Records of the Antioch Church of Christ, 
Delight, Arkansas 1833-1884

Sunday, April 7, 1833.

CHURCH RECORD.

Wolf-Creek, Pike county, Arkansas. First Lord's day in April, 1833. We believe that the old and new testament is the only rule of faith and practice, (and) (for the) government for the Church of Christ. Look at remarks on preceding page.

The remarks on the preceding page simply state, "To all who may chance to examine or handle this Record."

There are no other entries in the church record until 1842. The book from which these minutes are taken is from a transcribed copy of the original made by Elder Edward J. Wesson in 1884. It is not known if there were entries made between the first entry in 1833 and the next in 1842. The original church record has not been located. It is possible some of the pages of the original record were lost before it was transcribed by Elder Wesson.

The Antioch Meeting-House on Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas was visited and described by Bishop T.A. Morris of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1841.

Saturday, November 27, 1841.

Saturday morning we resumed our journey, and soon found that all the mud and water which adhered to the wheels became congealed. It froze all day -- was cloudy, windy, and unpleasant. In the evening we forded a large creek called Antoine, and soon after reached Wolf creek, where we had appointed to preach on the Sabbath. We called, as previously advised, on Colonel John Wilson, who keeps a public house, but had the kindness to entertain us gratuitously. His wife, children, and servants, are members of our Church. This was in the corner of Pike county. The Colonel has on his place two valuable springs, one chalybeate and the other weak sulphur, and pleasant to the taste.

Sunday, November 28, 1841.

On Sabbath, at eleven o'clock, we commenced public service in Wolf creek meeting-house with eighteen persons; others came during the sermon, some after sermon, while brother Clark was exhorting; and after the congregation dispersed we met others going. This irregularity, as to the time of the meeting, grew partly out of a misunderstanding as to the hour appointed for preaching. Moreover, it is a free house, where some appoint to commence at noon, and then delay as much longer as suits their convenience. As this is said to be the best chapel in the south part of the state, it may be of some interest to read a brief description of it:

The walls are made of hewed logs, about twenty by twenty-four feet in extent, with a wooden chimney in one end, and a place cut out for a chimney at the other end, which is partly closed up with slabs. In the front is a large door, with a center post, and double shutters, on the principle of a barn door. Immediately opposite, on the other side, is a pulpit, which projects some six feet from the wall, the forepart of which is so high that when the preacher kneels to pray he is nearly concealed from the view of the people. Behind this pulpit is a window without glass, the shutter of which is neither long nor wide enough to close it, and, consequently, lets a double stream of air upon him. The roof is made of clapboards, between which and the floor there is no ceiling, though there are some naked poles laid across on the plates; and the cracks between the logs are neither chinked nor daubed; and though they were once partially closed by nailing on thin boards, these have been mostly torn off, to afford light and a free circulation of air.

The day was cold, and the people appeared to suffer. In the evening we found a large fire kindled in the front yard near the door, to which the people could retreat when too cold to hear the preaching; when one class were warmed they would return into the house, and another cold set could give place to them. No blame was attached to them.
for this procedure; for, judging of the feelings of others by my own, it was an indispensable arrangement. We had truly a chilly time that day throughout, temporally and spiritually. Next morning we concluded to measure the temper-erature of the atmosphere, hung out the thermometer, and the mercury stood only eleven degrees above zero, which was certainly extraordinary weather for this country the last week in November.

Monday, November 29, 1841

Monday morning we crossed Little Missouri river, about five rods wide, for which we paid $2. The ferry-boat is keeled at the ends, and has nothing attached to conduct the wheels from the boat to the shore, so that where we led out, the carriages had to make a pitch of some fifteen inches; and the consequence was, the main bar of the hind spring of the buggy snapped in two; but we splintered and wrapped it with small cord, and in an hour resumed our journey. This was on the old road, which, for about two miles south of the river, is nearly impassable on account of mud, broken bridges, etc.

T.A. MORRIS

Miscellany: Consisting of Essays, Biographical Sketches, and Notes of Travel, by Rev. T.A. Morris, D.D., one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Cincinnati: Published by L. Swormstedt & A. Poe, for the Western Book Concern, corner of Main and Eighth Streets, R.P. Thompson, Printer, 1854, pp. 306-308.

CHURCH RECORD.

October 29th, 1842.

The Church being duly organized with it's Officers, as the gospel requires, Brother William Kelley, being ordained Elder, and Brethren Elijah Kelley and William T. Dickson, was ordained Deacons.

William Kelley

William Kelley was born December 17, 1794 in Tennessee and settled on Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas in 1815 with his father Giles Kelley and brother Elijah Kelley. They came to Arkansas from Madison county, Illinois.

Elijah Kelley

Elijah Kelley was born September 14, 1800 in Jackson county, Tennessee and moved with his father to Illinois in 1804 and to Arkansas in 1815. He moved to Madison county, Alabama in the fall of 1820. He was baptized under the ministry of William Clapp in Decatur county, Alabama on July 22, 1824. He returned to Arkansas in 1825 and began to preach the following year. His preaching led to the organization of the Antioch congregation of the Church of Christ on Wolf Creek in Pike county, Arkansas on April 7, 1833. This church survives today as the Antioch Church of Christ in Delight, Arkansas. It is the second oldest congregation of the Christian or church of Christ west of the Mississippi. The church in Little Rock was established in 1832.

July the 3rd, 1843.

The Church met according to appointment, and all being in love, and union, and fellowship, one with another.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

May the 6th, 1843.

Meeting commenced, and seven united with the church on the 6th, and the meeting continued the 7th and 8th and, two was baptized on the 7th; and on Saturday the 13th of May, 1843, three more united with the church, and eight was baptized, making ten that joined the church and was baptized.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

June the 18th, 1843.

There was five united to the church, and three baptized.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.
July first, 1843.
The church met according to appointment and all being in love, and union, and fellowship, one with another and five united to the church. This July 25th, 1843.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

July 16th, 1843.
There was one united to the Church and five baptized.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

July the 22nd, 1843.
One was united to the Church.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

August the 6th, 1843.
The Church met and all was in good order.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

August the 20th 1843.
One was united to the Church.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

September the 3d, 1843.
The Church met, and all was in good order, and two was baptized.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

September the 17th, 1843.
One was baptized, and one united (to) the Church.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

October the first, 1843.
The Church met and all was in good order.

GILES KELLEY, Church Clerk.

Giles Kelley was born February 2, 1819 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas a son of Elder William Kelley. The above entry for October 1, 1843 is the last one made by him as Church Clerk. He disappears from record and is believed to have died.

There are no minutes of the church record until they resume with the following entry, July 4, 1847, by Elijah Kelley. He would serve as Church Clerk from this date until his last entry, recorded and signed, on December 19, 1883.

CHURCH RECORD.

July the 4th, 1847.

Pike county, Arkansas. Church at Wolf creek met on the first Lord's day in July, 1847.

On motion (of) Brother James A. Dickson, Elijah Kelley, Senior, was nominated Elder, protem, in the Church of Christ at Wolf creek.

October 14th, (1847).

Met at Brother A.H. Hancock’s in order. Elected Elders and Deacons in said Church.

On motion, Elijah Kelley, Sen., being duly elected by the Church of Christ, Wolf creek, Pike, Arkansas, was regularly ordained Elder, according to Gospel order with all the power and priviledge of Elder, in the Church of Christ. Officiating members, M.H. Wade and James H. Wade.

On motion, Wesley Kelley, being duly elected by the church of Christ, Wolf creek, Pike county, Arkansas, was regularly ordained Elder, in said Church, according to Gospel order, with the power and priviledge of an Elder, in the Church of Christ. Officiating members, M.H & Jas. H. Wade.

Brother Thomas Winn being duly elected deacon of said church, was ordained to that office.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Clerk protem.

A.H. Hancock

Abner Handly Hancock was born in 1808 in Tennessee and settled on Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas and was a neighbor of Elder William Kelley. His wife Lydia was a sister of Deacon William T. Dickson. The Hancocks came to Arkansas from Jackson county, Tennessee in 1831. The Abner H. Hancock family moved to Jack county, Texas about 1856.

Wesley Kelley

Wesley Kelley was born December 12, 1820 in Madison county, Alabama and was the eldest son of Elder Elijah Kelley, Sr.
Thomas Winn

**CHURCH RECORD.**

Nov. 23, 1851.

Church of Christ, Antioch. On motion it is agreed that Brother William Kelley be ordained, an Evangelist.

State of Arkansas. Pike County, Christian Church. Antioch Congregation. Sunday evening, Nov. 23d, 1851. This day the congregation being in session. Bro. William Kelley having been previously elected thereby to the official station of Evangelist (or minister of the gospel) was presented by Brother Abner H. Hancock, to be ordain(ed) in said office, of Evangelist (or minister of the gospel) by the imposition of hands, whereupon, pursuant to the aforesaid appointment and presentation, ordination in due form was administered to said William Kelley by Elder M.H. Wade, who by the unanimous voice of said Congregation, was on that occasion requested to officiate.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of said Congregation, do certify, that the foregoing is a faithful copy of the records of said congregation in relation to said ordination. Signed this 26th Nov., 1851.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Church Clerk.

Elders Elijah Kelley, Wesley Kelley.

First Lord's day in March, 1852.

Church of Christ met in good order.

E.K., C.C.

First Lord's day in April, (1852).

Church of Christ met in good order.

E.K., C.C.

First Lord's day in May, 1852.

Church of Christ met in good order.

E.K., C.C.

First Lord's day in June, 1852.

The Church of Christ met, Brother G. Glasscock, being under evil report.

Two brethren were appointed to notify him of such reports, also that he attend the meeting and make satisfaction.

First Lord's day in July, 1852.

Church of Christ met, Bro. G. Glasscock failed to attend, therefore it be considered by the Elders, that he stands suspended, until he makes reconciliation.

First Lord's day in August, 1852.

The Church of Christ met in good order. Commemorated the death of Christ.

E.K., C.C.

First Lord's day and Saturday before, in September, 1852.

The Church of Christ met, had preaching both days, and took the supper.

E.K., C.C.

First Lord's day and Saturday before in October, (1852).

Church of Christ met at Antioch, in good order. Saturday, October 2d, 1852. After preaching, extended an opportunity, one united and made the good confession, dismissed till Sunday at eleven o'clock, met according to gospel order, and after worship, an opportunity was extended, two united by letter. We then met at the water and Bro. Wm. Kelley immersed those who united by confession.

E.K., C.C.

Amanda Kelley

_Amanda Frances Kelley_ was born August 25, 1833 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas a daughter of Elder Elijah Kelley, Sr. She became the wife of John B. Cloud.
Protracted meeting commenced, by Brother J.S. Robertson, teacher, and continued seven days. The result, twenty-two additions, thirteen by confession and baptism, four by letter, four from the the Baptist, and one restored.

August 7th, 1853.

Church met according to gospel order, after service, extended opportunity for additional members. Pinkney Fulks united by confession and baptism and was received in full fellowship (*) according to order.

E. KELLEY, C.C.

(*) This is the first time Church fellowship is mentioned, yet they must have gave it. (A notation added by Edward J. Wesson transcriber.)

State of Arkansas. County of Pike. I, Elijah Kelley, Elder and acting as Clerk, in the Church of Christ at Antioch, in vacation, do certify that Nancy Jane McMahan was a member of this congregation in good standing, and I recommend (her) to the faithful in Christ, wherever her lot may be cast, this the 23d September, 1853.

E.K., C.C.

To Sister Permelia McMahan, same day and date.

E.K., C.C.

Nancy Jane McMahan

Nancy Jane McMahan was born November 10, 1835 in Madison county, Illinois a daughter of Robert McMahan, Jr. and niece of Elder William Kelley. She came to Pike county, Arkansas with her father in 1848. She became the wife of John Wells.

Permelia McMahan

Permelia McMahan was born in 1838 in Madison county, Illinois a daughter of Thomas S. McMahan. She came to Pike county, Arkansas with her father in 1847. Her brother Francis M. McMahan was ordained an Evangelist at Antioch in 1854 by (their uncle) Elder William Kelley. She married Noah P. Hall.

CHURCH RECORD.

State of Arkansas, County of Pike. Christian Church, Antioch Congregation.

Sunday, Oct. 2d, 1853.

This day, the congregation being in session, Bro. Wesley Kelley, having been chosen to the office and official station of Evangelist (or minister of the gospel) was presented by Bro. William Kelley, to be ordained in said office of Evangelist (or minister of the gospel) by the imposition of hands; whereupon pursuant to the afore appointment and presentation, ordination in due form was administered to said Wesley Kelley by Elder William Kelley a regular ordained Evangelist chosen for that purpose.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Church Clerk.

I, the undersign(ed) on behalf of the said congregation, do certify that the foregoing is a faithful copy of the record of said congregation in relation to the said ordination. Signed this 2d day of Oct., 1853.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Elder.
ELIJAH KELLEY, CC.

May the 7th, 1854.

Received Han, a colored man, by confession and baptism.

E. KELLEY, C.C.

Han Mansfield born 1827 a colored man (mulatto) was the slave of James C. Mansfield of Pike county, Arkansas. The Mansfields lived at Saline Creek on the public road in Pike county between Wolf Creek and Murfreesboro and were members of the Antioch Church of Christ. After the Civil War and freedom Han changed his name to John Sanders.

CHURCH RECORD.

Received Brother John Gill in to full fellowship, Sep. 3d, 1854.

Antioch, Nov. 5th, 1854.

Church of Christ met according to gospel order. Bro. Francis McMahan was presented for ordination, it was agreed that he be ordained in the office of Evangelist; it was also agreed that Bro. Francis McMahan, and Sister Ann, his wife, have letters of dismission from the Church at Antioch, in good standing, which was complied with accordingly, by order of the Church.

E.K., C.C.

State of Arkansas, County of Pike. Christian Church, Antioch Congregation. Sunday, Nov. 5th, 1854. This day
the congregation being in session, Brother Francis McMahan, being presented to the office and official station of Evangelist (or minister of the gospel) was duly ordained in said office, of Evangelist (or minister of the gospel) by the imposition of hands; whereupon pursuant to the aforesaid appointment and presentation, ordination in due form was administered to said Francis McMahan by Elder William Kelley a regular ordained Evangelist chosen for that purpose. I, the undersign(ed), in behalf of said congregation, do certify, that the foregoing is a faithful copy of the record of said congregation in relation to said ordination. Signed this 5th day of November, 1854.

ELIJAH KELLEY, Elder.
ELIJAH KELLEY, CC.

Francis M. McMahan and Ann McMahan, his wife.

Francis M. McMahan was born in 1825 in Madison county Illinois a son of Thomas S. McMahan and came to Pike county, Arkansas with his father in 1847 and the following year married Ann Eliza Griffin a daughter of James Erwin Griffin and Eliza Williams. Ann Eliza Griffin was born January 1831 in Fayette county, Tennessee. She came with her father to Arkansas in 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. McMahan left Pike county, Arkansas for Hempstead county, Arkansas after Mr. McMahan was ordained in 1854.

CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day in December, 1854.

Church met according to gospel order. After worship, Brother Cyrus Hubble and Sister Eightha Hubble presented their letters for admission and was received in full fellowship, by letter.

December 31st, 1854.

Antioch church met and sermon by Wesley Kelley, three persons received in full fellowship, by letter.

March 4th, 1855.

First Lord's day, Church met. Brother William T. Dickson resigned the Office of Deacon, which was accepted.

1855, Antioch Congregation, April first, first Lord's day.

Church met, sermon by Bro. William Kelley. On motion, Brother Richard Boyer and Cyrus Hubble was chosen deacons of said congregation. Opportunity extended, Dr. William Ogle united by Confession and Baptism. Whereupon it was agreed that Brethren Boyer and Hubble be ordained on the first Lord's day in May to the office of deacons, and the Congregation observe fasting and prayer.

E.K., C.C.

May the 6th, 1855, first Lord's day.

Church met, two sermons, first by Brother Wesley Kelley. Second by Brother William Ogle.

Brother G. W. Ward was then presented for Elder, and dully Elected and ordained Elder of said congregation. Bro. R. Boyer and Bro. C. Hubble was ordained deacons in said congregation of Church at Antioch.

E.K., C.C.

Second Lord's day in May, (1855).

Church met in good order.

E.K., C.C

May the 6th. 1955. First Lord's day in May. On motion, G.W. Ward being duly elected, by the Church of Christ at Antioch, Pike county, Arkansas, was regularly ordained elder in said congregation according to gospel order, will all the power, and privilege of an Elder in the Church of Christ. Elder William Kelley, officiating Evangelist.

ELIJAH KELLEY, C.C.

May the 20th, 1855.

Church met, sermon by Bro. James S. Wade, from Matthew 1st chapter, 21st verse, adjourn till 4 o'clock. Church met, restored J.H. Kirkham to full fellowship.

On motion, Bro. John Dickson was duly elected Clerk of said Congregation. The congregation proceeded to take the Lord's supper.

E. KELLEY, C.C.

J.H. Kirkham

James Hopkins Kirkham was born at Whiting, Addison county, Vermont in 1803 a son of Elijah Kirkham Jr. and Judith Hopkins. He came to Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas in 1832 and married Elizabeth Kelley a daughter of Elder William Kelley.

CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day, January 4th, 1857.

Church met and after worship, R.L. Boyer, being one of the elders of said church, charged the Church of being in
disorder, and demanded a letter. He being requested to
make known, the disorder, if any, this he refused and said
he would leave the Church, and all the reason he assigned
was, that he could do better. His credentials being asked
for, he gave them up and went off from the Church and
drew after him several disciples. Church continued to
meet every Lord's day.

5th Lord's day in May (1857).
A proclamation was made by the Church at Antioch, that
all those members, who wish to retain their names in the
congregation, to come and make it known, (for they had
been absent from the Church for several weeks.)

First Lord's day in June and Saturday, before.
The Church met on Saturday, the 7th day of June, the
Church withdrawn right hand of fellowship from R.L.
Boyer, and that he no longer (be) a member of the
congregation; also all those members who followed said
Boyer in the division. By order of the Church.

E.K. (Church Clerk) (protem)

First Lord's day in April, 1858.
A.C. Hubble united with the church at Antioch, being
received and immersed by Bro. J.S. Robertson. The first
Lord's day in February, 1858.

E. KELLEY, Eld.

First Lord's day in September, 1858.
Received Brother Talley by letter.

First Lord's day in October, 1858.
Church met in full fellowship. Sermon by Bro. Wesley
Kelley.

First Lord's day in November, 1858.
Church granted letter to Sister Amanda Cloud.

Amanda Cloud

Amanda Cloud was born Amanda Frances Kelley a daughter of Elder
Elijah Kelley, Sr. and married John B. Cloud on August 28, 1856 in
Pike county, Arkansas and moved to Okolona, Clark county. See the
Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas,
Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1890, Clark county, pp. 132-133,
biography of Capt. John B. Cloud.

CHURCH RECORD.
Friday evening, December 3d, 1858.
Service commenced by Bro. J.S. Robertson, and
continued till Tuesday morning, the 7th. The result was
five additions by confession and baptism, and the
restoration of ten to union and fellowship who had been
absent from the Church for some time.

E. KELLEY, Sr., Eld.

REPORTS FROM ARKANSAS.
An excerpt from a letter to Brother Fanning of
the 'Gospel Advocate' written by Samuel H. Harvey of
Washington, Hempstead county, Arkansas.

DEAR BRO. FANNING: ... brother Robertson. He is
doing a good work, but his field is too large. He has just
now called at my office and informs me that at Wolf
Creek congregation, he has just closed, on Monday night
last, a very interesting meeting, with sixteen additions,
and two others at the church near Bro. Jones', in the same
(Pike) County.

As ever, your brother in Christ.

S.H. HARVEY
Washington, Ark., 8th Dec., 1858.

ANTIOCH CONGREGATION.
A letter to Brother Fanning of the 'Gospel Advocate'
written by Elijah Kelley, Sr.,
of Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas.

BRO. FANNING: This congregation has been in a
divided condition for near two years. Our much beloved
Bro. John S. Robertson commenced a meeting here last
Friday night which continued Tuesday morning; the
weather was unfavorable, but the result was glorious; the
spirit of our Saviour seemed to return to his people again,
and union and order restored in the house of God. It was
a time of rejoicing indeed, all parties agreeing to lay aside
all former causes of division, and put on the robe of
righteousness, without blemish, and live as children of
one family. May the blessing of God be to us in every
effort to do good. The result was five additions by
confession and immersion, and ten restored in the bonds
of love and union. All praise be to our Heavenly Father.

ELIJAH KELLEY, SR.
Antoine, Pike County, Ark., Dec. 8th, 1858.

SUCCESS OF THE TRUTH.

A letter to Brother Fanning of the 'Gospel Advocate' written by John S. Robertson.

Washington, Ark., Dec. 8th, 1858.

DEAR BROTHER FANNING: We have just closed one of the most happy meetings at Antioch, Pike Co., that has ever been at that place. There had existed an unfortunate division in the church at that place, which was adjusted satisfactorily to all concerned, and five were immersed. The prospects are very flattering for good to be done in the future, at that place. O, may the brethren live in peace and love!

May the Lord bless you in your labor of love.

J.S. ROBERTSON

CHURCH RECORD.

Monday, December the 6th, 1858.

The Brethren met for the purpose of appointing delegates to meet with the brethren in a cooperation meeting to be held at Washington, Hempstead county, Arkansas, in this part of the State.

On motion of Bro. C. Hubble, (Bros.) William Kelley, Wesley Kelley, and Elijah Kelley, Sr., was appointed said delegates with power to appropriate such amount of dollars as the Brethren shall subscribe, annexed to their respective names, (look at financial report, on first page of that report.)

Antioch, first Lord's day in April, 1859 and Saturday before.

Brother John S. Robertson preached four discourses, two united with the Church, in fellowship.

E.K., Eld.

Fourth Lord's day in June, and Saturday before, (1859).

Bro. Robertson held meeting, four united with the congregation at Antioch, three by confession and immersion, and one received into fellowship.

E. KELLEY, Eld.

Barbary Mobley united with the Church.

Barbara Mobley

Barbara Mobley was born Barbara Cryer on February 25, 1804 in South Carolina (now Camden county, Georgia) a daughter of Morgan Cryer, Sr. and Barbara Morris or Moff. She came to Arkansas from Louisiana with her father in 1815 and married David Mobley in Clark county, Arkansas two years later. They settled between Wolf Creek and Antoine in Pike county in 1836.

CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day in January, 1860 and Saturday before.


E. KELLEY, C.C. pro(tem)

June 29th (1860)

At a protracted meeting commencing on the 29th of June 1860, carried on by the labor of Bro. J.S. Robertson, and closed on the morning the 4th of July, with 7 addition(s) by confession and baptism.

E.K. Elder

August 5th, first Lord's day in August.

The Church met at Antioch in good fellowship. Mary McLaughlin immersed and James H. Kirkham, restored to fellowship.

E.K. Eld. C.C.

November 4th, 1860.

First Lord's day in November. Church met in good order. Sister Dorcas McCullough united by letter.

January 16th, 1861.

Bro. J.S. Robertson preached on Wednesday night. A.H. Kelley present(ed) a letter for him (he) and wife, accepted.

January 20th, 1861.

Third lord's day, congregation met at eleven o'clock,
sermon by Bro. Wesley Kelley, gave Bro. A.H. Kelley and Sister Mary Kelley righthand of fellowship. Contribution ($1.95) one dollar and ninety-five cents.

E. KELLEY, Eld.

January 27th (1861)
The Church met in good order, gave Brother A.H. Kelley a letter of commendation in the ministry. (See entry for November 14, 1861.)

April the 1st, (1861)
Bro. J.S. Robertson preached at Antioch to good audience, four addition(s).

August 7th, 1861.

August 8th (1861)
On motion it is ordered by the church that Brother Pleasant White have a letter of commendation as a proclaimer in the Church of Christ.

September, first Lord's day, 1861.
Church me in order. After preaching, received Bro. John McLane into fellowship and partook of (the) Lord's supper.

E.K. Eld.

Nov. 14th (1861)
Preaching, Bro. J.S. Robertson, received one by confession and baptism. We the disciples of Christ at Antioch, Pike county, Arkansas, on the third Lord's day in Jan. 1861, from our knowledge of our beloved Bro. Abner H. Kelley, believing that if he will apply himself to the work of the ministry, he will prove useful to the cause of Christ, and believing that it is his desire and that he will so prove to be: We therefore commend him as a faithful Bro. in Christ and minister of the gospel, done by order of the Church.

CYRUS HUBBLE, Deacon.
ELIJAH KELLEY, Elder.

Abner H. Kelley

Abner H. Kelley was born in 1831 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas a son of Elder Elijah Kelley Sr. and moved to Texas about 1856, first Titus and later Hunt county, and returned to Pike county, Arkansas in 1861. He entered the service of the Confederate army during the Civil War at Wilton, Pike County, Arkansas on March 1, 1862 and was captured at Fort Hindman, Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863 and sent to Camp Douglas, Illinois where he was paroled and delivered at City Point, Virginia on April 10, 1863. The last records of him in 1864 say, "sick in hospital in Petersburg, Virginia" where it is believed he died. He was survived by his wife Mary E. Kelley and at least two children, William E. Kelley and Elijah Kelley.

Arkansas Gazette, April 3, 1933.

The Old Antioch Church of Christ
by Clovis Copeland

(an excerpt)

When the Civil war started, the church building was used to collect war materials and food for the soldiers. When the Arkansas capital was moved to nearby Washington from Little Rock the church was used to house soldiers.

Magazine Section.

CHURCH RECORD.

State of Arkansas, County (of) Pike.

Antioch Congregation, the Church of Christ, first Lord's day in February, 1868.

This day the congregation being in session, Bro. A.B. Clingman, being presented to the official station of Evangelist (or minister of the gospel) by the imposition of hands, whereupon, pursuant the aforesaid appointment and presentation, ordination in due form was administered to A.B. Clingman by Elder William Kelley, a regular ordained Evangelist chosen for that purpose. Assisted by Wesley Kelley, Evangelist.

The foregoing is a true copy of the record of the congregation of the Church of Christ, at Antioch. Signed this 3d day of Feb. 1868.

ELDER WM. KELLEY
ELDER ELIJAH KELLEY, SR.,
Elder - CC pr(otem)

A.B. Clingman

Alexander B. Clingman is buried at a cemetery located north of Amity, Arkansas near the Clark - Pike county line and near the original site of the Bethel Missionary (Baptist) Church south of Glenwood, Arkansas. There are two markers at Mr. Clingman's grave, one masonic and the other with an open Bible at the top of the marker. They read as follows:
Rev. A.B. Clingman, born Nov. 22, 1806, in Surry county, N.C., married 1829, moved to Tennessee, thence to Arkansas in 1839, joined the Church of Christ in 1833. Died a consistent member thereof on Sept. 18, 1881. The other marker reads exactly the same, except: Dr. A.B. Clingman ... thence to Arkansas in 1835 ... His wife was named Ann M. Clingman.

We learn with sincere sorrow of the death of another of our oldest citizens, widely known as one of the best men. He has closed a life of usefulness at a ripe old age and has entered upon his reward.

DIED.

At his residence in Pike county, Ark., on the 14th day of February, 1869. ELDER WILLIAM KELLEY, who was 74 years, 1 month and 27 days old. He was one of the first settlers of south Arkansas, having resided for more than 53 years, within the immediate vicinity of the place at which he died.

Sleep sweetly now from labors free,
Thy pilgrimage is o'er;
Til Christ appears then we shall see,
Thy face as heretofore!

Arkansas Gazette, April 22, 1869, obituary of William Kelley, page 2, column 4.

CHURCH RECORD.

May 13th and 14th, 1871.
Bro. Lemmons preached, one was restored.

June the 10th (1871)
Three restored.

June 11th (1871)
Preaching by Bro. John M. Lemmons. One made addition, confession and immersion.

July 8th (1871)
Preaching commenced by Bro. John M. Lemmons, continued four days embracing second Lord's day in July, result, 15 by confession and baptism, one restored, four took membership, one name recorded for fellowship.

July 31st (1871)
One by confession and baptism from the Baptist.

August 15th 1871.
Received 15 by confession and baptism.

December 1st 1872.
Received J.A. Bunch by confession and baptism.

July 26, 1874.
Lord's day, received S. Turner Brown by letter.

August 1st, 1874.
Meeting commenced and continued until the 5th by our beloved Bro. in Christ, Thomas J. Hubble, the result was twelve by confession & baptism. One by letter. One by fellowship, two restored.

August 30th, 1874.
Fifth Lord's day, preaching by T.J. Hubble. The result was five additions, three by confession and baptism, one of which was from the Methodist, two by confession and fellowship from the Baptist.

July, second Lord's day, 1878.

October 3d, 1879.
Preaching, Jacob Mason & J.R. Jones. Continued six days and nights, result, ten by confession and baptism, one restored, and one by fellowship. Restored William McDaniel, fellowship(ped) J.F. Nolen.

The following in parenthesis was overlooked, it being on a loose leaf. E.J.W. (Edward J. Wesson, tran-scriber.)

(Oct. the 3d, 1879, protracted meeting held by J.R. Jones and J.C. Mason, result, 12 additions.)

November 8th and 9th, 1879.
Preaching, J.R. Jones, result, one confession and baptism. Employed J.C. Mason, Evangelist, to preach at Antioch, first Lord's day in each month, or at some place where good can be done.

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It seems from the record that the congregation met regular in Jan., Feb., March and April, but no business transacted of importance in the year 1880. E.J. Wesson, transcriber.

Fourth Lord's day in April, 1880.

The Brethren chose C.W. Threlkeld for Elder in the Church. James A. Kelley, for Deacon. It was agreed that the Bible class meet at 10 o'clock on every Lord's day; it was also agreed that embracing the fifth Lord's day in May, also embracing the first Lord's day in June, at Pisgah.

C.W. Threlkeld

Cornelius Waller Threlkeld was born April 18, 1826 and married Mary Caroline Dickson a daughter of William T. Dickson a former Deacon of the Antioch congregation on Wolf Creek 1842-1855.

James A. Kelley

James Ashley Kelley was born January 1, 1845 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas a son of Elder Elijah Kelley, Sr. married Landon Zenell Wilson in Pike county, Arkansas.

CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day in July, 1880.


First Lord's day in August, 1880.

Preaching by J.C. Mason, J.R. Jones, result 19.

First Lord's in August, protracted meeting, Bros. J.R. Jones and Mason, preachers, two addition(s), R.J. Wesson, by letter, Elijah Carpenter, by fellowship.

First Lord's day in September, 1880.

Preaching by J.C. Mason.

Sept. 24, 1880.

G.W. Barker, by confession and baptism.

Nov. 13th, 1880

Two by confession and baptism.

First (Lord's day) in March, 1881.

J.C. Mason, Evangelist.

First Lord's day in April, 1881.


W.H. Kirkham

William H. Kirkham was born 1836 at Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas son of James H. Kirkham and Elizabeth Kelley and married Julia Ann Mobley in Pike county, Arkansas.

CHURCH RECORD.

First Lord's day in June, (1881)

One addition.

First Lord's day in July, (1881)

Three by fellowship.

September first, 1881.

Baptized H.A. Smith.

Embracing first Lord's day in Sept., (1881)

Protracted meeting, result thirteen. Eight by fellowship, five, baptism, and two restored. Preaching by J.R. Jones, J.C. Mason and S.R. Ezzell.

Third Lord's day in October, 1881.

One by confession and baptism, two by fellowship.

November 6th, 1881.

Co-operation meeting, preaching, J.C. Mason and (J.R. Jones), J.C. Mason chosen Evangelist. Three dismissed for disorderly conduct.

Antioch, Pike county.

Third Lord's day in April 1882, and Saturday before and Monday night, following.
Bro. J.C. Mason preached, the result, three additions.

1882, Protracted meeting commenced, 15th September, by J.C. Mason, assisted (by) G.W. Williams.
Result, 11 by confession and baptism, two by relation, two by fellowship, one restored.

Protracted meeting commenced Saturday night, Oct. 13th, 1883. Continued by J.C. Mason.
Result, twenty additions.

(December 19th, 1883)

This is to certify, that Brother R.P. Threlkeld, is a regular ordained minister of the gospel of Christ, and is commended as such, to all to whom the(se) presents come greeting; and that he is ordained to the work of the ministry by and with consent of the Church of Christ, worshipping at Antioch, Pike county, Arkansas. Signed December 19th, 1883.

J.C. MASON, Evangelist.
Elijah Kelley, C.W. Threlkeld, Elders.
Wm. H. Kirkham and James A. Kelley, Deacons.

FROM MEMORY.

Thus ends the written record of the congregation of the Church of Christ at Antioch as kept by our lamented Bro. Elijah Kelley, Elder (and Congregational Recorder.)

During the greater part of the year, 1883, there was very little preaching done for the congregation at Antioch. Just before the protracted meeting on the opposite page, Oct. 13, 1883, the congregation met in a social meeting and confessed their faults one to the other and prayed one for the other, and chose Bro. E.J. Wesson as an Elder, for said congregation. The meeting was one of great rejoicing, the entire congregation present felt edified. At said protracted (meeting) in October 13th, 1883, the congregation elected the following brethren to the District meeting to be held at Center Ridge, embracing (blank) Sunday, Friday night, Saturday and night before, in (blank) 1883. To wit: R.P. Threlkeld, Jacob J. Wingfield and E.J. Wesson. At said District meeting, Bro. Alf. Jones was employed to labor one fourth of his time with the Congregation at Antioch.

Alfred Jones

Dr. Alfred Jones was born December 24, 1827 in Franklin county, Tennessee and married Jane Pointdexter Clingman a daughter of Dr. Alexander B. Clingman.

CHURCH RECORD.

Bro. Alf. Jones commenced his Evangelistic labor with the Congregation at Antioch in January, 1884, and labored faithfully with us for the up-building of the cause of Christ, during his stay with us as an Evangelist.

At a meeting of the Antioch Congregation of the Church of Christ commencing Saturday the 27th day of September, 1884, conducted by Our Beloved Bro. Alf. Jones, assisted by Bro. R.P. Threlkeld and W.R. Barnett.

Preaching, Saturday at eleven o’clock and night by Bro. A. Jones; also on Sunday, two made the good confession and were baptized. Preaching at night by W.R. Barnett.

Monday a.m. preaching by Alf. Jones; after services the Congregation proceeded to elect delegates to the Okolona District meeting in October at Okolona, Clark county, Arkansas; whereupon, R.P. Threlkeld, F.B. Wilson and Bro. Beeler, was chosen as delegates from this congregation (uninstructed).

Monday night, services by Bro. R.P. Threlkeld.

Tuesday at eleven, preaching by Bro. Alf. Jones. Bro. R.P. Threlkeld, preaching at night; two made the good confession and were baptized the next day.

Wednesday morning, Bro. E.J. Wesson, who united with the congregation in the year 1869 by confession and fellowship from the Protestant Methodist, by his request, was baptized on his faith, in Jesus the Christ, the Son, of the living God; Alf. Jones, administrator.

The congregation then met at the meeting house and proceeded to ordain Bro. Edward J. Wesson, Elder & Evangelist of the Congregation of the Church of Christ at Antioch, by the laying on of hands and prayer; Bro. Alf. Jones, Evangelist, officiating, with C.W. Threlkeld, Elder, James A. Kelley, Deacon.

After ordination, the Congregation was assembled in conference. Bro. A. Jones, Evangelist for the congregation acting as moderator.

1ST. On motion of Bro. C.W. Threlkeld, there was a committee appointed to draft (a) resolution in memory of Bro. E. Kelley, dec(eased); and the same, when adopted, be spread upon the record of the Congregation; whereupon Bros. C.W. Threlkeld, E.J. Wesson, and F.B. Wilson were appointed. On motion of C.W. Threlkeld, Bro. A. Jones was added to said committee.
2D. On motion of Bro. C.W. Threlkeld, there was a committee of three appointed to raise money and purchase a record for the Congregation at Antioch, consisting (of) Brethren C.W. Threlkeld, E.J. Wesson, & J.L. Doss; and that the old record of the Congregation at Antioch be transcribed into the new. On motion of W.J. Wesson, there was a committee appointed to assist the Clerk in transcribing the record from the old record of the Congregation to the new, consisting (of) Brethren W.H. & E.M. Kirkham, and E.J. Wesson.

3D. On motion, Bro. R.P. Threlkeld was elected and set-apart as Elder for the Congregation of the Church of Christ at Antioch.

Conference being dismissed, there was preaching by Bro. A. Jones. Wednesday evening, baptism was attended to, Bro. A. Jones, officiating.

After which we had preaching, by our Beloved Brother J.R. Jones, Ed., M.C. Thursday night, preaching by Bro. J.R. Jones.

However, before preaching the following resolution was adopted and ordered published in the Model Christian, and spread upon the record of the Congregation of the Church of Christ at Antioch.

Brother Kelley was the last one of the original members of the congregation at Antioch, which was organized in April, 1833, of which he was chosen Deacon, and subsequently chosen Elder for the Congregation, which position he held to the day of his death.

He was honored and venerated by all who knew him. He was of good report both in the Church and world, and died full of years and honors. Having been a member of Antioch, for over fifty years. It can be said of him truly, one of the pillars of Antioch has fallen (upon whom shall his mantle fall?)

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the congregation of Antioch is duly sensible of their irreparable loss. That they shall not soon see his like again. And that we, in our deep affliction, do tender our Christian sympathy to his bereaved wife and children.

RESOLVED, that this be spread on the congregational record.

C.W. THRELKELD
E.J. WESSON
F.B. WILSON
ALF. JONES
Com(mittee).

ANOTHER PIONEER AT REST.

Hon. Elijah Kelley, of Pike county, died a few days ago at his home on Wolf Creek, in that county, where he settled and became a citizen of the territory of Arkansas in 1815. It is seldom that it is allotted to any human being to enjoy what there is of life amid the same scenes and with the same surroundings. And yet, this good old man deserved every blessing which it pleased God to shed upon him. Not only among the pioneers who first felled the forest in Arkansas, but he was one of the first members of what is now known as the “Christian Church,” who made his home in these wilds.

He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1836, and his death leaves Gen. Grandison D. Royston, of Hempstead county, the only survivor of that body.

As these ties that bind us to old times in Arkansas are severed by the hand of death, THE GAZETTE seeks to keep up the mournful record -- but always with a tear and a sigh.

Mr. Kelley served several terms in the legislature, and for a number of years was sheriff of Pike county. He has gone to his rest; and his many relatives throughout Southwest Arkansas can know that an entire community sincerely condole with them in their personal bereavement.
DEATH OF A PIONEER.

Elijah Kelley, of Pike County, Passes Away,
Leaving Gen. Royston the Sole Surviving Member
of the Convention of '36.

Information reached the city yesterday of the death of one
of Arkansas' oldest pioneers -- Elijah Kelley. He died a
few days since on his farm, a beautiful place on Wolf
creek, in the interior of Arkansas. The deceased lived
more than man’s allotted three score and ten, and his life
is an open volume of good deeds. He retired from active
life a few years ago, and in late years was entirely
unknown in our local political world. Our oldest people,
however, will remember his honored name and his
sterling worth. Years ago he was known about the
capital, his opinion was eagerly sought and the careful
statesman gave heed to his advice. He settled at the place
of his death in the spring of 1815, and resided there
continuously until the last. The constitutional convention
of 1836, one of the chapters in the history of the state,
recognized in him one of its prominent members. His
death now leaves only one surviving member of that
memorable organization in our state -- or in the United
States -- Gen. Grandison D. Royston, of Washington,
Hempstead county. The last named gentleman was an
intimate friend of Kelley, and most sincerely mourns his
death. One by one the founders of our state are gathered
to the fathers.

Arkansas Gazette, September 12, 1884, page 4, column 2, page 5,
column 2.

"Arkansas Dots,"
by J.A.R.

On Wolf Creek in Pike county, I passed near the
residence of our venerable brother, Elijah Kelley. He has
been preaching the ancient gospel for over half a century.
His sons informed me that he was sick, and would
probably never recover, and as I returned, I found he was
gone to his reward. As a result of his labors, in sight of
his house stands Antioch church, and nearly all his
neighbors are members thereof. Could a higher tribute of
his worth be paid? Bro. A. Jones is preaching for them at
present.

The Christian-Evangelist, October 16, 1884, St. Louis, Mo., page
662.

State News

Old uncle Elijah Kelley, of Wolf Creek, Pike county, died last week at the age of 84 years. He was one of the
framers of the first constitution of the State, was again
elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1868, and three times represented his county in the
General Assembly.

Southern Standard, September 13, 1884, Arkadelphia, Arkansas,
Volume 17, No. 32, page 2, column 1, item 12.

A List of Charter Members of the Antioch Church of Christ
Wolf Creek, Pike County, Arkansas 1833.

Register Members.

| Ann Brueer (?) | Minnie Bolt | John Carpenter Jr. | Jane Carpenter |
| Sarah Blocker  | Serilda Brewer | Elizabeth Carpenter | Sarah Carpenter |
| Elizabeth Blocker | A.B. Clingman | John Carpenter | Louisa Carpenter |
| Margaret Bagwell | Ann Clingman | Alexander Clingman | William T. Dickson |
# PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGES 1821-1895
## COMPUTER SOFTWARE RELEASE

A computer software release of the Pike County Arkansas Marriages 1821-1895 from the Pike County, Arkansas marriage restoration project is now available for IBM personal computers or compatibles. $29 postpaid. Order from David L. Kelley, P.O. Box 1135, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. Specify your diskette size: 3.5 (720K) or 5.25 (360K).

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The following persons including those who replied or responded with other family information have contributed to the Pike County, Arkansas Marriage Restoration Project.

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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. Also destroyed was the law library of Abner Bryson Williams attorney "which had but a few days previous been moved into" the county clerk's office. 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.

I want to express appreciation to all who have contributed to this marriage restoration project and to acknowledge the special consideration of Desmond Walls Allen. She provided a valuable article entitled "Reconstructed Marriage Records" in her publication "Professional Genealogists of Arkansas Newsletter" and reprinted in the "Federation of Genealogical Societies" quarterly "Forum." Desmond mentions the Pike County Arkansas Marriage Restoration Project and provides information relative to reconstructing marriage records in counties where the records have been destroyed. Along with the assistance of those listed above are the records gathered by the editor during the past twenty years. A printed book of these marriages is forthcoming.

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David L. Kelley
Dear David,

I was wondering if any of your Pike County History records show a school in the Kirby area named "Seed Tick School?" My wife has been told that her Aunt was a teacher there at one time, but she has never heard of such a school. If your records show such a school, I would appreciate any information you might have.

Sincerely,
CHESTER GAGE
103 Dogwood Street
Murfreesboro, AR 71958-9763

August 28, 1994

Dear Chester,

I do not have a record of the "Seed Tick School" at Kirby, Arkansas. I will place an excerpt of your letter in the next issue of The GEMS and hopefully there will be someone among the readers and subscribers that will have information to help you.

Sincerely,
DAVID L. KELLEY

Dear History Society,

My great-grandfather William David Dean & family lived in Pike County from 1875-1884 at Star of the West. I have copies of letters sent to his sisters-in-law in Alabama about his life as a farmer during these years. His wife, Amanda Gay Dean, gave birth to 3 girls & one son in Pike County. I would like some information about Pike County and Star of the West. The 1880 census shows them in White town-ship where he rented and owned land. Please tell me what records are available for those years. In the Polk County Genealogical Newsletter there was a reference to "Early History of Pike County." Thank you.

VICKI DEAN
100 Oakhurst Drive
Hurst, TX 76053
July 7, 1994

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks for the back issues of "GEMS". I am enjoying reading all the issues and look forward to each one.

Teresa Harris and I have been thinking about contacting you so we can meet and swap notes. I have been trying to do some research on the Davis family, also the Chancellor family in Clark County. I'm trying to track down James W. Davis, son of John & Nancy Davis. He went by J.W. and died between 1860-1865. I'm wondering if he is the J.W. Davis that was discharged from the Confederate Army in 1862. This research is never ending. Hope yours is going well.

Dorothy, I'm sending you info from Samuel L. Hipp's Bible. It is now in the possession of his daughter, Meeky Hipp Alston (my great aunt) who is 97 years old and lives in Nashville, AR. I noticed in one of the back issues that you sent me that someone was tracing the French family. Samuel L. Hipp's 1st wife was Delia I.S. French and her family is listed in the Bible. I'm a descendant of Samuel L. and his second wife, Nancy Frances Davis, daughter of J.W. Davis & Martha Henderson. Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,
GRACE CASE

SAMUEL L. HIPP BIBLE

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Samuel L. Hipp's bible bought 1862 for $1.00.

Samuel Hipp was borned July 21, 1814.
Meeky Hipp was borned December 21, 1819.

Samuel Hipp and Meeky Hipp was married April 14, 1836.

William A. Hipp was borned January 23, 1837.
James Pickney Hipp was borned February 4, 1839.
Mary Hipp was borned November 3, 1840.
John Vernon Hipp was borned January 11, 1843.
Samuel Leonidas Hipp was borned April 21, 1845.

Samuel Hipp died July 18, 1846.
Meeky Hipp died February 1, 1874.
Samuel Leonidas Hipp and Nancy Frances Davis was married March 2, 1880.

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Grace Case
1920 Country Square
El Dorado, AR 71730

Charlie Albert Hipp born June 20, 1882.
Virgil Lonzo Hipp born May 15, 1884.
Mary Jane Hipp born March 6, 1887.
William Olin born September 30, 1890.
Joe born February 28, 1892.
Isadora born September 4, 1894.
Meeky born July 22, 1897.

Nancy Francis Davis born February 9, 1864.
Samuel L. Hipp died June 15, 1901.
Nancy Frances Hipp died May 8, 1911.

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Amos French was borned August 20, 1818.
Mary E. French was borned March 5, 1825.
John C.C. French was borned July 1, 1847.
Delia I.S. French was borned April 10, 1852.
R.H.W. French was borned July 14, 1855.
Louis S. French was borned September 30, 1859.

John Amos Lee French was borned September 11, 1869.
(He was the son of Samuel Leonidas Hipp & Delia I.S. French who were married in 1868. Marriage not listed in Bible.)

Delia I.S. Hipp died November 19, 1878.

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PCAHS VISITORS

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April 16  L.D. & Patsy Jackson, Livingston, TX
April 23  Mr. & Mrs. D.R. Brister, Woodworth, LA
April 29  Linda Wilson, Delight, AR
April 29  Lois Brooke, Seminole, OK
April 29  Anita Hancock Ranells, Konow, OK

May 21  Connie Parsons Kinder, Hooks, TX
May 21  Geraldine Parsons, Texarkana, AR

July 16  Bud Almond, Tulsa, OK

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April 26  Marion Marrs, Santa Rosa, CA
April 27  Merriet Elizabeth Lewis, Dallas, TX

May -  Don & Dorothy Bevard, Pleasanton, CA
May 4  Tom Kizzia, Homer, AK
May 4  Joe Kizzia, Summit, NJ
May 5  Twilla Lemke
May 23  Mike Corbitt, Gordonville, NV

June --  Wilma V. Ranger, Olympia, WA

June --  Brenda Tollett, Ada, OK
June 22  Stanley & Imogene Bitely, Grady, AR
June 23  (ibid)
June 28  Martha Treadway, Arkadelphia, AR
June 28  Debra Collins, Fayetteville, AR

---- --  Ann Stell Symons, DeSota, TX
---- --  Sheila McCormick, Houston, TX

ARCHIVE UPDATE

Marriage Book (Pike County) D-E-F is finished, ready for publication. $15. Marriage Book A-B-C and D-E-F as a set for $25.

The Picture Book is being edited for final printing by Faye Crews.

We have added the 1920 Pike County, Arkansas census to our microfilms.

In the July meeting we voted to buy a table and two benches for the Murfreesboro Pavilion. We donated $100 to the Kimberly (cemetery) maintenance fund. Through the efforts of PCAHS members Pat & Orville Stewart & Jim Smedley the cemetery has been fenced.

We are very sorry our Vice-President Bobbie Hendrix has been very ill. We hope for a speedy recovery. She has had months of illness.

Stanley and Imogene Shultz Bitely from Grady, AR spent two days in Murfreesboro looking for family history. Dorothy Partain was able to help Imogene connect with the Drapers. She was delighted to meet Mr. Elberg Draper, probably the eldest living Draper of his generation, and a second cousin to Imogene. Mr. Draper has a very large picture on his wall of their mutual great-grandfather. Dorothy was also able to help the Bitely's with their Rankin family. In appreciation the Bitely's took Dorothy out for lunch which was also their 49th wedding anniversary. They helped Dorothy reshelve all the archival books that had been on the floor. Thank you Stan & Imogene.

Martha Treadway and Debra T. Collins also visited and updated their Kizzia charts. I want to thank all the other visitors for stopping by and so sorry to have missed everyone.

DOROTHY KENNEDY PARTAIN
PCAHS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

"THE EARLY HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS - The First One Hundred Years", originally published 1978 - reprinted 1989, now includes INDEX and CORRECTIONS ... $12.00

1870 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS PRINTED U S CENSUS
by Dorothy Kennedy Partain - indexed ... $15.00

"THE DIARY" (Family History) by Carlton Denny of Delight, Arkansas ... $3.00

A Reconstruction of the "1890" CENSUS OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS by Russell P. Baker ... $15.00

"SWEET REMEMBRANCE" - Caney Valley Childhood Memories of Flora Adelia Adams Cosby" compiled by Karen Cosby Roy, published 1984 ... $10.00

1880 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS FEDERAL CENSUS by Dorothy Kennedy Partain and Linda Willingham Meek 222 pages, including index, published 1992 ... $20.00

INDEX TO VOLUME 1 & 2 NUMBERS 1, 2, 3 and 4 of "THE GEMS of PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS" ... Each Volume Year Index $3.00

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Vols. 1-4, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 (4 issues each volume) ... Each Issue $2.00

PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS (1895-1910) by Linda Willingham Meek and Dorothy Kennedy Partain ... $15.00

"CRATER OF DIAMONDS: Jewel of Arkansas" published 1989 by Bobbie Hendrix ... $6.00

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Please make check or money order payable to Linda Wilson, Treasurer of PCAHS and mail along with the following information to: Linda Wilson, Treasurer of PCAHS, P.O. Box 179, Delight, AR 71940
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The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a non-profit organization dedicated to the purpose of collecting and preserving primary source materials which bring together the unique history of Pike County, Arkansas and its people. The Pike County Archives is located on the third floor of the Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Arkansas and the Heritage Room at the Library in Murfreesboro. Library hours [Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.]. The PCAHS courthouse hours [Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.]. If Court is not in session call first: Harrison Gilmer 285-3187 or Linda Wilson 379-2471 or Dorothy Partain 285-3528. Helpful telephone numbers: Pike County Clerk's Office [501] 285-2231; County Judge [Courthouse] [501] 285-2414; Mayor's Office for Library [501] 285-3732.

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