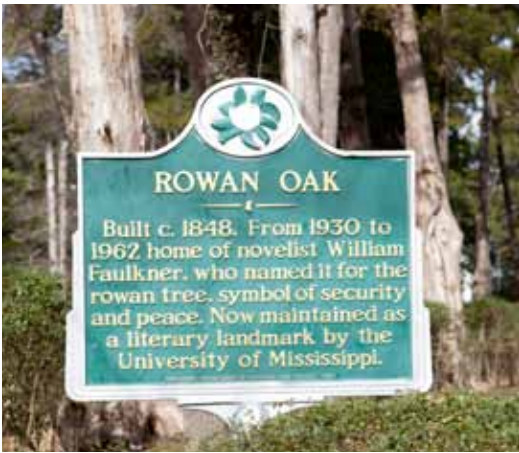


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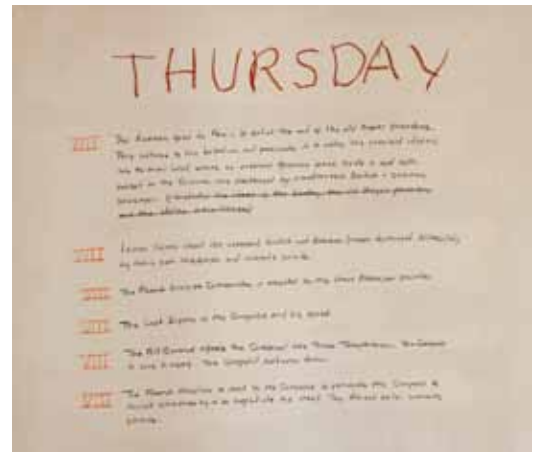
Take an expanded look at our May/June 2011 story on Oxford and Rowan Oak, William Faulkner's home and writing place for 30 years.

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FAULKNER AND FAMILY

In 1930, William Faulkner bought "The Bailey Place," an 1840s farmhouse set on four wooded acres near The University of Mississippi. He renamed it Rowan Oak and enjoyed many productive writing years here. His wife, Estelle, spent much of her time painting and bird-watching from the gracious windows of her upstairs bedroom. It is said that she applied an artistic flair to all sorts of tasks, including meal presentations at Rowan Oak where she used the silver daily.



FAULKNER AT HOME

Rowan Oak's library served as Faulkner's writing room until he added on an office in the '50s. He also built the bookshelves himself and included locking compartments on the bottom to store his shotgun shells. The writer's well-preserved bedroom highlights his other passions, namely photography, the outdoors, and riding sports. Using graphite and red grease pencils and storyboard techniques like those he practiced while a screenwriter in Hollywood, Faulkner scrawled the outline for his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *A Fable* directly onto his office walls. Read the full story on Oxford, Mississippi, in *Southern Lady's* May/June 2011 issue.