

Good news for those of us who follow the genealogy series on television. The Learning Channel (TLC) is currently airing new episodes of *Who Do You Think You Are ? on* Wednesday evenings. And Season 2 of *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* is coming on PBS beginning September 23. Check your local listings for correct times.



September 1 is Labor Day

The first Labor Day was held in 1882. It's origin stemmed from a desire to create a holiday for workers. It became a federal holiday in 1894. One of the reasons for choosing to celebrate on the first Monday of September was to add a holiday in the long gap between Independence Day and Thanksgiving.

It has become a day of rest or last chance for a summer trip. Traditionally people did not wear white clothes, particularly white shoes, after Labor Day.

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### A New Festival

Walnut Grove will host South of the River Roux, Leake County's newest festival, on Saturday, September 20. Arts and crafts, music, amusements and good food will be featured. There will be an early morning 5k run as well as a car, truck and motorcycle show.

"Mississippi was formed from land ceded to the United States by South Carolina and Georgia. Part of the British Province of West Florida and part of the land ceded by the French made up the rest of the Territory of Mississippi in 1798. The Territory of Alabama was formed from the Territory of Mississippi in 1817. In 1817, statehood was granted to Mississippi.

In these records the original proprietor is named, by whom the land is presently being claimed, reason for change of title (purchase or inheritance), nature and extent of claim, and , if the claim was disallowed, the reason for disallowance. Contains the names of approximately 5,000 persons."

From *Land Claims in the Mississippi Territory* by Walter Lowrie, Editor. Originally published in 1834. Reprinted 1986 Available from Southern Historical Press

### THE GOOD OLD DAYS

(Discover how some of today's sayings originated. You will be surprised.)

#### Life in the 1500s

Most people got married in June. Why? They took their yearly bath in May. In June, they were still smelling pretty good but were beginning to have odor so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide their body odor.

When they bathed, the man of the house was first, priveleged with nice clean water. Then the other men, the women, the children, and, last of all, the babies. Thus the saying "Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater".

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