

Hattiesburg Area Historical Society

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Lights, Camera, LABELS!

Most of us like photographs. Except for today's technology, people in this selfie-obsessed age are not much different from those who took the first self-portraits in the 1800's. A picture can tell a complete story, but the interpretation is influenced by the viewers, and each one may "read" a different version.

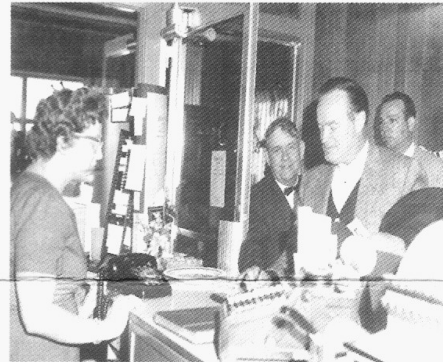
It has been said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Unfortunately, in nearly 200 years of photography, those words are often the same ten words repeated 100 times: "Who are they? Where are they? What are they doing?"

Since looking at an interesting photo has the power to place everyone into journalistic mode, it is regrettable that taking a photo does not always do the same. Most of us know who is in the picture when we shoot one. We know what we're doing, when it is, where we are, and why we are there. Our relatives, or even we ourselves, may wish we had written the information down when the picture turns up 50 to 100 years later .

The HAHS hopes you enjoy these selected photos and what we know about them. If you have additional information, please let us know. And PLEASE LABEL your photos.

Hattiesburg Mayor C. F. Pittman, Sr. (center left) assists comedian Bob Hope as he checks into the Southernaire Motel at 100 US Hwy 49 S. A poster on the door says the Bob Hope Show will be Friday, April 7, 1961. Where was it to be held? Is the man behind Bob his manager? Who is the desk clerk? Does anyone know? Please call in your info: 601-582-5460.

(Photo donated by Dr. John McCann)



Roma Shields (Cole) and her sister Linda Shields (Berry) in matching dresses stand in front of Birthday Girl Jackie Seale at her Birthday Party at Seale-Lily on South Main Street circa 1945. (The building now is studio space for USM's School of Construction and Design.) Lois Shields, the girls' mother, is on the left in the light suit. The man in the white shirt with tie may be store owner Jack Seal, Jackie's father. Where is her mother? Who are all these other people? Roma and her sister were too young to know and it was not written down.

(Photo donated by Roma Shields)





Helen McWhorter, with sons Larry and Mike, solicits a donation to the March of Dimes from Elaine O'Neal in the early 1950's. FDR was memorialized on dimes, and they became a symbol of the united fight by mothers to wipe out polio.

With financing from these funds Dr. Jonas Salk successfully tested a vaccine by 1953. It was licensed and put into use in 1955. Also Dr. Albert Sabin was supported in his work to develop an oral vaccine. It too became available for commercial use in 1961.

(Hattiesburg American photo from HAHS Archives)



"That Good Gulf Gasoline" is being pumped circa 1929 at a filling station owned by Garnett Jones at 424 Mobile Street. Adeline, his wife, and he resided next door.

In the distance at the right are two white buildings (one on Mobile St. blocking one on East 9th St.). The two long black windows in back are on Eureka High School, which opened in 1921.



Eliza and Malcolm Gillis ran the family owned Dixie Pine Grocery Store. This 1941 photo of them behind the counter (date verified by the calendar on the wall above) is typical of the groceries in this area into the late 50's. Did the man rubbed out on the right forget to pay? He was removed from both copies of the photo.

(donated by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bailey)

Gifts to the Society
February 1 - September 6, 2018

Dr Robert Bailey:

- Diary - Ethel Merle Cranford Graves July-Aug 1928
- Photo - 112 Short Bay in snow
- V Mail - to Dr Z B Graves form Capt James H Raddin USAF1943

Barbara L Hamilton:

- *William Carey University Celebrating 125 Years* Hard back, revised edition © 2017

Dee Abbot Estate/Gale Saenz:

- Books and documents from her collection (Listed on back of donor sheet # G-2018-03)

Larry Jorgensen:

- Book - *The Coca-Cola Trail People and Places in the History of Coca-Cola* © 2017

Hallie Jeanne Harris Herring:

- Blue 1920's beaded dress
- Black velvet 1920's hat that belonged to Miss Charley Bennett (WWI nurse)
- Photo of descendant of Miss Bennett in dress 2018

Tom Phillips III:

- Book - HPD Accreditation
 - Binder - City of Hattiesburg Code of Ordinances 1990
- Patch - Hattiesburg Crossing Guard

Robert Roseberry:

- CD - C Wiseman "Country This"
- Program - Diamond Anniversary Celebration
- Program - Girl Scout Induction Ceremony for Barbara Phillips
- New 3 ring binder

Rick Fort:

- Jacket - HHS Letterman 1961-62

Unknown Donor:

- Annual - Methodist Hospital School of Practical Nursing 1972
- Annual s- USM Southerner 1965 1966, 1970

Unknown Donor:

- Pay Register City of Hattiesburg

1983 - (item found in trash)

Robert Waldo Turner, Jr:

- Wagon Wheel Hub for wheel of a Lindsey wagon (pre 1950). The 8 wheel wagon was patented by his relative John Lindsey in 1899.

Evelyn Wiseman:

- Posters - Stars for Second Harvest 2011 & 2014 (Framed)
- Poster - Stars for Second Harvest 2006 (unframed)
- 3 Posters - Country Music Hall of Fame Dec 2007
- Poster - Tim McGraw, Greatest Hits Vol 2
- Poster - Governor's Art Award - MS Arts Commission 2015
- Notice of Salute to Craig Wiseman - Poets and Prophets Dec 15, 2007
- Color drawing Bear Creek by Helen Wilroy

Lynn Helwig:

- Uniform - Brownie Gulf Scout circa 1990 (Jumper and shirt)

Paula West:

- Ronald West, Sr Collection - Items used or sold by Southwest Drugs between 1965-1996 and West's collection of antique tools, cameras, and bottles. (Listed on back of donor sheet # G-2018-15)

Lillian and Jimmy Pittman Estate:

- Annual - 1947 Lil' Miss
- Booklet - Class of 1948 50th reunion (1998)
- Scrapbook - Class of 1948 50th reunion by Rev Ray P. Raddin

Carol Elder (Mr and Mrs JJ):

- Photo - B&W 4' X 9" framed Camp Shelby. Photo by McDuff 3/13/1918

Lillian Pittman:

- Annuals - USM Southerner 1981 & 1982

Lewis Griffin:

- Photo - 22 1/4" X 10" B&W photo in frame. Hattiesburg

Consistory Ancient and Accepted Scottish Right of the Freemasonry 1941

Sherry Hocutt:

- Fans - two paper hand fans "Cash and Carry Dry Cleaners on Walnut Street"
- Fan - Forth Street Grocery and Market fan with color picture and thumb-hole grip
- 7-up bottle - First off the line at Hattiesburg Bottling Company on Forrest Street in 1936. (See donor sheet #G-2018-21 for picture and full details.

Allan J Bailey:

- Painting - 48" X 20" oil on wood (artist impression of Beverly Drive-in Theater. Painted on a part of a window panel from miniature golf ticket office.

Norma Coulter :

- Sheet Music Collection - circa 1900 of Annie Rose McLeod
- Score book - Womans College notebook of Annie Rose McLeod
- Score Book of Howard Gilliam Program - State Teachers College Vesper Service May 16, 1937

Robert Doherty:

Photo Booklet - Southern RR WWI area photos to send home introduce Hattiesburg

Donors

Albert C. Jones
William Lake Douglas
Mary Margaret Tatum
Gale Saenz
Barbara L. Hamilton



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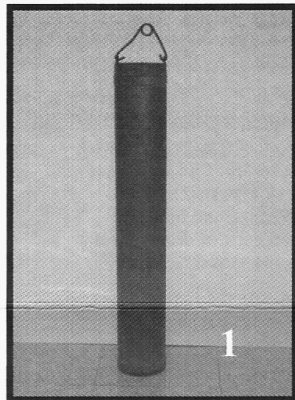
Memorials

Dee Abbott
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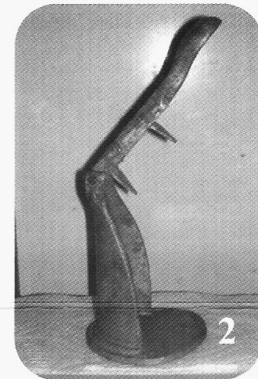
Life Members

Lucia Perdue
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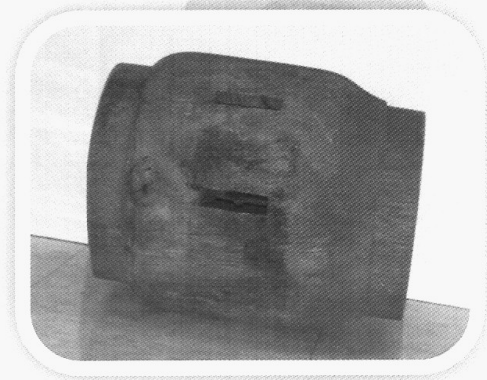
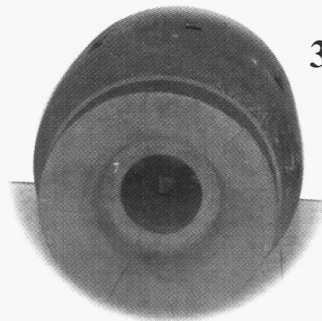
Can you identify the items in the pictures below?



Items 1 & 2
From the
Ronald West,
Sr. Collection



Item 3 donated
by Robert
Turner, Jr.



Scroll down for the answers.

ANSWERS-

Photo 1: A Long Drink of Water

This well bucket was used in small-diameter shafts. A valve (missing from the inside of this particular bucket) was attached to the bottom. It would be forced open by the water when the bucket was lowered into the well and allowed the bucket to sink below the water level.

When the bucket was winched to the surface by a rope attached to the bracket at the top, the valve would be forced closed by the weight of the water. (From the Ronald West, Sr. Collection)

Photo 2: Double Church Key

Pre-pop tops and zip-off lids, church keys were used to open cans. This double church key would have screwed to the bar top for easy beer opening. (From the Ronald West, Sr. Collection)

Photo 3: Wheel Hub

This pre-1950 wheel hub was made to hold the spokes of a Lindsey eight-wheel wagon. John Lindsey of Laurel, Mississippi, patented this wagon design in 1899. These wagons were able to roll over the mushy forestlands of south Mississippi with heavy log loads. This hub was passed down through the family until it came into the possession of Thomas Crawford Fuller, a great-nephew of Lindsey. Fuller in turn passed it and three others down to his sons, including his step-son, Robert Turner, who was born in Laurel. (Donated by Robert Waldo Turner, Sr.)