



Newsletter of the Hot Spring County Historical Society

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Above: Traveling Exhibit and County History of WWI.
Right: Introductory Panel of Exhibit



HSCHC Exhibits Honor World War I Centennial

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2017 HERITAGE

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NEWSLETTER

EDITORS

Pat & Danna Carver

The Great War: Arkansas in World War I, a traveling exhibit from the Arkansas State Archives, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage was exhibited at the HSCHS May 9-16. It told the story of Arkansas' role during World War I at home and on the battlefields. The traveling exhibit consisted of 12 panels that showcased images from the Arkansas State Archives' holdings, including original documents, photographs, posters, maps and historical objects, giving a first-hand look at the lives of Arkansans during the war.

In addition to the traveling exhibit, there were displays on Hot Spring County during WWI. County topics included; **THOSE WHO SERVED, THOSE WHO DID NOT RETURN, HOT SPRING COUNTY – THE HOME FRONT, HOT SPRING COUNTY WWI TIME-LINE, THE SPANISH FLU, AND LETTERS HOME FROM SOLDIERS.** The Hot Spring County information represented new research regarding the great war and was compiled by Pat and Danna Carver. Approximately 200 people viewed the exhibit. Collected **LETTERS HOME** may now be viewed at www.chsarkansasgreatwar.com.

HSCHS HOSTS EXHIBIT ON AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGISLATORS

Arkansas African American Legislators, 1868-1893, a traveling exhibit produced by the Arkansas State Archives and Black History Commission of Arkansas, was displayed at The HSCHS April 4-16. The exhibit told of the 85 African Americans who served in the Arkansas General Assembly in the 19th century. After the Civil War, Arkansas adopted a new constitution in 1868 and its provisions included the right to vote and hold public office for black males. African American lawyers, merchants, ministers, educators, farmers, and other professionals served in the Arkansas General Assembly. Photographs of 46 of the legislators were part of the display. Noreen Houpt is seen at right with visitors to the display.



EDITOR GERALD WILLIAMS HONORED FOR HERITAGE ARTICLE

The county and local journals awards committee of the Arkansas Historical Association has chosen The 2016 Heritage article entitled "Central & Antioch Stores", by Gerald W. Williams, as winner of the Walter L. Brown Award for Best Community History award. Shown right is Mr. Williams. Gerald is also an Editor of the HSCHS book, THE HERITAGE.



Gerald Williams (L)
Recipient of the Arkansas
Historical Association
Walter L. Brown award.

HSCHS Meeting Highlights

March 2017

HSCHS member Tom Dillard presented a history of Tulip Arkansas to a capacity audience at the March 6 meeting. The first settler in Tulip, originally known as Brownsville, was Moses Overton who arrived there in 1828. A post office was established in Tulip in 1845 and Col. Maurice Smith was appointed as postmaster. Col. Smith had served in the Tennessee State Senate before moving to Tulip. Benjamin Borden, a former owner of the Arkansas Gazette, also resided in Tulip.

Tulip flourished for about 20 years, becoming a center of education for a few years, but declined during and after the Civil War. In 1849, 24 year old George Alexander, a graduate of Washington University arrived in Tulip and started the Arkansas Military Institute and the Tulip Female Collegiate Seminary within a year. Students at the Military Institute were instructed by West Point graduate Thomas Burton.

Mr. Dillard read excerpts from the book Tulip Evermore, a collection of hundreds of letters by Tulip residents Emma Butler and William Paisley written between the years 1857 to 1887. William Paisley kept a store at Tulip and another near Okolona. A number of

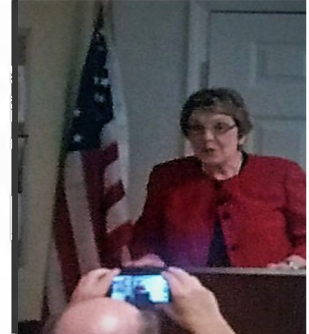
Tulip residents migrated to Malvern after the arrival of the railroad in the early 1870s.

April 2017

Arkansas author Elizabeth Griffin Hill spoke to the Society at the April 3 meeting about her new book Faithful to Our Tasks. The book details experiences of women in Arkansas during WWI. Due to the number of men inducted for the war, women worked at jobs normally performed by men. Local women in Red Cross workrooms sewed 42 items for each soldier in Europe and made surgical dressings. In August they began to knitt items for soldiers to wear during the winter months. Individual women's groups, including the General Federation of Women's Clubs, stepped in to meet unmet needs of the Red Cross. The severe nursing shortage at home and abroad led to a student nurse drive in 1918 for both the U.S. Student Nurse Reserve and the Army School of Nursing. Women were asked to register for whatever service they might give to the war effort and for food conservation. Food shortages and conservation were critical. Wheat, meat, and sugar were rationed. Women were asked to pledge to use substitutes for these commodities in their homes.



Left: Kenny Black presents Tom Dillard with HERITAGE
Right: Elizabeth Griffin Hill talks about Women in WWI



May 2017

The May 1 meeting was held at Bismarck High School. Presenters were students of Society member Dr. Wendy Richter of Ouachita Baptist University. The students reported on their research of area high school sports teams in Arkadelphia, Centerpoint, Gurdon, Okolona and Simmons, Ouachita, and Bismarck. In addition, early baseball teams in Arkadelphia were researched. Student presenters were Mattison Griffen, Catie Baker, Hailey Thompson, Callie Ann Dunlap, Christian Fuel, Taylor James, Charles Glassmaker, Emily Coleman, and Wes Oliver. Presentations included the history of different sports teams at each school, notable individuals who participated in sports, the championship years at each school, and the sources of information employed by the students.



Dr. Wendy Richter introduces her student researchers at Bismarck meeting.

June 2017

The summer potluck was held in June. A good time was had by all. Food and fellowship abounded.

August 21-31
Foot Soldiers for
Freedom Exhibit
DON'T MISS IT!

Caring for Historical Collections Workshop

Lesa Speer, PhD MLIS, Director of the Arkansas State Archives and Danielle McNeill presented a workshop at COTO on May 20. The event, sponsored by HSCHS, taught attendees from all over Arkansas how to care for historical collections. Topics included: Deciding what to Collect, Arranging and describing Historical collections, Physical Care of Collections, Basic preservation tips, and Storage and Handling. Door prizes were archival tool samples and references. THANK YOU AGAIN TO COTO and THE STAFF OF OUR WONDERFUL STATE ARCHIVES!!!

Welcome New Members

HSCHS relies on memberships and volunteers to fulfill its mission. Welcome and thank those below for their support.

PATRON MEMBERS (\$500.00)

John Allan Funk, Malvern,
James Wetherington, Hot Springs,

SUSTAINING MEMBERS (\$100.00)

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CONTRIBUTOR MEMBERS (\$50.00)

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HSCHS RECEIVES MAJOR DONATIONS

Without the following Donors, HSCHS could not do the work of recording County History. We are grateful for the support of:

- ♦ Hot Spring County Budget Committee, Malvern, AR \$3000.00
- ♦ Entergy, Arkansas, \$1000.00
- ♦ Southern Bancorp, Arkadelphia, AR \$100.00
- ♦ Kenneth Farber \$100.00
- ♦ Mary Ann Harper \$25.00
- ♦ Orval Allbritton \$10.00

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Evon Teague, Bismarck, AR

Farewell to Our Faithful Friends

We are sad to report the loss of 6 of our members:

*Janet Wheatley Dye
Mary Alice Kirkpatrick
Willetta Mae Kessler
Carolyn Ward Quittner
Vernon L. Rodgers
Deborah N. Wedsted
Waldron*

We honor them and they will be missed.

Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers worked VERY hard since our last newsletter. Here are just a few highlights of their efforts:

- Pat and Danna Carver did WWI local research and brought in the State Archives exhibits for WWI and the African American Legislators.
- Melissa Phillips, Mary Evelyn Lawrence, Louise White, Kenny Black, Sandy McGuire, Noreen Houpt, Brenda Katz, Paul Adcox, Neva Sullivan and Bennie Lambert set up and manned the WWI exhibits and receptions, furnished refreshments and hosted during exhibit hours.
- Gerald Williams, Paul Adcox and Rachel Houpt Chance continue to labor on our next edition of THE HERITAGE
- Sandy McGuire organized the State Archives Workshop on Preservation
- Melissa and Danny Phillips, Pat and Danna Carver, Noreen Houpt, Benny Lambert, Paul Adcox and Gerald Williams manned the HSCHS booth at the Juneteenth Celebration.
- Noreen Houpt, Benny Lambert and Paul Adcox kept the doors open for visitors
- Kenny Black and his brother David repaired the building's windows after being broken by vandals
- In 2016, 29 volunteers kept the HSCHS open for part of 172 days and helped more than 70 guests. Volunteers logged more than 1484 volunteer hours and drove more than 8,700 miles.
- In 2016 attendance at meetings averaged 25 people.
- 2017 will certainly top the number of volunteer hours logged in 2016.

*Volunteers
Are our Foundation*

HSCHS PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

All indexed and soft cover

- Back Issues of **THE HERITAGE** (43 volumes – 1970-2016) \$20.00 each \$25.00 if mailed
As availability lasts, the complete set of 42 volumes can be purchased for \$430, a 50% savings.
Other HSCHS Publications (all indexed and soft cover -Add \$5.00 if mailed)

___ *Pictorial History, 25th Anniversary, 1968 – 1993*, 500 photos of early Hot Spring County, AR (\$20.00)

___ *Hot Spring County Arkansas, Cemeteries West Of The Ouachita River, Updated Volume 1, 1997* (\$20.00)

___ *Hot Spring County Marriage Records, 1825 – 1900, Indexed, soft cover.* (\$20.00)

___ *Album of Yesteryears 1876 –1976 , Pictorial History* (\$15.00) (available on Amazon.com)

Send Order Form and volumes requested along with payment to:
HSCHS Book Purchase P. O. Box 674 Malvern, AR 72104

For multiple book purchases, please contact HSCHS for shipping costs at 501-229-1600.

HSCHS Could Use Your Help

Being a non-profit organization, we rely on donations to keep the ship afloat. Can you donate any of these?

- Binders (1 1/2", 2", and 3")
- Acid-Free sheet protectors
- Cash Donations for archiving supplies
- Replacement Exterior Awning Canvas
- Monthly Internet Sponsorship
- Laminator

HSCHS Receives Major Grant

President Noreen Houpt announced the awarding of a \$2500.00 grant to HSCHS from the Arkansas Humanities Council. Ms. Houpt stated that this grant will help in a major way with the expenses of HSCHS.

THANKS TO ALL

HSCHS Participates in Juneteenth Celebration

At the invitation of the Annie A. Wilson Alumni Class of 1966, History Society volunteers provided an informational booth at Centennial Park in Malvern during the annual Juneteenth celebration from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on June 17. There was a great crowd at the event and everyone enjoyed themselves. There were other informational booths and commercial vendors. There were plenty of vendors and volunteers cooking at the park, games for children, remarks by dignitaries, and a disk jockey playing lively music. There was steady interest in the booth and some interesting conversations about the history of the area. Copies of the latest newsletter were distributed to visitors. It was an enjoyable event.

Let us archive your family or local histories

HSCHS accepts materials for our research library and articles for our annual publication **The HERITAGE**. Please consider donating originals or copies of your family histories or genealogies. Histories of Hot Spring County Communities, Businesses, Churches, Histories of the Black Communities, and School Annuals are also welcome. Photos of individuals, families, churches, schools, communities, city directories, Hot Spring County & City Maps, or blueprints are extremely welcome. We will add them to our research library. We accept good quality research materials from all 75 Counties in our state.

**Keep History
Alive**

**Remember
HSCHS in your
Will**

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HSCHS HAPPENINGS



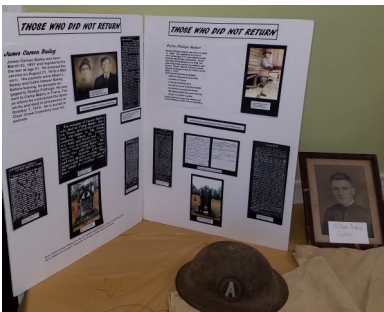
Young Researchers who spoke at Bismarck meeting



Melissa Phillips visits with Bismarck meeting attendees



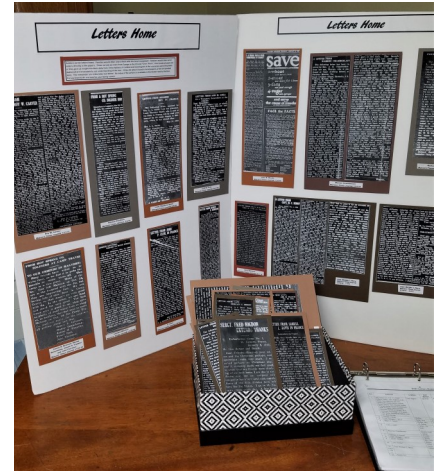
African American Legislators Exhibit



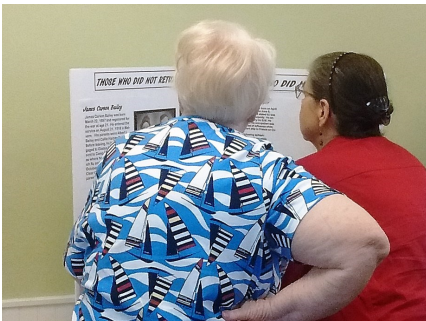
Those Who Did Not Return To HSC from WWI Exhibit



Mary Evelyn & Homer Lawrence at the African American Legislators Reception



Letters Home From WWI Soldiers



Niece of WWI Dead Carson Bailey, Mrs. Joan Keeney, views his info with Danna Carver



Left: County Judge Dennis Thornton visits with JP. Ellerd at the African American Legislators Reception

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7 Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 "The Old Military Road from Fulton to Little Rock with special emphasis on HSC" by Josh Williams, Collections Curator of Old Washington State Park

Foot Soldiers For Freedom
 An Exhibit of from the Arkansas Humanities Council
 August 21- 31 - see website or call for exhibit hours

September 11th Meeting 7:00 pm
 Bring your historical objects for SHOW AND TELL

All meetings at HSCHS 118 West Second St.
 Malvern, AR 72104 510-229-1600



Noreen Houpt and JP Eller at African American Legislators. Collector Valarie Heard front.

OUR HISTORICAL PARTNERS IN HOT SPRING COUNTY

HOT SPRING COUNTY LIBRARY

The Malvern-Hot Spring County Library offers a variety of programs and services for all ages. Our collections include:

- **Books**, large print, audio books, curriculum kits, magazines, fishing poles, video games and accessories, knitting needles, Spanish language materials, and a large selection of digital services including eBooks available for download. We also have a large reference, Genealogy and Arkansas history collections and access to 23 computers is available to the public.
- **Special programming** including: story hour, homeschool club, crafts for children and teens, adult craft club, painting classes, teen chess club, lego club and computer classes for adults.
- **A Community Seed Sharing Program** offers a variety of seeds for flowering plants, vegetables and fruits, and herbs are available to take home and plant. Donations of any kind of packaged or fresh seeds are encouraged, but not mandatory. Green thumbs or library cards are not required.
- Our used book store is open during library hours. Regular prices of 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1.00 for Hardbacks, audiobooks and DVDs are being slashed to half price during our sale until July 31.
- **Visit our website for more information: www.hsclibrary.arkansas.gov**



HOT SPRING COUNTY MUSEUM

The Hot Spring County Museum is located on 301 East 3rd Street in Malvern. Visitors are welcome to tour the main museum, historic outbuildings and grounds each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Group tours of the museum for stents, church members or others can be arranged by calling 501-337-4775 or 501-332-6847.

Upcoming Events:

OPEN HOUSE

A special open house will be held at the museum on **September 14th from 2—4 pm**. Come view a special new exhibit.

Look for announcements of special activities on the Museum and Library websites.