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CLEMENT DAVIS

Clement Davis was born in Illinois on April 7, 1813 a son of Jeremiah and Stacia Davis. His parents came to Arkansas about 1820 to the three forks settlement of the Little Missouri river now Murfreesboro where Jeremiah Davis died in 1822. He was survived by six children, son Clement Davis and daughters Nancy, Rachel, Lydia, Isafena and Syrena. Stacia Davis appears to have re-married by 1824. She is referred to by the name of Stacy "Right" or Wright in the minutes of the Clark County, Arkansas Circuit Court, March Term 1824, where she is the administratrix of the estate of her late husband. In court records for 1825, 1826 and 1828 she is identified as Stacia Davis and in subsequent records throughout her life although there is a marriage of Stacy Davis to Richard Linville in Clark County, Arkansas on January 29, 1832. Stacia Davis had another son John Millard Davis born September 7, 1827 whose father is not known. John M. Davis would later become Sheriff of Pike County, Arkansas.

In 1833 Clement Davis made an improvement on land in a then unsurveyed township of Pike County. Surveyed in 1837 it revealed his improvement to be in Section 17 of Township 8, South of Range 25, West, and in the Northeast quarter. When the sale of public lands in this township were offered through the land office at Washington, Arkansas he purchased this entire quarter section in 1839.

Clement Davis married Mary Safronia Hancock about 1836 in Pike County, Arkansas. She came to Arkansas from Jackson County, Tennessee about 1831 and is indicated as a charter member of the Antioch Church of Christ established in 1833 at Delight, Arkansas according to church records. The

children of Clement Davis and Mary Safronia Hancock were:

Emily A. Davis born July 2, 1838 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; death date unknown; buried in Davis Cemetery at Umpire, Arkansas.

Nancy Eveline Davis born March 2, 1841 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married John S. Hobson; died October 31, 1912; buried in Davis Cemetery at Umpire, Arkansas.

Isabel Safronia Davis born July 12, 1843 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Robert Moore; death date unknown; buried in Davis Cemetery at Umpire, Arkansas.

Martha M. Elizabeth Davis born September 23, 1845 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married first Frank Givens; married second John Dalrymple.

Lydia Luricy (Lurisa) Emeline Davis born January 23, 1850 in Sulpher Springs Township, Polk now Howard County, Arkansas; married Jim Dalrymple; died June 6, 1882; buried in Davis Cemetery at Umpire, Arkansas.

Syrena Rebecca Elethe Davis born February 2, 1852 in Sulpher Springs Township, Polk now Howard County, Arkansas; married James K. Polk Miller; died November 1892.

Farris Bernard Hempstead Davis born August 24, 1857 in Sulpher Springs Township, Polk now Howard County, Arkansas; married Lualice Delona Miller on July 17, 1879 near Athens, Arkansas; died May 1, 1948; buried in Davis Cemetery at Umpire, Arkansas.

Clement Davis moved to Polk County, Arkansas and Sulpher Springs township about 1849 and entered land along the west bank of the Saline River approximately four miles southeast of the Umpire community now in north Howard County, Arkansas. He died in 1870 and is buried in the Davis Cemetery at Umpire. His epitaph, "Kind fa-ther of love, thou art gone to thy rest forever, to bask mid the joys of the blest." His wife Mary Safronia Hancock Davis

born August 20, 1814 in Tennessee died January 18, 1888 and is also bur-ied in the Davis Cemetery near her husband. Her epitaph, "Rest mother, rest in quiet sleep, while in sorrow o'er thee weep." Buried between them ac-cording to relatives are grandchildren who died of influenza.

PREEMPTION PROOF

State of Arkansas,
County of Hempstead,

Be it remembered, that on the twentieth day of May in the year 1839, Clement Davis of Pike County in the State of Arkansas personally came before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Hempstead in the State, aforesaid, at Washington in the County of Hempstead, aforesaid, in the presence of the Register and Receiver of the Land office at Washington, Arkansas and being duly sworn, states on his oath:

That, he is over twenty one years of age, to wit, about twenty six years of age, a married man, the head of a family con-sisting of his wife and one child; that in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty three he cultivated a portion of the Lands of the United States in a then unsurveyed Township, and that the Township was surveyed in the year 1837 and said im-provement was found to be upon the North East quarter of Section seventeen in Township Eight South of Range twenty five west in the District of Lands subject to sale at Wash-ington, Arkansas, and that in said year he cultivated on said tract, about eighteen acres, principally in corn and that he resided on said tract and had possession of the same on the nineteenth day of June, Eighteen hundred and thirty four and that he still resides on, has possession of, and cultivates the same.

C. DAVIS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th May 1839.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

And at the same time and place and in the presence as within named, personally came John Hughes, James Hughes and S.B. Dickson, and being duly sworn state on oath:

That, they are personally well acquainted with the within named Clement Davis and that they know the material matters stated and set forth in the within affidavit to be true in substance and in fact; & that he did cultivate about Eighteen acres on the tract in his affidavit mentioned and that he resided upon said tract and had possession of the same on the nineteenth day of June 1834; and that he still resides upon, has possession of, and cultivates the same.

JOHN HUGHES
SION B. DICKSON
JAMES HUGHES

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th May 1839.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

Cash Certificate Entry 4025, Washington, Arkansas Land Office, National Archives Record Group 49, Washington National Records Center, 4205 Suit-land Road, Suitland, Maryland 20409.

FAMILY RECORD

age: of family: 1857

Mary S. Hancock was bornd in the year of our lord August the 20th 1814.

Emily A. Davis was bornd in the year of our lord July the 2d 1838.

Nancy Eveline Davis was bornd in the year of our lord March the 2d 1841.

Isabel Safrona Davis was bornd in the year of our lord July the 12th 1843.

Martha Elizabeth Davis was bornd in the year of our lord September the 23d 1845.

Luidy Luricy E. Davis was bornd in the year of our lord January the 23d 1850.

Syrena Rebecca Elethe Davis was bo(r)nd in the year of our lord February the 2d 1852.

B.F. Hem(p)stead (Davis) was born August the 24, 1857.

John Benj. Franklin Givens was Born Apr. 26th A.D. eighteen sixty five (1865).

Claria Augustus Elminia Givens was Born Apr. 6th A.D. Eighteen hundred and Seventy one (1871).

Lualice D. Miller Was born in The year of our lord December 25th 1862.

Mattie Lavenia Clingan Davis, May 6 1873, died June 10, 1952, 79 yrs.

Clement Davis family record **age: of family: 1857** loose sheet within the F.B.H. Davis bible courtesy of Judy Davis, 306 Camellia, Orange, Texas 77630.

Last Will and Testament of Clement Davis

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Clement Davis, in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of Death and being in my right mind, do make and cause to be made, this, my Last Will and testament, revoking all former Wills and testaments heretofore made.

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife, Mary S. Davis, the use and control of all my real Estate and personal property

during her natural life except such property hereafter named in this will as gifts to the part(i)es named below.

Second, I give my daughter Martha M.E. Givenes (Givens) one horse Saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, out of my property after my death.

Third, I give to my daughter Sirena R.E. Davis one horse Saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, out of my property after my Death.

Fourth, I give to my son Farris B.H. Davis one horse Saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, and at the Death of my Wife and his Mother, all my Land Known and described as fowlers (follows) and being in the Washington Land district, Polk County, State of Arkansas: the NW Quarter of the SE Quarter of Sec. 18 in T. 6S R. 28W containing forty acres; SE of SE of 18, T. 6S R. 28W forty acres; also SE of SW of 18 T. 6S R. 28W forty acres; also SE of the SW of 18, T. 6S R. 28W forty acres; als(o) the SW of the SE of 18, T. 6S R. 28W forty acres; also the SW of the SW of 18, T. 6S R. 28W; also the NW of the NE of Sec. 19, T. 6S R. 28W, containing in all two hundred and forty acres, the fourth cause of this Will is not to take Effect so far as the land is concerned untill (sp) after the death of my Wife, Mary S. Davis, the other part to take efect (sp) (at) my Death.

I, Clement Davis, declare the above to be my last Will and testament.

CLEMENT (his x mark) DAVIS

Witness

Nathe Eldridge
David Pinkerton

And I als(o) empower and appoint my Wife, Mary S. Davis, as Sole Executrix of the within and foregoing Will.

This 2d of March 1870.

Signed in the presence of the witnesses (?) names are signed Hereto.

CLEMENT (his x mark) DAVIS

Witness

Nathe Eldridge
David Pinkerton

State of Arkansas,
County of Polk,

I, Alfred P. Alexander, Clerk of Polk County and exoffico Clerk of the Court of Probate, Do hereby Certify that the within and foregoing will was filed in my office on the 20th day of October 1870 and is duly recorded and Probated in Record Book 6 on Page 16, 17, 18, 19.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office at Dallas this 20t(h) day of Oct. 1870.

ALFRED P. ALEXANDER, Clerk

County of Polk,
The State of Arkansas,

To all Whom these presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Know ye, that the Last Will and testament of Clement Davis of Polk County, deceased, has been exhibited in due form of law, proven and Recorded in the office of the Clerk of Probate for Polk County, a cobby (sp) of which is hereto annexed and in as much as it appears that Mary S. Davis has (been) appointed Executrix in and by the last will and testament and to execute the Same and to the end that the property of the testator may be preserved for he who Shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein and that the Said last will may be Executed according to (the) request of the testator. We do hereby authorize her the Said Mary S. Davis as such Executrix to collect and secure all and Singular the Good and Chattels, rights and credits, which were of the Said Clement Davis at the time of his death, (and) in Who-soever hands or possession the same may be found, and perform and fulfill all such duties as may be Enjoined upon her by Said Will so far (as) there Shall be property and the law Charge her, and in General to do and perform all other acts which now are or hereafter may be required of them, by law.

Witness my hand and the seal of Said Court this the 20th day of October 1870.

ALFRED P. ALEXANDER, Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Clement Davis of Polk County, Arkansas dated March 2, 1870 and filed October 20, 1870 and clerk's certificate. Original instruments courtesy of Judy Davis, 306 Camellia, Orange, Texas 77630.

HOLY BIBLE

CONTAINING THE

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS:

TRANSLATED OUT OF

THE ORIGINAL TONGUES;

AND WITH

THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED.

NEW YORK:
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Clement (blank) ...

Marah (sp) S. Hancock (sp) Was born in the year of our lord August th(e) 20, 1814.

Emly (sp) A. Davis was born A.D. July th(e) 2, 1838.

Nancy E. Davis was (born) A.D. March th(e) 2, 1841.

Isabel S. Davis was born A.D. July th(e) 12, 1843.

Martha E. Davis was Born A.D. Sept. 25th 1845.

Lida (sp) L.E. Davis was born A.D. Jan. th(e) 23, 1850.

Syrena R.E. Davis was born A.D. February th(e) 2d, 1852.

Faires (sp) B.H. Davis was born A.D. Aug. th(e) 24, 1857.

BIRTHS.

Lualice D. (Miller) Davis Was born A.D. December 28th 1862.

Lurisa D. Davis Was born A.D. June 8th 1882.

John C. Davis was born A.D. Jan. th(e) 30, 1884.

Farris E. Davis was born A.D. Nov. th(e) 2, 1886.

William P. Davis Was born in the year of our lord May the 9, 1887.

Marah (sp) Davis Was born Dec. The 8th 1888.

Pearl Davis was Born May th(e) 20 Day, 1890.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Bev Davis Was Born January 8th 1892.

Homer Davis Was Born May The 7th 1894.

Carrie E. Davis Was born November The 25, 1896

Unise (sp) Davis Was born this the 13th Day of October 1898.

Edison Davis Was born March the 6th 1901.

Sibel (sp) Davis was Born December 13, 1902.

Elcy (sp) Davis was born 27th of Nov. 1904.

BIRTHS.

Delphia Gairison (sp) Was born September The 2 Day 1899.

Ival Gairerson (sp) Was born March 26, 1902.

Lowull (sp) Gairison (sp) was Born August 19, 1902.

Glenn Gairison (sp) was Borne 14th of Feb. 1904.

Flora Gairison (sp) was born June the (3)d 1906.

Inie (sp) Shofner was Born the 23 of Jan. 1908.

Hazel Davis Was Born Dec. 17th 1908.

Adiline (sp) Miller was born July 10th 1890.

Samuel Clem Miller was born March 31st 1879.

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Faires (sp) B.H. Davis & Alice (D)elona Miller Was married July The 17, 1879.

John Garison (sp) and Lurissa Davis Was married on Oct. the 30th 1898.

John C. Davis and Martha Wakely was Married 28 day Nov. 1906.

A.C. Shofner and Farris E. Davis Was Married th(e) 24 of February 1907.

Pearl Davis & William Pate was Married Dec. the 12th 1909.

MARRIAGES.

William P. Davis was Married Feb. 5, 1917 to Margaret Levitine Turner (Guersey).

Charles & Mary Turner married Oct. 7, 1911.

Bev Davis & Gertrude Bartlet Was married June 9, 1912.

Homer S. Davis & Dora Henry married The 11 of April 1917.

John C. Davis & Mary Adeline (Mamie) Reid married Feb. 28, 1921.

Eunice & Grady Wakley married April 17, 1917.

Carrie & Jesse Pinkerton married March 5th 1919.

Sybil & Verner Townsend married Dec. 25, 1920.
 Elsie D. Davis & Fletcher Cooley married Dec. 24, 1925.
 L.E. Davis & Violet McCormick married June 27, 1928.
 Bev Dixon Davis & Adel L. Leibner, Oct. 31, 1923.
 Wm. Pierce Davis & Buena Vista Theobolt, Mar. 8, 1926.
 Sibyl Faye Davis & Elmer Luis Hair, June 2, 1954.

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Marah (sp) S. Davis Died the 18 Day of January A.D. 1888 Aged 76.
 S.R.E. Miller Departed this life Nov. 1892.
 N.E. Hobson Died October the 31, 1911 (tombstone 1912).
 Clement Davis was Bor(n) April the 7, 1813. Died Nov. 16, 1866 (between March 2, 1870 and October 20, 1870).

DEATHS.

Lurisa Dalrymple Departed this life June the 6th 1882.
 Martha Wakley Davis Died the 17 Jan. 1911.
 John C. Davis' Baby Willard Edison Died Dec. th(e) 22, 1910.
 Elsie Dell Davis Died April 14, 1927.
 Bev Dixon Davis Died June 22, 1937.
 Homer S. Davis Died Sept. 15, 1942.
 Alice Delona Davis Died Nov. 9, 1942.
 Farris Bernard Hempstead Davis died May 1, 1948, 11:30 p.m.
 Pearl Davis Pate died Sept. 3, 1958.
 Luricy (Rissie) Davis Garrison died Mar. 20, 1965.

Farris Bernard Hempstead Davis Bible family record pages courtesy of Judy Davis, 306 Camellia, Orange, Texas 77630.

WILLIAM T. HANCOCK

William T. Hancock was born in Laurens District, South Carolina in 1797. About 1806 his parents moved to Tennessee and settled in Jackson County.

The early records of Laurens County, South Carolina combined with later census records of Jackson County, Tennessee evidences the father of William T. Hancock to be Clement Hancock of the 1800 Laurens County, South Carolina census. The grandfather was Clement Hancock. He was in the service during the Revolutionary War. He served as a Lieutenant beginning June 3, 1780 in Col. Casey's South Carolina Regiment and on May 17, 1781 was among those taken as prisoners by the British and sent on the schooner "Packhorse" and kept in close confinement until the last of July 1781. Paroled he went home and again entered the service under the command of Col. Joseph Hayes the first day of August, 1781. He served until his death at Hayes Station in Laurens County, South Carolina on November 19, 1781. The account of his death is found in "The History of South Carolina in the Revolution 1780-1783" by Edward McCrady, 1902:

It was on a fine morning a few days after the massacre at Cloud's Creek when at ten o'clock a party led on by one John Hood rode up to the station (Hayes) at full gallop and reaching the piazza of the house called out in a loud voice that none should fire from within or they would all be put to death. Disregarding this warning a shot was fired and one of the Tories was killed. Cuningham (Bloody Bill) arriving shortly afterwards, sent a flag with a written message de-manding instant surrender and promising if the Whig party surrendered to spare all lives, but declaring, it is claimed, that if they resisted and so caused the spilling of his men's blood, he would give them no quarter, but put them to death. Colonel Hayes trusting to receive a reenforcement before the station could be carried refused to surrender and answered "he would hold out to the last." Hayes and his party made a vigorous resistance which lasted for hours, but Cuningham at last succeeded in setting fire to the house, which was of wood, by means of ramrods wrapped round with tow dipped in pitch and thrown in a blazing state on the roof. Half suffocated, Hayes and his party surrendered at discretion. Cuningham immediately hanged Hayes and another man Daniel Williams on the pole of a fodder stack. Before they were dead the pole broke and Cuningham drawing his sword slew the half-strangled men with his own hand. This he justified himself in doing because of alleged cruelties by Hayes to women and children, and of the killing by Williams of a favorite follower of his, one Thomas Ellison. Being told of the presence of one Cook, who, it was charged he with Ritchie and Moore whipped his brother to death, Cuningham ordered him out from the rest and slew him with his sword. He then gave permission to his men to do as they pleased with the rest. And all who had rendered themselves obnoxious in any way to the Tories were slain without mercy. Each of his men singled out whomsoever he would and killed him forthwith. The execution took place about sunset. Only two of the party fell in the action, fourteen were deliberately cut to pieces after their surrender.

Their names and rank as given by Ramsay in "Revolution in South Carolina," Volume II, page 273, were as follows: Colonel Joseph Hayes, Captain Daniel Williams, Lieutenant Christopher Hardy, Lieutenant John Neil, Clement Hancock, Joseph Williams, Joseph Irby, Sr., Joseph Irby, Jr., John Milvin, James Feris, John Cook, Greaf Irby, Benjamin Goodman, Yancey Saxon. The "Royal Gazette" for December 8, 1781 gives two names not mentioned by Ramsay. They were probably those of the killed in action, Captains Owen and Leonard. Of his party Cuningham had one man killed and five wounded. At this place a monument stands in Laurens County, South Carolina in com-memoration of the American patriots killed that day. Clement Hancock was survived by his wife Isabella and children: Sally, Clement, James, John, William, and Joseph Hancock.

William T. Hancock married Elizabeth Dickson on February 1, 1821 in Jackson County, Tennessee. Their known children include:

John D. Hancock born 1825 in Jackson County, Tennessee; married Angeline Stringer daughter of Rice Stringer and Rachel Davis on October 5, 1851 in Pike County, Arkansas; died November 15, 1869. He was killed by William R. Brewer at Murfreesboro.

William J. Hancock born 1827 in Jackson County, Tennessee.

Abner Hancock born 1832 in then Clark, Pike County, Arkansas (1833); married, wife unknown; died prior April 23, 1855. He was survived by an infant son Robert J. Hancock.

Mary S. Hancock born 1835 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married first Thomas Jefferson Conway about 1853 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second James M. Evans about 1859 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Rebecca E. Hancock born 1837 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Robert Fletcher Roberson son of Benjamin Jefferson Roberson and Nancy Messer about 1859 in Pike County, Arkansas.

William T. Hancock entered military service of the United States in the War of 1818 against the Seminole Indians. He enlisted January 31, 1818 at Camp Blount, Tennessee for the period of six months. He was a private soldier in James Rod-gers' company and at the end of a five month tour of service he was mustered out at Columbia, Tennessee. This was on June 30, 1818. William T. Hancock settled in Arkansas about 1831 and lived at or near

Murfreesboro until his death on Decem-ber 24, 1849. Elizabeth Dickson Hancock born 1803 in Tennessee died at Murfreesboro on Jan-uary 12, 1854.

BOUNTY LAND CLAIM

Form of Declaration to be Made
By the Widow of a Deceased
Officer or Soldier.

State of Arkansas,

ss.

County of Pike,

On this 14th day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before me, Thomas J. Conway a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Hancock aged 47 years, a resident of Pike County in the State of Arkansas who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William Hancock deceased, who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain James Rodgers in a Regiment of T.V.M.G.M. in the war with the Seminole Indians, that her said husband, volunteered in the State of Tennessee for the term of, not known, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of five months and was honorably discharged at Columbia, Tenn. on the 30th day of June A.D. 1818 as will appear by the original Certificate of Discharge hereto attached and also the muster rolls of said Company.

She further states that she was married to the said William Hancock in Jackson Co., Tennessee on the first day of February A.D. 1821 by one Sam'l Dickson a Justice of the Peace and that her name before said marriage was Elizabeth Dickson that her said husband died in Pike County, Arkansas on the 23rd day of December A.D. 1849 and that she is still a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the "act passed September 28th, 1850."

ELIZABETH HANCOCK

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year above written.

THOS. J. CONWAY, J.P. (L.S.)

Certificate of Discharge

This is to certify that William Hancock private in Capt. James Rodgers' company of T.V.M.G.M. has served a tour of five months as a Volunteer, on an expedition against the Seminole Indians; he carries with him the thanks & gratitude of his commanding officer and merits the applause of his country, and is hereby honorably discharged.

JAMES RODGERS, Capt.

Columbia, June 30th 1818.

The military record of William Hancock indicates he mustered in as a private in Capt. Chism's Company, 1st Regiment, T.V.M.G.M. on January 31, 1818. He was attached to Capt. James Rodgers' Company as given in the certificate of discharge. The military record under Capt. Chism and discharge above both indicate he was discharged on June 30, 1818 at Columbia, Tennessee.

State of Arkansas,

ss.

County of Pike,

I, Thomas K. Dossey as Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for the County and State above mentioned, do hereby certify, that Thomas J. Conway whose genuine signature appears above, is, and was, at the time of signing the same, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled in full faith and credit; and that the aforesaid Circuit Court, is a Court of Record, having general jurisdiction.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Murfreesborough, Pike County, Arks. this 14th day of May A.D., 1851.

THOMAS K. DOSSEY, Clerk.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Know all Men by the these Presents:

That I, Elizabeth Hancock of the County of Pike and State of Arkansas do hereby irrevocably make, constitute and appoint William K. Sebastian my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, to demand and receive from the Department of the Interior of the United States, the Certificate or Warrant, to which I am entitled for the Military services of my said husband, as set forth in the foregoing Declaration; and, for good and sufficient reasons, do hereby revoke and counter-mand any and all other powers of attorney or other authority that may have been heretofore given by me.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 14th day of May A.D. 1851.

ELIZABETH HANCOCK (L.S.)

State of Arkansas,

ss.

County of Pike,

On this 14th day of May in the year 1851, personally appeared before me, Thomas J. Conway a Justice of the Peace duly authorized by law to take acknowledgements in and for the county aforesaid, Elizabeth Hancock and acknowledged the above Power to be her act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

THOS. J. CONWAY, J.P. (L.S.)

The State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

I, Elizabeth Hancock, of the County of Pike in the State of Arkansas and widow of William Hancock late of said County, deceased, being first duly sworn do depose and say:

That, I, was lawfully married to William Hancock by Samuel Dickson, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Jackson in the State of Tennessee on the first day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one in the County of Jackson in the State of Tennessee; that, I, do not know whether there was a record of said marriage made or not; that the said William Hancock departed this life some years since in the County of Pike in the State of Arkansas leaving this affiant, his widow, and several children; that William T. Dickson and Lydia Hancock of the County of Pike in the State of Arkansas were present at said marriage and know the fact(s) as stated above to be true; that I am the identical person making application as the widow of William Hancock, deceased, for Bounty (Land) under the act of Congress of the 28th day of September A.D. 1850 and that there is no fraud or attempt to defraud in making application for the privileges of said act being extended to me on my said application.

ELIZABETH HANCOCK

Sworn to and subscribed by the said Elizabeth Hancock widow of William Hancock deceased, before me, the undersigned Justice of the Peace of Pike County in the State of Arkansas, duly commissioned and qualified as such, this the 29th day of April, A.D. 1852.

THOS. J. CONWAY, J.P.

The State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

We, William T. Dickson and Lydia Hancock, of the County of Pike in the State of Arkansas, being first duly sworn do depose and say:

That, we, were present at the marriage of the above named Elizabeth Hancock to William Hancock (on) the first day of February in the year eighteen-hundred and Twenty-one in Jackson County (in the) State of Tennessee; that the said marriage was performed by Samuel Dickson, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Jackson in the State of Tennessee as stated and set forth in the foregoing affidavit of the said Elizabeth Hancock and that the said William Hancock departed this life some years since in the County of Pike in the State of Arkansas and that the said William Hancock and Elizabeth Hancock lived together as man and wife from the time of their said marriage up to the day of his death, and that we have no knowledge of any Public record being made of said marriage.

WILLIAM T. DICKSON
LYDIA HANCOCK

Sworn to and subscribed by the said William T. Dickson and Lydia Hancock, before me, the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pike in the State of Arkansas, duly commissioned and qualified as such this the 29th day of April, A.D. 1852.

THOS. J. CONWAY, J.P.

The State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

I, Lewis Huddleston, Sheriff of Pike County in the State of Arkansas being first duly sworn, do depose and say:

That, I, am Sheriff of Pike County in the State of Arkansas and have been some Years past; that I was personally acquainted with William Hancock late of said County, de-ceased, in his life time; that he departed this life some years since in said County leaving Elizabeth Hancock, his widow; that I am personally acquainted with the said Elizabeth Hancock and William T. Dickson and Lydia Hancock who have deposed to the foregoing affidavit, that they are persons of high(es)t respectability and worth of every confidence.

LEWIS HUDDLESTON
Sheriff of Pike County, Arkansas.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pike and State of Arkansas, duly commissioned and qualified as such on the 3rd day of May A.D. 1852.

THOS. J. CONWAY, J.P.

The State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

I, Thomas K. Dossey, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Pike in the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that Thomas J. Conway, Esquire, before whom the within and foregoing affidavits were taken and made, is and was at the time of taking and certifying the said affidavits of Elizabeth Hancock and William T. Dickson and Lydia Hancock and Lewis Huddleston, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pike in the State of Arkansas, duly commissioned and qualified as such, and that full faith and confidence are due his acts as such Justice of the Peace and I further certify, that I am personally acquainted with Elizabeth Hancock widow of William Hancock, deceased, William T. Dickson and Lydia Hancock and Lewis Huddleston, Sheriff of Pike County, Arkansas the affiant, and that they are all persons of highest respectability and entitled to the most implicit confidence and I further certify that William Hancock departed this life some years since in Pike County in the State of Arkansas leaving the said Elizabeth Hancock his widow.

In testimony whereof, I, the said Thomas K. Dossey have hereunto set my hand as such clerk and affixed the seal of said Circuit Court on this 3rd day of May A.D. 1852.

(SEAL) THOMAS K. DOSSEY
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Pike County, Arkansas.

U.S. Senate
May 30, '52 (1852)

Sir:

I herewith transmit the additional proof required in the case of the application of Elizabeth Hancock, widow of Wm. Hancock, Ro(d)gers Co., Tenn. Vols. Seminole War. The original application was transmitted by me to the Office June 7, 1851 and the (?) in the proof by letter about Mar 19.

Resp(ectful)ly,

W.K. SEBASTIAN

Hon. J.E. Heath
Com. of Pens.

PS: Hon. R.W. Johnson, Ho(use) of Repr. and myself are acquainted with the respectabi(li)ty of (the) witnesses.

W.K.S.

State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

IN PIKE COURT OF PROBATE
April Term 1855.

Rebecca Hancock in the matter
of her Guardianship

PETITION / EXPARTE

Now on this day the clerk of this court presented the petition of Rebecca Hancock, a minor (of) the age of fourteen years, praying that John D. Hancock be appointed her Guardian; and representing that she has an interest in property which requires the care and attention of some discreet person who will carefully protect the interest of the petitioner.

It is therefore ordered that said John D. Hancock be appointed her, the said Rebecca Hancock, Guardian upon his entering into bond.

Now on this day the clerk of this court presented the bond of the said John D. Hancock as Guardian of Rebecca Hancock a minor, in the sum of One thousand Dollars with Thomas J. Conway as his Security, conditioned according to law, which was examined by the court and approved.

State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

Sct.

I, William R. McFarlin, Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex-officio Clerk of the Court of Probate in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the appointment and qualification of John D. Hancock as Guardian of Rebecca Hancock, a minor, remaining of Record in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at my office, this 16 day of June A.D. 1855.

(SEAL) WM. R. McFARLIN, Clerk.

State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

On this 1st day of September 1855, personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, John D. Hancock, Guardian of Rebecca Hancock, who is the minor heir of William Hancock late of the County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law declares:

That the said Rebecca is the only minor heir of William Hancock deceased, and that the said William is the identical man who was a private in the company commanded by Cap-tain Ro(d)gers in the 2nd Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers commanded by Col. Haines in the War against the Seminole Indians. That he volunteered at Jackson County, Tennessee on or about the 1st of February 1818 for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Columbia, Tennessee on or about the 1st of August 1818, by reason of the expiration of his term of service. He further states that Elizabeth Hancock who was the widow of the said William Hancock as aforesaid and the mother of the said Rebecca, has received for the services of the said William Hancock, Bounty Land Warrant No. (not recollected) for 80 acres which was legally disposed of previous to the death of the said Elizabeth, which death took place on the 12 day of January 1854. And that the said William Hancock died on the 24 day of December 1849.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which the said Rebecca Hancock, minor heir of the said William Hancock, is entitled under the act of March 3d 1855, Bounty Land never having been received for said service except as above stated. And he hereby constitutes and appoints Charles C. Tucker of Washington, D.C. his true and lawful attorney to prosecute this claim and procure the Warrant for said service, hereby countermanding and revoking any and all authority hitherto given for the above specified purpose.

JOHN D. HANCOCK

Sworn to, subscribed, and acknowledged before me the day and year first above written, and on the same day personally came and appeared before me, John D. Brewer and William H. Preston, residents of the County and State, aforesaid, to me known as credible witnesses, who being duly sworn, declare:

That, they, were personally acquainted with William Hancock in his life time and with Elizabeth Hancock his wife and widow in her life time, and that they both died at the dates specified in the foregoing declaration, and that the said William Hancock was the identical person herein as presented, and that they believe rendered the services aforementioned, and that the said Elizabeth Hancock received (a) Bounty Land Warrant in her life time as above set forth; and that the said Rebecca Hancock is the only surviving minor heir of the said William and Elizabeth Hancock, that they are personally acquainted with the said John D. Hancock who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration, that they were present and saw him sign his name to said declaration; that from their knowledge and acquaintance with the said John D. Hancock, they are satisfied that he is the duly authorized guardian by law of the aforesaid Rebecca Hancock.

They further swear that they are disinterested in said claim and reside at the place above named.

JOHN D. BREWER
W.H. PRESTON

Sworn to & subscribed before me, and I certify that I am not interested in the claim or concerned in its prosecution, and I believe that the facts stated are as they represent them to be.

A.B. WILLIAMS, J.P.

Bounty Land Warrant 31204, Military Service Records, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

IN PIKE COURT OF PROBATE
April Term 1855, In Vacation

John D. Hancock is appointed administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Hancock who died about January 12, 1854 leaving heirs: John D. Hancock, Thomas J. Conway, Rebecca Hancock, all of Pike County, Arkansas; and Robert J. Hancock, infant of Abner Hancock deceased, of Hempstead County, Arkansas.

John D. Hancock is appointed guardian of Robert J. Hancock, a minor heir of Abner Hancock, deceased. Bond approved by the court.

WM. R. McFARLIN, Clerk
April 23, 1855

Abstract of Title Book Prior to 1890, Probate Court, page 302: Probate Book 1, page 9, edited. J.D Hancock is appointed guardian of Rebecca Hancock: Probate Book 1, page 14. July 24, 1855. Sale Bill presented and filed: Probate Book 1, page 129. April Term 1857. Court orders sale of Land Warrant No. 31204 of William Hancock for the benefit of his ward: Probate Book 1, page 146. April Term 1858. Court appoints John D. Hancock guardian of Robert J. Hancock a minor heir of Abner Hancock deceased: Probate Book 1, page 167. Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

SION B. DICKSON

Sion Bradley Dickson was born in Tennessee about 1807 and with his father David Dickson came to Arkansas about 1825 or 1826. They set-tled west of

the "three forks" of the Little Missouri river now Murfreesboro in what was then Hempstead County later annexed into Pike County, Arkansas when it was formed in 1833. Sion Bradley Dickson married Nancy Davis daughter of Jeremiah and Stacia Davis about 1826. Nancy Davis was born October 7, 1806 in Christian County, Kentucky. Her parents moved from Kentucky to Illinois about 1808 and eventually located in the new Arkansas territory where they settled at the "three forks" of the Little Missouri. They were among its first settlers. Previously living here were the families of William Hughes and Oliver Brewer. The children of Sion Bradley Dickson and Nancy Davis were:

James Ashley Dickson born March 4, 1828 in then Clark, Pike County, Arkansas (1833); married Mary Susan Rice (or Price); died January 22, 1896 at Tolosa, Kaufman County, Texas.

Susanna A. Dickson born 1830 in then Clark, Pike County, Arkansas (1833); married first Thomas P. Brewer about 1846 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second Pleasant Adams on July 20, 1855 in Hopkins County, Texas; married third Benjamin Davis prior 1870; she is Susanna "Branch" in the 1920 Pike County, Arkansas census, "mother" of John B. Davis.

Frances Ann Dickson born 1832 in then Clark, Pike County, Arkansas (1833); married Thomas B. Crawford on July 28, 1853 in Hopkins County, Texas.

Phoebe Dickson born 1834 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Wiley A. Moss, February 3, 1857 in Hopkins County, Texas.

John E. Dickson born 1836 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Clarissa, maiden name unknown.

Sarena (Syrena) Dickson born 1838 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas.

Leanna (Lee) Dickson born April 15, 1841 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married J.E. Howard; died Dec. 20, 1901; buried in Cumby Cemetery at Cumby, Texas.

Grandison Delaney Royston Dickson born 1843 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas.

Lurana (Louranie) Dickson born May 1, 1845 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Daniel R. Stringer about 1866 in Hopkins County, Texas; died September 3, 1883; buried in Cumby Cemetery at Cumby, Texas.

Ellar Ringold Dickson born September 8, 1847 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married first, wife unknown; married second Mary R. Weaver on July 1, 1875 in Hopkins County, Texas; died January 4,

1929 at Cumby, Hopkins County, Texas; buried in Cumby Cemetery at Cumby, Texas.

Malinda Adaline Dickson born 1850 at Murfreesboro, Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married William H.C. Lile on October 12, 1865 in Hopkins County, Texas.

In 1831 Sion B. Dickson purchased an improvement from his wife's mother Stacia Davis. It was situated within the southeast quarter of Section eight in Township 8, South of Range Twenty-five, West. In 1839 he purchased this quarter section of 160 acres from the government that included the improvement acquired from Stacia Davis and thereafter received a patent. His land joined the original tract selected by the Pike County commissioners in 1834 for the county seat of Murfreesboro on the north.

In 1851 Sion Bradley Dickson sold his land and improvements to Enoch Lockhart and left Pike County, Arkansas for Hopkins County, Texas. When the federal census of Hopkins County, Texas was taken in 1860 the Dicksons post office is identified as Retina. Ten years later according to the census schedule their post office is Miller Grove. At some time after 1870 Sion Bradley Dickson died in Hopkins County, Texas. A search of cemetery records of the county has failed to locate his place of burial and a tombstone. Nancy Dickson afterward made her home with a daughter Malinda Lile. She died June 18, 1884 and is buried in the Cumby Cemetery at Cumby, Texas. Her epitaph reads "Mother is not dead, but slepeth."

PREEMPTION PROOF

State of Arkansas,
County of Hempstead,

Be it remembered, that on the 20th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, Sion B. Dickson, of the County of Pike, in the State of Arkansas personally came before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace within and for the County of Hempstead in the (State) aforesaid, at Washington in said county, in the presence of the Register and Receiver at Washington, Arkansas and being duly sworn, deposed and sayeth:

That, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, he purchased an improvement on the public lands of the United States from a certain Stacia Davis; the township in which said improvement is situate was at that time un-surveyed, but said township was surveyed in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and said improvement found to be upon the

South East quarter of Section Eight in Township Eight South of Range Twenty-five West in the district of Lands subject to sale at Washington, Arkansas. This deponent further shows that said improvement consist(ed) of a dwelling house and other out-houses and about twenty acres of improved land under fence, and he further states that in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, he cultivated on said tract about fifteen acres, principally in corn and that he resided there and had possession of the same on the 19th day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and he further states that he is over the age of twenty-one years of age, to wit: thirty-two years of age, a married man, the head of a family consisting of a wife and six children. Deponent further sayeth not.

SION B. DICKSON

Sworn to and subscribed to before me, this twentieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred & thirty-nine.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

And at the same time and place, John Hughes and James Hughes personally came before me in the presence as aforesaid, and being duly sworn state on oath:

That, they, are personally well acquainted with the within named Sion B. Dickson and that they know that he is over twenty one years of age, the head of a family, and that in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty three he cultivated about fifteen acres upon the South East quarter of Section Eight in Township Eight South of Range number Twenty five West in the district of land subject to sale at Washington, Arkansas and that he resided thereon with his family and had possession of the same on the nineteenth day of June, Eighteen hundred and thirty four. And further, they say not.

JOHN HUGHES
JAMES HUGHES

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20th May 1839.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

Cash Certificate Entry 4023, Washington, Arkansas Land Office, National Archives Record Group 49. Washington National Records Center, 4205 Suit-land Road, Suitland, Maryland 20409.

Oda Templeton Memories

I remember three of my great grandparents. I will begin with the Dickson family. My great grandmother Dickson, Nancy Davis, was a tall blue eyed woman with dark hair. I remember my great grandfather (Sion Bradley) Dickson too, but he died when I was quite young. They were the parents of my grandfather James Ashley Dickson.

My grandfather was born about 1829. He entered the Confederate Army as a medical doctor from Cumby then known as Black Jack Grove. He had

already become interested in preaching and after the war ended he gave up the practice of medicine to devote his time to preaching. He had a close friend Dr. Reeves who entered the army with him who continued his medical practice. They became separated after the war. This Dr. Reeves attended grandma Willis when Aunt (June) Garnet was born and learned that grandma was a daughter of his old friend James Ashley Dickson. This made him very happy. Dr. Reeves was also a preacher and later he performed the marriage ceremony for my parents.

My grandfather James Ashley Dickson owned a general store and a farm which he operated through the week. His weekends were spent riding horseback to outlying communities and preaching. He also preached for revival meetings through the summer months. My grandfather was the finest man I ever knew. He and grandmother tried to teach me the finer things of life.

Oda Templeton, memories related to her daughter Allie Brown, courtesy of Jerry Willis.

DEED

Sion B. Dickson to James A. Dickson

The State of Texas,
Hopkins County,

Know All Men By These Presents:

That, I, Sion B. Dickson of the above mentioned State and County have, for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred and twenty dollars, to me in hand paid by James A. Dickson of the above mentioned State and County, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged; have granted, bargained, sold, released, and forever conveyed unto the a(fore)said James A. Dickson the following described land, to wit: Five hundred and twenty acres of land described as follows: lying and being in the above mentioned State and County on the Lake Fork of the Sabine River, the survey made by virtue of the (headrite) certificate to David Shepherd by virtue of law, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a post set in the South boundary line of a Survey in the name of James Riley No. 46, one post oak bears West 2/10 varas; one other post oak bears South 26 West 3 varas; running thence South 1507 varas to a post in the North boundary line of a Survey in the name of E. Tollette in open prairie No. 127. Thence East at 1222 varas to North East corner of No. 127 at 1941 varas. Set post in the West boundary line of a Survey in the name of E. Mosely to a corner of the same marked WX in the south boundary line of the above named No. 46, thence West, the said line 1941 varas to the place of

beginning, containing by other Survey, 520 acres of land. To have and to hold all the (right), title, and claim that I have in and to said land, and that of my heirs and legal representatives forever, hereby warranting and forever defending the (right) to the same, free from me and all persons lawfully claiming the same or any part by, through, or under me, making this deed of equal and good in matter and form as the patent for the same.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal, a scroll being used for seal, the 16th day of March 1869.

SION B. (his x mark) DICKSON (Seal)

Witness:

W.H.C. LILE
FRANCES (her x mark) CRAWFORD

The State of Texas,
County of Hopkins,

Before me, G.W. Downing, a Notary Public in and for said County of Hopkins, personally came Sion B. Dickson, to me well known, by whom the foregoing deed bearing date March the 16th A.D. 1869, appears to have been executed and acknowledged; that he executed the same for the considerations and purposes therein stated.

To all of which, I certify by, hereto setting my hand officially with the seal of my office this the 19th day of June A.D. 1869.

(L.S.) G.W. DOWNING
Notary Public, H.C. Texas

Filed for record March 15th 1871 at 2 o'clock P.M.

J.M. ASHCROFT, Dist. Clk.

Hopkins County, Texas Deed Records, Volume N, pp. 63-64.

JAMES ASHLEY DICKSON

March 4, 1828 - January 22, 1896

James Ashley Dickson, the eldest son of Sion Bradley and Nancy Davis Dickson, was a noteworthy son of Hopkins County. He was born in Pike County, Arkansas and spent the first twenty three years of his life there. His father was a pioneer of Clark, now Pike County, and was employed in the acquisition and development of a virgin land.

Ashley's mother Nancy Davis was a religious woman and a devoted follower of Elijah Kelley of Pike County, a leading minister of the day. We cannot prove that she pledged her first son to the service of the Lord, but she and Ashley are reg-

istered as charter members of the Antioch Church of Christ in Delight, Arkansas a church established by Elijah Kelley in 1833. The Reverend Kelley and his brother William, also a minister, continued to teach and influence the youth for the ministry, for it became his consuming call in life, although he learned farming from his father and later engaged in merchandising, and hotel operation as well, in order to earn a living. He was a medical corpsman during the War between the States.

In addition to being a minister and a farmer and hotel operator, James Ashley Dickson reared a family with his wife Mary Susan Rice (or Price), of five sons and three daughters. He owned a farm near Cumby and a store and a small hotel. His weekends were devoted to preaching in Cumby and nearby rural churches and in holding revival meetings during the summer.

His granddaughter, Oda Templeton is quoted as saying he was "the finest man" she ever knew. She tells of his ministry in Llano, Texas where he lived for a time, and of his holding revivals in Richland Springs, Texas where his name is recorded in the Christian Church library as one of the outstanding preachers of the Christian faith.

He, like his neighbors, suffered the general privations of the war and reconstruction. He was able to raise enough food on his farm to feed his family, his store was profitable enough to clothe them, and his knowledge of medicine helped to provide remedies for the ills of his family and neighbors.

His health began to fail about 1890. He wrote his daughter, Mrs. W.T. Willis, in January of 1894 that he had rented a part of the farm. He desposed of his Hopkins County property that year and moved to Kaufman County with his wife, son Lewis Edwin, and daughter Pearl. He and his son established a general store at the crossroads village of Tolosa, Texas. He died in January of 1896.

BRYAN DICKSON

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

James A. Dickson & Mary Susan Rice (or Price)

Husband: James Ashley Dickson, son of Sion Bradley Dickson and Nancy Davis born March 4, 1828 in Clark, now Pike County, Arkansas; died January 22, 1896, Tolosa, Kaufman County, Texas.

Wife: Mary Susan Rice (or Price) born October 21, 1832 in Kentucky; died November 26, 1899, Tolosa, Kaufman County, Texas.

Marriage: James Ashley Dickson and Mary Susan Rice (or Price), 1850, in Pike County, Arkansas.

Children

Sion Bradley Dickson born October 6, 1851 in Hopkins County, Texas; died October 20, 1870.

William A. Dickson born June 6, 1855 in Hopkins County, Texas; died 1930.

James B. Dickson born 1857 in Hopkins County, Texas; died December 23, 1859 in Hopkins County, Texas.

Mary L. Dickson born April 3, 1859 in Hopkins County, Texas; married J.J. Dial on October 5, 1875 in Hopkins County, Texas; died July 3, 1879.

Samuel R. Dickson born January 20, 1862 in Hopkins County, Texas; died April 17, 1892.

Nancy Alameda Dickson born June 14, 1864 in Hopkins County, Texas; married William Thomas Willis on August 18, 1878; died January 18, 1944 at Lawn, Taylor County, Texas.

Lewis Edwin Dickson born March 12, 1867 in Hopkins County, Texas; married Mary Tucker; died November 16, 1943 at Tolosa, Kaufman County, Texas.

Pearl E. Dickson born June 30, 1874 in Hopkins County, Texas; died 1910 at Tolosa, Kaufman County, Texas.

ABNER H. HANCOCK

Abner Handy Hancock born in 1808 in Tennessee arrived in that part of Hempstead which became Pike County, Arkansas about 1831 from Jackson County, Tennessee. He initially settled in Section 13 of Township 8, South of Range 26, West. This was on the Muddy fork of the Little Missouri River two miles west of Murfreesboro. Thereafter he moved to Antioch on Wolf Creek joining the families of Samuel Hasley, Elijah Kelley and William Kelley. As with Pike County, Arkansas the early Jackson County, Tennessee records were lost. In a letter written in 1979 by Mrs. Moldon Tayse then County Historian of Jackson County, Tennessee she says: "Our Courthouse burned in 1872 and again in 1927 so we don't have a lot of records, some Chancery court records were in a private office outside the Courthouse, from some of the old Court cases we have gleaned a little ... I'm enclosing a copy of an old deed (of) Abner H. Hancock that I got from an old house. He must have sold this when he was getting ready to go to Arkansas."

Abner H. Hancock to John Sisco

DEED &c.

This indenture made the 3d day of January 1829 between Abner H. Hancock of Jackson County and State of Tennessee of the one part, and John Sisco of the other part.

Witnesseth that, the said Abner H. Hancock for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars to him in hand paid, the Receipt whereof is Hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, sold, aliens and confirmed unto the said Sisco, his heirs &c. forever, a certain tract of parcel of land situate in the county of Jackson & State aforesaid, on Smith's fork of Jennings Creek, containing twenty five acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a buckeye and beech, the north(h) West corner of William Ryleis fifty acre Survey, running thence West sixty-three poles to a sugar tree and two beeches; thence North crossing a branch at thirteen poles, in all forty-five poles to two chestnut oaks and two sugar trees; thence East Eighty-eight & eight-ninths poles to a buck eye and beech; thence South forty-five poles to a beech in the north boundary line of s(ai)d Survey; thence West with said line crossing a branch at fifteen poles, in all twenty-five poles and Eight-ninths poles to the beginning, including the place and spring where the said Sisco now lives. Together with all the ways, woods, water, watercourses, mines,

minerals, hereditments and appurtenances to the s(ai)d land belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only proper use of him the said John Sisco, his heirs &c. forever.

And the said Abner H. Hancock, his heirs &c., doth covenant and agree to and with the said John Sisco, his heirs &c., that he will warrant and defend the aforesaid tract of land and bargained premises, against the lawful claim or demand of all persons whatsoever.

In testimony whereof, the said Abner H. Hancock hath set his hand and seal the date above written.

ABNER H. HANCOCK (Seal)

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

JOHN WILSON
WILLIAM JOHNSTON
ISABELLA HANCOCK

Abner H. Hancock and Lydia Dickson were married in Jackson County, Tennessee by 1830 and their known children were:

Nancy W. Hancock born 1831 in then Hempstead, Pike County, Arkansas (1833); married Benjamin Fredrick Speer about 1849 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 1865 in Jack County, Texas.

Leolan Hancock born June 7, 1839 at Wolf Creek, Missouri Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Jeraldine Thomas on November 26, 1863 in Collin County, Texas; died August 24, 1887 in Jack County, Texas.

Clement Hancock born 1843 at Wolf Creek, Missouri Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Nancy E. Hartsfield on October 15, 1863 in Jack County, Texas; died 1865 in Jack County, Texas.

About 1856 Abner H. Hancock moved from Pike County, Arkansas to Jack County, Texas. A great-grandson James Eldon Hancock in 1968 writes: "In October 1857 according to court records Abner Handly Hancock surveyed a road from Jacksboro, Texas to the Wise County line. In January 1858 Abner Handly Hancock was foreman of the first grand jury ever to assemble in Jack County, Texas. On June 25, 1864 Leolan Hancock and Clement Hancock were privates in the Jack County Texas Rangers. On July 4, 1864 Abner Handly Hancock was issued one set of cotton cards by the county court at \$12.50. After this date Abner H. Hancock and his wife ... were murdered and Leolan Hancock ... wounded in their home near Wizard Wells, Texas."

PREEMPTION PROOF

State of Arkansas,
County of Hempstead,

United States of America

Be it remembered, that, on the 6th Jan(uary) 1840, Abner H. Hancock of Pike County personally appeared before me, the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county, aforesaid, and on his oath deposes & says:

That, he is the head of a family consisting of a wife and two children.

That in the year 1833 he cultivated a tract of the public lands of the United States, to wit: a portion of the southwest quarter of section thirteen in township eight, south of range twenty-six west in the district of lands subject to sale at Washington, Arkansas.

That in said year (1833) he had in cultivation & under fence on said tract about ten acres, planted principally in corn, that he was in possession of the said tract by personal residence thereon, with his family, on the 19th June 1834, and that at both of these dates there were dwelling houses and other outhouses on said land, and further says not.

ABNER H. HANCOCK

Sworn to & subscribed the 6th January 1840.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

State of Arkansas,
County of Hempstead,

United States of America

John Dickson & Abijah Davis personally came before me, the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead, aforesaid, and on their oaths depose and say:

That, they, are personally acquainted with Abner H. Hancock who signed the foregoing deposition and that they know the matters and things set forth in his deposition are strictly true and further say not.

JOHN DICKSON
ABIJAH (his x mark) DAVIS

Sworn to before me the 6th Jan. 1840.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

Land Office, Washington, Arks.
January 6th 1840.

We, are personally acquainted with John Dickson & Abijah Davis who signed as witnesses above, and know them to be respectable and entitled to credit.

D.T. WITTER, Recr.
R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

Cash Certificate Entry 4269, Washington, Arkansas Land Office, National Archives Record Group 49. Act of June 19, 1834, A.H. Hancock, Preemption. Filed and allowed January 6, 1840, D.T. Witter, Recr., Geo. Conway, Rgt. No. 4269. G.L.O. See letter to R & R January 25, 1844 (No. 1) requiring a report of the time when Townships were filed in this office. Regt., in letter of 21 Feb 1844 notes that plat(s) for within were filed 2d Sept 1839. Entry having been made within the year thereafter is approved. Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland 20409.

DEED

The State of Texas,
County of Jack,

Know All Men By These Presents:

That I, J.F. Hunter of the County of Grayson and State, aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid by Abner H. Hancock of the County of Jack, State aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have this day granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said Abner H. Hancock, all my right, title, interest and claim in and to fifty acres of land, the Headright of Moses Allen located (on) Beans Creek in Jack County Pat(ent)s No. 769, Vol. 13 and bounded as follows: beginning at the South East corner of the Moses Allen Survey of 421 2/3 acres; thence West with the variations of said Survey to the South West corner of said survey; thence North with the variation of said survey 200 varas; thence East with same variation to the East line of said survey; thence South with the East line of said Survey to the place of beginning; to have and to hold the above described premises with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances unto the same, belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining unto him, the said Abner H. Hancock, his heirs, executors and administrators, and I the said J.F. Hunter do hereby bind myself, my heirs and assigns to warrant the title to said premises unto him, the said A.H. Hancock, his heirs and assigns, against the claim of all persons whomsoever law-fully claiming, or to claim the same by, through, or under me.

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd of Feby. 1862.

J.F. HUNTER

Attest:

B.F. SPEER
E.F. BRAWNER

The State of Texas,
County of Jack,

On this 26th day of May 1862, personally came before me, the undersigned authority, B.F. Speer, to me personally well known and after being duly sworn deposed and saith: that he saw J.F. Hunter execute, sign, and deliver the within and foregoing Deed

or Instrument of writing, for all the uses, purposes and considerations therein contained and set forth, and that he signed the same as a witness at the request of the Grantor.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of my office, done at office on this 26th day of May 1862.

W.P. DICKENSON, Clerk C.C.J.C

The State of Texas,
County of Jack,

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Deed with authentications filed in my office for Record, May the 26th at 3 o'clock P.M. 1862, and correctly recorded May the 28th at 2 o'clock A.M. 1862.

W.P. DICKENSON, Clerk C.C.J.C.

Jack County, Texas Deed Record Volume A, pp. 99-100.

NINETY-FOUR YEARS IN
JACK COUNTY 1854-1948

10. Civil War Prejudices

In (1864) the Hancock family was attacked and the father was killed. The son was seriously wounded. They were attacked near Sebree Station. Just what precipitated the attack is shrouded in mystery although some regarded the family as Union sympathizers.

Ninety-Four Years in Jack County 1854-1948, by Ida Lasater Huckabay, page 96, excerpt edited.

HISTORY OF JACK COUNTY

Early Tragedies.

... the Hancock family, supposed to be Union sympathizers, were attacked; the elder Hancock was killed and his son Leallen Hancock, dangerously wounded and left for dead, but recovered. The Hancocks lived in a house still standing a mile or two north of Sebree Station, on the Rock Island R.R. Just what precipitated the trouble or who the parties were that made the attack is shrouded in mystery.

History of Jack County, being accounts of Pioneer times, excerpts from County Court Records, Indian stories, Biographical sketches, and interesting events; by Thomas F. Horton: Gazette Print, Jacksboro; page 134.

THE HISTORY OF JACK COUNTY TEXAS

Chapter IV

Civil War and Reconstruction

Jack County, like her neighbors on the Texas frontier, voted to remain in the Union by a vote of seventy-five to fourteen. Slavery was not a deciding question in the county. There were

only nineteen slave owners in the county and of these, thir-teen did not vote at all and five voted to remain in the Union. Jack County records show the names of eleven men who voted for secession plus three others whose names are not recorded ... The fourteen men known to have voted for secession were southerners. By occupation one was a teacher, one a carpenter, one a cattleman and the others farmers. The thirty-four who voted against secession, as recorded by the 1860 census, were also mostly southerners. Overall the groups differed little. It must be assumed that Jack County men voted their own convictions as influenced by their religion and by local newspapers. They obviously felt, like Sam Houston, the Union should be preserved. But after Texas became a part of the Confederacy, most Unionist sentiment was forgotten or went underground. Some violence erupted over the split ... The Hancock family of Sebree Station, stage stop on the Butterfield line between Earhart's Station and Jacksboro, were suspected of being Union sympathizers. Confederate ex-tremists killed the elder Mr. Hancock in Jacksboro and dangerously wounded his son Leallen, who was left for dead in a back street.

The History of Jack County Texas, by The Jack County Genealogical Society, ISBN: 0-88107-043-2. Copyright, Curtis Media Corporation, 1985, page 14. Examination of early Jack County, Texas court records disclose Clement Hancock, son of Abner Handly Hancock, died in 1865. He is the sheriff of Jack County according to the "Dallas Herald" newspaper of Dallas, Texas dated August 24, 1864. Whether his death was related to his activity as sheriff or another cause has not been determined.

DEED

The State of Texas,
County of Jack,

Know All Men By These Presents:

That, we, Leollan Hancock and Nancy W. Speer, joint heirs with Clement Hancock, have this day sold, alienated & conveyed unto the said Clement Hancock, all our right, title & interest as joint heirs of A.H. Hancock, deceased, in the following tracts of land: 213 1/3 acres of land, original grantee Moses Allen; also 50 acres from same certificate deeded by Hunter to A.H. Hancock; also 44 acres, original grantee James Bradford; hereby relinquishing to him, the said Hancock, all the rights & interest heretofore held & possessed by us in and to said land, together with the appurtenances to the same belonging, to have and to hold the same unto the aforesaid Clement Hancock, his heirs or assigns, and we further agree to warrant & forever defend the interest to the said land hereby conveyed unto the said C. Hancock, his heirs or assigns, from the claim or claims of any and all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming, or claim the same, or any part thereof.

Witness our hands this 11th day of October A.D. 1864.

L. HANCOCK
NANCY W. SPEER

Attest:

THOS. W. WILLIAMS
W.A. JOHNSTON

I, Thos. W. Williams, do solemnly swear that: L. Hancock & N.W. Speer, whose names appear subscribed to the above

instrument of writing, acknowledged that they subscribed the same for the uses, purposes and considerations therein contained and set forth, and that he signed the same as a witness at the request of the Grantors.

Thos. W. Williams sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this 26th day of Feby., A.D. 1866.

W.P. DICKENSON, Clerk C.C.J.C.

The State of Texas,
County of Jack,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original deed with authentications filed in my office for record, Feby. 26th at 3 o'clock P.M. 1866, and duly recorded March 1st at 4 o'clock P.M. 1866.

W.P. DICKENSON, Clerk C.C.J.C.

Jack County, Texas, Deed Record Volume A, pp. 133-134.

MARRIAGE RECORD

The State of Texas,
To wit: Jack County,

To any regularly ordained Minister of the Gospel, Judge of the District or County Court or Justice of the Peace in and for said County.

Either of you are hereby authorized to celebrate the rights of matrimony between Mr. Clement Hancock and Miss Nancy E. Hartsfield and for so doing this shall be sufficient authority.

In testimony whereof, I, W.P. Dickenson clerk of the Jack County Court, have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 14th day of October, A.D. 1863.

W.P. DICKENSON, Clerk C.C.J.C.
by L.A. RANDALL, Deputy.

State of Texas,
To wit: Jack County,

This certifies that I joined in marriage as husband and wife, Clement Hancock and Nancy E. Hartsfield, on the 15th day of October A.D. 1863.

J.W. ROBBINS, Chief Justice J.C.

The State of Texas,

County of Jack,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original certificate filed in my office for record October 26th 1863 at 3 o'clock P.M. and duly recorded October 27, 1863 at 7 o'clock at 7 A.M.

W.P. DICKENSON, Clerk C.C.J.C

Jack County, Texas Marriage Book 1, page 53.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Leolan Hancock & Jeraldine Thomas

Husband: Leolan Hancock born June 7, 1839 at Wolf Creek, Pike County, Arkansas; died August 24, 1887 in Jack County, Texas; buried in Lone Valley Cemetery, Jack County, Texas.

Wife: Jeraldine Thomas daughter of John H. Thomas and Ellen Perrin born about 1848 in Logan County, Kentucky.

Marriage: Leolan Hancock and Jeraldine Thomas on November 26, 1863 at Plano, Collin County, Texas.

Children

Robert Lee Hancock born February 27, 1866 in Collin County, Texas; married Annie Goff on June 20, 1895 in Montague County, Texas; died June 12, 1944; buried in Lone Valley Cemetery, Jack County, Texas.

Sarah (Sally) Hancock born 1868 in Jack County, Texas; married (not indicated) Timberlake.

Joseph Moody Hancock born 1870 in Jack County, Texas; married Myrtle D. Shreve on November 8, 1893; died 1937; buried in Newport Cemetery, Jack County, Texas.

James Robison (Robinson) Hancock born 1872 in Jack County, Texas.

Allie Granville Hancock born 1874 in Jack County, Texas; married Sabra Goff on February 17, 1895.

Lydia Ellen Hancock born 1876 in Jack County, Texas; married A.B. Timberlake on December 29, 1889 in Montague County, Texas.

Pearl Hancock born 1879 in Jack County, Texas; married B.E. Goff in 1896; died 1965.

Scott Hancock born July 11, 1882 in Jack County, Texas; died in 1896.

William (Willie) Abner Hancock born 1884 in Jack County, Texas.

Winnie Hancock born June 19, 1887 in Jack County, Texas; married (not indicated) Sessums; died May 1967 in Oklahoma.

Hancock Family Record by James Eldon Hancock, Iowa Park, Texas, 1968. **Texas Cemetery Records**, Jack County, Volume IV, 1961-1962, pages 12, 36.
State of Arkansas,
County of Pike.

IN PIKE PROBATE COURT

January Term, A.D. 1848, January 18th.

William J. Jones as administrator of the estate of Absalom Jones, deceased, Petitioner.

vs.

Garrett Ledlow and Mary B. his wife, Tho's D. Jones, Benjamin F. Jones, John E. Graham, Sarah Ann Jones, and the unknown heirs of Nancy Roberts deceased, Defendants.

PETITION FOR SALE OF SLAVES

AND now at this day came said Petitioner by Hubbard & Hempstead; his attorneys, and filed his petition herein, praying among other things for an order of sale of the following named slaves, belonging to said estate, to-wit: STARLING, ELSE and LEWIS, to pay the debts of said estate; and it appearing from the affidavit of the said Petitioner filed with said petition, that Garret Ledlow and Mary F. his wife, John E. Graham, and the unknown heirs of Nancy Roberts deceased, are non-residents of the State of Arkansas: it is ordered that notice be given said non-resident defendants, and unknown heirs, of the pendency of this petition - by publication of this order in the "Arkansas State Gazette," a newspaper published in this State, for the number of times and within the time prescribed

by law; that unless they be and appear before the court here by themselves or counsel, on or before the first day of the next term thereof, at a court to be holden at the court-house in the town of Murfreesborough, in said county of Pike and State aforesaid, on the third Tuesday of April next; and plead, answer, or demure to said petition the same will be taken for confessed and the order prayed for accordingly granted.

D.S. DICKSON, Clerk.

A true copy from the Pike Probate Records.

Teste:

D.S. DICKSON, Clerk.

Hubbard & B.F. Hempstead, for petitioner.

Arkansas Gazette, January 27, 1848, Whole Number 1464, page 3, column 4, item 5.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Hempstead County,
Red Land Township.

Be it remembered, that on the 3rd day of April A.D. 1848, I solemnized the rights of Matrimony between **Joseph Chapman** of Pike County, aged twenty-one years and **Mary Ballew** of Hempstead County, aged eighteen years, all of Arks. Given under my hand this 3rd day of April A.D. 1848.

BAZIL BRASHEARS, J.P.

Filed and Recorded June 25, A.D. 1848.

Teste:

S.T. SANDERS, Clerk.

Hempstead County, Arkansas Marriage Book A, page 45.

MARRIAGE RECORD

State of Arkansas,
County of Clark.

I, W.T. Lightfoot, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Clark

and State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that on the 23rd day of April 1848, at the County aforesaid, I did duly join in marriage, **Wm. Daniel Self** of Pike County, aged 25 years and Miss **Arcady Jane Edwards**, daughter of *Lewis Ed-wards* of the County of Clark, aged 15 years by verbal consent and then and there by me, pronounced husband and wife. Given under my hand as such Justice.

W.T. LIGHTFOOT

State of Arkansas,
County of Clark.

I, Isaac W. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Exofficio recorder in and for the County of Clark & State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on this 3rd day of May A.D. 1848, and that the same is now duly recorded in Record Book F and page 79.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk & Exofficio recorder as aforesaid, and affixed the seal of said Court at office in Arkadelphia this 3rd day of May A.D. 1848.

I.W. SMITH, Clerk
& Exofficio recorder.
By A.S.B. Greene, D.C.

Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Record Book C, page 79.

MARRIAGE RECORD

State of Arkansas,
County of Hempstead.

I, Lewis Allen, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify and make known, that on Sunday evening the 17th day of September A.D. 1848, I solemnized the rights (rites) of Matrimony between Mr. **Austin Simpson** of Pike County, aged about twenty-five years to Miss **Harriett F. Calhoun** of Hempstead County aged about nineteen years, in the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas. Given under my hand this 19th day of September A.D. 1848.

LEWIS ALLEN, J.P.

Filed and Recorded September 19, A.D. 1848.

Teste:

S.T. SANDERS, Clerk
and Exofficio Recorder.

Hempstead County, Arkansas Marriage Book A, page 51.

MARRIAGE RECORD

State of Arkansas,
County of Sevier.

This is to certify that I, Levi C. Adams a regular ordained Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, having my Credentials Recorded in the Clerk's office in the County of Johnson, State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that on the fourth day of October 1848, in the County of Sevier, the State of Arkansas, that I did join in Matrimony, **Alexander Graves** of the County of Pike, age 22, and **Elizabeth Props** of the County of Sevier in said State, age 17 years, by consent of her Parents, this done according to the forms and customs and disciplines of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, whereof I am a Minister, and then (&) there declared them to be husband and wife, this Given under my hand October 4, 1848.

LEVI C. ADAMS
Minister of the Gospel.

Filed for Record 24th October 1848 & Recorded this 30th October 1848.

I.N. HOLMAN, Clk. &
Exofficio Recorder S.C.

Sevier County, Arkansas Marriage Book B1, page 126.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Sevier County, Arks. August 9th 1849

I, Wm. Mulkey, a regular ordained minister of the gospel do hereby certify, that I did on the above date unite in Marriage, **Robert Kenada** (Kennedy) of

Pike County and **America Ann Henry** of the above county.

Given under my hand.

Wm. MULKEY

Filed for Record August 27th 1849 & Recorded September 14th 1849.

B.H. KINSWORTHY, Clerk
& Exofficio Recorder.

Sevier County, Arkansas Marriage Book B1, page 136.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF
MARTHA ROSANNA WEEKS

To the name of Martha Rosanna Cannon, and to constitute her a lawful heir to the estate of Richardson W. Cannon.

SECTION

1. Name changed.
2. Made heir to Richardson W. Cannon.
3. Act in force from passage.

SEC 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, That the name of *Martha Rosanna Weeks*, the adopted daughter of Richardson W. Cannon, and his wife Elizabeth P. Cannon now living in the county of Pike and State of Arkansas, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of **Martha Rosanna Cannon**.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the said Martha Rosanna Weeks, now Martha Rosanna Cannon, be, and she is hereby constituted a legal heir to the estate of the aforesaid Richardson W. Cannon, and his wife Elizabeth P. Cannon to all intents and purposes as she would be if she was his own legitimate offspring.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T.B. FLOURNOY, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

JOHN R. HAMPTON, President

of the Senate.

Approved, January 10th, 1851.

JOHN SELDON ROANE

ACTS, Passed by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, 1851, page 294.

LEGAL TERMS

Alias. Term used to indicate another name by which a person is known. Short for "alias dictus" otherwise known as "a.k.a."

When used in connection with a description of a person it indicates that he has used or been known by another name.

Capias. "That you take" the general name for several species of writs, the common characteristic of which is that they require the officer to take the body of the defendant into custody. In English practice, the process on an indictment when the person charged is not in custody, and in cases not otherwise provided for by statute.

Certiorari. To be informed of. A writ of common law origin issued by a superior to an inferior court requiring the latter to produce a certified record of a particular case tried therein. The writ is issued in order that the court issuing the writ may inspect the proceedings and determine whether there have been any irregularities. See also Writ of certiorari.

De bonis non. An abbreviation of "De bonis non administratis."

De bonis non administratis. Of the goods not administered. When an administrator is appointed to succeed another who has left the estate partially unsettled he is said to be granted "administration de bonis non" that is of the goods not already administered.

Et al. An abbreviation for et alii "and others." The singular is "et alius." It may also mean "and another" in the singular.

Facias. That you cause. Occuring in the phrases "scire facias" that you cause to know; "fieri facias" that you case to be made; etc.

Instantanter. Immediately, instantly, forthwith, without delay.

Writ of certiorari. An order by the appellate court which is used when the court has discretion on whether or not to hear an appeal. The lower court is to certify the record and send it up to the higher court which has discretion to hear the appeal. If the writ is denied the court refuses to hear the appeal and in effect the judgement below stands unchanged. See also Cetiorari.

THOMAS MILSON

Thomas Milson was born about 1801 in Pennsylvania. His emergence in Arkansas according to the Clark County, Arkansas court records is by 1827. He entered into Section 5 of Township 9, South of Range 23, West, adjacent Chesley Hughes Rogers. Enumerated as a household of four in the 1830 Clark County, Arkansas census the first tax list for Pike County, Arkansas in 1834 indicates he has a dwelling house, two horses and three cattle. One of his descendants a grandson now deceased re-called "he married a Melson woman." The Dawes Commission records MCR 206 reveal a family relation of Howard Milson to Dr. S.G. Bittick son of Francis Bittick and Mary Ann Melson. Reference *The Gems* 6-66. The name of Thomas Milson's wife in the 1850 Hempstead County, Arkansas census and in subsequent deed records is Rebecca Milson.

The known children of Thomas Milson supported by census and court records include:

Two children (male) age under 5 in the 1830 census. One is identified as William G. Milson age 21 according to the 1850 Hempstead County, Arkansas census.

Samuel Howard Milson born November 1830 in then Clark, Pike County, Arkansas (1833); married first Mary McMahan on January 14, 1855 in Hempstead County, Arkansas; married second Martha C., maiden name unknown, on December 22, 1879 at Gainsville, Texas; died February 22, 1907.

Thomas M. Milson born about 1833 in then Clark, or Pike County, Arkansas; married Ellen A. West on September 23, 1852 in Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Green W. Milson born about 1836 in Missouri Township, Pike County, Arkansas.

Arrissa B. Milson born about 1840 in Missouri Township, Pike County, Arkansas.

Vetumna Jane Milson born about 1842 in Missouri Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Franklin Coffee Tribble on September 23, 1860 in Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Harrison Clay Milson born about 1845 in Redland Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Martha Lee, maiden name unknown.

Jefferson Taylor Milson born about 1847 in Redland Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Louise Corbet; died August 1884 in Grapevine, Texas.

Rosanna S. Milson born about 1849 in Redland Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Thomas Milson moved from Pike County into Hempstead County, Arkansas about 1845 and settled in Redland Township. Here his death occurred by 1856. He was survived by all of the children mentioned above except Thomas M. Milson prior deceased.

Daniel Ringo, Clerk of the Clark
Circuit Court

Clark County, Arkansas Probate Records, May 1827-October 1838, page 23.

Thomas Milson Family of Arkansas

The earliest verifiable record of my great great grandfather Thomas Milson in Arkansas is found in the Clark County, Arkansas Probate Records (May 1827-October 1838) page 23 when on August 11, 1827 he bought one heifer from the estate of Jacob Wood for \$3.25. In the same document on December 10, 1827 Thomas was appointed an appraiser of the estate of Jacob Wood. The 1829 Sheriff's Census of Clark County, Missouri Township lists Thomas and family as follows: 3 males under 18 years, 1 male 21-44 years, (and) 2 females of 14 years and upward. This census data was taken by Joseph Hardin on March 21, 1829. The 1830 U.S. Census of Arkansas lists Thomas in Clark County, Little Missouri Township as follows: 2 males under 5 years (William G. and another); 1 male age 20-29 years (Thomas was 29); 1 female 15-19 years (his wife). A Clark County, Arkansas auditor's book indicates Thomas Milson served on a grand jury for two days in January, 1833, and again on July 15, 1833. He was paid \$2.00 for the first service and \$1.95 for the second service.

The 1834 and 1835 tax records for Pike County, Arkansas lists his property as follows: (1834) Poll 1, Land (no description), House \$25, Horses 2, Cattle 3; (1835) Poll 1, Land (no description), House \$25, Horses 1, Cattle 3. The first record of an Arkansas land purchase by Thomas Milson is found in *Original Land Purchases*, Southwest Arkansas, Tract Book 1, page 173. In 1836 he purchased land in Township 9, South of Range 23, West. The Pike County, Arkansas tax records for 1836 through 1844 (no listings 1837, 1838, 1841) for Thomas Milson: (1836) 1 Poll, Land 40 acres, House \$75, Horses 1, Cattle 6; (1839) Poll 1, Land 40 acres; (1840) Poll 1; (1842) Poll 1, Land 80 acres; (1843) Poll 1, Land 80 acres; (1844) Poll 1, Land 80 acres. An intriguing side note: the 1842 tax records indicates the land Thomas Milson owned was originally owned by James G. Melson. The Melsons lived close to Thomas Milson's family. Other ties to the Melson family will be discussed later.

Clark Circuit Court in Vacation

Sale bill No. 3 of the estate of Jacob Wood, deceased. To wit:
Sale bill of the property of Jacob Wood, deceased.

Ameline Wood To 35 bushels corn	\$ 13.12	2
Peter Holladay to One bay mare		18.
James Little To One bay mare and Colt	18.31	3
John Wood To One Steer		2.
John Balue To One Bull	1.25	
Thomas Melson To One Heifer	3.25	
	55.93	3/4

August 11th 1827. Then personally appeared Preston Mathews before me a Justice of the peace in Clark County and for the Missouri township and after being sworn Saith on Oath that the above written Sale bill is Just and true. Subscribed and Sworn to before me this day and date above written.

Preston Mathews

Test. John Casey, J. Peace

Territory of Arkansas,

Sct.

County of Clark.

I hereby certify that the foregoing inventory, appraisement bill, and sale bill of the estate of Jacob Wood deceased were this day produced to me and duly recorded and filed in my office, November 11th 1827.

Daniel Ringo, Clerk & exofficio
Recorder for sd. County.

Territory of Arkansas,

Sct.

County of Clark.

Clark Circuit Court in Vacation.
December 10th, 1827.

On motion of John Wood administrator of the estate of Jacob Wood, deceased, It is ordered that Thomas Melson be and he is hereby appointed an appraiser (in the room of Preston Mathews who has removed from Said County) to act in con-junction with James Ward and Jacob Brinley in appraising the residue of the Slaves if any and personal estate of which the said Jacob Wood, deceased, died possessed.

Thomas Milson's family appears in the 1840 U.S. census, Pike County, Missouri Township as follows: 3 males under 5 years (Green W. and two others); 3 males 5-9 years (Thomas M., Samuel H., and another); 2 males 10-14 years (William G. and another first identified on the 1830 census); 1 male 20-29 (an error Thomas was 39); 1 female under 5 years (Arisa B.); (and) 1 female 20-29 (his wife). In 1845 Thomas Milson is listed in the Clark County, Arkansas tax records and the next records of him are the 1848-1850 Hempstead County, Arkansas tax records. His first land holdings during this period is 40 acres in 1850.

The 1850 U.S. census provided the first insight into the specific family members names and the link Thomas Milson was my ancestor. The 1850 census was the first time names of family members were required along with age, occupation and birthplace. In 1850 Thomas Milson and family was living in Hempstead County, Arkansas. The census taken on December 6, 1850 records the following:

Thomas Milson	49	m	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Rebecca	28	f		Missouri
William G.	21	m	Laborer	Arkansas
Samuel H.	19	m	Laborer	Arkansas
Thomas M.	16	m	Laborer	Arkansas
Green W.	14	m		Arkansas
Arisa B.	10	f		Arkansas
Vetumna J.	8	f		Arkansas
Harrison	5	m		Arkansas
Jefferson T.	3	m		Arkansas
Rosanna S.	1	f		Arkansas

This data verifies Thomas Milson was my great great grandfather the father of Jefferson Taylor Milson and that Thomas was born about 1801 in Pennsylvania. Based on the 1830 census it can be assumed that his wife would be 35 to 39 years old in 1850. Rebecca's age listed as 28 (a second wife?) or could her age have been incorrectly recorded by the enumerator? The Hempstead County, Arkansas Deed Book M, page 357, has the following action: On February 4, 1856 the mortgage on land described in Deed Book K, page 49, was filed again with this addition: "Rebecca M. Milson wife of the late Thomas Milson in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid by David Block and Virginia Block ... hereby relinquish to the said David Block and Virginia Block all my rights, title,

interest, or claim in land described above." If her age was recorded correctly (in the census) she was not his first wife. This document also reveals Thomas Milson died prior to February 4, 1856.

An interesting insight can be gained about the Thomas Milson family in the 1850's from existing deed records of Hempstead County, Arkansas: February 1, 1851. Thomas Milson mortgaged to Philip T. Graves for \$50 a tract of land: SE3 NE3, Section 36, Township 9 South of Range 24 West. P.T. Graves acknowledged release on January 31, 1852. Deed Book I, page 302.

January 31, 1852. Thomas Milson mortgaged to David Block and Virginia Block (same tract) for \$287.05, 10% interest, payable in 12 months. Witnesses: Henry Block, M.W. Edwards. Deed Book K, page 49.

February 4, 1856. The mortgage on the same land was filed again with the addition of this statement: "Rebecca (spelled Rebecah elsewhere in the same record) M. Milson wife of the late Thomas Milson in consideration of of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid by David Block and Virginia Block ... hereby relinquish to said David Block and Virginia Block all of my rights, title, interest or claim in lands described above." Deed Book M, page 357.

June 1857. David and Virginia Block complained against William G. Milson, Samuel H. Milson, Harrison C. Milson, Jefferson T. Milson, Belum-ney G. (Vetumna Jane) Milson, Rosanna S. Milson, ... and E.A. Milson. The court ordered foreclosure of a mortgage executed by Thomas Milson and Rebecca M. Milson, his wife, to David and Virginia Block on land described in Deed Book I, page 302, 40 acres. Secured payments of \$287.05, 10% interest debt, and \$440.25 unpaid and uncollected. Sheriff ordered sale of land, Thomas Milson and Rebecca M. Milson having departed this life without leaving estate, from which owed sum could be paid. Chancery Book C, page 220.

May 17, 1858. Sheriff's Deed. W.G. Milson, Sam H. Milson, Harrison C. Milson, Jefferson T. Milson, B.G. Milson, R.S. Milson, E.A. Milson granted to David and Virginia Block land in the SE quarter of

the NE quarter, Section 36, Township 9, South of Range 24, West. Deed Book O, page 228.

May 22, 1858. Sheriff's Deed. Forclosure ordered by the Chancery Court in June 1857 of mortgage as well as \$540.25 cost and \$12.25 taxes. The land was sold to satisfy the decree on June 26, 1857 to David and Virginia Block, highest bidders, for \$5.

From these legal records the Thomas Milson family was struggling to maintain their farm. It is also evident Thomas Milson died between January 31, 1852 and February 4, 1856. Rebecca M. Milson, his wife, died between February 4, 1856 and June 1857.

THOMAS E. MILSON

Thomas Milson Family of Arkansas by Tom Milson, 6548 Ruger, Plano, TX 75023-3217.

Letter: John W. White to C.C. Hughes, Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas, May 21, 1897

The following letter was abstracted from a photocopy supplied by Max Duren, 125 Highland Dr., Ennis, TX 75119. It was sent by John M. White and his wife Leemanda Hughes White of old Rock Creek near Glenwood in Pike County Arkansas to Leemanda's brother, C.C. Hughes, who lived at Petty in Sevier County, Arkansas. It is dated May 21, 1897. Since the photocopy is of very poor quality and somewhat incomplete, I have added some words and modern spelling to make it more understandable.

John M. White was born in Upson County, Georgia on May 24, 1833. He married Leemanda Hughes about 1860. Both Mr. White and his wife are buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery located on Rock Creek Road just west of Glenwood. Mr. White died in 1903. They became the parents of the following children: William D., Adaline D., Lucinda, Marion F., James B., John L. and Dora. Adaline D. White married Angus McMillan brother of my ancestor Elizabeth Jane McMillan Baker. For more information on this family see Goodspeed's Southern Arkansas page 346, the 1880 U.S. Census of Clark Township, Pike County, Arkansas page

452A, and Arkadelphia Southern Standard, July 9, 1903, page 2 column 1. The letter:

Page 1. "Our Brother & sister it is through (the) mercies of god that we are (permitted) to answer your just received sad news to us. (The Hughes's daughter, Ethel, had just died). But let us rejoice (to)gether in the little (?) hope of eternal life beyond this veil. 'Tis god that gives & god that takes a way & we are made to rejoice to see in your (letter) to us that Ethel went in peace & love to join the throng that goes before. We have one little sweet baby that (is gone) there which I often feel like I (go) ere soon to meet. O' what a joy there is in heaven. No one on Earth can tell - it does not yet appear to us what we will be. Though one thing we (do know) that we shall see him, Jesus. We shall see him as he is & be like him."

Page 2. "The 24th of this month I will be 64 years old. Just past month it seemed I was (?). You see we are getting old. Been hard workers all thru life. So (we know) that our lives here is short & all I (want) is to go with the same smile to bid (fare)-well to Earth's remorse (?). (Lee)Manda (my wife) (has become) feeble in deed. We live in the house with Lee & Bettie. J(ames) B. and Lee is running (a) business together at the Creek (Rock Creek) and making a good living. (The money) Lee owes the Baker (Brothers is) near all paid for. He is going well. I get any & every thing for (my wife that) she needs or wants that would make her comfortable in life(:) a good buggy to carry her when (she is) able to go which I crave & to be able to do in life (more for her). I stay in the store near all the time and it suits me fine - did Mr. Brown your neighbor get (his) stolen mule & (catch the) man. I sold him some tobacco (for) his trip. Let us hear (from you) again. J(ohn) M. and Lemanda White."

Russell P. Baker
6526 Magnolia Dr.
Mabelvale, AR 72103

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: Levi L. Forrester born April 1849 in Georgia; died before 1910 in Lynn County, Texas.

Wife: Sarah Margaret McMillian, daughter of John McMillan and Rebecca F. Campbell, born March 1847 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; died 1903 at T-Bar Ranch, Lynn County, Texas.

Marriage: Levi L. Forrester & Sarah Margaret McMillan were married July 21, 1870 in Clark County, Arkansas.

Children

William (Billy) L. Forrester born March 26, 1872 at New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas; married Delia Martin on June 22, 1898 in Scurry County, Texas; died July 15, 1919 at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Rebecca (Becky) Ann Forrester born January 12, 1875 at New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas; married W.M. Roberts; died July 10, 1863 at Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas.

Walter J. Forrester born September 15, 1877 at New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas; married Bertha Meeks on January 24, 1900 in Scurry County, Texas; died March 5, 1937 in Lynn County, Texas.

Viola Forrester born 1880 at New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas; married R.D. Lee on January 24, 1900 in Scurry County, Texas.

Robert (Bob) C. Forrester born at New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas; married Anna Mae Hughes on February 23, 1905 at Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas; died February 23, 1933 at Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas.

Annie Forrester born May 1885 at New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas; married Homer Marcy on August 19, 1907 in Lynn County, Texas.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: John McMillan born about 1822 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; died February 27, 1879 at Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas.

Wife: Rebecca F. Campbell born about 1823 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; died after 1880 at Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas.

Marriage: John McMillan and Rebecca F. Campbell were married about 1840 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina.

Children

Robert Campbell McMillan born 1841 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; died August 1884 at New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Pike County, Arkansas.

Daniel David Campbell McMillan born 1843 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; died about 1862 in Arkansas.

Hugh Frank McMillan born 1846 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; died about 1862 near Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Sarah Margaret McMillan born March 1847 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; married Levi L. Forrester on July 21, 1870 in Clark County, Arkansas; died 1903 at T-Bar Ranch, Lynn County, Texas.

Virginia (Jenny) Ann McMillan born July 1849 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; married first G.W. Henthorn about 1879 in Clark County, Arkansas; married second Knox (Bowus?); died at Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas.

Angus A. McMillan born December 1852 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; married first Prudence Adline (Addie) White about 1877 at Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas; married second (widow Paslay?) on October 29, 1911; died February 25, 1927.

Elizabeth Jane McMillan born February 10, 1859 in Chesterfield County, South Carolina; married Patrick Henry Baker on October 7, 1875 at Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas; died April 11, 1922 at Rosboro, Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Coker Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

John F. (Willie) McMillan born 1861 in Columbia County, Arkansas; married A.L., maiden name not indicated.

Emma A. McMillan born 1861 in Columbia County, Arkansas; married William D. White; buried at Palmer's Chapel in Pike County, Arkansas.

Family Group Records courtesy of Russell P. Baker, 66525 Magnolia Drive, Mabelvale, AR 72103.

MILITARY HEADSTONES

Bethel Cemetery, Glenwood, Arkansas

John McMillan
husband of Rebecca
1822-1879
CSA Co. B (Dockery's)
19 Ark Infantry

Robert C. McMillan
son of John & Rebecca
1841-1884
CSA Co. G
6 Ark Infantry

Daniel David C. McMillan
son of John & Rebecca
1843-1862
CSA Co. G
6 Ark Infantry

Installed by Russell Pierce Baker, CA, Deputy Directory, Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

WELCH

Welch History by Rev. Jeff D. Welch

It is the sincere hope of the author that this family record may be found of value to subsequent family historians who may be able to build a vastly better history than this one. This earnest work of compilation is ended September 1950 after many years of collaboration with relatives for records (and) has been brought to my kindred with love and adoration and the joy of pursuit: it is presented to all of my relatives and friends believing that in putting into permanent form the names of hundreds of heretofore "unsung heroes and heroines" (that) have unselfishly served unborn generations who through

the centuries will have cause "to rise up and call them blessed."

First Family Record of Ancestors

Thomas Samuel Welch

Thomas Samuel Welch was born May 11, 1749 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and died March 2, 1846 age 97 years. His wife Mary Ann (maiden name not indicated) died February 11, 1839. Their children born in North Carolina were: Archibald Welch born 1770, John Isaac Welch born 1773, James Welch, Joseph Welch, and George Welch born 1779. In the D.A.R.L.C. (Daughters of the American Revolution Library Collection) there is a record of Archibald Welch having a lawsuit in Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee and there is a statement in the same record that John Isaac Welch had brothers and sisters and that (his brother) George Welch married Elizabeth (?) and that his will is on record at Sparta, White County, Tennessee and the will was proved in 1853 by James and Mathias Welch.

John Isaac Welch

John Isaac Welch born 1773 in North Carolina, wife's name not listed, but she died early. Children: Isaac Welch born 1792.

Isaac Welch

Isaac Welch born 1792 in North Carolina. Wife Judith (maiden name not indicated) born in North Carolina. Children: Thomas Franklin Welch; Samuel Welch; John Isaac Welch; William W. Welch born November 17, 1827 died March 16, 1863; Polly Welch married Jesse Reagon on December 20, 1838 in Hardeman County, Tennessee; Elizabeth Welch married Mack W. Marris on December 17, 1842 in Hardeman County, Tennessee; George W. Welch born 1825, Overton County, Tennessee married Mary Pauline Ward on January 6, 1844 at Bolivar, Hardeman County, Tennessee; and Francis M. Welch married Hannah I. Mayfield on May 1850 at Bolivar, Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Thomas Franklin Welch

Elder Thomas Franklin Welch born April 27, 1812 in Overton County, Tennessee died August 22, 1871 and was buried at Glenwood, Arkansas. He married February 28, 1831 Elizabeth Oliver born February 12, 1810 in Georgia died July 20, 1883 and was buried at Glenwood, Arkansas. Children: Nancy Welch born December 11, 1831; John Welch born September 12, 1833; Polly Welch born June 28, 1836; George W. Welch born October 10, 1837; Sarah E. (Betty) Welch born May 17, 1840; Thomas Jefferson Welch born January 9, 1843; James Pike Welch born September 19, 1845; Isaac Franklin Welch born December 13, 1850; and William Wallace (Billie) Welch born September 30, 1853.

Thomas Franklin Welch was buried on his home place at Glenwood, Arkansas. He was a Baptist preacher in Tennessee and Arkansas and he and his five preacher sons organized most all of the early Baptist churches in Southwest Arkansas, many

are still in existence. He was a Royal Arch Mason, Moderator of the Caddo River Association in Montgomery County, Arkansas for seventeen years 1854-1871.

A Short History of Thomas Franklin Welch
by his son Isaac F. Welch, 1912

My father, Elder Thomas Franklin Welch was born of Irish parentage in middle Overton County, Tennessee (on) April 27, 1812. In 1830 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Oliver, four or five years later professing faith in Christ and uniting with the Missionary Baptist Church. He immediately entered the ministry in answer to a call to preach the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the fall of 1853 he and a number of families loaded their covered wagons and left Hardeman County, Tennessee for Waco, Texas. On their long journey they camped on Saturday night on Collier's Creek (in) Montgomery County, Arkansas to rest on Sunday which was their custom on the entire trip. Some of the citizens in that community, learning that he was a preacher, persuaded him to abandon his long trip to Waco, and stop there. He was told that there was a fine farm for sale at the mouth of the South Fork just below the Gap owned by James Chaney. Early Monday morning he asked the crowd to remain in camp and he would go over and look at the place but with very little thought of stopping in that country. After looking over the farm, however, and having been influenced by the fact that there were no Baptist preachers in all that country and by the persuasion of his new friends, he bought the place. I think he sold this place in 1859 to Baalam Strawn who about this time the Caddo Gap Mills from his brother Judge Fielding Strawn and W.M. Sanders. My father then bought the farm just below Glenwood where he and mother are buried.

My father's time was fully occupied as pastor of various churches from the time he arrived in that country until his death August 22, 1871. Covering a wide territory his work extended from Mt. Ida in Montgomery County to Alpine to Clark County and from Deroach, Hot Spring County to Nashville in Howard County. Since he never received a full temporal support from his churches, he farmed in connection with pastoral work. I believe he was one of the most self-sacrificing, consecrated and devoted men I have ever known. It has been said, "that the noblest work of God was when he made an honest man." If this be true, my father's creation was a noble work. I say this because I had the very best opportunity to note his life from day to day for many years and those who would have delighted to speak of his noble qualities have crossed over the river there being so few left who knew him intimately.

Having served as pastor there for seventeen years (1854-1871) some of the best work of his life was doubtless in his home church, old Bethel. Eternity alone can reveal the results of his labors at this place.

I was at the old home place last December (1911) and as I sat in the home of Mr. Batreal, whose house covers the spot where our old house once stood and the writer spent the greater part of his boyhood days, memory's pages began to unfold and a scene passed in review:

I pictured my father sitting on the left side of the old fireplace as one entered the east room from the hall, a great quantity of split pine knots behind his chair. As he sat with his back to the wall, so the light from the fireplace would shine on the pages of the book he read, he occasionally would throw on another pine knot as it was needed. His library was easy to reach to his right. Next to him, the companion of his life, my mother, sat and in a semi-circle around that old hearth-stone were their children. The book my father held was the Bible. Every member of the family also held a copy of that precious volume, each reading a verse around until the chapter was read. Often my father would ask questions or make a short comment; a hymn was sung, and prayer was led by father or one of the boys, O precious times!

As I sat there and thought of those precious seasons forever gone, I wondered that I had not been a better man, with such a father, such a Godly praying mother, and such sacred surroundings. Allow me to write it down: my honest conviction is that such earnest service and efforts will always be rewarded.

My father lived to see every one of his children converted and members of the Baptist Church, five of his boys being ministers of the gospel.

When he came to die, he quoted these precious words, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7. His last words were John 10:27-29 and his boast was - "A sinner saved by grace" ...

WEDDINGS LISTED

1865-1868

Nov. 24, 1865 - Wm. S. Holcome, 21, of Clark County, to Susan K. Neighbors, 20. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-87.

Nov. 24, 1865 - Lewis F. Thompson, 17, Clark County, to Ellen Griffith, 21. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-87.

Jan. 28, 1866 - Wm. Rowland, 36, of Clark County, to Mary E. Mercer, 21. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-88.

Feb. 14, 1866 - John Todd, 25, Montgomery County, to Mary J. Strawn, 27.

May 25, 1866 - Bill McDaniel, 30, of Clark County, to Nancy A. Lay, 28. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-88.

June 3, 1866 - Uriah Jordon, 42, of Clark County, to Martha Dillard, 22. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-85.

July 15, 1866 - A.G.M. Lay, 20, of Clark County, to Mary Golden, 18. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-85.

Aug. 26, 1866 - Wm. W. Black, 26, of Clark County, to Margaret Bohannon, 20. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-83.

Oct. 4, 1866 - John L. Dillard, 25, of Clark County, to Salana Autry, 22. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-84.

Oct. 7, 1866 - Lewis Autry, 19, of Clark County, to Mary E. Bohannon, 21. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-86.

Nov. 4, 1866 - James P. Welch, 21, of Clark County, to Matilda A. Hill, 21. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-84.

Jan. 15, 1867 - Wm. Smith, 60, of Clark County, to Ann Bagwell, 28. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-83.

Jan. 31, 1867 - Isaac H. Stewart, 45, Montgomery County, to Eliza A. Strawn, 24.

April 21, 1867 - Wm. Duran, 41, Montgomery County, to Mary M. Ramsey, 29.

April 24, 1867 - Wm. B. Parker, 21, of Clark County, to Margaret J. Malone, 29. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-86.

Jan. 25, 1868 - Jacob H. Lightsey, 25, Clark County, to Thersey A. Mercer, 21. Recorded in Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book E-210.

Thomas F. Welch's Diary 1861-1871

From **Welch History** by Jeff D. Welch, Taylor Publishing Company, pages 8, 19-20, 22-25, and 28, edited.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

John Davis & Nancy Reese

Husband: John Davis was born April 15, 1802 in North Carolina; died June 23, 1881 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried June 24, 1881 in Saline Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Wife: Nancy Reese born January 25, 1807 in North Carolina; died February 7, 1886 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Saline Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Marriage: John Davis and Nancy Reese were married about 1825 in Tennessee.

Children

John Dee Davis born January 6, 1826 in Smith County, Tennessee; married Elizabeth Rebecca Smith about 1850; died about March 1863 at Atlanta, Georgia.

Tabitha Davis born about (1828) in Tennessee.

James W. Davis born about 1831 in Tennessee; married Martha A. Henderson about 1854 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 1865-1870 in Arkansas.

Mary Ann Davis born March 30, 1833 in Smith County, Tennessee; married James T. (Thomas) Parsons on December 15, 1853 in Pike County, Arkansas; died August 20, 1900 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Brocktown Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Ellen Davis born about 1835 in Tennessee.

Matilda (Tildy) Jane Davis born August 19, 1837 in Tennessee; married Abner Newton Henderson, Jr., on December 31, 1857 in Pike County, Arkansas; died April 27, 1919 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Brocktown Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Josiah Davis born about 1839 in Tennessee; married Margaret Hargis about 1859.

Richard Davis born about 1841 in Tennessee.

Elizabeth Davis born August 2, 1843 in Tennessee; married James M. Gill on March 16, 1887 in Pike County, Arkansas; died October 10, 1889 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Marenda Davis born August 2, 1845 in Tennessee; married Andrew Jackson Henderson about 1864 in Pike County, Arkansas; died February 2, 1931 in

Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Saline Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Paralee Davis born about 1847 in Tennessee; died after 1860.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Abner Newton Henderson & Levica Alford

Husband: Abner Newton Henderson born about 1800 in Chatham County, North Carolina; died about 1865 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Wife: Levica Alford daughter of David Alford and Polly Orrick born about 1807 in Tennessee.

Marriage: Abner Newton Henderson and Levica Alford were married on December 23, 1831 in Morgan County, Alabama.

Children

John F. Henderson born about (1834) in Morgan County, Alabama; married Elizabeth Covington.

William P. (Pleas) Henderson born July 19, 1836 in Morgan County, Alabama; married Frances Carlana Burkett about 1858 in Pike County, Arkansas; died February 19, 1930 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Brocktown Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Abner Newton Henderson Jr. born May 4, 1838 in Morgan County, Alabama; married Matilda (Tildy) Jane Davis on December 31, 1857 in Pike County, Arkansas; died October 29, 1926 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Brocktown Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Martha A. Henderson born about 1840 in Morgan County, Alabama; married first James W. Davis about 1854 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second Robert Box about 1870 in Pike County, Arkansas; died February 7, 1886 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Saline Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Lewis Marion Henderson born February 10, 1842 in Morgan County, Alabama; married Arrena Victoria

(Elam) Hignight on October 3, 1877 in Pike County, Arkansas; died February 16, 1921; buried in College Hill Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Andrew Jackson Henderson born June 8, 1844 in Morgan County, Alabama: family arrived in Pike County, Arkansas in December 1844; married Marendra Davis about 1864 in Pike County, Arkansas; died February 23, 1881 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Saline Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Mary A. Henderson born about 1848 in Pike County, Arkansas; died about 1890 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Family Group Records courtesy of Teresa Burnham Harris, 943 Ouachita 47, Camden, AR 71701.

QUERIES

Henderson Seeks information and photographs of Abner Newton Henderson and wife Levica Alford Henderson. When and where did they die? Where are they buried?

Teresa Burnham Harris, 943 Ouachita 47, Camden, AR 71701. Res (501) 231-6869. Fax (501) 574-2458.

Dunahoo, Duniho Looking for info on James Phillip Dunahoo (or Duniho) from era 1820 to 1850.

Ester E. Duniho, 904 Craddock, Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

Box, Jones I am trying to locate the death or burial record of my g-g-g grandmother Rebecca (Box) Jones. I know she died in Pike County, Arkansas sometime after 1890.

Rita F. Silva, 18205 S. Ward Rd., Los Banos, CA 93635. Telephone (209) 826-4763. E-Mail truffle@telis.org.

Blocker, Cantrell, Goodwin, Morphey, Palmer, Sample L.D. Cantrell born 1823 son of Elijah & Rebecca Cantrell and Elizabeth Blocker daughter of Redden & ? married in 1843. The parents of Catherine Cantrell born 1850 who married 1865

Ganer Prince Morphew son of Aaron Morphew & Nancy Sample. Ganer & Catherine (Morphew) the parents of William Hiram Isaiah Morphew born 1868 who married 1888 Eliza Tipton Palmer daughter of Junius Palmer & Mary Goodwin. Lived in Marion, Walker, Talledega Co., Alabama & Pike, Clark, Columbia, Montgomery, Miller Co., Arkansas & Ellis, Bowie Co., Texas. Siblings married McKinnon, Kirby, Godwin (sp), Cluck, Hughes, Teague, Carver, White, Wigley, Arnold, etc.

Peggy Morphew, 13801 N. Tan-Tara Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351-2239.

Bane, Burk, England, Grant, Medley, Sample

James Burk born circa 1710 married 1730 Mary Jane Bane daughter of Mordecai Bane & Naomi Medley. Mary Burk married circa 1748 Joseph Morphew (and) their son Silas Morphew married circa 1775 Elizabeth England daughter of John England & Anne Grant. Aaron Morphew born circa 1798 married Nancy Sample born circa 1805 daughter of William Sample & Keziah unknown. Lived Augusta, Botetourt, (in) Virginia & Philadelphia, New Castle, Somerset (in) Pennsylvania & Burke, Surrey, Wautauga, Rowan (in) North Carolina & Orangeburgh, Old 96 South Carolina & Itawamba Co., Mississippi. Siblings married Utsey, Gildon, Gilbert, Keils, Self, Martin, Crawford, Hedford, etc.

Peggy Morphew, 13801 N. Tan-Tara Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351-2239.

Stuart, Watkins, Daniel, Wisdom Seeking any information on my Grandparents. Lora Stuart (Grandmother) born Mar. 4, 1891 married Oscar B. Daniel born Jan. 26, 1886 in Mississippi died July 29, 1971. Lora Daniel born in Pike Co., AR (and) died 1972, her parents, Charlie H. Stuart born 1867 died 1892 and his wife Louisa Amney (Amenie) born Nov. 9, 1869 died ? where ?. Parents of Charlie Stuart are John Byron Stuart born 9-23-1819 died Nov. 25, 1898. His parents William Stueart born ? died White Co. TN when ?, married Rachel Wisdom born when ? died ? in TN, their parents ?. Charlie H. (Stuart's) mother Lavina Wisdom born Dec. 26, 1828 died May 5, 1901, parents ?. Oscar B. Daniel's parents are Eli-jah

Monroe Daniel born ? where (in) AL, married March C. Austin in Prentiss Co. MS (on) Mar. 7, 1892 died in Pike Co. AR. She is in the 1920 census living with her son and family William Daniel, age 70.

Lora Steel, 86 East 100 South, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

Riddle, White, Hill I'm hoping to find a marriage for Samuel B. Riddle and Mary White or Martha Hill that occurred probably in 1881/1882.

Nancy Ragan, 3820 Davenport, Shertz, TX 78154.

CORRESPONDENCE

8-10-1995

Dear Dorothy Partain,

Thank you for answering my letter. Since writing to you in April I have discovered that John Hess and his wife Louisa Masion Hess both died and are buried in Oklahoma ... in the New Hope-Stilwell City Cemetery in Stilwell, OK.

I also found that John Hess was born March 15, 1850 ... and was first married to a Carson ... His oldest daughter Florentina Idelia Hess was born January 26, 1876 in Newhope, AR. Louisa M. Masion was his second wife. She was born Aug. 16, 1860 ...

I am trying to find some records of (the marriage) dates ...

Thank you,

Sandra Hess
2630 26th Ave.
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Erwin Tucker
8764 East Davies Avenue
Englewood, CO 80112

Pike County Archives
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Recently I requested a copy of the marriage license of my great grandparents from the Pike County clerk. I was informed that the courthouse burned down in 1895 destroying all the old records. I assume they were married at Antoine since Henry J. (Walton) came from Mississippi and S.A. (his wife) came from South Carolina. Henry J. Walton died May 18, 1863 in a Confederate Army camp at Fort Smith. I have in my possession the original letter written by J.E. Buchanan telling of his death. Their daughter, Mary Delia Walton was my father's mother and my grandmother. She moved to Hopkins County, Texas at "an

early age." I do not know exactly when. Any information about this family ... would be greatly appreciated by me.

Sincerely,
Erwin Tucker

14 Oct 1995
3820 Davenport
Schertz, Texas 78154

Pike County Archives
Murfreeseboro, Ark. 71958

I am trying to locate the town where my grandmother Nancy A. (Riddle) Patton was born in 1882 or 1883 near New Hope. Her father was Samuel Boseman Riddle and her mother was either Martha Hill, Mary White, or possibly Samantha Jane Swader. According to information received her family was living in Pike County at the time of her birth. Was/is there such a town in Pike County? If so, where would I write for a birth record, if one exists.

Thank you,
Nancy Ragan

October 28, 1995

Pike County Archives
Murfreeseboro, AR 71958

Subject: Roberta Ellis Porter (Grandfather) Addie Leeitha Whisenhunt (Grandmother) Jim Walter Snyder (Grandfather) Rebecca Jane McClure (Grandmother)

I am new at this but I would like to know more about my relations. I am 61 and ... I never knew any of my Grand-parents relations on either side of the family. I was born in 1934 in Howard county, Wandaleen Synder, and a sister Edna Carol Snyder born in 1937. Parents divorced.

My mother was born in 1910, Edna Mae Porter (Snyder) then remarried Winfred Delan Pool of Bingen. My Great Grandfather was Joseph Palmer Porter (and his) wife was Elizabeth Hunter. (My Great Grandparents) Joe Whisenhunt and Parthenia White on Grandmother's side. I have been told that on the Whisenhunt side there were 10 children (never met any of them). Here is a list of their first names: Boss, Pleas, Sam, Ben, Bob, Isam, Visie, Bashan, Addie, (and) Martha (died at birth). On the Porter side there were 7 children: Lot, Barlebur, Sam, Boxter, Willey, Deeley, (and) Suesie (sp).

My aunts and uncles on the Porter side: Vila, Cordia, Oma, Palmer Burla (know these). My uncles on the Snyder side were: Troy, Pat, (and) Kenneth (know these).

Very truly yours,
Wanda Browning

P.O. Box 501
Amado, AZ 85645

6620 Gatewood Circle
Horn Lake, MS 38637
November 16, 1995

Pike County Archives
Murfreeseboro, AR 71958

Dear Sirs:

I would like to know if you have any compilations of obituary notices for Dallas and surrounding counties. I am looking for information on the date of death for Jefferson Davis Dillard. He died sometime in the 1940's and is buried in Jones Cemetery, Amity, Clark County, Arkansas.

I would also like to know if you have any publications for sale, such as records for marriages, deaths and wills.

Sincerely,
(Ms.) Tony Sharpe

Dec. 28, 1995

Pike Co. Archives

I am researching the Coffman/Kaufman family. I know my relatives lived in your county. I am told that my second great grandparents Robert and Arminda Coffman/Kaufman were in the 1870 Pike County census (and) they might have married there in 1865. Several of their children could have been born there also.

There are other members of the Coffman/Kaufman family that may have lived there. Any Coffman/Kaufman is most likely related. Do you have census and cemetery records, historical accounts of any kind, Civil War records, land records ... to check for my family name.

Cathy Phillips
P.O. Box 284
Halsey, OR 97348

P.O. Box 163
Wharton, TX 77488
Jan. 30, 1996

Pike County Archives
Murfreeseboro, AR 71958

I am trying to find out all I can about my great-great grandfather Pleasant Solomon Spears who lived in Pike County from at least 1877-1900 maybe a few more years. His 17 children were all born in Pike County; some married there (and) some died there. The children were all born between 1877 and 1900.

Can you help me with land records, tax records, etc., and possibly a marriage record of Pleasant Solomon Spears to Sarah Ellen Josephine Lightfoot from Clark Co. about 1875-1876 ...

Sincerely,

Deborah Ann Griffin

13 Feb 1996

In doing research I have found that my father was in WWI having enlisted (on) 26 April 1918 at Benton, Arkansas. He was discharged at Camp Pike 12 Nov 1919. My father William Robert Sheppard was born in Braxton, Mississippi 14 May 1892.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Friedrichs
P.O. Box 416
Princeton, TX 75407-0416
(214) 736-3848

9 March 1996

Dear David,

Thanks for your letter and the Bible records of Christopher C. Trout ... (and for) the Tippin Family. William (Tippin) married Mary Trout daughter of our George. I am now (re)starting from the beginning on the Trouts. There are so many more records (that have) been published since I started in 1955 ... I am listing a few items found that might help find where the Trouts came from & were (related), possibly brothers:

Tryon County, North Carolina
Index of Land Surveys

30 March 1770, Tryon County, Francis Beaty, Deed of Sale, (to) George Trout, 200 acres ... October Term 1774, Claims on the County of Tryon for (the) year 1774, George Trout ... October Term 1774, Claims on the County of Tryon for (the) year 1774, John Trout ... 15 January 1778, Tryon County, George Trout sells same land (1770) back to Francis Beaty's children. George (Trout's) wife was Mary (?) ... she was examined (&c) ... July Term 1778, Tryon County, John Trout vs. James Kelly ... 20 August 1779, George Trout claims 200 acres in Lincoln County on Long Branch of Buffalo Creek: above Robert Wire's entry on (the) fork of said branch ... 23 Oct 1779, John Trout claims 200 acres in Lincoln County on Popular Spring Branch of Long Branch of Buffalo Creek ... border(s): Robert Wire and George Trout ... 1782, Tryon County, Henry Trout a chain bearer (survey) to a Patent to John Sorrells located Mountain Creek, Main Broad River.

11 March 1797, Michael Trout married Rachel Lorance ... 29 October 1807, William Trout married Sally (Haun?) ... 29 March 1809, Nelly Trout married David Hause.

There is a possibility ... Christopher C. Trout was a brother of our George (Trout). George had a son Christopher C. & my great grandfather Wilson Nesbit Trout (son of James Trout & Ann Hopper) had a son named Christopher C. Trout nick-

named "Tobe" (and) this name (Christopher C.) has been carried through several generations ... a couple of more notes:

1778, Rowan County, North Carolina Tax List, George Trout, Captain Lyon's District ... 11 August 1812, Rowan County, North Carolina. Benjamin Trout & wife Sarah (convey) 200 acres to Joseph Graham. Sarah (Trout) was the daughter of James Jenkins & sole heir ... acknowledged and renounced her dower.

Jessie Mae Ashford

2 Apr 1996

Dear PCAHS,

I would ... be interested in hearing from anyone researching the Howard / Dossey / Kelley lines. My great grandfather Earl S. Barnhill (born 1866) married Dora Magdalene Howard (born 28 Feb 1874 in Murfreesboro). Dora was (the) daughter of James Henry Howard (born 1838 in TN and for whom Howard Co. was named) and Rebecca Jane Dossey (born July 1841 in Center Point). I know quite a bit about Rebecca Jane Dossey's forebears, but nothing about James Henry Howard beyond the fact that he came to Arkansas in 1853 and worked as a shoemaker until he entered politics. If anyone is working on these lines they can write me at:

Jo Sapp
966 Bukit Rasah
70300 Seremban, N.S.
Malaysia
ph/fax: 011-603-7634211
April 15, 1996
E. 11920 Mansfield #1
Spokane, WA 99206

Pike County Archives
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

I am doing the genealogy of our family and I happened across one of our ancestors who had fought in the Civil War. His name was Robert Beaver. He was a Union soldier and died there in Murfreesboro, January of 1865. Do you have any idea of what became of Union men who had died in your area? Were they buried there or sent back to where they might have enlisted? Or is there any records of them? I would appreciate any help ...

Thank you,

Cindy Beaver

Janell Roberts
P.O. Box 331
Nashville, AR 71852-0331

Postmarked 22 May 1996

I would like to find (information) a Mary Hipp born Nov. 3, 1840 to Meeky (East) and Samuel Hipp. Mary came to Ark. with her mother & 4 brothers at a very early age. They were:

William A., James P., John and Samuel. Mary married to a Joseph Baird in 1860.

Yours truly,

Janell (Hipp) Roberts

28 May 1996

Dear Dorothy:

... a family member I am looking for that *might* be located in Pike County. I wrote Clark County and they sent me what information they could find ... If John Ruffin is buried in your county I would like to know and if any other family members are there as well. My great-great grandmother was his daughter and she was Mary Ella Ruffin Henderson of Garland County ...

Yours,

Meri Love
Rt. 1 Box 199A
Bee Branch, AR 72013

Enclosed (not identified) newspaper item: "The relatives and friends of Mrs. J.P Henderson in this city will regret to hear of her death, which occurred at her home in Hot Springs on the 25th inst. She had been in delicate health for several months. Mrs. Henderson was the daughter of the late Dr. Ruffin, of this county. She was interred on Sunday in Hot Springs, Rev. W.T. Amis conducting the services."

June 16, 1996

Mr. David L. Kelley
P.O. Box 741896
Dallas, Texas 75374

Dear David:

I have recently come across five old school records sheets for the Old Japany School. Thought you might like to know what I know about it. I don't know when the school was started, but I do know my father and some of my aunts attended the school for several years. It was located south of Murfreesboro, about 3.5 miles. It was on the left hand side of the road at the point where you turn left to go to my birthplace and just across the highway (which is Highway 301) from the "Terrell Access to the Little Missouri River" and the road to Roy. There still stands the old original Well House for the school. It was painted white and is still so. The Well is bricked and still has water in it. The school was originally a one room building and later expanded to two rooms since so many children started attending school there. My dad said at one time there was at least eighty children going there. They came from Murfreesboro, Kimberly, Roy, Boto and a few from Billstown.

When they lived in Kimberly they would walk each day down to the Japany school. Aunt Ott which is what we call her said she remembers helping carry the bricks to build to brick the well. She told me who the name was that did the well and I

have it written down some where, but can't find it. All three of them remember the teachers that taught them at the time. They were O.A. Featherston, Mr. Holtz and Mr. Howard A. Dawson. They said they were all very good teachers, but Uncle Claud said Mr. Featherston scared him too much and couldn't learn anything from him. He said he would study real hard in hopes of impressing Mr. Featherston, but the next day of school when he was called to give an answer, he was so scared that he would forget everything he had studied the night before. They all said Mr. Holtz was a German and they all liked him very much. He was kind and gentle, but yet firm and demanded the students gave him full attention when class was in session. My dad said one day some of the boys on one of the benches kept talking in class and finally Mr. Holtz walked up to the bench and kicked it over. 'Course the boys didn't talk in class anymore he said.

As a young boy myself I remember seeing some of the old logs that the buildings were on. I don't know if they can still be seen since the land has been clear cut and has grown up very badly. I am now in process of trying to obtain from the owners of the land permission to restore the Well House. It is in very good condition and won't take to much to do it. I very much want to do this since it is a part of Pike County History.

Some of the students that attended school there are listed below.
"Females"

Trinne, Artie and Lola Alexander; Effie, Lena and Mittie Bateman; Melonia, Caroline, Calidonia and Olivia Burnitt; Beulah, Ethel, Gertie and Nora Mae Fugitt; Stella and Ruby McBrayer; Olive, Mildred, Eva and Gertrude Smedley; Myrtle, Ruby and Margarette Stevens; Nellie and Geneva Elliott; Emma and Iva Jackson; Imma Picket, Alice Roberts.

"Males"

Albert Balars, Marion, Bateman; David and Albert Elliott; Earl and Homer Fagan; Jeff and Willie Fugitt; Millard Harris, Tommy and Eldridge Huddleston; Jesse and Willie Jackson; Roland, Claud, Clarence and Neuman Smedley; Lake Stevens, Horace and Martin Alexander; Tilman McBrayer, Earl and Ludis Rhodes; Eddie, Grover and Loye Riddle.

There were many more, but these are the ones that are on the attendance sheets I have. I hope this will be of some use to you and others.

Sincerely,

Jim Smedley
2005 Paisley Dr.
Arlington, Texas 76015

P.S. I would also like to say that the Kimberly Cemetery ... has been completely restored. The (markers) that were broken were repaired. Those that were missing have been replaced. There were 8 repaired and 16 that I made myself. I tried to make them look as old as possible. They are not of granite or marble, but I have been told that the materials I used will last for many, many years to come. I do however "apparently" have two more to make and place in the cemetery.

I have spent almost three years on this project and quite a large sum of my own money for the fence and materials for the

headstones plus many hours of keeping it mowed. The fence is already going to have to be changed to barbed wire because cattle keep knocking it down and get into the cemetery. They have already knocked over some of the stones and broken them.

If there is anyone who would like to make a donation to the cemetery they may do so at the Pike County Bank. Make deposits out to "Kimberly Cemetery Fund". This fund will only be used for the mowing of the cemetery when I become unable to take care of it. All donations are deeply appreciated.

Wouldn't it be great if everyone would become more interested in restoring and preserving our history? It is such a shame that only a few are willing to do so.

17 June 1996

David L. Kelley
P.O. Box 741896
Dallas, TX 75374
Dear David,

... In the list of Researchers in the Spring 1996 "Gems" I noted that you had me listed twice. I wish to correct this. I am just one person. Aileen F. Brewer (Mrs. Ronald L.) and I do live in Arizona having moved from Washington State.

I am in process of putting together a book about my husband's father Leo D. Brewer to include information about his ancestors, his descendants and his World War I experience. It will also contain photos, sort of like a scrapbook.

Mr. Brewer recently celebrated his 98th birthday with family and friends in attendance. He is failing physically, but his mind is very good. He really enjoyed the party and all the company ...

Sincerely,

Aileen Brewer

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Brewer
1031 W. Rio Magdalena
Green Valley, AZ 85614-4031

July 15, 1996

Aileen Brewer
1031 W. Rio Magdalena
Green Valley, AZ 85614-4031

Dear Aileen,

... The list of researchers in the Spring 1996 issue of "The Gems" was taken from queries &c. in various publications for 1990. I realize there is a duplication of entries. I did not attempt to consolidate the information. It is referenced as it appeared in the publications. I did attempt to provide in footnotes changes of address, but I am sure it wasn't updated in every instance.

I would like to place your letter in "The Gems" as a way of providing clarification for you ... It is remarkable to learn of your father-in-law's 98(th) birthday.

Sincerely,

David L. Kelley

PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS DEATHS

1914-1923 & 1934-1940 (Alford-Fulton)

Name of Deceased	Death Date
Alford, Avia R.	06/18/1914
Allen, Kenneth	08/26/1936
Allen, William	01/19/1934
Ames, Georgia	04/22/1939
Anderson, William D.	10/23/1934
Andrews, Charles E.	02/16/1914
Armstrong, Sam J.	09/10/1934
Arnold, Louveni	09/28/1935
Asher,	09/09/1935
Ashford, John	11/24/1919
Ashley, Uphma	11/13/1937
Austin, L.T.	05/25/1940
Avery, J.L.	10/30/1939
Babbitt, Addie P.	07/12/1937
Babbitt, Dolley	03/01/1939
Babbitt, H.E.	09/09/1938
Babbitt, William M.	04/18/1940
Bagwell, Mary	09/15/1935
Bailey, Bammet	01/09/1916
Baker,	07/12/1922
Baker, Elizabeth H.J.	04/11/1922
Baker, Enos	09/26/1915
Baker, W.M.	11/27/1939
Barentine, Celia Ann	03/06/1938
Barentine, Thurman E.	05/27/1914
Barmore, John C.	04/28/1935
Barmore, Nancy E.	12/06/1914
Barnes, J.C.	05/20/1935
Barnes, Melvina	11/28/1939
Beard, Will	02/28/1936
Beuert, Barbara M.	07/23/1940
Bell, Ed H.	06/09/1936
Benham, Edward W.	01/31/1939
Bennett, Grace Mae	01/23/1935
Bennett, Lewis R.	04/30/1936
Bissell, Harta	01/20/1938
Black, Mattie Lee	03/02/1916
Blanchard, Kate	09/05/1922
Blevins, Francis	11/21/1919
Blevins, William B.	07/24/1940
Boswell, Nellie Ann	12/07/1937
Bottoms, John W.	05/29/1935
Boyd, Millard	10/10/1940
Bradford, Mary J.	11/07/1940
Bradford, Wiley	01/29/1937
Bragg, Sam	04/20/1922
Branch, Harry A.	04/03/1939
Brewer, Emily C.	03/28/1940

Brewer, Minnie	08/11/1915	Cramer, Lawrence	08/26/1914
Broadhurst, Elizabeth	06/13/1922	Crawford, Alvis E.	10/17/1936
Brock, Sarah	09/28/1935	Crawford, George P.	08/04/1940
Brooks, Huldy	09/24/1935	Crawford, Jack	04/16/1914
Brown, Aaron	02/22/1934	Crawley, Martha F.	11/30/1940
Brown, Drewey A.	08/02/1935	Crews, Robby	12/22/1937
Brown, Landon	04/27/1914	Crittendon, Mirtle	11/18/1915
Brown, Minnie	09/03/1921	Croford, Tempio	06/04/1915
Brown, Samuel E.	02/10/1940	Cummings, Mable	10/03/1938
Brown, William	01/06/1934	Dabbs, Lee J.	09/07/1934
Bullock, John W.	08/10/1936	Daniel, Bryon	03/02/1923
Burch, Charley H.	02/12/1935	Daniel, Louiza J.	03/09/1914
Burgess, Powell	08/29/1914	Dansby, Ben A.	08/18/1939
Burke, Clair	10/04/1914	Davasher, Judie A.	12/28/1938
Burke, Randolph H.	08/07/1914	Davidson, Mable	10/13/1921
Burkhart, Gustave	01/12/1921	Davis,	12/07/1914
Burnham, Walter	07/26/1915	Davis, Lois	02/23/1934
Burt, William M.	02/17/1916	Davis, Maggie	04/17/1937
Butcher, Benjamin	04/04/1936	Davis, Martha C.	02/08/1937
Butcher, Lewis	07/26/1915	Davis, Ruth D.	02/07/1938
Cagle, Oliver G.	10/20/1935	Davis, W.B.	06/06/1921
Calley, William	03/01/1935	Dawkins, Otto	10/21/1915
Cannon, Everett	08/02/1939	Delaney, William H.	12/22/1914
Cardwell, Mollie	11/06/1915	Dematte, Ralph E.	06/29/1914
Carr, Duncan	08/01/1914	Denny, Edgar A.	09/20/1935
Carr, James Edward	11/18/1940	Derbyshire, Elizabeth	10/11/1914
Carroll, Johnney	01/13/1923	Dingler, Morris J.	10/06/1914
Carson, Luther	01/25/1936	Donaghey,	03/10/1915
Carter,	03/18/1922	Donaldson,	04/26/1922
Carter, John B.	11/10/1938	Dooley, E.S.	05/18/1940
Champion, W.T.	12/11/1937	Dooley, Hattie M.	03/28/1937
Chaney, Violet	08/26/1914	Doster, Absolum	07/25/1935
Chapel, James S.	12/08/1922	Doster, Horace	09/01/1914
Chatman, Ed	03/03/1938	Downs, William	03/17/1914
Cheek, Laura C.	07/09/1940	Driesbach, Delene B.	10/31/1936
Childers, Luke	01/22/1934	Dukes, Martha E.	09/20/1935
Clark,	01/17/1939	Dulin, W.E.	09/07/1939
Cobley, William T.	05/21/1922	Dunson, Hope	01/12/1936
Cogdell, Julia	04/14/1938	Eason, Gilmer C.	10/11/1936
Cogdell, Robert D.	10/25/1936	Eason, Gilmer D.	10/12/1936
Cogdell, Will	07/17/1938	East, Thomas S.	06/30/1940
Coker, Beulah	07/08/1937	Edge, Elizabeth F.	02/02/1936
Cole, Lorenza	02/28/1939	Edge, Mary	10/31/1922
Cole, Ozie	03/22/1937	Edom, Molly H.	11/24/1934
Coleman, Henry	06/02/1940	Elam, Nancy A.	03/05/1939
Colley,	11/30/1919	Elder, Ellen E.	10/21/1939
Collom, Fannie	06/04/1915	Elkins, Rena	03/16/1922
Collom, Robert	05/15/1914	Emmerson, Mary M.	11/07/1914
Cook, J.S.	05/01/1940	Epperson, Joy W.	05/21/1938
Cooley, Eula May	02/29/1936	Evans, Jasper	08/16/1936
Cooley, Partheni	02/28/1935	Evans, Julia	06/09/1936
Cooley, Verna V.	02/05/1914	Evans, Thomas A	05/21/1937
Cooper, Jenette	10/10/1914	Everette, Dewayne	04/28/1935
Copeland, Charles	06/24/1923	Fagan, William M.	11/01/1915
Copeland, James D.	12/27/1923	Fagans, Margret	02/04/1939
Copeland, Jodie	01/14/1936	Fant, Nancy M.	06/11/1936
Cornish, Loyd	04/10/1915	Farwell, Pearl	12/17/1915
Cornish, Willie	05/16/1922	Featherston, David	07/18/1935
Covington, John	03/01/1935	Fenter, Waneta	06/22/1922
Cox, Cora	10/08/1938	Fenter, Winnie B.	07/22/1922
Cox, D.B.	04/19/1934	Finney, Jessie	03/18/1922
Cox, Hester	04/24/1938	Finney, Rhoda L.	10/23/1934
Cox, Mattie	05/07/1914		

Flemens, Elizebeth	05/22/1934
Floyd, Jack C.	04/19/1935
Floyd, Mollie A.	03/31/1923
Floyd, S.N.	06/19/1936
Forwell, Pearl	12/17/1915
Foulk, Ozel	11/28/1937
Fox, Varne	07/26/1921
Franklin, Ida P.	12/27/1935
Franks, Sally	09/18/1937
Frost, Bernice L.	06/10/1923
Frost, James S.	06/26/1923
Fuller, E.Y.	01/27/1940
Fuller, Milton	01/22/1934
Fulton, Columbus D.	09/14/1938

Desmond Walls Allen

Desmond Walls Allen has especially provided these death records at the request of the editor with permission for publication in THE GEMS. To be continued in the next issue.

Arkansas Death Record Indexes are AVAILABLE!

If your roots are in Arkansas, here's a valuable new source to help with your research: death certificates! The State of Arkansas began keeping death records in February, 1914, and these index volumes, taken from Health Department records, are to those records that have the potential to be very helpful to your search for those elusive Arkansas ancestors. These indexes show the deceased person's name, date of death, and the county from which the death was reported. Unfortunately, they don't show all the deaths which occurred in Arkansas, only the ones reported to the state.

One of the biggest values of these indexes is looking up collateral relatives, those great aunt and uncles and cousins, who may seem like fallen leaves off the family tree, but whose information can be helpful to you. A death record for some third cousin, twice removed may lead you to a family cemetery where generations of your family are buried.

Previously, to find out if a certificate was on file for a particular person, you had to pay your money and take your chances. The Health Department keeps your money as a search fee if no record is found. Now, with these valuable indexes, you'll know what's available before you order certificates.

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Pinkie Mae Webb

Billstown - Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24, (1996) in the Billstown Church of Christ for Pinkie Mae Webb, 98, of Commerce, Texas. Wallace Alexander and David Gibson officiated. Burial was in the Delight Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home. Mrs. Webb was born Feb. 25, 1898 at Garrett's Bluff, Texas daughter of the late George Washington and Mary Lydia Kelley Barker. She died Friday, March 22, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, G.C. "Claude" Webb.

Mrs. Webb was reared by foster parents (Williamson) after the death of her parents when she was four years old. Survivors include: one son Billy Ray Webb of Campbell, Texas; seven grand-children, nine great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Murfreesboro Diamond, March 27, 1996: Obituaries, pg. 2.

Anthony's celebrate 60th anniversary with reception at Peach Shed

Murfreesboro - Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anthony celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception Saturday afternoon, August 24 at the Peach Shed, located on Highway 27 between Murfreesboro and Nashville. Clarence Anthony is the son of the late John W. and Margaret Bass Anthony. Bennie Sue Anthony is the daughter of the late Clifton and Lura Tubbs Atha. The couple were married on August 21, 1936 in Washington. They have one daughter Anita Davis of Little Rock and two granddaughters, Betsy Davis of Little Rock and Hannah Davis of Boulder, Colorado. Clarence was president of the family-owned Murfreesboro Lumber Company until it was sold in 1977. He has

served on the Murfreesboro Water Commission, the board of directors of the Pike County Bank, the Murfreesboro Industrial Development and the Arkansas State Forestry Commission. Currently, he is on the board of directors at the Pike County Memorial Hospital, the Bank of Delight and Ouachita Baptist University. Mrs. Anthony has served with the garden club, PTA, Ouachita Baptist University and the Baptist Health Foundation. They are members of the Murfreesboro First Baptist Church, where Clarence serves as a deacon.

Glenwood Herald, Thursday, August 29, 1996, page 2-B.

ARCHIVES UPDATE

The new PCAHS publication **Pike County: A Look at the Past** IS SELLING FAST! The book is a pictorial history of Pike County, its places and people. It is available for \$25.00 (includes s&h) or \$22.00 for a local order not mailed.

The PCAHS home page on the internet created and sponsored by PCAHS vice-president Shane Hill is now also the official page for Pike County, Arkansas on the Arkansas GENWEB. The Arkansas GENWEB page (sponsored by Bill Couch) was started in 1996 to "provide a single entry point for all counties in Arkansas" represented on the internet as part of the Arkansas GENWEB. Shane has put a lot of effort into making this possible and we extend our appreciation for his many accomplishments for PCAHS. For those having internet access you can visit the PCAHS home page at the following location:

<http://www.win.net/~shill/>

The 10th anniversary meeting of PCAHS on October 10 was a great success! It was held at Tom and Linda Wilson's at Delight, Arkansas with dinner, visiting, and a formal meeting with several speakers: Linda Wilson director and treasurer; Harrison Gilmer president; Dewayne Gray director and past president; Dorothy Partain co-editor of The Gems; Cindy Scott of Fort Bragg, North Carolina and her daughter Suzanne; and David Kelley of Dallas, Texas editor of The Gems.

Those attending our 10th anniversary PCAHS meeting include:

Fern Adams	Kirby, Arkansas
Juanice Adams	Glenwood, Arkansas
Vanessa Adams	Kirby, Arkansas
Jean Cathey	Quinlan, Texas
Joyce Couch	Nathan, Arkansas
Georgia Evans	Nashville, Arkansas
Harrison Gilmer	Boto, Arkansas
Dewayne Gray	Delight, Arkansas
Shane Hill	Delight, Arkansas
Caroline Sparks Hood	Victoria, Texas
Grace Ann Riley	Delight, Arkansas
David L. Kelley	Dallas, Texas
Helen Leamons	Glenwood, Arkansas
Shirley Martin	Nashville, Arkansas
Donna Mayhall	Irving, Texas
Jan McGalliard	Stelltown, Arkansas
Leon Moore	Alexander, Arkansas
Orene Moore	Alexander, Arkansas
Dorothy K. Partain	Murfreesboro, Arkansas
Janell Hipp Roberts	Nashville, Arkansas
Cindy Scott	Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Suzanne Scott	Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Violet O. Smith	Nashville, Arkansas

B.J. Sparks	Wynnwood, Washington
Bonnie Sparks	Victoria, Texas
Dale Sparks	Victoria, Texas
Kenneth R. Sparks	Columbia, Texas
Dot Watkins	Ruston, Louisiana
Doug Watkins	Ruston, Louisiana
Linda Wilson	Delight, Arkansas
Tom Wilson	Delight, Arkansas

We appreciate all of the members, past and present officers, and directors who participated in this special meeting and for Tom and Linda Wilson, our hosts.

Annual membership dues for the Pike County Archives and History Society has increased to \$10 per year beginning 1997 and membership includes four issues of THE GEMS quarterly. Lifetime membership is \$100. Once again be sure to check and see if you receive all issues of The Gems for the year: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. For those joining PCAHS throughout the year after winter will receive the back issues for that year.

Dorothy Kennedy Partain

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Are you interested in HISTORY ___ GENEALOGY ___ BOTH ___ ? Please mark one or both of the above. If you are interested in genealogy 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 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. The 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Annual membership dues are \$10.00. Lifetime membership dues are \$100.00. The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a non-profit organization. It 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."

**Pike County Archives and History Society
P.O. Box 238
Murfreesboro, AR 71958**