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Summary Information

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Repository Ouachita Baptist University Library

Title Clark County Probate Court records

Date 1819-mid-twentieth century

Extent 56.0 Cubic feet

Language English

Language of Materials English

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical/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 Clark County 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 probate cases, from the county's earliest days through the mid-twentieth century. The Clark County Historical Association has produced a print index which includes names of not only those 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

Clark County Court House

Collection Inventory

	Box
1 - 55	1
56 - 99	2
100 - 152	3
153 - 209	4
210 - 277	5
278 - 336	6
337 - 399	7
400 - 464	8
465 - 514	9
515 - 561	10
562 - 622	11
623 - 690	12

691 - 738	13
739 - 780	14
781 - 831	15
832 - 886	16
887 - 951	17
952 - 1020	18
1021 - 1076	19
1077 - 1142	20
1143 - 1209	21
1210 - 1267	22
1268 - 1322	23
1323 - 1381	24
1382 - 1432	25
1433 - 1482	26

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P-1285 - P-1330	51
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