

# TRUE GRITS

A History of the Southern Chapter  
of  
The Medical Library Association

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U N I V E R S I T Y O F  
SOUTH CAROLINA

*School of Medicine Library*

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# Infancy



In 1951, William D. Postell, Sr., of Louisiana State University and Mary Louise Marshall of Tulane University, decided to call a meeting of medical librarians from six southern states. From this gathering sprang the **Southern Regional Group**.

# Founders



William D. Postell, Sr.



Mary Louise Marshall



# In the beginning...

The first meeting of the Southern Regional Group was held in the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1951.



# 3rd Annual Meeting: Memphis, Tennessee

- Dues from 1952 meeting: \$ 17.00
- Dues from 1953 meeting: \$ 24.00
- **TOTAL BALANCE:** \$ 41.00

Membership: 35



1956

Southern Regional Group





# Childhood



The Southern Chapter developed rapidly and grew to include, at one time or another, the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

# Adolescence



In 1967, the National Library of Medicine established its Regional Medical Library Program. This led to the creation of program regions that were not congruent with Medical Library Association regions. Following the establishment of of the **Southeastern Regional Group** in 1969, Kentucky, Missouri, and North Carolina left to join their respective regional groups.



# Rebellious years



In the late 60s and early 70s the size of the group became an issue.

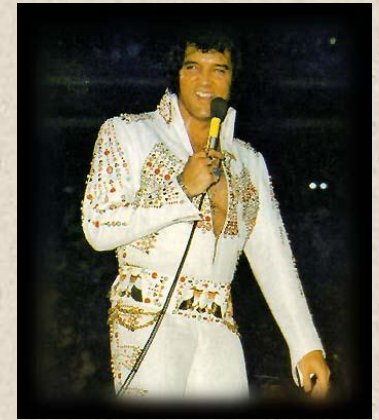
Travel was prohibitive. A proposal to split the Southeastern Regional Group down the middle was introduced. At first it was resisted. Then, in 1972, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas seceded from the Southeastern Regional Group to form the South Central Regional Group.

# Maturity



In 1981, the Medical Library Association introduced a new group structure. Regions were now called chapters. The Southeastern Regional Group officially changed its name to the **Southern Chapter**. Louisiana dropped out and joined the South Central Chapter.

# 46th Annual Meeting Memphis, Tennessee

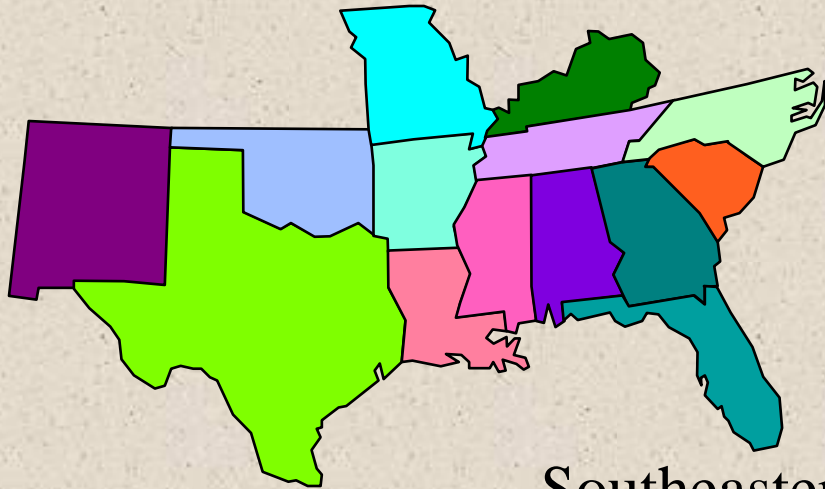


- Dues collected: \$ 6,930.00
- Previous balance: \$ 2,500.00
- Convention, 1996: \$11,907.80
- **TOTAL BALANCE:** \$21,337.80

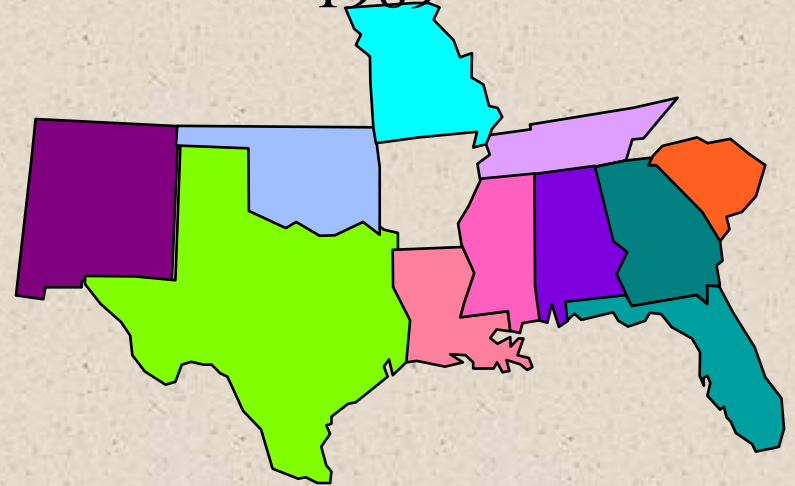
Membership: 256

# Metamorphosis

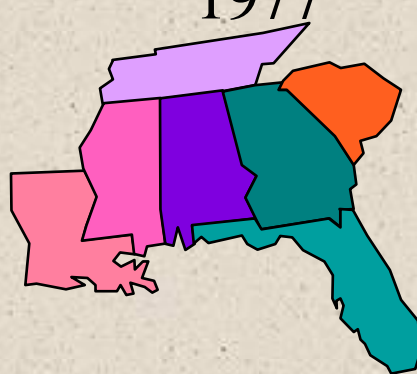
Southern Regional Group  
1951



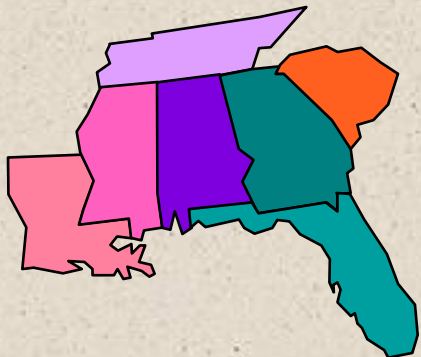
Southeastern Regional Group  
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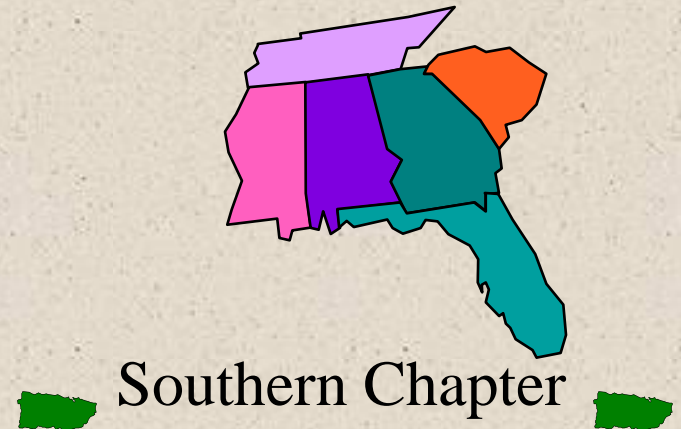
Southeastern Regional Group  
1977



Southeastern Regional Group  
1972

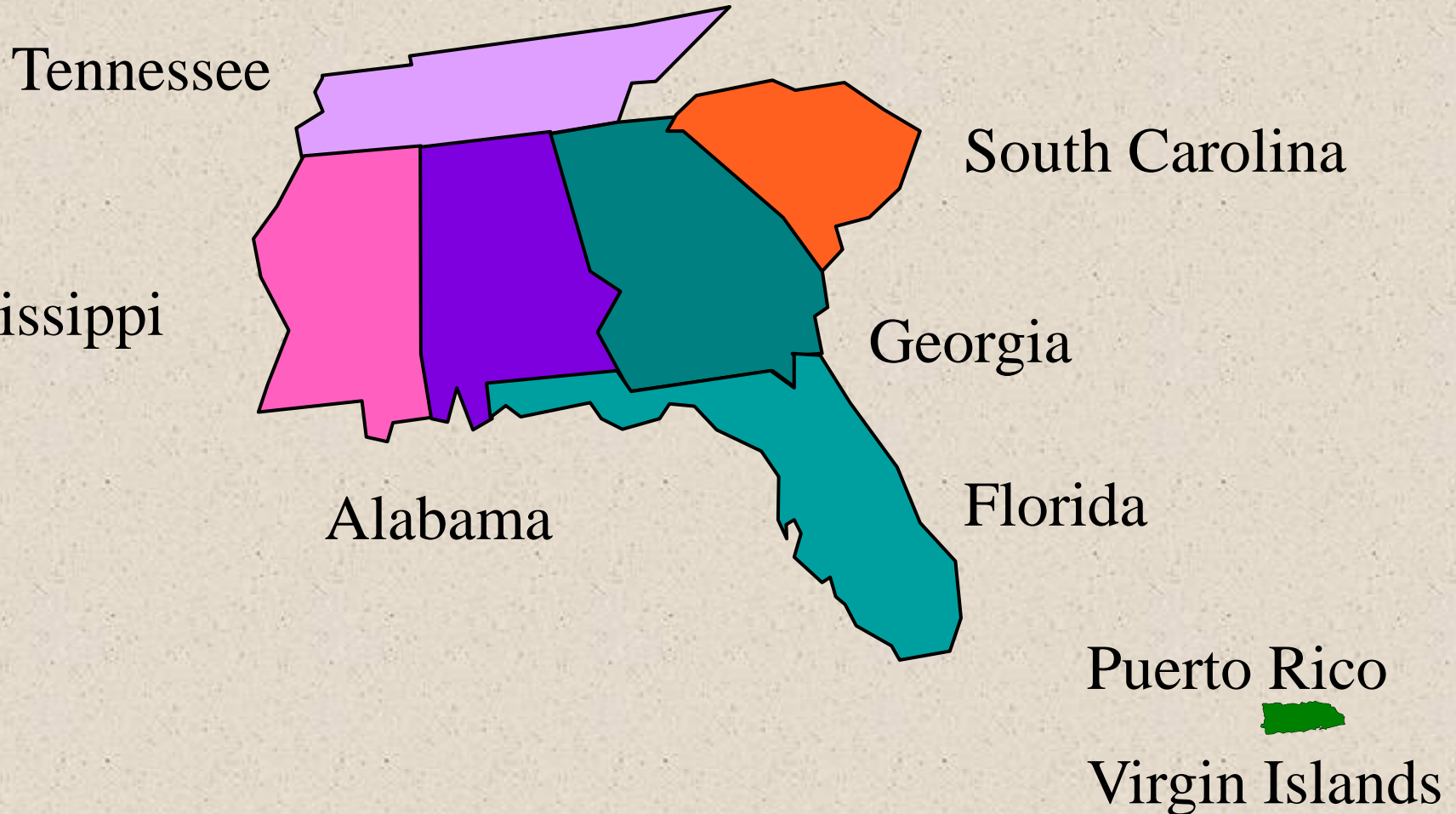


Southern Chapter  
1981-present



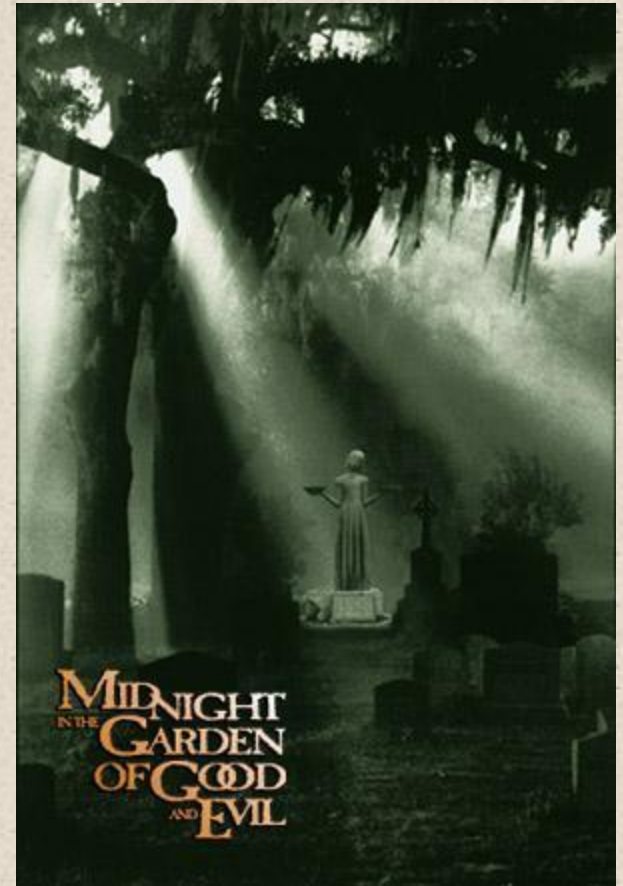


# The Southern Chapter/ Medical Library Association



# 1997 Meeting

*Savannah, Georgia,  
October, 1997.*







*PLACES*



*PEOPLE*



*FUN!*



# NOTABLE MEMBERS

Must have been at least one of the following:

- ✧ President of the Medical Library Association
- ✧ Recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award
- ✧ Janet Doe Lecturer





# William D. Postell, Sr.



- President of the Medical Library Association, 1952-53
- Recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award, 1959.
- Recipient of the Culver Award from the Louisiana Library Association
- Director of Louisiana State University School of Medicine Library, 1938-59.
- Director of Tulane Medical School Library, 1959-74.

# Mary Louise Marshall

- President of the Medical Library Association, 1941-46.
- Recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award, 1953.
- Library director at Tulane University Medical School, 1929-59.



# Eileen R. Cunningham



- President, MLA 1947-48
- First recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award, 1949
- Librarian, Vanderbilt School of Medicine, 1929-49.
- Professor of Medical Library Science, 1949-56
- Author of “Classification for Medical Literature”



# Mildred M. Jordan



- President, MLA, 1959-60
- Recipient, Marcia C. Noyes Award, 1963
- Librarian, A.W. Calhoun Medical Library, Emory University, 1933-65



# Sarah C. Brown



- President, MLA, 1973-74
- Chairman, Southern Regional Group, 1953
- Librarian, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama, 1949-retirement

# Mildred C. Langner



- President, MLA, 1966-67
- Recipient, Marcia C. Noyes Award, 1976
- Librarian at: University of Miami School of Medicine 1961-1979

# Alfred N. Brandon



- President, Medical Library Association, 1965-66
- Recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award, 1977
- Janet Doe Lectureship, 1969
- Chairman, Southern Regional Group, 1960
- Co-creator of the Brandon-Hill list of books



# Eloise C. Foster

- President, Medical Library Association, 1988-89
- Director, American Hospital Association Resource Center, 1975 - present
- Designed and implemented the Health Planning and Administration Database which is the source for Hospital Literature Index.





# Martha Jane Zachert



- Janet Doe Lectureship, 1978.
- Professor, College of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 1973-74, 1978-84.
- Chairman of the MLA Education Committee.
- Consultant to many special libraries and academic libraries.

# T. Mark Hodges

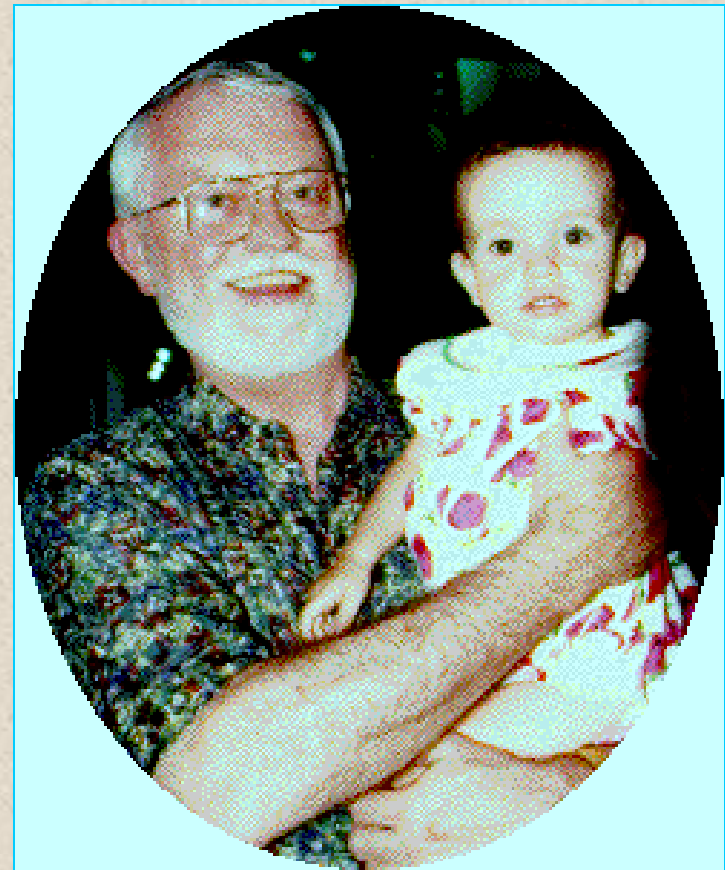
- Janet Doe Lecturer, 1997.
- Director of the Eskind Biomedical Library at Vanderbilt University.
- Associate Director for the Southeastern Regional Medical Library, 1970-72
- Associate Director for the New England Regional Medical Library Service, 1967-70.
- SC/MLA historian



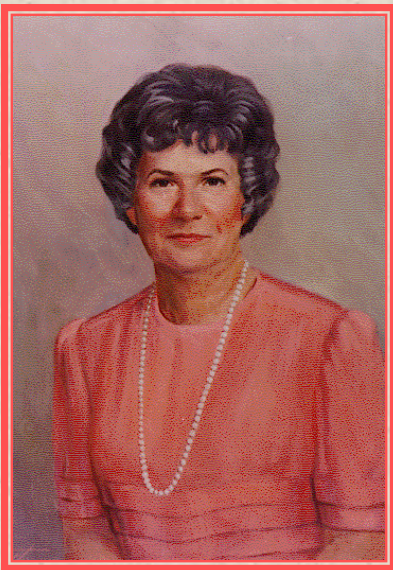
# Fred Roper

- Ph.D. in Library Science, Indiana University
- Dean and Professor, College of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina

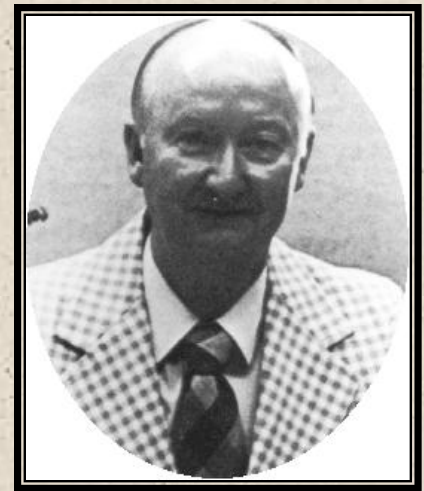
★ **1998 recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award**







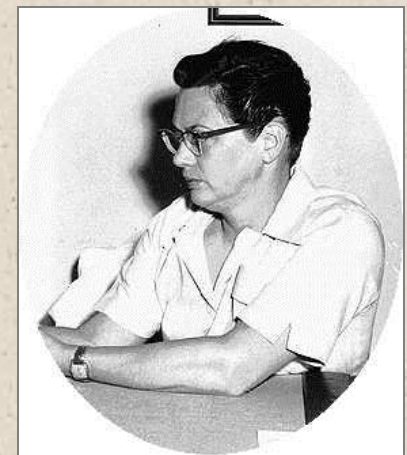
**MEMORABLE  
MEMBERS**



Mayo Drake



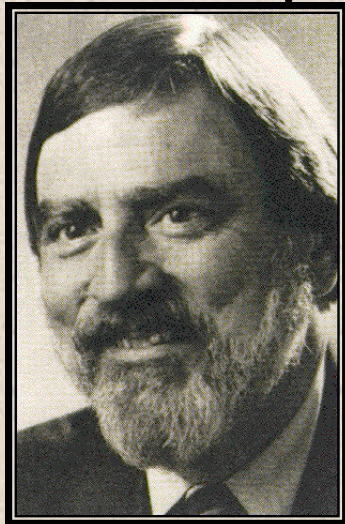
Al Brandon (with  
Anne Robichaux)



Myrl Ebert

Irene Graham

Buz Sawyer







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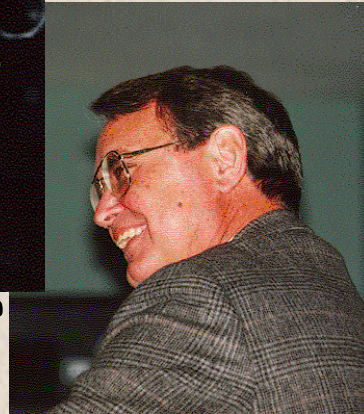
John Ische

Desmond Koster



Ada Seltzer

roasting




Ted Srygley



Martha Watkins

Miriam Libbey

A stylized sun with a large yellow circle in the center and ten yellow triangles of varying sizes radiating outwards, representing rays. The sun is centered on a light gray background.

**Thanks,  
Southern  
Chapter,  
for many  
memorable  
years!**