

THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker urges Mississippians to complete the census

Mississippi is lagging behind as national effort nears completion

As a second-semester freshman at Ole Miss in 1970, I earned a few hundred dollars working as a part-time census taker. My job was to count every male student on campus that spring – approximately 3,500 young men. The job proved more extensive and time-consuming than I had expected, and I can say I earned every penny of that paycheck.

This year, census takers are making the rounds once again as our country conducts the census required every 10 years by our Constitution. Techniques are different now, making it much easier to participate. In addition to answering door-to-door surveys, residents can complete the census online and over the phone. In fact, 88 percent of respondents this year have chosen the online option.

No Good Reasons to Skip the Census

The September 30 deadline to complete the census is fast approaching, but unfortunately our state is lagging well behind the national response rate. I would ask every Mississippian to make sure they have completed the census before time runs out. This is a civic obligation just like voting or performing jury duty.

There are several common excuses for sitting out the census, but none of them hold up to scrutiny. Here are a few examples followed by the facts.

EXCUSE: The census will violate personal privacy.

FACT: Federal law requires the government to keep this information confidential, and every census worker takes an oath to protect respondents' personal information under penalty of fines and imprisonment. In addition, census workers will never ask for a Social Security number or donation.

EXCUSE: The census takers at the door could be fraudulent.

FACT: All census field workers can be identified by badges that contain their name, their photograph, a Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

EXCUSE: One absence will not make a real difference.

FACT: Given all that is at stake in the census, every household makes a difference. The census determines Mississippi's political representation in Congress and the Electoral College, the amount of federal dollars our communities receive for

roads, hospitals, and schools, and even relief money for COVID-19 and natural disasters like hurricanes and floods. We need a strong head count to make sure our state is accurately represented.

EXCUSE: The survey takes too long to complete.

FACT: The survey can be done in a matter of minutes. Residents can take the survey from their computer, smartphone, or tablet by going to 2020census.gov.

EXCUSE: Those without internet cannot participate.

FACT: There are other

options. Residents can complete the survey over the phone by calling 844-330-2020. In addition, every household should have received a mail survey this spring with a return envelope included. It is still not too late to mail this in.

EXCUSE: The new census deadline will lead to an inaccurate count.

FACT: Last month, the Census Bureau made the decision to move up the census deadline from October 31 to September 30. Many Americans have expressed concern that this will lead to an incomplete count. Census Bureau officials have reassured my office that they expect to meet the new deadline, thanks to a boost in manpower and expanded work hours.

Do Your Part to Help Mississippi

Every completed survey makes a difference for our



Get practical when it comes to saving

Dear Dave,

I'm having a hard time saving money. Do you have any practical advice for saving when you have an average income?

Nikki

Dear Nikki,

One thing I've learned over the years is that people only start saving money when they learn healthy money habits—like living on a written, monthly budget—and let their future needs become

state. As we near the census deadline, I urge all Mississippi residents to participate to help maximize our representation, access to federal funding, and economic growth.

more important than their current wants. What I'm saying here is it will only happen when you make saving a priority.

Everything doesn't have to magically line up before you start saving, and there are plenty of easy, practical ways to save money and breathe a little extra air into your finances. The biggest one is by saying goodbye to debt. Monthly payments are the biggest drain I can think of when it comes to saving money, because debt robs you of your income.

Most people are shocked when they realize how much they're actually spending at the grocery store. It's easy to walk through the aisles grabbing things on impulse, but it all adds up.

Save money on groceries by planning out your meals each week. Here are some other good ideas:

- Buy generic. One of the easiest ways to save money is to give name brands the boot.
- Skip the coffee shop, and make coffee at home.
- Take your lunch to work, and eat breakfast and dinner at home.
- Cut your ties with cable, and try network apps or streaming services.
- Check your insurance

rates. You owe it to yourself to have your agent look things over for you, and see what savings they can dig up.

• When buying, pay in cash and ask about discounts. You never know until you ask, and you should always ask.

• Declutter your home, garage, basement or attic. Get rid of things you don't need and are willing to let go of for the sake of your financial future.

• Lower your cell phone bill by getting rid of extras like costly data plans, phone insurance, and useless warranties. Don't be afraid to haggle with your provider, or switch to another company.

If your goal is to save money, a vacation is just about the worst thing you can do. Finding fun close to home will save hundreds, if not thousands of dollars.

When it comes to saving, Nikki, how carefully and intentionally you spend can be more important than how much you make!

—Dave

**Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HOLMES SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of February, 2019, JEFF D. PARKINSON executed a Deed of Trust to Marshall Holt Smith, Trustee for Holmes County Bank & Trust Company, which said Deed of Trust is recorded in Holmes County Land Deed of Trust Book 2019 at page 469, in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Holmes County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, HOLMES COUNTY BANK & TRUST COMPANY, the legal holder of said Deed of Trust and Note secured thereby, substituted Jason M. White as Trustee therein as authorized by the terms thereof by an instrument dated the 9th day of September, 2020, and recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi on the 9th day of September, 2020, in Miscellaneous Book 2020 at Page 377 thereof; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth in said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and having been requested so to do by Holmes County Bank & Trust Company, the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust, notice is hereby given that I, Jason M. White, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during legal hours (being the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.), at the North door of the Holmes County Courthouse on Friday, the 16th day of October, 2020, the following described land and property located and situated in HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, to-wit:

TRACT ONE:
Part of the West 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Holmes County, Mississippi, as recorded in Deed Book 2012 at Page 2304 and further described as Holmes County Tax Parcel #0273500600.

TRACT TWO:
Part of the Northeast Corner of the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Holmes County, Mississippi and further described as Holmes County Tax Parcel #0273500500.

TRACT THREE:
From the Southeast corner of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, run West along the South boundary of said Section 34 for 6.5 chains (429 feet) to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence run North 16 45' West for 62 chains (4092 feet) to the South right-of-way of a paved public road known as Bowling Green Road; thence run northwesterly along said South right-of-way approximately 8.5 chains (561 feet) to the point where said South right-of-way line intersects the 1820 Choctaw Treaty Line (also known as the Choctaw Boundary); thence leave right-of-way and run South 742' East along Choctaw Boundary for approximately 65.5 chains (4323 feet) to the South boundary of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 4 East; thence run East along said South boundary of Section 34 for approximately 15.9 chains (1049.4 feet) to the Point of Beginning to close and containing 69 acres, more or less, and being part of Sectional Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Holmes County, Mississippi (Per Book 214, page 646).

TRACT FOUR:
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY WHICH LIES SOUTH OF BOWLING GREEN ROAD:
The Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East.
LESS AND EXCEPT the following tracts:
Tract A:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4, Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, and run south a distance of 732 feet; thence run south 6 degrees 40 minutes East a distance of 55 feet to the point of beginning; thence run south 857 feet; thence run north 60 degrees 30 minutes east 703 feet; thence run north 50 degrees 30 minutes west 798 feet to the point of beginning, and close; containing 6.0 acres, in the Southeast 1/4, Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Holmes County, Mississippi.

Tract B:
Begin at an iron pin located 2175.56 feet North and 405.23 feet West of an iron pin marking the Southeast Corner of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 2, Township 14 North, Range 4 East and run thence North for a distance of 199.95 feet; thence run West for a distance of 888.16 feet to the Eastern boundary of Dog Pen Road; thence run along said round boundary South 1 degree 16 feet 22 minutes East for a distance of 200.00 feet; thence run east for a distance of 883.72 to the Point of Beginning and Close and containing 4.07 acres, more or less, and being situated in the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Holmes County, Mississippi.

Tract C:
Begin at an iron pin located 2175.56 feet North and 405.23 feet West of an iron pin marking the Southeast Corner of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 2, Township 14 North, Range 4 East and run thence South for a distance of 400.00 feet; thence run West for a distance of 884.49 feet to the Eastern boundary of Dog Pen Road; thence run along said road boundary North 0 degrees 44 minutes 17 seconds East for a distance of 200.02 feet; thence run along said gravel road North 0 degrees 31 minutes 07 seconds West for a distance of 200.01 feet; thence run East for a distance of 883.72 feet to the Point of Beginning and Close and containing 8.11 acres, more or less, and being 3.25 acres in the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East and 4.86 acres in the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 14 North, Range 4 East, all in Holmes County, Mississippi.

Tract D:
From the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, run South for 732 feet; thence run South 50 degrees 50 minutes East for 730 feet; thence run South 50 degrees East 1314 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description on the South Right of Way of the Bowling-Green Road; thence leave Right of Way and run South 30 degrees 45 minutes West for 349 feet; thence run South 0 degrees 30 minutes West for 138.5 feet; Thence run South 10 degrees 18 minutes for 181 feet to a fence; thence run East along fence for 513 feet to the South Right of Way of the Bowling Green Road; thence run along said Right of Way North 28 degrees 45 minutes West for 500 feet; thence run North 35 degrees 30 minutes West 205.5 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING to close and containing 4.3 acres in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Holmes County, Mississippi.

TRACT FIVE:
Tract A:
From the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, run East for a distance of 589.5 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continue East for approximately 190 feet to a point where a small creek intersects the South boundary of said quarter section; Thence run in a Northwesterly direction along said small creek for approximately 1050 feet to the West boundary of said quarter section; Thence run South along said West boundary of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4

for approximately 40 feet to the North right-of-way of the Durant-Bowling Green Road; thence run Southeasterly along North right-of-way of said road for approximately 380 feet to the Southwest corner of The Robert C. McDonald lot; thence run North 36 degrees East for 147 feet, thence run South 51 degrees East for 304 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and close, and containing 3 acres, more or less, in the S 1/2 of S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Holmes County, Mississippi.

Tract B:
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15, Range 4 East, and run thence East 351 feet to a POINT on the East line of a local gravel road, and which point is the POINT OF BEGINNING of land herein conveyed, form said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence East 238.5 feet; thence North 51 degrees West 147 feet to a point on the East line of said road; thence Southeasterly along the East line of said road 114 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing one acre, more or less and all being in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 15, Range 4 East.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this the 21st day of September, 2020.

JASON M. WHITE,
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
SCOTT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
EX PARTE: MARTASHIA YVETTE
RANDLE, AS MOTHER AND NEXT
FRIEND OF JA'NYLAH JANA E RANDLE
CAUSE NO. 20-271

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
TO: RICHARD MALLETT, NATURAL
FATHER OF JA'NYLAH JANA E RANDLE,
A MINOR

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Martashia Yvette Randle, as mother and next friend of Ja'NyLah Janae Randle, a minor, Petitioner, seeking a determination of heirship of Ja'NyLah Janae Randle, minor. Defendants other than you in this action are none.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint or Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 30th day of October, 2020 at the Newton County Chancery Court in Paulding/Decatur, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 17th day of September, 2020.
Seal /s/ Lee Anne Palmer
Chancery Clerk of
Scott County, Mississippi
/s/ L Sanders, D.C.

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A FORTY ACRE FARM for sale: We will subdivide into 3-5 acre home septs. Paved roads with community water, mature trees, rolling hills and plenty of wildlife. No mobile or modular homes. Call Allen at 817-819-4719 for details.

Lexington, known as Lot No. 606 in the 1967 Addition. Includes a Trust Receipt, No. 376, held in trust by the City of Lexington with the interest to be used for the upkeep and maintenance of Lot 606. Call Bruce Hill at 662-417-9944 to arrange for transfer of Trust Receipt and warranty deed for Lot 606. \$1500 total.
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3 CEMETERY PLOTS in Odd Fellows Cemetery,

City of Durant Employment Announcement

OPEN DATE: September 2, 2020
POSITION: City Attorney
CLOSING DATE: September 25, 2020

The City of Durant is seeking to hire an attorney. The candidate will work under the direction of the Mayor and Board of Alderman. The City Attorney is the legal adviser and attorney for all officials, officers, and departments of the City and represents the City in all litigation and proceedings.

Applications can be picked up at Durant City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Deadline for accepting applications will be September 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Durant City Hall.

The City of Durant is an Equal Opportunity Employer.