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The United States Federal Census (1840) PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

BREWER TOWNSHIP

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

names	males	females
Josiah Barnes	110100001000	0 - 0111000100000
Ervin Price		0 - 1200010000000
Samuel Kesterson		0 - 2000100000000
Absalom White	200000100000	0 - 0020100000000
John Brewer	021010100000	0 - 1011001000000
Henry Brewer	100010100000	0 - 0210010000000
John White	000010000000	0 - 1000100000000
Leroy McDonal	000010000000	0 - 1000100000000
Phillip F. Prator	10010010000	0 - 0120001000000
Jesse Bittick	010011000000	0 - 0120000000000
John Rainey	210001100000	0 - 0100010000000
James Wheat	211010000000	0 - 1010010000000
Moses Newman	212000100000	0 - 1110010000000
Lawner B. Griffing	110001000000	0 - 1100100000000
Myrick Davis	211110100000	0 - 1100010000000
Steven Whitmire	111001000000	0 - 0010010000000
John Jacobs	200001000000	0 - 1010200000000
Thomas Jenkins	01000010000	0 - 3200100000000
Jordan White	$0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 2110100000000
James Gillian	121101000000	0 - 2011010000000
Lewis N. Falkner	000100010000	0 - 2011010000000
John Gollihar	100000100000	0 - 2000100000000
Hiram A. Falkner	$1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 2\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 2000100000000
Middleton C. Elliott	220000100000	0 - 1010100000000
James Scott	001020100000	0 - 0011001000000
Elbert G. Hale	00002000000	0 - 00000000000000
Henderson Brewer	300001000000	0 - 1200101000000

Pettyfoot Massey	3200010000000 - 20000000000000
Daniel Sanders	0010100000000 - 1000100000000
Benjamin Roberson	100010000000 - 100010000000
Thomas Ward	000010000000 - 0000100000000
John Ward	0010010000000 - 0000000001000
Burrel J. Ford	000010000000 - 0001000000000
Aaron K. Daniel	300010000000 - 0001000000000
English Jacobs	2100100000000 - 0100100000000
Thomas Steel	0210100000000 - 1001010000000
James Henry	0010100000000 - 220010000000
Isham P. Latimer	3100010000000 - 0210010000000
John Green	0002200100000 - 0101100100000
Rebecca Blackwood	000000000000000000000000000000000000000
Isom Conner	0000001000000 - 1100010000000

THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

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

names	males	females
Hiram Kizzia	2110010000000	- 1101010000000
John G. Barnett		- 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Jesse Simpson		- 0010010000000
Nathaniel Collier		- 10001000000000
Willis Reeves		- 00010000000000
Simpson Dickson		- 10001000000000
William Gilmer		- 0010010000000
Isaac White		- 0011010000000
George W. Hensley		- 1001300000000
John Smith		- 2210100000000
Samuel A. Dickson		- 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
William Stone		- 000000000000000
Micajah Reeder		- 0000100000000
William Hancock		- 2000010000000
Stacia Davis	$0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	- 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
Lydia Coker		- 20001000000000
Abijah Davis		- 10120000000000
Bradley Dickson		- 2300010000000
Martha Coker	$1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	- 1000100001000
Elizabeth Brewer	$1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	- 00010000000000
William Oliver		- 20010100000000
Samuel Busick		- 1000100000000
James Ashford		- 3000030000000
John Daniel		- 0000100000000
Josiah Goodman		- 0000100000000
William Burton		- 0000001010000
John Blocker		- 1000100100000
Seldon Tryon	2000300000000	- 0000101000000

Robert McDoniel	2020300100000 - 0000000100000
William H. Bizzel	200030000000 - 0100100000000
William B. Gould	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\$
James P. Elliott	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\$
Micajah Johnston	110011000000 - 010010000000
William H. Adkins	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 2\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\$
Fountaine G. Stone	1111210000000 - 120001000000
Gabriel Brown	0111001000100 - 1011010000000
Rice Stringer	2010001000000 - 101001000000
Clement Davis	000010000000 - 200010000000
James Hughes	201002000000 - 1120010100000
Jesse Jenkins	0002210000100 - 112001010000

Pensioner for Revolutionary War service, William Jenkins, age 81, enumerated in the household of Jesse Jenkins.

Wiley B. Loudwell	0010100000000 - 0000100000000
James S. Brewer	1100100000000 - 0101100000000
Thompson Harl	3000010000000 - 1100100000000
John Blocker	1000100000000 - 1100100000000
Harmon Brewer	$0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ -\ 0\ 2\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$
William Kizzia	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\$
Richard Green	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\$
John Hughes	$0\ 2\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 2\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\$
Silas C. Blair	1130001000000 - 0000100000000
Jackson Dickson	1110101000000 - 2011010000000
Wilson H. Swan	100010000000 - 100010000000
Asa Thompson	2110110000000 - 2011100000000
James Car (Keer or Kerr)	1000100000000 - 1001000000000
James McWalkins	0000010000000-001010
Jefferson Wood	110001000000 - 100010000000
John Carpenter	00101000000 - 112110100000
Jesse Carpenter	00001000000000-000010000

MISSOURI TOWNSHIP

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

names	males	females
James H. Kirkham	110000100000	0 - 1000100000000
Kizzia Johnson	$1\ 1\ 0\ 2\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 1010010000000
Jesse Baxter	$1\; 0\; 0\; 0\; 1\; 0\; 0\; 0\; 0\; 0\; 0\; 0$	0 - 1100100000000
David Huddleston	$1\; 2\; 0\; 0\; 0\; 1\; 1\; 0\; 0\; 0\; 0\; 0$	0 - 111001001000
James Weaver	$0\ 0\ 2\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 0000010000000
Robert Bittick	$0\ 0\ 2\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 1100100000000
Absolum Jones	$0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 000100010000
Wesley Huddleston	$2\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 0010100000000
Peter Holliday	$0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 01010000000000
Andrew J. Warren	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 0001000000000
James Henthorn	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0$	0 - 0000000100000

James Kizzia	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\$
James Kizzia	0000100001000 - 00010000000000
Lewis Cox	110001000000 - 112001000000
Hugh McNorten	0000100000000-000010000
Levin Clifton	130001000000 - 101001000000
Absolum Ford	2020010000000 - 1111010000000
William Kelley	0101101000000 - 001000100000
Robert Kelley	000100000000 - 0001000000000
John C. McLaughlin	000010000000 - 200100000000
Phillip Smith	0111000100000 - 0001010000000
Samuel Hasley	120010000000 - 1000100000000
Thomas Milson	332010000000 - 1000100000000
Jacob Brinley	1111101010000 - 1101010000000
Chesley Rogers	100010000000 - 0000100000000
Solomon Melson	000210000000 - 0101000100000
Joel Baxter	100010000000 - 100010000000
Samuel Simpson	000000001000 - 000000000000000
Milas Bagwell	0000010000000 - 0001100000000
Robert Langdon	000010000000 - 0001000000000
Thomas Cox	0000100100000 - 0001001000000
James C. Mansfield	000001000000 - 100001000000
Wade Griffin	0001010000000 - 1000010100000
James E. Griffin	100001000000 - 122010000000
Cyrus M. Henthorn	000010000000 - 00001000000
William Dickson	1211001001000 - 1000010000000
Elijah Kelley	0111010000000 - 0111010000000
Thomas S. Bassett	000100000000 - 1001000000000
Abner Hancock	100001000000 - 010001000000
David Mobley	0110101000000 - 1110010000000
John Wilson	1100121000000 - 0022101000000
John C. Kizzia	3220100000000 - 1000010000000
Thomas B. Garner	100011000000 - 220100000000
David Self	1100100000000 - 1001010000000
Lackey W. Self	1002100001000 - 011110010000
Alford N. Thompson	000000000000000000000000000000000000000
Lewis Self	$0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\$

Aggregated by W.D. Ward

The annexed returns of enumeration by Richard L. Wilson, Assistant Marshal appointed to take the Census of Pike County, Arkansas. I have examined & hereby certify them to be corrected.

WILLIAM NOYE (Total 969)

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ROOTS 'n RECORDS

Joyce Shannon Bridges, 3413 Fernwood Lane, Shreveport, LA 71108 started a genealogical column early last year for several Mississippi newspapers called "ROOTS n' RECORDS" and welcomes queries, family information or materials with a Mississippi connection. You may write the newspapers or her home address:

Port Gibson REVEILLE PO Box 1102, Port Gibson, MS 39150

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PO Box 338, Magee, MS 39111

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PO Box 1171, Columbia, MS 39429

Workshops Help Trace Ancestry

Genealogy: Oldest relatives sometimes hold key to family history. By Greg Kendrick, The Times, Natchitoches, Louisiana (an excerpt).

It could be a never-ending jigsaw puzzle or the start of a new adventure. The addiction of tracing family heritage is spreading and the ancestry sleuths at the Natchitoches Genealogy and Historical Association are offering a few pointers. The group is hosting a series of workshops in their library to teach the technique and patience needed to trace lineage. "More and more people are wanting to learn about their family's past - why they came to America or how they ended up here," said past president Elizabeth Russell. "Visit your oldest relatives first. They hold a valuable key that might soon slip away," was the first advice Russell gave the newcomers. "Sometimes the stories are invaluable. Other times they are misinformation and lead you down the wrong path. You can't give up." Among the countless pointers offered:

Always ask for the original courthouse record. You never know what may have been left out when the document was hand copied. Record all information on tombstone family plots. Even epitaphs may have possible clues in where to look next. Check records of baptisms at area churches.

Historic Places In Arkansas by Miss Clara B. Eno (1939) PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

PIKE COUNTY

THERE is an old factory site, "Old Roiston," (Royston) located three miles north of Murfreesboro, the County Seat of Pike County, on the Little Missouri River. The factory was operated by water power several years prior to the War between the States. This factory was owned and operated by a man named *Henry Merrell*. The principal products manufactured by this factory were flour, meal, shoes, wool and thread. Very few ruins are left to mark the spot of this factory.

GRAY'S FERRY is another historic place of interest in *Pike County*. It was operated on the Little Missouri River, eighteen miles east of Murfreesboro where the Old Military Road crosses it. Stage coaches were used on this Old Military Road between Little Rock and Fulton on the Red River. The above route was in use before the War between the States, and continued in operation for several years after, however the exact dates are not known.

THE FIRST lumber mill in Pike County was

located at "Old Star of the West" on the Little Missouri River twenty miles north of Murfreesboro. This was a water-mill and its principle products were lumber, carding of wool, meal and flour. It was all operated prior to the War between the States. The operator is unknown.

THE GRAVE of *William Jenkins*, a Revolutionary Soldier, is in Murfreesboro Cemetery. It has been marked by the Texarkana Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. His wife is also buried there.

THE TEMPORARY seat of justice was at the house of *Paschal C. Sorrels*. The commissioners then selected the present site of Murfreesboro. A Post Office was established there in 1834 and called "Zebulon." The post office went by that name until 1851, when it was changed to Murfreesboro. On July 28, 1937, a Centennial Marker was placed at the Court House, containing historical data, beginning with the first log Court House in Pike County in 1833.

THE DIAMOND fields are located two and one-half miles southeast of Murfreesboro. These are the only diamond mines in the United States. Marked by the Centennial Commission with appropriate date. The Cinnabar Mines (are) several miles north of Murfreesboro. Also marked by the Centennial Commission, all three on the same date.

THE FIRST Church that was built in Pike County was located in what is now the site of the present town of Delight, in the year 1833. This church was established by a man named *Elijah Kelley*. The church was named Antioch, and was known as the Church of Christ.

Historic Places In Arkansas, by Miss Clara B. Eno, (Van Buren), Arkansas, 1939, pages 67-68. Revised and edited by David L. Kelley.

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITORS

The Spring 1992 issue is the first provided by David L. Kelley of Salt Lake City, Utah who has volunteered to do "THE GEMS" newsletter for one year. There will be 4 issues of 10 pages each. We would like to thank Mr. Kelley for his help in enabling us to continue the newsletter.

Dorothy Kennedy Partain has a new grandson, Geoffrey Tyler Synco, born April 17, 1992. She says "he is roly-poly and the greatest ever" - proud parents Brian & Nancy Partain Synco of Stuttgart, Arkansas. Congratulations!

Letter

31 Mar 1992

Dear Dorothy,

The GEMS came yesterday and we are all glad to get it and have been busy trying to read and absorb all the good information. I know that it is a big job to get all that together, have it printed then get them in the mail. I wish we lived closer then maybe Fran and I could be of some help. I would like to help PCAHS clean, catalog, and shelve the old ledgers if it could possibly be done on weekends. Any chance of that?

Including a map of Pike Co. seems to me to be a good idea and if an older map could be printed in a future issue it would help us, as researchers, in the 1800 time period. A map of the Nathan area is on the wall of the community building / fire station and this could be copied perhaps. We were all looking at it when we went up for "Nathan Day" in October. Surely there are maps of other Pike Co. areas available ... Take care and call if you get down to Shreve Lib.

Cordially,

Barbara Rewis 213 Suzanne Drive Shreveport, LA 71115

MAGORA OWENS

Magora Owens of Murfreesboro, Arkansas died and was buried April 18, 1992. For many years she was an active family genealogist and assisted many with their Pike County, Arkansas family genealogy and history (including the compiler of this newsletter). She was a Co-Chairman of the Book Committee, Pike County Heritage Club, who brought to us "Early History of Pike County Arkansas" in 1978, which has been reprinted by the Pike County Archives and History Society in 1989, and she also acquired and preserved the original cemetery records of Pike County, Arkansas gathered by the Pike County Extension Homemakers Council that were later updated and pub-lished.

Magora Owens was a descendant (double-related) of the now numerous Wingfield family who settled early in Southwest Arkansas (Clark, Hempstead and Pike County). Her ancestor Jacob Wingfield settled in Clark County from Kentucky during the early 1820's. His brother, William Wingfield, another ancestor, settled in Arkansas from Illinois in 1817 and located in Hempstead County. She was also a descendant of Isaac Ward from Louisiana, an early county clerk of Clark County, Arkan-sas who certified the first county officials of Pike County, Arkansas in 1834.

We extend our heartfelt condolence to her family and friends. She will be missed.

NEW BOOK

ARKANSAS LAND PATENTS: PIKE COUNTY

(\$14, plus \$1.50 shipping)

This book contains an index to people who obtained land directly from the federal government from earliest settlement times through 30 June 1908, in what is now Pike County. Current boundaries have been used in sorting this material.

What are Land Patents? Thirty of the United States are public domain states once owned by the federal government. When the federal government transferred title out of the public domain to an individual, the document issued was called a patent. Copies of the patents for Arkansas are housed at the Eastern States Office of the Bureau of Land Management. This is the source for the information in this book.

Who Compiled the Information? Information in this book was transcribed from patent books housed in Alexandria, Virginia by a private contractor hired to implement the Bureau of Land Management's "Preserving America's Heritage" project to computerize records from the General Land Office.

What Information is Included? Patentee's Name, Volume and Page Number, Land Office, Date, Document and Miscellaneous Document Numbers, Transaction Type, Warrantee's Name, Multiple Patentees, Remarks, Description Part Number, Quartersection Description, Township and Range, Acres.

Prepared for publication by Desmond Walls Allen and Bobbie Jones McLane

To order the Pike County, Arkansas volume and (or) receive information on other available Arkansas county Land Patent Volumes, contact:

Arkansas Research, PO Box 303 Conway, AR 72032

QUERIES

BARNES Help! Please write to me if you have any info on a Josiah BARNES (BARNS)

probably born in TN and lived in Pike Co. in 1840. His wife may have been Mary, born 1800 in S.C., son may have been James, born 1823 TN and lived in Pike Co. 1850 (Brewer twp.) Barbara Rewis, 213 Suzanne Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115.

BURNS, KIZZIAR In 1850 Pike C(oun)ty Census, Sarah A. BURNS was living in household of James KIZZIAR. Can anyone tell who Sarah was and why in Kizziar home? Jo Billings, Rt. 5, Box 418, Nashville, AR 71852.

CUNNINGHAM Anyone with knowledge of the CUNNINGHAM boys: Alexander, James L. and Davis who lived at Wilton, Muddyfork Township, Pike Co., in 1870. What was their father's name and their mother's maiden name? Reply to: Mrs. Herma Watson, c/o 213 Suzanne, Shreveport, LA 71115.

Correction

"Ancestor Hunting" by Wanda Head appears in the Shreveport Times in the Monday paper

instead of Saturday. Refer to "The Gems" Volume II, No. 3 & 4, page 22, letter of Barbara Rewis.

1833 PIKE COUNTY 1933

"My native land! I turn to you,

With blessing and with prayer

Where man is brave and woman true,

And free as mountain air.

Long may our flag in triumph wave

Against the world combined,

And friends a welcome - - foes a grave,

Within our borders find."

F.B. CLEMENT, Pike County, Representative, 1933

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	OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS - The , originally published 1978 - reprinted and CORRECTIONS	\$12.00
1870 PIKE COUNTY ARK by Dorothy Kennedy Partain	XANSAS PRINTED U S CENSUS - indexed	\$15.00
"THE DIARY" (Family His of Delight, Arkansas	story) by Carlton Denny	\$3.00
A Reconstruction of the "18 ARKANSAS by Russell P. I	890" CENSUS OF PIKE COUNTY Baker	\$15.00
	CE - Caney Valley Childhood Memories " compiled by Karen Cosby Roy,	\$10.00
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interested in genalogy please of paper and mail along with y Group Sheets with your Mem Queries submitted to "THE G	RY GENEALOGY BOTH ? Please mar list the Surnames you are researching below or if you your membership application. You are also encouraged bership Application. All surnames submitted to PCAI EMS" are FREE to members and will be published as names, dates, places and the information you are seek SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED	need more space, use a separate sheet to include a Pedigree Chart and Family IS will be placed in our Surname File. space permits. Please be specific when

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PCAHS MEETING TIME

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

The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a non-profit organization dedicated to the purpose of collecting and preserving primary source materials which bring together the unique history of Pike County, Arkansas and its people. The Pike County Archives is located on the third floor of the Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. Presently, the Pike County, Archives may be opened, Monday thru Friday BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. The archives CAN NOT BE OPENED on SATURDAY, SUNDAY or HOLIDAYS. If you wish to use the research rooms of the Pike County Archives you must contact one of the Officers of PCAHS or write or call, Dorothy K. Partain, P.O. Box 238, Murfreesboro, AR 71958, Telephone (501) 285-3528. Upon request, an attempt will be made to arrange for a PCAHS volunteer to open the archives to our members for research purposes. Please call or write, well in advance of your planned trip to Murfreesboro, as all our volunteers have jobs, families, and other obligations and can not leave in a moments notice. We regret any inconvenience this may cause our patrons and members.

"... you must know the past - to determine the future."

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