

Dozens of Original Pieces Donated to Manship House

“Spectacular” Addition To Collection Says Museum Director

Generous donations by two branches of descendants of Charles Henry and Adaline Manship are leading to a richer experience for visitors to the Manship House Museum. More than fifty pieces of original family furniture plus other household items have been added to the collection. Many have already been placed on display in the museum.

“We are fortunate to enjoy the support of so many members of the Manship family,” said Marilyn Jones, Manship House Museum director. “These donations are nothing short of spectacular,

and they will make an immediate impact on the museum.”

The first group of donations came from the estate of the late J. Ralph and Margaret Wilson. Ralph Wilson was a great grandson of Charles Henry and Adaline Manship. “Our parents always wanted to see these things returned to the family’s home to be used in the museum,” said Debbie Wilson Martindell, who made the gift along with her sister, Damaris Wilson Schlong.

Nine years ago the Wilsons donated a large collection of Manship items to the museum. This latest donation includes larger pieces of furniture as well as smaller items such as books, pistols, bowls and vases, and memorabilia. One noteworthy piece is a desk with a special pedigree. According to family



William T. Phelps, a great-grandson of Charles Henry and Adaline Manship, pictured with his donation of chairs original to the Manship House.

lore, the desk was used by Confederate general John S. Adams when he stayed at the Manships’ house during the Civil

War. Afterward, Charles Henry Manship wrote the general’s name on the back of the piece to

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Deadline to Apply For Preservation Grants Oct. 9

The Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program will distribute \$2 million for preservation projects across the state. Grant applications will be accepted through October 9, 2009. Applications are available on the MDAH Web site, www.mdah.state.ms.us, or by contacting Mingo Tingle in the Historic Preservation Division of MDAH at 601-576-6952 or at P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571.

MDAH Taking Popular Program to Corinth

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is taking one of its most popular programs to Corinth in October. Personal Treasures, like the PBS program Antiques Roadshow, gives the public a chance to bring items for identification and evaluation by specialists. Experts will offer tips on the conservation and care of the items, and although they cannot offer monetary values of objects, a list of appraisers will be available.

Personal Treasures is being held in conjunction with the MDAH Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, October 16, in Corinth. Personal Treasures will be held Thursday, October 15,

from noon to 5 p.m. and Friday, October 16, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Corinth Public Library.

There is no charge to participate. Categories are household items, books, maps, photographs, textiles, architectural elements, and military items (excluding weapons). An expert on genealogical research will also be available for consultation. MDAH staff will be on hand to exhibit resources from the state archives relating to Corinth, Alcorn County, and northeast Mississippi.

The MDAH board meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Corinth Civil War Interpretive



Expert Mary Lohrenz examines a dish at a Personal Treasures program held in 2005.

Center and is open to the public. A public reception will be held at

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Archaeology Expo Oct. 17 at Millsaps

The second annual Mississippi Archaeology Expo will be Saturday, October 17, at Millsaps College in Jackson from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature displays of Mississippi artifacts and a variety of free, family activities, including pottery making, basket weaving, spear throwing, jewelry making, and flintknapping. In addition, there will be interactive demonstrations of archaeological techniques, and archaeologists will help identify artifacts brought to the fair.

“Archaeology plays a vital role in Mississippi’s unique heritage,” said Millsaps College archaeology professor Michael Galaty. “We encourage parents



Activities from last year’s Archaeology Expo at Millsaps College.

to come bring their kids for a day-long event that’s fun and educational. The goal is to show

everyone that there is so much more to archaeology than what you see in Indiana Jones mov-

ies.”

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will demonstrate the tribal game of stickball, bead making, drum making, and basket weaving. Bryan Haley, a Mississippi archaeologist from the PBS Time Team America television series, will be the special guest.

The Archaeology Expo will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bowl at Millsaps College. Parking is available at the Riverside Drive entrance to campus. In case of rain, the fair will be held in the Boyd Campbell College Center on the Millsaps campus. For more information, contact Cliff Jenkins, Expo project chairman, at 601-965-4139 ext. 115.

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commemorate the event.

The second group of donations came from William T. Phelps of Ridgeland, a great-grandson of Charles and Adaline Manship. Phelps has a long history with the museum. The house he lived in serves as the visitors center, and he has made many donations of original Manship family artifacts in the past. This latest donation was of eight chairs, five of which match

chairs donated by the Wilsons. Records at the museum indicate there were a large number of chairs in the home as the family grew in size.

“It’s a testament to how accurate the original interpretation of the museum was that the period chairs purchased to furnish the house are exact matches for these chairs,” said Jones. “But there is no substitute for original pieces. These gifts will add a rich layer of interpretation to



A watch from the Wilson donation with an inscription reading “Kate Manship from her Mother 1871.”

the museum.”

The Manship House Museum interprets the daily life of a middle-class family of the Victorian era. The carefully restored house showcases the exquisite graining and marbling of Charles Henry Manship (1812–1895), as well as many of the family’s original furnishings. The house itself is a rare surviving example of Gothic Revival residential architecture from

an age and area that favored classical design.

The Manships had fifteen children, ten of whom survived to adulthood. Four generations of Manships occupied the house continuously from the time of its construction in 1857 until its acquisition by the state in 1975. The house is interpreted to the year 1888, when the Manships gathered with their children to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Teachers Workshop to Focus on Territorial, Early Statehood Eras

The twenty-fifth annual MDAH Museum Division Social Studies Teachers Workshop is set for Friday, November 6. The title of this year’s workshop is “Mississippi Takes Shape, 1798–1832.” Subjects discussed will include the Natchez Trace, the Creek War and the War of 1812, Territorial and state

government, using primary sources in the classroom, Eudora Welty’s fiction, and marginalized groups such as women, Native Americans, freedmen, and slaves.

To sign up, go to www.mdah.state.ms.us or call 601-576-6925. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. The registration deadline is Friday, October 30.

Archives Month Events Planned throughout Oct.

The Department of Archives and History is celebrating American Archives Month in October with programs throughout the state designed to raise awareness about preserving historical and cultural records.

Events will include workshops on basic records management on October 8 and 27 in Jackson. The workshop is designed for records officers of state agencies. Registration is

required.

For the complete schedule of Archives Month events, go to www.msarchivists.org.

Archives Month is sponsored by the Mississippi State Records Advisory Board and the Society of Mississippi Archivists through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. For more information on these events call 601-576-6850.

Black and Blue Civil War Program at HJC

The second annual Black and Blue Civil War Living History Encampment is set for Saturday, October 10, at Historic Jefferson College in Washington. Historians and reenactors will present a series of first-person accounts of enslaved people, white abolitionists, and white union officers that focus on the roles these people played in Mississippi and Louisiana during the Civil War. Performances by the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church Civil War Choir will introduce and complement key presentations.

"It's important to tell the African American story of the Civil War," said H. Clark Burkett, Historic Jefferson College historian. "This event shows how African Americans contributed to their own liberation."

Events will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a children's soldier camp. A games and activity camp will begin at noon and run throughout the program, which is scheduled to end at 5 p.m.

Admission to the Black and Blue Civil War



Above and left, images from the 2008 Black and Blue Civil War Encampment. More than 200 people attended last year's inaugural program.

Encampment is free. The event is co-sponsored by the Friends of Forks of the Roads Society Inc. and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. For more information call Historic Jefferson College at 601-442-2901.

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6 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, at the Coliseum Civic Center. Kane Ditto, president of the board of trustees, will present resolutions of commendation to local organizations and citizens for contributions to the preservation and interpretation of Mississippi history.

Board members and MDAH staff will also tour sites associated with the Siege and Battle of Corinth and other preservation highlights in the area, such as the Civil War Contraband Camp Memorial and the Verandah Curlee House.

Members of the board of trustees of the Department of Archives and History are president Kane Ditto, Jackson; vice president Rosemary Taylor Williams, Corinth; Reuben V. Anderson, Jackson; Lynn Crosby Gammill, Hattiesburg; E. Jackson Garner, Jackson; Duncan M. Morgan, Natchez; Hilda Cope Povall, Cleveland; Martis D. Ramage, Jr., Belden; and Roland Weeks, Biloxi.

Personal Treasures is funded in part by the Corinth Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Acclaimed Scientist to Lecture on Cutting-edge 3-D Mapping Techniques

At noon on Monday, October 19, Vassilios Tsioukas of the Department of Architectural Engineering at Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, will discuss recent developments for the 3-D recording

of ancient monuments and archaeological sites in the Mediterranean. The talk will take place in the Winter Building, 200 North Street, Jackson. For more information call Ken P'Pool at 601-576-6942.

OCTOBER MDAH EVENTS

WASHINGTON

Historic Jefferson College
Highway 61 North
601-442-2901
info@jeffersoncollege.com

October 1–2. Pioneer Days, a two-day event for school groups. Topics include furniture making, quilting, storytelling, fiddling, pioneer toys, and much more! Reservations required.

Tuesday, October 20, noon.
Lunchtime Lecture Series: Conserving Family Photographs. Jeff Rogers, MDAH photo curator, will demonstrate how to care for photographs. Bring a lunch.

Saturday, October 24, 10–11:30 a.m. (ages 6–8) and 2–3:30 p.m. (ages 9–12). *EXPLORE! Soapmaking.* Learn to make soap—mix and match scents and colors. \$10 pre-

registration required.

October 26–29. Horror Week Film Festival & Ghost Tales Around the Campfire. This year's Horror Week starts with a film festival, showing a classic zombie movie Monday-Wednesday, for adults and older teens. On Thursday, families are invited to Ghost Tales around the Campfire.

GREENVILLE

Winterville Mounds
Highway 1 North
662-334-4684
info@wintervillemounds.com

October 1–31. Archaeology Month. Mock archaeology excavations and other educational activities for school children.

Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. *Archaeology Family Day.* Participate in a mock archaeology dig!

OCTOBER MDAH CALENDAR

JACKSON

History Is Lunch Series

Noon–1 p.m., William F. Winter Archives and History Building
200 North Street
601-576-6998

Wednesday, October 7—

“Teddy Roosevelt and his Mississippi Connections,” by Roosevelt reenactor Joe Weigand.

Wednesday, October 14—

Danny McKenzie and Jack Reed will discuss their book *A Time to Speak: Speeches by Jack Reed*.

Wednesday, October 21—

MDAH reference librarian De’Niecechsi Layton will present “Research in Mississippi.”

Wednesday, October 28—

archaeologist Lee Arco will talk about excavations at the Jaketown site.

Old Capitol Museum

State Street at Capitol
601-576-6920
info@oldcapitolmuseum.com

October 1–31. *The Return of the Mummy*, one of the Old Capitol’s most famous visitors.

October 28–29, 5:30–7:30 p.m. *Present Meets Past: Voices from Mississippi History*. Experience the Old Capitol through the stories of people who shaped it during this evening of living history.

Manship House Museum

420 E. Fortification Street
601-961-4724
info@manshiphouse.com

Saturday, October 1–2. *Manships Unearthed*. Students can observe archaeologists excavating on the grounds of the Manship House Museum. Reservations required.

October 6–31. *Manships in Mourning*. See how homes were prepared for the Victorian rituals of mourning.

Monday, October 26, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. *Dearly Beloved: A Symposium on Death and Mourning in the Victorian Times*. Free, reservations required. Co-sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council.

NATCHEZ

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.
601-446-6502
info@natchezgrandvillage.com

October 5–6, 8 a.m.–noon. *Student Days*, a program for area fourth-graders or any class that wants to learn more about Native American and French Colonial times. The program features storytelling, flintknapping,

ping, nature, wildlife, pottery, basket weaving, French singing, French culture, and Native American weapons, housing, and games. Reservations required.

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. *The Moving of Vidalia*. Corinne Randazzo will discuss how the town of Vidalia, Louisiana, was moved in 1938 in response to Mississippi River flooding.

Saturday, October 31, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. *Music at the Mounds*. Musicians from around Natchez perform gospel, jazz, and country.

OCTOBER IS
ARCHAEOLOGY
MONTH!

See all events listed at
msarchaeology.org