

Hattiesburg Area Historical Society

HAHS MUSEUM
Hattiesburg Cultural Center
723 Main Street
P.O. Box 1573
Hattiesburg, MS 39403-1773



School Days

Our Current Exhibit

“School days, school days, dear old golden rule days. Reading and writing and ‘rithmetic....” Most former students remember this tune. Even more students may remember the chant, “No more pencils; no more books....” In the class time that came between the two rhymes many more memories were formed.

One must reach a certain age before those memories become dear. One must pass certain milestones before their value can fully be appreciated. For one that point may come on graduation day; for another it may be the first classmate’s death; for yet another gratitude may not come until the 50th Class Reunion. However, no matter who you are, where you’ve been, or what you’ve done, at some point in time you will look back upon your school days with mixed emotions.

You may regret never having purchased a high school ring or selling it for cash to buy trees. You might smile with pride with the realization that a local school has been named for a teacher, friend or relative. You might relive an athletic victory with a teammate. You might laugh over the annual photos depicting your youth. You might talk over the events of high school days with classmates. The situations may differ, but at some time everyone begins to reminisce about those good old school days.

In an effort to stimulate those recollections, the **Hattiesburg Area Historical Society** museum proudly presents **School Days**. The exhibit features memorabilia from the collection of Brian Blair, grandson of S.H. Blair for whom the current high school building on Hutchinson Street is named. Materials from the HAHS Hattiesburg High School Collection and items on loan from graduates are also included.

Although “reading and writing and ‘rithmetic” have become “reading, keyboarding, computer tech,” you should be honored if you have achieved a Hattiesburg High School diploma or helped someone else earn one. Your challenge now is to continue to encourage the youth of our city to stay in school, to learn all they can learn, and to become educated, productive citizens.

SOCIETY NEWS

You are an important part of our team effort. HAHS currently has about 400 members representing 30 states and several countries. Your contributions and support have enabled the Hattiesburg Area Historical Society to provide information and programing for groups and visitors from Maryland to Florida and Arizona to Hawaii.

Our doors have been opened for the Colonial Dames XVII Century, Magnolia Questers, Institute For Learning in Retirement (ILR), Descendants of Founders and Patriots of America, and numerous walk-ins. If you are interested in bringing your group; please call for a reservation.

Requests for information and photographs have come from local schools, area residents, and friends from out of state. Genealogists have found answers to their searches in our collection.

Recently Michael Adelman was asked to write an article on the Forrest County Court House. His research, including information provided by HAHS, was published in the July-August-September 2003 issue of *The Mississippi Lawyer* magazine.

Your support will allow HAHS to continue to serve the Hattiesburg Area. We welcome your donations, ideas, and expertise.



RECENT GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

May 25, 2003 - August 30, 2003

(Donations after this date will appear in the next newsletter)



- ★ 1925 Hattiesburg High School diploma and composite picture belonging to William J. Goyer and 1975 50th Class Reunion clipping. 1947 Methodist Hospital bills and receipts. Mildred Goyer.
- ★ Book: *What Is Brave* by Mississippi Veterans. Shirley H. Davenport.
- ★ Zeus II - 1925 items. Ursula Jones
- ★ Car tag, "Visit Hattiesburg Miss" and art news clippings. Dorothy Thomsen.
- ★ HHS 1941 material, Priscilla Club Scrapbook (1930's), Wide-A-Wake Club 1957, Eaton School 1935, HHS 1943 Annual. Margaret Davis Sherblon.
- ★ HHS material 1911, 1914, 1923, 1961, and 1964. Dr. Sam Spinks.
- ★ Eureka Class of 1943 composite picture. Priscilla Walker
- ★ 50th Class Reunion of 1936 and roll. Tat Ott.
- ★ HHS material 1917, 1923 and other HHS memorabilia. Beth Meador
- ★ Historic District Maps with 1905-1910 Directories listed. Sarah Gillespie.
- ★ Califone Record Player. Laurie Crowson
- ★ HHS 1932 class picture. Earnestine S. Williams.
- ★ HHS Annuals 1986, 1987. 1979 HHS Band record. Melissa Jones.
- ★ HHS 1942 50th Class Reunion and 1938 memorabilia. Jean Welborn.
- ★ Carved models of eight wheel wagon, oxen and driver; Surrey and horses; stage coach and horses, horse with saddle. Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bailey.
- ★ 1940 YMCA Basketball Champs photo. A J Jones.
- ★ 1961 HHS Annual. Marty Sparrow.
- ★ 1939 HHS Class Memorabilia; 1935 Football Team picture; 1938 Football Program. Dr. Fred E. Tatum
- ★ 1923 Chautaugua Industrial Art Child's Desk. Dee Thornton Abbott.

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MEMBERS ONLY SALE

Are you still trying to get your best friend to return your copy of **The History of Forrest County Mississippi**?

Are your children arguing about who will inherit "The Book?"

Do you and your spouse fight over who gets to read tonight?

Are you looking for that special Christmas or birthday gift?

If so, now is your chance to get another copy of the HAHS' history book published in 2000. For a short time (from now until 1-1-2004) members of HAHS will be able to purchase copies for only **\$50.00**, a price below the prepublication price. The books will remain \$70.00 for non-members. There is an additional charge of \$3.50 if you need your book mailed.

To secure your copy, mail in the order form on page 4, call the HAHS office or drop by the museum at 723 Main Street, Hattiesburg.

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HAHS Appreciates These Recent Monetary Contributions

May 26, 2003 - September 26, 2003

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In Honor Of:

- Martha Gunn
- Laurie Crowson

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The Brownies visit our last exhibit.

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2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our special thanks go to the **Magnolia Questers**, Molly Graf President, for adopting HAHS again this year. The members volunteer their time during the month to help us with projects we normally don't have time to do. The organization has given us a much needed TV/VCR to be used in the museum for programs. Thank you, Questers, for all your help. Our regular volunteers that keep the doors open to the public are Ursula Jones, Laurie Crowson, Barbara Curry, Tat Ott, Jeanne Herring, and Earline Roseberry. If you would like to help as a volunteer, please call the office. We need all the help we can get!



!!!IMPORTANT !!!

HAHS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003 - 5:30 P.M.

At the Hattiesburg Cultural Center, 723 Main Street, Hattiesburg, MS
If you need a ride, please call Ursula Jones before November 5th at 544-6333

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2004!! Thank you for supporting HAHS. The status of your membership is found after your name on the address label - the year dues have been paid or "L" for Life Member. Dues received after November 1st are credited to 2004.

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The History of Forrest County, MS _____ copies @ \$70 each \$ _____
Special Member Book Rate _____ copies @ \$50 each \$ _____
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Tax exempt donation of \$3.50 for S/H if mailed \$ _____
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Memorials and/or Honorariums (Please circle one) can also be sent to the above address and will be acknowledged. Please send name and address of person remembered. *Thank you.*

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