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# Hattiesburg Area Historical Society

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## Snapshots of Time

Even in today's situation, time moves on. Work has continued at the HAHS Museum and Archives too. Volunteers Hattie Phalen, Barbara Curry, Paula Harvey, and Lee Terrio have put in nearly 1,500 hours identifying, sorting, typing, placing, and organizing ephemera and artifacts. They have helped research, answers for email, telephone, and mail requests. Of course, in the process everyone has enjoyed learning more about Hattiesburg and viewing old photos.

Today, we want to share some of these with you. Newsletters can also be viewed on our website [www.hahsmuseum.org](http://www.hahsmuseum.org).



**"Merry Christmas Hattiesburg"** Main Street buildings at the Batson Street intersection Circa 1950 are left to right: Sears Roebuck and Company, My Shop Ladies Clothing, Joy's Credit Clothing Store, Ben's Clothing, Rollings Jewelry. Above the jewelry store is an Elk head for the Elks Club and Lodge 599 BPOE that were located there.



**"Rooftop View"** Looking at the east side of Main Street from the top of Donavan and Lane's Men's Store on the west side circa 1950 one can see from left: Fine Bros-Matison Co. Department Store, Citizens Bank of Hattiesburg, F W Woolworth Co 5 ¢ and 10 ¢ Store, First National Bank, Eisman's Clothing, K C Cafe and Steak House, Sarphie Jewelry Co., and Lane's Quality Shoes.



**"A New School"** Hattiesburg High School on Hutchinson Avenue begins its first year in 1960.



**"Lamar Elementary School"** In 1908 the school opened on Bouie Street in the Industrial District. As more industry developed around the area, population changes made the school unnecessary. It was demolished in 1967, and the property became part of Ben Shemper and Sons Wholesale Steel.



**"Best Hotel Room in Town"** When the Forrest Hotel opened on the corner of Pine and Forrest Streets in 1929, guest were guaranteed that every room was air cooled. That obviously meant that every room had a window. The photo on the right was taken to show a room with an air conditioner in the window, circa 1960, and the ads then claimed "every room air conditioned or air cooled."



**"Mud is the New Pavement"** After the Great Flood of 1961, parts of River Avenue (now East Hardy Street) became a dirt road again as the Leaf River 's then record crest of 31.53 feet covered the road with mud from Gordon's Creek eastward to the river. This photo looks westward from the intersection of Fredrick Street (on left) and Edna Street (on right) with River Avenue. The house straight ahead is the back of Dunn-Deas home on Short Bay Street. River Avenue bends to the right there, and Williams Street intersects from the left. The produce truck in the foreground may belong to DiFatta Produce.



David Giles, Plant Manager

Albert Bobby Shows,  
Future State Senator

Byron Patrick, Route Salesman

**"A Really Big One!"** Mister K's was opened by Kaiser Runnels at 1001 East Hardy Street in 1973. Smith's Bakery on Bushman Street baked a giant bun for the Grand Opening. Does anyone know if a giant burger was grilled in the parking lot to place in the bun? A hungry crowd is waiting.

If you have any additional information to share on these pictures, please let us know. Also if you are interested in looking through the scanned negatives come to HAHS during hours of operation and you can actually look at them on the computer.

**Gifts to the Society**  
December 2, 2019 - November 12, 2020

- ◆ **William Wicht, Jr.:** Greater Hattiesburg Association 1949–1961 minute book; Southern Glass & Builders supply Company 1931 stock certificate; Bilbo papers including circa 1947 campaign booklet; Sam Miller correspondence for Order of Elks 1937-1945.
- ◆ **David Halliwell II:** 1977 framed 8X10 color photo of Harris Photography women's softball team
- ◆ **John A. Burnam:** Polk City Directories from the Law Firm of Moore & Jones formerly located in the Old Elks Hall
- ◆ **Betty and Arthur Bradley:** Dough board; coffee mill; wooden ice bucket, pen & ink drawing by Clyde Batson; 1903 *Wizard of Oz* book; 1954 HHS annual
- ◆ **Ka Russum:** HHS annuals – 1945 & 1946 of Tommy Ferrell, 1948 & 1949 of Beverly Knight
- ◆ **Vesta Jordan:** Royal Street High School Class of 1957 Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Book
- ◆ **Robert Tannehill:** December 8, 1953 document outlining the then organization of Hattiesburg's Hercules Power Company plant
- ◆ **Kerrie Tainer:** Girl Scout pins (Brownie, Trefoil, Senior, Library Aide, International Friendship, Rockwood National Camp); Drops (HHS, Activity Award, Dusty Club); Ephemera (vintage coloring books, HJHS & HHS class papers, church materials, books); HHS Senior Year graduation parties scrapbook from the Pauline (Polly) Page Butler Estate
- ◆ **Lawrence & Susan Anderson:** Postcards purchased in 1917 by George Ernest Anderson while on mission for LDS (Fire Company #1 at 130 West Pine, Hub Sign, Churches of Hattiesburg)
- ◆ **Rita Sims Grow & Mary Sims:** *Leatherneck* magazine July 1951 with "Korean Life Line" article featuring Corporal Robert (Bob) Sims of Rawls Springs; Photos, maps, details, and Sims' memoirs of the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir; *Vietnam* magazine October 1991
- ◆ **Carol J. Warren:** Annuals from estate of Lucy Marie Wood Jones (*Old Southerner* 1946, Mississippi Southern College; *The Southerner* 1947, 1948, 1949, Mississippi Southern College—now USM)
- ◆ **Ursula Jones:** Postcard with D. B. Henley photo of Mississippi Central Railroad Shops in Hattiesburg
- ◆ **Magnolia Area Historical Society, Magnolia, Ohio:** Two postcards showing the tent city at Camp Shelby during WWI
- ◆ **Tom Phillips III Estate:** Ephemera including articles, booklets, programs, photos, advertisements, and promotional giveaways about local citizens, events, schools, churches, hospitals, clubs, and businesses.

Gale Saenz  
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Dudley Grantham  
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Sam Hall  
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Betty Tatum Coady  
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Thank  
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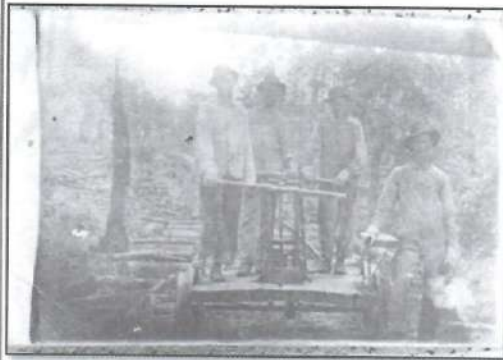
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**“Appliances for Everyone”** New appliances are on display at the downtown Community Center (now Jackie Dole Sherrill) on Front Street circa 1960. Adults and even the children standing in front of the Jim Bomboy sign seem to be waiting for the announcement of a drawing winner.



**“It’s Not the Purple Cow”** and not the Experian Cowboy. We don’t know who this circa 1940 man is or what he’s doing. The man and woman in the doorway seem to be surprised too. If you have this photo and information about it in your family album, please let us know.



**“Riding the Rails”** Who are these men or the handcar? What are they doing? Where are they going? What year was it taken? We don’t know. Do you? Maybe they are trying to construct a logging rail line. Notice the logs under the rails instead of ties.



**“A Garden View”** Circa 1960 the Hattiesburg Convalescent Home, at 514 Bay Street, provided residents with a garden view of three historic homes which still stand across the street. While in the garden one could look over the fence and see homes of: Eva M. McKinnon (515), Jennie Cameron (511) and Pauline Baria (507). Later additions, as Hattiesburg Health and Rehab expanded, the view has blocked this view.



**“Missed the turn?”** Someone either missed the turn or was pushed into the windows of Norman’s Department Store on the corner of East Pine and Market Streets. It is bad news if the driver is at fault, but may be good news if another vehicle or even a large pothole was involved. This is the Johnson Building and the Paul B. Johnson law offices are on the second floor. The Dianna Shop next door has escaped damage, and the city street sweeper quickly arrived to clean up the mess.