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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	War Memorial Stadium records
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1959-2016
<b>Extent</b>	14.45 Cubic feet 14 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.
<b>Material Specific Details</b>	This collection contains personal information such as names, addresses, social security numbers, and employment information. Folders with the majority of personal information were transferred to War Memorial's Human Resources department, but the collection was minimally processed and may need further review if viewed by patrons.

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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War Memorial Stadium is located in Little Rock, Arkansas. Construction of the stadium was completed in 1947, and it officially opened in 1948 with a seating capacity of around 31,000. The stadium has undergone many changes and improvements during its existence and has grown to a seating capacity of over 54,000. War Memorial Stadium was originally dedicated to honor Arkansans who had given their lives in service of their country during World War I and World War II. It continues to serve as a tribute to all those who have served. The stadium has been host to many events, but is most utilized for its football games. The first event in the stadium took place in 1948 and was a Razorback football game. Many other colleges have also played there. The stadium is still active today and has been host to sports games, concerts, speaking engagements, and other events. War Memorial Stadium was traditionally a stand-alone entity, but in 2017 a proposal to end state support was made in the General Assembly. Instead of ending state support, Governor Asa Hutchison proposed that the stadium be placed under the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism and on February 22, 2017, a bill was signed to complete this transfer.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains administrative records of War Memorial Stadium from 1959 to 2016, particularly pertaining to past stadium events, financial documents and expenditures, and various improvement and construction projects. It also includes files related to the 1959 bond refunding project, which was carried out under Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus, containing correspondence of Governor Faubus discussing the project.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2019.

## Event Folders, Concession Reports, Invoices: 1960-1976

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Event Folders, Concession Reports, Invoices: 1960-1976</b>	<b>Box</b> 1
<b>Event Folders, Concession Reports, Invoices: 1977-1979</b>	<b>Box</b> 2
<b>Event Folders, Concession Reports, Invoices: 1979-1999</b>	<b>Box</b> 3
<b>Event Folders, Concession Reports, Invoices: 1999-2007</b>	<b>Box</b> 4
<b>Company Files, Invoices, Receipts: 1980-1990</b>	<b>Box</b> 5
<b>Company Files, Invoices, Receipts: 1980-1993</b>	<b>Box</b> 6
<b>Company Files, Invoices, Receipts: 1992-2003</b>	<b>Box</b> 7
<b>Company Files, Invoices, Receipts: 2002-2016</b>	<b>Box</b> 8
<b>Activity Account Check Stub Booklets: 1963-1978</b>	<b>Box</b> 9
<b>Expenditures: 1981-1985</b>	<b>Box</b> 10
<b>Company Files, Clubs and Organizations, Newspaper Clippings: 1957-1968</b>	<b>Box</b> 11
<b>Bond Refunding Project: 1959-1962</b>	<b>Box</b> 12
<b>Construction Papers, Various Projects: 1999-2001</b>	<b>Box</b> 13
<b>Construction Papers, Parking, Seating, Field Lights, Manuals: 1999-2001</b>	<b>Box</b> 14