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ROBERT McMAHAN Sr.

*Illinois Pioneer and father of Rebecca McMahan wife
of William Kelley of Pike County, Arkansas*

Along the lowlands of the Mississippi river in southwest Illinois from Alton to the mouth of the Kaskaskia river the first immigrants found a deep, rich and fertile body of land where they made their first settlements. These early pioneers named this region the American Bottom. It produced excellent crops and its name helped distinguish it from the Spanish territory west of the Mississippi. These American settlers came principally from Kentucky and Virginia and in 1779 the first English speaking settlement was established at Bellefontaine. Other settlements were Grand Ruisseau and New Design.

The New Design was founded by a group of Virginians about 1786 not far from Bellefontaine. It was the largest American settlement in Illinois at that time and thus became the first rendezvous and head-quarters, along with the Bellefontaine settlement, for the westward moving American population. In these early settlements the inhabitants erected forts or "stations" consisting of blockhouses and stockades, primarily for their protection against possible Indian hostility. Beginning in 1783 and especially from 1786 to 1795, depredations occurred annually in the settlements and several murders were committed upon the settlers by hostile tribes. It is under these circumstances that a number of families from Kentucky arrived at the New Design in 1793. Included among them was the *Robert McMahan* family.

Robert McMahan Sr. of Augusta county, Virginia was born in 1760 and believed to be the son of *John McMahan* and *Deborah Stockton*. *John McMahan's* father, also named *Robert McMahan*, was an early settler of Augusta county who died in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1769. While a resident of Augusta county, *Robert McMahan Sr.* served in the Revolutionary war. His service extended from 1780 to 1781. He was among the Virginia militia engaged in the Battle of Guilford Court House in North Carolina where he was taken prisoner.

This battle occurred March 15, 1781 and the Virginia militia commanded by Generals *Robert Lawson* and *Edward Stevens* provided for the "American Second Line" of defense. This battle was the climax of the Green-Cornwallis campaign across the Carolinas.

After the war soldiers of Augusta county, Virginia that were issued military land warrants traveled to Kentucky to make claims. Upon their return home and favorable report of this region "a spirit of immigration was awakened throughout the county." As a result, in 1783 or 1784, several families moved to Kentucky including *Robert McMahan*. He settled at Crab Orchard in Lincoln county where he married *Margaret Clark*, June 29, 1785. From there he moved to Lexington, Fayette county, Kentucky and in 1793 moved to the Illinois country. Before moving to Illinois *Robert McMahan* with others employed *James Whiteside*, also of Kentucky, to go to the Illinois country and make claims and secure improvements for them. By April 1790 *Whiteside* had selected several locations for improvements but died on his return to Kentucky. Subsequently those having an interest moved to Illinois during the years 1791 thru 1794 and made actual cultivation by themselves or agents on their respective improvements.

Robert McMahan left Kentucky for the American Bottom in 1793 and upon his arrival for reasons not fully known made temporary settlement west of the Mississippi in the village of New Madrid then under the Spanish government. The Spanish Commandants at St. Louis frequently invited the inhabitants of the Illinois country to become settlers of the Spanish colonies and assured them at the same time they would have land for themselves and their families. But being partial to his own government according to the Territorial Papers of the United States *McMahan* left New Madrid after a short time to settle near the New Design. He selected a place for a farm about three miles southwest of the New Design Station but apprehensive of attacks then being made by various parties of Indians he moved into a house owned by *James Lemen Sr.* near the station in 1794. In the same vicinity lived *Peter Carterline* and *Benjamin Ogle*.

Later that year desiring to improve the land he had selected for his farm and hoping to escape or repel any potential Indian attack *McMahan* moved to his improvement on the prairie. This improvement was situated within the northeast quarter of section nineteen, township three south, range nine west in present day Monroe county, Illinois. His house was so constructed that the door could be strongly barred and port holes were made in the walls so as to be able to shoot anyone who might attempt to ascend to the roof. He had a rifle and a blunderbuss charged with six charges of powder and nine balls. He said to his friends at the Station, "when you hear the report of my blunderbuss, you may be certain that I am attacked." In spite of these preparations he and his family fell victim to an Indian assault which resulted in the death of his wife and four children in January, 1795. One historical account described it as "the most serious and dreadful tragedy that ever occurred ... in the state."

George Churchill later a neighbor of *Robert Mc-Mahan* in Madison county, Illinois prepared a written account of the affair which he read before the Troy Lyceum in Madison county in 1855. He states, "the story has several times appeared in print, frequently with some inaccuracies, and always with the omission of some important circumstances." *George Churchill's* account was first published in 1866 by *James T. Hair* in his "Gazetteer of Madison County" which says: "the following paper ... not heretofore published, gives a true account of the massacre of Mr. *McMahan's* wife and four of his children, and of the captivity of himself and eldest daughter by a party of Indians." An excerpt of Mr. *Churchill's* account follows:

On the fatal 26th of January 1795, Mr. *McMahan* went out to hunt for his oxen, when he perceived that his horse, which was confined in a pen, appeared to be frightened. He cast his eye over the prairie in every direction, but saw no enemy.

A lone hickory tree, one hundred and fifty yards from his house, had been blown down the year before while in full leaf, thus furnishing a convenient hiding place for an attacking party, but unfortunately Mr. *McMahan* did not think of there being a deadly enemy ensconced within that convenient covert.

He entered his house, but had not been there more than two or three minutes when four Indians, frightfully painted black and red, entered the house, two by two, saying "Bon jour! Bon jour!" (good day! good day!) They stood motionless a few seconds, when one of them attempted to take down Mr. *McMahan's* rifle from the hook, and Mr. *McMahan* took down his blunderbuss; but his wife took hold of it and begged her husband not to resist, as she hoped their lives might be spared if they submitted peacefully, but otherwise they would be killed. The Indians then seized the blunderbuss and wrenched it from his hands. Every one then made for the door. Mrs. *McMahan* ran half way around the house when she was shot in the left breast and scalped. Mr. *McMahan* was then pulled back into the house, thrown on the floor, and his hands pinioned close behind him with deer sinews. *Sally McMahan*, his eldest daughter, then less than nine years old, remained in the house and saw one of the Indians knock her brother and two of her sisters on the head with the poll of his tomahawk. It was a light blow, only sufficient to stun them. This Indian was proceeding to open the cradle where lay a female infant, only one month old, when *Sally* ran out of the house and once around it, when she was also seized by him. The Indian who committed the murders was supposed to be of the

Miami tribe. The other three were Pu-taw-wahs, as they call themselves, or as they are commonly called by the whites, Potawatomes.

Three of the children were scalped. It was said that the infant was not scalped, but my informant stated that the Indians displayed five scalps when they camped at night, and she supposed they took two scalps from the head of one of the murdered children, and left the infant unscalped. It has also been stated that the infant was unhurt and died of starvation, but my informant learned from a woman who was present at the burial, that there was a gash in its cheek.

The Indians took from the house such articles as they wanted, packed a part of them upon Mr. *McMahan*, one of whose hands was untied so that he might carry his load, and with their captives, left in haste for their home in the northeast part of Illinois. Mr. *McMahan* meditated an escape, but did not make known his intention to his daughter. The first night of the journey he saw no chance of escape, as the Indians had tied him very securely, and had taken away his shoes and hat and part of his clothes. But during the second night, he quietly slipped the cords from his limbs and body and was about to rise, when he perceived that one of the Indians was awake. Waiting till the Indian was again asleep, he made his escape after trying in vain to get possession of his shoes. In the dead of winter, without shoes, without food, and scanty clothing, he left his daughter with her captors and endeavored to make his way to the New Design. He lay out one cold night making a bed of leaves under a large fallen tree, which was held up from the ground by its branches. Here he was partially frozen, but the next morning resumed his journey. He now had the pleasure of meeting a friend in the person of Col. *Samuel Judy*, who gave him the necessary directions, which he pursued, and reached his home just after his wife and four children had been committed by their sympathizing neighbors, to one common grave. He prostrated himself upon the grave, exclaiming, "They were lovely in their lives and in their deaths they were not divided!"

The massacre took place on a Monday and the burial on the succeeding Friday. A small dog belonging to Mr. *McMahan* daily visited the residence of Mr. *James Lemen Sr.* and endeavored by whining to inform the people of what had happened to his master's family. But for several days they did not comprehend the dog's message, one authority says, not until old Mr. *Judy* had discovered the dead bodies and reported the fact to the Station.

In the meantime the Indians, with *Sally McMahan*, traveled north until they reached the home of the Potawatomi southwest of Lake Michigan in northeast Illinois. Here she was transferred to an Ottawa Indian, now a Potawatomi chief and whose wife was a sister of the three Potawatomi involved in the massacre. The name of this "chief of the small fort west of Lake Michigan" was *Sukkonok* which means Blackbird, but among the whites he went by the French name of *Leturneau*.

The Indian tribes of the north were opposed to the white settlements being established above the Ohio River. They considered the Ohio River as a boundary line between them and the Americans. They were organized into a confederation to protect this border and frustrate white immigration into their lands. The Indian confederation waged war across the present states of Indiana and Ohio for six years defeating and humiliating the American forces until *Anthony Wayne* Major General commanded the army of the United States in a decisive victory over the Indian alliance in the Battle of Fallen Timbers in Ohio on August 20, 1794. It "broke the back of tribal resistance" and peace was negotiated. On August 3, 1795 a treaty of peace between the United States and the

Tribes of Indians which included the Wyandot, Delaware, Shawanee, Ottawa, Chipewa, Potawatomi, Miami, Eel-River, Weea's, Kickapoo, Piankashaw and Kaskaskia was signed at Greenville, Ohio. This treaty known as the "Treaty of Greenville" was ratified and proclaimed on December 2, 1795. One of the significant conditions (Article II) of the treaty was, "*all prisoners shall on both sides be restored. The Indians, prisoners of the United States, shall be immediately set at liberty. The people of the United States, still remaining prisoners among the Indians, shall be delivered up in ninety days from the date hereof ...*"

Thus *Sukkonok*, in April 1796, brought *Sally McMahan* down the Illinois and Mississippi rivers in a canoe to Cahokia and delivered her to the white people. This was during a Quarter Session of the General Court and a large number of people had assembled in Cahokia for that purpose. *Sukkonok* made a speech to them in which he said he had no part in the massacre of the *McMahan* family and that he had paid a large sum for the captive and had brought her a considerable distance into the white settlements. He appealed to the liberality and sense of justice of the people to make him compensation. A subscription paper was circulated and one hundred and sixty-four dollars was subscribed by the people and that amount in goods was advanced to *Sukkonok* by *William Arundel* an Irish merchant of Cahokia.

At another time a rather humorous incident occurred involving *Robert McMahan Sr.* during a session of General Court at Cahokia. It was remembered by *John Reynolds* a former Governor of Illinois and published in his book "My Own Times" in 1852.

At a Court in Cahokia in olden times, a great crowd of people remained there all night and the hotel kept by *E. Pensoneau* was filled to overflowing. One half of the collection could not procure beds and many did not want any. *Robert McMahan*, Esq., a Judge of the Court and a rather dignified character, was anxious to obtain a bed and not sit up all night with the wild, frolicking party. *Jehu Scott*, an old settler and neighbor of *McMahan*, told him he could get him a bed, but he must go to it soon to keep others out of it. *McMahan* readily agreed to it and would retire immediately.

The wife of the landlord, *E. Pensoneau*, was sick in a bed in a private room and in the room there was not much light. *Scott* got *McMahan* slyly into the room of the sick woman and told him to take his clothes off without noise so others would not know it. *Scott* so timed it, that about the time *McMahan* would get his clothes off, he would tell *Pensoneau* there was a man in bed with his wife. When *McMahan* entered the room and was taking his clothes off, Mrs. *Pensoneau* thought he was her husband and said nothing, but as soon as he entered the bed and came in contact with her, she discovered the mistake, and so did *McMahan*, also. At this crisis *Scott* had so fixed it, that *Pensoneau* entered his wife's bedroom with a light. He was an irritable Frenchman and understood very little English. He in reality believed *McMahan* was in bed with his wife and made a terrible noise and bluster about it. He found *McMahan* with his clothes off and commenced without ceremony to chastise him. He and the wife both laid on *McMahan* without stint and banged him about the room in a furious style. By this time, *Scott* had all the wild and merry crowd at the room to witness the fun. All three, *McMahan*, *Pensoneau* and his wife, were in a horrid fracas within the room, all shouting, scrambling and fighting in terrible confusion. *McMahan* was trying to explain, but

Pensoneau did not understand in the scuffle, his English explanations, and blustered on. At last *McMahan* was forced out of the room naked and abandoned his clothes and dignity. He ran to the crowd for protection and to save himself from the fury of the landlord and wife.

Never was such a farce enacted since Don Juan was whipped out of the bedroom of Donna Julia in Spain. This was backwoods merriment and afforded the audience great amusement. The spectators laughed and shouted at the sport. In due time the affair was explained to the satisfaction of all concerned, except Justice *McMahan*, who would prefer *Scott* to perpetrate his tricks on others and let him alone.

Sally McMahan eventually married *David Gaskill* and had thirteen children including two sets of twins. She was born in Kentucky on March 9, 1786 and died at Alton, Madison county, Illinois on January 23, 1850. She was the informant who provided *George Churchill* with information that occurred in her presence in his account of the massacre and captivity of her family.

Robert McMahan Sr. second married in St. Clair county, Illinois to *Nancy Kester* in June 1795. They had twelve children:

Isaac Kester McMahan, born March 29, 1796, St. Clair county, Illinois; married *Catherine _____*; died January 8, 1863.

Robert McMahan Jr., born December 28, 1798, St. Clair county, Illinois; married *Nancy Conway*, February 25, 1818, Madison county, Illinois; lived in Pike County, Arkansas 1848-1853; died October 29, 1872.

Rebecca McMahan, born May 4, 1800, Horse Prairie, Randolph county, Illinois; married *William Kelley*, June 14, 1814, Madison county, Illinois; moved to Pike county, Arkansas in 1815; died October 9, 1857.

Thomas S. McMahan, born 1802, Horse Prairie, Randolph county, Illinois; married *Nancy Harrington*; lived in Pike county, Arkansas 1847-1853.

Susanna McMahan, born 1805, Horse Prairie, Randolph county, Illinois; married *Creath Renfro*, December 13, 1827.

Nathaniel S. McMahan, born 1808, St. Clair county, Illinois; died February 2, 1819, Madison county, Illinois.

George W. McMahan, born 1810, St. Clair county, Illinois; died April 27, 1840.

Nancy McMahan, born March 12, 1812, St. Clair or Madison county, Illinois; married *Milton Hall*, March 13, 1827, Madison county, Illinois; died May 22, 1877.

Jesse McMahan, born 1813, Madison county, Illinois; married first, *Mary Johnson*, January 12, 1840; married second, *Mary S. Smith*, January 1, 1843, Scott county, Illinois; died 1857.

Emily McMahan, born July 26, 1815, Madison county,

Illinois; married *Samuel R. Caruthers*, December 15, 1835; died March 13, 1884.

Avaline McMahan, born 1818, Madison county, Illinois; married *James E. Clark*, April 8, 1839, St. Clair county, Illinois.

Caroline McMahan, born 1821, Madison county, Illinois; married first _____ *Moore*; married second *Andrew Harvey*.

About 1799 or 1800 *Robert McMahan* moved his family to the upper end of Horse Prairie in Randolph county, Illinois. While living here he served as a justice of the peace and Judge of the courts. He was Judge of the Randolph County Court from August 1, 1800 until January 1, 1806. From Randolph county, Illinois *McMahan* moved to St. Clair county, Illinois and settled on Silver Creek near Lebanon about 1806 or 1807. In 1812 or 1813 he moved to Madison county, Illinois and located southwest of Troy where he died in 1823 at the age of sixty-three. - *D.K.*

Robert McMahan the father of *John McMahan* of Augusta County, Virginia was executed at the Public Gallows in Williamsburg, James City county, Virginia on Friday, May 26, 1769. He murdered *Robert Reaburn* the son of his second wife Mrs. *Margaret Reaburn*. He was charged in Augusta county, Virginia and sent to Williamsburg for trial where he was found guilty and sentenced to death. The court records of Augusta county show a previous history of violence. He was involved with *Samuel Lockhard* or *Lockhart* in killing *William Thomson's* or *Thompson's* hogs, horses &c. in 1746.

The *Virginia Gazette* newspaper, June 1, 1769, page 3, column 1. *Augusta County, Virginia* court records.

PREEMPTION PROOF

James Hughes

State of Arkansas,
County of Hempstead,

Be it remembered that on the thirty-first day of May in the Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-nine, *James Hughes*, of the County of Pike, in the State of Arkansas, personally appeared before me the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, and being by me duly sworn in the presence of the Register and Receiver of the Land Office at Washington, Arkansas, Deposeth and Saith: that he is a married man, the head of a family consisting of a wife and six children, and Thirty-Eight years of age; and that in the month of November in the year 1836 he removed to and settled with his family on a portion of the public Lands of

the United States upon two tracts of Land known and designated as the West half of that portion of the South West Quarter of Section six, situated on the East side of Little Missouri River and also that portion of North West quarter of Section seven, situated as aforesaid in Township Eight, South Range 25, West of the principle meridian in the district of Lands subject to sale at the Land Office in Washington, Arks., containing in the aggregate, ninety-four 62/100 acres and that he immediately afterwards, he so removed and settled as aforesaid, built a dwelling house for his residence and other out houses and that said Houses are on that portion of the south West quarter of Section Six, aforesaid; and that he cleared, fenced and cultivated in the year 1836 about Twenty-five acres of Land which said cleared Land was made on both, above described; and that he still continues to open and improve said Tracts until this day; that his improvement contains about Twenty-five acres on one part and Ten on the other part; he further states that he actually resided upon said tract with his family and had possession thereof by actual personal residence, thereon, on the 22 day of June in the year 1838, and for four months next preceding that day and that he still resides thereon with his family and has possession of the same; and further sayeth not.

JAMES (his x mark) HUGHES

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st May 1839.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

And at the same time and place came *John Hughes*, *Hiram Kizzia*, and being duly sworn states on oath: that they both personally know the above named *James Hughes* and that they know him to be a man over Twenty-one years of age and a man at the head of a family as in his affidavit as stated; and that he has resided upon and cultivated the tracts of Land in his affidavit described or as his affidavit is describing and that he had actual possession thereof by actual personal residence thereon on the Twenty-second day of February, 1838 and for four months next preceding that day; and that he still resides on and has possession of the same, and further says not.

JOHN HUGHES
HIRAM KIZZIA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st May 1839.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

State of Arkansas,
County of Hempstead,

Be it remembered: that on the thirty-first day of May in the year 1839 *James Hughes* personally came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the

County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas; and being duly sworn, depose and saith: that he entered upon the tracts of Land in his proof of his claim to Preemption this day filed with the Register of the Land Office at Washington, Arkansas in and to that portion of the south west quarter of Section six situated on the East side of Little Missouri River and also that portion of the North West quarter of Section Seven situated as aforesaid in Township Eight South of range 25, West of the 5 principle meridian in the district of Lands subject to sale at Washington, Arkansas containing in the aggregate ninety four 62/100 acres in his own right and exclusively for his own use and benefit and that he has not directly or indirectly made agreement or contracted in any way or manner, any person or persons, whatever, by which the title which he may acquire from the government of the United States will inure to the use or benefit of any one except himself; or to convey or transfer the said lands or to the title that one may acquire to the same; to any person or persons whatever at any subsequent time.

JAMES (his x mark) HUGHES

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 31st day of May 1839.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

PREEMPTION ACT 1838

Receiver's Office, Washington, Ark.
31st May 1839.

No. 4027

Received from *James Hughes* of Pike County, Arkansas - One Hundred and Eighteen dollars and Twenty Eight cents being in full payment for that portions of the South West Quarter of Section Six and North West quarter of Section Seven on the East Side of Little Missouri River in Township Eight, South of Range Twenty-five West, containing Ninety four 62/100th acres at \$1.25 per acre.

D.T. WITTER, Receiver

\$118.28

No. 4027. Land Office at Washington, Arks.,
31st May 1839.

It is hereby certified: That in pursuance of Law, *James Hughes* of Pike County, State of Arkansas on this day purchased of the Register of this office the Lot or That portion of the South West Quarter of Section No. Six and the North West Quarter of Section No. Seven on the East Side of Little Missouri River in Township No. Eight South of Range No. twenty five West, containing nienty

four and sixty-two hundredths acres at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre amounting to One hundred & Eighteen dollars and twenty eight cents, for which the said *James Hughes* has made payment in full as required by Law.

Now therefore be it known: that on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land office, the said *James Hughes* Shall be entitled to receive a patent for the Lot about described.

GEO. CONWAY, Register

Preemption Act of 1838.

Cash Certificate 4027, Record Group 49, Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland. *James Hughes*, the son of *William Hughes*, was born September 28, 1801 in Missouri.

JAMES HUGHES BIBLE RECORD

Family Record.

Births.

James Hughes son of *Wm. Hughes* was born September the 28, 1801.

John R. Hughes son of *James Hughes* was born February the 21, 1825.

Margaret Hughes daughter of *James Hughes* was born (page torn) ... ember the 11, 1826.

(page torn) *Hughes* daughter of *James Hughes* was born August 20, 1828.

(page torn) *Hughes* daughter of *James Hughes* was born December (page torn), 1830.

Andrew Hughes son of *James Hughes* was born the 31 day of December 1832.

Carline (Caroline) Hughes daughter of *James Hughes* was born the 9 day of February 1837.

Nathan Hughes son of *James Hughes* was born 8 day of April 1840.

James Edward Hughes the son of *James Hughes* was born on the 11 day of July, 1843.

Jeremiah Hughes the son of *James Hughes* was born the 27 day of May 1846.

Bible Record courtesy of Gilmer E. Hughes of Baird, Texas.

JEREMIAH "JERRY" HUGHES
1846-1931

Grandfather *Jerry* was the last of nine children born to *James & Polly Hughes*. *Jerry* was born in Goliad, Texas 1846. He served 3 1/2 years in (the) Civil War. He was 16 years old and was stationed on Galveston Island port for the duration. He drew (a) Confederate pension for crippling arthritis brought on by exposure to adverse weather. His unit was Company "B" *Scott Anderson's* Regiment and Col. *Phil Fullclod's* Regiment.

Around 1885 *Jerry* moved his family to Travis County, Texas west of Austin on the Colorado river. (The) family consisted of (his) wife *Martha*, one son *James Edward* (my father), (and) three girls, *Edie*, *Nellie* and *Minnie*. In the year 1898 *Minnie* died of diphtheria. *Jerry's* wife *Martha* died in 1904. Both wife & daughter are buried in Teck Cemetery 25 miles west of Austin on Lake Travis. (In) 1906 *Jerry* moved with my father *James E.* to Woodson, Throckmorton County, Texas. His two living daughters married. *Edie* married "*Mood*" *Adcock* of Seguin, Texas (and) *Nellie* married *Charlie Thurman* of Seymour, Texas. My father married *Ettie Leola Gregg*.

Grandfather "*Jerry*" lived his remaining days with my family in Woodson, commuting to Seymour & Goree. *Jerry* was crippled with arthritis all the days I knew him but he would not give up working. He died in our home and was buried in Woodson Cemetery, 1931.

GILMER HUGHES

Jeremiah "Jerry" Hughes 1846-1931 by *Gilmer E. Hughes* of Baird, Texas. *Jeremiah Hughes* was the grandson of *William Hughes* who settled at the "forks" of the Little Missouri river, now Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas in 1816.

CONFEDERATE PENSION FILES

Pike County, Arkansas

The following information abstracted from the Arkansas State Confederate Pension Application files is of a *genealogical* nature. For *military* information refer to the original files at the Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas or to the publication **Arkansas Confederate Pension Applications from Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Montgomery and Pike Counties** by Desmond Walls Allen, Arkansas Research, P.O. Box 303, Conway, AR 72032.

8830

Mary E. Malone, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of M.M. Malone [April 1, 1903] ... "my said husband died in August 1882." William Cash and Joel Dickinson Sr. [June 6, 1903] citizens of Antoine, Pike County,

Arkansas "well acquainted with ... Mac M. Malone and have known him 38 years, respectively."

8835

Arminda R. McCarty, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William McCarty [June 12, 1901] ... "my said husband died 29 day of July 1870." William I. McCarty and Pollia A. McCreight [June 12, 1901] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Arminda R. McCarty and have known her 50 & 40 years, respectively." Auditor's Office, State of Arkansas, Little Rock. "Dead. Cancelled October 24, 1907."

9140

E.F. McClure, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [June 20, 1914] ... member of 19th Regiment of Infantry, Company G, from the State of Arkansas. I.A. Cornish and J.A. Covington [June 20, 1914] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant E.F. McClure and have known him 62 and 52 years, respectively ... know that E.F. McClure was in the civil war but don't know when he went or when he was released." W.H. Vickery and J.P. Cook [July 11, 1914] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant E.F. McClure and have know him 35 and 15 years, respectively." Eliza McClure, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of E.F. McClure [March 3, 1923] ... "my husband died on the 7th day of December, 1922." Eliza Jane McClure [February 23, 1932] Nashville, Arkansas, Route No. 3, born February 22, 1862, County of Pike, State of Arkansas ... married to Elijah Forster McClure on the 9 day of September, 1889, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She makes her home with Harold McClure [son] Nashville, Arkansas, Route No. 3. She owns 40 acres of cut over land.

9136

Georgia McFadden, Bills, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of John McFadden [January 15, 1909] ... "Georg [as spelled] Ann McFadden ... widow of John McFadden ... my said husband died in May 1903 at his home near Bills, Pike County, Arkansas." George W. Stokes age 75 years and W.R.D. Barnett [January 15, 1909] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband John McFadden and knew him 45 years, respectively." Ursery S. Owen, Garland County, Arkansas County Clerk "do hereby certify that Georgia McFadden was a Confederate pensioner, residing in said State, that the application of Georgia McFadden was originally filed in Pike County, that said Georgia McFadden died on or about the 25th day of December, 1930 ... J.T. Rutherford of said county, public administrator."

9132

Samuel McFadden, Pike County, Arkansas. T.L. Beaty and John McFadden [June 20, 1900] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Samuel McFadden and have known him 35 years, respectively." A.S. Russell, Pine Grove, Arkansas [July 7, 1899] letter. "Mr. Samuel McFadden, Bills, Arkansas. Dear Sir & Friend: Yours of the 21st inst received June 30th and in answer would say that you with several of us went into service as volunteers in May 1862; organized a company with G.A. Galhaghan as Captain, went to Little Rock and were organized into Col. Pleasant's Regiment as Co. E of said regiment. Col. Pleasant was killed at Battle of Prairie Grove & Lieut. Col. Bell took command of the Regiment & was known as Bell's Regiment, but was afterward known as the 29th Regiment Trans-Mississippi Infantry. Our Co. still known as Co. E. that you served as private in said Co. from May 1862 until the close of the war May 1865; that you were a good and faithful soldier during all of that time; that you were badly wounded at the battle of Prairie Grove, December 7, 1862 and was unable to rejoin Company until the following spring." [signed] A.S. Russell, Capt. Co. E, 29 Regm't T.M. Jennie McFadden, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Sam McFadden [July 7, 1910] ... My husband died on the sixteenth day of April, 1906."

12147

Miriam C. McFarland, Pike County, Arkansas [April 1, 1933] ... M.C. Barton, Pike County, Arkansas, Clerk of the County Court ... certify that Miriam McFarland was a Confederate pensioner ... originally filed in said County ... died on or about the 8th day of March 1933 ... O.A. Featherston, administrator. See next entry.

1575

William McFarland, Nathan, Pike County, Arkansas [June 30, 1893] Post Office, Corinth, Arkansas. F.C. Payne and J.W. Payne [June 30, 1893] citizens of Howard County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant William McFarland and have known him thirty-three years." Miriam C. McFarland, Pike County, Arkansas [July 5, 1927] widow of William McFarland ... "I, Miriam McFarland ... was born on the 17th day of October, 1851 and that I am the widow of William McFarland who served as a soldier ... of the Confederate States ... a member of Company B, 15th Regiment from the State of Georgia ... my husband died 1899." Miriam Cordeliar [as spelled] McFarland [February 15, 1932] Nashville, Arkansas, R.F.D. No. 4, born October 17, 1851, Franklin County, Georgia ... married to William McFarland on the 23 day of April, 1868, County of Franklin, State of Georgia. She makes her home with G.J.

McFarland and wife, Nashville, Arkansas, R.F.D. No. 4, "he is my son." M.C. Barton [April 1, 1933] ... Miriam McFarland died on or about the 8th day of March 1933. O.A. Featherston, administrator.

9135

Andrew J. McGinnis, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 7, 1909] ... aged 70 years." Thomas E. Mitchell aged 36 years and Robert A. Self aged 45 years, citizens-resident of, and whose post-office address is Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant herein, Andrew J. McGinnis, and have known him for the last past 5 and 15 years, respectively." Andrew J. McGinnis [June 20, 1911] aged 74 years ... that I am now drawing a pension ... that I hereby make application for an increase of pension under Act of the General Assembly of 1907." M.J. Camp aged 68 years and T.H. Reynolds, aged 75 years, citizens-resident of Rome, Floyd County, Georgia [January 13, 1909] "well acquainted with Andrew J. McGinnis and know him during the late war of 1861 to 1865 and was in the service and did duty as soldiers with him at the same time and place in the Confederate States Army, in Co. C, 40th Regiment, Georgia Infantry Volunteers; and that he was honorably released from said service and did not desert the same." Robert A. Self aged 47 years and J.F. Womack aged 51 years [June 17, 1911] citizens of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with Andrew J. McGinnis, now aged 74 years, a resident-citizen of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas ...and ... have known him for the last past, each and every year, 20 years, respectively. Josephine McGinnis [widow] of Andrew J. McGinnis [June 6, 1916] ... "my husband died on the 31 day of July 1915." W.C. Allen and N.P. Richardson [June 6, 1916] citizens of Amity, Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Josephine McGinnis and have known her 20 and 30 years, respectively."

9134

A.B. McKinnon, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 22, 1908] aged 71 years. J.J. Hughes Sr. aged 81 years [June 22, 1908] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant A.B. McKinnon and have known him 48 years." Wiley G. Foshee aged 67 years [June 22, 1908] a citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant A.B. McKinnon and have known him 48 years." Sarah A. Sutton aged 68 years and James N. Sutton aged 29 years [June 17, 1911] citizens of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant A.B. McKinnon, aged 74 years, and have known him 12 and 12 years, respectively, the last past 12 years." M.S. McKinnon aged 69 years [widow] of A.B. McKinnon [June 3, 1916] ... "my husband died on the 2 day of May 1916 at his home near Kirby, P.O., Pike County, Arkansas." J.S. McKinnon aged 37 years and

Etta A. Sutton aged 29 years [June 3, 1916] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant M.S. McKinnon and have know her all our lives, respectively."

8793

Susie J. McKinnon [widow] of William M. McKinnon [June 12, 1911] ... "my said husband died in the year 1897 on the 9th day of February. Died with throat trouble contracted during the war. Died at his home near Bowen, Arkansas after the War." W.J. Clark and C.E. Bruce [June 9, 1911] citizens of Blevins, Hempstead County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband William McKinnon and knew him for one year."

637

James A. McLaughlin, Bowen, Pike County, Arkansas. W.H. Riley and R.M. Rollin [June 1, 1901] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant J.A. McLaughlin and have known him forty years." Nancy C. McLaughlin, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of J.A. McLaughlin ... "my said husband died on the 22 day of April 1903."

16092

Thomas B. McLaughlin, Columbia County, Arkansas. Moses K. Brock and Eri Webb [April 17, 1913] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant T.B. McLaughlin and have known him fifty years, respectively ... he belonged to Company G, 4 Arkansas Infantry ... from 1861 to 1865." Mrs. T.B. McLaughlin, Ouachita County, Arkansas [May 20, 1926] widow of T.B. McLaughlin ... "my husband died on the 27 day of December 1925 at or near Delight, Pike County, Arkansas." Sabina Emeline Suddeth McLaughlin, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas [February 18, 1932] born September 1, 1853, Alabama and married to T.B. McLaughlin on the 27th day of April 1870, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She makes her home with Eula McKinnon, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas no relationship.

26761

A.A. McMillan, Pike County, Arkansas. Asa Townsend and A.A. Weir citizens of Leard and Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas [June 24, 1925] "well acquainted with applicant A.A. McMillan had have known him 65 years, respectively." [List of Dock Grier's Company organized of Clark County, Arkansas men composed "of younger set of boys and men."] Prudence A. McMillan, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of A.A. McMillan ... "my late husband

died at Glenwood in Pike County, Arkansas on the 25 day of February, 1927."

29081

Rachel E. McMurrain, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Seaborn S. McMurrain [July 9, 1927] ... "my husband died on the 14th day of December 1875 ... that after the death of the said Seaborn S. McMurrain I remarried to Marion Lawrence who died on the 16th day of September 1919. M.F. Dennis and Harrison Bradford [July 9, 1927] Howard County, Arkansas "well acquaintd with applicant's husband Seaborn S. McMurrain and knew him for twenty uears." Seaborn S. McMurrain enlisted at Eldorado, Arkansas in September 1861, Company A, First Arkansas Regiment Volunteers, Col. James F. Fagan.

40000

Henry C. Meeks [February 17, 1932] born May 3, 1851, Clark County, Arkansas. C.G. Bolin [July 17, 1937] Pike County, Arkansas County Clerk ... Henry C. Meeks died on or about the 15 day of July 1937. P.G. Coker, sheriff of said county, public administrator. Willie Ida Meeks, Clark County, Arkansas [widow] of Henry C. Meeks [August 5, 1937] born January 26, 1869 ... "my husband died on the 16 day of July 1937. C.H. Rutherford [August 5, 1937] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas ... "that she is the widow of Henry C. Meeks who died on the 16 day of July 1937." Willie Ida Meeks [August 5, 1937] Okolona, Clark County, Arkansas born January 26, 1869, Ouachita County, Arkansas ... married to Henry C. Meeks, December 22, 1903, Clark County, Arkansas. She makes her home with her sister Mrs. Mary Tresely, Okolona, Arkansas [Route] #3. She has lived in Arkansas "all my life." She owns 19 acres of land with a \$150 mortgage on it.

9139

Sarah Merritt, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Jere G. Merritt [June 10, 1911] aged 67 years ... "my said husband died at Pike County, Arkansas on the 6 day of August 1906. J.R. Foshee aged 42 years and Ida Foshee aged 42 years residents and citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [June 10, 1911] "well acquainted with applicant's husband J.G. or Jere G. Merritt and knew him for 27 and 35 years, re-spectively, prior to his death ... our knowledge ... comes from an intimate personal knowledge of the said J.G. or Jere G. Merritt and Sarah Merritt and their various surroundings for the last past 27 and 35 years, respectively. J.A.J. Morris [January 9, 1911] Conecuh County, Alabama aged 66 years ... resident of and whose post-office address is Bermuda, P.O., Conecuh County, Alabama ... "well acquainted

with the late J.G. or Jerry G. Merritt, deceased, during the late civil war ... was a soldier and member of Co. D, 8th Regiment, Alabama Infantry Volunteers." L.L. McCurdy, Perry County, Alabama [January 16, 1911] aged 68 ... resident of and whose post-office address is Scott's Station P.O., Perry County, Alabama ...well acquainted with the late J.G. or Jerry G. Merritt, now deceased, during the late war ..."

9143

Martin V. Mitchell, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 30, 1909] aged 66 years. T.E. Mitchell and J.N. Sutton [June 30, 1909] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant M.V. Mitchell and have known him 20 and 10 years, respectively." John D. Mitchell [June 24, 1909] citizen-resident of the County of Newton in the State of Missouri and whose post office address is Neosho, Missouri R.F.D. No. 4, Box 79 ... "well acquainted with Martin V. Mitchell and knew him during the late civil war, 1861 to 1865 ..." T.E. Mitchell aged 38 years and Sarah A. Sutton aged 69 years, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [July 5, 1911] "well acquainted with applicant M.V. Mitchell aged 69 years, and have known him 18 and 40 years, respectively." Mary L. Mitchell, [widow] of M.V. Mitchell [September 27, 1924] ... testifies as follows: that she was born ...December, 25th 1857; that she is now 65 years old; that she is the widow of M.V. Mitchell who was a Confederate soldier ...; that M.V. Mitchell died 17th day of April, 1922; that she was married to said M.V. Mitchell, December 25, 1895 and lived and cared for him until his death; that he was a Pensioner" Witnesses: Mary Pearl Tolleson, Mattie Eula Tolleson. V.B. Mitchell and J.W. Parsons [September 27, 1924] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted and know the above Mary L. Mitchell and also knew her husband M.V. Mitchell and know that she was the wife of said M.V. Mitchell ..."

9082

Jane A. Mitchell, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William Mitchell [July 8, 1908] ... "my said husband died the 22 day of June 1907." David Chandler [June 8, 1908] citizen of Howard County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with applicant's husband William Mitchell and have known him 48 years." Jane A. Mitchell, Tokio, Arkansas [February 17, 1932] born February 16, 1837, South Carolina ... married to William Mitchell on the 14 day of November 1856, County of Howard [Pike or Sevier], State of Arkansas. She makes her home with her daughter, Tokio, Arkansas.

10397

J.L. Munson, Pike County, Arkansas [July 16, 1902]. J.B. Phillips [July 24, 1902] physician's statement ... J.L.

Morrison of Daisey, Arkansas ..." Benjamin J. Johnson and Tom D. Johnson [July 5, 1902] citizens of Pulaski County, Arkansas "well acquainted with J.L. Munson and have known him 50 years, respectively. J.L. Munson [June 27, 1910] Pulaski County, Arkansas. J.E. Elliott [June 25, 1910] physician's statement ... "well acquainted with J.L. Munson of Mabelvale, Arkansas ..." Mary Munson [widow] of J.L. Munson [June 20, 1912] Pike County, Arkansas ... "my husband died on the ninth day of October 1911."

2804

Jackson Murphy, Lissie, Pike County, Arkansas [March 30, 1897] aged 67 years ... enlisted at Vernon, Louisiana on or about the 8 day of June 1861 in Company K commanded by J.R. Kaucanan in the 9 Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col. Randolph in Confederate States service. "I was wounded in the left side of the head about two inches above left ear ..." J.L. Bond and N.Burgess [March 11, 1897] citizens of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana ... "well acquainted with the applicant Jackson Murphy and have known him since June 8, 1861." G.W. Tolleson [March 24, 1895] physician's statement ... "well acquainted with Jackson Murphy of Lissie P.O., Pike County, Arkansas ..." W.M. Murphy and J.T. McBride Sr. [June 12, 1905] "well acquainted with applicant Jackson Murphy and have know him 71 years, respectively." Mary J. Murphy, Pike County, Arkansas, aged 75 years [widow] of Jackson Murphy ... allowed a pension under Act of the General Assembly, approved March 11, 1901 while a resident of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas ... "that my husband died on the 17th day of March, 1912, at his home, Kirby, Arkansas."

25353

Fannie H. Grath, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Samuel T. Neel [June 10, 1916] ... "my husband died on the 20th day of June 1862." T.W. Ramsey [June 5, 1916] a citizen of Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Samuel T. Neel and knew him for 3 years before his death in the Civil War ... that he was a Confederate soldier belonging to Company K, Regiment of Infantry, 9 Arkansas ... that as such soldier he served from March 1st 1862 to June 20, 1862 that he died while in such service and did not desert the same ... that my knowledge of these facts comes from my own personal knowledge as the husband of applicant is my brother-in-law." R.F. Tucker [June 5, 1916] citizen of Ashley County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Samuel T. Neel and knew him for several years." A.L. Henderson and David A. Stell [June 10, 1916] "well acquainted with applicant Fannie H. Grath and have know her 25 years, respectively."

29973

Betty Oliver [widow] of William Oliver, Garland County, Arkansas. William Oliver died October 12, 1891. G.W. Bettis, Garland County, Arkansas [May 2, 1930] "well acquainted with the applicant and have known her for the past 50 years ... she is the widow of W. Oliver who died on the 12 day of October 1891." Bettie Oliver, Hot Springs, Route 1, born June 10, 1844, Pike County, Arkansas and married to William Oliver on the 1st day of February 1865, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She makes her home with her son J.R. Oliver, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Rt. 1.

9084

Margarette L. Oneel, Daisy, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of C.H. Oneel [June 23, 1914] "now aged 66 years ... born on the 18 day of March 1848; that I am the widow of C.H. O'Neal, deceased ... that the names of C.H. O'Neal, C.H. O'Neal, Charles H. O'Neal, Charles H. Oneel and C.H. Oneel are one in common and refer identically to one and the same person ... that my soldier husband, C.H. Oneel, deceased, died on the 31st day of July, 1903. And whe would further state that she remarried to one H.S. Masterson on or about October 1905, and that she was deserted by him on or about May, 1906, and was divorced from him on or about September or October 1907, and that she has not since remarried." I, Sarah A. Sutton, aged 72 years, a resident of and whose post-office address is Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas ... "personally ac-quainted with Mrs. Margarette L. Oneel, the claimant herein, and that she is the widow of C.H. Oneel, deceased ..." Jesse L. Meeks [May 12, 1914] now aged 82 years ... address, Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas ... "states that he was well acquainted with applicant's husband, Charles H. Oneel, and knew him for at least 60 years prior to his death, July 31, 1903 and that we were reared up together and resided as near neighbors the greater part of our lives ... He is now dead ... his widow, Margarette L. Oneel, the applicant ... is still living and resides in this, Pike County, Arkansas ... She remarried on or about Octo-ber 1905 ... H.S. Masterson who deserted her on or about May, 1906 ... was divorced from him during the year 1907 and ... she has not since remarried." Witnesses: Amanda Meeks, Sidney D. Sutton.

8802

James M. Orrick, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas. William D. Orrick aged 65 [July 8, 1905] Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas "known him all my life ..was detailed to work in the Confederate States governments works or shops then located at Adairsville, Georgia afterwards removed to Dawson, Georgia ... that he visited him while he was

an employee in said shops and on one of the visits to applicant at these shops he was night-watchman or guard on duty at the said shops." Temperance Orrick, Pike County, Arkansas [July 3, 1906] widow of James M. Orrick. James M. Orrick "died on the first day of November, 1905 in Pike County, Arkansas." Joe Asher [June 18, 1907] Pulaski County, Arkansas County Clerk certifies "Mrs. Temperance Orrick the widow of James M. Orrick deceased ... upon her request is transferred to Pike County, Arkansas. Her address is Kirby, Arkansas. You will certify her as a Pensioner from your County."

8879

W.D. Orrick, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 8, 1907] "have been for the past 29 years a resident of the State of Arkansas. Affidavit of John Moran and W.G. Foshee [June 8, 1907] "we solemnly swear that we have known W.D. Orrick sixty years and know that he served as a soldier in the Confederate Army in the Confederate States ... he is and now and has been 29 years resident of this State." Nancy L. Orrick [widow] of William D. Orrick ... "my husband died February 16, 1908." H.L. Orrick and Sarah A. Sutton [May 28, 1909] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Nancy L. Orrick and have know her for the last past 30 and 20 years, respectively."

9063

Nancy A. Owens, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of M.L. Owens ... "my husband died on the 25th day of August 1906." M.L. Baird and William J. Davis [July 11, 1913] citizens of Clark and Pike [County, Arkansas] "well acquainted with applicant's husband M.L. Owens and knew him for 40 years."

3446

A.M. Palmer, Amity, Clark County, Arkansas [June 29, 1903]. I.N. Runyan and John H. Jones [June 22, 1903] citizens of Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Alic M. Palmer and have known him 40 and 45 years, respectively." Mary J. Palmer, Clark County, Arkansas [June 5, 1911] widow of A.M. Palmer ... "my husband died on the 30th day of November, 1910."

642

Charles, H. Palmer, Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas [June 27, 1891]. E.E. Palmer, Montgomery County, Arkansas [widow] of Charles H. Palmer [May 17, 1912] "my said husband died in 1891." W.J. Conine [April 17, 1912] citizen of Amity, Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband C.H. Palmer and have known him 30 years before his death in 1891." P.H.

Baker [April 19, 1912] citizen of Rosboro, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband C.H. Palmer, and have know him 40 years."

8805

J.W. Parr, Wolf Creek, Pike County, Arkansas. Moses Brock and S.B. Wall [June 25, 1894] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with the applicant J.W. Parr and have known him 12 years." S.B. Wall and J.T. Gossett [July 20, 1901] citizens of Delight and Prescott, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant John W. Parr and have known him 38 years, respectively." Lou Parr [widow] of J.W. Parr ... "my husband died on the 3rd day of December 1910."

9064

Barbara E. Parsons, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Joseph B. Parsons ... "my said husband died on the 6 day of March 1906." Henry W. Raines, Caddo Gap, Montgomery County, Arkansas [June 8, 1908] "well remembers Joseph B. Parsons ... did duty and service with him at the same time and place in Company E, 47 Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Volun-teers in the Confederate States Army, that said comrade Joseph B. Barnes was taken sick on the battle field of Suffolk, Virginia in May 1862 and was afterwards put on detached service at the camps of instruction and convalescence ... that he well remembers Joe Parsons the soldier above named, that they were reared up boys together in the same neighborhood in Cherokee County, Alabama and that he did not desert the service." Wiley G. Foshee, aged 67 years, citizen of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [July 7, 1908] "well acquainted with Joseph B. Parsons ... and have known him 46 years, that is, from the year 1862 up to the date of his death (1906)." Barbara E. Parsons, aged 48 years [widow] of Joseph E. Parsons [May 31, 1909] ... my said husband died on the sixth day of March, 1906." Thomas J. Parsons, age 41 years and David M. Tarpley aged 36 years, residents of ... Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [May 31, 1909] "are well acquainted with Barbara E. Parsons ... and have known her for the last past 25 and 30 years respectively."

9125

Marion Parsons, New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas [July 1, 1914] now aged 73 years ... that I am now and have been a bona-fide resident of the State of Arkansas ever since the year 1874, except one year in the State of Colorado, and six years in the State of Oklahoma." Malichi Parsons, aged 69 years [June 6, 1914] a resident of ... Grannis, Polk County, Arkansas "well acquainted with Marion P. Parsons and have known him all his (affiant's) life. William Stracener aged 45 and Mary J. Stracener aged 47 [July 1, 1914] citizens of Pike County,

Arkansas "well acquainted with Marion Parsons the applicant herein and have know him for the last past 20 years." Mary Parsons, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Marion Parsons [June 3, 1916] born August 17, 1867 ... "my husband died on the 9 day of January, 1916." Lona Smith and Exie Smith [June 3, 1916] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with Mary Parsons and have known her 2 years, respectively."

29754

Ann [Anna] Parton, Polk County, Arkansas [widow] of J. Parton [February 6, 1929] "my husband died November 26, 1914. W.W. Hughen [April 26, 1929] Pike County, Arkansas: "I have known Ann Parton, the widow of J. Parton, for 40 years and know that she has been a resident of Arkansas for 40 years. I am not related to her nor interested in the pension." War Department, Honorable Otis Wingo, House of Representatives [from] Bridgadier General, acting the Adjutant General [January 23, 1929] "the name Joseph Newton Partain (sp) has not been found on the rolls on file of soldiers in service in the Confederate States Army from the State of Tennessee during the period of the Civil War. The records show, however, that one J. Parton enlisted ..." W.W. Hughen and Rosie Reece [February 6, 1929] Pike County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with applicant's husband J. Parton and knew him for thirty-fives years, respectively." Mrs. Anna Parton, Glenwood, Arkansas [February 17, 1932] born December 14, 1846, Crittenden County, Kentucky ... married to J. Parton, March 15, 1864, Carroll County, Tennessee. She makes her home with Mrs. Margurette Vandervor, Glenwood, Arkansas [daughter]. She has lived continously in Arkansas for the past 53 years.

9062

Mary A. Paslay, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of John A. Paslay [July 7, 1902] "my said husband died on the 4th day of June 1890." H.S. Paslay and L.D. Paslay [July 7, 1902] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with John A. Paslay and knew him about 35 years, respectively."

29888

Nannie Price, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of E.O. Price [August 23, 1930] born December 15, 1839 ... "I am the widow of E.O. Price who served in the army of the Confederate States being a member of Thomas K. Truss, Captain, Regiment of Alabama Cavalry from the State of Alabama ... the he was honorably discharged ... from such service on or about the end of the war as he served until the end of the war and then came home ... my husband died 5th day of December 1902. I further state that Elijah Oliver Price and E.O. Price is one and the same person

and that my husband enlisted in Elyton, Alabama." Affidavit of Mattie Belcher of Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma [July 15, 1930] ... that her maiden name was Mattie Love; that she is a sister of Nannie Price whose post office address is Nashville, Arkansas, Route 3, that the said Nannie Price is now about eighty-one years of age; and is the widow of Elijah Oliver Price. Affiant further states that she was acquainted with Elijah Oliver Price on and prior to the date that he married the sister of said affiant, whose maiden name was Nannie Love, and that she was present and witnessed the marriage of her sister, Nannie Love to the said Elijah Oliver Price, and that she knows of her own knowledge that Nannie Price was the sole and only wife of Elijah Oliver Price, that the said Elijah Price died about twenty-five years ago ... that the said Nannie Live and Elijah Oliver Price were married in Blount County, Alabama." Nannie Price died October 12, 1930, Pike County, Arkansas. M.D. Cummings, Sheriff of Pike County, Arkansas, public administrator.

9124

Mary A. Prince, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Peter Prince [July 3, 1914] ... "I, Mary A. Prince, now aged 75 years, and resident of, and whose post office address is Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas ... am the widow of the late Peter Prince, deceased ... that subsequent to the death of her soldier-husband ... she remarried to one Paschal M. Woodall, from whom she was divorced, and that he is now dead; and that at and prior to the enactment and approval of the pension laws of the State of Arkansas, she was and still is the lawful widow of the said late Peter Prince, deceased, who died or departed this life at Pike County, Arkansas on the 11 day of September, 1883." Sarah A. Sutton aged 72 years and Mary A. Howerton aged 70 years, residents of ... Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas "acquaintance with her for the last past 35 and 55 years, respectively." William Prince [May 26, 1910] citizen of Antioch Township, Hot Springs County, Arkansas, aged 77 years, "that he is an older brother of the said late Peter Prince, deceased ... that he was and is yet well acquainted with Mary A. Prince, nee Williams, formerly the lawful wife of the said late Peter Prince, deceased, but now his surviving widow; that after the death of said late Peter Prince, she remarried to one Pashcal M. Woodall, from whom she is now divorced, and is now a femme sole unmarried and the surviving widow of the said late Peter Prince, as aforesaid, and the she now resides at or near Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas." America Beeson aged 77 years [June 24, 1910] a citizen of Hot Springs County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant, widow of Peter Prince, deceased and have know him, Peter Prince, for 25 years prior to his death." W.R. Thornton aged 68 years [June 24, 1910] a citizen of Hot Springs County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant, widow of Peter Prince, deceased and have know him, Peter Prince, for 25 years prior to his death."

8806

Henry W. Raines, Lodi, Pike County, Arkansas [June 24, 1901]. Lodi, Arkansas, June 25, 1901. To the Honorable Pension Board of Pike County, Arkansas: We, the undersigned wish to state that we live in the immediate vicinity of Henry W. Raines who is an applicant for a State Pension and that we know him to be an honorable upright Christian gentleman and we further state that we have personal knowledge of his disability ..." [signed] J.H. Lawless, Rev. G.C. Smith, Rev. J.M. White. John A. Smith and Hannah C. Smith [July 5, 1901] citizens of Hot Springs County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Henry W. Raines and have known him for more than fifty years, respectively. William A. Chandler and F.T.J. Brandon, Captain Company E, 47 Alabama Regiment [July 15, 1901] citizens of Cherokee County, Alabama ... "well acquainted with applicant Henry W. Raines and have know him forty years, respectively." L.J. Raines [widow] of Henry W. Raines [June 9, 1911] Montgomery County, Arkansas "my husband died on the 30th day of December, 1910."

9071

Martha A. Ray [June 22, 1901] Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Elijah L. Ray "deceased, late of Pike County, Arkansas who served ... being a member of Company A, Col. Steadman's First Regiment of Heavy Artillery, from the State of Alabama ... honorably paroled and released from such service on or about the 10 day of April, 1865 ... died on the 15 day of January 1885. I.L. Ray aged 58 years and J.E. Patterson aged 53 years citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Martha A. Ray, widow of the late Elijah L. Ray, and have known [her] 50 and 40 years, respectively."

9070

I.L. Ray, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 9, 1906] now aged 65 years. S.R. Ray aged 63 years, a citizen of Yell County, Arkansas "well acquainted with I.L. Ray now aged 65 years, and have known him for the past 40 years ... did service at the same time and command together from May 1862 to the close of the war. Affiant further states that ... his post office address is Walnut Tree P.O., Yell County, Arkansas. J.E. Patterson [March 27, 1906] aged 62 years a citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant I.L. Ray, now age 65 years, and have know him for the past 55 years." S.E. Ray [June 23, 1906] aged 62 years [widow] of I.L. Ray, deceased ... "my said husband died near Amity, Clark County, Arkansas on the 13 day of June, 1906."

3451

M.V. Ray [May 26, 1902] Amity, Clark County, Arkansas "now 63 years of age and am very feable [as spelled]. W.S. Watson [May 26, 1902] Clark County, Arkansas physician's statement ... "well acquainted with M.V. Ray of Rock Creek [Pike County] Arkansas ..."W.F. Willis and D.M. Doughty [May 26, 1902] citizens of Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant M.V. Ray and have know him 41 years, respectively." Nancy J. Ray, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of M.V. Ray ... "my said husband died on the 25th day of April 1903." Nancy Jane Ray, Story, Arkansas [Montgomery County] born April 13, 1848, Leek County, Mississippi ... married to Matthis V. Ray, 1864, Leek County, Mississippi. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Telitha J. Dillard, Story, Arkansas. Nancy Jane Ray died on the 1st day of September, 1932. T.J. Dillard, administrator, Montgomery County, Arkansas.

9069

Mary E. Rhodes, Roy, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William Rhodes ... "my said husband died January the 23, 1877." I.M. Cooley and William Hunt citizens of Tokio [Tokio], Pike County, Arkansas [July 2, 1901] "well acquainted with applicant Mary E. Rhodes and have known her 50 years, respectively and that she is the widow of William Rhodes deceased and that she has never remarried."

8860

William H. Riley, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas [May 20, 1901] "58 years old and I was wouled at Franklin, Tennessee ..." Warren Kelley [June 1, 1901] physician "well acquainted with William H. Riley of Pike County, Arkansas ..." J.A. McLaughlin and F.M Rollin, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [June 1, 1901] "well acquainted with W.H. Riley and have known him forty years, respectively ... he ... belonged to Company A, 19th Regiment of Col. Dosson [Dawson's] Infantry, Arkansas Volunteers ... served from September 1861 to May 1865." S.C. Riley, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of W.H. Riley [June 10, 1908] ... "my husband died on the 20th day of April, 1908."

9074

J.R. Risner [June 8, 1901] Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas "being now 65 years." J.B. Cowart aged 62 years and J.M. Dingler aged 71 years, citizens of Pike County,

Arkansas [June 8, 1901] "well acquainted with applicant J.R. Risner and have know him 20 and 15 years, respectively." State of Arkansas, County of Pike, ss: In the matter of State pension claim for ex Confederate States soldiers, war of 1861 to 1865, between the States, for J.R. Risner, late a private in Company B, Regiment, Arkansas Infantry Volunteers: On this 10 day of June, 1901 ... before me (in person) Sidney D. Sutton, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State, aforesaid ... Martha E. Risner, nee Lovelady ... that she is 58 years of age; that she is the lawful wife of J.R. Risner... that she was married to him n the 18 day of May, 1864, at Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia; that they have lived together peacably, continously and uninterruptedly as husband and wife ever since the date of their said marriage up to the present time; that at the date of their said marriage as above stated, her said husband J.R. Risner was a soldier in the Confederate States Army doing duty as a private in Company B, 8 Arkansas Infantry, Volunteers ... Martha E. Risner [widow] of John R. Risner [May 31, 1902] ... "my said husband died on the 28 day of December 1901 at his home in the town of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas."

9081

William J. Roberts, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [July 1, 1893]. J.H. Conway and L.A. Huddleston [July 1, 1893] citizens of Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with the applicant W.J. Roberts and have known him 25 years." D.L. Roberts and his wife N.B. Roberts [May 28, 1901] citizens of Howard County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant W.J. Roberts and have known him fifty year, respectively." W.J. Roberts, Brocktown, Pike County, Arkansas [June 11, 1901] instrument of writing [certified copy] by C.A. Kizzia, Circuit Clerk ... "in accordance with the terms of the Military Convention [April 26, 1865] ... "his solemn obligation not to take up arms against the Government of the United States ... permitted to go home ... and obey the law in force where he may reside ..." W.E. Branch and J.M. Kizzia, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [June 11, 1901] "well acquainted with applicant W.J. Roberts and have known him 20 and 30 years, respectively. Application for Increase of Pension [July 4, 1903] W.J. Roberts of Brocktown, Pike County, Arkansas. Ibid [July 1904]. To the Honorable County and State Pension Board: "I am a confederate soldier now 65 years old. My post office is Brocktown, Pike County, Arkansas ... I was born and reared in the State of Georgia but moved to Arkansas in the fall of 1868 and have resided near Murfreesboro in said State since 1868 where I am well known ..." J.T. Pollard and W.E. Branch [July 4, 1905] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with W.J. Roberts and have know him 20 years, respectively." Julia Ann Roberts, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William J. Roberts [July 3, 1919] ... "my husband died on the 1st

day of March 1919." J.T. Stevens and H.E. Owens [July 3, 1919] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Julia Ann Roberts and have known her 40 years, respectively."

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Sophronia A. Morphew, Langley, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Benjamin W. Roquemore [June 25, 1917] ... "aged 77 years ... born at Morgan County in the State of Georgia, April 13, 1840 ... the former widow of Benjamin W. Roquemore who served as a soldier in the army of the Confederate States, being a member of Company H., 43 Regiment of Infantry Volunteers, from the State of Alabama, that he died on the 27 or 28 of March 1865 from gunshot wound of the left lung received at the battle of Hatcher's Run, Virginia, 25 day of March 1865 ... that she was remarried to Silas Morphew at Walker County, Alabama, December 31, 1868, and that he died at Pike County, Arkansas on the 30 day of March, 1906." [Marriage Certificate] State of Georgia, Newton County: You are authorized and permitted to join in the Honorable State of Matrimony, B.W. Roquemore and Sophronia Davis according to the rites of your church, provided there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same, according to the constitution and laws of this State, and for so doing, this shall be your sufficient license. Given under my hand and seal this 16 day of September 1856. Wm. D. Luckie, Ordinary [L.S.]. To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge, Justices of the Inferior Court or Justice of the Peace, to Celebrate: I, hereby certify that B.W. Roquemore and Sophronia A. Davis were joined together in the holy bans of matrimony, 18 day of September, 1856 by me. J.H. Montgomery, M.G. Recorded November 26, 1856. Wm. D. Luckie, Ordinary. J.N. Sutton aged 34 years and S.D. Sutton aged 80 years, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. Sophronia A. Morphew, former widow of Benjamin W. Roquemore and have known her all his [affiant's] life and 38 years, respectively."

9068

S.G. Rose, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of C.C. Rose [June 25, 1913] ... "my said husband died April 24, 1884." A.M. Hale and W.H. Weir [June 21, 1913] citizens of Okolona, Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband C.C. Rose and knew him for about 30 years." Mrs. S.G. Rose, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas [February 16, 1932] born April 12, 1851 Pontotoc County, Mississippi ... married to C.C. Rose on the 20th day of February 1874, County of Clark, State of Arkansas. Mrs. S.G. Rose died April 1, 1937. C.C. Rose and Sarah G. Patterson were married February 26, 1874, Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book F, page 257.

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Mary E. Rutherford, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Richard H.L. Rutherford ... "my said husband died December 20, 1900. M.L. Baird and W.C. Cash [July 14, 1909] citizens of Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. Mary E. Rutherford and have know her 40 years, respectively." Mary Eugenia Rutherford [May 26, 1911] widow of R.H.L. Rutherford ... "my said husband died on the 20th day of December, 1900." J.W. Robinson of Searcy County, 78 years old, and W.B. Simmons of White County, 77 years old ... well acquainted with applicant's husband Dr. R.H. L. Rutherford and knew him for 10 and 12 years respectively."

Confederate Pension Files, Pike County, Arkansas to be concluded in the next issue of **The Gems**.

WILLIAM THORNTON BIBLE

Births.

John Thornton was born November 28th A.D. 1798.

Martha Thornton was born April 16th A.D. 1800.

David Thornton was born February 15th A.D. 1802.

Elizabeth Thornton was born November 1st A.D. 1803.

Abner E. Thornton was born December 13th A.D. 1805.

Rebecca Thornton was born November 22nd A.D. 1807.

Jemima Thornton was born December 25th A.D. 1809.

Births.

Mary Thornton was born January 8th A.D. 1812.

William Thornton Jr. was born December 30th A.D. 1813.

Andrew J. Thornton was born September 11th A.D. 1815.

Anna Thornton was born April 11th A.D. 1821.

Deaths.

William Thornton Jnr. departed this life March 20th A.D. 1814.

John Thornton departed this life November 24th A.D. 1821.

Mary Thornton Departed this life Sept. A.D. 1843.
Mother.

Wm. Thornton Departed this life March 28th 1846.

Louisa C. Thornton Departed this life Sept. 20th A.D. 1855.

Louisa A. Thornton Departed this life March 23d A.D. 1858.

Austoin (Austin) L. Thornton Departed this life at Memphis, Tenn. Dec. 1st, 1861.

David A. Thornton Died at Little Rock Sept. 14th 1862.

Wilson F. Rounds died December 1, 1862.

Andrew J. Thornton dide (sic) May 20, 1864.

Missouria Iown (Ione) Thornton departed this life May the 7, 1900.

Statira Evelyn Thornton Wilson died Sept. 18, 1922.

Mary Thornton died Sept. 6, 1923.

Marriages.

John Thornton & Mary Weaver was married October A.D. 1816.

Marth(a) Thornton & Edmund Holleman was married December 12th A.D. 1817.

David Thornton & Susanna Boggus was married March 12th A.D. 1820.

Elizabeth Thornton & Nicholas Keath was married December 25th A.D. 1821.

Jemima Thornton & Joseph Hoffman was married November 23rd A.D. 1826.

Rebecca Thornton & David C. Edmiston was married October 14th A.D. 1827.

Abner E. Thornton & Mary A. Jacobs was married October 13th A.D. 1828.

Mary Thornton & Joshua D. Stewart was married October 1st A.D. 1829.

Andrew J. Thornton & Louisa Leatherman was married Sept. 6th A.D. 1835.

David Ashly (Ashley) Thornton was born September 25th A.D. 1836.

Mary Leaner Thornton was born December 27th A.D. 1838.

Austin Levens Thornton was born May 16th A.D. 1941.

Statira Eveline Thornton was born March 17th A.D. 1844.

Missouri Iown Thornton was born Aug. 10th A.D. 1846.

Louisa Caroline Thornton was born Oct. 4th A.D. 1850.

Ira Newton Thornton was born September 6th 1852.

Mary L. Davis died Sept. 6, 1923, 5:50 a.m.

Evelyne Wilson Died Sept. 18, 1922, 7 a.m.

David Ashly (Ashley) Thornton was born September 25, A.D. 1836.

William Thornton Bible Record courtesy of Jessie Mae Ashford, 1850 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204.

RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGH

Kirkham Family Part 1

Elijah Kirkum Jr. born 1774 in Stephentown, New York son of Elijah Kirkum Sr. and Molly Webster died February 19, 1810 age 36 in the waters of Lake Champlain. He was elected to the House of Representatives of Vermont in 1809 from Whiting, Addison County. He served as First Constable and Collector of Whiting and was at his death one of the Select Men or commissioner of his town.

Judith (Judah) Susannah Hopkins born 1775 in Pittsford, Vermont daughter of James Hopkins and Ruth Hopkins who settled at Pittsford in 1770 died February 19, 1810 age 35 with her husband and infant daughter in the waters of Lake Champlain.

Marriage

Elijah Kirkum and Judith Hopkins were married September 22, 1795 at Whiting, Addison County, Vermont by Ebenezer Wheelock, Justice Peace.

Children

John Henry Kirkham born April 8, 1796 at Whiting, Vermont married Adaline Church daughter of Daniel

Church on October 24, 1816 at Whiting, Addison County, Vermont and died March 8, 1835 at Sudbury, Vermont.

Mary Kirkham born July 1801 at Whiting, Vermont and died June 15, 1813.

James Hopkins Kirkham born June 4, 1803 at Whiting, Vermont married Jane Graves, November 1825, in Copiah County, Mississippi; emigrated to Clark (now Pike) County, Arkansas in 1832; married Elizabeth Kelley on November 14 the same year; died March 10 (or May), 1870 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Clarissa Kirkham born August 16, 1805 at Whiting, Vermont married Abner Augustus Ames in 1824; moved to St. Lawrence County, New York on November 21, 1830 and died September 6, 1832 at Lawrence, St. Lawrence County, New York.

State of Vermont (Addison County). To either of the Consble (Constable) of Whiting and sd. county you are Hereby required to Summons Jacob Wilson now re-siding in sd. Town to depart sd. Town with his family and effects: Hereof fail not but of this precept and your doing hereon due return made (make) according to Law. Given under our hands at Whiting this 19th day of Feby. 1810.

**Elijah Kirkam Jnr.
Levi Walker
John Branch Jnr.
Select men of Whiting.**

Hiram Kirkham born March 17, 1807 at Whiting, Vermont married Mary (Polly) Bissell on July 30, 1829 at Whiting, Addison County, Vermont and died in 1853 at Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Emaline Kirkham born August 6, 1809 at Whiting, Vermont and died February 19, 1810 in the waters of Lake Champlain with her parents.

DIED

Drowned on the 19th. Elijah Kirkum, Jr., Judah Susannah Kirkum and Emaline Kirkum. The bodies of the above named deceased were brought to Whiting for interment, where a sermon was preached by Elder Green before a large and mournful assembly.

Vermont Herald newspaper, Rutland, Vermont. Wednesday, March 7, 1810.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT

We have seldom had to record a more distressing accident than the following, which took place on Monday, February 19, 1810, last. As Elijah Kirkum Esq. of Whiting, Rutland (Addison) county, Vt. with his wife Judah and a young child Emmeline 7 months, were journeying to the northward in a sleigh on the ice, in passing a large crack, not far from Col. Allen's on South Hero, Mrs. K. and her child fell into the water, which was only about 4 feet deep. Mr. K. in endeavoring to help them out, also fell in, and the ice being so steep on the side where they attempted to get out, they were unable to extricate themselves. Our informant states, that their cries were heard by two young men at Col. Allen's who went to them with a pole, which, unfortunately, was about two feet too short to reach them. Mr. K. & his wife told them to run to Col. Allen's for a rope. The young men went as soon as possible but found them all lifeless on their return. A strange fatality seems to have prevailed through the whole of the shocking affair. Why they did not think of taking their handkerchiefs, or even tearing their clothes to add to the length of the pole, is astonishing. Mr. K. was a member of the Legis-lature, and we understand has ever supported an unblemished character.

Vermont Centinel newspaper, Burlington, Vermont. Friday, February 23, 1810. Colonel Ebenezer Allen's place was located along the shores of Lake Champlain at the south end of South Hero later known as Allen's Point. Mr. Allen died in 1806. His widow continued to reside on South Hero.

February 19, 1810

On the morning of this tragic Monday Elijah Kirkum Jr. as one of the Select Men of Whiting met with the other town Select Men, Levi Walker and John Branch Jr., to transact town business.

Afterward the Kirkums left their home at Whiting by horse and sled or sleigh on the first part of a trip north over land to Burlington, Vermont on the way to visit Mrs. Kirkum's sister Rhoda the wife of Luther Drury and family living in Swanton, Vermont. From Burlington they progressed on the ice of Lake Champlain to South Hero where along the lake's shore and near the residence of the late Colonel Ebenzer Allen they passed a crevasse that was formed by the expanding ice which buckled and the resulting uneven ice surface inclined steeply down into the water. The sleigh pitched and Mrs. Kirkum holding her infant daughter Emaline was thrown out and into the water. Mr. Kirkum attempted to pull his wife and daughter out, but fell in and due to the incline of the ice was unable to get out. He could only hold up his wife and child as they cried for help. Two young men at Colonel Allen's heard them and attempted to help them by extending a pole but it was too short. They left to retrieve a rope but on their return found the Kirkums dead. Orin Field a nephew of Mr. Kirkum in his history of the family reports that five men also came. Mr. Kirkum begged them

to take off their boots and tie them together or go to his sleigh, which had gone to shore, and get the reins to pull them out, but they were afraid of the same fate and left. Their bodies were recovered and returned to Whiting where services were conducted by Elder Green before a large assembly. Abner Ames who later married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkum says in his journal that 2000 attended the funeral and he believes the reason for the large number was because of the unusual circumstances of their deaths and because Mr. Kirkum was a Mason. The Masonic fraternity erected a monument commemorating the sad event. They are buried in the South Cemetery at Cornwall. - D.K.

QUERIES

Shannon Birdwell
2418 Fawnwood Dr.
Spring, Texas 77386-2468

December 6, 1994

Pike County Archives and History
P.O. Box 248
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

I wish to submit the following query: I am seeking the pedigree of *John T. Anderson* born March 1849 in Georgia. He married *Medora P. Formby* 10-10-1867 in Clark Co., Arkansas. I need information on his and her parents, siblings, place of birth, date and place of death. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Shannon Birdwell

Seeking for any information, any data on *James Gideon Trout* born 1846 in Georgia; buried 1906 in Scurry County, Texas; his wife was *Lucinda Victoria Large* born 1847 in Hot Springs, Arkansas; she died 1930 in Castro County, Texas. Who were his parents?

Send information to:

Joy Trout Jones
13344 W. Southern
Avondale, AZ 85323
(602) 932-1558

SEED TICK SCHOOL MENTIONED

Mary Ellen Barentine daughter of Abijah and Celia Ann (Orrick) Barentine was born 12 January 1872 at Kirby, Arkansas. She was the oldest of eleven children. At age fifteen she married John Lovett Campbell son of John C. and Martha Adaline (Ross) Campbell. John L. Campbell was born 1 August 1868 in Monroe County, Alabama. He and Mary Eliza were married 22 November 1887 at Kirby. Johnny was a farmer and "circuit riding minister." He was of the Methodist faith and preached at such places as Bear Creek Church, it burned down was rebuilt, and then blown down during a storm and never rebuilt; Palestine Church; **Seedtick, a schoolhouse used for church services**; and in the summer at Brush Harbor. Bear Creek Church was situated where Bear Creek Cemetery now stands. It is located one half mile off of Highway 70 west of Kirby. Palestine is two miles north of that. **Alexander Barentine 1817-1890** &c. by Alma Fay Stone, page 11. See **The Gems**, Volume 6, Number 1, Winter 1995, page 17.

ARCHIVE UPDATE

The Pike County picture book is on hold. Clifton Crews has been in the hospital and critically ill since last November. He is making a slow recovery. Cards &c. may be sent to Murfreesboro, AR 71958. Linda Wilson our very active treasurer had a heart attack in early December. She is recuperating nicely, but has had to "slow down." Bobbie Hendrix our vice president has not regained her health as quickly as she anticipated and is no longer active in the PCAHS. Our president Harrison Gilmer will not be seeking re-election as president. He will be spending more time with his family and not as an active member.

Shane Hill and Dorothy Partain have the 1900 Pike County, Arkansas census almost completed. It will be ready for publication by early summer.

Cindy Scott, 325 Ruckel Drive, Niceville, FL 32578-1752, continues to work on the Pike County Cemetery Book with corrections, updating, and indexing. If anyone has data to send to her it is past the deadline so don't delay!

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
"CRATER OF DIAMONDS: Jewel of Arkansas" published 1989 by Bobbie Hendrix ...	\$6.00
"SWEET REMEMBRANCE - Caney Valley Childhood Memories of Flora Adelia Adams Cosby" compiled by Karen Cosby Roy, published 1984 ...	\$10.00
CEMETERY RECORDS of PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS , copyright 1986, several copies available ...	\$10.00
"THE DIARY" (Family History) by Carlton Denny of Delight, Arkansas ...	\$3.00
1870 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS PRINTED U S CENSUS by Dorothy Kennedy Partain - indexed, published 1987 ...	\$15.00
1880 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS FEDERAL CENSUS by Dorothy Kennedy Partain and Linda Willingham Meek 222 pages, including index, published 1992 ...	\$20.00
A Reconstruction of the "1890" CENSUS OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS by Russell P. Baker ...	\$15.00
PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS (1895-1910) from Books A, B, C, by Linda Willingham Meek and Dorothy Kennedy Partain ...	\$15.00
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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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