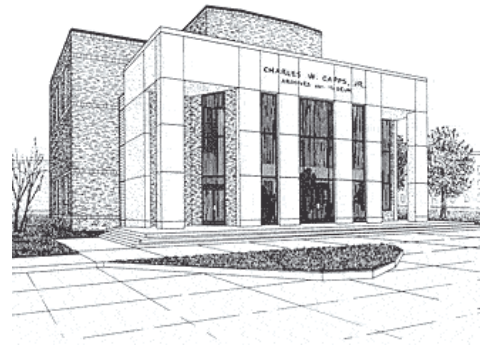


# The Collection

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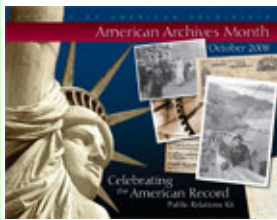


A big welcome and introductions are in order. Eleanor Green has been a member of the Archives staff since February 2008 and has taken on her responsibilities as Archives Assistant wonderfully. From supervising the students and their projects to learning new archival techniques and assisting the Archivist in installing exhibits, Eleanor has been a brilliant addition to the Archives & Museum.

We also welcome back Stormy Harris, Nethel Hector, and CaraHite as our student employees who work on a variety of projects such as processing Delta State campus newspapers and photographs, inventorying new accessions and transcribing oral history interviews.

The newest addition to the Archives student staff is Heather Peacock who is working as our Lucy Howorth Fellow. Heather's main responsibilities will be in processing women's collections and assisting the Archivist with an exhibit in the spring which will honor the Lucy Somerville Howorth Awardee. The 'Lucy Award' recognizes the achievements of an outstanding Delta woman. Nominations for the 'Lucy Award' may be submitted to the Archives in care of Emily Weaver. For more information on the 'Lucy Award,' please contact the Archives at 662.846.4780.

In the midst of all the flurry of planning, the Archives received some very good news from *Heritage Preservation: the National Institute for Conservation*. Delta State University Archives & Museum was accepted for participation in the Risk Evaluation and Planning Program pilot project. Participation in the program will provide the Archives & Museum with professional services and guidance that will raise staff awareness of hazards to our facility, provide suggestions for mitigating the risks and set us on a path to improve a practical emergency plan. The Archives & Museum is one of only four other cultural institutions in Mississippi accepted into the pilot project. A complete list of the other institutions involved in the program can be found here: [www.heritagepreservation.org](http://www.heritagepreservation.org).



## Celebrate American Archives' Month with Us! "Celebrating the American Record"

October has traditionally been the American Archives Month and this year's theme is "Celebrating the American Record". In support of the month's theme, the Archives will host an exhibit on the importance of preservation and explore some tips that individuals can use with their own personal collections. In addition to an exhibit and the REPP pilot project, the Archives will also have additional resources for caring for collections hosted on the Archives' main web page. Throughout October, be sure to check out <http://archives.deltastate.edu> for helpful hints on preserving your collections!

## **Pictures from the Past: A Celebration of Mississippi Delta Chinese History**

**7 September - 3 November**

The Delta is a wonderful mixture of cultures and traditions that have overlapped and intertwined since it was first settled in the early 1800's. This fall in the Archives' main gallery exhibit highlights the history of some of the Chinese families who settled in the MS Delta.



*Photograph courtesy of CW and Audrey Sidney*

These first settlers of the Delta brought with them rich traditions and cultures from China which would gradually change and be adapted by each new generation of Chinese. Many of the traditions we see today are a blending of their cultural past and traditions of the Delta. Even the language became intermingled, Susan Chow remembers talking with her parents who had come to the area directly from China, "I would speak to my parents in Chinese half the time and in English at other times. Sometimes I would start a sentence in Chinese and finish it in English!"

Against the backdrop of a recreated laundry and grocery store the exhibit tells the stories of how the Chinese arrived in the MS Delta and adapted to their new environment. Although a great deal of the Chinese community activities centered around their stores, daily life was not solely lived within the walls of their professions. Churches and schools offered social outlets and ways for the Chinese from across the Mississippi and Arkansas Deltas to mingle and get to know one another.

Photographs from individuals and those held in the Archives' permanent collections have been blended with oral histories collected over the years to bring this exhibit to life. The Archives & Museum invites the public to come acquaint themselves with the MS Delta Chinese cultural heritage.

The Archives would like to thank the Chinese American Citizens' Alliance, KC's Restaurant, and DSU's Diversity Committee, Bookstore and Library Services for their generous support for this exhibit and additional programs.

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## **Neglected Histories: The Importance of Preservation**

**25 September - 19 December**

Over time photographs can begin to fade, newspapers can turn varying shades of yellow and pages of journals, diaries and ledgers become brittle, seeming to crumble with the slightest touch. Sometimes it is simply not possible to reverse the damage that has been done to collections over time. These things just happen; however, there is hope for these treasures! Your Archives & Museum works daily to address the challenging collections that come into the Archives. The Archives will host an exhibit exploring the importance of proper care and maintenance for paper-based and photographic collections that are employed in the Archives as well as some tips you can apply

**Seen by Jane: A Photo Exhibit**  
**16 November 2008 - 16 January 2009**

Jane Kerr is an extremely talented photographer who has captured elements of life in the Delta through a series of intriguing photographs. This collection of images will be on display in the Archives' main gallery from 16 November through 16 January 2009.



**Exhibit Opening and Reception**  
**Sunday, 16 November 2008**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Capps Archives & Museum**  
**Delta State University**

**Fall 2008 Delta Dinner Bus Tour Schedule!**

**Rest Haven, Clarksdale**

\$25.00 per person

**9 October**

RSVP by 1 October

Starter: Homous dip and pita, fried ravioli, kibbie balls

Choice of Entrée:

**Option 1:** Traditional Lesbanese-2 kibbie patties, 1 cabbage roll and 2 grape leaves and salad

**Option II:** Italian-Half Ravioli and Half Spaghetti, salad and toasted bread

**Option III:** American 10 oz steak, baked potato and salad

Dessert: Baklava

**Sherman's Restaurant, Greenville**

**11 November**

RSVP by 4 November

\$35.00 per person

**Starter:** House Salad

**Option I:** Capellini: thin noodle spaghetti topped with Sherman's homemade sauce & served with Sherman's own meatballs

**Option II:** Fried/Broiled Shrimp stuffed with Sherman's Crabmeat & Shrimp dressing, \*

**Option III:** Fried Shrimp, Jumbo Gulf Coast Shrimp fried golden brown in Sherman's Special Batter\*

**Option IV:** 14 oz Ribeye\*

Dessert: Beth's Homemade Cheesecake w/ Blueberry or Strawberry Topping topping

\*served w/ salad and choice of pasta/baked potato/consommé rice and rolls

**The Crystal Grill, Greenwood**

**20 November**

RSVP by 10 November

\$30.00 per person

**Starter:** House Salad

**Option I:** Broiled Red Snapper with creamed potatoes and broccoli casserole.

**Option II:** Filet Mignon (6oz.) with creamed potatoes and broccoli casserole.

**Option III:** Crystal's special Broiled/Fried chicken with creamed potatoes and broccoli casserole.

Dessert: Choice of Chocolate or Coconut Pie

## **What It's Like Being Chinese Where Everyone Else is Black or White**

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Dr. John Jung, author of Southern Fried Rice and Chinese Laundries, presented his lecture on Sunday afternoon at Delta State's Jobe Hall to an engaged audience. Dr. Jung has written on his personal experiences of growing up in Macon, Georgia, where his was the only Chinese family in the town and then his family's move to California where he was surrounded by a community of Chinese. His continued research into the heritage and cultures of Southern Chinese has lead him to extensive research using the DSU Archives' oral history holdings. Dr. Jung has prepared and drafted his third book, Chopsticks in the Land of Cotton: Lives of Mississippi Delta Chinese Grocers, which will be available for purchase soon.

### **The Chinese community celebrates the unveiling of the historic marker for the oldest Chinese Cemetery in Greenville, MS.**

Located near Cypress Tennis Club

Greenville, MS

With friends, families and community members standing by on Sunday afternoon, 14 September, the historic marker celebrating the first Chinese cemetery in the MS Delta was revealed. Cathy Wong, current president of the Chinese Cemetery Association, hosted the dedication service which included remarks from Greenville's Mayor Heather McTeer Hudson, Board of Supervisors President Paul Watson, and former minister to the Chinese Mission, Reverend Ted Shepherd. The public is invited to view the marker and visit the cemetery.

For more information on this event and additional programs, please see: <http://archives.deltastate.edu>

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