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## Records of the Antioch Church of Christ, Delight, Arkansas 1833-1884

Sunday, April 7, 1833.

### CHURCH RECORD.

Wolf-Creek, Pike county, Arkansas. First Lord's day in April, 1833. We believe that the old and new testament is the only rule of faith and practice, (and) (for the) government for the Church of Christ. Look at remarks on preceding page.

The remarks on the preceding page simply state, "*To all who may chance to examine or handle this Record.*" There are no other entries in the church record until 1842. The book from which these minutes are taken is from a transcribed copy of the original made by Elder *Edward J. Wesson* in 1884. It is not known if there were entries made between the first entry in 1833 and the next in 1842. The original church record has not been located. It is possible some of the pages of the original record were lost before it was transcribed by Elder *Wesson*.

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## The Antioch Meeting-House on Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas was visited and described by Bishop T.A. Morris of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1841.

Saturday, November 27, 1841.

Saturday morning we resumed our journey, and soon found that all the mud and water which adhered to the wheels became congealed. It froze all day -- was cloudy, windy, and unpleasant. In the evening we forded a large creek called *Antoine*, and soon after reached *Wolf creek*, where we had appointed to preach on the Sabbath. We called, as previously advised, on Colonel *John Wilson*, who keeps a public house, but had the kindness to entertain us gratuitously. His wife, children, and servants, are members of our Church. This was in the corner of Pike county. The Colonel has on his place two valuable

springs, one chalybeate and the other weak sulphur, and pleasant to the taste.

Sunday, November 28, 1841.

On Sabbath, at eleven o'clock, we commenced public service in *Wolf creek meeting-house* with eighteen persons; others came during the sermon, some after sermon, while brother *Clark* was exhorting; and after the congregation dispersed we met others going. This irregularity, as to the time of the meeting, grew partly out of a misunderstanding as to the hour appointed for preaching. Moreover, it is a free house, where some appoint to commence at noon, and then delay as much longer as suits their convenience. As this is said to be the best chapel in the south part of the state, it may be of some interest to read a brief description of it:

The walls are made of hewed logs, about twenty by twenty-four feet in extent, with a wooden chimney in one end, and a place cut out for a chimney at the other end, which is partly closed up with slabs. In the front is a large door, with a center post, and double shutters, on the principle of a barn door. Immediately opposite, on the other side, is a pulpit, which projects some six feet from the wall, the forepart of which is so high that when the preacher kneels to pray he is nearly concealed from the view of the people. Behind this pulpit is a window without glass, the shutter of which is neither long nor wide enough to close it, and, consequently, lets a double stream of air upon him. The roof is made of clapboards, between which and the floor there is no ceiling, though there are some naked poles laid across on the plates; and the cracks between the logs are neither chinked nor daubed; and though they were once partially closed by nailing on thin boards, these have been mostly torn off, to afford light and a free circulation of air.

The day was cold, and the people appeared to suffer. In the evening we found a large fire kindled in the front yard near the door, to which the people could retreat when too cold to hear the preaching; when one class were warmed they would return into the house, and another cold set could give place to them. No blame was attached to them

for this procedure; for, judging of the feelings of others by my own, it was an indispensable arrangement. We had truly a chilly time that day throughout, temporally and spiritually. Next morning we concluded to measure the temperature of the atmosphere, hung out the thermometer, and the mercury stood only eleven degrees above zero, which was certainly extraordinary weather for this country the last week in November.

Monday, November 29, 1841

Monday morning we crossed *Little Missouri* river, about five rods wide, for which we paid \$2. The ferry-boat is keeled at the ends, and has nothing attached to conduct the wheels from the boat to the shore, so that where we led out, the carriages had to make a pitch of some fifteen inches; and the consequence was, the main bar of the hind spring of the buggy snapped in two; but we splintered and wrapped it with small cord, and in an hour resumed our journey. This was on the old road, which, for about two miles south of the river, is nearly impassable on account of mud, broken bridges, etc.

T.A. MORRIS

**Miscellany:** Consisting of Essays, Biographical Sketches, and Notes of Travel, by Rev. T.A. Morris, D.D., one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Cincinnati: Published by L. Swormstedt & A. Poe, for the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the Western Book Concern, corner of Main and Eighth Streets, R.P. Thompson, Printer, 1854, pp. 306-308.

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CHURCH RECORD.

October 29th, 1842.

The Church being duly organized with it's Officers, as the gospel requires, *Brother William Kelley*, being ordained *Elder*, and *Brethren Elijah Kelley* and *William T. Dickson*, was ordained *Deacons*.

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William Kelley

*William Kelley* was born December 17, 1794 in Tennessee and settled on *Wolf Creek*, Pike county, Arkansas in 1815 with his father *Giles Kelley* and brother *Elijah Kelley*. They came to Arkansas from Madison county, Illinois.

Elijah Kelley

*Elijah Kelley* was born September 14, 1800 in Jackson county, Tennessee and moved with his father to Illinois in 1804 and to Arkansas in 1815. He moved to Madison county, Alabama in the fall of 1820. He was baptized under the ministry of *William Clapp* in Decatur county, Alabama on July 22, 1824. He returned to Arkansas in 1825 and began to preach the following year. His preaching led to the organization of the *Antioch* congregation of the Church of Christ on *Wolf Creek* in Pike county, Arkansas on April 7, 1833. This church survives today as the Antioch Church of Christ in Delight, Arkansas. It is the second oldest congregation of the Christian or church of Christ west of the Mississippi. The church in Little Rock was established in 1832.

William T. Dickson

*William T. Dickson* was born February 14, 1800 in Kentucky and moved with his parents Mr. and Mrs. *David Dickson* to Tennessee about 1803. In 1831 he came to Arkansas and settled on *Wolf Creek*, in Pike county from Jackson county, Tennessee.

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CHURCH RECORD.

December 24th, 1842.

The Christian Church met in conference, according to appointment, the Church being in union and fellow-ship. It was motioned by *Brother Billingsly*, that *William Kelley* be appointed *Pastor* of the Church, and there not being a decenting voice, it was directed to be written in the church book, which was done accordingly.

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February 4th, 1843.

The - Christian (Disciples), (*Italics mine*) met according to appointment in a church capacity, and being in union and (in) fellowship. And there united with the church one by *baptism*.

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April the 1st, 1843.

The Church met, according to appointment and all being in love, and union, and fellowship. One with another.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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May 6th, 1843.

Meeting commenced, and seven united with the church on the 6th, and the meeting continued the 7th and 8th and, two was *baptized* on the 7th; and on Saturday the 13th of May, 1843, three more united with the church, and eight was *baptized*, making ten that joined the church and was *baptized*.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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June the 3rd, 1843.

The Church met according to appointment, and all being in love, and union, and fellowship, one with another, and three united with the church.

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June the 18th, 1843.

There was five united to the church, and three *baptized*.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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July first, 1843.

The church met according to appointment and all being in love, and union, and fellowship, one with another and five united to the church. This July 25th, 1843.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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July 16th, 1843.

There was one united to the Church and five *baptized*.

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July the 22nd, 1843.

One was united to the Church.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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August the 6th, 1843.

The Church met and all was in good order.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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August the 20th 1843.

One was united to the Church.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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September the 3d, 1843.

The Church met, and all was in good order, and two was *baptized*.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.  
September the 17th, 1843.

One was *baptized*, and one united (to) the Church.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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October the first, 1843.

The Church met and all was in good order.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

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Giles Kelley

*Giles Kelley* was born February 2, 1819 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas a son of Elder *William Kelley*. The above entry for October 1, 1843 is the last one made by him as *Church Clerk*. He disappears from record and is believed to have died.

There are no minutes of the church record until they resume with the following entry, July 4, 1847, by *Elijah Kelley*. He would serve as *Church Clerk* from this date until his last entry, recorded and signed, on December 19, 1883.

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#### CHURCH RECORD.

July the 4th, 1847.

Pike county, Arkansas. Church at *Wolf creek* met on the first Lord's day in July, 1847.

On motion (of) Brother *James A. Dickson, Elijah Kelley, Senior*, was nominated Elder, protem, in the Church of Christ at *Wolf creek*.

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October 14th, (1847).

Met at Brother *A.H. Hancock*'s) in order. Elected *Elders* and *Deacons* in said Church.

On motion, *Elijah Kelley, Sen.*, being duly elected by the Church of Christ, Wolf creek, Pike, Arkansas, was regularly ordained *Elder*, according to Gospel order with all the power and privilege of *Elder*, in the Church of Christ. Officiating members, *M.H. Wade* and *James H. Wade*.

On motion, *Wesley Kelley*, being duly elected by the church of Christ, Wolf creek, Pike county, Arkansas, was regularly ordained *Elder*, in said Church, according to Gospel order, with the power and privilege of an *Elder*, in the Church of Christ. Officiating members, *M.H. & Jas. H. Wade*.

Brother *Thomas Winn* being duly elected *deacon* of said church, was ordained to that office.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Clerk protem.

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A.H. Hancock

*Abner Handly Hancock* was born in 1808 in Tennessee and settled on Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas and was a neighbor of Elder *William Kelley*. His wife *Lydia* was a sister of Deacon *William T. Dickson*. The *Hancocks* came to Arkansas from Jackson county, Tennessee in 1831. The *Abner H. Hancock* family moved to Jack county, Texas about 1856.

Wesley Kelley

*Wesley Kelley* was born December 12, 1820 in Madison county, Alabama and was the eldest son of Elder *Elijah Kelley, Sr.*

Thomas Winn

*Thomas Winn* was born in 1800 in South Carolina and came to Arkansas about 1836 and was admitted by letter to the Antioch Church of Christ on Wolf Creek on September 2, 1847. He removed his membership on December 11, 1847 and left Pike county to settle in Ouachita County, Arkansas.

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CHURCH RECORD.

Nov. 23, 1851.

Church of Christ, Antioch. On motion it is agreed that Brother *William Kelley* be ordained, an *Evangelist*.

State of Arkansas. Pike County, Christian Church. Antioch Congregation. Sunday evening, Nov. 23d, 1851. This day the congregation being in session. Bro. *William Kelley* having been previously elected thereby to the official station of *Evangelist* (or minister of the gospel) was presented by Brother *Abner H. Hancock*, to be ordain(ed) in said office, of *Evangelist* (or minister of the gospel) by the *imposition of hands*, whereupon, pursuant to the aforesaid appointment and presentation, ordination in due form was administered to said *William Kelley* by *Elder M.H. Wade*, who by the unanimous voice of said Congregation, was on that occasion requested to officiate.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of said Congregation, do certify, that the foregoing is a faithful copy of the records of said congregation in relation to said ordination. Signed this 26th Nov., 1851.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Church Clerk.

Elders *Elijah Kelley*, *Wesley Kelley*.

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First Lord's day in March, 1852.

Church of Christ met in good order.

E.K., C.C.

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First Lord's day in April, (1852).

Church of Christ met in good order.

E.K., C.C.

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First Lord's day in May, 1852.

Church of Christ met in good order.

E.K., C.C.

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First Lord's day in June, 1852.

The Church of Christ met, Brother *G. Glasscock*, being under evil report.

Two brethren were appointed to notify him of such reports, also that he attend the meeting and make satisfaction.

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First Lord's day in July, 1852.

Church of Christ met, Bro. *G. Glasscock* failed to attend, therefore it be considered by the *Elders*, that he stands suspended, until he makes reconciliation.

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First Lord's day in August, 1852.

The Church of Christ met in good order. *Commemorated* the death of Christ.

E.K., C.C.

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First Lord's day and Saturday before, in September, 1852.

The Church of Christ met, had preaching both days, and took the *supper*.

E.K., C.C.

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First Lord's day and Saturday before in October, (1852).

Church of Christ met at Antioch, in good order. Saturday, October 2d, 1852. After preaching, extended an opportunity, one united and made the good *confession*, dismissed till Sunday at eleven o'clock, met according to gospel order, and after worship, an opportunity was extended, two united by *letter*. We then met at the water and Bro. *Wm. Kelley* immersed those who united by confession.

E.K., C.C.

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First Lord's day in Nov., 1852.

Church of Christ met in good order. After preaching an opportunity was extended, *Amanda Kelley*, by *confession* and *baptism*.

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Amanda Kelley

*Amanda Frances Kelley* was born August 25, 1833 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas a daughter of Elder *Elijah Kelley, Sr.* She became the wife of *John B. Cloud*.

Sunday, Oct. 2d, 1853.

CHURCH RECORD.

Friday the 8th of July, 1853.

Protracted meeting commenced, by Brother *J.S. Robertson, teacher*, and continued seven days. The result, twenty-two additions, thirteen by *confession* and *baptism*, four by *letter*, four from the the *Baptist*, and one *restored*.

August 7th, 1853.

Church met according to gospel order, after service, extended opportunity for additional members. *Pinkney Fulks* united by confession and baptism and was received in full fellowship (\*) according to order.

E. KELLEY, C.C.

(\*) This is the first time Church *fellowship* is mentioned, yet they must have gave it. (A notation added by *Edward J. Wesson* transcriber.)

State of Arkansas. County of Pike. I, *Elijah Kelley, Elder* and acting as *Clerk*, in the Church of Christ at Antioch, in vacation, do certify that *Nancy Jane McMahan* was a member of this congregation in good standing, and I recommend (her) to the faithful in Christ, wherever her lot may be cast, this the 23d September, 1853.

E.K., C.C.

To Sister *Permelia McMahan*, same day and date.

E.K., C.C.

Nancy Jane McMahan

*Nancy Jane McMahan* was born November 10, 1835 in Madison county, Illinois a daughter of *Robert McMahan, Jr.* and niece of Elder *William Kelley*. She came to Pike county, Arkansas with her father in 1848. She became the wife of *John Wells*.

Permelia McMahan

*Permelia McMahan* was born in 1838 in Madison county, Illinois a daughter of *Thomas S. McMahan*. She came to Pike county, Arkansas with her father in 1847. Her brother *Francis M. McMahan* was ordained an *Evangelist* at Antioch in 1854 by (their uncle) Elder *William Kelley*. She married *Noah P. Hall*.

CHURCH RECORD.

State of Arkansas, County of Pike. Christian Church, Antioch Congregation.

This day, the congregation being in session, Bro. *Wesley Kelley*, having been chosen to the office and official station of *Evangelist* (or minister of the gospel) was presented by Bro. *William Kelley*, to be ordained in said office of *Evangelist* (or minister of the gospel) by the *imposition of hands*; whereupon pursuant to the afore appointment and presentation, ordination in due form was administered to said *Wesley Kelley* by *Elder William Kelley* a regular ordained *Evangelist* chosen for that purpose.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Church Clerk.

I, the undersign(ed) on behalf of the said congregation, do certify that the foregoing is a faithful copy of the record of said congregation in relation to the said ordination. Signed this 2d day of Oct., 1853.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Elder.  
ELIJAH KELLEY, CC.

May the 7th, 1854.

Received *Han*, a colored man, by *confession* and *baptism*.

E. KELLEY, C.C.

Han

*Han Mansfield* born 1827 a colored man (mulatto) was the slave of *James C. Mansfield* of Pike county, Arkansas. The *Mansfields* lived at Saline Creek on the public road in Pike county between Wolf Creek and Murfreesboro and were members of the Antioch Church of Christ. After the Civil War and freedom *Han* changed his name to *John Sanders*.

CHURCH RECORD.

Received Brother *John Gill* in to full fellowship, Sep. 3d, 1854.

Antioch, Nov. 5th, 1854.

Church of Christ met according to gospel order. Bro. *Francis McMahan* was presented for ordination, it was agreed that he be ordained in the office of *Evangelist*; it was also agreed that Bro. *Francis McMahan*, and Sister *Ann*, his wife, have letters of dismissal from the Church at Antioch, in good standing, which was complied with accordingly, by order of the Church.

E.K., C.C.

State of Arkansas, County of Pike. Christian Church, Antioch Congregation. Sunday, Nov. 5th, 1854. This day

the congregation being in session, Brother *Francis McMahan*, being presented to the office and official station of *Evangelist* (or minister of the gospel) was duly ordained in said office, of *Evangelist* (or minister of the gospel) *by the imposition of hands*; whereupon pursuant to the aforesaid appointment and presentation, ordination in due form was administered to said *Francis McMahan* by *Elder William Kelley* a regular ordained *Evangelist* chosen for that purpose. I, the undersign(ed), in behalf of said congregation, do certify, that the foregoing is a faithful copy of the record of said congregation in relation to said ordination. Signed this 5th day of November, 1854.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Elder.  
ELIJAH KELLEY, CC.

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Francis M. McMahan and Ann McMahan, his wife.

*Francis M. McMahan* was born in 1825 in Madison county Illinois a son of *Thomas S. McMahan* and came to Pike county, Arkansas with his father in 1847 and the following year married *Ann Eliza Griffin* a daughter of *James Erwin Griffin* and *Eliza Williams*. *Ann Eliza Griffin* was born January 1831 in Fayette county, Tennessee. She came with her father to Arkansas in 1836. Mr. and Mrs. *Francis M. McMahan* left Pike county, Arkansas for Hempstead county, Arkansas after Mr. *McMahan* was ordained in 1854.

#### CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day in December, 1854.

Church met according to gospel order. After worship, Brother *Cyrus Hubble* and Sister *Eightha Hubble* presented their letters for admission and was received in *full fellowship*, by *letter*.

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December 31st, 1854.

Antioch church met and sermon by *Wesley Kelley*, three persons received in full fellowship, by *letter*.

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March 4th, 1855.

First Lord's day, Church met. Brother *William T. Dickson* resigned the *Office of Deacon*, which was accepted.

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1855, Antioch Congregation, April first,  
first Lord's day.

Church met, sermon by Bro. *William Kelley*. On motion, Brother *Richard Boyer* and *Cyrus Hubble* was chosen deacons of said congregation. Opportunity extended, *Dr. William Ogle* united by *Confession* and *Baptism*. Whereupon it was agreed that Brethren *Boyer* and *Hubble* be ordained on the first Lord's day in May to the *office of deacons*, and the Congregation observe *fasting*

*and prayer*.

E.K., C.C.

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May the 6th, 1855, first Lord's day.

Church met, two sermons, first by Brother *Wesley Kelley*. Second by Brother *William Ogle*.

Brother *G. W. Ward* was then presented for *Elder*, and duly Elected and ordained *Elder* of said congregation. Bro. *R. Boyer* and Bro. *C. Hubble* was ordained *deacons* in said congregation of Church at Antioch.

E.K., C.C.

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Second Lord's day in May, (1855).

Church met in good order.

E.K., C.C

May the 6th. 1955. First Lord's day in May. On motion, *G.W. Ward* being duly elected, by the Church of Christ at Antioch, Pike county, Arkansas, was regularly ordained *elder* in said congregation according to gospel order, will all the power, and privilege of an *Elder* in the Church of Christ. *Elder William Kelley*, officiating *Evangelist*.

ELIJAH KELLEY, C.C

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May the 20th, 1855.

Church met, sermon by Bro. *James S. Wade*, from Matthew 1st cha(pter), 21st v(erse), adjourn till 4 o'clock. Church met, restored *J.H. Kirkham* to full fellowship.

On motion, Bro. *John Dickson* was duly elected Clerk of said Congregation. The congregation proceeded to take the Lord's supper.

E. KELLEY, C.C.

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J.H. Kirkham

*James Hopkins Kirkham* was born at Whiting, Addison county, Vermont in 1803 a son of *Elijah Kirkham Jr.* and *Judith Hopkins*. He came to Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas in 1832 and married *Elizabeth Kelley* a daughter of Elder *William Kelley*.

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#### CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day, January 4th, 1857.

Church met and after worship, *R.L. Boyer*, being one of the elders of said church, charged the Church of being in

disorder, and demanded a letter. He being requested to make known, the disorder, if any, this he refused and said he would leave the Church, and all the reason he assigned was, that he could do better. His credentials being asked for, he gave them up and went off from the Church and drew after him several disciples. Church continued to meet every Lord's day.

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5th Lord's day in May (1857).

A proclamation was made by the Church at Antioch, that all those members, who wish to retain their names in the congregation, to come and make it known, (for they had been absent from the Church for several weeks.)

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First Lord's day in June and Saturday, before. The Church met on Saturday, the 7th day of June, the Church withdrawn *right hand of fellowship* from *R.L. Boyer*, and that he no longer (be) a member of the congregation; also all those members who followed said *Boyer* in the division. By order of the Church.

E.K. (Church Clerk) (protem)

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First Lord's day in April, 1858.

*A.C. Hubble* united with the church at Antioch, being received and immersed by Bro. *J.S. Robertson*. The first Lord's day in February, 1858.

E. KELLEY, Eld.

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First Lord's day in September, 1858.

Received Brother *Talley* by letter.

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First Lord's day in October, 1858.

Church met in full fellowship. Sermon by Bro. *Wesley Kelley*.

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First Lord's day in November, 1858.

Church granted letter to Sister *Amanda Cloud*.

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Amanda Cloud

*Amanda Cloud* was born *Amanda Frances Kelley* a daughter of Elder *Elijah Kelley, Sr.* and married *John B. Cloud* on August 28, 1856 in Pike county, Arkansas and moved to Okolona, Clark county. See the *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas*, Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1890, Clark county, pp. 132-133, biography of Capt. *John B. Cloud*.

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## CHURCH RECORD.

Friday evening, December 3d, 1858.

Service commenced by Bro. *J.S. Robertson*, and continued till Tuesday morning, the 7th. The result was five additions by *confession* and *baptism*, and the *restoration* of ten to *union and fellowship* who had been absent from the Church for some time.

E. KELLEY, Sr., Eld.

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## REPORTS FROM ARKANSAS.

An excerpt from a letter to Brother *Fanning* of the '*Gospel Advocate*' written by *Samuel H. Harvey* of Washington, Hempstead county, Arkansas.

DEAR BRO. FANNING: ... brother *Robertson*. He is doing a good work, but his field is too large. He has just now called at my office and informs me that at *Wolf Creek* congregation, he has just closed, on Monday night last, a very interesting meeting, with sixteen additions, and two others at the church near Bro. *Jones*', in the same (Pike) County.

As ever, your brother in Christ.

S.H. HARVEY

Washington, Ark., 8th Dec., 1858.

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## ANTIOCH CONGREGATION.

A letter to Brother *Fanning* of the '*Gospel Advocate*' written by *Elijah Kelley, Sr.*, of Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas.

BRO. FANNING: This congregation has been in a divided condition for near two years. Our much beloved Bro. *John S. Robertson* commenced a meeting here last Friday night which continued Tuesday morning; the weather was unfavorable, but the result was glorious; the spirit of our *Saviour* seemed to return to his people again, and union and order restored in the house of God. It was a time of rejoicing indeed, all parties agreeing to lay aside all former causes of division, and put on the robe of righteousness, without blemish, and live as children of one family. May the blessing of God be to us in every effort to do good. The result was five additions by *confession* and *immersion*, and ten restored in the bonds of love and union. All praise be to our *Heavenly Father*.

ELIJAH KELLEY, SR.

Antoine, Pike County, Ark., Dec. 8th, 1858.

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SUCCESS OF THE TRUTH.

A letter to *Brother Fanning* of the '*Gospel Advocate*'  
written by *John S. Robertson*.

Washington, Ark., Dec. 8th, 1858.

DEAR BROTHER FANNING: We have just closed one of the most happy meetings at *Antioch*, Pike Co., that has ever been at that place. There had existed an unfortunate division in the church at that place, which was adjusted satisfactorily to all concerned, and five were *immersed*. The prospects are very flattering for good to be done in the future, at that place. O, may the brethren live in peace and love!

May the Lord bless you in your labor of love.

J.S. ROBERTSON

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CHURCH RECORD.

Monday, December the 6th, 1858.

The Brethren met for the purpose of appointing *delegates* to meet with the brethren in a *cooperation meeting* to be held at *Washington*, Hempstead county, Arkansas, in this part of the State.

On motion of Bro. *C. Hubble*, (Bros.) *William Kelley*, *Wesley Kelley*, and *Elijah Kelley, Sr.*, was appointed said delegates with power to appropriate such amount of dollars as the Brethren shall subscribe, annexed to their respective names, (look at financial report, on first page of that report.)

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Antioch, first Lord's day in April, 1859  
and Saturday before.

Brother *John S. Robertson* preached four discourses, two united with the Church, in fellowship.

E.K., Eld.

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Fourth Lord's day in June, and Saturday  
before, (1859).

Bro. *Robertson* held meeting, four united with the congregation at Antioch, three by confession and immersion, and one received into fellowship.

E. KELLEY, Eld.

*Barbary Mobley* united with the Church.

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Barbara Mobley

*Barbara Mobley* was born *Barbara Cryer* on February 25, 1804 in South Carolina (now Camden county, Georgia) a daughter of *Morgan Cryer, Sr.* and *Barbara Morris or Morff*. She came to Arkansas from Louisiana with her father in 1815 and married *David Mobley* in Clark county, Arkansas two years later. They settled between *Wolf Creek* and *Antoine* in Pike county in 1836.

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CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day in January, 1860 and  
Saturday before.

Bro. *J.S. Robertson* preached. Dismissed Bro. *G.W. Wright* by letter, and received Sister *Amanda Cloud*, by letter.

E. KELLEY, C.C. pro(tem)

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June 29th (1860)

At a protracted meeting commencing on the 29th of June 1860, carried on by the labor of Bro. *J.S. Robertson*, and closed on the morning the 4th of July, with 7 addition(s) by *confession* and *baptism*.

E.K. Elder

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August 5th, first Lord's day in August.

The Church met at Antioch in good fellowship. *Mary McLaughlin* immersed and *James H. Kirkham*, restored to fellowship.

E.K. Eld. C.C.

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November 4th, 1860.

First Lord's day in November. Church met in good order. Sister *Dorcas McCullough* united by letter.

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January 16th, 1861.

Bro. *J.S. Robertson* preached on Wednesday night. *A.H. Kelley* present(ed) a letter for him (he) and wife, accepted.

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January 20th, 1861.

Third lord's day, congregation met at eleven o'clock,



sermon by Bro. *Wesley Kelley*, gave Bro. *A.H. Kelley* and Sister *Mary Kelley* righthand of fellowship. Contribution (\$1.95) one dollar and ninty-five cents.

E. KELLEY, Eld.

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January 27th (1861)

The Church met in good order, gave Brother *A.H. Kelley* a letter of commendation in the ministry. (See entry for November 14, 1861.)

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April the 1st, (1861)

Bro. *J.S. Robertson* preached at Antioch to good audience, four addition(s).

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August 7th, 1861.

Bro. *J.S. Robertson* preached. Bro. *Pleasant White* and wife united by letter.

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August 8th (1861)

On motion it is ordered by the church that Brother *Pleasant White* have a letter of commendation as a *proclaimer* in the *Church of Christ*.

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September, first Lord's day, 1861.

Church me in order. After preaching, received Bro. *John McLane* into fellowship and partook of (the) *Lord's supper*.

E.K. Eld.

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Nov. 14th (1861)

Preaching, Bro. *J.S. Robertson*, received one by confession and baptism. We the *disciples of Christ* at Antioch, Pike county, Arkansas, on the third Lord's day in Jan. 1861, from our knowledge of our beloved Bro. *Abner H. Kelley*, believing that if he will apply himself to the work of the ministry, he will prove useful to the cause of Christ, and believing that it is his desire and that he will so prove to be: We therefore commend him as a faithful Bro. in Christ and minister of the gospel, done by order of the Church.

CYRUS HUBBLE, Deacon.  
ELIJAH KELLEY, Elder.

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Abner H. Kelley

*Abner H. Kelley* was born in 1831 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas a son of Elder *Elijah Kelley Sr.* and moved to Texas about 1856, first Titus and later Hunt county, and returned to Pike county, Arkansas in 1861. He entered the service of the Confed-erate army during the Civil War at Wilton, Pike County, Arkansas on March 1, 1862 and was captured at Fort Hindman, Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863 and sent to Camp Douglas, Illinois where he was paroled and delivered at City Point, Virginia on April 10, 1863. The last records of him in 1864 say, "sick in hospital in Petersburg, Virginia" where it is believed he died. He was survived by his wife *Mary E. Kelley* and at least two children, *William E. Kelley* and *Elijah Kelley*.

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Arkansas Gazette, April 3, 1933.

The Old Antioch Church of Christ  
by Clovis Copeland

(an excerpt)

When the Civil war started, the church building was used to collect war materials and food for the soldiers. When the Arkansas capital was moved to nearby Washington from Little Rock the church was used to house soldiers.

Magazine Section.

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#### CHURCH RECORD.

State of Arkansas, County (of) Pike.

Antioch Congregation, the Church of Christ,  
first Lord's day in February, 1868.

This day the congregation being in session, Bro. *A.B. Clingman*, being presented to the official station of *Evangelist* (or minister of the gospel) by the *imposition of hands*, whereupon, pursuant the aforesaid appointment and presentation, ordination in due form was administered to *A.B. Clingman* by *Elder William Kelley*, a regular ordained *Evangelist* chosen for that purpose. Assisted by *Wesley Kelley, Evangelist*.

The foregoing is a true copy of the record of the congregation of the Church of Christ, at *Antioch*. Signed this 3d day of Feb. 1868.

ELDER WM. KELLEY  
ELDER ELIJAH KELLEY, SR.,  
Elder - CC pr(otem)

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A.B. Clingman

*Alexander B. Clingman* is buried at a cemetery located north of Amity, Arkansas near the Clark - Pike county line and near the original site of the Bethel Missionary (Baptist) Church south of Glenwood, Arkansas. There are two markers at Mr. *Clingman's* grave, one masonic and the other with an open Bible at the top of the marker. They read as follows:

Rev. A.B. *Clingman*, born Nov. 22, 1806, in Surry county, N.C., married 1829, moved to Tenn-essce, thence to Arkansas in 1839, joined the Church of Christ in 1833. Died a consistent member thereof on Sept. 18, 1881. The other marker reads exactly the same, except: *Dr. A.B. Clingman ... thence to Arkansas in 1835 ... His wife was named Ann M. Clingman.*

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We learn with sincere sorrow of the death of another of our oldest citizens, widely known as one of the best men. He has closed a life of usefulness at a ripe old age and has entered upon his reward.

DIED.

At his residence in Pike county, Ark., on the 14th day of February, 1869. ELDER WILLIAM KELLEY, who was 74 years, 1 month and 27 days old. He was one of the first settlers of south Arkansas, having resided for more than 53 years, within the immediate vicinity of the place at which he died.

*Sleep sweetly now from labors free,  
Thy pilgrimage is o'er;  
Til Christ appears then we shall see,  
Thy face as heretofore!*

**Arkansas Gazette**, April 22, 1869, obituary of William Kelley, page 2, column 4.

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CHURCH RECORD.

May 13th and 14th, 1871.

Bro. *Lemmons* preached, one was restored.

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June the 10th (1871)

Three restored.

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June 11th (1871)

Preaching by Bro. *John M. Lemmons*. One made addition, *confession* and *immersion*.

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July 8th (1871)

Preaching commenced by Bro. *John M. Lemmons*, continued four days embracing second Lord's day in July, result, 15 by *confession* and *baptism*, one *restored*, four took membership, one name recorded for *fellowship*.

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July 31st (1871)

One by *confession* and *baptism* from the Baptist.

August 15th 1871.

Received 15 by *confession* and *baptism*.

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December 1st 1872.

Received *J.A. Bunch* by *confession* and *baptism*.

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July 26, 1874.

Lord's day, received *S. Turner Brown* by *letter*.

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August 1st, 1874.

Meeting commenced and continued until the 5th by our beloved Bro. in Christ, *Thomas J. Hubble*, the result was twelve by *confession & baptism*. One by *letter*. One by *fellowship*, two *restored*.

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August 30th, 1874.

Fifth Lord's day, preaching by *T.J. Hubble*. The result was five additions, three by *confession* and *baptism*, one of which was from the *Methodist*, two by *confession* and *fellowship* from the Baptist.

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July, second Lord's day, 1878.

Preaching by *J.R. Jones*. *Eliza Kirkham*, by fellow-ship.

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October 3d, 1879.

Preaching, *Jacob Mason & J.R. Jones*. Continued six days and nights, result, ten by *confession* and *baptism*, one *restored*, and one by *fellowship*. Restored *William McDaniel*, fellowship(ped) *J.F. Nolen*.

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The following in parenthesis was overlooked, it being on a loose leaf. *E.J.W. (Edward J. Wesson, tran-scriber.)*

(Oct. the 3d, 1879, protracted meeting held by *J.R. Jones* and *J.C. Mason*, result, 12 additions.)

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November 8th and 9th, 1879.

Preaching, *J.R. Jones*, result, one *confession* and *baptism*. Employed *J.C. Mason, Evangelist*, to preach at *Antioch*, first Lord's day in each month, or at some place where good can be done.

(It seems from the record that the congregation met regular in Jan., Feb., March and April, but no business transacted of importance in the year 1880. *E.J. Wesson*, transcriber.)

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Fourth Lord's day in April, 1880.

The Brethren chose *C.W. Threlkeld* for *Elder* in the Church. *James A. Kelley*, for Deacon. It was agreed that the Bible class meet at 10 o'clock on every Lord's day; it was also agreed that embracing the fifth Lord's day in May, also embracing the first Lord's day in June, at *Pisgah*.

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C.W. Threlkeld

*Cornelius Waller Threlkeld* was born April 18, 1826 and married *Mary Caroline Dickson* a daughter of *William T. Dickson* a former Deacon of the Antioch congregation on Wolf Creek 1842-1855.

James A. Kelley

*James Ashley Kelley* was born January 1, 1845 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas a son of Elder *Elijah Kelley, Sr.* married *Landon Zenell Wilson* in Pike county, Arkansas.

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#### CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day in July, 1880.

Preaching, Bro. *J.C. Mason*. One addition, Bro. *R.P. Threlkeld*, by letter.

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First Lord's day in August, 1880.

Preaching by *J.C. Mason, J.R. Jones*, result 19.

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First Lord's in August, protracted meeting. Bros. *J.R. Jones* and *Mason*, preachers, two addition(s), *R.J. Wesson*, by letter, *Elijah Carpenter*, by fellowship.

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First Lord's day in September, 1880.

Preaching by *J.C. Mason*.

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Oct. 24, 1880.

*G.W. Barker*, by confession and baptism.

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Nov. 13th, (1880)

Two by confession and baptism.

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First (Lord's day) in March, 1881.

*J.C. Mason*, Evangelist.

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First Lord's day in April, 1881.

Preaching by the *Evangelist*. Ordained Bro. *C.W. Threlkeld*, Elder, and *William H. Kirkham* and *James A. Kelley*, Deacons. They being *set-a-part* by the Brethren.

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W.H. Kirkham

*William H. Kirkham* was born 1836 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas son of *James H. Kirkham* and *Elizabeth Kelley* and married *Julia Ann Mobley* in Pike county, Arkansas.

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#### CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day in June, (1881)

One addition.

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First Lord's day in July, (1881)

Three by *fellowship*.

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September first, 1881.

Baptized *H.A. Smith*.

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Embracing first Lord's day in Sept., (1881)

Protracted meeting, result thirteen. Eight by *fellowship*, five, *baptism*, and two *restored*. Preaching by *J.R. Jones, J.C. Mason* and *S.R. Ezzell*.

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Third Lord's day in October, 1881.

One by *confession* and *baptism*, two by *fellowship*.

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November 6th, 1881.

Co-operation meeting, preaching, *J.C. Mason* and (*J.R. Jones*). *J.C. Mason* chosen *Evangelist*. Three dismissed for disorderly conduct.

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Antioch, Pike county.

Third Lord's day in April 1882, and Saturday before and Monday night, following.

Bro. J.C. Mason preached, the result, three additions.

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1882, Protracted meeting commenced, 15th  
September, by J.C. Mason, assisted  
(by) G.W. Williams.

Result, 11 by *confession* and *baptism*, two by *relation*,  
two by *fellowship*, one *restored*.

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Protracted meeting commenced Saturday night,  
Oct. 13th, 1883. Continued by J.C. Mason.

Result, twenty additions.

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(December 19th, 1883)

This is to certify, that Brother R.P. Threlkeld, is a regular  
ordained minister of the gospel of Christ, and is  
commended as such, *to all to whom the(se) presents  
come greeting*; and that he is ordained to the work of the  
ministry by and with consent of the Church of Christ,  
worshipping at *Antioch*, Pike county, Arkansas. Signed  
December 19th, 1883.

J.C. MASON, Evangelist.  
Elijah Kelley, C.W. Threlkeld, Elders.  
Wm. H. Kirkham and James A. Kelley, Deacons.

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#### FROM MEMORY.

Thus ends the written record of the congregation of the  
*Church of Christ* at *Antioch* as kept by our lamented Bro.  
Elijah Kelley, Elder (and *Congre-gational Recorder*.)

During the greater part of the year, 1883, there was very  
little preaching done for the congregation at *Antioch*. Just  
before the protracted meeting on the opposite page, Oct.  
13, 1883, the congregation met in a social meeting and  
confessed their faults one to the other and prayed one for  
the other, and chose Bro. E.J. Wesson as an *Elder*, for  
said congregation. The meeting was one of great  
rejoicing, the entire congregation present felt edified. At  
said protracted (meeting) in October 13th, 1883, the  
congregation elected the following brethren to the  
*District* meeting to be held at *Center Ridge*, embracing  
(blank) Sunday, Friday night, Saturday and night before,  
in (blank) 1883. To wit: R.P. Threlkeld, Jacob J.  
Wingfield and E.J. Wesson. At said *District* meeting, Bro.  
Alf. Jones was employed to labor one fourth of his time  
with the Congregation at *Antioch*.

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Alfred Jones

Dr. Alfred Jones was born December 24, 1827 in Franklin county,

Tennessee and married Jane Pointdextor Clingman a daughter of Dr.  
Alexander B. Clingman.

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#### CHURCH RECORD.

Bro. Alf. Jones commenced his *Evangelistic* labor with  
the *Congregation* at *Antioch* in January, 1884, and  
labored faithfully with us for the up-building of the cause  
of Christ, during his stay with us as an *Evangelist*.

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At a meeting of the *Antioch Congregation* of the *Church  
of Christ* commencing Saturday the 27th day of  
September, 1884, conducted by Our Beloved Bro. Alf.  
Jones, assisted by Bro. R.P. Threlkeld and W.R. Barnett.

Preaching, Saturday at eleven o'clock and night by Bro.  
A. Jones; also on Sunday, two made the good *confession*  
and were baptized. Preaching at night by W.R. Barnett.

Monday a.m. preaching by Alf. Jones; after services the  
Congregation proceeded to elect delegates to the  
*Okolona District* meeting in October at *Okolona*, Clark  
county, Arkansas; whereupon, R.P. Threlkeld, F.B.  
Wilson and Bro. Beeler, was chosen as *delegates* from  
this congregation (uninstructed).

Monday night, services by Bro. R.P. Threlkeld.

Tuesday at eleven, preaching by Bro. Alf. Jones. Bro.  
R.P. Threlkeld, preaching at night; two made the good  
*confession* and were baptized the next day.

Wednesday morning, Bro. E. J. Wesson, who united with  
the congregation in the year 1869 by *confession* and  
*fellowship* from the *Protestant Methodist*, by his request,  
was baptized on his faith, in *Jesus the Christ*, the *Son*, of  
the living *God*; Alf. Jones, administrator.

The congregation then met at the meeting house and  
proceeded to ordain Bro. Edward J. Wesson, Elder &  
*Evangelist* of the Congregation of the *Church of Christ*  
at *Antioch*, by the *laying on of hands* and *prayer*; Bro.  
Alf. Jones, *Evangelist*, officiating, with C.W. Threlkeld,  
Elder, James A. Kelley, *Deacon*.

After ordination, the Congregation was assembled in  
conference. Bro. A. Jones, *Evangelist* for the con-  
gregation acting as *moderator*.

1ST. On motion of Bro. C.W. Threlkeld, there was a  
committee appointed to draft (a) resolution in memory of  
Bro. E. Kelley, dec(eased); and the same, when adopted,  
be spread upon the record of the Congregation;  
whereupon Bros. C.W. Threlkeld, E.J. Wesson, and F.B.  
Wilson were appointed. On motion of C.W. Threlkeld,  
Bro. A. Jones was added to said committee.

2D. On motion of Bro. *C.W. Threlkeld*, there was a committee of three appointed to raise money and purchase a record for the *Congregation* at *Antioch*, consisting (of) Brethren *C.W. Threlkeld, E.J. Wesson, & J.L. Doss*; and that the old record of the *Congregation* at *Antioch* be transcribed into the new. On motion of *W.J. Wesson*, there was a committee appointed to assist the Clerk in transcribing the record from the old record of the *Congregation* to the new, consisting (of) Brethren *W.H. & E.M. Kirkham, and E.J. Wesson*.

3D. On motion, Bro. *R.P. Threlkeld* was elected and *set-apart* as *Elder* for the *Congregation* of the Church of Christ at *Antioch*.

Conference being dismissed, there was preaching by Bro. *A. Jones*. Wednesday evening, baptism was attended to, Bro. *A. Jones*, officiating.

After which we had preaching, by our Beloved Brother *J.R. Jones, Ed., M.C.* Thursday night, preaching by Bro. *J.R. Jones*.

However, before preaching the following resolution was adopted and ordered published in the **Model Christian**, and spread upon the record of the *Congregation* of the Church of Christ at *Antioch*.

E.J. WESSON, C.C. protem.

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#### CHURCH RECORD.

##### Resolutions.

WE, your committee, appointed by the *Antioch* congregation of the *Church of Christ*, to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the deep sympathy, love and veneration for our departed Bro., submit the following report:

WHEREAS, our *Elder* and *brother, Elijah Kelley*, was, by the dispensation of our *Heavenly Father*, removed from this earthly tabernacle, to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, on the 26th of August, A.D. 1884.

WE, therefore, make the following statement:

Brother *Elijah Kelley* was born in Jackson county, Tenn., September 14th, 1800. Removed to *Illinois* with his father in 1804. From thence, to *Arkansas*, on Wolf creek, in Pike county, 1815, where he lived and labored on his farm until his death.

He obeyed the Gospel of Christ, July 22d, 1824. Began to preach in 1826. Has organized many congregations since that time.

Brother *Kelley* was the last one of the original members of the congregation at *Antioch*, which was organized in April, 1833, of which he was chosen *Deacon*, and subsequently chosen *Elder* for the *Congregation*, which position he held to the day of his death.

He was honored and venerated by all who knew him. He was of good report both in the Church and world, and died full of years and honors. Having been a member of *Antioch*, for over fifty years. It can be said of him truly, one of the pillars of *Antioch* has fallen (upon whom shall his mantle fall?)

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the congregation of *Antioch* is duly sensible of their irreparable loss. That they shall not soon see his like again. And that we, in our deep affliction, do tender our Christian sympathy to his bereaved wife and children.

RESOLVED, that this be spread on the *congregational record*.

C.W. THRELKELD  
E.J. WESSON  
F.B. WILSON  
ALF. JONES  
Com(mittee).

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#### ANOTHER PIONEER AT REST.

Hon. *Elijah Kelley*, of Pike county, died a few days ago at his home on Wolf Creek, in that county, where he settled and became a citizen of the territory of Arkansas in 1815. It is seldom that it is allotted to any human being to enjoy what there is of life amid the same scenes and with the same surroundings. And yet, this good old man deserved every blessing which it pleased God to shed upon him. Not only among the pioneers who first felled the forest in Arkansas, but he was one of the first members of what is now known as the "Christian Church," who made his home in these wilds.

He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1836, and his death leaves Gen. *Grandison D. Royston*, of Hempstead county, the only survivor of that body.

As these ties that bind us to old times in Arkansas are severed by the hand of death, THE GAZETTE seeks to keep up the mournful record -- but always with a tear and a sigh.

Mr. *Kelley* served several terms in the legislature, and for a number of years was sheriff of Pike county. He has gone to his rest; and his many relatives throughout Southwest Arkansas can know that an entire community sincerely condole with them in their personal bereavement.

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DEATH OF A PIONEER.

Elijah Kelley, of Pike County, Passes Away,  
Leaving Gen. Royston the Sole Surviving Member  
of the Convention of '36.

Information reached the city yesterday of the death of one of Arkansas' oldest pioneers -- *Elijah Kelley*. He died a few days since on his farm, a beautiful place on Wolf creek, in the interior of Arkansas. The deceased lived more than man's allotted three score and ten, and his life is an open volume of good deeds. He retired from active life a few years ago, and in late years was entirely unknown in our local political world. Our oldest people, however, will remember his honored name and his sterling worth. Years ago he was known about the capital, his opinion was eagerly sought and the careful statesman gave heed to his advice. He settled at the place of his death in the spring of 1815, and resided there continuously until the last. The constitutional convention of 1836, one of the chapters in the history of the state, recognized in him one of its prominent members. His death now leaves only one surviving member of that memorable organization in our state -- or in the United States -- Gen. *Grandison D. Royston*, of Washington, Hempstead county. The last named gentleman was an intimate friend of *Kelley*, and most sincerely mourns his death. One by one the founders of our state are gathered to the fathers.

*Arkansas Gazette*, September 12, 1884, page 4, column 2, page 5, column 2.

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"Arkansas Dots,"  
by J.A.R.

On *Wolf Creek* in Pike county, I passed near the residence of our venerable brother, *Elijah Kelley*. He has been preaching the ancient gospel for over half a century. His sons informed me that he was sick, and would probably never recover, and as I returned, I found he was gone to his reward. As a result of his labors, in sight of his house stands *Antioch* church, and nearly all his neighbors are members thereof. Could a higher tribute of his worth be paid? Bro. *A. Jones* is preaching for them at present.

*The Christian-Evangelist*, October 16, 1884, St. Louis, Mo., page 662.

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A List of Charter Members of the Antioch Church of Christ  
Wolf Creek, Pike County, Arkansas 1833.

Register Members.

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Ann Brueer (?)  
Sarah Blocker  
Elizabeth Blocker  
Margaret Bagwell

Minnie Bolt  
Serilda Brewer  
A.B. Clingman  
Ann Clingman

John Carpenter Jr.  
Elizabeth Carpenter  
John Carpenter  
Alexander Clingman

Jane Carpenter  
Sarah Carpenter  
Louisa Carpenter  
William T. Dickson

Hon. *Elijah Kelley*, of Pike county, is dead. He died on Wolf Creek, Pike county, on the place which he settled in 1815 -- nearly seventy years ago. He is the last survivor of the Constitutional Convention of 1836, except our well known and distinguished citizen, Gen. *G.D. Royston*, of Hempstead. Mr. *Kelley* was one of the founders of the Christian church in Arkansas -- a zealous, faithful and well-beloved minister of that church for many years. He was a true and good man in every relation of life -- a true follower of his God and a faithful friend of mankind.

*Daily Texarkana Independent*, Volume 1, Number 32, Texarkana, Arkansas, Friday evening, September 12, 1884, page 2, column 2.

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Hon. *Elijah Kelley* died at his home, on Wolf Creek, Pike County, last week. He died on the same place which he settled in 1815 - nearly seventy years ago. He is the last survivor of the Constitutional Convention of the State, was again elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1868; and three times represented his county in the General Assembly.

*Southern Standard*, September 13, 1884, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Volume 17, No. 32, page 2, column 1, item 12.

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State News

Hon. *Elijah Kelley*, of Pike Co., died a few days ago at his home on Wolf Creek, in that county, where he settled and became a citizen of the territory of Arkansas in 1815, nearly seventy years ago.

*Randolph Herald*, Thursday, September 18, 1884, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

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Old uncle *Elijah Kelley*, of Wolf Creek, Pike county, died last week at the age of 84 years. He was one of the framers of the first constitution of the State, was again elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1868, and three times represented his county in the General Assembly.

*Nashville News*, Nashville, Arkansas, Saturday September 13, 1884, page 8, column 3, item 10

Nancy Dickson	Mary M. Hoofman	Wesley Kelley	Barbary Mobley
Poly S. Davis	Phebie Johnston	Sarah Kelley	Margarett Jane
Susan Davis	Martha Johnson	Elijah Kelley Jr.	MobleyHarriet Samuels
Leroy Dickson	Micajo Johnson	Elizabeth Kelley	Nancy Wilson
Ann Davis	Bellinda Jordan	Margrett Kelley	James Ward
Nancy Dossey	John Johnston	Nancy Kelley	Milly Ward
Ashley Dickson	William Kelley	Catharine Kelley	Jefferson T. Wood
Nancy Dickson	Elijah Kelley	Elizabeth Kelley	Susannah Wood
Elizabeth Green	Elizabeth Kelley	Thomas Love	Rebecca White
Jeremiah Green	Rebecca Kelley	Mary McLaughlin	Jordan White
Mahala Griffin	Giles Kelley	Ulila Mansfield	Elizabeth White
John Hoofman	Robert M. Kelley	Martha Mobley	Elizabeth Jane Whit

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**PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGES 1821-1895**  
COMPUTER SOFTWARE RELEASE

A computer software release of the Pike County Arkansas Marriages 1821-1895 from the Pike County, Arkansas marriage restoration project is now available for IBM personal computers or compatibles. \$29 postpaid. Order from David L. Kelley, P.O. Box 1135, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. Specify your diskette size: 3.5 (720K) or 5.25 (360K).

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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. Also destroyed was the law library of Abner Bryson Williams attorney "which had but a few days previous been moved into" the county clerk's office. 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.

I want to express appreciation to all who have contributed to this marriage restoration project and to acknowledge the special consideration of Desmond Walls Allen. She provided a valuable article entitled "Reconstructed Marriage Records" in her publication "Professional Genealogists of Arkansas Newsletter" and reprinted in the "Federation of Genealogical Societies" quarterly "Forum." Desmond mentions the Pike County Arkansas Marriage Restoration Project and provides information relative to reconstructing marriage records in counties where the records have been destroyed. Along with the assistance of those listed above are the records gathered by the editor during the past twenty years. A printed book of these marriages is forthcoming.

DAVID L. KELLEY

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## QUERIES

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8 Aug 1994

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

Dear David,

I was wondering if any of your Pike County History records show a school in the Kirby area named "Seed Tick School?" My wife has been told that her Aunt was a teacher there at one time, but she has never heard of such a school. If your records show such a school, I would appreciate any information you might have.

Sincerely,  
CHESTER GAGE  
103 Dogwood Street  
Murfreesboro, AR 71958-9763

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August 28, 1994

Dear Chester,

I do not have a record of the "Seed Tick School" at Kirby, Arkansas. I will place an excerpt of your letter in the next issue of The GEMS and hopefully there will be someone among the readers and subscribers that will have information to help you.

Sincerely,  
DAVID L. KELLEY

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Dear History Society,

My great-grandfather William David Dean & family lived in Pike County from 1875-1884 at Star of the West. I have copies of letters sent to his sisters-in-law in Alabama about his life as a farmer during these years. His wife, Amanda Gay Dean, gave birth to 3 girls & one son in Pike County. I would like some information about Pike County and Star of the West. The 1880 census shows them in White town-ship where he rented and owned land. Please tell me what records are available for those years. In the Polk County Genealogical Newsletter there was a reference to "Early History of Pike County." Thank you.

VICKI DEAN  
100 Oakhurst Drive  
Hurst, TX 76053  
July 7, 1994

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Grace Case  
1920 Country Square  
El Dorado, AR 71730

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks for the back issues of "GEMS". I am enjoying reading all the issues and look forward to each one.

Teresa Harris and I have been thinking about contacting you so we can meet and swap notes. I have been trying to do some research on the Davis family, also the Chancellor family in Clark County. I'm trying to track down James W. Davis, son of John & Nancy Davis. He went by J.W. and died between 1860-1865. I'm wondering if he is the J.W. Davis that was discharged from the Confederate Army in 1862. This research is never ending. Hope yours is going well.

Dorothy, I'm sending you info from Samuel L. Hipp's Bible. It is now in the possession of his daughter, Meeky Hipp Alston (my great aunt) who is 97 years old and lives in Nashville, AR. I noticed in one of the back issues that you sent me that someone was tracing the French family. Samuel L. Hipp's 1st wife was Delia I.S. French and her family is listed in the Bible. I'm a descendant of Samuel L. and his second wife, Nancy Frances Davis, daughter of J.W. Davis & Martha Henderson. Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,  
GRACE CASE

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### SAMUEL L. HIPPI BIBLE

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Samuel L. Hipp's bible bought 1862 for \$1.00.

Samuel Hipp was borned July 21, 1814.  
Meeky Hipp was borned December 21, 1819.

Samuel Hipp and Meeky Hipp was married April 14, 1836.

William A. Hipp was borned January 23, 1837.  
James Pickney Hipp was borned February 4, 1839.  
Mary Hipp was borned November 3, 1840.  
John Vernon Hipp was borned January 11, 1843.  
Samuel Leonidas Hipp was borned April 21, 1845.

Samuel Hipp died July 18, 1846.  
Meeky Hipp died February 1, 1874.  
Samuel Leonidas Hipp and Nancy Frances Davis was married March 2, 1880.

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Charlie Albert Hipp born June 20, 1882.  
Virgil Lonzo Hipp born May 15, 1884.  
Mary Jane Hipp born March 6, 1887.



William Olin born September 30, 1890.  
Joe born February 28, 1892.  
Isadora born September 4, 1894.  
Meeky born July 22, 1897.

Nancy Francis Davis born February 9, 1864.  
Samuel L. Hipp died June 15, 1901.  
Nancy Frances Hipp died May 8, 1911.

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Amos French was born August 20, 1818.  
Mary E. French was born March 5, 1825.  
John C.C. French was born July 1, 1847.  
Delia I.S. French was born April 10, 1852.  
R.H.W. French was born July 14, 1855.  
Louis S. French was born September 30, 1859.

John Amos Lee French was born September 11, 1869.  
(He was the son of Samuel Leonidas Hipp & Delia I.S. French who were married in 1868. Marriage not listed in Bible.)

Delia I.S. Hipp died November 19, 1878.

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#### PCAHS VISITORS

1993

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June -- Brenda Tollett, Ada, OK  
June 22 Stanley & Imogene Bitely, Grady, AR  
June 23 (ibid)  
June 28 Martha Treadway, Arkadelphia, AR  
June 28 Debra Collins, Fayetteville, AR

---- -- Ann Stell Symons, DeSota, TX  
---- -- Sheila McCormick, Houston, TX

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#### ARCHIVE UPDATE

Marriage Book (Pike County) D-E-F is finished, ready for publication. \$15. Marriage Book A-B-C and D-E-F as a set for \$25.

The Picture Book is being edited for final printing by Faye Crews.

We have added the 1920 Pike County, Arkansas census to our microfilms.

In the July meeting we voted to buy a table and two benches for the Murfreesboro Pavilion. We donated \$100 to the Kimberly (cemetery) maintenance fund. Through the efforts of PCAHS members Pat & Orville Stewart & Jim Smedley the cemetery has been fenced.

We are very sorry our Vice-President Bobbie Hendrix has been very ill. We hope for a speedy recovery. She has had months of illness.

Stanley and Imogene Shultz Bitely from Grady, AR spent two days in Murfreesboro looking for family history. Dorothy Partain was able to help Imogene connect with the Drapers. She was delighted to meet Mr. Elberg Draper, probably the eldest living Draper of his generation, and a second cousin to Imogene. Mr. Draper has a very large picture on his wall of their mutual great-grandfather. Dorothy was also able to help the Bitely's with their Rankin family. In appreciation the Bitely's took Dorothy out for lunch which was also their 49th wedding anniversary. They helped Dorothy reshelve all the archival books that had been on the floor. Thank you Stan & Imogene.

Martha Treadway and Debra T. Collins also visited and updated their Kizzia charts. I want to thank all the other visitors for stopping by and so sorry to have missed everyone.

DOROTHY KENNEDY PARTAIN

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

1880 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS FEDERAL CENSUS by Dorothy Kennedy Partain and Linda Willingham Meek 222 pages, including index, published 1992 ... \$20.00

INDEX TO VOLUME 1 & 2 NUMBERS 1, 2, 3 and 4 of "THE GEMS of PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS" ... Each Volume Year Index \$3.00

BACK ISSUES of "THE GEMS of PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS" Vols. 1-4, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 (4 issues each volume) ... 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

1995 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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Are you interested in HISTORY \_\_\_ GENEALOGY \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ ? Please mark one or both of the above. If you are interested in genalogy please list the Surnames you are researching below or if you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper and mail along with your membership application. You are also encouraged to include a Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheets with your Membership Application. All surnames submitted to PCAHS will be placed in our Surname File. Queries submitted to "THE GEMS" are FREE to members and will be published as space permits. Please be specific when writing your query regarding names, dates, places and the information you are seeking.

SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED

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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 and the Heritage Room at the Library in Murfreesboro. Library hours [Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.]. The PCAHS courthouse hours [Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.]. If Court is not in session call first: Harrison Gilmer 285-3187 or Linda Wilson 379-2471 or Dorothy Partain 285-3528. Helpful telephone numbers: Pike County Clerk's Office [501] 285-2231; County Judge [Courthouse] [501] 285-2414; Mayor's Office for Library [501] 285-3732.

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

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