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The United States Federal Census (1850) PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

MORTALITY SCHEDULE

Names	Age	Sex	Born	Died (m/y)	Cause of Death
Mary Carpenter	1 month	f	Ark	Apr (1850)	Hives, 2 days
Philby Carpenter	34	f	Ala	Dec (1849)	Pneumonia, 90 days
Benjamin Clark	2	m	Ark	Oct (1849)	Worms, 15 days
John Clements	80	m	Va	May (1850)	Old age
Isaac Cooley	1 month	m	Ark	July (1849)	Unknown, 1 day
Daniel Evans	85	m	NC	Apr (1850)	Old age, 60 days
James E. Griffin	44	m	SC	Nov (1849)	Pneumonia, 12 days
William T. Hancock	52	m	SC	Dec (1849)	Pneumonia, 7 days
Sarah Holden	4 months	f	Ark	Sep (1849)	Cholera, 16 days
Archibald Huddleston	73	m	NC	Feb (1850)	Unknown, 7 days
Mary A. Huddleston	4	f	Ark	Oct (1849)	Worms, 4 days
Jacob Hudson	1 month	m	Ark	Dec (1849)	Stillborn
Infant Kelley	1 month	f	Ark	Aug (1849)	Cholera, 1 day
Zeltha McClure	10 months	f	Tenn	Jan (1850)	Unknown, 20 days
John McLaughlin	1 month	m	Ark	Jan (1850)	Unknown, sudden
William H. Oliver	52	m	Va	Aug (1849)	Cholera, 1 day
Nail Owens	4 months	m	Ark	Jan (1850)	Croup, 7 days
Anthony C. White	1	m	Ark	Oct (1849)	Worms, 15 days
John Wingfield	12 months	m	Ark	Sep (1849)	Croup, sudden

I, *William H. Preston*, do hereby certify, that ... there has died during the year ending (the) 1st (of) June, 1850, 19 persons.

WILLIAM H. PRESTON

Assistant Marshal

Transcribed from microfilm of the 1850 Federal Census, Pike County, Arkansas Mortality Schedule by David L. Kelley, registered copyright (TX 3 104 935) June 5, 1991.

A Pictorial History of Arkansas by Fay Hempstead (1890) **PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

PIKE COUNTY

Pike County, the twenty-seventh county created, was formed November 1st, 1833, out of territory taken from the counties of Hempstead and Clark, and was named after General *Zebulon Montgomery Pike*, a distinguished officer of the war of 1812. The seat of justice was directed to be at the house of *Paschal C. Sorrels* until permanently located. An election was directed to be held for Commissioners to locate it. The Commissioners located it in 1834 at Murfreesboro.

The county of Pike is an interior southwest county. Its area is about 600 square miles.

Its surface is partly mountainous, but has much alluvial soil, rich and fertile. In the mountainous districts minerals exist and have been prospected for successfully, but not developed. The county is watered by the Little Missouri river, which runs through it. It has as yet no railroad.

The chief products of the country are corn and grain. Cotton is also raised to some extent.

There are forty-three free schools in the county, and churches at all the chief points.

The towns of the county are Murfreesboro, Antoine, Star of the West, Huddleston, Brocktown and Royston.

The town of Murfreesboro was founded in 1834. It is situated in a fertile spot on the Little Missouri river, thirteen miles from Nashville, in Howard county, which is the nearest railroad point.

In 1836, by Act of the Legislature of October 26th, *Rice Stringer*, *Henry Brewer*, and *John Hughes* were appointed Commissioners to lay off lots in the town of Murfreesboro, sell them, and with the proceeds build a court-house and jail.

In 1837, by Act of the Legislature, December 9th, *Fontaine Stone*, *Robert McDonald*, *John Hughes*, *Elijah Kelley* and *Henry Brewer* were appointed *additional* commissioners to sell lots in Murfreesboro, as purposed above, for the county.

The present population of the place is about 300 persons.

A weekly newspaper, called *The Sentinel*, is published there by *J.O.A. Bush*, County Clerk.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE HELD OFFICE IN THE COUNTY

Judge

Washington Sorrels, 1834-1835
William Kelley, 1835-1840

David Huddleston, 1840-1844
William Kelley, 1844-1848
J. McDowel, 1852-1854
David Huddleston, 1854-1864
Elijah Kelley, July 1865-1868
Robert A. Cox, 1868-1872
David Huddleston, 1874-1880

J.C. McKetchan, 1880-1882
T.J. Tolleson, 1882-1884
Thomas B. Stephans, 1884-1886
Isaac Cooley, 1886-1888
W.N. McClure, 1888-1890

Clerk

David S. Dickson, 1834-1848
William H. Preston, 1848-1850
Thomas K. Dossey, 1850-1852
John S. Owens, 1852-1854
W.R. McFarlin, 1854-1856

William J. Kelley, 1856-1862
James H. Howard, 1862-1864
William J. Kelley, 1865-1865
J.H. Howard, July 1865-1868
H.P. Howard, 1868-1874

William J. White, 1874-1875
M.W. Hill, June 1875-1878
W.B. Thomasson, 1878-1884
J.O.A. Bush, 1884-1890

Sheriff

John Hughes, 1834-1835
Isaac White, 1835-1840
Henry Brewer, 1840-1842
Lewis Huddleston, 1842-1854

William Gilmer, 1854-1862
John M. Davis, 1862-1864
John M. Davis, July 1865-1866
Benjamin S. Davis, 1866-1872
William J. Reed, 1872-1874
A.F. Wilson, 1874-1876

J.P. Copeland, 1876-1880

James Scott, 1848-1850
Isaac White, 1850-1852
W.N. McClure, 1880-1886
J.P. Gosnell, 1886-1888
A.W. Parker, 1888-1890

Treasurer

John Hughes, 1838-1840
Hiram Kizzia, 1840-1842
Rice Stringer, 1842-1852
David Huddleston, 1854-1856
John D. Brewer, 1856-1860

J.B.P. Elzy, 1860-1864
Thomas W. McClure, 1864-1865
David Campbell, July 1865-1866
John Wagner, 1866-1870
W.D. Kelley, December 1870-1872
Thomas J. Strawn, 1872-1874
William J. Jackson, 1874-1876

William J. Smedley, 1876-1878
J.A. Holland, 1878-1882
John W. Covington, 1882-1884
H.F. Fagan, 1884-1886
William M. Kizzia, 1886-1890

Coroner

John M. Dickson, 1834-1835
James H. Kirkham, 1835-1836
Henry Brewer, 1836-1840
William H. Atkins, 1840-1842
B. Scott, 1842-1844
Isaac Hay, 1844-1846

William B. Speer, 1846-1848
Thomas J. Conway, 1848-1850
S.S. Thompson, 1850-1852
W. Huddleston, 1852-1854
Thomas J. Conway, 1854-1856
C.M. Crawford, 1856-1858

Benjamin Bryant, 1858-1860
William J. Thompson, 1860-1862
W. Huddleston, 1862-1864
David Womack, 1864-1865
James Corbell, July 1865-1866

Thomas J. Strawn, 1866-1868
George W. Logan, 1868-1872

C.N. Westerman, 1882-1886
D.L. Bowen, 1886-1888
Jackson J. Wingfield, 1888-1890

Surveyors

E.K. Williams, 1835-1836
James H. Kirkham, 1836-1838
William Johnson, 1840-1842
T. Scott, 1842-1844
James H. Kirkham, 1846-1848
William Johnson, 1850-1852

W.R. McFarlin, 1852-1854
James Scott, 1854-1856
Cyrus Hubble, 1856-1858
W.R. McFarlin, 1858-1860
Cyrus Hubble, 1860-1862
F.J. McFarlin, 1862-1864

W.R. Smedley, 1864-1865
James Corbell, July 1865-1866
J.M. Southerland, 1866-1868
C.S. Cox, 1868-1872
J.S. Corbell, 1872-1880
R.S. Burke, 1880-1882
J.S. Thomasson, 1882-1890

Assessors

John Wagner, 1868-1870
J.M. Southerland, Dec., 1870-1872
W.N. McClure, 1872-1874
George W. Logan, 1874-1882

J.P. Gosnell, 1882-1886
W.N. McFarland, 1886-1888
B.F. Bryant, 1888-1890

A Pictorial History of Arkansas, from earliest times to the year 1890. An extended history of each county in order of formation, and of the principle cities and towns; together with biographical notices of distinguished and prominent citizens by Fay Hempstead.

N.D. Thompson Publishing Co., St. Louis and New

Granville W. Tarpley, 1872-1874
C.N. Westerman, 1874-1876
John Gorham, 1876-1882

York, 1890, pages 998-1000.

Pike County, Arkansas revised and edited by David L. Kelley.

WILLIAM KELLEY BIBLE

This Bible Record is written in the handwriting of William Kelley. According to descendants he used this Bible when he preached. He was the first ordained Elder & first Pastor of the Antioch Church on Wolf Creek now the Delight, Church of Christ.

LIST OF NAMES.

William Kelley was born December the 17th, 1794.

Rebecca Kelley was born May the 4th, 1800.

Elizabeth Kelley, daughter of William Kelley, was born June the 22 day, A.D. 1815.

Samuel Kelley, son of William Kelley, was born May the 5th, 1817.

Giles Kelley, son of William Kelley, was born February the 2nd day, A.D. 1819.

Robert McMahan Kelley, son of William Kelley, was born March the 31st, A.D. 1821.

Nancy Kelley, daughter of William Kelley, was born January the 20th, A.D. 1823.

Elijah Kelley, son of William Kelley, was born February the 17th, A.D. 1825.

Margaret Kelley, daughter of William Kelley, was born August the 24th, A.D. 1827.

William J. Kelley, son of William Kelley, was born December the 20th, A.D. 1830.

George Washington Kelley, son of William Kelley, was born January the 1st, A.D. 1832.

Martha Ann Kelley, daughter of *William Kelley*, was born September the 15th, A.D. 1834.

In the 1840 census of Pike County, Arkansas printed in "THE GEMS" Volume 3, Number 2, pages 49-53 there is statistical information to the right of each "name" of the head of household relative to males and females. This information is for the number of individuals in the household and their age range. There are 13 age range columns considered for both males and females. Going left to right they are as follows: Position (1) age under 5; (2) age 5-10; (3) age 10-15; (4) age 15-20; (5) age 20-30; (6) age 30-40; (7) age 40-50; (8) age 50-60; (9) age 60-70; (10) age 70-80; (11) age 80-90; (12) age 90-100; (13) age over 100.

EXAMPLE: Josiah Barnes 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 0
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Statistical: 1 male under 5; 1 male age 5-10; 1 male age 15-20; 1 male age 60-70; 1 female age 5-10; 1 female age 10-15; 1 female age 15-20; 1 female age 50-60.

ELIJAH KELLEY

Below we copy from the Arkansas Standard a communication over the signature of *Geo. W. Logan*, giving a few points in the career of the venerable gentleman whose name heads this article. We reproduce it with pleasure, because it brings to The Gazette tidings that all is well with one of the friends of its youth, and because it corrects a report frequently published that Gen. *Grandison D. Royston* is the sole surviving member of the constitutional convention of 1836. Gen. *Royston* will now feel less lonesome, and be accredited with the youth he wears so well. Mr. *Kelley* lives, hale and healthy, the patriarch of five generations -- four of them his descendants and numbering over 200 souls -- near Murfreesboro, Pike county, where he has lived respected, honored and venerated, since 1815. We think Mr. *Logan* is in error in dating Mr. *Kelley's* birth in 1780. We believe it should be not further back than 1790. When The Gazette's eyes last beheld him -- a member of the legislature of '66 -- he was "a gray-haired happy boy" of 60, to all appearance. May the shadow of his person, example and influence remain long in the land, and may his tribe increase:

Eds. Standard: According to promise I give you and the many readers of the Standard, a few items in reference to the old men of this (Pike) county. First, and at the head of the list in many respects, stands *Elijah Kelley, Sr.*, who was born September 14, 1780; moved with his parents to Arkansas at the age of 15 years, that is in the year 1815, (thus born in 1800) and settled with his parents on Wolf

Courtesy of Loreda Denton, Murfreesboro, Arkansas, November 29, 1975.
1840 Census Pike County, Arkansas

Creek, in Pike county, Arkansas, where he now resides. He is, and has been for many years a minister of the gospel in the Christian church. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1836, and helped frame the first constitution of Arkansas as a state, and has, once or more, represented this county in the legislature, of which body he was a worthy member. He is by occupation a farmer, and in the year 1882, raised two and one-half bales of cotton, and enough corn to do him this year. His children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, number over 200, and notwithstanding his age, he is quite lively and stout.

(GEO. W. LOGAN)

Arkansas Gazette, May 10, 1883, page 2, column 2, from the **Arkadelphia Southern Standard**, Old Citizens of Pike County, May 5, 1883.

Old Citizens of Pike County.

(continued)

Next we give the name of *J.C. Roden*, who was born in 1801, come to this county several years since, and settled near *Gray's Ferry*, on the Little Missouri, he also is a farmer, and has in the last few years paid out between a thousand and twelve hundred dollars for the farm he now lives on. He is a worthy member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and is lively and full of honor, etc.

We have been having court to our hearts content, two weeks of circuit court, and now an adjourned term of the county court, for the benefit of tax payers, so that they can get the scrip due for services rendered during the late term of circuit court.

I will write again soon, as there are other men in this county that I want to write about.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. W. LOGAN

Murfreesboro, April 24, 1883.

Arkadelphia Southern Standard, May 5, 1883.

Old men of Pike.

EDS. STANDARD: Mr. *Dempsey Hill* was born in North Carolina in the year 1801, and is now in his eighty-

third year. He came to Arkansas in 1845. He rides on horse back from his home into the northwest part of Pike county to Murfreesboro, a distance of twenty-five miles, attends to his business and returns home without any inconvenience, etc.

Mr. *Levi Miller* was born in the same state near Tar river; I don't know whether above or below the Bum. He also came to Arkansas in 1848, and is now in his eighty-third year. Mr. *Miller* has eighty-six grand-children. He lives in the northwest part of this, Pike county.

Both of these old men are good, honest, upright men, and no doubt will enter upon eternal life when they quit this mortal life.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. W. LOGAN

Murfreesboro, May 9, 1883.

Arkadelphia Southern Standard, May 12, 1883.

Old Men of Pike.

EDS. STANDARD: Dr. *A. Biggs* was born December 10, 1802. He came to Arkansas in 1850, and settled in the north part of Clark county, where the thriving little town of Amity now stands. He will have been a preacher of the gospel for fifty-six years this September next coming. He is a minister in the true sense of the word, having a clear-head and possessing noble principle, and though in his 81st year, his mind is vigorous and fresh, and he preaches with power.

Mr. *J.H. Horne* was born in South Carolina in the year 1793, and is now in his ninetieth year. He has a son living who is in his seventieth year. He is very feeble and will not live much longer. I learn he is, and has been for many years, a member of the Baptist church, and he has the hope that if he die, yet shall he live again.

GEO. W. LOGAN

Murfreesboro, May 28th (1883).

Old Citizens of Pike County.

EDS. STANDARD: *Moses Brock*, was born in Grainger (Grainger) county, Tennessee, January 17th, '83 (1803); he came to Arkansas in 1850, and settled on Saline Creek, in Pike county near the place where he now resides; he has been a member of the Missionary Baptist church over 40 years. He is not only a member, but a good and pious man, having raised a respectable family;

one of his sons, *John W. Brock*, resides in your (Clark) county.

Brother *Brock* is a farmer by occupation and notwithstanding his age, he works on his farm yet. If you were to see him moving about, you would suppose him to be about 50 years old.

Next comes Major *James Mansfield*, who was born in Logan county, Ky., on the 4th day of July 1801, he came to Arkansas in 1833, and I suppose settled on Saline Creek, Pike County, near to *Moses Brock*, and there for (a) number of years he labored on his farm enjoying the fruit of his labor. Major *Mansfield*, as he is familiarly called, is a worthy member of the Christian or Campbellite church, and a good citizen.

Now Mr. Editors, I have given you the names of eight men, citizens of Pike county that are over 80 years old which I think, speaks well for the healthfulness of our county. There are a great many others that are very old, both men and women.

Fine rains (rains) - cotton booming - corn improving - health tolerable good - people happy - building new camp ground near to Saline Creek on the road from this place to Antoine. Camp Meeting to embrace 2nd Sabbath in September. Ye editors come up and attend the camp meeting.

Yours &c.

G.W. LOGAN

Murfreesboro, Aug. 7th 1883.

Arkadelphia Southern Standard, August 25, 1883. George W. Logan of Murfreesboro, Arkansas was the Pike County Assessor from 1874-1882.

Enclosed are four letters printed in the *Arkadelphia Southern Standard* in 1883 about Old Men of Pike county, written by Mr. *Geo. W. Logan*. I thought perhaps you might like to print them in your newsletter. There were correspondents from Wolf Creek, Caney Fork, Collier Hill, etc. which I will copy and send if you would like to use them. Some used such names as THE CARBINE, SHARP SHOOTER, RIFLE SHOT, FLYING ARTILLERY. *J. F. Louis* was the regular from Wolf Creek.

Allen Syler, 712 South 22nd
Arkadelphia, Ark 71923-5622

NEW PCAHS PRESIDENT

Harrison Gilmer has been elected 1992
President of the **Pike County Archives and**

History Society succeeding *DeWayne Gray* who has moved to Little Rock, Arkansas to work. We shall miss him. The slate of other officers remain the same. Mr. *Gilmer* is a resident of Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

Congratulations!

ARCHIVES UPDATE

Wilma V. Ranger, 9705 Berkshire Loop SE, Olympia, WA 98503 has sent copies of the publication of The Fulton Family, The James Family and Violent Kin.

Otis and Myrl Dyer, Box 753, Umpire, AR 71971 has donated issues of Wagon Wheels, a publication of the Logan County (Ken-tucky) Historical Society.

Jimmy D. Higgins, 2128 Duncan, Conway, AR 72032, has given a partial copy of the book (loose-leaf) Rockett and Allied Families 1681-1981 by John Franklin Rockette. This book starts with the history of the Rockette name before the Roman Empire, to Virginia, N.C., S.C., Mississippi, Arkansas, etc. It includes the Rockette, Holcombes & others that came on to Hempstead and Pike Counties. *Jimmy Higgins* fits into this family through the McLaughlin, Harris, Rockette line. *Mary Dyer Bond*, another PCAHS member is from this Rockett line.

Fern Anderson Adams, PCAHS member of Kirby, Arkansas donated a new stamp for PCAHS. It was needed.

PCAHS wishes to thank all of you for your generous contributions!

QUERIES

October 21, 1991

County Judge:

I am trying to find the location of (a) Shawmutt Cemetery at a location of a saw-mill in the late 1890's to the 1919's - the name of it was *Lee Cemetery* ... I thought you might be able to help since I think it is in Pike, maybe on the Antoine River near Delight or in that area. My grandmother's mother & father are buried there: *John Jackson Ashford* and *Rebecca Jane O'Kelly Ashford* ...

Thank you,

Mrs. Shirley K. Patterson
2477 Highway 79 South
Camden, AR 71701

(Letter received by PCAHS, March 1992)

SISCO/CISCO, CROSS, McNAIL Desire any data on *Horace Sisco/Cisco* born 1 Oct 1819, OH (possibly Franklin Co.) died 8 Apr 1901, Daisy, Pike Co., AR, buried Shiloh Cemetery; possibly married (1) 8 Dec 1839 Franklin Co. OH, *Mary Ann Cross*; (2) 1900, Pike Co., AR, *Nancy* (?). Known children: *Jacob Shannon* married 1874 Iron Co., MO, *Mary Elizabeth McNail*; *Edward Perry* 1861-1924; *Malinda, Liza, Daniel, Alonzo, Rachel & Flora. Dorothy (Kyriss) Alvis, P.O. Box 473, Hensley, AR 72065-0473.*

H. (Henry) Cisco, age 81 of Pike County, Arkansas and *Jane Golden*, age 24 of Pike County, Arkansas were married July 25, 1900. Marriage Book B, page 83. Pike County, Marriage Records 1895-1910 by *Linda W. Meek* and *Dorothy K. Partain*, page 5.

BURROW, DAVIS, McLAUGHLIN Seeking info. on family of *Samuel G. (maybe Granville) Burrow*, b. 1810, N.C. *Samuel* lived in Washington Co. AR in 1850. No spouse listed, children listed in census records were *David, Elizabeth, Sarah, Jerrell* and *Samuel. Samuel (Milton)* the youngest child 1st m. *Margaret DAVIS*. *Margaret* was born in AR; need info about *Margaret's* parents and family. They had children *David Samuel, Jerrell Adolphus, Ora B., and Ollie F. BURROW. Samuel Milton* 2nd married *Martha Dora Belle McLAUGHLIN WRIGHT*, her parents are *John H. McLAUGHLIN* and *Eliabeth BURROW. Ruby Rousseau Puckette, 1242 Arizona Ave., Dallas, TX 75216-1022.*

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Open to all *Standridge* researchers. Contact: R.P. Baker, 6525 Magnolia Drive, Mabelvale, Arkansas 72103 for more information.

ALFORD I need help in finding documentation for *Robert Alford's* (circa 1760) Revolutionary War Record. Family legend is that he crossed the Delaware with *George Washington*. *Robert Alford* is my ultimate ancestor. Beginning with my father *Robert*, my lineage is: *Robert Warren, Joseph Warren, Jr., Joseph Warren, Sr., Madison Ewing, David, and Robert*. Help would be very much appreciated by me and my cousin, *Marian*, whose father's name was *Richard Marion*. **Mary Alford Helms, 21 Colony Rd., Little Rock, AR 72207.**

SELF, HOLLINGSHADE, CALLOWAY, STAFFORD *Martha M. Hollingshade* married *Madison Calloway*, 1866, Hempstead County, AR. *Martha* had (a) daughter *Dora Hollingshade* born 1865, Texas, died 1865, Hempstead County, AR. *Martha M. (Hollingshade Calloway)* born 1842, Alabama, died 1880 Nevada County, AR. Daughter *Etta Calloway Stafford* said *Martha* was a *Self. (Mr.) Hollingshade* died on way back from Texas to relatives, his or hers? *Foggy (Forgus) Self* recorded in family data. Was *Foggy/Frogas (Forgus) Self* 1850 Pike Co. census her father? **Jimmie L. Graham, P.O. Box 238, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.**

CREWS, DILLARD, NELSON, REYNOLDS, SEVIER, STAFFORD, WHISENANT I need information: *Green Berry Dillard*, born 1820 Spartanburg, SC, married *Martha A.*, born 1813, SC. He joined Bethel Baptist Church in March 1856. I don't know what happened to them. I don't know where they are buried. Can anyone help? *Green Berry* is the son of *Samuel* and *Elizabeth Dillard* who are buried at Bethel. The names I am researching are: *Crews, Dillard, Nelson, Reynolds, Sevier, Stafford* and *Whisenant*. These people all lived in Clark, Pike or Montgomery counties. **Lucille Chote, 2003 Hobson Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71913.**

FIELDING NELSON BIBLE

F. Nelson bought Nov. 24, 1913 at *W.E. Whitford*, Glenwood, Arkansas.
Fielding Nelson of Hickory Station and *Martha J. Tackett* of Hickory Station on August 11, 1872 by *H.L.*

Wasson.

Marriages.

W.R. Nelson and *Lizzie Stricklen*, February 9, 1896.
James F. Nelson and *Ellen Reynolds*, October 7, 1900.
Hosie H. Nelson and *Mable M. Gilbert*, February 15, 1903.
Charlie L. Nelson and *Effie M. Hethcox*, July 26, 1908.
George C. Nelson and *Octa A. Reynolds*, August 18, 1908.
Enoch S. Nelson & *Willie L. Hethcox*, December 13, 1908.
Isaac M. Nelson and *Jessie Nash*, May 5, 1912.
C.E. Gantz and *Myra Nelson*, January 16, 1950.
Myra Nelson and *Millard Reid*, December 30, 1967.
Myra Reid and *Fred Wilson* (no date).

Births.

F. Nelson, August 7, 1853.
M.J. Nelson, November 15, 1850.
W.R. Nelson, September 12, 1874.
J.F. Nelson, January 2, 1878.
H.H. Nelson, June 23, 1880.
C.L. Nelson, September 1, 1882.
G.C. Nelson, March 2, 1885.
E.S. Nelson, December 6, 1887.
I.M. Nelson, September 30, 1890.
Myra Nelson, March 26, 1893.

Deaths.

J.F. Nelson, August 15, 1918.
M.J. Nelson, February 2, 1928.
F. Nelson, August 23, 1945.
I.M. Nelson, September 29, 1955.
E.R. Nelson, April 10, 1959.
C.L. Nelson, July 26, 1964.
G.C. Nelson, June 1, 1969.
W.R. Nelson, May 8, 1970.
H.H. Nelson, October 18, 1974.
Myra Wilson, August 19, 1979.

Courtesy of Lucille Chote, approved by Lillian Rogers, granddaughter of Fielding Nelson.

The 1880 Pike County (Arkansas) U.S. Census by *Dorothy K. Partain & Linda Willingham Meek* will be released this fall, indexed, \$20. The Pike County Picture Book (being presently prepared for press) hope-fully ready this fall. *Dorothy Kennedy Partain* was privileged to go to Alabama in June ... a very good Genealogical Society and extensive Archives in Anniston, Alabama. They would like 4 x 6 (inch) surname cards for Alabama or the S.E. United States. One surname per card, specifics, and your name, address, phone number (optional), and date.

Albenton Genealogical Society, Public Library, P.O. Box 308, 108 E. 10th St., Anniston, AL 36202.

PCAHS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

- "THE EARLY HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS - The First One Hundred Years", originally published 1978 - reprinted 1989, now includes INDEX and CORRECTIONS ... \$12.00
- 1870 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS PRINTED U S CENSUS**
by Dorothy Kennedy Partain - indexed ... \$15.00
- "THE DIARY" (Family History) by Carlton Denny
of Delight, Arkansas ... \$3.00
- A Reconstruction of the "1890" CENSUS OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS** by Russell P. Baker ... \$15.00
- "SWEET REMEMBRANCE - Caney Valley Childhood Memories of Flora Adelia Adams Cosby" compiled by Karen Cosby Roy, published 1984 ... \$10.00
- CEMETERY RECORDS of PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS** compiled by the Pike County Extension Homemakers Council, copyright 1986 ... Sold Out
- INDEX TO VOLUME 1 NUMBERS 1, 2, 3 and 4 of "THE GEMS of PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS" ...** \$3.00
- BACK ISSUES of "THE GEMS of PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS"**
Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Each Issue \$2.00
- PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS (1895-1910)** by Linda Willingham Meek and Dorothy Kennedy Partain ... \$15.00
- "CRATER OF DIAMONDS: Jewel of Arkansas" published 1989 by Bobbie Hendrix ... \$6.00

1992 ANNUAL PCAHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please make check or money order payable to Linda Wilson, Treasurer of PCAHS and mail along with the following information to: Linda Wilson, Treasurer of PCAHS, P.O. Box 179, Delight, AR 71940
Regular Annual membership rate is \$7.00, Senior Citizens annual membership rate is \$5.00 and Lifetime membership rate is a one time fee of \$100.00

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