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Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey

POST OAK

(Quercus stellata) - Columbia County, Waldo 2011

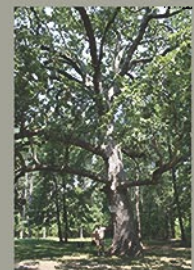
Colored pencil on paper by Linda Williams Palmer - 38" h x 52" w - framed

Detail: *Leaves, Post Oak* by Linda Williams Palmer - 14" h x 18 1/2" w - framed

CHAMPION STATISTICS

Circumference: 182" Crown Spread: 104' Height: 102' Bigness Index: 310

This beautiful tree is significant for its size and its longevity in the Waldo community. It grows on land that has been in the same family for three generations. When cotton was king in Arkansas, the tree was surrounded by rows of "white gold" and the many people who worked the land. They gathered under this Post Oak for water breaks and shady lunches. Later, timber was the primary crop. Because this Post Oak was firmly rooted in family and community memory, it was spared from harvesting to stand as a reminder of times gone by. - LWP



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