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Governor Asa Hutchinson signs Camden Expedition Scenic Highway Bill

The Camden Expedition Scenic Highway Committee began meeting in 2014 with an idea from the Ouachita County Historical Society. After meeting with representatives from the Department of Arkansas Heritage, it was suggested that representatives from the ten counties which the Camden Expedition of 1864 travels through should be contacted. Invitations were sent out the representatives from the ten county area. Steve Perdue who was serving as president of the Saline County History & Heritage Society was asked by the Department of Arkansas Heritage to serve as the representative from Saline County.

Peggy Lloyd of the Hempstead County Historical Society was invited to serve as President of the group. Representatives from Hot Spring County, Clark County, Nevada County, Hempstead County, Ouachita County, Cleveland County, Saline County, Grant County, Dallas County, and Pulaski County began holding meetings in the different counties and

at sites along General Frederick Steele's 1864 Camden Expedition. The committee would meet, tour the different areas, and then have lunch. We toured sights in Clark, Nevada, Grant, Saline, Ouachita, and Cleveland counties.

Our committee had placed specific monuments in the counties where the expedition travelled. Markers have been placed in Saline, Clark, Nevada, Ouachita, Cleveland, Grant, and Pulaski counties.

Next came the drawing of the route, we had to follow existing roads, so sometime this varied from the original route of General Steele.

Next we, had to draw up the bill and secure someone who could get it passed. Representative David Fielding of Camden sponsored the bill and received co-sponsors from other county representatives. Meanwhile every county representative was trying to get their Senator or Representative to support it.

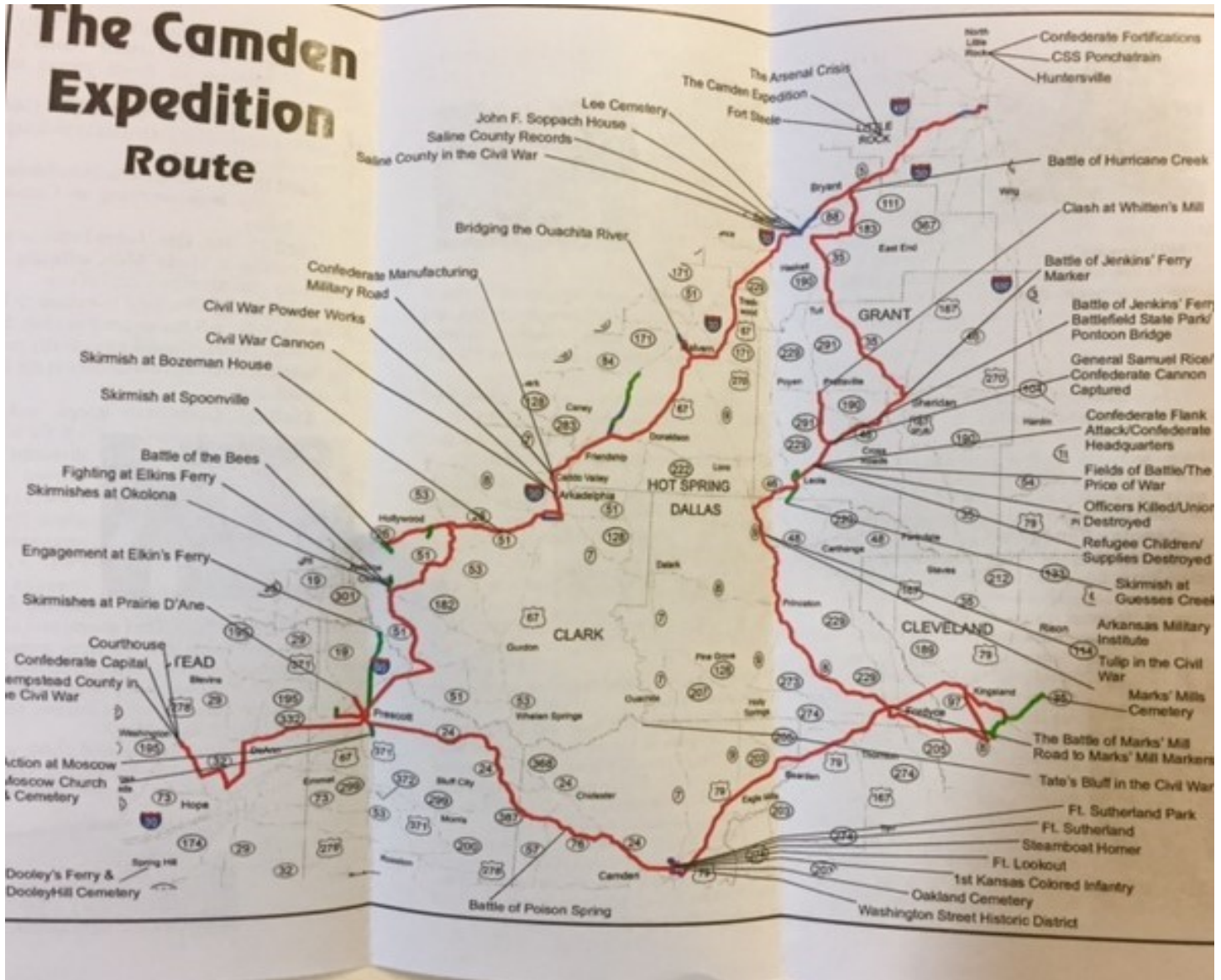
The Bill was introduced and next came committee

Hearings with the House Transportation Committee. Our committee had already gotten approval of the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Saline County representatives, Julie Mayberry and Jason Kelly were contacted and informed of the bill. The bill passed the committee with a do pass recommendation. Next the bill came for a vote in the House and it passed 95-0. Next came the Senate. The bill came before the Senate committee on Transportation of which Sen. Kim Hammer is a member, after informing Senator Hammer, we had a do pass in that committee and on to the Senate. The bill passed the Senate with a 35 to zero vote. Next the Governor signed the bill on March 7th and the bill was law after nearly 5 years of work.



Governor signs bill March 7th

The Camden Expedition Scenic Route showing the route through Saline County



Steve Perdue to present April 18th program on the History of Saline County,

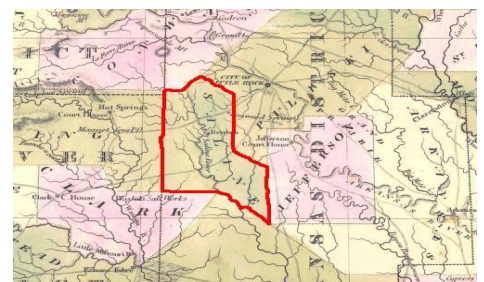
Steve Perdue will present a power point program on the History of Saline County, Arkansas on Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 pm at the Saline County History & Heritage Society located at 123 North Market Street in downtown Benton, Arkan-

sas. This presentation will trace the beginnings of the county from early statehood through the rapid growth of today.

Make your plans to attend this Thursday, April 18.

Perdue will trace the forks

of the Saline River. Also historical photos will be shown.



1835 Map

Heritage Society Tours the Haskell Museum in March

The Saline County History & Heritage Society toured the Haskell Historical Society Museum in Haskell, Arkansas.

Haskell started this museum a few years ago and it continues to grow as more people with roots in the Haskell and Harmony Grove area donate items to the Museum. Jerry and Emaline Stroud serve as curators of the museum and have recently added a new Fire Department Museum which contains the collection of Warren Kuhn.

For our March meeting around twenty members and guests toured both museums and really enjoyed ourselves.

If you have not been to either of the Museums please make plans to attend soon.



Cora Halverson donates a Friendship Quilt to SCHHS

On February 26, Mazie Spickard Walden and Cora Halverson visited SCHHS and Cora Halverson donated this "friendship quilt" to the society. Many of the names are from the Vimy Ridge and Alexander areas of Saline County. The quilt which was in pristine condition was believed to have been made in the 1930's during the depression.

Many churches and home demonstration clubs made these types of quilts with neighbors and relatives names on a certain square.

One of the names I remember on the quilt was Winkler.

Many times churches could not pay their pastors during the depression and "friendship" quilts were given in lieu of money.

Thank you Mrs. Halverson for your donation to SCHHS.



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May, June, and July programs for SCHHS

On May 16, Mr. Roy Wilson of Sheridan will speak on the 150th Birthday for Grant County, Arkansas.

On June 20th, TBA

On July 18th, Dr. Russell Burton will speak on the History of Tull, Arkansas.

All programs will be at 7:00pm



DuVall Barn, Tull, Arkansas