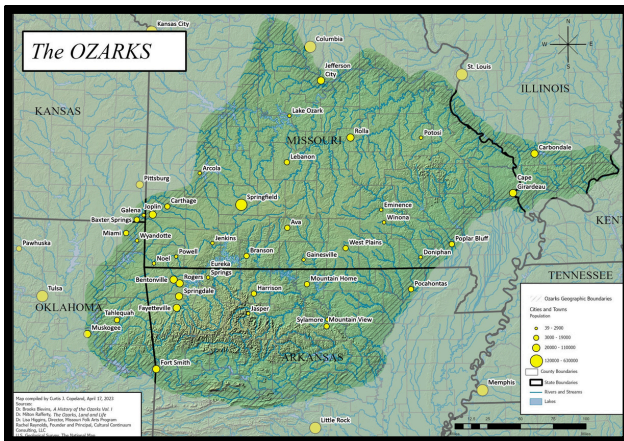


The Ozarks: Countless Stories, One Spirit.

Our holdings reflect local life in the Ozarks. To help future generations understand life in the Ozarks, our growing collection encompasses:

- Social and cultural life
- Industry, business, & economy
- Politics, government, and civic life
- Education
- Medicine and healthcare
- Religious and spiritual life
- Military and veterans' histories
- Immigration and cultural diversity
- Agricultural and pioneer history
- Transportation and development
- Music and the arts



Partnerships

The Ozarks Heritage Research Center partners with:

- Missouri State University-West Plains
- Ozarks Studies Symposium
- West Plains Council on the Arts

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Our Mission

The Ozarks Heritage Research Center acquires and makes accessible a variety of materials to promote critical study of the Ozarks.

Our Scope

The Ozarks Heritage Research Center is committed to preserving the work of Ozarks scholars and authors. Materials preserved in the collection are meant to serve scholarly researchers, regional history enthusiasts, and students. To this end, the Research Center seeks to collect and make available documents and visual sources that represent the history and cultural heritage of the Ozarks. The Ozarks Heritage Research Center seeks to play a role in the broader research community by building collections in historical and cultural collections not available anywhere else.

The ultimate goal of the Ozarks Heritage Research Center is to create an archival presence in the southern Missouri Ozarks, one that fills a much-needed niche in professional historical and cultural services and promotes a critical study of the region by students at all education levels, professional scholars from both inside and outside the Ozarks region, and regional history enthusiasts.



Donating to the Ozarks Heritage Research Center

Everyone is a part of the Ozarks history, and right now that history is hidden away – in attics, closets, basements, and more. Future generations will have questions that only you can answer! If you had the opportunity to connect them to your story, what pieces of history would you use?

If you would like to donate photographs, documents, books, maps, newspaper clippings, oral histories or objects, please email us at ohrc@MissouriState.edu and let's make history together!

Preserving materials for research and archival purposes is the most expensive operation of a repository. If you are able to assist us by making grants or establishing endowments, please visit our website at WP.MissouriState.edu/Ozarks.

Our Services

✓ Programs

The center sponsors a free monthly series that brings together Ozarks experts, including local authors, historians, and regional leaders, with interested community members to share knowledge and perspective on the Ozarks. It is created to deepen the connection of our community to the Ozarks region.

✓ Education

The center promotes educational resources

- Maintain a curated directory of Ozarks-focused authors and researchers, including biographical sketches and contact information.
- Encourage students to conduct oral histories with family or community members.

✓ Collaboration

The center partners with regional organizations to promote all things Ozarks, including Missouri State University-West Plains and the West Plains Council on the Arts.

✓ Repository

The center serves as a repository for Ozarks scholars and authors, especially those who focus on the central and eastern Ozarks.

- Collect and preserve manuscripts, publications, oral histories, photographs, and more.
- Provide a searchable digital archive for public and academic use.