

**Rogers Historical Museum**  
**Research Library On-Site Research Sources**

The **Rogers Historical Museum (“RHM”) Research Library** includes books, periodical, research manuscripts, maps, cemetery records, funeral home records, obituary records, local city directories, microfilm of early local newspapers, bound copies of local daily newspapers, oral histories and vertical files. The Museum holds a collection of 3,000 historic Benton County photographs, organized by category.

**RHM Museum Store** has history books for sale from local authors including James Hales, Marilyn Collins, Allyn Lord, Ben Basham, and Monte Harris. The Store also sells the Rogers Walking Tour book, the 1910 silent movie of downtown Rogers on CD and the 1954 video of local tourist attractions on CD.

**The RHM Research Library is open Tuesday – Friday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.**

**The RHM Research Library** also includes copies of:

The Benton County Pioneer – Published by Benton County Historical Society  
The Benton County Daily Record Newspaper (1972-2012)  
The Home Town News (Complete Collection)  
Benton County Sun 1903 Souvenir Edition  
Rogers Democrat News Info (1896-1913)  
Benton County 1903 Plat Map Book  
Benton County 1903 Plat Map Book Index – Mary Marquess  
Sanborn Insurance Maps – Rogers, Bentonville  
Benton County Home Demonstration Survey of Benton County Cemeteries (1968)  
Benton County Cemetery Survey – (all volumes) Northwest Arkansas Genealogy Society  
Obituaries of Benton County – Volumes 1-10 Easley & McAnelly  
The Way It Was – Schools in Benton County – Billie Jines (Complete Collection)  
Benton County Family Map Book  
Benton County Church History Index and Timeline  
Arkansas Historical Quarterly  
RHM Oral History Index  
Arkansas Made – Volume 1 and 2 Bennett and Worthen  
1840 Benton County Census Index  
1850 Benton County Census Index  
1860 Benton County Census  
1900 Rogers Census  
1910 Rogers Census  
Local City and Business Telephone Directories (1904 earliest edition)  
Rogers Historical Photo Collection Index by Category  
Local Photographers and Photography Studio Index and Timeline  
Vertical Files by Category, Names, and Places  
Miscellaneous collection of local and regional history books, biographies, family histories, copies of historic documents and manuscripts.

## **Research Library Topical Index**

Topics focus on Rogers and Benton County history and local genealogy.

\*Note: This is not a complete list of topics as new categories are added when new information is made available.

### **Research Areas:**

- books
- historical periodicals
- research manuscripts
- local maps
- miscellaneous local telephone directories
- oral histories and local citizens
- local cemetery records and obituaries
- Sears, Montgomery Ward, and other catalogs
- 3,000+ historical photographs

### **Major Topics:**

- Agriculture
- Amusements
- AR History & Prehistoric
- Banks
- Benton County History & Government
- Buildings/Homes
- Businesses
- Cemeteries/Obituaries
- Coin Harvey/Monte Ne
- Doctors/Nurses
- Hospitals/Clinics
- Media
- Museums
- Natural Resources
- News Stories
- Newspaper
- Oral History
- Organizations
- People
- Places
- Photographers
- Tornado Stories & Photos – May 2024
- Rail Roads
- Roads
- Rogers, Betty Blake & Will
- Rogers City Documents
- Rogers Departments
- Rogers History
- Schools
- Social Life
- Thaden, Louise
- Victorian Research
- War

### **Photograph Topics:**

- Agriculture
- Amusements
- Arkansas Places
- Rogers Businesses
- Education
- Fairs & Parades
- Homes
- Monte Ne
- Organizations
- People & Family Names
- Louise Thaden
- Will Rogers

### **List of Newspapers in RHM Research Library:**

Benton County Democrat	1970 – 1978
Benton County Daily Record	1979 – 2012
NW Arkansas Morning News	1980 – 1997 *See missing editions
Benton County Publishing Co.	1975 – 1980
Rogers Daily News	1980 – 1981
Rogers Hometown News	1994 – 2009
On microfilm: Newspapers Rogers Democrat 1896-1940	

**Missing Editions:**

NW Arkansas Morning News	1980 July & September
	1985 January & March
	1991 February, October, & December
	1997 August, November, & December

*Note regarding newspapers:*

Benton County Democrat later became Benton County Daily Record.

Rogers Daily News later became NW Arkansas Morning News.

Rogers Hometown News focused on downtown Rogers news. It was published by The Benton County Daily Record.