

## SOURCES FOR RESEARCH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORY

1. Selection of books about Fayetteville and Washington County.

Located variously in the Fayetteville Public Library, Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, and Headquarters House, office of the Washington County Historical Society.

*Goodspeed's Arkansas History, 1889, Washington County*, reprinted by J. Roger Huff, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 1978. [Fayetteville section: pp. 234-256, and biographies in last section. Also, [www.hearthstonelegacy.com](http://www.hearthstonelegacy.com) for additional maps, post cards, family histories, etc.

*The Northwest Arkansas Memories: Northwest Arkansas Times Celebrates 150 Years, Battle Ground and Vancouver, Washington*: Pediment Publishing, 2010.

*Washington County: A Pictorial Look at Our Past*, by *The Morning News of Northwest Arkansas*, Editor, Tom Stallbaumer. Marceline, Missouri: D-Books Publishing, 1996.

*School Days, School Days: The History of Education in Washington County, 1830-1950*, compiled by members of the Washington County Retired Teachers Association (Arkansas). [Publisher] The Washington County Retired Teachers Association [place not identified], 1986.

"History of Washington County, Arkansas Schools," Arkansas Genealogy (website). [https://arkansasgenealogy.com/washington/history\\_of\\_schools.htm](https://arkansasgenealogy.com/washington/history_of_schools.htm). Material sourced from *History of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Madison, Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas*. Chicago, Illinois: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889.

*History of Washington County*, Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Springdale, Arkansas: Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 1989.

*Postal History of Washington County, Arkansas*, by Don Cook and Tom Maringer. Washington County, Arkansas: Postal History Society of Washington County, Arkansas, 1994.

*Cemeteries of Washington County, Arkansas*, Vol. IX, Winter 1986-87. [Published by] Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society [place not given].

*One Hundred Years of Fayetteville, 1828-1928*, by William S. Campbell. Jefferson City, Missouri: [publisher not given], 1928.

*Fayetteville: A Pictorial History*, by Kent R. Brown. Norfolk, Virginia: Donning, 1982.

*A Brief History of Fayetteville, Arkansas*, by Charles Y. Alison. Charleston, South Carolina: The History Press, 2017.

*Images of America: Fayetteville*, by Charles Y. Alison and Ellen K. Compton, on behalf of the Washington County Historical Society. Charleston, South Carolina: Arcadia, 2011.

*The Square Book: An Illustrated History of the Fayetteville Square, 1828-2016*, by Anthony J. Wappel with J.B. Hogan. Fayetteville, Arkansas: Signature Book Printing, 2017.

*On the Avenue: An Illustrated History of Fayetteville's US Highway 71B*, by Anthony J. Wappel with Dennis L. Garrison. Fayetteville, Arkansas: Anthony J. Wappel, 2015.

*Once Upon Dickson: An Illustrated History, 1868-2000*, by Anthony J. Wappel with Ethel C. Simpson. Fayetteville, Arkansas: Phoenix International, 2008.

2. Histories of communities in Washington County. Located in the Fayetteville Public Library.

*The Fayetteville Public Library has a selection of histories for various communities in Washington County. Listed here is a sampling of those histories (e.g., West Fork, Prairie Grove, Cane Hill, etc). These and other such histories can be found on the shelves in the Reference section of the library.*

*The West Fork Valley: The West Fork of White River, Arkansas: its environs & settlement before 1900*, by Denele Pitts Campbell. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2018.

*Fields of Blood: The Prairie Grove Campaign*, by William L. Shea. University of North Carolina Press, 2009.

*Embattled Arkansas: The Prairie Grove Campaign of 1862*, by Michael E. Banasik. Wilmington, N.C.: Broadfoot Publishing Co., 1996.

*Prairie Grove, Arkansas, Centennial History, 1888-1988*, by George E. Wiswell. Siloam Springs, Arkansas: Siloam Springs Print, 1988.

*The Battle of Prairie Grove, December 7, 1862*, by Samuel Jones. [Publisher not identified], 1965.

*The William Wilson Records: being the personal and business papers of William Wilson ... Prairie Grove, Arkansas*, by William Wilson. Fayetteville, Arkansas: Washington County Historical Society, 1960.

*Cane Hill, Arkansas: Session minutes of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Book I, 1828-1843, Book II, 1845-1860, Book III, 1866-1922; Session minutes of the Salem Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Boonsboro, Arkansas, 1865-1905.* [Fayetteville, Arkansas: Fayetteville Public Library, Genealogy Department, date unclear]. Compilation of several smaller volumes about the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Cane Hill, AR, published by the Washington County Historical Society and edited by W.J. Lemke.

*Cane Hill*, by Bobby Braly. Charleston, South Carolina: Arcadia Publishing, 2019.

*Early Settlers of Cane Hill*, Ellen Earle Richardson. Fayetteville, Arkansas: Washington County Historical Society, 1955.

*The Lord's Vineyard: being the history of the pioneer Latta family of old Vineyard in Washington County, Arkansas, and including the life of E.C. Latta*, by Frank Forrest Latta. Fayetteville, Arkansas: Washington County Historical Society, 1956.

3. City Directories, primarily for Fayetteville. Located in the Fayetteville Public Library, Reference section.

*Interstate Directory Company's Fayetteville, Arkansas, City Directory, with a complete alphabetical list of all residents, 18 years of age and over, and all business firms, with street number and mail address; number of all children*. Springfield, Missouri: Interstate Directory Company. Various volumes for the years from 1927-1928 to 1935-1936.

*C.D. Shumaker's Fayetteville City Directory embracing a complete alphabetical list of business firms and private citizens; a miscellaneous directory of city and county officials; churches public and private schools, banks*. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: C.D. Shumaker, publisher, 1920-1921.

*Polk's Fayetteville (Washington County, Ark.) City Directory including Washington County containing an alphabetical directory of business concerns and private citizens, a directory of householders, occupants of office buildings*. Kansas City, Missouri: R.L. Polk & Co. Various volumes for the years 1904, 1939, 1947, and 1951 to 1996.

*R.L. Polk's Arkansas Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1892-1893: Washington County Towns*. Fall 2007. Check Arkansas Digital Archives, The Department of Arkansas Heritage, <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/inventories-microfilm-general/1217/Fayetteville, Springdale, Arkansas; Polk City Directory, including Siloam Springs and Washington County>. Livonia, Michigan: R.L. Polk & Co., 1998.

"A Business Directory of 1900," *Flashback* 2:np, February 1952.

*Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, Arkansas*. Livonia, Michigan: R.L. Polk & Co. Various volumes from the years 1998 to 2022.

*City Directory, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1904*. Fayetteville, Arkansas: Stewart & Weeks, 1903. Note that the website Fayetteville History.com offers access to a pdf of the 1904 *City Directory of Fayetteville*. The pdf runs 286 pages and is more than 15M in size. See <https://www.fayettevillehistory.com/primary/2013/09/fayetteville-city-directory-1904.html>

4. Maps: Fayetteville Public Library, Reference section; and Central Arkansas Library System (CALIS)

*Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Fayetteville, 1886-1930*. Sanborn Map & Publishing Co., 1886. (Fire insurance maps showing industrial, commercial, and religious buildings as well as dwellings, property boundaries, locations of windows and doors, roof type, street widths and names, water facilities, and proximity to fire stations. Includes notes on population, water facilities, fire departments, and prevailing winds, "1886-1930.")

*Fayetteville, Springdale, & Rogers Street Guide (including Bentonville)*. Chicago, Illinois: Rand McNally, 2008.

*1908 Plat Book of Washington County*, Washington County Archives. See: <https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-a-e/archives/1908-plat-book-of-washington-county>. Searchable for maps of congressional townships, civil townships, cities and towns [e.g., Fayetteville], and miscellaneous.

NOTE: For additional information on plat books of Fayetteville, see the listing here for the Fayetteville Public Library Genealogy Collection.

Fayetteville Public Library Genealogy Collection includes more than 14,000 print resources, as well as microfilm, microfiche, maps, and a digital image archive. Collection highlights: Newspapers and newsletters, on microfilm and microfiche; Arkansas census records, 1830-1940; print resources such as immigration records, Dawes Rolls (Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory), Fayetteville High School yearbooks; and Washington County Records (e.g., birth/death, from 1914; marriage, from 1845; probate, etc.) For details, see: <https://www.faylib.org/genealogy-8081>. FPL librarians provide assistance in locating microfilm and microfiche records.

Maps of Arkansas available online through the Central Arkansas Library System (CALIS). See: <https://cdm15728.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15728coll3/search/searchterm/bc.map!bc.mss.12.47/field/all!all/mode/all!all/conn/or!and/page/1>

#### 5. Sources for Newspapers from Washington County.

*Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*.

U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-present. Searchable by state, county, city. See: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>.

Digitized collection includes 75 Arkansas newspapers. See: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/?state=Arkansas&ethnicity=&language=>

Note that *The Witness*, Fayetteville, 1840-1942, is not digitized, but info on the paper is at: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87062064/>

NOTE: The Fayetteville Public Library has copies on microfilm of *The Witness*, *The South-West Independent*, and the *Fayetteville Arkansian*, as well as other local newspapers. See: The Fayetteville Public Library Genealogy Collection at <https://www.faylib.org/genealogy-8081>. FPL librarians provide assistance in locating microfilm and microfiche records.

Newspapers.com. Access requires paid subscription.

*The Grapevine* Newspaper Records. Available in University of Arkansas Libraries Special Collections. See: <https://uark.as.atlas-sys.com/repositories/2/resources/419>

Scope and Content Note:

Contents of the collection include editor's files, reporter's files, business records, advertiser records, written and art newspaper copy, research materials, images, and issues of *The*

*Grapevine* newspaper. Also included are issues of newspapers published by interest groups, including the Audubon Society; the American Civil Liberties Union; the United Mine Workers; and white supremacist organizations including the Ku Klux Klan. Materials include correspondence, draft articles, notebooks, contracts, receipts, newspapers, and newspaper clippings. Images include photographs, negatives, and drawings. Also included are cassette tapes with interviews. Dates: 1955-1993

*America's Historical Newspapers*. "American newspapers published across three centuries." Readex: A Division of NewsBank. Accessed through University of Arkansas Libraries. <https://infoweb-newsbank-com.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/apps/readex/welcome?p=EANX>

*African American Newspapers, Series 1 - A century and a half of the African American experience*. Readex: A Division of NewsBank. Accessed through University of Arkansas Libraries. <https://infoweb-newsbank-com.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/apps/readex/welcome?p=EANAAA>

*African American Newspapers, Series 2 - Over a century of the African American experience*. Readex: A Division of NewsBank. Accessed through University of Arkansas Libraries. <https://infoweb-newsbank-com.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/apps/readex/?p=EANAAA2>

*The Portal to Texas History*. Access to digitized early newspapers in Texas. Accessed at <https://texashistory.unt.edu>.

*The Arkansas Gazette*. Little Rock, 1866. Microfilm available in University of Arkansas Libraries.

*The Arkansas Democrat*. Little Rock: Weekly, 1878-1903. University of Arkansas Libraries, Special Collections, Arkansas Newspaper Collection.

Student newspapers at the University of Arkansas. This collection contains newspapers and newsletters published by organizations of University of Arkansas students or other campus related groups, 1968-1970. See: <https://uark.as.atlas-sys.com/repositories/2/resources/2060>. Access is restricted to use at UofA Libraries Special Collections.

*The Arkansas Traveler*, University of Arkansas student newspaper. UofA Libraries, Special Collections. See: <https://digitalcollections.uark.edu/digital/collection/Traveler>

*BAD Times Collection*. University of Arkansas newspaper published 1971-1977 by the Black Americans for Democracy, a student organization. UofA Libraries Special Collections. See: <https://digitalcollections.uark.edu/digital/collection/BADTimes>

Arkansas Newspaper Project Records. Materials include office records, newspaper records, photocopies of newspapers, photographs, slides, and computer disks. Also included is a complete, unbound copy of the *Arkansas Union List of Newspapers*. Goal of the ANPR was to inventory all newspapers held by various repositories in Arkansas. See: <https://uark.as.atlas-sys.com/repositories/2/resources/666>

TIPS:

- If a newspaper doesn't seem to have survived, try taking its name (and sometimes its location) and searching a newspaper database to find articles from it.
- ILLIAD (Interlibrary loan) through the University of Arkansas Libraries can get microfilm on loan from other libraries.
- Worldcat.org can also help in finding locations.

## 6. Research on Blacks in Arkansas

*African American Newspapers, Series 1 - A century and a half of the African American experience.* Readex: A Division of NewsBank. Accessed through University of Arkansas Libraries. <https://infoweb-newsbank-com.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/apps/readex/welcome?p=EANAAA>

*African American Newspapers, Series 2 - Over a century of the African American experience.* Readex: A Division of NewsBank. Accessed through University of Arkansas Libraries. <https://infoweb-newsbank-com.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/apps/readex/?p=EANAAA2>

- Research on Enslaved People

“Enslaved: *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation*,” website accessed at <https://jsdp.enslaved.org>. A digital academic journal that publishes datasets and accompanying data articles about lives of enslaved Africans and their descendants from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

*Journal of African American History* [previously *Journal of Negro History*, 1916-2001], published by the University of Chicago Press on behalf of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Journal accessible at <https://asalh.org/document/journal-of-african-american-history/>. Access through subscription or through a subscribing library.

“1845 Resolve of Arkansas Declaring the ‘Free Negroes and Mulattoes’ Are Not Citizens of the United States,” Resolution of the Arkansas General Assembly, Arkansas Legislature, approved January 9, 1845. Document repository accessed at [https://digitalmaine.com/early\\_aa\\_history\\_me/44](https://digitalmaine.com/early_aa_history_me/44). Downloadable document accessed at [https://digitalmaine.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1043&context=early\\_aa\\_history\\_me](https://digitalmaine.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1043&context=early_aa_history_me).

“Slavery in Arkansas,” by Clyde W. Cathey. *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Spring 1944), pp.66-90. Access to article through <https://www.jstor.org/stable/40027465?origin=crossref> or through subscribing library.

- Research on “U.S. Colored Troops in Arkansas”

*U.S., Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1863-1865.* Access at <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1107/>. This database contains compiled military service records for United States Colored Troops that volunteered to serve with the Union in the

American Civil War. Provides list of the regiments included in the records collection. Provides list of units that were part of the U.S. Colored Troops (USCT).

The amount of information included in this database varies according to the type of records included in each packet. However, when available, you can expect to find the following details: name of soldier, age, birthplace, enlistment date, and enlistment location.

Additional information about a soldier, such as a physical description, may be found by viewing the associated images.

*The Civil War: Search for Battle Units*, website hosted by National Park Service. For Arkansas battle units, see: <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battle-units.htm#fq%5B%5D=State%3A%22Arkansas%22>. For example, for the 112<sup>th</sup> USCT, see: <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battle-units.htm#sort=score+desc&q=112th+USCT+Arkansas>

*United States Colored Troops: Artillery, Cavalry, Infantry Regimental Histories and Rosters*. For example, to see a digitized list of Infantries, Band, and Misc. units, go to: [https://ranger95.com/civil\\_war\\_us/us\\_color\\_troops/index.html#3](https://ranger95.com/civil_war_us/us_color_troops/index.html#3)

## 7. Miscellaneous sources

Lists of incorporated places in Arkansas with their dates of incorporation. These records are held by the Arkansas Secretary of State's office, but they are not digitized and so can't be accessed online. However, requests for assistance can be sent to Shantell McGraw, assistant director of elections, at [Shantell.mcgraw@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:Shantell.mcgraw@sos.arkansas.gov).

Postal maps of counties might be located by contacting postmasters in counties.

Razorback yearbooks. University of Arkansas *Razorback* yearbooks. *Razorback* yearbooks have been digitized and are available online through UofA Libraries Special Collections. See: <https://digitalcollections.uark.edu/digital/collection/Razorbacks>

## 8. Photographs of Washington County

See also, in this listing, "Books about Fayetteville and Washington County," which includes these photograph collections:

*Washington County: A Pictorial Look at Our Past*

*Fayetteville: A Pictorial History*

*Images of America: Fayetteville*

*The Square Book: An Illustrated History of the Fayetteville Square, 1828-2016*

*On the Avenue: An Illustrated History of Fayetteville's US Highway 71B*

*Once Upon Dickson: An Illustrated History, 1868-2000*

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History: various photograph collections. Photographs cover news, sports, events, community leaders, etc., and come from sources such as the Washington County Historical Society and local newspapers. <https://shilohmuseum.org>

University of Arkansas: UofA Libraries Special Collections has several digitized photograph collections that cover both the university and Fayetteville communities. In addition are undigitized photographs included in various collections and are specific to the topics of those collections. See: <https://libraries.uark.edu/specialcollections/> and <https://digitalcollections.uark.edu>

Central Arkansas Library System (CALs) has a searchable database of digitized photographs representing wide-ranging topics and all areas of the state. See: <https://cdm15728.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15728coll1/search>