

Arkadelphia Post Office records

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Summary Information

Repository	Ouachita Baptist University Library
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Biographical/Historical Note

The original Clark County post office was established at the home of pioneer Jacob Barkman along the Caddo River in the early nineteenth century. Arkadelphia became the hub of Clark County's postal service after it became the county seat in the 1840s. In 1916, work began on a new post office in downtown Arkadelphia on Sixth Street, and the structure was completed in 1918. In 1963 work began on another new post office which was completed in 1965. The 1918 post office building currently houses a sporting goods store.

Allen B. Syler (1926-2002) donated this collection. After serving in Army Air Corps during World War II, the Scott County, Arkansas, native became a long-time postal service employee at the Arkadelphia office. Syler was also well-known as a local historian.

Scope and Contents Note

This collection contains reports, newsclippings, correspondence, photographs, and documents pertaining to the construction of the Arkadelphia post office in 1916-1918. It also includes newsclippings pertaining to the operation of the post office from the 1950s to the 1980s and significant events in the lives of some of its employees. There are also some research notes collected by Allen Syler on the early history of the Arkadelphia post office as well as artifacts (postal service patches, buttons, and stamps).

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ouachita Baptist University Library

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Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Allen Syler, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 1980s

Newsclippings

Collection Inventory

Newsclippings

Employee newsclippings, 1950s-1980s

Scrapbook newsclippings, 1914- 1920s

Post Office newsclippings, post-1920s

Photographs

PHO.C1601.1 1918 post office construction, from northeast

PHO.C1601.2 1918 post office construction, from southwest

PHO.C1601.3 1916 post office construction, looking northwest

PHO.C1601.4 1916 post office construction, looking southeast

PHO.C1601.5 1916 post office construction, looking west

PHO.C1601.6 1916 post office construction, looking southeast

PHO.C1601.7 1916 August , post office construction looking southeast

PHO.C1601.5 1916 post office construction, looking west

PHO.C1601.8 1916 August, post office construction looking northwest

PHO.C1601.9 1916 October, post office construction looking northwest

PHO.C1601.10 1916 October, post office construction looking northeast

PHO.C1601.11 1916 November, post office construction looking west

PHO.C1601.12 1916 November, post office construction looking northeast

PHO.C1601.13 1916 December, post office construction looking southwest

PHO.C1601.14 1916 December, post office construction looking northwest

PHO.C1601.15 1917 January, post office construction looking west

PHO.C1601.16 1917 January, post office construction looking east

PHO.C1601.17 1917 February, post office construction looking west

PHO.C1601.18 1917 February, post office construction looking southeast

PHO.C1601.19 1917 March, post office construction from southwest

PHO.C1601.20 1917 March, post office construction from northeast

PHO.C1601.21 1917 April, post office construction from northwest

PHO.C1601.5 1916 post office construction, looking west

PHO.C1601.22 1917 April, post office construction from east

PHO.C1601.23 1917 May, post office construction interior looking east

PHO.C1601.24 1917 May, post office construction from northeast

PHO.C1601.25 1917 June, post office construction from southeast

PHO.C1601.26 1917 June, post office construction interior from west

PHO.C1601.27 1917 July, post office construction from southeast

PHO.C1601.28 1917 July, post office construction from northwest

PHO.C1601.29 1917 August, post office construction from northeast

PHO.C1601.30 1917 August, post office construction interior from southwest

PHO.C1601.31 1917 September, post office construction from east

PHO.C1601.32 1917 September, post office construction from northeast

PHO.C1601.33 1917 October, post office construction from southeast

PHO.C1601.34 1917 October, post office construction from northwest

PHO.C1601.35 1917 November, post office construction from southeast

PHO.C1601.5 1916 post office construction, looking west

PHO.C1601.36 1917 November, post office construction from southwest

PHO.C1601.37 1917 December, post office construction from southwest

PHO.C1601.38 1917 December, post office construction from northeast

PHO.C1601.39 1918 January, post office construction from southeast

PHO.C1601.40 1918 January, post office construction from east

PHO.C1601.41 1918 February, post office construction from northeast

PHO.C1601.42 1918 February, post office construction from northwest

PHO.C1601.43 1918 March, post office construction from southeast

PHO.C1601.44 1918 March, post office construction from northwest

PHO.C1601.45 Emil Jung sculpture model #2, July 31, 1916

PHO.C1601.46 Emil Jung sculpture model #1, July 31, 1916

PHO.C1601.47 Emil Jung sculpture model #3, July 31, 1916

PHO.C1601.48 Emil Jung sculpture model, August 26, 1916

History, pre-1914

Artifacts

Documents and correspondence, construction 1966-1973

Construction contracts and travel ledger

Scrapbook documents, correspondence, and photographs, part 1

Scrapbook documents, correspondence, and photographs, part 2

Architectural drawings

Research notes

Miscellaneous

Construction specifications, Arkadelphia post office

Artifacts

Arkadelphia post office air mail service stamp

National air mail day stamp, 1938

Napkin, "POST OFFICE 1-23-66" (from dedication event for new post office building, 1966 January 23)

Mr. Zip USPS button

Artifacts

USPS button, "Yes I'm selling the new postal money order."

Serving America USPS button

"US Mail" patch

"Letter Carrier" patch

"Postal Clerk" patch