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TAG Teachers Meet for First Summer TAG Day

On July 9 the Museum Division education staff hosted the first TAG (Teachers Advisory Group) Day in Jackson. TAG members from across the state advise the staff and review educational materials and programs developed by MDAH. Thirty teachers are active in the group and twelve attended the TAG Day meeting.

The TAG teachers were treated to a “behind the scenes” tour of the state archives and a special “Show and Tell” presentation by Anne Webster, reference librarian, who highlighted some of her favorite collections and artifacts. After a visit from Governor John J. Pettus warning of the impending invasion of the Northern Army, director, Clay Williams, guided the teachers on a tour of the Old Capitol Museum.

The TAG teachers learned about the planned 2 Mississippi Museums, the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and the Museum of Mississippi History. After all the fun information and tours, each teacher got their homework—lessons, activities, and teaching units prepared by the MDAH staff. The teachers have volunteered to review them for us to ensure that they will be a useful addition to classrooms.

When asked what she enjoyed most about the day,

gifted teacher Leigh Curtis of Eastside Elementary in Clinton said, “Every single presenters’ passion and camaraderie! Their enthusiasm ignites! I so appreciate the love, respect, and dedication you have for our state. Thank you!”

If you are interested in being a part of the MDAH TAG please contact the Museum Division education staff at outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us or 601-576-6800.

“We hope that more teachers can join us for next summer’s TAG Day. There was some interest in seeing some other sites, so we might be hitting the road to visit our Natchez sites.” Stacey Everett, director of education responded when asked about next year’s TAG Day.



Top: TAG teachers and director of education, Stacey Everett, take a break. **Middle:** librarian Anne Webster wraps up her presentation on interesting collections in the archives with some of her favorite collections.



Above: TAG teachers in the Senate as director of the Old Capitol Museum, Clay Williams gives the TAG teachers a special guided tour.

MISSISSIPPI FUN FACT

Greenwood Leflore was a Choctaw chief who served in both the State House of Representatives and State Senate in the 1800s. While in the senate, he found it irritating when other senators used Latin phrases in their speeches.

After one particular instance in the senate where a colleague gave an entire speech in Latin, Leflore responded by giving an entire speech in Choctaw. When he finished, he asked, “My friends, which speech was better understood?”

Student Art Competition

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is launching its first art contest this fall at the 2 Mississippi Museums Groundbreaking activities. This year's theme of "Groundbreaking Mississippians" will ask students to create artwork representing an individual or group they feel has made a difference. A suggested list will appear on the new MDAH website, but students are encouraged to research and submit their own candidates. The artwork of contest winners will become part of a display within the 2 Mississippi Museums classroom area and a poster distributed to schools across the state.

To find the groundbreaking list, look for the art contest link under the Families menu under the Learn tab on the MDAH website. If you have any questions please contact the MDAH education staff at outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

The Mudcat: Just for Kids!



As a part of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History new website development, the education staff has worked hard to include more offerings for students and families. Among the trivia games, artifact spotlight, and craft ideas, we also have the new online student newsletter, *The Mudcat*.

A new issue of *The Mudcat* will be posted quarterly and focus on different topics in Mississippi history. Each issue includes a feature article

with supporting articles, "Explore Mississippi" section, and review activities with vocabulary. Past issues will be archived online.

Students can submit their own interpretations of the mudcat, and one will be selected as cover art for an issue. Send your student's drawing, painting, or other artistic rendering of a mudcat or any questions to us at outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

2 Mississippi Museums Update

The groundbreaking ceremony for the 2 Mississippi Museums will be held on October 24, 2013. The festivities will be taking place on the future site of the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum on the corner of North and Mississippi Streets in Jackson.

The formal groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 10 a.m., and activities for students and families will be held all morning until 3 p.m. Join us to celebrate the start of this exciting project – a new state history museum and the only state-sponsored civil rights museum in the country.

Museum of Mississippi History | MISSISSIPPI MUSEUMS | Mississippi Civil Rights Museum

GROUNDBREAKING
Thursday, October 24, 10AM
 200 North Street, Jackson • 601-576-6850



WINTER HOLIDAYS

School groups grades K-6 can experience the historic Christmas trees, artifacts (toys), and the 1940s train town of Possum Ridge.

Tuesdays through Fridays
 December 3 through December 20 9 a.m. – 12 Noon
 William F. Winter Archives and History Building
 For reservations call 601-576-6800. FREE

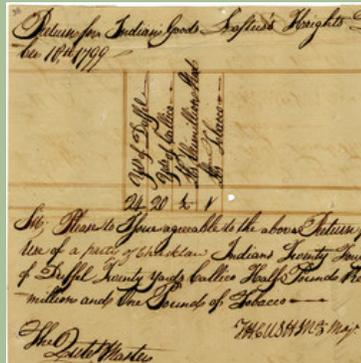
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DIGITAL ARCHIVES

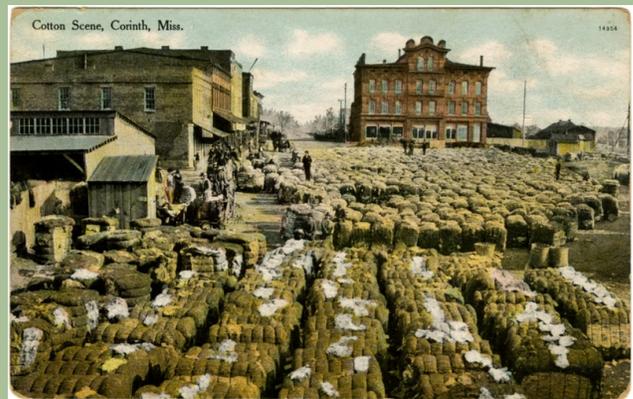
http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/digital_archives/

MDAH Digital Archives include electronic records from government agencies and officials, donated and acquired electronic resources, and digital copies of original materials from MDAH collections, including paper documents, photographs, maps, audio, and video. More information on the collections and government series may be found in the online catalog. Not all electronic archival materials are available on the internet. Some are limited to use in the archives due to copyright or other restrictions. In such cases, the catalog record will direct researchers to the archives' media reading room for access.

Sovereignty Commission Online
1927 Flood Photograph Collection
Administration Papers (Mississippi Territory)
The Anti-Slavery Alphabet
Confederate Pension Applications (Mississippi)
Constitutions of the State of Mississippi
Cooper Postcard Collection
Covert (J. C.) Photograph Collection
Corinth, Miss. Collection
Crowe (Milburn J.) Photograph Album
Daniel, Al Fred, Photograph Collection
E. von Seutter Photograph Collection
Educable Children Records (Mississippi), 1850-1965
Forner (Thomas) Freedom Summer Papers
Hamilton (Luther) Photograph Collection
Hargrove (Ralph) Photograph Collection
Health Department Photograph Album
Historical Map Collection
Hurricane Camille Photograph Collection
Hurricane Katrina Photographs
Jefferson Davis Estate Papers
Lochinvar Photograph Album
McCardle (Mrs. W. H.) Photograph Collection
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Collection
Mississippi State Capitol Building Photograph Album
Mississippi State Penitentiary (Parchman) Photo Collections
Moncrief Photograph Collection
Oral History Interviews with Sam H. Bowers, Jr.
Painter (Milton McFarland, Sr.) Collection
Shankle, Hugh W., Collection
Stewart Photograph Collection
Tax Rolls (Mississippi), 1818-1902
Vicksburg National Military Park Photographs
Witbeck, C. W., Photograph Collection
World War I Statement of Service Cards and Indices (Mississippi)
Worsham (Clifford G.) Photograph Album



Series 488: Administration Papers, 1769, 1788-1817; n.d.
Doc Number: 38
Administration: Winthrop Sargent
Date(s): 12/18/1799
Order: T.[Thomas] H. Cushing, Lofthus's Heights, to the Quarter Master, to issue goods for the use of a party of Chickasaw Indians



Cooper Postcard Collection,
"Cotton Scene, Corinth, Miss." Corinth, Mississippi, Alcorn County, 19--



Moncrief Collection photograph, Winfred Moncrief,
Harold Dahmer at Dahmer; House/Store, 1966.

*Collections are frequently added to the Digital Archives.
Keep checking to see what is new!*

Digital Archives FAQs

Are all available digital images listed on this page or are there some elsewhere?

In addition to the collections listed and the materials accessible on the Government Archives page, there are many more electronic resources (maps, photographs, etc.) accessible only via the catalog record for the collection or item. Look for the "Link to Electronic Resource" notes when searching the catalog.

How can you download or get the images that are zoomified?

Zoomified images require Flash to render and can be ordered from MDAH (see <http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/photoreproduction.php>).

Is there any charge for these images?

If you choose to order an image from MDAH, duplication and delivery charges and, in some cases, use fees apply. For more information and forms, see the Archives and Records Services Division's reproduction services guide at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/photoreproduction.php>.

Is everything OK to use or are there special permissions needed?

Use permissions vary according to donor agreements, copyright, and other considerations. If the collection you're viewing includes a "Rights Management" statement, begin there. Information on how to request use permission may be found at http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/howto_use.pdf.

Are citations needed? If so, where are they listed?

Some online collections include suggested citations, but proper citation is the user's responsibility. The Department's requested credit line may be found in the use permission guidelines at http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/howto_use.pdf.

Some references are listed and some are not. What do you do if they are not listed?

Sources are often mentioned in the description text. If not, they're listed separately under References.

What is the difference between embedded and external players?

An embedded player works right in the browser while an external player requires an additional program to view the content.

Navigating the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission Collection

The Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission was the state's official counter civil rights agency from 1956–1973. The files in this online collection comprise the scanned originals with court-approved redactions requested by individuals named in the records along with additional information submitted by individuals named in the records who chose to file a rebuttal. The collection also includes the court-specified personal name index and links between rebuttal records and Commission records in which rebuttal submitters are mentioned. The files may be searched by personal name, folder title and number, or rebuttal respondent.

Name search

All personal names in records created by the Sovereignty Commission were indexed by MDAH pursuant to American Civil Liberties Union v. Fordice, 969 F.Supp.403 (S.D.Miss.1994). Enter the name you wish to search in the fields listed or make your selection by browsing through the name index.

Searches may consist of full or partial name forms. For additional instruction and search tips click Help.

Folder Search

The folders comprise files established by the Commission and folders of rebuttal material submitted by privacy respondents. The titles are formed as they appeared on the folders. Please enter the folder title and/or folder identification number in the fields below or make your selection by browsing through the folder index.

Searches may consist of full or partial titles. This search merely matches your search terms with words in the title. It is NOT a folder subject search. For additional instruction and search tips click Help.

Photographs

All photographs containing no court-ordered redaction have been re-scanned and individually described and are displayed with links back to the original scans, associated documents, and folders. For further details see *Collection Description*.

Browse Photograph Collection

Click here to see thumbnails of the images. Images may take a few minutes to download on slow connections.

Photograph Keyword Search

Enter search term(s) in box provided and click Go to activate the search. Successful searches will produce a thumbnail listing of images. Images may take a few minutes to download on slow connections.

Photograph Geographic Location Search

Select a location from either the state, county, or community drop-down lists below. Click Go to activate the search. Successful searches will produce a thumbnail listing of images. Images may take a few minutes to download on slow connections. For additional instructions click Help.

World War II Unit Research Is Growing

Each year the education staff of the Museum Division creates an online teaching unit on a subject in Mississippi history. Two years ago the topic was the Freedom Rides, and “Slavery in Mississippi” will be posted in the coming months. The next teaching unit will examine Mississippi in World War II.

The education staff has searched the archives and museum for images, documents, and artifacts to illustrate the story of Mississippians during the war. The lessons will cover the experiences of soldiers from Mississippi and also those left on the home front assisting the war effort. The education staff has visited the National World War II Museum in New Orleans and will visit Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby and the African

American Military Museum in Hattiesburg to gather more information for the online teaching unit.

The Victory Garden activity demonstrates part of the home front story of shortages and rationing. “I am determined to integrate not only history but also math and science into a lesson about beginning and sustaining Victory Gardens in the classroom,” stated Outreach Programs Coordinator Claire Gwaltney. The Education staff has performed a trial run with beans, lettuce, pumpkins, and other vegetables to determine what plants and planters would work best in the classroom. “I never thought these seeds would do so well in a terrarium that we would need to transplant them into pots!” Gwaltney said.

Left: Day five of Victory Garden activity research seeds started in terrariums.



Below: By day seven, education staff transplanted seedlings into various containers to experiment with what works best.



DECONSTRUCTING MISSISSIPPI'S RECONSTRUCTION

29th Annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop

Friday, November 1, 2013

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Schedule of Events

- 8 a.m. - REGISTRATION
8:30 a.m. - WELCOME
8:45 a.m. - RECONSTRUCTION IN MISSISSIPPI
Dr. Max Grivno, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
9:30 a.m. - NEW ROLES FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN MISSISSIPPI GOVERNMENT
Dr. K.C. Morrison, Mississippi State University, Starkville
10:15 a.m. - BREAK AND DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
10:45 a.m. - CHINESE POPULATION COMES TO MISSISSIPPI
Frieda Quon, Emeritus, Delta State University, Olive Branch
11:30 a.m. - LUNCH
1:00 p.m. - *Choose one session*
A. OLD CAPITOL LESSON
Maura Johnson, education historian
Old Capitol Museum, Jackson
B. YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC OF 1878
Dr. Deanne Nuwer, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
C. USING ARTIFACTS IN YOUR CLASSROOM
Collections staff, MDAH,
Museum Division, Jackson
2:00 p.m. - TEACHING RECONSTRUCTION IN MISSISSIPPI
Roxanna Arcement, Sumner Hill Junior High School, Clinton
2:40 p.m. - MEET JOHN ROY LYNCH
Living History interpreter

Registration fee \$40 due by
Friday, October 11, 2013
.5 CEU available through
Mississippi College

For more information please contact the Museum
Division education staff
601-576-6800 or email
outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us

MDAH Events for Teachers and Students Fall 2013

Now–December 15, *Life into Fiction: The Murder of Medgar Evers and “Where is the Voice Coming From?”*
Tuesday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Eudora Welty Education and Visitor Center. The exhibit will examine how that event impelled Eudora Welty to write one of the most gripping and political stories of her career, as well as the repercussions Welty faced after her story was published in *The New Yorker*. Pages from Welty’s original manuscript draft, the July 1963 issue of *The New Yorker*, in which the story was published, photographs, and other related artifacts are featured. For more information or to reserve a tour, call 601-353-7762 or email tours@eudoraweltyhouse.com.



Now–October 31, “*This Is Home*”: Medgar Evers, Mississippi, and the Movement
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m.–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. MDAH is marking the fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of Medgar Evers with an exhibit examining the life and death of the civil rights hero. As Mississippi field secretary for the NAACP from 1954 to 1963, Evers was involved in every major civil rights action in the state. Drawing on photographs, artifacts, documents, and newsfilm footage from the MDAH collection, the exhibit covers Evers’s early life and family, his career with the NAACP, and his assassination in the driveway of his home on June 12, 1963. For more information call 601-576-6850 or email outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

October, Winterville Mounds Archaeology Month Weekend Programs

Winterville Mounds hosts weekend events for families celebrating Archaeology Month. Activities will include mock excavations, artifact identifications, movies, lectures. For more information contact Winterville Mounds at 662-334-4684 or info@wintervillemounds.com.

October 1–March 31, MissLou Mask Exhibit

Area schools and groups of all ages are invited to display masks at Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. We begin accepting masks October 1 and will have them on display until March 31. Please write the name of the student on the back of the mask along with grade level and school. Awards will be awarded for each grade level for the following categories: man / woman, element of nature (ex. earth, wind, water, fire), animal, and deity. We also present an award for best use of natural materials and best over all. Contact Grand Village of the Natchez Indians for more information, 601-446-6502 or info@natchezgrandvillage.com.



October 10, Old Capitol Bowl

Teams from selected high schools compete in a scholar’s bowl contest. This day-long quiz competition will test students’ knowledge of government and Mississippi history as teams compete to become Old Capitol Bowl champions. Deadline to register is September 6. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com.

October 16–17, Student Days 9 a.m.–noon

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians hosts its annual Student Days for third through fifth grade. Students learn about flintknapping, French colonial survivor skills, and traditional Native American homes, tools, and weapons. Free, reservations required. For more information, call 601-446-6502 or email info@natchezgrandvillage.com.



October 30–November 2 Native American Days 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Meet Native American members of the Choctaw, Seminole, Cherokee, and Houma Nation and experience traditional music, dance, and storytelling. Free. For more information, call 662-334-4684 or email info@wintervillemounds.com.

November 1, Social Studies Teacher Workshop 8a.m.–3p.m.

“Deconstructing Mississippi’s Reconstruction” is the title of the annual Social Studies Teacher Workshop at the Old Capitol Museum. 0.5 CEU available through Mississippi College. Registration fee \$40. For more information call 601-576-6800 or email outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

November 7–8, High School Youth Legislature

The Old Capitol Museum serves as host for the annual High School Youth Legislature. Students gain knowledge of our state’s political and legislative systems by participating in a mock legislative session.

For more information, call 727-612-6984.

December 3–31, Holiday Happenings at the Old Capitol

Visit the Old Capitol, decorated in nineteenth-century holiday style, and enjoy the following special programs as well as a special Holiday Scavenger Hunt. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com.

December 3–31 Years of Yuletide: Christmas in Jackson

This exhibit highlights various Jackson Christmas traditions with selected artifacts and photos.

December 5, 12, and 19 Telling Tales 10a.m.

Enjoy storytelling time with an ethical focus for children.

December 6, 13, and 14 Sounds of the Season noon

Listen to local choirs in the Old Capitol’s rotunda on selected Fridays and Saturdays.



December 3–20, Winter Holidays Tours 9 a.m. – noon

Watch model trains run through the fictional town of Possum Ridge. View trees decorated in the fashion of Mississippi Christmases past and discover toys enjoyed by generations of Mississippi children. Group tours of ten or more, reservations required. For more information call 601-576-6800 or email outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

December 5–13, Celebration of Christmas Trees

Local school groups and home educators adopt Christmas trees and decorate them for class projects. For more information, call 601-442-2901 or email info@historicjeffersoncollege.com.

December 10, Statehood Day noon–1p.m.

Celebrate Mississippi’s 196th birthday with the unveiling of plans to celebrate our state’s bicentennial in 2017. Reception to follow. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com.

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This new online newsletter for teachers that will be posted on the MDAH website twice a year.

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**SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING
COMPETITION**

The Eudora Welty House serves as the Mississippi writing affiliate of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, sponsor of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Competition. The competition is open to students in grades 7-12.

For more information go to <http://www.artandwriting.org>

or contact

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