

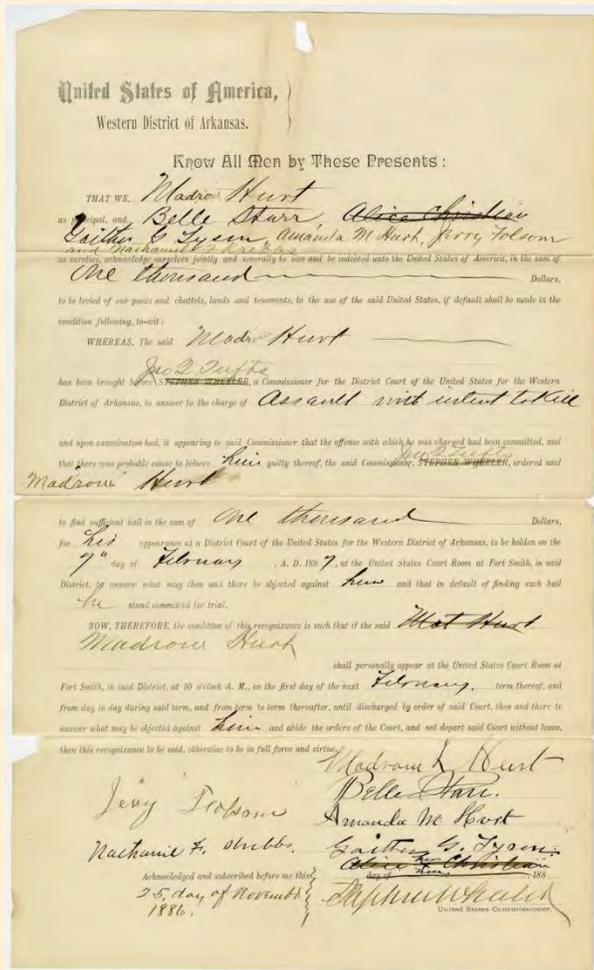


# NEWSLETTER

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## New Acquisition Announced at Bicentennial Territory Celebration



The Arkansas State Archives and Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced on March 1 the acquisition of a historically significant collection of court documents related to “Hanging Judge” Isaac Charles Parker in Fort Smith. “These important documents now will be preserved and made available for generations to come,” Dr. Richter said. “These papers are a unique find, and we hope they will be of great interest to researchers.”

The acquisition of the U.S. District Court of Western Arkansas collection means the State Archives now has about 6,000 records connected with famous figures like Parker. Parker served as federal judge with jurisdiction over Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory between 1875 and 1896. During his tenure as judge, he sentenced 160 people to death, including four women.

Gov. Hutchinson said during the Arkansas Territory Bicentennial Celebration that the new collection will let Arkansans see what life was like in rough-and-tumble Fort Smith. The collection is special and will add to the historically significant holdings at the Archives. Several documents include the mark “signature” of Bass Reeves, who was the first black lawmen west of the Mississippi River. Reeves, an Arkansas native, was famous for his ability to catch outlaws under trying circumstances.

Other documents in the collection include jury lists, warrants, bonds, receipts from deputy marshals, payroll information,

and lists for day-to-day items, like office supplies. Outside of court records, the collection also contains a Jan. 2, 1839, letter from Lucy Ames Butler, of Red Clay, Tennessee, to Drusilla Burnap, of Lowell, Massachusetts, that describes events surrounding the Cherokee removal.

Acquiring the collection was a joint effort among Dr. Richter; Gov. Asa Hutchinson; Stacy Hurst, director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage; and other staff. The documents previously were held in a private, family collection. “The Arkansas State Archives has the largest repository of historical documents and artifacts in Arkansas,” said Stacy Hurst, director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage. “This fascinating acquisition is an outstanding addition to our collections and will help preserve our state’s heritage and its important place in U.S. history.”

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## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

On May 11 we held our Board meeting and discussed enough ideas to keep us busy for years to come!

The major decision we made was to go forward with the Speakers' Bureau. We want to spread the word about the Arkansas State Archives and our Friends organization from one end of the Natural State to the other. There are over 100 local historical and genealogical societies across Arkansas, but we don't want to stop there. We intend to contact civic clubs such as Rotary and heritage organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, as our goal is to expand our membership base and our target audiences.

I will be contacting various local history and genealogical clubs around the state over the next few days, with the intention of getting at least ten presentations scheduled before our July 27 Board meeting. Jeanne Rollberg suggested that specific goal in an email as a concrete start for our Speakers'

Bureau. Thanks Jeanne. If you belong to one of the Historical or Genealogical Societies or a heritage group like the DAR, please mention us to the program chair and see if you can get us on the list of programs for your organization.

Our mission as the Friends of the Arkansas State Archives is to help and support the Archives. We need to stay focused on that vision and not spread ourselves too thin. One way we can support the Archives is to purchase books and other resources for their holdings. We did just that at our Board meeting, agreeing to order about thirty volumes published by the University of Arkansas Press, the Clark and Garland Counties Historical Societies, the Melting Pot and Polk County Genealogical Societies. A documentary film video was also included.

Please keep the Friends on your mind and contact any of us on the Board with ideas you may have to help us achieve our goal of helping and supporting our Arkansas State Archives and its staff.

See you at the Archives.

Stuart Towns  
Forrest City, AR



## Friends Member Spotlight: Grand Prairie Historical Society



Threshing rice on Grand Prairie, Ark., as depicted on an old real-photo postcard.

One of our valued members of the Friends of the Arkansas State Archives is the Grand Prairie Historical Society, based in Arkansas County. The Society was founded in 1953 by a group of public-spirited persons from across the region, whose aim was to preserve the area's rich abundant history and make others aware of this heritage. The group adopted a constitution stating the Society's purpose as promoting the history and historical records of the Grand Prairie, marking historical sites, encouraging tours and informing the public of the Society's work. More than 1700 people have been members over the group's existence, representing a geographical balance within the Grand Prairie. Publication of the *Grand Prairie Historical Bulletin* has played a major role in achieving the Society's objective of collecting and preserving data on the early history of Arkansas County and surrounding region. This award-winning journal has provided a vehicle for contributors to share diverse historical topics with current members as well as future generations.

The *Historical Bulletin* was first published in 1958 and now numbers 143 issues, and boasts 23 awards from the Arkansas Historical Association for articles and overall presentation. The informative articles are an excellent resource for those interested in the Grand Prairie region's history. The Society holds quarterly meetings each January, April, July and October, with a potluck picnic held prior to April meetings. Other meetings have been held throughout the region in diverse venues such as churches, schools, libraries, community centers, hunting lodges and museums. Meetings feature interesting programs given by knowledgeable speakers on topics of local interest. GPHS encourages guests and members to take part in meetings and also to bring items of historical interest. The group has participated in countless heritage preservation events over its history. GPHS has hosted the Arkansas Historical Association's annual conference on three occasions, and has seen three of its members become president of that organization.

Society members were instrumental in the elevation of the original Arkansas Post State Park to National Memorial status, and in the founding of Arkansas Post County Museum (the current state park). The group conducted Civil War Centennial observances at Arkansas Post and St. Charles, and dedicated markers at locations of historical significance throughout the region. They led several U. S. Bicentennial observances in Arkansas County in 1976. The Society led a Civil War Sesquicentennial re-enactment in 2013, placed a corresponding marker, and led Arkansas County's Bicentennial observance. GPHS sponsored the microfilming of old county records, cleaned and stored newly-found county documents, and is active in an ongoing effort to restore our oldest and most fragile county record books, some of the earliest such books west of the Mississippi. The Society recently won the 2019 Award of Merit from the Arkansas Historical Association.

## Author Phyllis Hodges Featured at Pen to Podium Lecture



Phyllis and Byron Hodges pose with her book *8 years of Unforgettable History: the Allure of America's First*.

Arkansas author Phyllis Hodges discussed her book, “8 Years of Unforgettable History: the Allure of America’s Firsts,” on Tuesday, April 16, at the Department of Arkansas Heritage at 1100 North Street in Little Rock. “This topic is important because most people don’t realize how many Arkansans are world renowned,” Hodges said. Her lecture focused on Arkansans who broke down barriers and became history-makers. The book is about “present history,” Hodges said, and includes people of all backgrounds. The book includes Arkansans like Jeff Henderson, who won a Gold Medal in Long Jump at the Rio Olympics in 2016. “My history book is unique,” Hodges said. “It’s a living history book—all the individuals I write about are alive and well.” Hodges has more than 30 years of experience as a clergy educational and fitness trainer. She is a world traveler with a vision to shape up the world spiritually, mentally, physically and financially. She travels Arkansas as an ambassador on health and fitness via workshops, seminars, health fairs and schools. Hodges plans to go on a national book tour this summer. Her book, which is available online and in bookstores, was available at Pen to Podium. The free event was organized and hosted by the Arkansas State Archives. The Friends group provided drinks for the reception beforehand.

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## August Pen to Podium Lecture Features Mark K. Christ

Author Mark Christ will discuss *This Day We Marched Again: A Union Soldier's Account of War in Arkansas and the Trans-Mississippi*. Jacob Haas was a 21-year-old German immigrant when he enlisted in the Sheboygan Tigers, which would become Company A, Ninth Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, in 1861. Haas kept a diary of his experiences in one of the most extensive diaries of a soldier's experiences in the Trans-Mississippi. Haas and the Ninth Wisconsin marched thousands of miles through Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and the Indian Territory during three years of service. Of particular note are his entries of combat during the 1864 Camden Expedition. Haas's hard service ruined his health, but he never complained about fighting for his adopted country. Christ is head of adult programming for the Central Arkansas Library System, a position he took in 2018 after nearly 29 years with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program during which he helped coordinate the state's participation in commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, helped to preserve hundreds of acres of Arkansas Civil War battlefields, and wrote or edited more than a dozen books on Arkansas in the Civil War.

## Meet a Friends Director: Russell P. Baker

Russell P. Baker, archivist, lecturer, historian, teacher, and author, is a native of Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he became a member of Phi Beta Kappa and received a B. A. in History in 1967. In 1985 he earned an M. A. degree in Public History from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In 2009, he retired after nearly 40 years with the Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock, where he was that institution's Archival Manager. When he retired, he was Arkansas's senior archivist. Over the years, he has taught history and archival courses at several local colleges and universities, including UALR and Pulaski County Technical College. Mr. Baker is the author of several award-winning historical and genealogical publications. His *Historical Directory of Arkansas Post Offices 1832 – 1971* and *Arkansas Township Atlas* are modern classics. During his professional career, he has contributed articles on genealogy, southern history, and religion to local, regional, and national publications. He is also the author of a number of articles for the online Encyclopedia of Arkansas. Over the years, he has been a frequent lecturer on modern family history research theory at regional and national genealogical conferences. He is a life member of the Arkansas Genealogical Society and has served on its board of directors for nearly five decades. He is a past president of that organization and he has been editor of the Society's quarterly publication, the *Arkansas Family Historian*, since 2013.



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## Friends Director Gary W. Jones Wins Media Award



Ladies and gentlemen, we have a winner! Friends Board Member Gary W. Jones was honored February 26 in Hot Springs for his longtime support and efforts as a filmmaker of the Arkansas tourism industry. The 2019 Henry Awards winners were revealed at the Forty-Fifth Annual Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism. The ceremony took place during the Governor's Banquet. The Henry Awards honor Henri de Tonti, the man historians consider to be among the first "Arkansas Travelers." Gary Jones Video won the Media Support Award, which is presented annually to a distinguished individual or organization for extraordinary attention to and/or support of Arkansas's tourism industry through the use of media. He has been a filmmaker for more than 50

years, and his videos are showcased on the Arkansas History Channel and Arkansas Travel Channel. He has created more than 30 videos for the Friends of the Arkansas State Archives. He is also finishing his Ph.D. in heritage studies at Arkansas State University. Congratulations, Gary, and thanks for all you do!



“Sense of Place” was the focus of the Governor’s Conference on Tourism in Hot Springs February 25–26, and that connected well with the Archives, since its three facilities contain the state’s largest collection of research on Arkansas places and people. Friends of the State Archives visited with Parks and Tourism director Cynthia Dunlap, Tourism Director Jim Dailey (above, with FASA Director Jeanne Rollberg), and P&T commissioners and town mayors about the Archives’ research contributions.

## Elaine Symposium Planned for June 1

The Black History Commission of Arkansas, in conjunction with the Arkansas State Archives, will present a free half-day symposium on the Elaine Massacre of 1919 from 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Mosaic Templars building in Little Rock. Check-in starts at 9:15 a.m. Teachers will earn three professional development credits by attending. Special speakers Drs. Brian Mitchell, Cherisse Jones-Branch and Guy Lancaster will speak on the history of the massacre, its aftermath and ongoing influence. The Elaine Massacre is the deadliest racial confrontation in Arkansas history and among the bloodiest racial conflicts in the U.S. At least 200 black people were killed by white people over the course of several days in September 1919.

The Elaine Massacre started Sept. 30, 1919, when African American sharecroppers met to discuss better pay for their cotton. During a union meeting, shots were fired, sparking mass killings. Up to 1,000 white people from surrounding Arkansas counties and as far away as Tennessee traveled to Elaine to take part in the massacre. U.S. troops were eventually called in, and the white mob finally dispersed Oct. 2. Afterward, more than 200 African Americans were put in jail or stockades, where there were reports of torture. A Phillips County grand jury charged 122 African Americans with crimes connected with the massacre, and a jury convicted 12 African American men of murder. The 12 men were sentenced to death but were eventually released after long court battles. For more information, visit our website at <http://archives.arkansas.gov> or contact Tatyana Oyinloye, African American program coordinator, at 501-682-6892 or [tatyana.oyinloye@arkansas.gov](mailto:tatyana.oyinloye@arkansas.gov).

## New NEARA Archival Manager Brings Fresh Ideas



Northeast Arkansas residents welcomed Dr. Fatme Myuhtar-May as the new archival manager of the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives during a special open house and reception on Friday, March 29. “I welcome the expertise, knowledge and drive Dr. Mayuhtar-May brings to NEARA and the Arkansas State Archives,” said Stacy Hurst, director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage. “She will bring fresh ideas and new programs and help NEARA better fulfill its mission as a knowledge repository that preserves Arkansas history while connecting with the community.”

Myuhtar-May was hired to oversee the Arkansas State Archives branch this past February. The reception was a chance to let the public meet Dr. Mayuhtar-May, who already is initiating an oral history program for the Archives branch. Hurst and Dr. Wendy Richter, state historian and director of the State Archives, attended the event. Myuhtar-May had the experience and passion NEARA needs, Dr. Richter said. “Dr. Myuhtar-May holds several degrees related to heritage and history, but more importantly, she understands the value of Arkansas history and of making that history more accessible to the public.”

Dr. Myuhtar-May earned a master’s degree in history and a doctorate in heritage studies from Arkansas State University. She worked at the university’s archives and special collections as a graduate assistant and attended the Modern Archives Institute at the National Archives and Records Administration. Dr. Mayuhtar-May earned another master’s degree in library science from Texas Woman’s University. She also has worked as a production and managing editor of an academic journal, has published historical research and is the author of “Identity, Nationalism, and Cultural Heritage under Siege.”

Plans are underway to reach out and involve local residents in projects they are excited about, Dr. Mayuhtar-May said. The branch plans a volunteer day June 14 and is working on a NEARA symposium set for Aug. 10. She said she wants to get people excited about their history, heritage and identity. “An archives is where a community’s memory is preserved, and it is a place where community members should feel comfortable going,” Dr. Myuhtar-May said. “My goal as an archivist and a manager is to welcome people, to invite them to the Archives, to ask them about their interest and to see how I can contribute to serving that interest better.”

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FASA Board Member Tom Dillard is shown with his 2019 Diamond Award from the Arkansas Historical Association, for his weekly newspaper column “Arkansas Postings,” in which he introduces our history to today’s citizenry.



# Arkansas State Archives Announces New Collection



The Arkansas State Archives, along with the Department of Arkansas Heritage, is pleased to announce the acquisition of important documents from the family of Dr. John L. Ferguson (left), who was the longest-serving state historian and director of the Arkansas History Commission (now the Arkansas State Archives) from 1960 to 2005. “The collection provides a glimpse into what life was like for farmers in southwest Arkansas in the 19th and 20th centuries,” said Julienne Crawford, curator.

Dr. Wendy Richter, state historian and director of the Arkansas State Archives, announced the acquisition to the Arkansas History Commission in March. The collection was donated by the Ferguson family earlier this year and is connected to the Ferguson,

McCrary and Neece families. “We strive to acquire and preserve Arkansas’s historical materials, including family collections, so that generations after us can benefit from them,” Dr. Richter said. “These records will now be accessible to the public. We want to thank the Ferguson family for donating these fascinating and significant records, the preservation of which will add to our understanding of our state’s people, heritage and culture.”

The collection, which includes photographs, provides insight into life in Howard County and surrounding areas. The collection contains letters between family members during World War I, the Great Depression and World War II. Among the most interesting items in the collection are letters written by Hugh G. McCrary while he served in the U.S. and France during World War I, Crawford said. “Family collections, like this one, provide unique information about the daily lives of Arkansans through letters, diaries, ledgers, photographs and other historic records,” Crawford said.

John L. Ferguson, who died in 2006, was an important figure in Arkansas. He was a historian, minister, author, archival administrator and historic preservationist who led the way in expanding the preservation of historically significant collections at the State Archives. Dr. Ferguson also started the state’s first agency devoted to saving historic sites and buildings, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. The Arkansas State Archives collects the history of Arkansans from all over the state. Anyone interested in donating historical material may call Archives at 501-682-6900 or email [state.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:state.archives@arkansas.gov).



The Arkansas State Archives has a new traveling exhibit on “Territorial Arkansas: The Wild Western Frontier.” The exhibit is available to museums, libraries, archives, universities, schools, historical societies and other educational institutions around the state. For details see ASA’s blog:

<https://arkansasstatearchives.blogspot.com/>

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## We Are Searching for Volunteers!

Have you ever wished you could volunteer at the Arkansas State Archives? This is your opportunity! Several members of Friends have been gathering from 9:00 to 12:00 on Tuesday mornings with Archives staff around a large conference room table at the Department of Arkansas Collections Management Facility to index 19th century Hempstead County records. Gloves and masks are provided. Some of the records we have indexed so far have been from the territorial period and represent all kinds of court cases from murders to lawsuits to slave sales. We all help each other and share interesting finds. It is a marvelous learning experience, plus a great help to the Archives in making these records more available to the public. We are flexible. Some of us arrive late or leave early. The CMF Building is on the northwest corner of LaHarpe Boulevard and Chester Street. Turn left into the first driveway, continue around to the front door of the building. Please contact us to become a Friends volunteer at [susanb1996@aol.com](mailto:susanb1996@aol.com). —Susan G. Boyle, FASA Treasurer.

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# Coming Events Sponsored by the Arkansas State Archives

June 1

Black History Commission event, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, 501 West Ninth Street, Little Rock. The topic will be the Elaine Massacre. See additional information on page six.

August 10

Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives event, “Moving About: History of Transportation in Arkansas” 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Spring River Room, 3rd floor, Reng Center/Student Union, ASU. Speakers: Robert Craig on White River, Michael Dougan on railroads, and Joan Gould on land routes.

August 20

Pen to Podium Historical Writers’ Lecture Series, 5:30–7:00 p.m., Department of Arkansas Heritage, 1100 North Street, Little Rock. Mark K. Christ will speak on “This Day We Marched Again.”

September 14

Arkansas State Archives Annual Foodways Event, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Pulaski Technical College Culinary Arts and Hospitality Institute, 16936 I-30 North, Benton. This year’s topic is Greek foodways. Speakers are Jeanne Spencer on early Greek history and coming to Arkansas, George Plastiras on the history of the Greek food festival, and Eva Sargent and Peri Leake on Greek pastries and baking

October 26

Archives Month Event, 10:00–3:00 p.m., MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. Topics will be on Arkansas’s Territorial history. Speakers are Theo Witsell on Thomas Nuttall, Charlie Bolton on “Federal Aid and the Infrastructure of Arkansas Territory,” Callie Williams on Territorial era buildings, and Gary Pinkerton on Trammel’s Trace.

November 12

Pen to Podium Historical Writers’ Lecture Series, 5:30–7:00 p.m., Department of Arkansas Heritage, 1100 North Street, Little Rock. Joe David Rice will present “Arkansas Backstories: Quirks, Characters, and Curiosities of the Natural State.”

Check the Archives Facebook page for details closer to the events. Mark your calendar!

<https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasStateArchives>



## We Salute Our Life Members!

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- Keep and care for the official archives of the State of Arkansas;
- Collect material bearing on the history of Arkansas from the earliest times;
- Copy and edit official records and other historical material; and
- Encourage historical work and research by the public.

The mission of the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives (NEARA), a branch of the Arkansas State Archives, is to collect and preserve primary and secondary source materials pertaining to the history of northeast Arkansas and its people. NEARA also serves as a resource center for historical research focusing on the unique history, culture, and heritage of the area. NEARA opened in 2011, founded through a partnership between the Arkansas History Commission and Arkansas State Parks, and is located within Powhatan Historic State Park. NEARA collects material on a 16-county region in Northeast Arkansas, which includes the counties of: Baxter, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Fulton, Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph, Sharp, and Stone. Dr. Fatme Myuhtar-May serves as archival manager.

Email: [northeast.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:northeast.archives@arkansas.gov). Phone: 870-878-6521.

The mission of the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA), a branch of the Arkansas State Archives, is to collect and preserve primary and secondary source materials pertaining to the history of southwest Arkansas and its people, and to serve as a resource center for historical research focusing on the unique history, culture, and heritage of the area. SARA, which was founded in 1978 as a project of the Hempstead County Historical Society, with assistance from the Arkansas History Commission, Historic Washington State Park, and the Pioneer Washington Restoration Foundation, is located within Historic Washington State Park. The Arkansas History Commission acquired SARA in 2005. SARA offers a variety of research resources related to a 12-county region in southwest Arkansas that includes the counties of Columbia, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Sevier, and Union. Melissa Nesbitt is the archival manager.

Email: [southwest.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:southwest.archives@arkansas.gov). Phone: 870-983-2633.

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In 2017, the Arkansas State Archives was awarded a grant in the amount of \$208,128 for the digitization of historic Arkansas newspapers through the National Endowment of the Humanities. The National Digital Newspaper Program grant will allow 100,000 pages of historic Arkansas newspapers from the collections of the State Archives to be digitized and made available online for research. The project is a partnership between the Arkansas State Archives and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, which will provide technical support to Arkansas in the digitization. The first two newspapers, the *Conway Log Cabin Democrat* and the *Forrest City Times*, are up on the site and can be viewed now! You can check them out at:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/?state=Arkansas&ethnicity=&language=>

## From the Archives Facebook Page



View of factory workers lined up to return to work at noon outside of the Tuf-Nut Garment Manufacturing Company in Little Rock, circa 1940s. The manufacturing company made blue jeans. Today the Tuf-Nut Garment Manufacturing Company building is home to loft apartments, shops, and restaurants.

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Panoramic riverfront view of Little Rock in 1919. *Images courtesy of the Arkansas State Archives.*

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### Getting Involved

Besides joining the Friends group, there are other ways you can support the preservation of Arkansas's documentary heritage:

- Contact public officials to encourage their support of the State and Regional Archives.
- Volunteer at the Archives for special projects, exhibits, research, and events.
- Join a Friends committee. You can be very helpful with publicity, outreach, advocacy, and membership.
- Write articles for our newsletter, or assist with content for our Facebook page.

### Membership Benefits

- Invitations to pre-register for Archives events prior to the general public.
- Receive newsletters from the Archives as well as the Friends organization.
- Eligibility to vote in the annual membership meeting of the Friends.
- Opportunity to network with a community of professional and lay historians interested in preserving our state's history.
- Help the Friends support, promote, and strengthen the collections, services, and programs of the Arkansas State Archives.

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