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Hattiesburg, MS

104. The University of Southern Mississippi

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Overview:
Special Collections provide permanent protection for ca. 10,000 cu. Ft. of manuscript and archive collections and over 55,000 photographs. One of the major archival repositories in the state, where personal, family, business, church, and organizational records that document the development of Mississippi and the achievements of Mississippian are preserved permanently and may be consulted by students, scholars, and interested persons with convenient access to the resources of a research library.

Noteworthy collections:
- J. J. Newman Lumber Company Records (ca. 1895–1943). 13 v. Company operated in Hattiesburg, MS, from approximately 1894–1943. The company was founded by Judson Jones Newman, a veteran lumberman who had been involved in the hemlock manufacturing business in PA prior to his arrival in Hattiesburg. The plant was located in the southeastern sector of the city, at the end of Buschman and Newman Streets. The site was originally occupied by the Wiscassett mill, which burned in 1893. Shortly thereafter, the property was purchased by the J. J. Newman Co., and a new mill was erected. The massive sprawling complex, with its planing mills, sorting sheds, dry kilns, finish sheds, and
sundry other structures, covered ten acres, and within a decade
of its inception it had become the largest lumber company in MS,
and one of the largest in the entire South.

  lin. ft.
  Correspondence, research notes, reports, newsletters, and journal
  articles.

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  With headquarters in Washington, DC, the AAR is an organiza-
  tion created to benefit its member railroads and the railroad indus-
  try as a whole. It is an outgrowth of various predecessor groups,
  most notably the American Railway Association, founded in 1891.
  The AAR represents the major freight railroads of North America
  and Amtrak, and directs its efforts and resources toward helping
to make the rail industry safe, efficient and productive, as well as
advocating the interests of the railroads regarding public policy.

  43 lin. ft.
  Aerial photographs of selected portions of selected counties in
  MS and other states.

  Business records of a Hattiesburg, MS, department store.

  Ledgers, office files, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, radio
  scripts, copies of Thigpen’s Store News, stories about Pearl River
  and Hancock Counties history collected by Picayune, MS, busi-
  nessman and author.

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**105. University of Mississippi Libraries**

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Finding aids: See: http://apollo.lib.olemiss.edu/center/archives_subject_guide/business/manuscript for listing of collections.

Overview:
Actively collects material related to the state of Mississippi, the University of Mississippi, and the Blues. Thus, most of the material below is primarily concerned with Mississippi. Topics include banks, railroads, stores and merchants, lumber, agriculture and plantations, physicians and pharmacies, and miscellaneous enterprises.

Noteworthy collections:
  Due to a fire, company records prior to 1913 are sparse, but are fairly complete thereafter until 1933. The collection also includes records for the Weston Sand & Gravel Co., the Louisiana-Mexican Timber & Investment Co., the Hotel Weston, the Logtown Utility Co., the Mississippi South-Western Railroad Co., and the United American Mechanics, Pearl River Council.
- The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) collection.
  Over the course of its history, the organization developed the world’s largest and most prestigious accounting library. The Archives and Special Collections is responsible for 190 rare volumes in this collection. Of particular note is the 1494 folio edition of the Luca Pacioli’s treatise *Summa de Arithmetica, Geometria, Proportioni et Proportionalita*, which contains the first printed description of double-entry bookkeeping. Also includes the AICPA’s extensive photograph collection of accountants and organizational meetings.