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# **Powhatan Historic State Park collection**

## **MSNE.0035**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives
<b>Title</b>	Powhatan Historic State Park collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1836-1999
<b>Extent</b>	11.4 Cubic feet 13 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.
<b>Internal Information</b>	This material was accessioned at the same time as all the other Lawrence County records. Fundamentally, all of this material belongs together but was donated at different times due to physical locations and limitations. Logically, it is better practice and more consistent to aggregate related archival materials. Therefore, the Lawrence County school records which were boxes 7, 8, and 9 in this collection have been moved and integrated into MSNE.0086 Lawrence County school records.

### Preferred Citation

Powhatan Historic State Park collection, Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives, Arkansas State Archives, Powhatan, Arkansas.

## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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Powhatan Historic State Park opened in 1974 after a renovation of the historic courthouse. Powhatan served as the county seat for Lawrence County from 1869 to 1963 when the seat was consolidated and relocated to Walnut Ridge. The courthouse officially closed its doors in 1966.

The Lawrence County Historical Society began taking care of the records left behind in the courthouse vault. After the park opened in 1974, the historical society shared the space in the courthouse with park staff and served as an informal archives. During the ensuing 30 years, papers and items of varying regional significance were donated to the historical society and park. This collection contains a portion of the matter donated to the park/historical society. Most items were either owned by someone who lived in the immediate area, or are directly relevant to the region.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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Included are personal letters, Lawrence County court documents, local business records, newspapers, maps, photographs, school records, family papers and more spanning the time period of 1836-1999.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives 08/01/2014

### **Revision Description**

06/25/2016

### **Conditions Governing Access**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Arkansas State Parks, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2011.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials**

Materials related to series Lawrence County School records include MSNE.0057: Lawrence County School Census Records and MSNE.0086: Lawrence County Public School Records.

### **Separated Materials**

1911: Map of Arkansas is located in the map cabinet.

Lawrence County court records

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**Collection Inventory**

Lawrence County court records	
	<b>Box</b>
Bounties	1
Circuit Court	
County Treasurer deposit receipts	
Grand Jury findings	
Justice of the peace records	
Legal publications	
Mother's pensions	
Paupers	
Petition for Prohibition	
Summons, bonds & affidavits	
Tax records	

Lawrence County court records

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1836: Seat of Justice petition

1846: Petition of C.C. Roger for license to practice law

1858: Thomas R. Norman will

1860: B.P. Hogan certified to practice law in Lawrence County

1868: P.C. Stuart certified to practice law in Lawrence County

1889: Warranty deed

1898: marriage of J.D. Flippo to Francis Bailey

1900: Tax sale of delinquent lands

1903: Willett & Willett Distiller's Notice

1920: Eaton Township petition

1920: Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanitorium bill

1920s: Lawrence County Highway Warrant No.830

1932: Powhatan Courthouse insurance

1938: Royal Typewriter bill to Lawrence County Circuit Clerk



**Petit Jurors**

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1912: Petit Jurors

1913: Petit Jurors

1914: Petit Jurors

1916: Petit Jurors

1917: Petit Jurors

1918: Petit Jurors

1919: Petit Jurors

1920: Petit Jurors

**Qualified Electors**

1931

1935

1936

**Box**

**Lawrence County records**

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1937

2

1960-1961

1963-1964

**Lawrence County records**

Arkansas Motor Vehicle Registration cards

Book of the Month Club

Childers correspondence

Courtney agricultural records

Louise Smith Parrish records

Personal letters

Poll tax receipts

Powhatan Bridge coupon book

S. P. & A. Grade Curve by Valton Hinds

Tradecards and Advertisements

**United States Department of Agriculture publications**

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W.H. Weir records

Wedding Invitations

1894: shipping receipt

1918: Paul Starling notice of classification

1921: articles of incorporation for Old River Oil and Gas

1972: Senator Tom B. Logan memorial Resolution No. 52

**White House Cook Book**

Handwritten recipes

Newsclippings

**Volume**

White House cook book

1

**Newspapers**

1884: Randolph Herald

**Times Dispatch**

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1899: Eye Opener, Ravenden Springs

1935 May 7: State College

1951 Oct 14: Sunday Times, London, England

1960 Sept 6: Batesville Guard

1980: Pocahontas Herald

1986: Arkansas Gazette "150 Years of Statehood"

1999 Sept 9: Ozark Journal, Imboden

**Times Dispatch**

1969 Feb 20: Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge

2012 July 11: Times Dispatch, Walnut

Times Dispatch clippings

**P.P. Sullivan**

**Box**

1885: Ledger and scrapbook

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## McKenney family papers

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Undated Bible

### McKenney family papers

**Box**

Perfect Attendance awards

4

Greetings cards

1890: Bible presented to Rev. George W. McKenney by the Society of Christian Endeavor of the Second Presbyterian Church

Bible presented to Jennie McKenney By Lee

### Ledgers

**Box**

1881-1903: Register of Surgeons and Physicians of Lawrence County

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1869: Clover Bend store cash book

1892-1927: Expense ledger

1909-1910: Lawrence County fee book

Medical practice ledger

## Greeting cards

<b>Greeting cards</b>	
	<b>Box</b>
Greeting cards	6
Greeting cards	
Greeting cards	
Greeting cards	
Greeting cards	
<b>Lawrence County school records</b>	
<b>Teacher retirement cards</b>	<b>Box</b> 7
<b>Teacher retirement system letters</b>	
<b>School Director oaths of office (indexed)</b>	
<b>School Director oaths of office (loose)</b>	<b>Box</b> 8
<b>Certificate of Election of School Director</b>	
<b>School enumeration</b>	

**School District Issue votes**

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<b>School District Issue votes</b>	
<b>District revisions</b>	
<b>School district petitions</b>	
<b>Petitions to transfer children</b>	
<b>School district warrants</b>	<b>Box 9</b>

District school fund receipts

1945-1946: Teacher retirement report

Payroll sheets

Records and Proceedings

Student records

Teacher's contracts

Teacher's licenses

Resignation and appointment of school directors

## School financials

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Apportionment

**School financials**

**School tax certificates**

**Oversized**

**Certificates**

**Box**

1839: Non-resident land tax

10

1853: William McCall land grant

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1856: Thomas Lawson land grant

1860: Thomas Lawson land grant

1907: Joe Coffman Free Mason certificate

Lee McKenney certificates

W.E. McLeod records and certificates



## Pictures

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### Pictures

#### Box

1907: Township blueprint

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Black River swinging bridge

Early 20th Century framed postcards

Lawrence County maps

Right of way map for Highway 25

World War I postcards

### Framed Pictures

#### Box

Powhatan Courthouse drawing

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Hudson Motor Car Company

### Maps & Pictures

#### Box

1945: Stars & Stripes

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## Maps & Pictures

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"In the Bag" duck drawing

"Flushed" duck drawing

Coffey land records

Township map ledger

1911: Map of Arkansas