

## Calendar

### JANUARY

1/1, New Year's Day

### FEBRUARY

Black History Month  
1/14, Valentine's Day  
1/15, Presidents' Day

### MARCH

3/8, International Women's Day  
3/20, First Day of Spring

### APRIL

4/12, 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the  
Battles of Prairie D'Ane, Moscow,  
and Elkins' Ferry  
4/22, Earth Day

### MAY

Heritage Month

### JUNE

6/11, Depot's 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
6/28, John Teeter Appreciation Day

### JULY

7/4, Independence Day

### AUGUST

Back to School

### SEPTEMBER

Nevada County Fair  
9/14, John Teeter Day (John's  
Birthday)

### OCTOBER

National & Arkansas Archives'  
Month  
Fall Festival  
10/12, Indigenous Peoples' Day

### NOVEMBER

11/24, Thanksgiving Day  
11/25, Native American Heritage  
Day

### DECEMBER

12/25, Christmas Day

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## THE FORMATION OF NEVADA COUNTY

Nevada County was created under Act of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas, approved March 20th, 1871. The territory which now comprises the County was taken principally from Hempstead County but part of it was also taken from Columbia and Ouachita Counties.

Hempstead County was one of the five original counties created by the Legislature of the territory of Missouri before the territory of Arkansas was organized. The act creating this county was passed December 18th, 1818, and comprised all of the State of Arkansas west of the Ouachita River and south of the Little Missouri River. As far as it is now known, the first settlers in Hempstead County were John Campbell who came from Tennessee in 1812; Benjamin Clark, who came from Kentucky, and William and George Yates, who came from Missouri. They built log cabins, however, none of them settled in what is now Nevada County.

The first court for Hempstead County was held in 1819 at the home of John English, about 8 miles northeast of Washington. The records of Hempstead County indicate the first deeds appear to have been recorded in 1819.

As far as is now know the first settlements in Nevada County were made by Polly Vaughan who settled on the Missouri River and ran a hotel at a point then known as Jane's Ferry, the exact location of which is not known. Nick Trammel settled on the Terre Rouge Creek about this time and tradition says that he was a famous outlaw.

The earliest land patents were issued to land in Nevada County about 1837 and was to the black-land which lies west of Prescott and Emmet. The patent to the place owned by Mrs. Sid Purtle between Prescott and Emmet was signed by then President, Andrew Jackson, whose term of office expired in March 1837 - more available on our Web site: [depotmuseum.org](http://depotmuseum.org).  
~Ken Petre, Curator

