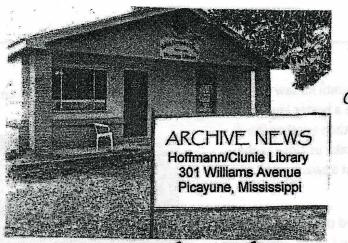
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...By Mavis E. Smith

We were off on the trip of a lifetime to celebrate our sixty years of married bliss. Our son dropped us off around noon that Monday in good time for our flight from Louis Armstrong in New Orleans to Barcelona, Spain. There we would pick up our cruise ship and sail the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas, visiting wonderful places en-route.

Initially our plane from New Orleans was delayed - rather than leaving at the scheduled departure time of 1:35pm it didn't take off until 2:55pm. (Storms and delays in the East we were told). Arriving in Atlanta at 5:27pm we had missed our 5:25pm direct connection to Barcelona, but the kindly booking agent gave us the last two seats for the next plane to Barcelona, via General de Gaulle, Paris, leaving Atlanta at 11:30pm.

After the six hour lay-over we boarded, looking for our seat numbers. We were hoping for a much needed nap after having been travelling for ten hours already, and finally we found 45-G and 45-F directly in front of the toilets and against a bulkhead with no way for our seats to recline. But hey, we were off on the trip of a lifetime – smile and be happy!

From Barcelona we had planned to connect with the shuttles put on by our cruise line, taking us directly to the ship but we arrived too late. We hailed a porter and he took charge of our two large and one smaller case — "no problem". So, believing that at this stage we had

surmounted our problems we asked our porter, in broken English, where we would find a taxi. He told us "No Taxi" which we interpreted as possibly no taxis being allowed at the airport. "Then where can we get a taxi?" Again "No Taxi" but we understood we could take a bus to the middle of Barcelona and get a taxi from there.

With there being "No Taxis" the bus lines were, not to exaggerate, rather lengthy and noisy with excited voices in more than one language, shouting over one another. We lined up at the end of a swarm of bodies for the ticket one had to have before one could board the bus. Between us we managed, and finally hauled our heavy cases onto the platform of a bus to Barcelona, where we would get off and find a taxi.

Getting off the bus, I asked the young folk standing at the bus stop, "Does anyone speak a little English?" and "Can you tell us where we can get a taxi?". The young man pointed across the road to a taxi rank. Great! But the young woman halted us — "You cannot get a taxi today — they are on strike!" There we were in the middle of Barcelona, late evening, stranded. We eyed the big hotel across the road but then spotted a couple of gendarmes so I ran over to ask their help. Not being too lucid at this stage of the journey I was maybe thinking they might take us to our ship — Ha! Ha! One of them had good English

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and suggested we take the subway until he saw our huge cases so said maybe a bus would be a better idea. A number 2 as far as it would go and then another (he wasn't sure of the number) would take us close to the ship which would then be just about a twenty-minute walk away.

It was getting dark when we reached the end of number 2's route and alighted. We both stood there, somewhat dazed, wondering what else was going to happen on this marvelous, stupendous trip of a lifetime. No sign of another bus, no-one at the bus stand, but leaning against a post a couple of unsavory characters looking in our direction, all of this seeming to add to our paranoia of being totally lost and without any idea of what to do next. I turned, taking in a huge breath, trying to dispel images of family trying to find us after we had disappeared without a trace, and there, out of the gloom I spotted a sign. No, not a heavenly one, though maybe it was sent therefrom, it said HOSTEL, and yes they had a room.

The twin beds were narrow and hard but we slept like babies and in the morning were delighted to find a spotless dining room and a hearty breakfast laid on for eight euros each. The check in clerk called for a taxi (they were on strike only for the one day) and we arrived at our ship early on Wednesday morning ready for departure that evening. Somewhere between Monday and Wednesday we seemed to have lost a day but we made up for it during the next twenty-three visiting Toulon, Monte Carlo, Corsica, Florence, Tunisia, Palermo, Naples, Rome, Messina, Malta, Argostoli, Corfu, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Croatia and Venice.

The highlights certainly made up for those first three days and, to be honest, I had completely forgotten about them until I decided to write this piece about "Travel."

Remember to always remember the good stuff!



The Mediterranean & Adriatic Sea Cruise

Editor's Note: What a wonderful cruise this had to be. Another great story from Mavis, one of our most talented local author's in Picayune, MS. Mavis wrote the delightful, "Oh Christmas Tree" Teatured in our October, November, December 2015 "Archive News".

Mavis also has written two children's books: "Inspector Ace and Sergeant Bubba" and "Inspector Ace and Sergeant Bubba - Book 2." The books both are about two dogs, a big German Shepherd and a little Pomeranian. Mavis not only wrote the books to read aloud to children, she includes a list of translations at the back of the book and a coloring page for participation by a child.

Lastly, her book, "From Across the Pond and Beyond" has you taking a trip down memory lane with Mavis and husband Roy Smith from the time they met in 1949 in Sheerness, Kent, England, to traveling from England to Canada in 1965 with three small children (the oldest 3 yrs. old and youngest 5 weeks old). Just three years later they emigrated to the U.S.A., with Roy going ahead to work at Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Moving several times during the next few years, they moved to Picayune, Mississippi In 1998. This 141 page book is a great read with lots of pictures and stories.



Our recent "Memorials" fund has been growing and we are proud of the Memorial Plaque with those Memorialized Names of deceased individuals whose names are imprinted on individual brass plates, now hanging on the wall in the entry room. Thank all of you who have sent in your memorials with a donation.

I'm sure you will notice a little change in our "Archive News" with the addition of some advertisers, which will help defray the cost of putting out the newsletter and we wish to thank all of them.

With the months of June & July just passing, and August and September upon us, we thought this quarter newsletter we would focus on travel. We were delighted and grateful for all of you wonderful members who traveled to Picayune to visit us this year.

We feel blessed, with the addition of being able to add Ancestry.com to our Archive/Library, and think it will not only add new members, but will be beneficial to our members just being able to use it free on a limited basis.

A quick Thank You to Volunteer, Mae Foster for her help in printing our last Archive News...

Lastly, I'd like to personally thank Mavis Smith for her great featured article, "TRAVEL." She has a way of making you feel you were right there with her experiencing every moment......

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

I've reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me....

OUR THANKS TO ERNIE SERPAS

For his monthly draft donation to us.....It's much appreciated!

THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A BROKEN FAN BELT OR LEAKY TIRE.....

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JUNE VISITORS

12 Visitors visited the Archive, in June 2016. 11 of them were from Picayune & Carriere, Mississippi, but I was from Lafayette, Louisiana.

JULY VISITORS

We were happy to welcome 11 Visitors for the month of July 2016. Only 5 were from Picayune area. 2 were from: Poplarville & Kiln, Mississippi. 3 Members visited and it was good to have Frances Beeson & Richard Beeson from Webster & Canton, Texas, as well as Carolyn Williams, Columbia, Tennessee, and Helen Clunie from Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

AUGUST VISITORS

From August 4 thru August 24th a total of 10 visitors from the Picayune area were welcomed to the Archive. It was good to see member Carrie Byrd & husband, Bill and also member Don Formby.

Congrats to LYNN & FRANK BURGER on Mississippi's acceptance of their application to place their home "the Hermitage", on the National Register of Historic Places.

MEMORIES.....

Wind-up alarm clocks that had loud clanging alarms, the old "Brownie" Camera, Soda Fountains in Drug stores and other stores, Gas stations that serviced your automobile and air travel on C-47's complete with sum they gave you.

VOLUNTEERS WEAR MANY HATS!!!!

Chairman, Don Wicks announced a new member/volunteer Scott
Dearman, who will be the new
Computer Tech. He holds this job at Poplarville Hospital, and so we are happy to have his volunteer services, and welcome him as a new
HHMA member. He has already installed the new computer for
Ancestry.com researching and will install Microsoft Works Professional also.

SOME SURNAMES HHMA MEMBERS ARE RESEARCHING

BANGS, CARROLL, HONEA, LIVINGS, RILEY, PLEAKEN, SEALE

It's possible we have various information in our files that can help you. Remember, there may be other members researching the same family that you are. Feel free to call us for information. Our Volunteers are here to help you.

GRANDPARENT NICKNAMES
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GRAMMA & PAPAW

COMMON NICKNAMES CASEY: Kasey, K.C. DERICK: Eric, Rick, Ricky CYNTHIA: Cindy, Cintha ABIGAIL: Abby, Gail

VARIABLE NAME SPELLINGS
Ream: Rehm, Reim, Riehm
Powell: Powel, Pohell
Handley: Handly, Handlie
Mosher: Moser, Mosier, Mosser

ARCHAIC OCCUPATION
BONIFACE: Keeper of an Inn

FROM THE Board CHAIRMAN



DON WICKS

As new subscribers, we can now offer Ancestry.com & Family Tree Maker research tool to our members FREE of charge. We also have Wi-Fi for those with laptops so those members can use these services at any time.

At present, only one Personal Computer is available, requiring scheduled use. Members must call in before so their access can be scheduled. Otherwise it will be first come-first serve.

We will also offer a FREE one hour instruction course for members and non-members wishing to be introduced to Ancestry and Family Tree.

Membership in the Hilda Hoffmann Memorial Archive, Inc., is \$25 per year. Usage to the Ancestry & Family Tree is FREE to members. Non-members there will be a charge of \$5.00 per hour.

For those who are not familiar with HHMA, we are open and staffed with a volunteer every week day Monday thru Friday from 10:00 – 3:00. Non-members must call in or drop by to schedule their time with our volunteers.

We also are hosting ads to help pay for our newsletter printing and postage. Prices are \$30 for business card size and \$60 for 1/5 page, and will cover 4 quarterly issues. We are limiting the ads to one page only of the newsletter, so, if you are interested, apply as soon as you can by sending us a business card and/or copy and your check.

Another feature we are introducing in the Newsletter is Members want-ads, so members can communicate with each other and request information or to purchase or sell family books. This is also a FREE service, although we are requesting that your ad be a maximum of 4-5 lines....

Our Archive has a massive collection of local family historical data and that

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

JOYCE CRAVENS of Carriere, MS.,
and SCOTT DEARMAN of Picayune,
MS. And, WELCOME BACK TO JO
SCHEEL, WHO RENEWED HER
FORMER MEMBERSHIP.

Travel makes one modest. You see what a tiny place you occupy in the world.

COMMON OLD ILLNESS:

Kinetosis: Motion sickness whether by air, boat, car, train.

A "Traveling Man" is one who pays short visits to his home and office or company.

(cont'd-Don Wicks)

from the surrounding area. These includes over 100 cemetery books, over 100 family history books, 138 boxes of loose family information, local and Indian history books, including the Civil War, hundreds of journals from around the country and three file cabinets of unassociated histories, including maps and newspapers. With the combination of these new research tools and the data we have on file, you can begin to document and enhance the history of your family.

We are always interested in information about families in our area, so if you have stories, pictures or other information about families in the area, please bring them by.

We are a non-profit organization and our primary purpose is to serve the community, the dream of our namesake, Hilda Formby Hoffmann.

WITH WARM REMEMBRANCE.....

We are saddened to report we have one member who has died in June 2016. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the loved ones and families.

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OBITUARY:



MARY ELLEN DAVIS
Passed away
Thursday, June
23, 2016, at the
age of 94. Funeral
Services were held
Friday, July 1, 2016
at First Baptist

Church of Picayune Estes Chapel. Burial was in New Palestine Cemetery.

Mary was a native of Picayune, MS. She was the Executive Director of the Picayune Housing Authority for over 62 years, was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Picayune: and a life member and Past Grand Worthy Matron of the local Order of Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her parents: Lourie Negbert Formby, Sr. and Bertha Stockstill Formby; her husband: MAJ Bennie Davis (USA, Ret.); her daughter: Janet Ellen Davis Allen; her sisters: Hilda Formby Hoffmann, Hazel Formby Dailey, and Sara Lynn Formby Huffman; her brothers: Louirie Negbert Formby, Jr. and Ira Ned Formby, Sr.

Mary has been an HHMA member since March 2011.

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We apologize for the error in submitting the obituary of John Andrew McDonald, who passed away April 24, 2016. We listed him as John Albert McDonald. Thanks to Mac McDonald for calling this to our attention.

MEMORIALS

We are pleased to announce, we have received three new memorial donations this quarter.

....*Two Memorials for:*Sara M. Sheldon

- ...given by: *Tehana Merryman of San Antonio, Texas.
- ...given by: *Paula S. Brown of Huntsville, Alabama.

....*Memorial for: *Mary Ellen Davis given by: *Lorraine Harper Thank You to all the donors for such a wonderful way to remember

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these deceased.

We are honored to receive your Memorial Donations for those who you might want to honor and memorialize that have passed away at any time and in any amount in lieu of flowers, etc.

The Memorial Plaque is now on display hanging on the wall at the Archive, with all the bronze plates listing the memorialized names of the deceased that have been donated to HHMA.

Bronze Memorialized Name Plates will be added to it as they are received in the future.

We are proud to announce there are now 15 bronze plates on the Plaque memorializing those friends and relatives that have passed away.

If you are interested or would like to receive more information about submitting a name, information and donation, please contact Lorraine Harper at , Hilda Hoffman Memorial Archives, Inc., 301 Williams Ave., Picayune, MS 39466, Telephone: 601-799-5671.

We would like to extend our

humble Thanks to the following for their Memorial Contributions given in Memory of:

MEMORIALS

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COTTRELL, RICHARD LEE (Donation by Marilyn Weston)

*DAVIS, MARY ELLEN

*Donation by Lorraine Harper

DOBSON, CHRISTINE(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

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*SHELDON, SARA M. (DILLINGHAM)

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*Donation by Paula Smith Brown (Donation by Lorraine Harper) *(Donation by Tehana Merryman) (Donation by Rackley Law Offices, Inc.) (Donation by Ernest & Norma Serpas) ((Donation by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Smith) (Donation by Robin Webb)

SHELDON, WILLIAM K. "BILL"

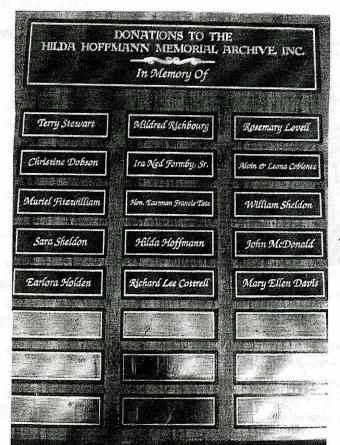
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<u>TATE, HONORABLE EASTMAN F.</u> (Donation by Brig. Gen. John H. Napier)



HHMA MEMORIAL PLAQUE

HHMA MEMBERS ON THE GO



AUTHOR HARPER LEE'S CONNECTION TO PICAYUNE, MISSISSIPPI

Brig. Gen. John Napier III sent this article to The Picayune Item in May, and apparently they could not print it at the time. He has asked Don Wicks if we would put it in our "Archie News." Our last issue was full and it was saved to include in this issue of the "Archive News." General Napier writes:

"The late Harper Lee, famed author of 'To Kill a Mockingbird' had a connection with Picayune, Mississippi.

In 1910 her newly-wed parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lee moved from Monroe County, Alabama to Picayune, Mississippi. There he was bookkeeper for the Rosa Lumber Company at Richardson, whose owner was E. F. Tate known as "at the father of Picayune." Their elder daughter Alice, was probably born there. Two years later in 1912 they returned there.

Years later in 2009, Tate's grandson, Brig. Gen. John Hawkins Napier III and his wife Cameron met Miss Lee at the Alabama State Capital when Miss Lee was inducted into the Alabama Hall of Honor. Neither knew of the connection then, but are pictured together.'



Harper Lee Gen. Napier Cameron Napier

This page is for members only and the following ads are FREE, but please keep it to a maximum of 4-5 lines. We will run the ad once in the "Archive News" quarterly newsletter. We do reserve the right to run ads on a first come - first serve basis and availability.

& SOME WANT YOU TO KNOW



HHMA MEMBERS WANT OR NEEDS:

NOTE: We have been asked to possibly include in the Archive News a want-ad page for members who have books for sale or those who might want a certain family book. So, we are going to give it a try.............

.....Paula Smith Brown wants to buy a copy of Sara Sheldon's book. She also wants to buy a book of "Billy Jukers Smith" Contact her at: 424 Eustis Ave.,Huntsville, AL 35801-4110. Tel: 256-536-4986 - Email: pksbrown@comcast.net (Please contact Paula direct – do not contact us)

The Archive has several New Books for Sale (that we will receive a commission on selling):

"Spirit of the Pearl", the Life, Legend and Legacy of T. D. Dobbie Holden Famed Football Coach by Carole Holden Lund, his daughter.

Hardback. 253 pages. \$20.00plus \$2.00 shipping.

"Picayune Item Historical Articles, 1949-1969", 56 articles, by John Hawkins Napier III. 8 ½ x11 comb bound. \$15.00 plus \$2.00 shipping.

"The Way it Was" Memories of Picayune, 1910-1924 and beyond, Railroad, sports, people and events. By Nat Lovell. Comb bound. 8 ½ x 5 ½ . \$10.00 plus \$1.00 shipping

"Nat's Eye View of Old Picayune, Tales of Wa-a-u Back Then". Similar to "The Way it Was", but expanded with more about the city in the 1920's and people and events.

Comb bound. \$10.00 plus \$1.00 shipping.

"A Brief History of Picayune" From beginning to present. 40 pages, By John Hawkins Napier III.
Staple bound. 8 ½ x 5 ½. \$5.00 plus \$1.00 shipping.

"Pearl Rivers" Poet, Publisher and the lady who named Picayune & Nicholson. A short biography. 38 pages. by Don Wicks.

Coil bound. \$5..00 plus \$1.00 shipping.

"A Dead Life" Sereal Novella. No by-line but very similar to the writings of Pearl Rivers. 4 x 6 ½, 111 pages. Published in the Daily Picayune, Jan 18, 1980.
Glue bound. \$4.00 plus \$1.00 shipping.



We have added a new feature in our "Archive News:.....

We are adding "Advertisers" to help pay the expense of putting out the Newsletter.

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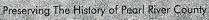
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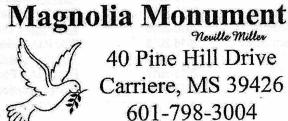


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