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Thanks in part to Helen Clunie, a member of Norvell Robertson Chapter, Hattiesburg, Miss., the archives of life-long genealogy enthusiast Hilda Formby Hoffman will be preserved. Hoffman served as a civilian courier for U.S. Navy during World War II and also worked as a legal secretary.



Helen Clunie helped ensure the preservation of her friend Hilda Hoffman's genealogical archives.

Before Hoffman passed away on July 4, 2010, she expressed her hope that her archived research, comprised of hundreds of boxes of files, be maintained and kept close to its origin, Pearl River County, Miss. Two of her close friends, Mrs. Clunie and Sara Sheldon of San Antonio, Texas, took temporary charge of the files until a permanent home could

be found. The Hilda Hoffman Memorial Archive Inc. was established to collect funds for a facility. There are also plans to digitize the files to make them more easily available to interested parties. Recently, a donation from Mrs. Clunie enabled the group to secure space to house the collection in a building in Picayune, Miss. The facility, to be named the Helen Clunie Heritage Library, will also include a museum component. To that end, the organization has begun collecting historic

artifacts and mementos to display. Picayune Mayor Ed Pinero and City Manager Jim Luke voiced support for the project.