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The United States Federal Census (1850) PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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BREWER TOWNSHIP

130/130	Hiram Eastwood	25	m	Farmer	New York
	Margaret	19	f		Arkansas
131/131	Calvin C. Stone	22	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Merica	20	f		Arkansas
	John W.	2	m		Arkansas
	Sarah M.	9 months	f		Arkansas
	Malinda Green	25	f		Arkansas
132/132	David L. Huddleston	39	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Josey	25	f		Tennessee
	Daniel M.	8	m		Arkansas
	W.S.	5	m		Arkansas
	James M.	4	m		Arkansas
	Sarah J.	1	f		Arkansas
133/133	D.M.K. Huddleston	33	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Ellen (Polk)	27	f		Arkansas
	Dalana J.	11	f		Arkansas
	Prudence J.	4	f		Arkansas
	D.M.K.	5 months	m		Arkansas
134/134	W(m). L. Huddleston	38	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Nancy (McKenzie)	30	f		Tennessee
	William A.	10	m		Arkansas
	Eliza E.	8	f		Arkansas
	John D.	6	m		Arkansas
	Sarah B.	4	f		Arkansas
	Joseph	1	m		Arkansas
	Isabel Huddleston	62	f		Tennessee

James Huddleston and *Isabel McKinley* were married on January 29, 1807 in Williamson County, Tennessee. Their children included: David L., William Lemuel, Daniel McKinley, and John Huddleston.

135/135	Taylor Polk	45	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Prudence (Anderson)	45	f		Louisiana
	Anderson	23	m	Arkansas	
	Eliza (Epperson)	21	f	Georgia	
	Henry T.	1	m	Arkansas	
	Cumberland	20	m	Farmer	Arkansas
	Henry C.	18	m		Arkansas
	Sylvester	16	m	Arkansas	
	Taylor	11	m	Arkansas	
	James	6	m	Arkansas	
	Alford	4	m	Arkansas	
	Delona	14	f	Arkansas	
	Prudence A.	8	f	Arkansas	
	George Epperson	23	m	Farmer	Georgia

SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in *Brewer Township*, in the County of *Pike*, State of *Arkansas*, enumerated by me on the 9th day of November, 1850. *William H. Preston*, Ass't Marshal.

136/136	Andrew Blackwood	22	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Caroline (Young)	21	f		Alabama
	Angeline	3	f		Arkansas
	William	8 months	m		Arkansas
137/137	Rebecca Blackwood	40	f		Tennessee
	Almeda	16	f		Arkansas
	William	13	m		Arkansas

William Blackwood and *Rebecca Kesterson* were married in *Hardeman County*, *Tennessee* on January 11, 1826. They came by covered wagon to *Arkansas* about 1838. On the way *Mr. Blackwood* died and was buried on the trail or road north of *Center Point* near *Muddy Fork*.

138/138	John White Jr.	37	m		Tennessee
	Drusetta	26	f		Arkansas
	Marion	7	m		Arkansas
	Lawson	5	m		Arkansas
	Jasper	3	m		Arkansas
	Joshua	2	m		Arkansas
139/139	Nathan Eldridge	42	m	Farmer	Connecticut
	Mary	34	f		Arkansas
140/140	Moses Ashbrook	53	m	Carpenter \$700	Virginia
	Aaron Ashbrook	52	m		Virginia
	John Ashbrook	44	m		Missouri
	Hannah	40	f		Missouri
	Aaron Hickerson	21	m	Farmer	Missouri
141/141	Elizabeth Thomas	35	f		Missouri
	James	15	m		Arkansas
	William	14	m		Arkansas
142/142	Mary Barnes	50	f		South Carolina
	Alford	19	m	Farmer	Arkansas
	Martha A.	19	f		Arkansas
	Sebron	14	m		Arkansas
143/143	S.S. Thompson	51	m	Farmer	Virginia
	Margaret	48	f		Tennessee

	William F.	13	m		Tennessee
	Martha A.	9	f		Texas
	Nancy M.	6	f		Texas
	Mary	11	f		Texas
144/144	Gideon Macon	49	m	Farmer	North Carolina
	Altha	48	f		Georgia
	Henry Walton	19	m	Farmer	South Carolina
145/145	Samuel J. Stegger	32	m	Farmer	South Carolina
	Harriet	28	f		Georgia
	Matilda C.	4	f		Georgia
146/146	William Ashbrook	20	m	Farmer	Missouri
147/147	John S. Sutton	36	m	Farmer	New Jersey
	Elizabeth	27	f		Tennessee
	F.M.	9	m		Arkansas
	Lucretia	3	f		Arkansas
	Celia A.	1	f		Arkansas
148/148	Robert D. Shouse	30	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Maranda	30	f		Alabama
	Levi C.	6	m		Arkansas
	Mary A.	5	f		Arkansas
	Eliza J.	4	f		Arkansas
	Joseph E.	3	m		Arkansas
	William F.	2	m		Arkansas
	John T.	5 months	m		Arkansas
149/149	Robert Magbey	66	m	None	South Carolina
	Polly	50	f		Georgia
	William R.	23	m		Alabama
	Robert	22	m	Farmer	Alabama
	Joel	21	m	Farmer	Alabama
	W. Marty	15	m	Farmer	Alabama
	Jefferson	12	m		Alabama
	Charles	9	m		Alabama
	Sally	8	f		Arkansas
	Marion	6	m		Arkansas
150/150	Henderson Brewer	45	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Berthena (White)	38	f		Tennessee
	Lucinda	15	f		Arkansas
	Lousanda	15	f		Arkansas
	James	14	m		Arkansas
	John	13	m		Arkansas
	Mary A.	12	f		Arkansas
	Jourden (Jordan)	11	m		Arkansas
	Martha	9	f		Arkansas
	Lanette	6	f		Arkansas
	Ann	3	f		Arkansas
	Thomas	2	m		Arkansas
151/151	James Barnes	27	m	Laborer	Tennessee
	Nancy	23	f		Tennessee
	Julia	6	f		Arkansas
	Pleasant	4	m		Arkansas
	Soloman	2	m		Arkansas

152/152	Jesse McClure	41	m	Farmer	South Carolina	
	Jane (McClure)	26	f		Tennessee	
	Elijah F.	7	m		Tennessee	
	Manurva	5	f		Tennessee	
	Susan	4	f		Tennessee	
	Sarah	4	f		Tennessee	
	Elizabeth Brown	31	f		South Carolina	
	Obediah	13	m		Tennessee	
	Sarah	6	f		Tennessee	
	Charles Bratcher	38	m		Farmer	Tennessee
153/153	John White	69	m	Farmer \$400	Maryland	
	Martha (Mitchell)	66	f		Virginia	
	Anthony Clark	37	m		Farmer	Arkansas
	Martha (White)	25	f		Tennessee	
	Thomas Barnes	15	m		Arkansas	
154/154	John W. Holden	36	m	Carpenter	Georgia	
	Susan	34	f		Georgia	
	Mary A.	2	f		Arkansas	
	Harlin B. Dunham	13	m		Alabama	
	Richard	10	m		Alabama	
	Elvira	9	f		Alabama	
	Emily	7	f		Alabama	
	Angeline	6	f		Arkansas	
155/155	Stewart Clark	28	m	Farmer	Arkansas	
	Anne (White)	26	f		Tennessee	
	Martha	1	f		Arkansas	
156/156	Hugh L. White	45	m	Farmer	Tennessee	
	Bashaby	30	f		Tennessee	
	Isaac	23	m	Farmer	Tennessee	
	Lacey	16	m		Tennessee	
	John	15	m		Tennessee	
	Parthena E.	7	f		Tennessee	
	James K.P.	5	m		Tennessee	
	Lutha	3	f		Arkansas	
Nancy A.	1 month	f	Arkansas			
157/157	A.J. Caldwell	29	m	Farmer	Arkansas	
	Catherine	28	f		Tennessee	
	James	9	m		Arkansas	
	Ann	7	f		Arkansas	
	Richard	6	m		Arkansas	
	John	4	m		Arkansas	
	William	2	m		Arkansas	
	Sarah C.	1	f		Arkansas	
158/158	Paul Henson	58	m	Farmer	North Carolina	
	Ruthy	30	f		Ohio	
159/159	Kallum Henson	37	m	Farmer	Kentucky	
	Elizabeth	27	f		Tennessee	
	Sarah Burton	8	f		Arkansas	

160/160	Cynthia Vanwinkle	39	f		Kentucky
	William	16	m	Laborer	Arkansas
	Caroline	12	f		Arkansas
	Jesse	8	m		Arkansas
	Mary A.	5	f		Arkansas
161/161	Elizabeth Brewer	34	f		Tennessee
	John D.	19	m	Farmer	Arkansas
	G.D.R. (Grandison)	12	m		Arkansas
	Henry L.	10	m		Arkansas
	Sion S.	6	f		Arkansas
	Archibald Y.	4	m		Arkansas
	David D.	17	m		Arkansas

Oliver Brewer Jr. died in Hempstead (now Pike) County, Arkansas on April 29, 1832. His widow *Elizabeth Brewer* continued to have children. *Archibald Yell Brewer* age four above was the son of *Henry Brewer* a brother of *Oliver Brewer Jr.* according to *Mrs. Henry Taylor Brewer* (nee *Emily Caroline Carter*) daughter-in-law of *Henry Brewer*. *Grandison Delaney Royston Brewer* age twelve has the surname *McDonald* in the 1860 Pike County, Arkansas census. The maiden name of *Elizabeth Brewer* is possibly *Dickson*.

162/162	W(illiam) A. Brewer	32	m	Farmer \$300	Arkansas
	Margaret I. (Scott)	29	f		South Carolina
	Martha A.	7	f		Arkansas
	John F.	6	m		Arkansas
	Sarah E.	3	f		Arkansas
	Mary S.	2	f		Arkansas
	Amanda C.	10 months	f		Arkansas
	Jane Laffayette	17	f		Alabama
	Patrick A.	2	m		Arkansas
163/163	Blount Bullock	41	m	Farmer	North Carolina
	Mary (Farmer)	37	f		North Carolina
	Ballam	16	m		North Carolina
	Edy (Edie)	14	f		North Carolina
	Nancy	11	f		Arkansas
	Martha J.	8	f		Arkansas
	Delphia	4	f		Arkansas
	Canzada	2	f		Arkansas
164/164	James M. Evans	29	m	Farmer \$500	Tennessee
	Cynthia A. (Brewer)	19	f		Arkansas
	John H.	1	m		Arkansas
	John Evans	54	m	None	North Carolina
	Martha	53	f		North Carolina
	Nancy A.	18	f		Tennessee
	Virginia E.	13	f		Tennessee
Robert H.	20	m	Farmer	Tennessee	

THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in *Thompson Township*, in the County of *Pike*, State of *Arkansas*, enumerated by me on the 11th day of November, 1850. *William H. Preston*, Ass't Marshal.

165/165	Samuel A. Dickson	45	m	Farmer \$750	Tennessee
	Edy	50	f		North Carolina
	William S.	12	m		Arkansas

¹ Cynthia Vanwinkle formerly Cynthia Henson.

	Elizabeth Fenter	11	f		Arkansas
166/166	George Reed (Reid)	32	m	Farmer	Georgia
	Margaret A.	28	f		Tennessee
	Mary J.	8	f		Georgia
	Adam H.	5	m		Georgia
	Barbara E.	2	f		Georgia
167/167	Rebecca Dickson	36	f	\$1000	North Carolina
	John M.	18	m		Arkansas
	Mary A.	13	f		Arkansas

David Simpson Dickson and Rebecca Brewer were married January 2, 1832 in Clark (now Pike) County, Arkansas. David S. Dickson was the first circuit and county clerk of Pike County, Arkansas and served from 1834 until his death in 1848. His daughter Mary Ann Dickson age thirteen above married Henry Clay Polk.

168/168	John Dickson	52	m	Farmer \$1000	Kentucky
	Nancy	23	f		Arkansas
	Bradley	22	m	Farmer \$150	Arkansas
	Lidy (Lydia)	18	f		Arkansas
	Beverly	15	m		Arkansas
	Elizabeth	13	f		Arkansas
	Mary A.	10	f		Arkansas
	Lavisa (Larrisa)	5	f		Arkansas
169/169	Thomas J. Kizziar	27	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Sarah E. (Huett)	23	f		Arkansas
	Lowery	5	m		Arkansas
	W. (William) L.	3	m		Arkansas
	Sarah E.	1	f		Arkansas
170/170	Levi M. Covington	32	m	Farmer	Kentucky
	Margaret	31	f		Kentucky
	Elizabeth	9	f		Kentucky
	James A.	8	m		Kentucky
	Mary S.	7	f		Kentucky
	Martha J.	5	f		Kentucky
171/171	Amanda	3	f		Kentucky
	William Johnston	47	m	Farmer	Virginia
	Elizabeth	32	f		Tennessee
	John W.	19	m		Tennessee
172/172	Mary E.	4	f		Tennessee
	Jackson Brock	34	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Lucy C. (Brock)	34	f		Virginia
	Francis M.	11	m		Alabama
	Eliza J.	9	f		Alabama
	Sarah C.	7	f		Arkansas
	Nancy E.	5	f		Arkansas
Lucy A.	3	f		Arkansas	
173/173	Peter Johnston	31	m	Blacksmith	Virginia
	Loucinda	30	f		Alabama
	Harriett	6	f		Tennessee
	John J.	5	m		Tennessee

² Margaret A. Reed (Reid) formerly Margaret A. Whisenhunt.

	Martha E.	3	f		Tennessee
	Cynthia E.	1	f		Tennessee
174/174	David Henderson	25	m	Farmer	Alabama
	Elizabeth (Kizziar)	21	f		Alabama
	Martin	5 months	m		Arkansas
175/175	Thomas P. Evans	22	m	Farmer \$200	Tennessee
	Narcissa	2	f		Tennessee
	William	5 months	m		Arkansas
176/176	G. (George) P. Ward	23	m	None	Maryland
	Loucinda	20	f		Unknown
177/177	Young Davis	34	m	Farmer	Alabama
	Malinda	31	f		Maryland
	Mahala	11	f		North Carolina
	Abigail	7	f		Tennessee
	James M.	5	m		Tennessee
	Sarah A.	5	f		Tennessee
	David	2	m		Tennessee
178/178	William Orrick	66	m	Farmer	North Carolina
	Celia (Strickland)	62	f		South Carolina
	A. (Andrew) B.	29	m		Tennessee
	Ephriam	19	m		Alabama
179/179	Thomas J. Conway	31	m	Doctor \$2500	Tennessee
	Lorena (Lacky)	22	f		Alabama
	Isadora	6	f		Arkansas
	George D.	3	m		Arkansas
	Joel H.	1	m		Arkansas
180/180	William Gilmer	44	m	Farmer \$500	Kentucky
	Dorcas (Mansfield)	41	f		Kentucky
	William M.	22	m		Kentucky
	Elijah	21	m		Kentucky

SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in *Thompson Township*, in the County of *Pike*, State of *Arkansas*, enumerated by me on the 13th day of November, 1850. *William H. Preston*, Ass't Marshal.

181/181	Leonard Brock	63	m	Farmer \$2000	Virginia
	Elizabeth (Sharp)	58	f		Tennessee
	Lewis	36	m	None	Tennessee
	Samuel	24	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	James	16	m		Georgia
182/182	Abner Henderson	51	m	Farmer \$120	North Carolina
	Levisa (Alford)	42	f		Virginia
	John	15	m		Alabama
	William	14	m		Alabama
	Abner	11	m		Alabama
	Jackson	6	m		Arkansas
	Martha	10	f		Alabama
	Mary	2	f		Arkansas
	Jane Phineter	34	f		Virginia
183/183	David R. Campbell	56	m	Shoemaker	South Carolina
	Sarah (White)	52	f		Virginia

Martha J.	12	f	Arkansas
Elizabeth	9	f	Arkansas
Christiana White	89	f	Pennsylvania

DIED. In this place on Sunday morning the 13th instant (July 13, 1851) *Mrs. CHRISTIANA WHITE* aged 91 years. *Mrs. White* was born in York county, Pennsylvania in the year 1760 whence she emigrated to the West more than half a century ago. **Washington Telegraph**, July 26, 1851, Volume 11, Number 28, page 3, column 4.

184/184	Braxton Drummons	49	m	Farmer	Unknown
	Susanna	50	f		Unknown
	Nancy King	26	f		Arkansas
	John	1	m		Arkansas
185/185	Ben Bolt	47	m	Farmer	Georgia
	Ginsy	37	f		Arkansas
	Abraham	17	m	Farmer	Arkansas
	Henry	15	m		Arkansas
	Leaner	13	f		Arkansas
	James	12	m		Arkansas
	Lorena	10	f		Arkansas
	Benjamin	8	m		Arkansas
	Aaron	1	m		Arkansas
	Emily Williams	16	f		Arkansas
	Sally Williams	10	f		Arkansas
186/186	Sarah Kizziar	40	f		Tennessee
	Polly	26	f		Alabama
	Martin	22	m	Farmer	Alabama
	Nathan	15	m		Alabama
	McKindrey	12	m		Arkansas
	Noah Henthorn	4	m		Arkansas

SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in *Thompson Township*, in the County of *Pike*, State of *Arkansas*, eumerated by me on the 15th day of November, 1850. *William H. Preston*.

187/187	Rice Stringer	51	m	Farmer \$2000	North Carolina
	Rachel (Davis)	44	f		Kentucky
	Angeline	15	f		Arkansas
	Abijah	13	m		Arkansas
	Rice	11	m		Arkansas
	Daniel	9	m		Arkansas
	Lousinda	6	f		Arkansas
	Isadora	3	f		Arkansas
	Mary A.	1	f		Arkansas
188/188	John Vandenburg	48	m	Stone Mason	New York
	Rebecca	26	f		Arkansas
	F. Lewis	6	m		Arkansas
	Sible M.	1	f		Arkansas
189/189	Paul Henson Jr.	31	m	Farmer	Kentucky
	Annie	28	f		South Carolina
	James H.	4	m		Arkansas
	W.H.	1	m		Arkansas
190/190	Zack (Zachary) Brock	23	m	Farmer	Tennessee

³ Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas

⁴ Sarah Kizziar the widow of Hiram Kizziar.

	Elizabeth	18	f		Arkansas
	Newton J.	1	m		Arkansas
	Margaret Baxter	7	f		Arkansas
191/191	Nathan Collier	37	m		Arkansas
	Elizabeth (Dickson)	33	f		Tennessee
	John	11	m		Arkansas
	John Henson	23	m		Kentucky
	Sarah	15	f		Arkansas
192/192	Clifford D. Westerman	45	m	Carpenter	Kentucky
	Frances	42	f		Virginia
	Liddy	19	f		Tennessee
	Moses	17	m	Carpenter	Tennessee
	Jesse	15	m		Tennessee
	Nancy	13	f		Tennessee
	Newton	11	m		Tennessee
	William	9	m		Tennessee
	Lafayette	7	m		Tennessee
	Frances	5	f		Tennessee
	Thomas Kidd	27	m	Farmer	Maryland
	Sarah (Westerman)	20	f		Tennessee

The Merrell Factory.

J.W. Bocage in Pine Bluff Commercial.

The daily Commercial of the 13th inst. records the sale of the *Matlock* cotton factory, the pioneer cotton factory of the state. The machinery composing this factory has quite an eventful history. It was first planted near Murfreesboro, in Pike county, by *Mr. Henry Merrell* in 1857, was operated so successfully that *Merrell* decided to erect a mill of 3500 or 4000 spindles with a corresponding number of power looms, and sold his little mill to *Mr. Matlock*. The inauguration of the war arrested *Mr. Merrell's* enterprise. Early in 1863 the Confederate authorities took charge of the *Matlock* machinery, which was hurriedly taken down, thrown promiscuously into wagons and transported over rivers, hills and dales to Mound Prairie, Anderson county, Texas, nine miles north of Palestine, to be readjusted and operated by the government, for the benefit of the army of the trans-Mississippi department. The writer, with Maj. *J.J. Busby* as quartermaster, was directed to execute the work and add all cotton and wool machinery that could be secured. Suitable buildings were at once erected for a large cotton factory, a foundry machine shop, wagon, saddle, shoe and tin shops, saw, wheat and corn mills.

When the *Matlock* machinery was delivered, the parts of spinning and drawing frames, cards, railway heads, speeders, lappers, spoolers and reels were badly mixed, many parts broken and many parts lost. When assorted and put together it was found to be useless unless the missing parts could be recovered or replaced. To do this

seemed impossible. The blockade was rigid; there was no factory of cotton machinery within the Confederate lines and orders were imperative to manufacture soldier's clothing as soon as possible. No duplicates could be obtained. The ingenuity of the Confederate artisans was taxed to its utmost. The forge, foundry and machine shop were brought into requisition; additions from Louisiana and Texas of wool cards, power looms and spinning jacks were added. By the middle of September the *Matlock* machinery had recovered its losses. On the day fixed the factory started, and up to the hour of final surrender did magnificent work, turning out thousands of bales of thread and thousands of yards of shirting and jeans. Negro men, women and children were quickly taught to become expert operatives, demonstrating the fact that we have in our midst all the elements for first-class operatives. All we need are factories to convert our cotton into fabrics for the markets of the world. At the surrender the *Matlock* machinery passed into the hands of its owner and was again transported to its old home and set to work again.

The Nashville News, Nashville, Arkansas, July 30, 1887, page 1, columns 2-3.

BIBLE RECORDS

WILLIAM COOLEY BIBLE

Births.

William Cooley was born May the 10th 1802.

Sary Cooley was born January the 18th 1798.
Isaac Cooley was born May the 19th 1823.
Rebecca Cooley was born July the 26th 1825.
John M. Cooley was born December the 28th 1827.
Lucinda Cooley was born July the 2nd 1830.

Andrew J. Cooley was born January the 1st 1833.
William C. Cooley was born July the 3rd 1835.
Mary Jane Cooley was born February the (?) 1838.
Sary E. Cooley was born August the 15th 1840.
W.M. (Bill Mack) Cooley was born September the 19th 1861.
M.L. Cooley (wife) was born January the 6th A.D. 1867.
L.R. Cooley was born October the 8th 1881.
Carrie A. Cooley was born Dec. the 5th 1883.
Andrew M. Cooley was born Jan. 25th 1886.

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Isaac Cooley was born May the 19th 1823.
O. James Andrew Duncan was born September the 7, A.D. 1866.
William Dickson Duncan was born September the 29, A.D. 1868.
Isaac F(re)drick Duncan was born January the 8, A.D. 1871.
Noami Rebecca Jane Duncan was born January the 12, A.D. 1865.
John Robert Duncan was born February the 13, A.D. 1878.

Cyrl Richard (Cox) was born January 24th 1848.
Mathey Lonzo (Cox) was born December the 29th 1849.
Took them in March 1855.

Thomas Nathaniel Duncan was born June the 14, A.D. 1883.
Robert J. Cooley was born June the 26th 1887.
Birty M. & Mirty V. Cooley was born June the 29, 1890.
Florence E. Cooley was born 20 Dec. 1895.

Deaths.

William Cooley departed this life May the 5th 1854.

John M. Cooley departed this life September the 7th 1857.

William Cooley departed this life October the (17) A.D. 1876 and his fun(e)ral was preached by Brother *James Copling (Copeland)*. The text may be found in Psalms the 8(th) chapter and a part of the fourth verse and reads as follers (follows): What is man ...

Sar(a)h Cooley departed this life September the 27, A.D. 1877 and her fun(e)ral was preached by Brother *J.P. Copling (Copeland)*. The text may be found in Hebrews the 4(th) chapter and the 9(th) verse and reads as follers

(follows): There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God ...

Bible Record of Mildred Green, Murfreesboro, Arkansas [1983]. Pike County Archives and History Society.

ABNER L. HENDERSON BIBLE

Births.

John Davis born April 15th 1802.
Nancey Davis born Jan. 25, 1807.
A.L. Henderson, Jan. 30th 1863.
L.C. Henderson, Nov. 7th 1865.
S.C. Henderson, April 17th 1887.
G.C. Henderson, Feb. 14th 1890.
A.J. Henderson, Feb. 21st, 1893.
L.M. Henderson, August 7th, 1894.
G.E. Henderson, Sep. 26th, 1897.
Iner E. Henderson, Oct. 20th 1899.
James M. Gill, born July 16, 1836.
Elizabeth Gill born August 2, 1845.

Marriages.

James M. Gill and *Elizabeth Davis* was married March 16th 1887.

Deaths.

John Davis departed life June 23, 1881.
Nancey Davis departed life Feb. 7th 1886.
James M. Gill departed life Jan. 9th 1889.
Elizabeth Gill departed life Oct. 20, 1889.
Ader J. Henderson departed life March 6th 1899.
Grover C. Henderson departed life Feb. 10th 1914.
Delia C. Brock departed life March 22nd 1916.
L.C. Henderson, Sep. 12, 1937.
A.L. Henderson died Aug. 30th 1943.

Bible Record of W.L. Brock, Little Rock, Arkansas. [1991]. Pike County Archives & History Society.

JAMES M. GENTRY BIBLE

Family Record.

Births.

James M. Gentry was born March the 1st 1818.
Elizabeth C. Gentry was born February 27th A.D. 1827.
Mary Jane Gentry August the 8th A.D. 1843.
Martha Ann Gentry was born 24th of October A.D. 1845.

Wm. David Gentry was born March 13th A.D. 1848.
Milley I. Gentry was born January the 7th A.D. 1850.

Sarah Elizabeth Gentry was born February the 17th A.D. 1852.

Jerusha Rebecca Gentry was born January 2nd A.D. 1854.

James Franklin Gentry was born January the 26 A.D. 1856.

Rose Allen Gentry was born April the 18th A.D. 1858.

John Wesley Gentry was born 22nd November A.D. 1860.

Rial M. Bryant was born November 28, 1849.

Harriet Catherin(e) Gentry was born September the 12th A.D. 1863.

Mclain Logan was born September the 3rd A.D. 1832.

Lewis Madison Gentry was born February 23rd 1867.

Alfred Gentry was born April the 28, 1869.

Fletcher Thurman Gentry was born September 25, 1888.

Marriages.

James M. Gentry and *E.C. Huddleston* was married (sic) July the 7th 1842.

Mc Logan and *Mary Jane Gentry* was married December the 9th 1858.

R.M. Briant and *Martha Ann Gentry* was married November the 14th 1861.

James A. Talley and *Martha Ann Briant* was married December the 9, 1866.

H.H. Estes and *Sarah Elizabeth Gentry* was married February the 9, 1871.

William David Gentry and *L.D. Estes* was married February the 16 1871.

Joe E. Smith and *M.J. Gentry* was married (sic) the 2 day January 1873.

C.C. Garrison & *H.C. Gentry* was married June the 15 - 1882.

John W. Gentry and *Ella Pipkin* was married December 21, 1887.

Elizabeth C. Gentry died April 15th 1912.

Deaths.

Jerusha Rebecca Gentry departed this life the 29th of October A.D. 1857.

Rose Allen Gentry deceased June 29, 1861.

Rial M. Bryant deceased (sic) May the 17th 1862.

Alfred Gentry Deceased April the 28, 1869.

Lew. Madison Gentry departed this life the 23rd of October 1873.

Sarah Elizabeth Estes departed life May the 28th 1882.

James M. Gentry Deceased October the 22 (over) 22, 1885.

Fletcher Thurman Gentry deceased October 25th 1888.

Elizabeth C. Gentry died April 15, 1912.

Bible Record owner unknown. Pike County Archives

and History Society. Seeking the location and owner of the James M. Gentry Bible. James Madison Gentry was the son of William Gentry and Jane Narrad of Clark [now Pike] County, Arkansas.

WILLIAM HENDERSON JORDAN RECORD

Parent's Name

HUSBAND

William Henderson Jordan born February 23, 1842. Died April 26, 1919.

WIFE

Samantha Arminda Jordan born April 16, 1868. Died Sept. 14, 1931.

Children's Names

Arizonie Occo Jordon born August 6, 1888.

Antonia Jordan born November 7, 1889.

Samuel Vinson Webster Jordan born December 10, 1892.

Earnest Genoah Jordan born September 30, 1894.

Eunice May Jordan born January 18, 1896.

Eva Hazel Jordan born November 1, 1899.

Eugenia Jordan born December 15, 1901.

Joe Nathaniel Jordan born December 6, 1910.

Marriages

Antonia Jordan married *Frank Poss* October 31, 1906.

Arizonie Jordan married *Carl Hignight* July 26, 1911.

Vinson Jordan married *Florence Lowe* October 5, 1913.

Earnest Jordan married *Delia Jeffers* August 27, 1916.

Eunice Jordan married *Lee Cooley* August 26, 1919.

Eva Hazel Jordan married *J.J. Grotts* October 18, 1925.

Eugenia Jordan married to *George S. Bonds* June 30, 1956.

Joe Nathaniel (Jordan) to *Geneva Branham* June 30, 1956.

Deaths

Samuel Vinson Webster Jordan died October 20, 1918.

William Henderson Jordan died April 26, 1919.

Samantha A. Jordan died September 14, 1931.

Arizonie Occo Hignight died November 21, 1935.

William Henderson (Jordan) died April 26 - 1919.

Tiffin Genoah Kelley born May 17, 1870.

Clinton Vesipecius (Vesprudis) Kelley born May 17, 1872 died May 19, 1929.

Samantha Arminda Kelley Jordan died Sept. 14 - 1931.

Joe Nathaniel (Jordan) died Dec. 12, 1966.

Family Record of Eugenia Bonds, Murfreesboro,

Arkansas, [1975].

CURTIS E. KIRKHAM BIBLE

Family Register

Curtis Elmer Kirkham
and
Laura Eddie Shope

were united in Holy Matrimony on the third day of November in the year of Our Lord 1928 at *H.C. Meeks*, Halfway, Ark.

Ralph Thomasson
Vera Mae Shope

Births.

Curtis E. Kirkham, Sept. 10, 1910.
Laura Eddie Kirkham, March 4, 1910.
Belva Jean Kirkham, Oct. 23, 1931.
Curtis E. Kirkham, Oct. 31, 1938.

Laura Ann Bolton, June 17, 1951.
Billie Jean Bolton, March 4, 1956.

Marriages.

Belva Jean Kirkham & John William Bolton, Aug. 12, 1950.

Bible Record of Curtis Elmer Kirkham, Delight, Arkansas, [1975].

JAMES H. BROWN BIBLE

Marriages.

J.H. Brown & M.C. Gentry was married Dec. the 21st 1875.
Wm. J. Davis and *M.C. Brown* was married March 1st 1882.
Wm. J. Davis and *Peebie L. Vinson* was married September 24th 1863.

Births.

J.H. Brown was born July the 3rd 1853.
M.C. Brown was born Oct. the 15th 1859.
Hattie Erma Brown 1st child of *J.H. & M.C. Brown* was born April the 10, 1878.
Mattie Maud Brown was born Jan. the 11, 1880. *Mattie Maude Brown* was baptized the 3 of October 1881 by Rev. Dr. Biggs.
Ophelia Darnell Davis was born January 9th 1883.
William Knox Davis was born March 15th 1885.

Robert Cargile Davis was born March 18th 1887.
Charles Mathew Davis was born August 22, 1865.
Eliza Belle Davis was born January 19th 1867.
Winfield Hunter Davis was born March 24, 1870.
Nicholas Morgan Davis was born January 31, 1874.
Samuel Kimbrough Davis was born February 2nd 1877.
Jesse Caldwell Davis was born December 21st 1879.
Robert Cargile Davis, 3-18-1887.
Carrie May Davis, Oct. 8, 1889.
John Jackson Davis, Nov. 20, 1892.
Daisey Dell Davis, March 29, 1895.
Lillie Belle Davis, Oct. 5, 1897.

Deaths.

Hattie Erma Brown deceased May the 3, 1878.
J.H. Brown deceased November the 5, 1880.

William Knox Davis died August 14th 1886. "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid (t)hem not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Charles Mathew Davis died Oct. 31st 1865.
Jesse Caldwell Davis died October 30, 1880.
Willie Knox Davis died August 14, 1886.

Rev. *W.J. Davis* died Mar. 14, 1919. He was 80 years old when he died.

Mrs. M.C. Davis died 5:40 a.m., Feb. 8, 1937, at age of 79 yr(s). - 5 mo.

April 9, 1939

Bible Record of Jessie Mae Brock, Delight, Arkansas [1975].

NOAH B. ROGERS BIBLE

N.B. Rogers of Delight, Ark. and *Margaret Doss* of Delight, Ark. (were married) on July 22, 1886 at Murfreesboro, Ark. by Rev. Brock.

Witness: *John Dickson*

Witness: *Mrs. Dickson*

Marriages.

N.B. Rogers & Margaret Doss were married July 22, 1886 by *G.W. Brock*.

Samuel Guy Rogers and *Bessie Chasteen* were married Jan. 31, 1914 by Judge *Jones* at Bennington, Okla.

James Otis May and *Grace Joyce Rogers* married May 9, 1935 by Judge *Corbin* at Eufaula, Okla.

Benjamin Odell McReynolds and *Beulah Jessa (Jessie) Rogers* were married April 25, 1936 (Saturday, 3:30 p.m.) by Judge *J. Jones* at Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

Guy Eula Rogers & Riley Gilmore were married June 13, 1944 by Rev. *T.E. May*, Tulsa, Okla.

Births.

Jess F. Rogers, son of *N.B. Rogers* and *Margareet Ann Doss* was born May the 22 day 1891.

Bessie Chasteen Rogers was born December the 2, 1893.

Margareete Ann Doss was born Sept. the 20, 1866.

Guy Rogers, May 2, 1891.

Grace Joyce Rogers, Jan. 6, 1917.

Beulah Jesse (Jessie) Rogers, Feb. 26, 1919.

Guy Eula Rogers, Feb. 14, 1923.

Barbara Jean McReynolds, Dec. 16, 1936.

Samuel Roger McReynolds, Nov. 26, 1937.

Otis Ann May, April 28, 1943.

Jay Rylun Gilmore, Dec. 7, 1947.

Renean Gilmore, April 26, 1954.

Deaths.

N.B. Rogers died Feb. 14, 1935.

Rachel Rogers died Dec. 16, 1936.

S.J. Rogers died May 1, 1937.

Samuel Guy Rogers, Dec. 24, 1962.

Bessie C. Rogers, Oct. 14, 1964.

N.B. Rogers and *Margaret Ann Doss* was married in the year of 1886, the 22 day of July. *G.W. Brock* officiated the marriage at Little *John Dickson's* residence on the Murfreesboro road, several witnessed the marriage ceremony.

Bible Record of Jess Rogers, Delight, Pike county, Arkansas [1975].

EARLY SETTLEMENTS OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

"There were then (1815) just six settlers on *Wolf Creek* and the *Antoine ...*" writes *Sam Williams* (1887) in his sketches of "old pioneers" of Pike county, Arkansas. He indicates the *Kelleys* located in November that year on *Wolf Creek* and at this writing they appear to be the first permanent settlers of Pike county, but there is evidence of settlements made by others previous to this time on the *Little Missouri* and *Wolf Creek*.

Little Missouri and Wolf Creek Settlements.

The centennial history (1933) of Pike County, Arkansas by *Walter Scott McNutt* states: "The first settlement in Pike county was about one-half mile south of where Delight now is and was made by a man" *Sam Williams identifies as Mr. Halfield* "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 ...* his father (*Giles Kelley*) and his family came to this spot in 1815 and bought the claim of this man."

Reverend *William Stevenson* a Methodist minister visited the *Little Missouri* settlement in 1813 and the *Wolf Creek* settlement in 1813 and 1814. Rev. *Stevenson* writes, "In the fall of 1813 while I was living in the township of Belleview (Bellevue), Mo., my brother *James Stevenson* who then lived on the Ouachita river now State of Arkansas, Clark county, visited me and ... pressed (me) to go home with him, see the people, and preach to them. He lamented the condition of the wilderness settlements of the Ouachita, Red River, Forche Caddo, where he lived, and also the settlements of White river and many other settlements on smaller streams ... We prepared for our journey, it being about four hundred miles, mostly wilderness except on some rivers and rich lands where we found industrious people; ... (and) at length we arrived in the settlement where my brother lived ... (and the) next Sunday I had an appointment at *Mr. (James) Cummins* a few miles below on the Forche Caddo a branch of the Ouachita. From this settlement I went westward, visited the settlements and preached on the Turnwaugh, *Wolf Creek, Little Missouri*, and Mound Prairie, ... I would return next fall (1814) and stay as long as possible with them.

Reverend *William Stevenson* was born in 1768 at Ninety-Six (District) in South Carolina. He was the son of *James* and *Elizabeth Stevenson*, Presbyterians. Through his pious mother's influence he had strong religious impressions during his eighth year. In 1792 he moved to Tennessee where he joined a Methodist Church in 1800 and was soon licensed to preach. The first recorded date of his being in Bellevue Valley (Missouri) comes from the handbook of *William Woods*. In 1816 the Missouri Conference included Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas and the following year Reverend *Stevenson* was appointed to the Hot Springs Circuit. He organized a group (1817) to go to Arkansas from the membership of the Methodist Church. They settled at Mound Prairie, Arkansas a fertile district five miles northwest of Washington in Hempstead County. While at Mound Prairie, he went across the Red River at Jonesboro and preached in the sparsely settled community thought then to be a part of Arkansas but later found to be in Texas. In 1820 he was elected a member of the first Arkansas Territorial Legislature and was chosen speaker of the house. He resigned before the expiration of his term on account of illness. His father, *James Stevenson*, came to the United States from County Intrim, Ireland. Reverend *William Stevenson* and his wife, the former *Jane Campbell*, were residing in Russellville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana in 1830 as reflected by a deed made by them when they sold their property in Missouri. Reverend *William Stevenson* died in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana on February 5, 1857 in his 89th year. **Bellevue - Beautiful View**, The history of Bellevue Valley and surrounding area, pp. 272, 399.

The settlement of Bellevue (in the Bellevue Valley) in Bellevue Township, Washington (now Iron) County, Missouri was the residence of *Salmon Ruggles* a Methodist minister, *John Henry* also a Methodist minister, and the *Alexanders, Brewers, Crows*, and

McLaughlins. They would become early settlers in both Clark and Hempstead counties, Arkansas in 1817, 1818 and 1819.

Reverend *Stevenson* continues, "I left my family early in the fall of 1814 in company with Bro. *Joseph Reed* a local preacher and Bro. *John Johnson* a professor of religion and husband of my eldest daughter. At one of my appointments on *Wolf Creek* I was hindered from going on my way for several days but having *formed a society there some time before* (1813) with some conversions and a goodly number of mourners, we had meeting every day for I had brother *Friend McMahon* with me as an exhorter who I had licensed and he was warm in love. Here we labored day and night while we stayed and the word was fruitful."

William Kelley and his brother *Elijah Kelley* with their father *Giles Kelley* left Madison county, Illinois in the fall of 1815 for a new home in Texas. It is not known which route or by what means they came to this country. They may have traveled as many (of necessity) on pack horses and followed the old buffalo or *Southwest Trail* in Arkansas. Eventually they arrived at *Wolf Creek* and were "water-bound" according to *Sam Williams* and evidently followed it west to find a place to cross and after about three and one-half miles came upon what *Sam Williams* described as "a beautiful valley, a modern Arcadia" where "old man *Kelley* believing that he might go further and fare worse, gave up all idea of pushing on to Texas and located there." *Sam Williams* further explains "a man by the name of *Halifield* ... then 70 years old and had been living there" since the winter of 1814 "... sold the *Kelleys* the first corn they consumed in their new home." This was just east-southeast of present-day Delight, Arkansas. As you leave Delight on Highway 19 traveling to Prescott, Arkansas you will immediately cross the location of the original farm improvement of the *Kelleys* where they settled in 1815. When the first government land surveys were completed in 1819 it found the *Kelley* land to be in the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 8, South of the Base, Range 23 West in the Fifth Principle Meridian, Arkansas territory.

In the summer of 1816 *David Musick* and *William Parker* were sent as messengers by Governor *William Clark* of Missouri Territory to visit the citizens living *south* and *southwest* of the Arkansas river and notify them to abandon this tract of country where the Indian title was not extinguished. On their way back to St. Louis they stopped at the *Wolf Creek Settlement* the last settlement they visited in that quarter of country and apprised the people of their business and discovered they, as with the other settlers of this region, were industrious and respectable. They were treated with "the utmost ... hospitality" even though these citizens resented the order of their government. They had been annexed to the County of Arkansas and by its officers assessed and had paid taxes and had magistrates commissioned to their settlements, militia officers, &c., all of which they considered as placing them under the protection and subjecting them to the will of the executive authority in

all cases, but removal. See the **Territorial Papers of the United States**, *Clarence Edwin Carter*, The Territory of Louisiana-Missouri, 1815-1821, pp. 182-183. Nonetheless the *Kelleys* living on *Wolf Creek* chose to remain and likely were among those citizens living *south* and *southwest* of the Arkansas river who petitioned Governor *Clark* to allow them to remain on their improvement or at least stay until they could harvest and secure their crops for market that year.

James G. Melson settled about three miles south of the *Kelleys* near the *Little Missouri* river west of the public road. He arrived in 1816 from Boone county, Missouri. His previous residence was in Jefferson County, Mississippi. As prior indicated, when the first government land surveys were made (1819) in Clark (now Pike) County, Arkansas, the *Melson* improvements are shown in the original survey plat as two cultivated areas each described as "*Melsem's Field*" in Township 9, South of Range 23 West. His family consisted of his wife *Rosanna Melson* and children: *Mary*, *Solomon*, *Rosanna*, *Washington* and *Emily*. Other early settlers of this area of the *Little Missouri* included *Samuel Bittick* and *Richard Wood*.

Samuel Bittick, believed to be the one who married *Nancy Williams* in Orange county, North Carolina on March 31, 1798, eventually settled in Missouri and by 1815 located in Lawrence county, Arkansas. From there he moved to Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas where he died about 1826. This family included *Jesse Bittick* and probably *Francis* and *Rebecca Bittick*. *Francis Bittick* married *Mary Melson*. *Rebecca Bittick* married *Walter C. McLaughlin*. Others of the *Samuel Bittick* family (or) closely related to them in Clark and Pike county, Arkansas were *Elinor Bittick* the wife of *John Cheairs*, *Robert Bittick*, *Jonathan A. Bittick* husband of *Jinsy Butler* and *Lucinda Bittick* who married *Alexander B. Caruthers*. *Jonathan A. Bittick* left Arkansas and moved to Shelby county, Texas in 1830. *John Cheairs* moved to Hempstead County, Arkansas and later entered Texas by 1835.

Richard Wood came to Arkansas and died at the *Little Missouri*, Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas in 1822. Additional members of this early family were: *Jacob Wood*, *James Wood*, *Jeptha Wood*, *John Wood*, *Thomas Wood*, *Patsy Wood*, *Polly Wood* who later married *Jesse Bittick* son of *Samuel Bittick*, and *Fanny Wood* who later became the wife of *William Ward* son of *James Ward*.

In 1817 *William Gentry* from Stewart County, Tennessee and his brother-in-law *James Ward* also from Tennessee settled in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas. They located on *Wolf Creek* on the east side of the *Southwest Trail* which was also referred to as the military or public road. The early court records indicate a *Tyre (Tirey) Gentry* thought to be the father of *William Gentry* and *Samuel Narrad* father of *Jane Gentry* wife of *William Gentry* were early settlers of Clark county, Arkansas. *William Gentry* and *James Ward* entered

section 35 in Township 8, South of Range 23 West. To the east on the Clark county side of the *Antoine* bayou near *Wolf Creek* in Section 25, *David Edmiston* from Tennessee settled in 1818.

Samuel Hasley arrived in 1818 from Dickson county, Tennessee and eventually located on *Wolf Creek* and became a neighbor of *Elijah Kelley*. His children included: *Drewry*, *Samuel* and *Mariam Hasley*. *Drewry Hasley* married *Mary Ann Wingfield*. *Samuel Hasley* married *Sarah Wingfield*. *Mariam Hasley* married *Charles Wingfield* who came to Arkansas from Illinois in 1817. They lived at *Antoine*, Pike county, Arkansas and their tombstone markers are still standing (1993) in the *Antoine Cemetery* at *Antoine*, Arkansas. A *William C. Hasley* settled in Clark and later Hempstead county, Arkansas and married *Susanna Wingfield* daughter of *William Wingfield*. He was likely the son of the senior *Samuel Hasley*.

John Ish a native of Pennsylvania was an early settler of Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas from Tennessee. He married *Cynthia Edmiston* May 20, 1819 a daughter of *David Edmiston* and eventually moved to Washington county, Arkansas in 1828 where they settled near Morrow.

Joseph Delaney another early citizen of this pioneer community of southeast Pike county, Arkansas married *Nancy Edmiston* a daughter of *David Edmiston*.

Henry G. McLaughlin who came with his parents to the *Antoine*, Clark county, Arkansas in 1818 or 1819 from Bellevue, Washington county, Missouri married *Malinda Edmiston* also a daughter of *David Edmiston*. They made their home in Pike county, Arkansas until 1835 when they moved to Washington county, Arkansas with other members of the *Edmiston* family.

Three Forks or "Forks of the Little Missouri" Settlement.

In the general vicinity where the town of *Murfreesboro* would be established as the county seat of Pike county, Arkansas in 1834 the *Little Missouri* river separates into three forks: the *Prairie West* fork, the *Clear fork*, and the *Muddy* fork. These water courses were inviting to the new settlers of this region and could supply an ample source of water for livestock, irrigation and mills, and for personal use. They were the principle places of initial settlement here and with its early citizens provided the founding settlement for the future county seat. The earliest settler of record in this area is *William Hughes*. He came to Arkansas from Missouri in 1815 and settled in Lawrence county. In 1816 tax records indicate he had moved south of the Arkansas river. He located in the region of the "three forks" of the *Little Missouri* river near *Murfreesboro* in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas. Other members of this family included: *John Hughes*, *William Hughes Jr.*, *Aaron Hughes*, *Nathan Hughes*, *James Hughes* and *Andrew Hughes*. *John Hughes* would

become the first sheriff of Pike county, Arkansas in 1834. In 1819 he established his own improvement in the Northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 8, South of Range 25 West. This is just north of present-day *Murfreesboro*, Arkansas. *James Hughes* eventually left the area and settled in Goliad county, Texas about 1845.

Jeremiah Davis came to the "forks of the *Little Missouri*" from Illinois by way of Missouri about 1819 where he died in 1822. He was survived by his wife *Stacia Davis* and six children: *Nancy*, *Rachel*, *Clement*, *Lydia*, *Isafena*, and *Sarina Jane*. *Nancy Davis* married *Sion Bradley Dickson*; *Rachel Davis* married *Rice Stringer*; *Clement Davis* married *Mary Saphronia Hancock*; *Lydia Davis* married *John Coker*; *Isafena Davis* married *Micajah Reeder* and *Sarina Jane Davis* married *Beverly R. Baker*. These families remained as citizens of *Murfreesboro*, Arkansas and vicinity for many years. *Clement Davis* and *Beverly R. Baker* eventually moved to Polk (now north Howard) county, Arkansas. The *Sion Bradley Dickson* family moved to Hopkins county, Texas in 1851 and the *Micajah Reeder* family settled in Texas about 1845 where they lived in Hunt county, and later Wood and Erath counties, Texas.

Oliver Brewer came to Arkansas from Bellevue, Washington county, Missouri and settled in Hempstead county in 1818 or 1819. In 1826 he relocated on the *Clear Fork* of the *Little Missouri* river in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas within the southeast fraction quarter of Section 12, Township 8, South of Range 26 West where he remained until his death on October 13, 1834. From two marriages he had a large family of sons and daughters: *John*, *Henry*, *Oliver Jr.*, *Rosanna*, *Henderson*, *William Lewis*, *James Stephenson*, *Lucinda*, *Rebecca*, *Mary*, *Mathilda*, and *Luvisa*.

William Brewer whose specific relationship to *Oliver Brewer* has not been determined likewise settled at the forks of the *Little Missouri*, his immediate neighbors included *Joseph Galbreath*, *Noah Reeder* and *Stacia Davis*. His family included his wife *Sarah (Sally) Brewer* and children, *William Jr.*, *Harmon*, *Rebecca* and *Elizabeth Brewer*. *Harmon Brewer* married *Martha Green*; *Rebecca Brewer* became the wife of *David S. Dickson* the first circuit and county clerk of Pike county, Arkansas; and *Elizabeth Brewer* married *Silas C. Blair*.

Washington Sorrels a Methodist minister is reported to have preached in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas in 1819 and moved here in 1822 from Ouachita parish, Louisiana. He lived previously in Wilkinson and Lawrence counties, Mississippi and moved to Louisiana in 1815 after the close of the War of 1812 in which he participated. He was elected the first Judge of Pike county, Arkansas in 1834. His large family included: *James Little*, *Samuel Jefferson*, *Anna Maria*, *Paschal C.*, *Elizabeth*, *Cynthia*, *Mary*, *America* and *William Washington*.

David Dickson settled in Hempstead (now Pike) county, Arkansas west of the "three forks" of the *Little Missouri* about 1825. He was from Jackson county,

Tennessee and had a numerous family in-cluding: *John, William T., Samuel A., Sion Bradley, and David Simpson Dickson; Sarah (Sally) Dickson* who never married; *Mary Dickson* the wife of *Isaac White*; *Elizabeth Dickson* the wife of *William T. Hancock*; and *Lydia Dickson* the wife of *Abner Handly Hancock*. The *Sion Bradley Dickson* family, mentioned before, moved to Cumby, Texas and the *Abner Handly Hancock* family of *Wolf Creek* in Pike county, Arkansas (a neighbor of the *William Kelley* family) with son-in-law *Benjamin F. Speer*, moved to Jack county, Texas about 1856.

Other early settlers of the *three forks of the Little Missouri* river (now *Murfreesboro* and its vicinity) and to the south and southeast along the *Little Missouri* river and of the *Antoine* bayou as well as the public road and other trails and water courses prior to 1830 were: *John Blocker, Martha Coker, Isaac White, Mattha Gollihar, Joseph Davis, John Green, Gabriel Brown, Joseph Wheat, William Lackey Self, Russel Estes, Arthur and Robert McConnell, David May-berry, Swanson Yarborough, Moses Newman, Jordan White, Jacob Chandler, Eli Langford, Thomas Steele, James Henthorn, Thomas Wright, Peter Holliday, Jacob and Mathias Brinley, Thomas Milson, Robert Gibbons, Samuel Simpson, Lawson Johnson, Andrew Cowin, Jacob Reeder, David Burns, William Bennett, John Gollihar and Zebulon Edmiston.*

The early settlers of southwest Pike county, Arkansas included *Robert Messer* and his son-in-law *Benjamin Jefferson Roberson.*

Early Settlements of Pike County, Arkansas by David L. Kelley.

IMPORTANT ANNOUCEMENT

PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS 1815-1899
Quarterly Publication Discontinued.

Dear Subscriber or Reader:

I regret to announce the quarterly publication **Pike County, Arkansas** 1815-1899 has been discontinued with the August 1993 [Volume 3 Number 4] issue. This publication has been made possible by subscrib-ers and my own personal funds. The total cost [in-cluding the startup cost] for this publication for three years has been \$9,853.73+ and of this my own personal cost has been \$7,109.73+ [received \$2744]. Due to prolonged chronic illness with necessary medical disability leave &c. I am unable to continue publication for another year. I will continue as Editor of **The Gems**. I have received approval from the President of PCAHS to transfer queries and text that was scheduled for future publication in **Pike County, Arkansas** 1815-1899 into **The Gems**. *Refunds will be sent to those who have paid for future issues.* Back issues for Volumes 1-3 are still available @ \$2.50 per issue or \$10 per volume. I will continue to prepare

Pike County, Arkansas resource materials. The Pike County, Arkansas Marriages 1821-1895; Pike County, Arkansas Slave Records 1834-1865; and the transcription of the Pike County, Arkansas "Abstract of Title Book Prior 1890" [Burned Records] are in progress.

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THE FRIERS OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

The family of *James K. Frier* consisting of 5 boys and 3 girls left Gallatin County, Kentucky between 1816 and 1822. They settled in Missouri and Arkansas. *James K. Frier* (settled) in Pike County, Missouri and (his son) *Robert M. Frier* became a merchant in St. Charles County, Missouri. *Ambrose, Robert and Enoch Frier* sons of *James K. Frier* settled in Clark County, Arkansas about 1825. They are listed in the 1830 census of Antoine (township), Clark (county), the 1840 Census of South Fork (township) and the 1850 census of Elkins (township) Clark (county), Arkansas.

Robert Frier was the son of *James K. Frier* and *Elizabeth Baker*. He was born about 1799 in Fayette County, Kentucky. He married *Lasinda Latham* 26 April 1825 in Lawrence County, Arkansas at the home of *Jeremiah Latham*. She was born about 1798 in South Carolina or Kentucky. The family was listed in the 1850 Census of Clark County, Arkansas with their married children and those of *Enoch Frier*.

The History of Pike County, Missouri notes that *James K. Frier* filed charges against his sons *Ambrose, Robert and Enoch* for stealing three slaves from him. In his will dated 1843 he listed his children and disinherited all of them except the two youngest, *John M.* and *Paulina*. *Enoch Frier* had a son born in Pike County Missouri in 1842 while the rest of his children were born in Arkansas. I assume that the Arkansas families returned to Missouri to be near their father when he died and for the reading of the will. *Ambrose Frier* and his family remained in Buffalo, Pike County, Missouri but *Robert and Enoch Frier* returned to Arkansas. *Robert Frier* settled in Pike County, Arkansas and *Enoch Frier* in Washington, Hempstead County. *Enoch Frier* died there in 1848.

Robert Frier must have died between 1850 and 1860 as *Lucinda (Lasinda)* is living with her son *L.K. Frier* in Brocktown, Pike County, Arkansas in 1860. He is not listed then and she is not listed in the 1870 census. *Robert and Lucinda Frier* had 5 children: *Elijah* (1827), *Lewis K.* (1830), *Montgomery* (1832), *Caroline* (1836), *Robert T.* (1841). *Lewis K. Frier* and *Montgomery Frier* moved to Texas after 1860. *Mont-gomery Frier* settled in Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas and is buried there. His wife *Elnor Elkins Frier* was listed as a widow at the time of her death in 1929. *Lewis K. Frier* is noted in the 1880 census of Dallas County, Texas. The children of *Enoch*

Frier settled in Denton and Hunt counties in Texas about 1855.

Court records of Clark County, Arkansas list the following information about *Robert Frier*: [1829] He is listed in the Sheriff's tax list of Antoine (township) Clark (county), Arkansas. [1832] He served as a court clerk. [1835] He helped to build the road from Greenville to the Little Missouri River. [1836] He served on a grand jury. The people of South Fork (township) voted at his home.

The Friers of Pike County, Arkansas by Hilga Judd Frier, 8034 South 700 East, Sandy, UT 84070.

QUERIES

HORN, TUCKER, CANTRELL Sure could use new info on *James Horn* born 1800, N.C., lived Tenn., 1840's then to Marshall Co. Miss., 1847-59. Moved to Pike Co., Ark., died post 1880 Census, Pike Co., Ark., married at least 2 times. Last wife *Susan* born 1822, Tenn. Had 17-21 children. The families moved together and lived near. Mine was *Bythel Horn*, born 1822, N.C., died 1864, Civil War, married *Elizabeth N. Tucker*, 6 Dec 1846, Perry Co., Tenn. Eight children. *Sarena, Merritt, Burrell, Priscilla, Elkaner*, born 13 Dec 1857, married *Mary E. Cantrell*, died 1897. Had 6 children. *Albert, Lucinda, Azalee, Ellis, Jay Hugh Horn*, born 10 May 1893, Pike Co. (Ark.), died 13 Feb 1969, Denver, Colo.

Dorothy Horn Bevard, 7974 Hillsboro Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588-3618.

WALL, BROWN, LAMB Were *Isaac Wall(s)* born 1801 in Georgia and his wife *N.A. (Nancy?)* the parents of *Isaac Berry Hillman Wall*, born 1825, in Georgia? If not, who were *I.B.H. Wall's* parents? If so, who were (the) parents of *Isaac Wall* (b. 1801)? Who were (the) parents of *Martha Elmira Brown Wall* wife of *I.B.H. Wall*. I have a dim recollection of my great-grandfather saying *Martha's* parents were *Tom* and *Susan (?) Brown*. *Martha's* sister was *Mary Jane Brown Lamb*, wife of *L.J. (Lewis Johnson) Lamb*. I will reimburse reasonable costs of reproduction and mailing.

Mary R. White, 2 Matlock Circle, Bella Vista, AR 72714.

HANCOCK, GARRETT Seeking info. on my great grandfather *Joe Hancock*. He was born 1857 in Pike or Clark Co. AR. (He) married *Josephine (Josie) Garrett*, May 23, 1877. Children were: *Thomas* born 1878, *Alice* born 1879, *Rosa Ella* born 1881, and my grandfather *James Matthew (Matt)* born 1884. Need info. on *Joe & Josie's* family. What happened to *Joe*? He died in Donaldson, AR.

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

KELLEY, CHEERS *Giles Kelley* settled in Pike County, Arkansas in 1815. His son *Elijah Kelley* indicates his parents were born in Virginia (1880 Pike County Arkansas census). His son *William Kelley* was born in Tennessee in 1794. New information indicates a *Giles Kelley (Kelly)* in Jefferson County, Tennessee in 1796 and 1797. He was appointed administrator of the estate of *John Cheers* deceased during the 1796 May Term of the Jefferson County Court. The records of this administration continue through the November Term 1797. In 1797 *Giles Kelley (Kelly)* serves as a Juror. It is likely or at least possible this is the same *Giles Kelley* who settled in Pike County, Arkansas and died in 1827. *Giles Kelley* of Pike County, Arkansas moved from Tennessee to Madison County, Illinois in 1804. Research by descendants of *Giles Kelley* during the past 20 years has failed to extend his lineage. It has been the usual course to trace this family back to the Brunswick County, Virginia *Kelley* families of St. Andrews Parish.

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

BAKER, OVERTURF, AVERY, NORMAN, STORY, McCRAVENS, FRENCH *Edna Mae (Baker) Wilkins Snow* was the daughter of *Josie Ann (Overturf) Baker Sherfield Chase Stone* born 1891, Polk Co., AR. to *James Albert Overturf* and *Nellie Caldona "Dona" Avery*. *Marshal Norman* supposedly moved to near Asher, OK in Pottawatomie or Garvin county. What became of him? *Marshal* born 1884 probably Polk or Sevier Co., AR was the son of *James Alexander L. "Jim" Norman* born 24 Jan 1865, Sevier Co., AR and *Sally Story/Storey* born 1859, died shortly after *Marshal's* birth. Who were their parents? *Jim's* parents were born in TN. *Jim's* father was supposedly hung in Polk Co., AR before *Jim's* birth for refusing to enlist in the Civil War. His mother's first name is probably *Mahula* and she may have remarried a *Story*. *Jim Norman*, who was arrested several times for bootlegging, also married *Thursey Ellen Baker, Belle McCravens, Augusta French*, and maybe another.

Susan M. (Oliver) Lugar, 7333 E. 63rd Place So., Tulsa, OK 74133-1110.

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