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The Arkansas Traveler

Arkansans have long been known for their hospitality and their love of their beautiful state. This certificate expresses the state's special recognition to out-of-state visitors who have contributed to the progress, enjoyment or well-being of the State of Arkansas or to her people.

The story behind the Arkansas Traveler is simple: while traveling through the Arkansas back country in the early 19th century, Colonel "Sandy" Faulkner, tired and hungry, came upon a humble squatter's cabin. He found the occupant sitting in the doorway playing the first part of a familiar tune over and over on an old fiddle. Faulkner stopped and asked for accommodation; the squatter offered none. When Faulkner asked why he played the same part of the tune over and over, the squatter replied that he didn't know the rest. When Faulkner played "the turn of the tune," the squatter changed his mind, making the traveler royally welcome for as long as he pleased.

Like that long-ago traveler, we hope that you have a good visit, enjoy our state, share your own "turn of the tune" with us and always have nice things to say and good stories to tell about Arkansas.