



# Historic Washington State Park



## Red River Region Heritage Symposium: A Chest of Historical Treasures

A symposium meant to encourage the awareness and historical heritage of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Upper Red River Region, which encompasses Southwest Arkansas, Northwest Louisiana, Northeast Texas, and Southeast Oklahoma. Studies into the 19<sup>th</sup> century culture of the Upper Red River Region and general 19<sup>th</sup> century cultural trends are included in this conference.

The event will take place on **Saturday, July 28** at the 1914 Schoolhouse Auditorium at Historic Washington State Park. The following schedule will be used as follows for the event:

- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.      Josh Williams - Introduction and Welcome
- 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.      Trey Berry – Early Exploration of the Upper Red River Region  
Peggy Lloyd – Free Blacks of Hempstead County  
Jamie Brandon – Archeological Sites in the Upper Red River Region
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.      Break  
(Possible tours of Abraham Block House and Pioneer Cemetery or driving tour down the Southwest Trail)
- 6:30 p.m.              Supper (1914 Auditorium)  
7:00 p.m.              Keenan Williams – Civil War Entrenchments along Red River

**The cost to attend the symposium is \$20 per person and pre-registration is required by Wednesday, July 25.** A buffet meal is included in the cost. Attendants of the symposium are encouraged to arrive early if they wish so that they may eat lunch at the Williams Tavern Restaurant and view some of the programs in the park.

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