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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Arkansas Governor's Mansion collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1960-2019
<b>Extent</b>	1.91 Cubic feet 3 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.

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## Historical Note

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The Arkansas Governor's Mansion is located on Center Street in the historic Quapaw Quarter of downtown Little Rock. It was established by an act of the state legislature in 1947 and completed in January 1950 during Governor Sidney McMath's term. Previously, Arkansas had no official residence for the governor of the state. The area surrounding the mansion is the Governor's Mansion Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains various material related to the Arkansas Governor's Mansion from 1960 to 2019 including printed ephemera from events at the mansion, correspondence, photographs, news clippings related to various governors and the mansion, and other administrative documents. It includes material from the administrations of Orval Faubus to Asa Hutchinson.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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Arkansas Governor's Mansion, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2020.

## Printed ephemera

## Collection Inventory

Printed ephemera	Box	Folder
Invitation: Discussion with Janet Huckabee of the expansion of the First Ladies' Gowns exhibit in the Old State House Museum 1998 November 13	1	1
Invitation: Governor's Mansion Open House Honoring First Lady Janet Huckabee 2006 October 8		
Invitation: "Luncheon in the Mansion Gardens featuring our own landscape designer P. Allen Smith" 2009 April 21		
Invitation: Friends of the Mansion Tea and Tour of the Governor's Mansion November 16		
Invitation: The Governor's Mansion: A Homecoming [2 copies] 2002 July 23		
Invitation: "Mansion in Bloom III" 2003 June 12		
Invitation: A Holiday Reception Honoring Friends of the Mansion November 27		
Invitation: Phantom of the Mansion gala dinner and ball 1989 May 5		
Program: Phantom of the Mansion gala dinner and ball 1989		

Printed ephemera

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Program: Believe in Arkansas: The 2007 Inaugural 2007 January 9

Program: The Service of Thanksgiving and Prayers for Grace and Wisdom for Mike Beebe, the Governor-elect and his family on the day of his inauguration as Governor of the State of Arkansas 2007 January 9

Printout: Advanced Interior Design Students, Arkansas Governor's Mansion 2001

Photo Directory: Arkansas Governor's Mansion Salute to Fifty Years and the Golden Anniversary, Mansion Commission and Mansion Association undated

Newsletter: An Open House 2007 fall

Newsletter: An Open House 2007 spring

Pamphlet: "The Record Speak, Orval E. Faubus for Governor" undated

Leaflet: Holidays at the Mansion [2 copies] undated

Leaflet: Happy Holidays from Mike and Ginger Beebe [2 copies] circa 2007

Calendar: Pleasant Valley Country Club 1971 September

Booklet and postcard: The Faubus House, Huntsville, Arkansas [7 copies of postcard] undated

Bulletin clipping: Special Campaign Bulletin, Orval E. Faubus for Governor 1960 June 29



## Correspondence, reports, and administrative documents

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
The Governor's Mansion: A Homecoming event list	1	2
Certificate of gift for gown, shoes, and photograph of Barbara Pryor to Arkansas Commemorative Commission/Historic Arkansas Museum 1976 April 28		
1989 Governors Ball planning materials 1988-1989		
Friends of the Mansion Committee materials 1988-1989		
Governor's Mansion visitor register undated		
The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Arkansas fall luncheon planning materials 2008 September		
Letter: Tony Moser, Special Projects Writer, Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Bill Clinton, Governor of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, regarding FOIA request 1990 February 8		
Letter: Patti Solis Doyle, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, Washington, D.C., to Mrs. Janet Huckabee, Little Rock, Arkansas, regarding invitation for Hillary Clinton to attend First Ladies' Gowns exhibit 1998 October 26		
Letter: Jo Ellen Maack, Collections Manager, Old State House Museum, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Mrs. Janet Huckabee, Governor's Mansion, Little Rock, Arkansas, regarding First Ladies Gowns exhibit 1998 November 13		

## Audiovisual Materials

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Letter: Cathy Crass to Mansion Commission and Association members regarding Friends of the Mansion campaign undated

Arkansas Mansion Commission member list [RESTRICTED]

Former First Ladies and Governors list [RESTRICTED]

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Rose petal potpourri recipe with Post-it note written by Hillary Clinton to Ann McCoy undated	1	3
Mike Beebe press folder	1	4
Folder of correspondence related to photograph of the United States Capitol, 1866, gifted to various organizations and President Reagan by Michael A. Brown 1984-1985	1	5
Operational Guide of Governor's Mansion 1982	1	6
Governor's Mansions Across the U.S. survey compiled by Hillary Rodham Clinton 1980s	1	7-9
<b>Audiovisual Materials</b>		
<b>PH.ARGovernorsMansion.0001-0028: Photographs of mansion ornaments 2007</b>	<b>Box</b> 2	<b>Folder</b> 1

## PH.ARGovernorsMansion.0001-0028: Photographs of mansion ornaments

ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_01: Photographs of mansion ornaments undated, possibly 2007	2	2
ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_02: Photographs of Hayes ornaments undated	2	2
ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_03: Photographs of pottery ornaments undated	2	2
ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_04: Photographs of First Ladies Lunch 2004 November 17	2	3
ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_05: Mansion Christmas tour, Hillary Clinton [2 copies] 1986	2	3
ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_06: Mansion Commission and Mansion Association records and information 2001-2006	2	4
ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_07: Friends of the Mansion information 2001-2006	2	4
ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_08: Mansion History 50th Anniversary Celebration [2 copies] undated	2	5
ASA_MS993_CD_ARGovernorsMansion_Disc_09: Mansion History 50th Celebration, Meeting/Interview: Cromwell, McMath, Elias [2 copies] undated	2	5

**Box**

## News clippings

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ASA\_MS993\_VHS\_ARGovernorsMansion\_VideoTape\_01: Governor's Mansion  
Christmas Tour, Hillary Rodham Clinton 1986

## News clippings

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"Paws on the Runway: A Fashion Show of Canine Proportions," AY  
Magazine issue 2007 October

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"Making Holiday Magic at the Mansion," WomenInc. magazine issue 2019 December

Arkansas Bride magazine issue, photographed at the Governor's Mansion 2013 fall/winter

"Holy Huckabee! The Unlikely Rise of a Preacher Politician," Newsweek magazine 2007 December 17

**Box****Folder**

"Ball," continued article, publication unknown undated

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"For Hillary's sakes! who took the drapes?," article [photocopy] 1997 May 20

"Who says Clinton is a do-nothing governor?," article in the Arkansas Democrat [photocopy] 1988 July  
5

"Ethics dilemma," article in the Arkansas Times 1997 June 6

The Arkansas Publisher list of officers and directors 1972 October

News clippings

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"Proposed Convention Program, Arkansas Press Association, 83rd Annual Convention, January 7-8," in the Arkansas Publisher undated

"President delights in another capital day," article in the Democrat Gazette undated

Photographs of holiday decorations at the Governor's Mansion in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette undated

"Mansion comes alive for Governor's Ball," article in Arkansas Gazette 1989 April 30

"Governed By Style," article in AY Magazine 2013

"Mansion comes alive for Governor's Ball," article in the Arkansas Gazette 1989 April 30

"The Truth about Alice," Clinton article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1997 September 4

"Treaty at the Governor's Mansion," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1997 July 13

"Panel seeks to ease move into mansion for future governors," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1997 September 6

"The Week That Was: It Was a Good Week for... Governor Mike Huckabee," article 1997 April 14

"Huckabees spend \$29,629 on mansion groceries," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette undated

"Meanwhile, at the Mansion: The governor's memory turns foggy," article in the Arkansas Reporter 1999 January 29

News clippings

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"Twas the Month Before Iowa," article in Newsweek 2007 December 17

"Pair plans a 'coming out' for Governor's Mansion," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette undated

"Cartoonist's tribute raises \$4,000 for scholarships," article in the Arkansas Democrat 1998 December 7

"Huntsville Chamber to Honor Former Gov. Faubus," article in the Harrison Daily Times 1994 February 13

"Huckabee tackles mansion dispute," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1997 July 10

"Drive to curb legal aid funds misguided," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette undated

"Going for Baroque at Governor's Mansion," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1996 April 28

Huckabee cartoon by George Fisher in the Arkansas Times 1997 May 30

"House feud over decor? 'Silly,' says first lady," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette circa 1997

"Book offers practical tips for Christmas holidays," article undated

"Governor's Mansion highlight of holiday tour," article in the Chronicle 1996 October-November

"Post makes the most of 'Night Court' role" and "Is Markie Post ready for Arkansas?" [2 copies] articles undated

"Mansion benefit," article in the Commercial Appeal 1989 May 4

News clippings

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"Don't fence us out, cry neighbors of Tucker," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1995

"The Governor's Mansion Allowance," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1997 December 28

"Roasting and Toasting: Gov. Tucker heaps praise on Big Brothers/Big Sisters after absorbing good-natured jabs at annual Roast and Toast," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1993 September 5

"New Bibs at the Tuckers' Mansion: Frette's on way to replace frayed linen, dinner guests are happy to learn," article in the Arkansas Times 1993 February 25

"On the go with Janet Huckabee," article in the Arkansas Times 1997 June 6

"The First Gal: What you see-a fun-loving, down-home Arkie with a sure political touch-is what you get with Frist Lady Janet Huckabee," article in the Arkansas Times 1997 June 6

"Ginger Kay Croom Beebe," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette [2 copies] 2008 January 20

"Christmas at the Mansion," article in Arkansas Homes 1995 December

Nancy Bingham Golden Celebration article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1998 March 1

"Mansion finery: Santa's helpers decorate governor's abode for Christmas Open House," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 2012 December 2

"Deck the Halls the 'Southern Living' Way," article in the Arkansas Gazette circa 1990

"Phantom haunts mansion for fun gala," article in the Arkansas Gazette 1989 May 14

News clippings

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"The Hall is decked: Guests enjoy the inaugural Christmas party in the new Great Hall at the Governor's Mansion," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 2003 December 21

"House of the Seven Guvs: Making history to preserve it," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 2002 July 17

"Ramesses 'n' roll: They will party like Egyptians at Governor's Ball," article in Arkansas Gazette 1987 March 22

"Decked out: Governor's Mansion tours raise cheer and funds," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 2007 December 30

"Decking the Mansion," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1994 December 24

"Mansion benefits from 'Phantom' fund-raiser," article in the Arkansas Democrat 1989 May 14

"Phantom of the Mansion pays a visit to Governor's Ball," article in the Arkansas Democrat [2 copies] 1989 April 30

"An evening in Ancient Egypt," article in Benton County Daily Democrat 1987 March 22

"The Governor's Ball: An Evening in Ancient Egypt," article in the Arkansas Democrat 1987 March 29

"Musical decorates 50-year-old Governor's Mansion," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 1998 April 5

"Inaugural Splendor: Guests congratulate Gov. and Mrs. Huckabee in the newly completed Governor's Reception Hall," article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 2003 January 26



**Posters**

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"History of the Arkansas Governor's Mansion: A Guided Tour Through Six Decades of Arkansas History," book poster undated

"Fisher's Gallery," poster for the Institute of Politics and Government Annual Dinner, signed by George Fisher [2 copies] 1981

"First Ladies Gowns" Old State House Museum poster undated