

# MDAH EDUCATORS E-NEWS

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## MDAH to Host Second Annual Spring Teachers Workshop at Delta State University in Cleveland

MDAH education staff will be holding their second annual Spring Teachers Workshop on Saturday, March 5, 2016. The theme of this workshop is Mississippi Innovators and Inventors, and will be held at the Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives and Museum Building at Delta State University in Cleveland from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This Mississippi Department of Archives and History Spring Workshop builds on the tradition of our long-running fall Social Studies Teachers Workshop with a spring edition in Cleveland. Our spring workshops will be

held at communities around the state to make it easier for local teachers to attend.

Mississippians have always used their resourceful spirits to adapt to life in a changing world. From the earliest of Native American creative thinkers to the visionaries of the Victorian era and beyond, these innovators and inventors remain pioneers in a range of fields, including medicine, engineering, and technology. From ship-builders to farmers, from doctors to pilots, these forerunners and developers laid a foundation that continues to inspire

future generations of creative Mississippians.

MDAH director of education Stacey Everett and assistant director of education Claire E. Gwaltney will challenge teachers to work social studies into the science classroom and vice-versa. Mark Dingledein, site archaeologist from Winterville Mounds in Greenville, will discuss the Native Americans and their technological advances in prehistoric Mississippi. Wayne Eblehar and Kenner Patton from the Mississippi State Delta Research and Extension Center will

discuss various advances in Mississippi agriculture. Dr. Douglas Bacon will address Mississippi's medical breakthroughs.

Pre-registration and a \$40 fee is required by February 29, 2016. Lunch and educational materials will be provided for attendees. A .5 CEU credit is issued through Mississippi College to those attending all workshop programs.

For registration or more information visit at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/teachers/professional-development/> or contact education staff 601-576-6800.

## Students Come Face to Face with Old Capitol History

On January 28, 2016, students got the chance to come *Face to Face with History* at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson, where they had the opportunity to meet and

interact with figures from the Mississippi Hall of Fame. Historical characters who made an appearance included the mad potter of Biloxi, George Ohr; Nellie Nugent

Somerville, the first woman to serve in the Mississippi House of Representatives; F.A. Whiting, the Keeper of the Capitol during the Civil War; and William Faulkner, Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

The annual event is held for student groups each January and is free, but reservations are required and spaces are limited. For more information, call 601-576-6920.



### Mississippi Fun Fact

On October 25, 1961, National Aeronautics and Space Administration or NASA announces the coming national rocket test site in Hancock County. Named the Mississippi Test Operations, the facility was built to test Saturn V rockets that would later take Americans to the moon during the Apollo program. The MTO was renamed several times throughout its history and is now known as the John C. Stennis Space Center.

# MDAH Education Interns Dig into Mississippi History

Over the past three years, education staff at MDAH has had the pleasure of having a steady stream of interns working with us. Coming from numerous schools inside and outside of Mississippi, these young people have often sought internships with us because of an interest in a career in the museum field or as a teacher.

For college students who hope to teach, MDAH education can offer a unique out-of-classroom experience that puts into practice much of what they learn in a college education course. While interns help out with daily and routine tasks and preparing for special programs, they also complete an independent project, usually a lesson plan. With staff help, they identify a topic of interest, research it in the state archives, choose primary source documents to highlight, and write a lesson plan incorporating what they've learned. They are also expected to align their lessons with Common Core and Mississippi Department of Education frameworks.

"My hope is that our interns will learn about what MDAH has to offer them as teachers and that they leave us with a tangible example of their work," said Claire E. Gwaltney, assistant director of education, who also supervises education interns.

Many examples of intern

work can already be found on the MDAH website. Just in the past year, Grace Allen, a recent graduate of Harding University, completed a Film Activity Packet for the Mississippi History on Loan Film *With All Deliberate Speed* for which she pulled a variety of primary source documents related to school desegregation in Mississippi, including oral histories, photographs, and newspaper articles. MDAH was also lucky enough to engage Cadi Duncan of Millsaps College and her art skills, which she used to illustrate our new *Winter Holidays Activity Packet*, a mail-out packet available upon request for students in kindergarten through second grade.

Our most recent intern, Hannah Berman, will graduate from Mississippi State University in the spring. Hannah took on numerous projects while at MDAH, including preparing a supplemental reading for our last Fall Teachers Workshop, completing a lesson plan for our forthcoming *Immigration and Culture Teaching Unit*, and creating illustrations for a coloring book on the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. Upon completion of her internship Hannah said, "I think my assigned readings and projects helped me understand how creativity works in the museum and education worlds, and its



**2015 Education Interns.** Top Left: Cadi Duncan from Millsaps College worked with the education staff during the spring semester of 2015. Left: Mississippi State University student, Hannah Berman was an intern with the education staff in the fall of 2015. Top Right: Intern Grace Allen, graduate of Harding University, interned with the education staff during the spring of 2015.

been an opportunity for me to further my knowledge and creative capabilities."

MDAH has a wealth of opportunities for college students who are interested in obtaining practical work experience. For more information on the internship

program, please contact volunteer coordinator Elizabeth Coleman at 601-576-6985 or [ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us) or visit <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/interact/get-involved/volunteer-at-mdah/>.

**2016 MDAH Summer Teachers School**  
Mississippi Department of Archives and History  
Summer Teachers School  
Teaching Mississippi's Complex History  
June 20-24, 2016  
Jackson, Mississippi

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 session. Contact [outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us) for applications and more information.

## MDAH Educators E-News

This online newsletter for teachers will be posted on the MDAH website twice a year.

If you would like to subscribe to the newsletter or have any comments or questions please email the MDAH education staff at [outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us).

# SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

## Mississippi Patent Models

Within the collection of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History are artifacts that tell of Mississippi's past. When taken alone, an artifact tells one side of a story. Dig deeper and you may find a different point of view or support for the original. Put together each version, and you are able to tell a more complete and multifaceted story. The images below are from the MDAH Museum Collection.

Our forefathers envisioned the impact of the Industrial Revolution and included the following statement in the United States Constitution granting Congress the power "to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." In 1790, Congress created a Patent Board for this purpose. Thomas Jefferson, Henry Knox, and Edmund Randolph presided over the first meeting. The 1790 patent law also required the inventor to construct a working scale model of their invention to be included with their application and drawings for inspection by the board. These scale models were required by the Patent Office through 1880.

Nineteenth-century Mississippians, like Americans everywhere, were interested in the technological advancements generated by the eighteenth-century Industrial Revolution, and rising standards of living created a demand for all sorts of labor- and time-saving machines. Several of the many patent models submitted by Mississippians to the Patent Board have found their way back to the state and are now in the MDAH Museum Division Collection.

Due to Mississippi's economy, several of the models in the collection represent agricultural tools. Before the Civil War, an enslaved person could not receive a patent on the grounds that a slave, not being a citizen, could not contract with the government nor transfer the rights of his invention to his master. However, after emancipation, the patent office issued many agricultural tool patents to former slaves. Examples of these patents by former slaves are a baling press (right) patented in 1880 by Charles Thomas Christmas of Riverton and an improvement on the screw press (lower left) patented in 1879 by Peter R. Campbell of Hurricane.

Other patent models in the collection represent household, communication, and transportation equipment. Inventions of and improvements to washing machines, stoves, telegraph machines, carburetors and railway joints show a post-Civil War improvement on the standard of living and increasing comforts in the daily lives of nineteenth-century Mississippians.



**Top:** Patented September 5, 1876, No. 182,000; Improvement in Wash-Boilers; Milas W. Teeter, Tupelo.

**Bottom:** Patented May 25, 1880, No. 228,036; Improvement in Baling-Presses; Charles Thomas Christmas, Riverton.



**Top:** Patented February 16, 1875, No. 159,919; Improvement in Stoves; Ernst W. Gram and John Nelson, Jonestown. **Left:** Patented 1879; Improvement in Screw Presses; Peter R. Campbell, Hurricane. **Right:** Patented August 21, 1860, No. 20,686; Improvement in Telegraph-Instruments; David Flannery, Jackson.



For this and more stories from our collections you can check out the MDAH Collections Blog *A Sense of Place*. <http://mdah.state.ms.us/senseofplace/>

# MISSISSIPPI VICTORIAN

While the circa-1857 Manship House Museum is undergoing restoration it is open for group tours by reservation only. Check out the Manship House blog *Mississippi Victorian* at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/mississippivictorian/> For more information call 601-961-4724.



## Second Welty Writers Workshop is Open for Students

The Eudora Welty House and Garden is excited to offer its second annual Welty Writers Workshop! The workshop will be held at the Education and Visitors Center in Jackson on June 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost to attend is \$40, but scholarships are available for students with financial hardships.

This program will give high school students in the Jackson metro area the opportunity to workshop their fiction or poetry in an environment similar to that of

a college classroom. Students will receive individualized instruction from Jamie Dickson, a creative writing teacher at Germantown High School, who holds his Master of Fine Arts from Bennington College. The application can be found on the Eudora Welty House and Garden website at [www.eudoraweltyhouse.com](http://www.eudoraweltyhouse.com). Students will also need to submit a letter of recommendation and a writing sample. Applications are due March 31 and spaces are limited.



Students work with Jamie Dickson during the first Welty Writer's Workshop in June 2015.

Please contact Isabel Gray at 601-354-5214 or [igray@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:igray@mdah.state.ms.us) with any questions.

## Thirteen Schools Compete in the 2015 Old Capitol Bowl



A record number thirteen schools competed in the 2015 Old Capitol Bowl.

Each year the Old Capitol Museum hosts the Old Capitol Bowl, a high school quiz bowl competition that tests students' knowledge of history and civics.

Started in 2012, the Old Capitol Bowl has grown from a small gathering of schools to a competitive contest. The winning school receives a trophy, medals, and their school's name is added to the Old Capitol Bowl Champions perennial plaque, hanging on the wall of the Old Capitol

classroom. This past October's competition was the largest yet, with thirteen schools from as far away as Columbus and the Gulf Coast competing for the coveted title of Old Capitol Bowl champions.

This year's winners were the students of Madison-Ridgeland Academy, who brought home their second title. Last year's champions, East Rankin Academy, came in second. The students and teachers who participated

had a great time, with many expressing interest in competing again next year. The Old Capitol Museum staff thanks everyone who attended and congratulates Madison-Ridgeland Academy for their well-earned victory.



# The Mudcat: It's Exciting News for Mississippi Kids

Have your students been reading *The Mudcat*? Since the spring of 2013, the online Mississippi history newsletter for students, has been educating and entertaining young people across the state.

Designed to quickly introduce young people to a single topic such as Native American mounds, Mississippi rivers, or Freedom Summer, each issue features between three and five articles, along with a chance to investigate more, where kids are pointed towards places to visit, books to read, and other resources that expands the history they've just read about. They also get a chance to "show what they know" with a page of vocabulary words, questions, and games. Kids also have a chance to submit a piece of catfish art may be placed on a future issue.

When asked why she wanted to start a project such as *The Mudcat*, director of education Stacey Everett replied, "I thought it would be something to make

Mississippi history fun and more accessible to younger students." *The Mudcat* has generated a great deal of interest both within and outside MDAH. Numerous staff members have contributed articles, including Claire E. Gwaltney, assistant director of education; Dorian Randall, education outreach programs coordinator; Mike Stoll of the Old Capitol Museum; and Clay Williams, historic sites administrator. Volunteer Shamera Brumfield of Starkville has written two issues, one looking at catfish in Mississippi and an upcoming issue on festivals and fairs. In 2015, *The Mudcat* received an honorable mention in the digital marketing category of the Southeastern Museum Conference's technology competition.

The latest issue of *The Mudcat* focuses on the Reconstruction period and can be found along with archived issues at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/students/the-mudcat-newsletter/>

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### Presidential Reconstruction in Mississippi

awaiting the president's reconstruction plan. The president had three requirements: **annul the secession ordinance**, adopt the Thirteenth Amendment that **abolished slavery**, and give voting and property rights to literate African American men. Former confederates also had to take amnesty oaths to re-enter the Union and receive presidential pardons. The president said those who took the oaths could elect delegates to a state constitutional convention. President Johnson made Sharkey provisional governor to direct the state's reconstruction program and **constitutional convention**.

**Andrew Johnson**  
 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
 Whereas, William Parker, late of the State of Mississippi, has been pardoned by the President of the United States, and it is the duty of the President to issue a pardon to the said William Parker, and to direct the said William Parker to re-enter the Union and receive amnesty oaths to re-enter the Union and receive presidential pardons.

Following the Civil War, newly freed black Mississippians struggled to find opportunity and equality as some whites refused to accept freedmen as equals. For many, re-entering the Union was the solution for this political and social unrest. The federal government did not recognize the state's civil government by May 1865. Governor Charles Clark, whom the U.S. military police soon arrested, appointed Whig party members William Sharkey and William Yerger to meet with President Andrew Johnson to reconstruct Mississippi's government. This left the state under U.S. military rule and

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## Groundbreaking Mississippi Art Contest

Investigate and celebrate the state by submitting your original artwork of a groundbreaking Mississippi place. Tell us what you believe is the most important, inspiring or interesting place in Mississippi. Winning entries will be displayed in the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum now under construction.

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### Groundbreaking Mississippi Art Contest 2014-15 Winners

**Austin Burkett**  
 8th Grade  
 Philadelphia Middle School

**Taliyah McKinney**  
 4th Grade  
 Winona Elementary School

## Check Out the MDAH Online Teacher Resources

Visit the MDAH website to find lessons and teaching units based on primary sources for multiple subjects and grades 3–12. Free to download, each lesson includes scans of primary source documents and is aligned to the Mississippi Department of Education Frameworks and the College and Career Readiness Standards. Visit <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/classroom-materials/lesson-plans-and-teaching-units/>.