



**STARKVILLE PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Beginnings of Stark Annex



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Because Betsy Stark had a desire to give something of lasting value to the community which means so much to her and her family--and because her father was the first librarian at MSU, and her mother enjoyed genealogical research, we now have the Christopher Randolph Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark Annex. This 2600 sq. ft area composed of three rooms, including an archives vault, was dedicated and opened for public use in June of 2004.

MISSION

The mission of the “Stark Annex”, so called for convenience sake, is two-fold. One mission is to acquire, organize and preserve local and family history. The second mission is to assist patrons, within and without Oktibbeha County with their personal research.

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STARK ANNEX:
STARKVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Major Collections



**FAMILY
COLLECTIONS**

■ 1. STARK COLLECTION

The entire genealogy wing of the library was given by Miss Betsy Stark. When it was dedicated in 2004, it was named in honor of Christopher Randolph Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark, Betsy Stark's parents. The library only has received a small part of the Stark collection, but it will be the largest collection at some time in the future.

■ 1. STARK COLLECTION (continued)

- Box 1 Newspaper Clippings about Christopher R. Stark; Personal papers of Christopher R. Stark
- Box 2 Miscellaneous items having to do with family history of C. R. Stark
- Box 3 Photographs
- Box 4 College catalogs and Bulletins A & M College and Miss. State College
- Box 5 Misc. publications A & M College and Miss. State College

■ 2. THE WIER COLLECTION

- Series 1: Family Letters dated from 1846 to 1987
 - *Boxes 1 through 13*

Subseries 1: Letters between Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Wier

Subseries 2: Letters to Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Wier from each of their children.

Subseries 3: Letters to other members of the Wier family besides Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Wier, in order by name of recipient and then by the name of the author of the letters

Subseries 4: Letters to people in the Robert K. Wier family as late as 1987

Subseries 5: Collection of occasion cards, in envelopes alphabetical by occasion

Subseries 6; 19th and 20th century invitations, in order by surname on invitation

■ 2. THE WIER COLLECTION (continued)

- Boxes 14--16, Series 2: Wier, T. C., Dr. -- Church Papers
- Boxes 17--18, Series 3: Family Papers
- Box 19, Series 4: Genealogy and Family Obituaries
- Box 20, Series 5: Wier Family Photos
- Box 21, Series 6: Books that Belonged to People in the Wier Family
- Box 22, Series 7: Scrapbook of Alice T. Wier; Notebook of Louie Wier
- Box 23--24, Series 8: Newspapers



**GENEALOGY
COLLECTIONS**

■ 1. KATIE-PRINCE WARD ESKER COLLECTION

KATIE-PRINCE WARD ESKER was a professional genealogist who was from Starkville, Mississippi .

She was the editor for the genealogy dept. of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mississippi Genealogical Exchange, and various other genealogy publications. Upon her death May 14, 1986, her entire genealogy collection was given to the Starkville Public Library, among which were books, genealogical periodicals, surname files, and her genealogy correspondence files, which are accessed regularly in the Stark Annex by genealogy researchers from all over the United States.

■ 1. KATIE-PRINCE WARD ESKER COLLECTION (continued)

At present, this collection is our largest collection. It :

- 1..includes large collection of genealogical files
- 2. includes boxes on Bibb Family; and McGehee Family and Cole Family (both from Robert Franklin Cole Collection)
- 3. includes large collection of genealogical periodicals
- 4. includes large collection of genealogical books, many of which were edited by Katie-Prince Ward Esker and are found listed in the online catalog

OTHER GENEALOGY COLLECTIONS

- 2. JANE BELL POLK GENEALOGY COLLECTION
- 3. MERKL GENEALOGY COLLECTION
- 4. ROBERT LEE AND MARTHA BLANKENSHIP GRAY GENEALOGY COLLECTION
- 5. MONA TOMLINSON DEATH CERTIFICATES



**LOCAL
COLLECTIONS**

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- 1. JAMES MICHAEL LEONARD COLLECTION

This includes assorted publications from Lockport Felt Company. It is part of the history of the industry in Oktibbeha County.

- 2. GLENN D. BRYANT COLLECTION

This includes letters and photographs, drawings, etc. documenting the development of an Indy 500 racecar by a professor at MSU

- 3. IRA WILLIAMS COLLECTION

This includes historical newspapers and newspaper clippings, most of which have to do with World War II, and a World War II scrapbook

LOCAL COLLECTIONS (cont.)

■ 4. DORIS COOPER COLLECTION

This includes Home & Garden Club yearbooks, scrapbooks, and history. It also includes club yearbooks of Starkville Civic League, DAR, and UDC; and the history of Greensboro Street Historic District.

■ 5. STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIVES COLLECTION

This includes a large archives of Hi-Jacket newspapers; Starkville High School Archives; Starkville School District Videotapes; Christmas Parade Videotapes; Starkville High School Band LP Records

■ 6. STARKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHERS' GRADE BOOKS FOR YEARS 1903 THROUGH 1920

LOCAL COLLECTIONS (cont.)

- 7. OKTIBBEHA COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM COLLECTION includes:
 - a. Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors Road Documents 1887-1927
 - b. Oktibbeha County Teacher Pay Receipts 1896-1928
 - c. Oktibbeha County Poll Books Justice Dockets, Ledgers
 - d. Miscellaneous scrapbooks of people from Oktibbeha County
 - e. Document cases with files containing various printed items donated to us from the Heritage Museum, and also copies of the scrapbooks donated.

LOCAL COLLECTIONS (cont.)

■ 8. FLORENCE BOX COLLECTION

includes four document cases with files,

- series 1, Box 1 is arranged in alphabetical order according to subject, containing topics pertaining to Oktibbeha County, its people, and topics of interest to people from Oktibbeha County.
- series 2, Box 1 has files on topics relating to school history in Oktibbeha County; and
- series 3, Box 1 document case has files having to do with Starkville High School alumnae class reunions, with two files at the beginning having to do with outstanding sports achievements of some classes of Lady Jackets and Yellow Jackets, and then files arranged in order by year of class reunion, from 1912 through 1958, not comprehensive for those years.
- Series 3, Box 2 files for school reunions for alumnae years 1959 through 1998, not comprehensive for those years.

LOCAL COLLECTIONS (cont.)

■ 9. FRED BLOCKER COLLECTION

- Series 1, Box 1: Oktibbeha County Historical and Genealogical Society Papers
- Series 2, Boxes 1 and 2: Starkville High School Alumnae Reunions, including photos from among their 12 years of school
- Series 3, Box 1 Starkville Academy Files
- Series 4, Boxes 1 – 3 Oktoc Families Surname Files
- Series 5. Box 1 Oktibbeha County History Files, with an emphasis on Oktoc
- Series 6 Boxes 1 – 4 Historical Newspaper Collection:
 - Box 1 Okt. Co. History,
 - Boxes 2 and 3 Okt. County Progress
 - Box 4 Mississippi and National History
- Series 7 Box 1 Souvenir Publications

LOCAL COLLECTIONS (cont.)

- 10. RUTH MORGAN COLLECTION

“From Days Past” column notebooks and box of “From Days Past” newspaper clippings; National Register of Historic Places pages for Oktibbeha County; Pages copied from the court house giving information about the Oktibbeha County Poor House; a packet of papers documenting the oldest cotton bale in the world in Oktibbeha County; and a picture of the Trolley Car Hotel.

- 11. BELL SCHOOLHOUSE HISTORY AND PHOTOS

By Linda Moore Breazeale

- 12. FRAMED DRAWINGS OF OKTIBBEHA COUNTY BUILDINGS
by local artist Jean Gerritson

LOCAL COLLECTIONS (cont.)

- *13.* City and County Government recordings of meetings
Includes Board of Aldermen meetings videotapes and other recordings



PAPERS OF LOCAL
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- 1. Local AARP Papers
- 2. Friends of Noxubee Refuge Papers
- 3. Starkville Cemetery Association Papers
- 4. Starkville in Motion Papers
- 5. Town and Country Garden Club Papers
- 6. Starkville Reads Papers

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
SCRAPBOOK
COLLECTIONS

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SCRAPBOOK COLLECTIONS (cont.)

- 1. Green Thumb Garden Club Scrapbooks
- 2. Meh Lady Garden Club Scrapbooks 1968-2002
- 3. Town and Country Garden Club
- 4. Starkville Civic League
- 5. Felix Long Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scrapbooks
- 6. Oktibbeha County Hospital Auxiliary Scrapbooks

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SCRAPBOOK COLLECTIONS (cont.)

- 7. Oktoc Community Quilt history and patterns to go with the quilt that is displayed in the Starkville Public Library
- 8. Overstreet Elementary School PTA Scrapbooks
- 9. Starkville Elementary School PTA
- 10. Sessums Woman's Club Scrapbooks
- 11. United Daughters of the Confederacy Local Chapter Scrapbooks 1992-2014

**STARK ANNEX
GENERATED FILES
COLLECTIONS**

STARK ANNEX Generated Files

- *1. Surname Files*

These surname Files contain information about people, copied from newspapers, magazines, sometimes genealogy information sent to us from genealogy patrons or the results of a query search done by staff. A great majority of the files contain information about Oktibbeha County families

Stark Annex Generated Files (cont.)

- 2. *OKTIBBEHA COUNTY HISTORY FILES COLLECTION*

- *Oktibbeha County History: General History*
- *Oktibbeha County History: Black History*
- *Oktibbeha County History: Buildings and Homes*
- *Oktibbeha County History: Businesses and Industries*
- *Oktibbeha County History: Cemeteries*
- *Oktibbeha County History: Churches*
- *Oktibbeha County History: Clubs and Organizations*
- *Oktibbeha County History: Schools*
- *Oktibbeha County History: Mississippi State University*

STARKVILLE-
OKTIBBEHA COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM
HISTORY COLLECTION

■ STARKVILLE-OKTIBBEHA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM History Files, SCRAPBOOKS AND MINUTES

- 1. Starkville Public Library and Oktibbeha County Library System Archives
- 2. Scrapbooks chronicling the history of the Starkville-Oktibbeha Library System
- 3. Minutes books for Oktibbeha County Library System
- 4. Minutes Books and archives for Friends of the Starkville Library
- 5. Scrapbooks and photo albums for the Maben Public Library