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In 1686 Henri de Tonti established a trading post called Poste de Arkansae near the confluence of the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers. The small trading post, built at the Quapaw Indian Village of Osotuo, was the first semi-permanent European settlement in the lower Mississippi Valley. In 1783 the Post, now under Spanish rule, was the site of the only Revolutionary War skirmish in Arkansas. Arkansas Post grew into a thriving riverport that became the territorial capital of Arkansas (1819-1821). During the Civil War the Confederates constructed Fort Hindman at the site. In January, 1863, Union troops and gunboats attacked the fort and destroyed the town, taking control of the rivers' confluence.

### SPECIAL INFORMATION

Arkansas Post National Memorial is essentially a peninsula, bound by the Arkansas River to the south and backwaters to the east and west. A seven-acre lake lies in the central portion of the peninsula. These areas provide excellent fishing opportunities for bass, catfish, and crappie. • Superintendent, Arkansas Post National Memorial, 1741 Old Post Road, Gillett, AR 72055, (870) 548-2207.