

February 2007

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An Eyewitness to the Integration of Ole Miss

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Pleasantries were exchanged and the Governor invited us to be seated. Mr. Meredith sat in the front row, Mr. Barnett along side of him, and I along side of Mr. Barnett. Deputy Daly sat in the second row behind Mr. Meredith.

At this point a gentleman took his place at the table and the Governor found him and they sat down. This gentleman was later identified as Mr. _____ Ellis. He stated he had a statement to read, which he did. As near as I can recall, it in effect named the Governor as Registrar for the school, and he has been so designated by the Board of Trustees. At the conclusion he went to the rear of the auditorium, leaving the Governor seated alone at the table.

Governor Barnett then looked in our direction and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Barrett mentioned something about this constituting a contempt of Court and a complete disregard for the decisions of the U. S. Courts. A discussion ensued between the Governor and Mr. Barrett as to whether it was contempt or as the Governor suggested, a possibility of liable to contempt.

Mr. Barrett then asked Mr. Ellis if he could read the statement or have a copy of it. Mr. Ellis conferred with a gentleman on his right and then refused Mr. Barrett's request.

There were a few moments' silence and Governor Barnett asked us individually if we wished to make any comment. All replied no except Mr. Meredith who simply replied he just wanted to go to school.

There was a moment's silence and then Governor Barnett stated he had a proclamation to read, which, in effect, barred Mr. Meredith from registering at the school. At the conclusion of the reading of the proclamation, which the Governor said bore the seal of the Sovereign State of Mississippi, he spoke to Meredith and said he was going to give

In the fall of 1962 James Meredith became the first African American student at the University of Mississippi. This event was a turning point in the civil rights movement.

James Meredith had served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1960. He then attended Jackson State College for two years. In January 1961 Meredith applied to attend the University of Mississippi. Upon being denied admission, Meredith and the NAACP took his case to court. On September 10, 1962, the Supreme Court ordered the University to accept Meredith. The Governor of Mississippi, Ross Barnett, blocked Meredith's enrollment in spite of the Court's order. On September 30, riots broke out at the school and President Kennedy sent in troops. Two persons were killed and numerous others were wounded in the violence.

Chief U.S. Marshal James McShane kept a diary of his activities during this period. His diary entry for September 30, 1962, says simply "Day 1." A lengthier typewritten synopsis also written by McShane (one page of which is featured here) details the events surrounding a key meeting held on September 20 at the University of Mississippi campus between Meredith and Governor Barnett. Others present at the meeting included Department of Justice Attorney St. John Barrett II. At this meeting it was announced that the Governor had been named as the Registrar for the University and that in this position the Governor was barring Meredith from registering at the school.

In the end Meredith did attend his first class on October 1; he would graduate in 1963.

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Denver, Colorado**

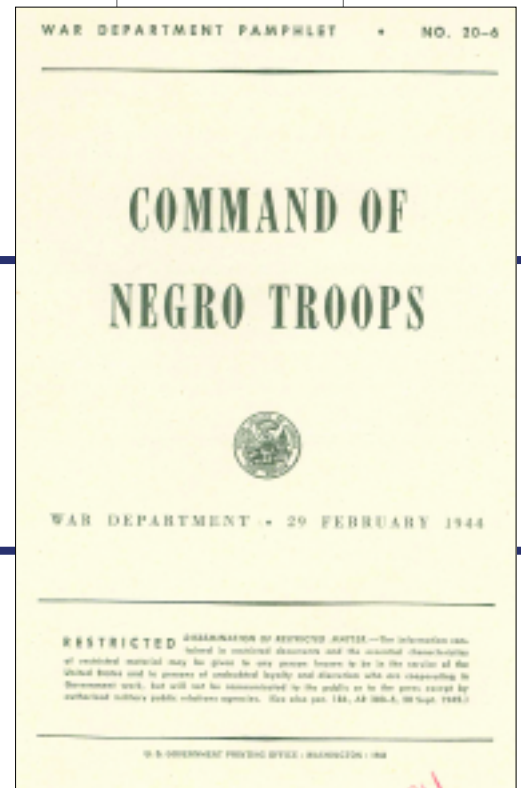
**RG 118, Records of U.S. Marshals and Attorneys
Records of the U.S. Marshal Service
Headquarters, Washington, DC
Records of the Director, 1959-1993**

NARA West Coast February 2007

**African-American
Shore Patrolmen
at the Newton
Street Station in
Los Angeles, 1944**
RG 181, NARA's
Pacific Region
(Laguna Niguel)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Seattle, WA Methods of Searching For and Finding NARA Records Workshop/Genealogists 206-336-5115		Seattle, WA Nearby History Workshop General Public 206-336-5115
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Anchorage, AK Intro to Genealogical Research In NARA Workshop/Genealogists 907-261-7820			Berkeley, CA Achieving Literacy Through History Conference Information Booth k-12 Teachers 650-238-3501	Seattle, WA Beginning Genealogical Research Workshop/Genealogists 206-336-5115
		Anchorage, AK Introduction to Genealogical Research Workshop and Tour General Public 907-261-7820		Seattle, WA Brick Wall Discussion Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115		Seattle, WA Intermediate Computer Genealogy Workshop/Genealogists 206-336-5115
11	12	13	14			
	Olympia, WA Washington State Heritage Conference Symposium General Public 206-336-5115		War Department Pamphlet, 1944 RG 181, NARA's Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel)			
18	19	20	21			
		Anchorage, AK Introduction to Genealogical Research Workshop/Genealogists 907-261-7800				
25	26	27	28			
			Denver, CO Primary Sources for School Librarians Workshop/Archival and Allied Professionals 303-407-5740			



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Tuskegee Syphilis Study
RG 442, NARA's Southeast
Region



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			<p>Excerpt from "Account of the Sale of 15 Slaves," 1825 RG 21, NARA's Southeast Region</p>	1 Pittsfield, MA Beginning Your Research at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600	2 Philadelphia, PA First Friday Genealogy Open House Genealogists 215-606-0112	3	
		<p><i>An account Sale of fifteen African Slaves Sold on the 19th of April 1825</i></p> <p><i>1st Name of Slave Name Purchaser Price</i> 1 Peter - Philip M. Lushy 664 2 Isaac - John S. Walden 555</p>					
4	5	<p>Exhibits: Mid-Atlantic Region, Philadelphia, PA Education in Black & White Around the World With the USS Olympia</p>	6	7	8 Pittsfield, MA Using Federal Census Records Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600	9 Morrow, GA Research in Freedmen's Bureau Records Workshop General Public 770-968-2555	10
		<p>RG 21, NARA's Mid-Atlantic Region</p>	13	14	15 Pittsfield, MA Using Military Pension Records Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600	16	17
			<p>Philadelphia, PA African-American Genealogical Resources Workshop/Genealogists 215-606-0112</p>				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
			<p>Philadelphia, PA Getting Organized for Family History Workshop/Genealogists 215-606-0112</p>			<p>Waleska, GA Family History and Genealogy Workshop Workshop/Genealogists 770-720-5966</p>	
25	26	27	28	<p>Exhibits: New York, NY From NARA's Holdings: New York Photographs Federal Hall, New York City New York: An American Capital</p>			
			<p>Philadelphia, PA Introduction to the National Archives Workshop/Genealogists 215-606-0112</p>				

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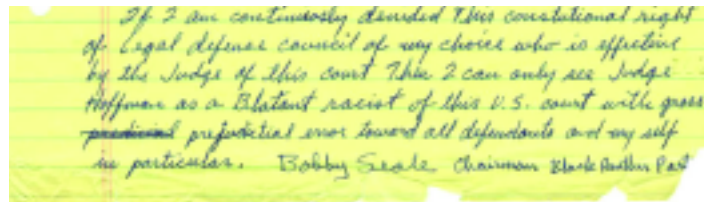
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Excerpt from Handwritten
Motion by Bobby Seale, 1969
RG 21, NARA's Great Lakes Region



Exhibits: Chicago IL
A National Resource in a Local Setting

Chicago, IL
Surveys of Indian Industry

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Exhibit: Raytown, MO <i>Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and Voting Rights</i> 2/1/07-2/11/07	Exhibit: Fort Worth, TX <i>"This Great Nation Will Endure"</i>	Kansas City, MO Midnight Madness Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8072 <hr/> Parkville, MO Internet and the Genealogist Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8012	Kansas City, MO Great Plains Originals Lecture, Reception/General Public 816-268-8000 <hr/> Forth Worth, TX "This Great Nation Will Endure" Exhibition Opening Opening/Dedication General Public 817-555-6644		Forth Worth, TX Lecture Series, Guest Speaker Michael Lesy Lecture Undergraduate Students 817-515-6402
4	Exhibit: Parkville, MO <i>George Washington Carver</i> 2/5/07-2/19/07			Lone Jack, MO Can Your Heirs Follow in Your Footsteps? Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8014	Kansas City, MO "Ten Days That Shook the World" Film Screening General Public 816-268-8017	Salina, KS Finding Immigrant Origins Workshop/Genealogists 816-268-8000
11	Exhibit: Smithville, MO <i>Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and Voting Rights</i> 2/12/07-2/26/07			Forth Worth, TX Lecture Series, Guest Speaker Paul Hendrickson Lecture/Undergraduate Students 817-515-6402		
18		Exhibit: Kearney, MO <i>George Washington Carver</i> 2/20/07- 3/6/07	Lee's Summit, MO Time to Travel: Planning a Genealogy Research Trip Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8014		Parkville, MO Midnight Madness: Visit NARA in Your Jammies Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8072 <hr/> Forth Worth, TX Lecture Series, Guest Speaker Bill Ganzel Lecture/Undergraduate Students 817-515-6402	Chicago, IL Chicago Maritime Festival Information Booth General Public 312-421-9096 <hr/> St. Joseph, MO Can Your Heirs Follow in Your Footsteps? Workshop/Genealogists 816-268-8000
25		Forth Worth, TX Lecture Series, Guest Speaker Wayne Zatopek Lecture Undergraduate Students 817-515-6402			Exhibit: Camden Point, MO <i>Wild, Wild Archives</i> 2/15/07-3/1/07	
				Exhibit: Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO <i>The Cold War</i>		

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