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Scope and Contents

Correspondence, clippings, manuscripts, genealogical information, research material, scrapbooks and publications. The collection concerns Broox Sledge's research and writing much of which focused on the history of the Noxubee County and Mississippi. Among the main subjects are post offices in Mississippi, and the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek. Included is genealogical information and census data for Noxubee County.
Biographical Data

Full name of person about whom biographical data is needed:

Malcolm Broox Sledge

Date and place of birth:
8 February, 1919    Tennessee

Date and place of death:
13 March, 2002    Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi

His occupation, activities, and place or places where he flourished:

Son of Dock M. and Dovie M. Sledge.
Graduate of New Albany High School, Mississippi; attended Mississippi State University.
Served in U. S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific war zone.
Historical feature and news writer for many Mississippi newspapers, 1950-1975.
Retired as assistant postmaster, Macon, Mississippi, in 1981 after 25 years in the postal service.
Colonel on staff of Mississippi Governor J. P. Coleman, 1956-1960.
Member of Board of Trustees, East Mississippi Junior College, Scooba, Mississippi.
Field research pollster for the Gallup Poll in Noxubee County, Mississippi.
Resident of Macon, Mississippi.

Name and address of person supplying data (and relation to biographee):

Broox Sledge

Date July 24, 1985; updated 5-11-2012
Series Outline and Container List

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Oversized Manuscripts:
    Oversized Manuscripts Drawer IV
Subject Tracings

Names:
Sledge, Broox
King, Martin Luther, Jr.
Kennedy, Robert F.

Subjects:
Pickens County (Ala.)
Cemeteries
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<td>Digest of the 1840 and 1860 Noxubee County Censuses; Notes from Ledgers, 1836-1848</td>
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<td>&quot;Lost Gap, Vex and Rara Avis... Betcha Don't Know Where They Are&quot;: &quot;Hey out there - you big Mississippi cities...&quot; [Community names in Mississippi]</td>
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<td>&quot;Mississippi . . . A Mini-History&quot;: &quot;Written in Celebration of the 166th Year of This Wonderful, Friendly World We Call Mississippi&quot;</td>
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"incomplete"; incorporates much information provided by 1983 correspondence

23 Manuscripts: "The Post Office History of Noxubee County, Mississippi from 1834 to 1965" [1983]

24 Manuscripts: "A Vignette . . .'Cooksville ': "Since 1846 the Methodist Church in the community of Cooksville . . ."

24 Manuscripts: "With This Ring, I Thee Wed": "The first marriage recorded in Noxubee County . . ."


24 Manuscripts: Untitled: "Buried in a small, fenced-in, well-kept part of an otherwise abandoned cemetery . . ." [grave of James Williamson Wallis]

24 Manuscripts: Untitled: "Filial devotion is one of man's most noble characteristics . . ." [Boggess family cemetery]

24 Manuscripts: Untitled: "Miss Lora McMorries, who actually began her career teaching . . ."

24 Manuscripts: Untitled: "A mystery to which there is no evident answer . . ." [Pleasant Tucker]

24 Manuscripts: Untitled: "To be a bee man . . ." [N.C. Jensen]

26 Miscellany 1938-1980

27 Research Material: Cemeteries - Noxubee County, Mississippi, Pickens County, Alabama 1960, n.d.


**Manuscripts:**
Post office history of Mississippi:
31 Amite County, 1828-1960.
Attala County, 1835-1960.
32 Benton County, 1870-1960.
Bolivar County, 1836-1965.
33 Calhoun County, 1852-1970.
Carroll County, 1834-1960.
Chickasaw County, 1836-1984.
34 Clarke County, 1833-1960.
Clay County, 1871-1960.
35 Coahoma County, 1836-1960.
Copiah County, 1829-1960.
Covington County, 1832-1955.
36 Greene County, 1832-1960.
Grenada County, 1870-1960.
37 Hancock County, 1824-1960.
Hinds County, 1828-1960.
38 Issaquena County, 1844-1960.
Itawamba County, 1836-1950.
39 Jasper County, 1834-1971.
Jones County, 1826-1960.
Kemper County, 1838-1960.
40 Lafayette County, 1836-1960.
Lamar County, 1904-1960.
Lauderdale County, 1833-1950.
Lawrence County, 1829-1960.
41 Leake County, 1832-1950.
Lee County, 1866-1960.
Lincoln County, 1870-1960.
Lowndes County, 1826-1950.
42 Marion County, 1828-1984.
Monroe County, 1827-1950.
43 Neshoba County, 1833-1970.
Newton County, 1836-1960.
Noxubee County, 1833-1967.
44 Oktibbeha County, 1833-1960.
Pearl River County, 1890-1965.
Perry County, 1831-1970.
45 Pike County, 1831-1960.
Pontotoc County, 1837-1984.
Prentiss County, 1870-1960.
46 Rankin County, 1828-1965.
Scott County, 1833-1950.
Sharkey County, 1876-1960.
Simpson County, 1832-1950.
Smith County, 1833-1960.
Sunflower County, 1844-1960.
Tate County, 1873-1960.
Tippah County, 1836-1960.
Tunica County, 1836-1970.
Union County, 1870-1984.
Warren County, 1825-1960.
Washington County, 1832-1960.
Wayne County, 1827-1984.
Webster County, 1874-1960.
Winston County, 1833-1960.
Yazoo County, 1823-1960.

Clippings of articles:

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1 Publications:
   In Yellow Envelope:
      Article rough drafts:
         Christmas Story.
      Footprints in the Dust:
         Appointment at Crane Hill.
         By the Coon Dogs and the Watermelons.
         This is a Big One.
         It Wasn’t There.
         The funeral of Mary Jane Bates.
   Book World:
      Santa Will Be Flying High Over Newton County, Dec. 6, 1995.
      I can hear winds whisper along a shore that’s still.
   Misc. Articles:
      Long and faithful companion is gone, Nov. 23, 1995.
      I like everybody over 70 and those under 70 aren’t bad, Aug. 16, 1995.
      Sledge shares a South Pacific memory, Nov. 23, 1995.
      To deny divine being behind creation flirting with insanity.
      Gramps with Cramps.
      Why such a crazy angle?
      The 10 best books I’ve read.
   Full Page of Articles by Broox Sledge, Sept. 6, 1995.
Books:
   The Greatest Moments in Mississippi State Football History, signed by
Jackie Sherrill, Johnie Cooks, and ? Bond.
The Journal of Mississippi History:
Newsletters:
   Mississippi History Newsletter, May 1996.
Magazine Articles:
   Symphony in the Forest, January/February 1996.
   The Story of the Indian Treaties that Brought Forth Mississippi, undated.
Misc. Newspaper Articles:
   Captain John’s WWII tale of lost love, June 1, 1994.
   In the beginning, there was only God.
   I love you, old chair, and wish you a Merry Christmas, Dec. 21, 1995.
   I like everybody over 70 and those under 70 aren’t bad, Aug. 16, 1995.
Footprints in the Dust:
   I love you, old chair, and wish you a Merry Christmas.
   By the Coon Dogs … and the Watermelons.
   I Love Mississippi.
   Into the Shadows Furious.
   When Did the Civil War Really End.
   Noxubee Memories.
   Sweetie.
   Saturday’s Child.
   Buried Alive.
   Carry Me Home.
   Countdown to Independence.
   The Longest Night.
   Doctor Sanjiv Chopra’s Liver Book.
   Ghandi.
   Fire on the Waters.
   Folder, The 7 Mule Articles, 1989.
The Book World:
   Children’s Book World:
   Books appeal to wide range of readers.
   By the coon dogs.
   Sweetness Everywhere.
Subjects for books range from murder to war to interest potential readers.


Tiger Trial.
The Quick and the Dead.
Reading Appeals to Imagination, The Itawamba County Times.
Travel literature proves intriguing to readers.
The Binding Chair.
The Serpent Club.
Deceit.

Correspondence:
To Sir or Madam from Lori Garber, Pentland Press, Inc., October 23, 2001. (3 copies)
To Barron’s from Broox Sledge, returned to sender, May 27, 2001.

Notes:
Articles:
WW2 Pacific Memoir.
Long Before the Civil War, There was a Country Store and there was Clementine (includes notes).
Grandpa during World War II. (in blue folder w/ picture of Ronald Reagan)

Book World:
Grift Sense.
Farther Than Any Man.
Dragon Hunter.
Life on the Mississippi.
Musial.
Deceit.
Secret Sanction.
Unknown Shore.
The Long Firm.
Bad Girl Creek.
Sherman: A Soldier’s Life.
Manhunt.
Cunning Treatment.
Nantucket Impressions.
President Nixon.
Carry Me Home.

Footprints in the Dust:
The Shadows Drift in The Old Days of Greene County.
The Valley of the Purple Rocks…
I Love Mississippi.
Come with me to Eutaw and Her Ideal Location.
I Love Alabama.
By the Coon Dogs and the Watermelons.
A World War Two Memoir.
A Patch of Peas.
Things I Like.
Oh, Give Me a House for me and my spouse.
All American Pursuits: Apple Pie, Hot dogs, and waiting for the doctor.
Appointment in Lone Star.
Noxubee Country at Sunset.
Appointment in Laurel Hill.
The symphony of the Tallahatchie, Where the River meets the Forest.

Materials:
For Christmas story of Union county.
Empty folder with notes on it.
Empty folders stapled together with notes on them.
Misc. papers with notes on them.
Unusual outstanding Quotes.
Notes with a map paper clipped.
Folder with Misc. article drafts and notes.

Memorabilia:
Democratic Party:
Bumper sticker.
2 mailed prints of President Bill Clinton.
Picture of Bill and Hillary Clinton.
Maps:
Miscellaneous Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas maps. (28)

Miscellaneous:
Programs:
Macon Presbyterian Church, February 10, 2002.

Articles about Sledge:
Sledge Papers to MSU, November 21, 1985.

Printed material:
Murphy’s Law.

Other:
Book Reviews:
A Goose in Toulouse.
The Arrogance of Power.
Blackbird, Fire on the Waters, Rivers of Texas, and Purgatory Ridge.
Book World by Judy Gaitner, Aug. 21, 1996.
Newspaper scrap, Tate Co. churches.
Newspaper ad cutout, The Carthaginian.
Newspaper article, Jessie Sullivan Sends to us a Dog Story.
Newspaper, Settlement of Newton County.
New York Times Book Review:
  March 17, 2002.
  March 24, 2002.
News from Hyperion Beyond Illusions.
Folder with book review clippings inside.
Unrelated:
  Misc. Newspaper clippings.
  Social Security envelope.
  Discharge instructions.
  Noxubee Country receipt.
  Request to Random House about a book review.
  Exercise notes.
  Labels, Book World.
  List of publisher contacts.
  Blank postcard, Allen N. Glover, Demopolis, Alabama.

Publications


Henderson, Richey, Pontotoc County Men of Note (Pontotoc: Pontotoc Progress Print, 1940), 73 pp.

Post News, Vol. 1, No. 8 (May 1965); 10 (July 1965) (2 copies); 12 (November 1965)
  Vol. 2, No. 1 (December 1965)


Scrapbooks

1. Clippings of Sledge's articles 1954-1966
2. Clippings of Sledge's articles, photographs, letters 1955-1972
3. Clippings of Sledge's articles, photographs 1960-1974
4. Clippings of Sledge's articles and magazines containing his articles 1964-1965
   [Scrapbook has been removed from its covers]

Posters

OSD IV U. S. Postal Service posters (2) advertising commemorative stamps honoring Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.
The following items have been routed to the above unit for appropriate disposition:

Macon Sesquicentennial 1834-1984: History, First United Methodist Church, Macon, Mississippi