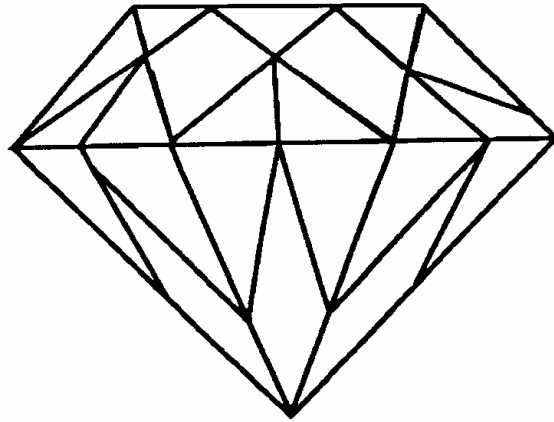


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**Pike County Tax Book For The Year 1852**  
**A List of Persons Assessed for Taxation in Pike County**  
**in the State of Arkansas.**

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County of Pike  
The State of Arkansas  
To the Collector of the County

Greetings,

You are hereby commanded to collect from each and every person named in the tax book hereunto annexed for the State and County Tax for the year 1852. The following rates in and upon a hundred dollars of the amount of the rates and valuations whereupon each person according to such book stands assessed and so Pro Rated, that is to say, the rate of one-fifth of one percentum per hundred dollars for the State Tax and the rate of one-fifth of one percentum per hundred dollars, together with the sum of fifty cents for each and every inhabitant over the age of twenty-one years and under sixty-five(?) years of age for the county tax and if any person named in said book shall neglect or refuse to pay said rates within ten days after you shall demand the same you are commanded to levy and make the same rates or parts thereof remaining unpaid with lawful costs in the manner and \_\_\_\_\_ proceedings presented by law out of the goods and chattel land and tenements of the persons so neglecting or refusing to pay such \_\_\_\_\_ and you are further commanded to pay the amount \_\_\_\_\_ according to this warrant and the annexed tax book. You are required to collect in the manner and within the time provided by law for the payment thereof.

Herein fail not at your peril.

In testimony whereof I, Thomas K. Dossey Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex-officio Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Pike aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and affix this seal of said county this 13th day of May.  
Thomas K. Dossey

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Adair, C.W.	Gilmer, Elijah	Nelson, Robert
Adams, E.H.	Gilmer, Martin	Nelson, Samuel
Alford, D.W.	Glasscock, George	Nicholas, Joseph
Alford, David	Gordon, William P.	Oldham, [Green?]
Alford, M.E.	Graham, John	Orrick, A.B.
Allen, Hankins	Graves, Joseph	Orrick, Eph
Allen, Redrick	Graves, William	Orrick, Lorenzo
Allison, Jonathan	Gray, Nathaniel	Owens, David
Ashbrook, Aaron	Gray, Samuel	Owens, Edwin
Ashbrook, M.	Green, J.D.	Owens, John S.
Ashbrook, John	Griffin, Green	Pamron, Gillis
Ashbrook, William	Griffin, Wade	Panther, John
Bacon, John D.	Hale, Jackson	Polk, Anderson
Bacon, William T.	Hale, James	Polk, Taylor

Banks, Jonas	Hale, John	Polston, John
Bassett, T.S.	Hale, S.J.	Preston, Henry
Baxter, Jesse	Hale, William	Preston, William H.
Berry, W.A.	Hammock, W.D.	Rainey, John
Bissell, Abraham	Hancock, Abner	Raymond & Anderson
Bissell, John	Hancock, J.	Reece, George
Bissell, William	Hancock, J.D.	Reece, Sloman
Bittick, Aml[?]	Henson, James	Reece, William G.
Bittick, Jesse	Hickinson, Aaron	Reed Cebron
Bittick, M.	Holliday, T.F.	Reed, Asa
Bixby, David	Holliday, W.H.	Reeves, William
Blackwood, Andrew	Holmes, Jesse	Reeves, Willis
Brewer, David	Hoover, Cassandra	Ried, William
Brewer, Elizabeth	Hoover, Wesley	Robbins, James
Brewer, F.M.	Howerton, Oneal	Robbins, William
Brewer, Henderson	Howerton, William	Roberson
Brewer, Henry	Huddleston, [David?]	Roberson, B.J.
Brewer, J.S.	Huddleston, D.L.	Rodgers, J.R.
Brewer, John	Huddleston, D.M.	Rogers, J.P.
Brewer, John D.	Huddleston, L.	Roher, James
Brewer, John, Estate	Huddleston, L.	Rosser, Samuel
Brewer, Lewis	Huddleston, William	Roy, William
Brewer, William A.	Hudson, Andrew	Saillers, John
Brewer, William, Sr.	Hudson, Davis	Saillers, N.
Brock, David	Hudson, Dyer	Scott, James
Brock, J.C.	Hudson, Isaac, Jr.	Scott, Joseph
Brock, Jackson	Hudson, Isaac, Sr.	Scott, William J.
Brock, Leonard	Hudson, John	Self, Daniel
Brock, Moses	Hudson, Silas	Self, Forqus
Brock, Samuel	Hughes, J.H.	Sevedge, William
Brock, Zack	Hughes, J.M.	Sevier, G.W.
Bush, James	Hughes, John	Sharp, John
Busick, S.H.	Hughes, William	Shirley, Henry
Caldwell, A.J.	Hughett, J.O.	Shirley, Jonathan
Campbell, David	Hutchiston, [A.S.?)	Shirley, Joshua
Campbell, William	Hutchiston, L.	Simmons, William
Cannon, R.W.	Jackson, A.R.	Simpson, Jesse
Carpenter, J.L.	Jackson, J.B.	Smith, Everett
Carpenter, J.L.	Jackson, J.L.	Smith, James
Carpenter, Jesse	Jackson, William, Jr.	Snell, James
Carpenter, John Sr.	Jackson, William, Sr.	Snoddy, Thomas
Carpenter, John. Jr.	Jacobs, English	Speer, B.F.
Carroll, David	Jacobs, John	Speer, James

Carroll, Michael	James, John	Speer, John, Jr.
Carroll, [David?]	Jenkins, Thomas	Speer, William B.
Carter, Henry	Jenkins, William	Stegger, R.M.
Cheshier, E.	Johnston, John	Stegger, S.J.
Cheshier, John B.	Johnston, M.	Stell, A.A.
Choate, James	Johnston, Peter	Stell, Hiram
Choate, John D.	Johnston, William	Stell, Joseph
Choate, P.J.	Joiner, J.W.	Stinett, John
Clark, Anthony	Jones, C.B.	Stinett, Thomas
Clark, Joel	Jones, Charles	Stone, C.C.
Clements, Isaac	Jones, Rebecca	Stone, Uriah
Clements, J.	Jones, Samuel	Stone, William
Collier, Nathan	Jordan, Mary	Stover, Isaac
Connatser, [George W.?)	Jordon, J.L.	Stringer, Joseph
Connatser, D.K.	Kelley, E.B.	Stringer, Rice
Connatser, J.H.	Kelley, E.W.	Sullivan, Jack
Connatser, John	Kelley, Elijah Sr.	Sutton, John, S.
Connatser, William B.	Kelley, Robert	Swink, J.H.
Connatser, William P.	Kelley, Wesley	Tallant, James
Conway, T.J.	Kelley, William	Tallant, Thomas
Cooley, Isaac	Kennedy, Robert	Tallant, W.D.
Copeland, R.	Kennedy, Rubin	Taylor, Henry
Covington, William	Kennedy, William	Taylor, M.
Crawford, Josiah	King, John	Terry, William
Davis, Abijah	Kirkham, J.H.	Thompson, S.S.
Davis, John M.	Kizziar, James, Sr.	Thompson, William F.
Davis, Wayne	Kizziar, Martin	Thorn, W.B. Estate
Davis, William	Kizziar, T.J.	Tweedle, Isaac
Davis, Young	Laird, Patrick	Tweedle, William
Dickson, J.A.	Latimer, I.P.	Vardenburg, John
Dickson, John	Lewis, Joel	Walton, A.M.
Dickson, L.A.	Lingo, Erby	Washburn, Thomas
Dickson, Rebecca	Lingo, John	Watson, Henry
Dickson, S.B.	Linville, Brice	Wenner, Jerry
Dickson, S.B., Jr.	Linville, William	Westerman, C.D.
Dickson, William	Macon, Gideon	Westerman, J.T.
Dickson, William T.	Magby, Joel	Westerman, John
Donohoe, P.	Magby, Riley	Wha, George
Dossey, William G.	Magby, Robert, Sr.	Whistenhunt, A.
Draper, Daniel	Mansfield, J.C.	Whistenhunt, H.
Drummons, B.	McClure, Jesse	Whistenhunt, Noah
Durham, George	McClure, T.W.	White, Ab
Dyer, Caloway	McLaughlin, F.	White, David

Edgin, C.	McLaughlin, J.C.	White, H.L.
Edgin, Nathan	McLaughlin, James	White, Isaac, Jr.
Edmonds, George	McLaughlin, Thomas	White, Isaac, Sr.
Elliott, D.F.	McLaughlin, W.C.	White, Jack
Epperson, Charles	McMahan, F.M.	White, John, Sr.
Epperson, George	McMahan, James	White, Jordan
Evans, T.P.	McMahan, Robert	White, Jordan, Jr.
Farley, Stephen	McMenis, Joseph	White, Pleasant
Farley, Thomas	McRay, M.A.	White, Pleasant, Jr.
Farley, William Jr.	McRay, Massey	White, Spencer
Farley, William Sr.	McRay, William	White, William
Farmer, John	McWalkins, James	Williams, J.H.
Garner, T.R.	Miller, John	Williams, William
Gentry, J.M.	Mobley, David, Jr.	Williamson, Thomas
Gibbs, C.H.	Mobley, David, Sr.	Wingfield, Ben
Gill, John	Mobley, William	Wingfield, E.
Gillham, Nancy	Moore, John	Wofford, B.C.
Gillham, Perry	Moore, William	Woods, J.P.
Gillham, William	Neely, William	Yates, G.W.

Pike county Tax Book for the year 1852 received and filed in the office \$272.88 and charged to sheriff, on page 36, Sheriff's book

C.C. Danley, Auditor of Arkansas

Amounts charged to the sheriff .....\$272.88  
 Correct amount of Tax Book .....\$285.83  
 Difference placed to sheriffs credit .....\$ 12.95

Condensed Statement		
302 Polls.		
15948	Acres of Land	64331
22	Town Lots	1823
84	Slaves	333950
1	Saw Mill	500
2	Tan-yards	100
5	Pleasure Carriage	248
469	Horses & Mares	20575
25	Mules	1365
1	Jacks and Jennies	100
1375	Neat Cattle	10690
	Value of Merchandise	694
	Money loaned at interest	721
	Value of gold watches and jewelry	15
	Total Value	135312

Pike County, Arkansas Tax List 1851, Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

[**Editor's note:** Pike County was established 170 years ago on November 1, 1833. The following section is reprinted from *The Glenwood Herald* Centennial Edition published on November 16, 1930.]

### **History of Pike County From 1833 to 1933**

Written by Walter Scott McNutt, Ph.D., Head of the Department of History, Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Pike County was named for Zebulon Montgomery Pike who was the explorer of Pike's Peak, Colorado and a distinguished officer of the War of 1812. It was the twenty-seventh county created in the state and was formed out of the territory taken from the counties of Hempstead and Clark on the first of November, 1833. It is situated in the southwestern part of Arkansas, between the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth degrees of north latitude and ninety-third and ninety-fourth degrees of west longitude. It is bounded on the north by Montgomery County, on the east by Clark, on the south by Nevada and Hempstead, and on the west by Hempstead and Howard counties. The first seat of justice was at the home of Paschal C. Sorrels where it remained until an election was held and the commissioners selected for the location of the county seat located it, in 1834, at a place called Zebulon, at which time a log courthouse and a frame clerk's office was built. The name was changed from Zebulon to Murfreesboro some time after 1836. The settlers being mostly of Tennessee selected the name Murfreesboro to perpetuate the memory of their native state.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1837 the Legislature passed an act appointing Fontaine Stone, Robert McDonald, John Hughes, Elijah Kelley, and Henry Brewer as Commissioners to sell lots in the town and with the proceeds to build a courthouse and jail for the county. County lines between Pike and other counties: Sevier, November 15, 1833; Hempstead, December 14, 1838; Howard, April 17, 1873; Clark, April 22, 1873;

Montgomery, December 16, 1874.

Among the first pioneers to settle in the county before 1830 were Henry and Oliver Brewer, David Dickinson [Dickson], John Blocker, Jeremiah and Joseph Davis, John and James Hughes, David Huddleston, George Hensley, Elijah and William Kelley, Asa Thompson, one of the above group, represented the county in the lower house of the first State Legislature.

When the county was formed (1833) there were three settlements within the limits of the county; namely, Wolf Creek, east and Brewer settlement on Muddy Fork, west, and a few families at that point of the place selected for the county seat, among whom was Asa Thompson in whose house a post office had been established before the county was formed. The little frame building erected for the county clerk's was destroyed by fire during the spring of 1855 and all the county records up to that date were burned. During 1856 the county court ordered the erection of a new courthouse, and the contract was given to Moses and Jackson which called for the erection of a two-story frame surmounted by a cupola, with the upper story planned for the use of the circuit court, the lower for county offices and jury-rooms.

This courthouse was used until 1931 when the beautiful modern new brick structure was built by May & Sharp at a cost of \$45,600. The first jail was erected in 1833 and was used until 1884 at which time, after the complaint of the physicians of the county, it was condemned by the grand jury due to its poor ventilation and the county ordered a new jail erected. Wright Buckston of Nashville, Tennessee got the contract for the brick work, and P.J. Pauley & Brothers, of St. Louis got the contract for the iron and cell work. During 1884 it was completed with all modern conveniences and accepted by the county court, the cost being \$6,150. On September 5, 1885 the jail was partially destroyed by fire at which time Henry and Sylvester Polk, prisoners, were burned, and the original contractors, Wright & Buckston

repaired it and modernized it.

Some of the first churches organized in the county are given below:

The Antioch Church of Christ in Delight was organized April 10, 1833, with Giles A. Kelley as church clerk. The record of the first elders and deacons were not preserved. There were 14 charter members of the church, which is the oldest Church of Christ west of the Mississippi River.

It celebrated its one hundredth anniversary this year with a three weeks' revival meeting, conducted by Elder J.A. Copeland, assisted by 12 or 15 others, most of whom had preached at the church in years past.

The church now has a membership of more than 200. The original records are in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lamb of Delight and are well preserved.

Word has been sent to the Herald office, by W.H. Harvey, living on Route Two near Amity, that the Old Bethel Baptist church, two miles east of Glenwood, is believed to be the oldest Baptist church in Southwest Arkansas. Mr. Harvey says he has records of the church in his possession.

According to the news as sent by Mr. Harvey, the Caddo Valley Baptist church was organized August 5, 1848, by W.M. Hardage and William L. Anderson. The members were: William F. Browning, William Luker and Jeff Cunningham, and Mary Browning, Mary C. Browning, Frances Mainard, and Nancy Fooshee.

Later the church was renamed Pleasant Grove and in 1880 the name was change once more, and since that time has been known as the Bethel church. It has a record of more than 85 years, with church still being held there.

Mount Tabor Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1878 by Rev. L.S. Nabors and was located in the eastern part of Brewer township. Some of its original members were Mrs. Nancy Stewart, Mr. A. Stanford and wife, Mrs. Mary Hunt, Mr. Joseph M. Scott and family, Davis Hutson

and family.

Mount Zion Methodist Protestant Church was organized by Rev. William Alford, 1868. The church was located in northern Brewer township. Some of the original members were Thomas McClure and wife, John Talent and wife, Joseph Scott, John Sharp, his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Ruthie Dinham, Mrs. John Lingo, and John Carroll.

Muddy Fork Methodist Episcopal South was organized in 1888 by Rev. A. Briggs in Central Academy near the center of Muddy Fork township. Some of the early members were H.W. Carter and wife, George and William Porterfield and their wives, C.W. Phillips and wife, Miss Malinda Jones. Rev. E. Rushing was the pastor in 1889 and Rev. Riley followed Rev. Rushing.

Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church was organized by the Rev. E. Merrill (assisted by Rev. John Cornish) about 1881. The church was located in the southwestern part of Muddy Fork Township. The first members of the church were H.G. York and wife, John Canady, and Mrs. Cornish. The Rev. H.G. York was also pastor of the church after Rev. Cornish.

Oak Hill Methodist Episcopal [sic] Church was organized in 1889 by Rev. G.H. Gideon with the following membership; W.N. McClure and wife, Mr. Strawn, Wm. Hurdie and wife, T.P.D. Stevens and wife, William Jackson and wife, W.H. Tidwell and wife, and Mrs. B.S. Flaharity. Rev. O.P. Noble followed Rev. Gideon.

The Missionary Baptist Church of Missouri Township was organized by Rev. Samuel Kelley in 1850. Rev. I.F. Welch served the church at a later date.

Wolf Creek Baptist Church was organized was organized by Rev. James P. Copeland in 1879. The first members were Moses Brock, Amanda Brock, W.P. Henderson and wife, and John Brock.

Murfreesboro Methodist Episcopal Church was organized by Revs. Jesse Jenkins and M.E. Alford, with Rev. Benedict as its first pastor in 1841. Some of its earliest



members were Rev. M.E. Alford and family, Rev. Jesse Jenkins and wife, Mrs. Lucinda Davis, William Orrick and wife, Wm. Kizzia and wife. For several years these pioneers of the faith held their services in the old log courthouse; but after the erection of the Academy in 1869, they worshipped there til 1888, at which time they completed their first church house at a cost of \$800. The Rev. J.W. Davis served as pastor at this place shortly after its completion.

Hickory Plains Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized by Rev. George W. Logan in April, 1882, and was located in the northeastern part of Thompson Township/ Its first members were C.B. Willett and wife, F.P. Hughes and wife, William Green and wife. The Rev. W.L. Davis served the church during its early history.

Pike Lodge No. 91, A.F. & A.M., was organized at Murfreesboro November 8, 1885, with A.B. Williams, W. Master; James M. Evans, Senior Warden; G.R. Mauney, Junior Warden. From the very first this lodge acquired a large membership, many of whom were bright Masons and highly learned in Masonic lore. During 1869 the order erected a two story building and donated the use of the lower floor to the Murfreesboro school district for an attorney.

The population of the county was 1,792 in 1930, land area includes 384,640 acres, and the assessed value of manufacturers of the county is about a million and a half dollars. The land area is 620 square miles, including water area of streams, with an average elevation of 500 feet, the surface ranges from rolling to mountainous. The northern and central portions are quite mountainous, some of the highest hills rising to an elevation of 300 feet above the Little Missouri. The ranges of hills have a general trend northwest and southeast, amid which are found many exquisite valleys noted for their surpassing beauty and fertility. The southern part of the county is much more regular in land surface, and abounds in broad valleys along the larger streams. The bottom land along the

rivers and creeks is very fertile, surpassing in productiveness the land along the Arkansas River Valley.

The county is crossed by many streams. The Little Missouri river rises in Polk County, enters Pike in the extreme northwestern corner flows southeast, and after forming a portion of the southern boundary line leaves the county at its southern corner. Antoine Creek is formed by the union of three small streams in the northeastern part of the county and flows south, forming a portion of the county's eastern boundary, and empties into the Little Missouri. Saline creek rises near the central part of the county, flows south about fifteen miles and empties into the Little Missouri. Wolf Creek rises near the center of the county, flows southeast and empties into Antoine Creek. Rock Creek rises in the northern part of the county, flows southeast and empties into the Caddo River which flows for a short distance through the northeastern part of the county. Muddy Fork of the Little Missouri River rises in Howard county and flows east into the Clear Fork of the Little Missouri near Murfreesboro. Woodall Creek rises near the center of the county and flows northeast and empties into Antoine Creek. All of these streams have abundant soil well adapted to agriculture. The uplands of the county is of a sandy loam and red clay. The principal field crops are cotton, corn, alfalfa, wheat, potatoes and grasses. The upland is ideal for fruit growing ad possess abundant timber resources of pine and hardwood. Minerals are abundant among the most important being diamonds,, kaolin, asphaltum, lignite, clay, iron, antimony, nards, gypsum and limestone. The important industries include saw milling and mining. Pike County ranks first in peach production of the State and has the only diamond mine in the United States, which is located near Murfreesboro.

The county seat has been the center about which many of the good things of the county have developed. Two miles from Murfreesboro there is the only diamond mine

in the United State and the mine is the source of jewels equal in quality to the best in the world. The mine was discovered in 1906 by a former miner and the development was under the direction of Kimberly engineers. During 1930 the company owning the mine was reorganized and is not controlled by the diamond interests of the world. To the west of the county seat is the Highland peach orchard, the largest in the world. The orchard has four thousand six hundred acres of peach trees planted in rows which run for miles. Kaolin and fire clay of vast deposits and of fine quality are found near the county seat, and some of our public highway are paved with asphaltum from the county.

Murfreesboro was incorporated April 9, 1890 and it had a population of 783 in 1930. It is an enterprising town possessing all of the modern city conveniences and being located on the old M.D. & G., now G.N. & A. railroad and on the public highways with an abundant supply of natural resources in lands and minerals, is a thriving trade center of the county.

Glenwood at the junction of the Memphis, Dallas & Gulf and the Missouri Pacific railroads in the northeastern corner of the county, is the largest town with a population of 1,310 in 1930. It is an important shipping point, has a telephone exchange, large lumber interests, and a thriving business. The town has all modern city conveniences with a splendid school system and excellent churches. Rosboro, is another important lumber town four miles southeast of Glenwood and had a population of 581 in 1930. They maintain a splendid school system and good churches. Delight, on the Pike City branch of the Missouri Pacific, is an important banking town with several sawmills, telephone exchange, and general stores. Pike City, ten miles northeast of Murfreesboro, is located at the terminus of a short branch of the Missouri Pacific railroad and is an important business town. Other towns of importance in the county are Daisy, Antoine, Highland, Kirby, Kimberly, and

Wright. The townships of the county are as follows: Antoine, Brewer, Caney Fork, Clark (including the towns of Glenwood and Rosboro), Eagle, Missouri (including the town of Delight), Mountain, Muddy Fork, Pike City (including the town of Pike City), Saline, Self Creek (including the town of Daisy), Thompson (including the towns of Kimberly and Murfreesboro), White and Wolf Creek.

Pike County supplied the Confederate army with two companies of men and sent the companies to the front in 1861. Later many volunteers and conscripts entered the struggle. Some 200 men left the county and either joined the Federal army or went North and engaged in civil pursuits until the war was over, after which many returned to their property and lived in the county. Frank Black was elected Captain; W.B. Gould, first, J.N. McCollum, second, and H.C. Polk, third lieutenant of the first company for the Confederate army. The company left Murfreesboro in July 1861, and marched to an Buren, where they were organized into the Fourth Arkansas Regiment Infantry. They were sent to southwest Missouri, but later to northwest Arkansas and fought in the battle of Pea Ridge. After this battle the company was sent east of the Mississippi River and attached to the army of Gen. Joseph K. Johnston, under whom they served until he surrendered in North Carolina, 1865.

Captain Black died at Cross Hollow, Arkansas, 1862, and Lieut. Gould was promoted to the vacant office. Due to ill health Gould resigned soon after his appointment and Sergt. R.D. Brock was elected to the command and distinguished himself as he led his company in many closely contested battles. Lieutenant McCollum resigned in 1862, joined the Federal army, and fought against the South until the end of the war.

William J. Kelley recruited a second company during 1861, and was elected Captain with W.M. Gilmer, first, Granderson D. Preston, second, and Dr. R.R. Dickson,

third lieutenant. This company was organized in the Sixth Arkansas Infantry, took part in the battle of Pea Ridge, after which the company was sent across the Mississippi River, took part in many minor battles and were with the army at the defense of Port Hudson where the most gallant bravery of the war was displayed. Shortly after going to Port Hudson, Capt. Kelley resigned due to ill health, returned to Pike County and died during the year of 1867.

The present generation will find an interest in the names of some of Pike county's citizens who played a great part in the development of the economic, civic, and social life up to the 90's and many of the present generation will look back with pride to the names of their distinguished forebearers.

Some of those contributing to the life of the county before 1890 were: Dr. William D. Alford, Joel D. Barnes, William F. Beene, D.S.P. Black, Alonzo Madison Bowen, Henry T. Brewer, George W. and Moses Brock, William A Buchner, J.O.A. Bush, Hon. Henry W. Carter, Benjamin T. Clement, Joe H. Conway, Isaac Cooley, J.T. Cooper, Jim P. Copeland, L.S. Corbell, John F. Davis, Samuel C. Dean, James P. Dunn, George T. Epperson, R.M. Forester, Allen A. Gentry, Lee Giles, John W. Gilleylen, Wm. M. Gould, James W. Hamilton, Jonathan G. Haskins, Abner N. Henderson, John T. Hipp, F.P. Hughes, John S. Kelley, Warren F. Kelley, Wm. M. Kizzia, Frank Lee, Tim M. McBrayer, Judge W.N. McClure, Millard W. Mauney, A.D. Meeks, John D. Meeks, D.J. Oldham, Owen B. Owens, Augustus H. Palmer, A.W. Parker, J.D. Pickett, J.T. Pollard, John B. Rountree, R.F. Smedley, Thomas B. Stevens, A.A. Stell, Charles E. Stelle, Wm. S. Stroope, Loderick R. Sullivan, John W. Talbot, W.B. Thomasson, James S. Thomasson, Dr. N.T. Thomasson, Prof. Joseph B. Thomasson, John B. Thomasson, George W. Trout, Samuel B. Wall, John C. Warren, John Wagner, Thomas R. Watson, Dr. Willis S. Watson, Caswell B. Willett, Willis W. Wilson, Wm. J. White, and

John M. White

The school system of Pike county has always been among the very best in the State, and with Pike county's efficient county superintendents, G.C. Floyd, who served from 1921 to 1924, inclusive, and C.G. Bolin from 1925 to the present time, much progress has been made in the educational system of the county. It is hoped that the next Legislature will re-enact the County Superintendent law, which it repealed the past Legislature and substituted the county examiner, appointed by the county judge. We need educational leadership for the county schools, and the county superintendent furnished the leadership for our people before his office was abolished.

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**Tidbits from *The Glenwood Herald*  
Centennial Edition**

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First sermon ever preached in Pike county by Rev. Kelley, a Baptist minister and father of Elijah Kelley, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1836. The sermon was preached in 1815, just south of where the town Delight now stands.

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The second denomination to hold services in the county was the Christian. The first sermon was preached by Re. Kelley, a son of the Baptist minister, and preached at the same place in 1817.

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The third denomination to hold services in Pike county was the Methodist, and the first sermon for this denomination was preached by Rev. Sorrells, near what is now known as Blackland or Jackland Lane, between Murfreesboro and Delight. It was preached in 1819.

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The home of Judge Sorrells, where the county seat was kept from November 1, 1833, until in 1836, when it was moved to Murfreesboro, was one-half mile north of the hill at the east end of Jackson or Blackland Lane, in Section One, Township Eight, Range 25 West.

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De Soto crossed Pike county in 1543. At that time the territory between the Ouachita and Little Missouri rivers belonged to, and was inhabited by the Caddo Indians, and was known as "Tulla".

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The first settlement in Pike county was about one-half mile south of where Delight now is, and was made by a man who was traveling from Tennessee to Texas, and was forced to stop there because of the loss of his team, in the winter of 1814. He cleared about an acre of land and cultivated corn. In 1815 he had a good crop of corn cultivated by hand.

Elijah Kelley and his family, his father and his family came to this spot in 1815, and bought the claim of this man.

The second settlement was made by Captain Henry Brewer, at a point one mile east of Nathan, in 1818. Captain Brewer was the maternal grandfather of O.B. Owens of Murfreesboro.

The third settlement was made by Asa Thompson at a point 200 yards north of the Prairie Creek bridge east of Murfreesboro in 1819. He also erected a grocery and dram shop in Murfreesboro, about where the front entrance of the Pike County Bank now is.

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Judge A.P. Williams was the first resident attorney of Pike county, and lived in Murfreesboro from 1852 until 1858.

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Pike Lodge No. 91, F. and A. M., the oldest Masonic order in Pike County, was organized October 27, 1854. Its first officers were: Judge

A.B. Williams, worshipful master; Dr. G.R. Mauney, senior warden; and J.H. Evans, junior warden. It was organized in the upper story of what is now the T.A. Hunt home in Murfreesboro, during the 1850s or 1860s. Its membership covered a large territory, extending from Antoine to Bingen, and from Kirby to Ozan.

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[**Editor's Note:** In this issue and in forthcoming issues we will provide information on the following early settlers of Pike County and some of their descendants. Henry and Oliver Brewer, David Dickson, John Blocker, Jeremiah and Joseph Davis, John and James Hughes, David Huddleston, George Hensley, Elijah and William Kelley, Asa Thompson. If you have information on any of these families that you would like to share please contact Morris Myers at the e-mail or regular mail address shown on the second page of this issue.]

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### **HENRY BREWER County Coroner and Sheriff**

Prominent in the early history of Pike county, AR, Henry Brewer was born in Chatham county, NC, October 30, 1799, the son of Oliver Brewer Sr. He moved with his parents to TN and following the death of his mother, his father married Mary Henderson daughter of Samuel Henderson and Lucy Ryckman, 1804, in Knox county. In 1808 the Brewers moved to Missouri and settled in Washington county, and remained there until 1818 (or 1819) when they moved to AR and settled in Hempstead county.

Henry Brewer married Elizabeth Huitt, July 18, 1829. Their children all born in Pike county, AR were: Cynthia Brewer born June 19, 1830 married James M. Evans February 18, 1847 in Pike county, AR and died June 15, 1859; Rosanna Brewer born September 15, 1833 married John S. Owens October 10, 1850 and died in 1877; William R. Brewer born March 18, 1837 married Martha and died April 16, 1872; James P. Brewer born May 2, 1840 and died July 11, 1845; Martha E. Brewer born Nov 1, 1844 and died August 12, 1846;

and Henry Taylor Brewer born March 14, 1850 married Emily C. Carter March 2, 1871 in Pike county, AR and died August 30, 1925.

Henry Brewer became the county coroner in 1836 and was replaced by William H. Atkins in 1840 when he was elected the county sheriff and served one term in that office until 1842.

Sam Williams writes of Mr. Brewer saying, "He was a successful farmer and one of the very best of men. While he was not endowed with a great amount of school education he possessed extraordinary good sense and was generally well informed. His motto in life was to pay his debts promptly and owe no man anything. At the beginning of the (Civil) war he was one of the richest men in the county, his possessions consisting largely of slaves ... Henry Brewer was eminently a good man and a useful citizen. He was honest as the days are long, charitable, kind-hearted and always ready to aid the needy and distressed. Several of his descendants (1887) are still living in Pike county." He died in Pike county, AR on April 30, 1876.

[Quote from Sam Williams: Printer's Devil, Mary Medearis, editor, (Etter Printing Company: Hope AR 71801), 1979, page 290.]

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### **The Family Bible of Henry Brewer and Elizabeth Brewer of Pike County, Arkansas**

#### MARRIAGES

Henry Brewer and Elizabeth Hewett were married July 18th 1829.

James M. Evans and Cynthia Ann Brewer, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Brewer, were married Feb. 18th 1847.

John S. Owens and Rosanah Brewer, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Brewer, were married Oct. 10th 1850.

#### BIRTHS

Henry Brewer was borne in the year of our Lord 1800.

Elizabeth Hewitt was borne in the year of our Lord April 9, 1805.

Cynthia Ann Brewer was borne in the year of our Lord ... 19th 1830.

Rosanah Brewer was borne in the year of Lord Sept. 15th 1833.

William R. Brewer was borne in the year of our Lord M[ar]ch 18th 1837.

James P. Brewer was borne in the year of our Lord May 2nd 1840; died July 11th 1845.

Martha E. Brewer was borne in the year of our Lord Nov. 1st 1844; died Aug. 12th 1846.

Henry T. Brewer was borne in the year of our Lord M[ar]ch 14, 1850.

Jas. M. Evans was borne in the year of our Lord Sept. 28th 1821.

John H. Evans was borne in the year of our Lord Nov. 26th 1848.

Sarah Jane Evans was borne in the year of our Lord M[ar]ch 15th 1851.

Martha Elizabeth Evans was borne in the year of our Lord May 10th 1853.

James Richard Evans was borne in the year of our Lord Aug. 24th 1854.

John S. Owens was borne Oct. 10, 1830 in the town of Woodville, Limestone County, in the State of Alabama.

Lillian Brewer was born in the year of our Lord Feb. 17, 1890.

Nell Brewer was born Nov. 4, 1892.

Mack H. Brewer was born Dec. 22, 1885.

Ozero Carl Brewer was born Feb. 17, 1888.

Lillie May Brewer was born 1890.

Henry T. Brewer was born Mar. 14, 1850.

Emily C. Brewer was born July 7, 1858.

Charles A. Brewer was born June 18, 1872 died Sept. 7, 1908.

Mittie Brewer born Aug. 3, 1873.  
Mattie Brewer born April 22, 1876.  
William R. Brewer born Nov. 12, 1877.  
Cortez Brewer was born Jan. 3, 1878.  
Guy Brewer was born Jan. 12, 1880.  
Henry Roscoe Brewer born Feb. 21, 1884.  
Mary Lena Brewer born \_\_\_\_ 6, 1911.  
Henry Taylor Brewer born July 18, 1913.

#### DEATHS.

Cyntha Ann Brewer born June 19th 1830  
departed this life June 15, 1859,  
Murfreeseboro, Ark.  
James M. Evans departed this life Dec. 12,  
1865, Arkadelphia, Ark.  
William R. Brewer departed this life April  
16th 1872.  
Emily Carolyn Brewer died March 28, 1940.  
Mittie Brewer, daughter of Henry and  
Emily Brewer departed this life Aug. 21, 1887  
age 14 yrs. & 18 days.  
Lillie May Brewer, daughter of Henry  
and Emily Brewer, departed this life Oct. 18,  
1898 age 8 years. & 8 mo.  
Chas. A. Brewer, son of Henry T. and  
Emily Brewer, departed this life Sept. 7, 1904  
age 32 yrs. & 16 days.  
W.R. Brewer died May 4, 1925.  
Henry T. Brewer died Aug. 30th, 1925.

[The bible is owned by Mrs. O.C. Brewer, Helena, AR.  
She copied the records for me, Jo Ann Roberson, in  
August of 1970. Mrs. John B. Roberson, Genealogical  
Records Chairman, Mine Creek Chapter, DAR.]

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#### Last Will and Testament of Henry Brewer of Pike County, AR

STATE OF AR,  
COUNTY OF PIKE

I, Henry Brewer, of the County of Pike  
and State of AR, being sound in mind, but  
admonished by my age, that I am physically  
infirm, being now nearly seventy five years  
of age, do make, publish and declare this my  
Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking

any and all former wills by me made at any  
time heretofore made.

FIRST: I give and bequeath to my beloved  
son Henry T. Brewer, the following lands:  
The East Half of the Southwest Quarter of  
Section Six (6); The East Half of the  
Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7); The  
Fractional part of the Southwest Quarter of  
Section Six, and the Northwest Quarter of  
Section 7, lying North and East of the Little  
Missouri River, and the West Half of the  
Northwest Quarter of Section Seven, all in  
Township Eight South, in Range Twenty-five  
West, and containing Three Hundred and  
Thirty-two acres and twenty-two hundredths  
of an acre. To have and to hold the same to  
him and his heirs, with all the rights,  
privileges, tenements and appurtenances  
thereunto belong forever.

SECOND: I give and bequeath to my  
beloved daughter, Rosana Owens, widow of  
John S. Owens, deceased, the following lands  
on which she is now living: The East Half of  
the Southwest Quarter of Section Seven; and  
the West fractional half of the Southwest  
fractional quarter (less ten acres and fifty  
hundredths, now owned by Wesley Hoover)  
of Section Seven, all in Township Eight  
South, of Range Twenty-five West,  
containing Three hundred and seventy acres  
and fifty-nine hundredths. To have and to  
hold the same to her and her heirs, with all  
the rights, privileges, tenements and  
appurtenances thereunto belonging, forever.

THIRD: I give and bequeath to my infant  
grandson, Henry Brewer, who is the son and  
child of my beloved son, William R. Brewer,  
deceased, the following lands: That part of  
the Southwest fractional quarter of Section  
Twelve, South and East of the Little Missouri  
River, and the West Half of the Southeast  
Quarter of Section Twelve, all in Township  
Eight South in Range Twenty-six West,  
containing one hundred and sixty acres and  
eight-five hundredths of an acre. To have and  
to hold the same unto the said Henry Brewer,  
his heirs and assigns with all the rights,  
privileges, tenements and appurtenances

thereunto belonging, forever; subject to this limitation, that his mother, Martha Brewer shall have the right to use, occupy and enjoy the same so long as she remains the widow of the said William R. Brewer, or until the said Henry becomes twenty-one years of age.

FOURTH: I give and bequeath to my grandchildren, John H. Evans, Janey Conway, Lizzie Stafford, William Evans, and James Evans, children of my deceased daughter, Cynthia Evans, the following lands: The East half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Seven, and the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven, and the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Eight in Township Eight South, in Range Twenty-five West, containing one hundred and sixty acres. To have and to hold the same, share and share alike, to them, their heirs and assigns, with all the rights, privileges, tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging forever.

FIFTH: It is my wish and I so direct, that the money that I may have at the time of my death, and all notes, cases in action, evidences of debt and all other personal property of every name, nature and description, may be equally divided among my said children and grandchildren, share and share alike - that is to say - the said Henry T. Brewer, one share, the said Rosana Owens, one share, the said Henry Brewer, son of William R. Brewer, deceased, one share, and the children of said Cynthia Evans deceased, one share, to be equally divided between them the children of the said Cynthia, deceased. And if the said parties cannot make a satisfactory division of said personal property among themselves, it is my wish that my executor shall call three neighbors who shall appraise said property and divide it unto four equal shares, when the said several parties shall draw lots for said shares and each shall take and hold the share drawn, to his or her separate use forever.

SIXTH: I do hereby appoint my daughter-in-law, Martha Brewer, as trustee and

guardian for her infant son, the said Henry Brewer, so long as she continues the widow of William R. Brewer, to receive his share and interest of my estate and control and manage the same, but in the event of her marriage or death, I wish my son Henry T. Brewer to take said trust and manage the estate of the said Henry until he shall become twenty-one years of age, without having to give bond or security therefore, either the said Martha or the said Henry T.

SEVENTH: I nominate and appoint my well beloved son, Henry T. Brewer, as the executor of this my Last will and testament, and as I own but little money now, and shall own probably less at my death, I want my estate wound up and settled without an inventory, appraisement, sale or other formality of law, and with as little expense as possible, and it is my wish that no bond or security shall be required of my said executor, but immediately upon my decease, that he pay any debts that I may be owing without probation; and that as speedily as possible he cause the division of personal property herein before provided for to be made; and that the exchange of receipts between the legatees hereunder shall be all the formality required in the settlement of said division among themselves; and I hereby appoint and name my friend, A.B. Williams, of Hempstead County as the Attorney to aid my said executor in winding up and settling the business of my estate, and I hereby recommend my said children and grandchildren to accept his counsel and advice and avoid all misunderstandings between themselves, as I feel well assured that he will honestly endeavor to see that justice is done by each one according to my wish and intentions.

EIGHT: And now having disposed of my estate, real and personal, as I believe with exact justice among my children, and having lived beyond the usual period allotted to man, I give my spirit to the Great God who gave it, and my body to the earth from whence it came.

DONE, SIGNED AND SEALED as my Last Will and Testament this 26th day of May A.D. 1875.

HENRY BREWER  
Witnesses: W.J. White (&) Samuel Kelley

STATE OF AR,  
PIKE COUNTY,

We, William J. White and Samuel Kelley, citizens of the County of Pike and State of AR, have this day signed our names as subscribing witnesses to the Will of Henry Brewer, which forms part of this paper, at the request of the said Henry Brewer, in his presence and in the presence of each other, and the said Henry Brewer signed the same in our presence and at the same time declared that said paper writing, contained, and was, his Last Will and Testament, that at the time of signing, the same said Henry Brewer was of sound mind and disposing memory and more than twenty-one years of age.

DONE AND SIGNED BY us, this the 26th day of May, A.D. 1875.

W.J. WHITE  
SAMUEL KELLEY

STATE OF AR,  
COUNTY OF PIKE,

I, M.W. Hill, Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder within and for the said County of Pike and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing was filed in my office for record on the 6th day of June, A.D. 1876, at 3 o'clock p.m., and the same, together with the Certificate of Acknowledgement thereto is now duly recorded in Record Book A. Pages 91, 92, 93 & 94.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Murfreesboro, this 21st

day of Sept., A.D. 1876.

MAURICE W. HILL,  
Clerk and Recorder

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD

STATE OF AR,  
COUNTY OF PIKE,

I, R.N. Alford, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Recorder for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing was filed for record in my office, on the 24th day of February, A.D. 1911, at 3 o'clock p.m. and the same is now duly recorded, with the acknowledgements and certificates thereon, in Record Book Vol. A. Pages 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 & 97.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, the 28th day of February A.D. 1911.

R.N. ALFORD, Clerk  
By: D.F. ALFORD, Deputy Clark

[This will was copied by Mrs. John B. Roberson, Genealogical Records Chairman, Mine Creek Chapter, DAR, from a certified copy in the Pike County, AR County Clerk's Office.]

**Henry Brewer  
Family Group Record**

Moved to TN 1800; Missouri 1808; AR 1818

Husband's Name: Henry Brewer  
Born: 30 Oct 1799 Place: NC  
Died: 30 Apr 1876 Place: Pike County, AR  
Married: 18 Jul 1829 Place:  
Father: Oliver Brewer  
Mother: unknown



Wife's Name: Elizabeth Huitt (Hewitt-Hughitt)

Born: 09 Apr 1805 Place: Missouri

Died: Place: Pike County, AR

Father:

Mother:

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**Children**

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1. Female: Cynthia Brewer  
Born: 19 Jun 1830 Place: Hempstead (Pike) County, AR  
Died: 15 Jun 1859 Place: Pike County, AR  
Married: 18 Feb 1847 Place: Pike County, AR  
Spouse: James M. Evans

2. Female: Rosanna Brewer  
Born: 15 Sep 1833 Place: Hempstead (Pike) County, AR  
Died: 1877 Place: Pike County, AR  
Married: 18 Oct 1850 Place: Pike County, AR  
Spouse: John Slaughter Owens

3. Male: William R. Brewer  
Born: 18 Mar 1837 Place: Pike County, AR  
Died: 16 Apr 1872 Place:  
Married: Oct 1869 Place: Pike County, AR  
Spouse: Martha L. Fenter

4. Male: James P. Brewer  
Born: 02 May 1840 Place: Pike County, AR  
Died: 11 Jul 1845 Place: Pike County, AR

5. Female: Martha E. Brewer  
Born: 01 Nov 1844 Place: Pike County, AR  
Died: 12 Aug 1846 Place: Pike

County, AR

6. Male: Henry Taylor Brewer  
Born: 14 Mar 1850 Place: Pike County, AR  
Died: 30 Aug 1925 Place:  
Married: 02 Mar 1871 Place: Pike County, AR  
Spouse: Emily Caroline Carter

[Sources of Information: David Kelley; Henry Brewer Bible, Mrs. Ozero C. Brewer, Helena, AR (August 1970); Last Will and Testament of Henry Brewer; Pike County, AR Will Book A, page 91-97; Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern AR, (Chicago, Nashville and St. Louis): The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1890, page 316, 321, 335.]

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AN ACT TO RUN AND MARK THE LINE  
BETWEEN THE COUNTIES OF SEVIER  
AND PIKE

SEC 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Territory of AR, That Joseph McCravens, of the county of Sevier, and Henry Brewer, of the county of Pike, be, and they are hereby, appointed commissioners to run and mark the line between the counties of Sevier and Pike.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, that the said commissioners, before entering on the duties assigned them by this act, shall take an oath, before some judge or justice of the peace authorized to administer the same, that they will, to the best of their judgment, run and mark the said line, commencing at the northern boundary of township eight, south, on the range line between ranges twenty-seven and twenty eight, west, and continue the same to where said line strikes the Little Missouri.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said commissioners shall, within six months after the passage of this act, proceed to discharge the duties assigned them thereby; and if either of the aforesaid commissioners shall refuse to serve, or the office should become vacant, by death, or

removal out of the county, before the said duties are performed, the county court of the county to which said vacancy may occur, shall fill the same appointment.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That each of the aforesaid commissioners shall receive one dollar and fifty cents, to be paid out of the county treasury of the county for which they have been appointed, for each and every day they may be necessarily engaged in discharging the duties assigned them by this act, to be audited by the county court, on the oath of the said commissioner; and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

JOHN WILSON, Speaker  
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN WILLIAMSON, President  
of the Legislative Council.

Approved: November 15, 1833

JOHN POPE.

[ACTS, PASSED AT THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF AR: which was begun and held at the town of Little Rock, on Monday, the seventh day of October, and ended on Saturday the sixteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three. LITTLE ROCK: Printed by William E. Woodruff, 1834, page 40: An act to run and mark the line between the counties of Sevier and Pike.]

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## GIFTS

We were given the Arkansas State Quarter Proclamation for preservation.

We were also given the original confederate pension yearly updates, for years after 1900. Several original handwritten letters from pensioners were included. These are also for preservation.

Both above items came from the courthouse.

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## REUNIONS

[Editor's Note: The following information on reunions will also be posted on the PCAHS web site (see the back of the cover page for the URL).]

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Well it is only a few months away from the

### Woodall Family Reunion in Allen, OK

Saturday, June 26, 2004 in Allen, Oklahoma at the Allen Alumni Center on Broadway Street. We wish to include any descendants of the Woodall family, the children of Sousan Heard Woodall, children of Paschal (Paskel) Marion Woodall, and Mary Magdline Babbitt Woodall.

This reunion is presented by the descendants of Weltha Malinda Johnson Woodall and Thomas Phillip Woodall.

Location is the Allen Alumni Center starting at 10:00am.

Bring your favorite dish to share, also stories and photos. Exchange family ged.com files for our family historians.

Bring an auction item to benefit the continuation of the Annual Woodall Reunion. Communities to stay overnight are in Ada, Atoka, Holdenville, and on I-40 up in Oklahoma City.

Please pass along this information to other family members that you know that may like to come.

There is also a Woodall family web page on the net. The URL is <http://www.woodallvalley.org>. There is information on the reunion there on this web site

Please contact Betty Woodall at [bwoodall@cablelynx.com](mailto:bwoodall@cablelynx.com) or A. Connie Deckard at [woodall\\_valley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodall_valley@sbcglobal.net)

**THE THIRD HENRY S. & MARTHA  
(OSBORN) SPARKS DESCENDANTS  
REUNION**

Date: Sunday, June 20, 2004

Time: The hall will be open at 8:00 AM until we are ready to leave.

Place: The Inez Community Center in Inez, Victoria County, Texas - A nice big air conditioned hall.

Location: On Us Hwy 59 at FM 444 - 15 miles east of Victoria - there is ample parking but no RV hookup.

Who is invited and welcome to attend: All Descendants of Henry S. Sparks, and all who have the Sparks name are invited to this Reunion.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, get the word out, we would like to see Grandpa, Grandma, Dad, Mom, children, stepchildren, adopted children & foster children for some good enjoyable Sparks Family fellowship.

Some of you will go to church Sunday morning but come on out after church, cause we'll still be here.

What you bring: Food for your family or group, your favorite dish, meat, veggies, desert or what ever you like.

What will be provided; Bread, Tea, Coffee, Sprite, Coke, Ice, Knives, Fork, Spoon, Cups, Salt/Pepper, Plates & Napkins. The Kitchen Range, Refrigerator & Microwave will be available for our use.

Vera Sparks is The Head Honcho, but we are gonna have to help her to make this reunion a success. We need help to set up displays. Help will be needed in the kitchen area to dispense food & drinks to the serving tables.

A photographer is needed, (Sonny nominates Linda & Les Sparks from Kansas, because Linda took good pictures at the Sparks Cemetery Cleaning in March 14, 2003). We need pictures of every one attending this reunion. It would be nice to have pictures of each of you and your family or group. Oscar & Merle Sparks can do wonders with these photos and everyone can

see them at the next reunion.

Bring your old photos, post cards and letters that you would like to display and share with your cousins

There will be a Sparks Family Tree for you to view, reflecting 10 generations from Edward Sparks, who was born in Maryland before 1750, to Zoey Ann Sparks, born April 4, 2003, to Bryan & Carrah Sparks of Amarillo, and Lauren Sage Hyak, born October 4, 2003 to Tim & Vanessa Sparks Hyak of Austin.

I'll borrow a quote from the late Russell E. Bidlack one of the founders of The Sparks Family Association.

*"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root."----*  
*An old Chinese proverb.*

Vera Foster, Pers. married Leroy A. Sparks in Victoria, TX, he was born 11/1/19\_\_ in Victoria to Jim H. & Juanita Yoast Sparks, grandson of Acey Britton & Seney Bell Sparks, great grandson of John Britton & Sarah E. Carpenter Sparks & great great grandson of Henry S. & Marthy Osborn Sparks.

Sonny Sparks, VP. married Paula Hamilton in Victoria, TX, he was born 12/18/19\_\_ in Victoria County to Walter & Cora Bell McCurry Sparks, grandson of Henry T. "Doc" & Susaner Jane Griffin Sparks, great grandson of Henry S. & Marthy Osborn Sparks.

BJ Sparks, Jr, of Counsel, married Delores Meisner at Foster Field, Victoria, TX, he was born 12/23/19\_\_ to Bonham J & Alma H. Maxey, Sr., grandson of Marion J. "Buddy" & Caroline L. Lightfoot Sparks, great grandson of William Erwin & Bede Caroline Sparks, great great grandson of Henry S. & Marthy Osborn Sparks.

We wish to thank BJ for organizing the first Henry S. Sparks - Descendants Reunion. BJ and others forged ahead and brought a lot of Sparks Descendants together for a very enjoyable Sparks Reunion on June 23, 2002

God Bless America. God Bless You All.  
We'll see you at The Inez Community Center

on June 20, 2004

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**12<sup>TH</sup> SELF FAMILY REUNION IN  
ARKANSAS  
2004**

SELF, PARKER, MORAN, DUKE, GURNEE,  
WHITE, AND WEEHUNT.

You are invited to attend a fun filled day at  
the Riverwood Inn in Glenwood, Arkansas

PLACE: Riverwood Inn  
Glenwood, Arkansas  
363 Hwy 70 East

DATE: 12 June 2004

TIME: 9:00 a.m. for the entire day

We've had the reunion at the Riverwood  
Inn the last 5 years and it has been a great  
success. The inn has air conditioning and a  
kitchen for our gathering. Our potluck is  
such a wonderful event, keep it simple. We  
need for everyone to be able to sit down to  
visit with our new cousins & already known  
cousins. After the pot luck we will have the  
room all day for research, etc. and fun  
gathering. There is a wonderful swimming  
pool at the motel so bring a suit if you wish.

I will be staying at the Caddo Gap River  
Motel this year. I will be arriving early again  
to have some fun visiting with family  
members and guests.

I hope to see you there. Everyone is  
welcome. We hope to have all extended  
names of relative and are hoping for a  
wonderful turn out. If you have new  
addresses of branches from the self's, please  
feel free to sent them this invitation to our  
fun filled week-end.

I am planning to attend the Self Family

Newsletter gathering in Westmoreland  
County, Virginia which will be held the 24<sup>th</sup>  
April 2004. They plan to dedicate a  
tombstone in honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Self -- Robert  
Selfe.

**Glenwood, Arkansas Motels & Inns:**

The Riverwood Inn; Phone: 800 829-4666; or  
870 356-4567

Caddo Gap River Phone: 870 356-3688

**Contact:**

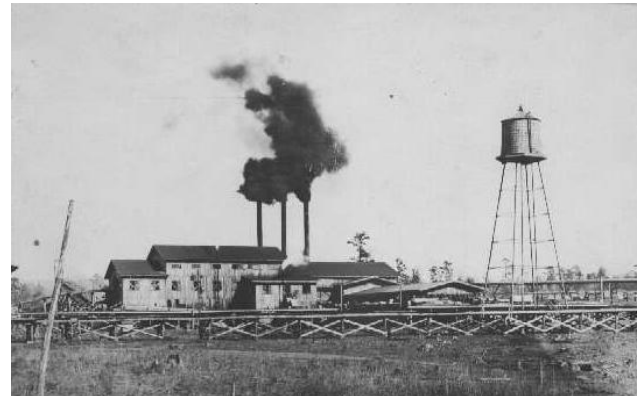
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[Editor's Note: The following information was  
received by me via e-mail.]

**The Old Mill**

This picture is shown on the PCAHS website  
but little was known about the mill other  
then its location in Glenwood.



It used to be a grist mill about 1918-1919,  
John Barentine was said to be an owner of the  
mill back in 1918-1919. My (Lisa Fox Bettis)  
great-great-great grandfather's daughter-in-  
laws family owned this mill.

**A request for information**

My name is Deborah Jones, and I am  
writing a book and have chosen your area  
Pike County Arkansas for my book location.  
It is a fictional story but I would love to put  
in true facts about you area. I am looking for  
old folk-lore, myths, legends, etc. I would

love to see pictures, and anything of your interests that you can give me that is fact or fiction. If you can help me, please e-mail me at [DbbRddJns@aol.com](mailto:DbbRddJns@aol.com) or call me at 936-598-5970. Thank you for your help.

**A correction of data  
And a question**

I printed out the Bible record of William Gentry, [from the PCAHS Online Record Library] and then input the data into my FTM program. I found a few errors which are probably just typos:

Under births -- Jackson Gentry, born on July 20, 1834.

Under deaths -- Jackson Gentry, died on July 30, 1830.

Which year is correct?

Under marriages -- S.W. Gentry & Mollie M. Wilkinson, married May 30, 1861

Under deaths -- Samuel W. Gentry died on Jan. 31, 1860.

Thanks.

Pat Dakin; e-mail: [patdakin@mindspring.com](mailto:patdakin@mindspring.com)

**Additional Information**

Furnished by Kay Ohana (e-mail:  
[kohana@aboutmontana.net](mailto:kohana@aboutmontana.net))

**WILL OF SPENCER M. COKER**

Know all men by these presents, that I, S.M. Coker, of Rock Creek in the County of Pike, and State of Arkansas, being in ill health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all ormer wills by me at anytime heretofore made.

I hereby constitute and appoint W. W. Wilson and T. M. Coker to be the executors of my last will, directing my said executors to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses, and the legacies hereinafter given, out of my estate:

After the payment of my said debts and funeral expenses, I give to each of my children and step children and wife as follows,

To Charles H. Coker, the sum of Ten Dollars,

To James R. Coker, the sum of Ten Dollars,

To Thomas M. Coker, the sum of Ten Dollars,

To Eulalah E. Taylor, the sum of Ten Dollars,

To John E. Coker, the sum of Ten Dollars,  
To Gallant P. Coker, the sum of Ten Dollars,

To Pierce G. Coker, the sum of Ten Dollars,

To Optimus C. Coker, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars,

To Richard Monroe S. Coker the sum of One Thousand Dollars,

To Mary White Coker, the sum of One Thousand Dollars,

To Willis Otto Thrash, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars,

To Mattie Vince Thrash, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars,

and to my wife Mary Lena Coker, I give all the balance of my money and property both personal and real estate so long as she remains single.

In event my wife Mary L. Coker marries again, her portion of my money and property both personal and real shall be divided equally among herself, Optimus C. Coker, Richard Monroe S. Coker and Mary White Coker.

To be paid to each of them as soon after my decease but within one year, as conveniently may be done, and for the payment of the legacies aforesaid, I give and devise to my said executors all the personal estate owned by me at my decease (except my household furniture and wearing apparel), and so much of my real estate as, when sold, by leave of the Court of Probate, will be sufficient in addition to the said personal estate herein given, to pay said legacies.

In testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand, and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1907.

(Signed) S.M. Coker

Witnesses: Dr. W. B. Gould

W. D. White

Proof of Will filed 22nd day of February 1908.

Spencer's mother is Nancy White Bassett, born 1804 died 12 May 1874. She is buried at Millcreek Cemetery, Amity AR.

Mary Lena Wilson's 1st husband was Vinson Thrash son of Matlire Thrash and Martha Ann Lassiter, brother of Levi Thrash, father of Katie Lee Thrash Coker, and Martha Ann Thrash Coker, who married son's of Spencer Monroe Coker.

Mary Lena was born 02 Feb 1875 in AL and died 01 June 1958 in San Diego CA. Her children by Spencer:

Richard Monroe S. Coker born 28 Jan 1901 died 12 Nov 1977 in San Diego CA  
Spencer Lawton Coker b. 24 Sep 1904 d. 23 Feb 1905 - Buried in the Powers Chapel Cemetery

Mary White Coker born 04 Apr 1906 and is still living in San Diego.

Mary married and has three living children, one daughter and two sons.

Richard married but I don't yet know her name or if she is still living.

He had a son and daughter, twins, both still living.

Mary Lena's children by Vinson Thrash, Willis Otto born 21 Oct 1892 died Jan 1977 in Linn OR. Married but no children  
Mattie Vince born 05 Sep 1895 died Jan 1975 in Shelby TN. She married twice, William Rushing and John Allan Ezernack, she had children, all still living.

Mary White is my grand aunt, half sister to my grandfather Gallant Phillip Coker. I've spoken to her on the phone several times, and she was delighted to hear from me. After Spencer died she and Richard were taken to AL where they lived with her maternal grandparents, and she knows nothing at all about her father's family. She didn't know she had eight half-siblings, and dozens of nieces and nephews. She is now 97 years old,

and doesn't remember a lot. I sent her reams of information and photos of some of her siblings. One of her sons, who lives in Maine, is going to pick up on the Wilson genealogy. I also sent her photos of her grandparents, John Wesley Coker and Nancy White Bassett.

### The Man and the Bird



This picture is shown on the PCAHS web site. It was found in the discarded photos of the Claus Burnham estate but the identity of the man was unknown.

Larry Roberts (e-mail: [lroberts@magnolia-net.com](mailto:lroberts@magnolia-net.com)) has identified the man as his great grandfather's brother.

Larry's great grandfather was William J. Roberts, (1840-1919) and the picture is of "Uncle Doc" Roberts. Little is known about this man. I do not know when he was born; he died in a fire at Broken Bow, OK, date unknown.

**Abner Henderson - Levisa Alford**

[Provided by: Grace Case; e-mail: [gcase@arkansas.net](mailto:gcase@arkansas.net)]

The dates I have come from birth certificates, my grandmother's bible, my mother and my uncle's tombstone.

The connection to the above families is:

Daughter, Martha Ann Henderson who married James W. Davis

Daughter Nancy Frances Davis who married Samuel Leonidas Hipp

Daughter, Mary Jane Hipp married Everett A. Finney

Son, Tilmon Alonzo "Lonnie" Finney (my father) born 8 Nov 1906

Son, Jesse Lloyd Finney (my uncle) born 7 July 1908 - died 18 March 1922 and buried Mt. Joy Cemetery (formerly known as Hooraw Cemetery) near Daisy, AR He was only 14 when he was killed. Uncle Jesse was a teenager working in the log woods when there was some sort of accident and a log or logs fell on him. His chest and legs were crushed. Great Aunt Meeky said he lived 2 days. I know that my grandmother never got over his death.

**A new website**

Alma Deckard sent an e-mail indicating that she has setup a website about the people of Woodall Valley. The URL is: <http://woodallvalley.org>.

**QUERIES**

[Editor's Note: The following queries were attached to membership forms. Please contact the person indicated if you can provide information.]

Junius P. Palmer, s/o Augustus H. Palmer & Sarah H. Powers, his wife. Junius born: 18?? in Georgia, married Mary E. Goodwin in Alabama. She was d/o Newton Goodwin & Jane Wakefield, his wife. J.P. & Mary Palmer buried Kirby Cem., their children are Francis; Sarah; Cordelia; Emma; Ella; Eliza; Robert Burgess; Junius Henry; Thomas Wakefield; Julia & Nora.

Peggy Morphew  
13801 N. Tan Tara Dr.

Sun City, AZ. 85351-2239

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I am interested in knowing more about the family connection and especially the lineage of Alford Sharp. i.e. records, clipping from newspapers and personal contacts. Dr. Wm. Alford is my great uncle by marriage. I am 74 years old.

Toland J. Stelter  
1505 N. Fairview Ave.  
Alexandria IN. 46001

I am looking for information on the James Spring Family. I will also exchange information on any of these surnames.

Watson; Orr; Hatch; Jester; Spring; Alford.

Patsy R. Livingston  
1408 TX Hwy 77 W.  
Atlanta, TX 75551

My g-grandfather, Edwin Cornelius Lockwood is buried in Murfreesboro Cemetery. Though census records indicate he and his father, James A. were born in New York, I have not been able to verify this. I would like to track down the place of their births. They moved to Clark County AR from Tallapoosa County, Alabama in the mid-1800's

James L. Lockwood  
107 Jennison Square  
Hot Springs, AR 71913

Louisa Dyer wife of Richard, they lived in Dallas Co. AR. in 1860. Their children are: William; Uriah; Jackson & Mary. What was her surname?

Myrl Dyer  
Box 53  
Umpire, AR 71971

Looking for information on Margaret A. Latimer, born 1830 in Hempstead Co. Arkansas; married ? Hiram Eastwood, parents ?; siblings ?; children ?; I think she is

my gggrandmother. Have information on descendants. Will exchange if interested.

Sharon Eastwood  
P. O. Box 541  
Boswell. OK 74727

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### OBITUARIES

GLENWOOD NEWS PRESS

Friday, March 7, 1919

**Mrs. Penrod Dies.**

Death follows operation at Texarkana --  
Burial at Foreman.

The surprising announcement was wired here yesterday that Mrs. A. H. Penrod had dies at Texarkana. Few were aware of the fact that Mr. & Mrs., Penrod had departed for Texarkana Sunday, where Mrs. Penrod was to undergo an operation. While her health has not been good for some months, she was yet able to be of great assistance to her husband in the store, but was advised that an operation would be necessary. Death followed the operation. Mrs. Penrod had been a resident here since the early days of Glenwood and was well known over this section. Funeral services and burial were conducted at Foreman, the former home of the deceased.

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GLENWOOD NEWS PRESS

Friday 28 June 1918

Mrs. R. B. Baxter was apprised by telegraph today of the death of her mother, which occurred suddenly at her home in Ashland, Texas, where Mrs. Baxter's twins have been visiting. Mr. & Mrs. Baxter left at once for Ashland.

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GLENWOOD NEWS PRESS

Friday July 25, 1919

Brief Local Notes

Mrs. Nicholson, wife of the saw filer at the Clark Mills died at 3 AM Tuesday, leaving an infant babe. The body was taken to Malvern for Burial.

GLENWOOD NEWS PRESS

Friday August 9, 1919

**Mrs. Charles Hubbert Dead.**

Mrs. Chas. Hubbert died at the State Hospital in Little Rock Monday night. the body was brought to Glenwood Wednesday and taken to the Bethel Cemetery for burial. Mrs. Hubbert had been in poor health for several years. She was well known to residents of this vicinity, where she lived for many years. She leaves behind a husband and five daughters, three of whom are married.

The deceased was the daughter of Felix Wisener and wife.

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### BIRTHS

GLENWOOD NEWS PRESS

Friday June 13, 1919

Brief Local Notes.

Born-- Tues. morning; June 9 to I.D. Irwin and wife a son; weight 10 lbs.

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GLENWOOD NEWS PRESS

Friday July 11, 1919

The Birth List

Born: Saturday, July 5, to John Umphery and wife, of Lucky, a daughter.

Born: Saturday, July 5, to Tom Birchfield and wife, three miles from Glenwood, a daughter.

Born: Sunday, July 6, to Lee Diggs and wife, on route 1, a son.

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### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

GLENWOOD NEWS PRESS

Friday August 8, 1919

Double Wedding

Marion Babbitt and Miss Bertha Foshee, both of Kirby, and Edward Babbitt and Miss Dolly Dickerson of Zebulon were married Saturday evening at the home of Judge Davis, at Kirby, who officiated with becoming dignity in the presence of a number of friends of the young people.



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