



The Gems of Pike County Arkansas

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITORS

FINALLY.....here are the last two issues of the Vol. II, No. 3 & 4 of "THE GEMS". We regret the delay but due to illness, family illness, marriages, new grandchildren, jobs, responsibilities and deaths, we were unable to publish "THE GEMS" the last few months. Thank you for understanding.

Dorothy Partain wants to thank everyone for their cards and words of encouragement. They were sincerely appreciated.

The PCAHS is very late with the Pike County Picture Book - Hopefully, this book will go to the printers this spring. We have no idea, at this point, how many pages this book will contain. We will be unable to determine the purchase price of the book until we send the final draft to the publishers. Details will appear in future issues of "THE GEMS".

According to the National Genealogical Society Newsletter, the long awaited 1920 U. S. Federal Census will be released to Federal Depositories, Monday, March 2, 1992.

We want to thank everyone for the books they have purchased from PCAHS and would also like to express our appreciation to those members who sold PCAHS materials. We especially want to thank PCAHS member, Merle Morphew of Newhope, AR for taking PCAHS books to her reunions and selling them. She made a BIG difference!!

We, of "THE GEMS", have found our time so limited that we ask, "is there anyone "OUT THERE" who would volunteer to do "THE GEMS" newsletters for a year? Either four issues of 10 pages or two issues of 20 pages each. We would send data to the person to use in the newsletters. Family obligations, jobs, ect. is making it almost impossible for your editors to "do their job" with the newsletter. We would especially like to have someone willing to do the typing and blocking of the newsletter. If we are unable to enlist some help "THE GEMS" will have to be discontinued.

PCAHS is very indebted to Wendy Richter, Archivist of Riley-Hickingbotham Library, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR for her many submissions these last few months. Without her help there might not have been a "GEMS" newsletter this quarter. Her copy ready material was deeply appreciated. THANKS, Wendy!!

We would like to encourage everyone to PLEASE send your family stories and queries for inclusion in future issues of "THE GEMS". Without your stories, etc. we cannot publish a newsletter. According to our records, we have 132 family history files, plus bound histories and other data regarding Pike County, Arkansas. We have, to date, not counted the surname cards on file because of the many, many surnames mentioned.

Do you have a FAMILY REUNION, DECORATION or other important event taking place in 1992? If so, please submit your information concerning date, time, place and contact person to "THE GEMS" before the end of February 1992 so that we may print a calendar of events in our next issue of "THE GEMS".

It has been brought to our attention that we inadvertently omitted an important book from our PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE page of the last newsletters. This book, titled "CRATER of DIAMONDS: "JEWEL of ARKANSAS" published in 1989 by Bobbie Hendrix (cost \$6.00 per copy) concerns the early history of the Crater of Diamonds of Pike County, Arkansas. We would like to apologize to Ms. Hendrix for this oversight and thank her for her donations of copies of her book.

WE GET LETTERS

Pike County Archives and History Society
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I am Wesley Reed's wife. I am writing to bring you up to date on what we found out on the Seaborn Reed Family, as Wesley said he would.

Seaborn was born on 19 Aug 1816 in Blount County, Alabama, the son of Joel (b. 26 Nov 1777, NC) and Margaret Long Reed, who married about 1800 in Greenville Co., SC. There were 14 children in the family, all told. The parents of Joel Reed were William Reed (b. 08 May 1756) and Frances Rebecca Robbins (b. 12 Sep 1760), who married in North Carolina about 1776, moved first to Greenville, South Carolina about 1785, then to Ellijay, Gilmer County, Georgia about 1830. They had 13 children, the eldest of which was Joel.

The William Reid family that you found in the 1860 Clark Co., AR census that included a child named Seborn, is Seaborn's brother. The William Reed in Montgomery Co., AR 1850 Census is Seaborn's uncle. No relation whatever to the George W. Reid family in Clark Co., AR.

There is a Reed Family Organization that will be publishing a book on these lines sometime next spring. I thought you would like to know this, as it will include the information about Seaborn (Reed) and Pike County, AR. The coordinator is Dorothy Barnum, 267 Evangeline Dr., Mandeville, LA, 72444. If you would forward any inquires about this particular Reed family to her, it would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to express my gratitude to you for your kindness and helpfulness in this research. It was most unusual to find someone that goes out of their way the way you have. Most of our correspondence with other historical societies has been either ignored, or passed on to researchers-for-hire. We will make certain that others know of your cordiality.

Sincerely,
Aryl-Jeane Reed
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Thanks for Dorothy Rooks address.....(I plan to write as soon as time permits).

As you know, the Shreveport Journal (a newspaper) is no longer being printed, however, the Shreveport Times has agreed to print our genealogy column and it will be in the Saturday issue. I am enclosing the one from last Saturday. This one seems condensed from the usual length of the ones in the Journal but we are just glad they agreed to print it.

Please get your people in Pike Co., AR to send in inquires as well as Bible records, information and anything that would be of interest in this area. The TIMES seems to think there is not much interest in/genealogy so we need to show them there is and send a lot of mail....."Genealogical materials may be sent to Ancestor Hunting in care of THE TIMES, P. O. Box 30222, Shreveport, LA 71130-0222".

Cordially,
Barbara F. Rewis
213 Suzanne Dr.
Shreveport, LA 71115

PCAHS editors would like to thank Barbara Rewis and Fran Hawkins for submitting coming genealogical and historical events in the Shreveport area. The Shreve Memorial Library, located in Shreveport has an extensive genealogical section and if you are in their area, it would be worth the time and effort to stop in and browse.

ARCHIVES UPDATE

We were able to purchase "THE HOWARD COUNTY HERITAGE BOOK" published 1988 with the money we made from the Shurfine Sav-A-Label promotion. Thanks to our members and others, for all the label donations. "THE HOWARD COUNTY HERITAGE BOOK", is a beautifully bound book, approximately 8 1/2" x 11", containing 537 pages. Every page is packed with history of the past and present, of Howard, as well as Pike County, Arkansas. There is also lots of informative material about Nashville, AR and the surrounding area. The Howard County Heritage Club of Nashville, 71852, has just promoted a sale price (\$60.00 pp) for the last few hundred books. Do not miss an opportunity to purchase this book for your library while supplies last. Also, do not confuse "THE HOWARD COUNTY HERITAGE BOOK" with "THE UNFINISHED STORY OF NORTH HOWARD COUNTY" compiled by Students of Umpire High School, under the direction of Naida Tyndall, and Countless Others 1971-1981, (\$15.00 pp) and "MORE OF THE UNFINISHED STORY OF NORTH HOWARD COUNTY" compiled by Lovers of Local History and Encouraged by Zelpha Hunter Allison, Myrl Faulkner Dyer and Numerous Contributors (\$15.00 pp).

Martha Treadway, donated a loose leaf notebook of Kizziar/Kizzia family charts. She and her daughter, Debra Treadway Collins were able to document and prove the family of the first Kizzia family of Pike County, AR by using the "Burnt Records" microfilm and index book. They were very fortunate that the Kizzia Estate settlement was in this index and available on microfilm.

Georgia Huddleston Evans, 212 N Jones, Nashville, AR 71832 also donated a loose leaf binder containing charts of the Huddlestons of Pike County, Arkansas. Please note the article written by Ma. Evans in this issue of "THE GEMS".

Albert J. Willett, 451 Hallmark Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303 has donated Vol V, No. 1 - March 1989 and Vol V, No. 3 Quarterlies of "WILLETT HOUSE"... A Single Surname Study of the Willett(s) Family. Mr. Albert J. Willett, is the editor of the above mentioned quarterly and is also the author of THE WILLETT FAMILIES OF NORTH AMERICA, Southern Historical Press, 1985, 2 volumes, hard-bound, 1040 pages, 26 chapters (original price \$57.50). The "WILLETT HOUSE" quarterlies which were sent by Mr. Willett contain abstractions of the WILLETT surname from the 1850 United States Census. Anyone researching the WILLETT surname would be thrilled to pick up these quarterlies. I only wish someone had published quarterlies of this nature on the surnames I am researching!!

Henry Earl Jones, P. O. Box 1106, Fairhope, AL 36533, has donated his book, THE JONES OF KENTUCKY'S, CALLOWAY AND MARSHALL COUNTIES 1820-1920. This 8 1/2" x 11" soft-bound volume contains approximately 500 pages. Each family group is given a number.

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA) has found a new home in the Old Washington School house in Hempstead County, Arkansas. The School house is located behind the present SARA building. The Old Washington School house will undergo renovations soon.

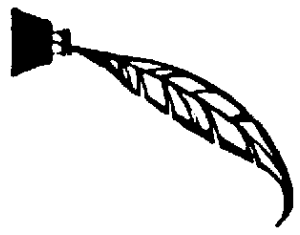
PCAHS wishes to express our gratitude to Mrs. Mary Maderias, for her many dedicated years of working for SARA. We will miss you Mary Maderias and wish the best for you. We know you will leave SARA with a nostalgic feeling but with a feeling of great pride that you, with the help of others, helped save legacy of Southwest Arkansas. Thank you Mary, and may God bless you. Readers, you may not be aware of it, but Mary Maderias has published several book on the southwest Arkansas area.

PCHAS has purchased shelving for the third floor jail to accommodate the remaining large volumes of ledgers. These ledgers need to be cleaned, catalogued and shelved. Our local volunteers have been unable to accomplish this task due to other obligations. Do we have any members with extra time on their hands who would like to come to Murfreesboro and work in the Archives?

We are sorry to learn of the serious illnesses and deaths of some of our members or their families. Please drop a note and let us know if you have serious illness or deaths in your family, because PCAHS would like to let you know that we care.

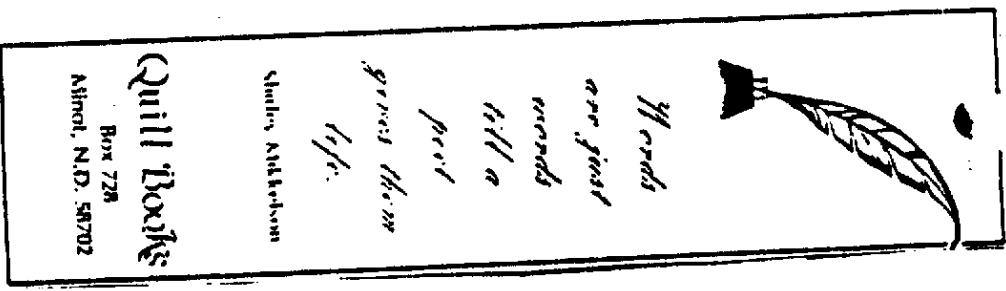
DOWN PEACEFUL PATHS

VOLUME XI



Quill Books

Box 3109
Harlingen, Texas 78551



WILD WIND

Wind, rushing angrily by; twisting, swirling, disturbing my
mind,
Yanking and pulling, tossing everything aside, never at
peace.
No quiet, gentle breeze this -- a raging storm.
Where is the bounding triumph, the exhilaration felt by
some?
All I hear, all I feel, is unleashed violence and
destruction,
A battering of waves upon rocky shores, a grinding force of
power
Stripping everything to its bare elements -- including the
spirit of man.

Lee Ann Turner

PCAHS member Lee Ann Turner, a native of Pike County, Arkansas and now a resident of Whittier, Alaska submitted the above poem to Quill Books and the poem was accepted and published.

CONGRATULATIONS Lee Ann!!
and THANKS FOR SHARING WITH PCAHS

Furnished by PIKE COUNTY ARCHIVES
Consolidation of Pike county schools

dist no	cons. date	school name and name of school co
01	1941	Wall Creek to Kirby no: 32
02	1928	Shawmit formed consolidated no: 3
03	1928	Piney Grove formed consolidated no: 3
04	1930	Nathan formed consolidated no: 4
05	1943	Bot. to Murfreesboro no: 16
06	1930	Elm Grove formed Daisy no: 37
07	1947	Piney Grove (black) to Delight no: 46
08	1930	Oak Grove to Rosboro no: 11
09	1947	Caney Valley to Kirby no: 32
10	1930	Antoine to Delight no: 44
11	1949	Rosboro to Glenwood no: 43
12	1930	Stelltown (Stellvill) to Delight no: 44
13	1930	Valley Grove to Kirby no: 32
14	1947	Bills (Billstown) to Delight no: 44
15	1930	Pisgah to Delight no: 44
16*	----	Murfreesboro
17	1921	H. L. Common formed consolidated no: 1
18	1930	Macedonia to Murfreesboro no: 10
19	1941	College Hill to Murfreesboro no: 16
20	1947	Bowen to Delight no: 44
21	1946	Roy to Murfreesboro no: 16
22	1926	Smith formed consolidated no 4
23	1930	Palestine to Kirby no: 32
24	1945	Plainview (black) to Childress Howard count
25	1928	Mt. Moriah pt. to Murfreesboro, et. College
26	1949	New Hope to Dierks no: 2 Howard county
27	1930	Hickory Plains to Murfreesboro no: 10
28	1926	Oak Grove (Bear Creek) formed consolidated
29	1925	Spring Valley to Asher common no: 52
30	1923	Spring Hill to Cons. Dist no: 1
31	1930	Janany rural special to Murfreesboro no: 1
32*	----	Kirby
33	1928	Dripping Springs common to Salem rural no:
34	1930	Ebenezer to Kirby no: 32
35	1928	Brocktown to Murfreesboro no: 16
36	1930	Bulleck Springs formed consolidated no: 4
37	1949	Daisy to Kirby no: 32
38	1921	Highland to consolidated no: 1
39	1927	Rock Creek to Glenwood no: 43
40	1942	Star of west to Newhope no: 26
41	1930	Liberty to Newhope no: 26
42	1927	Bell special to Newhope no: 26
43*	----	Glenwood
44*	----	Delight
45	1928	Center Ridge (Clark Co.) to Shawmit no: 2
46	1922	Sweet Home formed consolidated no: 2
47	1968	Langley to Kirby no: 32
48	1928	Sweet Water common formed Salem rural no:
48	1931	Salem rural to Kirby no: 32
49	1930	Pike city to Delight no: 44
50	1936	Lowery to Langley no: 47

Pike county school consolidations cont;

dist no.	cons. date	school name and name of school cons. to
51	1930	Temple Grove to Langley no: 47
52	1928	Brock Springs to Murfreesboro no: 16
53	1925	Abner common combined with Spring Valley
54	1942	Wheeler Ben to Kirby no: 32
55	1942	Bethel to Glenwood no: 43
56	1931	Woodall Valley to Kirby no: 32
57	1927	Pleasant Hill to Newhope no: 26
58	1931	Lodi to Langley no: 47
--	1931	Toki spec (hemstead Co. & Sweet Home to the consolidated dist. no: 2

Consolidated districts

01	1930	at Highland to Murfreesboro no: 10
02	1930	at Sweethome to Murfreesboro no: 16
03	1926	to Macadonia no: 17
04	1949	Midway (nee) Nathan to Murfreesboro no 16

NOTE: in 1942 a petition was refused for the students of formally the Wheeler Ben school dist no: 54, to be consolidated with Center Ridge school (Shawmit) of Clark co., Petition was denied on the grounds that dist no: 54 no longer existed.

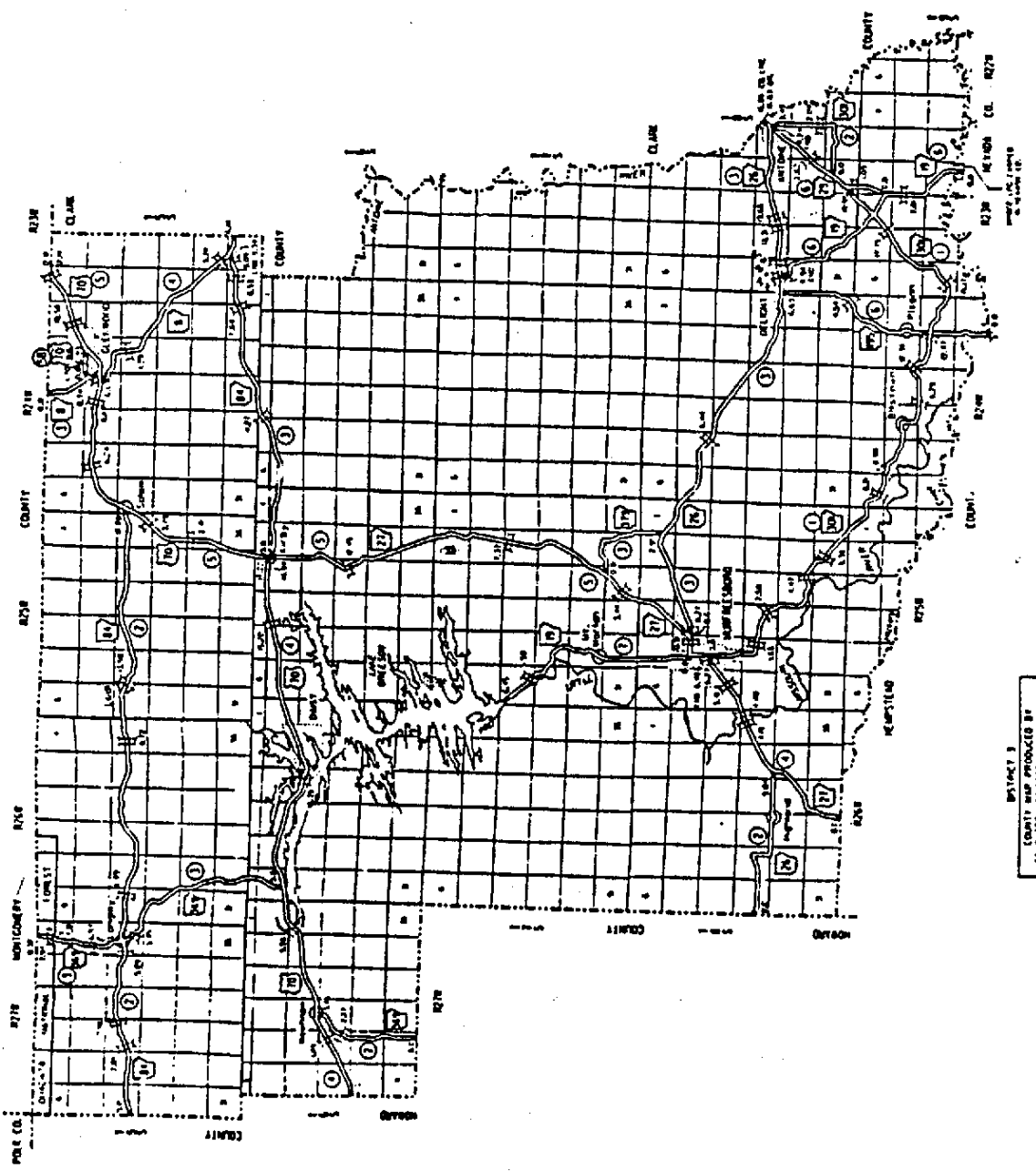
* school still in operation in Pike county

*****End of Pike County School Consolidations*****

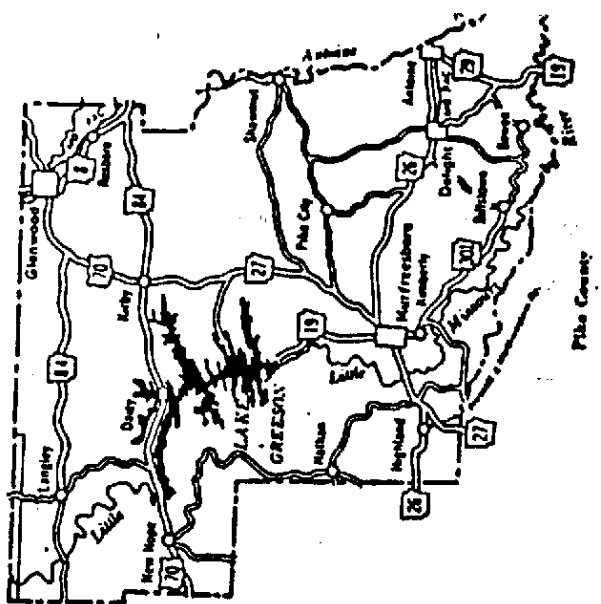
ATTENTION PCAHS MEMBERS

To our PCAHS members.....consider this newsletter as Vol III. #1 - Winter 1992 Believe it or not this issue of "THE GEMS" was started in July of 1991. We could make a long long list of the reasons for the delay in completing this issue but our reasons would probably be of very little or no interest to our readers. We do apologize but the delay was unavoidable.

Your Editors



DISTRICT 1
COUNTY MAP PRODUCED BY
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STATE HIGHWAY
ROUTE AND SECTION MAP
PIKE COUNTY
AR, ARKASAS
SCALE: 1:25,000
BRIDGE LOG NUMBERS

HOMESTEAD ENTRIES IN THE SOUTHERN STANDARD: 1879-1884

Compiled by Allen Syler

Submitted by Wendy Richter

In 1879, the Southern Standard, Clark County's weekly newspaper, began publishing notices from the Camden and Little Rock land offices about county residents who had filed notice of their intention to make final proof of their homestead claims. While there must have been many homestead entries prior to 1879, that is the first year the notices appeared in the Southern Standard. Lands enumerated were located in Clark, Pike, Dallas, Hot Spring, and Montgomery Counties. "Homestead Notices" were published in the newspaper for four to six weeks. Apparently homesteaders saved the notices to submit them to land offices as proof of publication.

The entries listed below include all of the Pike County claims which appeared in the Southern Standard. The entries relate the following information: the date of the issue of the paper in which the notice appeared; location of the land office; date of final proof; entry number, when supplied; name of homesteader; location of the homestead entry; and, names of from two to five witnesses who testified to the applicant's continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land in question. The 1991 issue of the Clark County Historical Journal will include an article by Allen Syler containing entries for all of the counties listed above for the years 1879 through 1890.

6/28/1879 - Camden, June 23, 1879, Final Proof 30 days from notice, William S. Bullard, for sw qr nw qr and n hf sw qr and nw qr se qr sec 15 t5s r24w. Witnesses: Joseph B. Echolds, Abel F. Wilson, Pike County.

11/22/1879 - Camden, Nov. 14, Final Proof after 30 days, Sterling T. Ashcroft, Pike Co. H. E. 4340 for nw qr nw qr sec 35 and n hf ne qr ne qr nw qr sec 34 t5s r24w. Witnesses: Philip Coker, George Collier of Pike County.

11/22/1879 - Mary Corley, Clark Co. H. E. 4087 for nw qr ne qr e hf nw qr and ne sw qr sec 10 t6s r23w. Witnesses: David J. Hollingshead, Clark Co. and Starling T. Ashcroft of Pike County.

1/3/1880 - Mitchell H. Bell, Pike Co. H. E. 4239 for ne qr nw qr and nw qr ne qr sec 12 t6s r24w. Witnesses: Washington Osborn of Clark Co. and George Widner of Pike Co.

3/6/1880 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro 6 April 1880, James P. Welch, Pike County H. E. 4404 for se qr sw qr w hf sw qr sec 36 t4s r24w and ne qr ne qr sec 11 t5s r24w. Witnesses: James M. White, Green B. Dillard, Stephen P. Baker, Newton C. Whismant, all of Rock Creek.

3/6/1880 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro 6 April 1880, Elizabeth Welch, Pike County H. E. 3787 for ne qr nw qr sec 11 t5s r24w. Witnesses: John M. White, Green B. Dillard, Stephen P. Baker, Newton C. Whismant, of Rock Creek.

3/6/1880 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro 6 April 1880, William H. Yarbrough, Pike County H. E. 5112 for n hf se qr and s hf ne qr sec 18 t5s r25w. Witnesses: George E. Epperson, Matthew R. Whisenhunt, Wm. L. Gentry, Henry L. White, of Rock Creek.

9/25/1880 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 27 Oct. 1880, James A. Mann, Pike Co. H. E. 4084 for ne qr sec 5 t5s r23w. Witnesses: Robert B. Sloan, Julius Sloan, James Marbell, Richard Tallant of Rock Creek, Pike Co.

9/25/1880 - Robert B. Sloan, Pike Co. H. E. 47996 for se qr of sw qr sec 31 t4s and ne qr nw qr and n hf ne qr sec 6 t5s r23w. Witnesses: James A. Mann, James Marbell, Richard Tallant, Henry Sigman of Rock Creek.

9/25/1880 - Julius C. Sloan, Pike Co. H. E. 5411 for sw qr ne qr se qr nw qr and w hf nw qr sec 8 t5s r23w. Witnesses: James A. Mann, James Marbell, Richard Tallant, Henry Sigman of Rock Creek.

9/25/1880 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 27 Oct. 1880, William Hayne, Pike Co. H. E. 4439 for nw qr nw qr sec 13 t7s r23w and n hf ne qr sec 13 and sw qr se qr sec 12 t7s r24w. Witnesses: Ober H. Bryant, John H. Wood, John L. Bryant, Nisbit Front of Caney Fork.

12/25/1880 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 31 Jan. 1881, John W. Bankston, heir of Temperance Bankston, Pike Co. H. E. 5398 for se se sec 26 sw sw qtr sec 25 t5s r24w. Witnesses: William G. Widner, Burrel H. Horn, John M. White, Stephen P. Baker of Rock Creek, Pike Co.

4/30/1881 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 6 June 1881, John D. Thompson, Pike Co. H. E. 4958 for ne qr se qr and nw qr se qr sec 28 t6s r23w. Witnesses: Henry I. Sparks, William A. Wilson, Frank M. Funderbuck, John W. Osborne of Caney Fork, Pike Co.

12/3/1881 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 27 Dec. 1881, George W. Widener, Pike Co. H. E. 5705 for se qr ne qr sec 25 t6s r24w and s hf nw qr and ne qr sw qr sec 3 t6s r23w. Witnesses: Jack Wisner, James P. Carter, John Osborn, William Greeson of Caney Fork

7/14/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 10 Aug. 1883, William Self, Pike Co. H. E. 6183 for w hf ne qr sec 14 t7s r25w. Witnesses: William Burkley, William J. Reed, Moses L. Westerman, Calvin Higgins of Murfreesboro.

8/11/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 10 Sept. 1883, Robert S. Owen, Pike Co. H. E. 6904 for se nw qr e hf sw qr and sw se qr sec 27 t5s r24w. Witnesses: Junius P. Palmer, William W. Anderson of Red Land, Pike County, Oliver T. Smith, Lucious Buren of Rock Creek, Pike Co.

8/25/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 25 Sept. 1883, John A. Davis, Pike Co. H. E. 6516 for sw se qr sec 5 nw ne qr n hf nw qr sec 8 t5s r24w. Witnesses: Isaac C. Holden, Andrew A. Dunn, William Ray, John H. White of Rock Creek.

9/8/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 12 Oct. 1883, Robt. H. W. French, Pike Co. H. E. 6908 for sw se qr sec 10 t9s r24w. Witnesses: George T. Dilworth, Thomas B. McLaughlin, James A. McLaughlin, Charles H. Blanchard of Antoine, Clark Co.

9/22/1883 - Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 26 Oct. 1883, Jesse W. Allen, Pike Co. H. E. 6538 for e hf ne qr and n hf se qr sec 13 t5s r25w. Witnesses: Thomas J. Fagan of Rock Creek, John A. Pasley, William H. Anderson, John T. Anderson of Kirby.

9/22/1883 - John T. Anderson, H. E. 6772 for ne qr sec 36 t5s r25w. Witnesses: William J. Williams, William L. Self, Lewis D. Pasley, Taylor Moran of Kirby.

9/22/1883 - John A. Pasley, Pike Co. H. E. 6793 for s hf ne qr nw ne qr and nw se qr sec 31 t5s r24w. Witnesses: William W. Anderson, John W. Moran, William Orich, Julius P. Palmer of Kirby.

10/13/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 19 Nov. 1883, Jesse Calhoun, Pike Co. H. E. 6608 for nw ne qr and ne nw qr sec 2 t9s r21w. Witnesses: James P. Dunn, Green Word, Berry Word, William C. Gentry of Antoine, Pike Co.

10/20/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 23 Nov. 1883, Wesley W. Melson, Pike Co. H. E. 6713 for ne ne qr s hf ne qr and ne se qr sec 18 t5s r27w. Witnesses: Isaac W. Thornton, Joseph Watkins, Art W. Miller, Thomas Jones of Venetia Grove, Howard Co.

10/20/1883 - Rebecca Melson, Widow of Robert Melson, dec'd. Pike Co. H. E. 6714 for e hf sw qr and w hf se qr sec 7 t7s r27w. Witnesses: Isaac W. Thornton, Joseph Watkins, Art W. Miller, Thomas Jones of Venetia, Howard Co.

10/20/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 29 Nov. 1883, James M. Marble, Pike Co. H. E. 7002, for e hf se qr 5 ne ne qr 8 and nw nw qr sec 9 t5s r23w. Witnesses: Robert Sloan, Julias Sloan, Wilborn F. Willis, Augustus Mann of Rock Creek, Pike Co.

10/29/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 17 Oct. 1883, Thos. B. Gilleylin, Pike Co. H. E. 6933 for nw se qr and sw ne qr sec 8 t9s r24w. Witnesses: Hempsted Stone, William L. Jackson, Joseph Nash, Whit Blanchard of Murfreesboro.

11/3/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 22 Dec. 1883, William M. Coggins, Pike Co. H. E. 6240 for sw sw qr sec 36 t6s r26w. Witnesses: Henry Maiston, Hicks Falkner, Rush Forester, Thomas Tedder, all of Star of the West, Pike Co.

11/10/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 14 Dec. 1883, John N. Taylor, Pike Co. H. E. 7013 for w hf nw qr se nw qr and sw ne qr sec 15 t5s r25w. Witnesses: John T. Anderson, Samuel J. Moran, Terrell H. Thrash, Henry S. Paslay of Kirby.

11/10/1883 - William W. Anderson, Pike Co. H. E. 7027 for e hf sw qr and s hf nw qr sec 31 t5s r24w. Witnesses: John N. Taylor, Terrell H. Thrash, Henry S. Paslay, John T. Anderson of Kirby.

11/10/1883 - Mary C. Phillips, Pike Co. H. E. 6792 for s hf sw qr ne sw sec 28 and se se qr sec 29 t5s r24w. Witnesses: Samuel J. Moran, Henry S. Paslay, Terrell H. Thrash, John N. Taylor of Kirby.

11/17/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 21 Dec. 1883, John A. Pate, Pike Co. H. E. 6146 for w hf ne qr and e hf nw qr sec 7 t6s r27w. Witnesses: Granville D. Hill, George W. Hill, William B. Kuykendall, Joseph Bridges of New Hope, Pike Co.

11/17/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 28 Dec. 1883, William L. Self, Pike Co. H. E. 6915 for s hf se qr sec 4 and nw se qr sec 9 t6s r25w. Witnesses: William Howard, Alexander W. Parker, William W. Anderson, Alexander Barentine of Red Land, Pike Co.

12/1/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 28 Dec. 1883, John W. Dickson, Pike Co. H. E. 6754 for ne nw qr sec 24 t8s r24w. Witnesses: Cornelius W. Threlkill, William H. Kirk, Willis H. Doss, Elijah Kirk of Wolf Creek, Pike Co.

12/8/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 9 Jan. 1884, James Huddleston, Pike Co. H. E. 7064 for w hf ne qr sec 26 t8s r26w. Witnesses: Peter Gesnell, Andrew J. Huston, John Holliday, James C. Gosness, of Murfreesboro.

12/15/1883 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 24 Jan. 1884, Joshua F. Wisener, Pike Co. H. E. 7009 for ne se qr s hf ne qr and se nw qr sec 1 t5s r24w. Witnesses: James P. Welch, James Roberson, Julius C. Sloan, Robert Sloan of Rock Creek, Pike Co.

1/5/1884 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 14 Feb. 1884, Tyrell H. Thrash, Pike Co. H. E. 6773 for s hf sw qr sec 30 and n hf nw qr sec 31 t5s r24w. Witnesses: John T. Anderson, William T. Anderson, John H. Moran, Vinson Self of Kirby.

1/5/1884 - Vinson Self, Pike Co. H. E. 6846 for ne nw qr sec 30 t5s r24w and se se qr sec 25 t5s r25w. Witnesses: Leroy T. Moran, William D. Orrick, Tyrrel H. Thrash, John M. Moran of Kirby.

1/5/1884 - Abner L. Ray, Pike Co. H. E. 6896 for e hf sw qr and e hf se qr sec 27 t5s r25w. Witnesses: John Babbitt, John M. Moran, William W. Anderson, Tyrrell H. Thrash of Kirby.

1/5/1884 - Sarah J. Orrick, Pike Co. H. E. 7116 for w hf ne qr ne nw qr sec 30 and se sw qr sec 19 t5s r24w. Witnesses: John M. Moran, Vinson Self, John A. Paslay, Leroy T. Moran of Kirby.

1/5/1884 - John M. Moran, Pike Co. H. E. 7085 for e hf sw qr sec 20 and se se qr sec 19 and ne ne qr sec 30 t5s r24w. Witnesses: William D. Orrick, Vinson Self, John A. Pasley, John T. Anderson of Kirby.

1/12/1884 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 23 Feb. 1884, George M. Adams, Pike Co. H. E. 5753 for se se qr sec 25 t5s r24w. Witnesses: Joel Keen, Silas McLain, William P. Ponder, William Bankston of Pine Land, Pike Co.

2/23/1884 - Camden, Final Proof, Murfreesboro, 29 March 1884, Joseph R. Wall, Pike Co. H. E. 7174 for e hf nw qr sec 28 t8s r24w. Witnesses: Eri Webb, Joseph P. Waldrop, William A. Conaiser, Joe D. Barnes of Wolf Creek, Ark.

From the June 2, 1862 Arkansas True Democrat

ESTRAYS

The True Democrat has been selected to advertise Estrays for 1862. at one dollar for each estray.

Pike County.

Taken up by W. A. Tidwell on the 7th of April, 1862, a black mule, 7 years old, 12 hands high. Appraised at \$20.

Taken up by Margaret A. Draper on the 7th of April, 1862, a bright bay filly, about 2 years old, no marks or brands, supposed to be about 11 hands high. Appraised at \$20.

Taken up by S. T. Cooper on the 3d day of May, 1862, a bay mare pony, 5 years old, mark behind the right foreleg, supposed to have been done by a rope. Appraised at \$40.

Taken up by Alexander Blackwood on the 16th of April, 1862, a bright sorrel filly, with a star in the forehead, white spot on her right foreleg, scar on her left arm and jaw, supposed to be four years old. Appraised at \$60.

Taken up by Thomas C. Parhan on the 5th of May, 1862, a bright bay mare, left hind foot white, blaze face, 14 1/2 hands high, three years old. Appraised at \$50.

Pike Countians in the Civil War:

From The Camp, The Bivouac and the Battle Field

Submitted by Wendy Richter

The Fourth Arkansas Infantry Regiment, Confederate States Army, was composed of men from the counties of Hempstead, Montgomery, Lafayette, Calhoun, Polk, and Pike in southwest Arkansas. Armed mostly with double-barreled shotguns, flintlocks, and squirrel rifles, they left their home counties, in a flare of glory with much speech making and flag presentation. The Regiment marched into Missouri in August of 1861, where the companies were inducted into Confederate service.

Few regiments in the war could have fought in more battles than the Fourth Arkansas, and perhaps none marched further. The Fourth was at Elk Horn, Richmond, Kentucky, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, in the Atlanta campaign, with John Hood during his thrust into Tennessee, and in the final battles in North Carolina.

Dr. Washington Lafayette Gammage, author of the book, little is known. He was born in Alabama in 1827 and lived in Texas as early as 1850. On May 1, 1861, he joined the Lone Star Defenders, Cherokee County, Texas State Troops, but apparently was with the Fourth Arkansas from the time of its organization. He was killed in an accident at Mobile, Alabama on his way home from the war.

Gammage kept a journal from which he wrote a history of the Fourth Arkansas. Unlike most regimental histories, this story was taken from the journal and published during the war. Originally issued at Selma, Alabama in 1864, probably in very limited numbers, the book became one of the rarest of all Confederate imprints. A reprint by Southern Arkansas Press of Little Rock was done in 1958. A copy of the reprint is available at Riley-Hickingbotham Library, Ouachita Baptist University. The following is Gammage's summary of Company G, from Pike County:

On the 17th day of August, 1861, the first complete organization of the Southwestern Arkansas Regiment (afterwards known as the 4th Arkansas Regiment) was effected by the following companies being sworn into the Confederate service by Lieut. Col. Dandridge McRae, to-wit:

Company G, from Pike County, Arkansas, numbering eighty-eight men, was first known as the Pike County Blues.

Captain, James T. Black
1st Lieutenant, Wm. B. Gould
2nd Lieutenant, John N. McCollum
3rd Lieutenant, H. Clay Polk

BLACK, J.	Captain, died Dec. '61
GOULD, Wm. B.	Resigned 8th May, '62, 1st lieut.
MCCOLLUM, J. N.	1st lieut., capt.
POLK, H. C.	2nd lieut., resigned 8th May, '62
SEVIER, Geo. W.	
MATHEWS, B. A.	2d sergt., died Oct. '61
HAYNES, Henry	3d sergt., died Oct. '61
BROCK, B. D.	4th sergt., 1st lieut., captain, detailed
MCLAUGHLIN, J. C.	1st corporal, left in Arkansas
POWERS, Joe R.	2d corporal, 2d sergt.
WHITE, James F.	3d corporal, 2d lieut., captured, exchanged
DAVIS, J. W.	4th corporal, discharged July '62 (resigned)
ALFORD, Andrew J.	5th sergt.
ALFORD, John M.	
ALFORD, W. D.	Left in Arkansas
BREWER, Wm. R.	Left in Arkansas
BEAN, Thos. H.	Discharged Nov. '62
BALDWIN, A.	Resigned May 8th '62
BROCK, Geo. R.	Discharged, July '62
BROCK, Moses K.	3d Lieut.
BREWER, Jas. C.	Left in Arkansas
BOLT, W. E.	
BROCK, Geo. W.	Discharged June '62
CRAIG, J. A.	1st sergt., left in Arkansas
CARPENTER, J. K.	
COSBEY, W. B.	Killed at Elk Horn
COKER, I. F.	Died July '62
CLARK, John	Died Nov. '61
COBLE, John C.	Dischgd. Oct. '61
DAVIS, R. L.	Died of his wounds
DAVIS, F. W.	
FLOYD, L. C.	2d sergt.
FARLEY, J. C.	Left in Arkansas
BARNES, S.H.	Died Oct. '61
DELANEY, W. M.	Left in Arkansas
GRIFFIN, Green	
GRIFFIN, Jos. E.	Captured, died North
GRISHAM, Jos.	
GARNER, C. K.	2d sergt.
HUTSON, P. H.	4th sergt., missing at Chickamauga
HAYNES, T. J.	Discharged Dec. '61
HAYNES, Jas. M.	Captured at Elk Horn
HAYNES, J. M.	Wounded at Corinth
HUDDLESTON, Levi H.	
HUDDLESTON, Daniel	Died of his wounds
HUDDLESTON, E. N.	
HUDDLESTON, Wm. C.	Died January '62
HUDDLESTON, Wm.	
HOOVER, H. J.	
HENDERSON, L. M.	3d Lieut., 1st Lieut.
HUTSON, Wm. H.	Left in Arkansas
HOLIDAY, Peter E.	Discharged October '61
JOHNSON, John W.	

KEMP, J. R.	Corporal
KENNEDY, N. G.	
HAMIE, W. H.	Captured—died North
MARTIN, J. B.	Left in Arkansas
McGLAUN, Jos. M.	Prisoner—exchanged
McDONALD, H. H.	
McDONALD, A. J.	Left in Arkansas
LINGO, Elijah	Died December '61
POWERS, B. A.	Died June '62
RHODES, Wm.	Discharged October '61
McMINUS, Joseph	Discharged October '61
SELF, Baalam	
STEWART, Wm. M.	Left in Arkansas
SANDFORD, W. N.	
SOUTHWORTH, Wm.	Died May '62
STRINGER, Dan'l	
SEVIER, Jas. C.	
VINSON, Jos. M.	Killed at Murfreesboro
WAGGONER, Mike	
WILLIAMS, Ben S.	
WEAVER, Ben	
WHITE, Harrison	Died March 13, '62
WEBB, Eri	
BREWER, L. H.	Discharged December '61
COOPER, Thos. L.	Discharged January '62
RAY, Chas. W.	
GENTRY, R. R.	Died October '61
COE, G. W.	Died January '62
WESSON, J. L.	
JARMAN, Rob't.	
CLINGMAN, Jackson	Left in Arkansas
CLINGMAN, Edward	Left in Arkansas
McLAUGHLIN, T. R.	
MOORE, H. D.	
MOORE, Jesse B.	
POLK, Taylor	2d Lieut., resigned June 6, '62

FROM THE GURDON TIMES, November 19, 1904:

Pike County News

Pike County is all right.

Cotton is coming in freely to Pike, Delight, and Antoine.

Lumbering, asphalt mining and railroad building is brisk in Pike County.

Dr. Wright is about to leave Pike City for a larger practice---the eastern part of the state.

Pike City is picking up and seems to have a future before it. It is not dead and will not be buried.