

Biographical Sketch
Overdis Roland Holiday
Co-Coordinator 1890 Research (1967-1971)
(Deceased)

Born in Palestine (St. Francis County), Arkansas; graduated from Moton High School in Marianna (Lee County) Arkansas.

Formal Education:

Further Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Master of Science Degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education from A. M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Professional Experiences:

Served 25 years as Professor and Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture at the A. M. and N. College/University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff prior to retiring in December 1980.

Co-Authored the proposals that brought Fisheries Research to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB)

Co-Writer of the Fisheries Biology Bachelor of Science degree Program to offer a Fisheries degree in the Agriculture Department and in the Biology Department at UAPB

Served as Co-Coordinator for 1890 Research in Agriculture (Public Law 89-106) funded \$16,980 each FY 67-70; faculty in agronomy did research with soybeans.

Served 31 years as the Professor of Animal Husbandry at A. M. and N. College/University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (only had one Professor of Animal Husbandry during that time.)

Prior to going to UAPB, served 6 months as County Agricultural Agent in Monroe County, Arkansas

Served 2 years as County Agricultural Agent for Ouachita County, Arkansas

Served 2 years as Principal and Instructor of Vocational Agriculture for the Rowland School District, Rison, Arkansas

Served one year as Instructor of Vocational Agriculture for Marion High School,
Marion, Arkansas.

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Publications:

Co-Author of research publications dealing with egg weights and mortality in white leghorns influenced by Marek's disease vaccine and debeaking, and rabbit production as influenced by dietary proteins

Membership and Organizational Affiliations:

AM&N/UAPB National Alumni Association
American Society of Animal Science
National Retired Teachers Association
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church (Trustee, and Treasurer of
St. Paul) St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Project
Overcome, Inc.
Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture
Jefferson County Recreation Association
Pine Bluff Chapter NAACP
Pi Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity
UAPB Farm at Lonoke Advisory Board

Some things that were accomplished at A. M. and N. College/ University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff under the leadership of Overdis Roland Holiday were:

The Land-Grant mission was fulfilled (teaching, research and extension at AM&N/UAPB)

PhD's grew from 0 to 11 in the Department of Agriculture at AM&N/UAPB

First female graduated in Agriculture from AM&N/UAPB

First Caucasian graduated in Agriculture from AM&N/UAPB

Approximately 50 French-Speaking West African Agricultural Workers were trained in Agriculture in 2-week Workshops at AM&N/UAPB

Placement of Agriculture majors as Student Trainees with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Crop Reporting Statistical Service and Forestry Service, and the U. S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service.

Approval of a Bachelor of Science degree program in Fisheries Biology in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Biology.

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Honors and Awards:

Arkansas Department of Higher Education Meritorious Service Award

Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Inducted into the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of Fame

Distinguished Service Award in Agriculture from the Jesse W. Mason, Sr., Foundation

The UAPB Outstanding Teacher and Distinguished Service Award for 52 years as an Educator.

