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Welcome to the Mississippi Writers Page Newsletter for October 10-16, 2003

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THIS WEEK in MISSISSIPPI LITERARY HISTORY

The following events all happened during this week in Mississippi history.

Year:

1881: Novelist [Stark Young](#) was born in Como, Mississippi. (Oct. 11)

1890: Physician, lawyer, and historian [Reuben Davis](#) died of apoplexy in Huntsville, Alabama, while traveling to promote his book *Recollections of Mississippi and Mississippians*. (Oct. 14)

1903: Novelist [James Street](#) was born in Lumberton, Mississippi. (Oct. 15)

1913: Theologian **Lee A. Belford** was born in Savannah, Georgia. (Oct. 14)

1917: Poet and educator **Bessye Tobias Turner** was born in Liberty, Mississippi. (Oct. 10)

1920: Psychologist **Wilse B. Webb** was born in Hollandale, Mississippi. (Oct. 13)

1922: Writer [Thomas Hal Phillips](#) was born on a farm near Corinth, Mississippi. (Oct. 11)

1922: Novelist [Borden Deal](#) was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi. (Oct. 12)

1925: Journalist **Jack Nelson** was born in Talladega, Alabama. (Oct. 11)

1931: Journalist and editor **William Hodding Carter** married Betty Werlein. (Oct. 14)

1934: [William Faulkner](#) published "Retreat" in the *Saturday Evening Post*. (Oct. 13)

1934: Historian **John R. Skates** was born in Sharkey County, Mississippi. (Oct. 14)

1935: Newspaper columnist [William Raspberry](#) was born in Okolona, Mississippi. (Oct. 12)

1937: Children's book writer **Helen H. King** was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. (Oct. 15)

1943: Novelist [Frederick Barthelme](#) was born in Houston, Texas. (Oct. 10)

1943: Sociologist [Joyce A. Ladner](#) was born in Battles, Mississippi. (Oct. 12)

1946: Poet and educator [Claire T. Feild](#) was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi. (Oct. 11)

1955: [William Faulkner](#)'s *Big Woods* was published by Random House. (Oct. 14)

1960: Painter Maud Butler Falkner, mother of writers [John Faulkner](#), [Murry Falkner](#), and [William Faulkner](#), died at the age of 88 in Oxford, Mississippi. (Oct. 16)

1964: *The Shoe Bird*, by [Eudora Welty](#), was published by Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc., New York. (Oct. 14)

1982: *The Wake of Jamey Foster*, a two-act play by [Beth Henley](#), opened on Broadway at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre. (Oct. 14)

1994: Poet and historian **Eddie Gathings McNail** died in La Feria, Texas. (Oct. 10)

1995: Librarian and medical writer **Thomas Edward Keys** died in Rochester, Minnesota. (Oct. 11)

1998: *Impossible Marriage*, by [Beth Henley](#), opened on Broadway at the Roundabout Theatre in New York, starring Holly Hunter and directed by Stephen Wadsworth. (Oct. 15)

2002: Historian [Stephen E. Ambrose](#) died in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, from lung cancer, at the age of 66. (Oct. 13)

NEWS about MISSISSIPPI WRITERS

Do you have a news item about a Mississippi writer? Please send your information to mwp@olemiss.edu.

AUTHOR EVENTS: Book Signings, Readings, and Appearances

October 16: Square Books, Oxford, Mississippi, 5:30 p.m.

Best-selling crime writer Elmore Leonard will sign at Square Books and appear on Thacker Mountain Radio as part of his visit to the University of Mississippi, sponsored by the John and Renée [Grisham](#) Visiting Writers Series. For more information, visit www.squarebooks.com.

October 16: Johnson Commons Ballroom, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, 7:00 p.m.

Elmore Leonard, author of more than 30 novels (including *Bandits*, *Get Shorty*, and *Tishomingo Blues*), numerous film and television productions, essays and commentaries, will read and talk about his career. For more information on Leonard, visit www.elmoreleonard.com/. Elmore Leonard's new book, *When the Women Come Out to Dance*, is to be published in November 2003. Johnson Commons Ballroom, The University of Mississippi, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the John and Renee [Grisham](#) Visiting Writers Series and the Department of English at the University of Mississippi.

October 27-Feb. 29, 2004: National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.

Passionate Observer: Photographs by Eudora Welty, highlighting over 50 of Welty's black-and-white photographs from the 1930s, will be exhibited at the National Museum of Women in the

Arts. For more details, visit the museum web site at www.nmwa.org.

If you know of upcoming literary events by or about Mississippi writers, please let us know by writing us at mwp@olemiss.edu.

ON THE HORIZON

The following events are planned for the coming weeks and months. You may wish to begin planning now to attend or participate.

February 12, 2004

Reading and lecture by [Richard Ford](#). Johnson Commons Ballroom, The University of Mississippi, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the John and Renee [Grisham](#) Visiting Writers Series and the Department of English at the University of Mississippi.

If you know of additional news items for this newsletter or if you have suggestions, please write us at mwp@olemiss.edu.

For more information about events in the Oxford and University of Mississippi community, see the Ole Miss Community Calendar:
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