

## Introduction to BCHS

The Benton County Historical Society was formed in 1954 by a handful of concerned citizens who wanted to ensure that the history of Benton County would be recorded and passed on to succeeding generations.

The Society now has members throughout the county and in many other states.

Those with roots in Benton County, and interested newcomers alike, are helping to keep our heritage alive and available, despite the tremendous pace of recent growth.

## Historical Markers Program

The Society has also taken responsibility for maintaining historical markers and monuments which members helped to erect throughout Benton County. The markers permanently identify the locations of Civil War events, and other historic sites.

To help keep memories alive, BCHS offers a *Self-drive Tour Guide* to ten skirmish and camp sites throughout the county. (11x17 six-fold, with jumbo maps, driving instructions and full texts, \$2.00 ppd.)

## *Benton County Pioneer*

To make Benton County history available to its members, and others who may be interested, now and in years to come, the Society publishes the *Benton County Pioneer*, a quarterly magazine now in its 52<sup>nd</sup> year. Within its pages, readers will find a cache of stories, photos, and accounts of earlier Benton County, genealogical information, and reports of current efforts affecting historic preservation.

For Pioneer resources available online, see:

<http://www.bentoncountyarhistoricalsociety.com>

## Classics For Sale by BCHS

*1903 Benton County Atlas/Plat Book Centennial CD-ROM Edition*, by BCHS: 117 pp, full size 15x18, PDF format; complete set original color maps (viewable at 200%); fully word-searchable; 400-600 each: family bios, photos, classified listings; with map references, finding aids, Users Guide, and demo PowerPoint slideshow, issued Nov., 2002, \$20 ppd.

*1889 Goodspeed's Benton County History* Latest BCHS Edition, accompanied by the *Complete Index*, \$25.00 postpaid.

*Handling the Mail in Benton County*: The 114 post offices (1836-1976) and their history, including Postmasters (136 pages), \$6.00 postpaid.

*1860 Census of Benton County*, arranged by Townships, as the census takers wrote it. Pub. by BCHS (95 pages, plus index), \$17.00 postpaid.

*Obituaries of Benton County, Arkansas*; edited by Barbara P. Easley and Verla McAnelly. All volumes are indexed. Page counts 440-533.

Vol. 1, 1884-98	Vol. 6, 1919-22
Vol. 2, <i>OUT</i>	Vol. 7, 1923-25
Vol. 3, <i>OUT</i>	Vol. 8, 1926-27
Vol. 4, <i>OUT</i>	Vol. 9, 1928-29
Vol. 5, 1914-18	Vol. 10, 1930-31
Vol. 11, 1932-33	
\$40 each, plus \$3 P&H per volume	

### **Obituaries of Washington County, Ark.**

Vols.: 1841-1892; 1893-1902; 1909-1912

\$40 each, plus \$3.00 P&H per volume.

*Skirmishes Around Bentonville and Little Sugar Creek*, Preceding the Battle of Pea Ridge. 32 pp, Illustrated, 8 1/2 x 11. Pub. 2001. \$5 ppd.

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[www.bentoncountyarhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.bentoncountyarhistoricalsociety.com)



## Join the BCHS

**Mail To: Benton County Historical Society**  
P.O. Box 1034  
Bentonville, Arkansas 72712

Please enroll me in the Benton County Historical Society. Enclosed is a check for an annual membership (current calendar year), or a life membership, as indicated below.

I understand that I will receive all issues of *The Benton County Pioneer* published for the current calendar year.

### Please Check Membership Type:

Individual/Household \_\_\_ \$15  
Contributing \_\_\_ \$20  
Sustaining \_\_\_ \$30  
Patron or Benefactor \_\_\_ (Unlimited)  
Life \_\_\_ \$125  
(age 65 and older, only)

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## BCHS Meetings

General Meetings are held four times a year and usually feature a guest speaker. These meetings occur on the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December.

General Meetings are usually held at the Society headquarters, 306 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bentonville, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Guests are always welcome, but please call 479-273-3561 to confirm. News releases to the local media will remind everyone of forthcoming meetings and announce programs and speakers.

## Society Headquarters

Source materials of the Society enable members and the public to do research in the historical archives.

Back issues of *The Pioneer*, and other historical publications, are offered for sale at the headquarters.

## *The Benton County Pioneer* Back Issues

Previous issues of *The Benton County Pioneer* are available while still in stock. Price: \$5.00 each postpaid, or \$1 per copied page.

Special enlarged 99-page "Civil War Centennial Issue" (Vol. 7, No. 3, of 1962), \$12.00 postpaid.

*A Society Preserving  
Yesterday for Tomorrow*

## The Benton County Historical Society

The Benton County Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, recounting, publishing, and otherwise preserving and sharing the history of Benton County, Arkansas.

Membership is open to everyone interested in the history and heritage of Benton County. Dues are \$15 per household. See: "Join BCHS" inside.

The office and library of the Benton County Historical Society are in the historic 1866 School House, 306 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bentonville. Located only 1 ½ blocks west of the historic Bentonville Square next to the Old High Elementary School building.



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