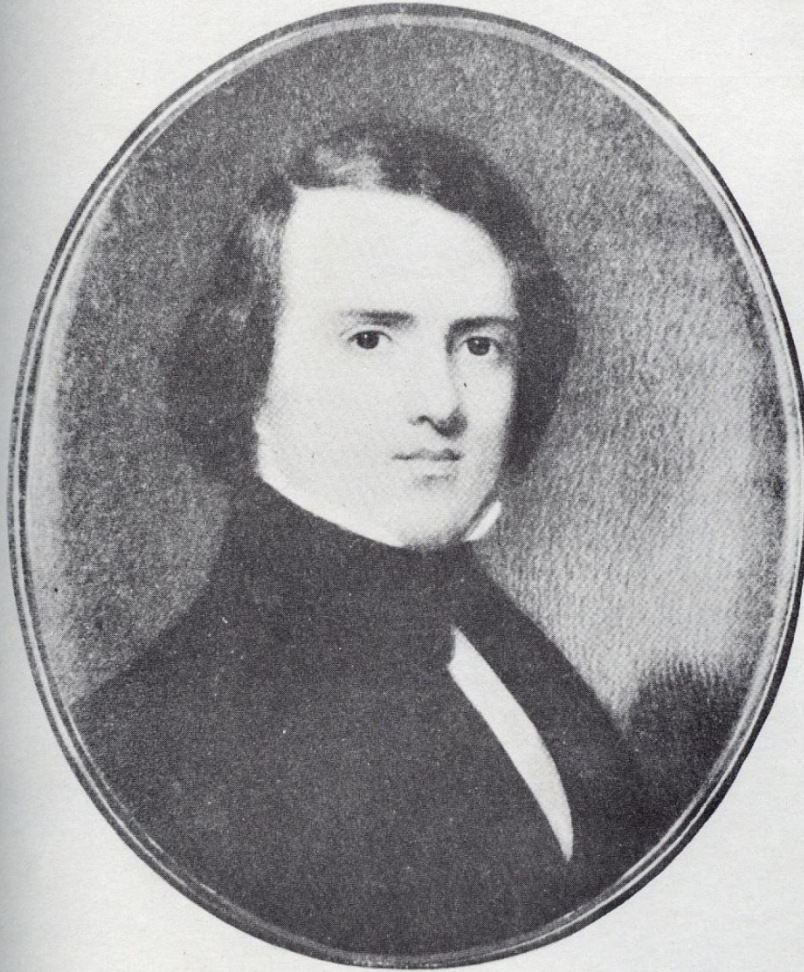


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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MERIWETHER  
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ABOUT THE WRITER

Grace Benton Nelson is the Clark County Historical Association's most prolific writer. One of Arkansas' finest history teachers for many years, she is also an authority on southwest Clark County history. During the twenty years she pursued the challenge of locating Randolph's gravesite, she raised a family, continued her teaching career in Little Rock and Gurdon, was and still is after her retirement vitally active in social, civic and church activities. In 1960 the Daughters of the American Colonists erected a monument at the Randolph gravesite found by Mrs. Nelson. They also honored Mrs. Nelson by bestowing on her an associate membership in the Monticello Association, an organization of the descendants of Thomas Jefferson. At the dedication of the Randolph Marker, Mrs. Nelson said: "This Randolph Marker which we dedicate today is not only a tribute to Meriwether Lewis Randolph, a great pioneer; it is also a tribute to the people of Clark County, an expression of their appreciation of their heritage. And as someone so aptly said, 'It is only the people who value and cherish the best in their past who will have something worthwhile to give to their future.'"

The Clark County Historical Association would like to borrow these words to pay tribute to Mrs. Nelson herself. May she, who values and cherishes the best in our past, continue to contribute so much that is worthwhile to our present and future.