### WHITE TOWNSHIP

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Mary 41 f    S. Carolina
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Samuel W. 8 m    Arkansas
David T. 8 m    Arkansas
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M. Jane 9 months f    Arkansas

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Mason Roberts 100 f    N. Carolina

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SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in White Township, in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas, enumerated by me on the 2nd day of November, 1850. William H. Preston, Ass't Marshal.
During the 1850 federal census enumeration of Pike County, Arkansas, William H. Preston, Assistant Marshal, failed to make a new number for the John Choat household, thus it appears they are a part of the William Stone household in the original record. John Choat would have been household number 47/47 following the William Stone household 46/46. All household numbers in this transcript beginning with John Choat reflect the corrected number as it would have appeared without the error.
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BREWER TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in Brewer Township, in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas, enumerated by me on the 3rd day of November, 1850. William H. Preston, Ass't Marshal.

055/055
Baby 3 months m Arkansas
James Robbins 30 m Farmer New York
Nancy A. 20 f Mississippi
James H. 2 m Arkansas
Roxanna 5 months f Arkansas

056/056
Thomas Williamson 32 m Farmer $150 Unknown
Lousinda 20 f Tennessee
William M. 1 m Arkansas

057/057
D.H.J. Green 24 m Farmer $100 Unknown
Mary A. 22 f Tennessee
John J. 1 m Arkansas
Washington 8 f Arkansas

058/058
English Jacobs 38 m Farmer Unknown
Mary A. (Wingfield) 38 f Unknown
John K. 16 m Arkansas
Madison S. 14 m Arkansas
Thomas N. 11 m Arkansas
Beverly 8 m Arkansas
Sarah 6 f Arkansas
Martha 4 f Arkansas
Margaret 1 f Arkansas

059/059
Elvira Brewer 52 f N. Carolina
John M. 22 m Farmer Arkansas
Oliver 17 m Arkansas
Reece 14 m Arkansas
Elvira C. 11 f Arkansas

John Brewer and Elvira Alexander were married September 7, 1815 in Washington County, Missouri. John Brewer died in Pike County, Arkansas on April 9, 1845.

060/060
Joab Hudson (Hutson) 41 m Farmer S. Carolina
Jane 31 N. Carolina
Elizabeth 16 f Georgia
Caroline 14 f Alabama
Frances 5 f Arkansas

061/061
Pleasant White 32 m Farmer Tennessee
Nancy A. (Rose) 19 f Arkansas
Wilson Lee 13 m Arkansas
William T. Hancock and Elizabeth Dickson were married February 1, 1821 in Jackson County, Tennessee. William T. Hancock died in Pike County, Arkansas on December 24, 1849.

Near the Little Missouri River, a few miles north of Murfreesboro in Pike County, Arkansas, Henry Merrell began to write his autobiography in August of 1863. He had sold his nearby mills because local sentiment opposed a Yankee like himself making a profit in the wartime South. Now, restless with energy, he used the blank spaces of a book, the only paper available, to put down a remarkably clear, detailed, and coherent account of his busy and productive life. He discussed at length his origins and upbringing in Utica, New York, his seventeen years in Georgia during which he operated and owned textile mills, and his experience creating a center of manufacturing in southwestern Arkansas. Arkansas historians will be particularly interested in Merrell's account of his building and managing a collection of water-driven mills on the Little Missouri River. His business grew rapidly beginning in 1856 with the construction of one wooden frame dam and proceeded with the building of a manufacturing complex that by 1860 included a saw mill, grist mill, flour mill, and separate factories that carded wool and spun cotton thread. Other than its water power, Pike County did not offer promising resources for Merrell. The land was marginal, and he described the people as "well-nigh shoeless, hatless, and in rags ... their houses of logs, & very rude logs at that, scarcely higher than a man could stand up in ..." He found these "mountaineers of Arkansas" skilled with their axes but lacking industry. He also believed that because he was a northerner the populace resented his successes rather than appreciated his efforts to develop the local economy. Local merchants were particularly hostile, perhaps because Merrell operated his own retail store. In any case, the war made him seem more obnoxious to his neighbors and finally occasioned his selling the business to a native southerner. Despite his problems in Pike County and his northern upbringing, Merrell supported slavery and the southern cause. He served the Confederate war effort in several capacities, designing and directing the placement of an abatis in the Arkansas River below Pine Bluff as a defense against federal river boats and later travelling to Europe at the request of General Kirby Smith in a belated and futile attempt to set up a manufacturing center for the trans-Mississippi Department. Merrell's autobiography also provides a detailed account of the war in Arkansas. His description of the fighting at Arkansas Post is enhanced by the fact that he visited the site, and his lengthy report of Union general Frederick Steele's operations at Camden is strengthened by his personal experience of living in the town at the time. Henry Merrell is often as likeable as he is readable. He was earnest, hard-working, and capable, extreme neither in his self-righteousness nor in his self-importance. Probably he would not be happy being called an "industrial missionary" and would have argued instead that he was simply looking for opportunity in a climate that suited his weak lungs. Characteristically candid, as well as very funny, is Merrell's account of being bucked through Charleston, South Carolina, when his riding crop became entangled in his horse's tail. On the other hand, he could be very private, writing little about the wife he seems to have loved very much. He was also narrow in some respects. Arguing that slaves were healthier in the factory than in the field, he admitted that the indoor air was filled with dust but claimed "they soon learn to breathe through the nose, and no dust reaches the lungs."
In 1981 James L. Skinner, III, editor of Merrell's autobiography, found the first volume of the Merrell manuscript in his family home in Roswell, Georgia. He tracked down the second volume and began a meticulous editing of the whole work. Skinner's supporting material constitutes about a third of the volume, all of which is well done. This reviewer disliked the fact that Merrell's text was divided into sections with each portion preceded by its own introduction. It would have been better to let the reader go straight through the narrative, which largely explains itself. Still, Skinner has done an excellent job with a very important source.

S. CHARLES BOLTON

PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PICTURE BOOK &c.

The Pike County Picture Book is progressing finally. Linda Wilson and Dorothy Partain have spent many hours getting it ready just to hand to Clifton and Faye Crews who will type, cut and paste the pages ready for the negative and the "final" trip to the printers. If we missed your picture we are sorry. We tried to reach everyone.

Linda Meek (Mrs. Frank) was given a life membership in appreciation of all the time, money and concern she spent on our "tax-free number", taxes (none), computer work and gifts to PCAHS. Thank you Frank and Linda. We love and appreciate you.

Thank you David Hill of Greensboro, NC for making labels for the "Gems" and David L. Kelley for all his diligent work in putting out a very professional "Gems." A very big thank you. We all appreciate you.

DOROTHY KENNEDY PARTAIN

ADDITIONS TO THE PCAHS COLLECTIONS

1840 Arkansas [an index] to the 1840 Census of Arkansas by Bobbie Jones McLane and Inez Cline.

AGLL Membership donated by Harrison Gilmer.


1850 Sevier County, Arkansas U.S. Census including 1830 and 1840 heads of household and available marriage records to 1852 by Capitola Glazner and Bobbie Jones McLane.

1880 Howard County, Arkansas Federal Census, Kiamichi County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 481, Broken Bow, OK 74728.


The Montgomery County History, Volumes 1 and 2 donated by Harrison Gilmer.

FAMILY HISTORIES DONATED

Cornish [and] Couch ... Joyce Couch.

The Alford family ... Linda Meek and Lee Ann Turner. A very colorful family history.

The Willingham, Oneal, Hughes families of Pike County, Arkansas and on ... Linda Willingham Meek.

The Cross, Rodden and Lowery families of Pike County [Arkansas] ... Claudene Watkins and Wynelle Mitchell.

The Ashbrook and Howard family of Pike County [Arkansas] ... Hiatt McCann. Includes Calloway and Lingo of Calhoun County, Arkansas.

Bankston and collateral families ... Karen Cosby Roy and Alice Pleshire.

The Stafford Family and collateral lines from circa 1642 until now ... Jimmie Graham.

PIKE COUNTY COURIER

Pike County: "The Garden Spot of Southwest Arkansas"


BOARD PASSES ON NEW PENSION CLAIMS

Allowing Six and Disallowing Application of One

The Pike County Pension Board met at Murfreesboro and passed on all the claims under consideration. Only one new claim was disallowed, that of W.M. Harrison, while six new claims were allowed, as follows:

Mrs. Miriam C. McFarland
Mrs. Susan Johnson
George W. Holland
Mrs. A.A. McMillan
Mrs. Rachel Lawrence
Mrs. I.A. Cornish
Those already on the pension list and still maintaining their residence in this county are as follows:

Alford, Lorinda L.
Beaty, Thomas L.
Bell, M.E.
Cooley, Mrs. P.A.
Chaney, M.D.
Covington, Mrs. C.C.
Castleman, Rosella
Daniel, Mary C.
Davis, Mrs. M.H.
Dean, M.H.
East, Samuel T.
Erwin, Rebecca E.
Fuller, Stephen A.
French, J.C.C.
Hallmark, Polly A.
Harrison, Lillie M.
Henderson, W.P.
Harris, Mrs. L.P.
Henderson, Miranda T.
Hardy, Mrs. P.E.
Henderson, Mrs. R.V.
Hill, Josephine
Jackson, Mrs. L.D.
Jordon, Mrs. W.H.
Kelley, Jas. A.
Kennedy, Mrs. S.E.
Kelley, Jiles [Giles]
Lawson, Mrs. L.C.
Lee, Florence
Mitchell, Mrs. J.A.
Morphew, Mrs. S.A.
McClure, Eliza F.
McFadden, Georgia
McKennon, Mrs. M.S.
Parr, Mrs. I.U.
Riddle, Mary E.
Roberts, Julia Ann
Rose, Mrs. S.G.
Reasoner, John W.
Rutherford, Mrs. M.E.
Stough, Amanda
Self, Mary P.
Slaughter, John
Swindle, Mrs. Matilda A.
Tate, Nancy
Threlkeld, Mary E.
Trash, D.M.
Townsend, Mrs. Kate K.
Watkins, G.W.
Wilkins, Martha L.
Witt, Edith C.
Winfield, Jane E.
Williamson, John N.
Winford, Martha J.
Wise, Rebecca
Wilson, Bettie

Bryan, Susan E.
Barnett, Arvilla
Bell, Elizabeth
Whitehead, Lucy A.
Williamson, Elizabeth
Wisner, Fannie

A few who were on this list last year have since died.

Pike County needs a new and more commodious vault in which to keep the records and other public documents of the county. The present vault is too small and is now overcrowded. This is a matter for the Quorum court and we have begun talking about it in time for the various justices who visit the court house to make a personal investigation in order to determine the exact condition of its need. An addition or annex could be made at a comparative cost. The little one is good as far as it goes but it don't go far enough to hold all there is to cram into it. An annex should be made with sufficient room to store the documents and with enough light to tell one record from another. If you are a justice in this county make it a point to see how bad this thing is needed before the court meets.


The Pike County Arkansas Confederate Pension Applicants have been published in a volume entitled Arkansas Confederate Pension Applications from Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Montgomery, and Pike Counties compiled by Desmond Walls Allen and published by Arkansas Research, PO Box 303, Conway, AR 72302. There are 261 applicants from Pike County. $10 softcover.

LETTERS

11-4-92

Mrs. Partain

I am interested in the Killion-Howerton [families] and John Augustus Welch's son Alexander Augustus Welch & Izora Belle Howerton, they were my grandparents. Granddad married another lady by the name "Rosa" so I'm hoping for some of that information ...

Beckie L. Kempert
4307 N.W. Floyd
Lawton, OK 73505
Dear Mrs. Partain,
This g. grandfather has been so elusive. One problem was there were so many Thomas Carrell's & so many Carroll's ... my grandfather was 71 when I was born.

Anyway, the William H. Holcombe & wife Ella in Howard Co. Cemetery at Umpire, Ark. were the right ones. Ella E. or Elvira Holcombe was [a] sister to my Grandpa. Whether full sister or half, I don't know yet. The daughter-in-law is in her 80's now. Addresses & information hard to acquire.

I haven't been able yet to find Grandpa's mother's name. Thomas Carrell must have been married several times. I know my Holcombs were in Howard Co[unty] ... Please put in a query for me ...

Mary Ishmael

833 Oakwood Dr.
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January 27, 1993

Ms. Dorothy Partain
Pike County Archives & History Society
Box 238
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Dear Dorothy:
Thank you so much for your letter, copy of the telephone directory, and Pike County newsletter, which were received today.

As mentioned in my letter to you of December 19, I have been trying to piece together my family history, which is rather difficult since all my immediate family are deceased. Bobbie Jones McLane of Hot Springs has been doing a lot of genealogical research for me and has been a great help. In fact, she is the one who suggested I get in touch with you.

My mother's maiden name was Golden and my father's surname was Fox. Bobbie has been able to trace the Goldens all the way back to before the Revolutionary War, and we have that side of the family more or less complete.

However, the Foxes have become a real chore. We have been able to find them in the 1860 Arkansas census, but when we go back to other state census records [where they were supposed to have been from] there is no listing. Bobbie has completely researched all official records and the search was fruitless. My only hope in tracing these people is to find someone who might also be descended from them and know something about their history (actual facts, not just hearsay).

Just on the off-chance that you might come across some information, here is what I know:

My great grandfather, Jesse C. Fox, appears to have arrived in Arkansas around 1857. He took out a land patent in Kirby in 1859. The 1860 census says he was born in Georgia in 1835. He was married to Susan (Sousan?) Woodall, also born in Georgia in 1835. Living with them with was a John Fox, age 76 in 1860, and a Rachel Fox, age 69 in 1860. We assume John and Rachel were Jesse's parents, but might have been his grandparents. Here's where it gets confusing. In the 1860 census, both John and Rachel Fox said they were born in North Carolina. Yet in the 1880 census, Jesse said his father was born in Prussia and his mother in England?

Next door to Jesse and Susan live an elder Susan (Sousan) Woodall, age 66 in 1860, whom we assume to have been Jesse's mother-in-law. Her husband's name is unknown. I am almost positive that the elder Susan Woodall was a Cherokee Indian. She also was said to have been born in Georgia.

I am trying to find some actual factual information on these ancestors before 1860. Where were John and Rachel really born? What was Rachel's maiden name? Were they Jesse's parents or grandparents. If grandparent's what were Jesse's parent's names? What was the elder Sousan Woodall's maiden name? What was her husband's name? Was she Susan's mother or grandmother? Where were they born? Why are there no records for them before 1860, etc. etc.

Any suggestions ... in my search will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Eunice Fox Fontenot

PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RESTORATION PROJECT

A marriage restoration project for Pike County, Arkansas 1821-1895 is underway by David L. Kelley editor, with plans to publish these records by November 1, 1993 the 160th anniversary of Pike County, Arkansas. A survey form requesting marriage records prior April 3, 1895 has been mailed to subscribers, researchers and descendants of Pike County, Arkansas families. There are many who
have not been reached by mail and this is an invitation for your participation in this project. For those who have been contacted your response will be appreciated.

The first set of marriage records for Pike County, Arkansas [1834-1855] were destroyed by fire with all the county records in the county clerk's office on Tuesday evening February 13, 1855. William R. McFarlin was the Pike County clerk. The second set of marriage records [1855-1895] were lost with all the county records during the complete destruction of the Pike County courthouse by fire on Saturday March 9, 1895. J.C. Hughes was the Pike County clerk. Both fires are believed to have been by arson. This project is an effort to provide for the loss of these valuable records. There are 661 marriage entries compiled as of February 12, 1993 with several more yet to be entered in the text including those identified by the compiler and those recently received by mail. For further information or to submit marriages of your family, contact:

David L. Kelley
P.O. Box 1135
Salt Lake City, UT 84110

QUERIES

SHORT, CONATSER  Mary Short born July 3, 1857, Tenn [?], died July 10, 1916, Sevier Co., Ark., married Jerry Conatser, Sevier Co., Ark., 1878. She was supposed to have been moved off the Shiloh Tenn. battlefield (with her family) for the Civil War battle of Shiloh. No other info on the Short family.

Dr. Daude N. Griffin, P.O. Box 95, Horatio, AR 71842.

CARRELL, HOLCOMBE  Looking for death & burial of Thomas Carrell, b. c. 1818 NC. Res: IL 1870, ARK 1900 Howard Co., father of G.W. Carrell, Ella Holcombe, Annie, [and] John. Who was his spouse 1864, IL.

Mary Ishmael, P.O. Box 129, May, OK 73851.

NEW PUBLICATION

1880 Pike County, Arkansas Federal Census by Dorothy Kennedy Partain and Linda Willingham Meek, 222 pages, including index. $20. Order from:

Pike County Archives and History Society (PCAHS)
P.O. Box 238
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

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

The home of Judge Sorrels [actually the home of his son Paschal C. Sorrels] where the county seat was kept from November 1, 1833 until 1836 [actually April thru October 1834] when it was [then] moved to Murfreesboro, was one-half mile north of the hill at the west end of Jackson or Blackland Lane in Section One, Township Eight South, Range 25 West.

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

The Glenwood Herald, November 16, 1933.

Next issue:
1850 Census Pike County, Arkansas (Corrected and Annotated) Part 3.
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