

2012 Annual Report



Mississippi Department
of
Archives and History



The Department of Archives and History continues to work on the new Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and the Museum of Mississippi History. Architectural and exhibit design firms are progressing through each design phase and groundbreaking is expected in fall 2013. The grand opening of the two museums in 2017 will serve as the centerpiece of the state's bicentennial celebration. In conjunction with the William F. Winter Archives and History Building and the Old Capitol Museum, they will be a state history center and gateway for heritage tourism sites across Mississippi. Follow progress on the two museums at

www.2mississippimuseums.com.

In Fiscal Year 2012 the department continued to build its online collections and services, offered outreach programs that reached thousands, and championed historic resources around the state. Our staff works hard every day to assist citizens on local historical efforts, administer grants which fund preservation work across Mississippi, and provide public access to archival materials, artifacts, and historic sites. I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers and local partners for their invaluable service. In these difficult fiscal times, we could not accomplish our mission without their help.

This report presents highlights of our work in FY 2012. Thank you for your support of the work of this department.

-H.T. Holmes
Director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Museum Designs Developed

The first of three design phases for exhibits in the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum (MCRM) and Museum of Mississippi History (MMH) is nearing completion. Exhibit design firms Hilferty & Associates and Design Minds presented their initial designs to the MDAH Board of Trustees for approval at a special meeting on June 22, 2012. Initial designs, or schematic design plans, establish the interpretive blueprint for the exhibits and are the result of historical research, interpretative planning, architectural coordination, and community collaboration. The next phase, design development, fleshes out the storyline established in the first phase with specific names, faces, and facts. Contract documents, the final design phase, are provided to contractors who want to bid on the fabrication of the exhibits.

Community meetings for the MCRM were held in winter and spring 2012 in Cleveland, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Holly Springs, Itta Bena, Jackson, McComb, and Philadelphia to gather suggestions for the museum and stories of local people involved in the civil rights movement.

Using input gathered from the community meetings, an advisory scholars group, and the MCRM Advisory Commission, Hilferty & Associates developed a schematic plan for the museum. The story of the African American Mississippian's struggle for freedom and justice will be told through seven thematic galleries arranged around the This Little Light of Mine gallery placed at the center of the museum. Inspired by the gospel song of the same name, the vibrant core area with its sculpture of light is designed to be a place of light and hope.

The schematic design was also presented to the MCRM Advisory Commission and the scholars group for comments.

Design Minds has come up with a plan that organizes Mississippi's 12,000 years of history into eight chronological exhibits with four breakout galleries. The Community Advisory Committee and core scholar group met in March to review and offer comments on those plans. The finalized schematic plans/conceptual drawings were submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. Plans for the two museum buildings are already in the design development phase and are scheduled for completion in August 2012. ECD—a consortium composed of Eley Guild Hardy Associates/Architects; Cooke Douglas

Farr Lemons, Ltd., Architects and Engineers; and Dale Partners Architects—and the Freelon Group presented an update at the June 22 meeting. Groundbreaking for the construction of the museum complex is expected to begin in August 2013. The buildings will be constructed at the same time, and the two museums will be connected, allowing cost savings through shared collections storage areas, artifact conservation labs, classroom and auditorium space, parking garage, store, and other features.

Artifacts are a crucial part of the museum experience, and MDAH continues to actively seek items related to Native Americans, African Americans, the woman suffrage movement,

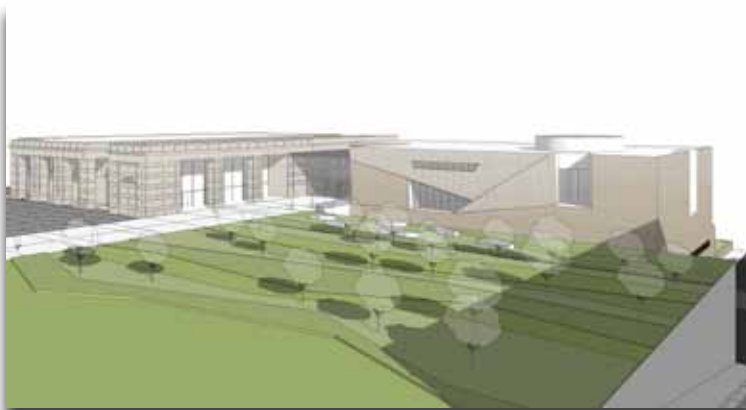
and more. The family of slain civil rights leader Vernon Dahmer has loaned bullet-ridden panels from the family's 1958 pickup truck for use in the MCRM. The damage to the vehicle occurred on January 10,

1966, when the Ku Klux Klan firebombed their Forrest County home. Vernon Dahmer died the next day from injuries sustained in the fire.

The 2012 Mississippi Legislature funded a full-time director for the MCRM. Angela Stewart, archivist, Margaret Walker Center for the Study of the African American Experience, Jackson State University, served as interim project manager February–April of this year. A national search is underway for the position, which will coordinate activities associated with the planning, construction, and opening of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

Capers, Carr Black Awards Presented

Two Columbus organizations were the inaugural recipients of awards recognizing excellence in the preservation and interpretation of Mississippi history. The Department of Archives and History presented the Capers Award to the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library and the Carr Black Award to the Stephen D. Lee Home and



Museum at a luncheon August 2, 2011, on the campus of Mississippi University for Women.

The Capers Award, which memorializes longtime MDAH director Charlotte Capers, recognizes smaller institutions or organizations whose mission is to acquire, preserve, and provide access to materials of enduring historical value. The award carries with it a \$300 cash prize. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library was praised for outstanding archival achievement and a strong commitment to the preservation of local history. The library's extensive outreach services include local workshops on preservation topics such as processing/preservation and preserving photographs, an online catalog, and the Local History Announcements blog (<http://lowndeslibarchives.wordpress.com/>). The library also partners with the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science on the annual "Tales from the Crypt" project.

The Carr Black Award, named in honor of author and former Old Capitol Museum director Patti Carr Black, recognizes outstanding work by Mississippi museums or individuals in preserving, interpreting, and presenting public aspects of Mississippi history, art, or culture. The award carries with it a \$300 cash prize. The Carr Black Award was presented to Carolyn Burns Kaye, the caretaker of the Stephen D. Lee Home and Museum, for her work as researcher, collector, exhibit planner, and tour guide. Kaye travels throughout the region to promote the house and museum and recently produced a brochure about the house's history. Her efforts have resulted in increased visitation.

The awards were established in 2010 and will be presented biennially as merited. Nominations

are presented to the board of trustees of the Department of Archives and History, which selects the recipients.

Flag Conservation Exhibit at Winter Building and Preservation Initiative

Civil War flags from MDAH's collection were featured in a special exhibit at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in summer and fall 2012. This before-and-after exhibit featured six historic flags along with photographs and descriptions of conservation techniques used on the fragile and deteriorated banners.

Flag conservation is a painstaking and costly process carried out by skilled professionals.

After cleaning, if the flag is sturdy enough it is stitched to a backing material stretched on a frame for

support. Holes in the flags are not repaired. Instead, a patch dyed to closely match the color of the missing piece will be sewn onto the backing material underneath the hole, and any missing letters are added. The conservator alters the replacements so that they are not mistaken as original pieces. The colors always differ slightly, and the letters are of a different width.

The six flags in the exhibit are made from wool or silk. Some were in relatively good shape and required little more than cleaning, mounting, and framing. Others were seriously deteriorated and began to disintegrate during the conservation process. Loose fragments had to be painstakingly put into their proper places and affixed to backing material.

The exhibit highlighted the flags of the 4th Mississippi Infantry, 33rd Mississippi Infantry, and 41st Mississippi Infantry, the flag of Company K, 18th Mississippi Infantry—also known as the Burt Rifles, the flag of Company E, 22nd Mississippi Infantry—also known as the Liberty Guards, and the headquarters flag of Confederate general Winfield Scott Featherston.

Many individuals and groups have donated funds toward



Mona Vance (second from left) accepted the inaugural Capers Award on behalf of the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library and Carolyn Burns Kaye (third from left) accepted the Carr Black Award for her work at the Stephen D. Lee Home and Museum at a luncheon August 2 on the campus of Mississippi University for Women. MDAH Board of Trustees president Kane Ditto, left, and MDAH director H.T. Holmes, right, made the presentations.

the conservation of the department's one-hundred-fifty-five flags. The largest contributor, Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, has raised \$125,000 for the conservation of sixty-four Civil War flags, including all six in this exhibit.



One of the most significant flags in the MDAH collection that is also in need of conservation is the historic United States Twenty-Star Flag. The flag flew over the young country only in 1818, the year after Mississippi became the twentieth state. The banner has been adopted by the Mississippi Bicentennial Commission as an official project of the state's 2017 bicentennial commemoration. The Foundation for Mississippi History is raising funds for the conservation of the fragile flag that remains in storage. The estimated cost to preserve and exhibit the flag is \$50,000.

As part of the fund raising campaign for the Twenty-Star Flag, a special incentive for flag enthusiasts has been developed. With an annual donation of \$25 or more, donors will receive access to in-depth, quarterly articles through the Foundation for Mississippi History's Web site. Written by leading flag expert Clay Moss, each article will examine one flag from MDAH's historic flag collection.

New Heritage Series Books Published

Two volumes in the *Heritage of Mississippi Series* were published this year, *The Civil War in Mississippi: Major Campaigns and Battles* by Michael B. Ballard, and *Mississippi's American Indians* by James F. Barnett, Jr.

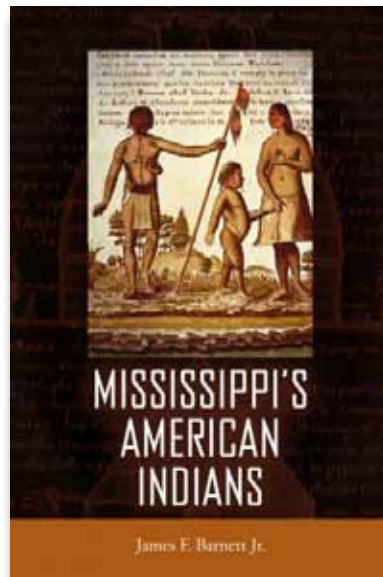
The fifth volume in the series, *The Civil War in Mississippi* examines the military history of the state. From the first Union attack on Vicksburg in the spring of 1862 through Benjamin Grierson's last raids through Mississippi in late 1864 and early 1865, Ballard traces the campaigns, fighting,

and causes and effects of armed conflict in central and north Mississippi, where major campaigns were waged and fighting occurred.

The Civil War in Mississippi addresses the key military engagements in chronological order. The volume begins with mobilization and other events leading up to the first military action within the state's borders. The book goes on to cover all the major military operations, including the campaign for and siege of Vicksburg, and battles at Iuka and Corinth, Meridian, Brice's Crossroads, and Tupelo. The cast of characters includes well-known names such as Sherman, Grant, Pemberton, and Forrest, as well as a host of other commanders and soldiers. Ballard discusses at length African American troops and others glossed over or lost in studies of the Mississippi military during the war.

Michael B. Ballard is author of *Civil War Mississippi: A Guide* and many other books. He is a professor and university archivist and coordinator of the Congressional and Political Research Center at Mississippi State University Libraries. He is also associate editor of the Grant Papers for the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

James F. Barnett, Jr., explores the story of the region's Native Americans in the sixth volume of the *Heritage of Mississippi Series*. At the



beginning of the eighteenth century, more than twenty American Indian tribal groups inhabited present-day Mississippi. Today the state is home to only one—the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. In

Mississippi's American Indians, Barnett explores the historical forces and processes that led to this sweeping change in the diversity of the

state's native peoples.

Mississippi's American Indians presents information on each tribe's language, social organization, appearance, subsistence, belief system, and settlement characteristics. The book also includes an up-to-date summary of Mississippi's prehistoric archaeology and contains a detailed summary of Chickasaw and Choctaw treaties with the United States.

James Barnett is director of the Historic Properties Division of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. He is the author of *The Natchez Indians: A History to 1735*.

The *Heritage of Mississippi Series* is aimed at a broad audience of scholars, teachers, students, and interested general readers. The works are meant to stand as the definitive studies on the topics for years to come. Published jointly by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the Mississippi Historical Society, and the University Press of Mississippi, the series will cover the history of Mississippi in fifteen volumes to be completed by 2017—the bicentennial of Mississippi's statehood.

Four other volumes in the series have been issued—*Art in Mississippi: 1720–1980* by Patti Carr Black, *Religion in Mississippi* by Randy J. Sparks, *Rednecks, Redeemers, and Race: Mississippi after Reconstruction, 1877–1917* by Stephen Cresswell.

Volumes in progress are *Mississippi in the Twentieth Century: An Economic History*, by Connie Lester, assistant professor of history, University of Central Florida and editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, and *From Poverty to Promise: Mississippi 1917–1945*, by Chester M. Morgan III, professor of history, University of Southern Mississippi.

Recently commissioned volumes include *Reconstruction in Mississippi* by political commentator Jere Nash, aided by William C. Harris, professor emeritus of history, North Carolina State University, and *Frontier Mississippi, 1798–1840* by James Michael Bunn, curator of history, Columbus Museum, Columbus, Georgia, and Clay Williams, director, Old Capitol Museum, Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Members of the board of editors of the *Heritage of Mississippi Series* are chairman William F. Winter, vice-chair John F. Marszalek, Dornora Davis, Elbert R. Hilliard, H.T. Holmes, Peggy W. Jeanes, William K. Scarborough, Charles Reagan Wilson, and Christine Wilson.

MDAH Board of Trustees Elect Five New Members to Mississippi Hall of Fame

At a special meeting on December 2, the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History elected five new members to the Mississippi Hall of Fame. New members are physician Arthur Guyton, civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer, Judge Lucy Somerville Howorth, writer Walker Percy, and blues legend Muddy Waters.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1902, the department's first year of existence. Early inductees included U.S. Supreme Court Justice L.Q.C. Lamar, U.S. Senator E.C. Walthall, and president of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis. Now the Hall of Fame contains over 122 distinguished Mississippians, including Gulf Coast ceramicist George Ohr, newspaperman William Hodding Carter II, civil rights hero Medgar Evers, Choctaw chief Pushmataha, and literary giants Eudora Welty and Richard Wright.

VOLUNTEERS



Members of Boy Scout Troop #1, the oldest Boy Scout Troop in Mississippi, earned archaeology merit badges while serving under MDAH archaeologist John Connaway and a group of volunteer archaeologists. Photo credit: Jessica Crawford

Volunteers act as our ambassadors and partner with us to enrich the visitor/client experience and provide services vital to the operation of the department.

Staff reports that there are currently 281 individual volunteers and 256 service group volunteers who served a total of 15,691 hours this past year at MDAH. The labor value of this service (*Independent Sector*) is \$335,161.90. The impact of volunteer engagement had been as extensive and diverse as the volunteers who serve MDAH.

Devoted volunteers extend our work by helping in public and behind-the-scenes roles. They serve in teaching roles such as docents, first person interpreters, and period dress interpreters at our museum sites and historic properties. Many of our volunteers strive to provide patrons access to our historical resources. They digitize images from rare collections and government records and serve those who come to our archives library to learn more about Mississippi or their family heritage. Collections volunteers serve in our archaeological, museum, and archives collections by cataloging, inventorying, and identifying important items in our care. In 2012, MDAH began engaging eVolunteers for two very



important projects. MDAH eVolunteers assisted with the indexing of the 1940 Federal Census. Mississippi's records were indexed in just a matter of weeks. "This project was a total success," said Bob Dent, director of MDAH's Government Records section. "It was the first time we had volunteers working offsite. They were able to work at home at their own pace. We're looking forward to doing more indexing projects like this in the future." Additionally, eVolunteers have been transcribing oral histories of current and former MDAH employees so that the institutional knowledge of MDAH will not be forgotten.

MDAH gains much from our community partners, but our volunteers also gain from their experiences. Many are tied to our mission and have a passion for the work of MDAH. Additionally, volunteer internships provide a way for students to complete course requirements while furthering the work of the department. Federal work study students have gained valuable work experience from us. College students have written theses and dissertations as a result of their excavation experience under the supervision of revered MDAH archaeologist John Connaway.

Also, the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS), in coordination with the Office of the Governor and First Lady, presented the 2012 Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Awards to Elbert Hilliard and Elizabeth Coleman. Hilliard received the *Marsha Meeks Kelly Award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service* and Coleman received the inaugural award for *Outstanding Achievement by a Volunteer Management Professional*.

VOLUNTEERS



MDAH hosted its annual Valentine Volunteer Luncheon at the Old Capitol Museum on February 13, 2012. First Lady Deborah Bryant thanked the volunteers for their service to the state. Special recognition was given to thirty-two volunteers who served 100–1,000 (or more) hours in 2011 with Awards of Merit signed by Governor Phil Bryant. The award winners in attendance were (front, left to right) Carol Busbee, Nan Harvey, Natalie Heberg, Malinda McCullough, Joyce Black Smith. First Lady Deborah Bryant, Linda Overman, Freda Spell, Clytice Gardner, Buena Lee Huff, and Carolyn Jones, (back, left to right) Elbert Hilliard, Susie Smith and Mark Howell accepting for Boy Scout Troop #4043, and Stephen Harper.

Former Director Hilliard Honored for Volunteerism and Leadership

As secretary/treasurer of the Mississippi Historical Society and MDAH director emeritus, Elbert R. Hilliard has been honored twice in the last month for his volunteerism. Hilliard received the President’s Call to Service Award and the Award of Meritorious Leadership in Mississippi History and Genealogy.

Since his retirement in 2004 Hilliard has served more than 14,000 hours recognizing outstanding history teachers throughout the state, working



to improve social studies education, and providing editorial assistance for the *Heritage of Mississippi Series*, *Journal of Mississippi History*, *Mississippi History Newsletter*, and other

materials. The standard for the lifetime achievement award is 4,000 volunteer hours over a lifetime. The award was presented to Hilliard at the department’s Board of Trustees meeting held in June. Included with the award was a letter from President Barack Obama congratulating him on his service.

The President’s Volunteer Service Award is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service and is administered by the Points of Light Institute.

The Order of the First Families of Mississippi: 1699–1817 presented Hilliard with the Award of Meritorious Leadership in Mississippi History and Genealogy at its First Families Spring General Assembly in Natchez.

Established in 1994 the annual award honors a person who has made outstanding contributions in these areas through research, publications, and historic preservation.

Volunteers Assist in Indexing the 1940 Census

MDAH recruited volunteers to help create a finding aid for the 1940 U.S. census. The information gathered by the federal government for its decennial census is kept classified for 72 years before being opened to the public. On April 2, 2012, the data from the 1940 census was posted on the National Archives Web site. Although a wealth of information was now available to genealogists, there was no index of names for the 1940 census. This meant a researcher had to know a person’s address in 1940 to find their records.

MDAH partnered with the genealogy group FamilySearch and local and state organizations across the country in the project to create a searchable database of respondents by family name. Volunteers with access to a computer and an Internet connection downloaded the simple indexing software and entered names, dates, places, and other information from anywhere, including home. After completing this project, the e-volunteers were encouraged participate in other record indexing projects that the department has undertaken.

Mississippi’s state archives has the 1820–1930 federal population censuses for the state on microfilm. Indexes for the years 1820–1870 are in book form, while the 1880–1930 indexes are on microfilm. (The 1890 census was destroyed in a U.S. Department of Commerce fire.) Other resources at MDAH include special censuses conducted by the federal government with information on agriculture, manufacturing, mortality, and slave schedules.

More than \$2 Million Awarded to Civil Rights Sites by MDAH



Holy Family Catholic Church, Natchez

The Delta courthouse where the Emmett Till murder trial was held, the Jackson home of NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers, and the Gulf Coast office of physician Gilbert Mason are among the eleven sites across the state receiving grants from the Department of Archives and History. The board of trustees approved more than \$2 million in awards through the Mississippi Civil Rights Historical Sites program at their quarterly meeting Friday, July 22, 2011.

The grant awards are as follows:

Holy Family Catholic Church, Natchez, Adams County—\$169,500 to Holy Family Catholic Church

16 Orange Ave, Natchez

The award will be used for markers in the Mississippi Freedom Trail, a statewide project commemorating the state's civil rights heritage.

Amzie Moore House, Cleveland, Bolivar County—\$199,989 to Bolivar County Board of Supervisors

614 Christman Avenue, Cleveland

The award will be used to restore and preserve the house of Amzie Moore, a leader and organizer in the civil rights movement who provided safe haven for many active in the movement.

Bay Springs School, Hattiesburg, Forrest County—\$150,400 to Dennis Dahmer

Kelley Settlement Community, Hattiesburg

The award will be used for completion of ongoing restoration work at this site, which was used by Vernon F. Dahmer, Sr., for civil rights organization meetings, voter registration projects, and as a recreational site for student workers participating in Freedom Summer.

Eureka School Hattiesburg, Forrest County—\$210,000 to the Hattiesburg Convention Commission

410 East 6th Street, Hattiesburg

The award will be used for rehabilitation of the school cafeteria-auditorium and creation of an entrance to the property from the neighboring historic Mobile Street. The historic African American school will be developed into a museum focusing on Freedom Summer in Hattiesburg.

Dr. Gilbert R. Mason, Sr. Medical Office, Biloxi, Harrison County—\$35,210 to the estate of Dr. Gilbert R. Mason, Sr.

670 Division St., Biloxi

The award will be used to stabilize the roof, reconstruct the iconic reception desk, install a drinking fountain, and develop a permanent exhibit about Mason, who founded the Biloxi branch of the NAACP, initiated nonviolent "wade-in" protests, filed the state's first school desegregation lawsuit, and established his medical practice in the heart of the African American community of Biloxi.

Medgar Evers House Museum, Jackson, Hinds County—\$210,000 to Tougaloo College

2332 Margaret Walker Alexander Drive, Jackson

The award will be used to replace the roof, stabilize the foundation, repoint masonry, and paint exterior wood trim at the museum, which preserves and interprets the house of Medgar Evers, one of the earliest civil rights leaders in the state.

Medgar Evers' First NAACP Field Office, Jackson, Hinds County—\$208,104 to Farish Street/Main Street Project

507-509 N. Farish Street, Jackson

The award will be used stabilize the building that housed Evers's office when he began work as Mississippi field secretary for the NAACP in 1954.

Fielder & Brooks Drug Store-COFO Center, Meridian, Lauderdale County—\$210,000 to Freedom 64, Inc.

2505-2505 1/2 5th Street, Meridian

The award will be used to stabilize the roof, windows, and doors, and restore the exterior of the building that was the work site of the three civil rights workers killed in Neshoba County in 1964. Michael Schwerner and his wife Rita, along with James E. Chaney, set up the Meridian COFO Community Center on the second floor of the building.

Historic Storefront Restoration: Ben Roy's Service Station, Money, Leflore County—\$152,004.80 to Annette T. Morgan and Harry Ray Tribble

27766 County Road 518, Money

The award will be used to restore the interior, exterior, and grounds of the service station adjacent to Bryant Grocery, where Emmett Till allegedly whistled at a white woman.

Tallahatchie 2nd Dist. Courtroom, Sumner, Tallahatchie County—\$210,000 to Tallahatchie County Board of Supervisors

200 Center Court St., Sumner

The award will be used to restore the courthouse where the 1955 Emmett Till murder trial was held.

Community Heritage Preservation Grants Awarded at December Meeting

At a special meeting on December 2, 2011, the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History awarded Community Heritage Preservation grant awards as follows:

Margaret Martin School Preservation Project, Natchez, Adams County—\$176,000

For repairs, corrective measures, and preventive maintenance to the school.

West Point Colored High School Rehabilitation, West Point, Clay County—\$76,800

For reroofing of the connector wing (four classrooms), auditorium, and the addition of storm windows to stabilize the structure.

Clarksdale Civic Auditorium, Clarksdale, Coahoma County—\$350,000

For the full study of the existing facilities, conditions and user needs, along with repair/restoration of currently deteriorated interior and exterior building elements.

Lowry House, Jackson, Hinds County—\$134,500

For the rehabilitation of the interior of the Lowry House including electrical work, plumbing installation, high efficiency HVAC system, and floor refinishing for future use by Mississippi Heritage Trust as office and Preservation Resource Center for the state.



M.W. Stringer Grand Lodge, Jackson, Hinds County —\$216,000

For restoration of the interior structure due to water damage.

Burns Church, Oxford, Lafayette County —\$62,000

For rehabilitation of interior space that will be used for meetings, community events, and exhibition focusing on the African American experience in Oxford.

Lauderdale County Courthouse, Meridian, Lauderdale County —\$108,000

For completion of existing facility analysis and master plan of the county-owned buildings in the downtown area.

Soule' Steam Feed Works, Meridian, Lauderdale County —\$75,529

For replacement of aging, leaking roof on the Soule' Steam Feed Works machine shop and the adjacent Hemmings Building.

Lawrence Civic Center, Monticello, Lawrence County —\$50,640

For replacement of 3,042 sq. ft. of wood flooring in the second floor auditorium.

Elizabeth Cottage, Brookhaven, Lincoln County —\$113,207

For the creation of a literary writing retreat, costume shop, community meeting space, and small residence for guest artists.

Stephen D. Lee House, Columbus, Lowndes County —\$30,400

For the restoration of wood windows, replacement of missing or rotted wood elements, replacement of failing or missing glazing, repainting and installation of wheel chair lift to comply with ADA standards.

Chalmers Institute, Holly Springs, Marshall County —\$49,156

For the stabilization of the exterior envelope including the restoration of the doors and windows as well as restoration of the west wall structural failure and interior rehabilitation of wall and ceiling plaster, bead board and wood flooring and floor structure.

Immanuel Church, Winona, Montgomery County —\$39,804

For the restoration of the interior plaster, interior wall paint, electrical wiring upgrades throughout and stained glass window restoration at two windows.

Founders Gymnasium, Decatur, Newton County —\$80,000

For restoration of the south arcade by removal of the walk through infill.

McComb Fire Station, McComb, Pike County —\$199,924

For the rehabilitation of the exterior and interior of the station, including the bricks, doors, eaves, soffits, and other elements of the building.

Greenville Y&MV Railroad Depot, Greenville, Washington County —\$108,000

For the rehabilitation of the Greenville Y&MV Railroad Depot.

Doss Building, Eupora, Webster County —\$117,000

For roof repair or replacement, demolition of moisture damaged interior finishes, and masonry cleaning and repointing.

Oakes African American Cultural Center, Yazoo City, Yazoo County—\$80,400

For the restoration of the Oakes African American Cultural Center.

Pugh Blundell House, Yazoo City, Yazoo County—\$79,040

For the stabilization of the building through necessary repairs and preventative maintenance.

GRANTS

Board of Trustees Awards Grants at January 2012 Meeting

At their regular quarterly meeting in Jackson on Friday, January 20, the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History awarded more than \$440,000 in grants.

The Church of the Annunciation in Columbus and the Old Byhalia High School Auditorium were awarded Community Heritage Preservation grants. Built in 1863, the Church of the Annunciation in Lowndes County is the oldest Catholic Church in northeast Mississippi. The award of \$191,093 will cover the cost of roof replacement. Located in Marshall County, the Old Byhalia High School Auditorium was built in the Italianate style in 1921. The award of \$100,000 will go to the rehabilitation of the auditorium, which will be used by the Byhalia Arts Council and the Town of Byhalia. The CHPG program helps preserve and restore historic courthouses and schools and, in Certified Local Government communities, other historic properties.

Grants from the Mississippi Landmark Grant Program were awarded to the McElroy-Hoye House in Newton County and the Noxubee County Courthouse. The grant of \$73,463 for the McElroy-Hoye House will go towards the completion of the exterior restoration and reconstruction and installation of electrical service to the house. The Noxubee County Courthouse will receive \$80,000 for the purchase and installation of an independent generator system. The Neo-Greek Revival courthouse was built 1952. Grants from the program may be used to pay the cost of acquisition, preservation, restoration, and operation of any Mississippi Landmark property. All buildings must have been designated Mississippi Landmarks prior to application.



MDAH Awards more than \$425,000 in Research, Preservation Grants at May Meeting

At its regular quarterly meeting on May 16, 2012, the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History awarded more than \$425,000 in grants.

A Civil Rights Historical Sites grant was awarded to the City of Meridian for renovation of the Holbrook Benevolent Association Building. The circa-1924 two-story brick structure was the second location of the Council of Federated Organizations offices in Meridian. The award of \$208,000 will be used to replace the roof, install a roof vent and drainage system, repair doors and windows, and repoint masonry.

Mississippi Landmark Grants were awarded to the Mantee Depot in Webster County and Cotesworth Culture and Heritage Center in Carroll County. A grant of \$130,150 will go toward the relocation of the Mantee Depot to its original site on First Street. After it is stabilized and renovated, it will be used by the town as a welcome center/ community center.

Cotesworth Culture and Heritage Center in Carroll County will receive \$15,320 for exterior repair and painting. Grants from the program may be used to pay the cost of acquisition, preservation, restoration, and operation of any Mississippi Landmark property.

Three universities were awarded Mississippi Archaeology Research Grants for projects located in the state. The University of Mississippi received \$9,568.31 for geophysical research and excavation support in endangered sections of the Feltus Mounds in Jefferson County. \$10,000 was awarded to Tulane University for the Lower Mississippi Valley Archaeological Project in the Delta, and \$9,997 was awarded to the University of Alabama for work at the Coles Creek and Plaquemine Settlement in Adams County. The Mississippi Archaeology Research Grant Program provides funding for archaeological research projects located in Mississippi, with priority given to research on endangered sites or collections.

Outreach Programs Extend MDAH Services across State

Mississippi Properties Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

In Mississippi MDAH coordinates the National Register of Historic Places, a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The National Register was established by Congress in 1966 to help identify and protect historically significant properties. MDAH staff members assist property owners with the nomination process, review documents, and provide a local point of contact with the Department of the Interior. In FY 2012 the following properties were listed on the National Register or became National Register Districts:

- Armitage Herschell Carousel, Greenville
- Baldwyn (District), Baldwyn
- Doe's Eat Place, Greenville
- Downtown Louisville (District), Louisville
- Downtown Waynesboro (District), Waynesboro
- Emile Cohn House (Becker House), Brookhaven
- Eupora (District), Eupora
- Gulfport Harbor Square Commercial Historic District, Gulfport
- International Ship Building Company (District), Pascagoula
- John B. Ligon House/Ligon-Gale House (Municipal Art Gallery), Jackson
- Midway Methodist Church and Cemetery, Vaiden
- North Elm (District), Hernando
- Rosedale Plantation, Vaughn
- Water Valley Main Street (District), Water Valley

MDAH Launches Flickr Page To Expand Audience for Images from Department Collections

The MDAH Flickr page was launched in summer 2012 and it will highlight the department's digitized collections.



The Armitage Herschell Carousel at the E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center in Greenville

Since the Library of Congress began posting its historic materials to Flickr in 2008, the platform has proven an excellent venue for showcasing scanned collections to a wider audience that is interested in photography, history, and culture.

MDAH has an immense store of archival photographic material, a growing portion of which we are able to scan and provide online. The dynamic

community at Flickr provides an excellent opportunity for MDAH to reach a broad audience in new ways.

Flickr also provides a rich medium for enhancing our knowledge of MDAH collections through user generated content such as tags and comments. Do you recognize someone in a photograph? You can leave a comment

with that information. Have a story about a place or event depicted? Feel free to share those recollections in the comments as well. "Tagging" a photo can also add information – users can group photos by their shared tags. Interactions like these increase the information available about the images, benefiting scholars, genealogists, and researchers everywhere. New photos will be added weekly to the MDAH Flickr page.



Shoe Bird Exhibit Opens at Eudora Welty House Education and Visitor Center

Children's literature was the focus of an exhibit and story series at the Eudora Welty House in spring 2012. Welty wrote one children's book, *The Shoe Bird*, which was the focus of a new exhibit opening April 10 at the Eudora Welty House Education and Visitors Center. The exhibit examined two interpretations of the book: a 1968 Jackson Ballet Guild performance and a musical adaptation written by composer Samuel Jones and performed by the Mississippi Boychoir.

Composed by acclaimed Broadway musical director and Jackson native Lehman Engel, the ballet was intended to promote Mississippi talent. Artifacts included original watercolor drawings of the owl, quail, and other costumes by designer Theo Inman, the colorful vest worn by Arturo the parrot, and a letter from Engel to Welty discussing the ballet. The drawings were paired with photographs of dancers in the costumes.

In 2002 the Mississippi Boychoir commissioned Samuel Jones, a Mississippi native and Seattle Symphony composer-in-residence, to create a musical version of *The Shoe Bird*. Jones's innovative adaptation is often compared to *Peter and the Wolf*. The exhibit featured the original narrator's score, which was first performed by Lester Senter, and the musical composition.



Hundreds Attend Social Studies Teachers Workshop at Old Capitol Museum

The twenty-seventh annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop was held November 4, 2011, at the Old Capitol Museum. Over one hundred teachers attended the workshop, titled "The Civil War in Mississippi: Frontlines." Subjects discussed included the role of U.S.

Colored Troops, medicine in the Civil War, and the life of a Mississippi soldier. Social studies teacher Larry Joblin discussed how to teach the Civil War, and University of Southern Mississippi professor Jeff Bowersox talked about the National History Day competition.



MDAH Expands Access to Digital Collections

Archival Collections Added to Website

MDAH continues to digitize archival material and make the resulting images available online. Additions in FY 2012 included a variety of maps and several collections:

- Haining (J.L.) Photograph Album containing 129 black-and-white photographs of levee construction, boats, fields, and unidentified people in Greenville, Mississippi
- Hargrove (Ralph) Photograph Collection containing 136 black-and-white photographs of Jackson, Mississippi, from 1927 to 1984
- McCardle (Mrs. W.H.) Photograph Collection containing 66 images of nineteenth century political, military, and religious figures
- Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Collection (Series I) containing photographs of Mississippi farms and MFBF activities, and mounted on 1,456 boards
- Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration Scrapbooks containing over 3,000 images related to the events and organization of the conference from 1990 to 2010
- Shankle (Hugh W.) Collection containing 268 images of local personalities, beauty contestants, inaugurations, and historic buildings from the 1950s and '60s



Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, 1960s. From the Hargrove Photograph Collection

department's Historic Resources Database contains images of buildings across Mississippi, plus information such as drawings, newspaper clippings, and other historical documents related to the structures. Users can search by location, style, age, and other categories.

With more than twenty thousand images—and more being added daily—the database provides visual information that would otherwise be difficult or time-consuming to find. Thousands of documents that were previously available only as hard copies are now available with the click of a button. These include all of Mississippi's National Register of Historic Places nominations, which contain photographs and a narrative history of each property.

In 1998 staff in the department's Historic Preservation Division began digitizing information from the more than 40,000 files relating to properties around the state to create an electronic database for internal use. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, MDAH was able to use federal funding of more than \$275,000 granted through the Mississippi Development Authority to make the database available online. The department worked with the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, Mississippi Department of Transportation, the Geospatial Group, and other professionals to combine the department's files on the state's architectural and archaeological sites,

scan thousands of other documents, and map above-ground historical sites using Geographic Information System (GIS).

New Database of Historic Resources Online

A new online resource provides unprecedented amounts of information on the state's historic sites, from photographs and blueprints to professional reports to digital maps. In addition to basic architectural data, the department's Historic Resources Database contains images of buildings across Mississippi, plus information such as drawings, newspaper clippings, and other historical documents related to the structures. Users can search by location, style, age, and other categories.

Now, for the first time, the state's historic sites and districts—ranging from local designations to National Register of Historic Places neighborhoods—are viewable using the Historic Resources Database's GIS map feature. Municipalities around the state can use the information for local preservation efforts to avoid historic sites when planning for new roads and other projects.

Property owners can use the map to find out if their site is in a locally designated historic district and view the ordinance that created that district. The GIS feature can also be used to create walking tours within a town or driving tours to view historic sites.

MDAH Sites Draw Tens of Thousands

Pioneer Living History Encampment Held at Historic Jefferson College in Washington

Long noted for its Civil War living history events, Historic Jefferson College hosted its first “pioneer” encampment in April 2012. Over twenty-five groups set up tents and teaching stations, wore period dress, and demonstrated frontier living skills, including cooking, sewing, gun-smithing, and dulcimer-playing to the public.

“An Evening with General Andrew Jackson” a Hit with Visitors to Old Capitol Museum

Visitors revisited the high point of the capital city’s social life in 1840 with “An Evening with General Andrew Jackson” at the Old Capitol Museum on January 19, 2012. Bill Patrick portrayed the seventh president and former general as he reminisced about his life, and Lester Senter Wilson performed period songs. A sell-out crowd of approximately two hundred attended the ticketed event, with proceeds to benefit programming and other needs at the Old Capitol Museum.

In January of 1840, Jackson traveled to New Orleans to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his victory over the British at the Battle of New Orleans. Upon hearing of the former president’s travel plans, the citizens of Jackson invited him to visit his namesake city after New Orleans. Preparations began in earnest once Jackson accepted the invitation, and the nearly finished state capitol was decorated with greenery and “illuminated” for the special occasion. General Jackson’s three-day stay included a military salute, a ball, a procession, and a formal ceremony at the state capitol—what is now the Old Capitol.

Sponsors for the event were C Spire Foundation (Gold), Jones Walker, Michael McRee, MINACT, Inc. (Silver), Nancy and Spencer Gilbert, Glynn Griffing & Associates, StateStreet Group, and Mary and Wirt Yerger (Bronze).



History is Lunch Programs Continue to Draw Visitors to MDAH Sites each Week

The department’s weekly History is Lunch programs continued to grow in popularity in FY 2012. Over 2,800 people attended a total of forty-five programs at the Winter Building and Old Capitol Museum. Speakers included Wyatt Emmerich, Senator Hillman Frazier, Peggy Prenshaw, and Avery Rollins; historians Will Morgan, Stuart Rockoff, and Todd Sanders; and authors Howard Bahr, Edmond Boudreaux, John Sumrall, and Norma Watkins. Program topics included archaeology, editorial cartoons, flags, Freedom Rides, Mississippi River 2011 flood, redistricting, and William Bender.

Historical Society Awards Prizes, Elects Officers at Annual Meeting in Columbus

The Mississippi Historical Society held its annual meeting March 1–3, 2012 at the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus to honor its award winners and offer presentations on the meeting’s theme of “The Bicentennial of the War of 1812.” More than one hundred twenty participants attended the sessions, where topics included the battle for the southern frontier, Mississippi’s American Indians, the Natchez Trace, and local history projects.

Daniel P. Jordan, president emeritus of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, was awarded the society’s honor, the B.L.C. Wailes Award for national distinction in the field of history. For twenty-three years Jordan headed the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, the nonprofit organization that owns and operates Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, and was concurrently a Scholar in Residence at

the University of Virginia. His publications include *Political Leadership in Jefferson’s Virginia* (University of Virginia Press), *A Richmond Reader* (University of North Carolina Press), and *Tobacco Merchant: The Story of Universal Leaf Tobacco Company* (University Press of Kentucky). He

is now a partner in Bryan & Jordan Consulting, LLC in Richmond, Virginia.

Ron and Mimi Miller received the Dunbar Rowland Award for their lifelong contributions to the preservation, study, and interpretation of Mississippi history. For more than thirty years the Millers have worked to save and restore hundreds of historic buildings in Natchez. From the storefront rehabilitation program for the historic downtown to the courthouse records project, their tireless leadership at the Historic Natchez Foundation has resulted in programs that continue to stimulate development while preserving the town's history.

Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science history and government teacher Charles M. Yarborough won the John K. Bettersworth Award for outstanding teacher. The prize includes a \$300 cash award.

Paul T. Murray of Siena College was awarded the Willie D. Halsell Prize for the best article published in the *Journal of Mississippi History*. His article "Father Nathaniel and the Greenwood Movement" appeared in the Fall 2010 issue. The prize carries a \$200 cash award.

The Covington County Historical Society won the Frank E. Everett, Jr. Award for outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of local history.

The Elbert R. Hilliard Oral History award was presented to Avery Rollins of Madison for his exemplary work in coordinating and implementing the FBI Oral History Program in Mississippi.

Bertram Wyatt-Brown, the Richard J. Milbauer Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida and Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University, won the 2012 Mississippi History Now Award for his article "Anne Ellis Dorsey: a Woman of Uncommon Mind."

Patricia Buzard Boyett received the Franklin L. Riley Prize for her doctoral dissertation "Race and Justice in Mississippi's Central Piney Woods, 1940-2010" presented for her Ph.D. in history from the University of Southern Mississippi. The prize carries a \$500 cash award.

Awards of merit were presented to Samuel H. Kaye for his work preserving the history of Columbus and Lowndes County; the Oktibbeha County Heritage Museum for its work preserving and interpreting the history of Oktibbeha County; Bridget Smith Pieschel for her work with the Center for Women's Research and Public Policy and the Welty Writer's Symposium; Mona Vance for her work with the archival and history programs of the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library; and Chrissy Wilson, for her work

with the "History Is Lunch" program for MDAH and for her longtime service as managing editor of the *Journal of Mississippi History*.

Newly elected officers of the Mississippi Historical Society are Mary Carol Miller, Greenwood, president; Charles Sullivan, Perkinston, vice president; and Elbert R. Hilliard, Madison, secretary-treasurer.

New members of the society's board of directors for 2012-15 are Larry Albert, Hattiesburg; Dernoral Davis, Jackson State University; Martha Hutson, Mississippi College; Elizabeth Ann Payne, University of Mississippi; Stuart Rockoff, Jackson; and William "Brother" Rogers, Mississippi State University. Thomas P. Watts, Madison, was elected to fill an unexpired term.

Re-elected to the society's Board of Publications for 2012-15 are John Langston, University Press of Mississippi, and Charles Sallis, Jackson.

The Mississippi Historical Society, founded in 1858, encourages outstanding work in interpreting, teaching, and preserving Mississippi History.

Winterville Mounds' Native American Days Celebration Continues to Grow

Native American Days, the annual program at Winterville Mounds celebrating American Indian culture, was held November 2-5, 2011. The event featured traditional dances, stories, and games, and crafts and foods for sale. Over 3,000 students and adults attended during the four days of the festival.

Performers included traditional Houma dancer Cocoa Creppel and Cherokee storyteller Karen Cooper. Other activities included face-painting and bead-stringing for children, archery demonstrations, and Native American games of stickball and chunky.

Special attractions included the Choctaw Elderly Social Dancers from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, a live auction, and a musical performance by Cocoa Creppel and the Cannes Brulees band.

Winterville Mounds is a prehistoric ceremonial center built by a Native American civilization that thrived from about A.D. 1000 to 1450.

MDAH Hosts Popular Holiday Events at Jackson and across Mississippi



MDAH continued its tradition of free, fun, family programming featuring live seasonal music, Christmas tree displays, model trains, and more at the historic sites and museums of the Department of Archives and History. On Friday, December 2, the Mississippi Governor's Mansion,

state capitol, Old Capitol Museum, and William F. Winter Archives and History Building were decorated for the sixteenth annual Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight Tour. Visitors enjoyed cookies and punch while listening to musical groups from across the city.

Joining the displays of Antebellum, Victorian, and Depression-era Christmas scenes in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building was a case representing the 1950s and '60s with an aluminum Christmas tree featuring glass ball ornaments and a plastic Santa Claus, surrounded by a stuffed teddy bear, a Skipper doll similar to a Barbie doll, a Fisher Price Pull-A-Tune Xylophone and Mallet, the Little Golden Book Three Little Kittens, a toy radio station, and a Fisher Price School Bus. The ever-popular model town of Possum Ridge and its trains were on display on the first floor of the Winter Building.



In December the Old Capitol Museum collected books and non-perishable food items for charity, presented "Telling Tales," a series for elementary-school-age children

that features stories and craft activities, and hosted community choirs for "Sounds of the Season" in the rotunda.

MDAH also hosted activities around the state. Outside Greenville, Winterville Mounds held a Christmas open house inside the museum, featuring holiday music and refreshments. In southwest Mississippi, Historic Jefferson College had its Celebration of Christmas Trees. Trees were brought into the first-floor classroom of the historic West Wing building. Classes from area schools decorated the trees with ornaments they made and learned the story of Jefferson College during the Territorial period. Saturday EXPLORE! Programs Continue at Jefferson College.

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The popular EXPLORE! programs at Historic Jefferson College for children provide hands-on classes to learn about a variety of art, history, and natural history subjects. The site staff has recently introduced EXPLORE! HISTORY programs for adults, with classes on frontier survival skills, sewing, soap-making, and dueling.

Popular Children's Camps Held by MDAH

Discovery Week at Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

During the Grand Village's two annual educational camps, students learned about Indian pottery and crafts, storytelling, native plants and animals, French colonial history, and Indian stickball. Students between the ages of 5 and 11 attended the summer camps, which featured presentations by volunteers and division staff.



only additional adult supervision, but also offering their own specialized skills for demonstration. This year, children received hands-on experience with archery, shooting a muzzleloader, cooking over a campfire, and reconstructing animal skeletons.

Winterville Mounds Summer Activities for Kids

The annual summer educational camps at Winterville Mounds included drum making, basket weaving, beaded necklace

and pottery making, and a "Spanish" treasure hunt. The summer activities, held over a three-week period, are organized by site staff and depend heavily on volunteer assistance.

Mississippi Time Travelers Kids Camp in Jackson

The Old Capitol Museum hosted this camp for children ages 8-12. Activities included crafts, tours, and more at the Old Capitol, Governor's Mansion, and Eudora Welby House.

Summer Educational Camps at Historic Jefferson College

Children ages 6-12 attended a variety of day camps at Historic Jefferson College over a period of five weeks to learn about life in as a Civil War soldier, pioneer life, frontier survival skills, and how to be a naturalist. Volunteers assisted staff members during the camps, providing not



Manship House Foundation Work Begins

Work to stabilize the foundation of the Manship House Museum has begun. The Mississippi legislature authorized funding through the Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property for the first phase of the project, which includes bringing the one-story structure to level, replacing the chimneys, and installing a new HVAC system. Wayne F. Timmer of WFT Architects and Britt Maxwell of Maxwell Engineering are the project professionals, and MDAH will work with them to complete this phase by the end of the year.

MDAH staff has packed all the museum's contents and overseen their move into secure storage. On May 14, 2012,



employees of general contractor J.A. Moss began the process of removing the porches, porch steps, and wheel chair entrance ramp, the heating and cooling system and sprinkler piping from beneath the house, and all three chimneys. An exterior HVAC system has been installed temporarily to protect the house.

An engineering analysis commissioned in 2009 by MDAH determined the potential vertical movement of the clay at the Manship House lot was three to six inches. That same report found the house to have shifted even further, with a difference of thirteen inches between the highest and lowest points. The three chimneys—reconstructed in the earlier restoration—weigh about thirty tons each and have not shifted as much as the wooden sections of the house. As the house has pulled away from the chimneys, holes have opened in the roof. The differential movement has caused large cracks in the plaster walls, especially between the corners of windowsills and the ceilings. Gaps at the bottom of many windows and doors exposed the historic furnishings of the museum to damaging insects, moisture, and extremes of temperature.

To bring the century-and-a-half-old house level, jacks will be positioned underneath the house and used to carefully raise the lower sections to the height of the highest corner. To minimize damage to the plaster walls the sections will be moved no

more than 5/8" each day. The existing brick piers will be replaced with thirty-six concrete piers set into the more stable clay about thirty-five feet deep. Steel beams will be attached to the piers and will support the entire house, including the chimneys and porches.

Once the steel frame has been put in place and leveled, the visible sections of the chimneys will be rebuilt using that frame as a base. This will ensure that if any further shifting from the Yazoo Clay occurs, there will be no differential movement between parts of the house.

The scope of the second phase of work will be determined in part by the effects of Phase One to the roof, windows, and interior elements such as the plaster walls. Phase Two will also include exterior painting and all interior work needed to make the house ready for the artifacts, furniture, and furnishings to be reinstalled.

Four generations of the Manship family lived in the circa-1857 house built by Charles Henry and Adaline Daley Manship before the state acquired the property in 1975 to open as a museum. The Manship House is significant as an early example of Gothic Revival

architecture in the state, and it is one of a handful of fully developed Cottage Gothic residences.



To follow the progress of the project, visit the Manship House Museum's new blog, Mississippi Victorian, at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/mississippivictorian>, or follow the link from our homepage. Staff will post construction pictures and updates, as well as give a behind-the-scenes look at the workings of a museum and examine artifacts from the Manship House and important events in the lives of the family.

MDAH Leads Nation in Management of Electronic Government Records

Increasingly paper-based government records are disappearing as agencies and officials create and store records electronically. As the state archives, MDAH is tasked with preserving these records for

future generations. Failure to preserve electronic materials that document the work and history of state government will lead to missing resources and gaps in the historical record. Thus it is vital that these records are identified and preserved.

Some of the issues facing state archives nationwide are the sheer volume of electronic records, lack of training in email and e-records management, and the expense of providing secure storage and the technical capacity to process and maintain the records.

The Electronic Archives staff at MDAH is working to overcome these challenges and ensure that these records are preserved, stored, and made available to the public. With four staff members, the Electronic Archives section has more personnel than most other state archives in the nation. With continued agency leadership and the support of the Board of Trustees, MDAH is building a robust electronic records management program.

Hurricane Relief Grant Program Aids Property Owners

In June 2006, Congress passed the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Hurricane Recovery. The bill included a \$40 million appropriation for rehabilitation of hurricane-damaged historic properties in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. MDAH established the Mississippi Hurricane Relief Grant for Historic Preservation (HRG) to help citizens and communities preserve and rehabilitate hurricane-damaged historic buildings and sites significant in defining the unique character and heritage of those communities.

The department established a permanent Gulf Coast Office to administer the grant program. Many public and institutional landmarks of the local communities were restored with the federal funds,

but most of the \$26 million that was the state's share went to rehabilitate owner-occupied houses listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Through May 2012, the department has awarded 267 of these grants to preservation projects. Sixteen projects are still in progress.

Among the many outstanding rehabilitations completed with HRG funding during FY 2012 are three former schools constructed in the 1920s with grant assistance from the Julius Rosenwald Foundation, which was established to help provide educational facilities for African-Americans. The Walthall County Training School near Tylertown is now owned and managed by the school's



The Randolph School in Pass Christian before and after rehabilitation

alumni association, while the Bay Springs School north of Hattiesburg is owned by descendants of civil rights martyr Vernon Dahmer, who used the building to organize voter registration activities in the 1960s. The Randolph School in Pass Christian was rehabilitated by the city as a senior citizens center. The National Trust for Historic Preservation invited MDAH to make a presentation about these projects at their June 2012 National Rosenwald Schools Conference in Tuskegee, Alabama, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rosenwald Foundation.

Two other notable rehab projects were the Rectitude Masonic Lodge and the Soria City Masonic Lodge, both in Gulfport, which have been



The Rectitude Masonic Lodge in Gulfport before and after rehabilitation

major landmarks of the city's African-American community since the early 20th century. Lodge members and local citizens feared that these Hurricane Katrina damaged structures would be lost until assistance was made available through historic preservation organizations. The Mississippi Heritage Trust, with funding assistance from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, stabilized the Rectitude Lodge in early 2006 to save it from collapse. MDAH completed the lodge's rehabilitation in FY 2012 with HRG grant assistance.

Appendices

ARCHIVES & RECORDS SERVICES DIVISION

Annual Report FY 2012 (July 2011- June 2012)

I. Holdings

	Transfers & Acquisitions FY2010	Transfers & Acquisitions FY2011	Transfers & Acquisitions FY2012	Total Holdings End of FY2012
State records	913 cu. ft.	395 cu. ft.	1,113 cu. ft.	58,752 cu. ft.
Manuscripts	44 cu. ft.	71 cu. ft.	77 cu. ft.	14,094 cu. ft.
Graphic records	66 cu. ft.	4 cu. ft.	4 cu. ft.	679 cu. ft.
Audio visual	11 cu. ft.	.5 cu. ft.	.25 cu. ft.	1649 cu. ft.
Elec. records: born digital	96.5 GB	24 GB	1,237 GB	-----
Elec. records: reformatted	41,800 GB	2,549 GB	8,231 GB	54,487 GB*
Microfilm	389 reels	578 reels	500 reels	112,504 reels
Monographs	209 items	315 items	118 items	69,936 items
Maps	47 items	54 items	160 items	2,883 items
Periodicals	696 items	8,969 items	466 items	33,632 items

* Total of reformatted and born digital

II. Arrangement, Description, Preservation, and Reformatting

A. Cataloging

	2010	2011	2012
New records added	2,352	2,793	8,955
Records Revised	10,285	20,105	20,385
Item records added	6,296	3,245	17,165
Item records revised	Not Collected	Not Collected	3,657

B. Reformatting and Website Development

	2010	2011	2012
Items scanned	4,361	12,382	9,937
Images added to website	1,657	3,089	410,384
Files added to website	4,909	611	5,733
Archival microfilm produced	148	126	122
Audio Digitized	7	16	0
Video Digitized	383	276	91

III. Research, Reference Services, and Outreach

A. Onsite

	2010	2011	2012
Patrons(Unique)	7,251	7,410	7,529
New Patrons	2,049	1,964	1,845
Questions Answered	65,705	56,267	58,511

	2010	2011	2012
Total Items Circulated	67,575	63,709	66,151
Microfilm Reels	29,486	30,240	29,131
Archival Collections	2,533	2,569	2,545
State Records Series	1,433	1,619	1,906
Published Items	34,123	30,900	32,569

B. Offsite

	2010	2011	2012
Telephone Questions Answered	4,556	4,243	6,984
Email/Mail Inquiries Answered	3,493	3,175	3,510

	2010	2011	2012
Website: Unique Visitors	665,075	768,662	651,736
Website: Pages Visited	4,234,043	5,164,350	4,360,776
Website: Average Visit	14.4 min	14.4 min	11.5 min

C. Public Orders

	2010	2011	2012
Number Processed	246	229	224
Items Reproduced	2,558	8,897	4,833
\$\$s Collected	\$58,652.20	\$41,333.15	\$46,412.85
Use Fees	\$16,265.00	\$8,441.50	\$14,033.80

IV. Local Government Records Office

Total	2010	2011	2012
Telephone Inquiries	101	81	107
Email Inquiries	144	118	178
Onsite Consultations	18	14	21
Schedules Approved	15	10	13
Records Disposals Authorized	0	23	19
Persons Trained	0	19	122
Web Site Usage	Not Counted	Not Counted	3,124 unique visitors 24,257 page hits

Counties	2010	2011	2012
Telephone Inquiries	81	53	91
Email Inquiries	143	104	171
Onsite Consultations	11	13	20
Schedules Approved	8	10	6
Records Disposals Authorized	0	23	19
Persons Trained	0	19	21

Municipalities	2010	2011	2012
Telephone Inquiries	49	28	16
Email Inquiries	31	14	7
Onsite Consultations	1	7	1
Schedules Approved	7	0	7
Records Disposals Authorized	0	0	0
Persons Trained	0	0	101

V. State Records Management

	2010	2011	2012
Onsite Consultations	77 59 Agencies	89 59 Agencies	51 23 Agencies
Schedules Approved	96 15 Agencies	108 14 Agencies	111 11 Agencies
Records Transferred to SRC	3,219 cf 67 Agencies	3,153 cf 65 Agencies	3,224 cf 26 Agencies
Records Destroyed or Permanently Returned	19,245 cf 87 Agencies	4,869 cf Agencies	3,861 cf 30 Agencies
Records Transferred to Archives from SRC	2 cf	77 cf	1 cf
SRC Reference Transactions	4,185 78 Agencies	7,762 78 Agencies	10,982 32 Agencies
Tape Rotations	7,887 96 Agencies	6,338 23 Agencies	5,750 24 Agencies
Training	179 Persons 19 Agencies	0	89 Persons 18 Agencies
Web Site Usage	Not Counted	Not Counted	4,533 Unique Visitors 44,459 Page Hits

VI. Donors

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Book Committee
Hattiesburg Area Historical Society
Jackson Symphony League
Jamestown Historical Society
Mississippi Bankers Association
Mississippi Cultural Crossroads
Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration
R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation
Research Club (Jackson)
University of Georgia Press

VII. Academic Institutions of Onsite Researchers

Non-U.S.

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McGill University, Quebec

University of British Columbia

University of Leicester, United Kingdom

United States

Alabama A & M University (3)

Brandeis University (4)

Brown University (7)

California State University (2)

California State University at Northridge

College of Charleston (4)

Columbia University (4)

Cornell University

Drake University

Duke University

East Tennessee State University

Emory and Henry College

Florida State University

Georgia State University (4)

Harvard University (2)

Johns Hopkins University

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Marlboro College (Virginia)

North Carolina State University

Ohio State University (3)

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University of Arkansas, Monticello

University of California

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Northridge (14)

University of Delaware

University of Florida

University of Georgia (3)

University of Houston

University of Iowa

University of Kansas (2)

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of Maryland (2)

University of Memphis (2)

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (4)

University of North Carolina at Greensboro (2)

University of North Carolina, Charlotte

University of Oklahoma

University of Pennsylvania

University of Puget Sound

University of South Carolina (3)

University of Tennessee

University of the South

University of Virginia

University of Washington

Vanderbilt University

West Texas A & M University

Historic Properties Visitation FY 2012

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

in-state 5,847
out-of-state 6,329
foreign 1,695
unregistered 11,984
school groups 26
adult groups 80
off-site programs 11
public events 12

total 29,500

Historic Jefferson College

in-state 4,375
out-of-state 1,638
foreign 79
unregistered 8,485
school groups 22
adult groups 31
off-site programs 34
public events 55

total 14,577

Winterville Mounds

in-state 10,390
out-of-state 2,398
foreign 249
unregistered 2,961
school groups 17
adult groups 60
off-site programs 14
public events 21

total 13,426

Museum Division Statistics

Site	Visitation	Outreach
Administration	5,600	77,239
Old Capitol Museum	27,735	315
Manship House Museum (closed)	0	50
Governor's Mansion	7251	17
Eudora Welty House	4064	29,574
Total	44,650	107,195

FY 2012 Museum Division Acquisitions:

- 2011.9.1-.3—Miscellaneous items from Farm Bureau collection at Archives
- 2011.10.1—Caro-Nan purse, ca. 1960s
- 2011.11.1—Radio, toy, ca. 1956
- 2011.13.1—First Ladies portrait of Margaret Janet Dennis Coleman
- 2011.14.1-4—Childhood toys and mementos from the 1950s-1960s
- 2011.15.1-6—black American artifacts
- 2011.16.1—cotton bag that belonged to Robey Wentworth Harned
- 2011.17.1-8—Collection of Mississippi made jars and churns
- 2011.18.1—Wooden grave marker
- 2011.19.1-2—Ross Barnett for Governor fan and invitation to dinner honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 2011.20.1—Fan from the movie, “The Help”
- 2011.21.1—Hall of Fame portrait of Emmett Vaughey
- 2011.22.1—45 RPM, Elvis
- 2011.23.1-12—butcher block, abacus, dishes, chop sticks—father was Chinese immigrant
- 2012.1.1-21 – Artifacts transferred from the prop collection. The “Dummy Mummy” and 20 Water Anderson Fairy Tale Woodcut paintings
- 2012.2.1 – Teeshirt from the 50th Anniversary of the Burglund High School Walkout
- 2012.3.1-3 - Three ashtrays made by students at the Piney Woods School.
- 2012.4.1-4 - Collection of military items worn or collected by donor while he served in Afghanistan and Iraq
- 2012.5.1 - Portrait of Mrs. Elise Winter for the First Ladies Gallery
- 2012.6.1-5 – Collection of Civil Rights-related political artifacts
- 2012.7.1-4 - Miscellaneous items including two military buttons, a cookbook, and a political flier.
- 2012.8.1 – Charles Evers Campaign Poster
- 2012.9.1 – 1950s GE portable air conditioner
- 2012.10.1-5 – Collection of Royal Netherlands Navy (“Dutch flyer”) artifacts that belonged to Andreis Christiaan “Harry” Bakker, including a uniform coat; a map of Europe; Naval Pay and Identity card; Flying Clothing card; Identity card
- 2012.11.1 – Engineer’s or wye level with case, ca. 1953-1968

Historic Preservation Division

Mississippi Landmarks

Properties Designated Mississippi Landmarks in Fiscal Year 2012

Adams County

Natchez Toll Plaza

Hinds County

Alexander Hall (Jackson State University)

Lamar County

Baxterville Gymnasium

Historical Markers

Adams County

Natchez Children's Home

Amite County

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church

Bolivar County

Chinese Mission School

Copiah County

The Templeton Store at Dentville

Coahoma County

J.W. Cutrer Mansion

Hancock County

First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis
Hancock County Bank
John C. Stennis Space Center
Logtown
Napoleon Community
Santa Rosa

Harrison County

Gulfport Army Airfield

Hinds County

Bear Creek Methodist Church

Itawamba County

Fawn Grove School

Jackson County

Pascagoula Street Railroad and Power Company

Jefferson Davis County

Magee Plantation

Jones County

Masonite Corporation

Lafayette County

Guyton Hall
The Old Chapel

Lauderdale County

10th Street Masonic Cemetery

Simpson County

Mendenhall Public School

Webster County

Doss Building
Mantee Depot

Leake County

Carthage City Cemetery
Walnut Grove United Methodist Church

Lee County

Union Church

Lincoln County

Old Brookhaven
Rose Hill Cemetery
Temple B'nai Sholom

Montgomery County

Immanuel Episcopal Church

Neshoba County

Adam Monroe Byrd
Old Neshoba County Jail

Oktibbeha County

Needmore Community

Pike County

Grierson's Raid 863
Magnolia

Scott County

Lake Railroad Depot

Warren County

All Saints' Episcopal School
Camp Williamson

Yazoo County

Skirmish at Concord Baptist Church

Multiple Counties

Grant's Mississippi Central R.R. Campaign

Historic Preservation Division (cont.)

Gulf Coast Replacement Markers

Twenty-nine historical markers destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and replaced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

Hancock County, Bay St. Louis

Spanish Customs House
Elmwood Manor
Taylor School
Onward Oaks

Harrison County, Pass Christian

Saucier-Pratt House (Union Quarters)
(Old) Pass Christian (High) School

Harrison County, Biloxi

Father Ryan House
Tullis-Toledano House
Pleasant-Reed House
Slavic Benevolent Assn. Lodge
Tivoli Hotel
Brielmaier, Paul W., House
Gillis House
Hermann House
Episcopal Church of the Redeemer & Bell Tower
Coast Guard Station Barracks
Robinson-Maloney-Dantzler House
Moran Site

Harrison County, Gulfport

Grass Lawn
Mississippi City Courthouse
St. Mark Episcopal Church
The Chimneys Restaurant

Jackson County, Pascagoula

Randall's Tavern
R. A. Farnsworth Summer House
Cottage by the Sea Tavern
Cottage by the Sea Hotel
George P. Kinne House
Clare T. Clark House
Chastant-Fusilier House

Abandoned Cemeteries

Neshoba County

Wilson Family Cemetery

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