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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Arkansas Territory land records
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Historical Note

Arkansas was organized into a Territory in 1819, and became a state in 1836. Before the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the area that is now Arkansas was governed and settled by both France and Spain. Sylvanus Phillips came to this area prior to the Louisiana Purchase, and gained title to land through the Spanish government. He settled in what is now Phillips County, and served in several public positions, including county clerk from 1820-1823. After Arkansas was organized into a territory, Phillips continued to acquire land. Phillips County was named in his honor, and the town of Helena, which was part of his original holdings, was named for his daughter. He died in Helena, October 31, 1830.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains three documents related to land records and surveys. The 1756 document is in French, the 1798 document is in Spanish, and the 1802 document is in English. The 1802 document includes a hand-drawn map and was completed for Sylvanus Phillips.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown.

Collection Inventory

1. 1756 March 20: "Adjudicationre," by DeBate

2. 1798: "Puetro de Arkanzas," land grant of Joseph Stillwell

3. 1802 November 18: Survey of the mouth of the Saint Francis River, by Henry Cassidy, district surveyor