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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.

Writer-editor of book review column "The Book World," 1960 to present.

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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Subject Tracings

Names:

Sledge, Broox

King, Martin Luther, Jr.

Kennedy, Robert F.

Subjects:

Pickens County (Ala.)

Cemeteries

Census

Genealogical records

Indians

Noxubee County (Miss.)

Postal service – Mississippi – Noxubee County

Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek

Inventory

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1	Clippings of Articles About Broox Sledge	1982-1983
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10	Correspondence/Personal Papers/Genealogical Information	(Feb.) 1983
11	Correspondence/Personal Papers/Genealogical Information	(Mar.) 1983
12	Correspondence/Personal Papers/Genealogical Information	(Apr.) 1983
13	Correspondence/Personal Papers/Genealogical Information	(May) 1983
14	Correspondence/Personal Papers/Genealogical Information	(June-Dec.) 1983
15	Correspondence/Personal Papers/Genealogical Information	(n.d.) [1983]
16	Correspondence/Personal Papers/Genealogical Information	1984
17	Manuscripts: "Dancing Rabbit: A History of Noxubee County" (pages 1-116)	1983

18	Manuscripts: "Dancing Rabbit: A History of Noxubee County" (pages 117-209)	1983
19	Manuscripts: "Dancing Rabbit: A History of Noxubee County" (pages 210-292)	1983
20	Manuscripts: "Dancing Rabbit: A History of Noxubee County": Chapter 18: "The Noxubee County Tax Assessment Roll, 1848"	1983
20	Manuscripts: "Dancing Rabbit: A History of Noxubee County": Chart used on page 27	1983
30	Manuscripts: Digest of the 1840 and 1860 Noxubee County Censuses; Notes from Ledgers, 1836-1848	1963, n.d.
25	Manuscripts: "The Early Officers": "On March 1, 1834 ten county-wide officers . . ." [Noxubee County history]	n.d.
25	Manuscripts: "From Aberdeen to Yazoo City": "A glance down the list of names ." [County seat and city names in Mississippi]	n.d.
25	Manuscripts: "I Hearby Bequeath": "Some of the most interesting bedrock history of a people is revealed in the records of wills . . ." [Noxubee County history]	n.d.
25	Manuscripts: "Lost Gap, Vex and Rara Avis . . . Betcha Don't Know Where They Are": "Hey out there - you big Mississippi cities ..." [Community names in Mississippi]	n.d.
21	Manuscripts: "Mississippi . . . A Mini-History": "Written in Celebration of the 166th Year of This Wonderful, Friendly World We Call Mississippi"	[1983]
24	Manuscripts: "Mississippi . . . Her Magnificent Misses . . .": "Mississippi's greatest natural asset is the loveliness of her young misses ..." (2 copies)	n.d.
22	Manuscripts: "Noxubee County Family Mini-Histories": "The Information in this family history chapter . . ."	1983-1985

["incomplete"; incorporates much information provided by 1983 correspondence]

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| 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 . . ." | 1965 |
| 24 | Manuscripts: "With This Ring, I Thee Wed":
"The first marriage recorded in Noxubee County . . ." | n.d. |
| 24 | Manuscripts: Untitled: "A bit of Southern France is blooming near Macon . . ." [Oren Poindexter's olive tree] | n.d. |
| 24 | Manuscripts: Untitled: "Buried in a small, fenced-in, well-kept part of an otherwise abandoned cemetery . . ." [grave of James Williamson Wallis] | n.d. |
| 24 | Manuscripts: Untitled: "Filial devotion is one of man's most noble characteristics . . ." [Bogges family cemetery] | n.d. |
| 24 | Manuscripts: Untitled: "Miss Lora McMorries, who actually began her career teaching . . ." | n.d. |
| 24 | Manuscripts: Untitled: "A mystery to which there is no evident answer . . ." [Pleasant Tucker] | n.d. |
| 24 | Manuscripts: Untitled: "To be a bee man . . ." [N.C. Jensen] | n.d. |
| 26 | Miscellany | 1938-1980 |
| 27 | Research Material: Cemeteries - Noxubee County, Mississippi, Pickens County, Alabama | 1960, n.d. |
| 28 | Research Material: General | 1983, n.d. |
| 29 | Research Material: Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek | 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.
Marshall County, 1836-1984.
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.

- 47 Smith County, 1833-1960.
Sunflower County, 1844-1960.
Tate County, 1873-1960.
- 48 Tippah County, 1836-1960.
Tunica County, 1836-1970.
Union County, 1870-1984.
- 49 Warren County, 1825-1960.
Washington County, 1832-1960.
Wayne County, 1827-1984.
Webster County, 1874-1960.
- 50 Wilkinson County, 1828-1960.
Winston County, 1833-1960.
Yazoo County, 1823-1960.

- 51 Clippings of articles:
"Footprints", 1991.

2009 Addition

- 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.
A Lost Cork, Feb. 14, 1996.
I can hear winds whisper along a shore that's still.
Misc. Articles:
Long and faithful companion is gone, Nov. 23, 1995.
Everything great in Pontotoc County, Oct. 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.
Directory of Post Offices, 1956.
Mississippi Official and Statistical Register, 1988-1992.
The Journal of Mississippi History:
Vol. XXXVI, No. 1, February 1974.
Vol. XLV No. 2, May 1983.

Newsletters:

Mississippi History Newsletter, May 1996.

Magazine Articles:

Symphony in the Forest, January/February 1996.
Wives Can Just Do Things, undated.
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.
The Saga of Old Man Dooley, Sept. 7, 1995.
Gramps with Cramps, Feb. 26, 1996.
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:

Books open avenues never before traveled, Sept. 27, 2000.
Children's Book World:
Sept. 26, 2000.
October 4, 2000.
Books appeal to wide range of readers.
Dear Old Friend, Dec. 20, 1995.
By the coon dogs.
Sweetness Everywhere.
New book profiles mysterious Garbo.

War in the Pacific, June 19, 1996.
October 3, 2000.
Sept. 27, 2000. (Green Country Independent).
Sulligent News, July 4, 2001.
The Newton Record, July 11, 2001.
Gene Marshall, Girl Star.
Copiah County Courier, July 11, 2001.
Itawamba County Times, undated.
Newton Record, October 31, 2001.
Saturday's Child.
A Fish Caught in Time.
The Democrat, October 30, 2001.
Books always provide continuous entertainment, 10/1/2001.
Adventure books never lose universal appeal.
The Santa Fe Trial.
The Debt Collector.
When Trails Grow Dim, I Think of Aunt Lucy and That Black-Eyed Pea
Patch.
Staying Tuned.
Saturday's Child, The Greensboro Watchman, Oct. 25, 2001.
Glory Denied, Jan. 24, 2002.
The Scarlet Thread of Scandal.
Children's Book World, Feb. 26, 2002.
Out of Place, The Lamar Democrat, Feb. 13, 2002.
Midnight Sun, Feb. 21, 2002.
English Cottage Gardening, April 3, 2001.
Forever Sisters, April 3, 2001.
Seeking St. Louis, March 7, 2001 and Nov. 7, 2001.
Little Panda, May 23, 2001.
Musial.
Latina Beauty, May 22, 2001.
A Mood Apart, May 23, 2001.
The Longest Night, Oct. 4, 2001.
Wainewright the Poisoner.
Viking Voyage.
The Hidden Power of Everyday Things, May 30, 2001.
The Gypsies Never Came, May 30, 2001.
A Goose in Toulouse.
White Hunter and Hunter's Tracks, March 7, 2001.
The Beautiful Cat, April 11, 2001.
Reading is Good, 4/4/2001.
Once an Eagle.
Boone's Lick.
Subjects for books range from murder to war to interest potential readers.
Staying Tuned, 11/8/2001.
Tiger Trial.

The Log of a Cowboy, Nov. 6, 2001.
The Quick and the Dead.
Reading Appeals to Imagination, The Itawamba County Times.
Travel literature proves intriguing to readers.
The Binding Chair.
The Newton Record, March 28, 2001.
Manhunt, May 23, 2001.
The Serpent Club.
Deceit.

Correspondence:

To Sir or Madam from Lori Garber, Pentland Press, Inc., October 23, 2001. (3 copies)
To Friends from Jodie Hayes, Kodansha America, Inc., May 2001.
To Barron's from Broox Sledge, returned to sender, May 27, 2001.
From Alfred A. Knopf Publishers, November 6, 2001.
From The New Press, February 28, 2002.
Solicitation rough draft from Broox Sledge, Aug. 24, 2000.

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:

Certificate, Mississippi Press Association, Best General Interest Column, 1990 and 1993.

Democratic Party:

Bumper sticker.

2 Commemorative Presidential Prints of the White House, 2006.

2 mailed prints of President Bill Clinton.

Picture of Bill and Hillary Clinton.

Democratic Campaign Strategy Survey, 2000.

Maps:

Miscellaneous Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas maps. (28)

Miscellaneous:

Programs:

Dance at Pooh's Corner, May 31, 1985.

Macon Presbyterian Church, February 10, 2002.

Articles about Sledge:

Journalist Keeps Tabs on Noxubee County, Jan. 26, 1987.

Sledge Papers to MSU, November 21, 1985.

Observe Anniversary, June 15, 1989.

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 Gaither, 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:
 Dec. 16, 2001.
 March 17, 2002.
 March 24, 2002.
Eakin Press, Fall 2001.
News from Hyperion Beyond Illusions.
Folder with book review clippings inside.
Mississippi Press Association, Better Newspaper Contest, June 15-17, 1989.
Moody Press News Release, February 2002.
Moody Press News Release, January 2002.
Norton Insert Titles, Spring 2002.
Mississippi Press Association, Editorial Awards, 1993.
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

Fant, Mabel B. and John C. History of Mississippi: A School Reader (Mississippi Publishing Company, 1928), 340 pp.

Guyton, Pearl Vivian, Our Mississippi (Austin, Texas: The Steck Company, 1952), 467 pp.

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)

Winston, E. T., "Father" Stuart and the Monroe Mission (Meridian, Mississippi: Press of Tell Farmer, n.d.), 94 pp: Autographed by the author; inscribed to "N. G. Augustus, Jr."

Winston, E. T., Story of Pontotoc, Part I: The Chickasaws (Pontotoc: Pontotoc Progress Print, 1931), 94 pp. Autographed by the author; inscribed to "Rev. N. G. Augustus."

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 [Scrapbook has been removed from its covers]	1964-1965

Posters

OSD IV	U. S. Postal Service posters (2) advertising commemorative stamps honoring Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Separation Sheet

Special Collections

The following items have been routed to the above unit for appropriate disposition:

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

Sledge, Broox, Dancing Rabbit : a book about people, places and things in Noxubee County, 1986.