



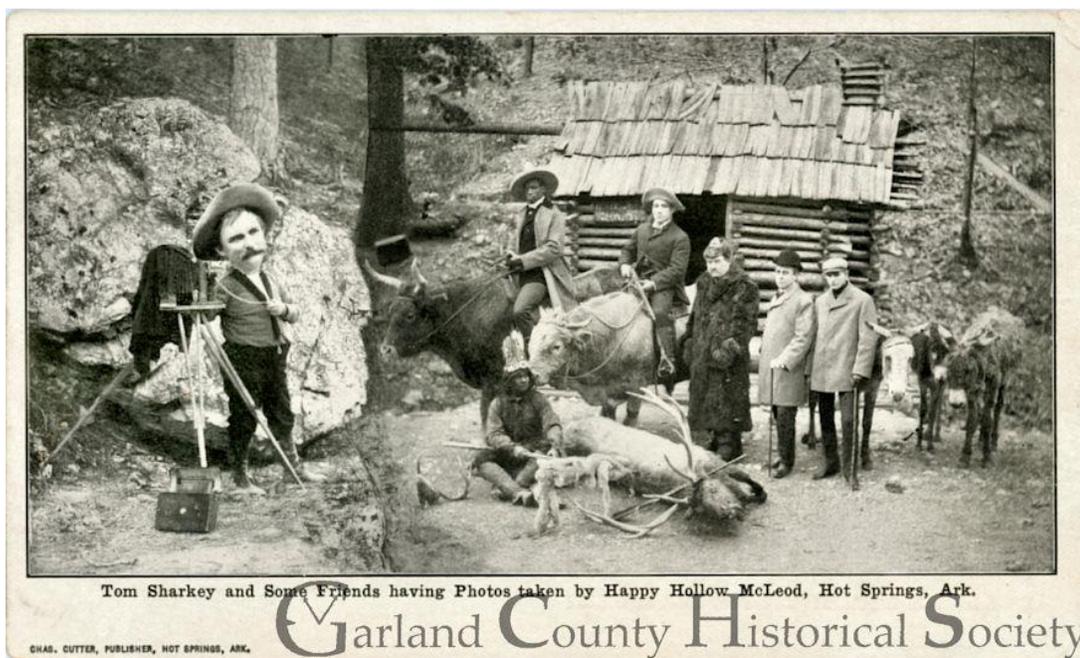
Dear Friends,

Our noon, Tuesday, September 28 meeting will be broadcast virtually since the Garland County Library has decided against holding in-person meetings in September.

Ron Fuller will present **“Hot Springs: A History in Postcards,”** a terrific look at some of the over 1,000 Hot Springs postcards he has collected. Besides showing some of his fascinating postcards, Ron will tell about the history of postcards and show a video featuring cards that picture vanished Hot Springs landmarks.

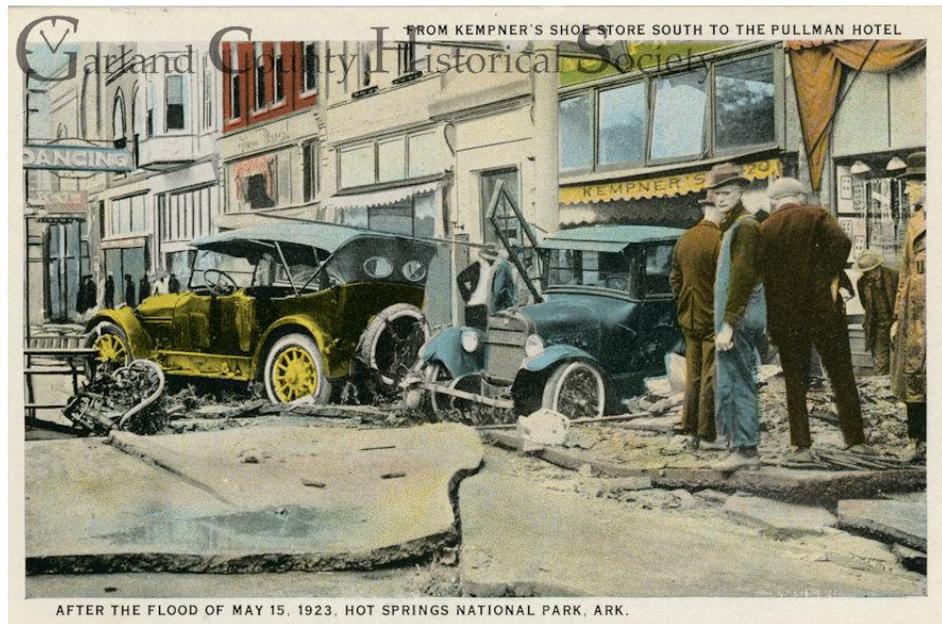
You can view the program “live” (or after its broadcast) at facebook.com/garlandcountylibrary or youtube.com/garlandcolibrary.

The iconic “We Bathe the World” slogan was on many Hot Springs postcards. (Ron Fuller Collection)



Photographer Norm McLeod (left) of Happy Hollow Amusement Park on Fountain Street made hundreds of thousands of comical postcards that went all over the country. (Ron Fuller Collection)

Ron is a longtime member of the society and has a passion for local history. A Hot Springs native, he is a former US Army officer, a three-term member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, and owns a public relations and lobbying firm in Little Rock. He has written for numerous historical publications, including GCHS's *The Record*, and has had several articles featured in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and *AY* magazine. He is the chairman of the Arkansas MacArthur Military Museum Heritage Board and a member of the board of the Arkansas State Archives.



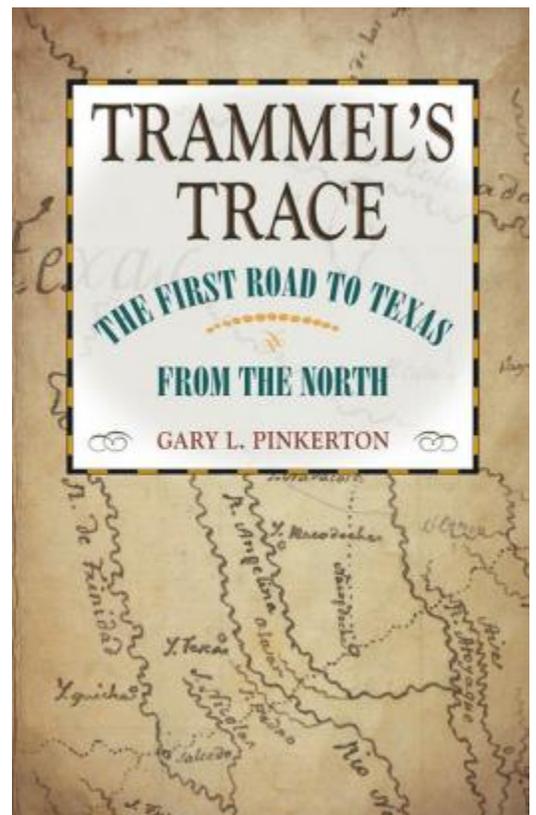
*Disasters, like the flood of May 15, 1923, were postcard subjects.
(Ron Fuller Collection)*

You don't want to miss Ron's exploration of the unique history of American postcards and the history of Hot Springs postcards!

We're excited about our sold-out Hidden Hot Springs home tours fund-raiser, which is this Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to everyone who bought a ticket or helped in other ways—we appreciate you very much!

Our friends at the Hot Spring County Historical Society are hosting a very interesting program: "Trammel's Trace: The First Road to Texas from the North" on Saturday, October 9, 2-4pm at the Great Room at Arkansas State University-Three Rivers, One College Circle, in Malvern.

Gary Pinkerton, the author of a book about this subject, will talk about the earliest route for immigration to Texas by way of Arkansas and the Arkansan for whom the road is named. I've attached a flyer with more information about the event.





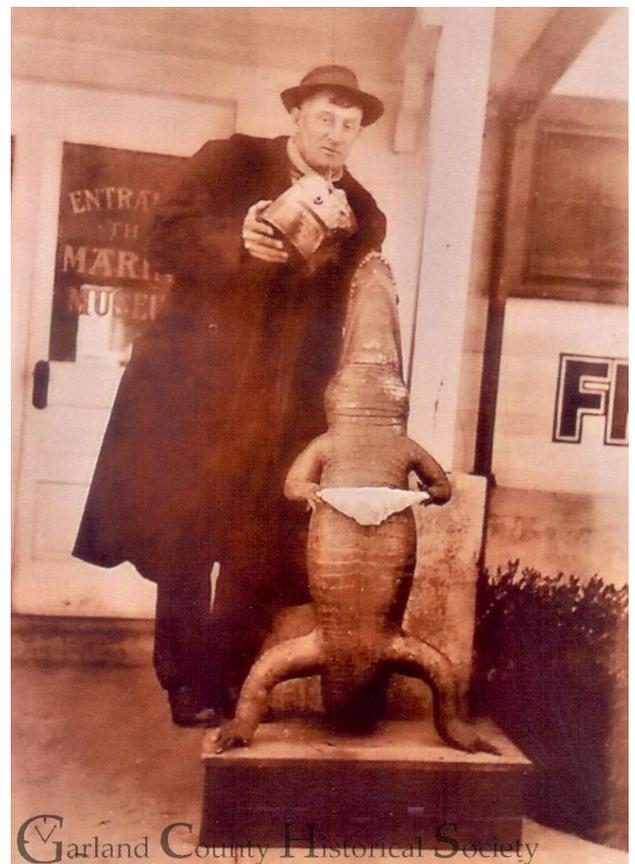
Many the items in our collection come in when people “clean out the attic,” so to speak. This photo was given to us by a gentleman in California whose great-grandparents lived in Hot Springs. It shows the boarders at the Putnam Hotel at 9 Cottage Street in August 1900. Notice the water pump on the porch—and the marvelous faces.

How long has it been since you’ve visited the Alligator Farm—Arkansas’s oldest continually operating tourist attraction?

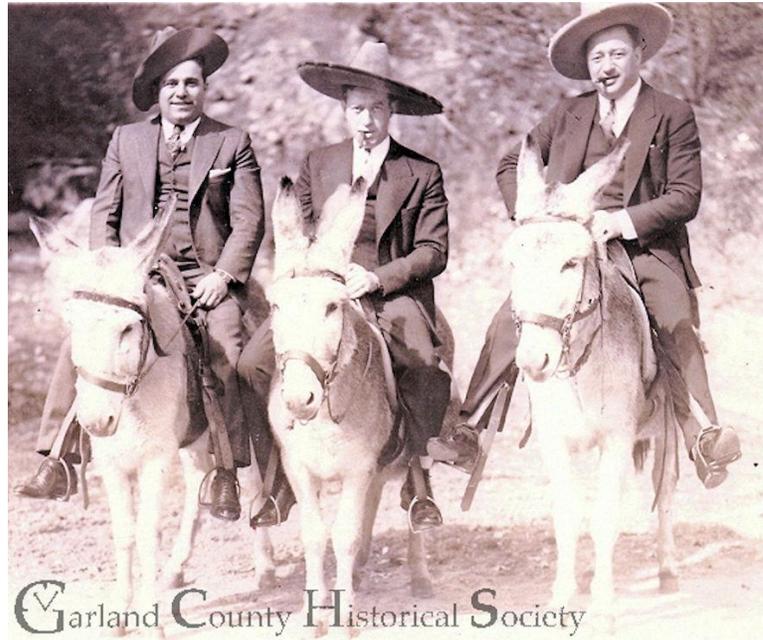
You can catch up on what’s happening at the Alligator Farm on the Visit Hot Springs YouTube page.

VHS regularly posts excellent short videos of interesting places and events in Hot Springs.

*Major Leaguer Honus Wagner
at the Alligator Farm and Marine Museum*



Did you know the answer to the question about the Eastman Hotel's gangster visitor?



Al Capone (left) at Happy Hollow Amusement Park, 1920s. His brother Ralph ("Bottles") Capone is at right.

The gangster was Al Capone. In 1924, Capone stayed at the Eastman Hotel on his first trip to Hot Springs (as part of the entourage of his boss, John Torrio, head of the Chicago's South Side Gang). Capone stayed there on subsequent trips after he himself became head of the gang. But before 1925, "After Capone's crew held a raucous party one night, several guests complained, and the management of the Eastman politely suggest that the boys from Chicago might consider some other residence."—Orval Allbritton, *The Mob at the Spa*. Capone and his noisy crew moved to the Arlington Hotel, which had opened in 1924.

Don't forget to order your signed copy of our 2021 "History + Art" poster. Renowned watercolorist Richard Stephens highlights "The Old Post Office" on a beautiful 11 inch by 17 inch poster. The poster can be purchased for \$25 plus \$5 shipping at garlandcountyhistoricalsociety.com or in person or by phone at the society's archives at 328 Quapaw (501.321.2159) on weekdays from 9am to 1 pm.

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HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS



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WATERCOLOR BY RICHARD STEPHENS
2021

The May minutes are at the end of this document. If you want to make any corrections or additions to them, please email or call me.

Thank you for your membership, your support, your love of our history!

Liz

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Monthly Meeting

May 18, 2021

The meeting was conducted remotely via the Garland County's Facebook and YouTube links. Adult Services Librarian Paul Kagebein welcomed viewers and introduced Liz Robbins. She thanked the Library for co-hosting and for sharing their virtual platforms.

Minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting had been emailed to members by Liz Robbins. There being no corrections or additions received, the minutes were approved. The next meeting will be the third Tuesday in September; it will be announced later whether it will be held at the Library or remotely.

Executive Director Liz Robbins introduced today's program. Dr. Nancy Hendricks and Larry Wilson presented "Beyond Possum Pie: Arkansas' Amazing Heritage." Hendricks is a member of GCHS who has done in-character presentations at GCHS programs including Hattie Caraway, Notable Arkansas Women, and in Civil War attire for the story of the sinking of the steamboat *Sultana*. She is the award-winning author of *Senator Hattie Caraway: An Arkansas Legacy* and recipient of the Pryor Award for Arkansas Women's History, Arkansas Governor's Arts Award, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution 'Women in American History' Award, and the White House Millennium Award.

Larry Wilson holds a BA in history from Wake Forest and a Masters in Education from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, and has taught history at Hot Springs High School. An Air Force veteran, audio engineer and documentary filmmaker, he currently serves as Director of the Lifelong Learning Institute of Hot Springs Village. He has videoed many local events including Arts in the Park and Oktoberfest. Liz especially thanked him for videoing an interview about Hot Springs history featuring Orval Allbritton and Clay Farrar.

Hendricks announced that the 1st annual Arkansas Heritage Festival will be held August 27 and 28, 2021, at Hot Springs Village, through a grant from the Arkansas Department of Heritage. Wilson presented several previews of the Festival.

The program ended at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine C. Johnston, Secretary