Arkansas Historical Association

Seventy-Third Annual Conference

Historic Washington State Park

April 3-5, 2014

“The Home Front”
COVER PHOTO: From September 22 to October 2, 1864, Arkansas's Confederate Legislature met in the Hempstead County Courthouse shown in this circa 1900 photograph courtesy of the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives, a branch of the Arkansas History Commission.
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GENERAL INFORMATION
Historic Washington State Park hosts the 73rd Annual Conference of the Arkansas Historical Association on April 3-5, 2014, in Washington, Arkansas. Paper sessions will convene in two locations: 1874 Hempstead County Courthouse (100 SW Morrison St.) and Washington Methodist Church (128 Hwy 195 South). All of these venues are in the same area, and it is an easy walk from one to the other. For more information on the park visit www.historicwashingtonstatepark.com.

Local arrangements were handled by Josh Williams, Leita Spears (staff of Historic Washington State Park), and Peggy Lloyd (Director of Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives, a branch of the Arkansas History Commission). The program chair is Mark Christ, Community Outreach Director at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. Josh Williams, Curator at Historic Washington State Park, served as chair of the Annual Conference Committee.

REGISTRATION
Complete the enclosed registration form and send it with check or money order to:

Arkansas Historical Association  
Department of History, Old Main 416  
University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

* The registration fee is $10.00.
* Deadline for registration is March 20, 2014

Name tags may be picked up at the Thursday evening reception or at the AHA registration table during the conference. If you plan to attend one of the two off-site Friday afternoon guided tours, please reserve your spot. Space is limited on each tour.

Maps of the sites associated with the AHA conference will be available at the AHA registration table.

Meals
The Friday Luncheon and Evening Awards Banquet will both be served at the WPA Gymnasium at Historic Washington State Park located directly behind the 1874 Hempstead County Courthouse Visitor Center. The Saturday luncheon will be served at the Hope Municipal Airport (188 Airport Road, Hope, AR 71801). All meals require reservations, which must be made by March 20 using the enclosed registration form. Meal prices include tax and gratuity.
Lodging
The closest lodging to Historic Washington State Park is located in Hope, Arkansas just eight miles south of Washington on Interstate 30. This year, there are two host hotels for the conference. Make your reservations by calling the hotel directly and mention you are with the Arkansas Historical Association. Conference hotel rates are good through March 20.

1. Hampton Inn and Suites
   2700 North Hervey Street
   Hope, AR 71801
   Phone: 870-777-4567
   $99.00 + tax/night
   7.8 mi (9 mins) from Historic Washington State Park.

2. Holiday Inn Express
   2600 North Hervey Street
   Hope, AR 71801
   Phone: 870-722-6262
   www.holidayinnexpress.com/hopear
   $85.00 + tax/night
   7.8 mi (9 mins) from Historic Washington State Park.

Thursday Reception
President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home
117 South Hervey Street, Hope, AR 71801
6:00—7:30 pm
Sponsored by Arkansas’s Great Southwest, Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives Foundation, and the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope

Friday Reception
Woodlawn House (next door to the WPA Gymnasium)
133 Hwy 195 South, Washington, AR 71862
6:00—7:00 pm
Hosted by the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, Central Arkansas Library System. In the event of rain, the reception will be inside the WPA Gymnasium adjacent to the Woodlawn House Yard.

- There is no cost for either of the receptions, but please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending these events.
Friday Afternoon Tours
*Pick and choose between these tours of Civil War and World War II “Home Front” sites in the area. Space is limited. Please register for the first two tours at the registration table.*

1. **Civil War Encampments, Trenches, and Dooley’s Ferry**
   This bus tour, led by local historian Keenan Williams and archeologist Dr. Carl Drexler, will visit sites in southern Hempstead County related to the Civil War. Confederate encampments and trenches will be viewed along with recent archeological sites at the Civil War community of Dooley’s Ferry along the Red River. Seating is limited to 40. **Please sign up at the registration table.**

2. **Southwest Proving Ground**
   This bus tour, led by local historian Peggy Lloyd, will visit sites in Hempstead County related to the Southwest Proving Ground of World War II. The site was used by the federal government as a testing center for ammunition during the war. Seating is limited to 25. **Please sign up at the registration table.**

3. **Historic Washington State Park Tour**
   Tour the town of Washington, Arkansas and hear about the significance of this small town located on the Southwest Trail. Begin your tour at the 1874 Courthouse Visitor Center. Show AHA name badge for complimentary tour tickets.

**Saturday Afternoon Tour**
Saturday afternoon attendees are welcome to attend a street drama put together by the Historic Washington Interpretive Department entitled “Town in Conflict.” Hear stories from local residents of Washington in 1864 as they deal with the Civil War. Begin the tour at the 1874 Courthouse Visitor Center.

**SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, April 3**

**Reception**
6:00—7:30 pm, President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home (117 South Hervey Street, Hope, AR 71801). **Tours of “Clinton’s Hope” will be provided beginning at 5 pm. Meet at the Visitor Center of the Birthplace Home.**
Friday, April 4

MORNING

Registration Begins
7:45 am, 1874 Courthouse (Historic Washington State Park)

Welcome from Historic Washington State Park Superintendent Brandon Owen, Washington Mayor Paul Henley, AHA President Timothy G. Nutt, and General Announcements
8:00–8:30 am, 1874 Courthouse Courtroom

Session 1: Remembering the Camden Expedition
8:30–9:40 am, 1874 Courthouse Courtroom
Moderated by Tom DeBlack (Arkansas Tech University)

- Josh Williams (Historic Washington State Park)—“Washington 1864: Conflict at the Doorstep”
- Paul Swepston (The Woodlands, Texas)—“John Brown’s Diary”
- Mark Christ (Arkansas Historic Preservation Program)—“Racial Atrocities During the Camden Expedition”

Break
9:40–10:00 am, WPA Gymnasium
Sponsored by the University of Arkansas Press

Session 2a: Stalag Arkansas
10:00–11:10 am, 1874 Courthouse Courtroom
Moderated by Johanna Miller Lewis (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

- Ken Story (Grantham, New Hampshire)—“The Rohwer Relocation Camp Cemetery: The Past, Nostalgia, and the Power of Place”
- Joshua Youngblood (Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville)—“Beyond the Barbed Wire: Nat Griswold and the Community Activities Section at the Rohwer Japanese American Relocation Center”
- Jodi Barnes (Arkansas Archeological Survey)—“Remembering Camp Monticello: Archeology of Arkansas’s World War II Home Front Heritage”
Session 2b: Supplying Confederate Arkansas
10:00—11:10 am, Washington Methodist Church
Moderated by Mike Crane (University of Arkansas at Fort Smith)

- Brett J. Derbes (Auburn University)—
  “The Production of Military Supplies at the Arkansas State Penitentiary during the Civil War”
- David H. Jurney (United States Forest Service)—
  “The Final Home Front: Marshall, Texas”
- Beverly Watkins (Sherwood, Arkansas)—
  “Saltworks in Confederate Arkansas”

Session 3a: The Civil War on the Home Front
11:10 am—12:20 pm, 1874 Courthouse Courtroom
Moderated by Jamie Brandon (Arkansas Archeological Survey)

- Peggy Lloyd (Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives)—
  “E.W. Gantt in 1864”
- Rebecca Howard (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)—“No Country for Old Men: Patriarchs and the Guerrilla War in Northwest Arkansas”
- Richard Hartness (Cross County Historical Society)—
  “Captain Robert S. Burke, Home Guard Commander”

Session 3b: Arkansas Women on the Home Front
11:10 am—12:20 pm, Washington Methodist Church
Moderated by Rachel Silva (Arkansas Historic Preservation Program)

- Colin Woodward (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)—
  “The Leading Business Woman of the Southwest: Charline Person and the Arkansas Plantation Economy of the New South”
- Linda Jones (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)—
  “Dorothy Jones Core (1920-1997) and Arkansas Ancestry”
- Elizabeth Hill (North Little Rock)—“Arkansas’s Home Demonstration Clubs: Our Rural Women on the Home Front during Two World Wars”

Washington Dates in the Civil War

May 8, 1861. The first unit of Hempstead County, the Hempstead Rifles, musters in town and later fights at the Battle of Wilson’s Creek, Missouri.
Luncheon and Business Meeting
12:30–2:00 pm, WPA Gymnasium (Behind 1874 Courthouse Visitor Center)
Presiding: Timothy G. Nutt (President, Arkansas Historical Association)

Business Meeting
- President’s Report
- Secretary-Treasurer’s Report
- Election of Trustees

Keynote Address
Dr. Jamie Brandon (Arkansas Archeological Society): “Archeologies of the Home Front: Excavations at Historic Washington State Park”

Session 4a: The War after the War
2:00 pm—3:00 pm, 1874 Courthouse Courtroom
Moderated by Peggy Lloyd (Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives)
- Susan Young (Shiloh Museum of Ozark History)—“Kith, Kin, and Claims: Using Southern Claims Commission Records and Civil War Widows Pension Records”
- W. Stuart Towns (Forrest City, Arkansas)—“In the Tender Spring-Time: The Role of Arkansas Women in Memorializing the Confederate Soldier”
- John Treat (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)—“Redeeming White County”

Session 4b: An Arkansas Miscellany
2:00 pm—3:00 pm, Washington Methodist Church
Moderated by Steve Kite (University of Arkansas at Fort Smith)
- James Willis (Southern Arkansas University, retired)—“Lewis Rhoton and the Rise of Progressivism in Arkansas: Prosecuting the Boodle Cases, 1905-1909”
- John Derek Rowley (Arkansas Tech University)—“Titan II Missiles: Nuclear Warheads in Arkansas Cow Pastures”

Washington Dates in the Civil War

February 19, 1862. Crump’s Battalion of the 32nd Texas Cavalry was welcomed into the town on their way to Fort Smith. The unit comprised men from Northeast Texas.
AFTERNOON

Tour of Civil War Encampments, Trenches, and Dooley’s Ferry
Depart from WPA Gymnasium
3:00—5:00 pm
Led by Keenan Williams (Local Historian) and Dr. Carl Drexler (Arkansas Archeological Survey)

Tour of Southwest Proving Ground
Depart from WPA Gymnasium
3:00—5:00 pm
Led by Peggy Lloyd (Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives)

Tour of Historic Washington State Park
Begin at 1874 Courthouse Visitor Center Gift Shop
3:00—5:00 pm

Reception
6:00—7:00 pm, Woodlawn House (next door to WPA Gymnasium)
Sponsored by the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies

Annual Awards Banquet
7:30 pm, WPA Gymnasium (Historic Washington State Park)
Presiding: Timothy G. Nutt (President, Arkansas Historical Association)

Awards Presentations
- James H. Atkinson Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Arkansas History
- Susannah DeBlack Award
- Charles O. Durnett Award
- J. G. Ragsdale Book Award
- NEARA Award
- The Westbrook Local History Award
- The Gingles Award
- Arkansas Women’s History Institute Susie Pryor Award
- James L. Foster and Billy W. Beason Award
- Award of Merit
- The Diamond Award
- The Walter L. Brown Awards
- Lifetime Achievement Awards
Saturday, April 5

MORNING

President’s Breakfast
7:30 am, Campbell Room at Hampton Inn and Suites

- AHA President Timothy Nutt hosts this breakfast for former presidents of the organization.

Session 5a: Voices of Civil War Arkansas
8:30—9:40 am, 1874 Courthouse Courtroom
Moderated by Mark Christ (Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission)

- Dale Weeks (Texas A&M University, Texarkana)— “The Letters of Dr. Rhesa Walker Read, 29th Texas Cavalry”
- Roy Wilson (Sheridan, Arkansas School District)— “Jenkins’ Ferry: The Union Correspondence”
- Wendy Richter (Ouachita Baptist University)— “Between That Time and This: Baptist Voices in Civil War Arkansas”

Session 5b: NOT A Civil War Session
8:30—9:40 am, Washington Methodist Church
Moderated by Holly Hope (Arkansas Historic Preservation Program)

- Bryan McDade (Mosaic Templars Cultural Center)— “The Crystal Bathhouse in Hot Springs”
- Richard Bland (Rogers, Arkansas)— “Who was James Paul Clarke?: The Arkansas Statues in the U.S. Capitol and the Arkansas Image”
- Krista Oldham, Geoffery Stark, and Tim Nutt (Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville)— “Walter Lemke and His Newsletter: Keeping Arkansas Informed at Home and Abroad”

Break
9:40–10:00 am, WPA Gymnasium
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Washington Dates in the Civil War

April 18, 1863. A meeting of Hempstead County farmers was held to form a plan to help keep prices low on produce for the local population.
Session 6a: A Civil War Miscellany
10:00—11:10 am, 1874 Courthouse Courtroom
Moderated by Blake Wintory (Lakeport Plantation)

- Don C. Bragg (USDA Forest Service)—“‘A Source From Whence his Curiosity May be Satisfied’: Porcher’s Medical Botany of the Confederate States”
- Bobbye B. Henry (New Boston, Texas)—“David O. Dodd”
- Rick Floyd (Pike County Historical Society)—“Impact of War: A Pike County Family and the Civil War”

Session 6b: Beyond Central High
10:00—11:10 am, Washington Methodist Church
Moderated by John Kyle Day (University of Arkansas at Monticello)

- Micah Roberts (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)—“Fulbright, Khrushchev, and Faubus: Arkansans Respond to the Cold War”
- Marie Williams (Arkansas Tech University)—“Jim Johnson’s Red Scare Tactics”
- Shawn Fisher (Harding University)—“The Battle of Little Rock: The U.S. Army and the Cold War at Little Rock Central High”

Session 7a: An Arkansas Smorgasbord
11:10 am—12:20 pm, 1874 Courthouse Courtroom
Moderated by Patrick Williams (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)

- John Riggs (Natural Resources Conservation Service)—“Politics, Prejudice and Permanent Posts on the (Western) Home Front of Early Arkansas”
- Veronica Mobley and Stephen Smith (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)—“The Arkansas Communist Party, 1919-1959”
- Richard A. Buckalew (Bethune-Cookman University)—“What’s A Woman to Do?: Murder, Intrigue, and the Clarendon Lynching of 1898”

Washington Dates in the Civil War

November 11, 1863. A town banquet was provided for General Jo Shelby and his men following their raid into Missouri.

January 20, 1864. Complaints appear in the Washington Telegraph of an increase in the amount of burglars and thieves in the community.
Session 7b: Lessons for the Classroom
11:10 am—12:20 pm, Washington Methodist Church
Moderated by Shelle Stormoe (Arkansas Historic Preservation Program)

- Kay Bland (Butler Center for Arkansas Studies)—
  “From Magical Bullets to Real Bullets: Using Children’s Literature to Teach the American Civil War”
- Larry Wilson (Hot Springs Village, Arkansas)—
  “Creating Multimedia Projects, Inspiring the Teaching of Arkansas History”

Luncheon
12:30–1:30 pm, Hope Municipal Airport (188 Airport Road, Hope, AR 71801)

Keynote Address:
Dr. Tom DeBlack (Arkansas Tech University): “‘Between the Hawk and the Buzzard’: The Arkansas Home Front in the Civil War”

AFTERNOON

“Town In Conflict”: A Living History Street Drama
3:00 pm, Meet at the back of the 1874 Courthouse
Led by Chief Interpreter Billy Nations (Historic Washington State Park)

Become immersed in 1864 as Washington townsfolk try to come to grips with this trying time in our nation’s history. Experience firsthand accounts from politicians, slaves, farmers, and others on the critical issues and concerns that the people and the town faced as the Civil War raged on. Step back in time and embark on a unique adventure into not only Washington’s past but also the past of the state of Arkansas.

Washington Dates in the Civil War

September 22, 1864. Arkansas Confederate General Assembly convened in the Hempstead County Courthouse.

Notes
Thank You!

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