

Letters from the Library

“There shall be ... a library ... known as the state library”
An Act to provide for a State Library – General Laws, 1838

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State Library Hours

Monday – Friday
8am – 5pm

Library Staff

Stephen Parks –
State Librarian

Casandra Noel –
Circulation Librarian

LaTavius Jackson –
Reference Librarian

Ginger Dressler –
Catalog Librarian

Library Subscribes to Law360

The Library has subscribed to Law360’s Appellate Section. Law 360 is a subscription-based, legal news service covering fifty-nine distinct areas of law. Each section provides coverage on litigation and policy developments across practice areas, industries, and jurisdictions.

The way the Library’s subscription works is that the Librarians will be the holders of the login information. Those interested in acquiring articles and briefs from the Web site will need to first contact Stephen Parks, sparks@courts.ms.gov, or LaTavius Jackson, ljackson@courts.ms.gov.

We invite you to get acquainted with the Web site, law.360/appellate, and sign up for the Appellate newsletter.

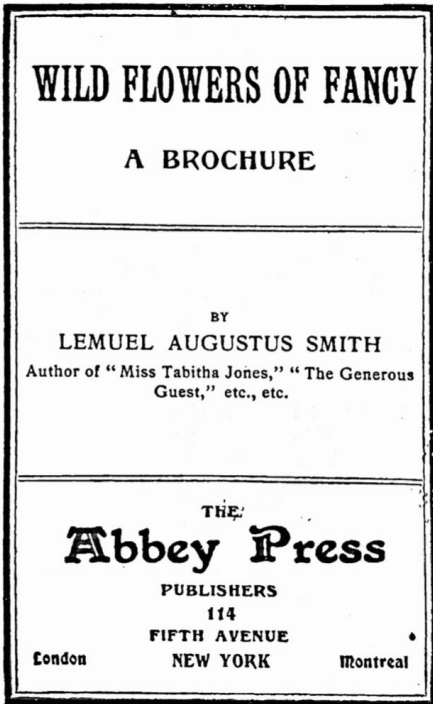


Justice Lemuel Smith - Poet

In doing research on former Justices for a future portrait brochure, I discovered that former Justice Lemuel Smith had written and published poetry. Checking the Library catalog led to the realization that we did not possess any of his publications. A reprint was located online, and the Library now has a collection of the Justice’s poetry in our Special Collections.

In 1902, Justice Smith published “Wild Flowers of Fancy.” A collection of twenty poems, “Wild Flowers of Fancy” includes poems such as *The Soul of the Rose*, *A Winter’s Fantasy*, among others.

In honor of the upcoming Mother’s Day holiday, Smith’s poem *A Mother’s Love* is reprinted below.



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A Mother's Love.

A SWEETHEART loves in a passionate way,
 And time can cool what passion fired;
 And the throb of love is gone in a day,
 Fleeting as the dreams it inspired.

A friend may love in an altruer sense,
 With firm unswerving service of heart
 And the pulse of affection intense,
 With all that friendship can impart.

But a mother's love in its infinite sway
 Over passion and death and brooding pain,
 With power to lull and strength to allay,—
 Who can find elsewhere its equal again?

The soul whose ache no self can know,
 But gladly yields a meed of denial
 To save some heart the pang of a throe,
 To save some heart the sting of a trial.

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A MOTHER'S LOVE

WILD FLOWERS OF FANCY

Friends may flee and sweethearts fly,
 But a mother's heart ne'er fails her child,
 She still believes tho' fierce tongues lie,
 And turns away that her soul may smile.

A mother's love, a mother's hope and heart,
 To feel, to worship and to know,—
 What greater, grander, nobler part
 Has God given to earth below?

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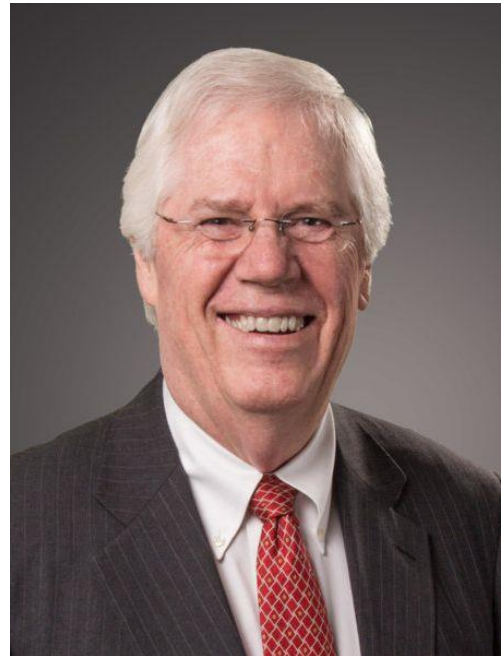
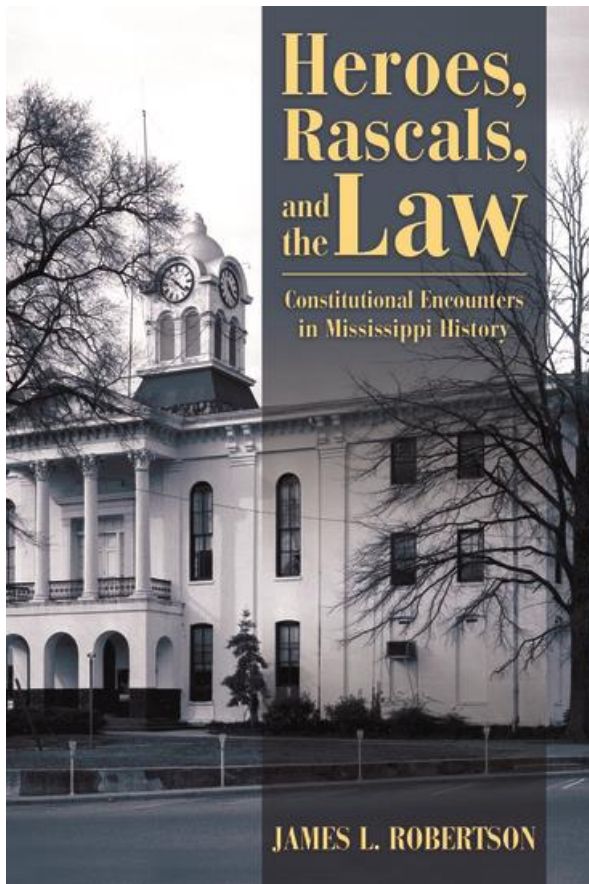
Justice Lemuel A. Smith was born on November 19, 1878, in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Receiving his college education at the University of Mississippi, Smith studied law for one year before being admitted to the Bar in Water Valley in 1899. After a period of private practice, he was appointed Chancellor of the Third District in 1936 by Governor White. He continued to be reelected by his constituents in 1939

and 1943. Elected to the Supreme Court from the Northern District, Smith began his term as a Justice in January, 1945. He passed away October 10, 1950.

Upcoming Event: Justice James Robertson to speak on new book

Former Justice James L. Robertson will join us at the Library on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 to speak on his new book, “Heroes, Rascals, and the Law: Constitutional Encounters in Mississippi History.” Robertson’s talk will focus mostly on chapter nine of the book, *The Governor and the ‘Gold Coast.’*

Beginning at 2:00 pm that afternoon, the event will be open to the public. Cookies and Coffee to be provided by the Library. Please join us.



New Librarian: Ginger Dressler joins the Library as the Information Processing Librarian

Ginger Dressler has joined the Library effective May 1, 2019, as the current Information Processing Librarian. Dressler most recently worked at the Mississippi College Law Library as the Acquisitions/Cataloging Librarian, having completed twenty-two years of employment with the law school. She replaces Judy Reedy who is now the Branch Librarian for the United States Court of Appeals Library for the Fifth Circuit. Reedy is located in the Fifth Circuit's Jackson Satellite Library.

