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# Descendants of Almeda "Media" Blackwood

## Generation No. 1

Almeda "Media" Blackwood was born March 08, 1859 in Center Point, Howard County, Arkansas and died December 06, 1949 in Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of John Blackwood, granddaughter of William Blackwood and great-granddaughter of Andrew Blackwood. She married Benjamin Franklin Barentine on December 26, 1880 in Howard County, Arkansas son of Alexander Barentine and Tabitha Overton. He was born March 16, 1851 in Arkansas and died April 09, 1919, Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma.

More about Almeda "Media" Blackwood: Burial, Monroe Cemetery, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma. Notes for Benjamin Franklin Barentine: Source, Robbie "Webster" Brand granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin Barentine. Her mother was Rebecca Barentine. Note, Benjamin Barentine married Almeda Blackwood March 02, 1876 and December 26, 1880 ... according to marriage records 1834-1895 found on-line in Pike Co. marriages.' More about Benjamin Franklin Barentine: Burial, Monroe Cemetery, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma.

### Children of Almeda Blackwood and Benjamin Franklin Barentine:

Laura Barentine, born June 15, 1881 in Arkansas; died March 21, 1949, Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma.

Rebecca Barentine, born March 07, 1882 in Pike County, Arkansas; died June 23, 1924, Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma.

William Jack Barentine, born 1883 in Arkansas; died September 03, 1909, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma.

Louiza Barentine, born October 06, 1885 in Arkansas; died May 18, 1964, Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma; married Mack Mahoney, December 23, 1906, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma; born 1880; died January 25, 1978, Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma.

Thomas Barentine, born 1890 in Arkansas.

Bert Barentine, born December 15, 1894, Center Point, Howard County, Arkansas; died November 02, 1953, Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma.

Ollie Mae Barentine, born March 14, 1898, Jensen, Arkansas; died August 26, 1991, Hayes, Ellis County, Kansas.

Bennie Barentine, born August 14, 1901, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas; died September 21, 1992, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

Mable Barentine, born May 25, 1903 in Arkansas.

Benjamin F. Barentine and Almedia (sic) Blackwood, marriage dated March 2, 1876, solemnized by W.P. Stephens, J.P. and recorded in Howard County, Arkansas Marriage Book A, page 90. B.F. Barentine and Meda (sic) Blackwood, marriage dated December 26, 1880, solemnized by Thomas J. Nesbitt, J.P. and recorded in Howard County, Arkansas Marriage Book B1, page 308.

## Generation No. 2

Laura Barentine was born June 15, 1881 in Arkansas and died March 21, 1949, Monroe, Le Flory County, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Barentine and Almeda Blackwood. She married John D. Jackson in 1899. He was born 1871 in Mississippi and died 1941, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

### Children of Laura Barentine and John D. Jackson:

John D. Jackson  
Sarah Jackson  
Albert Jackson  
Dovie J. Jackson, born 1906, Oklahoma.  
Andrew Jackson, born 1908, Oklahoma.

Rebecca Barentine was born March 07, 1882 in Pike County, Arkansas and died June 23, 1924 in Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Barentine and Almeda Blackwood. She married Juette Douglas Webster on April 07, 1904 in Sebastian County, Arkansas son of Thomas Webster and Sarah Phillips. He was born November 30, 1870 in Red River County, Texas and died June 13, 1943 in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. From death certificate he died at 12:30 p.m.

More about Rebecca Barentine: Burial, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. More about Juette Douglas Webster: Death Certificate, name is spelled Jewett Douglas Webster. Parents listed as James T. Webster born West Virginia and Sarah Phillips born West Virginia. James T. Webster was Juette's brother. His father was Thomas Jefferson Webster. Hall Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge. He had been sick since June 1, 1943. Burial, June 16, 1943, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. Cause of death, general toxemia, influenza-pyelitis.

### Children of Rebecca Barentine and Juette Webster:

Jessie Allen Webster, born August 05, 1905, Paris, Lamar County, Texas; died November 03, 1981, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; married George W. Wilson; born January 13, 1904; died April 19, 1986, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. More about Jessie Allen Webster: Burial, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. Notes for George W. Wilson: George and Jessie have a double headstone. They were laid to rest in Monroe Cemetery. Some of their children are also buried there.

Cora Nell Webster, born September 25, 1907, Paris, Lamar County, Texas; died June 13, 1948, Sacramento, California; married first - not indicated; married second ----- Walker. More about Cora Nell Webster: Burial, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Maud Webster, born May 30, 1909, Paris, Lamar County, Texas; died April 23, 1983, Fresno, California; married first Thomas Frizzel; died Modesto, California; married second ----- . More about Maud Webster: Burial, Ceres Cemetery, Ceres, Stanislaus County, California. More about Thomas Frizzel: Burial, Ceres Cemetery, Ceres, Stanislaus County, California.

Johnny Milton Webster, born November 04, 1910, Gilmore, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; died February 19, 1969, Fresno, Fresno County, California; married Erma Dean. More about Johnny Milton Webster: Burial, Memorial Gardens, Fresno, Fresno County, California.

Robbie Lucinda Webster, born April 04, 1913, Gilmore, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; died October 05, 1933, Fresno, California; married Albert Wiley Brand, October 05, 1942, Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; born May 07, 1905, Hollis, Perry County, Arkansas; died February 26, 1977, Fresno, Fresno County, California. More about Robbie Lucinda Webster: Burial, Memorial Gardens, Fresno, Fresno County, California. Cause of death: Congestive heart failure. More about Albert Wiley Brand: Burial, Memorial Gardens, Fresno, Fresno County, California.

Juett Franklin "Frank" Webster, born April 03, 1919, Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; died December 31, 1983, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma; married Martha Mozell Nickelson, March 11, 1938, Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; born May 10, 1923, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; died March 05, 2000, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. More about Juett Franklin "Frank" Webster: Burial, Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. More about Martha Mozell Nickelson: Burial, Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

J.D. "Badge" Webster, born December 19, 1921, Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; died 1968; married Naomi Maganani. More about J.D. "Badge" Webster: Burial, Hartford, Arkansas.

Willa Mae Webster, born August 12, 1923, Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; died December 15, 1981, Junction City, Geary County, Kansas; married first, Dennis Robinson; married second John Burton.

William Jack Barentine was born in 1883 in Arkansas and died September 03, 1909 in Le Flore County, Oklahoma. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin Barentine and Almeda Blackwood. He married Alice Nichols. She was born in 1891.

Children of William Jack Barentine and Alice Nichols:

Wennie Barentine  
Bessie Barentine  
Berl Barentine

Thomas Barentine was born in 1890 in Arkansas. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin Barentine and Almeda Blackwood. He married Nellie Ballard.

Children of Thomas Barentine and Nellie Ballard:

George Barentine  
Ellen Jean Barentine  
Irene Barentine

Bert Barentine was born December 15, 1894 in Center Point, Howard County, Arkansas; died November 02, 1953 in Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin Barentine and Almeda Blackwood. He married Dona Lee Falkenberry on December 23, 1921 in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma by A.C. Smith, Justice of the Peace. She was born March 18, 1905 and died April 12, 1990 in Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

More about Bert Barentine: Burial, Monroe Cemetery, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

More about Dona Lee Falkenberry: Services, April 14, 1900, First Baptist Church. Burial, April 14, 1900, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. Evans & Miller Funeral of Poteau & Pocola.

Children of Bert Barentine and Dona Lee Falkenberry:

Lucille Pauline Barentine, born February 13, 1923, Howe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; died July 02, 1997, Downey, Los Angeles County, California; married Harold H. Biggs, Sr.; born September 07, 1915, Guy, Faulkner County, Arkansas; died May 15, 1990, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. More about Lucille Pauline Barentine: Burial, July 08, 1997, Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside County, California. More about Harold H. Biggs, Sr.: Burial, May 21, 1990, Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside County, California.

Wilma Marcielle Barentine, born January 28, 1928, Howe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; married Joe Paul Hemphill; born September 06, 1926, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Kenneth B. Barentine, born July 02, 1935, Oklahoma; died 1977.

Ollie Mae Barentine was born March 14, 1898 in Jensen, Arkansas and died August 26, 1991 in Hayes, Ellis County, Kansas. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Barentine and Almeda Blackwood. She married Merit M. Maddox on September 18, 1920 in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma son of Newton Maddox and Amy Driggs. He was born June 10, 1897 in Driggs, Logan County, Arkansas and died September 03, 1956 in Stockton, Rooks County, Kansas.

Notes for Ollie Mae Barentine: Ollie M. Maddox obituary. "Ollie Mae Maddox, 93, died Monday, August 16, 1991, at the Hadley Campus of Hays Medical Center, Hays, Kansas. She was born March 14, 1898, in Jensen, Arkansas, the daughter of Benjamin and Media (Blackwood) Barrentine. On September 18, 1920, she married Merit M. Maddox in Poteau, Oklahoma. The family moved from Lawrence, Nebraska to Stockton, Kansas in 1932 and then to Woodston in 1934, where Ollie took in laundry for many years. She was well respected throughout the community for her meticulous ironing. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church, enjoying the various activities revolving around it, and was a member of the Sewing Circle. Ollie also loved house plants and kept a flower garden. She spent many afternoons playing dominoes with her friend, Emma Brittain and enjoyed being with her many grandchildren, especially helping to raise two of them. She moved to Stockton in 1983 and had been a resident of Solomon Valley Manor since October of that year. Preceding her in death were her husband Merit in September, 1956, and a daughter, Eunice Williams. Survivors include two sons: Nova Maddox of Jemez Springs, New Mexico and Robert Maddox of Plainville; three daughters: Roslea Palmer of Stockton; Sylvia Belveal of Wichita; and Goldie Robinson of Denver, Colorado; two sisters: Bennie Webb of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska and Mable Wilson of Poteau, Oklahoma; 28 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren." More about Ollie Mae Barentine: Burial, August 29, 1991, Stockton Cemetery, Stockton, Rooks County, Kansas. Smith Funeral Home of Stockton, Kansas.

Children of Ollie Mae Barentine and Merit M. Maddox:

Eunice Velma Maddox, born February 12, 1921, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma;

died August 29, 1987; married Loraine Williams.

Nova Merit Maddox, born July 24, 1924, Mankato, Jewell County, Kansas; died July 02, 1992; married Jerry McQueen.

Sylvia Iva Maddox, born June 15, 1926, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas; died December 02, 1998; married Roger Belveal.

Goldia May Maddox, born February 11, 1929, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas; married Virgi (sic) Robinson.

Robert Lee Maddox, born January 13, 1931, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas; married Bethel Bartlett.

Rosalea Maddox, born August 14, 1936, Woodston, Rooks County, Kansas; died January 23, 1997, Hays, Ellis County, Kansas; married Roy Palmer. More about Rosalea Maddox: Burial, January 25, 1997, Stockton Cemetery, Stockton, Rooks County, Kansas.

Bennie Barentine was born August 14, 1901 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas and died September 21, 1992 in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Barentine and Almeda Blackwood. She married Harve Webb on May 10, 1917. He was born November 16, 1893 in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and died January 29, 1975 in Mitchell, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

#### Children of Bennie Barentine and Harve Webb:

William H. Webb, born March 28, 1918, Hilltown, Oklahoma.

Millie Webb, born February 02, 1919, Gilmore, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; died November 28, 1991, Torrington, Goshen County, Wyoming. More about Millie Webb: Burial, December 03, 1991, Mitchell Cemetery, Mitchell, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

John Webb, born October 31, 1920, Calvin, Hughes County, Oklahoma.

James Wesley Webb, born March 18, 1922, Calvin, Hughes County, Oklahoma; died October 25, 1936.

Dorothy Webb, born June 29, 1925, Hartford, Sebastian County, Arkansas.

Albert Web, born May 16, 1926, Cameron, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Ollie May Web, born February 1929, Shady Point, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Gladys Webb, born January 01, 1930, Shady Point, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Dennis Webb, born March 17, 1932, Shady Point, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Harold Webb, born February 17, 1933, Shady Point, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Utah Sharp Webb, born June 13, 1936, Shady Point, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Eldon Webb, born January 13, 1941, Cameron, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. Edna

Fay Webb, born June 12, 1942, Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska.

Mable Barentine was born May 25, 1903 in Arkansas. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Barentine and Almeda Blackwood. She married John Riley Wilson. He was born December 24, 1901 and died April 12, 1984 in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. Notes for John Riley Wilson: "John Riley

Wilson, 82, of Cameron, Okla., died Thursday in a Le Fiore County hospital. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of the area. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Monday in Monroe Baptist Church in Monroe, Okla. Burial will be at Monroe Cemetery under the direction of Evans Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife, Mable; three daughters Nema Baker of Carnegie, Okla., Sarah Wilson of Cameron, and Wanda Goins of Panama; five sons, Earl of Cameron, Lidge of Pekin, Ill., John of Gravette, Thomas of Barling, Ark., and Leonard of Poteau; a sister Velda MacAdoo of Monroe; two brothers Jim of Pauls Valley, Okla., and George of Poteau; and 12 great-grandchildren." More about John Riley Wilson: Burial, Monroe Cemetery, Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma.

Children of Mable Barentine and John Riley Wilson:

Sarah Wilson  
Mary Wilson  
Wanda Jean Wilson  
Nema Lee Wilson  
Leonard Wilson

Robert Earl Wilson, born 1925, Cameron, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma; died March 14, 1991, Ft. Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas. Notes for Robert Earl Wilson: "Robert Earl Wilson, 66, of Cameron, Okla., died Thursday, March 14, 1991 in a Fort Smith hospital. He was a retired laborer and a Baptist. Funeral will be 2 p.m., March 18, in Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Cameron with burial at New Providence Cemetery in Slatonville under the direction of McConnel Funeral Home of Greenwood. He is survived by his wife, Anna June; a daughter, Rilda Long of Cameron; his mother, Mable of Poteau; four brothers; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Pallbearers will be Johnny and Claud Farrar, Robert and Ronald Long, Jesse Johnson and Allen Moody." More about Robert Earl Wilson: Funeral held at Liberty Hill Baptist Church at Cameron, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma. Interment by McConnell Funeral Home. Burial, March 18, 1991, New Providence Cemetery, Slaytonville, Arkansas.

Lidge "Okie" Wilson, born July 22, 1926, Monroe, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma; died November 15, 1991, St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. He married Dorothy Helton, March 12, 1948, Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas. Notes for Lidge "Okie" Wilson: "Lidge Wilson. Lidge 'Okie' Wilson, 66, of Marquette Heights, died Friday, Nov. 15, 1991 at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born July 22, 1926 at Monroe, Okla. The son of Riley and Mable Barentine Wilson. He married Dorothy Helton, March 12, 1948 in Van Buren, Ark. Surviving are his mother in Poteau, his wife in Marquette Heights; one son Ronald of Pekin; three daughters, Lorraine Hogue of North Pekin, Deborah Connelly of Des Plaines and Charissa Drake of Pekin; three brothers, Edward of Tulsa, Thomas of Barling Ark. and Leonard of Poteau; three sisters, Nema Baker of Carnegie, Sarah Wilson of Cameron and Wanda Goins of Panama; six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by father, one brother and one sister. He was employed as a cone setter at Caterpillar 39 and one half years. He retired in 1981. Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 18 1991 at 3:00 p.m. in the Woosley Funeral Home with Mr. Wilbert Vollner officiating."

John Edward Wilson, born May 30, 1928, Cameron, Le Fiore County, Oklahoma; died February 24, 1995, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. Notes for John Edward Wilson: "Ed Wilson. Funeral services for Ed Wilson, 66, a former resident of Cameron, was at the grave side (in) Monroe Cemetery on Tuesday under the direction of Mallory Funeral Home. Born May 30, 1928, Mr. Wilson died Feb. 24, 1995 at



Bethany Health Center. He was a resident of Oklahoma City and a retired tire repairman. He was preceded in death by his father, one sister and two brothers. Survivors include his mother, Mable Wilson of Poteau; one daughter, Barbara Hare of Blanehard; four sons, Doyle and Jerry of Oklahoma City, James of Weatherford and Roger of Freeport, Ill.; three sisters, Nema Baker of Carnegie, Sarah Wilson of Cameron and Wanda Goins of Panama; two brothers, Thomas Wilson of Barling and Leonard Wilson of Poteau; 6 grandchildren. More about John Edward Wilson: Burial, Monroe Cemetery, Monroe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Thomas Gene Wilson, born January 16, 1935, Slaytonville, Oklahoma; died October 02, 1997, Barling, Sebastian County, Arkansas. Notes for Thomas Gene Wilson: "Thomas Gene Wilson, 62, of Barling died Thursday, October 2, 1997 in Barling. He was a retired heavy equipment operator for Whirlpool Corp. He attended Greenhill Assembly of God Church. Funeral will be 10 a.m. Monday at Calvary Baptist Church with burial at Barling City cemetery in Barling under the direction of Putman Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three daughters, Lena Johnson and Carolyn Prescott, both of Bokoshe, Okla. and Kathy Sweeden of Cameron, Okla.; two stepdaughters, Joan Sheren of Van Buren and Annette Wright of Marked Tree; one son, J.E. Wilson of Cameron; two stepsons, Michael Cartwright of Indianapolis, Ind., and Paul Cartwright of Hazelhurst, Miss.; his mother, Mable Wilson of Poteau, Okla.; three sisters, Sarah Wilson of Cameron, Nema Lee Baker of Carnegie, and Wanda Goins of Panama; one brother, Leonard Wilson of Poteau, Okla.; and 19 grandchildren, Rodney and Dena Prescott, Esta Jean Johnson, Misty Sweeden, Michael Sweeden; Billy Bob, Shandra, Teresa, Justin and Jamie Wilson; Bethany Cartwright, Misty Sheren and John and Sara Wright. Pallbearers will be Roger Prescott, Billy Frank Perkins, Gary Baker, Ken Perry, Robert Hodges, and James Daniels." More about Thomas Gene Wilson: Burial, October 06, 1997, Barling City Cemetery, Barling, Sebastian County, Arkansas.

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**STATE OF ARKANSAS:**

To the Collector of Pike County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to collect from each and every person named in the Tax Book hereunto annexed for State and County Tax for the year A.D. 1848 the following rates in and before every hundred dollars of the amount of the rates and valuations wherewith each person according to such book stands assessed and so Pro Rata, that is to say, the rate of one fourth per hundred dollars for the State Tax and the rate of one fourth per hundred dollars together with the sum of fifty cents from each and every male inhabitant over the age of Twenty-one years and under sixty years of age for the county tax and if any person named in such book shall neglect or refuse to pay said rates within ten days after you shall demand the same, you are commanded to levy and make the same rates, or the part thereof remaining unpaid, with lawful costs, in manner and by the proceedings prescribed by law, out of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the person so neglective (sic) or refusing to pay such rates, and you are further commanded to pay the amount, which according to this warrant and the annexed Tax book, you are required to collect in the manner, and within the time, prescribed by law for the payment thereof. Herein fail not at your peril.

# PIKE COUNTY TAX BOOK FOR THE YEAR 1848

A List of Persons Assessed for Taxation in  
Pike County in the State of Arkansas

Alford, Winston	Dillard, James	Jacobs, John
Alford, David	Davis, William	Johns(t)on, Charles
Ashbrook, Moses (and)	Dickson, W.T.	Jackson, W.
Ashbrook, Aaron	Dickson, Leroy	Jackson, A.K.
Brock, Leonard	Davis, Abijah	Joiner, J.W.
Brock, Sam'l	Davis, Clement	Johns(t)on, W.
Brewer, W.A.	Dickson, Jno.	Jackson, J.L.
Brewer, John Estate	Dossey, W.G.	Jones, D.D.
Brewer, Jas. S.	Dickson, D.S.	James, E.L.
Bittick, Jesse	Elridge, Nathan	Kizziar, T.J.
Bittick, John	Evans, J.M.	Kestersen, Saml.
Brewer, John	Edwards, Thos.	Kelley, Robt.
Bittick, Robert	Felvel, Jennis	Kizziar, James Sr.
Baxter, Jesse	Griffin, Wade	Kizziar, J.C.
Boggs, William	Gilmer, William	Kelley, William
Blackwood, A.	Garner, T.R.	Kelley, Elijah Jr.
Bacon, John D.	Gentry, J.M.	Kirkham, J.H.
Brock, Moses	Glenn, John	Kelley, Wesley
Boon, William	Graves, Joseph	Kennedy, R.
Brewer, Henderson	Graves, Alexander	Kennedy, R.W.
Bewsick-Busick, Sam'l	Green, John	Kelley, Elijah Sr.
Burkett, Jonas	Griffin, J.E.	Lacky, J.C.
Bald, Fredrick	Griffin, Green	Lail, Jno.
Bean, Bailly	Henson, Jno.	Landers, Major
Blocker, John Estate	Hancock, J.D.	Langdon, Robt. Est.
Boon, John	Holliday, W.H.	Laird, Patrick
Bacon, W.T.	Hughett, J.O.	Latimer, I.P.
Brown, Joshua	Hughes, J.H.	Mansfield, J.C.
Blair, S.C.	Hall, Samuel	McDonald, Alvin
Brock, Jackson	Homes-Holmes, Jesse	Mitchell, Allen
Carpenter, Jno. Jr.	Holliday, Thos.	McWalkins, James
Carpenter, Jno. Sr.	Hamie, W.	Mobley, David Jr.
Caldwell, A.J.	Henthom, Cyrus	Mobley, Wm.
Conway, Thos. J.	Henderson, Abner	Mobley, David Sr.
Carpenter, Jesse	Hancock, Abner	McLene(n), Jno.
Clemens, Isaac	Huddleston, David	Marks & Jordan
Clemens, John	Hutson, Joab	McLaughlin, W.F.
Clark, Joel	Hutson, Isaac	McLaughlin, W.C.
Coe, George W.	Hoover, Cassandra	Nelson, R.
Chapman, Wm.	Hale, E.G.	Nelson, Saml.
Campbell, D.R.	Huddleston, S.	Owens, Edwin
Carol!, William	Huddleston, Jno.	Orrick, A.B.
Canon, R.W.	Hudsen, Davis	Oliver, W.H.
Davis, William	Huddleston, Lewis	Owens, David
Dickson, Sion B.	Jacobs, English	Preston, W.H.
Dickson, S.A.	Jackson, J.C.	Pearce, S.E.

(same) as Guardian for Wesley Loller	Simpson, Austin	White, Absalom
Polston, Jno.	Stell, Jos.	White, Jordan
Preston, Henry	Stell, Armstrong	White, Spencer
Reeves, Willis	Speer, James	White, John Jr.
Ran(e)y, John	Speer, Francis	White, John Sr.
Rodgers, Harmon	Shook, John Guardian	White, Pleasan(t)
Rodgers, J.R.	for W.A. Shook	Wood, Jno.
Roberson, B.J.	Stell, Hiram	Williams, W.P.
Reece, J.G.	Stone, William	Wray, William
Royston, G.D.	Scott, James	Winford, Benj.
Roberson (blank)	Scott, William	Wingfield, Elijah
Raymond & Anderson	Shouse, Robt.	Watson, J.W.
Rosser, Josiah	-----, J.C.	White Isaac
Swink, J.H.	Stringer, Rice	Williams & Blevins
Sites, Joseph	Speer, S.B.	Winn, Thomas
Stinett, Jno.	Slone, H.C.	Henry Brewer
Stinett, Geo. Q.	Tollet, John	Jenkins, Thos.
Sharp, Erbin	Vardenburg, Jno.	Jenkins, Jesse
Simpson, Jesse	White, H.L.	
	White, J.H.	

State of Arkansas,  
County of Pike.

This day received of David S. Dickson, Clerk of the Circuit and County Court of Pike County, the Tax Book for the year A.D. 1848 in writing, and State Tax the sum of \$225.62 & County Tax \$295.72 being the amount of county and state tax (assessed) for the year A.D. 1848, this 1st day of May 1848.

Lewis Huddleston, Sheriff and Collector.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT

132 Polls.

11914	Acres of Land	\$	43565
26	Town Lots		1000
58	Slaves		23550
1	Saw Mill (Isaac White)		700
1	Pleasure Carriage		35
322	Horses & Mares		11970
14	Mules		512
2	Jacks		275
1095	Neat Cattle		6559
	Goods, Wares & Merchandise		1093
	Total Value	\$	89259

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Alfred Featherston  
Cumberland University  
Class of 1917  
Home Phone ATlantic 5-2636

Jimmy Lee Featherston  
University of Arkansas  
Class of 1958  
Home Phone ATlantic 5-2531

September 24, 1963

Mrs. Dora Lee  
1842 Patterson Street  
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Lee:

At the request of my aging friend, Mr. Roscoe Brewer, I am replying to your letter of September 16th addressed to him. Mr. Brewer is approaching eighty years of age and is not in good health. He had an operation seven years ago, which he survived.

It is evident from your letter that you have had access to some reliable sources on your family history. I have always enjoyed the study of my own family history. My family originated in England before the days of William the Conqueror. Several years ago I was getting up an exhibit for our county fair here and I went through the Brewer papers and got several original land patents, which were then in the possession of Mr. Roscoe Brewer and, in going through those papers, I found letters <sup>2</sup> written to his grandfather back here in Arkansas during the 1850's from his brother, who had gone on to Oregon. There were at least two of those letters written from the Brewers in Oregon. From my memory, there were two Brewers, whose names I do not recall, that went to Oregon. It appears that this family first settled in Missouri and then moved here to Pike County, Arkansas, and took up government land in the valley of The Little Missouri River about two or three miles Northwest of Murfreesboro, the county seat. The family is numerous.

We always called Mr. H.T. Brewer "Buck" Brewer and I remember him as a very small boy as he and I attended the same Methodist Church. He, Aunt Emily and their daughter, Nell, all of whom are now gone on, attended the Methodist Church with me during the years of 1909 and 1910.

Mr. Brewer thinks that you could make a trip out here and look at the papers, most of which he still has, and it might be helpful. He says he would be glad to have you and invites you to be a guest in his home while you are here. He and his wife now live alone. They only have one daughter and she is living in Little Rock. Mr. Roscoe Brewer is the only member of his family now living here. You say you have written his only other surviving brother, Mr. Ozero Brewer, retired attorney over at Helena, Arkansas. You mention Mrs. Cora Roundtree. She has been dead several years but I think the Bible you mentioned is now in the possession of her daughter, who is Mrs. Wilson Gilleylen, the wife of our present postmaster here. Mrs. Roundtree only had two children and the other one, Katherine McDonald, died about five or six years ago.

<sup>2</sup> Letters from the family of Henry Brewer's brother John Brewer. John Brewer died in Pike County, Arkansas in 1845. His widow, Elivra Alexander Brewer, and several children moved to Oregon in 1853.

Mr. Brewer cannot help you locate the parents of John Brewer of North Carolina who married Elvira Alexander.

May I suggest this to you? You write the Bureau of Public Printing in Washington D.C. and buy a copy, if it is still available, of the heads of household of the first census. I have one that was made for Virginia and they were available when I bought mine about thirty years ago for all of the counties. Of course, there are no reprints available. Maybe you have already done this. My ancestors on my father's side came through Virginia and there is a record of four heads of families in my copy of this record of the first census.

Our courthouse in Pike County burned in 1895 but I have a set of abstract books that go back as far as 1855 from which you could get lots of information relative to land transfers involving Brewers in this county.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Featherston  
For: Mr. Roscoe Brewer

AF:pc

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J.H. Brewer  
225 S. Jasmine St. #209B  
Denver, CO 80222  
email: jimbo@interfold.com  
7-12-2002

DORA E. LEE

A funeral for Dora E. Lee, a Northeast Portland resident, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home. Interment will be in Rose City Cemetery.

Dear David Kelley,

I was surprised to run across the Slave Schedule of the 1850 Census that showed that some Brewer's were slave holders. Now I'm wondering what happened to the slaves. Were they sold before making the trip to Oregon or were they taken to Oregon?

When the Oregon Territory became a state in 1848, slave holding was prohibited. It seems like the Brewer's would have sold their slaves before leaving for Oregon since it would be illegal to keep them. Apparently any official record of slave sales in (Pike County) Arkansas would have been destroyed in ... the Court House fires ...

Enclosed is the copy of Dora Lee's obit you requested.

Sincerely,

Jim Brewer

Mrs. Lee died of cancer Wednesday in her home at the age of 87. She was born April 18, 1905 in Boistfort, Wash. Mrs. Lee was reared and schooled in Washington. She married Myrle Lee on Jan. 4, 1925 in Toledo, Wash. She moved to Oregon in 1930 and lived in Eugene for 39 years before moving to the Portland area in 1979. Mrs. Lee was a homemaker and a member of St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church. Her husband died in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Liebert of Portland; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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DICKERSON-JACKSON

Wedding Occurred Near Nathan  
Sunday, Oct. 13. (1940)

Miss Evelyn Dickerson, attractive daughter of

W.H. Dickerson of this city, and Coy Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jackson of Murfreesboro, were married Sunday, Oct. 13th, near Nathan, Justice of the Peace Huddleston officiating. They were accompanied by Miss Edna Snyder of this city and Clyde Still (sic) of Murfreesboro. The couple will make their home in Murfreesboro where the groom is employed. The couple's host of friends wish them happiness through life.

**Newspaper clipping copy. Provided by Jan Jackson McGalliard, Delight, Arkansas.**

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## Family Group Records

Husband: John Brewer born 1793 in North Carolina; died 09 Apr 1845, Pike County, Arkansas; married Elvira Alexander, 07 Sep 1815, Bellevue, Washington County, Missouri. Father: Oliver Brewer; Mother: unknown.

Wife: Elvira Alexander born 05 Mar 1799, Lincoln County, North Carolina; died 15 Dec 1857, Lane County, Oregon; married John Brewer, 07 Sep 1815, Bellevue, Washington County, Missouri. Father: John Alexander; Mother: Mary Price.

### Children of John Brewer and Elvira Alexander

Mary Brewer born 12 Oct 1816, Bellevue, Washington County, Missouri; died 23 Oct 1816, Bellevue, Washington County, Missouri.

William Alexander Brewer born 26 Feb 1818, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 28 Jan 1859, Lane County, Oregon; married Margaret Isabelle Scott, 25 Feb 1841, Pike County, Arkansas.

Henry Brewer born 12 Jan 1821, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 16 Nov 1834, Pike County, Arkansas.

James Brewer born 06 Oct 1822, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 03 October 1826, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Sarah (Sally) Ann Brewer born 24 Feb 1825, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married John D. Bacon, about 1844, Pike County, Arkansas.

John Manning Brewer born 19 Sep 1827, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 17 Mar 1906, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married Louisa Johnston, 22 Oct 1863.

Lucinda Brewer born 19 Dec 1831, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 02 Dec 1908; married Patrick Laird, about 1850, Pike County, Arkansas.

Oliver P. Brewer born 06 May 1833, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 06 Jun 1905; married Margaret Cunningham Stevens, 03 Feb 1853, Pike County, Arkansas.

Reece A. Brewer born 23 Dec 1835, Pike County, Arkansas; died 27 Dec 1909, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married first, Eliza Ann Johnston, 20 May 1858, Lane County, Oregon; married second, Flora E. French, 31 Jan 1875, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married third, Eliza (Lizzie) James, about 1890.

Elvira Caroline Brewer born 29 Apr 1839, Pike County, Arkansas; died 27 Dec 1861, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married Joseph B. Riley, 23 Oct 1854, Lane County, Oregon.

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Husband: William Alexander Brewer born 26 Feb 1818, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 28 Jan 1859, Lane County, Oregon; married Margaret Isabel Scott, 25 Feb 1841, Pike County, Arkansas. Father: John Brewer; Mother: Elvira Alexander.

Wife: Margaret Isabelle Scott born 29 Oct 1820, Abbeville, South Carolina; died 14 Mar 1913, Lewis County, Washington; married first, William Alexander Brewer, 25 Feb 1841, Pike County, Arkansas; married second, John G. Sparks, 1860. Father: James Scott; Mother: uncertain.

### Children of William Brewer and Margaret Scott

Martha Ann Brewer born 15 Jan 1843, Pike County, Arkansas; died 16 Jan 1923; married William Perry Crow, 08 Jul 1857, Lane County, Oregon.

John Fletcher Brewer born 02 May 1844, Pike County, Arkansas; died about 1865; married Elvira Axtell.

Sarah Elvira Brewer born 10 Sep 1846, Pike County, Arkansas; died Nov 1875; married Pleasant Howard Harper, about 1860.

Mary Lucinda Brewer born 29 Mar 1848, Pike County, Arkansas; died 07 Jan 1923, Boistfort, Lewis County, Washington; married first, Martin Dudley Roundtree, 20 Feb 1862, Boistfort, Lewis County, Washington; married second, Edward Harris, 28 May 1872, Boistfort, Lewis County, Washington.

Amanda Carolina Brewer born 06 Oct 1849, Pike County, Arkansas; married Eben Sherwood.

James Henry Brewer born 20 Dec 1850, Pike County,

Arkansas; died 06 Apr 1939; married Emma Smith, 20 Dec 1870.

George Warren Brewer born 23 Apr 1852, Pike County, Arkansas; died 13 Jun 1864, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington.

William Thomas Brewer born 01 Sep 1853, Blue Mountains, on Wagon Train in Oregon; died 29 May 1864, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington. Note: "The Blue Mountains constitute one of the largest uplifts in Oregon and the main range, together with its spurs and offshoots, extends into several counties. The Blue Mountains are separated from the Willowa Mountains by the Powder River and Grande Ronde River."

Evangeline (Eva) St. Clair Brewer born 16 Jun 1855, Lane County, Oregon; married Champion B. Mann, about 1874.

Orlando Byron Brewer born 11 May 1857, Lane County, Oregon; died 30 May 1864, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington.

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### Epidemic of Scarlet Fever 1864

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Husband: John Manning Brewer born 19 Sep 1827, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 17 Mar 1906, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married Louisa Jane Johnston, 22 Oct 1863. Father: John Brewer; Mother: Elvira Alexander.

Wife: Louisa Jane Johnston born 02 Dec 1845, Iowa; died 18 Jan 1874, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married John Manning Brewer, 22 Oct 1863. Father: unknown; Mother unknown.

#### Children of John Brewer and Louisa Johnston

Emma Rosa Brewer born 28 Dec 1864, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 08 Dec 1911, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington;

Henry Sheridan Brewer born 14 Mar 1866, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 19 Apr 1866, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington.

Ellen Jane Brewer born 18 Jun 1868, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 06 Feb 1912, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington.

Preston Colfax Brewer born 30 Aug 1870, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 28 Nov 1964, McCleary, Grays Harbor County, Washington; married Ida Maude Morgan, 08 Apr 1896.

Lewis Allen Brewer born 08 Dec 1873, Rochester, Thurston

County, Washington; disappeared; married Elizabeth Zimmerman, about 1896.

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Husband: Oliver P. Brewer born 06 May 1833, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 06 Jun 1905; married Margaret Cunningham Stevens, 03 Feb 1853, Pike County, Arkansas. Father: John Brewer; Mother: Elvira Alexander.

Wife: Margaret Cunningham Stevens born 06 Aug 1834, Gwinnett County, (Georgia); died 01 Feb 1916, Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, Washington; married Oliver P. Brewer, 03 Feb 1853, Pike County, Arkansas. Father: John A. Stevens; Mother: Sarah Ellison.

#### Children of Oliver Brewer and Margaret Stevens

Sarah Elvira Brewer born 26 Dec 1853, Lane County, Oregon; died 29 May 1864, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington.

Charity Caroline Brewer born 04 May 1856, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon; died 1930, Dryad, Lewis County, Washington; married Joseph Newton Baker, 01 Mar 1872, Olympia, Thurston County, Washington.

Martin Luther Brewer born 20 May 1859, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon; died 14 June 1864, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington.

Milton Wright Brewer born 05 Aug 1861, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 24 Sep 1956, Centralia, Lewis County, Washington; married Jenny Newton, 12 June 1884, Oakville, Grays Harbor, Washington.

Theodore Lawrence Brewer born 29 Jul 1864, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 25 Apr 1894; married Ruth O'Dell Thorne; 19 Apr 1893.

Alonzo Oliver Brewer born 14 Oct 1866, Grays Harbor County, Washington; died 12 Mar 1951, Spokane, Spokane County, Washington; married Helen Louise Halliday, 05 June 1893, Olympia, Thurston County, Washington.

Loren Hines Brewer born 19 Oct 1866, Little Rock, Thurston County, Washington; died 05 Jul 1920, Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, Washington; married Chrissie Scofield, 06 Jun 1894, Montesano, Grays Harbor County, Washington.

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Husband: Reece A. Brewer born Dec 1835, Pike County, Arkansas; died 27 Dec 1909, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married first, Eliza Ann Johnston, 20 May 1858, Lane County, Oregon; married second, Flora E. French, 31 Jan

1875, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married third, Eliza (Lizzie) James, about 1890. Father: John Brewer; Mother: Elvira Alexander.

Wife: Eliza Ann Johnston born 06 Jan 1843, Arkansas; died 16 Jan 1870, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married Reece A. Brewer, 20 May 1858, Lane County, Oregon. Father: unknown; Mother: unknown.

#### Children of Reece Brewer and Eliza Johnston

James Brewer born 20 Mar 1859, Lane County, Oregon; died 1920; married May B. Burbee, 15 Aug 1887.

John Scott Brewer born 1860; died 1948, Olympia, Thurston County, Washington; married Sarah Sparks, 01 Jan 1887.

Martha J. Brewer born 1861; died 1919; married George Albert Wright, 23 Nov 1887.

Ella Mary Brewer born 23 July 1862, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 04 Dec 1902, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married David W. Brown, 25 Jun 1885.

Emma L. Brewer born about 1866, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 10 Feb 1873, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington.

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Husband: Reece A. Brewer born Dec 1835, Pike County, Arkansas; died 27 Dec 1909, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married first, Eliza Ann Johnston, 20 May 1858, Lane County, Oregon; married second, Flora E. French, 31 Jan 1875, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married third, Eliza (Lizzie) James, about 1890. Father: John Brewer; Mother: Elvira Alexander.

Wife: Flora E. French born about 1857; died 03 Dec 1878, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington. Father: unknown; Mother: unknown.

#### Children of Reece Brewer and Flora French

Effie F. Brewer born Nov 1875, near Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 1963, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; married Frank S. Mills, 10 Jan 1897.

Margaret E. Brewer born about 1877, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington; died 1878, Rochester, Thurston County, Washington.

Fred Reece Brewer born 12 Oct 1878, Rochester, Thurston

County, Washington; died 21 Jun 1964; married Gertrude Morris, 25 Dec 1900.

**Family Group Records provided by Aileen Brewer, Lynnwood, Washington. Correspondence June 2, 1993.**

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### Corinth Revisited By Its Kinfolk

Houston, Texas  
December 27, 1977

Lucille Westbrook  
Route 4, Box 247  
Nashville, Ark 71952

Dear Lucille,

I must again express my personal and sincere thanks for the copy of your (book) compilation, "Corinth Revisited By Its Kinfolks 1977". This will be a very helpful aid to those interested & researching these families. It has been a help to me!

I am sending ... excerpt(s) (from) four letters written to the editors & publishers of "The Gospel Advocate" relative to the church at Corinth. The first two letters were written by John S. Robertson and if you note from the bottom of page 186 in your book, S.B. Reese writes ... "After the church was organized, probably two years, they built a very good house just across the road from the cemetery. This house was not a log house as was common those days, but a frame building of fairly good size. Pretty soon a man by the name of John S. Robertson preached for them several years ..."

The last two letters were written by Elijah Kelley, Sr....

Sincerely yours,

David L. Kelley

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Excerpt from a letter written by John S. Robertson to the editors and publishers of the Gospel Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee. Vol. 4, November 1858, page 347:



## REPORT FROM ARKANSAS.

Bros. Fanning and Lipscomb: ... Our next meeting was held with the church at Corinth, Pike Co., embracing the fourth Lord's day in last month, which resulted in five valuable accessions.

In company with Elder William Kelley, we arrived at this place on Friday last, and commenced a meeting under very unfavorable circumstances; but our prospects have been brightening ever since. We have had eleven accessions, among them are some of the most worthy citizens of the community; persons who have heads and hearts that would do honor to any cause they might espouse. The truth has gained a glorious victory here. May the Lord bless the brethren and sisters here and elsewhere, and may the truth prevail over the earth ...

Yours in one hope,

J.S. Robertson Mt. Ida,

Ark., Oct. 6, 1858

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Excerpt from a letter written by John S. Robertson to the editors and publishers of The Gospel Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee. Vol. 7, September 1861, page 298:

### CO-OPERATION MEETING.

Dear Brethren: -- Our Co-operation meeting at Corinth, Pike Co., closed last Lord's day, having continued ten days. It was one of the most happy and triumphant meetings I ever attended, circumstances considered. The whole community was in motion. Military meetings were held almost every day within a few hundred yards of the meeting calling for volunteers, which kept the people much excited, but notwithstanding this, we had good audiences, and a clear demonstration that the gospel, when faithfully presented, is the power of God unto salvation. The result was 24 accessions, 22 by confession and obedience, two of who were Methodists, and two who had been immersed. We had the pleasure of having Bro. A.M. Dean of Texas, who happened to fall in with us on his way to visit his friends in Tennessee. He preached two

discourses for us on Lord's day, and we were truly delighted with him. He has the happy art of presenting the gospel in it most simple form, and to the understanding of all. Brother Dean is neither a speculative nor political preacher, but preaches "the Word" ...

J.S. Robertson

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Excerpts from a letter written by Elijah Kelley Sr. to the editors and publishers of The Gospel Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee. Vol. 8, No. 52, December 25, 1866, page 826:

Antoine, Pike county, Ark. Sept. 24, 1866

Bros. Fanning & Lipscomb: ... in company with Bros. William and Wesley Kelley ... From Okolona we went to Corinth, Pike county, where we commenced meeting on Saturday before the third Lord's day in this month, and closed Monday night. The result was nine additions by confession and immersion. The meeting was well attended, and the prospects are encouraging. The congregation at this place numbers one hundred and three. To the Lord be all the praise. Hoping that he may bless the administrations of his Word in all parts of his mortal vineyard, I remain yours in hope of eternal life.

Elijah Kelley

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Letter written by Elijah Kelley Sr. to the editors and publishers of The Gospel Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee. Vol. 10, January 2, 1868, page 16:

### LETTER FROM ELIJAH KELLEY, SR.

Antoine, Pike Co., Ark., October 15, 1867

Bros. Fanning and Lipscomb: -- I have just seated myself to write you a few lines, to let you know the cause of Christ is still alive in this county.

Fourth Lord's day in September, I visited the congregation at Corinth and delivered three discourses and had three accessions to the congregation.

Second Lord's day in October, I had preached three discourses at Green's old store, six miles from Corinth. Had five additions by confession and baptism, adding to the congregation eight at the two meetings, and, I believe, a good prospect for more. To the Lord be all the praise. The brethren at Corinth speak well for the cause - an humble, devoted brotherhood.

Yours in Christ,

Elijah Kelley Sr.

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## Obituaries

### Coy Jackson

Coy (Tootsy) Jackson, aged 61, of Murfreesboro, died Wednesday (April 8, 1981). He was owner of Murfreesboro Cleaners and a Baptist. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Dickerson Jackson; a son, Jimmy Jackson of Nashville; four daughters, Mrs. Bettye Woodruff of Hope, Mrs. Janice McGalliard of Delight, Mrs. Carole Douglass and Miss Susan Jackson, both of Murfreesboro; three brothers, Roy Jackson of Hot Springs, Floy Jackson of Decatur, Ind., and Glen Jackson of Antioch, Cal.; two sisters, Mrs. Illene Cooley of Hot Springs and Mrs. Louise DeBeck of Sacramento, Cal., 14 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Murfreesboro Cemetery by Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

### James Coy Jackson

NASHVILLE -- Funeral services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, in Ridgeway Baptist Church for James Coy "Jimmy" Jackson, 50. The Rev. Marty Polston and the Rev. Von Weaver will officiate.

Burial will be in the Murfreesboro Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

Mr. Jackson died Thursday, Sept. 1 (1994) at Tollette from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church at Murfreesboro, and was shop foreman for Texarkana Truck Center.

He was preceded in death by his father, Coy Eli "Tootsie" Jackson.

Survivors include: his wife, Pamie Sue Jackson of Nashville; two daughters, Jamie Sue Jackson and Pamela Dawn Jackson, both of Nashville; his mother, Evelyn Jackson of Murfreesboro; four sisters, Betty (sic) Woodruff of Conway, Jan McGalliard of Delight, Carol Bratcher of May-flower and Susan Brock of Murfreesboro; and a number of nephews and nieces.

### Troy Jackson

MURFREESBORO, Ark. -- Troy Jackson, 68, of Murfreesboro, died Friday (Nov. 23, 1979) at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro with the Rev. Von Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Murfreesboro Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville, Ark.

Survivors include his wife, Ledale Bell Jackson of Murfreesboro; three sons, Floyd Jackson and Billy Jackson, both of Murfreesboro and Bobby Jackson of Decatur, Ind., two daughters, Sue Statten and Kay Jackson both of Murfreesboro; four brothers, Roy Jackson of Hot Springs, Ark., Floy Jackson of Decatur, Coy Jackson of Murfreesboro and Glen Jackson of California; two sisters, Ilene Cooley of Hot Springs and Louise DeBeck of Sacramento, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Mrs. Ledale Bell Jackson

MURFREESBORO - Mrs. Ledale Bell Jackson, 66, widow of Troy Jackson, died Wednesday, August 5 (1981) at a Murfreesboro hospital.

She was born March 10, 1915 at Roy, Pike County, Arkansas.

Mrs. Jackson was a retired nurse's aide at the

Idlehour Lodge at Murfreesboro.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: three sons, Floyd Jackson, Billy Jackson and Bobby Jackson, all of Murfreesboro; two daughters, Mrs. Sue Staten and Miss Kay Jackson, both of Murfreesboro; two sisters, Mrs. Cleo Harrison of Bluffton, Indiana, and Mrs. Ilene Lockeby of Murfreesboro; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church at Murfreesboro with the Rev. Von Weaver officiating. Burial was in the Murfreesboro Cemetery under the direction of the Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

**Obituaries provided by Jan Jackson McGalliard, Delight, Arkansas.**

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## Correspondence

### Lee-Smith-Stracener

From: rsims@cartersvillefirst.com  
To: pcahs@iocc.com  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2002 12:07 PM  
Subject: Question for Jan about Francis Lee

Jan,

The gentleman on the phone yesterday referred me to you and also gave me your web-site address. I am seeking info on Francis "Frank" Lee, and your web-site has a bio sketch on him from 1890. That was exciting! And you have a great web-site!

The Frank Lee I'm interested in was b. 1821, moved to New Hope in 1880, d. 1895. He married Elizabeth Smith in 1847 and she died in 1860. A son by this marriage, Franklin Pierce Lee, was known as an old man to my Dad in Alabama when my dad was a child.

My ancestor is James Aiken Smith of Ala. He had a brother named Solomon, his sister was Elizabeth. Elizabeth died in 1860 and Solomon died of disease in the Confederacy. In 1863, Solomon's

widow, Mary Margaret Stracener Smith and Elizabeth's widower, Frank Lee, married each other. It was Frank and Mary who moved to Pike Co. in 1880.

I have 2 questions you may could help me with. First, there is a story circulating around that in Pike Co. there is some kind of monument in honor of Frank Lee. Have you ever heard of this? Also, if you have any other info on Frank and this family we would certainly appreciate it.

Second, I have been on the Arkansas State Archives Library web-site, and I can't even find an e-mail address to inquire as to whether there was ever a Civil War pension request filed by Mary or Frank. I am trying to reconcile his War record. Do you know of any other place that might would house Arkansas pensions and that I may can contact via e-mail just to see if there is a Lee pension? If there is one, I could order it at that time. But I can't get from Georgia to Arkansas not even knowing whether there is one or not!

Anyway, thanks for any help you might could give. And again, congratulations on a great web-site.

Sincerely,

Richard Sims  
Cartersville, GA

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### . Postcard

From: Edward Walls (ewalls70@hotmail.com)  
To: pcahs@iocc.com  
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 4:16 AM

Please send me a postcard of your city or its surrounding area if you have one available. Thank you.

Edward Franklin Walls  
123 Hampshire Rd.  
Savannah, Ga. 31410

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### Sparks-Horn

From: Sonny1921@aol.com  
To: jmcgalliard@alltel.net  
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2002 1:37 AM  
Subject: Eliza O. Sparks 1848-1887

Jan,

I got a query from Eugene Horn a few days ago. You may know him, his ancestors are buried in that area ... (e-mail and reply below)

Sonny Sparks

From: Sonny1921@aol.com  
To: ehorn@cableone.net  
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2002 1:48 PM  
Subject: Eliza O. Sparks 1848-1887

Eugene,

I can't find any close kin to your great grandma but she was a Sparks and I'm a Sparks. My great grandpa Henry S. Sparks, b, 1804 in Georgia, my grandpa Henry Teague "Doc" Sparks, b. 1848 in Alabama. They settled in Caney Fork Township, Pike County, Arkansas. Henry S., died 1864, buried on what was his land on the banks of Antoine River and Woodall Creek. Henry Teague, died 1893 in Boynton, OK. My dad Walter Jackson Sparks, Sr., b. 1885 in Pike County, AR moved to Victoria County, Texas 1901, died 1975. I was born in Victoria County, Texas 1921.

My brother & I were in Murfreesboro, AR on October 11th thru 14 visiting some of our kinfolk, Bobby Wood, Calvin McWha & Mary Lee Wilson Thompson and others. We visited several cemeteries and the Pike County Archives & Historical Society (PCAHS). I'll tell you who to contact at PCAHS in another letter.

Your Great Grandma Eliza wrote a very sweet letter. Where are you living and what age are you? Keep in touch.

Your Cousin,

Sonny Sparks  
Victoria, Texas

The Sparks Quarterly, page 372.

IX. Eliza O. Sparks, ninth child of James and Mary Ann (Matthews) Sparks, was born on De-

ember 25, 1848. She died December 25, 1887 in Nashville, Arkansas. She was married to Louis C. Horn on December 5, 1867 in Shelby County, Alabama. Following the death of her parents in Alabama, Eliza and her husband also followed the rest of the family to Arkansas. They had five children: 1. Oscar Horn, born Aug. 14, 1869; died in 1949. 2. Laura Horn, born June 9, 1873; died in 1937. 3. Ed D. Horn, born April 7, 1879. 4. Mary Etta Horn, born Oct. 21, 1876; died Oct. 21, 1957. She married J.W. Bailey. 5. Sim P. Horn, born Dec. 19, 1882; she married R. H. Ford.

The letter which Eliza O. Sparks wrote to her relatives in Arkansas following the death of her father, James Sparks, has been preserved. Eliza was the youngest child and had assumed the responsibility of looking after her parents in their old age. This letter reads as follows:

December the 6, 1866

Dear brothers and sisters and children

I seat my self this morning to write a letter for the first time in life. This leaves us all well at this time hoping these few lines may find you all well. I haven't any good news to write to you, times is hard here. We have all made plenty of come (sic) to do us by being saving with it but there are a great many that have not made half enough to do them. You all have heard of the death of our beloved father. It was an awful thing but we could do nothing more, death came and we had to part with him. Sisters oh sisters I stayed by his bed side till the last breath left him. Oh it seemed like my hart would burst but he has only paid the debt that we all have to pay and the last word that he spoke was to hurry me to the graveyard. Oh sisters you would miss him if you was here today for he was a father that was always at home with his family. Nancy Jane and Harrison live in that old house where you lived above us. Nancy Jane has a girl. Its name is Mary Elviry (sic). Wesley and Mary live at the place where they lived when you left here and are doing very well there. Sam is a great big fellow and says he can whip any of his cousins. Mother **has** broke **a** great deal since you have seen her. All her talk is in her children. She says that she would give all she has in the world to see you all again. Oh sisters if I could call back the days I have stayed with you and your sweet little children, oh it would be joyful but that day will never come again. Brother Jim you was more like a father to me than a brother. All the old neighbors are well. Tell Fate and Billy and Anny and Frony when they get grown they must come to see sis. They will not see little sis, I weigh one hundred and thirty pounds. Well I will come to a close for this time. Nothing more only I remain your true sister untill (sic) death. Write to me soon if you please. Farewell.

Eliza O. Sparks to  
James Hooker and  
connection

Subj: Re: Eliza O Sparks 1848-1887  
Date: 11/3/2002 9:30:52 PM CST  
From: ehorn@cableone.net  
To: Sonny1921@aol.com

Dear Cuz,

I live in Nash, Texas, which is 6 miles west of Texarkana. I am 53 years old. My grandfather (Ed D. Horn) and all of his folks were from Howard Co. His father (Louis C. Horn) and mother (Eliza O. Sparks) both died when he was about 7 yrs. old. His uncle Oscar raised the younger children. It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you. I have been doing a lot of research on my mothers' side of our family the last couple of years. I have just really started the search for ancestors on my fathers' side. You have certainly been helpful! Oh, by the way, did I send you a copy of Eliza's church records and her obituary? If not, I will if you are interested. I just called my brother and told him that I got all of this info from you. Eliza's letter was really touching. We will keep the next reunion in mind. We know where Antoine River and Woodall Creek are. Did you have any luck cemetery hunting? Please keep in touch, as it is always good to hear about some long lost cousins.

Eugene Horn

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## Queries

**Lackey William Self.** Surname: Self ... anything on William Lackey Self. I'm related through my maternal gg-grandmother, Nancy Self, who married Seaborn Reed in 1845. All I have on William Lackey or Lackey William is born around 1780 in Bellevue, Washington County, MO or Virginia. He arrived in Arkansas prior 1830. All I have for his wife's name is maybe Jane? He died about 1842 in Pike county Ark., Missouri Town-ship ... I would like to find his wife's name and his parents names and perhaps his place of origin. Thank you. Darlene Quayle, email: bobordarlene@sisna.com, 24 Nov 2002

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**Ione Presbyterian Church.** I'm looking for information on a church that was located in Pike

County just over the line from Howard County. It was possibly named Ione Presbyterian. There is a cemetery, near where the church was, named Ione Cemetery. Thank you. Ethel Fontenot Sacker, e-mail: paulsacker@centurytel.net, 30 Nov 2002

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**G-grandmother Mary Ellen Fowler.** Do you have any information on Mary Ellen Fowler. She was born around 1840 and is of Native American heritage. I do not know where she was born but she lived in Arkansas (Pike County area) with my g-g-father, Nelson Crowder Cogdell, until her death in the late 1880s. She is buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Pike County near Nashville. Any-thing will be appreciated. Thanks. Mary Taylor, email: sugartaylor\_2@yahoo.com, 06 Dec 2002

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**Telitha Surgeon.** Looking for information on Telitha Surgeon who married W.J. Hines. She was born in Mo. February 1841 and died in Glenwood Pike Co., Ark, on May 3, 1912. Have lots of information on her children and grandchildren. Would share info. She was my gg-grandmother. Thank you. Carol Boren, email: Carolducky@dellepro.com, 08 Dec 2002

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**Looking for Elizabeth Cruse Morris in New Hope Cemetery.** Surnames: Cruse, Morris. She is buried in New Hope town or cemetery. I need to find out info on her like her birth and death date. She's my great grandmother. If anyone has info on how to find out or better yet if you know the cemetery, if you could write down the info for me, I would appreciate it. David Morris, email: davidm45@excit.com, 09 Mar 2002

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**Re: Looking for Elizabeth Cruse Morris in New Hope Cemetery:** David, I have a lot of scrap books from my great grandmother who was Bessie Lee Cruse. She was from New Hope and I have some names of some Cruses. Can you tell me if you have any information on any of them. Thomas Cruse, Bessie's father, died 10-26-1943; William Cruse, died 6-28-1958; Otto Cruse (may be Otis), died 6-25-1981; Ruby Cruse, died 5-29-1910; Lizzie Cruse, died 12-19-1916. I will look in the scrap books and see if I can find Elizabeth Cruse

and will let you know. But who knows Lizzie may be your Elizabeth. Thank you. Kylie Jones, email: william121576@earthlink.net, 12 Dec 2002

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## PCAHS Update

Things have slowed down considerably at PCAHS with the beginning of the Holiday season. We were closed the week of Thanksgiving and will be closed two weeks for the Christmas and New Years' holidays.

### January 2003 Meeting Time

We are also changing the meeting date for the month of January 2003 from the first Thursday to the second Thursday. February's meeting time and date will be the regular time of 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

### New Publications

PCAHS will have two new books published in 2003. One will be early newspaper articles of historical value. The second will be the 1930 Pike Co. United States Census. Both of these books are almost finished and ready for the printer.

### Purchases

PCAHS has purchased "Arkansas Prior Birth Index, Volume 1, Binder 1, published by Arkansas Genealogical Society, Inc. This is a very good genealogical resource.

### Donations

A list of things donated to PCAHS: 1950 & 1952 Murfreesboro "Rattler" High School annuals donated by Thelma Lingo Simon. Murfreesboro City Council Records & Minutes 1912-1931 donated by Thelma Lingo Simon. NOTE: this item is in very poor condition and WILL NOT be for public use at this time. American Passenger Arrival Records, by Michael Tepper. A List of The Early Settlers of Georgia edited by E. Merton Souther and Albert B. Saye. Four Federal Population Census Catalogs. Complete 2002 issues of The Everton's Family History Magazine. Complete 2001 issues of The Genealogical Helper

all donated by Chester Gage and Ruth Gage Cooper.

Jan J. McGalliard

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## Online Records Library

The Pike County Archives and History Society's internet Online Records Library has a new URL:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~arpcahs/pcahsolr/pcahsolr.htm>

Coordination of this page is now under the management of Morris Myers.

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## About PCAHS

The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a 501 C3 tax-exempt non-profit organization dedicated to collecting and preserving materials which bring together the unique history of Pike County, Arkansas and its people. One of the objectives of PCAHS is to promote interest in the history of Pike County and the State of Arkansas. PCAHS also works with children and young adults in conjunction with the area schools to teach the proper use of a research facility. The archives house over 500 old Pike County record books dating from 1895 including early tax records, maps, etc. The collection of materials also include family histories, census records, microfilm and book publications, and other material for historical and genealogical research. There is no charge for the use of these materials or for using the research facilities in Murfreesboro. Donations of money and, or re-search material, are always welcome. If you have questions regarding Pike County Ancestors or if you would like to donate your family history, pictures or other information that might help others with their research you can contact the society at: PCAHS, P.O. Box 875, Murfreesboro, Arkansas 71958. PCAHS is currently funded by membership dues, donations, and sales of publications. When you are in the Murfreesboro area plan to stop by the PCAHS office and see the research resources that are available for Pike County and surrounding area. In March 2002 we opened at a new location with plenty of room for you to do your research at 112 N. Washington Avenue, Suite B, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

## 2003 ANNUAL PCAHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular Annual membership rate is \$10.00 and Lifetime membership rate is a one time fee of \$100.00  
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space permits. Please be specific when writing your query regarding names, dates, places and the  
information you are seeking.

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### PCAHS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

- " A Look At The Past: A Pike County History in Pictures by PCAHS, \$25.00
- " Crater of Diamonds: Jewel of Arkansas by Bobbie Hendrix, \$6.00
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