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Summary Information

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| Repository | Ouachita Baptist University Library |
| Title | Clark County Circuit Court records |
| Date | 1819-1878 |
| Extent | 23.0 Cubic feet |
| Language | English |
| Language of Materials | English |

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Clark County Circuit Court Records, Riley-Hickingbotham Library and Archives, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Biographica/Historical Note

Clark County was established in 1818, and therefore became one of the five counties in existence at the time the area became known as Arkansas Territory in 1819. Court was held in various places in those early days, such as the home of pioneer settler Jacob Barkman, west of the Caddo River, near what is now Caddo Valley. Later, a county seat was established at Greenville, which was located to the southwest along the Military Road (also known as the Southwest Trail). In 1842 Arkadelphia (previously known as Blakelytown) became the permanent location of the county seat.

The county has not suffered a court house fire and possesses government records created since 1819. Various court records were moved in several phases to the Riley-Hickingbotham Library as a part of the Clark County Records Preservation Project, which began in 1990. The project, a joint undertaking between OBU and the Clark County Historical Association, includes the arrangement, description, and preservation of records once located in the Court House. The goal of the project is to preserve and make accessible this part of Clark County history.

Scope and Contents

These numbered files contain loose papers related to Circuit Court cases, 1819-1878. A searchable database of every name within the records is available at www.obu.edu/archives/search-archives/. The Clark County Historical Association has published a print index as well. The index includes not only those named in the title of the case, but also witnesses, jurors, attorneys, etc.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ouachita Baptist University Library

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Circuit Clerk's Office, Clark County Court House

Collection Inventory

| | Box |
|-------------|------------|
| 1 - 200 | 1 |
| 201 - 499 | 2 |
| 501 - 865 | 3 |
| 866 - 1168 | 4 |
| 1169 - 1341 | 5 |
| 1342 - 1600 | 6 |
| 1601 - 1822 | 7 |
| 1823 - 2036 | 8 |
| 2037 - 2238 | 9 |
| 2239 - 2495 | 10 |
| 2496 - 2728 | 11 |
| 2729 - 2925 | 12 |

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| 2926 - 3101 | 13 |
| 3102 - 3304 | 14 |
| 3305 - 3465 | 15 |
| 3466 - 3632 | 16 |
| 3633 - 3909 | 17 |
| 3910 - 4039 | 18 |
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