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JOEL CLARK

Joel Clark and his wife Marley A.E. Clark settled in Pike County, Arkansas from Alabama. He was a Confederate soldier and apparently died during the Civil War on Mulberry Mountain, Arkansas.

Joel Clark was born in South Carolina in 1810. His name initially appears in Pike County, Arkansas in the 1845 tax records. In these same records for 1857 his land is first described as: the S.W. quarter of the N.W. quarter of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 24 West; the N.W. quarter of the S.W. quarter of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 24 West; the S.E. quarter of the N.E. quarter of Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 25 West and the N.E. quarter of the S.E. quarter of Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 25 West comprising a total of 155.80 acres valued at \$475. This land is situated one mile north above the Little Missouri river and two and one half miles west-northwest of Billstown, Arkansas on High-way 301.

On May 17, 1858 Joel Clark purchased additional land (forty acres) from the Land Office at Washington, Arkansas described as: the N.E. quarter of the S.W. quarter of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 25 West. This tract is located about two and one quarter miles west-northwest of the first lands described above and four miles from Murfreesboro. When the census was taken in Pike County, Arkansas in 1850 and 1860 Joel Clark's residence was in Missouri Township.

Joel Clark enlisted as a Private soldier in Company I, Morgan's Battalion, Arkansas Infantry (also designated as the 26th Regiment Arkansas Infantry) on October 8, 1862 at Camp Hope, Arkansas for the term of 3 years. The first company muster roll thereafter indicates Joel Clark is "absent sick on Mulberry Mountain, Arkansas October 24, 1862." The company muster roll for May and June 1863 states

"absent on Mulberry Mountain from October 26, 1862 supposed sick or dead." The Probate Court Estate Records of Pike County, Arkansas April Term 1866 (Burned Re-cords abstract) indicate Joel Clark is deceased.

Hazel Clark of Pampa, Texas writes about her husband's ancestor (1993) and says "nothing is known about him much, only he was born about 1810 in South Carolina somewhere, lived in Alabama a while, and moved to Pike County, Arkansas after 1840 and settled at Missouri Township. It is believed he came from Cherokee County, Alabama to Arkansas, no proof of this. All his children except Jim was born in Pike County, Arkansas."

The children of Joel Clark and his wife M.A.E. (Marley) _____, include: James or Jim T. Clark married Prudence _____, and moved to Crockett, Texas; John N. Clark; Sarah J. Clark; George Marshal Clark; W.A. Clark; S.F. Clark; and M.E. Clark.

In the 1860 census of Pike County, Arkansas Elizabeth Harris aged 65 of Georgia is living in the Joel Clark household. Her relationship to the Joel Clark family has not been determined. Hazel Clark writes "Elizabeth Harris - who is she living in Joel & M.A.E. Clark's home born in Georgia? Could she be the mother of Joel's wife or older sister of Joel or an aunt?" Mrs. Clark has been seeking information on this family for several years. If you have information please contact Hazel Clark at 601 N. Hazel, Pampa, TX 79065.

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 Con-federate Pension Applications from Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Montgomery and Pike Counties** by Desmond Walls Allen, Arkansas Research, P.O. Box 303, Conway, AR 72032.

9047

William L. Self, Pike County, Arkansas [June 10, 1901]. Nathan Kizzia [July 8, 1901] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant William L. Self and have known him 40 years." Mary P. Self, Stanley P.O., Pike County, Arkansas [March 13, 1916] ... "my husband died on the 28th day of February, 1916." Z.A. Copeland and J.E. Buckley [March 13, 1916] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. Mary P. Self widow of William L. Self deceased, and have known her 15 and 55 years, respectively." Mary Parella Self, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [February 17, 1932] born August 12, 1857, County of Pike, State of Arkansas ... married to William Locke Self on the 2nd day of March, 1873, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She makes her home with her children, sons and daughters.

9046

S.J. Sevier, Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of James C. Sevier [June 26, 1916] ... "my husband died on the 17 day of December, 1915." Bessie Shankles and Effie Shankles [June 26, 1916] citizens of Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant S.J. Sevier and have know her 18 and 22 years, respectively."

9079

Mary Sevier, Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Peter C. Sevier [April 25, 1914] "her said husband the late Peter C. Sevier died while in the

service ... and in the line of duty at White Sulphur Springs near Pine Bluff, Arkansas on or about the 20th day of February, 1863." J.T. Dillard aged 73 years [June 6, 1914] ... address is Montesano, Chehalis County, State of Washington ... "well acquainted with applicant's husband, the late Peter C. Sevier, deceased, and knew him for the last past five years prior to his enlistment and enrollment as a private in Company E, 33 Regiment, Arkansas Volunteers on or about the 19 day of June, 1862; that he is now dead, and did not desert the service, but died while in the service in the line of his duty at White Sulphur Springs, near Pine Bluff, in Southeastern Arkansas, on or about the 14 day of February, 1863 and that his widow Mary Sevier, nee Dillard ... has been a bona fide resident of the State of Arkansas; that his knowledge of these facts comes from a five year acquaintance with the said Peter C. Sevier prior to his enlistment as aforesaid ... and a life-long acquaintance with his widow the said Mary Sevier, nee Dillard, and the applicant herein and that she has not since remarried." Louis F. Thompson aged 65 years, James C. Sevier aged 94 years, and Sarah J. Sevier, aged 82 years citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Peter C. Sevier and knew him ... Louis F. Thompson, seven years and James C. and Sarah J. Sevier, all of their lives prior to the death of Peter C. Sevier on or about February 14, 1863. That our knowledge of these facts comes from a lifelong acquaintance with the said Peter C. Sevier and his widow Mary C. Sevier applicant herein ..." A.K. Clingman aged 65 years [May 25, 1914] a citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Peter C. Sevier and knew him for the last past 13 years prior to his death on or about the 20 day of February, 1863."

8857

M.F. Smalling, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Wade H. Smalling, Sr. [July 8, 1909] aged 62 years ... "my said husband died on the 23 day of December 1907, at the residence of Wade H. Smalling, Jr. near Daisy, Pike County, Arkansas in Self Creek Township." James T. Gregory [July 8, 1909] "well acquainted with the late Wade H. Smalling Sr., deceased, and his various surroundings prior to, during and subsequent to the late civil war of 1861 to 1865, and up to the date of his death, December 23, 1907 ... and well acquainted with his surviving widow M.F. Smalling ... and have known her the last past 20 years." Jacob Johnson aged 65 years a citizen-resident

of ... Emerson, Columbia County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with Wade H. Smalling Sr. and his various surroundings while then a resident of Caldwell Parish, State of Louisiana, prior to, during and subsequent to the late civil war, 1861 to 1865 ..."

9048

L.J. Smith, Bills, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of E.P. Smith [May 14, 1909] ... "my said husband died February 10th 1875." John T. Hipp [May 19, 1909] citizens of Bills, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband E.P. Smith and knew him for about twelve years ... having associated with him during and after the service." Jesse Carroll [May 20, 1909] citizen of Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband E.P. Smith and have known him many years."

5350

Robert Stafford [July 7, 1903] Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas ... member of 27 Alabama Regiment of Infantry, from the state of Alabama. D.J. Claunch and G.W. Kimbrough [June 15, 1901] citizens of Colbert County, Alabama "Well acquainted with applicant Robert Stafford and have known him forty years, respectively ... that he is about 70 years of age." M.E. Stafford, DeQueen, Sevier County, Arkansas [widow] of Robert Stafford [June 6, 1911] ... "my husband died on the 30th day of January 1911 caused ... from age." W.W. Waters and T.P. Smith [June 6, 1911] citizens of Sevier County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Robert Stafford and knew him for 6 years."

8853

Mary F. Stewart, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William M. Stewart [June 28, 1901] ... "that my said husband died November 23, 1870." G.W. Brock [June 21, 1901] citizen of Bingen, Hempstead County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Mary F. Steuart, widow of William Steuart, deceased, and have know her 40 years ... that he, William M. Steuart deceased ... belonged to Company G, 4th Arkansas Regiment of Infantry ... that as such soldier he served from August 1861 to March 1862 at which time he was wounded to such an extent as to render him unable for further service ... that she is the

widow of William M. Steuart, deceased, soldier aforesaid." See also Mary F. Stuart [640] widow of William M. Stuart.

8808

R.W. Stough, Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas [June 5, 1906] ... "I am now 72 years old." J.T. Power [June 5, 1906] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant R.W. Stough and have know him 45 years." Amanda Stough, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of R.W. Stough [April 26, 1911] ... "my husband died on the fourth day of December, 1910." Mrs. Amanda Stough, Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas [February 15, 1932] born October 8, 1837, Tallapossa County, Alabama ... married to Mr. R.W. Stough, do not remember exact date, 1857, Tallapossa County, Alabama. She makes her home with D.C. Stough, Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas "my son." Amanda Stough died August 4, 1932. M.D. Cummings, sheriff of Pike County, Arkansas public administrator.

8843

John P. Stroope, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [May 22, 1909] "being 64 years." O.S. Johnston [May 22, 1909] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant J.P. Stroope and have known him fifty years." Emma S. Stroope, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of J.P. Stroope [July 5, 1910] ... "my said husband died on the 16th day of July, 1909." O.S. Johnston [July 5, 1910] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband John P. Stroope and knew him for forty years."

640

Mary F. Stuart, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William M. Stuart [July 2, 1891] ... a soldier in the State of Arkansas ... Company G, 4th Regiment of Cornell [as spelled] McNare and continued in the service of the State of Arkansas or the Confederate States of America until the 7th day of March 1862 and he being in the service about eleven months was wounded from which wounds caused his death leaving Mary F. Stuart a widow." See Mary F. Stewart [8853] widow of William F. Stewart.

9052

Mary E. Tallant, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of M.R. Tallant [July 6, 1912] ... "my said husband died about December 1903." E.F. McClure and William D. Alford [July 6, 1912] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Marion Richard Tallant and knew him for sixty-eight years."

8826

Leaner Tarpley, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of G.W. Tarpley [June 16, 1903] ... "my said husband died 18 May 1897. M.L. Westerman [June 18, 1903] citizen of Bingen, Hempstead County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband G.W. Tarpley and have known him fifty years." A.N. Hutchinson [June 16, 1903] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband G.W. Tarpley and knew him 34 years."

8863

C.C. Tate, Pike County, Arkansas [January 23, 1908].S.T. East and John C.C. French [January 23, 1908] "well acquainted with applicant C.C. Tate and have known him 47 years, respectively." W.P. Hemby [June 8, 1912] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with C.C. Tate of Bowen [Pike County] Arkansas [physician's statement]. Nancy A. Tate [widow] of C.C. Tate [May 31, 1913] ... "my said husband died January 11th 1913." John C.C. French and Samuel T. East [May 31, 1913] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband C.C. Tate and knew him for fifty years." Mrs. Nancy Tate died December 5, 1929. M.D. Cummings, sheriff of Pike County, Arkansas public administrator.

8862

John N. Taylor [February 6, 1911] Pike County, Arkansas ... being a member of Company E, Twenty-eighth Regiment of Infantry, from the State of Georgia ... being now 76 years old." William P. Taylor aged 65 years and David H. Thrash aged 67 years [both residents of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas] "well acquainted with John N. Taylor prior to, during and subsequent to the late civil war of 1861 to 1865." C.J. Taylor aged 71 years, Pike County, Arkansas [widow]

of John N. Taylor ... "my husband died on the 27 day of March 1913 at his home in Pike County, Arkansas.

9051

W.P. Taylor, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [May 16, 1908] "now 63 years of age." G.C. Smith aged 72 years and Francis Smith aged 69 years [June 15, 1908] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with applicant William P. Taylor and have know him fifty-two years, respectively. Nannie E. Taylor, Amity, Clark County, Arkansas [widow] of W.P. Taylor [February 13, 1932] born October 4, 1849, Merry Weather [as spelled] County, Georgia ... married to W.P. Taylor on the 15th day of October, year of 1874, County of Merry Weather, State of Georgia. She makes her home with her son-in-law Mr. J.E. McWha (he is a poor man), Amity, Arkansas. She has lived continuously in Arkansas for the past ... 54 years." Mrs. Nannie Taylor died December 12, 1932. W.T. Tolleson, Clark County, Arkansas sheriff, public administrator.

21244

Nancy A. Adams [widow] of Eli Thompson [June 22, 1917] affidavit: State of Arkansas, County of Pike, ss: I, Nancy A. Adams, nee Cox, aged 79 years ... was born at Giles County, Tennessee on the 27 day of May, 1836, that I was formerly the wife and widow of Eli Thompson, deceased ... and for the last past 46 years have been a bona fide resident of this State, except the years 1911 and 1912 visiting my brother and sister in Texas, and the years 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916 visiting my son Ola Thompson in Colorado ... that my said husband Eli Thompson died at his home near Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas on or about the 1 day of March, 1886; that on or about February 1887, I was married to one A.J. Adams, who deserted me and our home in 1891, that I have no knowledge of him, his whereabouts or destiny since that time, now 26 years ago, that he is supposed to be dead, that I have not since remarried." [Marriage Certificate] certified copy. Eli Thompson to Nancy Ann Cox. State of Mississippi, Itawamba County ... In virtue hereof the rights of Matrimony between Eli Thompson and Nancy Ann Cox were duly celebrated by me the 17th day of November 1859. Christopher Deavems, O.M.G. The above is a true copy of the original. Eli Phillips, Clerk. Book 5, page 202. J.H. Faulkner, now aged 68 years, resident of ... Daisy, Pike County,

Arkansas ... "well and intimately acquainted with Eli Thompson during his lifetime and his then wife, Nancy A. Thompson, nee Cox, and their various surroundings from the year 1874 up to the date of death of the said Eli Thompson in the spring of the year 1886, or 12 years prior to his death ... he knew the claimant herein, Nancy A. Adams as the widow of the said Eli Thompson, up to the day of her remarriage to one A.J. Adams in the spring of the year 1887, and that the said A.J. Adams deserted her and their home sometime during the year 1891 and that they have not resumed marriage relations since, and that he has not heard anything of, nor has he any knowledge of the whereabouts of the said A.J. Adams for the last past 26 years; that the said Nancy A. Adams, the claimant herein, and formerly the widow of the said Eli Thompson, is still living and has not remarried since her marriage to the said A.J. Adams in the year 1887, and that she resides near to Daisy, Pike County, Arkansas." James C. Yeargan, now aged 50 years [June 22, 1917] resident of ... Daisy, Pike County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with Eli Thompson and his then wife, Nancy A. Thompson, for two years prior to the date of death of the said Eli Thompson in the spring of the year 1886 ... that he knew the said Nancy A. Thompson ... as the widow of the said Eli Thompson up to her remarriage in the spring of the year 1887 to one A.J. Adams, who deserted her and their home sometime during the year 1891 ... that they have not since resumed marriage relations ... whereabouts and destiny of the said A.J. Adams has been unknown to him ... for the last 26 years; and that she has not remarried, and is still living and resides in Self Creek Township, Pike County, Arkansas." James C. Yeargan now aged 50 years and J.H. Faulkner, aged 68 years, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [June 22, 1917] "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. Nancy A. Adams, formerly the widow of Eli Thompson, deceased, and have known her 33 and 43 years, respectively."

9054

D.M. Thrash, Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas [June 14, 1913]. L.H. Thrash and C.C. Thrash [June 14, 1913] citizens of Clark & Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant D.M. Thrash and have known him 60 years, respectively. D.M. Thrash, Glenwood, Arkansas [February 15, 1932] born February 14, 1848, Merriwether County, Georgia. He makes his home with Coal & B.P. Trash, Glenwood, Arkansas [sons]. D.M. Thrash died February 22,

1834. Josephine E. Thrash [widow] of D.M. Thrash [March 15, 1934] born February 17, 1853 ... "my husband died February 22, 1934." W.I. Meeks [March 15, 1934] citizen of Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant and have known her for the past ten years ... she is the widow of D.M. Thrash who died on the 22nd day of February, 1934." Josephine E. Thrash, Glenwood, Arkansas [March 15, 1834] born February 17, 1853, Harris County, Georgia ... married to D.M. Thrash on the 8 day of February 1871, County of Merriwether, State of Georgia. She makes her home with B.P. Thrash, Glenwood, Arkansas [son]. Josephine E. Thrash died August 14, 1938, Pike County, Arkansas. P.G. Coker sheriff, public administrator.

9050

Tyrrel H. Thrash, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 17, 1911] ... "I am now 69 years old." William P. Taylor age 66 [June 23, 1911] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Tyrrel H. Thrash and knew him for the last past 40 or 50 years or more." James M. Williams aged 76 years, a citizen of Bingen, Hempstead County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Tyrrell H. Thrash and have known him for the last past 50 years or more." Susan E. Thrash [widow] of Tyrrell H. Thrash [June 16, 1917] ... "my husband died on the 8th day of January, 1917." R.T. and A.B. Adams [June 16, 1917] citizens of Howard County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. Susan E. Thrash and have known her nineteen years, respectively." S.E. Thrash, Pike County, Arkansas ... born the 16th day of January 1851 ... I am the widow of Terrall H. Thrash ... my husband died on the 8 day of January, 1917." A.C. Cowart and S.G. Ward [July 9, 1918] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant S.E. Thrash and have known her 20 years, respectively." Susan E. Thrash, Amity, Arkansas [February 16, 1932] born January 16, 1851, Merryweather [as spelled] County, Georgia ... married to T.H. Thrash on the 20 day of June, 1867, County of Merry Weather [as spelled], State of Georgia. She makes her home with her son-in-law J.H. Self, Amity, Arkansas. A.N. Shaw, Clark County, Arkansas County Clerk ... [June 6, 1934] ... that the application of the said Susan E. Thrash was transferred from Pike County, Arkansas; that said Susan E. Thrash died on or about the 24 day of May, 1934.

Mary C. Threlkeld, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of R.P. Threlkeld [July 10, 1915] ... "my husband died April 22, 1898." Affidavit of John C. Wilson [July 9, 1915] Pike County, Arkansas. J.C. Wilson states on oath "that he is a resident of Pike County, Arkansas that he is Sixty-nine years old and has resided in said county and state for the greater part of his life; that on or about the first day of April 1864, he enlisted as a soldier in Company K, 5th Arkansas Cavalry, Confederate States Army and remained in said army until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged and that he is now enrolled as a Confederate Pensioner of this state. Affiant further states that after the close of the Civil War he became well acquainted with the late R.P. Threlkeld ... that he knew him before and after his marriage to Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld, who now survives him and has not remarried and now living in the Town of Delight in Pike County, Arkansas. Affiant further states that after the said R.P. Threlkeld was married to Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld (whose maiden name was Mary C. Wilson) that they lived together as husband and wife for more than fifteen years within one half mile of affiant's home and was so living together at the time of the death of the said R.P. Threlkeld on the 22nd day of April 1898. Affiant states that he attended the bedside of the said R.P. Threlkeld during his last illness and was present when he died ... Affiant further states that during his extended acquaintance with the said R.P. Threlkeld he found him to be an honest, upright and Christian Gentleman and that he is as firmly convinced of his faithful service to the Confederate States as if they had actually served together." [signed] J.C. Wilson. Affidavit of S.B. Wall [July 10, 1915] Pike County, Arkansas. S.B. Wall states on oath "that he is a resident of Pike County, Arkansas; that he is Seventy-seven years of age and has resided in said county and state for the great part of his life ... affiant further states that after the war he became well acquainted with the late R.P. Threlkeld ... that he knew him before and after his marriage to Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld who now survives him and who resides in the Town of Delight in Pike County [Arkansas] which has been her home practically ever since the said R.P. Threlkeld's death; that he was present when the said R.P. Threlkeld was married to Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld on the 12th day of August 1881, that he was their family physician during their entire married life and attended the said R.P. Threlkeld during his last illness and was present when he died on the 22nd day of April 1898, and that to his own knowledge the said Mrs.

Mary C. Threlkeld has not remarried since the death of the said R.P. Threlkeld ... Affiant further states that during his extended and intimate acquaintance with the said R.P. Threlkeld he found him to be honest and upright and of unquestionable integrity and that he is as firmly convinced of his faithful service to the Confederacy as if they had actually served together in said Confederate States Army." [signed] S.B. Wall. Affidavit of M.K. Brock [July 10, 1915]. M.K. Brock [July 10, 1915] Pike County, Arkansas. M.K. Brock states on oath "that he is 74 years of age that he is a resident of this state and has continually resided in this state for a period of more than sixty years, and that he has spent the most of his residence in Pike County. That on the 1st day of July 1861 he enlisted in Company G, 4th Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army and that he remained in the service of said army until the close of the Civil War. Affiant further states that after the close of the Civil War he became well acquainted with the late R.P. Threlkeld ... that he knew him before and after his marriage to Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld, who still survives him and now resides in the town of Delight in Pike County where she has resided to the knowledge of the affiant the greater part of the time since the death of her husband, the said R.P. Threlkeld. The said Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld's maiden name was Miss Mary C. Wilson and she has not remarried since the death of her husband. Affiant further states that for more than fifteen years just prior to his death the said R.P. Threlkeld and Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld lived together as husband and wife in the same community as this affiant, and that the said R.P. Threlkeld was regarded as a man of unquestionable integrity; that during his acquaintance with the said R.P. Threlkeld, he has many times talked with him concerning his service in the Confederate State Army, and while the affiant did not actually serve with the said R.P. Threlkeld, from the conversation had with him relative to his service he was firmly convinced that the said R.P. Threlkeld did serve in the Confederate Army and that he did not desert the same." [signed] M.K. Brock. S.L. Blakely and C.A. Kizzia [July 10, 1915] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld and have known her for more than fifteen years, respectively." To the Honorable County Board of Pensions for Pike County, Arkansas, Murfreesboro, Arkansas [July 12, 1915]: ... As further means of identification, I submit herewith three letters written by my husband to his former wife during his service in the Confederate Army, I can positively identify the handwriting as that of my husband; they were among his personal effects at the time of his

death and inasmuch as they refer to his Company number and Colonel's name it would seem that these letters to some extent corroborate and link my husband's identity to the official record furnished by the Adjutant General, U.S.A. ... I also submit my original marriage license for your examination with the request I may substitute the same with a certified copy after your honorable body has passed upon my application for pension ... [signed] Mrs. Mary C. Threlkeld.

27165

Asa Townsend, Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas [May 15, 1916]. A.A. McMillan [June 20, 1925] citizen of Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Asa Townsend and have know him sixty-six years." Mrs. Asa Townsend [June 10, 1927] Clark County, Arkansas born November 5, 1866 ... "my husband died on the 31 day of October, 1926. Leona Chadwick and E.W. Ozment [June 10, 1927] citizens of Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. Asa Townsend and have known her 3 years, respectively." Eliza Jane Frazier Townsend [February 17, 1932] Arkadelphia, Arkansas born November 5, 1866, Edwards County, Illinois ... married to Asa Townsend, Arkadelphia, Arkansas on the 13 day of November, 1890, County of Clark, State of Arkansas.

25361

Kate K. Townsend, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of J.L. Townsend [February 16, 1916] ... "my husband died on the 25th day of December 1912." W.R. Cargile and W.B. East [February 12, 1916] citizens of Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. Katie Townsend and have known her forty years." Charles Tricket [February 12, 1916] Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband J.L. Townsend and knew him for sixty years ... that he was a Confederate soldier belonging to Company B, First Arkansas Infantry ... served from 1861 to 1862 ... this service was rendered on the East of the Mississippi River ... my knowledge of these facts comes from actual service in the army with him." W.J. Davis [February 16, 1916] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband J.L. Townsend and have known him for about 60 years." Kate Townsend, Pike County, Arkansas died October 31, 1930. M.D. Cummings

sheriff, Pike County, Arkansas public administrator.

8854

E.F. Townsend, Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William S. Townsend [June 24, 1901] ... "my husband died in Howard County, Arkansas after the close of the war." J.W. Hunter and W.E. Hunter [June 22, 1901] citizens of Howard County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant E.F. Townsend and have known her 40 years, respectively ... that her husband died from Doropsy [as spelled] of the Hert [as spelled]."

9029

Mary A. Watterson, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of John Watterson [August 14, 1907] ... who served as a soldier in the army of the Confederate States ... 19 Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, Col. Dawson, from the State of Arkansas ... "my husband died June 1st 1862. I am so blind I can't see my way and can't tell a white man from a negro." William H. Riley, John W. Sorrels, and Frank M. Rollins [July 31, 1906] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband John Watterson and knew said John Watterson ten years, respectively. That he was a Confederate soldier belonging to Company A, 19th Regiment of Arkansas Infantry, that as such soldier he served from June 1861 and served until he died in June 1862."

8865

Sarah Webb, Bills, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Abner Webb. A.A. Stell, Pike County, Arkansas [June 23, 1906] "well acquainted with applicant's husband Abner Webb and knew him for forty-eight years." M.K. Brock, Pike County, Arkansas [June 29, 1906] "well acquainted with applicant's husband Abner Webb and knew him for forty-eight years."

15513

L.E. Wesson, widow of Henry J. Wesson, Clark County, Arkansas. Louisa Emily Wesson [November 4, 1908] widow of Henry J. Wesson ... "my said husband died in Pike County, State of Arkansas on the 22nd day of October 1882." H.M. Barger and J.B.

Chambers [November 5, 1908] citizens of Newberry County, South Carolina "well acquainted with applicant's husband H.J. Wesson and knew him for forty years." H.J.P. Horne and J.A. Medlock citizens of Clark County, Arkansas [July 15, 1909] are each, "personally and well acquainted with applicant Mrs. L.E. Wesson ... from living near and being well acquainted with her ..." Louisa (Lousia) Emmaline Wesson [February 18, 1932] Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, RR1, born December 4, 1845, Floyd County, Georgia and married to Henry Johnson Wesson on the 14 day of December 1874, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She lives with Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Horne, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, RR1, daughter and son-in-law." Mrs. L.E. Wesson died on the 19th day of November, 1933, Clark County, Arkansas. W.T. Tolleson, sheriff of said county, public administrator.

8836

Stacy Westerman, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of C.N. Westerman. C.N. (Clifford N.) Westerman died November 30, 1885. Nathan Kizzia and D.W. Kelley [June 26, 1902] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband and knew him 35 years, respectively." J.E. Buckley and G.M. Elam [June 30, 1902] "well acquainted with applicant Stacey Westerman."

8839

Parthena E. Whisenhunt, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Joseph Whisenhunt ... "my said husband died March the 7, 1897." Moses J. Baker, Sevier County, Arkansas [June 20, 1907] "well acquainted with Joseph Whisenhunt and had known him 44 years." G.W. and G.H. Reid [June 27, 1907] citizens of Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Parthiena E. Whisenhunt and have known her 30 years, respectively." C.W. Story [June 25, 1907] citizen of Sevier County, Arkansas "well acquainted with Joe Whisenhunt and have know him about 47 years."

25615

Lucy Ann Whitehead, Highland, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of S.H. Whitehead [May 26, 1922 ... "my husband died after the close of the war." Mrs.

C.P. Collins and Mrs. A.J. Stevens [May 26, 1922] Pike County, Arkansas ... "citizens of this State "well acquainted with applicant Lucy Ann Whitehead and have known her about two years." R.A. Pickens and R.A. Hickman [March 11, 1922] citizens of Benton County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with applicant's husband Sam Whitehead and knew him 60 and 60 years, respectively ... these facts comes from personal acquaintance and serving in the same Company." [Company F., 15th Arkansas Regiment of Infantry].

1579

L.T. Whorton, Bills, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of John Whorton [July 1, 1893] ... "she is now 67 years old ... John Whorton ... soldier ... Company B, 12th Regiment of Arkansas Infantry ... discharged in 1863 on account of disability and came home and died in three months, never was well." W.R.D. Barnett and T.L. Beaty ... witnesses.

9031

Martha L. Wilkins, Pike P.O., Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William Edmond Wilkins [June 20, 1903] ... "my husband died on the 8 day of March, 1898." E.E. McKinzie and R.N. Wilkins [June 17, 1903] citizens of Pulaski County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Edmond W. Wilkins and knew him for forty years, respectively." C.E. Wright and Edward Buck [June 26, 1903] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with the applicant [Martha L. Wilkins]." Mrs. Martha L. Wilkins [February 18, 1932] 535 Joslyn Street, Gurdon, Arkansas ... born on the 29th day of November 1855, Rutherford County, North Carolina ... married to William Edmund Wilkins on the 21 day of December, 1876, Pulaski County, Arkansas. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. C.C. Wright, 525 Joslyn St., Gurdon [Clark County], Arkansas.

9034

Robert P. Wilkinson, Daisy, Pike County, Arkansas [June 27, 1908]. William A. Cannon aged 65 years and John W. Thompson age 64 years, citizens of Walton County, Georgia ... well acquainted with Robert P. Wilkinson late or formerly a resident of Walton County, Georgia but now a resident of Pike County, Arkansas ... and that they have known him for

the last past 50 and 50 years, respectively." Robert P. Wilkinson [June 5, 1909] aged 61 years. William B. Whisenhunt aged 42 years and William S. Yarbrough aged 41 years, citizens of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with applicant Robert P. Wilkinson and have know him for the last past 22 [and] 22 years, respectively." Sarah Wilkinson [widow] of Robert P. Wilkinson [February 4, 1931] ... "my husband died on the 26th day of January, 1931." Harrison Thompson, [February 7, 1931] citizen of Polk County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with the applicant and have known her for the past 15 years ... she is the widow of Robert P. Wilkinson who died on the 26th day of January, 1931. She is now and has been for the past 15 years a bona fide resident of Arkansas." Mrs. Sarah Ann Wilkinson [February 15, 1932] Glenwood, Arkansas born September 10, 1867, Desoto County, Mississippi ... married to Robert Wilkerson [as spelled] on the 11th day of October, 1928, Polk County, Arkansas.

641

Frankie Williams, Nathan, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of John Williams [June 29, 1892] ... "who enlisted as a soldier in the State of Arkansas ... in Dr. Arnold's Company of Dawson's Regiment of Arkansas ... until in September 1863 when he died of measles at White Sulphur Springs about 7 miles from Pine Bluff." Samuel Kelley and John T. Stevens, witnesses.

9038

W.W. Williams, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 8, 1901]. W.D. Ward aged 64 years a citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant W.W. Williams and have know him 40 years." Mary E. Williams, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of W.W. Williams [July 5, 1902] ... "my said husband died on the 17 day of June 1902."

9061

Elizabeth E. Williamson, Amity, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of James Williamson [June 3, 1901] ... "my said husband died 8th of June 1897." L.D. Keith, Clark County, Arkansas [June 3, 1901] citizen of Amity ... "well acquainted with James Williamson & Elizabeth E. Williamson his widow and

have know them for 40 years, respectively." W.A. Thomas, Montgomery County, Arkansas [June 8, 1901] citizen of Mazarn [?] "well acquainted with applicant Elizabeth E. Williamson widow of James Williamson and have known them 40 years."

8866

Capt. Charles C. Williford, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 15, 1904] late Capt. Kitchen's Mo. Cav. Vols. Rebecca K. Williford, aged 68 years [June 15, 1904] a resident of the town of Kirby in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas ... her oc-cupation is that of housewife; that she resides with her husband Charles C. Williford ... town of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas, that her age is 68 years, having been born at or near the town of Trenton, Gibson County, Tennessee on the 17 day of February 1836; that she was married to her present husband the said Charles C. Williford at or near the said town of Trenton, Gibson County, Tenn-essie on the 12 day of November 1856, by Justice of the Peace, whose name was Taylor ... that in the fall of 1857 she and her husband removed to Dunklin County, Missouri at which place they resided when the civil war of 1861-1865 came on ..." Witness, Annie Alford. Charles C. Williford [June 15, 1904] ... age is 68 years, having been born at or near Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee on the 12 day of June 1836 ..." Witness, Annie Alford. Rebecca Williford, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Charles C. Williford [July 9, 1914] ... my said husband died on the 5th day of July 1913 in Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas."

8840

William N. Willingham, Wilson, Pike County, Arkansas [June 5, 1901]. John M. Moran and J.F. Florence [June 5, 1901] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant W.N. Willingham and have know him 35 and 35 years, respectively." Martha Willingham, Clark County, Arkansas [widow] of W.N. Willingham [May 17, 1909] ... "my said husband died 21 day of April 1909." J.F. Florence and Margaret S. Florence [May 17, 1909] citizens of Clark County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband William N. Willingham and knew him for forty years."

9037

M.L. Wilson, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of F.B. Wilson. F.B. Wilson died August 3, 1890. M.K. Brock and L.J. Lamb Sr., citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [June 30, 1903] "well acquainted with applicant's husband and knew him 35 years."

9057

John C. Wilson, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas. Green Ward [November 23, 1912] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant John C. Wilson and have known him forty years." W.H. Garmon [January 21, 1913] Nevada County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant John C. Wilson and have known him 40 years." State of Arkansas, County of Pike. "I, J.C. Wilson being duly sworn states that Green Ward and W.H. Garmon served with me in the civil war (Confederate war) from April 1864 to May 1865 when we were all honorably discharged." James A. Kelley and Samuel T. East [May 22, 1915] Delight, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant John C. Wilson and have known him 50 and 55 years, respectively." W.H. Garmon [June 3, 1915] citizen of Boughton, Nevada County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant John C. Wilson and have know him 50 years." Green Ward [May 29, 1915] Delight, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant John C. Wilson and have known him 55 years." Bettie Wilson [February 6, 1922], Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of John C. (Calhoun) Wilson born August 11, 1850 ... "my said husband died on the 8th day of December, 1921." Bettie Wilson [February 15, 1932] Delight, Arkansas born August 11, 1850, Newberry County, South Carolina and married to J.C. (John Calhoun) Wilson on the 29 day of January 1872, County of Pike, State of Arkansas." Mrs. Bettie (Elizabeth Permelia Burton) Wilson died on the 8 day of December, 1935, Pike County, Arkansas. P.G. Coker, sheriff and public administrator.

8823

Smith A. Winford, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas. A.Y. Brewer [July 8, 1912] citizen of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Smith A. Winford and have known him 58 years." Martha Jane Winford, Pike County, Arkansas [July 5, 1915] widow of S.A. Winford ... "my husband died on

the 20th day of August 1914." William D. Alford [July 5, 1915] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Martha Jane Winford." A.Y. Brewer and S.T. East, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [July 8, 1915] "well acquainted with applicant's husband S.A. Winford and knew him for 50 years." Mrs. Martha Winford [February 18, 1932] Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas born July 25, 1845, Pike County, Arkansas and married to S.A. Winford on the 18 day of July 1868, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She makes her home with her daughter Amanda Ponder, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

9060

Jane E. Wingfield [widow] of J.J. Wingfield, Pike County, Arkansas. Jane E. Wingfield [June 4, 1912] widow of Jacob J. Wingfield ... "my said husband died on the 23rd day of December 1903." S.T. East and C.C. Tate [June 4, 1912] citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Jacob J. Wingfield and knew him for fifty years." Jane E. Wingfield [February 15, 1932] Antoine, Arkansas born September 10, 1853, Illinois and married to Jacob J. Wingfield on the [don't remember] day of August 1868, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She makes her home with E.C. Wingfield son, Antoine, Arkansas.

15510

Mary J. Wingfield [widow] of Jack J. Wingfield, Clark County, Arkansas. Mary J. Wingfield (78 years old) Pike County, Arkansas widow of Jack J. Wingfield ... "my husband died on the 12th day of March 1905." J.W. Sorrels, 77 years old, and R.L. Canter, citizens of Clark County [June 20, 1912] "well acquainted with applicant's husband Jack J. Wingfield and knew him for over 40 years ... associating with him during the war & since the war until he died." L.O. Ross [June 23, 1911] citizen of Swisher County, Texas states "that he personally knew Jack J. Wingfield, was acquainted with him for about two years, the latter part of 1863-1864 and to May 1865, that he was a Confederate soldier belonging to Company A, Regiment of Fourth Arkansas, that as such soldier he served about two years to my knowledge. We were disbanded at Fulton, Arkansas or near there." John W. Allen, Clark County, Arkansas Clerk of the county and probate courts [July 8, 1912] to Mr. J.P. Dunn, Antoine, Arkansas. "I am returning ... the pension

application of Mrs. Mary J. Wingfield, the Board here believes she is a resident of Pike County and in case she is this Board has no jurisdiction in the matter. If she is a resident of Pike County send the application to the Clerk of that County and ask him to put it before the Board there, otherwise send it back to me at once." "I, J.T. Wingfield son of Mary J. Wingfield do solemnly swear that my mother Mary J. Wingfield is now and has been all of this year a resident and citizen of Clark County living with her son-in-law R.L. Canter on the "Meeks Farm."

21243

Rebecca Wise, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of S.B. Wise [May 10, 1909] ... "my said husband died in Pike County, Arkansas 23rd September 1904." F.F. Carter [July 14, 1909] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with Mrs. Rebecca Wise and knows that she is the widow of the said S.B. Wise." Rebecca Wise, Pike County, Arkansas [June 19, 1917] born October 26, 1846 ... I am the widow of S.B. Wise ... my husband died September 1904." S.S. Littlejohn and William Hogan [June 8, 1907] citizens of McNairy County, Tennessee "well acquainted with applicant's husband S.B. Wise and knew him for 15 or 20 years ... being with him in the Army and from hearing him and other soldiers talk after we returned for the war after the surrender." Malcoh or Malcolm [as spelled] Brewer and R.W. Busby [June 27, 1917] citizens of Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Rebecca Wise and have know her eight and two years, respectively." Rebecca Armstrong Wise, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [February 15, 1932] born October 26, 1846, Hardin County, Tennessee ... married to Stanton Brown Wise on the 3rd day of August, 1865, McNairy [as spelled] County, Tennessee. She makes her home with J.A. and Lillie Dawes, Murfreesboro, Arkansas ... Lillie Dawes my daughter. Rebecca Wise died December 9, 1933. Mrs. J.A. Dawes, administratrix.

19994

Sid Wisener, Lafayette County, Arkansas [March 8, 1913]. B.C. Burns and B.F. Burns [March 8, 1913] Buckner, Lafayette County, Arkansas "well acquainted with Sid Wisener ... and have know him for six years." John Burrows, Sr. and J.H. Thomas [February 25, 1911] citizens of Nacogdoches County, Texas ... "well acquainted with applicant Sid Widener and have know

him 50 and 47 years, respectively." Fannie Wisener, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Sid Wisener [May 28, 1923] born August 6, 1871 ... my husband died September 1917 ... I do no remember the exact day that he died. Fannie Chapel Wisener, Murfrees-boro, Arkansas [February 15, 1932] born August 6, 1871, Sabine Parish, Louisiana ... married to Sid Wisener on the 25th day of March 1915, Pike County, Arkansas. I live at home, Murfreesboro, Arkansas. Two grandchildren live with me aged 9 and 11 years.

9040

Edia C. Witt, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] Thomas G. Witt [June 22, 1907] ... "member of A.W. Bowie's Company of Tallagdego County and Town, Alabama ... that my husband died after the close of the war." G.H. Genkins of McGregor and F.P. [or F.T.] Hill of Mood [as spelled] citizens of McLennon & Bell County, Texas ... "well acquainted with applicant's husband T.G. Witt and knew him 18 months in confederate service ... that he ... belonged to A.W. Bowie's Company of Talladego County and Town, Alabama ... he served from about 1863 to the close of the war ... he was captured at Selma, Alabama ... paroled by Federals ... and did not desert ... the confederate service. Edith C. Witt, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of Thomas G. Witt [June 19, 1911] ... said husband died September 19, 1900 at Pike City, Arkansas. F.P. Hill [June 7, 1911] a citizen living near Moody, in Bell County, Texas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Thomas G. Witt and knew him for forty years ... the applicant is my sister in law, her husband being my wife's brother ..." G.H. Jenkins [June 10, 1911] living near McGregor in McLennan County, Texas "well acquainted with applicant's husband Thomas G. Witt and knew him for fourteen years." S.B. Stell and R.B. Kelley [July 29, 1911] citizens of Shawmutt, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Edith C. Witt."

2521

S.A. Yarbrough, Wilson [as spelled], Pike County, Arkansas. John B. Coward and James F. Ham [June 22, 1896] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant S.A. Yarbrough and have known him 36 years, respectively ... that he was a Confederate soldier belonging to Company C, Regiment of 59 [Alabama], that as such soldier he served from March the 20, 1862 to April 10, 1865 ... we were in the service with him at that time." I.T. Horn and J.B. Cowart [July 1, 1901] Pike County, Arkansas "well

acquainted with applicant S.A. Yarbrough and have know him 40 and 40 years, respectively. Mary A. Yarbrough [widow] of S.A. Yarbrough, Zebulon, Pike County, Arkansas. Mary A. Yarbrough aged 65 years, Pike County, Arkansas ... "my husband died on the 20 day of March, 1910. W.J. Cowart aged 53 years, Zebulon, Pike County, Arkansas and Sarah A. Sutton, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [May 23, 1910] "have been for the last past 30 years or more, well acquainted with Mrs. Mary A. Yarbrough, now the widow of the late Sebron A. Yarbrough, deceased."

8855

W.W. Yeargan, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas. A.G. Henry [June 24, 1901] Howard County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant William W. Yeargan and have known him 40 years." W.K. Latimer [July 24, 1901] Howard County, Arkansas "well acquainted with W.W. Yeargin [Yeargan] and have known him 40 years." Mary E. Yeargan, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of William W. Yeargan ... "my said husband died on the 26 day of February 1905 at his late residence near Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas at the age of 75 years."

PIKE COUNTY TAX LIST FOR 1839

A List of Persons and Property Assessed for Taxation in the County of Pike and State of Arkansas for the year, A.D. 1839.

Adkins, C.L.	Conner, Isham	Henthorn, James
Ashford, James	Davis, William	Henthorn, Cyrus
Brewer, Henry	Davis, Clement	Hancock, Wm.
Brewer, Harmon	Dickson, S.B.	Holliday, Peter
Brewer, Wm.	Davis, Abijah	Hasley, Saml.
Blocker, John Jr.	Dickson, John	Hensley, George
Blocker, John Sr.	Daniel, John	Hancock, Abner
Blocker, Wm.	Dickson, Saml. A.	Hughes, Wm.
Bittick, Robt.	Davis, Matthew	Huddleston, David
Brewer, J.S.	Davis, J.W.	Huddleston, J.W.
Brewer, John	Draper, Thos.	Henry, James
Barnett, John G.	Dickson, Wm. T.	Hardin, A.K.
Barnes, Joshua	Davis, William	Johnston, Micj.
Brewer, Henderson	Dickson, D.S.	Johnston, Wm.
Barnes, Jesse	Elliott, M.C.	Jacobs, English
Brinley, Jacob	Edwards, John	Jenkins, Jesse
Mathias B., adjoining	Falkner, Nathan	Johnston, James
Brinley, Mathias	Falkner, H.A.	Jones, Absalom
Black, James M.	Ford, Absalom	Gentry, Wm.
Baxter, Jesse	Falkner, L.N.	Kizzia, Hiram
Baxter, Joel	Gay, Edmund	Kizzia, John
Bassett, Thos.	Gollihar, John	Keer (or Kerr), J.L.
Bittick, Francis	Goodman, Josiah	Kirkham, James
Bittick, Jesse	Gilmer, Wm.	Kelley, Wm.
Bizzel, W.H.	Griffin, Wade	Kelley, Saml.
Crowel, Ezra	Griffin, J.E.	Kizzia, Wm.
Collier, Jackson	Garner, Thomas	Kizzia, James
Coker, J.J.	Griffin(g), L.B.	Kelley, Elijah
Clifton, Levin	Green, John	Latimer, Isham
Collier, Nathan	Green, Jeremiah	Long, James
Cisterson, Samuel	Harl, Thompson	Mobley, David
Cox, Thomas	Hughes, John	Mobley, Wm.
Calvert, James	Hughes, James	McDonield, Robt.

McDonield, Alex.	Prator, Phillip	Self, David
McDonield, J.M.	Redding, Joseph	Self, Forges
McDoniel, Alvin	Reeves, Willis	Thompson, Asa
McDoniel, Leroy	Roberts, Wm.	Tryon, Seldon
Millwee, S.H.	Rainey, John	Randle, Owen
Massey, P.F.	Roberson, Bj.	White, Absolum
Melson, J.G.Marks & Jordan	Simpson, Jesse	Westbrook, S.W.
McLaughlin, J.C	Stone, F.G.	Williams, W.P.
Mansfield, J.C.	Stone, Wm.	Wheat, James
Milson, Thos.	Stringer, Rice	White, Jourden
Mara, Lazarus	Scott, James	White, Pleasant
Medford, Johnathan	Sanders, Samuel	White, John Sr.
Miles, Joel	Stallcup, Pleasant	White, John Jr.
Newman, Moses	Steel, Thos.	Wadkins, James
Melson, Solomon	Simpson, Saml.	Weaver, Jeremiah
Oliver, William	Self, L.W.	White, Isaac
Price, Ervin	Self, Lewis	

State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

THIS day received of *David S. Dickson*, Clerk of the circuit court and Exoffi(cio) Clerk of the county Court, aforesaid, the Tax Book for the year A.D., 1839, and the Sum of three Hundred and Fifty-five Dollars and Seventy-eight cents is due to the County of Pike and the sum of Eight-nine dollars and forty-four cents is due the State of Arkansas by the county of Pike from this levy of the County Court.

Amt. of State Tax, \$89.44 cts.
Amt. of County Tax, \$355.78 c.

ISAAC WHITE, Sheff.

State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

I, *David S. Dickson*, clerk of the circuit court and Exoffi(cio) Clerk of the County Court in and for the county of Pike, aforesaid, do hereby certify that the Sum of Eighty-nine dollars and forty-four cents is due the State of Arkansas from the County of Pike for the year A.D. 1839 agreeable to the assessment made and returned to this office by the Sheriff of this County at one Eight per cent per annum.

Murfreesboro, 1 May 1839

Auditor
Little Rock, Arks.

D(ea)r Sir: You will see by this line the rates of County Taxes. Each made Taxable - \$1.00. 1/2 p(e)r cent on Every Hundred Dollars. Household and Kitchen furniture, none in Pike County, Taxable; But one Jack ass in the County.

I therefore give you the Total amount of the Taxes in Pike County, the form is not completed with agreeable to your Request, But, I hope as there is not sufficient property to comply with your Request, you will Excuse me

in not complying with the Request. You will see on the Tax Book the amount of County Taxes and State Taxes separately stated, which I hope you will Receive. Y(ou)r Most Honorable and Ob(edie)nt Ser(van)t.

D.S. DICKSON, *Clk.*

Little Rock, Arks.
Auditor's Office, May 16th 1839.

Tax list received and filed this day.

SAML. H. HEMPSTEAD, *acting auditor.*

\$89.44 charged to Sheriff, page 7.

E.N. CONWAY, *Auditor of Ark's.*

RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGH

Polk Family

The following is from the microfilm records of the "Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes" or "Dawes Commission" that was formed in 1893 by the U.S. government to exchange lands of the five tribes for individual land allotments in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). This information is taken from application file MCR 4650 and is for Taylor Polk (et. al.) son of Taylor Polk and Prudence Anderson who once lived in Pike County, Arkansas. MCR stands for "Mississippi Choctaw Rejected." The claim was based on the 14th Article of the Treaty of 1830 also known as the treaty of "Dancing Rabbit Creek." It was rejected because Taylor Polk and his child did not appear on any of the rolls of the Choctaw Nation nor did it appear they had been admitted by the Commission or any judgement of the United States Court.

MCR 4560 Taylor Polk et. al

Taylor Polk appeared before the Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) on June 4, 1900 and made application for himself and child as citizens of the Choctaw Nation. His testimony is represented by question and answer. These are excerpts. Taylor Polk being first duly sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby testified as follows:

Question: State your name? Answer: Taylor Polk.
Question: What is your age? I was born in '39 (1839). He indicates his residence and postoffice

address as Davis, Indian Territory.

Question: Are you a Choctaw? Answer: That is what I have been taught and what I claim. Question: What is the name of your father? Answer: Taylor Polk. Question: Is he living? Answer: No sir. Question: Was he on the Choctaw roll? Answer: I don't think he was. Question: What is the name of your mother? Answer: Prudence Anderson. Question: Is she living? Answer: No sir. Question: Was she on the Choctaw rolls? Answer: I am not claiming it on my mother; it is on my father.

Question: Did you apply to the Dawes Commission in '96 (1896)? Answer: Yes sir. Question: Were you admitted or rejected? Answer: I was rejected but my mother had some Cherokee blood in her and I applied for citizenship in the Cherokee nation and was rejected there; I never applied in the Choctaw Nation. Question: What proportion of Choctaw blood do you claim? Answer: The evidence I am giving you is just what I have been taught from my father, and I suppose he was about a quarter.

Question: Are you married? Answer: Yes sir. Question: What was your wife's name before she was married? Answer: Her name was Mary Ann Petty. Question: What is the name of her father? Answer: James Petty. Answer: What was the name of your wife's mother? Answer: Phoebe Petty. Question: What are the names of your children under 21 years of age, unmarried? Answer: I have got but one, Bevly (Beverly) R. Polk. Question: Is there any additional statement in regard to your case that you desire to make? Answer: In putting in this claim couldn't I put in for my grand-children? I have

some grandchildren. Reply: No. Question by affiant: Will my children all have to appear in person that are over 21 years of age? Answer: Yes sir. Question: Is there any additional statement that you desire to make in regard to this case? Answer: I don't know; all I want is to put it before the people as near correct as I can. Any statement that would be right for me to make I would like to make.

DECISION (Excerpts)

In the matter of the application of Taylor Polk et. al. for identification as Mississippi Choctaws ... we find from the record in the case of Taylor Polk et. al. that on June 4, 1900 the said Taylor Polk appeared before the Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory and there made application for enrollment of himself and minor child, Bevely (Beverly) R. Polk, as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation. The principal applicant claims descent from Taylor Polk, an alleged one quarter blood Choctaw, who married Prudence Anderson, a white woman, and who are the parents of this applicant. The evidence offered in support of this application ... embraces the ex parte affidavits of William L. Byrd, James J. Fry, the joint ex parte affidavit of Manervia Anderson and Joseph Freeman, the ex parte affidavit of Jonas Frazier, and the joint ex parte affidavit of F.M. Shipp and Sarah D. Shipp.

The ex parte affidavit of William L. Byrd is simply to the effect that the principal applicant, with whom he is acquainted, very much resembles one Taylor Polk whom he knew in the Choctaw Na-tion, Indian Territory, when a small boy. The ex parte affidavit of James J. Fry is simply to the effect that he was acquainted with the applicant and his father Taylor Polk Sr. and his family in Montgomery County Arkansas between the years 1846 and 1854 and that Anderson Polk and Ellen Polk brother and sister of the principal applicant bore striking evidence of being possessed of Indian blood. By the joint ex parte affidavit of Manervia Anderson and Joseph Freeman, it is attempted to be shown that affiants were acquainted with the father and grandmother of the principal applicant, the latter of whom (grandmother) ... was named Mrs. Patsy Polk (nee Walker) at Doaksville, Indian Territory, and that said persons enjoyed all the rights and privileges of Choctaw Indians by blood and were recognized as such. By the ex parte affidavit of Jonas Frazier it is attempted to be shown that the affiant was

acquainted with one Patsy Polk (nee Walker) and her son Taylor Polk, grandmother and father of the principal applicant, near Doaksville, Choctaw Nation, between the years 1836 and 1844, and alleges that said persons were part Mississippi Choctaw Indians by blood. By the joint ex parte affidavit of F.M. Shipp and Sarah D. Shipp it is attempted to be shown that affiants were acquainted with the entire family of Taylor Polk, deceased, father of the principal applicant, in Pike County, Arkansas between the years 1857 and 1865 and know them to be part Mississippi Choctaw Indians by blood, and that affiants were present at the wedding of Taylor Polk Jr., the principal applicant herein, and his wife, Mary Ann Petty, on the 21st day of August, 1859.

There is nothing in these affidavits which in any way tends to show that any of the alleged Choctaw ancestors of the principal applicant were ever recognized by the Choctaw tribal authorities as members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians in the state of Mississippi, or that they ever complied or attempted to comply with the provisions of article fourteen of the treaty of 1830.

Pedigree (Excerpts)

Patsy Polk, nee Walker, claim Choctaw, name of husband not given; (son) Taylor Polk Sr., dead, claim Choctaw, married Prudence Anderson, dead, Cherokee.

Henry Anderson married Bettie Mitchel, 1/2 Cherokee; (son) James Anderson married Fannie Griffin, 1/2 Cherokee; (daughter) Prudence Anderson, dead, Cherokee, married Taylor Polk Sr., dead, claim Choctaw.

The preceding file offers the name of Patsy Walker as the mother of Taylor Polk husband of Prudence Anderson. In **Polk Family and Kinsmen** by William Harrison Polk, 1912, page 100, it says "Taylor Polk ... married Jency Walker a daughter of Alexander Walker of Kentucky." In **The Polks of North Carolina and Tennessee** by Mrs. Frank M. Angellotti, 1923-1924, and reprinted by the James K. Polk Memorial Association, page 20: "Taylor Polk born in North Carolina about 1780 died in Polk Co., Ark. 11 Dec. 1824 ... married 1 Nov. 1798 Jency Walker who died at 'The Wilds' in the Val-ley of the Ouachita, Ark., 3 Dec. 1814, daughter of Tandy."

LETTER

My father's name was Taylor Polk. My mother's maiden name was Jincy Walker. Their first born was a boy his name was Ben, the second a boy Taylor, the third a boy, Jim, the fourth a boy Cumberland, fifth a girl Patsy, the sixth a boy William, seventh girl Jincy, eight a boy Alfred. My father Taylor Polk's second wife's name was Polly Warren, their first child a girl was Nelly, second a boy Washington, third Warnell.

My father had three Bros. John, Charley and William. One sister Ellen.

This brief letter (no date) was dictated by Jency (Polk) Anderson the daughter of Taylor Polk Sr. and Jency Walker to send to Mrs. Emma Angellotti, but was never mailed. It is now in possession of one of her descendants, E. Redell Cobb. Jency (Polk) Anderson was born February 1808 or 1810 and died May 12, 1903 at Cheyenne, Roger Mills, Indian Territory, Oklahoma. She married Mitchel Anderson.

**Pike County Arkansas Land Purchases
During the Year 1839**

Land Office, Washington, Hempstead
County, Arkansas

Township 8, South of Range 23, West
This township was first offered on November 13, 1826 and became subject to private entry on November 27, 1826.

December 21, 1839

Charles Wingfield, East half of the Northwest quarter, Section 24, 80 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$100, Cash Certificate 4262.

Township 8, South of Range 24, West

This township was first offered on November 13, 1826 and became subject to private entry on November 27, 1826.

March 18, 1839

Cyrus Henthorn, Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, Section 28, 40 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$50, Cash Certificate 3982.

December 14, 1839

Hiram Kizzia, West half of the Southeast quarter,

Section 10, 80 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$100, Cash Certificate 4257.

December 14, 1839

Hiram Kizzia, East half of the Southwest quarter, Section 10, 80 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$100, Cash Certificate 4258.

Township 8, South of Range 25, West

This township was first offered on February 24, 1840 and became subject to private entry on March 9, 1840.

May 20, 1839

Rice Stringer, West partial half of the Southwest quarter, Section 7, 141.09 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$176.36, Cash Certificate 4022.

May 20, 1839

Sion B. Dickson, PE 1834 (Preemption Act), Southeast quarter, Section 8, 160 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$200, Cash Certificate 4023.

May 20, 1839

William Hughes, PE 1834 (Preemption Act), East half of the Southwest quarter, Section 6, and the East half of the Northwest quarter, Section 7, 157.60 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$197, Cash Certificate 4024.

May 20, 1839

Clement Davis, PE 1834 (Preemption Act), Northeast quarter, Section 17, 160 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$200, Cash Certificate 4025.

May 20, 1839

John Hughes, PE 1834 (Preemption Act), Northeast quarter, Section 8, 160 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$200, Cash Certificate 4026.

May 31, 1839

James Hughes, PE 1838 (Preemption Act), That part of the Southwest quarter, Section 6, and the Northwest quarter, Section 7, East side of the Little Missouri River, 94.62 acres @ \$1.25 per acre, \$118.28, Cash Certificate 4027.

Township 8, South of Range 26, West

This township was first offered on February 24, 1840 and became subject to private entry on March 9, 1840.

December 14, 1839

Asa Thompson, PE 1834 (Preemption Act), Northeast quarter of Section 12, 121.09 acres, @ \$1.25 per acre, \$151.37, Cash Certificate 4297.

MICROFILM PROJECT IN PIKE COUNTY

A new microfilm project has been completed in Pike County, Arkansas by the Genealogical Society of Utah. D. Wayne Bailey an acquisitions specialist microfilmed county records in January 1995. This is the first microfilming in Pike County since 1976 when microfilm projects were coordinated with the Arkansas History Commission throughout the state by the Genealogical Society of Utah for the Bicentennial. The following records were micro-filmed:

GS Film Number 1986413 Roll 1 Item 1: Marriage Book G (1925-1930); Item 2: Marriage Book H (1930-1936); Item 3: Marriage Book I (1936-1941) continued on next roll.

GS Film Number 1986414 Roll 2 Item 1: Marriage Book I (1936-1941) continued from previous roll; Item 2: Marriage Book J (1941-1947); Item 3: Marriage Book K (1948-1954).

GS Film Number 1986415 Roll 3 Item 1: Chancery Court Record Book A (1893-1905); Item 2: Chancery Court Record Book B (1905-1913); Item 3: Chancery Court Record Book C (1913-1916).

GS Film Number 1986416 Roll 4 Item 1: Chancery Court Record Book D (1917-1924); Item 2:

Chancery Court Record Book E (1924-1930); Item 3: Chancery Court Record Book F (1930-1936).

GS Film Number 1986416 Roll 5 Item 1: Chancery Court Record Book G (1936-1942); Item 2: Chancery Court Record Book H (1942-1950); Item 3: Chancery Court Record Book I (1950-1962).

QUERIES

ELKINS, JOHNSON I am seeking information on John Elkins. He was on the 1860 census (page 482, Missouri Township, Brocktown P.O.) along with his wife E.C. (maiden name unknown) and three sons. On September 14, 1872 John married Martha B. Johnston. I am trying to determine when John married E.C. and what happened to E.C. If she died, when and where she is buried. Also information on C.W. Elkins a son of John Elkins.

Jo Ann Curbo, Box 584, Lorenzo, TX 79343.

SMEDLEY, WHITE, HUTSON, KEYS I am searching for the death date of Minerva Smedley. She was born in Tennessee April 2, 1834. I also need her maiden name. She was married to my great grandfather (William R. Smedley) who was also born in Tennessee 1825 and died in Kimberly, Arkansas December 19, 1877. They are both buried in the Kimberly Cemetery. Also in need of the death date of Polly White. She was the wife of Isaac White. They are buried in the Kimberly Cemetery. Also need death dates for John D. Hutson born Arkansas 1854 and wife Sarah Ann Keys born Arkansas 1857. They are buried in Kimberly Cemetery. They had two daughters, Louella Missouri (Hutson) Smedley and Annah Hutson.

Jim Smedley, 2005 Paisley Dr., Arlington, TX 76015.

ARCHIVE UPDATE

New officers were elected at the April 6, 1995 meeting. Harrison Gilmer, we are happy to say, is remaining our President. In fact, the slate is the same with the exception of Vice-President. Shane Hill of Delight, Arkansas accepted the position. We are very sorry to lose Bobbie Hendrix as our Vice-

President. She served her office with dignity and wisdom.

The 1900 Pike County U.S. Census by Shane Hill and Dorothy Partain is ready for purchase. The census in book form is available from PCAHS, Box 238, Murfreesboro, AR 79158 for \$25. A software release is available from Shane Hill, P.O. Box 152, Delight, AR 71940 for \$18.

The Cemetery Book update, indexing, and corrections are moving along with rapid speed. Cindy Scott reports she has had overwhelming response to her request for data. She hopes to have a book ready for publication by September. We want to give a big "thank you" to all the people who are helping Cindy make this cemetery book as complete as possible.

Shane Hill, our new vice president will have Vol. III (Books G-H-I-J) 1925-1947 of Pike County, Arkansas marriage records completed by August.

Same price (\$15.00) as Vol. I and II. It will be available on computer diskette also.

Faye Crews is continuing to work on the (Pike County) picture book.

If I have failed to send someone an order, please don't hesitate to remind me!

DOROTHY KENNEDY PARTAIN

Pike County Arkansas Marriages 1821-1895
Computer Software

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

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
1900 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS FEDERAL CENSUS by Shane Hill and Dorothy Kennedy Partain, approx. 600 pages and full name index, published 1995 ...	\$25.00
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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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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PCAHS MEETING TIME

The Pike County Archives and History Society meets the first Thursday night of each month from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. The 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm time period is set aside for members and guests to discuss and exchange ideas on history, genealogy and effective ways to do research. Business meeting is held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Annual membership dues are \$7.00. If you are 65 years old or older, you are eligible for our "Senior Citizens" discount membership of \$5.00 annually. Lifetime membership dues are \$100.00.

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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