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UNLESS AN UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY ARISES,  
THE JCGHO WILL MEET ON SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 28, 2021 AT THE LAUREL JONES COUNTY  
LIBRARY AT 10:15 A.M. WATCH FOR  
ANNOUNCEMENTS VIA EMAIL, FACEBOOK &  
IMPACT

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# **Social distancing must be practiced at all meetings**

## **Masks are required to be worn in the library**

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**We are all facing many hardships right now due to the Corono Virus (COVID19) Pandemic and are all having to learn a new way of life.**

**Thank you for being so patient with me.**

**Sincerely,**

**Susan Blakeney, Newsletter Editor/Treasurer**

**If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so now. There is a membership form at the end of this newsletter. Please fill it out and return it with your payment.**

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**If you mailing label has 8/1/2020, this will be your last newsletter. Please send in your dues now.**

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## JCGHO Members

### We Remember

Howard Pritchett	October 7, 1931	May 8, 2020
Charlotte Dawn Hudson Robine	March 10, 1937	July 6, 2020
Donald Reeves Norman	March 12, 1924	July 31, 2020
Keith Graves Horne	June 24, 1933	August 14, 2020
Everett Roy Hammond	September 22, 1936	December 2, 2020
Betty Allred Dupuy	July 13, 1947	January 13, 2021
Walter Major Holifield	March 24, 1930	April 14, 2021



Walter Major Holifield was born in the midnight hours March 24, 1930, the 13th child of Frazier Floyd Holifield, and the 8th child of Cora Ann King Holifield. He passed away in the midnight hours of April 14, 2021, at the Forrest County Hospital, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

He was a lifelong citizen of Laurel, attended Laurel schools and was active in junior high and high school sports, playing football and running track. Active in other High School activities, he was president of the Debating Club, Editor of the high school newspaper, American Legion Contest Public Speaking Champion for Jones County in 1948 and was elected President of the Mississippi Latin Conference, was on the honor roll, a member of the football team and track team. Major graduated from George S. Gardiner High School in 1949 and was an active member of the Reunion Committee for many years. Following graduation he was employed as an announcer and studio engineer for radio station WAML until he enlisted in the United States Air Force in October 1950.

Major was appointed Leader of his group of men who were enroute to Induction Stations from Laurel to Jackson, Mississippi. He went to Hawkins Field in Jackson, Mississippi, Lakeland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and Shephard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas and back home for Christmas. He returned to Denver, Colorado in January 1951, had a 10 day leave and reported to Panama City, Florida. In October 1951, he reported to Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, California and

boarded the Ship, the USS Walker, to Yokohama, Japan and arrived at K-10 Mason, South Korea where he spent the next year. He was stationed in Roswell, New Mexico where he was honorably discharged in October 1954. Following his discharge in October 1954, he earned a degree from Jones County Junior College and a BS degree in Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi. He attended Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, TN and later received a law degree from Jackson School of Law. He began a private law practice September 15, 1962 and retired May 31, 1994. He served as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Laurel, Colonel on two governors' staffs, was inducted into the Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts, served as Scout Master for 12 years, taught Sunday School, Royal Rangers, served on the local church board and as trustee for Southeastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida. He was a second-generation member of Kingston Assembly of God Church, a member of the Jones County Bar Association, Mississippi and American State Bar Associations and the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference. He was recognized by the Mississippi Bar Association for 50 years membership. He was a stockholder, officer and director of the family owned radio business.

Major was an avid golfer, enjoyed gardening for many years, was awarded Yard of the Month twice. He spent many hours with his family, especially his grandchildren, and has written several children's books for them. He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, Lavert Darwin, Ray Clifton, William Franklin and twin, Ralph Alonzo, Frazier Harold, Thomas Joshua and Alfred Raymond, five sisters Margaret Magdalene, Myrtle Armindy, Daisy, Mary Inez and Frances Clarice. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jean Heptinstall Holifield, one daughter, Deborah Carol Blakeney and husband, Larry Blakeney, one grandson, Brandon Keith Blakeney

and one granddaughter, Amanda Carol Blakeney, two sisters, Anne Marie West and Doris Wilson, one sister-in-law, Jannis Baird, and numerous nephews and nieces. Pastor Scott Davis, Kingston Assembly of God Church, is in charge of services to be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home Monday, April 19, 2021, with visitation at 10:00 a.m. preceding services at 11:00 a.m., interment in Hickory Grove Cemetery.

#### GALA DAY AT LAUREL

Third of July Picnic to Celebrate the Glorious Fourth

The big Fourth of July celebration, Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Lindsey Park is calculated to be a gala day for Laurel and Jones county. Senator A. J. McLaurin in billed for a speech, and others will be on hand.

Boat races, Swimming, Diving Contests, Tub Races, Base Ball and may other attractions.

The barbecue will be abandoned and regular basket picnic held instead.

\*\*\*Source: *The Jones County News*, Friday, June 25, 1909, page 5

#### MRS. KATHERINE HODGE

Mrs. Katherine Hodges, 70 years of age, died last Wednesday at her home near Sandersville and was buried at Florence Cemetery Thursday.

She is survived by W. H. and J. H. Hodges, her sons, who extend to all their neighbors and friends their tanks for the kindness and sympathy shown them during the illness and death of their mother.

\*\*\*Source: *The Jones County News*, Tuesday, July 4, 1922, front page

#### BIG MASS MEETING

To Be Held at Court Hours, Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

MUSIC BY BRASS AND STRING BANDS

Everyone Is Invited. No Admission Will Be Charged. Special Songs by Mr. Paul I. Templeton, of Meridian.

The new Court House of Ellisville will for the first time be opened to the public and withing its doors will be held one of the most notable and important meetings in the history of Ellisville and Jones County. It is believed that every one having any interest in this

town and county will be at the meeting and that plans for great progress will be inaugurated and perfected.

There will be music, speeches and a special address on "How to obtain a Greater Ellisville" by Edward Y. Clark, of Atlanta Ga., General Supt. Interstate Enterprises. Mr. Clark has been engaged in this kind of work for some time and will detail a definite plan by which we can grow to be "Greater Ellisville".

Every body is invited to come on and see what will be done and help do it. Every citizen of Ellisville is expected to be present. No admission fee, come one, come all.

\*\*\*Source: *The New South News*, Saturday, May 8, 1909, front page

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The meeting for the month of June had only 2 members present.

As there were not enough members to have an election committee, the current officers have agreed to stay of for the next fiscal year. Carolyn Horne will remain as President & Co-Secretary, Tim Dudley will remail as Vice President & Susan Blakeney will remain as Treasurer, Newsletter Editor & Co-Secretary.

If anyone would be willing to take on the task of secretary, please let us know. You will have to attend the meetings in order to take notes, etc.

The meetings for the JCGHO will continue as normal, the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of July, August, September & October. Please make your plans to attend to show your support for the JCGHO.

If you would rather, we can tour the genealogy library & research during the meeting, but folks, we've got to get our attendance back up. Please come to the meeting and bring a friend or two.

Sincerely,

Susan Blakeney

Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Co-Secretary



## 1827 Jones County Mississippi Tax Roll

Anderson, Asa	Evans, John	Lawrence, Mathew	Reed, Joshua	Welch, Richard
Anderson, Issac	Evans, Josiah	Lewis, Howell	Roberson, Lewis B.	Welch, Timothy
Anderson, John	Evans, William	Lightsey, David	Rogers, Henry	Williams, Aquilla
Balis, George	Fairchild, Robert	Lightsey, John	Rumph, Daniel	Williams, Charles
Bankston, Abner	Fewore, John	Linder, Edward L.	Runnels, Drury	Williams, Edward
Bankston, Spencer R.	Folks, Jacob	Linder, John L.	Scriviner, John	Williams, Elijah
Billander, William	Funches, Edmond	Loper, John D.	Sellers, James	Williams, Elisha
Blackledge, Thomas	Funches, Samuel	Loper, Joseph	Sellers, John	Williams, John B.
Blacklidge, John	Funchess, Samuel	Loper, Missick	Shows, Adam	Williams, John J.
Bothe, Eli	Furgerson, Agnes	Loper, Peter	Shows, Cornelius	Williams, Lewis
Boyett, Soloman	Furguerson, John	Loper, Peter SR	Shows, Daniel	Williams, Thomas
Boyett, William	Garret, Joshua	Loper, Thomas	Shows, James	Williams, Zachariah
Bridgers, John SR	Gigger, Jesse	Lowery, Peter	Shows, John JR	Windham, Daniel
Bridgers, John SR	Gillander, Hugh	Lyons, John	Shows, John SR	Woods, William
Bridgers, William	Green, Hardy L.	McCormick, James	Sims, Elizabeth	
Bryan, Richard	Hargrove, Howell	McCormick, John	Sims, William	
Burns, Joseph	Hargrove, Micajah	McDonald, David	Simson, Charles	
Bynom, Mark	Harper, James A.	McGehee, William	Simson, Nathan	
Bynum, Jesse	Harper, James A.	McLimore, Amos	Smith, Charles	
Bynum, John	Harper, Paul N.	McLimore, Moses	Smith, Daniel	
Case, Tobias	Harrison, Benjamin	McLimore, Richard	Snow, John	
Chapman, Joseph	Harvey, Wade	McVay, Hugh	Spurlin, Eli	
Clark, William	Heidelberg, Thomas	Middleton, William	Spurlin, Levi	
Coley, Nathan	Hennington, Henry	Miles, Catherine G.	Stephens, Jesse	
Collins, Stacy	Hennington, John	Miles, Levi N.	Strickling, John	
Compton, James	Herrington, Isaac	Miles, Wyatt	Tarbutten, John	
Cooper, Jesse	Herrington, John	Mirack, Howell	Tate, James	
Cooper, Nathan	Hodges, Isham B.	Mirack, John	Terrall, Edward	
Cooper, Robert	Holberd, Joel	Mitchell, Peter	Terrall, John	
Crawford, John	Hosey, William	Mitchell, Thomas	Terrall, Joshua	
Crawford, Robert	Hoskin, Henry	Moffeitt, John	Thomas, John	
Creal, Thomas	Inman, Alston	Moorin, Jason W.	Thomas, John C.	
Creal, Thomas B.	Johnson, Jack	Nesom, John	Thomas, William	
Crocker, Abram	Johnson, Jacob	Nesom, Richard	Tisdale, William	
Crocker, John	Jones. Britain	Page, Elizabeth	Tod, William	
Crosby, John	Keaton, Peter N.	Page, Nathan	Touchstone, Jesse	
Crosby, Samuel	Kelly, Abner	Parker, John	Wade, Isaac	
Davis, Thomas	Kelly, Jacob	Parker, Johnathan	Wade, Reeding	
Dayess, Dempsey	Kelly, William	Parker, Libbleb A.	Wade, Seaborn	
Duckworth, Patrick	Kilgore, Samuel	Patterson, Archibald	Wallace, William	
Ellis, Lenon B.	Killin, Henry	Pitman, James	Walters, Asa	
Ellis, Samuel	Killin, John	Powell, Charles R.	Walters, Herrin	
Ellis, William	Land, Ezekial	Powell, Perry	Watts, James	
Ellzey, Evan	Land, Fountain	Prine, John	Welch, Bryan	
Evans, Howell	Land, Robert	Prine, William	Welch, Henry	
Evans, Isaac	Landram, Burnace	Rayner, Aaron	Welch, John	