

Alderwoman Felicia Williams: Anne Moody will be Honored on the Mississippi Writers Trail

Project will include marker in town of Centreville, Miss.

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Like other famous writers in Mississippi, civil rights pioneer Anne Moody will be listed on the Mississippi Writers Trail, according to Felicia Williams, who serves as an alderwoman in Moody's hometown of Centreville. The honor is being bestowed by Visit Mississippi. It is spearheaded by Maggie Lowery of the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA).

"Just like the Blues Trail, she will have a marker placed here in the Town of Centreville, her birthplace," said Williams, who is also a cousin of Moody. "The marker will not be ready until March 2020 and then we will work to have a program and unveiling."

Moody is the author of *Coming of Age in Mississippi*. She died in 2015 at the age of 74. At the

time of her death, she was living in Gloster, Miss., only a few miles from Centreville.

According to Williams, Lowery has been working on this project to honor Moody for quite some time.

"She called me on Friday (Dec. 6, 2019) and spoke with me because she needed someone from the Town as a connection to complete the project," Williams explained. "She wanted someone here to provide help in selecting a location for the marker and having an unveiling program when the sign is complete."

The Mississippi Writers Trail is an initiative of the Mississippi Arts Commission. So far, according to the Visit Mississippi website, markers have been created for Eudora Welty, Margaret Walker, Elizabeth Spencer and William Faulkner. Plans are underway to honor Tennessee Williams, Shelby Foote, and Walker Percy.

For more information on Visit Mississippi and the Mississippi Writers Trail, visit: <https://visitmississippi.org/writerstrail>

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