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# **Pea Ridge National Park campaign papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Pea Ridge National Park campaign papers
<b>Date</b>	1956
<b>Extent</b>	0.02 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.
<b>Microform [Reel]</b>	MG00254
<b>Text [Box]</b>	101
<b>Container</b>	31

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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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Located near Rogers, Benton County, the 4,300-acre Pea Ridge National Military Park was created by an act of Congress in 1956. The park, which preserves the battlefield of the 1862 Battle of Pea Ridge, was dedicated as a national park during the nation's Civil War Centennial in 1963. Pea Ridge is one of the best-preserved Civil War battlefields in the country. The Pea Ridge National Military Park came into being through the work of several Arkansas congressmen. Representative Clyde T. Ellis of Arkansas's Third Congressional District began corresponding with the National Park Service in 1939, reviving a proposal to preserve the Pea Ridge battlefield. In 1956, the Arkansas congressional delegation proposed legislation to make Pea Ridge a national military park. This was a major breakthrough in Civil War battlefield preservation. At that time, under the National Park Service classification system, only one acre should have been preserved, along with a monument. On July 20, 1956, Congress enacted legislation to accept a 5,000-acre donation from the state of Arkansas. The Pea Ridge National Military Park is a part of the Civil War Discovery Trail, the Lower Missouri Civil War Heritage Trail, and the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection eight items related to the Pea Ridge National Park campaign.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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Unknown.

## Collection Inventory

17-19 January 1956: Xerox page of Arkansas Gazette clippings

January 31-February 1 1956: Xerox page of Arkansas Gazette and Democrat clippings.

21 March 1956: Xerox of Arkansas Gazette Article

April 9-May 7 1956: Xerox page of Arkansas Gazette clippings.

June-July 1956: Xerox page of clippings and two telegrams from J.W. Fulbright and Jim Trimble.

July 1956: Xerox page of Arkansas Gazette clippings and a telegram from Jim Trimble.

11 December 1956: Letter from George H. Benjamin of Little Rock, Arkansas to Ted Worley at the Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas.

13 December 1956: Letter from Ted R. Worley with the Arkansas History Commission to George H. Benjamin.