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Butler Center and Lakeport Plantation Win Awards of Merit from AASLH

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) honored the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies (Central Arkansas Library System) and Arkansas State University's Lakeport Plantation with the Award of Merit. The prestigious award recognizes achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

The AASLH awards, announced in June, honored the Butler Center's mobile website for the Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture (EOA). Designed for tablets, smartphones and other mobile devices, it is useful for travelers and tourists visiting historic places.

The Lakeport Plantation re-

ceived the award for its new permanent exhibits. The exhibits tell the story of the house, and its restoration, as well as the people who lived and worked on the plantation from the antebellum era to mechanization.

To explore the EOA's new mobile site direct your desktop browser to <http://m.encyclopediaofarkansas.net>. Mobile devices are automatically directed to the mobile site.

To learn more about Lakeport and its new exhibits visit their website <http://lakeport.astate.edu> or plan a trip to the Chicot County plantation.



Mobile friendly landing page for the Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture

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OBU and UA Libraries Receive Political Papers

Two Arkansas universities have recently accepted the personal and professional papers from two former U.S. Congressmen. In December 2012 Ouachita Baptist University received Congressman Mike Ross's papers and in November 2013 the University of Arkansas Libraries received Congressman Ray Thornton's papers.

Mike Ross, currently a candidate for governor, served six terms (2001-2013) in the U.S. House of Representatives from the Fourth Congressional District. Historic events and debates during Ross's tenure include: the September 11 terrorist attacks, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, health care reform, and the great recession. Ross's papers are an important addition to OBU's political archives, which include the papers of Sen. John L. McClellan, Congressman Jay Dickey and Gov. Mike Huckabee. Once the materials are processed, they will be available to students, scholars and researchers. For more information contact Dr. Wendy Richter, archivist, 870.245.5332, richterw@obu.edu.

Reading the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* in the Digital Age

In the digital age, historians, genealogists and the curious have online access to millions of pages of books and articles and even the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*...if you know where to look.

Since 1942 the *AHQ* has published over 1300 articles, plus documents, columns, book reviews and other notices and is without a doubt a storehouse of research on the state's history. In the past few years companies and non-profits (with the AHA's permission) have digitized the *AHQ*. Until recently, digital access has been limited to libraries. Individuals now have options to access the *AHQ* through their computer or at a terminal in their local library

In 2007-2008, JSTOR, a non-profit that primarily services academic libraries, scanned every volume and page of the *AHQ*. JSTOR recently announced two programs for individuals, "JPASS" and "Register & Read" that give access to this material. Both programs give the user a customizable MyJSTOR account to save citations, read articles, and keep track of research. Regardless of how you access JSTOR, there is a moving 3-year wall for the *AHQ* that delays the most current issues.

Register & Read is the most limited of JSTOR's new programs. It is a free service and allows individuals to read some JSTOR content online. After creating a username and password, users can select and read a maximum of three articles during a fourteen day period. Register & Read doesn't give

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contains: Symbolism in Thorpe's "The Big Bear of Arkansas"
 Katherine G. Simoneaux
 pp. 240-247 (10 pages)

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The Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Vol. 44, No. 3 (Autumn, 1985)
contains: Black Politics in Arkansas during the Gilded Age, 1876-1900
 Carl H. Moneyhon
 pp. 222-245 (24 pages)

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The Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Vol. 33, No. 1 (Spring, 1974)
contains: To the Back of the Elephant: Racial Conflict in the Arkansas Republican Party
 Tom Dillard
 pp. 3-15 (15 pages)

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MyJSTOR Page with Register & Read Selections

an option to download or purchase articles; they can only be read online.

JPASS gives access to a "select portion" of JSTOR's content. Fees range from \$19.50 per month to \$199 per year. Once a subscription is active, a user can download and read articles offline. Users are limited to 12 articles a month or 120 per year.

The EBSCO database is another option for reading more recent back issues of the *AHQ*. It is widely available at local libraries through the Arkansas State Library's Traveler program. "Academic Search Complete," an EBSCO database, gives access to the *AHQ* from 2005 to current issues.

To learn more about EBSCO, visit your local library. To get started on JSTOR, visit <http://www.jstor.org> and look for the login link.

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Top 20 Downloaded *AHQ* Articles on JSTOR: January–June 2012

This list of JSTOR's most downloaded *AHQ* articles from January 2012 to June 2012 is certainly weighted by university class assignments, but many key themes in Arkansas history are represented.

1.	Simoneaux, Katherine G., "Symbolism in Thorpe's 'The Big Bear of Arkansas,'" <i>AHQ</i> 25 (Autumn 1966).
2.	Holley, Donald, "A Look Behind the Masks: The 1920s Ku Klux Klan in Monticello, Arkansas," <i>AHQ</i> 60 (Summer 2001).
3.	Bartley, N. V. "Looking Back at Little Rock," <i>AHQ</i> 25 (Summer 1966).
4.	Aucoin, Brent J. "The Southern Manifesto and Southern Opposition to Desegregation," <i>AHQ</i> 55 (Summer 1996).
5.	Bailey, Anne J. and Daniel E. Sutherland, "The History and Historians of Civil War Arkansas," <i>AHQ</i> 58 (Autumn 1999).
6.	Finley, Randy, "Crossing the White Line: SNCC in Three Delta Towns, 1963-1967," <i>AHQ</i> 65 (Summer 2006).
7.	Dillard, Tom, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou," <i>AHQ</i> 31 (Spring 1972).
8.	Alexander, Charles C. "White-Robed Reformers: The Ku Klux Klan Comes to Arkansas, 1921-1922," <i>AHQ</i> 22 (Spring 1963).
9.	Dale, E. E., "Arkansas: The Myth and the State," <i>AHQ</i> 12 (Spring 1953).
10.	Freyer, Tony, "The Little Rock Crisis Reconsidered," <i>AHQ</i> 56 (Autumn 1997).
11.	Bearden, Russell, "The False Rumor of Tuesday: Arkansas's Internment of Japanese-Americans," <i>AHQ</i> 41 (Winter 1982).
12.	Lovett, Bobby L., "African Americans, Civil War, and Aftermath in Arkansas," <i>AHQ</i> 54 (Autumn 1995).
13.	Wallace, David, "Orval Faubus: The Central Figure at Little Rock Central High School," <i>AHQ</i> 39 (Winter 1980).
14.	Wintory, Blake J., "African-American Legislators in the Arkansas General Assembly, 1868-1893," <i>AHQ</i> 65 (Winter 2006).
15.	Rogers, O. A. Jr., "The Elaine Race Riots of 1919," <i>AHQ</i> 19 (Summer 1960).
16.	Godfrey, Phoebe, "Bayonets, Brainwashing, and Bathrooms: The Discourse of Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Desegregation of Little Rock's Central High," <i>AHQ</i> 62 (Spring 2003).
17.	Howell, Elmo, "Mark Twain's Arkansas," <i>AHQ</i> 29 (Autumn 1970).
18.	Wolfe, Jonathan James, "Background of German Immigration," <i>AHQ</i> 25 (Summer 1966).
19.	Murchison, Gayle, "'Dean of Afro-American Composers' or 'Harlem Renaissance Man': 'The New Negro' and the Musical Poetics of William Grant Still," <i>AHQ</i> 53 (Spring 1994).
20.	Gatewood, Willard B. Jr., "Theodore Roosevelt and Arkansas, 1901-1912," <i>AHQ</i> 32 (Spring 1973).

Respondents on the Arkansas History Listserv noted some articles they deemed important that did not appear on the list:

Arnold, Morris S., "Eighteenth-Century Arkansas Illustrated," *AHQ* 53 (Summer 1994); Froelich, Jacqueline and David Zimmermann, "Total Eclipse: The Destruction of the African American Community of Harrison, Arkansas, in 1905 and 1909," *AHQ* 58 (Summer 1999); Lankford, George E. "Shawnee Convergence: Immigrant Indians in the Ozarks," *AHQ* 58 (Winter 1999); Pierce, Michael, "Historians of the Central High Crisis and Little Rock's Working Class Whites: A Review Essay," *AHQ* 70 (Winter 2011); and Shea, William, "The War We Have Lost," *AHQ* 70 (Summer 2011).

Join the Arkansas Historical Association

Membership includes four issues of the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* per year, as well as the Association’s newsletter.

Membership Levels

- Individual, one year.....\$20
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Historic Washington State Park set for 73rd Annual Conference

The Arkansas Historical Association will hold its 73rd annual conference on April 3-5, 2014 at the Historic Washington State Park in southwest Arkansas.

The host site of Historic Washington fits well with the 2014 conference theme, “The Home Front,” since the town served as Arkansas’s Confederate capital from 1863-1865.

Sessions will focus on life on the home front during the Civil War. However sessions are also planned on women’s history and other conflicts

during Arkansas’s history.

In addition to the 1836 and 1874 Hempstead County Courthouses and twenty-eight other historic buildings, the park houses the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA), a branch of the Arkansas History Commission.

Accommodations for the conference will be available in nearby Hope. Full details of the conference will be mailed to AHA members in February 2014.



The Confederate State Legislature held its 1864 session in the 1836 Hempstead County Courthouse. *Courtesy of Historic Washington State Park*



President's Message

Though it has been a few months since the Association's annual conference, I am still receiving comments on its success. Good times were abundant as the attendees learned about Arkansas history in the historic Delta city of Helena-West Helena. I want to especially thank Jamie Brandon and Mark Christ for their excellent work in pulling the conference logistics and papers together, as well as the break and reception sponsors and the wonderful employees at the Delta Cultural Center. On behalf the entire AHA membership, thank you.

We could not rest on our laurels though, so planning began for the 2014 conference soon after this year's wrapped up. AHA Board Member Josh Williams is hard at work planning for next year's meeting at Historic Washington State Park, just outside of Hope. Mark Christ, once again, is living up to his nickname as "paper wrangler extraordinaire" as he serves as conference program chair. Mark your calendars for April 3-5, 2014 and make your way down the Southwest Trail for our annual conference. As in previous years, we will present a number of awards during the conference's banquet. A new award this year is the NEARA Award, endowed by Ms. Kitty Sloan of Paragould in honor of the individuals from the Lawrence County Historical Society, who, in 1963, saved the territorial records, which were in danger of being lost or destroyed. Those records are now housed in Powhatan at the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives, an affiliate of the Arkansas History Commission. Additional information on the NEARA Award can be found elsewhere in this issue. Please join me in thanking Kitty for her generosity and support of Arkansas history.

Blake Wintory continues to do a stellar job as newsletter editor, but he needs your help. If you are working on a project, or know of an upcoming exhibit, conference, or other event that might be of interest to Association members, please contact Blake. The newsletter comes out twice a year, and gathering news is not as easy as it sounds. What is as easy as it sounds is purchasing a gift membership to the Association. If you are looking for that perfect gift for that hard-to-buy for person, consider purchasing a membership in the AHA. To purchase a membership, go to our website at arkansashistoricalassociation.org.

Tim Nutt

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Ray Thornton served three terms from Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District (1973-1979) and three terms from the Second Congressional District (1991-1997). Thornton sat on the important House Judiciary Committee that investigated the Watergate burglaries and drafted articles of impeachment against President Nixon. Thornton also served one term as attorney general (1971-1973), president of Arkansas State University (1980-1984), president of the University of Arkansas (1984-1989) and served eight years as a justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court (1996-2004). He is also a graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law. Once the collection is processed it will be available to students and researchers in the special collections department in Mullins Library on the University of Arkansas campus. For more information contact Timothy Nutt, head of special collections, 479.575.8443, timn@uark.edu.

Each year the Arkansas Historical Association recognizes the best teaching, writing, and scholarship in Arkansas history. This year the AHA has announced a new award, the NEARA Award, for the best manuscript using primary and archival records, particularly the Lawrence County territorial papers (1815-1836), from the NorthEast Arkansas Regional Archives in Powhatan. Below is a list of the AHA's awards and upcoming deadlines. For a complete list of requirements and nomination forms, visit the AHA website, <http://arkansashistoricalassociation.org>.

James H. Atkinson Award for Teaching of Arkansas History

For K-12 teachers; \$1,000 prize; deadline March 1, 2014.

Susannah DeBlack Award

Honors best book on Arkansas history for a young audience; \$200 prize; deadline February 1, 2014.

Charles O. Durnett Award

Best manuscript on Arkansas Civil War history; \$250 prize; deadline February 1, 2014.

J. G. Ragsdale Book Award

Best book-length nonfiction study of Arkansas history; \$1,000 prize; deadline January 1, 2014.

Lucille Westbrook Local History Award

Best manuscript article on a local Arkansas subject; \$1,000 prize; deadline February 1, 2014.

Violet B. Gingles Award

Best manuscript on any Arkansas topic; \$500 prize; deadline February 1, 2014.

James L. Foster and Billy W. Beason Award

Best master's thesis or doctoral dissertation that addresses some aspect of Arkansas's history; prize \$250; deadline January 1, 2014.

Diamond Award

Recognizes exceptional contribution to the study, preservation, or promotion of Arkansas history by an institution or individual. Nominations must be made through an AHA Board member; deadline December 1, 2013.

NEARA Award

Best manuscript using primary and archival records, particularly the Lawrence County territorial papers (1815-1836), from the NorthEast Arkansas Regional Archives in Powhatan; \$1,000 prize; deadline February 1, 2014.



Roy Reed receives the Lifetime Achievement Award from AHA President Tim Nutt at the 2013 AHA Annual Meeting in Helena-West Helena. A full list of award winners are listed on the AHA website: <http://arkansashistoricalassociation.org>.

Walter L. Brown Awards for Arkansas County and Local Historical Journals

Deadlines February 1, 2014

Best County or Local Journal; \$100 prize

Best Article in a County or Local Journal; \$100 prize

Best Biography, Autobiography or Memoir

Best Family History

Best Church History

Best Community History

Best School History

Best Business History

Best Edited Documents

Best Use of Graphics

Best Newsletter



Lakeport Plantation, an 1859 antebellum plantation house in Chicot County, received the Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for permanent exhibits installed in September 2012. The exhibits, by blending in, treat the house as the main artifact. Panels in the North Parlor, pictured above, tell the story of the politically powerful Johnsons, their migration to Arkansas and Mississippi from Kentucky, and investments in Delta lands for cotton production. *Courtesy of Lakeport Plantation*