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The United States Federal Census (1850)  
PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
Corrected and Annotated (Part 2)

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## WHITE TOWNSHIP

031/031	B.B. Walston	49	m	Hatter	S. Carolina
	Sarah	30	f		Georgia
	Robert	19	m		Georgia
	Sarah	16	f		Georgia
	Louisa	14	f		Alabama
	William	12	m		Alabama
	John	10	m		Georgia
Martha	5	f	Georgia		
032/032	Alfred Wilson	27	m	Farmer	Alabama
	Elizabeth	26	f		Alabama
	Cynthia B.	6	f		Alabama
	Martha A.	4	f		Alabama
	Frances C.	1	f		Arkansas
033/033	Isaac Clements	50	m	Farmer	N. Carolina
	Sally	49	f		S. Carolina
	John	17	m		Tennessee
	Marilda	1	f		Arkansas
	Enoch Nelson	16	m		Georgia
034/034	Polly Wheat	40	f		Unknown
	Buck	15	m		Arkansas
	Elisha	14	m		Arkansas
	Malinda	10	f		Arkansas
	Harrison	8	m		Arkansas
	Polly A. Powell	20	f		Arkansas

035/035	William Powell	17	m			Arkansas
	Luke Mason	23	m	Farmer		Arkansas
	Mary	18	f			Missouri
	Mary A.	10 months	f			Arkansas
036/036	Robert Nelson	52	m	Farmer	\$500	S. Carolina
	Mary	41	f			S. Carolina
	William	23	m			Alabama
	Polly	19	f			Alabama
	James	17	m			Alabama
	Nancy J.	14	f			Alabama
	Samuel W.	8	m			Arkansas
	David T.	8	m			Arkansas
	Spencer White	26	m	Farmer		Tennessee
	M. Jane	9 months	f			Arkansas
037/037	Samuel Nelson	46	m	Farmer		S. Carolina
	Elizabeth	35	f			S. Carolina
	Nancy J.	16	f			Alabama
	Mary A.	11	f			Arkansas
	Jinsey	7	f			Arkansas
	Martha	4	f			Arkansas
	David F.	1	m			Arkansas
	James Elliott	65	m	Shoemaker		S. Carolina
038/038	D.F.B. Elliott	33	m	Farmer		S. Carolina
	Elizabeth	31	f			Georgia
039/039	John Raney	52	m	Farmer	\$500	Georgia
	Nancy	35	f			Mississippi
	Rebecca	17	f			Arkansas
	John	16	m			Arkansas
	David	13	m			Arkansas
	Isaac	11	m			Arkansas
	Nancy	7	m			Arkansas
	William	5	m			Arkansas
	Libby	4	f			Arkansas
	Cynthia	2	f			Arkansas
	Mason Roberts	100	f			N. Carolina
040/040	William Roberts	45	m	Farmer		Mississippi
	Huldah	30	f			Unknown
	William	13	m			Arkansas
	James	10	m			Arkansas
	Littleton	7	m			Arkansas
	Nancy	1	f			Arkansas

SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in *White Township*, in the County of *Pike*, State of *Arkansas*, enumerated by me on the 2nd day of November, 1850. *William H. Preston*, Ass't Marshal.

041/041	Jordan White	47	m	Farmer	\$220	Tennessee
	Rebecca	46	f			Tennessee
	Isaac	19	m			Arkansas
	Mary	14	f			Arkansas
	Rebecca	12	f			Arkansas
	Napoleon B.	9	m			Arkansas
	John Miller	20	m	Farmer		Georgia
	Martha	17	f			Arkansas
042/042	Pleasant White Jr.	21	m	Farmer		Tennessee
	Nancy	16	f			N. Carolina
043/043	Uriah Stone	26	m	Farmer		Tennessee
	Martha A.	18	f			Alabama
	Mary E.	1	f			Arkansas
	James	25	m			Arkansas
	Lucinda Stevenson	16	f			Alabama
044/044	John A. Miller	25	m	Farmer		Tennessee
	Mary E.	15	f			Tennessee
	Mary	1	f			Arkansas
045/045	Peter J. Choat	34	m	Farmer		Tennessee
	Polly	31	f			Unknown
	William T.	11	m			Mississippi
	Martha A.	9	f			Alabama
	James M.	7	m			Tennessee
	Franklin	5	m			Mississippi
	Elizabeth	2	f			Texas
046/046	William Stone	47	m	Farmer		N. Carolina
	Sarah (Huddleston)	42	f			Tennessee
	William	11	m			Tennessee
	Daniel	9	m			Arkansas
	Francis M.	6	m			Arkansas
	Jane	4	f			Arkansas
	Lucinda	5 months	f			Arkansas
	Pemly Kelly	12	m			Mississippi
	Cassandra	11	f			Mississippi
	Alfred	13	m			N. Carlolina

**During the 1850 federal census enumeration of Pike County, Arkansas, *William H. Preston*, Assistant Marshal, failed to make a new number for the *John Choat* household, thus it appears they are a part of the *William Stone* household in the original record. *John Choat* would have been household number 47/47 following the *William Stone* household 46/46. All household numbers in this transcript beginning with *John Choat* reflect the corrected number as it would have appeared without the error.**

047/047	John Choat	44	m	Farmer		Tennessee
	Celia	40	f			N. Carolina
	James	19	m			Tennessee
	John	12	m			Mississippi
	Francis	9	m			Mississippi
	Hetty	3	f			Mississippi
048/048	Willis Reeves	37	m	Farmer		S. Carolina
	Emeline	26	f			Tennessee
	Jane	7	f			Arkansas
	William	5	m			Arkansas
	John	3	m			Arkansas
	Thompson Woods	12	m			Tennessee
049/049	Jane Woods	37	f			S. Carolina
	Orfy	13	f			Kentucky
	Amanda	11	f			Kentucky
	Elizabeth	8	f			Kentucky
	John	5	m			Kentucky
	Willis	1	m			Tennessee
050/050	William Reeves	31	m	Farmer		S. Carolina
	Lunelli	24	f			Arkansas
	Smith	1	m			Arkansas
051/051	James R. Bush	30	m	Farmer		Kentucky
	Amanda	24	f			S. Carolina
	Citty A.	3	f			Kentucky
	Mary E.	1	f			Kentucky
052/052	Absalom White	60	m	Farmer	\$300	Maryland
	Elizabeth A.	33	f			Tennessee
	James F.	12	m			Arkansas
	Thomas M.	10	m			Arkansas
	John W.	9	m			Arkansas
	Absalom B.	4	m			Arkansas
	Ambrose H.S .	2	m			Arkansas
	Polly Dillon	18	f			Georgia
053/053	Isaac Stover	24	m	Farmer		Arkansas
	Manerva	24	f			Tennessee
	Isaac W.	1	f			Arkansas
	James M. Hughes	4	m			Arkansas
054/054	John Jacobs	53	m	Farmer		Kentucky
	Nancy	29	f			Unknown
	William	14	m			Arkansas
	John E.	10	m			Arkansas
	Z.T.	4	m			Arkansas

	Baby	3 months	m		Arkansas
055/055	James Robbins	30	m	Farmer	New York
	Nancy A.	20	f		Mississippi
	James H.	2	m		Arkansas
	Roxanna	5 months	f		Arkansas

## BREWER TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in *Brewer Township*, in the County of *Pike*, State of *Arkansas*, enumerated by me on the 3rd day of November, 1850. *William H. Preston*, Ass't Marshal.

056/056	Thomas Williamson	32	m	Farmer	\$150	Unknown
	Lousinda	20	f			Tennessee
	William M.	1	m			Arkansas
057/057	D.H.J. Green	24	m	Farmer	\$100	Unknown
	Mary A.	22	f			Tennessee
	John J.	1	m			Arkansas
	Washington	8	f			Arkansas
058/058	English Jacobs	38	m	Farmer		Unknown
	Mary A. (Wingfield)	38	f			Unknown
	John K.	16	m			Arkansas
	Madison S.	14	m			Arkansas
	Thomas N.	11	m			Arkansas
	Beverly	8	m			Arkansas
	Sarah	6	f			Arkansas
	Martha	4	f			Arkansas
	Margaret	1	f			Arkansas
059/059	Elvira Brewer	52	f			N. Carolina
	John M.	22	m	Farmer		Arkansas
	Oliver	17	m			Arkansas
	Reece	14	m			Arkansas
	Elvira C.	11	f			Arkansas

*John Brewer* and *Elvira Alexander* were married September 7, 1815 in Washington County, Missouri. *John Brewer* died in Pike County, Arkansas on April 9, 1845.

060/060	Joab Hudson (Hutson)	41	m	Farmer		S. Carolina
	Jane	31				N. Carolina
	Elizabeth	16	f			Georgia
	Caroline	14	f			Alabama
	Frances	5	f			Arkansas
061/061	Pleasant White	32	m	Farmer		Tennessee
	Nancy A. (Rose)	19	f			Arkansas
	Wilson Lee	13	m			Arkansas

062/062	Elizabeth Hancock	47	f		\$300	Tennessee
	John D.	25	m	Farmer		Tennessee
	William J.	23	f			Tennessee
	Abner	18	m			Arkansas
	Mary	15	f			Arkansas
	Rebecca	13	f			Arkansas
	James Snell	47	m	Laborer		Unknown

*William T. Hancock* and *Elizabeth Dickson* were married February 1, 1821 in Jackson County, Tennessee. *William T. Hancock* died in Pike County, Arkansas on December 24, 1849.

063/063	A.M. Taylor	21	m	Farmer		Alabama
	Lorenda (Kizzia)	17	f			Alabama

BOOK REVIEW, Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Volume L, pp. 397-399.

**The Autobiography of Henry Merrell: Industrial Missionary to the South.** Edited by *James L. Skinner, III*. (Athens, Ga., and London: University of Georgia Press, 1991. Pp. xxxv, 564. Acknowledgments, note on text, introduction, chronology, postscript, appendix, notes bibliography, and index.

Near the Little Missouri River, a few miles north of Murfreesboro in Pike County, Arkansas, *Henry Merrell* began to write his autobiography in August of 1863. He had sold his nearby mills because local sentiment opposed a Yankee like himself making a profit in the wartime South. Now, restless with energy, he used the blank spaces of a book, the only paper available, to put down a remarkably clear, detailed, and coherent account of his busy and productive life. He discussed at length his origins and upbringing in Utica, New York, his seventeen years in Georgia during which he operated and owned textile mills, and his experience creating a center of manufacturing in southwestern Arkansas. Arkansas historians will be particularly interested in *Merrell's* account of his building and managing a collection of water-driven mills on the Little Missouri River. His business grew rapidly beginning in 1856 with the construction of one wooden frame dam and proceeded with the building of a manufacturing complex that by 1860 included a saw mill, grist mill, flour mill, and separate factories that carded wool and spun cotton thread. Other than its water power, Pike County did not offer promising resources for *Merrell*. The land was marginal, and he described the people as "well-nigh shoeless, hatless, and in rags ... their houses of logs, & very rude logs at that, scarcely higher than a man could stand up in ..." He found these "moun-taineers of Arkansas" skilled with their axes but lacking industry. He also believed that because he was a northerner the

populace resented his successes rather than appreciated his efforts to develop the local economy. Local merchants were particularly hostile, perhaps because *Merrell* operated his own retail store. In any case, the war made him seem more obnoxious to his neighbors and finally occasioned his selling the business to a native southerner. Despite his problems in Pike County and his northern upbringing, *Merrell* supported slavery and the southern cause. He served the Confederate war effort in several capacities, designing and directing the placement of an abatis in the Arkansas River below Pine Bluff as a defense against federal river boats and later travelling to Europe at the request of General *Kirby Smith* in a belated and futile attempt to set up a manufacturing center for the trans-Mississippi Department. *Merrell's* autobiography also provides a detailed account of the war in Arkansas. His description of the fighting at Arkansas Post is enhanced by the fact that he visited the site, and his lengthy report of Union general *Frederick Steele's* operations at Camden is strengthened by his personal experience of living in the town at the time. *Henry Merrell* is often as likeable as he is readable. He was earnest, hard-working, and capable, extreme neither in his self-righteousness nor in his self-importance. Probably he would not be happy being called an "industrial missionary" and would have argued instead that he was simply looking for opportunity in a climate that suited his weak lungs. Characteristically candid, as well as very funny, is *Merrell's* account of being bucked through Charleston, South Carolina, when his riding crop became entangled in his horse's tail. On the other hand, he could be very private, writing little about the wife he seems to have loved very much. He was also narrow in some respects. Arguing that slaves were healthier in the factory than in the field, he admitted that the indoor air was filled with dust but claimed "they soon learn to breathe through the nose, and no dust reaches the lungs."

In 1981 *James L. Skinner, III*, editor of *Merrell's* autobiography, found the first volume of the *Merrell* manuscript in his family home in Roswell, Georgia. He tracked down the second volume and began a meticulous editing of the whole work. *Skinner's* supporting material constitutes about a third of the volume, all of which is well done. This reviewer disliked the fact that *Merrell's* text was divided into sections with each portion preceded by its own introduction. It would have been better to let the reader go straight through the narrative, which largely explains itself. Still, *Skinner* has done an excellent job with a very important source.

S. CHARLES BOLTON

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PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PICTURE BOOK &c.

The Pike County Picture Book is progressing finally. *Linda Wilson* and *Dorothy Partain* have spent many hours getting it ready just to hand to *Clifton* and *Faye Crews* who will type, cut and paste the pages ready for the negative and the "final" trip to the printers. If we missed your picture we are sorry. We tried to reach everyone.

*Linda Meek (Mrs. Frank)* was given a life membership in appreciation of all the time, money and concern she spent on our "tax-free number", taxes (none), computer work and gifts to PCAHS. Thank you *Frank* and *Linda*. We love and appreciate you.

Thank you *David Hill* of Greensboro, NC for making labels for the "Gems" and *David L. Kelley* for all his diligent work in putting out a very professional "Gems." A very big thank you. We all appreciate you.

DOROTHY KENNEDY PARTAIN

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ADDITIONS TO THE PCAHS COLLECTIONS

**1840 Arkansas** [an index] to the 1840 Census of Arkansas by *Bobbie Jones McLane* and *Inez Cline*.

**AGLL Membership** donated by *Harrison Gilmer*.

**The Autobiography of Henry Merrill: Industrial Missionary of the South** edited by *James Skinner III*. The true story of the Old Royston Textile Mill in Pike County.

**1850 Sevier County, Arkansas U.S. Census** including 1830 and 1840 heads of household and available marriage records to 1852 by *Capitola Glazner* and *Bobbie Jones McLane*.

**1880 Howard County, Arkansas Federal Census,**

Kiamichi County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 481, Broken Bow, OK 74728.

**1880 Polk County U.S. Federal Census** by *Shirley Gross* and *Wanda Tillery*, Polk County [Arkansas] Genealogical Society.

**The Montgomery County History**, Volumes 1 and 2 donated by *Harrison Gilmer*.

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FAMILY HISTORIES DONATED

Cornish [and] Couch ... Joyce Couch.

The Alford family ... *Linda Meek* and *Lee Ann Turner*. A very colorful family history.

The Willingham, Oneal, Hughes families of Pike County, Arkansas and on ... *Linda Willingham Meek*.

The Cross, Rodden and Lowery families of Pike County [Arkansas] ... *Claudene Watkins* and *Wynelle Mitchell*.

The Ashbrook and Howard family of Pike County [Arkansas] ... *Hiatt McCann*. Includes *Calloway* and *Lingo* of Calhoun County, Arkansas.

Bankston and collateral families ... *Karen Cosby Roy* and *Alice Pleshire*.

The Stafford Family and collateral lines from circa 1642 until now ... *Jimmie Graham*.

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PIKE COUNTY COURIER

Pike County: "The Garden Spot  
of Southwest Arkansas"

Volume 39. Murfreesboro, Arkansas  
Friday, July 15, 1927. Number 28.

BOARD PASSES ON NEW PENSION CLAIMS

Allowing Six and Disallowing Application of One

The Pike County Pension Board met at Murfreesboro and passed on all the claims under consideration. Only one new claim was disallowed, that of *W.M. Harrison*, while six new claims were allowed, as follows:

*Mrs. Miriam C. McFarland*  
*Mrs. Susan Johnson*  
*George W. Holland*  
*Mrs. A.A. McMillan*  
*Mrs. Rachel Lawrence*  
*Mrs. I.A. Cornish*

Those already on the pension list and still maintaining their residence in this county are as follows:

Alford, Lorinda L.  
Beaty, Thomas L.  
Bell, M.E.  
Cooley, Mrs. P.A.  
Chaney, M.D.  
Covington, Mrs. C.C.  
Castleman, Rosella  
Daniel, Mary C.  
Davis, Mrs. M.H.  
Dean, M.H.  
East, Samuel T.  
Erwin, Rebecca E.  
Fuller, Stephen A.  
French, J.C.C.  
Hallmark, Polly A.  
Harrison, Lillie M.  
Henderson, W.P.  
Harris, Mrs. L.P.  
Henderson, Miranda T.  
Hardy, Mrs. P.E.  
Henderson, Mrs. R.V.  
Hill, Josephine  
Jackson, Mrs. L.D.  
Jordon, Mrs. W.H.  
Kelley, Jas. A.  
Kennedy, Mrs. S.E.  
Kelley, Jiles [Giles]  
Lawson, Mrs. L.C.  
Lee, Florence  
Mitchell, Mrs. J.A.  
Morphew, Mrs. S.A.  
McClure, Eliza F.  
McFadden, Georgia  
McKennon, Mrs. M.S.  
Parr, Mrs. L.U.  
Riddle, Mary E.  
Roberts, Julia Ann  
Rose, Mrs. S.G.  
Reasoner, John W.  
Rutherford, Mrs. M.E.  
Stough, Amanda  
Self, Mary P.  
Slaughter, John  
Swindle, Mrs. Matilda A.  
Tate, Nancy  
Threlkeld, Mary E.  
Thrash, D.M.  
Townsend, Mrs. Kate K.  
Watkins, G.W.  
Wilkins, Martha L.  
Witt, Edith C.  
Winfield, Jane E.  
Williamson, John N.  
Winford, Martha J.  
Wise, Rebecca  
Wilson, Bettie

Bryan, Susan E.  
Barnett, Arvilla  
Bell, Elizabeth

Whitehead, Lucy A.  
Williamson, Elizabeth  
Wisner, Fannie

A few who were on this list last year have since died.

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Pike County needs a new and more commodious vault in which to keep the records and other public documents of the county. The present vault is too small and is now overcrowded. This is a matter for the Quorum court and we have begun talking about it in time for the various justices who visit the court house to make a personal investigation in order to determine the exact condition of its need. An addition or annex could be made at a comparative cost. The little one is good as far as it goes but it don't go far enough to hold all there is to cram into it. An annex should be made with sufficient room to store the documents and with enough light to tell one record from another. If you are a justice in this county make it a point to see how bad this thing is needed before the court meets.

**Pike County Courier**, Volume 39, Number 28, Friday July 15, 1927, S.J. Thomasson editor. Article [1] from page 1 column 3. Article [2] from page 2 column 1.

The Pike County Arkansas Confederate Pension Applicants have been published in a volume entitled **Arkansas Confederate Pension Applications from Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Montgomery, and Pike Counties** compiled by Desmond Walls Allen and published by Arkansas Research, PO Box 303, Conway, AR 72302. There are 261 applicants from Pike County. \$10 softcover.

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LETTERS

11-4-92

Mrs. Partain

I am interested in the *Killion-Howerton* [families] and *John Augustus Welch's* son *Alexander Augustus Welch & Izora Belle Howerton*, they were my grandparents. Granddad married another lady by the name "Rosa" so I'm hoping for some of that information ...

Beckie L. Kempert  
4307 N.W. Floyd  
Lawton, OK 73505



R1 Box 129  
May, OK 73851  
Jan. 25, '93

Dear Mrs. Partain,

This g. grandfather has been so elusive. One problem was there were so many *Thomas Carrell's* & so many *Carroll's* ... my grandfather was 71 when I was born.

Anyway, the *William H. Holcombe* & wife *Ella* in Howard Co. Cemetery at Umpire, Ark. were the right ones. *Ella E.* or *Elvira Holcombe* was [a] sister to my Grandpa. Whether full sister or half, I don't know yet. The daughter-in-law is in her 80's now. Addresses & information hard to acquire.

I haven't been able yet to find Grandpa's mother's name. *Thomas Carrell* must have been married several times. I know my *Holcombs* were in Howard Co[unty] ... Please put in a query for me ...

Mary Ishmael

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833 Oakwood Dr.  
Gretna, LA 70056  
January 27, 1993

Ms. Dorothy Partain  
Pike County Archives & History Society  
Box 238  
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Dear Dorothy:

Thank you so much for your letter, copy of the telephone directory, and Pike County newsletter, which were received today.

As mentioned in my letter to you of December 19, I have been trying to piece together my family history, which is rather difficult since all my immediate family are deceased. Bobbie Jones McLane of Hot Springs has been doing a lot of genealogical research for me and has been a great help. In fact, she is the one who suggested I get in touch with you.

My mother's maiden name was *Golden* and my father's surname was *Fox*. Bobbie has been able to trace the *Goldens* all the way back to before the Revolutionary War, and we have that side of the family more or less complete.

However, the *Foxes* have become a real chore. We have been able to find them in the 1860 Arkansas census, but when we go back to other state census records [where they were supposed to have been from] there is no listing. Bobbie has completely researched all official records and the search was fruitless. My only hope in tracing these

Thank you so much for all you have done for me in looking at so many records & all. I do appreciate your concern. I just wanted to thank you.

people is to find someone who might also be descended from them and know something about their history (actual facts, not just hearsay).

Just on the off-chance that you might come across some information, here is what I know:

My great grandfather, *Jesse C. Fox*, appears to have arrived in Arkansas around 1857. He took out a land patent in Kirby in 1859. The 1860 census says he was born in Georgia in 1835. He was married to *Susan (Sousan?) Woodall*, also born in Georgia in 1835. Living with them with was a *John Fox*, age 76 in 1860, and a *Rachel Fox*, age 69 in 1860. We assume *John* and *Rachel* were *Jesse's* parents, but might have been his grandparents. Here's where it gets confusing. In the 1860 census, both *John* and *Rachel Fox* said they were born in North Carolina. Yet in the 1880 census, *Jesse* said his father was born in Prussia and his mother in England?

Next door to *Jesse* and *Susan* live an elder *Susan (Sousan) Woodall*, age 66 in 1860, whom we assume to have been *Jesse's* mother-in-law. Her husband's name is unknown. I am almost positive that the elder *Susan Woodall* was a Cherokee Indian. She also was said to have been born in Georgia.

I am trying to find some actual **factual** information on these ancestors before 1860. Where were *John* and *Rachel* really born? What was *Rachel's* maiden name? Were they *Jesse's* parents or grandparents. If grandparent's what were *Jesse's* parent's names? What was the elder *Sousan Woodall's* maiden name? What was her husband's name? Was she *Susan's* mother or grandmother? Where were they born? Why are there no records for them before 1860, etc. etc.

Any suggestions ... in my search will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Eunice Fox Fontenot

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**PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE  
RESTORATION PROJECT**

A marriage restoration project for Pike County, Arkansas 1821-1895 is underway by David L. Kelley editor, with plans to publish these records by November 1, 1993 the 160th anniversary of Pike County, Arkansas. A survey form requesting marriage records prior April 3, 1895 has been mailed to subscribers, researchers and descendants of Pike County, Arkansas families. *There are many who*

*have not been reached by mail and this is an invitation for your participation in this project.* For those who have been contacted your response will be appreciated.

The first set of marriage records for Pike County, Arkansas [1834-1855] were destroyed by fire with all the county records in the county clerk's office on Tuesday evening February 13, 1855. William R. McFarlin was the Pike County clerk. The second set of marriage records [1855-1895] were lost with all the county records during the complete destruction of the Pike County courthouse by fire on Saturday March 9, 1895. J.C. Hughes was the Pike County clerk. Both fires are believed to have been by arson. This project is an effort to provide for the loss of these valuable records. There are 661 marriage entries compiled as of February 12, 1993 with several more yet to be entered in the text including those identified by the compiler and those recently received by mail. For further information or to submit marriages of your family, contact:

David L. Kelley  
P.O. Box 1135  
Salt Lake City, UT 84110

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#### QUERIES

**SHORT, CONATSER** *Mary Short* born July 3, 1857, Tenn [?], died July 10, 1916, Sevier Co., Ark., married *Jerry Conatser*, Sevier Co., Ark., 1878. She was supposed to have been moved off the Shiloh Tenn. battlefield (with her family) for the Civil War battle of Shiloh. No other info on the *Short* family.

**Dr. Daude N. Griffin, P.O. Box 95, Horatio, AR 71842.**

**CARRELL, HOLCOMBE** Looking for death & burial of *Thomas Carrell*, b. c. 1818 NC. Res: IL 1870, ARK 1900 Howard Co., father of *G.W. Carrell, Ella Holcombe, Annie*, [and] *John*. Who was his spouse 1864, IL.

**Mary Ishmael, P.O. Box 129, May, OK 73851.  
NEW PUBLICATION**

**1880 Pike County, Arkansas Federal Census** by Dorothy Kennedy Partain and Linda Willingham Meek, 222 pages, including index. \$20. Order from:

Pike County Archives and History  
Society (PCAHS)  
P.O. Box 238  
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Judge A.B. Williams was the first resident attorney of Pike county, and lived in Murfreesboro from 1852 until 1858.

The home of Judge Sorrels [actually the home of his son Paschal C. Sorrels] where the county seat was kept from November 1, 1833 until 1836 [actually April thru October 1834] when it was [then] moved to Murfreesboro, was one-half mile north of the hill at the west end of Jackson or Blackland Lane in Section One, Township Eight South, Range 25 West.

De Soto crossed Pike county in 1543. At that time the territory between the Ouachita and Little Missouri ri-vers belonged to the Caddo Indians and was known as "Tulla".

**The Glenwood Herald**, November 16, 1933.

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**Next issue:  
1850 Census Pike County, Arkansas  
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