

ARKANSAS HISTORY IN LIGHT OF THE CROSS

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ARKANSAS AT A GLANCE



GREAT SEAL OF ARKANSAS

STATE NICKNAME

Land of Opportunity

STATE CAPITAL

Little Rock

STATE MOTTO

"The People Rule"

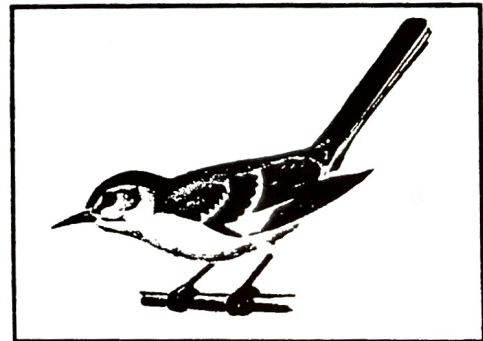
STATE FLOWER: Apple Blossom

STATE SONG: "Arkansas"

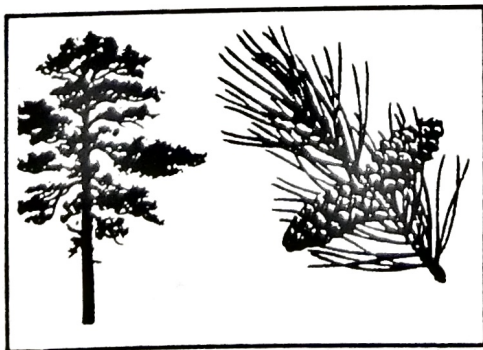
STATE MINERAL: Quartz

STATE ROCK: Bauxite

STATE GEM: Diamond



STATE BIRD - Mockingbird



STATE TREE - Pine Tree

HIGH PT: Magazine Mountain (2,753 FT.)

LOWEST PT: Ouachita River (55 ft.)

U.S. CONGRESS: 2 Senators and
4 Representatives

ELECTORAL VOTES: 6

ARKANSAS'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

*There are many evidences that our nation was founded on
a commitment to God and the principles of His Word.*

The Light of the Cross traveled all the way from Jerusalem up through Europe, across the ocean to New England, and in the hearts of missionaries into Arkansas.

In 1620, one reason the Pilgrims came to America was to establish a government based on the Bible. The New England Charter, signed by King James I, confirmed this goal "...to advance the enlargement of the Christian religion, to the glory of God Almighty...." Governor Bradford, in writing of the Pilgrims' landing, describes the first act: "Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of heaven...."

The great spiritual awakenings which occurred during the 1700's, one before the Revolution and the other after it, may have saved our young nation from calamity in its most formative years. Jonathan Edwards preached his famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," and New England was lifted into a mighty revival that lasted for many years.

These early explorers, colonists, and governmental leaders probably had no idea of the magnitude and the consequences of many of their actions. These works of faith were the stepping stones that would take the Gospel over 3,000 miles across America and even send missionaries to Arkansas.

Some of these men and women who brought the Good News of Jesus Christ to Arkansas did so at great personal sacrifices. Of course, the ultimate sacrifice was made by Jesus Christ.

The responsibility of how to use this great heritage now rests with you. You can shrug it off as unimportant; or you can receive the Good News and share it with others.

GOVERNORS

TERRITORIAL

James Miller	1819-1825
George Izard	1825-1829
John Pope	1829-1835
William S. Fulton	1835-1836

STATE

James S. Conway	Democrat	1836-1840
Archibald Yell	Democrat	1840-1844
Samuel Adams (acting)	Democrat	1844
Thomas S. Drew	Democrat	1844-1849
John S. Roane	Democrat	1849-1852
Elias N. Conway	Democrat	1852-1860
Henry M. Rector	Democrat	1860-1862
Harris Flanagin	Democrat	1862-1864
Isaac Murphy	Union	1864-1868
Powell Clayton	Republican	1868-1871
Ozra A. Hadley (acting)	Republican	1871-1873
Elisha Baxter	Republican	1873-1874
Augustus H. Garland	Democrat	1874-1877
William R. Miller	Democrat	1877-1881
Thomas J. Churchill	Democrat	1881-1883
James H. Berry	Democrat	1883-1885
Simon P. Hughes	Democrat	1885-1889
James P. Eagle	Democrat	1889-1893
William M. Fishback	Democrat	1893-1895
James P. Clarke	Democrat	1895-1897
Daniel W. Jones	Democrat	1897-1901
Jeff Davis	Democrat	1901-1907
John S. Little	Democrat	1907
John I. Moore (acting)	Democrat	1907
K.O. Pindall (acting)	Democrat	1907-1909
George W. Donaghey	Democrat	1909-1913
Joseph T. Robinson	Democrat	1913
J.M. Futrell (acting)	Democrat	1913
George W. Hays	Democrat	1913-1917
Charles H. Brough	Democrat	1917-1921
Thomas C. McRae	Democrat	1921-1925
Tom J. Terral	Democrat	1925-1927
John E. Martineau	Democrat	1927-1928
Harvey Parnell	Democrat	1928-1933
J.M. Futrell	Democrat	1933-1937
Carl E. Bailey	Democrat	1937-1941
Homer M. Adkins	Democrat	1941-1945
Ben T. Laney	Democrat	1945-1949
Sidney S. McMath	Democrat	1949-1953
Francis Cherry	Democrat	1953-1955
Orval E. Faubus	Democrat	1955-1967
Winthrop Rockefeller	Republican	1967-1971
Dale Bumpers	Democrat	1971-1975
David Pryor	Democrat	1975-1979
William Clinton	Democrat	1979-1981
Frank D. White	Republican	1981-1983
William Clinton	Democrat	1983-1992
Jim Guy Tucker	Democrat	1992-1996
Mike Huckabee	Republican	1996-