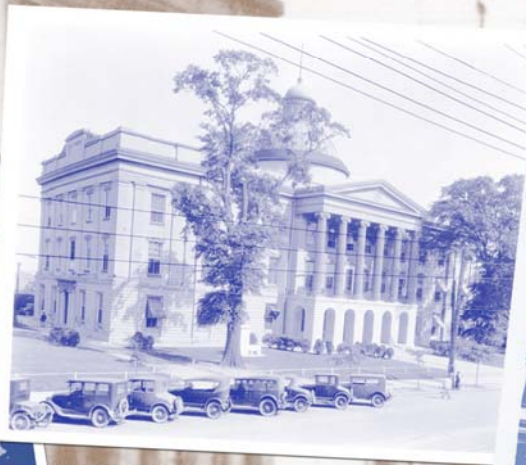


S SOUTHERN *Archivists* 2012 CONFERENCE

April 25-27, 2012

William F. Winter Archives and History Building/Old Capitol Museum
Jackson, Mississippi



Sponsored by Society of Alabama Archivists, Society of Mississippi Archivists,
Society of Tennessee Archivists, Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association,
Mississippi Historical Records Advisory Board

The Southern Archivists Conference, 1987-2012

The Southern Archivists Conference (SAC) was an outgrowth of joint meetings of the Society of Mississippi Archivists (SMA) and the Society of Alabama Archivists (SALA) which were held at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in the spring of 1985, and at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach in April 1986. At the 1986 meeting, there was discussion of forming a regional archival organization. There was little, if any opposition to forming such an entity, but there was debate about its scope and nature.

Since the SALA/SMA joint meetings worked well, it was decided that these organizations would meet again in 1987. Prior to that, SALA and the Society of Georgia Archivists (SGA) had met jointly a time or two. Archivists from Georgia and Tennessee were invited to join SALA and SMA for a meeting at the 4-H Camp at Lay Lake in Columbiana, Alabama, in 1987. The theme of regional cooperation dominated the Spring 1987 meeting. While everyone saw some advantages, there was disagreement about the nature, scope, and even the value of a regional organization. Out of the discussion came a more clearly focused image of what Mississippi and Alabama were willing to try. Alabama and Mississippi agreed to join together and form the conference.

Sally Ripatti of the Society of Tennessee Archivists stated that she would take the SAC proposal to the state organization and invited Mike Thomason (SALA member) to present the idea for formation of SAC at the joint Tennessee/Kentucky fall meeting. At the September 1987 meeting, Tennessee decided to join. Mike Thomason and Linda Overman (SMA member) presented the idea for a regional organization at a joint SGA/SALA meeting in the fall of 1987. By a narrow margin, the membership of SGA declined to join SAC at that time. The Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association later voted to join the Conference.

The following proposal to form a regional archival organization was printed in each state's newsletter in the summer of 1987:

PROPOSAL TO FORM A REGIONAL ARCHIVAL ORGANIZATION

1. The organization will be known as the Southern Archivists Conference (SAC).
2. All members of participating state archivists' organizations will be members of SAC.
3. The purpose of SAC is to foster closer cooperation among archivists in the region and advance the interests of our profession.
4. The Southern Archivists Conference will meet every other year beginning in 1988 at a convenient location. The meeting site will rotate among the states represented by the member organizations. Plans for the meeting will be the responsibility of the host state.
5. SAC will be governed by a committee composed of the presidents and vice-presidents of the member organizations, with the president of the host state society chairing the coordinating committee for the year preceding the meeting in her/his state. The coordinating committee will meet as necessary, but no less than once a year.

6. The committee will assess any financial obligations of the SAC activities among the constituent societies, normally following the principle of equal shares.
7. The committee will decide upon the appropriate mechanism for making any changes in the purpose, organization, or membership requirements for SAC.
8. A state society may join SAC by a majority vote of its members attending the joint SMA/SALA/SGA meeting in Columbiana, Alabama, or subsequently by a majority vote of its members at a regular meeting. Applications from states entering by the latter means must receive the approval of the SAC coordinating committee.

The first official meeting of the Southern Archivists Conference was held at the University of Mississippi on May 17-19, 1988. Archivists from Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi were in attendance. Since that time, SAC meetings have been held every other year at the following locations: Lake Guntersville, AL (1990), Nashville (1992, 2008), Natchez (1994), New Orleans (1996), Selma (1998), Memphis (2000), Birmingham (2002 - business meeting only during Society of American Archivists annual meeting, 2010), Jackson (2004, 2012) and Lafayette, LA (2006).

A decision was made that SAC be an association of organizations rather than a membership organization. No one wanted competition with the state organizations. SAC was purposely loosely formed for that reason -- no constitution, no by-laws, no officers, and no membership fees. The primary goal was to increase the potential for speakers and improve programs. With greater financial resources, it would be possible to offer more workshops, hold more training programs, and bring in more speakers for sessions. Initially, meetings were held at inexpensive sites where meeting spaces were free, where attendees ate all meals together, and where there was an opportunity to really get to know one another. For logistical reasons, the later meetings have been held in larger cities. Responsibilities for the host site, program, finances, and publicity were divided among the four states, with members from the host state planning the meeting site, hotel accommodations, meals, and tours. However, since 2010 the host organization has assumed greater responsibility for organizing SAC. Each state organization contributes an agreed amount (\$500 until 2012) to help fund the conference. Any remaining funds, after all expenses are paid, are divided equally among the four states.

The Southern Archivists Conference was established to achieve whatever goals we in the region felt were worthwhile. It is designed to help us pool our resources, increase communication between state organizations and their members, and strengthen the profession in the member states.

-- Linda Overman, 2004; updated 2012.

The organizers wish to acknowledge the valuable assistance of



Program

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

9:00-5:00

Society of American Archivists workshop: 'Project Management for Archivists'

Rosemary Pleva Flynn, University of North Dakota
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

8:00-9:30

Registration

Hall, House Chamber, Old Capitol Museum

9:00-9:30

Welcome

House Chamber, Old Capitol Museum

9:45-10:45

Presentation 1. 'Can I Get a Grant for That? Strategically Researching, Writing, and Administering Grants for Archives Projects'

Kelsey Bates, Birmingham Public Library
Computer Classroom (#133), William F. Winter Building

Presentation 2. 'You Mean the Old Stuff: K-12 Students Explore Primary Sources in Archives'

Jennifer Rose, Sunflower County Library Systems;
Mona Vance, Columbus- Lowndes County Public Library
Nichols Room (#105), Old Capitol Museum

Presentation 3. 'Building an Archives Exhibition Program'

Celia Walker, Vanderbilt University
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

10:45-11:00

Break

11:00-12:00

Presentation 1. (continued) 'Can I Get a Grant for That? Strategically Researching, Writing, and Administering Grants for Archives Projects'

Kelsey Bates, Birmingham Public Library
Computer Classroom (#133), William F. Winter Building



11:00-12:00

Presentation 4. ‘Archives Week Across America: From the Routine to the Remarkable’

Gregory Markley, Central Texas College-Fort Benning, GA
Nichols Room (#105), Old Capitol Museum

**Presentation 5. ‘Special Collections Pusher:
Using Library Instruction to Get Students Addicted to Special Collections’**

Jennifer Brannock, University of Southern Mississippi
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

12:15-1:45

Lunch

Old Capitol Inn

Keynote Address: ‘Archeology of the Blues’ Mark Howell, Director, Winterville Mounds

2:00 - 3:00

Presentation 6. ‘So I Want to Be An Archivist: Interns Tell All’

Reagan Grimsley (moderator), Amy Christiansen, Leah Craig, Leslie Ann Galati, Angelica Marini, Hayden McDaniel, Auburn University
Nichols Room (#105), Old Capitol Museum

Presentation 7. ‘Getting Help From Our Friends: Engaging Volunteers in Archives’

Forrest Galey (moderator), Elizabeth Coleman, Mississippi Department of Archives and History; Tracey Berezansky, Alabama Department of Archives and History; LaToya Devezin, New Orleans Public Library
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

3:00-3:15

Break

3:15 - 4:15

Presentation 8. ‘Digitizing the Ephemeral: Developing a Digitization Plan at ArtPace San Antonio’

Mary Wegmann, University of Texas-Austin
Nichols Room (#105), Old Capitol Museum

Presentation 9. ‘Veterans of Southeast Louisiana - An Oral History’

Neil Guilbeau, Nicholls State University
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

4:30-5:00

SAC 25th Birthday Celebration

William F. Winter Building

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

8:00-9:00

Registration

William F. Winter Building

8:15-9:00

Presentation 10. ‘Academy of Certified Archivists’

Jim Havron, Middle Tennessee State University
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

9:00-10:00

Presentation 11. ‘Utilizing New Media to Promote Archival Access and Use’

Derek Mosley, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Computer Classroom (#133), William F. Winter Building

Presentation 12. ‘Learning Archives: Archival Practice within the Context of Pedagogical Settings’

Chris D’Arpa, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign; Tomaro Taylor, University of South Florida;
Jean Carey, Safety Harbor Public Library
Nichols Room (#105), Old Capitol Museum

Presentation 13. ‘Real World Processing: The Challenges of Academic Library Collections’

Gerald Chaudron, Mattie Abraham, Ryan Semmes, Mississippi State University
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

10:00-10:15

Break

10:15-11:15

Presentation 14. ‘Marrying Memories: Wedding Traditions in Delta Collections’

Emily Jones, Margaret Swanson, Cindy Beardsley, Delta State University
Computer Classroom (#133), William F. Winter Building

Presentation 15. ‘Open-Source, Open-Access Digital Archives in the Sunshine: A Review of Current Initiatives in Florida’s Public Universities’

Kelsey Adams, Mia Tignor, James Anthony Schnur, University of South Florida
Nichols Room (#105), Old Capitol Museum

Presentation 16. ‘Archival Training Collaborative: What Difference Does It Make?’

James Williamson, Louisiana State University; Mona Vance, Columbus-Lowndes County Public Library
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

11:30-12:00

SAC Business Meeting

Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

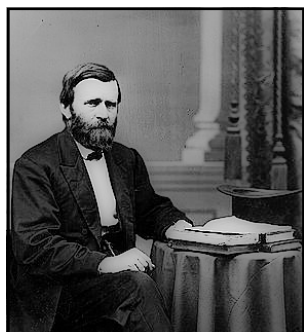
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Presentation 17. 'Connecting to Collections: Statewide Preservation Findings and Plans'

Tom Claeson, LYRASIS; Laura McLemore, Louisiana State University-Shreveport; Gerald Chaudron, Mississippi State University
Meeting Room (#135), William F. Winter Building

1:00-1:30

SMA Board Meeting



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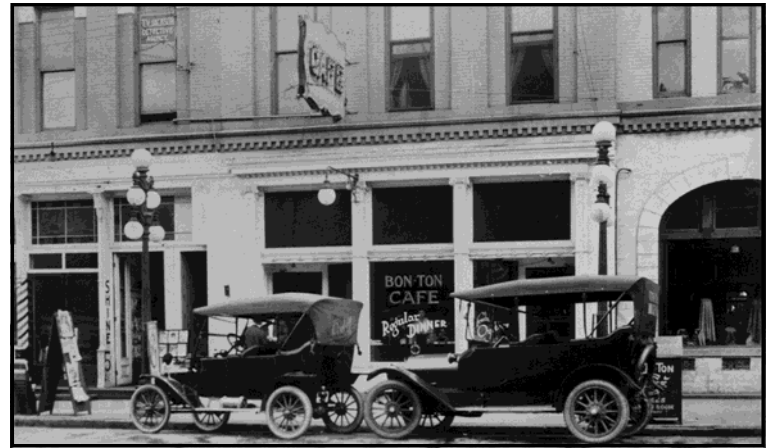
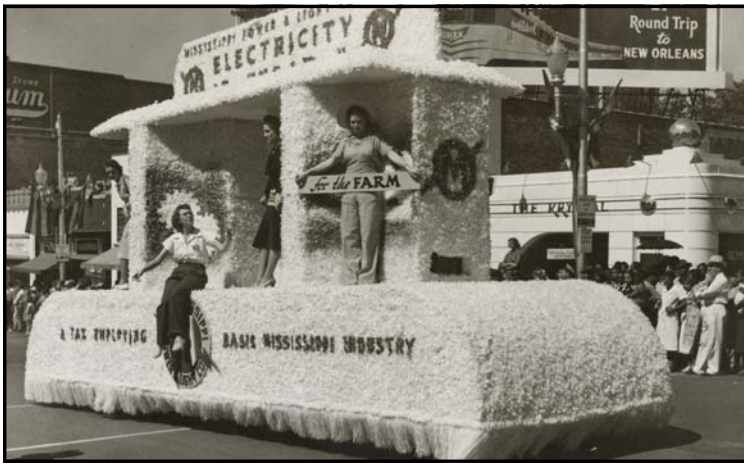
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ON THE COVER: Capitol St. looking west, circa 1935 (large photo); Capitol St. looking west (from left); Old Capitol Building, view from NW corner of State St.; New Capitol Building. ABOVE: Mississippi Power & Light parade float (top from left); The Edwards Hotel; Farish St. March 21, 1944 (bottom from left); Bon-Ton Café.



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