



The  **Gems** of
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BITS OF HISTORY

Old newspapers are very interesting and informative sources and should not be overlooked when researching history or genealogy. Below are a few items which appeared in "THE PIKE COUNTY COURIER", a Murfreesboro newspaper, which was established in 1888 but is no longer in existence. Courthouse fires have destroyed many of Pike County, Arkansas records and newspapers may be the only available source to determine the year someone was born, married or died. The obituary of Mrs. Lon Reese, for instance, "tells" us she was born circa 1878.

The three articles which are featured in BITS OF HISTORY in this issue show the "human side" of our history. If you have clippings or other interesting stories about Pike County and its people, which have appeared in newspapers, please share them with the "THE GEMS" and we will share them with our members in upcoming issues. Your "GEMS" editors did not correct spelling or punctuation of the original "COURIER" articles. We hope you enjoy these "glimpses of the past".

"THE PIKE COUNTY COURIER"

Volume 38, Number 26 - dated Friday June 25, 1926

WINS BALL GAME 9-3

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The first ball game of the season, for the local boys was played at Highland last Saturday, which was won by the local team by a score of 9 to 3. Bob Gilmer, of Boto, deserves special mention for the spectacular catch that he made in left field. He was in the act of taking a "dip of Levi" with his right hand, and holding his glove in the left, when he was knocked a long fly. With snuff box in his right hand, and in the act of taking a "dip", he caught the fly ball with his left hand. Riley pitched the game to Murfreesboro.

RECEIVES "ALLIGATOR" FROM BALMY FLORIDA

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J. K. Hughes, of the Stelltown settlement, was a business visitor of Murfreesboro, Monday. While here, Mr. Hughes was the center of attraction for a while, for on calling for his mail, he was handed a package that was rather bulky and suspicious looking, and upon opening it, he was surprised to find an alligator, which was sent him by some of his relatives living in Jacksonville, Fla. No doubt Mr. Hughes will keep him well preserved, and will find some use for him, on his farm.

(Your "GEMS" editors would love to know whatever became of the "GATOR", which was mailed to Mr. Hughes of Stelltown. Does anyone have any idea?)

MRS. LON REESE

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Mrs. Lon Reese, aged 48 years, died at her home in Bingen Monday night, with pellegra. Mrs. Reese is survived by two children, Leo Reese of Bingen, and one daughter, Mrs. Roy Sullivan of Murfreesboro. The courier extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITORS

Editor, Dee Baggett Co-Editors, Dorothy Partain & Jan McGalliard

This issue of "*THE GEMS*" contains fewer pages than our last issue but with the recent holiday season, everyone was extremely busy and our time was limited. You probably/undoubtedly will find mistakes in this newsletter. If the mistakes are significant, please bring them to our attention. Your Editor has been working under the strain of trying to learn to run a new computer software program, with its many "quirks" and has "lost" several hours of work, several times, with the striking of one incorrect key! Hopefully, by the time the Spring issue of "*THE GEMS*" comes to you, your Editor will be a little more adept with this new program. Some of our readers may not approve of the new smaller print which was used in this newsletter because it is more difficult to read but it will allow "*THE GEMS*" to bring you more information in our issues.

We plan to publish at least one, twenty page newsletter in 1991 and if our budget will allow the printing and postage costs, we will have two, twenty page issues and two ten page issues. The postal service has indicated that they will have a price increase sometime after the first of February. This will mean extra expense for "*THE GEMS*", but our new \$7.00 annual membership dues should offset the increased postage expense, at least for this year. We hope you are enjoying your "*GEMS*" and if you have ideas or suggestions which will improve the newsletter, please write or call. We "aim to please" and want to publish what will be of interest to you.

Many of you have written requesting information regarding the days and times The Pike County Archives is open for our members. Regrettably, PCAHS has no volunteer available to open the archives on a regular basis, therefore, our archives may be opened by appointment only. On page 10 of this newsletter, you will find information which will explain the procedure for making arrangements to visit The Pike County Archives.

*THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 1990
and
PLEASE STAY WITH US IN 1991 - WE HOPE TO BECOME EVEN BETTER*

PRAY FOR PEACE

There will be those, who read this paragraph, and will possibly believe this newsletter is not the "place" to express our concern for all the brave men and women in the armed forces. Perhaps you will be correct in your belief, however, we do not intend to discuss the War in the newsletter. Our only intention, is to ask that all our members pray for an early end to the hostilities and a special prayer for all our troops. If you have a loved one serving in the armed forces, please let us know so we may say a special prayer for them.

NEW GENEALOGICAL GROUP FORMED

Area residents with an interest in genealogy will be delighted to learn that a new group, as yet unnamed, has been meeting on the second Thursday night of each month to exchange information and help each other with their research problems. The new group met in Glenwood at the Municipal building in November and December. The January meeting was held in the Kirby Fire Station and two of your editors, Dee Baggett and Dorothy Partain, became new members of the group. Refreshments were served and everyone had a wonderful and productive time. Until further notice, the meetings will be held in the Kirby Fire Station on the second Thursday night of each month from 6:30 pm til 9:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on February 14, 1991.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For more information about joining this group, contact Retha ADAMS, Box 65, Kirby, AR 71950. Telephone (501) 398-4296

REFUGEES of 1863 by F. B. Clements

(The following newspaper article appeared in "THE GLENWOOD HERALD" ca. 1949. PCAHS has been unable to determine the exact date of publication. The article was submitted by Mr. Jim Stone, Box 1389, Chandler, AZ 85244. The editors of PCAHS did not correct spelling or punctuation of the original article.)

George Washington Fagan was born May 27, 1859, near Star of the West in Pike County, Arkansas, the son of William Thomas Fagan and wife, Catherine Frances (nee Wiley) Fagan. His brothers, were Thomas J., Henry F., Francis Marion; sisters, Nancy Welch and Mary Susanna Jester.

Uncle George, as he is affectionately known by his many friends, married Miss Bell Zora Parker in 1880 on Rock Creek, in Pike County, Ark. To this union were born 10 children as follows; W. Lon, James Thomas, Delia, married Martin; John Marion; Delica, married Williamson; Jewell Calvin; Edna Murtis, aged 10 years at death; Ettie, married Murphy; Henry Horace, and Annie married Williams. His wife died at Rosboro, Ark., about 1913 after a lingering illness and is buried at Coker cemetery near Rosboro.

He has a clear recollection of many events of the Civil war. He remembers the departure from home of his older brother, Tom, for the war as a Confederate soldier. Tom was wounded fighting at Atlanta, Ga., where Mat Chaney lost an arm. Brother Tom was a prisoner of war seven months at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill. As a result of the wound received and exposure, he died at the age of 46 and is buried at Lodi in Pike County, Ark., where his mother and brother, Francis Marion, are also buried. His father died at Memphis, Tenn., January 15, 1864 and lies sleeping in his last long dreamless sleep in Fort Picron cemetery.

Uncle George's father was over military age, but he was not in favor of secession. Danger and privation forced the family to seek haven elsewhere. The father went on ahead to Memphis, Tenn. In a short time the mother and the children left the old home place near Star of the West about October or November 1862, and went by ox wagon to Little Rock, Ark., for a short time. The trip was slow and hazardous. They broke the wagon at Kirby and stayed a day with Forga Self. Uncle George remembers playing with Cooper Self and Robert Self. Of course, the roads were awfully bad in that early day. They went by Bethel Church near Rock creek and camped nearby at Doc Jones. They went on by way of the Mazarn creek and then to Hot Springs. They camped on Alum Fork of Saline river. There Brother Marion was dressed as a girl. As he was large for his age, this disguise was used to prevent his being forced into the military service. They there met jayhawkers, who ransacked the camp for valuables but found only some jean pants and a blowing horn that they wanted and took.

On the trip from Star of the West to Little Rock, the family saw where a man by the name of Wilkerson was hung near the Sam Ward place about one or two miles west of Kirby. The man was hung by Southern guerrillas or jayhawkers on a stooping dogwood tree and is buried nearby. A man by the name of Clark was hung at the east end of the present Star of the West bridge over the Little Missouri, and also on the same night a man named Greer was hung about a mile north of the point by jayhawkers.

The family arrived at Memphis sometime later. The father soon died and the rest of the family refuged to Illinois. In contrast to conditions in Arkansas, the economic conditions there in Illinois were good. A plowboy in Illinois was worth \$20 per month and a man \$40.

The family left Illinois about Christmas in 1865, where it lived very well. It was at Memphis New Year's Day, 1866. The trip had cost the family about \$103 from Illinois to Little Rock and it had expended its savings. The trip to Illinois had not cost them anything for transportation. Without funds at Little Rock, the brothers went to work to make a little money to get back to the old home in Pike county. July 4, 1866, they were on Main street in Little Rock and on of the wagon tires came rolling off. The trip from Illinois had been made by steamer to Little Rock.

REFUGEES of 1863 by F. B. Clements

The Fagan family arrived back at the old home at Star of the West. All were impoverished; times were hard; and the country around was stripped of provisions and food. Corn was scarce. His brothers supporting the family worked two days for a bushel of corn. Mart Hays, later of Amity, ran a water mill at Star of the West during the Civil war. Millers were exempt from military service and Mart accumulated a small fortune there by the waters of the Little Missouri.

In mature life, Uncle George farmed and supported his growing family. He and his boys carried the mail for 5 years. The last route was from Mount Ida to Cherry Hill, Ark. This is in the Lum and Abner country and this association with its people must account in part for the great enjoyment that Uncle George gets from the famous comedians' broadcasts. All mail at that time was carried on horseback. But winter and summer, through sleet and rain, the mail went through. Uncle George was very conscientious in this work as he was in everything else and he saw to it that the people received good and efficient service. The trip one way took about a week on horse. Having to give up the public service as a mail carrier, he moved back to the mitchell ford on the Caddo, that magic blue river of dreams, near Rosboro, because of the failing health of the faithful wife and helpmate. Although faithfully nursed and cared for, she died sometime later and left him with a family to rear alone. The death was a tragic blow.

He was always considerate of others. He was independent and never wished to be a burden to others. He preferred to earn his own living and did so. He is always courteous and agreeable. His mind is clear although he is in his ninetieth year. Save for failing eyesight, his health is good. This old pioneer, in whose veins courses some of the blood of the Indian, is lean and slender and the hair is still black. He was never arrested in his lifetime; and he has always supported the churches and other worthy charities, and paid his taxes. He has never remarried.

Several of the children live in the state of Washington. Annie lives at Caddo Gap, Ark.; Delia, in Oklahoma, as well as Lon. Uncle George makes annual summer visits to see these and his many relatives and friends in Arkansas. He makes his home at 1129 10th Avenue, Longview, Wash.

Our thanks to Mr. Stone for sharing this interesting article with PCAHS. Mr. Stone researches the FAGAN family of Pike County, Arkansas.

RESEARCH FOR FEE or EXCHANGE

Are you willing to do research in your area for others? We have received several requests regarding names of researchers in the Pike/Clark Co., AR area, and other areas of Arkansas. If you are willing to do research for a fee or in exchange for research in another area of Arkansas or even in another state, please send your name and address and any other pertinent information to PCAHS so we may share the information with our members.

WILL RESEARCH FOR VERY REASONABLE FEE

Dolores Sutton, 801 Lexington #222, Norman, OK 73069 has records of numerous residents of Howard, Pike, Sevier and Hempstead Counties who came to Indian Territory in the 1890's and will research for a very reasonable fee.

HAVE YOU MAILED YOUR 1991 MEMBERSHIP DUES

to

THE PIKE COUNTY ARCHIVE AND HISTORY SOCIETY?

Have you forgotten to mail your 1991 PCAHS membership dues?.....better send them in today because if PCAHS does not receive your dues soon, you will miss the 1991 issues of our newsletters. PCAHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION is on page 9 of this newsletter.

"THE GEMS of PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS"

Pike Co., Arkansas 1860 Census - Microfilm M 653 - Roll 47
Antoine Township (Number above name refers to household number)

#517			#523		
ORRICK, T. L.	31 m	AL	SANDERS, Cela	30 f	AL
P. A.	31 f	AL	Daniel	17 m	AR
W. D.	11 m	AR	Henry A.	15 m	AR
C. L. J.	6 f	AR	M. N.	13 f	AR
			Nancy	11 f	AR
			John	7 m	AR
#518			#524		
KIMBRO, T. W.	26 m	TN	MARKHAM, Wm	46 m	AL
Clementine	23 f	TN	Jane	42 f	TN
B. H.	3 m	TN	I. W.	16 m	AL
N. J.	4/12 f	AR	I. N.	14 m	AL
			Wm. C.	12 m	AL
#519			L. S.	8 m	MS
KIMBRO, William	35 m	TN	C. J.	5 f	MS
R. A.	30 f	NC	I. B.	1 m	AR
M. E.	13 f	TN			
J. J.	10 m	TN	#525		
S. A.	8 f	TN	BLOCKER, Reden	59 m	SC
M. J.	7 f	TN	Margret	45 f	GA
T. P. M.	4 m	TN	Jacob	19 m	AL
W. A.	2 m	TN	S. A.	16 f	AL
			COSBY, Lauriate	15 f	AR
#520			BLOCKER, Martha	13 f	AL
McMBNIS, Joseph	39 m	TN	J. T.	11 m	AL
Nancy	40 f	AL	Altizara	8 f	AL
D. W.	18 m	AL	I. C.	6 m	AL
M. M.	15 m	AR	NICKLES, Lucinda	23 f	GA
P. A.	13 f	AR	ARNOLD, Souzan	21 f	GA
S. M.	10 f	AR	ROLER, Jacob	25 m	AL
S. E.	8 f	AR	ARNOLD, J. R.	3 m	AL
J. A.	6 m	AR	Lasidira	2 f	AL
J. B.	4 m	AR	NICKLES, James	3 m	AL
#521			#526		
SELF, Forqus	47 m	AL	DAVIS, C. A.	30 m	SC
Mariah	33 f	AL	Mary	30 f	SC
Vincen	18 m	AR	M. E.	10 f	AL
Thomas	16 m	AR	J. H.	7 m	AL
D. J.	13 m	AR	Lucinda	4 f	AL
W. L.	10 m	AR	C. Y.	2 m	AL
S. A. M.	8 f	AR			
D. A.	4 m	AR	#527		
Cooper	3/12 m	AR	SMEDLEY, W. R.	34 m	TN
			Missiura	26 f	TN
#522			W. J.	9 m	TN
TOLLESON, T. J.	48 m	AL	M. F.	5 f	TN
Columbus	21 m	TN	M. C.	3 m	TN
N. S.	19 f	TN	CAMPBELL, J. C.	20 m	TN
D. R.	18 m	TN			
S. N.	16 m	MS	#528		
J. A.	14 m	MS	GILHAM, J. W.	46 m	TN
T. J.	13 m	MS	Elisabeth	43 f	TN
R. A.	12 m	MS	James	18 m	AR
M. A.	10 m	MS	S. L.	16 f	AR
Josafino	9 f	MS	M. A.	14 f	AR
F. M.	7 m	MS	Cynthia	10 f	AR
Lousia	5 f	AR	Stokley	7 m	AR

BOOK REVIEWS

PCAHS will review any book which is donated to our Archives. These books may be used for reference only and may not be removed from the PCAHS research rooms. PCAHS would like to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who has donated books, family histories, and all other historical and genealogical materials. Any book or material which is for sale from PCAHS will appear on our "Publications for Sale" list in this newsletter. All proceeds of book sales go to fund projects of the society.

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC BAREFOOT RUNYAN, written by Marie Runyan Wright and published 1980 by Gateway Press. This book, which was donated by Mrs. Wright, traces the path of the descendants of Isaac Barefoot Runyan from the Shanandoah Valley through Tennessee and Alabama on their journey westward. Many of the descendants of Isaac Barefoot Runyan eventually settled in the Clark Co., AR area. The hardcover volume, contains almost 300 well documented pages, old family photographs and has a complete index. Some of the Clark Co., AR surnames represented in this book are BEAN, CONINE, DAFFORD, DILLIARD, FEATHERSTON, GARNER, LAMBERT, MASSEY, RUYAN/RUNYON, and many others. You may write to Marie Runyan Wright, Rt. 1 Box 7, Bonnerdale, AR 71933 regarding the price of the book or any other information about this family.

Allen B. Syler, 712 South 22nd St., Arkadelphia, AR 71923, has donated a computer print-out of his INDEX to the OBITUARIES from the SOUTHERN STANDARD for 1869-1936 and 1974-1986. This work is gratefully accepted by PCAHS and will be invaluable because of the many connections between Clark and Pike Counties. Mr. Syler is at this time, working to close the gap between 1936 and 1974 of the Southern Standard Obituaries and has generously offered to donate a copy of this work to PCAHS, upon completion. PCAHS realizes the time and energy which was required to accomplish such a task and appreciates Mr. Syler, for preserving this part of our history and his willingness to share his material with PCAHS.

PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS 1815-1899 Vol. 1, #1, donated by David L. Kelley, P. O. Box 249, Brandywine, MD 20613-8895. This well organized, professionally printed, quarterly, (published November, February, May and August) is available from Mr. Kelly at the above address, for \$8.00 annually or \$2.00 per issue, and will contain information that is generally difficult to obtain. A "must have".....for anyone interested early Pike County, Arkansas history! Excellent citing of sources, and QUERIES are FREE to SUBSCRIBERS

Jo Billings, Rt. 5 Box 418, Nashville, AR 71852 has donated the following materials to PCAHS: "The Genealogical Helper" - (January thru October, 1990 issues). "The Ansearchin' News", (1986, Vol. 33, #1, 2, 3, 4), a publication of the Tennessee Genealogical Society. Three volumes of Family Group Sheets, (Vol. #1 - 1975 and Vol. #1 and #2 - 1978) published for "The Arkansas Family Historian", by the Arkansas Genealogical Society.

Mrs. Jesse Young, Rt. 1 Box 104, Nashville, AR 71852 has donated "Panning for Nuggets of Old" (Vol. 2 #1 - 1984), a publication of The Crawford County Genealogical Society, Rt. 3 Box 1, Alma, AR 72921.

Travis Watson, Murfreesboro, AR, donated two 18"x24" photographs of the Cinnabar Mines.

Grace Ann Riley of Delight, has donated a "Scrapbook of Delight, Arkansas", compiled in 1959 by Flanoy Alexander, Buster Denton and Alta D. Partridge.

Wilma V. Ranger, 9705 Berkshire Loop S W, Olympia, WA 98503, donated "The Researcher" - 1990 issues, a publication of Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society of Tacoma, Washington.

QUERIES

All Queries FREE to Members

We try to publish queries on a "first come, first serve" basis. If your query has not appeared, it will be published in upcoming issues. Try to be specific when writing your query, regarding names, dates, places and what information you are seeking.

REID, REED, EZZARD, WARD, GRIFFIN, HORTON, RAWLINGS, ROLLINS, GEORGE, BRIDGES, GENTRY
Researching George and Nancy WARD EZZARD REID who had fifteen children. Many of the above families were in Clark/Pike Co, AR as early as 1850's. Some descendants presently living in the Clark/Pike Co, AR area. Ruth Reid Peeler, 7354 Ravenhill Lane, Dallas, TX 75227

ELLISON, WHITE, WHISENHUNT, DOWNS Teresa ELLISON b. 1840 Cherokee Co, GA married/Pike Co, AR after 1860, William Vance WHITE b. 1840 TN. Teresa listed in Henry WHISENHUNT household 1860 Pike Co, AR census. Was Teresa stepdaughter of Henry WHISENHUNT or what was relationship? Teresa ELLISON WHITE had a brother William and a sister, Emily, who married Paul DOWNS. Teresa buried at Lodi Cemetery, Pike Co, AR. Dorothy Miller, #17 Meadowbrook, Mena, AR 71953

MUSGROVE, FRENCH, MADISON, STINSON, STEPHENSON, HUDDLESTON, FLOYD, POPE, YATES, THORNTON, HENDRIX, TOLLETT, BLACKWOOD
Need descendants of Robert & Sarah MUSGROVE FRENCH. Anderson & Qumiby MUSGROVE. James & Elizabeth MADISON STINSON/STEPHENSON. Daniel & Arvizina STINSON HUDDLETON. Also, POPE, YATES, THORNTON, HENDRIX, TOLLETT, BLACKWOOD. Dolores Sutton, 801 Lexington #222, Norman, OK 73069

BLOCKER, DUFF, WARD, RING, WILLIAMS, ROBBINS, RICHARDS
Need help on John BLOCKER or wife Lucinda DUFF. Probably located Pike Co, AR during 1830/40, after moving from Missouri. Moved by 1850 to Hopkins Co, TX, 1860 Parker Co, TX.

Other Arkansas families being researched include WARD, RING, WILLIAMS, ROBBINS, RICHARDS. Kay W. Davis, 316 Chuck Wagon Trail, Willow Park, TX 76087

McCANN Researching surname McCANN in Pike Co, AR. William with wife Sarah A. for years 1882 to 1900. Would like probate, birth, tax records or any help with this surname. Tomi Phillips, 700 B Orion Park, MT. View, CA 94043

WHITE Researching John WHITE b. ca. 1814 TN - born what county in TN? Barbara Rewis, 213 Suzanne Dr., Shreveport, LA 71115

RODGERS, ROGERS Need info Alfred RODGERS/ROGERS, b. 1824 TN, father of Nancy Elizabeth, Screana C, Samuel J, Lewis Sheppard, Willis M. and others. Frances Hawkins, #601, 8200 Wildbriar, Shreveport, LA 71108

BRAWLEY, McClURE, STOREY
Researching John F. BRAWLEY and Malvina A. McClURE married ca. 1854/1855. 1850 Pike Co, Brewer twp., AR census lists John and Ann McClURE, who had at least three children...David F, Dolly (married ?STOREY?), and Malvina. Not listed on 1860 Pike Co, AR census. Florine Waters, 3909 Rufe Snow Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76180-8843

WOOD, CARPENTER, HERRON, GARNER, WOODALL, CUPP, DUREN, CALLEY, PHILLIPS
Would like to contact anyone researching these surnames. Date indicates Pike/Clark Co, AR resident 1830/WOOD, CARPENTER, 1840/HERRON, GARNER, 1850/DUREN, 1845/WOODALL, CUPP, 1870/CALLEY, PHILLIPS. Margaret Wood Griffin, 520 Elmridge, Tyler, TX 75703

QUERY

??? A MURDER IN PIKE COUNTY ???

WILLIAMS, O'NEAL, BURNETT, HEMPHILL, HOGAN, CRONE, DAVENPORT Need info about Samuel/Jess? WILLIAMS b. ? married first ? O'NEAL, they had one known daughter, Mildred "Millie" WILLIAMS b. 1889 d. 1944 in Pulaski Co., AR married on 04 Mar 1905 in Gifford, Hot Spring Co., AR, Robert Middleton BURNETT (1883-1956). Tradition states that Samuel/Jess? WILLIAMS was a barber in the Clark/Pike Co., Ar area possibly near Arkadelphia and was murdered (supposedly due to a fight over a card game) on the road from Murfreesboro to Arkadelphia after 1890 and prior to 1905. Samuel/Jess? WILLIAMS married second ?, this second wife is believed to have worked in a boarding house in Arkadelphia at the time of the murder. Can ANYONE verify or help with this story about the murder or any other info about this family? Also researching HEMPHILL, HOGAN, CRONE, DAVENPORT. Mrs. Tony Sheridan, Rt. 3 Box 298, Amity, AR 71921

*ALWAYS INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE
WITH ALL CORRESPONDENCE*

COMING EVENTS

If you have a "Coming Event" which would be of interest to our members, please write or call so we may publish the details in our next issue of "THE GEMS". REMEMBER - We will need to have the dates, time, place and the person or persons to contact, at least two months in advance for your "EVENT" to appear in our next issue of the newsletter.

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP PLANNED

PCAHIS has plans to invite Everton's Publishers of Logan, Utah to conduct a genealogical workshop in the spring or summer of 1991. Everton's publishes "The Genealogical Helper", a genealogical magazine dedicated to "helping more people find more genealogy". If you would be interested in attending such a workshop, please drop us a note. We will need the support of our members and the community to sponsor such a workshop. No definite date has been set at this time but watch the local newspapers for the place, time and date or write PCAHS for more details. If you do not receive a prompt reply regarding the date of the workshop it is because we do not have a definite date established. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if requesting any information from PCAHS. Hopefully, PCAHS will have a definite date before our Spring/1991 issue of "THE GEMS" goes to the printers and can include the date, time and place, in our Spring issue.

ABSTRACTS FROM THE PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS 1895-1910

Although Pike County, Arkansas was created in 1833, marriage records for the county are not available before 1895 due to courthouse fires in 1855 and 1895. To this editors knowledge, the available Pike County marriage records have not been compiled and published. However, all Pike County researchers will be happy to learn that Dorothy K. Partain has abstracted and compiled The Pike County Marriage Records from Books "A", "B", and "C", which covers the period of 1895-1910. Dorothy, with the help of member Linda Meek of Shevreport, LA has compiled the marriage records with the intention to publish and the material is at this time at the printers. "THE GEMS" will publish the price of ABSTRACTS FROM THE PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS in a future issue of our newsletter.

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****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PCAHS MEETING TIME****

The Pike County Archives and History Society meets the first Thursday night of each month from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. The 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm time period is set aside for members and guests to discuss and exchange ideas on history, genealogy and effective ways to do research. Business meeting is held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Annual membership dues are \$7.00. If you are 65 years old or older, you are eligible for our "Senior Citizens" discount membership of \$5.00 annually. Lifetime membership dues are \$100.00.

The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a non-profit organization dedicated to the purpose of collecting and preserving primary source materials which bring together the unique history of Pike County, Arkansas and its people. The Pike County Archives is located on the third floor of the Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. Presently, the Pike County Archives may be opened, Monday thru Friday, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. The archives **CAN NOT BE OPENED** on SATURDAY, SUNDAY or HOLIDAYS. If you wish to use the research rooms of the Pike County Archives you must contact one of the Officers of PCAHS or write or call, Dorothy K. Partain, P. O. Box 238, Murfreesboro, AR 71958, Telephone (501) 285-3528. Upon request, an attempt will be made to arrange for a PCAHS volunteer to open the archives to our members, for research purposes. Please call or write, well in advance of your planned trip to Murfreesboro, as all our volunteers have jobs, families, and other obligations and can not leave in a moments notice. We regret any inconvenience this may cause our patrons and members.

*****ELECTION OF 1991 PCAHS OFFICERS*****

The next regular meeting of PCAHS will be held on February 7, 1991. New officers will be elected at this meeting. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS**, so please try to attend, if possible.

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".....you must know the past - to determine the future"

**Pike County Archives and History Society
P. O. Box 238
Murfreesboro, AR 71958**