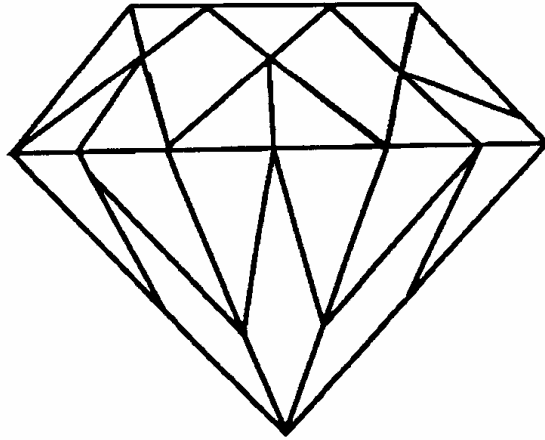


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# ROYSTON AND BEYOND : MILLING ON THE LITTLE MISSOURI

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## THE LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER

Western Arkansas is blessed with a wealth of small to medium size white-water streams that make it a Mecca for the fisherman and the sports enthusiast. Among these rivers is the Little Missouri. Although now tamed and tranquil behind Narrows Dam on Lake Greeson, the once free flowing Little Missouri was home to some of our state's first attempts at industrialization. It is born deep within the scenic, "pine-forested ridges and valleys" of some of Arkansas' most rugged uplands, from springs at the foot of the Missouri Mountains in eastern Polk County. Fed by numerous "mountain streamlets and creeks", the infant river cascades eastward into Montgomery County through a series of white-water gorges including the "extraordinary Little Missouri Falls". It then forces its way through the last ridges of the Cossatot Range and enters Pike County west of Langley. The remainder of its course is confined within this county as it continues south and east toward its mouth with the Ouachita River above Tate's Bluff. Along the way, it passes through regions rich in cinnabar, Novaculite, gypsum, and asphalt. Near the mouth of Prairie Creek, just south of Murfreesboro, it flows beside North America's only large-scale diamond field. Further downstream it becomes "a lazy, meandering low land river, subject to frequent overflows", with a flood plain that spreads out across parts of Hempstead, Nevada, and Clark counties.

## EARLY EXPLORERS

French travelers knew the river as the "Petite Missouri". According to George William Featherstonhaugh, who crossed it in 1835, the river received its name "from its waters being of a dusky red muddy color, like those of the great Missouri". Jean Filhiol, who explored the Ouachita River in 1786, observed that the Little Missouri was known for its sudden, "frequent rises", that alternated with periods of low water. Settlers along its banks, he noted, have to "hurry to take advantage of the rising of the waters (that) is very rapid but it loses as quickly what came into it from the mountain drains." The famous explorer, William Dunbar, passed by its mouth in 1804 and commented that it was known as the "lesser and Little" Missouri. "It is a considerable branch" he wrote, "perhaps (a) fourth (in size) of the Washita".

## EARLY SETTLERS

One of the early land routes from Little Rock to Texas, known as the Southwest Trail, forded the Little Missouri south of Delight. Hundreds of immigrants seeking greener pastures in the West made the crossing each week. However, once across, the traveler took his life into his own hands as he navigated nearly three miles of Little Missouri bottoms, some of the most impassable overflow lands along the route. The Englishman, Featherstonhaugh, complained that after "we crossed in the ferry boat, the waters being high, (we) entered upon a close low bottom, densely covered with cane, laurel, holly and swamp timber of every kind. (The road) was intersected by numerous bayous, over which (were built) nine bridges, five of which were impassable owing to the greater part of the thick planks, which formed their floors, not having been secured by pegs or tree-nails so that they had floated away the very first inundation".

By 1814, the rich lands on the north bank of the river had attracted a scattering of American settlers. "Wolf Creek Settlement", located near Delight, grew into a community noted for the "exertions & persevering industry" of its inhabitants. About the same time, a few settlers began to filter into an area to the west of Wolf Creek called "Three Forks". This is fertile bottomland located south of the junction of the Clear and Muddy forks of the Little Missouri. A few miles downstream, the river is joined by Prairie Creek, thus the name "Three Forks". By 1833, when Pike County was established, settlers along the river numbered some 500. The county commissioners located the county seat in the Three Forks area at Murfreesboro. Also a post office was secured named Zebulon. The mountainous area north of Murfreesboro did not attract settlers until later. White Township, covering much of what is now Lake Greeson, was created in 1847. Areas along the upper reaches of the river were but sparsely settled and became a part of the Ouachita National Forest in 1907.

## EARLY MILLING INDUSTRY

The gristmill, the flourmill, the sawmill, and later the cotton mill, were important institutions on the Arkansas frontier. Sparse settlement and undependable transportation created a hardship for the farmer who needed to convert his raw produce into useful goods in order to feed, clothe, and house his family. Although Arkansas frontiersmen were ingenious in meeting these needs, the construction of a mill within conformable travel distance was a sure sign of the advance of civilization.

Because of the Little Missouri's "heavy fall", the difference in elevation between its head and Narrows Dam is some 1,000 feet, this river was long recognized as capable of supplying "almost unlimited water power". "We have the greatest water power in Arkansas" stated one local resident in 1859. "I have traveled up and down the river. It surely is possessed of the greatest sites for mills and machinery of all kinds that I ever saw".

"Hugh's Mill", perhaps a sawmill, seems to be the area's first water mill. This location, wrote Henry Merrill in 1863, (who was informed in 1856) had been used as a mill site for some "forty years". Its founder evidently was John Hughes, who moved to Three Forks about 1819. A survey plat of the area made in 1839 shows "Hughes Field" about a mile below the old Royston site on the east side of the river. "Hugh's mill" was probably near this field. Hughes was a local civic leader and politician. He became the county's first sheriff, served in the Territorial Legislature, and was later county treasurer. Although he does not show up on early county tax records as a miller, he was a very wealthy man, with some \$3,500 of personal wealth in 1837.

By their very nature, early mills on the Little Missouri appear to have been temporary affairs. Quickly built, they were quickly swept away by the rapid rises of this capricious river. Other early Pike County millers were Jesse Bittick, William M. Ward, Thomas Cox, and Robert McDonald.

## WHITE'S MILL

In 1840, Isaac White makes his first appearance on Pike County tax rolls as a "miller". He would remain in this trade for the next seventeen years. His sawmill is one of the few early area mills for which an exact location is known. It appears as a landmark on an 1839 survey plat. Evidently profiting from other's experiences, White built his mill not on the river itself, but on the waters of Prairie Creek just above its mouth with the Little Missouri. This set White's site above the sudden overflows for which the river was so notorious. Ironically, White seems to have viewed his mill as only a minor source of wealth. Unbeknownst to him, it set only a few yards from what is now the Carter of Diamonds State Park.

White was born in 1794 and came to Arkansas about 1829. Over the years, he became quite wealthy. In 1845, he wrote to his brother, Peter, who lived in Kentucky, that he owned between "7 or 8 thousand dollars" worth of property. He also mentioned that he was training his young son, William Jordan White, to be a miller. Like John Hughes, White also became a local office holder. In 1829 and 1831 he served as a Justice of the Peace. Later he was elected Pike County sheriff, serving two terms beginning in 1836. Still later he served as Pike County county and probate judge. This was the "Judge White" who directed Henry Merrill, the founder of the Royston factory, to the old Hughes Mill site in 1856. Between 1849 and 1850 the mill operated by White and his son produced 10,000 board feet of lumber and realized a profit of some \$500. White continued to be active in local political affairs until his death during the Civil War. His son later became one of the "most prominent characters connected with the growth of Pike County".

## STAR OF THE WEST

We now turn our attention to the Star of the West mill site, some thirty miles northwest of Murfreesboro. This "mill head", now submerged under the northern edge Lake Greeson, was located between Daisy and New Hope. Here, a ledge of rock, some four feet high, cuts across the channel of the Clerk Fork of the Little Missouri and forms a "most perfect rock dam". A visitor in 1879 described it as "certainly wonderful, complete, and as natural a dam as can possible be found". It is reminiscent of the rock formation at Natural

Dam in Crawford County. The first settler in the area was William Stone, a Tennessee native, who came to Arkansas about 1839. He was the first to acquire lands at Star of the West in 1852. Shortly afterwards he sold the property to William M. Hays, a recent South Carolina immigrant. Hays then moved to Centre Point in what was then Sevier County, and became the partner of a wealthy Methodist clergyman and "builder and contractor", Moses Hill, who himself had just arrived from Laurens District, South Carolina. They formed the firm of "Hays and Hill" and began the construction of a gristmill near where the Murfreesboro to Centerville Road crossed the Clear Fork.

Although the exact nature of the relationship is unclear, evidence suggests that Hays and Hill employed Willis Jones, a newcomer from Mississippi, to manage their new mill. A visitor to the area in 1859 commented that "Willis Jones, esq. has a wheat manufacturing mill that is hardly surpassed by any in the west". Within a short while, a small trading center grew up beside the site. Jones established a post office for the new community in 1860 and named it Star of the West, perhaps for the famous steamship. As was the case with many of his predecessors, Jones' association with the milling industry catapulted him in politics. He was elected to the Arkansas General Assembly in 1860. However, at the beginning of the Civil War, Jones, whose sentiments lay with the Union cause, was forced to flee the area. In December of 1863, he was in occupied Benton assisting in setting up Arkansas' Unionist government. He later served as a Major in the Union Army.

In 1862, Hays returned to Star of the West. He survived the War and became the community postmaster in 1870. The U.S. Census of that year shows that the mill, operated by Hays and his brother, Jonathan J. Hays, now boasted an eight-foot dam and two fifteen inch water wheels. It had processed sixty bushels of corn and forty bushels of wheat that year. Shortly afterwards Hays left Star of the West and moved to the thriving village of Amity in Clark County.

About 1878, George T. Epperson, a veteran of the Union Army, who replaced Hays as postmaster in 1872, became associated with the Star of the West mill. In 1880, his mill boasted both turbine and "reduction" water wheels and employed some nine workers. By 1884 the operation had been expanded to include a "water powered saw mill, grist, and woolen mills". Soon however, Star of the West declined. By 1892, only the gristmill was in operation. The community lost its post office in 1901.

#### HENRY MERRILL

By far the Little Missouri's most famous mill was the one founded by the tireless and resourceful Henry Merrill at Royston in 1856. In fact, it was Arkansas' most successful antebellum experiment in industrialization and community planning. Merrill, whose life has been chronicled in James L. Skinner III's excellent "Autobiography of Henry Merrill Industrial Missionary to the South," was Northern born and bred. Yet like several of his contemporaries, he became so identified with the South that he held the rank of "Maj. and engineer" in the Confederate Army. He came to Georgia in 1839 seeking his fortune. Over the next fifteen years, he managed that state's three largest textile factories.

However, in 1855, at the age of sixty, Merrill, bowing to increasing competition from new cotton factories and smarting from the failure of one of his enterprises, began looking west of the Mississippi for a new field of labor. Meticulous research drew him to the southern slopes of the Ouachita Mountains in southwest Arkansas, where he hoped to find untapped and reliable sources of waterpower. In January of 1856 he set out from Georgia for a tour of possible sites. A Kind Providence guided him to Washington, Arkansas and a meeting with General Grandison Royston, a wealthy, local lawyer and politician.

By chance, while speaking with Royston about his quest, Merrill was introduced to former Pike County Judge, Isaac White. He at once recommended the old "Hugh's Mill" site three miles north of Murfreesboro. Although this "mill seat" was one of long standing, the land upon which it set was still in the public domain. After a careful inspection of the site and its "brush dam and small ramshackle mill", Merrill "purchased the (preemptive) rights of the occupant (Mr. Dorsey sic)" at a low rate and immediately returned to the land office at Washington and purchased the land. It was more "than enough for the site of a manufacturing village", Merrill wrote, "say six or seven hundred acres in all".

"Mr. Dorsey" was no doubt William G. Dossey, who in partnership with a Mr. "Kelley", had operated a small gristmill at the site since about 1850. Dossey, who later moved to Centre Point, was the father in law of James H. Howard, the Reconstruction Era legislator, for whom Howard County was named. By 1856, Dossey had subleased the work at the mill to an old miller with a "young wife" named "Capt. (James) Snell". Later when Merrill arrived to claim his property, Snell refused to vacate either the mill or the miller's house, an old log cabin, and Merrill and his family were forced to move in with him.

After a quick trip to the North to purchase equipment, Merrill was back in Pike County by May of 1856 and hard at work on his new mill. At the beginning of this venture, he formed a partnership with several former Georgia associates and had combined their investment with his wife's considerable personal fortune. However, he still needed additional capital to make his dream a reality. He found a perfect partner in wealthy Camden merchant, John Matlock.

Early in 1857 the Arkansas General Assembly granted a charter to the Arkansas Manufacturing Company for the purpose of producing "cotton and woolen goods, yarns, or material of which wool or cotton form constitute parts, also, for grinding wheat and corn and other grains, sawing lumber, and also, to carry on the business of merchandizing in the most advantageous manner". The principle stockholders were John Matlock and Elizabeth P. Merrill, Henry Merrill's wife. Each subscribed \$20,000 to the new enterprise. Merrill was designated as sole agent for the company.

Merrill who was a largely self-taught engineer was the first to bring "modern" dam construction methods to the Little Missouri. Up until this time, all local dams were "brush dams", according to Merrill. Such dams were only a few feet high and notoriously leaky. They were also impermanent in nature and were usually carried off by the first high water. They received their name because they were built of sticks and mud like a "beaver's work".

Merrill resolved to build a modern "timber-framed" dam in the form of a plate of heavy timber supported by cross girders and anchored to "14 x 14" inch locally cut white oak timbers "scarfed and pinned across the whole river & into the banks". In this kind of construction, unlike the "brush" dam, the structure was actually held in place by the pressure of the water itself upon the "plate". He built so well that the remains of the foundation of his dam can still be seen in the bed of the Little Missouri.

With the new dam providing power for his cotton and woolen carding and spinning machines, Merrill built another "low dam" below this structure to provide power for his flourmill. After completing his mills, he erected a general store from which he paid his workers in merchandize and barter. Over the next several years, he added housing for his workers and even instituted regular Sunday School and church services.

A post office was established at Merrill's "factory" in May of 1857 with Charles A. Magill, Merrill's brother in law, as postmaster. It was named Royston, in honor of General Royston, who was by now in the Arkansas State Senate. Although the name continued to be officially Royston until the post office closed in 1873, the site was always called "The Factory" or just Factory. By 1860 Merrill's village was composed of a general store, a saw mill, a grist and flour mill, a carding factory, a cotton thread spinning factory, a warehouse, as well as stables, workers houses, gardens, wells, and black smith and wood working shops. The U.S. Census for that year gives the names of the ten men and twenty women who worked in the mills. Through their efforts, the enterprise processed some 150 bales of cotton and 20 bales of wool, as well as 9,000 bushels of corn and 1,000 bushels of wheat.

The outbreak of War, forced Merrill to run his mills night and day in an attempt to meet the ever-increasing demand for cotton and woolen thread. He soon found that the seasonable flow of the Little Missouri was insufficient to meet his needs. The solution was steam power. When trips to Memphis and New Orleans failed to produce an engine, in desperation, he returned to Camden and had local craftsmen fabricate one. However, relentless pressure from Confederate officials, as well as the imminent prospect of armed invasion, proved too much for the indomitable Henry Merrill. Early in 1863, he sold all his interests in the Royston factory to his partner, John Matlock.

## JOHN MATLOCK

Matlock was an enigmatic man, who first appeared in the new, bustling river port town of Camden about 1846. Through astute business dealings and a fiercely competitive spirit, he quickly became one of the most influential and wealthy men in the community. In his public dealings, he was always the strict businessman. However, in his personal dealings he was strangely taciturn and shy. One contemporary recalled that he was "without any (personal) magnetism to attract people to him". One doubted that he ever smiled. "I am sure", he noted, "that a hearty laugh could have caused him instant death".

Merrill visited Camden early in 1856; however, he failed to meet Matlock. "He was not a talker", Merrill wrote, and "never much on the street. He had money but was not disposed to talk about it". After Merrill had decided upon the Royston site, he received an unsolicited correspondence from Matlock offering to invest in the venture. Merrill was impressed by his "straight out Western ways" and agreed to meet him. They found themselves, as Merrill said, "mutually pleased" with each other and the deal was struck.

In January of 1863, Merrill sold his manufacturing village to Matlock lock, stock, and mill. In September of that year, Little Rock fell to advancing Union forces. Soon afterwards, Matlock's mills passed into the "possession of" the Confederate Trans-Mississippi Department. Soldiers hurriedly stripped the mill of all of its easily moveable parts and machinery, throwing them, "promiscuously into wagons and transported them over rivers, hills, and dales to Mount Prairie, Anderson County, Texas". Here Confederate craftsmen patiently rebuilt and reassembled the machinery and by September of 1864 had it back into production.

After the War, Matlock's mill "passed (back) into the hands of its owner and was again transported to its old home and set to work". By 1870, Matlock's operation was in full swing. That year he employed twenty-five workers. Most were nimble fingered Black women and children. One of his employees was only four years old. They processed some 17,000 pounds of wool rolls and produced over 13,000 pounds of cotton thread, as well as lumber and corn meal. In 1875, Matlock expanded his operation. He "erected a large new mill and equipped it well with all needful machinery" and Royston took on the "dignity of a village of some 200 people".

Soon however, Matlock experienced the first of a series of financial setbacks. In 1873, following the advice of his brother in law, Robert E. Arrington, he agreed to invest in a Missouri "fruit farm". Part of the payment consisted of Ouachita River bottomland. However, much of the land was found to be subject to overflow. The resulting dispute led to lawsuit after crippling lawsuit. The case was finally appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court, where in 1886, Matlock lost his suit. Shortly afterwards, depressed and heavily in debt, he drank "an eighth of an ounce of morphine" and left behind this veil of sorrow. His estate, including the Royston village, was soon sold at auction to pay his creditors.

The fate of old mill site was sealed in May of 1888, when a flash flood of historic proportions, roared through Royston and carried away the "factory building and about \$2,000 worth of machinery". A year later the Arkadelphia Cotton and Woolen Mills was incorporated in Arkadelphia. The new company purchased the old Matlock factory site and its remaining equipment. The mills were again disassembled and this time transported to Arkadelphia. Here the machinery continued to operate until about 1906.

By 1890 the old Royston site stood deserted except for a "the fine old mansion erected by Mr. Matlock". The remains of the dam, the factory building, and the workers village were all "rapidly falling into ruin and decay". It would later take the U.S. Corps of Engineers and a twelve and a half million-dollar dam before the rampaging power of the Little Missouri could be fully tamed.

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Ballard, George W.	22	7s	25w	160.00	1890 Sep 10
Benedict, Eli T.	06	7s	25w	157.05	1890 Feb 25
Brewer, Henry T.	06	8s	25w	40.00	1890 Apr 24
Brooks, John	03	5s	26w	----	1890 May 26
Brooks, John	04	5s	26w	160.00	1890 May 26
Burke, Polk	23	7s	24w	160.00	1890 Feb 28
Calley, William N.	08	7s	24w	----	1890 Jul 16
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Chaney, Abraham K.F.	10	6S	27w	120.00	1890 May 26
Chaney, Matthew D.	03	7s	25w	169.91	1890 Feb 25
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Coffman, Daniel W.	29	5s	27w	40.00	1890 Jan 29
Coker, James T.	19	6s	23w	156.89	1890 Feb 25
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Tidwell, Benjamin H.	19	7s	26w	154.48	1890 Feb 28
Travis, Milton	14	5s	26w	160.00	1890 Sep 10
Travis, Milton	15	5s	26w	----	1890 Sep 10
Ward, Samuel J.	34	5s	25w	40.00	1890 Dec 20
Warren, Arthur J.	31	6s	23w	628.87	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	25	6s	24w	160.00	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	35	6s	24w	480.00	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	36	6s	24w	480.00	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	04	7s	23w	658.47	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	08	7s	23w	160.00	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	18	7s	23w	400.86	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	20	7s	23w	640.00	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	28	7s	23w	640.00	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	30	7s	23w	562.22	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	32	7s	23w	480.00	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	01	7s	24w	130.27	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	02	7s	24w	212.34	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	03	7s	24w	436.85	1890 Jan 29

Warren, Arthur J.	04	7s	24w	598.81	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	05	7s	24w	510.93	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	06	7s	24w	335.75	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	07	7s	24w	274.45	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	04	8s	23w	321.89	1890 Jan 29
Warren, Arthur J.	10	8s	23w	240.00	1890 Jan 29
Watkins, Catherine	27	7s	25w	160.00	1890 Feb 25
Whatley, James L.	03	6s	26w	142.57	1890 Apr 24
Whatley, James L.	10	6s	26w	----	1890 Apr 24
Wheeler, William S.	20	6s	23w	40.00	1890 Jul 16
Whisenhunt, George G.	23	5s	26w	160.00	1890 Apr 24
White, John M.	21	5s	26w	----	1890 Feb 25
Purchaser Name	Sec No	Twp	Rng	Acres	Patent Date
White, John M.	21	5s	26w	160.00	1890 Feb 25
White, Pleasant	30	7s	26w	40.00	1890 Apr 05
Williams, Allen	29	6s	23w	----	1890 Feb 25
Williams, Allen	30	6s	23w	160.00	1890 Feb 25
Wilson, John C.	18	8s	23w	160.59	1890 Feb 25
Wisener, Joshua F.	06	5s	23w	41.59	1890 Apr 05
Witt, Thomas G.	22	6s	27w	160.00	1890 Feb 19
Womack, David A.	23	7s	25w	160.00	1890 Apr 24
Wright, William M.	02	7s	24w	----	1890 Feb 25
Wright, William M.	03	7s	24w	160.00	1890 Feb 25

Land Patent Records, Arkansas, Pike County. Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### During War Times 1861-1865

The military operations in Pike County consisted in supplying the Confederate army with two full companies, raised and dispatched to the front in 1861, and many recruits, both volunteers and conscripts, at later periods in the strife. A large number of men, estimated by some as many as 200 left the county, presumedly to join the Federal army; many of them however went North, and engaged in civil pursuits till the fighting was over, when they returned, and many are living here at the present time.

The first company for the Confederate army was recruited in the summer of 1861. At its organization Mr. Frank Black was elected captain, W.B. Gould, first, J.N. McCollum and H.C. Polk, second lieutenants. This company left Murfreesboro in July 1861, and marched to Van Buren, where they were organized into the Fourth Arkansas Regiment Infantry, and dispatched to Southwestern Missouri; from that State fell back to Northwestern Arkansas, and participated in the battle of Pea Ridge. They were then sent east of the Mississippi River, where they were attached to the army of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, under whom they served until his

surrender in North Carolina in 1865.

Capt. Black died at Cross Hollow, Ark., in 1862, and Lieut. Gould was promoted to the vacant office; he resigned soon after, on account of ill health, when Sergt. B.D. Brock was elected to the command, and led the company in many closely contested battles, till the surrender. Lieut. Mc-Collum resigned some time in 1862, and soon after joined the Federal army, with whom he fought until the end of the strife. Less than a dozen veterans of this company are living in Pike County now (1890), among whom are Dr. W.D. Alford, Rev. G.W. Brock, M.K. Brock, Eri Webb and Cyrus McRae.

Later in 1861 another company was recruited, by William J. Kelley. At the organization, Mr. Kelley was elected captain, and Dr. B.R. Dickson, first, W.M. Gilmer, second, and Granderson D. Preston, third lieutenant. This company was organized into the (Sixteenth) Arkansas Infantry. After the Battle of Pea Ridge, in which they were engaged, they proceeded across the Mississippi River. After several engagements, they were with the army at the defense of Port Hudson, and sustained the noted siege of that place; at its fall, they were paroled, and very few ever joined the army again.

Capt. Kelley had resigned, on account of bad health, soon after the troops reached the front; he returned home and lived in Pike County till his death in (1872).

Dr. William D. Alford

He enlisted in Company G, Fourth Arkansas Infantry, August 10, 1861, and participated in the battle of Pea Ridge. Immediately after the battle he was appointed assistant surgeon, and accompanied the sick and wounded troops to Little Rock from Van Buren. He remained in the hospital at Little Rock until the fall of that city in September, 1863, when he was taken prisoner and sent to Camp Morton, at Indianapolis, where he was retained as assistant for the sick. He remained there until the surrender of Gen. Lee, and then returned to Pike County, Ark. Service records indicate his release on oath May 18, 1865.

P.H. Baker

In 1861 he entered the Confederate army, enlisting in Company G, Fortieth Tennessee Regiment, under Gen. Walker. He was captured at New Madrid, and taken to Springfield, Ill., where he remained one year. He was exchanged at Vicks-burg, Miss., he was recaptured at Port Hudson, was paroled to camp, returned home, and then reported to Gen. Kirby Smith. He participated in the battle of Pleasant Hill, La., and then returned home.

John C. Barnes

At the outbreak of the late (Civil) war he enlisted in the Confederate cause, in Speer's company, 19th Arkansas, Dawson's regiment; he was captured at Arkansas Post and carried to Chicago, thence to City Point, Virginia and thereafter to Baltimore, where he died in the hospital in (1863) of small pox. Service records indicate his death May 23, 1863.

John J. Bowen

He participated in the late (Civil) war, serving under Capt. Speer, Company A, 19th Arkansas Infantry. Service records indicate his enlistment October 10, 1861 at Antoine, Arkansas and his death April 15, 1862, place not stated.

William R. Brewer

William R. Brewer, enlisted in the Confederate army, Company G, Fourth Arkansas Infantry and

returned with the same horse on which he rode away from home. Service records indicate his detail as a nurse in St. John's College Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.

George W. Brock

He joined the Confederate army, July 13, 1861, Company G, Fourth Arkansas Infantry, and witnessed the scenes of many hard fought battles. At the close of the late war he came home to Pike County. Service records indicate his discharge May 18, 1862.

James Brock

He served in the Confederate army in the late (Civil) war, as sergeant in Company C, Twelfth Tennessee regiment, and engaged in many battles, among the principal ones being, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Pegmont, Kings, Salt Work. While in Scoty County, Va., he was wounded by a bush-wacker, a ball passing through his right thigh, received a furlough, came home and did not return again.

Moses Brock

In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army, and participated in about the same engagements as his father, James Brock above.

William A. Buckner

In 1861 he entered the Confederate army, under Gen. Price in Company I, Gates' regiment, and in his first battle was wounded by having two fingers shot off his left hand. He was in Galveston, Tex., when his regiment surrendered.

Henry W. Carter

In 1862, Mr. Carter enlisted in the Confederate army as a private and was soon promoted to first lieutenant of Company A, Fourth Arkansas Regiment. Later he was made captain of his company, and served in that capacity until the close of the war. He was in the battles of Pine Bluff, Pea Ridge, Pilot Knob, Lexington, Kansas City, Poison Springs and Saline River. He was also in numerous skirmishes.

Benjamin T. Clement

Mr. Clement enlisted in the late war in 1861, as first

lieutenant, in the Confederate service, Company B, Thirty-eighth Virginia Infantry, and was in the following engagements: Second battle at Manasses, Antietam, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Five Forks and numerous skirmishes. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Fort Darling.

Jim P. Copeland

In 1861 he enlisted in the late (Civil) war in the Confederate cause, under Gen. Churchill, in Company I, First Arkansas, McNair's brigade and participated in many severely fought battles, among the principal ones being Oak Hill, Elkhorn, Corinth, Richmond, Peryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, (where he was wounded through the left arm), Dug Gap, and Resaca. At one place he had his right leg broken. He was then paroled by Col. Stevens, and returned home to Pope County.

George T. Epperson

During the late (Civil) war, or in 1863, Mr. Epperson enlisted in the Federal army as captain in Company D. Fourth Arkansas Regiment, and although in no general battles, he was in numerous skirmishes.

Allen A. Gentry

He served in the Confederate army, entering in 1863, under Col. Traer, in Company I, Sixteenth Arkansas Regiment. His regiment surrendered in Texas and Mr. Gentry immediately returned home to Pike County.

James M. Gilleylen

In 1863 he enlisted in the Confederate service, under Gen. Samuel Gaston, and served until the close of the war, when he returned home.

William B. Gould

In July, 1861, he entered a home company, was elected (second) lieutenant of the company, marched to Van Buren, where they were organized into the Fourth Regiment, under Capt. Black, and participated in the battle of Pea Ridge. Their captain died and Mr. Gould was elected in his stead, but he resigned this commission in 1862, on account of ill health, and returned home where he remained until his death in 1874. Service records indicate his discharge May 25, 1862 under the Conscript Act.

James W. Hamilton

He enlisted (1861) in the Confederate army, Company A, First Arkansas Regiment, as private, and after drilling for some time at Little Rock, was ordered to Missouri, where his company captured quite a number of Union soldiers. After this they had a lively battle at Oak Hill, and in this our subject received a slight wound. Later Mr. Hamilton was in the battle of Elkhorn and was then transferred to Mississippi, where he took part in the battle of Farmington, then Chickamauga, and there he received another wound, which kept him off the field for sixty days. He subsequently participated in the battle of Richmond, also Perryville, and in 1863 he was in the Georgia campaign, where he was in a fight every day until the fall of Atlanta. After this he was in the battle of Jonesboro, and was then ordered to Vicksburg, Miss., where he engaged in the battle of Baker's Creek. He also took part in the engagements at Murfreesboro and Franklin, Tenn., and the battle of Jamestown.

Jonathan G. Hankins

In 1862 he entered the Confederate army, under Gen. Grocy, in Company I, Forty-third Alabama Regiment, and participated in some of the hard fought battles of that war, among the principal of which were Chickamauga, Bristol, Va., Richmond, Petersburg. At the surrender he was in Virginia, and immediately after that he returned to his home.

Abner N. Henderson

He served in the Confederate army in the late (Civil) war, enlisting July 18, 1862, under Gen. Churchill, and participated in many of the principal battles of that war. He was captured at Arkansas Post, and carried to Chicago, where he remained for four months. He was exchanged at City Point, Va., then went to Tennessee, and joined the Tennessee army, and fell back with the army into Georgia, being detailed as cook, at the time of the Chickamauga battle. Again he was with the army, participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Ga., and at Atlanta, was again captured at Jonesboro, Ga., and was carried to Nashville, Tenn. After his exchange he went with the command on the raid into Tennessee; one month after he was prisoner at Nashville. He was with his command in the battle of Nashville, and fell back with the army, and crossed the Tennessee River on Christmas day,

1864, the army falling back on Corinth, Miss. There he obtained a furlough and returned home.

James P. Hipp

He enlisted in the Nineteenth Arkansas (Regiment) Volunteers in January 1862, and was captured at Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863, being carried to Camp Douglas, Ill., he was exchanged at City Point, Va., and died at Petersburg in 1863. Service records indicate his death May 4, 1863.

John T. Hipp

John T. (Hipp) enlisted in the Nineteenth Arkansas (Regiment) Volunteers, at the age of nineteen, was wounded and captured at Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863, and carried to St. Louis, Mo. He was exchanged at City Point, Va., in June, 1863, and was in the Army of the Tennessee the rest of the war. He took part in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, New Hope, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville, having been in Pat Cleburne's division of Hardee's corps. He returned to Arkansas after the war.

W.A. Hipp

He enlisted in the Sixteenth Arkansas (Regiment) Volunteers, under Gen. Price, and was in the battles at Corinth and Port Hudson, where he was captured; he served until the surrender on this side (west) of the Mississippi River. Service records indicate his parole July 12-13, 1863 at Port Hudson, Louisiana.

Frank Lee

In 1862 he enlisted as lieutenant in the Confederate army, Company D, Thirtieth Alabama Regiment. He was for some time during the war engaged in boating coal from the Kidd & Co. coal pits to the Selma Gun Foundry. He was in several skirmishes, but in no active engagements. After the close of the war he returned to his home in St. Clair County, Ala.

Judge W.N. McClure

Judge McClure enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861, as second sergeant in Company C, Nineteenth Arkansas Regiment, and served in this until 1864. He was engaged in the battle of Arkansas Post, and was taken prisoner by Gen. McClelland. After

being retained for three months, he was exchanged and was consolidated with the Twenty-fourth Arkansas, in which regiment he continued until after the battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. He was then united with the Eighth Arkansas, and was in the battle of Resaca, New Hope Church, Pine Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Ga. He was twice slightly wounded, and after the war he returned home to Pike County. Service records show him at Dalton, Georgia in a hospital June 5, 1863.

John D. Meeks

In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army as a private in Company D, Twelfth Arkansas Regiment. He participated in the following engagements: Prairie Grove, Pine Bluff, Jenkin's Ferry (on Saline River) and was also in numerous skirmishes, but was never wounded. After the war he returned to Clark County, Arkansas.

Green L. Oldham

He enlisted in the Confederate army, serving as private.

Augustus H. Palmer

Mr. Palmer enlisted in the Confederate army, in 1862, as a private in Company K, Monroe's regiment, and participated in the following battles: Prairie Grove, Kansas City, and was in numerous skirmishes. He returned to his home in Columbia County, Arkansas after the war.

A.W. Parker

Our subject and his father, J.C. Parker below, served in the Federal army, in company F, Fourth Arkansas Cavalry.

J.C. Parker

He served in the Federal army, in company F, Fourth Arkansas Cavalry.

James Pickett

He enlisted during the latter part of the war, and served but a short time. He had two sons in the army, one of whom died in prison at Rock Island.

A.A. Stell

He served in the late war, entering Company G,

Cravin's regiment, under Gen. Churchill, in 1864, and served until the close of the war. May 28, 1865, he returned home to Pike County.

William S. Stroope

On July 15, 1861, Mr. Stroope enlisted in Weatherspoon's company, and was in the battles of Oak Hill and Elkhorn. He was taken sick after the battle and was unable to go with his company across the Mississippi River. After recovering he joined Reed's company and served wholly in Arkansas, until the close of the war.

James S. Thomasson

In 1864 he ran away from home and enlisted in the Confederate service in Beall's batalion, McCoy's brigade, and served until the close of the war. At the surrender he was at Doctortown, Ga., and immediately after that event took place he returned home.

W.B. Thomasson

In the spring of 1862 he raised a company at home, was elected captain, and soon went to the front, where he was attached to the Forty-first Regiment Georgia Infantry and was in the battles of Corinth, Perryville, Missionary Ridge and in the battles of Georgia, seige of Vicksburg, Jones-boro, on the Georgia campaign, and at Benton-ville, where the last gun fired. He then returned to Georgia.

Samuel B. Wall

He enlisted in the Confederate army, serving as brigadier-sergeant throughout the war. He was wounded severely several times. In the first battle of Bull Run he was shot through both thighs and both calves; at Wilmington his big toe was shot off; at Gettysburg he was shot through the lungs, and while crossing the Tennessee River with Hood's retreat, he was wounded quite severly by a shell. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Mississippi.

Thomas R. Watson

In 1862 he enlisted as a private in the Confederate army, Company C, Nineteenth Arkansas Regiment, under Capt. Watson, and was in the battles of Chickamauga, New Hope Church, and others. He was wounded at Chickamauga, and this kept him from the field for two months. After re-covering, he was in the Georgia campaign, was at the battle of

Arkansas Post, at which he was captured, and taken to Camp Douglas, Chicago, where he was retained for three months. In 1863 he was exchanged. After cessation of hostilities, he returned to his home in Arkansas. Service records indicate his enlistment June 10, 1862 at Wilton, Arkansas in Pike County, his capture at Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863, sent to Military Prison at Camp Douglas, Illinois and thereafter to City Point, Virginia.

Caswell B. Willett

During the late war, Mr. Willett enlisted as a private in the Confederate army in July, 1862, and was in the Chatham Flying Artillery. He was discharged on the 6th of December of he same year, on account of physical disability. In 1864 he enlisted in Capt. Sharp's battalion, in which he served until the close of the war. He was in num-erous skirmishes, although in no general engage-ments.

John M. White

He served in the late (Civil) war, entering the Confederate army in 1862, under Gen. Lee, in Company F, Forty-seventh Alabama Regiment, and served in many hard fought battles, among the principle ones being: Cedar Run, Manassas, Chattanooga, Wilderness, Richmond and Appomattox and Gettysburg. At the time of the surrender he was at home on a furlough.

**Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, Pike County, 1890, page 308, 314-346. Text edited, with corrections, revision and notations from Military Service records. Edward G. Gerdes Civil War Page, <http://www.couchgenweb.com/civilwar>.**

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: James Stephenson Brewer born 26 Jul 1811 at Bellevue, Washington County, Missouri; died after 1860 in Pike County, Arkansas; mar-ried Zerelda E. White, 03 Mar 1833, Clark (Pike) County, Arkansas; Father: Oliver Brewer; Mo-ther: Mary (Polly) Henderson.

Wife: Zerelda E. White born about 1812 in Tennessee; died after 1880 in Hopkins County, Texas; married James Stephenson Brewer, 03 Mar 1833, Clark (Pike) County, Arkansas; Father: Absalom White; Mother: unknown.

Children of James Stephenson Brewer and Zerelda E. White:

Mary Ellen Brewer born 14 Sep 1835 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 23 Feb 1869 in Pike County, Arkansas; married William David Alford, 15 May 1859, Pike County, Arkansas.

James Calvert Brewer born 30 Jan 1838 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 04 Feb 1907; married Mary Jane Stone, about 1857, Pike County, Arkansas.

Moved from Pike County, Arkansas to Hopkins County, Texas after 1870.

Sources: Chronicles of Oklahoma, December 1932, Volume 10, Number 4, page 600; Thera L. Bagley, Anchorage, Alaska correspondence with David Kelley, 1977, 1982-1983, 1989; Census Records: Pike County, Arkansas 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870; Hopkins County, Texas 1880; Estate Records, Probate abstract, Absalom White, April 23, 1855, Abstract of Title Book Prior to 1890, page 302; Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, Chicago, Nashville and St. Louis: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1890, page 314. Family Group Record, James Calvert Brewer & Mary Jane Stone, Thera L. Bagley, Anchorage, Alaska 1977.

Pike County, Arkansas Census 1850

Schedule 1. Free inhabitants in Thompson Township in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 25th day of October, 1850. William H. Preston, Ass't Mar-shal.

5-5 James S. Brewer 38 m Farmer  
Missouri  
Zerelda Brewer 37 f  
Tennessee  
Mary E. Brewer 13 f Arkansas  
James C. Brewer 12 m  
Arkansas

U.S. Federal Census, Pike County, Arkansas 1850, National Archives Microfilm Publication: M-432, Roll 23.

Pike County, Arkansas Census 1860

Schedule 1. Free inhabitants in Antoine Township in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 4th day of September, 1860. W.J. White, Ass't Marshal. Post Office: Red Land

531-531 J.S. Brewer 49 m Farmer Missouri  
Zerelda Brewer 48 f

Tennessee  
J.C. Brewer 22 m Arkansas  
M.J. Brewer 21 f Alabama  
W.F. Holyday 14 m Arkansas  
C.M. Holyday 9 m Arkansas  
S.A. Holyday 6 f Arkansas

532-532 W.D. Alford 25 m Farmer Alabama  
M.E. Alford 24 f Arkansas

U.S. Federal Census, Pike County, Arkansas 1860, National Archives, Microfilm Publication: T-7, Roll 10.

Pike County, Arkansas Census 1870

Antoine Township Post Office: Red Land D#33

James C. Brewer 32 m w Farmer Arkansas  
Mary J. Brewer 31 f w So  
Carolina  
Susan E. Brewer 12 f w Arkansas  
Zerelda A. Brewer 6 f w Arkansas  
Lucinda A. Brewer 4 f w Arkansas  
Henry O. Brewer 2 m w Arkansas  
Rebecca J. Brewer 4 mo f w  
Arkansas  
Zerelda E. Brewer 58 f w  
Tennessee  
Matthew Hensley 12 m w Farm Labor  
Arkansas  
George Hensley 8 m w Farm Labor  
Arkansas

Rebecca J. Brewer born January 1870 census year. Census year begins 01 June 1869 and ends 31 May 1870.

1870 United States Census, Pike County, Arkansas, Dorothy Kennedy Partain, 1986, page 5.

Nov. 24, 1977

... my Father's sister was the oldest child born in 1885 and gifted with the family memory ... She said her grandmother (Mary Jane Stone) Brewer died before she was born which computes because she was not on the 1880 census. She said her great-grandmother Stone (Mary Jane's mother) lived to be in her 90's ... she spoke of an Uncle Oliver Stone, I thought her memory off there, but found an Oliver Stone age 45 on the Hopkins Co. (Texas) 1870 census, born in S.C. So there were Olivers on both sides (Brewer-Stone) ... I wonder if James Calvert (Brewer) ever remarried. There was no wife listed on the 1880 Hopkins Co., Tex. census,

only his mother Zerelda E. age 68 and the children, all birthplaces, check ...

Thera Bagley

**Power of Attorney**

Zerelda Brewer  
Power Atty  
To J.C. Brewer

Filed for record this  
23rd day of April 1917  
at 2:30 pm

C.H. Rutherford Clerk  
By J.N. Hipp D.C.

The State of Texas  
County of Hopkins

Know all men by these presents

That I, Zerelda Brewer of said County of Hopkins & State of Texas, do hereby Choose, constitute and appoint J.C. Brewer of said County & State, my Attorney in fact, for me and in my name to bargain, sell and convey to any person or persons, and for any sum of Money or other consideration, as to him may seem most to my advantage, a certain tract of Land lying in Pike County, State of Arkansas described as follows, to wit, Lying on the little Missouri containing 166 Acres land, my interest in the same being an undivided one third of said 166 Acres, my former Homestead.

To receive the consideration for which the sale of said tract of Land may be made, and for the same to execute to the purchaser or Purchasers, such assurance of Titles to Said tract of Land with such covenants and warrants as to my said Attorney may seem proper. And further, I do hereby empower and require my said Attorney to make & execute for me, and in my name, proper receipts and acquitances. And further, to do All things necessary to be done in and about the execution of these presents, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney may do in the premises.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand this 18th day of November A.D. 1876.

Zerelda her x mark Brewer

The State of Texas

County of Hopkins

Before me, O.C. McCoy, a Justice of the Peace and Ex Officio Notary Public in and for Prec. No. 5 of Hopkins County, Personally came Zerelda Brewer, to me well known, by whom the foregoing Power of Attorney, hereto attached, was Executed and delivered in my presence, bearing date, Nov'r 18th A.D. 1876. And acknowledged, that she executed the same for the purposes therein stated and set forth. The same being her voluntary act and deed, and for her own Private benefit.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand Officially and Affix the seal of my Office at Sulphur Bluff in said County, this the 18th day of November, A.D. 1876.

O.C. McCoy, J.P.  
And Ex Officio Notary Public  
Prec. No. 5, Hop. Cty., Texas

**Certificate of Record**

State of Arkansas

ss.

County of Pike

I, Chas. H. Rutherford, Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder for the county aforesaid, do hereby certify, that the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing was filed for record in my office on the 23 day of April A.D., 1917 at 2:30 o'clock P.M., and the same is now duly recorded with the acknowledgement and certificate thereon in Record Book 35 at Page 8.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 25 day of April, 1917.

C.H. Rutherford  
Circuit Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder.

**Power of Attorney, Zerelda Brewer, provided by Dorothy Kennedy Partain, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.**

**Marriage Record**

Brewer & White

Arkansas Territory,  
Clark County.

These are (to) Certify that I solemnized the (rites) of



matrimony between James S. (Brewer) and Serilda White on the 3rd day of March 1833.

W. Sorrels, J.P.

Territory of Arkansas,  
County of Clark.

I hereby Certify that the foregoing Certificate of marriage was this day Produced to me in my Office and Ordered to be recorded which is duly done. Witness my hand as Clerk and Exofficio recorder for said County this 4th day of June A.D. 1833 and of the independence of the United States the 57th.

Isaac Ward, Clk. &  
Exofficio recorder.

**Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book A,  
original page 105, renumbered 101A.**

**Mt.**

**Moriah Baptist Church**

Murfreesboro, Arkansas  
Dedication of  
Addition, New Facilities and  
Remodeling of Sanctuary

September 27, 1987  
1:30 p.m.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Gary Don Turner
Hymn No. 33	To God Be The Glory
Scripture Reading	Bro. James Cannon
Prayer of Thanksgiving	Bro. James Dean
Welcome and Recognitions	Pastor
Reflections on the Past	Bro. Watson Harris
Hymn No. 451	He Hideth My Soul
Introduction of Speaker	Bro. Watson Harris
Special Music	Gary Don Turner
Dedicatory Message	Gaines Armstrong
Benediction	Jo Hilton

Historical Briefs

In the late fall in 1944 these people came to Mt. Moriah to start an afternoon Sunday School: Mr. Thrash, Mrs. Hile, Rose Green and Mrs. Lock-eby. This Sunday School was carried on across the Highway from the present church under trees. Cold weather came and Milburn Tallant gave us a vacant house to use as a place to worship. Ermon Webb from First Baptist Church came and preached, and

later the Association Missionary, Virgil Defrest, came and helped until he became pastor of First Baptist Church. Bro. J.H. Usser came to Little River Association as Missionary in late winter of 1944-45. A group gathered to see about organizing a church. It was asked if the community wanted a Baptist church, and if not, another church would be contacted. Everyone voted Baptist. The four were to be charter mem-bers. Four new members were Theodore and Rosie Hinds and Watson and Marie Harris. George Hinds accepted Christ as Savior. All were baptized in First Church at Nashville. Most of the summer of 1945 was spent in this house. Bro. Usser conducted a revival. There was a brush arbor put in front of the present church. Calvin and Mrs. Armstrong brought the piano and she played every night. Clarence Hile led the singing. Twenty-two people came into the church and were baptized in the fall of 1945. There was a building put on the sides of the brush arbor. The building didn't have a floor. Later Bro. Keck put in a floor. Thomas Walker was the first pastor at \$6.00 per week. There have been many pastors since, this list (below) is not in order and some may have been left out.

The church got to an all-time low until Gaines Armstrong, pastor of First Baptist, came and started a new church. A building was built and was used until 1987 at which time an addition was added. To some this still isn't much, but it is some better than the shade of a tree. Another dear lady who never ceased to pray for Mt. Moriah was Nan Ponder and a faithful member.

There are many fields to plow ahead, so thank God for the past, but don't look back. We must look ahead.

Former Pastors of Mt. Moriah

- T.T. Walker
- L. Dove
- E. Donelson
- G. Zimmerman
- F. Scivers
- R. Kimbell
- B. Smith
- R. Noles
- Bro. Keck
- Bro. Johnson
- Bro. Deason
- J.O. Hilton
- Bro. Franklin
- Bro. Dean
- Bro. Faulkner
- Bro. Miller

Roscoe Myers (Pastor now)

Associate Pastor and Youth Director

Larry Duke

Scotty Ray (Associate Pastor and Youth Director now)

**Bulletin of Services with Historical Briefs provided by Dorothy Kennedy Partain, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.**

**FAMILY GROUP RECORD**

Husband: Hiram T. Stell born about 1825 in South Carolina; died 10 Apr 1864 in Texas, Civil War; married Charity Brock about 1851 in Pike County, Arkansas; Father: Joseph Stell; Mother: Isabella Armstrong.

Wife: Charity Brock born 07 Feb 1832 in Grain-ger County, Tennessee; died 23 Apr 1919 in Pott County, Oklahoma; married first Hiram T. Stell about 1851 in Pike County Arkansas; married second William Greenberry Dossey about 1865 in Pike County, Arkansas; Father: Moses Brock; Mother: Zephrona (Zipparah) Dennis.

Children of Hiram T. Stell and Charity Brock:

Amanda E. Stell born about 1852 in Pike County, Arkansas; married Benjamin J. Brock.

James Armstrong Stell born 29 Dec 1855 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 01 Oct 1935 in Pott County, Oklahoma; married Susan Annette (Nettie Ann) McAdams on 15 Jan 1879 in Howard County, Arkansas.

Joseph Booker Stell born 01 Feb 1857/8 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 29 Feb 1938 in Sevier County, Arkansas; married Sallie Sciles on 03 Apr 1881 in Howard County, Arkansas.

Moses Brock Stell born 1860 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 04 Sep 1938 at Paris, Lamar County, Texas; married Nannie Weir on 24 Oct 1883 in Howard County, Arkansas.

Mary Elizabeth Stell born 10 Oct 1861 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 29 Sep 1936 at Shawnee, Pott County, Oklahoma; married William Joseph Miles.

Charity Brock Stell had five additional children as the second wife of William G. Dossey. They were

born in Sevier (Howard) County, Arkansas: John Henry, Dennis Albert, Charles Pickney, Harvey Whitmore and David Alexander Dossey. She was the step-mother of Mr. Dossey's seven children by his previous marriage.

Sources: Census Records: Pike County, Arkansas 1850, 1860; Sevier County, Arkansas 1870; Howard County, Arkansas 1880; Various records provided by Ann Stell Symons, De Soto, Texas postmarked 22 Mar 2001, viz: Confederate Muster Roll Abstract of Hiram T. Stell, Texas State Archives; Family Group Records: William Greenberry Dossey, Benjamin J. Brock; Howard County, Arkansas Marriage Records; Death Certificate: James A. Stell; Obituaries: James A. Stell, J.B. Stell, Mary Elizabeth Miles.

Pike County, Arkansas Census 1850

Schedule 1. Free inhabitants in Missouri Township in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 1st day of December, 1850. William H. Preston, Ass't Mar-shal.

258-258	Joseph Stelle	66 m	Farmer	So
	Carolina			
	Isabella Stelle	60 f		So
	Carolina			
	Hiram Stelle	25 m		So
	Carolina			
	Georgiana Stelle	17 f		
	So Carolina			

U.S. Federal Census, Pike County, Arkansas 1850, National Archives Microfilm Publication: M-432, Roll 23.

Pike County, Arkansas Census 1860

Schedule 1. Free inhabitants in Missouri Township in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 9th day of August, 1860. W.J. White, Ass't Marshal. Post Office: Antoine

419-419	H.T. Stelle	34 m	Farmer	So
	Carolina			
	Charity Stelle	27 f		
	Tennessee			
	A.E. Stelle	8 f		Arkansas
	J.A. Stelle	4 m		Arkansas
	J.B. Stelle	3 m		Arkansas
	M.B. Stelle	3 mo m		Arkansas
	Jordan Riley	22 m		Alabama

420-420	Joseph Stelle	74 m	Farmer	So
	Carolina			

Isabella Stelle 71 f

Georgia

U.S. Federal Census, Pike County, Arkansas 1860,  
National Archives, Microfilm Publication: T-7, Roll  
10.

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Box 12927, Austin, Texas 78711

Texas State Library William D. Gooch  
and Archives Commission Director and  
Librarian

June 17, 1988

Ann Stell Symons  
439 Ramblewood  
De Soto, TX 75115

Dear Mrs. Symons:

The Archives Division of the Texas State Library is  
in receipt of your letter of June 15 requesting  
information concerning Hiram T. Stell or Still.

Enclosed is a copy of a Confederate muster roll  
abstract for H.T. Still who enlisted in Capt. J.H.  
Dillahunty's Co. A, Texas State Troops on February  
1, 1864 in Palo Pinto County. In the remarks section  
it states that this man died on April 10, 1864.

This was the only record that we were able to locate  
in our holdings. It is possible that other military  
records may be found in the National Archives in  
Washington, D.C. To obtain the necessary form  
(Form NATF 80) for requesting copies of records  
from them you should write: Reference Services  
Branch (MMIR), National Archives and Records  
Service, 8th and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20408.

If I can be of further assistance to you please feel  
free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Donaly E. Brice  
Reference Specialist

Name & Rank: Still, H.T., Pvt.  
Comm. Officer: Dillahunty, J.H., Captain  
Organization: Co. A, 1st Front. Dist., Palp Pinto  
Co., Pr. No. 1, Maj. Wm. Quale com,  
TST  
Enlistment: F. 1-64 in Palo Pinto Co.

Discharge: -----

Description: Age--43 years. (sic)

Remarks: R&F 76; En. Of. Capt. J.H.  
Dillahunty; Mus. Off. Maj. Wm. Quale; Hdqrs. of  
1st Front. Dist. Decatur, Tex.; Co. org. under act of  
D. 15-63; 3 mus. rolls, 1 dtd. F. 1 to Je 1-64, other  
dtd. Je 29-64, other dtd. Jan. 10-64. Name does not  
appear on Je 29-64 & Jan. 10-64 Mus. rolls. Died  
Apl. 10-64. January roll shows no non-  
commissioned officers and bears this notation: The  
non-commissioned officers of this company were  
elected from Capt. White's company of Fort  
Belknap of the Frontier Regiment, and they have  
been dropped from the roll. Will have others  
elected as soon as it can be done. (Signed) William  
Quayle.

Reproduced from the  
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Charity Stell Dossey  
By Don and Dorothy Linn

A slender white marker, small and off to the side,  
marks the place in Dale Cemetery, Oklahoma,  
where a ... mother rests ... Charity Brock Stell. (She  
married William G. Dossey of (Alabama) and lived  
in Howard County, Arkansas (much) of her life.  
She already had five children ... (and) bore her new  
husband five more and was step-mother to his  
seven children by (his previous wife) Nancy Kelley  
(deceased) ... William and Nancy's children were:  
Rebecca J., William M., Margaret, Thomas F.,  
Sophia A., James A. and Etta C. Dossey.  
Charity's children when she married (William G.  
Dossey) were: Amanda E., James A., Joseph B.,  
Moses B. and Elizabeth Stell.

William and Charity's children were: John H.,  
Albert Dennis, Charles P., David Alexander and  
Harve Whitmore Dossey.

They lived in Blue Bayou Township, Sevier (now  
Howard) County, where (they) were founding  
members of the Blue Bayou Church of Christ which  
met for their first organizational meeting on  
February 22, 1880. The officers elected ... were W.G.  
Dossey, Elder; T.G. Roby, Assistant Elder; and the  
deacons: C.W. Chesshire (sic), James T. Hale; and  
for clerk: W.W. Reese. Brother Dossey delivered the  
discourse on March 21, 1880 during the first  
worship service.

William G. Dossey (died) on April 8, 1885 and was buried on a portion of the family farm that was set aside and dedicated as the Dossey Cemetery, Center Point, Arkansas. His youngest son was only 13 years old. Charity kept the family together and managed her home until the children were grown.

When Charity came to Oklahoma, she lived at the home of her ... son, Harve and his wife, Mamie Ozella Latimer Dossey. Harve and Mamie had five children: Willie Bryan, Annie Rooney, Ruby May, Erma Faye and Harley Hugh. They (were) all born in Arkansas and came to the ... Shawnee, Oklahoma area when young children.

Several of Charity's other children came to Oklahoma when the new territory was opened for settlement and she enjoyed visiting them and would stay with each for a few weeks before going to the next family.

When Charity died on April 23, 1919 she was not taken to Arkansas to lie beside her husband ... but (buried) in (this) new area they, her family members, were helping to settle. She had grandchildren and great grandchildren to carry on ... after her ...

**History of Pottawatomie County (Oklahoma), page 261-262 edited. Provided by Ann Stell Symons, De Soto, Texas.**

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#### FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: William Greenberry Dossey born 18 Jun 1817 in Morgan County, Alabama; died 08 Apr 1885 at Center Point, Howard County, Arkansas; married first Nancy Kelley about 1839 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second Charity (Brock) Stell about 1865 in Pike County, Arkansas; Father: unknown; Mother: unknown.

Wife: Charity Brock born 07 Feb 1832 in Grain-ger County, Tennessee; died 23 Apr 1919 in Pott County, Oklahoma; married first Hiram T. Stell about 1851 in Pike County Arkansas; married second William Greenbery Dossey about 1865 in Pike County, Arkansas; Father: Moses Brock; Mother: Zephrona (Zipparah) Dennis.

Children of William Greenberry  
Dossey and Charity (Brock) Stell:

John Henry Dossey born 08 May 1866 in Sevier (Howard) County, Arkansas; died 15 Jun 1954 at Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas;

married Anna Ray on 11 Feb 1888 in Howard County, Arkansas.

Dennis Albert Dossey born 1868 in Sevier (Howard) County, Arkansas; married Alice Reese on 02 July 1892 in Howard County, Arkansas.

Charles Pinkney Dossey born 23 Apr 1870 in Sevier (Howard) County, Arkansas; died 27 Jul 1945 at Shultz, McCurtain County, Oklahoma; married first Mary Etta Watson on 05 Nov 1891, married second Annie (Hill) Clardy on 06 Sep 1908, married third Evie Herd on 19 Dec 1912, all in Howard County, Arkansas.

Harvey Whitmore Dossey (twin) born 19 Oct 1872 in Sevier (Howard) County, Arkansas; died 04 Oct 1956; married Ma-mie Ozella Latimer on 05 Oct 1895 in Howard County, Ark.

David Alexander Dossey (twin) born 19 Oct 1872 in Sevier (Howard) County, Arkansas; died 17 Apr 1958; married Alma Rebecca Tate.

Part of Howard County, Arkansas was formed from Sevier County, Arkansas in 1873.

Sources: Family Group Records, Jackie Davis, Broken Bow, Oklahoma and Ann Stell Symons, De Soto, Texas.

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Wife: Nancy Kelley born 20 Jan 1823 in Clark (Pike) County, Arkansas; died after 1860 in Sevier County, Arkansas; married William Greenberry Dossey about 1839 in Pike County, Arkansas; Father: William Kelley; Mother: Rebecca Mc-Mahan.

Children of William Greenberry  
Dossey and Nancy Kelley:

Rebecca Jane Dossey born about 1841 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married James H.

Howard on 09 Feb 1860 in Sevier County, Arkansas.

William M. Dossey born about 1843 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas.

Margaret Dossey born about 1846 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas.

Thomas Franklin (Dink) Dossey born about 1848 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Eliza A. McDaniel about 1869 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Sophia A. Dossey born about 1853 in Blue Bayou Township, Sevier County, Arkansas; married ----- Hopkins.

James Alton Dossey born 11 Sep 1855 in Blue Bayou Township, Sevier County, Arkansas; married first ----- ; married second Estelle ----- .

Etta C. Dossey born about 1859 in Blue Bayou Township, Sevier County, Arkansas; married Harmon John Fry on 13 Nov 1878 in Howard County, Arkansas.

Moved from Pike County, Arkansas to Sevier County, Arkansas after 1850.

Sources: Census Records: Pike County, Arkansas 1850; Sevier County, Arkansas 1860; Marriage Records: Sevier County, Arkansas; Howard County, Arkansas; William Kelley Bible Record; Tombstone inscriptions: William G. Dossey 1817-1885, Dossey Cemetery, Center Point, Howard County, Arkansas.

#### Pike County, Arkansas Census 1850

Schedule 1. Free inhabitants in Thompson Township in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 12th day of December, 1850. William H. Preston, Ass't Mar-shal.

303-303	G.W. Dossey	32 m	None	Alabama
	Nancy Dossey	26 f		Arkansas
	Rebecca Dossey	9 f		Arkansas
	Wm. Dossey	7 m		Arkansas
	Margaret Dossey	4 f		Arkansas
	Thomas Dossey	2 m		Arkansas

U.S. Federal Census, Pike County, Arkansas 1850, National Archives Microfilm Publication: M-432, Roll 23.

#### Sevier County, Arkansas Census 1860

Schedule 1. Free inhabitants in Blue Bayou Township in the County of Sevier, State of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 20th day of July, 1860. N.J. Temple, Ass't

Marshal. Post Office: Center Point

577-550	William Dossey	43 m	Carpenter	Tennessee
	Nancy Dossey	35 f		Arkansas
	Rebecca Dossey	19 f		Arkansas
	Thomas Dossey	11 m		Arkansas
	Sophia Dossey	7 f		Arkansas
	James Dossey	5 m		Arkansas
	Unnamed ...	5 mo	f	Arkansas

Unnamed is Etta C. Dossey. The surname spelling in the original census after Nancy Dossey end of page 77 became Rebecca Dorsy beginning page 78.

U.S. Federal Census, Sevier County, Arkansas 1860, National Archives, Microfilm Publication: M-653, Roll 51.

### The Last Will and Testament of William G. Dossey, deceased.

The State of Arkansas, County of Howard. I, William G. Dossey, of the County of Howard, in the State of Arkansas, do make and ordain this my last will. That is to say, I give, devise and be-queath my estate and property, real and personal as follows: I give to my daughter, Rebecca J. Howard, one dollar; I give to my son, Thomas F. Dossey, one dollar; I give to my daughter, Sophia A. Hopkins, one dollar; I give to my son, James A. Dossey, one dollar; I give to my daughter, Etta C. Fry, one dollar; I give to the son of my present wife, James A. Stell, one dollar; I give to the daughter of my present wife, Amanda E. Brock, one dollar; I give to the son of my present wife, Joseph B. Stell, one dollar; I give to the son of my present wife, Moses B. Stell, one dollar; I give to the daughter of my present wife, Elizabeth Stell; one dollar.

I give to my wife Charity Dossey all the rest of and the residue of my estate real, personal and mixed of every name, nature and description, including the following described tracts and parcels of land, namely:

The East 1/2 of the N.E. 1/4; the N.W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4; and the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of section 15 in township 9 South, range 28 West in said Howard County and containing 120 acres of land more or less; to have and to hold the same together with all the improvements, appurtenances and hereditaments unto her, my said wife, for and during her natural life, and at her death to descend and be equally divided, share and share alike, to and between my five children by present wife, to-wit: John H. Dossey, Charley P. Dossey, David A. Dossey, Harvey W. Dossey and Albert D. Dossey,

to have and to hold to them and their assigns upon the death of their said mother in fee simple forever.

Before any of these legacies are paid or any part of my estate distributed, I desire and direct my executor hereinafter named, that my body shall be decently and inexpensively buried and all my just debts be paid. I name and appoint James A. Dossey of the County of Pike in said State of Arkansas, to be executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at Center Point, in Howard County, Arkansas on the 14th day of April A.D. 1882.

William G. Dossey

The said William G. Dossey at Center Point, Howard County, Arkansas on said 14th day of April A.D. 1882, signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will and testament in our presence, and in the presence of each other (we) have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

W.J. Hicks  
J.B. Tinsly

Will duly proven by said witnesses under oath, and ... declared to be the last will and testament of said William G. Dossey, deceased, by the Howard County Probate Court on April 13, 1885.

**Howard County, Arkansas Will Record Book A, page 80-83. Transcript of last will and testament provided by Harold Dossey, Mineral Springs, Arkansas with correspondence dated 10 Nov 1975.**

Stell

Your grandfather James Armstrong Stell born Dec. 29, 1850 (sic-1855) in Arkansas. Great grandfather Hiram Stell date and place of birth unknown. Great grandmother Charity Brock date and place of birth unknown. I've been told the great great grandparents were born in (ancestry from) France. To Hiram and Charity was born 5 children. James, Mose, Joe, Lizzie, Mandy. This family moved to Pilot Point, Texas where Hiram died. Charity and children returned to Ark. where she married a Mr. Dossey.

Your grandmother Susan Anneta McAdams was

born in Louisiana May 23, 1862 or 3. She and James Stell were married in Arkansas Jan. 15, 1879. Susan's mother was Penelope Dildy date and (place) of birth unknown. Father, Frank McAdams, date and (place) of birth unknown. There was two children. Frank Jr. and Susan Anneta. McAdams Sr. was lost in the Civil War before Susan was born. Her mother Penelope then married a Thomas Garner. They had a large family. I didn't know them.

James Stell and Susan Anneta, Nettie for short, was married Jan. 15, 1879 in Arkansas. They had nine children: Joe Willie born Dec. 16, 1879; Mose Benjamin Sept. 8, 1881; Addie Lee Feb. 9, --- ; Vernia Batrice (sic) Mar. 1, --- ; Charity Penelope (Nellie) Oct. 3, 1891; Lillie Mar 1, 1893; Norma Etta April 30, 1895 Texas; Baby girl died as infant Shawnee; James Floyd June 15, 1901 Shawnee. James, Nettie and 6 children moved to Red River Valley, Texas where Norma was born. They then moved to south Pottawatomie County then in 1899 to Shawnee, Okla.

Sarah Worthington Stell

**Letter to Edna Stell Dunn from her aunt Sarah Worthington Stell, circa 1980. Provided by Ann Stell Symons, De Soto, Texas.**

#### Obituary

#### Stell

Funeral services for James A. Stell, 78, pioneer resident of Pottawatomie county, will be held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Dale Baptist church with Rev. Ralph Hooper in charge of services. Burial will be made in the Dale cemetery. Bearers will be C.D. Roland, M.B. Little, P.F. Beaman, Melvin Robinson, Scott Blackwell and B.F. Halslip. Thornton's will be in charge. Stell died at 5:30 Tuesday morning at the home of his son, M.B. Stell, 125 North Louisa street. He moved to Pottawatomie county in 1895 and was a retired farmer. He had been making his home with his sons, J.W. Stell of Dale and M.B. Stell of Shawnee, in recent years. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nettie Stell; three sons, J.W. Stell of Dale, M.B. Stell of Shawnee and Floyd Stell of Los Angeles; five daughters, Mrs. Oscar Morris of Shawnee, Mrs. V. Vaughn of Drumright, Mrs. G.H. Sharp of Wewoka, Mrs. P.L. Cheever and Mrs. C. Leonard of Los Angeles; two brothers, M.B. Stell of Paris, Tex; and J.W. Stell of DeQueen, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. J.W. Miles of Shawnee; and four half brothers, J.H.

Dossey and H.W. Dossey of Dale, and W.A. (sic) Dossey and C.W. (sic) Dossey of Idabel. Twenty two grand-children and four great grandchildren also survive.

**Mrs. N.A. Stell, Resident  
Here For 43 Years, Dies**

Mrs. Nettie Ann Stell, 79, a resident of Shawnee for 43 years, died Monday night at 8 p.m. at her residence, 125 North Louisa street. Mrs. Stell, a member of the Church of Christ, had come to Shawnee from Texas. Burial will be in Dale, with further arrangements to be announced later by Gaskill's. Surviving her are five daughters, Mrs. Addie Morris, Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Vinnie Stapp, Rattan, Okla., Mrs. Lillie Vaughn, San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Nellie Cheever, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Norma Leonard, Downey, Calif.; three sons, John W. Stell, Dale, Ben Stell, Shawnee, and Floyd Stell, Los Angeles, Calif.; 26 grand-children and 15 great-grandchildren.

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GROUP RECORD

FAMILY

Husband: Robert F. (Frank) McAdams born 1836 in Shelby County, Alabama; died 14 Nov 1863, Civil War; buried Military Cemetery, Camp Douglas, Illinois; married Penelope Dildy, 02 Dec 1860, Union Parish, Louisiana; Father: James T. McAdams; Mother: Julia Lawler.

Wife: Penelope Dildy born 07 Oct 1842 in North Carolina; died 12 Aug 1929 at Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas; married first Robert F. (Frank) McAdams, 02 Dec 1860, Union Parish, Louisiana; married second Thomas Garner; Father: Benjamin Dildy; Mother: Absylor Jane Howard.

Children of Robert F. (Frank)  
McAdams and Penelope Dildy:

Benjamin Franklin McAdams born 04 Nov 1861 in Union Parish, Louisiana; died 14 July 1920; married Laura Dillard.

Susan Annette (Nettie Ann) McAdams born 24 May 1863 in Union Parish, Louisiana; died 15 Feb 1943 at Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma; married James Armstrong Stell on 15 Jan 1879 in Howard County, Arkansas.

Resided at Farmersville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

**Obituaries & Family Group Record provided by Ann  
Stell Symons, De Soto, Texas. Postmarked 22 Mar 2001.**

PAST CORRESPONDENCE

**In Search of Descendents of Olive Hart Kennedy**

My husband and I have undertaken a family history on the John Hart family. We are hoping to speak with someone related to Olive Kennedy. Here is the information we have:

Olive Hart was born in Ohio in 1871 to John Hart and Catherine Walker. She was the youngest of 5 children. Her siblings were: James M., William, Francois (Frank), & Mary Ann (Annie). The family moved from Ohio to Arkansas some time in the 1880's. She (Olive) married Daniel Wesley Kennedy March 15, 1886 in Hot Spring County. According to the federal censuses the following is a list of her children and when they were born: Laura 1887, Ester son 1891, Clara 1894, Clay 1896, a son born in October 1899 unable to make out name, Helen 1903, Leonard 1907, Guy 1910, Milton 1915. We believe she also lost 4 children.

The family was in Ouachita County in 1900 and in Pike County in 1920. We have not located them in 1910. If you believe you are related to Olive Kennedy please drop us a line. We have tracked down descendants of James M. Hart. William Hart died in 1885 and we have been unable to locate any family of Annie who we believe married a Stevens.

Frank and Gayla Chapman  
32 Oak Hill Road  
Greenbrier, AR 72058

Frank is the grandson of Frank Hart who died in 1926.

**Barnes - Simmons**

15 November 1998  
516 - 137th Street  
Hammond, IN 46327

Pike County Archives and History Society  
P.O. Box 238  
Murfreestown, Arkansas 71958

I am researching the genealogy of my family and ... not sure what type information you might have assembled but ... I am interested in the family of Francis Bracket Barnes (and) spouse Martha Simmons ...

Sincerely,

James C. Barnes

**Garner - Smith - Finley**

18064 Last Frontier Rd.  
Quinlan, TX 75474-6383  
Jan. 6, 1999

Linda,

I have decided to start more research on the Garners in the Amity area. My mother in law was a daughter of Henry Lee Garner. Her mother was Medi Smith. Her mother was a Finley. I have several names from the Garners, but nothing on Medi Smith or her parents. I would like to get in contact with anyone doing research on any of these families. I was born in Amity, moved Rosboro area when I was 2, moved to Texas when I was 13, so I'm familiar with the area.

Jean (Rabjohn) Cathey

**Lee - Chapel - Gould - Campbell**

1612 E. Everglade  
Odessa, Texas 79762

Dear Dorothy,

I'm flattered you used so much of my material in the Gems. Someone from Bryan (Texas) called and said some of it was on the internet. I'm too old to get involved in that ...

I would like to know about my great grandmother Amanda Lee b. in Ga. (1827) orphan of James Lee. (She) married Jesse Isaac Chapel in 1842 in Ga. (and) d. in Pike Co. between 1905-1910. Possibly buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. Also anything about William B. Gould b. 1816 in N.Y. m. Sarah Sophrona Campbell in 1839 in Hempstead Co.

I noticed in the Gems that Otis Dyer died. I talked with him once. We were both interested in William Bond Gould. He said he was going to Little Rock to search.

My sister-in-law who helped me write the Chapel book has been very ill ... she taught library science at Quachita College. She and I both are 80 years old. Our days of "tree shaking" are about over. I laugh when I think about her almost getting lost trying to find Shawmut - got on log roads that dead ended - never did find it.

I'm very interested in the cemetery book. I'm sure it is a big project ... I noted in the beautiful red picture book of Early Pike County that some of the Shawmut relatives

are buried across the river in Clark County. Maybe some of my Chapels and Lees are there.

Sincerely,

Mildred Glass

**Caves - Sanders - Thompson - Risenhoover**

29 Lou Ann Place  
Pittsburg, CA 94565  
October 20, 2000

Pike County Library  
P.O. Box 238  
Murfreeseboro, Arkansas 71958

Dear Librarian,

I am working on my Caves family tree. My grandma Mittie Risenhoover married her first husband George A. Thompson in 1904. About 1908 or so George Thompson died, no documentation. (She) married Elton J. Sanders on November 20, 1911. After a short time (she) left Mr. Sanders ...

Mittie married a Mr. George Thomas Caves (marriage license applied for about Jan. 15, 1917) ... I doubt that this was the correct date. The family doesn't know when their parents got married thus my research has been difficult.

(The) Montgomery County (Arkansas) Federal Census (1910) has Mittie with her children Lem & Ecel living with her in-laws, (as) daughter-in-law of George W. Thompson.

I am seeking informaton where my grandparents marriage is recorded. I have looked in Polk, Montgomery, Hot Spring, Sevier and Washington counties to name a few. It is im-portant that I document the Caves family. I am hoping you might check your holdings for the names of these ancestors ... your help is greatly appreciated.

Melodee Slaney

**Busby - Doughty**

Norma Doughty Cook  
2203 Colley Dr.  
Baytown, TX 77520

Dear Dorothy,

I got your address from Mary Feige. I am trying to (obtain) an obituary of my Grandmother Norma Ester



Busby who died in 1926. It is in the Pike County Courier dated July 16, 1926 page 1 column 3. It (names) her as Mrs. Dr. Doughty.

Her father Robert W. Busby was a Blacksmith and lived in Murfreesboro. He is buried in Murfreesboro in a cemetery in town with his second wife. If you could find Robert Busby's obituary it might be helpful. Where could I find a copy of his death certificate? Pike Co. or Little Rock? I have hit a stumbling block with this family ...

My email address is Nanaco8681@aol.com ... Thank you for your help.

Norma

### **Mrs. Dr. Doughty Dead**

Mrs. Dr. Doughty, of Amity, died Monday of last week following a brief illness. She was a daughter of Mrs. Mattie Busby, of this city, and well known here. She is survived by her husband and four sons, one daughter, and her mother, three sisters and one brother.

**Pike County Courier, Friday July 16, 1926. Volume 38, Number 29; page 1, column 3.**

### **Smalling - Musgroves**

August 5, 2000

County Clerk  
Pike County  
P.O. Box 219  
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Dear County Clerk

Would you please check your records for a marriage certificate of my great-grandparents? Their names were George W. Smalling and Catherine "Alice" Musgroves. I do not have the exact date but they were married in 1884. Thank you.

James Smalling

2707 Flangel Street  
Lakewood, CA 90712-3730  
Email: jsmalling@earthlink.net

Note: Because of two fires which destroyed the county records, the current Pike County, Arkansas marriage records do not begin until 1895. There are a very small number of earlier marriages that were re-recorded.

### **Sisk**

Mrs. Carolyn Krueger  
347 Carmel Ave. #81  
Marina, CA 93933

To Pike Co. Clerk,

I am looking for a family record. Please ... send me a certified copy of the Pike Co., Ark. Census 1860 for D.W. (Daniel Washington) Sisk, Farmer, age 21, b. Alabama & Harriet Catharine (age 19) b. Ala. & M.J. (age 2) b. Ark.; Brewer Twp. D-170 ... I am trying to apply for Indian registry. Please certify actual copy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carolyn Krueger

Note: Census records are not county records. They are federal records. They are usually available on microfilm in main public libraries having a genealogical section, genealogical libraries, state archives and state historical societies, and the entire census collection is available at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and Federal Archives branches throughout the country. A photocopy can be made from the microfilm image of the page having family census information. A notary public, at their discretion, may be able to certify the census page photocopy.

### **OBITUARIES**

#### **R.T. Simmons**

R.T. Simmons, 73, of Daisy, died Monday, May 3, 1999. He was born on March 11, 1926 at Newhope, the son of Tom Simmons and Elsie Golden Simmons. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jack Simmons. He was a Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of the Mount Joy Freewill Baptist Church. He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Cammie Simmons of Amity and Tim and Lea Anna Simmons of Daisy; three grandchildren, Tomyy, tara and Lucas Simmons of Daisy; two brothers, Boyce Simmons of Little Rock and Hershel Simmons of Kirby; three nephews; and three nieces. Services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 5, 1999 in the Mount Joy Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Travis Garner officiating. Pallbearers will be Ed Betts, Eugene Fan, Leroy Funderburk, Jimmy Neal, Sonny Simmons and Jim Sweeden. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Adams, O.V. Pate, Eugene Tedder and Dr. Mark A. Floyd.

The Glenwood Herald, Thursday May 3, 1999, Volume 74, Issue 18.

## Joy Turner

### Evelyn Foshee Fox

Evelyn Foshee Fox, 84, of Kirby, died Thursday, June 10, 1999 at her home. She was born on April 24, 1915 at Kirby, the daughter of Sim Foshee and Pearl Babbitt Foshee. On June 5, 1934, she was married to Oren Fox. She was a homemaker and a member of the Kirby Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, L.V. Foshee, Fay Foshee and Bill Foshee. She is survived by her husband, Oren Fox of Kirby; her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Kay Fox of Kirby; two daughters and one son-in-law, Barba (sic) and George Eickhoff of Huntington, Indiana and Wilma Deputy of Kirby; ten grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and two sisters, Herma Fox of Little Rock and Elizabeth Feemster of Kirby. Services were held June 13, 1999 in the Kirby Church of Christ with Billy Golden and Harloe White officiating. Pallbearers were Charles Fox, Sherman Fox, Mark Foshee, Earl Lemons, Billy Jack Foshee, Steve Holton, Danny Turner, Gerald Fox and Rick Leverton. Interment was in the Palestine Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home of Glenwood.

### Kelsie E. Jester

Kelsie E. Jester, 72, of Daisy, died Tuesday, June 8, 1999. He was born on January 17, 1927 in Newhope, the son of Roy Jester and Stella O'Neal. He was an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a precinct committeeman. He is survived by six children, Gary Jester of Van Buren, Indiana, Sherlene Sands of Nashville, Gwen Peters of Dierks, Jeff Jester, Mondie Hill, and Carrie Hill all of Newhope; his mother, Stella Jester of Newhope; four brothers, Jerel Jester of Lowell, Indiana, Earl Jester of Honor, Michigan, Lloyd Jester of Newhope, and Eugene Jester of Daisy; four sisters, Erma Smith of Newhope, Betty Shepard of Dierks, Helen Clampitt of Huntington, Indiana, and Ruby Winkleman of Elkhart, Indiana; twenty-three grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Jester, his brother, Clois Jester, and grandson, Skip Jester. Services were held June 10, 1999 at Mt. Joy Freewill Baptist Church in Daisy with Rev. Kenny Fant officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Joy Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home of Glenwood. Pallbearers were Shane Hill, Dustin Hill, Steve Bruce, Chris Bruce, Jeremy Jester, Jamie Sands, Scott Sands and Joe Stephens. Honorary Pallbearers were Desmond Irvin, Othor Garner, Larry Fagan, Leroy Bogan, Deloy Jester and Reese Davis.

Joy Turner, 61, of Newhope, died Friday, June 11, 1999. She was born on February 11, 1938 at Newhope, the daughter of Floyd Davis and Lee Rogers Davis. On October 4, 1952 she was married to Elveray Turner. She was preceded in death by her parents; her grandson, Chuckie Ogden; her brother Billy Davis; and her sister, Betty Miller. She is survived by her husband, Elveray Turner of Newhope; two daughters, Vickie Loftice of Kirby and Judy Turner of Newhope; and four grandchildren, Jason Whisenhunt, Leah Turner, Joshua Whisenhunt and Lori Ogden. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 16, 1999 in the Davis-Smith Funeral Chapel with Revs. Jerry Shinn and Kenny Fant officiating. Pallbearers are Clifford Kirkpatrick, Raymond Dees, Keith Whisenhunt, Paul Ward, Davis Smith and Charles Shaw. Interment will be in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery at Newhope.

The Glenwood Herald, Thursday June 17, 1999, Volume 74, Issue 24.

### Florine Lindsey Richards

Florine Lindsey Richards, 77, of Hot Springs, died Sunday, September 26, 1999 in Glenwood Nursing Home. She was born on March 1, 1922 at Kirby, the daughter of the late Ernest Monroe and Ailey Elizabeth (Whisenhunt) Lindsey. She was also predeceased by her husband, D.C. Richards. She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Odessa Lindsey of Bonnerdale; five sisters, Paralee Arivett of McCloud, OK, Pauline Hubbert and Ernestine Wilson, both of Glenwood, Josephine and husband Paul Griffith of Mount Ida, Bernice and husband Sonny Tolleson of Kirby, and brother-in-law, Bill Jackson of Hot Springs. Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 28 at the Glenwood Cemetery with Elder Bobby Golden officiating. Interment was in the Glenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Donnie Wilson, Mike Wilson, David Wilson, Austin Wilson, Bill Jackson, Lynn Tolleson, and Johnnie Ray Lindsey. Honorary pallbearers were Charlie and Edna Howell, and the staff of the Glenwood Nursing Home.

### Erbie Vaughn

Erbie Vaughn, 94, of Glenwood, died Wednesday, September 22, 1999. He was born on July 18, 1905 at Lucky, the son of James Thomas Vaughn and Sarah Featherston Vaughn. On December 27, 1925, he was married to Nola Cowart Vaughn who preceded him in death on September 4, 1996. He was also preceded in death by his twin sons, Boyd and Boyce Vaughn. He was a resident of Booneville and Live Oak, California for over

40 years before returning to Glenwood in 1989. He was a retired logger. He is survived by two sons, J.A. Vaughn of Live Oak, California and Ronnie Vaughn of Santa Rosa, California; three daughters, Maxine Sigman of Glenwood, Wanda McFarland of Live Oak and Pat Diggs of Glenwood; thirteen grandchildren; nineteen great grand-children; two great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Horace Vaughn of Littleton, Colorado; two sisters, Vicie White of Liberty, Missouri and Vida Totton of Benton; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 25, 1999 in the Mount Tabor Community Church with Bob Golden and Scott officiating. Interment was in the Mount Tabor Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home of Glenwood. Pallbearers were Jim Robbins, Wick Howell, Bo Lea, Jeffery Howell, Dale Adams, and Jason Robbins.

### **Bonnie Jean Whisenhunt**

Bonnie Jean Whisenhunt, 71, of Newhope, died Saturday, September 25, 1999 at her home. She was born December 7, 1927 in Newhope, the daughter of Bill Collins and Ruby Smith Collins. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pleasant Grove Freewill Baptist Church. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Whisenhunt, her daughter, Pam Deaton and her sister, Audrey Nichols. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and John Emanuel of Amory, Mississippi; her son-in-law, Benny Deaton of Newhope; two grandchildren, Mike Deaton and Amy Deaton of Newhope; three sisters, Sibyl Collins of Liberty Center, Indiana, Opa Fay "Blondie" Warpup of Markle, Indiana, and Peggy Collins of Fort Wayne, Indiana; three brothers, W.H. "Doc" Collins of Liberty Center, Indiana, C.R. "Bo" Collins of Bluffton, Indiana and John Collins of Rockford, Illinois. Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 27, 1999 at the Pleasant Grove Freewill Baptist Church at Newhope with Kenny Fant and Bill Fabriguze officiating. Interment was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home of Glenwood. Pallbearers were Eugene Whisenhunt, Mike Whisenhunt, Brad Whisenhunt, Keith Whisenhunt, David Whisenhunt and Charles Whitaker.

The Glenwood Herald, Thursday Sept. 30, 1999, Volume 74, Issue 39.

### **Letha Tolleson**

Letha Tolleson, 93, of Kirby, died Friday, October 19, 1999. She was born on October 29, 1906 at Athens, Texas, the daughter of Bethel Gurnsey and Annie Laura Fulton Gurnsey. On August 10, 1932, she was married to Roy Martin Tolleson who preceded her in death on June 10, 1988. She was a member of the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. She is survived by three sons, Sonny Tolleson, Maurice Tolleson and Alton Tolleson all of

Kirby; one daughter, Joyce Golden of Kirby; ten grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; on great-great granddaughter; two brothers, Joey Gurnsey of San Francisco, California and Johnny Gurnsey of Bearden; and one sister, Fay Ponder of Chidester. Services were held Sunday, October 31, 1999 in the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Bobby Golden officiating. Interment was in the Salem Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home of Glenwood. Pallbearers were Lynn Tolleson, Travis Hill, Wes Johns, Richard Tolleson, Rex Tolleson, Troy Titus, Jackie Herring, Robbie Funderburk, Mike Golden and Randy Golden, Honorary pallbearers were the staff of the Glenwood Nursing Home.

The Glenwood Herald, Thursday November 4, 1999, Volume 74, Issue 44.

### **Ralph H. Cooley**

CUMMING, Ga. -- Ralph H. Cooley, 70, formerly of Arkansas, died Monday, Dec. 10. Survivors include: two sons, Mike Cooley of Shawnee, Okla., and Mark Cooley of Cumming, Ga.; three grandchildren; three brothers, Andy Cooley of North Carolina, Verl Cooley of Arizona and Jack Cooley of Arkansas; and one sister, Evelyn Robert of Arkansas. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Newspaper clipping: publication and date unknown. Ralph H. Cooley was the son of Jesse Clarence Cooley and Ellen Hutson. He resided in Pike and Garland County, Arkansas prior to Georgia.

### **William Ezra Vaught**

William Ezra Vaught, 81, of Glenwood, died Monday, January 1, 2001. He was born on February 4, 1919 at Lodi, the son of Marion Vaught and Sarah Jane White Vaught. On July 9, 1938, he was married to Erma Sue McKinnon. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Jean Smith; three brothers, Miley Vaught, Harmon Vaught and Willard Vaught; and two sisters, Lona Vaught and Cecil Lay. He was a loving husband, daddy and grandpa. He was a member of the Glenwood Freewill Baptist Church and was a master woodworker. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Erma Sue Vaught of Glenwood; his son and daughter-in-law, Glen and Carolyn Vaught of Cabot; his daughter and son-in-law, Laquita and Gene Miller of Hot Springs Village; his son-in-law George W. Smith of Hot Springs; his sister and brother-in-law Opal and Boyd Sharp of Marlow, Oklahoma; his brother and sister-in-law, Millard and Charlene Vaught of Lodi; seven granddaughters, Teresa Chamberlain, Cookie Elliott, Darla Cole, Gina Omohundro, Donna Neal, Laura Wills and Debbie Vaught; thirteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Services were held Thursday, January 4 in the Davis-Smith Funeral Home

Chapel with Rev. Terrell Holland officiating. Interment was in the Lodi Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home of Glenwood. Pallbearers were Bob Terrell, Wayne Padgett, Derry Parker, Doyle Shields, Jerry Turner and Darrell Waldo. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Fred Heinemann, Dr. Mathew Hulsey, Ray Whisenhunt, John Plyer, Jimmie Dewberry and the nurses and staff of St. Joseph's Regional Health Center.

The Glenwood Herald, January 11, 2001, page 3.

### **Dale Wisdom**

Alton Dale Wisdom, 74, of Linden, Texas, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2001, in a local Hospital. Mr. Wisdom was born May 5, 1926 in Murfreesboro, Ark. He was retired from Midwest Farms Milk Company, was a member of Lanier Friendship Baptist Church, a Shriner, and 32nd degree Mason. He was preceded in death by his wives, Bobbie Marie Wisdom and May Wisdom. Survivors include three sons, Rick L. Wisdom and Al Wisdom of Texarkana, Texas, and Ronnie D. Wisdom of Atlanta, Texas; a special son Billy Gibson of Longview, Texas; a stepson Steve Dorgan of Linden; a stepdaughter, Debra Lynn of Linden; three brothers, Willie "Mack" Wisdom of Houston, Charles W. Wisdom of Gladewater, Texas, and Billy Wayne Wisdom of Plano, Texas, a sister, Imogene Watson of Glenwood, Ark.; seven grandchildren; one great granddaughter; and a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives. Services will be 10 a.m. today at Chapelwood Funeral Home with the Rev. Taylor Duncan officiating. Burial will be in Chapelwood Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Sisters of Charity at St. Michael Health Care Center, 2600 St. Michael Drive, Texarkana, Texas 75503 or the American Heart Association, 4150 McKnight Road, Texarkana, Texas 75503.

The Texarkana Gazette, Monday February 26, 2001. Alton Dale Wisdom was the son of Walter Wisdom and Zola Brown.

### **Martha Jo Walker**

NASHVILLE -- Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Latimer Funeral Home Chapel for Martha Jo Walker, 69, of Hot Springs. Rev. David Wilson will officiate. Burial will be in Restland Memorial Park under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home. Mrs. Walker was born Sept. 15, 1931 in Pike County, daughter of the late Hurley Fred and Clarice Worth Hare Kizzia. She died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, in a Hot Springs hospital. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, where she (was) a member of the Genesis Sunday School class. She was a graduate of Henderson State University and taught elementary school in Altheimer, Arkadelphia and Little Rock. She also published a small book of sayings and poems entitled

"Patchwork Collection" and "Thoughts Big and Small" about her country doctor husband and children. Survivors include: her husband of 44 years, Dr. Lawrence Walker, Sr., of Hot Springs; a son, Lawrence Walker, Jr., of Huntsville, Ala.; a daughter, Maurine Walker Crank of Little Rock; two brothers, Fred Kizzia and Cooper Kizzia, both of Murfreesboro, two sisters, Mary Kizzia Stone of Nashville and Mildred Kizzia Blanks of Hamburg; three grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Nashville News, February 5, 2001.

### **Sirvetus Womack**

QUITMAN -- Funeral services were held on Monday, March 12 at the Greenbrier Church of Christ for Sirvetus "Si" Womack Jr., 75. Bob Turner officiated and burial was in the Pinecrest Memorial Park (Cemetery) in Alexander, under the direction of Ruebel Funeral Home in Little Rock. Mr. Womack was born Sept. 29, 1926 in Murfreesboro. He attended the Murfreesboro schools until he and his family moved from the Pleasant Home Community to Little Rock in the late 1930's. He was a member of the Greenbrier Church of Christ and was also a Sunday School teacher. He served in the U.S. Navy from October 1944 to April 1946, attended Little Rock Junior College and was employed with American Airlines, Ralston Purina Co., and Cooper Communities at Cherokee Village. Later in life, Si volunteered to work with the Razorback Foundation and Booster Club. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Womack Tunnison. Survivors include, his wife, Belle Womack; and a sister Bennie Galindo of Houston, Texas. Memorials may be made to the Arkansas Children's Hospital.

### **James F. Martindale**

TEXARKANA -- Funeral services were held Thursday, March 15, at 10 a.m. in the Faqua-Everett Memorial Chapel at Texarkana Funeral Home for James F. "Jim" Martindale, 96, formerly of Murfreesboro. Freeman Henderson officiated. Burial was in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Prescott. Mr. Martindale was born Dec. 28, 1904 in Emmet. He was a retired farmer, a retired Security Officer from Texarkana National Bank, and a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include: four daughters, Dorothy Otwell and Jamie Hickerson, both of Texarkana, Ark., Ella Bartee of Needles, Ca., and Carol McVeety of Texarkana, Texas; a sister, Mamie Gentry of Benton; one brother, Joe Martindale of Benton; 13 grandchildren; 20 great grand-children; six great-great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

### **Mary Lavada Chaney**

MURFREESBORO -- Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17 in the First Christian Church for Mary Lavada Chaney, 96, of Oroville, Calif., formerly of Murfreesboro. Rev. Mike Rathbone officiated. Burial was in the Murfreesboro Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Chaney was born Dec. 13, 1904, in Murfreesboro daughter of Andrew Jackson Lockwood and Nora Buckley Lockwood. She died Saturday, March 10, 2001. She was a member of First Christian Church in Murfreesboro. Mrs. Chaney was preceded in death by: her husband, Luther G. Chaney; a son, James Chaney; a daughter, Imogene Howard; and a grandson, Kenneth Thresher. Survivors include: a son, Derald Chaney of Springfield, Ore.; two daughters, Gerald Wilson of Poway, Calif., and Shirley Thresher of Oroville, Calif.; 20 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Murfreesboro Diamond, Wednesday, March 21, 2001, page 2.

### Meddie Mansfield

MURFREESBORO -- Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 28 in Latimer Funeral Home Chapel in Murfreesboro for Meddie Mansfield, 82. Burial was in the saline Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home. Mrs. Mansfield was born July 6, 1918, in Murfreesboro, daughter of the late James Monroe and Lessie Sanders Finney. She died Monday, March 26, 2001, in a Murfreesboro hospital. She was a homemaker and member of Saline Church of Christ. Mrs. Mansfield was preceded in death by two brothers, Allen Finney and Clyde Finney. Survivors include: her husband, Cecil E. Mansfield of Murfreesboro; three daughters, Barbara Watson and Martha Reese, both of Texarkana, and Pat Kizzia of Murfreesboro; a son, Randy Mansfield of Leary, Texas; a sister, Irene Baggs of Murfreesboro; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grand-children; and a number of nephews and nieces. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, 1315 Walnut Street, Texarkana, Arkansas 75501.

Nashville News, Thursday, March 29, 2001, page 3.

Brother of Dorothy Kennedy Partain Passes

### ROYSTON KENNEDY

Greenville, S.C. - Royston Goodner Kennedy, 80, of Greenville died Monday, May 28, 2001. Mr. Kennedy was born in Glenwood, Ark. He was retired from Metromont Materials, a member of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church and Taylors Masonic Lodge, a Shriner and an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Meador Bates Kennedy of Greenville; one son and daughter-in-law, R. Bates and Sarah Long Kennedy of Greenville; one sister, Dorothy K. Partain of Murfreesboro, Ark.; four brothers, Gilbert Kennedy of Greenville, N.C., and Donald Kennedy, Lewis Kennedy and Charles Kennedy of Murfreesboro; and two grandchildren, Katherine Elise Kennedy and Langdon Bates Kennedy. Services were May 31 at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church Chapel with Dr. Robert Stillwell and the Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray officiating under direction of Mackey Mortuary.

**Texarkana Gazette, Thursday June 7, 2001.**  
**Royston Goodner Kennedy was born December 12, 1920 son of Ottis Gilbert Kennedy Sr. and Carrie Anthem Wisener.**

### QUERIES

#### Pike County Query System

**BARNETT, GRADY, STEWART** Looking for Birth Mother of SHEILA FAY STEWART born 2 March 1936 in Hot Springs, Ar. Birth Certificate of SHEILA FAY STEWART as FLORA STEWART born approx. 1906 in Amity, Ar. Lists occupation as "Farm Girl". Birth Certificate lists father as JOHN VANCE GRADY. Adoptive mother is NOLA ELIZABETH BARNETT. Any information will be greatly appreciated. E-Mail to GSchlup@AOL.com. Thanks. Posted by Gerry Schlup on Saturday, February 28, 1998.

**BYERS** Pike Co. 1900 Census includes BYERS, Joseph J., Mandi, Judson, Elen, and Ollen. I wish to determine if they are related to: BYERS, John Calvin and BYERS, Harvey (K.) of Sevier Co., AR. Posted by Linda Byers on Sunday, March 1, 1998. Email: tampa@eaze.net

**HEWITT, KIZZIA** Searching for birthplace of g-grandfather Hewitt and g-grandmother Sarah. Any information appreciated. Posted by J.W. Hewitt on Tuesday, March 3, 1998. Email: dubby@delrio.com

**BELL, CITY, DILLARD, WHITE** BELL, George Walton arrived in Pike Co. after the CW with two sons -- Lonny and William Redding. Wife possibly dead. He mar. (2) Melanie DILLARD. CH: Anne, Emma, Robert Anthony, and Susie. George mar. (3) Nanny CITY. She left him after 6 mo. had a child name unknown. George mar. (4) Elizabeth WHITE. CH: Benjamin Harvey and Elizabeth. Would like to know more. Posted by Janet Sue Milam on

Saturday, March 14, 1998. Address: 108 W. Ollie Floydada, TX 79235-3847; Email: jsmilam@worldnet.att.net

**MCGILL** Seeking information on John McGILL and Smiley McGILL, who moved to Okolona, AR before 1875, from Richmond County, NC. Posted by Bill Snipes on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. Email: wsnipes@linknet.kitsap.lib.wa.

**BAGWELL** I am seeking information on the family of Elisha P. BAGWELL, listed in the 1900 Pike County census in Clark township, and the 1910 census in Saline township. Thanks, Randy. Posted by Randy Ridgway on Monday, March 23, 1998. Address: Route 3 Box 3045 Huntsville, AR 72740; Email: ar2thdoc@mctc.com

**BELL, WALLACE** William Redding BELL mar. Mary Pauline WALLACE in Pike Co. CH: George William, Clarence Oder, Mary Evelyn, Joseph Hempstead. Is anyone working this family? Posted by Janet Sue Milam on Sunday, March 29, 1998. Address: 108 W. Ollie Floydada, TX 79235-3847; Email: jsmilam@worldnet.att.net

**Pike County, Arkansas USGenWeb Page, Pike County Query System, provided by Shane Hill, 1996-1998.**

PCAHS

The following queries have been posted on the Pike County Archives and History Society internet page provided by Morris Myers.

**BOOTHE, McDANIEL** Posted by Wanda Boothe (wwboothe@aol.com), Mon, 17 Jan 2000. I am looking for the parents of Alabama J. McDaniel b. 1871 who married James Daniel Boothe in Pike Co. in 1892. James D. was b. in 1864. By 1904 Alabama and James were in Anderson co. TX. I have been unable to locate the parents of either James Daniel Boothe or Alabama McDaniel. Also have been unable to find them in Pike Co. in 1900. On the 1900 census for Pike co. there was a James McDaniel that we feel is closely connected to our Alabama McDANIEL Boothe. James McDaniel had twin sons b. 1896 named Claud and Clyde McDANIEL. Alabama and James Boothe also named twin sons, b. in TX 1904, Claud and Clyde BOOTHE. Thanks for any help you can give. Wanda Boothe.

Response: Posted by Morris Myers (morris@the.myers.org), Wed, 19 Jan 2000. I found the following two entires in the 1880 Pike County, AR

census:

Page: 438 Dwelling/Family: 93/93

McDaniel, William	m w	40	Head	AR	SC	LA
McDaniel, Susan J.	f w	19	Dau	AR	AR	AR
McDaniel, George	m w	16	Son	AR	AR	AR
McDaniel, Eliza	f w	12	Dau	AR	AR	AR
McDaniel, Newton A.	m w	10	Son	AR	AR	AR
McDaniel, Louana	f w	8	Dau	AR	AR	AR

Page: 441 Dwelling/Family: 146/146

McDaniel, Alfred	m b	40	Head	AL	SC	SC
McDaniel, Julia	f b	44	Wife	TN	VA	NC
McDaniel, Nathan	m b	15	S/S	AR	AR	TN
McDaniel, Mary	f b	10	Dau	AR	AR	TN
McDaniel, Tassa	m b	9	Son	AR	AR	TN
McDaniel, Elizabeth	f b	8	Dau	AR	AR	TN
McDaniel, John A.	m b	3	Son	AR	AR	TN

I found no McDaniels in the 1870 Pike County, AR census.

**TERRY, WOOD, WOODS** Posted by Mary Terry-Gillette (marygillette@email.com), Mon, 07 Feb 2000. I know that William Edward Terry and R.E. (Irene) Terry were married in Pike County on 8/3/34. They had 5 children, Charles, Dorothy, Hubert, Glenn and Jerald. I cannot seem to find any earlier records (parents, birth places, etc.). Anyone with any knowledge of background would be helpful.

**JONES, KIRKSEY, BLACKMAN, DICKENS** Posted by Delores Dennis (naki48@email.com), Sat, 26 Feb 2000. Can anyone look-up LOUISA JONES pg. 467a in 1880 and JAMES JONES pg. 243 of 1870 (Pike County, Arkansas). Thank you so much. Delores.

**DUTY, CRYER** Posted by Betty Snow (snow2@erols.com), Sun, 27 Feb 2000. Does anyone know the name of the parent's of Mildred Duty. She married Morgan Cryer, Sr. in November 1820. Thanks.

**PARKER, SUTTON** Posted by Susan Sutton (Mark\_Sutton@msn.com), Wed, 01 Mar 2000. Searching for info about Della Amanda Parker, b. 1880 in Pike Co., daughter of Samuel Parker and Amanda Powers. Brother listed as Larkin C. Parker. Della married Calvin Edward Sutton around 1894 and moved to Hot Springs. There were several Parker families listed in Pike County around the time her family lived there. One place listed is

Antoine. Della and Calvin Sutton are my husband's grandparents.

**WILLIAMSON** Posted by Alicia G. Winn (billwinn@krc.com), Tue, 07 Mar 2000. I'm looking for any information concerning my great grandmother, Sarah Burns Williamson, b 1795, and who died August 1882 at Rock Creek, in Pike County, Arkansas, according to the Williamson family bible. At the time of her death, she was living with her son, Dr. Algernon Williamson, and wife Martha (Mattie), and their family. Any information about her would be appreciated as I have not been able to find much of anything about her, or where she would have been buried. Any ideas exactly where "Rock Creek" was, and where the cemetery would be?

**DAVIS, YOUNG, BABBITT** Posted by Philip Davis (philevng@edge.net), Wed, 15 Mar 2000. William B. (b. 1837) & Sarah C. (Young) Davis (b. 1846) of Pike County, were my great-great grandparents. I am looking for information regarding HIS parents. The Pike County censuses say that his mother was born in Tennessee and his father in either North or South Carolina. I do not have their names or dates of birth and death, etc. Any clues?

**These Queries, January-March 2000, were maintained by pcahsboards@themyers.org using GenBBS 1.14.**

Genealogy.com

Pike County, AR Genealogy Forum

**Murfreesboro School North of Town** Posted by: V.P. (thevp@cswnet.com) Date: August 08, 2000. In 1920, my grandfather died in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Ar., and the obit said at the time he was a teacher at the school north of town. Does anyone have an idea about the name of the school, or how I can find school records? Regards.

From: "Violet Potts" (thevp@cswnet.com)  
To: "David Kelley" (a0009792@airmail.net)  
Subject: Re: Grandfather's Obituary, John Alfred Lucy, Jr.  
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2001 19:29:28 -0500

According to a Murfreesboro newspaper, dated ----- the following is the death notice: "J.A. Lucy, aged 64, died at his home in this city Saturday night after an illness of only a few days of pneumonia. The attack was severe from the onset and he

rapidly grew worse until his death some few days later. Mr. Lucy was a school teacher by profession, and was teaching in one of the near districts north of town when taken ill. He came to Murfreesboro about four years ago from Ashdown, bought property in the city and has resided here since. His remains were interred in the Murfreesboro cemetery Monday afternoon, funeral services being conducted by Rev. J.R. Rushing, pastor of the Methodist church. He is survived by several children who live in Texas and Okla-homa."

Previous history of John Alfred Lucy, Jr.: John A. Lucy, was postmaster at Mead, OK, (P.O. established) April 10, of 1894. Two years later in 1893 (sic-1896), my mother Carrie Eliza Lucy was born there in Mead.

Mead or Double Springs: In 1866, a band of Creek Indians camped 1/2 mile south of present day Mead. Two families camped there and west of the camp were two large Springs. The area was selected for camp meeting grounds. Pres-byterian missionaries who came to this place were: Allen Wright, Stephen Peters, and Dixon Durant, preached in both languages. Years later A.J. Lucy came and put in a store and named the place Double Springs, then built a church for both whites and Indians who began to move here. The church was also used for school.

Taken from Bryan County (Oklahoma) History, Chapter 7, page 21 and Chapter 30, page 47. Copied by Jane Nelms Carter, granddaughter of John A. Lucy, Jr.

From: "Violet Potts" (thevp@cswnet.com)  
To: "David Kelley" (a0009792@airmail.net)  
Subject: Re: Grandfather's Obituary, John Alfred Lucy, Jr.  
Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2001 00:17:21 -0500

Finally, I am getting this together. My records show that John A. (Lucy) b. May 1858, in Knox County, Tn, married in 1885, in Tn., to LeeAnn Potts. He died Jan. 10, 1920, after a three-day illness. He was a school teacher at a school north of Murfreesboro, after moving from Ashdown, AR. At the time of death, he and LeeAnn were divorced, according to the death record. He was survived by six children: Mittie Bryant, Carrie Eliza Nelms, Dewey, Lucy, Fannie Felicia Caplinger, and Jannie Lucy. He was preceded in death by a son, Horace Lucy, who died in 1918, during the flu epidemic (and survived by) his wife and child, Irene Kahlor Lucy and daughter ... of Shinewell, OK.

**1920 Census for Pike County** Posted by: Mi-chelle Douglas (chelle9962@hotmail.com) Date: August 19, 2000. I am looking for someone that has the 1920 census for Pike County. Thanks!

**Re: Arkansas, Pike County Pierces** Posted by: Sherrie Nunn Flud (fluds@hotmail.com) Date: August 26, 2000. In Reply to: Arkansas, Pike County Pierces by Carolyn Pierce. I have Lucy Christan Horn b. ca. 1834 TN and married Joel L. Keen. Lucy had several siblings. What years are you interested in? By the way, Lucy's father was James. Well, I just looked at wives and found it. James Beavers Horn was a brother to my great grandmother, Lucy "Christan" Horn Keen. All I have to offer is the list of siblings. We do have a photo of Joel and Lucy. It is in the Clark Co. book, I believe. Do you have pictures of James or Roxie? It is ironic sometimes how much people favor. - Sherrie Nunn Flud.

**Re: Arkansas, Pike County Pierces** Posted by: Carolyn Pierce (emilyaskew@aol.com) Date: August 27, 2000. In Reply to: Re: Arkansas, Pike County Pierces by Sherrie Nunn Flud. Sherrie, What a find. My husband's grandmother was Roxie Horn, daughter of James Beavers Horn. We know nothing about him. Will you please email me at emilyaskew@aol.com so we can compare and yes, I do have an extra picture of Roxie and can get some of her sisters and brothers. Send me your mailing address. - Carolyn Pierce.

**Re: Hares in Pike Co., AR - around 1880** Posted by: Jeri Robinson (jrobi01@rkymtnhi.com) Date: August 30, 2000. In Reply to: Hares in Pike Co., AR - around 1880 by Lonnie Hare ... Lovin Ross Hare was the son of William C. Hare and Susan E. Duncan. He was a brother to my aunt's grandfather, Noah C. Hare. He was born in Hare-town, near Okolona, Clark Co., Arkansas. This information was given to me by my aunt. She said at the annual Methodist Camp meeting near Okolona this summer, Thomas Fletcher Clark gave her the names of the children of William and Susan Hare. Clark is related to a sister, Julia Hare, who married a Clark. William C. Hair (sic-Hare) and family are listed in the 1870 Clark Co., Arkansas census in Antoine Township, Page 198, Dwg. 153.

**Re: Hares in Pike Co., AR - around 1880** Posted by: Lonnie Hare (lonnie\_hare@hotmail.com) Date: September 03, 2000. In Reply to: Re: Hares in Pike Co., AR - around 1880 by Jeri Robinson. Thank you for replying. I have family information which might interest you as well. Can you write to me at the following e-mail address?

lonnie\_hare@hotmail.com - Lonnie Hare, Geneva, Switzerland.

**Re: Mitchells & McDaniels in Pike County** Posted by: Genita (texasnita@aol.com) Date: September 07, 2000. In Reply to: Mitchells & McDaniels in Pike County by Mary Magnuson. I am searching for James Oscar McDaniel. I think he came to Texas in 1894 with his family. I am at a dead end. Maybe he is part of your kin? He came from Pike County. I don't know the name of the town. Thanks, Genita.

**Re: Mitchells & McDaniels in Pike County** Posted by: Mary Magnuson (haston@neto.com) Date: September 07, 2000. In Reply to: Re: Mitchells & McDaniels in Pike County by Genita. I'm sorry, I don't have your James Oscar Mc-Daniel in my lines. I do have a James Monroe McDaniel who followed his Mitchell sister from Pike Co. to TX in 1910. My Mitchell/McDaniel line stayed in this area of TX. It seems that there was quite a migration from this part of ARK to the area of Lamar County & Delta County Texas during the time period of about 1890-1910. I've found alot of people's lines came from the same area to this area. You might check out these counties if your people stayed around here. Lamar County's site is: <http://gen.1starnet.com> and Del-ta county's is: <http://gen.1starnet.com/delta>. Good luck & happy hunting. - Mary M., Lamar Co., Tx

**Re: Mitchells & McDaniels in Pike County** Posted by: genita (texasnita@aol.com) Date: September 07, 2000. In Reply to: Re: Mitchells & McDaniels in Pike County by Mary Magnuson. Thanks Mary, but I understand gg-paw James settled in Slocum, Tx., or somewhere there and acquired a farm. Now I need to find out how and where it was. Happy hunting to you. Genita

**McDaniel of Pike County** Posted by: Lena Cole (lenacole@hotmail.com) Date: September 14, 2000. I am looking for info on a Mid McDaniel that was married to Emmy Hill. She died in child birth in 1906 or 07. Mid died one year later. Also, need information on a William M. Mc-Daniel who married Martha J. Sheppard. They may be related to Mid and Emmy. If anyone can check a census for 1900 ... for any McDaniels I would be very grateful. I have heard that they may have lived in Pike County. Thanks a lot. - Lena Cole

**Re: McDaniel of Pike County** Posted by: Jan (jmcgalliard@alltel.net) Date: September 19, 2000. In Reply to: McDaniel of Pike County by Lena Cole. Lena, You do not have to have someone do a



lookup on the 1900 Pike co. census. You can do this yourself by going to the Pike Co. website hosted by rootsweb. Most of the census are on line for Pike Co., Arkansas. You can get there by going to <http://rootsweb.com/~arpike> ... good luck. - Jan

**GRAY, John "Dock", b. 1825, GA, d. 1870** Posted by: Donald Patrick (donald.patrick@us.army.mil) Date: September 14, 2000. Looking for information on John "Dock" Gray (b. 1825, GA, d. 1870) and his wife Dora Whisenhunt (b. GA, d. 1870). They came from Carroll County, GA. Later some of their family moved on to Sevier County, AR. Any help will be appreciated. My email address is donald.patrick@us.army.mil ... Don Patrick, Copperas Cove, Tx

**JOHNSTON IN PIKE CO., 1850** Posted by: Edna Walston (ewalston@arkansas.net) Date: September 14, 2000. These Johnston men were on the 1850 Pike County, Ar. census. They were born in Va. and some of their wives were born in Tn.: William, age 47, wife, Elizabeth; John, age 40, wife, Charlotte; Micajah, age 38, wife, Isabella (Hancock); Hiram, age 37; lived with Polston family; Peter D., age 31, wife, Loucinda. Peter died in 1859. Were they brothers? Who were their parents? I am particularly interested in Peter and Loucinda Johnston.

**GRAY, Samuel, b. GA/NC-?** Posted by: Donald Patrick (donald.patrick@us.army.mil) Date: September 14, 2000. Pike County, AR. Looking for information on Samuel Gray. He moved from Carroll county, GA to Arkansas prior to 1843. He later married Catherine Anne Nunnely on 13 Aug 1843. Any help will be appreciated. My email address is donald.patrick@us.army.mil ... Don Patrick, Copperas Cove, Tx

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**Samuel K. Busick**

2-5-01

Dear Ms. Partain,

My ancestor, Samuel K. Busick lived in Pike Co., AR, in 1840-1850 census, Thompson Township. I have hit a brick wall in my research on who were his parents. I wonder if your organization has any information that might help me. Has anyone else inquired about this family? I'd like their name(s) so I can write if there has been an inquiry.

There is an Owen Joseph Busick in Hot Spring Co. I think they may have been brothers. My ancestor left Pike Co. and is (in) Polk Co. in 1860, then goes on to Red River Co., TX. He died there in 1875.

I wish I could find a connection to other families in Pike Co. on the 1850 census. I have no leads though.

Does your organization have a print-out of available county records in Pike Co.? Also, is there a Goodspeed History that tells about Pike Co., early days? I'd like any information you might have on the 1840-1850 era. Are there deeds or land records available? I wonder if Samuel Busick owned land there?

Thanks, in advance, for any help or leads you might send me.

Sincerely,

Tena Roark  
111 S. School  
Poyen, AR 72128

**Pike County, Arkansas Census 1840**

Schedule of the whole number of persons within the division allotted to Richard L. Wilson.

Head of Household	Males	Females
Thompson Township	00 05 10 15 20 04 09 14 19 29	00 05 10 15 20 04 09 14 19 29
Samuel Busick	1 1	1

**Pike County, Arkansas Census 1850**

Schedule 1. Free inhabitants in Thompson Township, in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas, enumerated by me on the 16th day of November, 1850. William H. Preston, Ass't Marshal.

198-198 Samuel Busick	29 m	Farmer	
Tennessee			
Prudence Busick	40 f		So
Carolina			
Percilla Busick	9 f		Arkansas
Cynthia A. Busick	7 f		Arkansas
Walker B. Busick	6 m		Arkansas
Lousinda C. Busick	3 f		Arkansas
Nancy D. Busick	4 mo	f	Arkansas

U.S. Federal Census, Pike County, Arkansas 1850, National Archives Microfilm Publication: M-432, Roll 23.

Polk County, Arkansas Census 1860

Schedule 1. Free inhabitants in Cove Township in the County of Polk, State of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 12th day of July, 1860. I.C. Morris, Ass't Marshal. Post Office: Dallas

442-434 Samuel Busick	40 m	Farmer	
Tennessee			
Prudence Busick	50 f		So
Carolina			
Parcilla Busick	20 f		Arkansas
Cyntha A. Busick	18 f		Arkansas
Walker B. Busick	16 m	Farm L.	Arkansas
Lucinda Busick	12 f		Arkansas
Nancy D. Busick	10 f		Arkansas
Samuel K. Busick	8 m		Arkansas

U.S. Federal Census, Polk County, Arkansas 1860, National Archives Microfilm Publication: T-7, Roll 10.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: Samuel K. Busick born about 1821 in Tennessee; died 1875 in Red River County, Texas; married first Prudence Walker about 1839 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second Mary Elizabeth Bell, 12 May 1867, in Red River County, Texas; Father: unknown; Mother: unknown.

Wife: Prudence Walker born about 1810 in South Carolina; married Samuel K. Busick about 1839 in Pike County, Arkansas; Father: unknown; Mother: unknown.

Children of Samuel K.  
Busick and Prudence Walker

Priscella Jones Busick born about 1840 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; married John Dansbury, 18 Jun 1873, in Red River County, Texas.

Cynthia (Cyntha) Ann Busick born 24 June 1843 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; died 22 Oct 1916 at Wickes, Polk County, Arkansas; married Charles S. Atteberry, 09 Feb 1864, in Sevier County, Arkansas.

Walker B. Busick born about 1844 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; enlisted in Company H,

24th (Portlock's) Regiment Infantry at Dallas, Polk County, Arkansas; died 07 Sep 1862, Civil War.

Leonard Busick born about 1846 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; enumerated in the 1870 census of Red River County, Texas.

Lucinda Caroline Busick born 28 Feb 1848 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; married Maxwell Chastine Reece, 06 Jan 1866, in Red River County, Texas.

Nancy D. Busick born 1850 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; married James F.M. Ballard, 11 Jul 1867, in Red River County, Texas.

Samuel K. Busick born about 1852 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; enumerated in the 1860 Polk County, Arkansas and 1870 Red River County, Texas census.

Moved to Polk County, then Sevier County, Arkansas and thereafter to Red River County, Texas. Samuel Busick and his second wife Mary Elizabeth Bell had one child, James Busick born May 1870 in Red River County, Texas. Mary Elizabeth (Bell) Busick married second Zachariah Cotton, 02 Nov 1876, in Red River County, Texas.

Sources: Family Search, International Genealogical Index Version 4.0, North America, Copyright 1999-2001 by Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved; Census Records: Pike County, Arkansas 1840, 1850; Polk County, Arkansas 1860; Red River County, Texas 1870; Tax List: Pike County, Arkansas, 1848; Marriages: Sevier County, Arkansas, Red River County, Texas; Tena Roark, Poyen, Arkansas 10 Sep 2001.

CORRECTION

**Pike County Reconstructed Marriages**

From: David Kelley (a0009792@airmail.net)  
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2001 3:14 PM  
To: trebor@hal-pc.org  
Subject: Jonathan Marion Haynes marriage

Barbara

Cindy Scott forwarded me your message about the marriage of Jonathan Marion Haynes to Elizabeth A. (Abt 1857) found in the Pike County Arkansas Reconstructed Marriages 1834-1895. The correction you have provided is very much appreciated and I have deleted this entry from the marriages. I will send an updated file to the Pike County web-page.

I would like your permission to print the portion of your message below in "The Gems" quarterly. It is quite informative and may be of interest to other readers, especially those interested in this family. Thank you.

David

From: "Barbara Ray" (trebor@hal-pc.org)  
To: "Cindy Scott" (shadowtwo@mindspring.com)  
Subject: RE: Woods Cemetery in Pike Co., AR  
Date: Sat, 7 Apr 2001 16:41:06 -0500

Hi Cindy,

... I did want to mention to you that I believe David Kelley's listing for the reconstructed Pike County marriage of Jonathan Marian Haynes may be incorrect -- I have thought this for about a year, when I first saw these on the Pike County page. There were three Haynes boys who had the initials J.M. Haynes, and two of them are listed as joining the 4th AR Infantry from Pike County. These two were brothers, and were sons of my ggg-gf Edward Haynes. Their names were Jonathan M. Haynes and James M. Haynes. Edward's son Jonathan M. Haynes married Mary Craig in Hempstead Co. on Jan. 4, 1860 (I have their original marriage certificate), and Edward's son James M. Haynes married Lisebeth Abelgail Russell on June 24, 1856 in Columbia Co., AR. Henry Haynes also had a son named Jonathan Marion Haynes; but he married Nancy A. Giles on Aug. 9, 1853 in Carroll Co., GA. His father Henry did not come to Arkansas until the mid-1850's. I have records of all these marriages, and I believe that the Jonathan Haynes who is listed as marrying Elizabeth A. about 1857 in the Pike County records was actually James M. Haynes who married Lisebeth (Elizabeth) Abelgail Russell in Columbia Co. in 1856. The Jonathan who married Nancy died in the Civil War in about 1862, was a member of the 15th AR Infantry, and has probate records in Columbia Co. It is very easy to mix up the two Jonathans. It took me years to figure out who was Edward's son, and who was Henry's ...

Barbara in Missouri City, Texas

### **Gleanings from The Kinmundy Express**

Delbert Eagan, son of John and Mary Southwood Eagan was born in Kinmundy on Jan. 10, 1868, and died June 12, (1921). The family consisted of 7 children, 4 sons and 3 daughters, the latter reached womanhood and passed away some years ago. The

brothers are: Sidney of Nathan, Ark.; Wm. of Kinmundy; and Charles of St. Louis. The grandfather, "Uncle Isaac" Eagan, was an Elder and charter member of C.P. Church, and deeded the land on which the church stands for that purpose. The father, John Eagan, was also an Elder in the church. "Dell", as the deceased was familiarly called, married Miss Alice Wilson at the M.E. Parsonage ... Feb. 1890. One son, Harry, was born to this union. Dell leaves a wife, son, 4 grandchildren, and 3 brothers. Services were held at the M.E. Church with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

The Kinmundy Express, Kinmundy, Ill., 1921. Microfilm Roll #2.

### **Farrington Tedder**

Farrington Tedder, born April 18, 1831 in Chat-ham County, North Carolina; died November 11, 1915 in Kemper, Lampasas County, Texas; first wife Elizabeth Meeks; married March 26, 1857 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died about 1864. Second wife, Mary Anna Sophonie Story, born June 24, 1843 in Coweta County, Georgia; married October 1866 in Arkansas; died April 29, 1931 in Oakalla, Burnet County, Texas. Father: Milton Story; Mother: Mary Ann Kennedy.

#### **Children of Farrington Tedder and Elizabeth Meeks**

James A. Tedder, born August 09, 1858 in Mississippi; died September 28, 1943 in Daisy, Pike County, Arkansas; wife Delilah (Lila) Pyburn; married about 1877 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Julia H. Tedder born about 1860 in Pike County, Arkansas.

#### **Children of Farrington Tedder and Mary Anna Sophonie Story**

William Wesley Tedder, born June 25, 1867 in Pike County, Arkansas; died September 23, 1888 in Oakalla, Burnet County, Texas.

Mary Rebecca Tedder, born June 01, 1873 in Pike County, Arkansas; d: February 23, 1948 in Oakalla, Burnet County, Texas; husband David Edward Kincaid, born December 20, 1865 in San Marcus, Texas; married January 01, 1889; died January 23, 1902 in Kempner, Texas. Father: James M. Kincaid; Mother: Elizabeth Burrus Combs, born North Carolina; died before 1869.

Descendants of Benjamin Tedder, page 316 of 362. Relatives of Steven & Karen (Nicar) Dunlap, Family Tree-maker User Page; Updated September 5, 2000. Steven and Karen (Nicar) Dunlap, 1369 N. Hampton #112, DeSoto, Texas 75115. E-mail: ksdunlap@swbell.net

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/d/u/n/Steven-R-Dunlap/BOOK-0001/0007-0001.html>

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**Parsons**

From: "loyce march" (jmarch@pe.net)  
Subject: Parsons line  
Date: Tue, 8 Feb 2000 22:47:20 -0800

THIS is my line ...

Mary Ann Davis b: March 30, 1833, Smith County, Tennessee; d: August 20, 1900; buried Brocktown Cemetary, Pike Co., Arkansas.

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John William Parsons b: October 02, 1854, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.; d: June 30, 1864, drowned in Wolf Creek, age 12, Pike Co., Ark.

Joseph Lemuel Parsons b: January 10, 1856, Pike Co., Arkansas; d: March 04, 1937 near Delight, Pike Co. Ark.; buried Saline Cemetary; m. Mary Caldonia Tarpley b: January 02, 1865, near Delight, Pike Co., Ark.; d: July 22, 1940 near Delight, Pike Co. Ark.; buried Saline Cemetary.

Eletha Jane Parsons b: September 29, 1857, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.; d: September 18, 1873; buried Brocktown Cemetary.

Louisa Marinda Ellen Parsons b: June 24, 1859, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.; d: April 23, 1928, Glenwood, Pike Co., Ark.; m. Goodwin Abraham Wisener b: January 01, 1860, Amity, Clark Co., Ark.; d: September 21, 1929, Glen-wood, Pike Co., Ark.

Richard Lafayette Parsons b: March 03, 1861, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.; d: March 20, 1890, Corinth, Ark.; m. Malinda Elizabeth White b: August 09, 1864; d: January 19, 1933, Hope, Hempstead Co., Ark.

Narcissa Nancy Elizabeth Parsons b: February 03, 1864, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.; d: December 07, 1937 Delight, Pike Co., Ark.; m. William M. McAllister b: September 03, 1863; d: abt. 1941 Glenwood, Pike Co. Ark.

Edmund Lonzo Parsons b: January 05, 1866, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.; d: April 01, 1941 near Delight, Pike Co., Ark.; m. Lydia Jane Witt b: February 05, 1871, near Star of the West, Pike Co., Ark.; d: May 23, 1954, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Thomas Jefferson Parsons b: May 02, 1868, near Wolf Creek PO, between Delight City, Pike Co., Ark.; d: August 28, 1948 Beaumont, Texas; m. Lillie Ann Tarpley b: October 02, 1870, near Delight, Pike Co., Ark.; d: February 21, 1938, Glenwood, Pike Co, Ark.

Camissa Ann Parsons b: April 03, 1870, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.; d: November 25, 1945; buried Holdenville, Cemetery, Hughes Co., Okla.; m. John Berry Wall b: May 04, 1870, near Delight Co., Ark.

Dennis Houston Parsons b: January 08, 1872, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike County, Ark.; d: August 11, 1949, Pike Co, Ark.; m. 1st Mary Elizabeth Kelley b: September 06, 1872, Pike County, Ark.; d: January 23, 1909, Pike County, Ark; m. 2nd Mary Ann Lee Leagate b: March 09, 1878; d: September 15, 1946, Pike Co, Ark.

George Monroe Parsons b: October 25, 1874, near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.; d: October 07, 1941, Abilene, Taylor Co., Texas; m. Mary Isabella Kelley, b: February 14, 1882 near Wolf Creek PO, Pike Co., Ark.

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From Dennis Houston Parsons and Mary Elizabeth Kelley, son William Fletcher Parsons, his daughter Clara Lorece Parsons is my mom.

June March  
jmarch@pe.net

Mailing List Archives: ARPIKE-L Archives:  
February 2000

Pike County Archives and History Society  
Election August 3, 2001

**New Officers**

Dewayne Gray was elected Vice President and replaces Lee Ann Turner. Retha Fern Adams was elected Correspondence Secretary and replaces Dorothy Kennedy Partain.

Re-elected

Harrison Gilmer was reelected President and Linda Wilson was re-elected Treasurer.

### The Gems

David Kelley will continue as Editor of "The Gems" in 2002 and Jan Jackson McGalliard has replaced Dorothy Kennedy Partain as Co-Editor.

### PCAHS UPDATE

#### New Archives

July 22 - Linda Wilson and Harrison Gilmer have started painting the new archives. The mudding and wall board work was donated to the archives by Minor Chaney. I went in to check it out the other day and there was someone wiring up the air so that the workers could work. It has really gotten hot here. Maybe we will get in there by fall.

August 5 - Walls are painted except the front room, we are waiting on the ceiling, floors, and restroom, then we will be able to make plans to move.

August 17 - Delight Hardware will be doing the finish work on the archives, the floor, ceiling, wall outlets, and so forth. Harrison Gilmer, Linda Wilson, and Retha Adams went up on a Wednesday and painted the walls in the large front room of the archives. The archives has been donated a computer by Grace Ann Riley of Delight.

August 28 - Delight Hardware, doing the finishing work on the archives, has already checked out what must be done to complete this project. They will be installing the floor, ceilings, electrical outlets, handicapped restroom facilities, doors and a couple of walls. Things are going slowly but Pike County will have an archives they can be proud of.

October 4 - At the PCAHS meeting tonight, I asked for an update on the archives. The ceiling is being put up, more sheetrock is being done, and soon maybe we will get back in there to scrape the floors and get some more painting done. We would really like to give an opening date, but are kind of uneasy doing that, as we don't know what might happen to slow down or speed up the process.

### New Meeting Time

We made a change in the time of our meetings tonight. The new meeting time is 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. for comparing history, genealogy and visiting, and the business meeting starting at 7:00 pm. The old time was 6:30 to 7:30 for visiting with the business meeting starting at 7:30.

Jan Jackson McGalliard

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