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## Clark County Historical Association

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*First CCHA officers --- 1972*

## ***Clark County Historical Association***

Since 1972 the Clark County Historical Association has pursued its mission to “discover, preserve, and disseminate” information about Clark County and its people. To achieve these goals, the organization’s activities range from the operation of a Museum in a historic structure to publication of historical information to placement of historical markers to production of living history events.

The Clark County Historical Association held its official organizational meeting at a local restaurant on October 30, 1972, with 127 in attendance. Interested parties from all walks of life attended that first meeting, organized primarily by educator Amy Jean Greene. Their common objective was to preserve the county’s present and past for the future. Since that time, the group has attracted members from the county and across the country.

The CCHA has indeed followed its original plan to collect, preserve, and make available the county’s history. Preservation has included an interest in historic structures. For example, today the Association’s Museum is housed in the former train station. The group has supported efforts to preserve the 1899 courthouse, including its restoration after the 1997 tornado. A program to erect historic markers recognizes numerous historic sites around the county. Preservation of information has resulted in a

cooperative effort with Ouachita Baptist University to house the Association's archival materials, which contain documents, photographs, maps, recordings, and compiled research.

Dissemination has dominated the Association's energies from the beginning. Serial publications include a quarterly newsletter and an award-winning annual journal. There are also miscellaneous publications such as driving tour brochures and volumes pertaining to particular parts of the county, and to genealogy, currently totaling over fifty titles. The largest special volumes have been a comprehensive county history and a five-volume inventory of the county's cemetery headstones. The most recent special publication is "This 'n That by Hal: A Collection of W.H. Halliburton's News Features, 1909-1976." Monthly meetings are open to the public, and include programs on topics of general historical interest. For example, in February, representatives of the Buffaloes' Foundation will describe their work in Clark County, including the organization's efforts to preserve African American history. The Association participates in county fair events (parade, info booth) and holds other special programs, such as living history productions to depict life in earlier times. The group's largest and most visible undertaking, the Clark County Museum, preserves artifacts and memorabilia and displays it for all to enjoy.

While the Historical Association receives some sporadic funding from grants, most support for these activities comes from membership dues. With \$25 regular dues, members receive a copy of the award-winning annual *Clark County Historical Journal*, the quarterly newsletter, and email notifications pertaining to meetings and programs. Members' names appear in the *Journal*. Life memberships and other levels of membership are available as well.

**What do the companions of Peter and John acknowledge to open this prayer?**

God as the divine Creator of "**heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them.**"

**What do they refer to next in Acts 4:25-26?**

The prophetic words of King David from 1000 years earlier and recorded in Psalm 2:1-2, which they quote.

**And what do they indicate in Acts 4:27?**

The fulfillment of that prophecy.

**What is reaffirmed in Acts 4:28?**

That Jesus sacrificed Himself according to His "**purpose**" as "**determined before to be done.**"

**What don't they ask for in Acts 4:29-30?**

They don't ask for the persecution - "threats" - to decrease. Instead, they ask for God's empowerment to increase so that "**with all boldness they may speak Your word.**"

**How soon did God answer their prayer?**

Pretty much right away, as indicated in Acts 4:31.