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Five Score and Ten: Commemorating 110 Years of the AHC

As part of the year-long commemoration of the Arkansas History Commission's 110th anniversary, a new mural located just outside the AHC's research room, was unveiled. The mural, pictured on the cover, contains images selected from the History Commission's extensive collections of historic photographs. The images, from top left to bottom right are:

Hoxie Mule Car Line, Lawrence County, Walnut Ridge, late 1890s. AHC 3185-05
President Steamboat at Osceola, Mississippi County, 1960s. ECO 2192
Searching at the Crater of Diamonds, Murfreesboro, Pike County, 1920. AHC 376 1
Plane in the Air, Eberts Field, Lonoke County, 1918. AHC 4594-47
Family Overlooking the White River, Jackson County. AHC 1491
Grady Baseball Team, Lincoln County, 1930s. ARC 6188
Peach Picking at Siloam Springs, Benton County, circa 1900. AHC 1211-10
Coal Mining at Paris, Logan County. AHC 1531
Suffragettes, "Votes for Women" Rally State Capitol, Little Rock, Pulaski County, 1918. AHC 3855

All images used in the mural are available for use by researchers. To order prints or digital copies, please email us at state.archives@arkansas.gov

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Patrons,

On behalf of the staff at the Arkansas History Commission, I am excited to share with you our agency's FY15 annual report! Looking back over the report, I find myself a little amazed (and a lot impressed) by how much the History Commission staff has achieved in one year. I am very proud of this agency, and of the exemplary group of colleagues whose work you'll see presented in this report.

2015 was a significant year for the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives. On April 27, our agency celebrated 110 years of collecting and preserving Arkansas history. In this report, we've shared some of our agency's history with you, along with some of the highlights of our work throughout the last fiscal year. For me, some of those high points were:

- Working with our state's new First Lady and our curator to select art for the Governor's mansion
- Successfully revising the agency's 50+ year old legislation to allow us to offer digital copying services for our patrons
- Sharing our 110th anniversary open house celebration with colleagues and friends
- Unveiling a fantastic new mural of historic Arkansas photographs created by our staff
- Celebrating the bicentennial of Lawrence County on a cold, but not snowy day in January
- Chowing down on some excellent grub prepared by the chefs at the Pulaski Tech Culinary Institute for the BHCA's "Roots of African American Foodways" seminar – the presentations were great, too!
- Watching the agency's soon-to-be unveiled new website come together as we worked with the team at Aristotle
- Experiencing a television show film at our location in Little Rock, and meeting honest-to-goodness celebrities, who were just nice as pie
- Seeing our lesson plan partnership with the Arkansas Humanities Council gain momentum as our staff traveled the state visiting the education co-ops
- Receiving a grant for our microphotography program to address some long-deferred needs and watching the staff rise to the challenge of getting the project done in two years

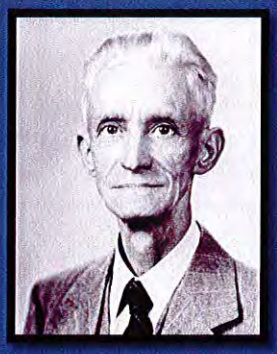
I can't wait to see what next year brings! I think it's safe to say, the year ahead won't see us slowing down.

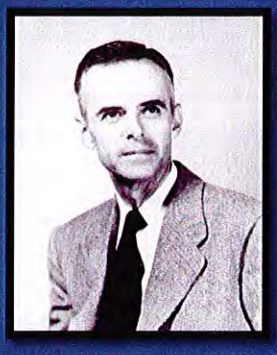
I hope you find this report engaging and informative. While you will find the contact information for the AHC and our branch archives at the end of this report, I am always interested in hearing from our constituents. If you have a question, comment or concern you'd like to share with me, please feel free to contact me anytime at lisa.speer@arkansas.gov or at 501.682.6900. Thank you for your interest in our agency and in Arkansas history!

Lisa

AGENCY HISTORY

FORMER DIRECTORS OF THE ARKANSAS HISTORY COMMISSION





The Arkansas History Commission (AHC) is the official state archives of Arkansas, and one of the oldest state archives in the nation. In April of 2015, the Commission celebrated the 110th anniversary of its creation by the Arkansas General Assembly. In 1905, the state's General Assembly overturned Governor Jeff Davis' veto in order to create the agency. John Hugh Reynolds, who served as the first secretary to the AHC, hailed the bill's passage as "public recognition by the State of its duty to its history and its public records."

Throughout the following one hundred and ten years, the Arkansas History Commission has been dedicated to organizing and maintaining the state and local history of Arkansas by collecting manuscript materials, artifacts, books, land records, census records, military records, family histories, and various county, state and federal records, and serving thousands of patrons in three research facilities and online each year.

The AHC is governed by a seven-member board, appointed by the Governor with the approval of the State Senate. Commissioners serve seven-year terms. The first administrator of the Commission was John Hugh Reynolds who guided the early years of the agency from 1905-1911. Since 1911, the agency has had five directors who report to the Commission: Dallas T. Herndon, Ted Worley, Dr. John L. Ferguson, Dr. Wendy Richter, and Dr. Lisa K. Speer. Under their leadership, the AHC has developed the largest collection of research materials pertaining to Arkansas history, life, and culture; and continues to improve and expand services and resources in order to most effectively serve researchers' needs.

In 1971, the AHC came under the administrative umbrella of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism (ADPT). Retaining its independent agency status while sharing selected resources with ADPT allows the AHC to maximize its budget for collections management and processing needs. Since 1979, the AHC has also been housed, along with ADPT, at the One Capitol Mall Building.

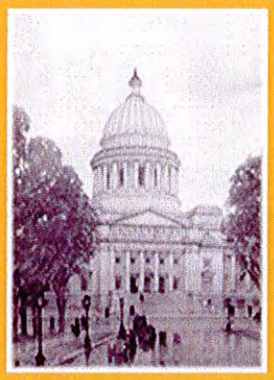
With two regional archives, an active governing commission, and a Black History Commission devoted solely to the preservation and promotion of the state's black history, the AHC is proud to serve our patrons with innovations in technology, interesting programming, and professional collections management.

Agency Mission

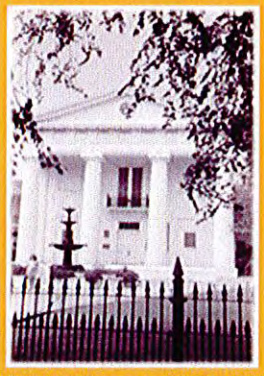
The Arkansas History Commission's holdings comprise the largest collection of Arkansas newspapers, photographs, state agency records, military records, land records, county records and manuscripts in the state. The majority of the holdings date from the territorial period to the early 1970s, while more modern records are added to the collections regularly. Over half a million photographs, three thousand newspapers, 75,000 military records, four thousand manuscript collections, three thousand maps, 51,000 land records, and 26,000 books and publications form the bulk of the archives. Thousands of other records, including state, county and municipal records, and historic maps round out the substantial resources available to the public for research.

The importance of the AHC's mission remains the same as it was in 1905 - to 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. While the tools and methods now encompass digitizing records for easy accessibility, utilizing the latest preservation methods, and creating events to educate and inform, the AHC remains committed to Reynolds statement of duty. Preserving and collecting our state's historical documents and public records are at the forefront of the AHC's goals as the Commission enters its second century of service.

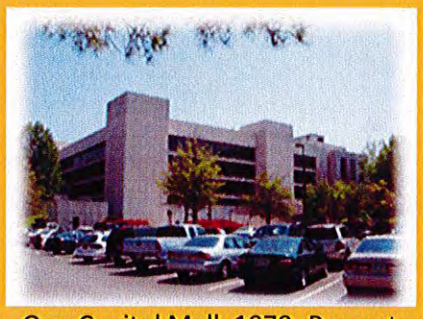
Arkansas History Commission Locations



State Capitol, 1911-1951



Old State House, 1951-1979



One Capitol Mall, 1979- Present

Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives (NEARA)

A branch of the Arkansas History Commission, NEARA's mission is to collect, preserve, and make available, source materials pertaining to the history of northeast Arkansas and its people. NEARA is located in Powhatan Historic State Park. Arkansas State Parks provided funding for the design and construction of the facility, opened in 2011, and continues to provide ongoing maintenance. The Arkansas History Commission manages NEARA's day-to-day operations.

NEARA offers a variety of research resources related to northeast Arkansas. Holdings include traditional archival material such as letters, diaries, maps, photographs, newspapers, and broadsides. Books, periodicals, and other print resources create a general Arkansas history reference library. The core of NEARA's initial holdings included approximately 500 cubic feet of Lawrence County government records, donated by the Lawrence County Historical Society. These county records are among Arkansas's earliest documentary resources. Records from numerous counties in the region are also available on microfilm.

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA)

SARA Founders

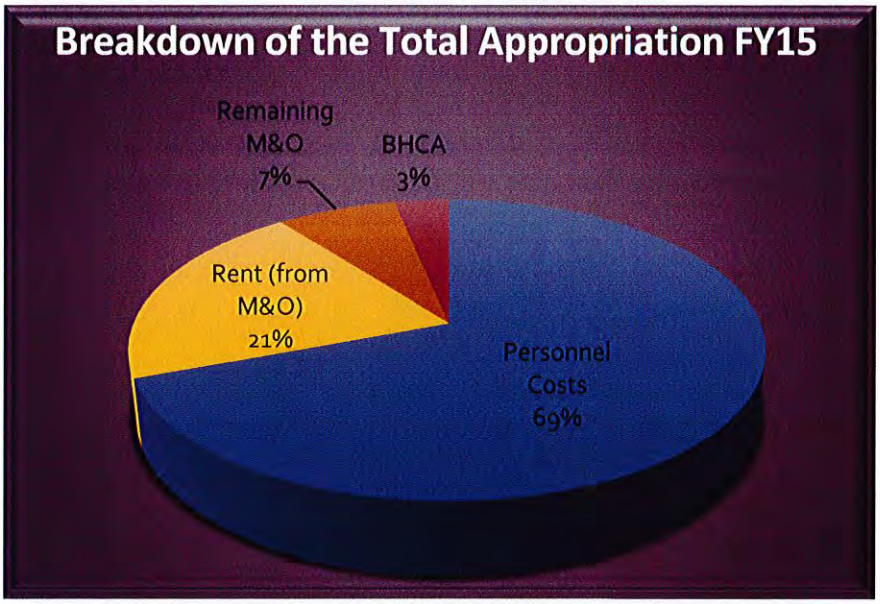
SARA was founded in 1978 as a project of the Hempstead County Historical Society with assistance from the Arkansas History Commission, Historic Washington State Park, and the Pioneer Washington Restoration Foundation. SARA's mission is to serve the twelve counties in southwest Arkansas formed from the original Hempstead County: Columbia, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Sevier, and Union.

SARA's holdings of primary source archival materials, dating back to the early 1800's, focus on the people and places of southwest Arkansas with an emphasis on the preservation and care of records from the twelve counties included in SARA's mission statement. On October 1, 2005, the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives acquired the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives as a regional branch and now manage its day-to-day operations, while Arkansas State Parks provides ongoing maintenance for the SARA building at Historic Washington State Park. The SARA Foundation, a friends group, provides volunteer planning and monetary support to SARA.

AHC FISCAL INFORMATION

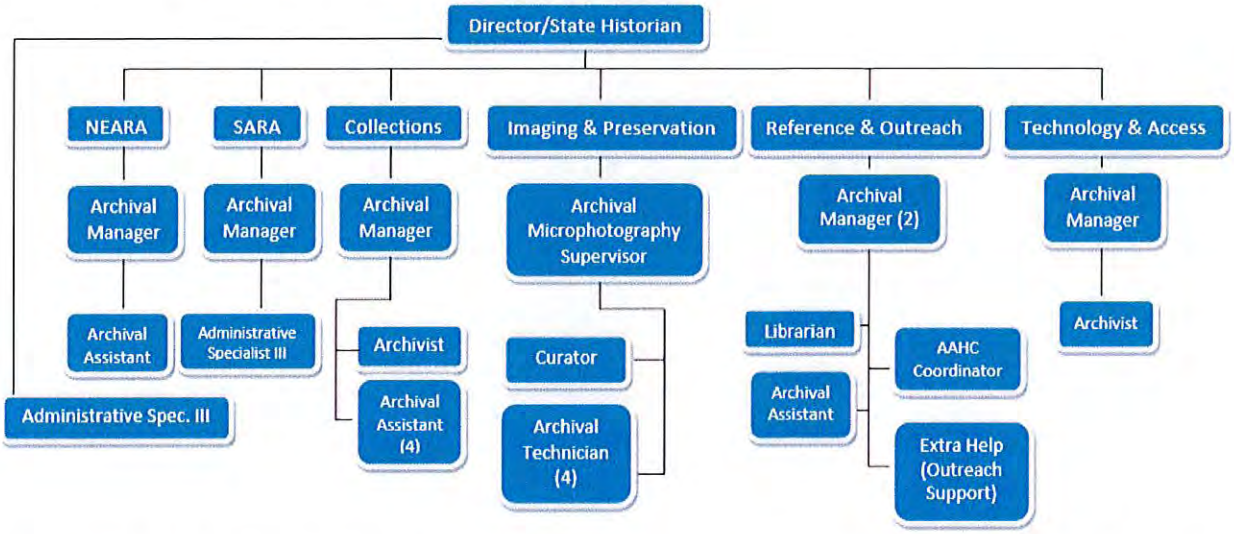
While historically, the AHC's budget has been inadequate for its needs, the agency saw slight improvements between the FY15 and FY16 appropriations. The total FY16 appropriation increased by $126,204, with increases for technology and facility needs, and for public programming for the BHCA and AHC. Commensurately, the Arkansas Building Authority reviewed the agency's lease on its space at One Capitol Mall, resulting in a significant rate reduction for the agency.

	Total Appropriation	Personnel Costs	M&O	Rent (from M&O)	BHCA	No. Positions
2015-2016	1,968,534	1,357,248	547,356	$321,562	63,930	25
2014-2015	1,842,330	1,275,644	506,506	$374,211	60,180	25
2013-2014	1,791,599	1,274,913	506,506	$374,211	10,180	25
2012-2013	1,747,038	1,280,352	456,506	$374,211	10,180	25
2011-2012	1,722,299	1,255,613	456,506	$374,211	10,180	25
2010-2011	1,669,102	1,234,416	424,506	$342,457	10,180	25
2009-2010	1,600,705	1,136,019	444,506	$342,457	10,180	25
2008-2009	1,496,480	1,071,794	414,506	$342,457	10,180	23
2007-2008	1,477,652	1,052,966	414,506	$341,911	10,180	23
2006-2007	1,444,124	1,004,887	427,737	$340,272	11,500	23
2005-2006	1,418,295	979,058	427,737	$340,272	11,500	23



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

There are four major sections within the organizational structure of the Arkansas History Commission: Collections, Imaging and Preservation, Reference and Outreach, and Technology and Access. Each is led by an archival manager who ensures the agency goals are communicated to all staff housed at the Little Rock campus, and the two regional archives. NEARA and SARA's archival managers work closely with the section managers to coordinate services and collections access. Most of the Commission's projects and goals require teamwork from each of these major divisions to implement new strategies and initiatives. Due to the small size of the agency's staff, collaboration among personnel from all areas is vital to the success of the Commission.



At the core of the Commission is the **Collections** section, which is responsible for acquisition, inventory, processing and cataloging all of the AHC's holdings. Since 1905, collecting Arkansas's historical materials has been the main objective of the History Commission.

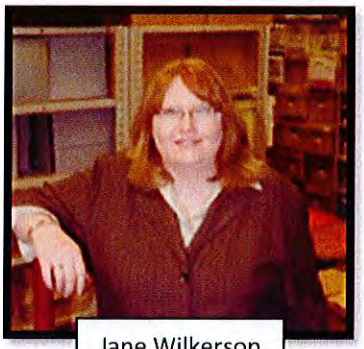
Preserving and making newspapers, official state records, documents and other loaned materials accessible to the public through microfilm copies is the main goal of the **Imaging and Preservation** section. This section is also responsible for the care and preservation of the Commission's large artifact collection and exhibit development.

If you have attended an AHC workshop, taken advantage of the Commission's many reference and research services available onsite and online, or received a grant from the Black History Commission of Arkansas, then you have experienced the public face of the Commission – the **Reference and Outreach** section. Keeping events fresh and interesting, improving the research room procedures, creating primary source lesson plans for teachers, writing grant applications and developing new ways for you to enjoy, learn and use the Commission's collections are part of the diverse responsibilities of this section.

The **Technology and Access** section provides for the expanding online information needs of the agency. Administering the agency's new online digital archives, the Arkansas Digital Ark-ives, overseeing the creation of a redesigned website, and managing an increasingly robust social media presence are responsibilities of this section.

Collections

Led by Jane Wilkerson, the Collections section made great strides in the past year on several major projects. Staff completed the FY14 ANCRC grant project, Governors' Manuscript Preservation Project. The Governors' papers housed at the AHC were processed or reprocessed as necessary in order to increase access and ensure the collections were properly stored. Collections were rehoused in archival safe boxes and folders and conservation work was performed on items requiring repair. Finding aids were created for the unprocessed materials and updated for existing collections. These finding aids are now available on the AHC website for researchers' convenience.



Jane Wilkerson

Full Finding Aid

Charles Hillman Brough Collection

MS.000487

Repository: Arkansas History Commission
Title: Charles Hillman Brough Collection
Date: 1899-1936
Quantity: 21.7 Cubic feet
Call number: MS.000487
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Collections staff also continued to address the backlog of unprocessed material within the general collection by performing a survey of the entirety of the agency's holdings. At the time this report was compiled staff members have surveyed 8,249 cubic feet with approximately 4,375 cubic feet left to survey.

Each section of the AHC has been working to develop best practices guidelines to be included in a reference guide for the Commission staff, interns and volunteers. The Collection staff is responsible for developing a new Processing Manual, which outlines best practices for processing collections and preservation work.

Materials processed in FY15	
Books	784 MARC records added
Manuscripts	598 cubic feet processed
Microfilm	170 rolls filmed; 536 rolls duplicated
Artifacts	2,244 catalogued

The AHC has fully implemented MP-LP ("More Product, Less Process") and new collections are being made available to our researchers quickly and efficiently both in our research room and on our website.

In the coming year the entire AHC staff will continue work on the survey, and will continue to use MP-LP with the goals of eliminating the processing backlog and increasing awareness of, and access to, our rich historical holdings in a timely manner.

Imaging and Preservation

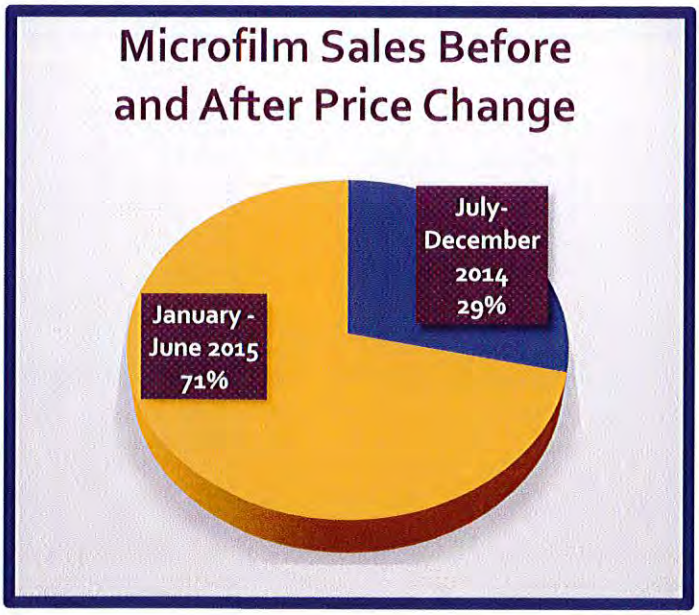
Tim Schultz

The Imaging and Preservation Section, led by Tim Schultz, initiated several changes during FY15 that resulted in enhanced patron services, processed the Ozark Folk Center Audio and Photograph collection and received a major ANCRC grant to address important areas in the division that had been deferred due to lack of funds.

The inventory of one of the largest folk music collections in the country, the Ozark Folk Center Sound Recordings Audio Collection, took approximately 15 months to complete. The massive collection contains over 4,000 compact discs of live performances, interviews, oral histories, studio recordings, and field recordings. Legendary performances from Jimmy Driftwood and Patsy Montana are included, but the real stars of the collection are the thousands of folk song recordings collected by the Ozark Folk Center from 1975-2001. The extensive finding aid is keyword searchable by disc title, individual track title, date, and name of recording artist(s) on each track. The performances and recordings include a treasure trove of Civil War songs, WWI songs, American popular songs, Irish folk songs, African/slave origin songs, Spanish compositions, broadside ballads, Christian folk hymns/carols, children's songs, show tunes and much more. A sampling of the recordings is available on the AHC's Arkansas Digital Ark-ives site.

A partner to the Ozark Audio collection, the Ozark Cultural Resource Center Photograph Collection contains images of the Ozark Folk Center (OFC), performances, events, anniversaries, artists, craft making, and more. As of July 2015, over three thousand photographs and negatives have been processed for this collection.

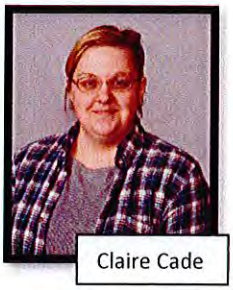
The ANCRC grant, totaling $216,000, will allow the Commission to tackle a backlog of newspaper filming and duplicating, add copies of regional newspapers to the branches at NEARA and SARA, purchase digital microfilm scanners for the regional archives, and conduct a complete inventory of the microfilm vault to ensure that all newspapers currently held in the vault are copied and available in the AHC's research room, as well as to conduct preservation assessments on the master film negatives.



Since January 2015 when new, lower prices for duplicated microfilm took effect, libraries are notified when newspapers within their area are filmed. In six months, 170 rolls of duplicated microfilm averaging 28 rolls per month have been sold, generating a total of $13,600 for the first half of 2015.

The section continues to microfilm loaned materials, as well as new publications for inclusion in the Commission's collections.

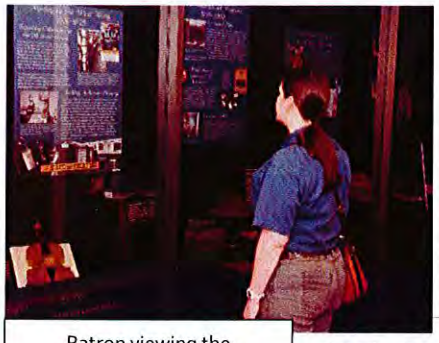
Conservation Lab


Claire Cade

FY15 was a year of change for the AHC Conservation Lab. After eight years as the AHC conservator, Jane Thompson retired in October 2014. During her tenure, Thompson successfully reduced the backlog of AHC's conservation projects and implemented disaster policies and procedures for the agency. She also mentored numerous interns in the conservation field, teaching them her many talents and skills. The AHC is fortunate to have one of those interns, Claire Cade, as our new conservator.

Museum Collections and Exhibits

The Museum Collections and Exhibits section developed four exhibits and worked on processing collections during FY15. An in-house exhibit on "Arkansas Culinary Culture and Cuisine" was on exhibit from May 2014 through January 2015. In celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the AHC, a new onsite exhibit called "110 Years of Preservation: The Arkansas History Commission" about the history of the agency opened in January 2015. Free-standing hallway exhibit cases also held a small display called "Drawing on History: Historical Illustrations of Governors by Walter J. Lemke." AHC Curator Julienne Crawford and State Capitol Historian David Ware co-curated an exhibit called "Tales from the Vault: Celebrating 110 Years" displayed at the State Capitol from June through August 2015. The Capitol exhibit highlights the work of the agency along with AHC staff's favorite items that they selected for an associated online digital collection. Arkansas Secretary of State Mark Martin posted a video narrated by Capitol Historian, David Ware, highlighting the exhibit.


Patron viewing the "110 years of Preservation" exhibit

To commemorate the agency's 110th anniversary, Collections worked with other staff to develop, design and install a large mural of historic photographs, located in the hallway outside the Commission entrance. The mural serves as a visual locator for the History Commission, along with highlighting just a few of the historic photographs contained in the collections. The mural was unveiled at the Arkansas History Commission's 110 Anniversary Celebration on April 27, 2015. Additionally, historic photographs from the collection were also selected to decorate the walls of the redesigned research room.

Traveling exhibits brought the collections of the AHC to communities across the state. Over the past year, the "Fought in earnest: Civil War Arkansas" traveled to nine locations and the "Arkansas African American Legislators, 1863-1868" traveled to three locations. Complete data on all the AHC's exhibits, traveling and in-house, is located in the Appendix of this report.

In addition to exhibit work, Julienne Crawford and part-time employee, Randall Watts, cataloged 2,244 artifacts using PastPerfect software. During FY2015, the Arkansas History Commission received twelve new collection with artifacts, consisting of a total of 249 historical objects. Crawford and Watts also worked on inventorying the museum collection and rehousing artifacts to ensure their continued preservation.

Technology and Access

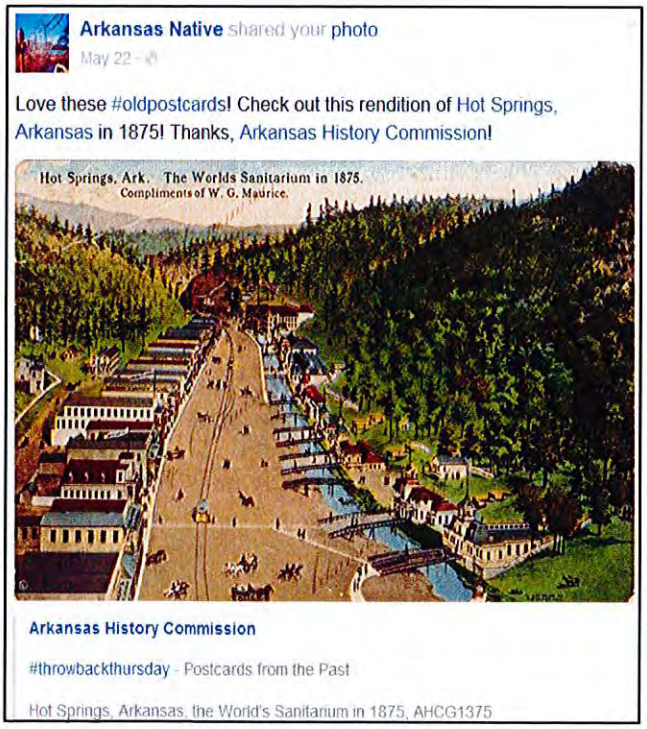
Mary Dunn

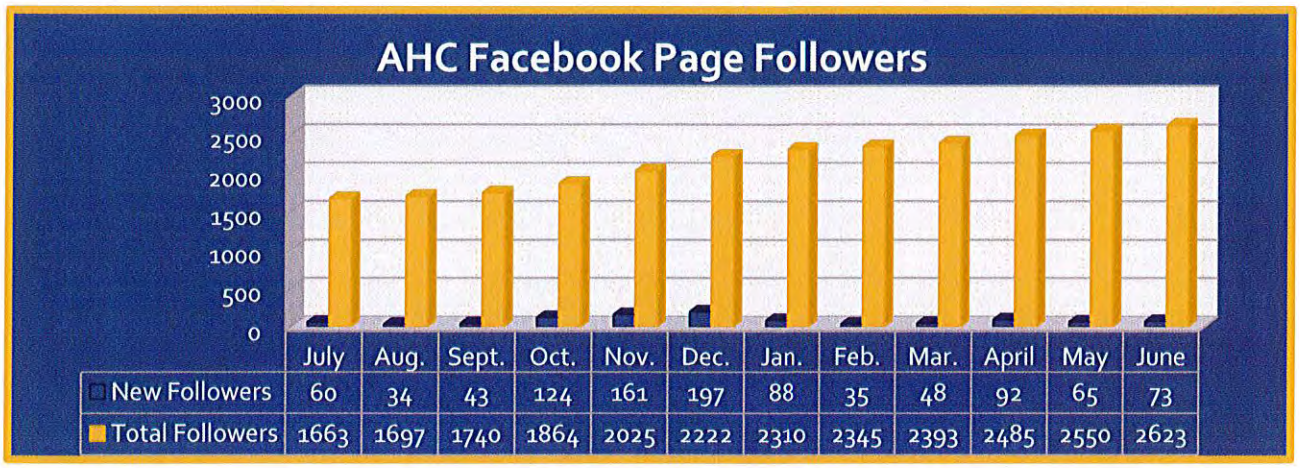
Headed by Mary Dunn, FY15 has been a busy year in the Technology and Access section of the Arkansas History Commission. The hiring of a Digital Archivist, the expansion of our digital collections and social media presence, and the design and construction of a new website, all have allowed the Arkansas History Commission to move forward by leaps and bounds in respect to online usability and public awareness.

In March 2015, the Arkansas History Commission hired Danyelle McNeill as the agency's first Digital Archivist. In this position, she coordinates the AHC's social media initiatives, develops ideas for digital initiatives, oversees digital collections, composes and distributes agency press releases, and communicates with news agencies about upcoming events. As the Arkansas History Commission moves forward, the Digital Archivist will assist with planning and implementing an electronic records management program for the archives.

Spring 2014 saw the launch of the AHC's Arkansas Digital Ark-ives, the beginning of the revitalization of the AHC's online digital collections. The Arkansas Digital Ark-ives went live online in April 2014 with five collections and only a few hundred items on display. Little over a year later, the digital collections site showcases over two thousand digitized photographs, postcards, maps, artifacts, lesson plans, audio clips, and research guides, in fifteen distinct collections, with thousands of visitors using the site each month. With new collections and further expansion of already-existing collections in the works for the coming months, the Arkansas Digital Ark-ives will continue to grow and flourish.

The Arkansas History Commission firmly established its presence in the world of social media over the past year. The AHC Facebook page has gained over a thousand new followers in the past year alone, and hosts a lively discourse on Arkansas history, genealogical research tips and answers, announcements of events, collection highlights, and images from the archives' holdings each week. The History Commission's Twitter account (@ArkHistCom) now boasts over 300 followers of its posts on Arkansas history, and live-tweeted events and seminars. New staff Pinterest boards have also been created and populated with images and documents from our collections, and the AHC blog, "From the Vault" continues to highlight collections, announce upcoming events and more.





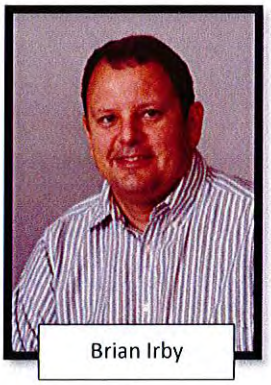
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
New Followers	60	34	43	124	161	197	88	35	48	92	65	73
Total Followers	1663	1697	1740	1864	2025	2222	2310	2345	2393	2485	2550	2623

A lot of time and concentrated effort has been expended to develop the new Arkansas History Commission website. Thanks to a generous grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, the project has grown and evolved from its beginnings in early 2014 into a solid product, scheduled to be launched in late 2015. The website will do much to facilitate use by archives' patrons, with a brighter color scheme; simpler, top-down navigation; increased information on utilizing the archives both online and in-person; online exhibits; live social media feeds; as well as streamlined avenues of communication with AHC staff regarding research questions, requesting speakers, scheduling traveling exhibits, and donating materials to the archives. At the heart of the new site is the consolidation of the numerous records searches on the current website's Catalog of Arkansas Resources and Archival Treasures (CARAT) into one overall records search, which will include the records of the Arkansas History Commission and its two branch archives. Users will also be able to browse collections, a new feature sure to aide researchers.

Future goals for the Technology and Access section include the launch of the new AHC website in 2015, continued growth in public engagement with social media on multiple platforms, and the expansion of the Arkansas Digital Ark-ives' digital collections. We hope to engage fellow repositories of Arkansas history in the creation of a state-wide digital consortium to make materials from all across the state available online.

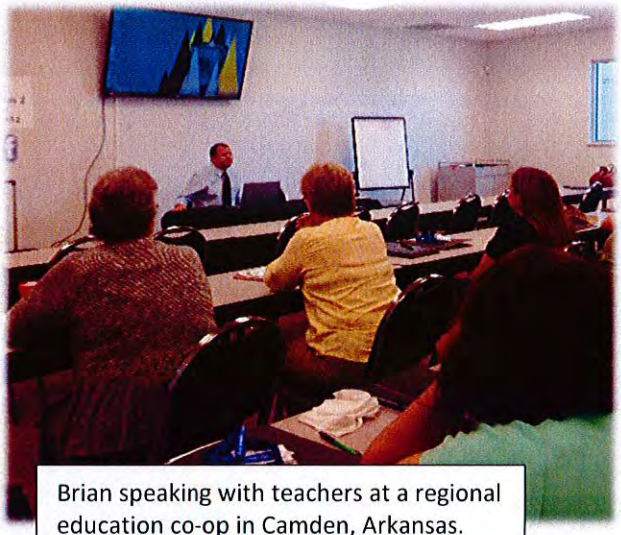
Education

Thanks to a partnership with the Arkansas Humanities Council, the History Commission gained significant support in FY15 to create educational materials for Arkansas teachers using the AHC's vast collection of primary sources. Led by Brian Irby, phase one of the initiative included creating five lesson plans, presenting a teacher workshop to introduce the plans at the AHC, and participation in the Arkansas Curriculum Conference. Phase two of the initiative produced primary source-based five more lesson plans for a total of nine, created an in-house education team which organized and conducted eight teacher workshops across the state at the regional education co-ops, digitized the plans and related primary sources, and recorded over 2400 hits on the AHC's digital-ar.org site in nine months.

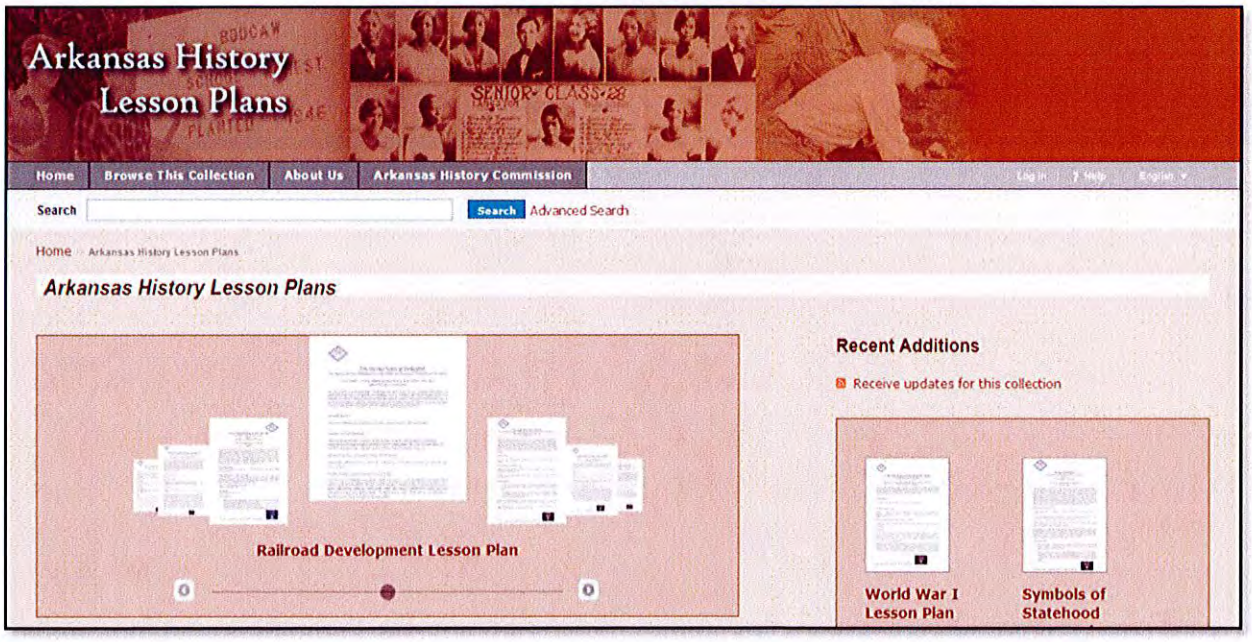


Brian Irby

Over 100 teachers attended the half-day workshops and the vast majority of attendees were very pleased with the topics and use of primary sources in the lesson plans. Valuable feedback from the attending teachers will be used as the AHC continues to create new lesson plans incorporating materials from our collections. All nine of the AHC lesson plans can be found online in the digital collections site.



Brian speaking with teachers at a regional education co-op in Camden, Arkansas.



Reference and Outreach

The newly created Reference Team, led by Lauren Jarvis, initiated changes and upgrades to the AHC research room and its access policies during FY15. Beginning in January 2015, the AHC installed equipment in the research room to allow patrons to purchase digital copies from our microfilm reels, and began selling flash drives for this purpose. This option has been requested frequently by our patrons and the response since initiating this service has been positive. The AHC also adjusted many of the prices for our existing services, including moving to a streamlined cost for photocopies and photographic reproductions, as well as adding new options for digital and audiovisual reproductions. All of these improvements, which were implemented in an effort to meet the changing nature of research and the needs of our patrons, have been very well received.

Lauren Jarvis

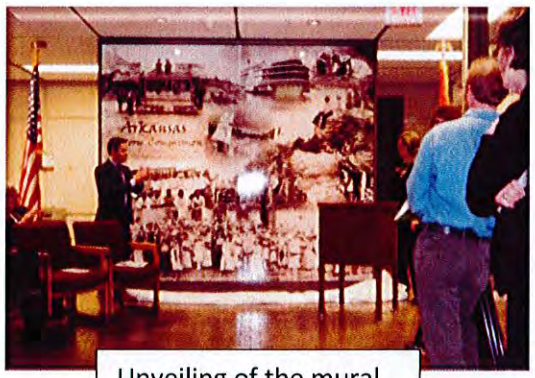
The Outreach Section of the AHC, managed by Jane Hooker, held nine seminars during FY15. The subjects ranged from the roots of African American education and foodways, historic cold cases in the state, the growth of commerce in northeast Arkansas, and researching military records at the State Archives. Additionally, the AHC hosted a reception and tour for Arkansas legislators, a 110th anniversary celebration of the AHC, and a workshop for Black History Commission of Arkansas grant applicants.

Jane Hooker

"Wonderful presenters. Great content. Comfortable surroundings. Impressive attendance. I am motivated to research history further and visit again! Thank you!"

– Attendee at NEARA's Bicentennial Symposium

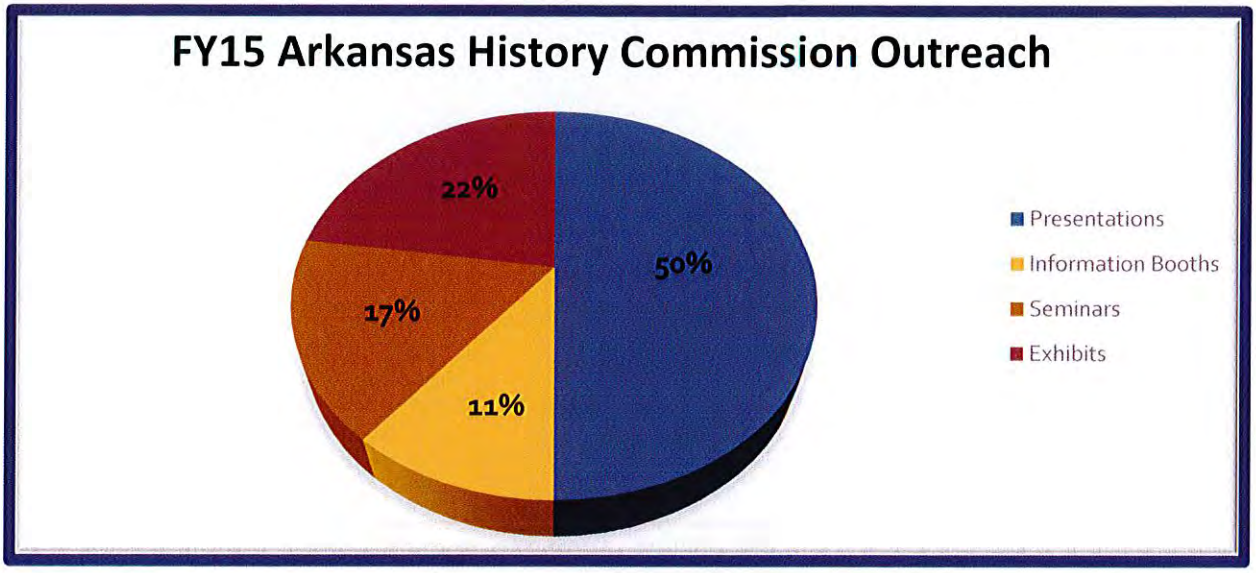
In addition to the AHC's traveling and in-house exhibits, a new, permanent mural installation, commemorating the 110th anniversary of the State Archives, showcases some of the extensive collection of historic photographs housed at the Commission.



Unveiling of the mural

Located in the hallway outside the Little Rock research room, the mural was unveiled in April at the 110th anniversary celebration. The images represent all sections of the state and include subjects such as the Crater of Diamonds in Pike County, peach picking in Benton County, coal mining in Logan County, an African American baseball team from Lincoln County, a World War I airplane from an aviation school in Lonoke County, and the suffragette rally on the State Capitol steps in 1918.

During FY15, AHC staff members made more than forty-two presentations throughout the state. Speaking at symposiums, genealogical and historical groups, civic organizations, public schools, libraries, colleges and universities, and professional conferences is a vital part of AHC's outreach. Appearances in various media such as podcasts, newspaper articles and radio interviews reached a wide audience and encouraged interest in the AHC. Arkansas history and AHC were promoted by staffing information tables and booths at many special events in all corners of Arkansas.



Lights, Camera, Action!!

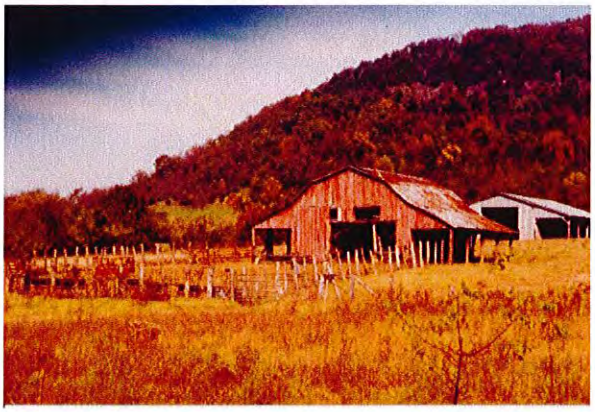
In May 2015, story producers from Shed Media, a partner of the TLC genealogy documentary series "Who Do You Think You Are," visited the Little Rock facility to meet with staff, check out the location, and review preliminary research conducted for an upcoming episode. The day of filming – June 16 – staff learned that Ginnifer Goodwin, who plays the role of Snow White in ABC's Once Upon a Time, was "our" celebrity. Story producers and production managers maintained a high level of secrecy regarding filming details until Goodwin and husband, Josh Dallas, who plays Prince Charming on the same ABC series, arrived at the AHC. Dr. Brooks Blevins, Professor of History at Missouri State University in Springfield, narrated the episode for the AHC. Goodwin's sojourn through her native Southland (she hails from Memphis) took her to the campus of Lyon College, the Independence County Courthouse at Batesville, the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, and eventually into Louisiana, where she visited LSU-Shreveport's Special Collections. The welcome publicity brought to the agencies featured on the episode was a great boost to the AHC's outreach efforts.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS REGIONAL ARCHIVES (NEARA)

NEARA saw a period of continued expansion, particularly in areas of outreach and collection development in FY15. Staff presented or participated in twenty-two programs for over 1400 participants this fiscal year.

Lisa Perry, Archival Manager and Meredith McFadden, Archival Assistant

In addition to several small collections, NEARA received a donation of the Barney Sellers Collection. Sellers, a Pulitzer Prize nominated photographer, worked several decades at the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. He was also prolific photographer of Arkansas vernacular architecture and landscapes. This collection encompasses his work documenting the barns, stores, and rural life of the state.



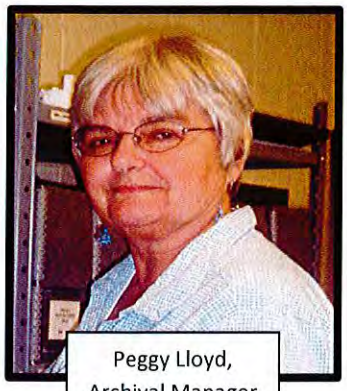
Hipped Red Roof Barn, Barney Sellers Collection

On January 15, 2015, the bicentennial of the creation of Lawrence County by the Missouri territorial legislature was celebrated with a symposium. The event featured speakers from many state institutions. Sponsored by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council, this event brought more than 130 people to NEARA and Powhatan Historic State Park.

In this next fiscal year, NEARA's goals include continued expansion of outreach efforts and collections, to make progress in processing and promoting existing collections, and to develop additional digital collections.

Dr. Blake Perkins presenting, "Women, Early Settlement, and the Making of Territorial Lawrence County" at the Erasing Boundaries: Lawrence County at 200 symposium.

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS REGIONAL ARCHIVES (SARA)



Peggy Lloyd, Archival Manager

FY15 was another busy year at the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives. A transition period following the death of long-time staff member Gail Martin resulted in the facility operating largely with one staff member until December 2014. The survey of collections was suspended due to the staff shortage. Summer Intern Cody Harvey of Waldron assisted at SARA from early June until mid-August 2014, by processing collections and helping with patrons. SARA Foundation, the Friends' group, provided his salary, and Historic Washington State Park supplied his housing and utilities. In October, the Arkansas History Commission held a fall seminar at SARA on the theme of unsolved mysteries of southwest Arkansas.

Melissa Nesbitt

Melissa Nesbitt of Texarkana, Arkansas, began work at SARA as the administrative assistant in December 2014. A native of the East End and Sardis communities near Little Rock and a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University with a BA in history, Melissa is a veteran public history professional with nineteen years of experience. She served previously as the curator of the Draughon-Moore "Ace of Clubs" House, a part of the Texarkana Museum System. Nesbitt's abilities as experienced genealogical researcher, her excellent computer skills and her knowledge of historic photographs are welcome additions to the SARA staff.

With its two-person staff once more in place, SARA resumed its survey of its collections in addition to assisting the general public and the staff of Historic Washington State Park with inquiries and research activities. Staff also participated in Christmas and Candlelight in December 2014 by serving as interpretive guides and manned an information booth at the Jonquil Festival in March 2015. Archival Manager Peggy Lloyd, as part of SARA's community outreach, continues appear Friday mornings on KXAR radio with local radio personality Mark Keith, a supporter of SARA and frequent donor. Shelby Linck, the 2015 Summer Intern, provided much-needed help in processing collections in the last month of the fiscal year. Improvements to the facility included painting the building's exterior in June, and installation of new shelving by the AHC staff from Little Rock in the research room.

Melissa and Shelby encapsulating a map.

SARA's goals for the coming year are to continue the survey of its collections, reduce collections backlog, promote increased security and maximize the use of research room space, enhance the facilities appearance, add to the archives microfilm collection and upgrade equipment, implement MP-LP, and improve digital collections. An ANRC grant for additional microfilm and digital copiers promises to make some of these goals an imminent reality as the staff works to achieve others.

FY15 HIGHLIGHTS

Bryan Pierce presenting, Struggles & Second Chances: The Development of Agriculture in Northeast Arkansas at Boom or Bust: Commerce and Development in Northeast Arkansas, NEARA history symposium held at the Male and Female Academy in Powhatan on August 2, 2014.

Roy Boney, Cherokee and award winning, artist and writer, presents his lecture about Cherokee code talkers in World War I during the symposium, The Great War: Researching World War I in Arkansas Archives on September 13, 2014.

Scene from the February 7, 2015, BHCA symposium, The Roots of African American Education in Arkansas, held at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock.

Executive Chef Tim Morton of 1620 Savoy and Chef Evette Brady during their cooking demonstration at The Roots of African American Foodways in Arkansas seminar on June 6, 2015.

Part of the exhibit "Tales from the Vault: Celebrating 110 Years" co-curated by AHC Curator Julienne Crawford and State Capitol Historian David Ware, which was displayed at the State Capitol from June-August 2015.

Archival Manager, Lauren Jarvis presenting on how to research at the Arkansas History Commission during a tour on June 11, 2015.

GRANTS

In FY15, the AHC received 6 grants for processing, public education and programming. These were:

Preserving Two Centuries of Arkansas Newspapers at the Arkansas History Commission, ANCRC, $216,263

Promoting Teacher Resources at the Arkansas History Commission, Phase One, Arkansas Humanities Council, $4218

Promoting Teacher Resources at the Arkansas History Commission, Phase Two, Arkansas Humanities Council, $5000

Erasing Boundaries: Lawrence County at 200 (NEARA), Arkansas Humanities Council, $1500

The Roots of African American Foodways in Arkansas, African American Heritage Grant, Arkansas Humanities Council, $1350

Five Score and Ten: Commemorating 110 Years of the Arkansas History Commission and Arkansas's Archives, Arkansas Humanities Council, $22,205.00

Total Grants Received: $250,536.00

CURTIS H. SYKES MEMORIAL GRANT PROGRAM

In FY15, the Black History Commission of Arkansas funded seventeen grant applications through the Curtis Sykes Memorial Grant Program, which it administers. These were:

Lincoln Echo Digital Archives
August 7, 2014: Fort Smith Historical Society, $3,308.00

Malvern Past and Present
November 13, 2014: Friends of Wilson Restoration, $3,500.00

Bold Pilgrim Cemetery Memorial Marker
November 13, 2014: Bold Pilgrim Cemetery Preservation Association, $3,190

His Birdseye View: H.J. Lewis's Arkansas Years, 1866-1888
November 13, 2014: Garland Martin Taylor, $3,500.00

Arkansas Black History Quiz Bowl
February 6, 2015: Arkansas Black History Quiz Bowl Association, $1,500.00

Arkansas Black Hall of Fame 25th Anniversary Book
March 27, 2015: Arkansas Black Hall of Fame Foundation, $3,500.00

Seminary: The Under-told Story
April 16, 2015 New Seminary A.M.E. Church, 3,500.00

Dr. Henry Thibault Medical Records of Afro-Americans during 1800-1920's
May 21, 2015: Afro-American Historical & genealogical Society, Inc., Arkansas Chapter, $3500

The 5th Annual Juneteenth Festival
May 21, 2015: Benito Glosson, $2000.00

Juneteenth Community Commission (Pine Bluff)
May 21, 2015: Juneteenth Community Commission, 3,500.00

John L. Webb House: Conditional Assessment report
May 21, 2015: P.H.O.E.B.E, $2,968.00

Ralph Bunch Memorial Project
May 21, 2015: Ralph Bunch Neighborhood Association, 3,000.00

Moving Cemetery Preservation Into the 21st Century with the Online Experience May 21, 2015: Preservation African American Cemeteries, $3,500.00

Poe Family DNA Project
June 12, 2015: Poe Family DNA Project, $2185.00

Learning Who and Whose We Are Through Reading
June 12, 2015: Washington Heritage House, $2,350

A Soldier's Heart: From the Philippines to Arkansas
June 12, 2015: Michelle Hamilton Rhodes, $2,788.00

Jocelyn Coloring Book
June 12, 2015: Blessings Safehaven, $1575.00

The BHCA awarded a total of $49,364.00 in grants for FY2015.

ARKANSAS HISTORY COMMISSION

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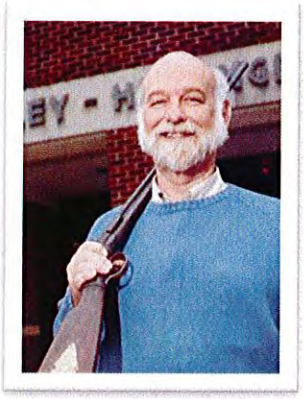

Dr. Ray Granade
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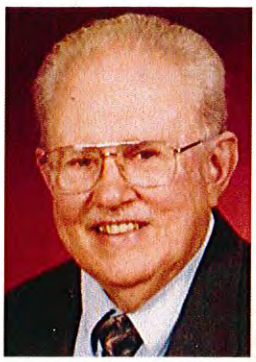
Arkadelphia, AR

Dr. Ruth Hawkins
Chair
Jonesboro, AR



Dr. Robert Sherer
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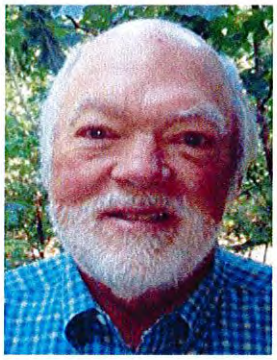
Little Rock

Ms. Elizabeth
Robbins
Hot Springs, AR



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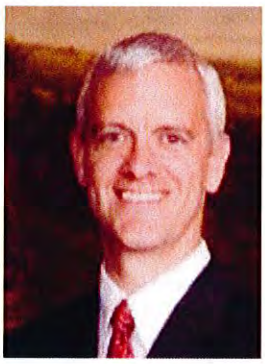
Mrs. Mary Dillard
Malvern, AR



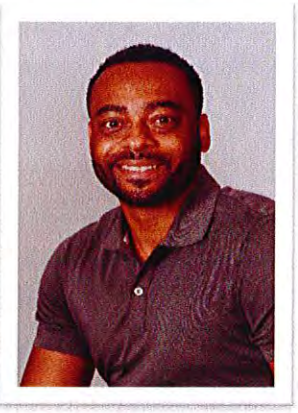
Mr. Michael Lindsey
Fayetteville, AR

[1] Dr. Ray Granade resigned as Chair and Dr. Ruth Hawkins and Dr. Robert Sherer were elected, Chair and Vice Chair, respectively at the March 2015 commission meeting.

BLACK HISTORY COMMISSION OF ARKANSAS

The Black History Commission of Arkansas (BHCA), created by Act 1233 of 1991, is composed of seven (7) persons appointed by the Governor with the approval of the State Senate. Meetings are held quarterly. The mission of the Black History Commission of Arkansas is to collect materials pertaining to Black history for the Arkansas History Commission; to encourage research in the state's Black history; and to cooperate with the Arkansas Department of Education to develop materials that support the teaching of Arkansas's Black history in our public schools.

Mrs. Carla Coleman
Chair
Little Rock, Arkansas



Mr. Myron Jackson
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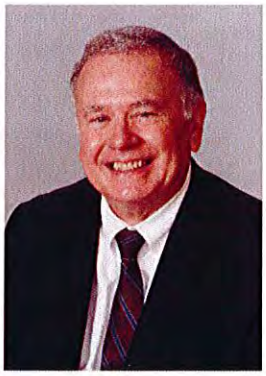
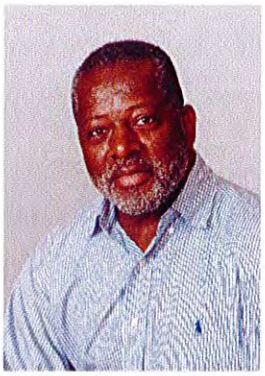
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mrs. Joyce Gibson
Prescott, Arkansas



Dr. John W. Graves
Arkadelphia, Arkansas



Mr. James Lawson
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Rev. Barry Dobson
El Dorado, Arkansas

Pastor Frank Stewart of Conway, Arkansas is not pictured. He was appointed as a Commissioner in February 2015.

SARA FOUNDATION BOARD

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NEVADA COUNTY DIRECTOR

Leta Boswell (2014)
HOWARD COUNTY DIRECTOR

Dorathy Boulden (2016)
UNION COUNTY DIRECTOR

Dan Ford (2016)
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

Joyce Gibson (2014)
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Phyllis Hamilton (2014)
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

Peggy Lloyd (2015)
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

Magigor "Magic" Love (2015)
HEMPSTEAD COUNTY DIRECTOR

Jerry McKelvy (2015)
OUACHITA COUNTY DIRECTOR

Vernita Morgan (2015)
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POLK COUNTY DIRECTOR

Lu Waters (2014)
COLUMBIA COUNTY DIRECTOR

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MILLER COUNTY DIRECTOR – 2016
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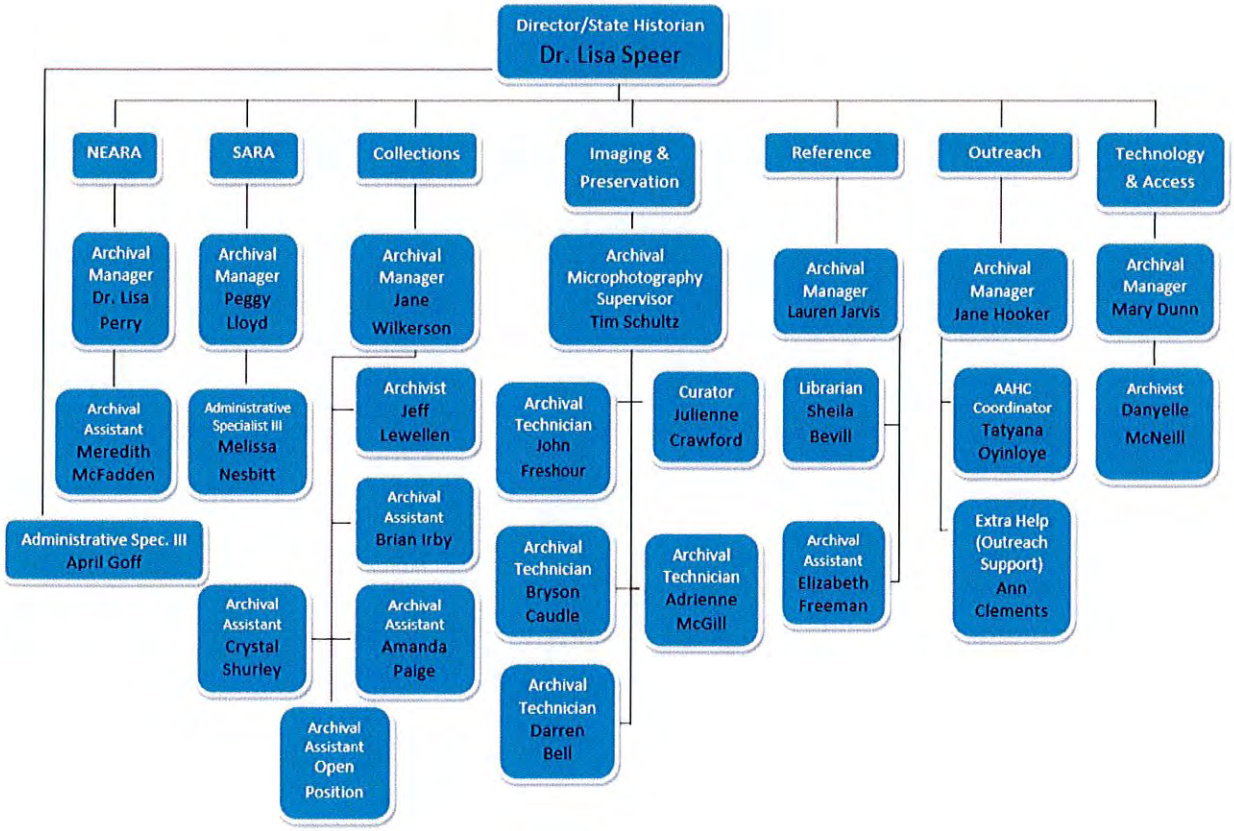
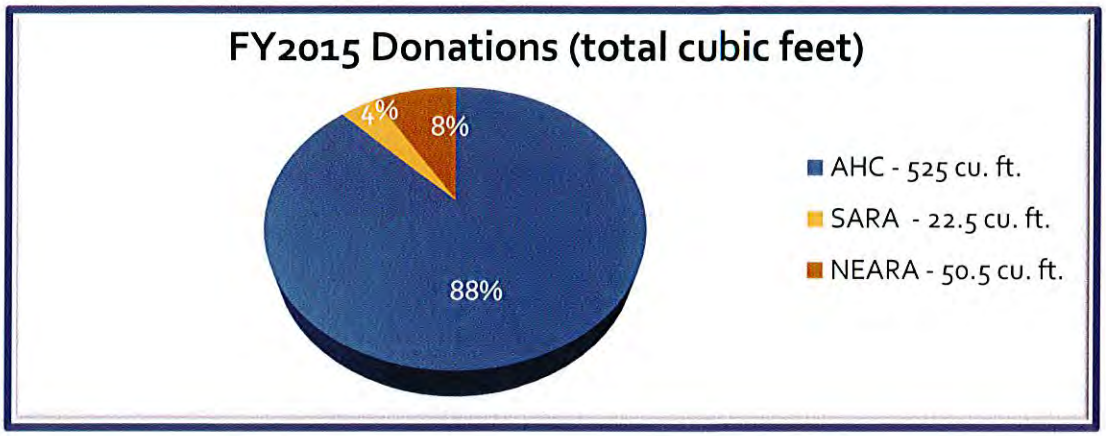
ARKANSAS HISTORY COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



APPENDIX 1. FY15 ACCESSIONS



AHC

Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board Records (32 cu. ft.)
Arkansas State Board of Barber Examiners (29 cu. ft.)
Arkansas Department of Labor Records (3 cu. ft.)
Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism: Campaign for Amendment Two Papers, 1996 Supplement (0.25 cu. ft.)
Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism: Legacy Program (2 cu. ft.)
Arkansas Highway Department Records (2 cu. ft.)
Arkansas House of Representative Records, 2011 -2012 (4 cu. ft.)
Arkansas Quiz Bowl Collection, 2014: T-shirt and Notebook (0.50 cu. ft.)
Arkansas Senate Journals, 2013 -2014 (4 cu. ft.)
Arkansas State Land Surveyors Records (6 cu. ft.)
Byrd Ross Collection (2 cu. ft.)
Camp Little America at Petit Jean Mountain, part of the National Youth Administration, 3 photographs (0.10 cu. ft.)
Central High Press Photographs, 10 images (0.20 cu. ft.)
Caroline Lester Genealogical Collection (0.75 cu. ft.)
CJRW Archives (88 cu. ft.)
Dr. and Mrs. T.W. Hardison, 44 proofs and negatives (0.25 cu. ft.)
Edna Johnson Scrapbook, 1922 – 1959 (0.50 cu. ft.)
Forrest Park Celebrates 100 Years: A Century of Serving Children, Photographs 8 CDs (0.25 cu. ft.)
Fulton Family Bible (0.50 cu. ft.)
Jeanne McDaniel Collection (0.50 cu. ft.)
Job Descriptions and Classification of Occupations: State of Arkansas, Works Progress Administration (0.25 cu. ft.)
Madison County, Arkansas Photographs, 10 images (0.20 cu. ft.)
Martha Sue Webb Collection (4 cu. ft.)
National Guard Records (142 cu. ft.)

New Galilee Landmark Missionary Baptist Church Records (3 cu. ft.)
Photograph of the University of Arkansas Auditorium (0.10 cu. ft.)
Razorback 45s, 3 45 records (0.20 cu. ft.)
Richard Bullard Collection Supplement (0.25 cu. ft.)
The Tour: Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, 1 VHS (0.25 cu. ft.)

NEARA

Barney Sellers Collection, (5.75 cu. ft.)
Barney Sellers Collection Supplement (4.6 cu. ft., plus travelling exhibit consisting of 28 framed images)
Charles Stuck Jr. papers (2.7 cu. ft.)
Devoe Elbert Hedrick papers (0.20 cu. ft.)
Genealogical County Map of the United States of America
Jim McCall donated 3 checks from Black Rock Pearl Button Company (1 payroll, 2 expense) (0.10 cu. ft.)
Lawrence County records (0.40 cubic feet)
Lawrence County records from Lloyd Clark/LCHS, (0.20 cu. ft.)
Lynn Morrow Map Collection, 5 maps
Mammoth Spring collection (18 cu. ft.)
United Methodist Church Arkansas Conference, (1.50 cu. ft.)
Wings of Honor Museum, 18 aerial photographs

SARA

Albert Graves, Sr., framed photograph
Albert Graves's nomination of as attorney and counsellor of the US Supreme Court, 1945
Army unit framed, photograph
Beck Collection (0.25 cu. ft.)
City of Hope Map, 1949
Dardanelle, Arkansas Map dated Oct. 1847
The Drake Collection (4 cu. ft.)
Graves Collection (16 cu. ft.)
Hawkins Associates Maps of the Fair Oaks Addition to Hope, Arkansas, 1973
Hempstead County, Arkansas, Aerial Photographs Collection (3 cu. ft.)
Hempstead County, Arkansas, General Highway Map, 1958
Hempstead County, Arkansas Marriage Records (3.50 cu. ft.)
Hempstead County, Arkansas Map, Wilson Engineering Assessment, 1963
Hope Hardware Collection (8.50 cu. ft.)
Hope/Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce Records, 1998 (0.80 cu. ft.)
Hubbard Family Papers (0.25 cu. ft.)
Hudson Collection (0.25 cu. ft.)
Jerry D. Byers Collection (0.25 cu. ft.)
John Robert Graves's nomination as attorney and counsellor of the US Supreme Court, 1985
John D. Musgrave Collection (1.50 cu. ft.)
Muldrow Family photograph

Pat Weaver Collection (2 cu. ft.)
Personnel Missing from Arkansas in the Korean War from Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office, typescript and CD. (0.50 cu. ft.)
Pioneer Washington Restoration Financial Records, 1980-1991 (0.40 cu. ft.)
Rodgers and Barnes Family Collection (0.25 cu. ft.)
Mark Keith Collection (0 .50 cu. ft.)
Mauldin Collection (0.25 cu. ft.)
McRae Papers (0.5 cu. ft.)
O. A. Graves Commemorative plaque for from the Hempstead County Bar Association, 1959
O. A. Graves, oil portrait
Pvt. John D. Musgrave Photograph
Rinehart/Elledge Collection (0.50 cu. ft.)
Theo M. Sanders Blueprints of Camden High School
U.S. Navy unit, framed wide-angle photograph
Watermelon Festival Records, 2000 (0.50 cu. ft.)
Weyerhauser Company Maps, Southwest Arkansas Region, 1978

Panorama from the Mammoth Springs Collection, NEARA

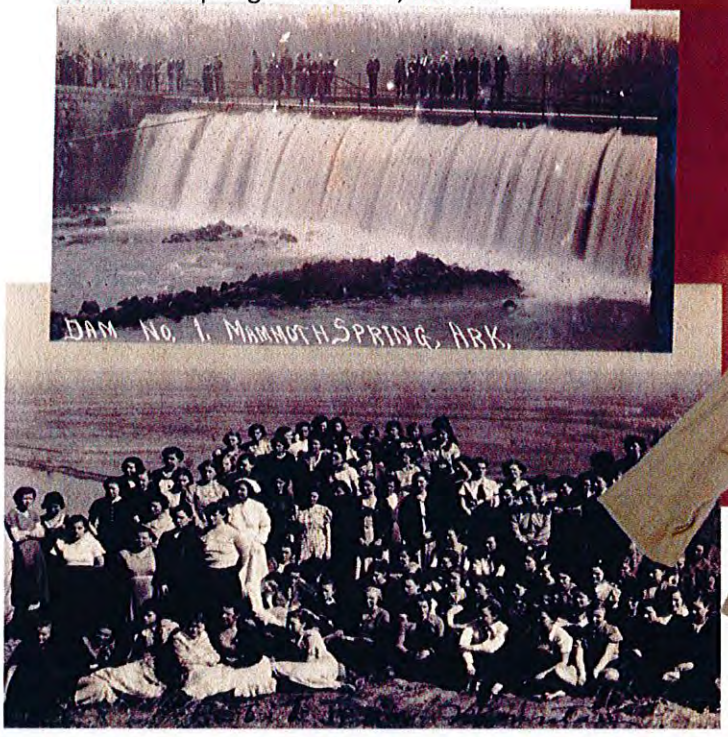


Photo of campers atop Petit Jean Mountain from the Camp Little America Collection, AHC

Private Bynum Jerome Drake and his WWI uniform, Drake Collection, SARA

APPENDIX 2. FY15 MATERIAL USAGE AND PATRON SERVICES STATS

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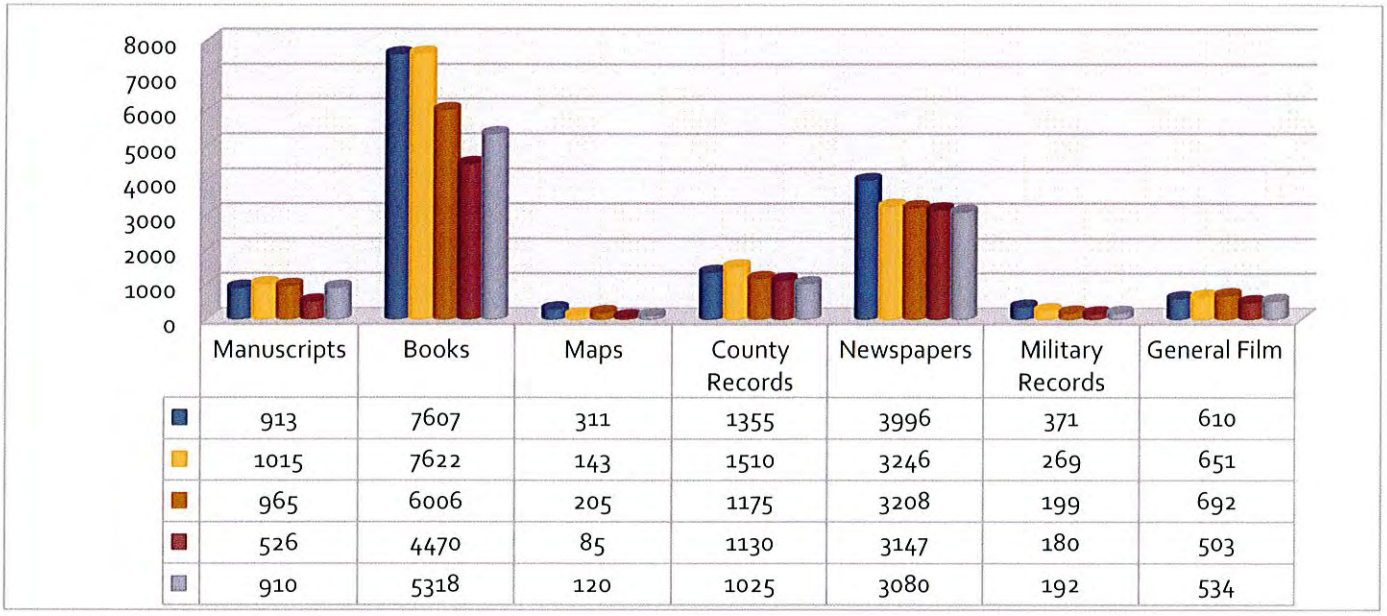
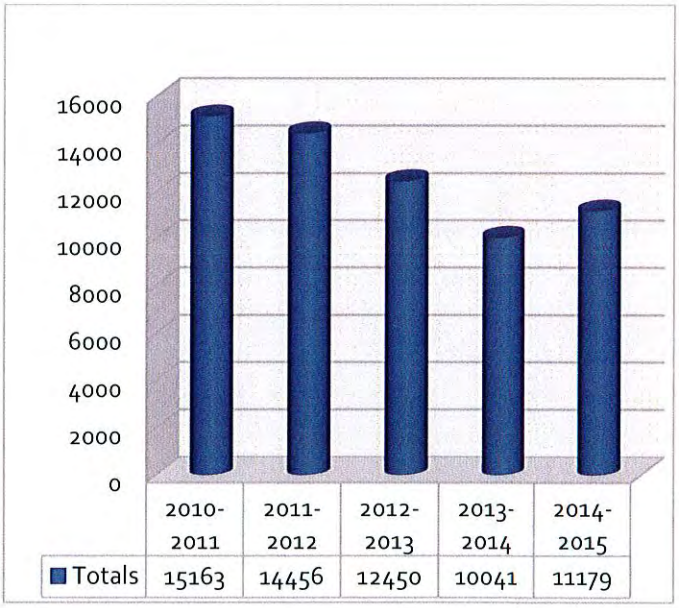


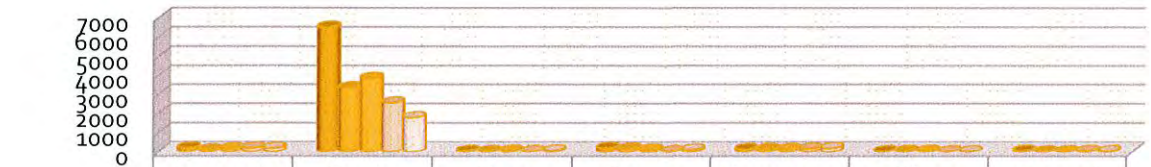
	Manuscripts	Books	Maps	County Records	Newspapers	Military Records	General Film
	913	7607	311	1355	3996	371	610
	1015	7622	143	1510	3246	269	651
	965	6006	205	1175	3208	199	692
	526	4470	85	1130	3147	180	503
	910	5318	120	1025	3080	192	534

AHC Research Room Material Usage Totals



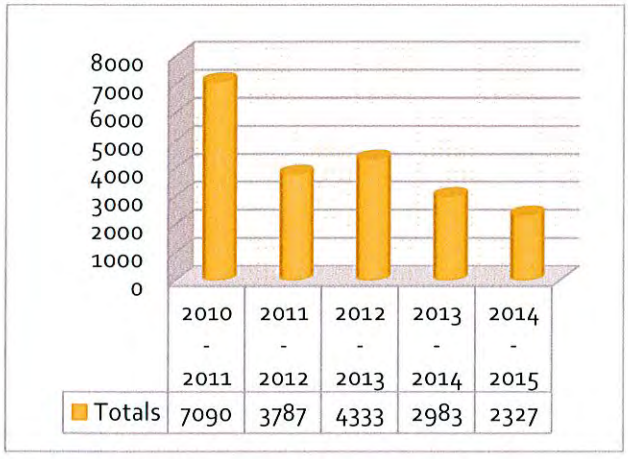
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Totals	15163	14456	12450	10041	11179

SARA Research Room Material Usage



	Manuscripts	Books	Maps	County Records	Newspapers	Military Records	General Film
2010-2011	192	6494	32	190	128	15	39
2011-2012	100	3333	18	163	136	29	8
2012-2013	156	3838	39	112	136	39	13
2013-2014	196	2543	19	21	162	7	35
2014-2015	182	1779	51	99	182	10	24

SARA Material Usage Totals



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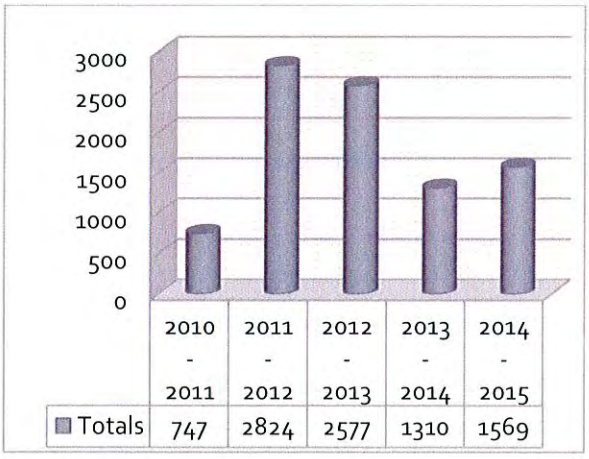

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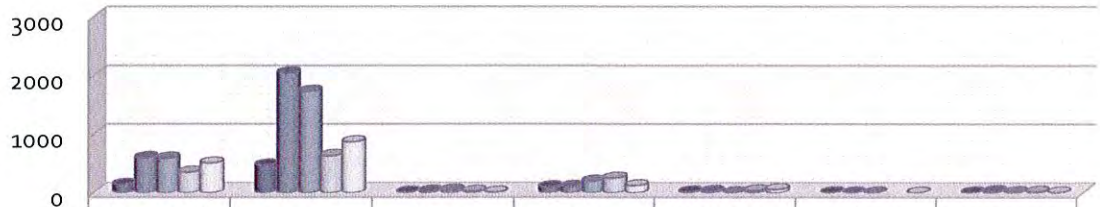
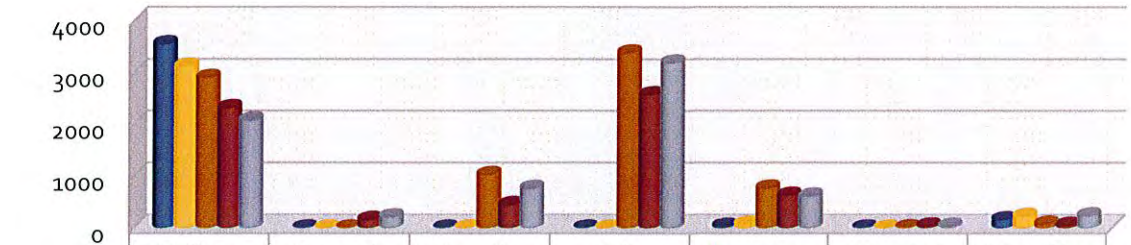


	Manuscripts	Books	Maps	County Records	Newspapers	Military Records	General Film
2010-2011	143	474	9	100	16	2	3
2011-2012	597	2043	25	106	25	1	27
2012-2013	591	1730	42	199	3	1	11
2013-2014	352	631	22	252	36		17
2014-2015	507	864	9	123	58	1	7

AHC Patron Services



	Walk ins	Reseach Requests	Emails	Calls	Scanning /Reproduction Orders	Permission Agreements	Microfilm Sales
2010-11	3544	0	0	0	35	0	163
2011-12	3116	0	0	0	74	0	226
2012-13	2897	0	1026	3378	763	5	77
2013-14	2312	164	447	2567	626	39	55
2014-15	2075	215	756	3187	610	34	238

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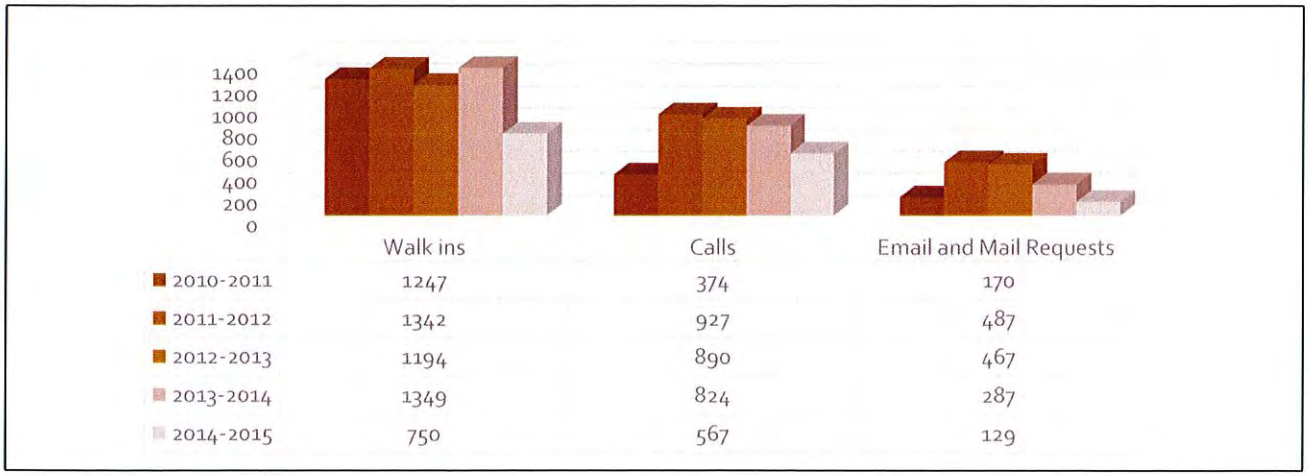

	Walk ins	Calls	Email and Mail Requests
2010-2011	1247	374	170
2011-2012	1342	927	487
2012-2013	1194	890	467
2013-2014	1349	824	287
2014-2015	750	567	129

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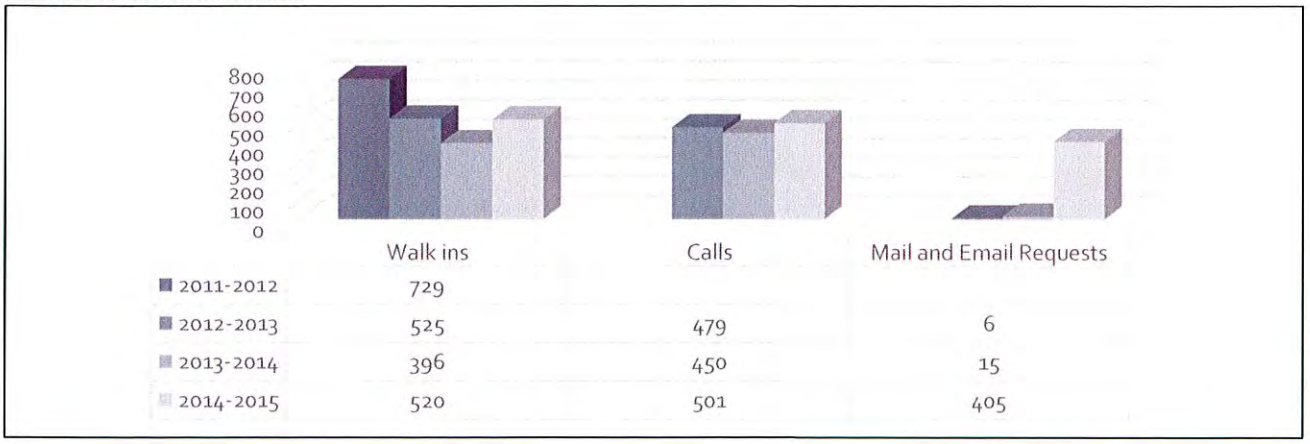

	Walk ins	Calls	Mail and Email Requests
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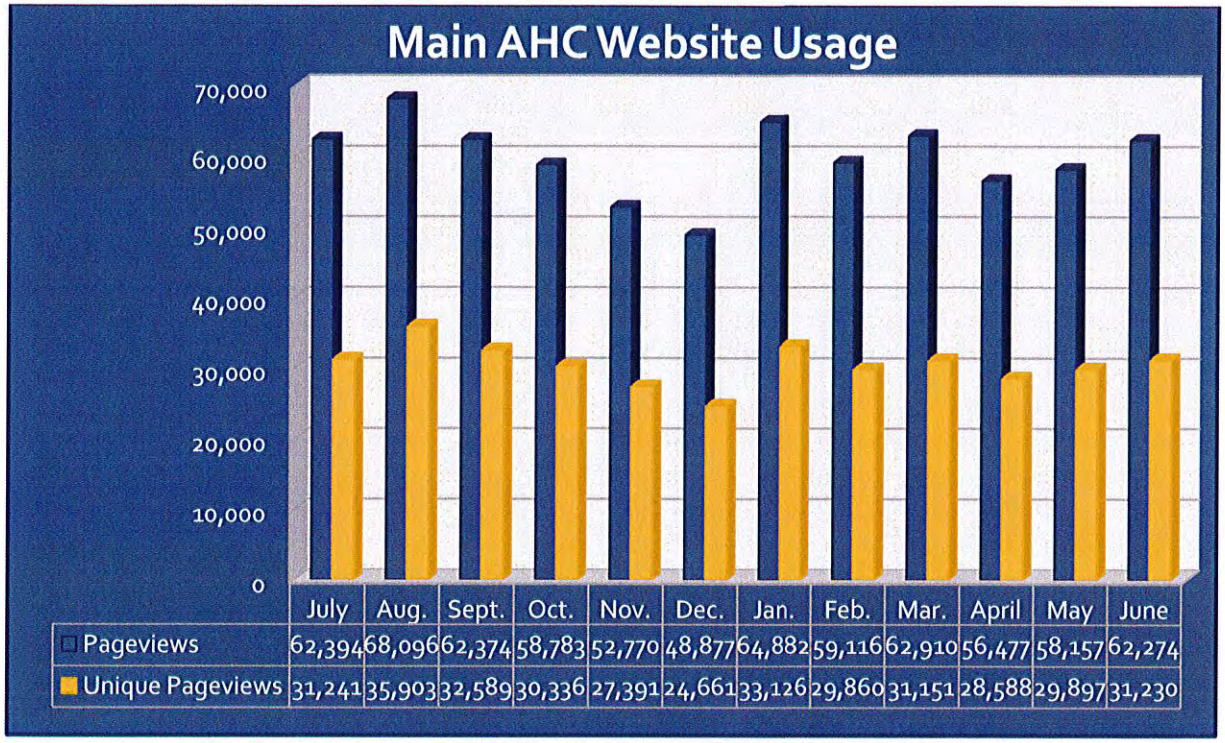
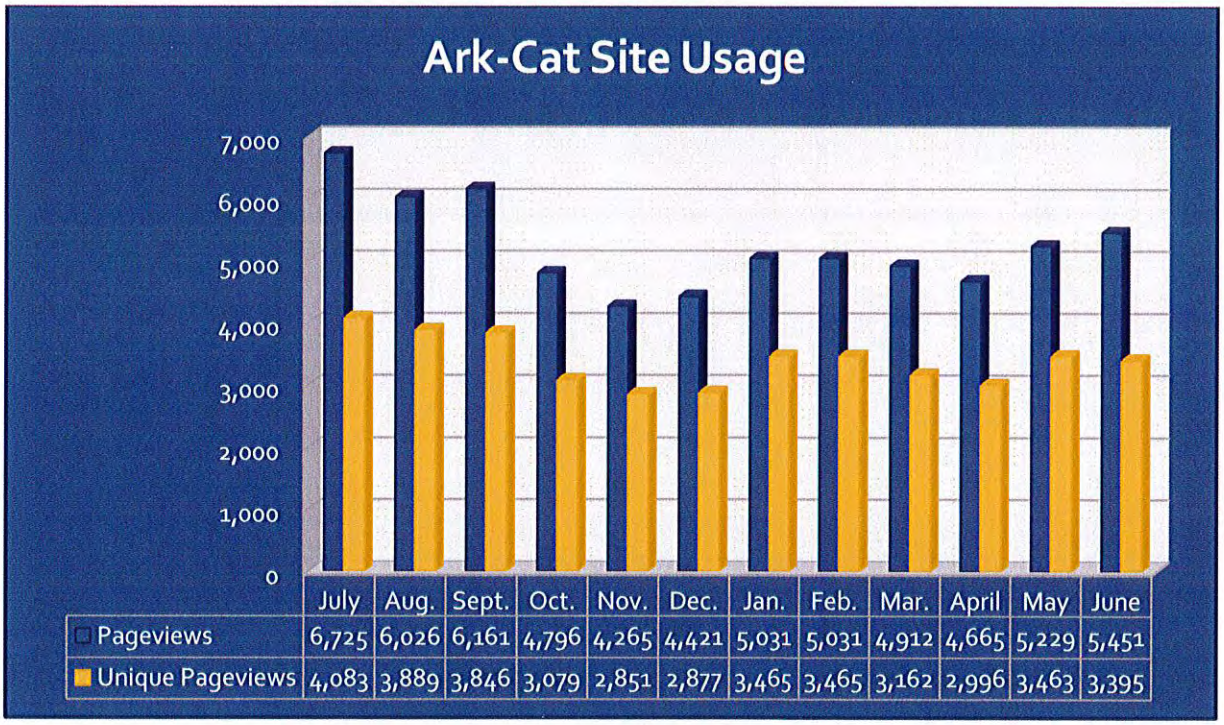
2012-2013	525	479	6
2013-2014	396	450	15
2014-2015	520	501	405

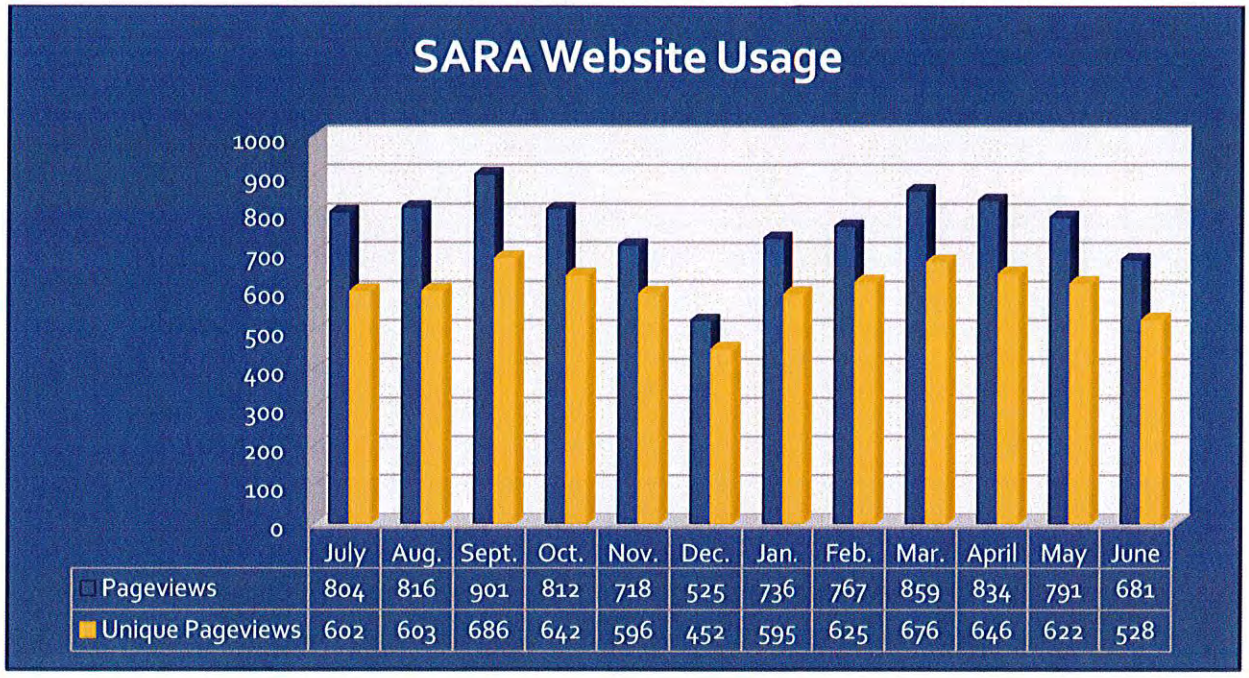
APPENDIX 3. FY15 WEB STATS



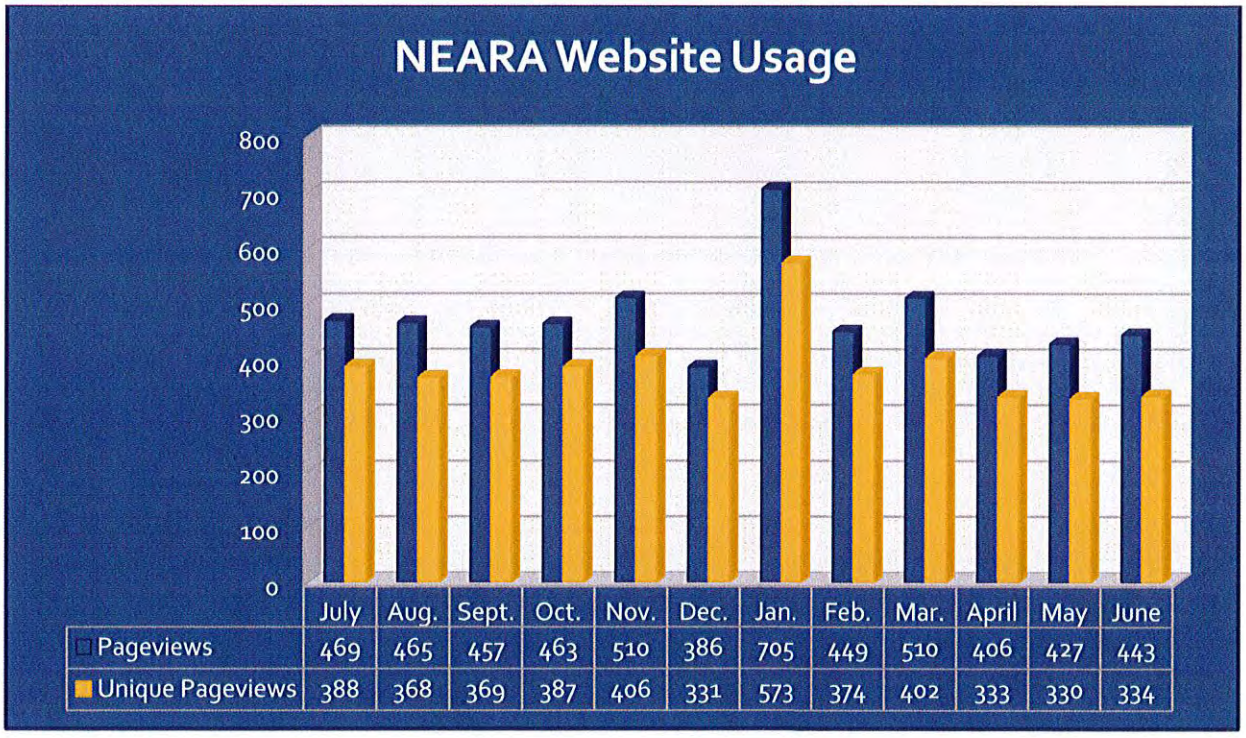
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Pageviews	62,394	68,096	62,374	58,783	52,770	48,877	64,882	59,116	62,910	56,477	58,157	62,274
Unique Pageviews	31,241	35,903	32,589	30,336	27,391	24,661	33,126	29,860	31,151	28,588	29,897	31,230



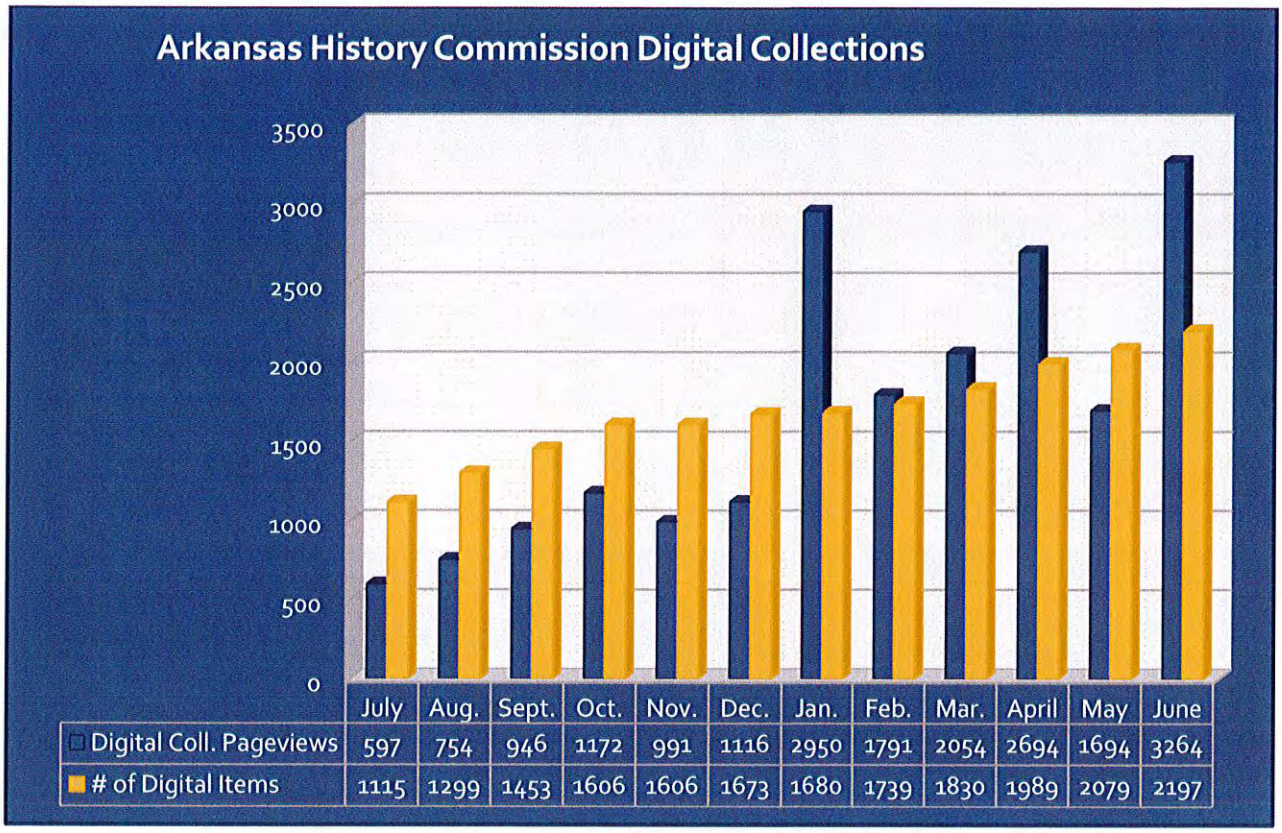
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Pageviews	6,725	6,026	6,161	4,796	4,265	4,421	5,031	5,031	4,912	4,665	5,229	5,451
Unique Pageviews	4,083	3,889	3,846	3,079	2,851	2,877	3,465	3,465	3,162	2,996	3,463	3,395



	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Pageviews	804	816	901	812	718	525	736	767	859	834	791	681
Unique Pageviews	602	603	686	642	596	452	595	625	676	646	622	528



	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Pageviews	469	465	457	463	510	386	705	449	510	406	427	443
Unique Pageviews	388	368	369	387	406	331	573	374	402	333	330	334



	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Digital Coll. Pageviews	597	754	946	1172	991	1116	2950	1791	2054	2694	1694	3264
# of Digital Items	1115	1299	1453	1606	1606	1673	1680	1739	1830	1989	2079	2197

As of June 2015, the Arkansas Digital Ark-ives site hosts 14 digital collections.

- Arkansas Constitutions
- Arkansas Flags
- Arkansas History Commission Resource Guides
- Arkansas History Lesson Plans and Supplementary Materials
- Arkansas History Lesson Plans
- Arkansas's Multicultural Heritage
- Arkansas Women's History Collection
- Every Front is the Home Front- Arkansas in the Civil War
- From Swamps to Farms – A History of Farming in Arkansas
- Historic Maps Collection
- Ozark Folk Life and Culture
- Strolling Down Main Street Arkansas
- Tales from the Vault – Celebrating 110 years
- The Great War – Arkansas During World War I
- Wish You Were Here – Postcards From Arkansas's Past

APPENDIX 4. FY15 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In-House Exhibits

"Arkansas Culinary Culture and Cuisine," May 2014—January 23, 2015
"Arkansas History Commission: 110 Years of Preservation," January 28, 2015—Present
"Drawing on History: Historical Illustrations of Governor's by Walter J. Lemke," January 28, 2015—Present

State Capitol Exhibits

Featured in the "Show and Tell" exhibit about the Arkansas Museum Association at the Arkansas State Capitol, February-May, 2015
"Tales From the Vault: Celebrating 110 Years of the Arkansas History Commission" – Arkansas State Capitol, Little Rock, June - August, 2015

Traveling Exhibits

"Fought in Earnest: Civil War Arkansas" Traveling Exhibit

Faulkner County Museum, Conway, July 16-29, 2014
Jacksonville Museum of Military History, Jacksonville, August 4-26, 2014
Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, September 18-October 13, 2014
Arkansas State University, Mountain Home, October 17-31, 2014
Williams Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, November 6-December 2, 2014
North Little Rock History Commission, North Little Rock, January 5-23, 2015
College of the Ouachita's, Malvern, March 16-April 14, 2015
Powhatan Historic State Park, Powhatan, May 5-22, 2015
Nevada County Depot and Museum, Prescott, June 9-26, 2015

"Arkansas African American Legislators, 1863-1868" Traveling Exhibit

Arkansas Library Association Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, October 5-7, 2014
North Little Rock History Commission, North Little Rock, February 2-27, 2015
Nevada County Depot and Museum, Prescott, May 5-22, 2015

Mural

Arkansas History Commission 110 Mural, April 27, 2015

Seminars

Seminars/Events (AHC Sponsored Events)

Teachers Workshop, Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, July 12, 2014
"Boom and Bust: Commerce and Development in Northeast Arkansas," Powhatan Historic State Park, August 2, 2014
"Researching Military Records," MacArthur Museum of Military History, Little Rock, August 16, 2014
"The Great War: Researching World War I in Arkansas Archives," Dickinson Hall, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, September 13, 2014
"Murder, Mayhem and Lies: Investigating Some of Arkansas's Historical Cold Cases," Historic Washington State Park, October 18, 2014
"Erasing Boundaries: Lawrence County at 200," Powhatan Historic State Park, January 15, 2015
Legislative Reception and Tour, AHC, January 28, 2015
"The Roots of African American Education in Arkansas," Black History Commission of Arkansas Seminar, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, February 7, 2015
Black History Commission of Arkansas Grant Workshop, Little Rock, March 14, 2015
Arkansas History Commission's 110th Anniversary, AHC offices, April 27, 2015
"Using the Arkansas History Commission to Find Genealogical Records," State Capitol, May 2, 2015
Retirement Reception, BHCA Commissioner, Marion Butler, May 13, 2015
Arkansas History Commission-Black History Commission of Arkansas, Joint Strategic Planning Session, Arkansas State Library, Little Rock, June 4, 2015
"The Roots of African American Foodways," Black History Commission of Arkansas Seminar, Pulaski Technical College Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Institute, June 6, 2015

Community Outreach

Conferences/Meetings

SARA Foundation Quarterly Board Meeting, Washington, July 12, 2014
Red River Symposium, Historic Washington State Park, July 26, 2014
Council of State Archivists Annual Meeting/Society of American Archivists Meeting, Washington, D. C., August 13-16, 2014
Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar, Benton, September 19-20, 2014
Meet the Funders, Little Rock, October 22, 2014
Arkansas River Historical Society Board Meeting, Little Rock, October 27, 2014
Real World Reference: Moving Beyond Theory, SAA Conference, Little Rock, September 23, 2014
SARA Foundation Quarterly Board Meeting, Washington, October 11, 2014
State Electronic Records Institute (SERI), Salt Lake City, Utah, October 19-24, 2014
University of Central Arkansas Public History Internship Reception, Conway, October 24, 2014

Best Practices Exchange, Montgomery, Alabama, November 18-21, 2014
Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission meeting, December 2, 2014,
Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission meeting, January 28, 2015
Southern Historical Association, Local Arrangements Committee, Little Rock, March 10, 2015
Arkansas Historical Association Annual Meeting, West Memphis, April 9-11, 2015
Arkansas River Historical Society Board Meeting, Fort Smith, May 7, 2015

Presentations

Presentation, Red River Symposium, Historic Washington State Park, July 2014 (Lloyd)
Presentation, Interpreter's Workshop, DeGray State Park, August 19, 2014 (Caudle and Paige)
Presentation, Hope Lions Club, September 2014 (Lloyd)
Presentation, Kiwanis Club of Walnut Ridge, October 2014 (Perry)
Presentation, Willie J. Hocker Memorial Anniversary, Wabbaseka, October, 2014 (Oyinloye)
Presentation, 1957 Hope High School Class, University of Arkansas Community College, October 2014 (Lloyd)
Presentation, Arkansas Curriculum Conference, Little Rock, November 2014 (Irby and Speer)
Presentation, Arkansas Reading Association Literacy Conference, Little Rock, November 2014 (Irby and Speer)
Presentation, Perry County Historical Society, Perryville, November 2014 (Wilkerson)
Presentation, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, November 2014 (Jarvis &Wilkerson)
Presentation, Greene County Tech High School, NEARA, November 2014 (McFadden & Perry)
Presentation, Open House, Powhatan Historic State Park, December 2014 (Perry)
Presentation, Clark County Historical Society, Arkadelphia, February 2015 (Oyinloye)
Radio Interview, Cumulus Media, Little Rock, February 2015 (Oyinloye)
Tour, University of Central Arkansas students, AHC, February 2015 (Jarvis)
Presentation, Jonesboro Public Library, February 2015 (Perry)
Presentation, Bryant Historical Society, February 2015 (Jarvis)
Presentation, Little Rock Chapter PEO, February 2015 (Oyinloye)
Presentation, Chicot Elementary School, Little Rock, February 2015 (Oyinloye)
Tour, Arkansas Tech University Public History Students, March 19, 2015 (Speer, Jarvis, Wilkerson, Caudle, Dunn)
Tour, Arkansas Living History Association, AHC, March 2015 (Jarvis)
Presentation, Prescott Retired Teachers Association, March 2015 (Lloyd)
Presentation, Rotary Club of Pocahontas, March 2015 (Perry)
Presentation, Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library, Little Rock, March 2015 (Oyinloye)
Presentation, Melting Pot Genealogical Society, Hot Springs, March 2015 (Oyinloye)
Presentation, Arkansas Museum Association Annual Conference, Helena, April 2015 (Paige)
Presentation, Arkansas Historical Association, West Memphis, April 2015 (Lloyd)
Presentation, Arkansas Historical Association, West Memphis, April 2015 (Wilkerson)
Presentation, Greene County Heritage Fair, Paragould, April 2015 (McFadden)
Presentation, Cherokee County Genealogical Fair, Jacksonville, Texas, April 2015 (Lloyd)

Presentation, Bull Shoals State Park, April 2015 (Wilkerson)
Podcast, National Public Radio, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, April 2015 (Lloyd)
Presentation, CCC Park Superintendents, Little Rock, May 11, 2015 (Speer, Wilkerson, Crawford, McNeill)
Presentation, Five Rivers Historic Preservation Founders' Day, Pocahontas, May 2015 (Perry)
Presentation, Clark County Historical Association, Arkadelphia, June 2015 (Lloyd)
Radio Interview, Cumulus Media, Little Rock, June 2015 (Oyinloye)
Presentation, Tennessee Genealogical Society, Germantown, Tennessee, June 2015 (Wilkerson)
Presentation/Tour, Teachers Workshop, Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, June 11, 2015 (Speer, Wilkerson, Irby, Shurley, Bell, Jarvis)
Tour, National Park Service Cultural Resource interns, AHC, June 2015 (Shurley)
Presentation, First Methodist Church, Prescott, June 2015 (Lloyd)
Presentation, MacArthur Museum WWI Themed Teacher Workshop, June 2015 (Paige)

Information Booths

Jonesboro Public Library Genealogical Lock-in, July 19, 2014
Sharp County Historical Society Civil War Symposium, Ash Flat, October 25, 2014
Clark County Historical Museum Holiday Reception, Arkadelphia, November 20, 2014
Jonesboro Public Library Genealogical Lock-in, February 7, 2015
Eddie Mae Herron Center Black History Month events, Pocahontas, February 9, 10, 12, 25, 2015
Arkansas Museum Day, State Capitol, March 17, 2015
Historic Washington State Park Jonquil Festival, March 20-22, 2015
Garland County Pioneer Days, Hot Springs, April 24-25, 2015
Eddie Mae Herron Center Juneteenth Celebration, Pocahontas, June 13, 2015

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