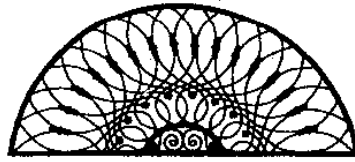


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## **HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE RECEIVES CALDWELL DELANEY'S PERSONAL COLLECTION FROM UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE**

The History Museum of Mobile is pleased to announce that it will incorporate into its Jack Friend Research Library many personal papers and research documents of historian Thomas Caldwell Delaney.

A pre-eminent historian of Mobile and Alabama and a longtime supporter of UM, Delaney donated the materials to the University in the 1990s. Decades later, UM officials say they feel the collection of maps, newspaper clippings, paintings, photographs, books, historical documents and personal papers would be provided better public access at the History Museum.

"We want the public to use it," UM Vice President of Academic Planning and historian, Dr. Lonnie Burnett, said of Delaney's items. "It's such a good collection. It needs to be used."

"Caldwell Delaney undoubtedly was one of Mobile's greatest collectors," said History Museum Director Dr. David Alsobrook. "This collection reflects Mr. Delaney's deep interest in our city's past and his desire to preserve this knowledge and pass it on to future generations of Mobilians."

"This is a treasure trove of documents about the story of Mobile," History Museum Curator of History Scotty Kirkland said. Caldwell used many of the materials in his collection to write histories of the Port City, he said.

In honor of Delaney, the collection soon will be accessible to anyone who is interested in Mobile's diverse history, Alsobrook said.

"We deeply appreciate the efforts of Dr. Lonnie Burnett and Director of Library Services Jeff Calametti at the University of Mobile who have partnered with us in this venture," Alsobrook said.

The retrieval signifies a new partnership that will allow UM College of Arts and Sciences students to intern and conduct research at the History Museum.

"We think that Mr. Delaney would be very pleased with this partnership," Alsobrook said.

A Virginia native born in 1918, Caldwell Delaney moved to Mobile in 1930 and received his Bachelor's degree from Spring Hill College and earned his Master's at the University of Alabama. He served as dean of University Military School from 1941 – 1956 and then as headmaster of Julius T. Wright School for Girls from 1956 – 1965. He served as director of the Museum of the City of Mobile for 29 years.

Honorable Mayor of Mobile Sam Jones and the History Museum Board posthumously named Delaney director emeritus of the Museum in October 2007. He was 89 when he passed.

Beginning next year, the History Museum will host an annual series about the history of South Alabama named in Delaney's honor.

For more information about exhibits and events at the History Museum of Mobile, call Museum Relations Officer Daniela Werner at (251) 208-7652 or e-mail [museumrelations@cityofmobile.org](mailto:museumrelations@cityofmobile.org).

**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE:** Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 South Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The History Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For more information, call (251) 208-7569.

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