to area schools. Also, **photographs** will commemorate the centennial and **first major excavation** at Winterville by C.B. Moore.  
**Sunday, October 14, 2-4 p.m. USM professor Ed Jackson** will deliver a lecture on the 2007 University of Southern Mississippi archaeology field school at Winterville.

**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 for demonstrations of activities on **November 3** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free of charge.

## Natchez

**Grand Village of the Natchez Indians**  
400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.  
601-446-6502

**Archaeology Month Programs**

**Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m. Lee Jones**, Natchez Maya archaeology scholar, will present "Recent Discoveries in Maya Archaeology."

**Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. Carey Geiger**, past president of the Mississippi Archaeological Association,

will present "The Topper Pre-Clovis Excavation at the Topper Site, South Carolina."

**Wednesday-Thursday, October 10-11. *Student Days.*** Local and regional fourth-grade classes learn about Native American culture, archaeology, and nature studies. Free of charge.

**Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. *Music at the Mounds.*** Volunteers perform gospel, country, and jazz. Free of charge.

## Washington

**Historic Jefferson College**  
601-442-2901

**Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. *Old Timey Days and Antique Gun Show*** featuring antique firearm identification, black powder safety demonstrations, tips on caring for antique firearms and building replica firearms, and a display of Civil War, WWII, and Vietnam-era guns. Free of charge.

**Thursday-Friday, October 18-19. *Pioneer Days: The Way It Was.*** School classes learn about pioneer skills. Free of charge

**Friday, October 26, 6:30 p.m. *Ghost Tales Around the Campfire.*** Storytellers tell ghost stories around a bonfire. Free of charge.

## Yazoo City

**Ricks Memorial Library**  
310 North Main Street

**Archives Month Programs**

**Monday, October 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., "Creating a County Archives,"** sponsored by the Federation of Mississippi Historical Societies, the Mississippi State Historical Records Advisory Board, and MDAH, in cooperation with the Yazoo Library Association. Learn the basics in archives management, law, and resources. \$20 fee. Contact Cindy Gardner, 601-576-6901.

## Old Capitol Restoration: Phase Two

Phase II of the Old Capitol Restoration, directed by Jackson architect Robert P. Adams, is now underway. Evan Johnson and Sons of Brandon has been chosen as contractor for this phase. Work officially began on September 24; the 400-day project must be completed by mid-October 2008, allowing the exhibit design firm two months to install new exhibits. The Old Capitol is scheduled to re-open in January 2009. Exhibits in the museum will interpret the distinguished history of the building, with a special focus on government in action.

## Family Chronicled

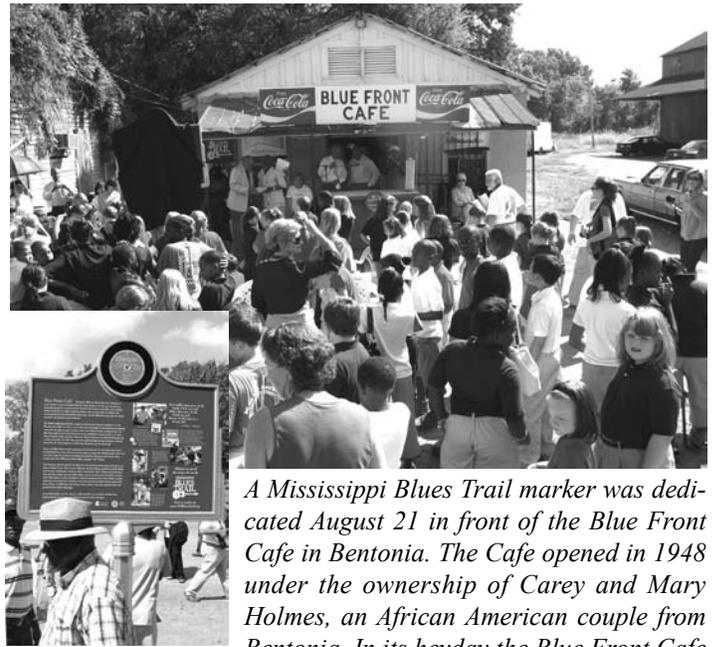
*Christeana's Legacy*, a history of a remarkable pioneer family's struggles during the first 150 years of Mississippi's statehood, has been published by Purple Crane Creek Press. The author, Jacksonian Alex A. Alston, Jr., is the great-great-great-grandson of Christeana Jacoby, the matriarch of the family chronicled here. Predominant surnames included are James (Jacoby), Rule, Pierce, Devine, Hoover (Huber), and Davidson. Copies are available: Call Purple Crane Creek Press at 601-354-9716.

## Strickland Honored

The General Classroom Building of the University of Missouri-Columbia became the first academic building named for an African American when the University of Missouri Board of Curators voted recently to rename it Strickland Hall after pioneering professor Arvarh Strickland. Strickland taught at the university from 1969 to 1996. A charter member of the Editorial Review Board of the *Journal of Mississippi History*, Strickland continues to serve in that position. A Hattiesburg native, he graduated from Tougaloo College and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. He received an honorary doctorate from Tougaloo College in the spring of 2007.

*The redesigned Sam B. Olden Museum of the Yazoo Historical Society, named to honor its longtime president, Sam B. Olden, opened to the public September 14. (L-r, Henry Cote, Yazoo County Economic Developer; Olden; Historical Society member Bettye Crout; MDAH director emeritus Elbert R. Hilliard; and Carolyn Coates, Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce, cut the ribbon to open the museum.*

*Photo courtesy Yazoo Herald.*



*A Mississippi Blues Trail marker was dedicated August 21 in front of the Blue Front Cafe in Bentonia. The Cafe opened in 1948 under the ownership of Carey and Mary Holmes, an African American couple from Bentonia. In its heyday the Blue Front Cafe was famed for buffalo fish, blues, and moonshine whiskey. One of the sons, Jimmy Holmes, took over the cafe in 1970 and continued to operate it as an informal, down-home blues venue that gained international fame among blues enthusiasts. For more information on the Mississippi Blues Trail, call 601-359-3424.*

