



ARKANSAS State Archives

We have quite a few things that could help your patrons with their genealogy research. In general, we have newspapers from all 75 counties on microfilm, as well as records from all of the courthouses, all though coverage and date ranges vary by county. We also have a large collection of published local histories and family histories, church records, funeral home records, military records and various government documents.

A good place to start, either for your own reference or to direct your patrons is our digital website: <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/>. Here we've posted digitized collections, indexes, and collection inventories for a portion of our material. We also have a separate library catalog found here: https://arks.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/archives/.

You can find a listing of our full county record inventory here: <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/inventories-microfilm-county/>.

You can find a listing of our full newspaper inventory here: <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/newspapers/>

We also provide access to all of the US census records through a subscription to Ancestry.com, which can be accessed in our research room.

Specific to Ashley County we have the following:

- The News Observer – July 24, 1952-May 22, 2019 (microfilm)
- Ashley County Eagle/Leader/Ledger – June 10, 1889 – August 18, 2019 (microfilm – missing issues)
- County Records
 - Marriage records: 1848-1951
 - Probate – 1849-1889 (incomplete)
 - Deeds – 1849-1887
 - Circuit Court – 1849-1883
 - Tax Records: 1849-1894
 - Chancery Court: 1849-1951

Our research room is open to the public right now, by appointment only. We schedule appointments Monday through Friday, and select Saturdays, from 9:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:00. Patrons can call us at 501-682-6900 to schedule an appointment or email us at state.archives@arkansas.gov to schedule an appointment. Patrons can also use that same email address to send in remote research requests, however, we are limited in how much research we can perform for a patron and it can take several weeks to get full responses back due to the volume of requests we receive and our small staff.