

## Subject Guide to Mississippi

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### Browsing the Mississippi Collection

Mississippi history books are located in the F 341s. However, books on a particular subject, such as art or literature in Mississippi, are most likely located with other books on those particular subjects. Books on southern history may also include sections or chapters on Mississippi. In the event that you do not find what you are looking for by simply browsing, please consult the online catalog or ask for assistance.

### Selected Reference and Other Books

- 📖 **Art in Mississippi 1720- 1980** [N 6530 .M7 B63 1998 Ref] – survey of visual art in Mississippi in chronological sequence; heavily illustrated with color reproductions.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of Mississippi** [F339 .E62 2001 Ref] – compact encyclopedia covering the people, places, and events of Mississippi. Includes sections on history, politics, directories, and places. Also includes the constitution of Mississippi. Contains a bibliography.
- 📖 **Hometown Mississippi** [F 339 .B75 2000 Ref] – historical sketches of virtually every city and town in Mississippi, ranging from one sentence to one page in length.
- 📖 **Mississippi** [F339.R88 1976 Ref.]- Originally printed in 1907, this 4 volume work is comprised of “sketches of counties, towns, events, institutions, and persons in cyclopedia order”.
- 📖 **Mississippi: The WPA Guide to the Magnolia State** [] – “(the work) tells us about numerous interesting spots in Mississippi that can still be found and observed with pleasure. More important, though, is the guide’s analysis of the history and folkways of Mississippians, black and white, *circa 1937*.” (Introduction, 8).
- 📖 **Mississippi Code** [KFM 6630 year .A28 Ref] – current and historical versions of the laws of Mississippi, arranged by subject. Current version available online at <http://www.sos.ms.gov>.
- 📖 **Mississippi Official & Statistical Register** [J 87 .M74a year Ref] – also known as the “Blue Book,” a guide to state government published by the Mississippi Secretary of State’s office every 4 years. Offers a general overview of the state, summaries of state agencies, and listings of governmental officials. Also available online at [http://www.sos.state.ms.us/ed\\_pubs/BlueBook/](http://www.sos.state.ms.us/ed_pubs/BlueBook/)
- 📖 **Mississippi Reports** [KFM 6645 .A2 Ref, 1818-1966] & **Southern Reporter, Mississippi Cases** [KFM 6633 .A34 Ref, 1966-present] – all Mississippi Supreme Court cases, as well as important lower state and federal court cases from Mississippi. To find a case on a particular subject, use the **Mississippi Digest** [KFM 6657 .M58 Ref].
- 📖 **Mississippi Statistical Abstract** [HA 465 .A25 year Ref] – annual publication with more than 500 pages of statistics from local, state and federal sources, as well as their own data, on a variety of topics, from the Office of Business Research and Services of Mississippi State University’s College of Business and Industry.
- 📖 **Mississippi Women, Their Histories, Their Lives** [CT 3260 .M57 2003, 2 volumes] - Essays written by a variety of authors concerning modern and past Mississippi women.
- 📖 **The Encyclopedia of Southern Culture** [F209.N47 2006 Ref] – a multi-volume set specially oriented toward Southern life and culture with volume titles such as “Language” and “Literature”. Mississippi life and culture are well documented in this series.

### Mississippi Periodicals

#### *Newspapers*

- 📖 **Bolivar Commercial** [current & two prior months] – Cleveland and surrounding areas; online version at: <http://www.bolivarcom.com>.
- 📖 **Clarion Ledger** [current & two prior months] – Jackson areas but provides statewide news; online version at: <http://www.clarionledger.com>
- 📖 **Cleveland Current** [current & two prior months]-Cleveland and surrounding areas; online version at: <http://www.theclevelandcurrent.com/>
- 📖 **Commercial Appeal** [1894-present] – Memphis, but covers North Mississippi and historically all of Mississippi; online version at: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/> (includes searchable archive back to 1990).
- 📖 **Delta Democrat Times** [current & two prior months] – Greenville and other areas of the Mississippi Delta; online version at: <http://www.ddtonline.com/>

- ☐ **Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal** [current & two prior months] – Tupelo; online version at: <http://www.nems360.com/>
- ☐ **Sun Herald** [current & two prior months] – Biloxi; online version at: <http://www.sunherald.com/>
- ☐ **NewsLink**-an index to a number of newspapers throughout Mississippi. Available only online at: <http://newslink.org/MSnews.html>

The library also has a selection of historical Mississippi newspapers on microfilm. Microfilms and microfiche are located on the second floor of the library.

#### *Journals & Magazines*

- ☐ **Confidante** [1973-present] – annual literary journal published at DSU.
- ☐ **Delta Business Journal** [1998-2011] – monthly business news for the Mississippi Delta; online version at <http://www.deltabusinessjournal.com/>
- ☐ **Delta Statement** [1926-present] – student newspaper for DSU, formally called **Miss Delta**.
- ☐ **Journal of Mississippi History** [1939-present] – quarterly journal with articles and book reviews; online table of contents at: <http://www.mdah.state.ms.us/pubs/jmh.html>, but no full-text articles.
- ☐ **Mississippi Banker** [1971-present] – bi-monthly trade journal; online version with limited full- text at: <http://www.msbankers.com/>
- ☐ **Mississippi Business Journal** [current & prior year] – weekly business news for Mississippi; online version at: <http://www.msbusiness.com/>
- ☐ **Mississippi Folklore** [1967-2009] – articles on folklore and folk life, or special issues on one theme, formally called **Mississippi Folklore Register**; some full text articles available online at: <http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/south/publish/missfolk/scpage.html>
- ☐ **Mississippi Law Journal** [1936-present] – law review published by University of Mississippi Law School students; online version at: <http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/mslj/>
- ☐ **Mississippi Libraries** [1936-present] – quarterly trade journal and full-text access from 2000 at: <http://www.misslib.org/index.php/publications/mississippi-libraries/>.
- ☐ **Mississippi Magazine** [2001-present]-monthly popular magazine dedicated to life in Mississippi. Available with limited full-text online from: <http://www.mismag.com/>
- ☐ **Mississippi Municipalities** [1967-74, 83-present. Current and previous year only] – bi-monthly trade journal “helping cities and towns to excel”. Available from: <http://www.mmlonline.com/index.aspx>
- ☐ **Mississippi Quarterly: The Journal of Southern Culture** [1953-present] – articles, essays and book reviews covering humanities and social science issues; online table of contents at: <http://www.missq.msstate.edu/>, but no full-text articles.
- ☐ **Mississippi Review** [1972-2006] – literary journal from University of Southern Mississippi; online version at: <http://www.mississippireview.com/>
- ☐ **Southern Quarterly** [1962-present] – literary journal from University of Southern Mississippi; online table of contents at: <http://www.usm.edu/soq/> but no full-text articles.
- ☐ **Valley Voices** [2011-present, current and prior year]-“a journal of literature, culture, and criticism” published by Mississippi Valley State University. Available online from : [http://www.mvsu.edu/academics/colleges/arts\\_sciences/departments/english\\_and\\_foreign\\_languages/publication.php?entryID=2664](http://www.mvsu.edu/academics/colleges/arts_sciences/departments/english_and_foreign_languages/publication.php?entryID=2664)

#### **Selected Databases\***

- ☐ **Civil Rights in Mississippi Digital Archive** [<http://www.lib.usm.edu/spcol/>] – this site is an Internet-accessible, fully searchable database of 7,000+ pages containing digitized versions of rare and unique library and archival resources on race relations in Mississippi. Maintained by the University of Southern Mississippi.
- ☐ **Clarion Ledger Index** [[http://www.jhlibrary.com/reference/cl\\_index.htm](http://www.jhlibrary.com/reference/cl_index.htm)] – subject index for the Jackson *Clarion Ledger* covering 1985- July 2002.
- ☐ **Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives and Museum** [<http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/291.asp>]-the Capps Archives and Museum (located on the Delta State University campus) presents several digital web exhibits on a variety of topics relating to the people of the Mississippi Delta and Delta State University.
- ☐ **University of Mississippi Libraries-Archives & Special Collections** [[http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general\\_library/archives/](http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general_library/archives/)]-the Archives and Special Collections acquires, conserves , and makes accessible rare books, manuscripts, maps, visual and audio materials, and ephemera related to the University of Mississippi, the state of Mississippi, and the Blues ( “Archives & Special Collections”, [http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general\\_library/archives/](http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general_library/archives/)).

\*In addition, consult general, interdisciplinary databases such as **Academic Search Premier**, **EBSCOhost Ebook Collection**, and **JSTOR**. Also, the Library has other subject-specific databases, such as business, that may be helpful.

## Selected Web Sites

- ~ **Mississippi Writers Page** – [<http://www.olemiss.edu/mwp/>] – a good site for information on writers in, from, or otherwise associated with the state of Mississippi. Contains a collection of articles on each author with detailed biographical information, a comprehensive list of published titles, various awards and honors, and a selected bibliography of additional resources, including relevant World Wide Web links.
- ~ **State of Mississippi's Official Web Site** [<http://www.mississippi.gov/>]-information and links to all aspects of state government.
- ~ **Handbook of Selected Data for Mississippi** [<http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/urc/economics.html>] – a compilation of basic demographic and economic statistics from various state and federal agencies, published periodically by the Center for Policy Research and Planning of the Board of Trustees of the State Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL).
- ~ **MSU cares.com** [<http://msucares.com/disaster/>]- this site provides “relevant, research-based information that deals with various disaster preparedness and recovery issues” in the state of Mississippi. Printable fact sheets are available on a wide variety of topics as well as archived news releases with some releases available as audio files.
- ~ **Mississippi State Department of Health** [<http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/>]- provides a wealth of information for users including health-related publications and tool kits as well as vital records and statistics information.

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