

Florence Oakley Box Collection Finding Aid

Series 1 through 6 Finding Aid

Biographical Information about Creator of Collection: Florence Oakley Box is a retired Starkville High School Librarian, and she has also been librarian at Overstreet School. She and her husband Larry Box attended MSU and have been educators all their working lives, supporting MSU with scholarships, and also supporting the Starkville Public Library. She has served on the library board. After June 5, 2004, when the new local history and genealogy wing was opened, the Starkville Public Library finally had a climate-controlled vault to store archival materials. Mrs. Box started periodically bringing boxes of miscellaneous materials that she thought might be of interest to people doing local history research in the Stark Annex. She also brought us three other collections: Starkville High School Library Archives Collection; the Ira Williams Collection; and the William Ward papers.

Collection Processor: Carolyn Reed and Perian Kerr
Creator of Finding Aid: Perian Kerr

Provenance: Since 2004 Mrs. Box has been bringing boxes of materials on Oktibbeha County topics to supplement our Oktibbeha County history information files. Many of the papers, articles, and miscellanea were not in folders, so the local history librarians, Carolyn Reed and Perian Kerr, sorted the materials into subject stacks, created folder names for each stack, and organized the folders alphabetically by subject, so that that the materials could be searched by topic. The topics included: Noxubee Wildlife Refuge; Mississippi State University; churches in Starkville and Oktibbeha County; Starkville and Oktibbeha County and MSU brochures and maps; historical newspapers. She also donated files having to do with the history of the Overstreet School and other schools in the Starkville School District and in Oktibbeha County, and Mary Alice Box's retired teachers coffee event photograph album; some Starkville High School class reunion materials. Other items donated included things of interest about people from Oktibbeha County, such as newspaper articles, funeral programs, marriage programs, and birthday programs. The Casey Jones Collection was assigned to Series 6, since it is Mississippi related, but not Oktibbeha County related.

Extent: 6 series, most of it contained on 2 shelves in vault

Scope: Oktibbeha County History, except one Mississippi History collection about Casey Jones.

Description: Most of the materials and articles donated are about places and people in Oktibbeha County History, such as Noxubee Wildlife Refuge; MSU; Oktibbeha County Schools, Starkville High School reunions, Overstreet School and other schools in the Starkville School District and in Oktibbeha County; churches in Oktibbeha County; brochures and maps; historical newspapers; funeral programs, marriage programs, birthday programs, and articles about Oktibbeha County people. Jones Collection. The Casey Jones history materials are Mississippi related, but not Oktibbeha County related.

Arrangement: Stark Annex staff, Carolyn Reed and Perian Kerr, created subject file folders in which to place the items. In 2021, Perian created series names and series numbers, changed some file names, reorganized the collection and relabeled boxes. Except for oversized items, most of the collection is contained by two shelves in the archives vault.

In series 1, some categories of things, such as funeral and marriage programs, and articles about people, were separated out and filed in the Stark Annex Surname file collection, in the appropriate surname file, along with the separation sheet linking them to the Florence Box Collection. Likewise, articles that might be found better if they were put into folders in one of the 9 series of the Oktibbeha County History Files Collection, were moved, along with their identifying separation sheets into the appropriate file of the series that they fit into. Series 1 through 5 are all Oktibbeha County History related. Series 6 status is assigned to materials that are Mississippi History related, but not Oktibbeha County history related.

Series Names:

Series 1: Miscellaneous Subjects: Oktibbeha County History

Series 2: Oktibbeha County Schools History

Series 3: Starkville High School Alumnae Files

Series 4: Photographs

Series 5: Historical Newspapers

Series 6: Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection

Series 1: Miscellaneous Subjects: Oktibbeha County Related

Folder List	Box Labels	Series #	Box #
Artists from Starkville Area	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Authors from Starkville Area	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Bed and Breakfasts	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Birthday Celebrations (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual document in appropriate Surname file in Stark Annex Surname File Collection)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Buildings and Homes (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual document in folder for building or home name in Oktibbeha County History Files Collection, Series 3: Buildings and Homes)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1

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Businesses and Industries (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual document in folder for business name in Oktibbeha County History Files Collection, Series 4: Businesses and Industries)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Church, First United Methodist, Starkville	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Churches, Starkville and Surrounding area (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual document in folder for church name in Oktibbeha County History Files Collection, Series 6: Churches)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Civic League, Starkville, History 1938 - 2000, by Edythe McArthur	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Clubs and Organizations (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual document in folder for club name in Okt. Co. History Collection, Series 7: Clubs and Organizations)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Local Cook Books Donated (List)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Cooperative Creamery	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Family Papers, William Ward (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual papers in Stark Annex Surname File Collection, filed under WARD in two folders named WARD, William, Family Papers Folders 1 and 2	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Funeral Programs (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual programs in Stark Annex Surname File Collection in appropriate Surname folders)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Genealogy	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Longview, MS. - by Genevieve Wallace Swartzberg	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1

Folder List	Box Labels	Series #	Box #
Maps, MSU and Miss. A & M College	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Maps, Starkville and Okt. County	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Marriage Programs and Announcements (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual document in appropriate folder in Stark Annex Surname Files Collection)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	1
Mississippi History	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Mississippi River - Lower	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Mississippi State University	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Newspapers and Magazines (Separation sheets only, with instructions about where to find actual newspaper or magazine)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge Papers (Folder 1)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge Papers (Folder 2)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Noxubee River	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Oak - Ayr Farms	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Obituaries (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual programs in Stark Annex Surname File Collection in appropriate Surname folders)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Oktibbeha County History	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Oktoc	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
People in the News (Separation sheets only, with instructions to find actual articles in Stark Annex Surname File Collection in appropriate Surname folders)	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2

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Plantations	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Robinson Road	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Starkville, City of - Brochures	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Starkville-Oktibbeha County Events	Misc. Subjects: Oktibbeha County History, A -M	1	2
Series 2: Oktibbeha County Schools History			
Folder List	Box Labels	Series #	Box #
Henderson High School	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Longview Homecoming	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Mississippi School Laws and History	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
MSU - Buildings	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Oktibbeha County Agricultural School	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Oktibbeha County Schools	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Overstreet Elementary School	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Overstreet History	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Starkville Foundation for Public Education	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Starkville High School	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Starkville High School - Cookbooks	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Starkville High school - History	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Starkville Public Schools - History	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1
Starkville School District	Oktibbeha County School History	2	1

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Series 3: Starkville High School Alumnae files			
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SHS Lady Jacket Championships, 1962-2003	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Yellow Jacket Championships, 1955-2006-07	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
John Robert Arnold School Reunion information	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Alumnae Association	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
Framed Photograph " Nineteen Twelve Graduating Class of the Starkville, Miss. High School"	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class Reunions (Pre-1939, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class Reunions (Pre-1939)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class Reunions 1939 class	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class Reunions 1940 class	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class Reunions 1941 class	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class Reunions 1942 class	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class of 1943 Reunion	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class of 1944 Reunion	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class of 1945	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class of 1951	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class of 1952	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class of 1953	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class of 1954	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class of 1955	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1

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SHS Class of 1957	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS class of 1958	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS Class Reunion Directory 1959-1961	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS class of 1960 (20th year reunion book)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1912 through 1958	3	1
SHS class of 1962	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1962 (20th Year Reunion book)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1962 (30th Year Reunion book)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1963	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1963 (30th Year Reunion book)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1964	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1962 (30th Year Reunion book)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1966	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1966 20th Year Reunion book	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1968	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1970	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1972 (30th Year Reunion Book)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS and Starkville Academy classes of 1973 (30th Year Reunion book)	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1975	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1978	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1982	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1983	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2

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SHS class of 1985	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1986	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1987	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS class of 1992	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS Class of 1994	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS Class of 1995	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS Class of 1996	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
SHS Class of 1998	Starkville High School Alumnae files: 1959 Through 1998	3	2
Series 4: Photographs			
Photo List	Box Labels	Series #	Box #
Mary Alice Box's Photo Album of Retired Starkville School District Teachers Coffee Group 1979-1988	Mary Alice Box's Photos of Retired Starkville School District Teachers Coffee Group 1979-1988	4	1
Series 5: Newspaper Collection			
Newspaper List	Box Labels	Series #	Box #
Starkville Daily News, 5/24/1963 Starkville High School Graduating Class	Okt. Co. History Newspapers	5	1
Today in the New South, Sept - Oct. 1970 Magazine (articles about Carole McReynolds Davis, Aberdeen, and Waverly)	Okt. Co. History Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News 5/17/1972, Section B - Grand Opening Security State Bank	Okt. Co. History Newspapers	5	1
The Reflector 2/28/1978 MSU's 100th birthday	Okt. Co. History Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News 2/24/1978 Mississippi State University Centennial Edition	Okt. Co. History Newspapers	5	1

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Starkville Daily News Sesquicentennial newspapers Sept - December 1983; missing Aug. 1983	Okt. Co. History Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News 5/13/1989 President Bush Speaks at commencement at MSU (see series 1, folder MSU for commencement program)	Okt. Co. History Newspapers	5	1
Victorian Sampler: a supplement to the Starkville Daily News 4/7/1989 Has articles about homes in Starkville	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News, Section B, February 28, 1992 Neighbors (has articles about the Starkville Café, Library, Brent Funderburk, Robert Lee McDavid, Mary Gray, Dr. Douglas Conner, and HelenSue Parrish	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
The Historical News 12/1995	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
The Historical News 5/1998	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News 1/22/2002 Starkville native, Shauntay Hinton, competes in Miss USA pageant	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News Lifestyles, Section B February 24, 2002 "Starving Artist Union" Dylan Karges	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News 1/29/2002 Presidential search MSU, SuperBowl after 9/11/2001	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News Progress edition February 28, 2002	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News 3/3/2002 page 1A Shauntay Hinton wins Miss USA pageant	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News 3/3/2002 Lifestyles section B SHS takes top art honors	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1
Starkville Daily News, cover of Crossroads Magazine with images from Starkville and MSU history, March 10, 2002	Okt. Co. Newspapers	5	1

Folder List	Box Labels	Series #	Box #
Series 6: Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection			
Folder List	Box Labels	Series #	Box #
Display materials for Casey Jones Collection (folder)	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
Casey Jones Museum Photos (folder)	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>The Story Of Casey Jones, the Brave Engineer</i> by B. W. Overall, Casey Jones Museum, Jackson, TN, c. 1956	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
"The Story Of Casey Jones' Last Trip", Narrated by Casey's Fireman, 1951 (Phonorecord)	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
Casey Jones Home, Railroad Museum, Jackson, Tennessee (brochure)	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>Casey Jones</i> , By R. Rounds, transcript of filmstrip from Emerson School (handwritten index card)	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>Casey Jones and the Wreck at Vaughn</i> , By Bruce Gurner, in Rare Books Stark Annex, photocopied pages on Account of Wreck and Funeral published in Jackson, TN <i>Sun</i> , and info about the song, including words to it	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>The Commercial Appeal</i> , "Casey's Ride into folklore Has 67th Birthday Today", By James Jones 4/29/1967	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>The Commercial Appeal</i> , article "Dying Town Looks for Life to 75-year-Old Ghost", By Bill Crider, 04/16/1975	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>Commercial Appeal</i> , "The Man at the Throttle", 04/27/1975	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>View Magazine</i> , "Museum Brings Casey Jones to Life" By Jan Dale, 9/8-14/1984	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1

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<i>Clarion-Ledger</i> , Southern Style Ya'll section E, "The Legend of Casey Jones: Museum on Track for 100th Birthday Celebration", 04/27/2000	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>Clarion-Ledger</i> "Casey Jones remembered 100 years after fatal crash", Article By Billy Watkins, 04/27/2000	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1
<i>The Commercial Appeal</i> , Mid--South & Metro section, "Casey Story alive and chugging", 04/30/2000	Mississippi History Related: Casey Jones Collection	6	1