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## Welcome to the Mississippi Writers Page Newsletter for December 5-11, 2003

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### THIS WEEK in MISSISSIPPI LITERARY HISTORY

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

Year:

**1817:** Mississippi was admitted to the Union as the twentieth state. Its capital was Washington, Mississippi, and the governor was David Holmes. (Dec. 10)

**1871:** Novelist [Katherine Sherwood Bonner McDowell](#) gave birth to a daughter, Lilian. (Dec. 10)

**1901:** Education professor **Samuel Proctor McCutchen** was born in Greenville, Mississippi. (Dec. 9)

**1912:** Theologian **John Allen Moore** was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. (Dec. 10)

**1913:** Theologian **Paul Ramsey** was born in Mendenhall, Mississippi. (Dec. 10)

**1920:** Journalist and fiction writer **Elinor Richey** was born in Braxton, Mississippi. (Dec. 6)

**1924:** Fiction writer and editor [Charles East](#) was born in Shelby, Mississippi. (Dec. 11)

**1925:** Novelist and nonfiction writer [John Alfred Williams](#) was born in Jackson, Mississippi. (Dec. 5)

**1931:** Journalist **Robert N. Pierce** was born in Greenville, Mississippi. (Dec. 5)

**1931:** [William Faulkner](#)'s *Idyll in the Desert* was published by Random House, New York. (Dec. 8)

**1934:** Accounting professor **Thomas Richard Prince** was born in New Albany, Mississippi. (Dec. 7)

**1935:** English professor **Joseph Larry Simmons** was born in Tylertown, Mississippi. (Dec. 9)

**1935:** [William Faulkner](#) left for a five-week assignment at Twentieth Century Fox Studios, where he met Meta Dougherty Carpenter and began an intimate relationship that would last intermittently for fifteen years. (Dec. 10)

**1936:** [William Faulkner](#) published "Vendee" in the *Saturday Evening Post*. (Dec. 5)

**1947:** Novelist and English professor [Patrick Creevy](#) was born in Chicago, Illinois. (Dec. 11)

**1950:** [William Faulkner](#) and his daughter Jill departed for Stockholm, Sweden, where he would receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. (Dec. 8)

**1950:** [William Faulkner](#) received the Nobel Prize for Literature for the year 1949 in Stockholm, Sweden. (Dec. 10)

**1952:** [Eudora Welty](#)'s story "The Ponder Heart" was published in the *New Yorker*. (Dec. 5)

**1998:** Actor, writer, and lightweight boxing champion **Archie Lee Moore** died in San Diego, California. (Dec. 9)

**1995:** Historian **James Franklin Hopkins** died in Lexington, Kentucky. (Dec. 5)

**1999:** Historian **Woodrow Borah** died in Oakland, California. (Dec. 10)

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### NEWS about MISSISSIPPI WRITERS

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Do you have a news item about a Mississippi writer? Please send your information to [mwp@olemiss.edu](mailto:mwp@olemiss.edu).

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### AUTHOR EVENTS: Book Signings, Readings, and Appearances

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**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](http://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](mailto:mwp@olemiss.edu).*

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### ON THE HORIZON

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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.

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If you know of additional news items for this newsletter or if you have suggestions, please write us

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

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