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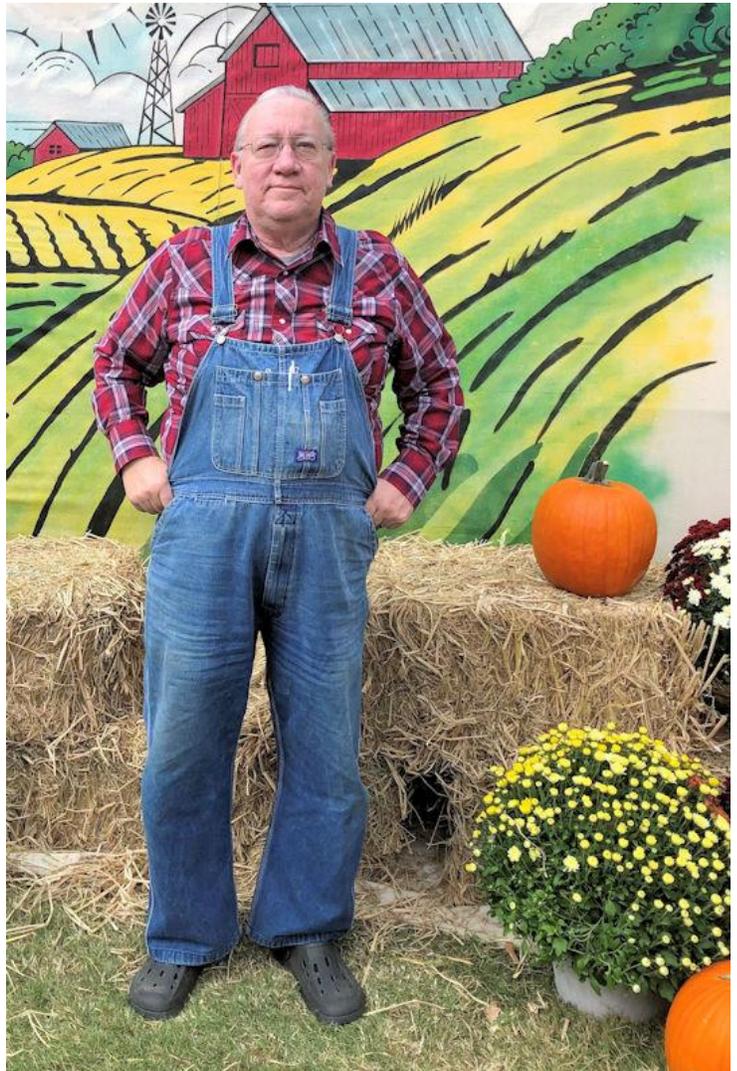
Did you ever watch your dog moving in his sleep and wonder what he was dreaming about? Put a chunk of willow wood under his head, and the next night put the wood under your pillow—and you'll have the same dream the dog did!

You can learn about this and other superstitions of the Ouachita Mountains from local folklorist Terry Diggs as he presents **"Superstitions of the Ouachita Mountains"** at the society's **noon, Tuesday, May 17** meeting at the Garland County Library.

The meeting will be held in-person. If you can't attend, you can view the program virtually at [facebook.com/garlandcountylibrary](https://facebook.com/garlandcountylibrary) or [youtube.com/garlandcolibrary](https://youtube.com/garlandcolibrary). (Registration is NOT required.)

Terry is a Hot Springs attorney and a teller of folk stories and singer of folk songs of the Ouachita Mountains. A sixth-generation resident of the area, Diggs lives on his family's homeplace in Bonnerdale in southwest Garland County. After graduating from Hot Springs High School, he obtained a bachelor's degree from Hendrix College and a law degree from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. He is married to the former Tammie Swisher and the father of three children, Rev. Will Diggs of Lonsdale, Andy Diggs of Bonnerdale, and Hannah Diggs, currently a student at Hendrix College.

Anyone who has heard Terry can testify to how entertaining and knowledgeable his programs are.  
This will be fun!





The Arkansas Historical Association recently awarded *The Record 2021* the Walter L. Brown Award for Best Use of Graphics in a County or Historical Journal. We're delighted to have received this award for the second year in a row.

Our talented graphics designer, Donnavae Hughes, did another outstanding job of designing the covers and also artistically putting together all the complicated visual components of the interior of the journal.

I'm sure you appreciate the way Donnavae brings history to life by so skillfully integrating the journal's many photographs, maps, and graphics into the articles. Thank you, Donnavae!

*Editor Liz and Graphics Designer Donnavae*

We gave a tour of the archives to some special history enthusiasts from Hot Springs National Park last week. HSNP Curator Tom Hill (right) brought Victoria Reichard, park archeologist; Lainie Scott, National Council on Preservation Education intern working on an African American bath attendant history project; and Wesley Oliver, NCPE intern working in the park archives on our backlog of materials, to the archives. They will be exploring our materials in the coming weeks as they work on various projects. We were delighted to welcome these people who do so much to preserve local history and make it accessible to all.

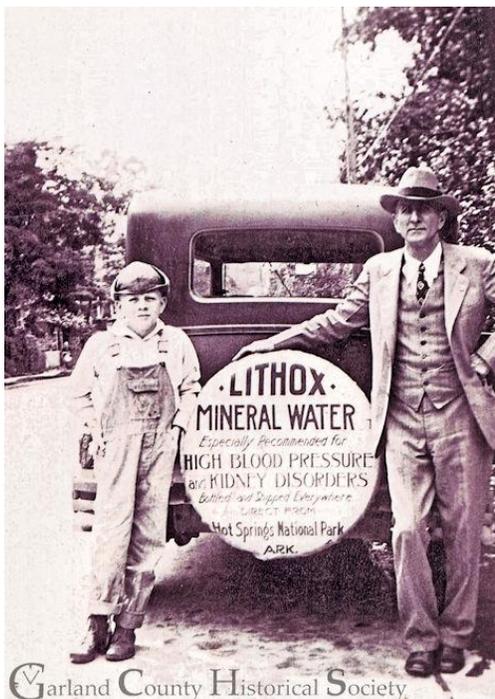


Diana McDaniel Hampo recently donated photos and documents relating to her late father, renowned architect I. Granger McDaniel. The story of McDaniel's remarkable life (including his experiences as a German POW in World War II that led to him being the model for Steve McQueen's character in *The Great Escape*) and the story of his work are told in *The Record 2017*. His Mid-Century Modern designs are a very important part of the Hot Springs landscape. Thank you, Diana!



Liz Robbins, Diana Hampo, and GCHS member Kyle Clem

What's in YOUR attic? Donations of your photos, memorabilia, and documents are a vital part of preserving our history. If you would like to keep originals, we can scan materials and return the originals, along with digital scans for your family to share.



For example, we're grateful for the recent donation of this photo. The car is advertising Lithox Mineral water, produced by the Lithox Spring Water Co., from a cold water spring. The company was founded about 1915 at 179 Cedar Street (up the hill, behind St. Joseph Infirmary on Whittington Avenue). The company went out of business sometime around 1960.



The Garland County Library's Local Authors Day was a great success! Sharing a table are Mike Blythe (GCHS volunteer and author of the GCHS publication *Then and Now: Hot Springs, Arkansas*) and Dr. Sam Taggart (author of *Country Doctors of Arkansas*). Both books are available on our website and at the archives building at 328 Quapaw.

At the beginning of the newsletter, we asked if you ever wondered what your dog was dreaming about. It's fun to guess what dogs here long ago might have been dreaming about.



Meet Col. Dudley "The Wonder Dog" as he relaxes on Bathhouse Row in the 1930s. Perhaps this celebrity dog would have dreamed of movie stardom. According to 1930s Chamber of Commerce Publicity Director Alta Smith, the Colonel, who was a star on stage and in radio, stopped in Hot Springs to lose a pound or two before traveling on to Hollywood for a screen test. (He might have been here in 1933 when he toured the US as the Boy Scouts' ambassador—but I like Alta's story better.)

How did you do on the Test Your Knowledge question?  
When and where was this Hot Springs photo taken?



This dog survived the Fire of 1913, the largest fire in Arkansas history. The September 5 blaze destroyed 60 city blocks and caused \$10 million in damages. The dog (let's name him Lucky) is in front of one of the fire's casualties, the newly built Hot Springs High School at the corner of Oak and Orange streets.

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