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HELEN CLUNIE GIVES PROGRAM ON JIMMIE RODGERS AT HILDA HOFFMANN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE

By Don Wicks
Archive News

HELEN CLUNIE, Board Member and founder, graced us with a presentation on Jimmie Rodgers at our State of the Organization meeting held on Saturday, January 24, 2015. We're not talking about the current Jimmie Rodgers, but the one who preceded him in the early 1900's. (The Country singer who was known for his yodeling.)



Helen's interest in Jimmie was that he was friends with her father and had traded him with a heavy gold watch chain for a lighter one which she still has in her possession today.

Known as the "Singing Brakeman", Jimmy was born in 1897. His mother died when he was very young and he went to live with his father, a maintenance foreman on the Mobile and Ohio railroad in Meridian, Mississippi. As a water boy with his father's crew then a brakeman for the NONE, he attained the infamous title.

Jimmie loved singing and entertaining and had a wanderlust for the road. At age 27 he contracted tuberculosis, which hampered his career somewhat, but when he felt fit (even though he wasn't) he performed.

Living in Ashville, Tennessee, in 1927, he performed with his group, the Tennessee Ramblers for the first radio station WWNC in the area and was dubbed as a "winner" by the local newspaper.

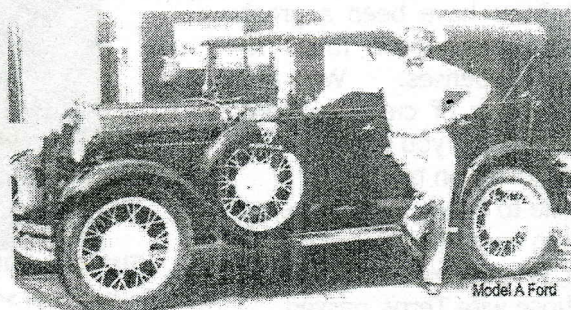
The Victor Talking Machine Company recorded him that same year with Sleep Baby Sleep and The Soldier's Sweetheart, with modest success. Later that year Victor released four more songs, T for Texas rocketed him to stardom. Several years later he did a movie short called the "Singing Brakeman."

In 1930 he recorded Blue Yodel #9 (Standin on the Corner) with Louie Armstrong. In 1932, his last recordings, his TB was taking it toll. He stopped touring and was contented with a weekly radio show in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1933, Rodgers traveled to New York, recording four songs, he ran out of energy. He came back and recoded several songs plus Mississippi Delta Blues. For his last song of the session, Jimmie recorded Years Ago by himself, finishing as he had started six years earlier, just a man and his guitar.

Within 36 hours, "The Father of Country Music" was dead.

Should you be in the Meridian, Mississippi area, make an effort to stop at the Jimmie Rodgers Museum it is well worth seeing.



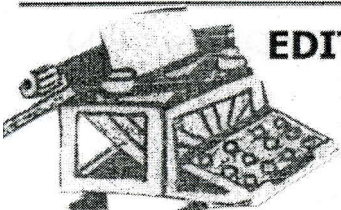
JIMMIE RODGERS MUSEUM

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EDITORS NOTE

We do apologize that we are a little late in getting the first issue of the New Year out to you. Due to sicknesses, deaths and the like it could not be helped.

We hope none of you and/or yours were affected with the flu going around as well as measles and whooping cough, due to the terrible weather that has many also affected lately with sinus, bronchitis, and arthritis due to the over-abundance of pollen.....

Our THANKS go to all of you for sending in your dues on a timely manner and those of you who also generously donate, it is really appreciated and helps more than you know.

We are pleased at your response to our request to let us know the families you are researching.

The first part of the year is very lean for the Archive and we must think of ways to create more money coming into the Archive. And so, we had our yard sale March 28th the same time as the City of Picayune has it's Street Fair, which was a week earlier, because of an early Easter. Our Yard Sale did not prove as successful this year as in the past, but we did make \$165, which is more than we would have had. The Yard Sales have been a great way to add the needed funds to help meet expenses. We are looking for ways of creating more income, if any of you have ideas, please pass them on to us.....

We'd like to express our sincere sympathy to our HHMA Board Chairman, Wade Stewart and family, whose wife Terry, passed away February 28th. She was a very special person to many of us.....

Marilyn Weston and the Archive staff:
Gloria Penton, Don Wicks, Helen Hunter
Knight & Annette James.....

"Perks in reaching old age"-
Your joints are more accurate
meteorologists than the National
Weather Service."

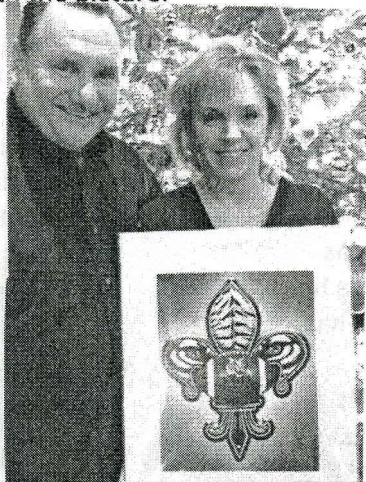
OLD-RARE ARCHAIC WORD

PALFREY: Riding horse, especially one used by a lady.

Our Treasurer and Board Member, Lorraine Harper found a Saints/LSU picture at a very reduced price. She had a real problem, because her family is all "big fans" of both the Saints and LSU, she could not decide who would be the lucky person without choosing favorites.

She had an idea that would solve her dilemma and a way she could also personally raise extra money to donate to the Archive, so after consulting two of her nieces, it was decided to hold an auction at Christmas when the large family was all together.

The auction was not only fun, but the winning bid of \$100 was made by Julie & Greg Riedl shown with the picture.



THANKS LORRAINE, JULIE & GREG!

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JANUARY

"ARCHIVE" VISITORS

We appreciate and thank the 6
Picayune, Carriere, & Slidell, LA
visitors for stopping by and
checking us out.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING HELD JAN. 24TH



Hilda Hoffmann Memorial
Archive, Inc., hosted it's yearly
General Meeting at 301 Williams
Avenue, Picayune, Mississippi
on January 24th at 1 p.m.

A nice crowd was present and enjoyed hearing about Jimmie Rogers, *the Singing Brakeman* given by Helen Clunie.

Officers presented their "State of the Organization" reports.

After the meeting, an assortment of snacks was provided and members visited with each other.

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THANKS JIM LUKE FOR THE
DONATION OF THE TWO
COPIES OF YOUR BOOK, "THE
GOOD YEARS ON GOODYEAR
BOULEVARD".

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DID YOU KNOW????

A Penny is not only good for your thoughts or might bring you luck, it is also good for bee or hornet stings. Place copper penny on sting & put tape over it to hold it down for 15 minutes – you can see the spot, but no redness or swelling- Something in the copper penny that works...*(so they say)*

**A BIG HELLO & WELCOME TO
NEW JANUARY MEMBER:**

PERRY ROACH FROM SLIDELL,
LOUISIANA WHO JOINED US
JANUARY 15TH WHEN HE AND
JOSEPH KELLER VISITED US.

**THANK YOU & WELCOME TO
NEW JANUARY DONOR
MEMBER, CYNTHIA CRADDOCK
FROM BAKER, LOUISIANA.**

Getting Acquainted with our Newest Board Member

"SPOTLIGHT ON"



BILL EDWARDS

We are so pleased to have Bill Edwards join our HHMA Board of Directors and would like to introduce him to those of you who have not met him.

Bill was born in Northern Wisconsin but moved to New Orleans during his mid-teens where he graduated from high school. After high school, Bill served four years in the U.S. Air Force in Germany and the Alaskan Aleutian Islands as an electronics communications specialist.

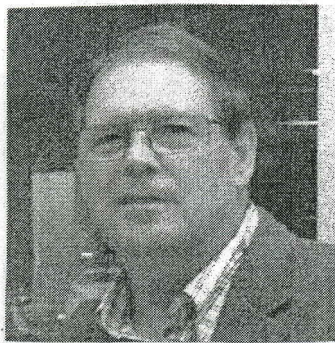
Upon completion of active duty with the Air Force Bill earned a B.A. degree in Foreign Language and a Master's Degree in Education. Bill spent 30 years in the field of education as a teacher, administrator and educational technologist.

Since retiring from education in 2002, Bill has worked with his wife Sally (a local artist) in their own business, SalBill, LLC. as a Photo/Video Journalist and Electronic Media Production Specialist.

Since 2003 Bill has worked in the media production field specializing in the production of event videos and website development with emphasis on short form video productions. Bill has filmed over 100 Events around

the state of Mississippi, over 40 on the Picayune area alone.

Recently, Bill's major goal has been to document Picayune area events which highlight the many positive aspects of living in our area. To support this effort, Bill has developed and hosts the Picayune, MS Community Events page found at (www.facebook.com/PicayuneEvents) note: do not space after Picayune. This Page currently receives nearly 10,000 views per week.



Bill is a member of The Greater Picayune Arts Council, The Pearl River Arts League, Hilda Hoffman Memorial Archive Inc., and the Pearl River County Genealogy Club. Bill became interested in Genealogy when he decided to research family members on his mother's side from Kentucky. Having been born in the north Bill soon discovered he had southern roots since both his mother and father's family originated in the south. Through a nephew, Bill also found that he has an indirect link to Picayune since his nephew's great grandmother was from Picayune. In the future, Bill would like to see all the Historical and Genealogy Clubs and Society's of Pearl River County come together in a convention of sorts at least once a year to share ideas and information.

Bill is married to local artist Sally Werner Edwards, and they have one daughter and three grand-children. Bill and Sally are

members of St. Charles Catholic church and both served on the school board for two years during the formation of the school.

Education: Post Graduate Work in Educational Administration, Educational Technology, and Environmental Science Cox Cable Local Access station training - Certificate M. Ed. Education, B.A. Spanish & German.

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OLD TIME ILLNESS:

"Grippe or Grip": influenza like symptoms.

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OLD HOME REMEDY: Ginger Tea with shot of whiskey - drink it scalding hot (for cold or flu).

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ABBREVIATED GIVEN NAMES

Gilbert: Gilbt, Gilrt

Vincent: Vinc^t, Vinc^{nt}

COMMON NICKNAMES

Alexandria: Alex, Lexie, Alla

Calvin: Cal, Vin, Vinny

Dorothy: Dolly, Dot, Dotty

Edwin: Ed, Ned, Win

Hester: Hessa, Esther, Hetty

Oswald: Ossy, Ozzy, Waldo

VARIABLE NAME SPELLINGS

DIXON: Dickson, Dixson

NEASE: Neice, Neece, Neese

SHEPARD: Shepherd

WHEELER: Wheler, Wheelor

THANK YOU-THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS IT'S SO APPECIATED

Mike Fitzwilliam

James Fleming

Ernest Serpas

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Don't compare your life to others - You have no idea what their journey is all about.

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FEBRUARY- ARCHIVE VISITORS

We were delighted to see the visitor total picked up in February. Volunteers greeted 11 total visitors from local & surrounding counties , plus 1 visitor from Monmouth, Illinois that was visiting with a sister.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift. (Regina Brett)

QUARTERLY SENIOR CITIZEN TEST QUESTION

RELAX, CLEAR YOUR MIND AND PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTION.....

If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks, what is a green house made from?

GOT YA! "GREENHOUSES ARE MADE FROM GLASS" - NOT GREEN BRICKS!!!!

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## MEMORIES.....

Pixie pic-up sticks; Dippity-do setting gel; Evening in Paris Cologne in Purple Bottles; Glass tipped fuses & candy cigarettes.

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**Memories shared are blessings that keep on giving.**

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## SOME THINGS I HAVE LEARNED IN THE SOUTH

Once and Twice are words.....  
It is not a shopping cart, it is a buggy!!!!  
Fixinto is one word. It means, I'm fixing to do that.

There is no such thing as lunch. There is only dinner and then there is supper.

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We wish to thank Sara Sheldon for her \$200 donation in memory of Terry Stewart, member and wife of HHMA Board Chm., Wade Stewart.



## VOLUNTEERS WEAR MANY HATS!!!!

We are proud to introduce you to

Part-Time Volunteer:

Helen Hunter Knight

Although born in Houston, Texas and very proud of that heritage, Helen has deep roots in Picayune and Pearl River County,, Mississippi.



Her grandparents were William David and CWilla Agnes Prisock Cammack of Picayune, Mississippi, and their home became known as the "Cammack House".

Built in 1910 and bought in 1928, it is reported to be perhaps the second oldest home in this city. Helen's mother, Jamie Cammack Hunter Frierson inherited the home after Mrs. Cammack's death. Then to Helen and her sister after their mother's passing. It was sold in Feb. of 2009. It remains a proud structure of this city.

After retiring from a career in retail, Helen joined the Archives in 2011 and became a volunteer because of the history her family has in this community. There were hundreds of pictures, news clippings, letters, postcards, documents and other rich sources of information about Pearl River County found in the Cammack home which we are trying to preserve, Helen has said.

Helen is married to Tim A. Knight who hails from Soso, Mississippi and as a Knight he has a very long, deep history in Jones

County. Helen and her husband own a farm in the Salem Community where they bred, raised and trained Arabian pleasure and show horses. Now retired from the breeding and showing aspects of the business, they still have three beautiful Arabian horses and two comical donkeys. She calls them her "lawn ornaments".

Helen is also a member of the Pearl River County Historical Society and serves on their board of directors. She is a supporter of the soon to be opened Historical Museum on the third floor of Picayune City Hall. She is also a volunteer with the Pearl River County SPCA shelter, working with the cats there and has several of her own at home.

Animals are a true passion of hers and she is also a member of the year old group known as Animal Advocates of Pearl River County, (AAPRC) which is doing great things to help combat animal abuse and educate the public on animal issues in our county and Mississippi. She said, New members are always welcome.

**NOTE:** Helen has been a part-time volunteer since we started and contributes two to three hours every Wednesday working with Don Wicks and Annette James. We welcome anyone that can give us only a few hours a day as well as full-time volunteers.

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## ARCHAIC OCCUPATION

**TERM:**

"SAWBONES" : Physician

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## MARCH ARCHIVE VISITORS

Volunteers again welcomed 11 visitors to the archive for the month of March.

James Fleming a member since December 2010, had not visited the Archive in quite some time and found it hard to believe at how much it had grown and enlarged since he was here last. Please feel free to drop in on us any day Monday through Friday from 10-3.



**TERRY LOTT STEWART (#020)**  
passed away Saturday, February 28th at age 69. Terry was a member since March 2011, and the wife of Wade Stewart, HHMA Board Chairman. She was a member of Heritage United Methodist Church and The Eastern Star. Many of the HHMA members shall remember her courage during the last few years.

We are saddened to report that during the past three months we have had many members who have died. There are also several of our members who have lost spouses, children and/or parents also during this time period. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of their families. Please let us know if we have missed anyone's death.

## OBITUARIES:

**ROSEMARY (FAULK) LOVELL (#139)**  
**passed away Monday, March 9th**  
**at age 87.** Rosemary was a  
 member since April 2012. A friend  
 and fellow genealogist with Hilda  
 Hoffmann, who had just recently  
 donated 12 feet of family histories  
 and other genealogical material to  
 HHMA Archive & Library.

**DAVID H. STOCKSTILL(#052)** passed away Saturday, February 21st at age 77. David was a member since April 2011. He was a prominent local historian, Educator, Musician, and Theologist. He was a key figure in securing our Train Depot and Railroad Museum. He always gave more than asked.

**HUEY PIERCE STOCKSTILL, SR.(#128)** passed away **Wednesday February 4th** at age **79**. Huey has been a member since January 2012. Huey a well-known native of Picayune, Mississippi was the founder of Huey Stockstill, Inc. and was a member of New Palestine Baptist Church. He leaves behind wife Gayle of 60 years, children and grand children.

**ADRIAN "COLT" RICHBOURG** passed away Sunday, December 7th at age 62. "Colt" was the son of **Mildred Penton Richbourg (#033)** a member since December 2011. Mildred just lost her husband only about two months prior to Colt's death. Colt leaves behind a wife and sons and a brother, Randy.

**CECIL ALICE (AMACKER) WALLEY**  
passed away Wednesday, January  
7th at age 98. . Cecil's son, Billy  
Walley (#074) has been a member  
since June 2011.

**MARTIN T. SMITH (#007)** passed away in his home Thursday, February 26th, at age 80. Martin was a member since March 2012. He was a well-known long-time city of Poplarville and Pearl River Central Board of Trustees attorney. Martin was often called upon to give HHMA legal advice in the forming and maintaining of our organization. He was related to many of our board and members.

She was a resident of the Crossroads Community and a lifelong member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church; and a member and Past Worthy Patron of Chapter 100, Order of the Eastern Star of Poplarville.

*It's faith in something  
and enthusiasm for  
something that makes life  
worth living  
(Oliver Wendell Holmes)*



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

Family & Surname Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed) Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed) Volunteer: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please share my contact information (with other members only): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Send Newsletter Emailed: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### SAMPLE :

Hilda Hoffmann (Renew 2/9/16)  
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Picayune, Mississippi 39466

← This date tells you when it's "time to renew"

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2 YR TERM

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| Sara D. SHELDON | 1/2014-1/2016 |
| Wade STEWART    | 1/2014-1/2016 |
| Don WICKS       | 1/2014-1/2016 |

#### VOLUNTEERS - Daily 10 am - 3 pm

Chairman: Gloria PENTON  
Monday: Clara Howard  
Tuesday: Lorraine Harper  
Wednesday: Don Wicks -  
Wed.P.M.: Helen Knight & Annette James  
Thursday: Gloria Penton  
Friday: Mae Foster  
"Temp" Volunteer: Marilyn Weston  
On Leave: Marsha Ladner

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Website: <http://hildahoffmanarchivew.com>  
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