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JAMES LITTLE SORRELS

James Little Sorrels was born May 3, 1804 in Franklin County, Georgia. His first marriage in 1826 was to *Laura Lightfoot*. They had three children before her death which occurred about 1831 or 1832 in Clark [now Pike] County, Arkansas: *Mary Sorrels* born 1827 in Clark [now Pike] County, Arkansas married *Thomas Doyel*, March 8, 1844; *Paschal Sorrels* born 1829 in Clark [now Pike] County, Arkansas married *Eliza* [maiden name not known]; and *Samuel D. Sorrels* born July 15, 1831 in Clark [now Pike] County, Arkansas married first *Elizabeth Ann Price*, June 13, 1852, married second Mrs. *Emily C. Carter*, September 25, 1889 in Sebastian County, Arkansas. *James Little Sorrels* second married *Mary Henthorn* a daughter of *James Henthorn* in 1834 in Pike County, Arkansas. She was born November 24, 1815 in Missouri and died May 10, 1891. Her mother *Dorcas Henthorn* was born 1785 in Kentucky and a census record [1860] suggests she had married a *Sewell* after the death of *James Henthorn*. The last record of *James Henthorn* in Pike County, Arkansas was in 1846 at which time he apparently died.

The children of *James Little Sorrels* and *Mary Henthorn* included: *Electa Sorrels* born 1835 in Pike County, Arkansas married *Green F. Bethel*; *Grandi-son Royston Sorrels* born 1837 in Scott County, Arkansas married first *Sarah Ann Talkington*, married second Mrs. *Mary Scott*, February 11, 1903, died March 21, 1916; *Dorcas Eliza Sorrels* born December 17, 1838 in Scott County, Arkansas married *Wiley Clark Eppler*, July 15, 1856, died February 27, 1919; *Cynthia Sorrels* born 1840 in Scott County, Arkansas married a *Huckaby*; *James Warren Sorrels* born December 6, 1842 in Scott County, Arkansas married *Charity Anna Barnett*, died January 14, 1913; *Washington Franklin Sorrels* born September 16, 1848 in Scott County, Arkansas married *Christiania C. Barnett*, died October 13, 1887; *Emily Sorrels* born 1851 in Scott County, Arkansas; *Aletha Arbell Sorrels* born 1855 in Scott County, Arkansas; *Udora Sorrels* born 1858 in Scott County, Arkansas; and *Columbus*

Sorrels born 1860 in Scott County, Arkansas. *James Little Sorrels* came with his father to Clark [now Pike] County, Arkansas from Ouachita Parish, Louisiana in 1822. He eventually settled on Saline Creek in Thompson Township until he removed to Scott County, Arkansas about 1837. He died January 21, 1875 and is buried in a cemetery near Abbott, Arkansas in Scott county where other members of the *Sorrels* and related families are buried.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mary Henthorn was born in Missouri, Nov. 24, 1815; coming to Pike County, Ark., she was there married in 1834 to *Jas. L. Sorrels*. A few years later, with her husband she moved to Scott Co., Ark., where she resided till 1874, when her husband died - since which time she has been making her home among her children in the vicinity. Her death took place May 10, [1891] at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. *M.A. Soaper [Looper]*. Her life, though of a quiet and undemonstrative sort, was consistent and blameless. When quite a young woman she made a profession of religion and united with the M.E. Church, South, to which she continued a useful member till her translation to the Church of the "first born" in heaven. In all the varied relations of her long life she was a model woman - a true and faithful wife, a devoted and tender mother, a kind and helpful friend and neighbor. In the cause of religion and her Church she was in labors abundant. Her house was always the preacher's home and she and her family were for many years the principal support for the Church in that section of the country. She was the mother of *eleven* children, seven of whom still survive. In addition to these, she had much to do [in] the rearing of several others - the *children of her husband by a former wife*. The care and bringing up of such a large family, was in itself no small burden, but of this I am not aware that she ever complained. I doubt if *Mother Sorrels* ever thought much about the question of the burden of child-bearing and rearing, nor whether she had any vocation in that direction, but it is certain that she raised

up more than a dozen sons and daughters and did her work well too. She lived to see them all married and settled in life and all of them members of the Church. A life extended to nearly four score years in this world, under the most favorable circumstances, could not be otherwise than one of many disappointments, sorrows and sufferings; so she found it - a life unavoidably laborious and full of care - sickness and death coming into the life again and again. Then came the infirmities of advancing years intensified and aggravated by a paralytic stroke a few years ago, rendering her well-nigh helpless. Still she bore all these things with the same patient and heroic spirit that had characterized all the actions of her life. When death came he came as a messenger of good, a surcease of suffering and sorrow here, and a home and happiness in the world of the redeemed. Who can doubt but that she at once entered into the fullness of joy in the house prepared for her in heaven?

The death of this aged lady removes from the community a prominent actor in the early history of Methodism in this section of the State. By her death the last local link in the chain of events that binds the thrifty, prosperous condition of the M.E. Church, South, in this country at this time, with the toils and sacrifices of our fathers in the early planting of Methodism in this new and wilderness region more than a half century ago. Among those who labored for the building up of the cause of Methodism in the counties of Sebastian and Scott, dating back to its first settlement by the white man, none have done more to secure the prosperity of this day than the family of *Sorrels*, of which the deceased was a prominent member. Her father-in-law, *Washington Sorrels*, was among the pioneer settlers of this State. He reached the State in 1819; joined the Methodist Church in 1812; for a few years he was an itinerant preacher; he then became a local preacher, in which capacity he served the Church till his death, which occurred at Waldron, 1855. *Jas. L. Sorrels* was the eldest son; he became a citizen of Scott county about fifty years ago, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1874. Here he and his wife *Mary* faithfully served with their generation, "worked righteousness," and raised up a large family of *five sons and ten daughters*, who have in the main all of them, with their descendants, been found walking in the way their parents taught them - holding up the banners of God and Methodism. We estimate the goodness of a tree by the kind of fruit it bears. This rule upon the authority of the great Teacher, is applicable to human life. Judged by this standard, the value of our sainted sister's life (in which the husband's must also be included) will be a very high one. A long life of labor and cross-bearing, daily exemplifying the graces of Christian character; a large family of children reared in such a way in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," that when they get old that they not only have not departed from the faithful examples and teachings of their parents, but they have in word and works transmitted it on to their children and

grandchildren. I think it would be difficult now to find among the numerous descendants of this faithful pair one that had grown to maturity, that would not be a professor of religion and a Methodist. Many of them are conspicuous for their zeal and usefulness. Three sons survive, *Samuel D. Sorrels*, Dr. *G.R. Sorrels* and Dr. *J.W. Sorrels* - the last mentioned being the best known - having served the Masonic fraternity of the State last year in the capacity of Grand Master. There are some *six or seven daughters still living*, but I am unable to give the particulars concerning them. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. What a precious heritage the bereaved family have in the finished life of the departed mother. May her death be sanctified to the good of all.

F.M. MOORE

The Arkansas Methodist [Newspaper] Devoted to the Interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Arkansas. By Bennett & Thornburgh. "Speak Thou the Things that Become Sound Doctrine." Volume X. Little Rock, Arkansas, Wednesday, June 24, 1891. No. 7, page 6, columns 1-2.

SOUTHERN STANDARD NEWSPAPER

Pike County, Arkansas Births, Marriages, Deaths

July 2, 1881

On Saturday the 25th inst. [June 25, 1881] we lost two of our best farmers and citizens. Mr. **John Davis** about 79 years of age died at 12:20 o'clock Saturday morning after an extended illness of two months. Mr. **J.T. Parsons** son-in-law of Mr. *Davis* and who was there with him, went out about 4 o'clock in the morning to saddle his horse, intending to ride home, but finding the horse of Mr. *R. Davis* in the same stable, he proceeded to take it out and put it in another, and while placing the poles across the door the horse kicked at him and struck the pole which caused it to strike him across the spleen. After this he saddled his horse and returned to the house, and, while sitting there talking, he complained of his side and wanted to lie down, but before he reached the room, he fainted and fell to the piazza floor. He recovered once only to tell the story of the horse kicking him over the spleen, and then he died, just thirty minutes after the accident. Both these gentle-men were industrious farmers and good citizens, and we feel very sorry to lose them so suddenly.

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, June 26.

July 23, 1881

We sympathize with **E.M. Kirkham** in the death of his little son **Gus** who died on Wednesday the 13th inst. [July 13, 1881] at 1:25 p.m.

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, July 16.

August 6, 1881

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. **Charles Wingfield** one of our veterans. He died on Friday evening July 22d [1881] after a long spell of sickness aged 84 years.

We are glad to report the marriage of **J.F. Louis Grath** to Mrs. **F.H. Holbrook** which took place on July 21st [1881].

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, July 27, 1881.

October 1, 1881

We are glad to hear that our old friend Mr. **G. Wisener** and Miss **M. Parson[s]** have joined in holy wedlock. We extend to them our best wishes.

We regret to report the death of little **Maggie** daughter of our friend Mr. **W. Hickey** which occurred on Saturday September 24th [1881] in the morning.

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, Ark., Sept. 28, 1881.

October 22, 1881

We regret to chronicle the death of the **boy baby** of our young friend **Jim Kirkham** who only saw this world for a few hours. We are glad to hear however that the young mother is out of danger.

Our young friend, Mr. **John Craighead**, is the happy father of a fine looking **boy**.

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, October 18.

January 14, 1882

Mrs. **M.E. Stell** presented, as new years gift, our old

friend Capt. **A.A. Stell** with a fat **boy** weighing twelve pounds. Hurrah for the old Captain!

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, January 9, 1882.

February 4, 1882

Our little town has been visited by the messenger of death and we regret to chronicle the demise of the **wife** and **baby** of our friend Mr. **E.J. Wood** which occurred - the baby son on the 21st inst. [January 21, 1882] and the wife on the 25th inst. [January 25, 1882]. Also the death of the **baby** of Mr. **Joe Gilmore** which died on the 29th inst. [January 29, 1882]. Peace to their ashes, and our deepest sympathy to the families.

We are glad to see our friend Mr. **J.C. Ledbetter** a father of a pretty little **girl** again.

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, Jan. 28, 1882.

March 11, 1882

Our friend **R.P. Stokes** is the father of a **boy** fine looking and weighs twelve and a half pounds. He is the happiest man in Pike county and now takes steps about three feet long. The mother and child are doing well.

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, March 14.

April 29, 1882

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. **Barness** which occurred on Sunday the 16th inst. [April 16, 1882].

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, April 24, 1882.

May 20, 1882

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. **A.A. Stell's** little baby **boy** who died on Friday the 12th [May 12, 1882] after three weeks sickness; also Mr. **F. Scott's** little **boy** who died on Monday the 15th [May 15, 1882] after a short illness.

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, May 15.

July 8, 1882

We are sorry to hear of the death of little **Ida** daughter of our friend **Hillman Wall** which occurred to her by playing on the gallery, from which she fell, receiving injuries from which she died in three hours afterwards. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents.

J.F. LOUIS

Wolf Creek, July 4.

September 23, 1882

We've got a happy set of Pa's here now since we reported last including our friends, Messers. **Johnson Lamb** (boy), **Chas. Elkins** (girl), **Pas. Orrick** (girl), **John Lamb** (2 girls), **Ab. McLaughlin** (girl), **Moses Brock Jr.** (girl), **J.F. Louis Groth** (2 girls), and now you see Messrs. Editors we got more girls here than Carter had oats the year he didn't sow.

We regret to chronicle the deaths of Mr. **Jeff[f] Gray**, Mr. **Ab. McLaughlin's** little child, **Henry Kirk-ham's** little child and **John McFadden's** daughter, which all occurred last night [September 7, 1882] and we tender our deepest sympathy to them.

J.F.L.

Wolf Creek, Sept. 8, 1882.

June 23, 1883

News has just reached this place of the drowning of **Elijah Gilman** son of Mr. **Davis Gilman** of Royston yesterday morning about 9 o'clock [June 18, 1883]. *Elijah* and his little sister were playing near the river just above the factory. His little sister left him and went up on the hill to a swing; and after a while she returned but failed to find her brother. She at once reported his absence, and on search being made, his body was found near a skiff. It is supposed that he fell out of the skiff into the river. *Elijah* was a bright boy about 12 years old. His parents have the sympathy of all the people.

Murfreesboro, June 19.

April 22, 1892

A man by the name of **C.B. Fox** of Pike county, a few miles above Amity, met with a fatal accident Saturday. He was out hunting with three other men and had a pistol out, which he dropped, and by the fall was discharged and

the ball entered his left leg on the inside and ranged up into his body near his kidney. The ball was cut out by Drs. Watson and Palmer. He lived until next day at 4 o'clock and expired.

August 10, 1894

Antoine.

We this week made a short trip out to the camp-meeting situated about three miles from Antoine. **W.I. Meeks** who lives but a short distance from the camp-ground ... has been married forty years ... [*W.I. Meeks* and *Margaret Emaline Long* were married August 4, 1851 in Clark County, Arkansas. Marriage Book C, page 198.]

Courtesy of Alan B. Syler, 712 South 22nd, Arkadelphia, AR 71823.

Pike County, Arkansas Marriages 1821-1895

Restoration Project

This list contains marriage entries of couples where the maiden name of the bride has not been determined. Please contact David L. Kelley, P.O. Box 1135, Salt Lake City, UT 84110 if you have further information including full names and marriage date.

Markham, Elbert Carter	Elizabeth (unknown) Stanley	[1869]
Markham, John T.	Nancy Jane (unknown)	[1868]
Markham, Thomas	Mary Ann (unknown)	[1875]
Marsh, John A.	Nancy (unknown)	[1877]
Martin, J.T.	M.F. (unknown)	[1891]
Mathews, Thomas L.	Fannie E. (unknown)	[1894]
Matlock, Geo. W. [black]	Rhoda (unknown) [black]	[1869]
Matlock, Henry [black]	Mary (unknown) [black]	[1874]
Matlock, Henry [black]	Mary (unknown) [black]	[1860]
Matlock, Joseph [black]	Frances J. (unknown) [black]	[1869]
Maxwell, William	Mary (unknown)	[1890]
McCarty, James M.	Rose Ann E. (unknown)	[1868]
McCarty, William J.	Philia Ann (unknown)	[1866]
McClure, Elijah F.	Margaret E. (unknown)	[1869]
McClure, Elijah Forester	Eliza Jane (unknown)	[1889]
McDaniel, Leroy	Rachel (unknown)	[1837]
McKinnon, Thomas	Eula (unknown)	[1895]
McLaughlin, Elijah B.	Addie N. (unknown)	[1878]
McLaughlin, James A.	Nancy C. (unknown)	[1865]
McLaughlin, John A.	Nancy P. (unknown)	[1879]
McMearn, M.	Zonie (unknown)	[1893]
McRay, William	Martha (unknown)	[1849]
McRay, William J.	Margaret E. (unknown)	[1893]
Means, Joseph O.	Caroline (unknown)	[1892]
Meeks, Jesse L.	Rebecca (unknown)	[1860]
Meeks, John D.	Mary A. (unknown)	[1869]
Merideth, Thomas [blk]	Janey (unknown) [black]	[1893]
Miller, Andrew J.	Henrietta (unknown)	[1880]
Miller, Charles P.	Luiena N. (unknown)	[1894]
Miller, James T.	Nancy J. (unknown)	[1887]
Mitchell, William C.	Mollie (unknown)	[1894]
Mize, Soloman F.	Martha A. (unknown)	[1892]
Mobley, David Jr.	Martha W. (unknown)	[1846]
Mobley, John [black]	Bell (unknown) [black]	[1895]
Mobley, John Buckner	Mary J. (uncertain)	[1885]
Moon, John	Virginia (unknown)	[1891]

Moran, John H.	Katie B. (unknown)	[1893]	Self, Lewis	(unknown)	[1838]
Moran, William J.	Sallie (unknown)	[1877]	Self, Robert A.	Mary A. (unknown)	[1887]
Morgan, C.J.	Frances (unknown)	[1895]	Self, Thomas	Susan A. (unknown)	[1868]
Morphew, John R.	Virginia E. (unknown)	[1887]	Self, William	Jamima (unknown)	[1874]
Morphew, Seaborn	L.E. (unknown)	[1889]	Self, William A.	L.E. (unknown)	[1889]
Morrison, William M.	Mattie (unknown)	[1891]	Self, William Vincent	Mary (unknown)	[1867]
Myers, Elijah	Nancy J. (unknown)	[1878]	Sevier, James Robert	Rebecca (unknown)	[1880]
Myers, Martin	Maranda (unknown)	[1872]	Sewell, William W.	Harriet (unknown)	[1880]
Myers, William	Frances A. (unknown)	[1868]	Sharp, James	Margaret (unknown) Hudgens	[1879]
Myers, Will (William)	Etta (unknown)	[1893]	Shelton, James H.	Lyda E. (unknown)	[1893]
Neland, John	Mary Jane McLaughlin	[need date]	Shelton, Vincent H.	Charity (unknown)	[1868]
Nelson, James W.	Mandie (unknown)	[1894]	Simpson, Joseph	Louisa (unknown)	[1872]
Nelson, Robert W.	Rebecca (unknown)	[1878]	Small, Munroe [?]	Ida (unknown)	[1894]
Noland, Benjamin	Mary Francis (unknown)	[1872]	Smedley, William J.	Margaret E. (unknown)	[1875]
Nolen, William	Mary (unknown)	[1865]	Smith, Elijah	Rebecca (unknown)	[1850]
O'Neal, John T.	Nancy T. (unknown)	[1875]	Smith, James M.	Mary A. (unknown)	[1888]
Oden, John S.	Dora (unknown)	[1894]	Smith, John	Cynthia (unknown)	[1890]
Oden, Joseph M.	Mattie J. (unknown)	[1894]	Smith, William T.	C.G. (unknown)	[1887]
Orrick, Bulford W.	Mary E. (unknown)	[1886]	Sparks, Arthur	Lebie (unknown)	[1891]
Orrick, Ephriam M.	Emeline (unknown)	[1852]	Sparks, Britton	.enna B. [?] (unknown)	[1893]
Owens, Gabriel A.	Martha (unknown)	[1865]	Start, Benjamin	Rebecca (unknown) Bryant	[1868]
Page, John	Martha (unknown)	[1877]	Stephens, George W.	Sarah (unknown)	[1890]
Pannell, Pleasant A.	Elizabeth (unknown)	[1880]	Stephens, William	Caroline (unknown)	[1880]
Parker, Andrew C.	Nora Ella (unknown)	[1893]	Stephenson, George	Nancy J. (unknown)	[1876]
Parker, J.H.	L.E.(unknown)	[1860]	St[e]vens, Albert	Stel[]a (unknown)	[1893]
Parker, Samuel	Margaret (unknown)	[1873]	Stevens, Orville	Mary E. (unknown)	[1880]
Parker, Thomas	Rebecca (unknown) Rogers	[1875]	Stewart, William J.	Addie (Ada) L. (unknown)	[1895]
Parker, William	Martha (unknown)	[1878]	Stokes, John B.	Sallie (unknown)	[1894]
Parsons, Joe	Jane (unknown)	[1893]	Stone, William	Cora (unknown)	[1894]
Parsons, Joseph B.	Nancy C. (unknown)	[1874]	Stover, Elijah Taylor	Sarah Alice (unknown)	[1891]
Parsons, Joseph B.	Ella (Ellen) Tarpley	[after 1892]	Stroope, John P.	Emma (unknown)	[1889]
Paslay, David Levi	Nancy G. (unknown)	[1874]	Stuart, F.B.	Mattie L. (unknown)	[1890]
Pate, John M.	Cynthia J. (unknown)	[1870]	Stueart, Filonder C.	Mary M. Westerman [?]	[1890]
Pate, John W.	Sarah E. (unknown)	[1873]	Suddeth, William	Elizabeth C. (unknown)	[1869]
Pate, Lafayette	Martha C. (unknown)	[1876]	Sullivan, John D.	Elizabeth (unknown)	[1889]
Pate, Robert	Louisiana E. (unknown)	[1878]	Sutton, Calvin	Della M. (unknown)	[1894]
Patterson, Jim F.	Mary (unknown)	[1894]	Sutton, James H.	Mary E. (unknown)	[1891]
Pennington, Jim	Jennie (unknown)	[1893]	Tallant, Adam H.	Cordelia A. (unknown)	[1878]
Pettit, Zachariah	Margaret A. (unknown)	[1868]	Tarpley, David M.	Susan H. (unknown)	[1894]
Phillips, James O.	Rosie H. (unknown)	[1895]	Tate, Columbus	Nancy A. (unknown)	[1865]
Phillips, Thomas [black]	Mattie [black] (unknown)	[1894]	Tate, James L.	Martha J. (unknown)	[1865]
Plemens, Thomas	Bettie (unknown)	[1890]	Taylor, Eddie	Allos (Alice) (unknown)	[1895]
Ponder, White	Meley (Miley) (unknown)	[1894]	Tedder, John H.	Nancy Jane (unknown)	[1888]
Power, Charles T.	Julia E. (unknown)	[1894]	Thomas, Charles F.	Mary (unknown)	[1890]
Power, Zachariah T.	Alice J. (unknown)	[1877]	Thomas, Gevard B.	Margaret (unknown) Campbell	[1879]
Preston, Edward [black]	Dora (unknown) [black]	[1886]	Thomas, James B.	Margaret (unknown)	[1877]
Preston, Sol [black]	Olivia (unknown) [black]	[1875]	Thomas, John B.	Gustava H. (uncertain) Dian	[1874]
Ragsdale, Jess R.	Sallie (unknown)	[1894]	Thomas, William	Mary A. (unknown)	[1878]
Raines, Alfred H.	Sarah J. (unknown)	[1877]	Thompson, Elijah [black]	Harriett (unknown) [black]	[1873]
Ray, John A.	Lualice (unknown)	[1889]	Thompson, Elmore [blk]	Ada (unknown) [black]	[1895]
Ray, William J.	Grace A. (unknown)	[1890]	Thompson, Joseph [blk]	Rilla (unknown) [black]	[1877]
Ray, William R.	Lucinda J. (unknown)	[1873]	Thornton, George	Martha J. (unknown)	[1895]
Reese, Lou (A.L.)	Lele A. Tribble (unknown)	[1895]	Thornton, Ira N.	Mary Frances (unknown)	[1875]
Reeves, Andrew J.	Ann (unknown)	[1877]	Thornton, Isaac W.	Amercia A. (unknown)	[1874]
Reeves, Willis	Emeline (unknown)	[1841]	Thrash, Ellyjoy C.	Ophelia W. (unknown)	[1889]
Reid, G.H.	M.F. (unknown)	[1894]	Threlkeld, Neal P.	Mary (unknown) Watson	[1886]
Reid, Robert	Alice J. (unknown)	[1888]	Tolleson, Asa B.	Minnie Musgrove (unknown)	[1895]
Reid, Thomas [black]	Annie (unknown) [black]	[1876]	Tolleson, Lawrence [blk]	Louisa J. (unknown) [black]	[1868]
Rhodes, Henry	Georgiana (unknown)	[1893]	Tolleson, Marion A.	Jane (unknown)	[1876]
Ridge, William G.	Mary (unknown)	[1872]	Townsend, T.J.	Fannie A. (unknown) Kesterson	[1885]
Roberson, Benjamin J.	M.E. (unknown)	[1888]	Trout, John	Maria [?]	[1893]
Robertson, James	Susan (unknown)	[1878]	Turner, J.A.	A.T. (unknown)	[1894]
Robertson, John R.	Martha (unknown)	[1877]	Vickery, James A.	Georgia A. (unknown)	[1892]
Rodden, Joseph L.	Mary A.E. (unknown)	[1875]	Wagner, Giles M.	Jane (unknown)	[1895]
Rogers, Thomas	Barbara (unknown)	[1893]	Wall, John	Ann (unknown)	[1891]
Roling, George	Sarah E. (unknown)	[1887]	Walston, George W.	Mary J. (unknown)	[1878]
Roper, Robert C.	Narcissa E. (unknown)	[1877]	Walston, Henry	Emeline (unknown)	[1850]
Sampson, G.R.	Lutitia (unknown)	[1880]	Walston, Henry J.	Serina (unknown)	[1881]
Sanders, Isaac	Nan[n]jie (unknown)	[1893]	Walston, John W.	Lizzie (unknown)	[1888]
Sandford, James H.	Donie (unknown)	[1887]	Walston, Joseph	Mary E. (unknown)	[1873]
Scoggins, George [black]	Sarah (unknown) [black]	[1870]	Walston, Joseph M.	Nancy C. (unknown)	[1890]
Scoggins, Green [black]	Sarah J. (unknown) [black]	[1893]	Walston, Thomas A.	Sarah C. (unknown)	[1891]
Scott, Fulton A.	Mary (unknown)	[1880]	Walston, William B.	Mary (Mollie) R. (unknown)	[1890]
Scott, James D.	Jane S. (unknown)	[1870]	Ward, G.P.	Lucinda (unknown)	[1850]
Scott, Joseph M.Joisey (Josie)	N. (unknown)	[1850]	Ward, George W.	Rebecca (unknown)	[1865]
Self, Cooper	Frances (unknown)	[1883]	Ward, Green Berry	Isabella (unknown)	[1870]

Ward, Samuel J.	Lucinda J. (unknown)	[1875]
Warner, Samuel	Martha (unknown)	[1877]
Watkins, Hutson L.	Georgia E. (unknown)	[1891]
Watson, Andrew J.	Susan (unknown)	[1892]
Watson, Sloman	Adalie (unknown)	[1893]
Webb, Eri	Martha Jane (unknown)	[1865]
Webb, Isaac	Frances (unknown)	[1872]
Webb, John	Lucinda (unknown)	[1886]
Wesson, Tilmon [black]	Lavissa (unknown) [black]	[1877]
West, Marion A.	Sallie (unknown)	[1891]
Whatley, James L.	Lou (unknown)	[1883]
Whisenhunt, George A.	Malissa (unknown)	[1865]
Whisenhunt, Robert H.	Lela S. (unknown)	[1887]
Whisenhunt, William B.	Ada F. (unknown)	[1887]
White, Ambrose H.S.	Mary E. (unknown)	[1865]
White, Benjamin D.	Mattie B. (unknown)	[1894]
White, David	Sarah F. (unknown)	[1884]
White, David B.	Elizabeth J. (unknown)	[1874]
White, Isaac	Louisa A. (unknown)	[1864]
White, Isaac	Sarah M. (unknown)	[1875-1879]
White, James B.	Sophia C. (unknown)	[1888]
White, James B.	Icora E. (unknown)	[1894]
White, John	Cordelia (unknown)	[1880]
White, John Jr.	Drusetta (unknown)	[1841]
White, John Lee	Bettie (unknown)	[1885]
White, John M.	Emily (unknown)	[1882]
White, John T.	Mattie (unknown)	[1880]
White, Moses	Caroline (unknown)	[1879]
White, Thomas J.	Ellender (unknown)	[1868]
White, Thomas Masipy	Sarah (unknown)	[1858]
Webb, Lafayett[e]	Vina (unknown)	[1893]
Widener, William	Mary O. (unknown)	[1880]
Willett, Ancil G.	Ada (unknown)	[1893]
Williams, Benjamin	Mary E. (unknown)	[1876]
Williams, Burl	Kate (unknown)	[1893]
Williams, John Fenés	Dorice (Dora) L. (unknown)	[1894]
Williams, Isaac	Frances M. Wisener	[before 1895]
Williamson, John	Bammer/Alabama (unknown)	[1895]
Willis, Ephriam [black]	Harriett (unknown) [black]	[1871]
Willis, John R. [black]	Harriett (unknown) [black]	[1872]
Willis, Robert [black]	Milly (unknown) [black]	[1866]
Willis, William	Rena (unknown)	[1878]
Willis, William F.	Missouri C. (unknown)	[by 1874]
Willis, William F.	Julia (unknown)	[1885]
Wilson, Amos	Mary E. (unknown)	[1877]
Wilson, Job J.	Cornelia (unknown)	[1889]
Wilson, William E.	Laura A. (unknown)	[1894]
Winford, Smith A.	Martha Jane (unknown)	[1886]
Wingfield, Gus	Lellah (unknown)	[1889]
Wisener, William Jacob	Sarah (unknown)	[1879]
Womack, Thomas M.	Virginia P. (unknown)	[1872]
Woodall, Charles J.	Mary A. (unknown)	[1853]
Woodall, Gustas (Guster)	Luiza (unknown)	[1890]
Woods, John (Wood)	Sallie (unknown)	[1894]
Woolard, Thomas L.	Annie (unknown)	[1892]
Wright, William	Octavia (unknown)	[1887]
Yarbrough, William H.	Sarah F. (unknown)	[1872]
Young, James R.	Louisa (unknown)	[1880]
Young, Robert J.	Amanda (unknown)	[1878]
Young, Silas	Sarah (unknown)	[1876]

**MOSES FUGATE WESTERMAN
BIBLE RECORD**

THE
NEW TESTAMENT
OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST
TRANSLATED OUT OF

THE ORIGINAL GREEK;
AND WITH
THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED
AND REVISED.

NEW YORK:
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,
INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR MDCCCXVL
1867.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

M.F. Westerman was borned A.D. March the 14, 1832.
E.E. Westerman was borned March the 1, 1851 A.D.
M.E. Westerman was borned Dec. the 6, 1868 A.D.
W.C. Westerman was borned Sep. 22, 1871 A.D.
F.G. Westerman was borned August 11th 1873 A.D.
F.L. Westerman was borned Jan. the 18, 1876 A.D.
A.L. Westerman was borned August 8th 1877 A.D.
Z.G. Westerman was bor[n]ed June 12th 1880 A.D.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

R.A. Westerman was borned Sep. 7th 1882 A.D.
Infant Babe [Westerman] not named was borned August 31, 1885 A.D.
W.E. Westerman was borned March 13th 1887 A.D.
Ardrey Fenter was borned Sept. the 26 = 1894 A.D.
Audrey Fenter was borned Oct. the 2 = 1896 A.D.
Ira Fenter was borned Nov. the 26 = 1898 A.D.
Orby Fenter was borned Jan. the 18 = 1902 A.D.
Iris Fenter was borned March 17 = 1904 A.D.

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

M.F. Westerman and *E.E. Buckley* was married Sep. the 12, 1869.
Wm. M. Alford and *M.E. Westerman* was married Dec. the 30, 1886.
W.C. Westerman and *Kittie Bonnell* were married Dec. 22: 1882.
L.N. Fenter and *Alice Westerman* were married Dec. 4 = 1893.
F.G. Westerman and *Emma Odom* were married April = 1894.
L.F. Westerman and *Mattie Park* were married Sept. 8 =

1897.

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

Infant Babe [Westerman] not named Departed this life Jan. 11th 1886.

M.F. Westerman Departed this life April the 5, 1887.

W.E. Westerman Departed this life June the 17, 1887.

Robert Andy Westerman Departed this life Sept. 22 = 1890.

Z.G. Westerman departed this life Oct. 17 - 1895.

W.C. Westerman died Aug. the 5th 1909.

**Bible Record courtesy of Geraldine Westerman
Barker, Route 2 Box 73, DeLeon, TX 76444.**

RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGH

8 Dec. '92

Dear David,

I am enclosing some material regarding my *Trouts*. This will correct who my great great grandfather was, plus his wife. I say, *do not take some other persons say*. I was told *Benjamin Trout* was my great great grandfather and looking at the Clark Co., Arkansas census would make you think so.

My great great grandfather was *James Trout* (a brother to *Benjamin*) and he married *Anna Hopper*. *James* was with his father *George Trout* in (the) 1830 Land Lottery in Hall Co., Ga., that is, *James* was listed there in 1827. Please read the two letters to *Wilson Nesbit (Trout)* one in 1853 from the *Walkers*. They do not tell me who they were. I wonder if they were, or that is, *Martha H. Walker* was the mother-in-law of *W.N. (Trout)* by his first marriage (to) *Emily W. Reece* (who) died 16 Sept. 1851 in Gordon Co., Georgia. She may have been a widow & married *Mr. Walker*.

Now! The letter from *Elizabeth D. Morris* & husband *John Morris* in 1854 from Gordon Co. Ga. was really *W.N. (Trout's)* sister & brother-in-law. *Now! Pick up the Cherokee records & we find out who they were.*

Susannah was another sister. She never married. See 1850 Census of Gordon Co., Ga. She is with her mother age 18 born in Ala. Then pick up (the) 1860 Mortality Schedule of Arkansas. *Anna (Trout)* died in Clark Co., Ark. age 77 yrs., died of old age. *Susannah* was living with her brother in Pike Co. Census, P.O. Antoine, *J.H. & Alesy Trout* in 1860. Note her age (is) now 28 yrs.

This will give you another family to write about sometime.

Sincerely,

Jessie M. Ashford

**Jessie M. Ashford, 1850 Columbia Pike, Arlington,
VA 22204.**

Georgia

April 21st 1853

Gordon County

Dear Son, after a long time I take my seat to mail you a few lines which will inform you that we are all in tolerable good health at this time hoping that those lines will come to hand and find you and your little children enjoying the same blessing(s) of an all wise providence. The family connections is all well so far as I know. We received your kind letter the 26(th) of March which gives us great joy and consolation to hear that you were all well. We were not very sorry to hear of your being so much dissatisfied with the Land of Promise. There has been one death in the family connection since you left. *Hiram* and *Sarah* has lost one of three children, little *Thomas*. He got choked with a persimmon seed which terminated in death. I saw Doctor *Clemons* when he opened his wind pipe but could not get the seed.

There is little or no change in times since you left. Land is yet high. *James* has sold his place to *Alexander White* for \$275.00. He speaks of going too. *Walker Halsomback* has sold out since he returned from Texas at Twenty Seven hundred Dollars.

I will give you my reasons for not writing to you before now. After he returned I went down to see him and in as much as your wagon was not unloaded when he left, I thought that you were on the road back to Gordon, until I received your letter. You stated in your letter that you did not like Texas for it (is) too mud(d)y and disagreeable. If it has been any mud(d)ier than Georgia has been this winter I don't want to see it. I had never seen such a time for rain as this winter has. The river has been from 3 to 7 feet above common winter tide for the 4 last months. *Thomas* and *Sarah Waters* is married. Also *William Barnett* and *Almeda Tomblin* is married. *Frosty* is yet single. *Shamley* got (a) judgement against *Reeves* for four thousand dollars in the case of slander. The other two cases not touched. I've nothing of interest to write to you only I want you to write often to me and direct your letters to Floyd Springs. Excuse my letter and bad handwrit(ing) and I will try to do better the next time I write. So nothing more at present. Only remain your loving Father and Mother till Death us Doth Part and if we shall (not) be permitted to see each other's faces on earth may we be prepared to meet in Heaven where parting is no more. So farewell our loving son, farewell.

G.W. WALKER and
M.H. WALKER

To W.N. Trout. The family connection jointly sends their love to you and the children.

Caddo Cove Post Office
Montgomery Co., Arkansas
Mr. W.N. Trout

Georgia Gordon Co.
June the 16, 1854.

Dear brother *W.N. Trout*. I state to you that I re(ceive)d your kind and affectionate letter which found us all in good health. Dear brother, it came to me unexpected, for I had come to the conclusion that you had got so rich in Texas that you had forgot all of your kindred in good old Ga. But I will just state to you that we are still poor in Ga. yet and haven't forgot none of you, hoping to our heavenly Father that these few lines may arrive to you and find you enjoying the richest of heavenly happiness, health and prosperity and that good old faith that once was delivered to the saints - for this is the rock of salvation - and if we never should ever meet again on earth, this is the faith that will bring us to meet in glory where the parting of poor pilgrims shall be no more, where we shall meet our friends that ... (have) gone before us ... (that) died with faith.

To call back 10 years *Nesbit* and to see our friends that was here then that is gone and left us, and to see how the balance is scattered in this (poorest) world fetches serious reflections upon me. Here is a weeping mother. Here is ... weeping sisters. Here is *John Morris* - here yet in the land of Ga. How (foolish) like. He wants (to) stay his heavenly Master's time here on Earth and then to take a cold grave by the side of one of those friends that is gone before me. No more on this subject.

God bless you all dear Brother. According to your request, I will try to answer you. First there is health in our land and times are good. The country (is) improving. First land is about like it was in prices. Some few deaths occasionally. Produce is high. Corn is worth 65 cents, bacon 10 cents, other things in proportion. None of the old citizens is gone from here. They are settled. They say there has been several (have) been to look at Texas and Arkansas and don't like (it) at all. I got a letter from *J.H. Trout* yesterday. He has moved (to) Sevier Co., Arkansas, Mineral Hill post office. He stated he was well at present but in a bad fix. His steers died and he had to stop. Anyhow he said he was afraid of sickness there, but could not get away for the lack of means to travel on. Mr. *G.W. Walker* is a working close by me (with)in two hundred yards on a house, and when he gets done there, he is going to do some work for me. He said (they) are all well and wants to see you back in Ga. in the white settlements.

Frank is a living close by me (with)in a quarter. He and family are all well. *J. Davis* (*Jonathan Davis* husband of *Letty L. Trout*) is well and family and doing well. [?]itting (fold in letter) strange in Ga.

JOHN MORRIS

You must look over my hand writ(ing). I cut my thum(b) with a sight blade and I can't hold my pen good. Some lines from *Didama*.

Dear brother. I am well at present hoping you (are) all the same and your little children. I want to see you and them again while here on earth. Give my respects to all of my cousins and uncle (and) all the connections. Dear brother I think you would do well to come back and live in Ga. with your little babes. Mother wants you to come back. She is well and *Susannah*, she is generally well. No more at present but remain your sister till death. Farewell.

E.D. Morris to *W.N. Trout* Brother *W. Nesbit*. Dear Brother. I want you to write to me oftener than you have and if I live I will to you. I never will forget you as long as I live. I have thought of you a many a time since you left me. Notice and I will send you a paper that will give you the daily news of Ga. So I want to be remembered by all of you to them cousins by letter and by (love). So dear friend I must come to a close. My letter is like us all. It has got a beginning and ending. So don't forget me. So no more at present but remain your Brother till death separates us on earth. True to the end.

JOHN MORRIS

CHEROKEE BY BLOOD

Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry
in the U.S. Court of Claims 1906-1910
Volume 6 Applications 13261 to 16745

14431 Arah E. Turner Vernon, Ala.

Rejected. Ancestors not on rolls. Does not establish genuine connection with Cherokee tribe. See misc(ellaneous) test page 478.

Misc(ellaneous) Test page 478. No. 14431-14429 *Arah E. Turner*: "My name is *Arah E. Turner* and I reside at Vernon, Lamar Co., Ala. I was born in Calhoun Co., Ga. in 1850. I claim relationship to the Cherokee Indians through my mother, *Elizabeth Didanie* (*Didamie*) *Morris*, whose maiden name was *Trout*, who was a quarter Cherokee Indian. My mother claims through her father *James Trout* who was a half Cherokee Indian. My mother was born in Calhoun Co., Ga. about 1818 where she lived for thirty-seven years or about 1855, when we moved into Alabama, and we have lived here in Alabama

ever since.

As it appears above I am mistaken in saying that I claim through *James Trout*. I should have said through my grandmother the wife of *James Trout* whose name was *Annie Trout*, maiden name *Annie Hopper*, and she was one-half Cherokee Indian. I remember both my mother and grandmother and they showed the Indian plainly. I remember the Indians visiting us, but I cannot say with certainty whether we were ever recognized by the tribe or my grandparents. I do not remember and I never heard of my family ever receiving money from the Government or being enrolled as Indians. I do not know whether my grandmother, *Annie Hopper*, ever had any brothers or sisters. I have heard my father and mother say that my grandmother, *Annie Hopper*, was a Cherokee Indian. I have heard my father and mother say that the Indians who passed by our home were Cherokee Indians. I never hear of Creek Indians. I have heard of Chickasaw Indians, but never saw any in our neighborhood. I never heard of any Choctaw Indians."

A.E. TURNER
Winfield, Ala.
July 1, 1908

EXCEPTION CASE 14431.

A.E. Turner, Vernon, Ala.

Rejected

Total number of exceptions filed in this group - 28. A large number of applications have been filed where claim is made through one *Anne Trout* nee *Hopper* who was the grandmother of applicant No. 14431 born in 1850 who had several brothers and sisters born prior to that time. This applicant was the daughter of *John Morris* and *Didanie (Didamie) Morris* nee *Trout*. Neither this applicant nor her brothers and sisters living at that time were enrolled in 1851 nor was her mother or grandmother through whom claim is made enrolled in 1835, nor were any members of the family enrolled on the later Eastern Cherokee rolls. In the affidavits filed in support of the exceptions for the first time claim is made that the great-grandfather of the claimant, that is, the father of the said *Annie Hopper Trout* was one *Ash Hopper*, and the exceptions specifically state just where *Ash Hopper* was living, giving the state, county and even the river, "Pea Vine Creek", upon which he was residing in 1836. Not only was no mention made of *Ash Hopper* in any of the original applications but in the testimony of this applicant taken in July 1908 no mention whatever is made of *Ash Hopper*. Further-more, in the original applications the statement is made that the claimant's grandmother was born in Gordon County, Ga. and that the mother continued to live in Gordon Co., in 1851, but

now the important detail is given that *Ash Hopper* the great-grandfather and the grandmother *Annie* were living in Walker Co., Ga. in 1835 and that the grandmother was born in Walker County. While the claim is now made that *Ash Hopper* was the father of *Annie Hopper Trout* this seems highly improbable as *Ash Hopper* was evidently one compound Indian name and not the family name of *Hopper* with the given name of *Ash*. On the original Indian Office Index of the Roll of 1835 the name of *Ash Hopper* appears only under the letter "A" and not under "H". Moreover, this is further emphasized by the fact that on the roll of 1835 *Ash Hopper's* family consisted of four, all of whom were enrolled as full-bloods, while all the claimants assert that their grandmother was only a half-blood. But as already stated the grandmother who was a woman of middle age and married and had a family was not enrolled in 1835 herself, so that the immediate ancestor was not enrolled. The original recommendations that these cases be rejected is therefore renewed.

Cherokee By Blood compiled by Jerry Wright Jor-dan.
[Heritage Books, Inc.] Volume 6, pp. 159-160.

CONFEDERATE PENSION FILES

Pike County, Arkansas

The following information abstracted from the Arkansas State Confederate Pension Application files is of a *genealogical* nature. For *military* information refer to the original files at the Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas or to the publication **Arkansas Confederate Pension Applications from Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Montgomery and Pike Counties** by Desmond Walls Allen, Arkansas Research, P.O. Box 303, Conway, AR 72032.

25327

Lorinda Lovana Alford [widow] of *John M. Alford*, Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas born September 6, 1853, Pike County, Arkansas married *John M. Alford* [no date] Pike County, Arkansas. *John M. Alford* died May 3, 1874.

25347

Elizabeth Jane Baker [widow] of *Patrick H. Baker Sr.*, Rosboro, Pike County, Arkansas born February 10, 1859 married *Patrick H. Baker* [no date]. *P.H. Baker* died June 17, 1921.

1580

C.T. Barnes, Bills, Pike County, Arkansas. *M.E. Barnes*

[widow] of *Charles T. Barnes*, Bills, Pike County, Arkansas. *Charles T. Barnes* died January 1896.

16674

F.B. Barnes, Nathan, Pike County, Arkansas. Affidavit of *James H. Barnes* of Childress, Texas [June 12, 1901] "have known him all my life." *F.B. Barnes*, Amity, Clark County, Arkansas [July 2, 1910]. *Martha Camilla Barnes*, Monette, Craighead County, Arkansas born January 21, 1847, Chambers County, Alabama; married *F.B. Barnes* May 20, 1869 Clai-borne Parish, Louisiana; living with son *George F. Barnes* [February 1932].

8838

Elizabeth Barnes [widow] of *Napolian B. Barnes*, Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas. *Napolian B. Barnes* died December 1898.

1578

W.R.D. Barnett, Bills, Pike County, Arkansas. *W.R.D. Barnett*, Wolf Creek Pike County, Arkansas [June 29, 1901]. *W.R.D. Barnett*, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas [July 5, 1910] *Orillar Barnett*, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas Box M [February 17, 1932] born September 27, 1877, Pike County, Arkansas married *W.R.D. Barnett*, February 6, 1910, Pike County, Arkansas. "I live alone. I care for an invalid named *Johnny Kirkham* who occupies part of my home. His folks pay his expense." *W.R.D. Barnett* died May 21, 1917. Note: *W.R.D. Barnett* and *Ola Gelmer [Gilmer]* married February 18, 1910 Pike County, Arkansas [Current Records] Marriage Book C, page 626.

21482

Roxie A. Barton [widow] of *W.P. Barton*, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas. *W.P. Barton* died June, 8, 1908. *Green B. Ward*, Pike County, Arkansas [July 27, 1917] "knew him from 1860 until he died he was our Lieutenant in Capt. *Bob Reid's* Co." [and] "my living neighbor to them every since the War of 1861-5." *John C. Wilson*, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas [June 5, 1918] "my personally acquaintance with them and living near them for 55 year(s)."

9106

George W. Bell, Pike County, Arkansas. *M.E. Bell* [widow] of *George W. Bell*, Amity, Pike County, Arkansas born August 10, 1865, Pike County, Arkansas

married *G.W. Bell*, September 15, 1895, Howard County, Arkansas.

8868

W.T. Bell, Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas. *Elizabeth Bell* [widow] of *William T. Bell*, Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas. *W.T. Bell* died March 11, 1913. *W.T. Bell* and *Elizabeth Bell* married August 2, 1891. Note: *Mary A. Bell* previous wife of *William T. Bell*, Pike County, Arkansas Census 1880, White Township [109].

8867

Martha E. Bigam [widow] of *G.V. Bigam*, Zebulon, Pike County, Arkansas. *G.V. Bigam* died "on Sunday morning the 2 day of May 1909 near Zebulon, Pike County, Arkansas." *J.A. Whisenhunt* and *J.T. Whisenhunt* [May 22, 1909] "acquaintance with the said *G.V. Bigam* for the last past five years next preceding his death May 2, 1909." Original Parole Certificate, Eastport, Mississippi, May 15, 1865 in file.

9104

Louisa Blackwood [widow] of *John Blackwood*, Pike County, Arkansas. *John Blackwood* died "in the month of September" 1892. *I.A. Cornish* and *I.M. Cooley* [July 2, 1907] "knew him from the beginning of the war until his death in 1892."

18787

Elias L. Britt, Howard County, Arkansas. *S.E. Britt* [widow] of *E.L. Britt*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 18, 1918]. *E.L. Britt* died April 25, 1918.

25348

D.T. Brunson, Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas. *T.B. Burk* and *T.W. Dooley* [May 16, 1916] "have know him 15 years, respectively." Affidavit of *C.T. Furlow*, Fulton County, Georgia [April 27, 1916] "was a member of Co. K, 4th Regiment Georgia Volunteers, C.S.A. during the years 1861 and 1862 and that *Daniel T. Brunson* now living at Glenwood, Arkansas served in the same Company at the same time." *Sarah F. Brunson* [widow] of *D.T. Brunson*, Pike County, Arkansas born April 1, 1848. "My husband died on the 2nd day of November 1916."

16655

D.W. Bryan [widow] of *P.E. Bryan*, Clear Springs, Clark County, Arkansas. Pike County, Arkansas [June 19, 1901]. *J.R. Williams* and *J.W. Huff* [June 25, 1901] Clark County, Arkansas "knew him 45 years, respectively."

8844

M.A. Bryant [widow] of *J.K. Bryant*, Tokio, Pike County, Arkansas. *J.K. Bryant* died "on or about the 13 day of February 1871."

5185

Jesse Bryant, Bingen, Hempstead County, Arkansas. *Martha Bryant* [widow] of *Jesse Bryant*, Pike County, Arkansas. *Jesse Bryant* died September 2, 1908. *Martha Bryant* has changed her domicile to Pike County, Arkansas certified [May 8, 1909] by *L.E. Wolff*, Hempstead County, Arkansas County Clerk. *A.A. Alford* and *T.E. Alford* [May 17, 1909] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with *Martha Bryant*."

8224

Nancy A. Buckley [widow] of *W.M. Buckley*, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas. *E.F. McClure*, [June 29, 1901] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant *Nancy A. Buckley* widow of *W.M. Buckley* and have known her 42 years."

8334

Mary E. Canter [widow] of *Jonathan E. Canter*, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas. *Jonathan C. [or E.] Canter* "died May the 24, 1906 at home near the Antoine in Pike County, Arkansas." *W.H. Carmon* and *J.H. Canter* [July 21, 1906] Pike County, Arkansas "have know them over 20 years."

8795

S.A. Carter [widow] of *W.H. Carter*, Nathan, Pike County, Arkansas. *S.A. Carter*, Howard County, Arkansas [June 14, 1907]. *W.H. Carter* died June 21, 1906. *John C. Davis* and *F.P. Holt* [June 22, 1907] Howard County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband *H.W. Carter* and known him for 50 years each."

29693

Alcy L.D. Herndon [widow] of *Thomas J. Casey*, Pike County, Arkansas. "State of Arkansas, County of Montgomery. On this day personally came before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County of Montgomery and State of Arkansas, *M.H. Tolleson*, age 59 resident of Pike County 59 years and *S.J. Ward* resident of Pike County for 40 years age 76 years, whom I certify to be credible persons and worthy of confidence, who being duly sworn, state that they were each, personally, well acquainted with applicant's husband, *Thomas J. Casey*, and knew him for 20 and 30 years respectively." *C.H. Herndon*, Notary Public, December 9, 1929. *Alcy L.D. Herndon* was born February 3, 1862. *Thomas J. Casey* died August 22, 1929. "That in January 1909 I was married to *W.T. Herndon* ... and that I have not since said date remarried and I am now a widow."

30086

Caldonia C. Stover [widow] of *John Cash*, Pike County, Arkansas born September 14, 1865. *John H. Cash* died March 2, 1894. *George Myers* [October 1, 1932] Pike County, Arkansas "personally acquainted with applicant's husband for 75 years ... that his widow has been for the past 67 years a bona fide resident of Arkansas." *Caledonia Stover*, Gurdon, Clark County, Arkansas born October 12, 1865, Pike County, Arkansas; married to *John Cash* at Antoine, Arkansas on the 25th day of December, 1889, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She makes her home with her son *John Cash*, Gurdon, Clark County, Arkansas. *Caldonia Stover* died June 6, 1937. *P.G. Coker*, Sheriff, Public Administrator, Pike County, Arkansas. Note: *John Cash* and *Caldonia Karr* married January 8, 1890, Nevada County, Arkansas Marriage Book E, page 45.

3373

William C. Cash, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas. *Nancy Cash* [widow] of *William C. Cash*. *William C. Cash* died April 1, 1912.

18467

William H. Castleman, Howard County, Arkansas. *Rosella Castleman*, Pike County, Arkansas born September 18, 1869. *W.H. Castleman* died July 2, 1924. *Rosella Castleman*, Nashville, Arkansas, Rt. D #3, born September 18, 1865, Cook County, Illinois; married *Henry Castleman* May 2, 1884, Hempstead County, Arkansas. She makes her home with *Carver Jackson*, son in law. *Rosella Castleman* died February 27, 1937, Pike County, Arkansas. *P.G. Coker*, Sheriff, Public Administrator.

2405

Matthew D. Chaney, Lissie, Pike County, Arkansas. Left arm amputated resulting from a gunshot wound July 22, 1864 while in the line of duty at Atlanta, Georgia. *W.D. Alford*, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [July 8, 1918] "well acquainted with applicant *M.D. Chaney* about 56 years." *Owen B. Owens* [July 8, 1918] "have know him ... 50 years." *Matthew D. Chaney*, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas born November 18, 1842, Carroll County, Arkansas. *Nancy Ann Chaney* born September 19, 1852 [widow] of *Matthew Davis Chaney* "that my husband died on the 22 day of May, 1932." *Nancy Ann Chaney* died December 15, 1932, Pike County, Arkansas. *M.D. Cummings*, Sheriff, Public Admini-strator.

1612

Harriet Coe [widow] of *George W. Coe*, Mur-freesboro, Pike County, Arkansas. *George W. Coe* "continued in service of the State of Arkansas or Confederate States of America until ... January 1862 at Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas at which time and place he died." *H. McCafferty* and *A.W. Borland* [July 23, 1901] Garland County, Ar-kansas "well acquainted with applicant *Harriett Coe*."

634

Elizabeth Cooley [widow] of *A.J. Cooley*, Roy, Pike County, Arkansas. *Isaac M. Cooley* and *William Hunt*, Pike County, Arkansas [July 2, 1901] "well acquainted with applicant *Elizabeth Cooley* and have known her 50 years respectively."

9114

P.A. Cooley [widow] of *I.M. Cooley*, Pike County, Arkansas. *I.M. Cooley* died September 1907. *L.A. Huddleston* and *I.A. Cornish*, Pike County, Arkansas [July 8, 1908] "well acquainted with applicant's husband *I.M. Cooley* and have known him 45 and 50 years, respectively." *Parthena Ann Cooley*, Nashville, Arkansas, RR 3 [February 16, 1932] born November 12, 1846, Hempstead County, Arkansas married *Isaac M. Cooley*, May 10, 1866, Hempstead County, Arkansas. She makes her home with her son *I.H. Cooley*. *P.A. Cooley* died February 28, 1935, Pike County, Arkansas. *P.G. Coker*, Sheriff, Public Ad-ministrator.

9113

I.A. Cornish, Pike County, Arkansas. *L.A. Huddleston*, Pike County, Arkansas [July 3, 1907] "well acquainted

with applicant *I.A. Cornish* and have know him 45 years." *Susan Cornish* [widow] of *I.A. Cornish*, Pike County, Arkansas. *I.A. Cornish* "died on the 25th day of June, 1927." *Susan Cornish*, Tokio, Pike County, Arkansas [February 17, 1932] born September 12, 1859, Clark County, Arkansas; married *I.A. Cornish*, July 9, 1901, Howard County, Arkansas. She makes her home with her mother, Tokio, Pike County, Arkansas.

9112

J.A. Covington, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas. *J.D. Mansfield*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 1, 1908] "well acquainted with applicant *James A. Covington* and have known him 60 years." *W.P. Henderson*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 29, 1908] "well acquainted with applicant *J.A. Covington* and have known him 60 years." *C.C. Covington*, born April 13, 1842. *J.A. Covington* died December 14, 1918.

2402

J.B. Cowart, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas. *John A. Yarbrough* and *James F. Ham*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 20, 1896] "well acquainted with the applicant *J.B. Cowart* and have known him 36 years ... that he was wounded at Chickmoga [Chickamauga] ... we were present with him in the war at that time." *M.A. Cowart* [widow] of *John B. Cowart*, Pike County, Arkansas. *William D. Self* aged 39 and *Robert A. Self* aged 45 years, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [June 23, 1909] "well acquainted with Mrs. *M.A. Cowart* applicant ... and have known her for the last past 23 and 23 years respectively ... and that she is the widow of the late *John B. Cowart*, deceased."

9110

Oreathy F. Cox [widow] of *John Cox*, Pike P.O., Pike County, Arkansas. "My said husband died on or about January 28, 1894." *N.B. Robbins* and *J.W. Little*, White County, Arkansas [October 12, 1908] "knew him ever since he was a boy... We both know per-sonally that applicant was lawfully married to *John Cox*."

9088

M.C. Daniel [widow] of *E.M. Daniel*, Pike County, Arkansas. *W.R. Daniel* and *J.L. Pannell* [May 21, 1910] citizens of Union County, Mississippi "knew him for sixty years." *R.L. Stuart* and *T.L. Hunt*, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [July 17, 1911] "well and personally acquainted with applicant *Mary C. Daniel* widow of *Eligia [Elijah] M. Daniel* (the soldier) and that he is now

dead ... and that his widow ... Mrs. *Mary C. Daniel* whose residence is Pike County, Arkansas."

29956

Katie Davis [widow] of *Panola E. Davis*, Pike City, Pike County, Arkansas born July 29, 1860. *Panola E. Davis* died November 11, 1902. *Katie Davis* [February 16, 1932], Pike City, Pike County, Arkansas born July 29, 1860, Panola County, Mississippi; married *Panola E. Davis*, August 31, 1882, Panola County, Mississippi.

21484

M.C. Davis [widow] of Rev. *W.J. Davis*, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas born October 15, 1857. *W.J. Davis* died March 14, 1919. *P.W. Calhoun*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 14, 1919] "well acquainted with applicant Mrs. *M.C. Davis* wife of *W.J. Davis* deceased] and have known her 35 years." *Martha Carrie Davis*, Delight, Arkansas Rt. 1, born October 15, 1857, Clark County, Arkansas. Rev. *W.J. Davis* and *Martha Carrie Davis* married on the 1st day of March, 1882, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She lives with Mr. & Mrs. *E.F. Carroll*, daughter and son-in-law. *M.C. Davis* died February 8, 1937. *P.G. Coker*, Sheriff, Public Administrator.

8796

J.M. Dingler, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas. *J.F. Florence* and *W.N. Willingham*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 5, 1901] "well acquainted with applicant *J.M. Dingler* and have known him 35 and 35 years, respectively." *Lucy C. Dingler* [widow] of *James M. Dingler*. *James M. Dingler* died August 1, 1902. *J.M. Moran* and *W.N. Willingham*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 17, 1903] "well acquainted with applicant's husband *James M. Dingler* and knew him 40 and 50 years respectively."

635

Mary J. Duncan, Roy, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of *James P. Duncan*. *James P. Duncan* "continued in the service of the State of Arkansas or Confederate States of America until December 1862 when he died of pneumonia at St. Charles on the White River, Arkansas caused by exposure and wading water while on a march. *L.A. Huddleston* and *I.M. Cooley* witnesses [July 1, 1891]. *I.M. Cooley* and *William Hunt*, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas [July 2, 1901] "well acquainted with applicant *Mary J. Duncan* and have know her 50 years respectively and that she is the widow of *James P. Duncan* deceased."

9120

Sarah E. Duncan [widow] of *Samuel Jasper Duncan*, Roy, Pike County, Arkansas. *John M. Harper*, Hempstead County, Arkansas [June 25, 1907] "well acquainted with applicant's husband *S.J. Duncan* and knew him for 47 years." *F.M. Power* [July 1, 1907], Bingen, Hempstead County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband *S.J. Duncan* and knew him for 45 years."

8797

W.L. Dunson, Langley, Pike County, Arkansas. *H.C. Marsh* and *W.A. Markham* [May 13, 1909] "citizens of Langley, Pike County, Arkansas ... well acquainted with applicant *W.L. Dunson* aged 76 years and have known him more than 20 years." *Rebecca C. Dunson* widow of *William L. Dunson*. *W.L. Dunson* died February 14, 1911. *G.P. Coker* witness [April 29, 1911] "personally well acquainted with Mrs. *Rebecca C. Dunson* and that she is the widow of *William L. Dunson* deceased."

26698

Rebecca Erwin [widow] of *B.J. Erwin*, Pike County, Arkansas. *Rebecca E. Erwin*, Pike County, Arkansas born October 28, 1850. *B.J. Erwin* died October 8, 1922. *Joe J. Cox* and *C.R. Erwin* citizens of Rabell, Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant *Rebecca E. Erwin* and have known her 20 and 25 years, respectively." *C.T. Erwin* [July 14, 1924], Pike County, Arkansas "was personally, well acquainted with applicant's husband *B.J. Erwin* and knew him for 75 years (all my life) ... being a brother of the Confederate Veteran, *B.J. Erwin*." *George W. Neal*, Clerk of the Circuit and Chancery Courts, Pike County, Arkansas [September 19, 1924] "I happen to know this old lady and have for twenty years. I knew her husband, Uncle *Ben Erwin*, and while he did not feel disposed to take advantage of the pension law, feeling all the while he could not subscribe to the oath, his long illness and heirs by his first wife have reduced his estate until it is somewhat necessary for Aunt *Rebecca* to have help ... all his comrades have passed away except this one, *C.T. Erwin*." I, wife of *B.J. Erwin*, was borned [sic] October 28, 1850 [signed] *Rebecca Erwin*, Rabell, Ark. *Rebecca Erwin*, Nashville, Arkansas [February 17, 1932] born October 18, 1850, Hamilton County, Tennessee; married to *Benjamin J. Erwin* on the 26 day of March 1896, County of Pike, State of Arkansas. She makes her home with daughter [in-law] and her husband, *C.R. Erwin*, Nashville, Arkansas. *Rebecca Erwin* died March 18, 1933.

8870

Eda E. Farley [widow] of *J.C. Farley*, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas. *George W. Brock* a citizen of Hempstead County, Arkansas [June 22, 1901] well acquainted with applicant *Eda E. Farley* widow of *J.C. Farley* deceased and have known her 4 years ... that he, *J.C. Farley* was a Confederate soldier belonging to Company G, 4th Arkansas Regiment of Infantry ... he served from August 1861 to March 1862." *E. Clingan*, Hempstead County, Arkansas [June 22, 1901] "well acquainted with applicant *Eda E. Farley* widow of *J.C. Farley* deceased and have known her 5 years." Note: *Jehu C. Farley* and *Eady [Eda] E. Farley* enumerated in the Pike County, Arkansas Census 1870, Thompson Township [143].

8833

Wiley G. Foshee, Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas. *E.G. Baggett* aged 70 years and *A.B. McKinnon* aged 68 years citizens of Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas [April 1, 1905] "well acquainted with *Wiley G. Kirby* aged 64 years and have known him 43 and 43 years, respectively." Office of *G.W. Tolleson*, M.D. "I, *G.W. Tolleson*, M.D. ages 41 years, a resident of, and a regular practitioner of medicine and surgery, at Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas, for the last past 16 years, do hereby certify that I made professional visits to and attended the late *Wiley G. Foshee* deceased, during his late last sickness or illness that culminated in his death at his home near Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas, on the 7 day of August, 1911." *R.N. Alford*, Clerk of the Circuit Court [October 12, 1911] "*Wiley G. Foshee* the beneficiary named in Warrant No. 5972 is dead and that the endorser of said warrant *Malissa E. Foshee* is the widow of the said *Wiley G. Foshee*." *John R. Foshee* and *William E. Hickey* [September 30, 1911] "intimate personal acquaintance and knowledge of her and her late husband, the said *Wiley G. Foshee* deceased, and their various surroundings for the last past 35 and 10 years, respectively."

1609

William A. Fuller, Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas. *W.T.H. Thornton* and *J.N. Taylor*, citizens of the County of Pike [June 28, 1894] "well acquainted with *William A. Fuller* and have known him 45 & 25 years, respectively." *Jane Fuller* [widow] of *William A. Fuller*, Rock Creek, Pike County, Arkansas [June 20, 1896]. *William A. Fuller* died April 29, 1895.

9096

Manerva C. Garner [widow] of *John W. Garner*,

Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas [June 1, 1901] "he was wounded on the battlefield at Rosoca, Georgia and wounded again at the battlefield of Chickamauga ... died 1870." *W.H. Riley* and *J.A. McLaughlin*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 1, 1901] "well acquainted with ... *John W. Garner* and have known him 30 years respectively ... died in 1870."

8872

Sarah O. Gentry [widow] of *R.C. Gentry*, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas. *R.C. Gentry* died March 9, 1912. *G.W. Stokes*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 15, 1912] "well acquainted with applicant's husband *R.C. Gentry* and knew him for between 55 and 60 years." Note: *Richard Clark Gentry* and *Sarah Oregon Reid* were married May 2, 1872, Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book F, page 121.

20032

Sarah M. Gibson [widow] of *Hugh Gibson*, Amity, Pike County, Arkansas. *Sarah Marie Gibson* [April 1, 1909] "my said husband died in April 1878 had poor health since close of war." *J.R. Wells*, Imboden, Lawrence County, Arkansas [February 9, 1909] "well acquainted with ... *Hugh Gibson* and have known him from 1862 to the time of his death." *I.J. Bagley*, Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County, Arkansas [December 16, 1908] "was acquainted with *Hugh Gibson* of who *Sallie Gibson* is a widow and that he had know *Sallie Gibson* 50 years." *Joe Gibson*, Lawrence County, Arkansas [February 18, 1913] says "that Mrs. *Sarah M. Gibson* formerly of Pike County, Arkansas resides in Lawrence County and that she was a pensioner of the State of Arkansas that she failed to get her Pension Certificate [for the] year 1912." Mrs. *Sarah M. Gibson* [February 18, 1913] says "that she is the widow of *Hu[gh] Gibson* and that her husband was a Confederate Soldier and that as his widow she drew a pension from the State of Arkansas for 2 years that she failed to get her Pension for the year 1912 that she is now a resident of (near Portia), Lawrence County and desire(s) that my transfer be made from Pike County where I formerly resided to Lawrence County, Arkansas."

8799

G.A. Gilmer, Bills, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of *W.M. Gilmer*. *W.M. Gilmer* died October 27, 1877. *A.A. Stell* [July 11, 1908] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband *W.M. Gilmer* and knew him for 40 years." *J.D. Mansfield* [July 10, 1908] Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant's husband *W.M. Gilmer* and knew him for 20 years. My knowledge of these facts comes from service with him in the war."

8871

Sarah S. Gould [widow] of *W.B. Gould*, Mur-freesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [June 24, 1901] "my said husband died in 1874." *J.D. Mansfield* and *Nathan Kizzia* [June 29, 1901], Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant *Sarah S. Gould* widow of *W.B. Gould* deceased and have known her 50 years, respectively."

9095

Emily Gray [widow] of *Jeff Gray*, Pike County, Arkansas. *Jeff Gray* died in 1882. *L.A. Huddleston*, Pike County, Arkansas [April 30, 1908] "well acquainted with *Jeff Gray* and knew him for 20 years." *C.K. Garner*, Pike County, Arkansas [June 24, 1908] "well acquainted with applicant's husband *Jeff Gray* and knew him 30 years."

9094

Mag C. Green, Roy, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of *James A. Green* [July 5, 1901] ... "my said husband died Nobember the 15th 1897. "*H.J. Green* and *Robert M. Bell*, Cleveland County, Arkansas, citizens of Arkansas "well acquainted with ... *J.A. Green* and have known him 45 years, respectively. *Margaret E. Green* [June 21, 1901] Sebastian County, Arkansas [widow] of *James A. Green* ... "my said husband died on the 17 day of July 1897, that I furnished all the necessary proof of the service of my husband *James A. Green* in the Confederate army, last year, 1900, and was granted and received a pension, that the time is too short for me to get these proofs now as the witnesses, his Captain and the comrade, reside in a distant part of the state, that I hereunto attach a litter from his Captain who testified to my husband's service in my application last year, that i hereby ask for a continuance of said pension." *James W. Blackburn* [June 27, 1901] Fulton County, Arkansas "well acquainted with ... *James A. Green* and have known him 40 years."

9099

R.A. Green, Roy, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of *W.E. Green* [July 21, 1908] ... "my said husband died March the 28th 1908." *H.M. Suttle* and *L.Y. Suttle* [July 9, 1908] citizens of Leon County, Texas "well acquainted with applicant's husband *W.E. Green* and knew him for about 45 years."

9093

Isom G. Guinn, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas [November 2, 1908]. *Jordan L. Roberts* [November 2, 1908] physician, "no wounds ... old age" *John G. McKean* and *William H. Williamson* [October 19, 1908] citizens of Sevier County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant *Isom G. Guinn* and have known him 44 years, respectively." Mrs. *Sarah C. Guinn* [May 22, 1926] Hempstead County, Arkansas [widow] of *Isom Guinn*, born June 8, 1846, "my hus-band died on the 10th day of May 1926." *Sarah C. Guinn* died February 25, 1929. *Dorsey McRae*, Sher-iff, Hempstead County, Arkansas [February 5, 1929] admin. of estate. Evidently died January 25, 1929.

9092

Martha Gwin, Langley, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of *Thomas B. Gwin* [June 8, 1906] ... "my said husband died February 26, 1862 and that I drew a pension in the State of Alabama from about 1887 up to May 1904 when I moved to Arkansas where I have lived ever since." *Sarah Hughes* [June 8, 1906] citizen of Langley, Pike County, Arkansas ... "well acquainted with applicant's husband *Thomas B. Gwin* and knew him for five years or ever since I could remember until he died ... he was a Confederate soldier belonging to Company G, Regiment 26, Alabama ... as such soldier he served from October 24, 1861 to February 26, 1862 ... these facts come from my own knowledge." *Martha Gwin* [widow] of *Thomas B. Gwin* [July 11, 1913] born November 14, 1833 ... my husband died about February 26, 1862 at Tuscombua, Alabama in service." *Sarah Hughes* and *Mima Hughes* [July 11, 1913] citizens of Langley, Pike County, Arkansas [widow] of *Thomas B. Gwin* and knew him for ten years ... served from the commencement of war to the time of his death ... these facts comes from personal acquaintance."

Confederate Pension Files, Pike County, Arkansas to be continued in the next issue of **The Gems**.

QUERIES

Evans, Davis, Smedley, Osment, Price I am interested in my grandmother's records. She was *Delia Ann Evans*; married and had 2 children, a son *Jimmie* & daughter *Mattie*; husband's surname *Davis*. Mr. *Davis* died then she married *Robert F. (Bob) Smedley*; had 2 children, *Mark* & *Maud*. She passed away when *Mark* was 2 years and *Maud* 5 years old. She is buried near Murfreesboro. Not long after her death *Bob* married *Martha Osment* and had 5 children: *Tom*, *Murph*, *Charlie*, *Mary*, and *Pierce*. *Mary* died as an infant. If any one wants to know about my mother, she married *Bob Price*; had 1 daughter which is me (*Delia*). She died in July 1948.

Delia P. Towery, 818 Polk 21, Cove, AR 71937.

Palmer I'm trying to trace the background on my grandfather *Charles Samuel Palmer* of Glenwood, Rosboro, and Caddo Gap. I can't find any help anywhere.

Loyd C. "Robbie" Robertson, 1229 Pacific Avenue #34, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Widener, Wisener, Greeson The names I'm researching at present are WIDENER, WISENER, and GREESON. *Lucinda Wisener* born 1864, died 1957, Pike County, Arkansas; was the daughter of *Jeptha Jackson* and *Nancy (Greeson) Wisener*. Some of their other children were: *Nancy, William, Francis, Joseph James, Martha, Mary, George, and Sarah*. Would like to know the names of *Jeptha* and *Nancy's* parents.

Lucinda married *Dallas (Dal) Widener* in 1884. Their children were: *Lizzie, Nettie, LeeOma, and Eula*. I need information on *Dal*, who were his parents? Story goes, he had a brother, *Hun Widener*, who was sent to prison for killing their parents. There was another brother *Alf* and a sister (don't know a name for her). It was the sister's husband who supposedly killed the parents. She knew her husband had killed her parents, but he abused her, and she finally went insane. She was taken to an asylum in Little Rock. That is all I know on the *Widener* family. Sure would like to clear up the mystery of this family. Any ideas or suggestions or information will be appreciated.

Anita Hancock Ranells, 501 E. 1st, Konawa, OK 74849.

January 16, 1993
Pueblo, Colorado

Pike County Heritage Club
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Greetings:

I am writing concerning a story in your book "Early History of Pike County, Arkansas" published in 1978. The story on page 227-228 entitled "A Wild Panther" reported by *Clytie Cloe Cary Dickey*. This reminds me so much of an account my mother related in a genealogy letter to my nephew. I am wondering if I can find out more about it?

Willisie McKinnon was widowed and had four little girls. "The worse scared she ever was, a panther was running around the house. Then it jumped on the roof of their house and came down the fireplace chimney. Grandma shot it with a shotgun." Don't you know they were scared? "Great-grandma had neighbors about a half mile from

them. They helped through the tough times."

This happened around the latter 1870's to the early 1880's. I didn't see a date on your story. I have been searching for information on *Evander (Van) and Martha Willisie (Cross) McKinnon* and their daughters *Mattie, Mary Ellen, Melissa, and Susan Belvia* in the Bowen area, but haven't had any luck. Where is the Sweet Home Community located? Maybe I'm looking in the wrong area.

I did enjoy your book. Thanks for any information you can give me.

Gratefully yours,

Betty C. Runnells
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Ponca City, OK 74602

February 11, 1994

Dear Mr. Kelley

May I compliment you and your staff on an impressive publication, the Pike County Archives and History Society newsletter, **The Gems of (Pike County) Arkansas**. At one time I did subscribe, but finding no members of the *Burleson* family I am researching, I did stop my subscription. However, as the corresponding secretary for (the) **Pioneer Genealogical Society**, I have continued reading and enjoying it. Please note the correct address on the return, that future issues may be sent there, instead to my home address. Thank you & good speed in a return to health.

Erma Burleson Carmark

**NOT SO LONG AGO IN
PIKE COUNTY**

by Bobbie Hendrix
Pike County Archives
and History Society

**Column must be put on hold
for author's health**

There is no column this week as you are accustomed to it. Instead, I am writing an open letter to my editor and to the public:

"This is to let you know that I have been saved from

surgery mentioned in last week's paper, at least for the time being. By seeking a second medical opinion, I am at present being treated with medication.

Because of multiple physical problems, the good health that I seek has a precarious balance. Therefore, I am going to rest for a while from writing for publication on a regular basis.

It pleased me when you (*Jim Welch*) wrote last week that my column has become popular feature in this paper. That being the case, I propose that it be continued by using guest writers to provide in-formation for this space while I try to improve my health.

For instance, Mrs. *Alice Preston* has already volunteered to write some in her area of interest, and I am so grateful. Having much unpublished knowledge, her input will be a valuable public record.

There is so much yet to do! The Murfreesboro Garden Club scrapbooks are in my possession for writing a history of those activities. I need a volunteer to complete that project. And there may be other clubs with an interesting history whose secretary could write something.

Research, writing and rewriting are labor intensive, time-consuming chores. However, I have loved doing it because of my interest in the past and present history of this area and its people. Also, I am anxious to keep a favorable image of our county history society before the public so that its work will be supported.

Any tangible expression of gratitude goes to the organization. I have never accepted money for my work on the "Not So Long Ago ..." column and never will.

Complete with pictures, *Joyce Wood* will write for this space next week if the editor permits my proposed changes. I know that you look forward to reading it and that you understand my personal predicament.

The Murfreesboro Diamond [newspaper], March 30, 1994, page 3.

ARCHIVES UPDATE

Linda Wilson, Treasurer of the Pike County Archives and History Society, has incorporated the help of high school students in Delight, Arkansas to work on the completion of the Pike County picture book.

Some issues of the 1870 United States Census, Pike County, Arkansas by *Dorothy Kennedy Partain* may be missing pages 13-14. Please contact me if this is the case with your copy to replace the pages. Also if you have

corrections in names or other information relative to the census, please send the corrections to me.

Dorothy Kennedy Partain

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