



# NEWSLETTER OF THE HOT SPRING COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Seated (l-r) are Marjorie Nowalk; Betty Ingram and Mary Petrarca, granddaughters of the artist's sister-in-law, Fannie Maddry-Williams. Standing (l-r) are Gerald W. Williams and Mary Evelyn Lawrence (Society Board Members), Frank Petrarca (son of Mary Petrarca), Kelsey Irwin (granddaughter of Marjorie Nowalk) and Karen Petrarca (daughter of Mary Petrarca).

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## Petrarchas Donate Historic Painting

The oil painting of "The Rockport Mill" by Paralee (Lee) Buckner Maddry, believed to have been painted in the late 1880s, was recently donated to the HSCHS by her family. Family members say the painting is a representation of the Ouachita Falls Lumber Co sawmill that was located on the east bank of the Ouachita river at the Tanner Street Bridge crossing at Rockport. Mary Overton-Petrarca of Springdale,

her son Frank Petrarca of Indiana, and other family members delivered the painting to the HSCHS Heritage Building on September 12, 2016. After the donation, they viewed the mill site on the river. The painting is available for viewing by the public from 10 until 2 on Fridays or by appointment. It will be featured on the cover of the **2016 HERITAGE**.

## Inaugural Newsletter Edition

This is the first edition of the Hot Spring County Historical Society Newsletter. Future newsletters will be published four times yearly, in Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Newsletters will be available at the HSCHS Heritage House at 118 West Second Street in Malvern, at local merchants, on line at the HSCHS website ([hschistoricalsocty.tripod.com](http://hschistoricalsocty.tripod.com)), on Facebook ([facebook.com/Hot-Spring-County-Historical-Society](https://www.facebook.com/Hot-Spring-County-Historical-Society)), or by mail for a \$2.50 yearly fee. Please contact us for questions or comments.

# 2016 HSCHS Meeting Highlights



Kinney Black Presents Dr. Wendy Richter with a HERITAGE Volume after her presentation on the Hunter-Dunbar Expedition



Some 2016 HSCHS Speakers from Left to Right: Doug Green of Bismarck, Jerry Whatley of Lono and Orval Allbritton of Hot Springs

## January 2016

Former students of Bismarck High School, Miki Fendley and Sarah Smith were our January 2016 speakers. They spoke about the Bismarck Project, a book of local history and photos from Bismarck and the surrounding communities. Their project came about through a grant from the Ross Foundation. Nine students, with guidance and supervision of the Bismarck High School librarian, reached out to the communities for history, photos and interviews. The response from the communities was overwhelming and the result was a history book of which those involved and the School District can be proud.

## February 2016

Jerry Whatley shared the history and numerous vintage photos of the Lono community and its people. These included the CCC camp, the Lono School, and various farm houses. He spoke about the Elliots, Whatleys, Tankersleys and others. Mr. Whatley's presentation was well received by those in attendance

## April 2016

Five students from the Malvern Schools EAST Lab presented about the EAST program, their current projects and plans. The information presented was well organized and informative.

## May 2016

Lance Howell, Executive Director of the Malvern/Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce brought a journal containing the original handwritten minutes from the founding of the Malvern Chamber of Commerce in 1916. Also included was a list of 78 charter members of the Chamber. Photocopies of minutes from the founding on September 5, 1916 through April 2, 1918 as well as the list of charter members were placed in the HSCHS Library.

## June 2016

The June meeting was held at the Bismarck Elementary School. The program was presented by Doug Green of Bismarck. Many historical artifacts and photos of the Bismarck community were provided for viewing. Doug gave an excellent talk on the

history of the area that included discussions on crops grown over the years, area schools, WWII veterans, and the origin of the name of Bismarck.

## September 2016

Orval Allbritton gave a presentation on shootouts between gamblers in both Malvern and Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Allbritton is the author of several books set in Hot Springs, including **The Mob at the Spa** and **Hot Springs Gunsmoke**. His program described the movement of some gamblers between Hot Springs and Malvern as well as the use of state troops to remove them from Malvern.

## October 2016

The October program was presented by Dr. Wendy Richter of Ouachita Baptist University. Her program discussed the Hunter-Dunbar expedition that explored the Ouachita River in 1804-1805. The expedition was one of three expeditions commissioned to explore the Louisiana Territory by President Thomas Jefferson. A corollary expedition was that of Lewis and Clark on the

Missouri River. The presentation included a display of William Dunbar's handwritten expedition ledger. Other artifacts displayed included Dunbar's eyeglasses, tweezers, pen, and compass, believed to have been used during the expedition. All artifacts are archived at the OBU library.

## *Welcome New Members*

HSCHS relies on memberships to publish THE HERITAGE and to support organizational activities. The following persons became new members in 2016:

Leon French, Mickey & Euvalene Garrett, Sissy Hughes, Mary Kirkpatrick, and Bob Rowe, all from Malvern, AR

John Baber, Benton, AR  
Janet Ahrens, Oceanside, CA  
Lynn Mobley, Houston, TX

## Help HSCHS by Using Amazon Smile

When shopping on Amazon.com, HSCHS will receive 0.5% of your order if you select Hot Spring County Historical Society as your Charity on Amazon Smile.

How it works:

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2. Click on Your Account
3. Select Change your Charity from the dropdown list
4. Type in Hot Spring County Historical Society in the box titled "pick your own charitable organization"
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## Our Archives are Open For Your Research Needs

Hot Spring County Historical Society has a bountiful research library of documents, microfilm, texts and periodicals. In addition, we have volunteers who can help you research your genealogy or local history. Come to the Heritage House any Friday from 10 am until 2 pm and the first 2 Saturdays of each month from 8 am until 2 pm or contact us through our website with your research request at:

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## Our Progress in 2016

- An equipment grant from the Sturgis Trust was obtained allowing: Purchase and Installation of: Eight, 7 foot oak library shelves; 3 office chairs; 3 warehouse shelves; and a microfilm film cabinet.
- Registration with Amazon Smile was completed and is active
- Editors have established Heritage publication on Amazon's Create Space. Printing can be done on demand and ordered through Amazon.
- The reference library has been reorganized and labeled as recommended by Melting Pot personnel
- Membership records from 1986 to present have been updated and archived

## 2016 Donations to HSCHS

HSCHS relies on the support of its donors. We would like to recognize the following for their generous financial and in-kind donations:

**Roy & Christine Sturgis  
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## Volunteer Spotlight

HSCHS is a completely volunteer organization. Volunteer activities include officer duties, upkeep of the research library and archive, assisting patrons with research activities, membership and office organization, and upkeep of the Heritage House.

Volunteers who showed outstanding dedication to keeping Hot Spring County History alive during 2016 included:

Paul Adcox  
Kinney Black  
Danna Carver  
Pat Carver  
Rachel Chance  
Deanie Green  
Noreen Houpt  
Brenda Kratz  
Bennie Lambert  
Homer Lawrence  
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Danny Phillips  
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**THANK YOU ALL!!!**

**Keep History  
Alive  
Remember  
HSCHS in your  
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**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
- Desktop tape and dispensers
- Paper supplies of all kinds, (office, kitchen, cleaning)
- Cash Donations for archiving supplies
- Replacement Exterior Awning Canvas
- Monthly Internet Sponsorship
- Laminator

***You Can Now Search The HERITAGE  
Table of Contents Online Using  
Index Arkansas***

Go to <http://arkindex.uark.edu/> and search on "Heritage Hot Spring County" then Limit your search to keywords.

The Index covers all volumes through 2010

***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.

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