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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
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Biographical/Historical Note

In 1910, the U.S. Navy began construction of a battleship named the USS Arkansas. The Pine Bluff chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution wanted to present a flag to the new ship; but after contacting the secretary of state, Earle W. Hodges, they were told that no state flag existed. This led to a state-wide contest to design a state flag. Hodges chaired the committee, and around sixty-five designs were submitted.

The committee met in early 1913, and ultimately chose a red, white, and blue design by Willie Kavanaugh Hocker of Wabbaseka, Arkansas. Hocker's original design was changed slightly by adding the state's name and re-arranging the position of the stars. This revised design was adopted by the General Assembly as the official state flag of Arkansas on February 26, 1913. Prior to 1913, Arkansas had no state flag.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains entries for the 1913 contest to design the Arkansas state flag, partly sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. It contains photocopied letters sent with the entries, two original notes, one original letter, four negatives of flags, and forty-three flag design drawings. There were sixty-five total submissions to the contest. This collection contains forty-three of those entries.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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This collection is open for research use. Some items in this collection exist in digital format only. Flag designs 34-36 are only available in digital format.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Earl Hodges and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Apple Blossom Letter (photocopy)

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Apple Blossom Flag Designer

Letter briefly describes the apple blossom flag design, colors of red and white. The letter covers the beauty of the apple blossom, describing its beauty rivaling many popular flowers around the globe.

G.C.Timmerman Note

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Simple folded note saying "Arkansas Flag Designs." Followed by numerals "1-301 2-24 3-1913" Note ends with signature of G.C. Timmerman, and address under it- "301 E. 24St. Little Rock"

John Hardy Note

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"Designs by John Hardy"and address under signature. "2115 Broadway Little Rock, AR"

Envelope to Mr. Earl Hodges, Little Rock, Arkansas

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Opened envelope sent to Mr. Earl Hodges, the Chairman of the Flag Committee in the Little Rock State Capitol. Lower right side of envelope says, "Eight Designs." Top left corner has red stamp saying it is property of the Arkansas History Commission.

Flag Designer to Mr. Earl W. Hodges, Little Rock, Arkansas

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Some are descriptions of missing flags; the rest are for flags in collection. No particular order.

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Flag 2

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Flag 2 Description

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F.B.C.1 In this flag you find the national colors, red, white and blue. In the center an apple-blossom, the State flower and around this the twenty-six stars showing that Arkansas was the twenty-sixth State admitted to the Union.

Flag 12

Flag 12: Description

Scale 4 x 6: proportion, 1 X 1 1/2. On a blue field (the blue of the National Flag), a white diamond, on which is blazoned a bear, "proper, rampant;" beneath which in red is the word "Arkansas;" Arkansas being known both as the "Diamond State" and as the "Bear State." Arkansas is the only state in the Union which produces diamonds.

Flag 21

Flag 21 Description

#2 scale 6x9 inches: proportion 1x1 1/2 A field quartered: 1st Quarter: The blue of the National Flag, with the Coat-of-Arms of the State of Arkansas, in center. 2nd Quarter: White: with a forest tree, half surrounded by a semi-wreath of cotton bolls, and rice, representing the forests and products of Arkansas and an apple blossom in center of wreath- Arkansas State Flower. 3rd Quarter: white: with a pick, shovel and hoe, representing the mineral and agricultural wealth of the State; the word Arkansas, blazoned in red. 4th Quarter: Red; on a white diamond, a bear "passant," Arkansas being known as the "Diamond" and also the "Bear" State. All object, mentioned above, to be depicted in their natural colors. Arkansas is the only State in the Union which produces diamonds.

Flag 27

Flag 27 Description

Elizabeth Butler Arkadelphia, Ark. Box 594 Caddo & 11 Sts. Harvest Moon and Deep Waterways

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Flag 28

Flag 28 Description

The State Flower, the apple blossom, is well adapted for a conventional design. In simplicity and beauty it rivals the immortal emblem of France, the fleur de lis, or even the beloved shamrock of Erin. In its delicate grace, it may be classed with the rose of England or the honeysuckle of ancient Syria. Not only does it call forth the adoration our aesthetic nature, but it has given a practical value as well. With the various products from the resources of the Arkansas vegetable world, the apple holds its own. Its fame is known abroad. The blossom combines the colors, red and white; the red, representative of the iron-laden soil of the rich red hue; the white, the purity of its crystal waters. Long may the apple blossom wave in its homeland.- A rewritten copy of Letter 5- The Apple Blossom Designer.

Flag 31

Flag 31 Description

Design of Arkansas State Flag Size- 9ft by 5ft Colors- Blue and White- Truth and Purity of Principle Motto- "I'll try, Sir," -Enterprise of her citizens. Decoration- Open cotton balls,- wealth in natural resources. Cobalt blue flag, nine feet by five feet, with "I'll try, Sir, " (words used by the first territorial governor, James Miller, the hero of Lundy's Lane, when asked by President Monroe to take a dangerous battery) in plain white letters printed in a semi circle above open cotton bolls in the upper left hand corner.

Flag 35

Flag 35 Description

Scale 6 X 9 inches; proportion 1 X 1 1/2 On a field, divided in three- 1st Third, Red: 2nd Third, White, with coat-of-arms of Arkansas, emblazoned in proper colors- surmounting the word, in red, "Arkansas." 3rd Third, Blue (same blue as in National Flag.) Should the effect, 1st Third Blue, 2nd Third White, 3rd

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Third Red, be preferred, the effect can be obtained, by turning the present design, upside down. In that event, of course the coat-of-arms would have to turned also (repainted) in proper position.