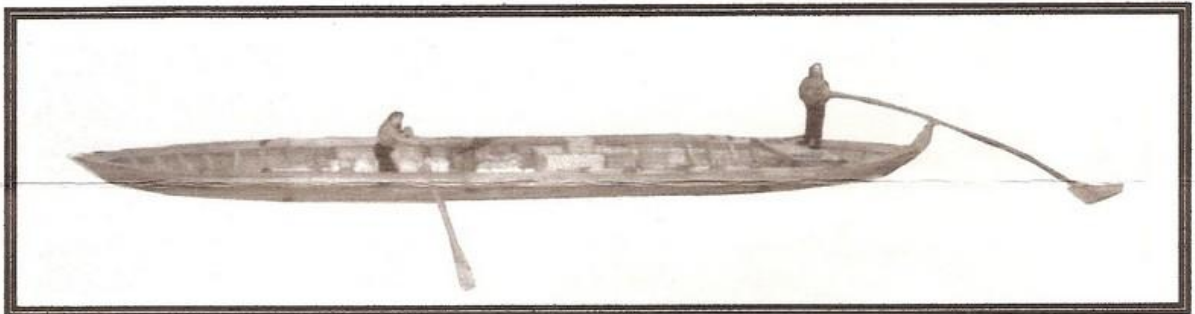


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HAHS MUSEUM

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IT'S HERE!

Down at the HAHS Museum we've anxiously been waiting for our ship to come in. Finally, after several false starts, floating around paperless in the shipping system, and resting on a loading dock in devastated Gulf Port, Mississippi, it landed upside down (fittingly) in Hattiesburg.

What is it? It is a scale model of *The Leaf*, the circa 1830-1852 river craft found buried upside down in a Leaf River sandbar near New Augusta in the summer drought of 1990. The model was constructed by Butch Bouvier of L & C Replicas who has built many museum quality models as well as full-sized operational replicas of United States river craft.

At first *The Leaf* was believed to be a keel-boat since it seemed too large to be a bateau. However, after further investigation it seems that this double-ended craft may be the long looked for "missing link" between the two better known boats.

Our staff is currently working on an exhibit and program about *The Leaf* and trading on area streams. We hope to outfit our boat with an authentically dressed crew and display items that could have made the river journey. The exhibit will also eventually show the differences between this boat and other boats used on our nation's streams.

Anyone interested in helping should call or come by the HAHS Museum during operational hours. We could use help with clothing for our crew, arranging the display, preparing educational materials for children, and designing backgrounds.





GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

June 30, 2005 - January 15, 2006



- ★ Hattiesburg City Directories: 1975, 1977, 1979; July 11, 1967 *Hattiesburg American* - Joyce Craig
- ★ *Oral History with Angela Georgian* - MS Oral History Program with two cassette tapes made December 2, 1996 - Ann T. Georgian.
- ★ Two booklets: *Merchant, Tradesmen & Manufacturers Financial Condition*. 1902 Perry County, MS and 1921 Forrest County, MS - Gerald Buchanan.
- ★ Seven post cards of Camp Shelby during World War I - Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Boomershine by Joyce Eure Lee.
- ★ Orange silk organza dress c1920's and set of mink skins fur neck piece - Mrs. Raw Barnett.
- ★ Metal sheep trimmer and cane stripper, 1936; Woman's College Annual "Pine Burr" and various other papers - Cora Chapman Sumrall.
- ★ Two framed samplers of crochet work by Mrs. John Angus McLeod c1890's - 1920's bought by Joann F. Johnson at Mrs. McLeod's estate sale - given by Mrs. Johnson's niece Glenda Bailey.
- ★ City of Hattiesburg scrapbook - City Administration 1937-1941 in memory of Reid Pittman, Sr. by Carolyn Thrash Pittman.
- ★ Kiddie movie toy c1920 - Lynn Meador and Ursula Jones.

A Note of Thanks

HAHS appreciates all those who remember us when giving. Our museum is comprised of items donated by families wishing to pass on their treasures. Our archives have many interesting scrapbooks and pictures. The Hattiesburg High School memorabilia is growing. We also appreciate those who give momentarily which allows us to operate our office, present programs to groups, and purchase items we need for our exhibits.

Recent Monetary Contributions

October 21, 2004 - July 5, 2005

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OUR TERRIBLE “KADASTOPHY”



When Hattiesburg residents looked out on their world on August 30, 2005 they felt much as their counterparts had after the great fire of October 11, 1893. Their beautiful city lay in ruins. Like those 19th Century citizens, the residents of 21st Century Hattiesburg began immediately to rebuild. Chain saws buzzed; falling trees shook the ground; and the beep-beep-beep of heavy equipment backing up became the morning wake up call.



Unlike the aftermath of the fire, when only the downtown was damaged, Hurricane Katrina devastated the entire area. This *Tree City USA* had (by south Mississippi standards) become virtually treeless. The area formally known as “The Pine Belt” had countless millions of its beloved pines laying twisted, broken, and uprooted on each other, on the ground, and on homes. Oaks and dogwood fared no better, as they too were destroyed. Streets, rivers, and streams were clogged and impassable.



In those first few days, after surviving the greatest natural disaster in United States history, conversations started with, “Thank God you’re alive.” They progressed to, “Is your house standing?” Then questions moved on to, “Do you have a roof?” and “Are any of your trees still standing?”

Hattiesburg quickly became a true “Hub of South Mississippi” again as workers and supplies poured in from every state in the country. Transplanted sons and daughters rushed back navigating tree-strewn highways with friends and church families to bring help. Evacuees from the Gulf Coast and New Orleans flooded the city

increasing the population by tens of thousands.

Now, almost six months later most of us are finally coming up for air. As we survey what we’ve lost, we must focus on what we still have. Although some homes and buildings were completely destroyed and others severely damaged, the majority of our structures are standing and repairable. Most of Hattiesburg’s older buildings withstood the winds and can be saved. Wind-driven water penetrated the walls of the Hattiesburg Cultural Center and tiles were blown off the roof, but the Hattiesburg Area Historical Society collection was left intact and undamaged. (Continued on page 4)



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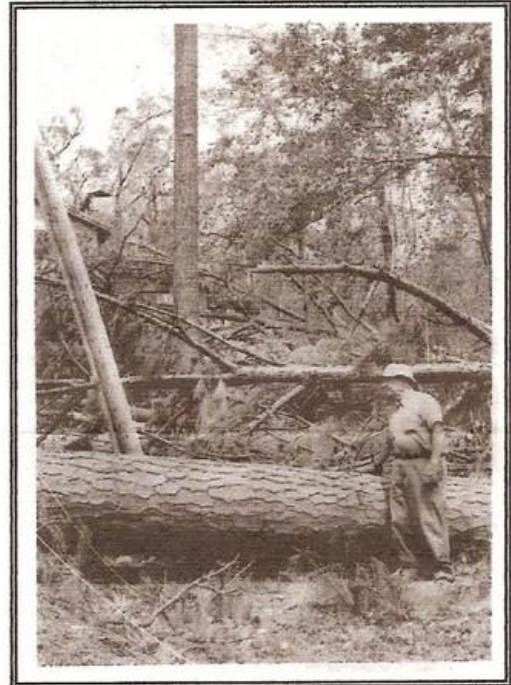
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Laurie Crowson

Historian/Parliamentarian
Brian Blair

Our Terrible Kadastrophy continued from page 3

The area's greatest loss was its timber. Each month loggers have removed a year's harvest from our devastated woodlands, and the bottom has fallen out of the timber market. Frightened homeowners who at first thought, "Cut them all!" are dismayed by the city's strange new skyline. There have been no words to adequately describe this disaster--this catastrophe. Perhaps a new word should be coined: Kadastrophy, a catastrophic disaster of previously unknown magnitude causing indiscriminate destruction and loss to all people of an area regardless of race, social standing, or economic status.

Although much has been lost, our citizens have never lost their determination, hope, selflessness, and humanity. Just as pioneers of old, we never give up; we strive for improvement; we assist our neighbors; and we find good in the midst of tragedy. Like Hardy whose vision and planning led to the formation of our city, we shall rebuild and replant the Pine Belt and make it better than ever!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE HATTIESBURG AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET.

2005 HAHS DUES

Date Received _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Individual \$10 _____ Couple/Organization \$15 _____ Student \$2 _____

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Tax exempt donation of \$3.50 for S/H if mailed \$ _____

Book shipped to above address unless other specified Total: \$ _____

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