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Hugh Reid Miller Collection

The **Hugh Reid and Susan Walton Miller Family Papers** will be opened to researchers on **July 18**. Hugh Miller, born in South Carolina in 1813, married Susan Gray Walton of Cotton Gin Port, Mississippi, in 1839, and the couple had two children, George and Edwin Hugh. The Millers settled in Pontotoc County, where Hugh Miller practiced law (1835-39), then served in the Mississippi House of Representatives (1841-43) and as circuit judge of the seventh district. In 1854, he helped organize the **Pontotoc Male Academy** and in 1860 was elected as a delegate to the State Convention, where he was one of the **"Committee of Fifteen"** who drafted the Ordinance of Secession. In March, 1861, he organized the **"Pontotoc Minutemen"** (Company G, Second Regiment, Mississippi Infantry) and in 1862 organized the **Forty-Second Regiment, Mississippi Infantry**. He died in 1863 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, as a result of wounds sustained at

the battle of Cemetery Hill. Both of his sons also fought in the Civil War.

This collection tells, primarily through correspondence between
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Hugh Reid and Susan Walton Miller

Lucy Somerville Howorth: New Deal Lawyer, Politician, and Feminist from the South:

a new biography by Dorothy S. Shawhan and Martha H. Swain from LSU Press. Available from the Old Capitol Shop, William F. Winter Building, Jackson, or call 601-576-6921 to order. Cloth, \$42.95



JULY EVENTS

Jackson

William F. Winter Building, 200 North Street

History Is Lunch: Wednesdays, noon-1 pm

July 12: Rock 'n Roller Andy Anderson, lead singer of 1960s Mississippi bands the Rolling Stones and the Dawnbreakers, will share photos, music, and stories from his early touring, recording days.

July 26: Michael Seymour, landscape architecture professor at Mississippi State University, will speak on **"Victorian Gardening in Mississippi and Louisiana,"** with special attention to the Manship House garden in Jackson.

Coffee and bottled water are made available. For more information, call 601-576-6857.



Andy Anderson (Photo courtesy Andy Anderson and MDAH)

**Temporary Exhibits, Museum of Mississippi History
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm; Saturday 8am-1 pm**

The Home Tie Is the Blood Tie The Eudora Welty House opens to the public: biographical text, photos, and artifacts.

Artifact of the Month German WWI helmets (war trophies)

The Alfred Holt Stone Collection of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History documents and photographs

The Heritage of Mississippi Series background, featuring latest volume, Stephen Cresswell's *Rednecks, Redeemers, and Race: Mississippi after Reconstruction, 1877-1917*.

Manship House Museum, 420 East Fortification Street

Summer Workshops for Children. Learn about life in the nineteenth century through crafts and hands-on activities. For ages five to twelve Mondays, 10-11 a.m. **July 10, 17, 24**, at the Manship House Museum, Jackson. Free of charge, reservations required. For information or reservations, call 601-961-4724.

Greenville

Winterville Mounds, 2415 Highway 1 North

Winterville Adventures, a series of workshops for children ages six to twelve. Monday-Friday, July 10-14, 10 a.m.-noon. Free of charge, for more information call 662-334-4684.

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Winterthur Workshops July–Nov

One-day Workshops for Cultural Institutions are open to individuals caring for collections that are open to the public. Sessions include a lecture and demonstration followed by hands-on exercises. Resource information will be distributed. Pre-registration is required. Sessions will be held at the Jefferson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College 9–4.

July 13 – books, manuscripts, and art-on-paper

September 21 – paintings and painted surfaces

October 12 – objects (glass, metal, ceramic, leather)

November 16 – furniture and wooden objects

Half-day Saturday Workshops for Mississippi Residents

are open to any Mississippi resident with a private collection damaged or at risk for future storm-related damage. Participants will learn how to stabilize damaged objects and seek further help. Sessions will be held at the Margaret S. Sherry Memorial Library, Biloxi, 9:30–noon.

October 14 – objects (glass, metal, ceramic, leather) focus

November 18 – furniture and wooden objects

These free workshops are sponsored by the Winterthur Museum, University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation, and MDAH with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. To register, and for more information, please call Eleana Pope at 601-576-6879.

Hugh Reid Miller Collection, cont'd

Hugh Reid and his wife Susan, of Miller's military service, particularly his command of the "Pontotoc Minute Men" and the Forty-Second Regiment, Mississippi Infantry. Political and professional papers and financial records are among other areas covered in the collection, which comprises seven cubic feet. Of particular interest are **annotated typescripts** prepared by one of the collection donors, Robert F.

Thompson, of Jackson. The Department of Archives and History is grateful to Thompson and to the other donors, Virginia Thompson Munford of Jackson, Charles C. Thompson III of Elizabethtown, New York, and William Clark Thompson of Nashville, Tennessee. For more information, call 601-576-6889 or visit mdah.state.ms.us. (Photographs loaned courtesy Robert F. Thompson.)



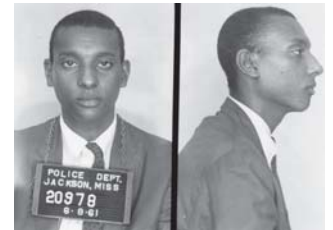
Dora Magee Roell, center, donated to MDAH a collection of family papers dating to the early 1800s. Pictured are (l-r) Alanna Patrick, MDAH director of paper archives; Roell's nephew Ben Magee; and Betty Uzman, MDAH manuscripts curator.

Sov. Comm. Photos Rescanned

MDAH staff members have rescanned photographs in the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission Records using a high-quality scanner and have posted the images on the MDAH Web site, mdah.state.ms.us. MDAH invites researchers to visit the online Sovereignty Commission papers and use the "Photograph Search" to access the improved images. The Commission was the

state's official segregation watchdog agency from 1956 to 1973. The collection consists of approximately 133,000 pages of material, including 913 photographs.

Below (top), mug shot of Stokely Carmichael and (bottom) demonstrator (Edgar Downing folder).



July Events, cont'd

Natchez

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, 400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.

Summer Videos: 3 p.m. Tuesday July 11 (*Nomadic Indians of the West*) and 25 (*The Northwest*). Free of charge. For information, call 601-446-6502.