



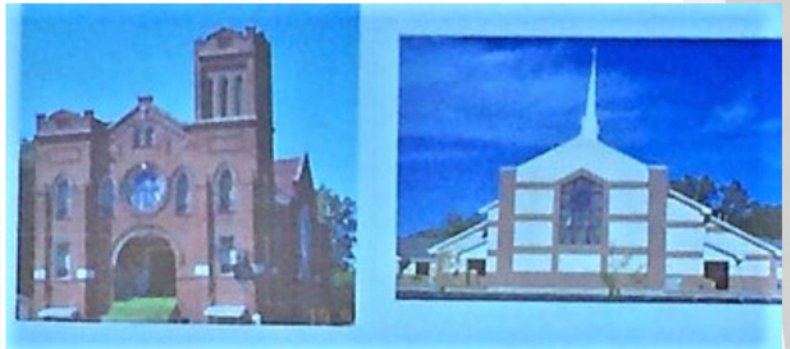
# NEWSLETTER OF THE HOT SPRING COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Kelly Bryant (L) was the featured speaker in February and gave a detailed history of the Malvern Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Renderings of the old Bethel AME Church on Page Street and the new Sanctuary on Carmichael St. are seen upper right.

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## HSCHC Hears History of Bethel AME Church

Kelly Bryant spoke at the February 6 meeting on the history of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The program presented a timeline of significant events in the life of the church and a history of the pastors who served the church. The church was founded in 1884 with the original church building located on Laurel Street. Pastors in the early years included G.W. Grainger and A.W. Williams. A new church was approved on December 4, 1915. A rally held to raise money for the new church raised \$500 and local lumber companies donated to the cause. An architect from Lincoln, NB was selected to build a \$20,000 church. The new church was started in July

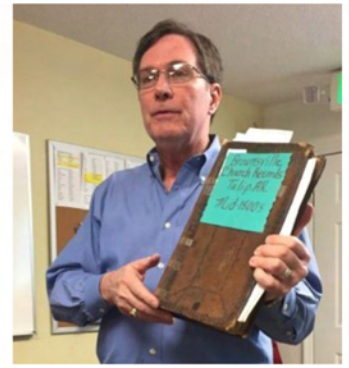
1916 and completed in 1920 at a cost of \$23,000, of which \$19,000 was paid in cash. The church was dedicated Oct 18, 1920 with Malvern Mayor G.E. Mattison in attendance. This was, of course, the iconic church once located on West Page which no longer stands but is fondly remembered by many Malvern natives. The church, which has had as many as 300 members, has relocated to Carmichael Street. A Church Bell and cornerstone from the 1903 church was moved to the current church. Ms. Bryant is a member of Bethel AME Church. The event was standing room only with many out of town visitors.

## *HSCHS Launches "Tidbits in Time"*

There is a new column in the MALVERN DAILY RECORD. Melissa Phillips is responsible for gathering stories out of THE HERITAGE for weekly publication. The stories from the past are chosen for timeliness of today's activities. The column has been well received by our county. Kudos to Melissa!

## *Look Inside for Upcoming Events*

HSCHS has planned monthly events that members and the public will want to enjoy. These are listed on an insert in this newsletter that will be easy to post on your bulletin board or newspaper. Please take time to read the insert and save the dates! The insert will also include information about the library and museum.



Show and tell items clockwise: Sandy McGuire's typewriter, Martha Kimbrel's Matchbox, Melissa And Danny Phillips' antique friendship quilt, Kinney Black and Don Elliot's Brownsville Tulip Baptist Church Record Book and a razor blade sharpener brought by Don Elliot.



## *HSCHS Meeting Highlights*

### November 2016

The annual business meeting and election of Officers and a Board member was conducted in November. No officer positions were contested so the officers remain the same. Melissa Phillips was elected to the Board to fill the expiring term of Louise White. Thank you Louise.

- Don Elliot also provided a copy of an Arkansas Meteor from November 1900, a Masonic apron from June 1915, and a razor blade sharpener

-Gerald Williams brought a can of Victrola oil and a DECCA records pad used to clean Victrola records, both acquired from the Henry House on Pine Bluff Street.

-J.A. Strauss brought a letter from Pat Mitchell to Jack Strauss dated August 16, 1974 on the closing of Pat's store in Perla. Jack also brought a picture of Malvern Material Co. showing 7 Studebaker vehicles, of which four were trucks, parked outside.

-Sandy McGuire brought an antique folding Corona portable typewriter manufactured in 1912.

-Danna Carver brought her Grandfather's canteen cup from World War I on which he had hand etched his name and the date of the Armistice.

-Danny Phillips brought a Friendship quilt that had belonged to his Grandmother. The names on the quilt were from the Clear Creek and Big Creek communities.

-Leon French brought a 1946 Big Chief drink bottle, a Lindvall's Hardware token found behind Central School, old spurs, and other items.

-Homer Lawrence brought an 1875 20 cent coin minted in San Francisco. Homer bought the coin in Hot Springs in 1944 or 1945.

-Martha Kimbrell showed a collection of metal matchbox holders from the 1940s through the 1960s.

-Noreen Houpt brought an assortment of old kitchen utensils, many of which were homemade by the Dixson family. These included egg beaters, strainers, ice picks from the Southern Ice Company, and a knife made from a Model T spring in 1923.

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### **MEMBERS WORKSHOP ON ORAL HISTORY**

Ronna Pennington and Bennie Lambert presented 2 workshops in January on oral history techniques. The workshop entitled "Every Voice Matters" provided tips for gathering oral histories and included a handout with questionnaires for special techniques for family members, veterans, community organizations, elected officials and others. The workshop may be repeated, so watch the website for announcements.

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### **INSIDE SALE A BIG SUCCESS**

An inside yard sale and silent auction was held at the Heritage House on December 3rd. Sale items included donations from members and HSCHS furniture and equipment no longer in use. The sale of excess items provides room for additional storage. Although the day was rainy, the sale generated over \$500 for HSCHS. Many members contributed sale items, time, and effort.

In addition, the Shaffer's of **ChezFur Alpaca Farm** on South Main contributed handmade pottery and stained glass pieces of their own creation. Jean Harper contributed porcelain calendar plates for a silent auction.

### December 2016

At the December meeting the HSCHS celebrated its annual Holiday Potluck Dinner. There was good attendance and the amount and variety of the dishes prepared by the membership was as plentiful and satisfying as ever. The next potluck dinner should be held in July 2017. Please try to come, if you can.

### January 2017

The January meeting was a Show and Tell meeting during which members show and describe items from the past.

-Kinney Black brought an 1845 church book provided by Don Elliot from Brownsville Baptist Church in Tulip. The book had significant history of Black Church Membership.

## Major Grants Received by HSCHS

### Roy and Christine Sturgis Foundation

In 2016 the HSCHS received a generous \$10,000 Grant from the Roy and Christine Sturgis Foundation. The Grant was to be used for equipment. The Society Office has a totally new look and greatly improved functionality as a result of this grant. The support allowed the purchase of the following much needed items:

- 8 custom built library shelves
- 3 computers, a scanner and modem
- 50 chairs for the meeting room
- 4 Tables for microfilm and computers
- A microfilm storage cabinet
- 2 large metal cabinets for storage
- 1 new front desk and 3 office chairs
- 1 rolling book cart
- 8 warehouse shelves for Heritage Storage
- 1 new projector



### Entergy of Arkansas

On February 10, 2017 Mark Hunt of Entergy presented a \$1,000 check to the HSCHS. This money is earmarked for replacement of the building's front awning. Shown L-R: Gerald Williams, Pat Carver, Noreen Houpt, Mark Hunt and Mary Evelyn Lawrence. *Photo courtesy of Malvern Daily Record*

Southern Bancorp of Arkadelphia also graciously donated a cash award of \$100.00 to the HSCHS.

***Thank You For Your Generous Support***

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We welcome our new members to the HSCHS: Ellen Leveritt of Henderson, NV; Gary Halasey of Belleville, IL; Marjorie H. Nowalk of Plano TX; Mary Petrarca of Springdale; and Kenneth Farber and Noel Clift of Malvern.

*We are especially grateful to members below who gave extra support to the HSCHS.*

**Patron Members:** John Allan Funk of Malvern and James Wetherington of Hot Springs.

**Sustaining Members:** Norma Blanton of Hot Springs, Sandra Petray Hillier of Harrison, Jim Kimsey of Malvern, Bill Lamkins of Fayetteville, Tom and Donna McHenry of Fort Worth, TX and Danny Riggan of Malvern.

**Contributor Members:** Tony Caver of Malvern, Ralph A. Coston of Warren and Tim and Rosemary Tolle of Ridgefield, WA

### Memorial Donation

The estate of Ellen Sandage, Trustees: Linda E. Smith, Teresa G. Pennington, and Judy E. Montgomery made a \$500 donation to the HSCHS in memory of Ellen Sandage. Mrs. Sandage, a member of the HSCHS from 1992 to 2014, directed the donation. Ellen and her husband Arnold, who was also a member, "enjoyed attending the meetings and sharing events of their life"

**Keep History  
Alive  
Remember  
HSCHS in your  
Will**

## Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers have been extremely busy this period.

-Kudos to our Editors Gerald Williams, Rachel Chance, Ronna Pennington and Paul Adcox for the fantastic edition of the HERITAGE.

-Deanie Green and Neva Sullivan helped with distribution of THE HERITAGE.

-Melissa Phillips has arranged and labeled the entire contents of the library. She has also prepared several years of obituaries for binding.

-The Yard Sale success belongs to Melissa Phillips, Danna Carver, and Deanie Green for collecting, arranging, pricing and assisting at the sale. Also, Danny Phillips, Gerald Williams, and Pat Carver assisted with moving and arranging larger pieces and with disposing of unsold items after the sale.

-Pat Carver, Kinney Black, Danny Phillips and Paul Adcox transported, assembled and placed new office furniture.

-Ronna Pennington and Bennie Lambert hosted the oral history workshops "Every Voice Matters".  
-Kinney Black arranged terrific programs.

-Bennie Lambert, Noreen Houpt and Paul Adcox man the building open office hours.



## HSCHS PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

### All indexed and soft cover

Back Issues of **THE HERITAGE** (42 volumes – 1970-2015) \$20.00 each \$25.00 if mailed

As availability lasts, the complete set of 42 volumes can be purchased for \$420, 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
- Paper supplies of all kinds, (office, kitchen, cleaning)
- Cash Donations for archiving supplies
- Replacement Exterior Awning Canvas
- Monthly Internet Sponsorship
- Laminator



Mary Evelyn—What is this??????

### *Needed—Old School Annuals*

Old annuals are full of history. HSCHS wants to complete its collection of county school annuals. If you have one to donate, please call our office (501-229-1600). Also, visit the Heritage and take a trip down memory lane!

### *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.

### *2016 Heritage is a Winner*

The New HERITAGE has been receiving rave reviews.  
The HERITAGE is now published through Amazon.com.  
If you have not yet purchased a copy, please do so.  
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