

HILDA HOFFMAN

MEMORIAL

ARCHIVE, INC.



CLUNIE/HOFFMANN

HERITAGE

LIBRARY

Apr-May-Jun 2015

Telephone: 601-799-5671 - email: hhma1908@att.net

Volume 8 - Page 1

MAY is "MOTHER'S DAY"

Probably one of the most popular days of the month of May is "MOTHER'S DAY", celebrated the second Sunday in May. All the credit goes to Anna Jarvis who worked faithfully from 1905 when her mother died until in 1915 when it became officially nationwide holiday, to succeed in commemorating the day as a memorial day for mothers alive and dead. Since that time, many Poems and songs have been written about Mothers and their day.

Through the years the wearing of carnations became a time-honored tradition thanks to President William McKinley, who wore a white carnation on his lapel. It became a habit for White carnations to signify a deceased mother, while red signified a living mother.

According to job titles that best describe a mother's work include: housekeeper, cook, maid, janitor, chauffeur, secretary, bookkeeper, laundress, CEO, psychologist, facilities manager, nursemaid, day care worker, teacher, and more.

SPIERS INDIAN HERITAGE IN PEARL RIVER COUNTY

My paternal grandmother, Maggie S. Spiers (1872 - 1963) was born in Citronelle Alabama. In 1902, she moved to Pearl River County and married Samuel "Slaydon" Spiers in McNeill.

During 1976, her son (my Uncle), Pat H. Spiers (1910 - 1983), wrote a book of poems entitled, "Just Coasting". One of the poems in this book was, "Mother". In this writing Pat reveals a family secret: Although Maggie's father was a dashing Irish young man, Maggie's mother, his maternal grandmother, was a beautiful Choctaw Indian maid. Her grandfather, you see was a full blooded Indian Chief.

Pat states that Maggie was ashamed of her Indian Heritage because, while growing up in poverty and despair (in a logging camp), other children taunted her about this. However, as she matured, she learned to hold her head high and to walk tall. She became a proud independent woman, who always worked hard.

I knew my grandmother as an old wrinkled lady with high cheekbones and gray/white hair. It was said that when Maggie was younger, she had dark hair, black eyes, and noble features; a beautiful lady. She had a distinct smile that created a certain mystique about her. She was obviously a woman of pride that kept her family history a secret until the very end of her life.

During the period of 1930 to 1950, while I was growing up in Pearl River County, nothing was ever mentioned in our family about an Indian Heritage. Obviously, my family did not know about it or perhaps did not readily acknowledge such things in those days.

*By Jack Spiers
February 13, 2012*



About 1933
Maggie S. Spiers
and granddaughter,
Myrna Carol Lea

JUNE is FATHER'S DAY

Another famous day in the month of June is "Father's Day" and Mrs. John Bruce Dodd is known as the founder of the day since June 1910. Although while it was known to be celebrated over the years from 1916 through 1945, Congress passed Public Law 92-278 enacting Father's Day as a National Holiday to be observed the third Sunday in June. Since there are "Father of the Year" awards in various states.

A poem that I received many years ago, Author Unknown
WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagles flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
Then God combined these qualities when there was nothing more
to add, He knew his masterpiece complete,
And so, He called it "DAD".....

CHECKERS

A personal story (revised 03/26/1999)

By Jack Spiers

I grew up in McNeill, Mississippi, during the Great Depression. Since most men were unemployed, they would usually go to Uncle Pat's (Pat Spiers) store each day and idle their time away by sitting around and talking. Checker playing got started as a pastime and a number of men began to spend most of their day playing or observing checkers being played.

They didn't have the money to buy a checker board. So they constructed one out of waste corrugated paper board with lines marked with pencil and squares colored with crayons. Metal soft drink bottle tops were used for the checkers. I don't remember but there must have been different color tops such as Coca-Cola or Barq's Root Beer used by opposing players.

My father (Robert Slaydon Spiers) used to play checkers a lot. "Preacher" Arthur Philips was reputed to be one of the best players in town. There were always play-offs to determine who the better players were.

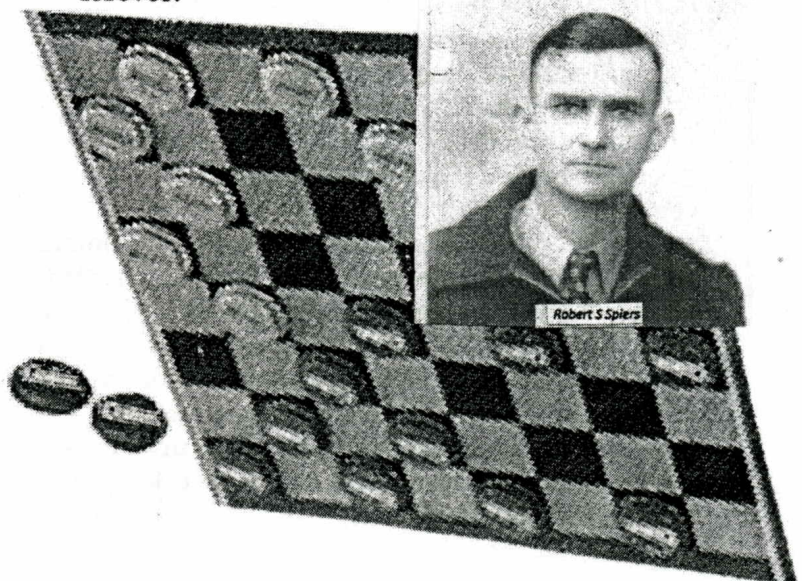
My father was excellent at checkers. I would play him when I was growing up but I could never beat him. However, he taught me a lot about the game.

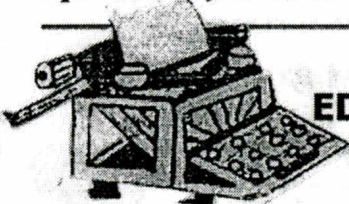
When I became an adult and lived in New Orleans, there were some checker games at work. I would play once in a while during lunch time and got enough experience to hold my own against some good players. I felt confident that I had become fairly proficient at the game.

It was with this experience that I went back to daddy and offered to play him a "little" game. Daddy was willing to play although he professed to be very rusty because he had not played in a long time, didn't remember many moves, couldn't see very well, and numerous other invalid excuses.

When we began play, he gave me the advantage of the first move. I quickly proceeded to get ahead by two men. I could not help but taunt daddy about his being rusty because of his age rather than not playing in a while. He then nonchalantly replied that indeed he could win any time he wanted. He was simply wanting to see if I had learned anything since I was a kid. My boldness soared and I told him that it was impossible for him to win. He then astounded me by proceeding to show me at least two ways in which he could make a series of moves that would put him one man *ahead*. After that he could quickly swap me man-for-man and win. Needless to say, I was quite humbled... I didn't win that day.

Playing checkers with daddy was invariably a challenge and I don't recall ever winning a checker game against him even though I tried many times through the years. Playing him was always a memorable pleasure through which I will treasure forever.





EDITORS NOTE

We trust that all Mother's had a wonderful Mother's Day with your families or someone. We would like to wish all the Father's out there a very "Happy Father's Day, with Father's Day to be here on June 21st.

Our Treasurer, Lorraine Harper has reminded all of us that we must think of ways to create more money coming into the Archive to meet our expenses. We hope some of you will pass on any money making ideas that you may have tried in clubs or organizations that you may belong too.

Again we would like to THANK all of you for sending in your dues in a timely manner. We are very grateful to those of you who also have so generously donated, it is greatly appreciated.

A special "THANKS" to Sara Sheldon for her donation to help on mailing expenses for the "Archive News."

We hope you enjoy our "Archive News" this time and God willing we'll be back again in September.

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

ARCHIVE WORK DAY – JUNE 16TH

We would like to THANK all of the Volunteers and Board Members that were helping during "Work Day" at the Archive. They put the yard in order, trimmed, sprayed for weeds, cleaned up & put plants in planters, and painted the back ramp.

Thanks also to Lorraine Harper and Sara Shedon for donating to help with the expense.

* * * * *

DID YOU KNOW???

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.....

* * * * *

OLD-RARE ARCHAIC WORD
DAFFADOWNDILLY:

An Archaic & poetic variation on daffodil, the yellow or white spring flower.

APRIL "ARCHIVE" VISITORS

We appreciate and thank the 3 visitors from Picayune & Carriere for stopping by and checking us out. We were delighted to see our 4th visitor and newer HHMA member, Caroline Bonner who came from Heidelberg, MS. to visit.

~<+>~<+>~<+>~<+>~<+>~<+>~
THANKS TO MIRIAM VAN SCOTER
FOR HER DONATION OF SIX "LIKE
BRAND NEW BOOKS":

**SHIP PASSENGER LISTS; THE
PROMINENT FAMILIES OF THE
U.S.A.; SEVENTEENTH CENTURY
COLONIAL ANCESTORS OF MEMBERS
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
COLONIAL DAMES XVII CENTURY
1915-1975 & A SECOND BOOK
ENTITLED THE SAME ONLY WITH
SUPPLEMENTS FOR 1975-1988; THE
RESEARCHERS GUIDE TO AMERICAN
GENEALOGY & THE GENEALOGISTS
ADDRESS BOOK.**

**THANKS ALSO TO LOIS DOSSETT,
WHO DONATED SEVERAL "BUSY
BEE HOMEMAKERS SCRAP-BOOKS
AND OTHER INFORMATION...**

~<+>~<+>~<+>~<+>~<+>~<+>~

MY APOLOGY to "Mac" McDonald, and sorry for any inconvenience to anyone regarding the "typo" error in our Web Site address on the last page of the Jan-Feb-Mar "Archive News". Thanks Mac for bringing it to my attention. We listed it as:

<http://hildahoffmanarchivew.com>

HHMA'S WEBSITE SHOULD HAVE

READ:

<http://hildahoffmanarchive.com>

.....Marilyn Weston

[illegible]

ARCHAIC OCCUPATION:

"Pettifogger"- Shyster Lawyer

[illegible]

YARD SALE
WE DESPERATLY NEED
ITEMS FOR OUR
UP-COMING YARD SALE

YEP! We need to have another Yard Sale come first Saturday in November to help put money in the till, and desperately need your help.

**WE NEED ANYTHING OR
EVERYTHING IN WORKING ORDER
THAT IS NOT CHIPPED OR BROKEN
DONATED – BUT PLEASE NO
CLOTHING**

Feel free to drop off articles at
any time during our open hours:
Mon thru Friday – 10 AM – 3 PM

Won't you please help NOW!
Please don't wait until the last minute..

We judge ourselves by what we feel
capable of doing, while others judge
us by what we have already done.

(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

ABBREVIATED GIVEN NAMES

Franklin - Franklⁿ, Frankⁿ

Andrew – Andr^w , And^w

COMMON NICKNAMES

Albert: Al, Bert, Elbert
Alexandria: Alex, Lexie, Alla
Cecilia: Celia, Cissy
Jacob: Jake, Jay, Jaap
Lucille: Lu, Lou, Cille, Lucy
Michael: Mike, Mick, Micky

VARIABLE NAME SPELLINGS

GRAY: Grey, Graye, Grae
 PYLE: Pile, Piles, Pyles
 ROWE: Roe, Row, Wroe, Wro

4 JUNE VISITORS from 6/1-6/11:
included Bill Leamont, Ernie
Lovell, Nancy Crowe and Jack
Spiers from local & surrounding
areas, we thank you, please
come back soon.....

HISTORIC DONATION

The Hermitage, located at the confluence of East and West Hobolochitto (Boley Creek) in the Northwest corner of Picayune is considered our birthing place. Stephan Jarrell purchased the land from the Choctaws circa. 1811. Moses Cook then bought the property in the 1830's, then willed it to his manager Leonard Kimball. On a raised bluff bordering the river stands the home built by Leonard, uncle of Eliza Jane Poitevent Holbrook Kimball. Eliza's surname was Pearl Rivers, the poet who was raised here and became the owner and editor of the Daily Picayune (1872-1896). She is reported to have named Picayune from her newspaper. Eliza's aunt was Jane Potter Russ Kimball, the sister of Eliza's mother Mary Poitevent. Aside from the home and grounds, the only artifact heretofore remaining was a carved wooden clasped hands. A memento perhaps of the end of the Civil War, or maybe a gift from one of Eliza's former loves, now owned by the Crosby family.

In June, 2014, Don Wicks, a biographer of Pearl Rivers received an e-mail from a gentleman by the name of Thomas Patterson, who claimed to be a descendant of Jane Kimball. After Leonard's death, Jane sold the Hermitage and moved in with Eliza Jane until Eliza's death in 1896, she then moved to Chattanooga to live with one of her adopted Russ girls. One of Jane's prize possessions was a set of silverware marked GK and two silver candlesticks which she took from the Hermitage that were passed down to Mr. Patterson.

Thomas Patterson and his brother had always wanted to visit the Hermitage and located Don through articles on the Hermitage Don had written for the Picayune Item. After talks and e-mails, Thomas and his wife Elena arrived in Picayune on Monday May 17th. On Tuesday, Don arranged for a visit to the Hilda Hoffmann Archive and then to residence of Rosemary Wall, a descendant of the Russ' where Thomas was able to find the names and pictures of two of the Russ girls that he didn't have. On Wednesday they visited the Crosby Arboretum and that afternoon they were taken to Cassandra Favre of the Picayune Item and then to the Hermitage where the gift of the candlesticks and silverware was formally presented to the City Manager, Jim Luke.

Lynn and Frank Burger III, present owners of the Hermitage were gracious hosts with a tour of the mansion and of the grounds.

Cassandra's article on the Patterson visit was the feature of Lifestyle in the Picayune Item on May 23rd, 2015, where a more detailed account of Patterson's relation to Eliza was depicted. Thomas then traveled north to visit his Dad and hopes to return with his brother in the future.

By Don Wicks
"Archive News"

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

CONGRATULATIONS!

WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE HHMA MEMBERS DR. CAROLE HOLDEN LUND OF MANDEVILLE, LA, AND THE LATE MARTIN SMITH (HE DIED FEB 2015). THEY WERE HONORED ALONG WITH THREE OTHERS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2015 FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI BY INDUCTING THEM INTO THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME AT PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(Note: In picture below on the left, is Martin Smith's wife Dolores, who accepted her late husband's honor and Dr. Carole Holden Lund is on right.)



We would be remiss, if we did not mention that Cassandra Favre's article, "Football Legend" "Daughter honors father in debut novel" was a full page feature of Lifestyle complete with pictures in the Picayune Item on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, where Dr. Carole Lund's debut novel, "The Spirit of the Pearl: The Life, Legend and Legacy of T.D. 'Dobie' Holden" (the iconic football player and coach of Picayune's team, by head football coach at Pearl River Junior College.) Her book will be available for purchase by August of this year.

Congrats, Dr. Carole Lund !

Nothing Creates a firmer belief in "Heredity" than having a good looking child...

SOME SURNAMES MEMBERS ARE RESEARCHING

ANDERSON.. BELLANGER..
BILBO..COOPER..DEARMON..
EDWARDS..GRAYSON..
HOVER..KENNEDY.. MAGEE..

It's possible there may be other members researching the same family that you are as well as we might have information in our files that can help you. If you like to have your family surnames included on the list, please let us know.

The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

(Allen K. Chalmers)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET TUES., JUNE 2ND, 1:00 P.M.

Discussion followed concerning the following:
.....Archive finances.
.....Serious concentration on fund raising.
.....Need for recruiting ideas to fill loss of membership, mostly due to death.
.....Need to recruit members to strengthen our present volunteer force.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FIVE HOUR DAY OR PART-TIME

We have a problem and are asking for help if you live within the vicinity of the Archive on Williams Avenue in Picayune. At present we have only one Volunteer each day. If a Volunteer is ill or cannot work they have to either trade days with each other or get someone to fill in for them in order to have the Archive covered for the day. In some cases a Volunteer may work twice in one weeks time. A few times we have had to close the Archive for that day.

We welcome anyone that can give us only a few hours a day or as well as a full 5 hour day, or someone we could call in an emergency situation to fill in. No experience necessary, just those that like to meet and great people. If you are interested please call any of our working days..... 601-799-5671 and tell the Volunteer working that day you "are interested".

MEMORIES.....

Sugar Daddy suckers; Toni Home Perms; Shirley Temple Doll; Old Black Cradle Telephone with Dial; and Chrome Formica Table and Padded Chairs..

HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS IT'S SO APPRECIATED!

Claude H. Bennett
Lynn & Frank Burger III
Cory J. Smith-
(Executive Co.'s Inc.)
Claiborne McDonald
Ernest Serpas

THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS TO HHMA IN MEMORY OF TERRY STEWART

We wish to extend Thank You's to the several Board & Volunteer Members who donated to HHMA in Memory of HHMA member "Terry Stewart", who passed away February 28, 2015. She was also the wife of Wade Stewart our HHMA Archive Chairman. These members are: Helen Clunie, Lorraine Harper, Clara Howard, Sara Sheldon, Wade Stewart and Marilyn Weston.

WITH WARM REMEMBRANCE

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of members who have died and/or lost a spouse since our last newsletter. Please let us know if we have missed anyone's death.

OBITUARIES:

AUBURN DON LEE's wife Betty has sadly informed us of Auburn's death in December 2014.

Betty remains a member. They have been members since June 2012. Thank you Betty, for letting us know, and sorry we didn't know sooner.

MILDRED "TOOTS" PENTON RICHBOURG passed away Friday, April 3, 2015.

Mildred has been a member since December 2011. She had donated her Family History Records and other Records to us just a few months ago.

(Note: Sadly, her husband passed away October 12, 2014, her son Adrian "Colt" Richbourg passed away December 7, 2014, and now Mildred has passed away.)

OLD TIME ILLNESS

"SCIRRHUS"- Cancerous Tumors

Keep Board Member Ernest Serpas in your thoughts and prayers recovering from a recent operation.....

GENERAL NAPIER CELEBRATES 90TH February 6, 2015 - Montgomery Country Club

Brigadier General John Hawkins Napier III, considered the Dean of Picayune History for his 100 plus articles on local history and his book "Lower Pearl River Piney Woods: Its Land and Its People" published by the University of Mississippi, the most comprehensive book to date on who we are and where we came from.

A member of our Hilda Hoffmann Memorial Archive since its beginning, John grew up in California and often visited Picayune at his grandfather E. F. Tate's home, "Graystone" which was located on the East side of North Main Street.

A decorated Marine Veteran, after WWII he returned to Mississippi and became the Picayune Item's first Sports Editor while waiting to attend Ole Miss. After college he was commissioned as Lieutenant in the Air Force where he served in the Korean War. During the Cold War he served in Special Operations, and NSA in Germany and Pakistan.

After his military assignments, John returned to college and received his Masters degree in History. Then, as a Major he returned to the military and helped organize the USAF Counterinsurgency Course and became the unconventional warfare (UW) plan officer at US headquarters in Vietnam.

He then served in the Pentagon on the Air Staff and in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force, then as Lieutenant Colonel he became a member of the Air War College Faculty and retired in 1977.

The recipient of numerous decorations the General and his wife of 50 years, Cameron Mansion Freeman live in their former plantation home "Kilmahew", outside Montgomery, Alabama, where they are Communicants of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Of note, Cameron is the Life Regent of the First White House of the Confederacy, and a member of the Junior League and the Colonial Dames.



By Don Wicks
Archive News

MAY ARCHIVE VISITORS

Volunteers greeted 10 visitors. 5 visitors were from Picayune & Carriere. Members Herb Bennett (Hattiesburg), James Phares (McNeill) & Marsha Ladner also came in to use our library. Mr. John B. Lusk of Slidell, Louisiana not only visited, but joined HHMA and we warmly welcome him. 2 additional visitors were Texas native Thomas Patterson and his wife. Don Wicks gave them a tour of the Archive.

HELLO AND WELCOME TO NEW MAY MEMBER, DIANE SEAL!

She sent a note with her check for membership and we would like to quote a little of what she wrote, "My ancestors have lived in the Yamacraw area of southern Mississippi since around the 1830's. Some family members also have connections to the area of Louisiana across the Pearl River from Picayune."

"I am a retired teacher with a degree in history and a minor in geography. I hope to find other family members so that together we can build our family's story for future generations.."

If any of our members out there can help Diane, please contact me. (Marilyn Weston)

BILL EDWARDS HHMA BOARD MEMBER

Has his "First Gallery Exhibit Opening" of Photographic Art at the Crosby Arboretum. This exhibit include images he has taken at the arboretum, Niagara Falls, Scotland and around Picayune. His exhibit will be on display through the end of August. Bill has been taking pictures for over 50 years, and many are moments captured in nature. The Arboretum gives talented people of our area a way to display their art to the community.

Where Do I Start?

Step 1: Identify what you know about your family.

For today . . .
Write what you know about
your ancestors on the pedigree
chart below. Start with yourself
(no. 1). If you don't know exact
dates or places, estimate them.
Example:

2 Robert Thomas Myers

FATHER (of no. 1)
Born 4 Oct 1896
Place Chicago, Cook, IL

Pedigree Chart

8 FATHER (of no. 4) Born Place Married Place Died Place	9 MOTHER (of no. 4) Born Place Died Place
10 FATHER (of no. 5) Born Place Married Place Died Place	11 MOTHER (of no. 5) Born Place Died Place
12 FATHER (of no. 6) Born Place Married Place Died Place	13 MOTHER (of no. 6) Born Place Died Place
14 FATHER (of no. 7) Born Place Married Place Died Place	15 MOTHER (of no. 7) Born Place Died Place
5 FATHER (of no. 2) Born Place Married Place Died Place	6 MOTHER (of no. 2) Born Place Died Place
3 FATHER (of no. 1) Born Place Married Place Died Place	4 MOTHER (of no. 1) Born Place Died Place
1 YOU Born Place Married Place SPOUSE (of no. 1)	2 FATHER (of no. 1) Born Place Married Place Died Place

NOTE

Several members who have
stopped by the Archive, have
requested a Pedigree Chart.....
We keep some on hand and
pass them out, along with
some other helpful information...
So if you are in need of one, copy
this for your family.....
The Volunteers

HILDA HOFFMANN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE, INC.

301 Williams Avenue, Picayune, MS 39466

Telephone: 601-799-5671

Support & Membership Form

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: _____

CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL – TO DETERMINE WHEN IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

SAMPLE :

John Doe (Renew 00/00/15)
301 Williams Avenue
Picayune, MS 39466

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2 YR TERM

Helen CLUNIE	1/2014-1/2016
Bill Edwards	1/2015-1/2017
Lorraine HARPER	1/2014-1/2016
Gloria PENTON	1/2015-1/2017
Carol PHARES	1/2015-1/2017
Ernest SERPAS	1/2014-1/2017
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

ARCHIVE - LIBRARY HOURS :

301 Williams Ave., Picayune, MS 39466
Telephone: 601-799-5671
Email: hhma1908@att.net
Website: <http://hildahoffmanarchive.com>
Monday thru Friday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Clunie/Hoffmann
Heritage Library
301 Williams Ave
Picayune, MS 39466