MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

SERIES 2176/BOX 8773

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The series contains a photograph album of sixty-eight black and white 5 x 7 inch prints depicting general health activities throughout Mississippi. The prints are arranged by subject: State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, County Health Camp for Tuberculosis Patients, Medical and Popular Health Education, Sanitation, Malaria, Child Health Conferences, Dental Hygiene, Maternity Center, Midwifery, Protection against Communicable Disease, Child Health Day Program, and Home Visits by Public Health Nurse. Most of the photographs are not dated but are believed to have been taken in the 1930s.

Subjects that can be addressed within this Digital Archive:

- Public health in early twentieth-century Mississippi
- Midwifery
- Tuberculosis and tuberculosis sanatoriums and preventoriums
- Health education
- Sanitation
- Mosquito prevention
- Proper methods of water drainage
- Dental hygiene
- Communicable diseases
- Home visits by public health nurses

Directions: Use items from the MDAH Digital Archive entitled Mississippi State Department of Health Photograph Album found at http://da.mdah.ms.gov/series/msdh/2176 to analyze and interpret the following items.

Note: Navigate to items by going to http://da.mdah.ms.gov/series/msdh/2176, clicking on the first picture, and then entering the desired item number in the box below the image.

Questions:

1. **Navigate to Item 20 (top), Item 45 (bottom), and Item 47 (top).** The first image shows a walkway filled with water and debris in front of a home. The second image shows a nurse visiting a child at home. The third image shows a nurse using a plank bridge to visit with a person sitting in the window. What do all these homes have in common? How could this lead to disease?

2. **Navigate to Item 20.** This page shows a walkway to a home before and after a drainage ditch is added. Discuss the change in environment with the addition of a drainage ditch. How would the ditch have changed the living conditions of the residents nearby?

3. **Navigate to Item 18 (bottom).** The caption on the bottom image reads "Making screen doors on a plantation." This could imply that working hours were used to make and install screen doors and windows on the homes of tenant farmers. If this was the case, what would have been the motivation of the plantation owner to allow or finance this installation?

4. **Navigate to Item 31 and Item 35.** The first page shows images of white women being assessed in the maternity center at a health facility. The second page shows African American children recently vaccinated standing on a porch. Discuss how segregation and racism affected health care in Mississippi in the 1930s.

5. **Navigate to Item 37.** This page shows images of nurses assisting patients at outdoor health clinics. What would have been the pros and cons of holding a health clinic outside in the 1930s?