

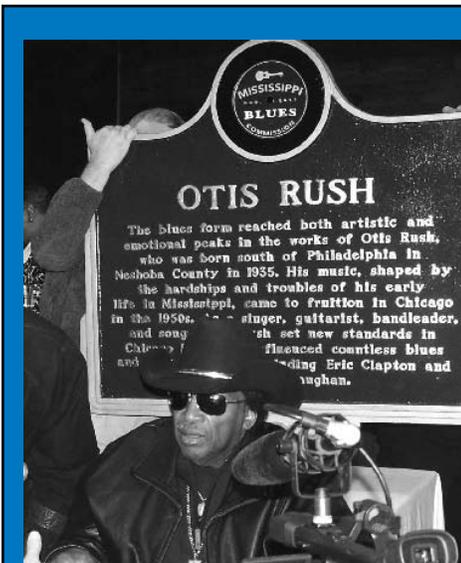
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Elizabeth Coleman, special projects officer, MDAH Museum Division, and author of the MDAH-produced book **A Special Visitor to Possum Ridge**, and Special Visitor editor and illustrator Chuck Galey, Jackson, sign copies at the Mississippi History Store Open House December 1. For Mississippi books and fine crafts, visit the Mississippi History Store in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building or call 601-576-6921.



Blues legend Otis Rush was honored December 6 when a Mississippi Blues Trail marker was unveiled in his hometown, of Philadelphia. Rush's music, shaped by the hardships and troubles of his early life in Mississippi, came to fruition in Chicago in the 1950s. As a

singer, guitarist, bandleader, and songwriter, Rush set new standards in Chicago blues and influenced countless blues and rock musicians, including Eric Clapton and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

MDAH & EVENTS

Jackson
William F. Winter Building
200 North Street
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Lobby exhibit **"Uniquely Mississippi"** uses forty key original artifacts from MDAH collection to recall major themes or events in the history of the state. Showing through 2008.

History Is Lunch
Noon–1 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9: JoAnne Prichard Morris and Jim Hawkins will discuss and sign copies of their newly published book, **The Grand Leader: A Yarn by Armis E. Hawkins**.

Wednesday, January 23: Jim Woodrick, MDAH Historic Preservation Division, will present **"Grierson's Winter Raid."**

Wednesday, January 30: Charles Sallis, retired history professor, Millsaps College, will present

"Gone With the Wind"—Again: Sense of Place, Katrina, and the Mississippi Humanities Council."

Bring your lunch. Coffee and bottled water available. For information, call 601-576-6857. To receive email reminders of this and other programs, send your email address to pubinfo@mdah.state.ms.us.

Natchez
Grand Village of the Natchez Indians
400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.

Saturday, January 26, 2–4 p.m.: Storytellers will spin tales about Indians and nature at the twenty-first annual **Eleventh Moon Storytelling**. January was the eleventh month—or moon—in the Natchez Indian calendar. Admission is free but seating is limited. For more information call 601-446-6502.



Over 3,000 children participated in activities during Native American Days, held November 1–3 at Winterville Mounds, Greenville. Activities included cooking, javelin throwing, flintknapping, and more, reported Mark Howell, Winterville Mounds director.

Genealogical Seminar Jan. 19

The Mississippi Genealogical Society and MDAH present the annual Genealogical Seminar on Saturday, January 19, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Rankin County campus of Hinds Community College, 3805 Highway 80 East, Pearl. The speaker will be George G. Morgan, who has written several books and many articles on genealogical research (see <http://ahaseminars.com>).

The seminar cost is \$45 and includes lunch (\$2 discount for MGS members). For more information, call 601-924-9346.

Mark Calendars for MHS Annual Meeting March 6–8

The Mississippi Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Starkville March 6–8, president John Marszalek announces. The program theme is “**Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, and the Civil War in Mississippi.**” Main speakers include Frank J. Williams, chief justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court; and Duffy Neubauer, Golden Triangle Civil War Round Table. Among highlights are a welcoming reception, luncheon, banquet, President’s Reception, a choice of **five local tours, and a brunch.** For information, call 601-576-6849.

Mississippi History Now

The December feature of *Mississippi History Now* is written by Secretary of State Eric Clark and outlines how our state government functions in its three branches: executive, legislative, and judicial. Read the feature at <http://mshistory.k12.ms.us>

Visitors can also read a profile of Governor Haley Barbour and access profiles of all Mississippi governors among the site’s archives. More than one hundred articles, written by noted historians, are archived on the site where students, teachers, and lovers of history can find information on a growing list of topics. Recent articles cover Alfred Holt Stone, prehistoric Mississippi, the French Colonial Period, and the building of the “Old Spanish Trail,” or U.S. Highway 90, along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

If you would like to support *Mississippi History Now*, mail tax-deductible contributions to the Mississippi Historical Society, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571, earmarked for *Mississippi History Now*.

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Docents Honored



Governor’s Mansion Docent Luncheon, December 3, 2007, given by First Lady Marsha Barbour. The following four retiring Mansion docents were recognized at the luncheon for their service: Betty Lake (32 years), Annette Redden (31 years), Frances VanZant (15 years), and Charlotte Wallace (7 years). Front Row: Billie Henry, Sylvia Walker, Shirlee Lawson, Mansion curator Mary Lohrenz, Annette Redden, Frances VanZant, Betty Lake, Andi McDaniel, Lynn Stuart, Doris Brickell. 2nd Row: Janis Roberts, Barbara Magoun, Frances Kees, Janet McLaurin, Joan Dattel, Sue McRoberts, Lucy Bishop, Earline Raines, Melanie McKinley. 3rd Row: Pauline Akers, Ruth Byars, Jeanette Sullivan, Pat Pierce, Jean Hallman, Judy Lacy, Mackie Jernigan, Jane Baird. 4th Row: Sarah Flanagan, Mary Louise Nosser, Lois Russell, Sister Simmons, Sally Carmichael, Ruth Tant, Barbara Bell, Charlotte Turner, Carol Robertson. 5th Row: Buena Lee Huff, Jane Jones, Alice Carol Mozingo, Babs Sevier. Back Row: Tom Bowen, MDAH Board member and Mansion Committee chair Lynn Gammill, Ruby McLemore, First Lady Marsha Barbour, MDAH Museum Division director Lucy Allen, Mansion administrator Cora Gee, MDAH director H. T. Holmes. Not pictured: Mansion Committee members Henri Burnham and Jack Garner. Mansion docents Martha Ball, Katie Breese, Peggy Dawson, Clytice Gardner, Eula Stanley, Charlotte Wallace.

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