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## MUM01767

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### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Repository**

University of Mississippi Libraries

**Creator**

Mitchell, Sidna Brower

**Title**

Sidna Brower Mitchell Collection

**ID**

MUM01767

**Date [inclusive]**

1959-2003

**General Physical Description note**

10 boxes (9.42 linear feet)

**Location:**

General Special Collections; Visual Collections

**Abstract:**

Collection of letters written to Sidna Brower while she was editor of the *Mississippian*. The letters discuss Brower, James Meredith, and the integration of the University of Mississippi. The collection also includes photographs, many newspaper clippings, newspapers, and other printed materials.

**Preferred Citation**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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In 1962 Sidna Brower became the editor of the *Mississippian*, the University of Mississippi's student newspaper. During her time as editor, James Meredith became the first African-American to enroll in the University of Mississippi, and on 30 September and 1 October 1962 riots occurred in Oxford. In response to the riots, Brower wrote several editorials condemning the violence. As a result of her editorials, Brower received hundreds of letters both supporting and condemning her and/or integration. She received multiple awards and was even nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

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The Sidna Brower Mitchell Collection documents the reaction of many different people in the United States and abroad to the integration of the University of Mississippi and Sidna's editorials. The collection is arranged in four series. The first series consists of all the letters supporting Sidna and/or integration and they are arranged chronologically. Most the correspondences are letters though some individuals included favorable newspaper clippings. All favorable newspaper clippings that had envelopes attached to them are included in this section.

The second series includes many letters, editorials, and newspaper clippings that are against Sidna and/or integration. Most of the correspondences are letters though some individuals included unfavorable newspaper clippings. All unfavorable newspaper clippings that had envelopes attached to them are included in this series.

The third series includes many letters, newspaper clippings, propaganda tracts, and other printed material that does not directly address Brower or integration. The section also includes categorized folders compiled by Sidna Brower Mitchell before the collection was donated. The collection maintains the original organization of those folders.

The fourth series includes all newspapers and newspaper clippings that had no envelopes attached. These newspapers and newspaper clippings are organized by date. This section also includes three scrapbooks compiled and organized by Sidna.

Several of the most significant letters include:

Letter to Ole Miss Students from James Meredith discussing his reasons for attending the University of Mississippi – 30 April 1963 – Box 5

Letter to Sidna from Martin Luther King Jr. asking for a

donation – March 1963 – Box 5

James Meredith's statement about enrolling in the Spring of 1963 – 7 Jan 1963 – Box 6

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## **ARRANGEMENT**

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The Sidna Brower Mitchell Collection is arranged in four series according to format and content, then chronologically within each series.

1. [Series 1. Letters supporting Sidna Brower and/or integration](#)
2. [Series 2. Letters against Sidna Brower and/or integration](#)
3. [Series 3. Miscellaneous letters and Brower's files](#)
  - [Subseries 3.1. Miscellaneous letters](#)
  - [Subseries 3.2. Brower's files](#)
4. [Series 4. Newspapers and Scrapbooks](#)
5. [Series 5. Photographs](#)

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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### **Publication Information**

University of Mississippi Libraries June 2012

### **Access Restrictions**

The Sidna Brower Mitchell Collection is open for research. *Photographs from this collection are stored at an off-site facility. Researchers interested in using these photographs must contact Archives and Special Collections at least two business days in advance of their planned visit. As the photographs have been [digitized](#), researchers are strongly encouraged to use the digital versions.*

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for copyright infringement.

### **Additions**

No further additions are expected to this collection.

### **Acquisition Information**

Donated by Sidna Brower Mitchell, 2011

### **Processing Information**

Collection processed by Joel Gillaspie, 2011-2012. Finding aid encoded by Kathryn Michaelis, June 2012.

### **Alternative Formats**

Photographs and a scrapbook from this collection have been digitized and made [available online](#).

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## **RELATED MATERIALS**

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### **Resources at the University of Mississippi**

Photographs and a scrapbook from this collection have been digitized and made [available online](#).

[James Howard Meredith Collection](#), Archives and Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library

[Mississippian/Daily Mississippian](#), Archives and Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library

For more materials related to the University of Mississippi's integration, please see our [Civil Rights and Race Relations Subject Guide](#).

### **Separated Material**

Photographs have been moved to cold storage for preservation.

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## **CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- University of Mississippi -- History

## Format(s)

- clippings (information artifacts)
- correspondence
- newspapers
- photographs
- scrapbooks

## Personal Name(s)

- Brower, Sidna Mitchell
- Meredith, James, 1933-

## Subject(s)

- African Americans -- Civil rights
- Civil rights -- Mississippi -- Oxford -- History
- College integration -- Mississippi -- Oxford -- History
- Political activists
- Pulitzer Prizes
- Riots - Mississippi - Oxford
- Segregation in education

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## COLLECTION INVENTORY

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### Series 1. Letters supporting Sidna Brower and/or integration

#### Box 1

2 September 1962

4 September 1962

8 September 1962

9 September 1962

21 September 1962

27 September 1962

28 September 1962

30 September 1962

1 October 1962

2 October 1962

3 October 1962

4 October 1962

5 October 1962

6 October 1962

7 October 1962

8 October 1962

8 October 1962

9 October 1962

10 October 1962

11 October 1962

12 October 1962

13 October 1962

14 October 1962

15 October 1962

16 October 1962

17 October 1962

18 October 1962

19 October 1962

20 October 1962

21 October 1962

25 October 1962

26 October 1962

28 October 1962

29 October 1962

30 October 1962

31 October 1962

1 November 1962

2 November 1962

5 November 1962

6 November 1962

7 November 1962

8 November 1962

9 November 1962

11 November 1962

12 November 1962

13 November 1962

14 November 1962

15 November 1962

17 November 1962

19 November 1962

20 November 1962

21 November 1962

**Box 2**

22 November 1962

23 November 1962

25 November 1962

26 November 1962

27 November 1962

28 November 1962

29 November 1962

30 November 1962

1 December 1962

2 December 1962

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3 December 1962

3 December 1962

4 December 1962

5 December 1962

5 December 1962

6 December 1962

6 December 1962

7 December 1962

8 December 1962

9 December 1962

10 December 1962

11 December 1962

12 December 1962

13 December 1962

14 December 1962

15 December 1962

16 December 1962

17 December 1962

18 December 1962

19 December 1962

20 December 1962

21 December 1962

23 December 1962

24 December 1962

25 December 1962

27 Decemeber 1962

29 December 1962

30 December 1962

**Box 3**

1 January 1963

2 January 1963

4 January 1963

6 January 1963

7 January 1963

8 January 1963

9 January 1963

10 January 1963

11 January 1963

12 January 1963

14 January 1963

15 January 1963

16 January 1963

17 January 1963

18 January 1963

19 January 1963

20 January 1963

21 January 1963

22 January 1963

24 January 1963

25 January 1963

27 January 1963

28 January 1963

30 January 1963

31 January 1963

1 February 1963

2 February 1963

3 February 1963

10 February 1963

17 February 1963

4 March 1963

5 March 1963

26 March 1963

4 April 1963

10 April 1963

11 April 1963

12 April 1963

30 April 1963

Undated

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## **Series 2. Letters against Sidna Brower and/or integration**

### **Box 3**

21 September 1962

30 September 1962

1 October 1962

2 October 1962

3 October 1962

4 October 1962

5 October 1962

6 October 1962

7 October 1962

8 October 1962

9 October 1962

10 October 1962

11 October 1962

12 October 1962

13 October 1962

14 October 1962

15 October 1962

16 October 1962

17 October 1962

18 October 1962

19 October 1962

21 October 1962

22 October 1962

23 October 1962

25 October 1962

28 October 1962

29 October 1962

30 October 1962

31 October 1962

1 November 1962

3 November 1962

6 November 1962

7 November 1962

8 November 1962

10 November 1962

11 November 1962

18 November 1962

20 November 1962

22 November 1962

27 November 1962

28 November 1962

30 November 1962

1 December 1962

3 December 1962

4 December 1962

5 December 1962

6 December 1962

7 December 1962

8 December 1962

10 December 1962

11 December 1962

13 December 1962

15 December 1962

17 December 1962

20 December 1962

24 December 1962

29 December 1962

4 January 1963

9 January 1963

11 January 1963

12 January 1963

14 January 1963

17 January 1963

26 March 1963

27 March 1963

April 1963

Undated

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**Series 3. Miscellaneous letters and Brower's files**

**Subseries 3.1. Miscellaneous letters**

**Box 4**

29 January 1959

November 1960

24 July 1961

1 November 1961

November 1961

16 February 1962

17 March 1962

May-June 1962

1 and 9 May 1962

10 May 1962

Autumn 1962

3 August 1962

24 August 1962

13 September 1962

15 September 1962

20 September 1962

21 September 1962

24 September 1962

25 September 1962

26 September 1962

27 September 1962

28 September 1962

29 September 1962

30 September 1962

1 October 1962

2 October 1962

3 October 1962

4 October 1962

5 October 1962

6 October 1962

7 October 1962

8 October 1962

9 October 1962

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11 October 1962

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27 October 1962

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31 October 1962

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5 November 1962

6 November 1962

7 November 1962

9 November 1962

10 November 1962

11 November 1962

12 November 1962

**Box 5**

13 November 1962

14 November 1962

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15 November 1962

16 November 1962

18 November 1962

19 November 1962

21 November 1962

22 November 1962

23 November 1962

27 November 1962

28 November 1962

29 November 1962

30 November 1962

1 December 1962

2 December 1962

3 December 1962

4 December 1962

5 December 1962

6 December 1962

7 December 1962

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25 December 1962

26 December 1962

28 December 1962

29 December 1962

30 December 1962

31 December 1962

December 1962

1 January 1963

4 January 1963

5 January 1963

7 January 1963

9 January 1963

10 January 1963

11 January 1963

12 January 1963

13 January 1963

14 January 1963

15 January 1963

16 January 1963

18 January 1963

20 January 1963

21 January 1963

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25 January 1963

27 January 1963

29 January 1963

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31 January 1963

February 1963

5 February 1963

7 February 1963

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11 February 1963

12 February 1963

14 February 1963

16 February 1963

18 February 1963

21 February 1963

23 February 1963

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11 March 1963

12 March 1963

13 March 1963

15 March 1963

16 March 1963

17 March 1963

20 March 1963

22 March 1963

23 March 1963

25 March 1963

26 March 1963

27 March 1963

30 March 1963

April 1963

8 April 1963

10 April 1963

11 April 1963

12 April 1963

13 April 1963

15 April 1963

16 April 1963

**Box 6**

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17 April 1963

20 April 1963

22 April 1963

23 April 1963

25 April 1963

26 April 1963

27 April 1963

30 April 1963

April 1963

1 May 1963

2 May 1963

5 May 1963

14 May 1963

25 May 1963

4 June 1963

10 June 1963

5 August 1963

September 1963

5 September 1963

6 October 1963

27 October 1963

21 November 1963

February 1964

24 February 1964

11 October 1972

4 October 1982

10 August 1997

28 August 1997

17 June 2000

24 June 2002

2 July 2002

4 August 2002

10 August 2002

22 September 2002

26 September 2002

27 September 2002

3 October 2002

25 October 2002

Undated

Undated

Undated

Undated

Undated

Undated

**Subseries 3.2. Brower's files**

**Box 6**

Record Book for CWENS Sophomore Women's Honorary Society, 1959-1960

*The University of Mississippi and the Meredith Case*, 15 November 1962

Empty envelopes for letters sent to Sidna, undated

Articles from different internet sites discussing the anniversary of the University of Mississippi's integration, 1997-2002

Categorized Folder: James Meredith, undated

Categorized Folder: Rebel Underground, undated

Categorized Folder: William Faulkner, undated

Categorized Folder: Ross Barnett, undated

Categorized Folder: *Mississippian*, undated

Categorized Folder: Dr. James Silver, undated

Categorized Folder: Joe Baylen, undated

Categorized Folder: Editor's Conference – New York, undated

Categorized Folder: University of Mississippi Integration 40th Anniversary, undated

Categorized Folder: Miscellaneous – Award and Christmas Card, undated

Categorized Folder: Ole Miss, undated

Categorized Folder: Writings – editorial drafts, undated

Categorized Folder: Mademoiselle, undated

Categorized Folder: Responses to several letters about internships by Brower, undated

Categorized Folder: "Race and Reason," undated

Categorized Folder: Drafts of articles about the *Mississippian* and its staff, undated

Categorized Folder: Letters to the editor, undated

Categorized Folder: Oxford, U.S.A., undated

Categorized Folder: Constitution, undated

Categorized Folder: Correspondences, undated

Categorized Folder: James Meredith's Case, undated

Photographs (*Removed to cold storage--see [Series 5](#) for descriptions*)

Categorized Folder: G. Ray Kerciu, undated

Folder with Reunion material, undated

Categorized Folder: Ole Miss Hall of Fame Reunion,

2003

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#### **Series 4. Newspapers and Scrapbooks**

##### **Box 7**

Newspapers, October 1962

Newspapers, November 1962

Newspapers, December 1962

Newspapers, 1963-1964

Newspaper Clippings, undated

Newspaper Clippings, August 1959-September 1962

Newspaper Clippings, September 1962

Newspaper Clippings, October 1962

Newspaper Clippings, November-December 1962

Newspaper Clippings, 1963-1964

Box 8: Multiple copies of different *Mississippians*, 1962-1963

Box 9: Multiple copies of different *Mississippians*, 1963

Box 10: Pulitzer nomination scrapbook and other scrapbooks, 1962-1964; 2002-2003

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#### **Series 5. Photographs CPB 30**

G. Ray Kerciu

G. Ray Kerciu

G. Ray Kerciu's artwork

G. Ray Kerciu's artwork

G. Ray Kerciu's artwork

G. Ray Kerciu's artwork

G. Ray Kerciu and his artwork

**Scope and Contents note**

4 items

J.D. Williams

**Scope and Contents note**

2 items

Sidna Brower at desk with two others

Sidna Brower at typewriter

Sidna Brower on a panel with six others

Sidna Brower at desk

Sidna Brower with two men

Sidna Brower on the phone

Sidna Brower at meeting with others

Sidna Brower with newspaper

Sidna Brower

3 photographs: Morris Spivey; "Greasy Charlie the Sandwich Man" Blackwell; Sidna Brower and a woman holding an award certificate

Three women with ribbons reading "Mississippi," "Missouri," and one not visible

Two men and one woman looking at a machine

Eudora Welty looking at William Faulkner's bust

John Faulkner

Negatives

Two U.S. Marshals, 1962

James Meredith and U. S. Marshals, 1962

Co-ed and U. S. Marshals, 1962

Man sleeping on the grass, 1962

U. S. Army soldier at Ole Miss stadium, 1962

Crowd and military, 1962

James Meredith, Joseph McShane and Paul Johnson, 1962

Military presence on the Ole Miss campus, 1962

James Meredith in front of Connor Hall, 1962

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