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Editor's Note

In this issue of *Arkansas Review*, we continue our series of articles exploring the crucial question--for us, at least--of what exactly the Mississippi River Delta encompasses. Jeannie M. Wayne of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville offers the perspective of the historian. Her publications, particularly on the Delta in Arkansas, identify her as an authoritative spokesperson on this question.

This issue also includes several interviews, each of which represents a somewhat different approach to how such orally collected material might be represented in print. Barry Lee

Pearson, on one hand, eliminates himself from the discourse of James Otis Williams, while Sally Wolff has taken the approach of the oral historian and allowed her subject to edit the transcript of their interview. Richard Allen Burns presents a more or less verbatim transcript of his conversation with Jimmy Rogers, and Byrd Gibbens focuses on presenting the full interview experience, not just the words of her interviewees.

We plan to include interviews regularly in the *Arkansas Review* in order to represent the Delta's voices as comprehensively as possible.