

**Finding Aid for the
Velma Conant Seale collection
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Arkadelphia, Arkansas*

Repository: Archives and Special Collections, Riley-Hickingbotham Library, Ouachita Baptist University

Creator: Velma Seale

Title: Velma Seale collection

Dates: 1910-2018

Abstract: This collection contains material related to the family and friends of Velma Conant Seale, as well as the history of places and events related to Arkadelphia and Clark County, Arkansas.

Quantity: 1.8 cubic feet

Identification: OBU.2020.017

Languages: English

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Arrangement

Series 1: Correspondence

Series 2: Photographs

Subseries a: Scrapbooks

Series 3: Legal Documents

Series 4: Ephemera

Subseries a: Programs

Series 5: Audiovisual Materials

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, genealogy, audiovisual material and ephemera related to the Conant and Seale families, Arkadelphia and Clark County history, and church history.

Biographical Note

Velma Conant Seale was born to Ernest Nelson Conant and Annie Lee (Smith) Conant on 24 December 1934, in Gurdon, Arkansas. She had a twin, Thelma Conant Trout, and two brothers, Ross and Lloyd Conant.

She was married for 62 years to James Wiley Seale, who was a Baptist minister, including at Walnut Street Church (Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church) and Hollywood Baptist Church both in Clark County.

She was an avid photographer, a very active member of the Clark County Historical Association and collector of historical material about Clark County.

Keywords

Arkadelphia Council on Human Relations
Arkadelphia High School
Arnold, Norma Sims (White) (1927-2011)
Baptist associations
Baptists – Arkansas
Barns -- Arkansas
Bridges -- Arkansas
Cemeteries -- Arkansas
Clark County (Ark.) -- Genealogy
Clark County (Ark. – History
Clark County Historical Association
Conant, Annie Lee (Smith) (1915-2002)
Conant, Ernest Nelson (1912-1997)
Gurdon (Ark.)
Henderson State University
Hollywood (Ark.)
Hospitals
Ouachita Baptist University
Photographs
Postcards
Ross family
Seale, Velma Marie (Conant) 1934-2022)
Sparkman (Ark.)

Processor Information

Processed by Taylor Lawson, Archival Assistant, May 2026

Box/Folder Contents Inventory

Series 1: Correspondence

3871/001	Conant Family postcards, 1923-1989 and no date
3871/002	Annie Lee (Smith) and Ernest Nelson Conant, 1926-1994
3871/003	Southern Baptist Churches, 1968
3871/004	State Convention of Baptists, 1968 and no date
3871/005	E.N. Conant and Abilities Unlimited Inc., 1969-1972
3871/006	International mission work, 1974-1993
3871/007	Norma Arnold, January 1983
3871/008	Velma Seale, 2000-2002

Series 2: Photographs

3871/009	Conant family and friends with genealogy, 1910-1989
3871/010	Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1920-2004
3871/011	Friends and family of the Conant family and locations across Arkansas, 1925-1970
3871/012	Places and events across Arkadelphia and Clark County, ca. 1950s-2012
3871/013	Photographs of unknown homesteads sent from the U.S. Army Exhibit Unit in Virginia to Sam Dickinson, ca. 1960s
3871/014	Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church (formerly Walnut Street), 1985-2011
3872/001	Clark County Historical Association, 2007-2012
3872/002	Henderson State University and Ouachita Baptist University campuses, 2011-2012
3872/003	Fighting Squadron Thirty-Three, no date

Subseries a: Scrapbooks

3873	Cemeteries and bridges in Clark County, Arkansas, 1990-2018
3873	Clark County churches, homes, and businesses, 1991-2008
3873	Clark County Museum events, 1999-2016
3873	Farms and barns in Clark County, Arkansas (1), 2006

- 3873** Farms and barns in Clark County, Arkansas (2), 2006
- 3873** Farms and barns in Clark County and Clark County Historical Museum events, 2006-2007

Series 3: Legal and Financial Documents

- 3872/004** Conant Family financial documents, 1936-1961
- 3872/005** Farmer's Pocket Ledgers and Daybooks, 1948-1954
- 1232** E.N. Conant Dairy Herd Improvement Association Record Book, 1949-1950
- 3872/006** Park Hill Baptist Church deed, 23 October 1950
- 3872/007** Conant and Ross family deeds and contracts, 1952-1972
- 3872/008** Farmers Association of Clark County stock certificate, notices, and agreements, 1961-1995
- 3872/009** Dedication for Protective Covenants for property owned by E.N. and Annie Lee Conant and copies of surveys and plat maps, 1964-76
- 3872/010** Park Hill Baptist Church financial report and proposed budget, 1965-1966
- 3872/011** Annie and E.N. Conant financial documents, 1971-1993
- 3872/012** Copies of Arkadelphia Council on Human Relations by-laws, minutes, and correspondence, 1973-1975
- 3872/013** Copy of Warranty Deed with lien for John Eubanks, 1985

Series 4: Ephemera

- 3872/014** Photocopies of E.N. Conant's school report cards and certificates, 1918-1929
- 3872/015** Arkadelphia, Arkansas postcards, ca.1919 and no date
- 3872/016** Ouachita Baptist College vs Henderson State Teachers College sports event admission ticket, 29 November 1934
- 3872/017** Certificate of Farm War Service, Certificate of War Necessity, and Arkadelphia Retail Merchants Association for E.N. Conant, 1943, 1946, no date
- 3872/018** History of the First Baptist Church of Sparkman, Arkansas, 7 May 1944

3872/019	Mt. Zion Baptist Church Vacation Bible School attendance sheets, 1947
3872/020	Chamber of Commerce program, 1949
3872/021	Arkadelphia High School Badger newspaper, graduation issue, 28 May 1952
3872/022	Arkadelphia High School handbook, 1952-53
3872/023	E.N. Conant postcards, 1952 and 1982
3872/024	Dr. and Mrs. L.T. Wallace 50 th Wedding Anniversary reception invitation, May 27 th , 1956
3872/025	Arkadelphia High School and Gurdon High School football schedules, 1962
3872/026	Park Hill Baptist Church Annual Valentine Banquet program, 17 February 1967
3872/027	Red River Baptist Association Annual Meeting program, 12 October 1967
3872/028	Park Hill Baptist Church bulletins, 1967-1972
3872/029	Abilities Unlimited, Inc. [Hot Springs, Ar.] employees handbook, 1968
3872/030	Ouachita Baptist University Camille Bishop Senior Recital program, 3 April 1969
3872/031	Arkadelphia Unit of the Arkansas Children's Colony Dedication program, 28 September 1969
3872/032	Sweetheart Banquet programs, 1969
3872/033	"American Music—A Life Cycle" presented by the Philharmonic Club program, 2 February 1970
3872/034	Ouachita Baptist University Virginia Queen and Ouida Eppinette Recital program, 26 May 1970
3872/035	Park Hill Baptist Church revival flyers, 1970-1971
1342/001	Newspaper clippings and articles about Conant family and Clark County organizations, 1972-2012
1342/002	Arkadelphia High School graduation invitations, 1970, 1985, 1993, 1994, 2002
1342/003	Park Hill Baptist Church member list and revival announcement, 5 August 1985 and no date

- 1342/004** Arkadelphia High School Class of 1942 50th Reunion newspaper clipping, 23 June 1992
- 1342/005** “The Honeycomb” Arkadelphia Group Living Inc. newsletter, April 1993
- 1342/006** Henderson State University commencement invitation from Daniel Seale, 8 May 2004
- 1342/007** Red River Baptist Association newsletter, December 2011
- 1342/008** Clark County business advertisements and local announcements, no date
- 1342/009** Arkadelphia and Clark County, Arkansas pamphlets, no date
- 1342/010** Mt. Zion Baptist Church pamphlet, no date
- 1342/011** “Our Doctrine—Questions and Answers”, no date
- 1342/012** Arkadelphia Riverwood Convalescent Home Statement of Policy booklet, no date
- 1342/013** Arkansas Amendment for Voter Registration Without Poll Tax Payment (Amendment No. 51) booklet, no date
- 1342/014** United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America By-Laws and Trade Rules booklet, no date

Subseries a: Programs

- 1342/015** Beech Street Baptist Church [Gurdon, Arkansas], 13 September 1936
- 1342/016** Arkadelphia High School Senior Class theatre programs, 19-20 May 1952 and 29-30 March 1954
- 1342/017** Arkadelphia High School Class Day, 28 May 1952 and 26 May 1954
- 1342/018** Arkadelphia High School Commencement, 1952, 1954, and 1970
- 1342/019** Clark County Fair, 2-4 September 1954
- 1342/020** Clark Missionary Baptist Association 33rd Annual program, 25 September 1982
- 1342/021** Henderson State University commencement, 17 May 1985
- 1342/022** Hospitality Inn Care Center Open House, 31 March 1985
- 1342/023** Park Hill Baptist Church 40th Anniversary Service, 18 April 1993
- 1342/024** Hollywood Baptist Church 118th Homecoming service program, 17 October 1999

- 1342/025** Arkadelphia High School Class of 1951 50th Reunion program booklet, September 2001
- 1342/026** Arkadelphia High School Class of 1952 50th Reunion program booklet, 2002
- 1342/027** Clark County 4-H Achievement Banquet, 3 March 2008

Series 5: Audiovisual materials

- 1342** Hospital History, 2002
- 1342/028** CD's containing photographs of Clark County, n.d.