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Welcome to the Mississippi Writers Page Newsletter for December 26, 2003-January 1, 2004

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THIS WEEK in MISSISSIPPI LITERARY HISTORY

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

Year:

1843: Prentiss Ingraham, author of several hundred dime novels, as well as a number of plays, articles, and poems, was born near Natchez, Mississippi. (Dec. 28)

1912: Historian **Lilian Baker Carlisle** was born in Meridian, Mississippi. (Jan. 1)

1914: Actress **Doris Johnson**, who published a collection of letters written by her husband, film writer and journalist Nunnally Johnson, was born in Mississippi. (Dec. 27)

1923: Photographer and documentarian **Florence L. Mars** was born in Philadelphia, Mississippi. (Jan. 1)

1927: Art critic **Barbara Cortright** was born in Oxford, Mississippi. (Dec. 29)

1938: [Tennessee Williams](#) arrived in New Orleans, where he soon found a small room in the French Quarter at 431 Royal Street, where he would live until spring 1939, and began calling himself "Tennessee." (Dec. 29)

1939: Poet [James Seay](#) was born in Panola County, Mississippi. (Jan. 1)

1940: *Battle of Angels* by [Tennessee Williams](#) premiered in Boston, starring Miriam Hopkins. It bombed. (Dec. 30)

1941: Writer and educator **Otha Richard Sullivan** was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. (Dec. 28)

1943: Psychologist **Bryce Britton** was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. (Jan. 1)

1944: [Tennessee Williams](#)'s play *The Glass Menagerie* opened in Chicago, starring Laurette Taylor. It was greeted by rave reviews but sparse audiences attended. (Dec. 26)

1950: *The Rose Tattoo* by [Tennessee Williams](#) premiered at the Erlanger Theatre in Chicago. (Dec. 29)

1950: *Short Stories* by [Eudora Welty](#) was published by Harcourt, Brace, & Company, New York. (Jan. 1)

1955: Novelist and outdoor writer **Ernest Herndon** was born in Memphis, Tennessee. (Dec. 29)

1958: *Period of Adjustment High Point over a Cavern* by [Tennessee Williams](#) opened at Coconut Grove Playhouse, Miami. (Dec. 29)

1960: [William Faulkner](#) willed his manuscripts to the William Faulkner Foundation. (Dec. 28)

1961: *Night of the Iguana* by [Tennessee Williams](#) opened at the Royale Theatre in New York. (Dec. 28)

1971: Journalist and editor **P. D. East** died. (Dec. 31)

1974: *A Pageant of Birds* by [Eudora Welty](#) was published by Albondocani Press, New York. (Dec. 31)

1982: *The Wake of Jamey Foster*, a play by [Beth Henley](#), opened in its first staged production at the Hartford Stage Theatre in Hartford, Connecticut. The play would open on Broadway later that year. (Jan. 1)

1986: Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **Dumas Malone** died after a brief illness in Charlottesville, Virginia. (Dec. 27)

1991: Historian **John K. Betterworth** died in Starkville, Mississippi. (Dec. 31)

AUTHOR EVENTS: Book Signings, Readings, and Appearances

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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