MOSES KILBERN BROCK

Moses Kilbern Brock was born in Grainger County, East Tennessee the son of Moses Brock and Mahalah Dyer. His parents and a large number of children lived on a farm at Powder Springs Gap, Tennessee when he was born on September 13, 1840 and where he was reared and "educated in the common schools of his county." At the age of ten in late 1850 his parents moved to Pike County, Arkansas and settled east of Murfreesboro on the public road now Highway 26 near Saline Creek.

Moses Kilbern Brock volunteered as a soldier in the Confederate army on July 20, 1861 and was a member of the original "Pike County Blues" the first company organized out of Pike County, Arkansas during the Civil War. This company was officially designated as Company G and attached to the Fourth Arkansas Regiment of Infantry (McIntosh Brigade) in Benton County, Arkansas. He eventually obtained the rank of Third Lieutenant. In 1912 he spoke of his service and said, "When I enlisted at Murfreesboro, Pike County, there were one hundred men, rank and file, and at the surrender there were only four men, which were Eri Webb, C.K. Garner, James McGhee, and M.K. Brock, the others having been killed, wound-ed, died and deserted." He also provided an account of the battles his company was engaged while he was in active service. "The first engage-ment (was at) Pea Ridge, Arkansas. McIntosh and McCollum were killed in the Battle of Pea Ridge. The command was then transferred to the Eastern Department (and) the first engagement in the Eastern Department was at Farmington, Mississippi. The next was at Richmond, Kentucky. The next, (a) three day's engagement, was at Murfreesboro, Tennessee and (one at) Jackson, Mississippi. (Next), three days (at) Chicamauga, Georgia (and) the general engagement from Missionary Ridge to and around Atlanta, Georgia. (Also) the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee (and) two days at Nashville, Tennessee under J.B. Hood. I was captured and imprisoned at Johnston's Island near San Dusky City where I was released (on) July 16th 1865."

Following his release and return to Pike County, Arkansas he was married to Sarah Jane Reid on October 25, 1865. She was the daughter of John and Mary Reid of Antoine, Arkansas who came to Pike County in 1856 from Gwinnett County, Georgia. Moses Kilbern Brock and Sarah Jane Reid had twelve children. Ten have been identified as follows:

Margaret A. Brock born September 19, 1866 in Pike County, Arkansas married George W. Moore on February 17, 1886 in Nevada County, Arkansas died February 7, 1950. She is buried in the Delight Cemetery at Delight, Arkansas.

Martha Elnorah Brock born April 9, 1871 in Pike County, Arkansas married John Wesley Hewitt on December 31, 1893 in Nevada County, Arkansas died December 30, 1954. She is buried in the Antoine Cemetery at Antoine, Arkansas.

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John W. Brock born October 15, 1874 in Pike County, Arkansas married Ada Caledonia Wingfield on September 17, 1893 in Nevada County, Arkansas died February 17, 1919. He is buried in the Delight Cemetery at Delight, Arkansas.

Moses Edward Brock born February 1, 1877 in Pike County, Arkansas married Velma Lenore Adams on
October 3, 1897 in Pike County, Arkansas died September 7, 1962. He is buried in the Delight Cemetery at Delight, Arkansas.

Amanda Josephine Brock born 1879 in Pike County, Arkansas married David H. Sturdivant on September 19, 1897 in Clark County, Arkansas.

George A. Brock born September 19, 1880 in Pike County, Arkansas died November 13, 1881. He is buried in the Delight Cemetery at Delight, Arkansas.

Ada Brock a twin born 1884 in Pike County, Arkansas married Omer L. McKinney on April 7, 1904 in Pike County, Arkansas died 1955. She is buried in the Delight Cemetery at Delight, Arkansas.

Ida Brock a twin born 1884 in Pike County, Arkansas married Walter A. Herrington on February 23, 1908 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Samuel K. Brock born January 5, 1887 in Pike County, Arkansas died June 29, 1893. He is buried in the Delight Cemetery at Delight, Arkansas.

Moses Kilbern Brock was a Justice of the Peace in Pike County, Arkansas from 1882 to 1884. He was a member of the Democratic Party and chairman of his party's Central Committee for six years in Pike County. He was elected a representative from Pike County to the Arkansas Legislature in 1899 and reelected in 1901. During his tenure in the Legislature as a member of the House of Representatives he was "present to answer every roll call" and the "author of the following bills: A bill to reimburse county officers for selling school lands which passed the house. A bill to raise the salary of the county judge of Pike County from $300 to $400. A bill to change the time of collecting taxes from January to October. He supported the Collins bill to tax the cash surrender value of life insurance policies; the bill for state uniformity of text books; the railroad commission bill and the fellow-servant bill."

The great grandfather of Moses Kilbern Brock "came from England and settled in Halifax County, Virginia." His son George Brock (grandfather of M.K. Brock) married Amy Dyer in Pittsylvania County, Virginia on November 13, 1795. They moved to Grainger County, Tennessee where Moses Brock (father of M.K. Brock) was born on January 17, 1803. Moses Brock first married Zephrona (Zipparah) Dennis on May 12, 1822 in Grainger County, Tennessee. She died July 27, 1833. Their children were:

William Brock born 1823 in Grainger County, Tennessee married Anna Eliza Ellis on October 18, 1842 in Grainger County, Tennessee.

James Brock born February 25, 1825 in Grainger County, Tennessee married Sarah Bullen on October 12, 1843 in Grainger County, Tennessee.

Elizabeth Brock born 1828 in Grainger County, Tennessee married Charles Giles Parman on September 5, 1850 in Grainger County, Tennessee.

Amy Brock born 1830 in Grainger County, Tennessee married Thomas Jefferson Kizziar about 1857 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Charity Brock born 1832 in Grainger County, Tennessee married first Hiram T. Stell about 1851 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second William G. Dossey about 1865 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Moses Brock second married Mahalah Dyer on October 1, 1833 in Grainger County, Tennessee. She was born 1801 in Tennessee and died April 22, 1876. Their children were:

Booker D. Brock born 1834 in Grainger County, Tennessee married Amanda S.A. Mansfield about 1858 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Nancy Ann Brock born 1836 in Grainger County, Tennessee married Henry A. Conatser about 1855 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Sarah Ellen Brock born February 16, 1839 in Grainger County, Tennessee married Francis Marion Brock (cousin) on April 18, 1858 in Pike County, Arkansas. They moved to Texas and lived near McKinney and Plano in Collin County. She is buried in Hill County, Texas.

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Isaac L. Reid born in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

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James R. Reid born in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Charles W. Reid a twin born in Gwinnett County Georgia married Princess E. Duvall on January 1, 1878 in Nevada County, Arkansas.

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Moses Kilbern Brock and his wife Sarah Jane Reid moved from Pike County and lived for a period of time at Bigelow in Perry County, Arkansas. He died on May 30, 1919 and she died on July 7, 1921. Both are buried in the Delight Cemetery at Delight, Arkansas.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Application for Pension (July 24, 1912). State of Arkansas, County of Perry. I, M.K. Brock ... served as a soldier in the army ... of the Con-federate States, being a member of Company G, Fourth Arkansas Regiment of Infantry from the State of Arkansas ... that I was honorably dis-charged ... from such service on or about the Sixteenth day of June 1865 ... I am incapacitated to perform manual labor in any of the ordinary avocations of life ... and ... is the result of ... Rheumatism and Old age. (Signed) M.K. Brock. State of Arkansas, County of Perry. We the under-signed, sitting as a Pension
Board for Perry County, do certify that we have examined the application of the within named M.K. Brock for pension ... and that he should be allowed $100 pension. (Signed) H.L. Trundle, John Bland, J.A. McBach. Evidence of Physician (July 24, 1912). State of Arkansas, County of Perry. I, J.J. Moncrief a duly registered and practicing physician in Bigelow, Perry County, Arkansas, do hereby certify that I am personally well acquainted with M.K. Brock of Bigelow, Perry Co., Arkansas, who is an applicant for a pension under the Statutes of Arkansas ... Physical condition ... to ... cause ... incapacity for manual labor attributable to Rheumatism and old age. (Signed) J.J. Moncrief. Proof of Service (July 22, 1912). State of Arkansas, County of Pike. On this day personally came before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County of Pike and State of Ark., C.K. Garner and Eri Webb citizens of Delight, Arkansas ... well acquainted with applicant M.K. Brock and have known him 60 years respectively. That he was a Confederate soldier, belonging to Company G, 4th Ark. Inft. Regiment ... and that he was a Confederate soldier, belonging to Company G, Regiment of Infantry 4th Ark. That as such soldier he served from July 1861 to 16 June 1865. That he was honorably discharged ... from such service ... That he is incapacitated for manual labor by reason of age and general debility ... (Signed) C.K. Garner; John V. Coale (Notary Public). Deceased Pensioner's Widow's Application (June 16, 1919). State of Arkansas, County of Pike. I, Sarrah J. Brock do solemnly swear that I was born the 19th day of April 1844 and that I am the widow of M.K. 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As early as December of 1901, the Pike County churches within the Red River Association began calling for the organization of a separate Pike County Baptist Association. At the Fifty Sunday Meeting held late that year, Elders W.M. Patterson and J.B. Thomas were authorized to travel throughout the county to ascertain the feelings of the churches on this matter. However, for some reason, a new association was not organized at that time. Nevertheless, within a few years Pike County churches from both associations were fellowshipping together and supporting the State General Association's mission work and receiving church members. In 1905 Bro. Thomas, acting as secretary of one such meetings, urged the Pike County churches to "take a good collection for the General Association and by so doing help to preach ... to the heathens."

At the 1905 session of the Red River Association, four of the Pike County churches: Wall Creek, Murfreesboro, Pike City, and Spring Hill, asked for letters of "dismission" for the purpose of organizing a "new association in Pike County." An analysis of the records of this session indicate that six of the Association's churches: Arkadelphia, Antoine, Boughton, Delight, Gurdon, and Gum Springs, were at that time, active supporters of the State General Association. However, for the sake of unity within the body, the Association once again adopted a position that support of one State organization or the other was to be left up to the individual churches. This "duel support" position would continue within this association until most of the Landmark churches left and for the Clark County Baptist Association in 1917.

As its 1905 session the Caddo River Association also dismissed some of its Pike County churches to help organize the new association. They were Salem in Pike County, Caney Valley, Mount Pleasant, and Bethlehem. Valley Grove church near Glenwood followed in 1906. In the summer of 1905, a firm call had gone out to these churches to send, "delegates to Pike City (church) to work up a ... County association." This meeting was successful and the churches were then asked to send additional messengers, perhaps once again to Pike City Church, to finalize the organization. The date and exact place of this "first session" of the Pike County Association is not known. However, it was held in October of 1905. Pike City, Spring Hill, Salem, Caney Valley, Mount Pleasant, and Bethlehem churches appear to have been in this meeting.

On October 6-8, 1906 the Pike County Missionary Baptist Association met with the Caney Valley Church. This is the first session for which there are records. The following churches were received into its fellowship: Murfreesboro, Wall Creek, Valley Grove, Amity, and Midway. Its principal business during this session was to pass a strong endorsement of the, "schedule of work set forth by the (State) General Association of Arkansas." In its 1907 meeting, Bethel Church near Glenwood was received. During this session the Association approved the "let each church chose" approach to mission support that had been adopted by the Red River Association. It is felt that this was done due to the influence of the Murfreesboro and Amity churches, the two largest congregations in the Association. In 1909 the following churches were added to the fellowship: Glenwood, Liberty Hill, Caney Fork, and a church at Shawmut. At this session the Association once again changed its mind and voted to recommend that its churches, "cooperate with the General Association in the true gospel method of missions." In 1911 the Association recommended that the churches use the new Sunday School publications prepared by the Landmark Baptist publishing concern in Little Rock. However, by 1916 the urban churches - Amity, Glenwood, and Murfreesboro - with strong ties to the Convention system, once again began making waves within the Association's fellowship. Consequently, the body that year tried a middle approach: both Sunday School literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention and that published by Landmark Baptists were "endorsed." For the first time the churches were asked to report the type of literature they used in their Sunday Schools. It is interesting to note that the County churches that reported Sunday Schools using the Landmark material, while all the town churches were using the Convention material. As can be seen, the seeds of future controversy and division were already working within the Association.

Beginning in 1917 a much more strident tone can be
seen in the records of the Association's meetings. That year, that great champion of the Landmark cause, and editor of The Baptist and Commoner, published in Little Rock, Dr. Ben M. Bogard, visited the Association as it met with Midway Church, east of Glenwood. "From what I could learn," he later wrote, "most of the churches and preachers in this Association are in harmony (with our Landmark) work (though) most of them do not seem to understand the difference." The cause of this more vocal and militant convention-ism within the Association was no doubt due to the fact that the Rev. William L. Compere, a long-time Arkansas Landmark foe and the brother of the editor of the Convention newspaper in Arkansas, The Baptist Advance, had recently become the Pastor of the church at Amity. From this time until his death in 1933, he "served (churches) at Glenwood and Womble - weak (Convention) fields at the time." He was very articulate, very persuasive, and very well known. Although he "counted many friends among (the) 'Landmark' brethren, still he always rang true to (Convention) missions and all (Southern Baptist) organized work." Out of courtesy for his advanced years, Rev. Compere was often placed on the Association's committees. Here he used his considerable influence to see that mention was always made of the work of the Convention in committee reports. He also usually saw to it that any committee he chaired gave the lion's share of detail and praise to Convention work.

Part 3 of Resetting the Old Landmarks, A History of the Clark - Pike Missionary Baptist Association, courtesy of Russell Pierce Baker. To be continued in the next issue of The Gems.

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DEATHS & OBITUARIES

Beatrice Young

Beatrice Young, one of the High School girls of Daisy, Ark., died Saturday morning at one o'clock, June 26, (1926), of typhoid fever. She was four-teem years old and was promoted to the ninth grade at the close of the last term of school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z.M. Young, of Daisy, Ark. As one of our fellowmates she has represent-ed our school in all the literary contests during the past school year and has always been one of the leaders in all the games. We sincerely mourn her loss and extend to the bereaved family our sympa-thy. We feel that the school children of Pike county have lost one of their brightest members. She is survived by her father and mother, one brother, Finis Young, and two sisters, Dovey and Hortorie Young. - School Children of Daisy.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for sympathies and kindness shown during the illness and death of our mother. We also thank you for the beautiful floral offerings which were so symbolic of the life she lived. - Mrs. Roy Sullivan, Leo Reese.

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Mrs. Martha Buck Died Last Tuesday

Mrs. Martha S. Buck, aged 83, wife of Prof. J.G.H. Buck, died at her home on Murfreesboro Heights early Tuesday morning July 6, (1926), following a protracted illness. She was born in 1843 and married to Prof. Buck in 1857, living together in wedlock 69 years. They resided in Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, and Arkansas, removing to this city from Palestine, Texas in 1912. None ever entered her home without a warm welcome, nor left without feeling the warmth of a genuine hospitality. Disease did not destroy the charm of a kind, indulgent disposition, nor old age diminish her unselfish solicitude for her loved ones and friends. She united with the Baptist church in early life and lived a consistent member of same until her death. While she has continued to enjoy the society of her friends and family, she has for several years realized that her active life was over and with resignation awaited the Divine call from death to life. She was the mother of a large family of boys and girls who mostly now reside in distant states. Business cares and their own home circles have encroached upon their time, and may possibly have robbed mother of their companionship, but she was ever just the same, rejoicing in their successes and grieving at their misfortunes. They may have grown away from her, but she never from them. Vain is any attempt to measure the loss of a mother to her children; after all the poets have sung and lovers dreamed, outside of heaven there is no love like mother love. She is survived by her husband J.G.H. Buck, three sons - Col. B.B. Buck of San Antonio, Tex., Garland and...
Carlton Buck of Sinton, Texas, three daughters - Mrs. W.M. Call of Battle Creek, Mich., Mrs. Walter Monroe of Port Arthur, Texas, and Mrs. S.K. Hohes, of this city. Funeral services were conducted at the family home by Rev. D.W. Cornish, and her body laid to rest in the Murfreesboro cemetery.

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**In Memoriam**

Mrs. Lelia Ann Tribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Tribble, was born in Howard County, Arkansas, May 18, 1878, was married to Lon Reese on December 15, 1895, and died at her home near Bingen, Arkansas, at 10 o’clock, Mon-day evening, June 21, 1926. She united with the Methodist Church at the age of thirteen years and lived a faithful and consistent member there of until about twenty years ago, when she united with the Church of Christ, of which she was a member at her death. With the closing life of a day, she went to sleep like a tired child. It was soon after the birds had caroled their last song of the evening and the rosy fingers of the orb of day had finished their tinting of the western sky of glory. Surely a most fitting time for a pure spirit to take its flight heavenward. With an eye of faith, one could see, at the close of this memorable June day, an invisible hand wave a signal, and voice of soft accent on the evening breeze announce that the gates were open and that God’s angels were waiting to escort her in. After a long, busy and useful life, she died as she had lived - honored, trusted, and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived, in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life was completed, if work all done and well down constitutes completion. Her Christian life was beautiful from its beginning to its close, and thru all the vicissitudes and sorrows that she met in the way, her faith in God never wavered. But she had left us and the autumn leaves will now fall upon another grave that hides from our sight all that is mortal of a true and noble woman. As the death dew gathered on her marble brow, around her bedside gathered a host of friends, her brothers and her girl and boy, always to her, girl and boy, though grown to mature years, and watched with tearful eyes the life so long interwoven with theirs, as it slowly, but surely passed over to the Great Beyond. The love of a mother for her children passeth all human understanding. The girl that stood about the cot of this dying mother and so bravely fought the Death Angel, long ago passed out from the little home circle. The cares of her own home have encroached upon her time, and may have robbed mother of her companionship, but she was ever just the same, rejoicing in her success and grieving at her misfortunes. She may have grown away from her mother, but her mother never from her, she was still her girl. We know that years hence, the memory of this mother's unselfish devotion will make her girl and boy better and her precepts will be their guiding star. Vain is any attempt to measure the loss of a mother to her children. Outside of Heaven, there is no love like mother love. We believe the tender care devoted by those nearest and dearest, went with her to the Better Land, and in the possibilities of Eternity, may be needed hereafter. In the light, not of the sun, neither of the moon, we see her beyond the fields of fadeless asphodel, under the waving palms, besides the still waters bordered with silver lilies. Impressive funeral services were conducted by Bro. Stell, of Delight, and Bro Johnson, of Bingen, at Ozan cemetery, Bingen, after which all that was mortal of this mother of Israel was tenderly conveyed to the Silent City, where, by the side of her devoted husband, she now rests in peace, awaiting the beautiful resurrection morning when we shall all be reunited. Well may her children cherish her memory as a precious legacy and we fain would say a word of comfort to the stricken ones. We can but let our tears flow in sympathy with theirs and point them to the promise, “At eventide it shall be light.”

- A Friend.

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**Local Items**

A 16 or 17 year old daughter of the late Maggie Walker, colored, died here Monday (July 5, 1926) of tuberculosis.

**Mrs. Dr. Doughty Dead**

Mrs. Dr. Doughty, of Amity, died Monday of last week following a brief illness. She was a daughter of Mrs. Mattie Busby, of this city, and well known here. She is survived by her husband and four sons, one daughter, and her mother, three sisters and one
To Our Friends

We take this means to thank each and all for your many acts of thoughtful kindness and love extended to our beloved wife and mother during her last hours upon earth. By your cheery visits, your many offerings of delicacies and flowers; your tender ministrations; you added comfort and joy indescribable to her last days. Then when she had been called Home, you came with your loving words, your sweet songs, your exquisite flowers, to pay your last tribute to her. Rest assured that all the wonderful kindnesses will live in our hearts while life endures. May Heaven bless you. - J.G.H. Buck and Family.

Saline News

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henderson attended the funeral of Mr. W.W. Blanchard at Delight last Thursday.

A TAX BOOK FOR THE YEAR A.D. 1840

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State of Arkansas,
County of Pike.

THIS day received of David S. Dickson, Clerk of the County Court and Exofficio Clerk of the Circuit Court and for the county aforesaid, and the Book for the year Eighteen Hundred and forty and the same is the sum of:

Amr. of State Tax $130.93
Amr. of County Tax $645.93

ISAAC WHITE
Shifting and Collector
of Pike County.

State of Arkansas,
Sct.
County of Pike.

I, David S. Dickson, Clerk of the County Court and Exofficio Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the amount of State Tax for the Year Eighteen Hundred and forty due the State from this County, is the sum of One Hundred and Thirty dollars and ninte-three cents.

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk and affix the seal of office, this 1st day [of] May, A.D. 1840, and of the independance of the United States the 64 year.

D.S. DICKSON

Pike County, Arkansas Tax List for 1840, Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas. Available on microfilm.

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**A.J. JESTER BIBLE**

"WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER."

This Certifies

**HOLY MATRIMONY**

WAS CELEBRATED BY

Mr. A.J. Jester of Eldorado, Ark. and Hentietta
Alford of Eldorado, Ark. on Dec. 8th 1864 at
Eldorado, Ark. by Squire Martin.

**Births.**

A.J. Jester was born Aug. 16, 1845 in Randolph Co. Ga.

Mrs. A.J. Jester was born in Mar. 30, 1843 in Monroe, La.

Nancy Anne Jester was born Aug. 15, 1867.
Francis Jester was born Jan. 22, 1870.
Sibia Columbus Jester was born Apr. 10, 1873.
Dosie Lee Jester was born Jan. 12, 1875.
Foster Finley Jester was born Jan. 15, 1879.
John Auther Jester was born Jan. 15, 1879.
Lizzie Jester was born June 18, 1881.
Marget Minnie Jester Aug. 15, 1883.
Lou Jean Jester was born Apr. 8, 1887.

R.H. Sparks Borned Sept. 13, 1878.

Peirce F. Sparks Borned Nov. 21, 1905.
Lillie Sparks borned May 30, 1907.
Iva Sparks was borned (page torn) 9, 1910.
Ethel H. Sparks was borned June 12, 1913.
Mack M. Sparks was borned April 29, 1917.
Dora A. Sparks was borned January 23, 1920.

Alene Cook was born Aug. 2, 1919.
Christine Moody was born Feb. 12, 1930.
Levell Long was born Aug. 12, 1932.

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Bert Ford was borned March 5, 190-.

Henry Jefferson Wood was born April 30, 1857.

Susannah Elizabeth Wood was born Nov. 3, 1859.

Marthey (Martha) Izibell and Edw. Jackson Wood was born 25 of Dec. 1867.

Nickeles Haynes was born Sept. 15th 1879.

F. Marylin Haynes was born Aug. 1, 1882.

Letha Haynes was born May 10th 1886.

Edw. Haynes was born Nov. 14, 1888.

Henry Dophus Wood was born Sept 7, 1881.

Wm. Alfred Wood was born 28 of March 1889.

Ella Tennessee Wood Feb. 26, 1891.

John Luther Wood was born 29 of Dec. 1893.

Mary Elizabeth Wood was born (?) 14th 1894.

Ira Wood born Dec. 23, 1894.

Henry Sparkes (sp) was born April 22, 1804.

Marthey (Martha) Osborn was born Jan. 29, 1807.

Margreat (sp) Jane Wood born Nov. 23, (1836).
FAMILY RECORD.

Births.

Thomas Colbey Jackson Holcome was born March 11th 1872.
Euphema H. (no record)
Martha Euphema Holcombe was Born Oct. 17th 1876.
John D. Calley was borned Aug. the 25, 1888.
William S. Calley was borned March the 7, 1892.  
Henry Noten Calley was Bornd (sic) March the 15th 1896.
Fannie L. Duke was Bornd (sic) January the 6th 1873.
Stellie Holcomb was Bornd (sic) September the 5th 1896.
Other W. Calley was Bornd (sic) August the 13, 1897.
Dossie Calley was borned March 28, 1901.
Malvern R. Holcomb was borned January 18, 1900.
Minnie J. Holcomb was borned November 11, 1901.
Thomas Holcomb was borned July 23, 1895.
Orbie Clayhorn Holcomb was borned September 25, 1897.
Nancy L. Holcomb was borned October 16, 1901.
Alva Marion Holcomb Born Jan. 15th 1906.
Mattie Holcomb Born Jan. 1st 1904.

Deaths.

Susan Jane Halcom Deceast this Life October the 5, 1856.
Rachel Elmira Halcom Deceast this Life October the 4th 1856.
John Marion Holcomb Departed This life April 30, 1874.
Nancy Margaret Holcomb Died Oct. 4th 1876.
John Calley Departed this Life January the 1, 1894.
John Holcomb Died January the 16th 1899.

Nancy M. Holcome Died October 6, 1901.
Martha Euphema Duke Died July 14, 1911.
Emily Frances Calley Died May 3, 1925.
William Littleton died September 2-, 19--.
W.S. Calley Died March 1, 1935.
William Thomas Holcomb Died August 7, 1954.

John Holcomb Bible Record (partial) courtesy of Joyce Wood, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

HENRY SPARKS Born 1804 Died 1864

Henry Sparks was born on April 22, 1804 while his parents were living in Franklin County, Georgia and we have a record of his wife and children contained in a family Bible. The Bible was a wedding present on the occasion of the marriage of John Henry Wood and Margaret Jane Sparks, daughter of Henry Sparks, on April 13, 1856. It appears records that had been kept by her parents as well as by the parents of her husband, were copied into this new Bible, with the births of the Wood children being then recorded as they occurred. Included was a listing of the names and dates of birth of the children of Henry Sparks and his wife, Martha (Osburn) Sparks.

Henry Sparks was 13 years old when his father sold his land in Franklin County, Georgia and moved to Gwinnett County, Georgia. It was there he was married on November 5, 1829 to Martha Osburn. She was born on January 29, 1807 some-where in South Carolina. Henry Sparks moved his family from Gwinnett County to Walker County, Georgia which is in the northwest corner of the state. In 1850 they were living over the state line in Cherokee County, Alabama. In 1851 or 1852 Henry Sparks again moved his family westward, this time to Arkansas. His name appeared on the poll tax list of Pike County, Arkansas in 1852.

According to the records contained in the family Bible that belonged to Margaret Jane (Sparks) Wood and her husband, her father Henry Sparks died on March 15, 1864. Her mother "Marthy" (Osburn) Sparks died a few weeks earlier on January 8, 1864. They were likely buried in the family burial plot on Henry Sparks farm in Caney
Fork Township, Pike County. As the years passed their exact burial sites have been forgotten.

The children of Henry and Martha (Osburn) Sparks were as follows:

Russell Jones Sparks was born in Gwinnett County, Georgia on August 24, 1830; he died on September 29, 1871. He was married to Sarah Caroline Osburn in Clark County, Arkansas on November 5, 1852 at the residence of the bride's parents, Jesse and Elvira Osborn. Russell J. Sparks served in the Union Army during the Civil War and following his death his widow applied for a pension based on his service.

William Erwin Sparks was born on September 10, 1831. He married Bede Caroline Osborn in 1854 in Clark County, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Ann (Becky) Sparks was born on July 21, 1833; she died on February 3, 1864. She was married to John Cox on July 24, 1861.

Nancy Caroline Sparks was born on April 30, 1835. She was married to W.M. Jinkins (Jenkins) on May 18, 1852.

Margaret Jane Sparks was born on November 23, 1836 and died on January 28, 1916. She was married to John Henry Wood on April 13, 1856. He was born on May 20, 1834 and died on July 19, 1917. According to information recorded in their family Bible, both Margaret Jane and John Henry (Wood) were "of Mountain Home" which is a town in Baxter County, Arkansas.

Rutha Marier Sparks was born on May 10, 1838. She died in infancy on July 12, 1839.

John Britton Sparks was born on August 22, 1840 in Georgia and died on March 13, 1886 in Pike County, Arkansas. He was married in Murfreesboro, Arkansas on July 29, 1866 to Sarah Carpenter. She died on March 3, 1923. John Britton Sparks served in the Union Army during the Civil War and in 1890 his widow applied for a pension based on that service.

Martha Manurvey Sparks was born on September 7, 1844. She died on May 7, 1854.

Sarah Amanda Lucinda Trimble Sparks was born on June 21, 1846 (or 1847) in Cherokee County, Alabama. She died on December 17, 1914 in Pike County, Arkansas. She married Jett Millard Davis on August 13, 1865. Both are buried in the Wood Cemetery in Pike County.

Henry Teague (Doc) Sparks was born on October 15, 1848 (or 1849) in Cherokee County, Alabama. He died on March 8, 1893. Henry Teague Sparks was married to "Susaner" (Susannah) Jane Griffin on July 30, 1871. She was born on February 14, 1858 (or 1853) and died on March 29, 1891. There was a note in a Bible owned by a son to the effect that Green Griffin a gunsmith, born in Lauderdale County, Alabama who was 42 years old in 1863, and a John Griffin born in Pike County, Arkansas were (father) and brother of Susannah Jane Griffin. John Griffin was 18 years old in 1865.

Another note in this same Bible says, "Mr. and Mrs. Britton Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Holbart Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Horton came to Victoria County, Texas in 1901."

Henry Sparks Born 1804 Died 1864, excerpts from Jeremiah Sparks born ca. 1773 son of Edward Sparks, by Russell E. Bidlack, edited, Sparks Quarterly, pp. 3448-3455.

PROOF OF MARRIAGE

State of Arkansas
County of Garland

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the County of Garland and State of Arkansas, duly appointed, commissioned, qualified, and acting and fully authorized to administer oaths, John T. Lavender aged 54 years, and Matilda Lavender aged 52 years, both of whom are residents of the County of Garland in the State of Arkansas, but whose Post Office address is Chrystal Springs in the County of Montgomery and State of Arkansas, both of whom being by me duly sworn according to law, depoeth and sayeth: that they were present at the residence of Rebecca Orrick at Pike County, Arkansas on the 28 day of December A.D. 1870 and witnessed the Marriage Ceremony performed by Parson Ewing Alford, M.G., between Abijah Barentine and Celia Ann Orrick; and they further state that they have had personal knowledge of the said Abijah Barentine and Celia Ann Orrick each and every year from the
said 28th day of December 1870 up to the present time this 21 day of October 1896 and that they have personal knowledge and do know that they have lived peaceably, contiguously, and uninterruptedly together as husband and wife ever since their said marriage and they further state that they have no interest in this matter either direct or indirect, present or prospective; and that their Post Office address is Chrysal Springs, Montgomery County, State of Arkansas.

John T. Lavender
Matilda E. Lavender

Attest:

May Brown

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 21 day of October 1896 A.D. and I hereby certify that affiants are to me well known as respectable and credible persons whose statements are entitled to full faith and credit and that their reputation for truth and veracity is good and without question and that they are so regarded and reputed by the community in which they reside or where every they are known; and I further certify that I carefully read over said affidavit to said affiants and acquainted them with the nature and purposes of said affidavit at and before the execution hereof and I am satisfied from an examination of the witnesses or affiants herein, that they fully understood the same and I further certify that I am in no wise interested in this matter and that my commission expires on the 31st day of January 1898 and that my Post Office address is Arkansas.

R.D. Suddeth
Notary Public

State of Arkansas,
County of Pike.

I, M.M. Mauney, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Recorder within and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed instrument of writing was filed in my office for record on the 22nd day of February A.D. 1897 at 1 o'clock P.M. and that the same is now duly recorded with the acknowledgment and certificate thereon, in record Book B, Pages 335 and 336.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal this the 23rd day of February A.D. 1897.

(Seal) M.M. Mauney, Clerk

Pike County Arkansas Deed Book B, pages 335-336.

EARLY MARRIAGES

Marriage Books A & B


Pike County, Arkansas Marriage Books A & B, current records, Pike County Courthouse, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

WILLIAM BROWN

His grandfather William Brown moved to Pike County, Arkansas in 1832 from Lincoln County, Missouri. He returned to Lincoln County, Missouri in 1834. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He later returned to Arkansas where he again lived in Pike County.

William Brown, farmer and son of Levi and Mary (Oden) Brown, was born in Lincoln County, Mo., where he is now living, in June 1836. The father was born in Cocke County, Tenn., in 1796 and the mother in Barren County, Ky., she being a little older than her husband. He came to Lincoln County in 1815, and she to St. Charles County a few years before, and lived for some time in a fort. After their marriage, in 1829, they settled in Lincoln County, and here spent the balance of their days. He was a
mechanic, making spinning wheels, coffins or whatever the early settlers needed, though at the same time he carried on farming. He died in 1881 and she in 1877. He was a Democrat previous to the war and afterwards a Republican. In their family were five children, of whom two sons and one daughter are now living. The grand-father, William Brown, fought in the Revolutionary War. William Brown, the subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm and received little or no education. He lived with and cared for his parents until their death. In 1858 he married Miss Nancy E. Williams, daughter of John P. and Mary (Hat-field) Williams, who were the parents of four daughters, of whom Mrs. Brown is the youngest. The fruits of Mr. Brown's marriage were two children, John L. (deceased) and Levi. Since his marriage Mr. Brown has lived on his fine farm, consisting of 222 acres all well cultivated; besides this he has ample means on interest. He has been a resident of Lincoln County for the past fifty-two years, and has never been on a train or a steamboat. For about three years during the war he belonged to the militia.

History of Lincoln County, Missouri, 1888, page 512.

Road Overseers: Clark now Pike County, Arkansas 1820-1834

Overseers of the Public Road from Antoine Bayou south to the Little Missouri River.

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Clark county, Arkansas, Circuit Court Minutes, 1820-1834. Courthouse, Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas.

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JOHN OLIVER HUGHITT BIBLE
E.J. Huggitt
This Book
Holy Bible

THE
NEW TESTAMENT
married February 18, A.D. 1870; their Daughter Susie Born February 28, A.D. 1873.

John Oliver Hughitt Bible Record courtesy of Barbara Tull Dehle, San Antonio, Texas.

MILITIA OF ARKANSAS TERRITORY 1825

Clark, Hempstead, and Miller County

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E.J. Hughitt

Cleburne, Texas

James L. Hughitt and Mary An(n)e Gorman was married May 20, 1873 in Hamilton Co., Tex.
MILITIA OF ARKANSAS
GENERAL ORDER
ARKANSAS TERRITORY
Head Quarters, Little Rock
June 10th 1825

The Commanding Officers of Regiments, Battalions, and Companies of Militia in the counties ... of Clark, Hempstead, and Miller ... will make their reports to Brig. Gen. William Bradford at Cantonment Towson who will forward them to Head Quarters. The organization of the Territorial Militia will engage the full attention of the Commander in Chief and will be proceeded on without delay. The laws for the government of the Militia will be rigidly enforced and the zealous co-operation of those citizens who have been honored with Commissions is called for and expected. Lieut. Colonels Henry W. Conway and Ambrose H. Sevier have been ap-pointed Aids-de-Camp to the Governor. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

GEO. IZARD

By the Governor: A.H. Sevier, A.d.C.

Note: In the above list of the Officers of the Militia in the Territory of Arkansas it is probable that some errors occur in the dates of the Commissions and that some names are in-sorted of Officers who have resigned, or have left the Territory. Information on these subjects addressed to the Adjutant General's Office, Little Rock, will be attended to and a corrected list will be published at a future moment.


Richard Clark Gentry Bible

William Gentry was born April the 10th 1788.
Jane Gentry was born May the 3rd 1792.

John H. Gentry was born October 2nd 1812.
William C. Gentry was born July the 25th 1814.
James M. Gentry was born August the 15th 1816.
Allen A. Gentry was born March the 2nd 1818.

Betsy Jane Gentry was born November the 22nd 1821.

Alfred Gentry was born December the 18th 1823.
Franklin Gentry was born January the 24th 1826.
Jurusha Rebecca Gentry was born Jan. 25th 1828.
Samuel W. Gentry was born February 23rd 1830.

George Washington Gentry was born January the 18th 1832.

Jackson Gentry the ninth son of Wm. Gentry and Jane his wife was born July 20th 1834.

Rufus Fountain Gentry was born Oct. 12th 1835.

John P. Stephens was born Jan. the fifth 1817.

William Charrell Stephens was born April the 4th 1841.

William Wesley Gentry was born Sept. 12th 1865.

Robert Featherston Gentry was born Dec. 10th 1865.

Marriages

William Gentry was married the 29th of November 1810.

John Hufmon (Huffman) and Martha H. Gentry was married the 15th of March 1832.

John P. (Page) Stephens (and) Betsy Jane Gentry was married the 25 of January 1838.

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

Wm. C. Gentry & Nancy Easley was married 21st Sept. 1843.

John Ferrel & Rebeckah Gentry was married the
29th of Feb. 1844.

A.A. (Allen) Gentry and Mary Ann Thos (Thomas) was married the 29th of May 1851.

S.W. (Samuel) Gentry & Mollie M. Wilkinson was married the 30th of May 1861.

Deaths

Jackson Gentry deceased the 30th of July 1830. He survived only 10 days.

George Washington Gentry deceased the 20th day of December 1834.

Rufus F. Gentry dide (died) the 27th of July 1836.

Betsy Jane Stephens Deceased on the 25th of July 1850.

Jane Gentry deceased the 9th day of July 1852. Her age 60 yrs. 2 months and 5 days.

William Gentry deceased the 22nd day of March 1858. His age 69 years 11 mo. 2 days.

Samuel W. Gentry died on 31st of January 1860.

Richard Clark Gentry and Sarah Oregon Reid Bible record courtesy of Shirley Graham, Houston, Texas.

CRATER OF DIAMONDS STATE PARK

Situated among the pine forests of southwest Arkansas near Murfreesboro is a rare 40 acre field where diamonds can be found in their natural matrix. Visitors from around the world search for diamonds at this unique geologic occurrence. This field is the only diamond area in North America open to the public. Over 70,000 diamonds have been found at the "Crater" (an eroded volcanic pipe) including such noted finds as the Uncle Sam (40.23 carats), Star of Murfreesboro (34.25 carats), Amarillo Starlight (16.37 carats), and the Star of Arkansas (15.33 carats). In June of 1981, the 8.82 carat Star of Shreveport was added to the growing list of valuable stones picked up at the Crater. An average of more than 600 diamonds is found each year.

Although genuine diamonds are the chief attraction, other semi-precious gems and minerals can also be found. Amethyst, agate, jasper, quartz, calcite, barite and many others, including over 40 different rocks and minerals, make the area a rock-hound's delight.

HISTORY

The first diamond was found here in 1906 by John Huddleston, who owned the property. The Crater of Diamonds has changed hands several times over the years and several unsuccessful attempts have been made at commercial mining. All such ventures are shrouded in mystery; lawsuits, lack of money, and fires are only few of the reasons for failure. The mine was operated by private interests as a tourist attraction from 1952 to 1972 when it was purchased by the State for development as a state park.

DIAMOND-HUNTING TIPS

1. Look for a small, well-rounded crystal. A diamond weighing several carats may be no larger than a marble.
2. Diamonds have an oily, slick outer surface that dirt or mud will not stick to, so look for clean crystals.
3. If you think you have a diamond, hold it carefully in your hand. Experience has shown once a diamond is dropped, it usually isn't found again that day.
4. Diamonds may be any of several colors. The most common found at the Crater are clear white, yellow, and brown.
5. Bring any stone you think may be a diamond to the Visitor Center for free weight and certification. Anything you find is yours!

FACILITIES

This unique state park comprises 888 pine-covered acres along the banks of the Little Missouri River. Modern campgrounds, bath-houses, and picnic areas are available to visitors. A gift shop, interpretive exhibits, audio-visual room, restrooms, and park offices are located in the Visitor Center, with a restaurant and picnic areas close by. Motels, hospitals, and other conveniences are a few minutes'
drive way in nearby towns. The park is open year-round (hours change seasonally).

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Orientation programs are offered at the Visitor Center. During the summer months, evening programs covering a variety of subjects including nature, geology, diamond "mining" methods, and history are available to all park visitors. Organized groups may request special programs to meet specific interests, if scheduled in advance.

The River Trail (1.3 miles) winds its way through the woods to the scenic Little Missouri River. It provides a relaxing 1-hour hike over level terrain.

FEES

Mine Admission. A nominal entrance fee is charge to adults and children (6-12). Children under six may look for diamonds free if accompanied by an adult.

Group Rates. Any organized group of 20 or more may search for diamonds at one-half the regular fee. Advanced notice must be given to obtain reduced group rates.

NOTE: There are 60 campsites with water and electricity available. Campers must register at the Visitor Center before occupying a site. All sites are assigned; limited reservations available.

LOCATION

Two miles southeast of Murfreesboro on Arkansas Highway 301.

For further information on park hours and fees, contact:

Crater of Diamonds State Park
Route 1, Box 364
Murfreesboro, AR 71958
Telephone: (501) 285-3113

Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism
Revised Fall 1990

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives

Old Washington Historic State Park
Washington, Arkansas

The Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA) is dedicated to the purpose of collecting and preserving primary source materials that bring together the unique history of Southwest Arkansas. These materials include letters, journals, maps, scrapbooks, family histories, pictures, pamphlets, newspaper files, manuscript collections, sheet music, court records, census records, early post office records, Civil War documents and a library of rare books relating to the area.

SARA was founded in 1978 with assistance from the Arkansas History Commission, the Old Washington Historic State Park, and the Pioneer Washington Restoration Foundation. In 1980 SARA became an independent archives governed by a board of directors composed of two representatives from each of the eleven counties formed from the original Hempstead County in 1819.

SARA is located in the restored 1874 courthouse in Old Washington and serves as a central clearing house for the preservation of records to be used by scholars and researchers of the history of this region of Arkansas. This is why we say "The story comes together here!"

About Southwest Arkansas

When the Territory of Arkansas was created in 1819, Hempstead County embraced the entire southwest corner of the territory. Until the Great Southwest was opened for settlement after the War with Mexico in 1846, Southwest Arkansas was the edge of the frontier for the United States. To the west was the Indian Territory; south of Red River was the Spanish (later Mexican) Province of Texas. Due to its historical and geographical location, a culture developed in Southwest Arkansas that differed from the Delta area of Southeast Arkansas or the mountain region of the Ozarks to the north.

Today this same area is divided into these twelve counties: Columbia, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Sevier, Union and Hempstead.

This area was historically significant long before the Louisiana Purchase. The Great Bend in the Red
River was the center of the important Caddo Indian culture which disappeared shortly before 1800 and the river was to play a decisive role as the white man moved westward. It brought the early ex-plorers, settlers and slave traders who led the way for later legends such as Stephen Austin, Jim Bowie and Sam Houston. The rich bottoms lands and sandy redlands attracted cotton planters and independent farm families from Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama. SARA seeks to document this little-known chapter of American history.

Who May Use SARA

All serious researchers, including grade school students, are welcome to use the collection. Materials cannot leave the archives, but must be used in the research room. Copies may be obtained of materials whose condition will allow copying.

How You Can Help

The Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives is a non-profit research center dependent upon donations of money as well as historical materials. Historical materials may be donated through any member of the Board of Directors or by contact-ing:

Director, SARA
Old Washington Historic State Park
Washington, Arkansas 71862
(501) 983-2633

Checks may be made payable to:

Friends of SARA
Washington, Arkansas 71862

SARA also copies family records for the archives if the donor wishes to retain the originals.

About Old Washington

In 1824 the town of Washington in Hempstead County was founded as the first seat of justice for the Southwest part of the Arkansas Territory. The Southwest Trail, the main road through the Territory to Texas led through the town. Later this same road became part of the infamous "Trial of Tears" during the Indian Removal of the 1830's. Washington served as a way station for adventurers on their way to fight in the Texas Revolution in 1836, for the gathering of troops for the War with Mexico in 1846, and as the Confederate State Capitol of Arkansas in the years 1863-1865 after Federal troops had captured Little Rock.

Washington was the center of a cotton planter aristocracy which wielded great political power during the early years of Arkansas history. Here, the culture of the Old South flourished for a time in a pioneer western setting, and Washington became a town where the rough frontiersman shook hands with polished gentlemen.

Today, Washington is being restored as an historic town by the Pioneer Washington Restoration Foundation and the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. Attractions included furnished antebellum homes of Greek Revival architecture and a reconstruction of the blacksmith shop where legend says the first Bowie knife was forged. Tours can be taken every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

When SARA Is Open

7 days a week
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SARA is located on the right-hand side of the first floor of the courthouse.

PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS RESEARCHERS 1990

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Dear David:

My husband Douglas Watkins is a direct descendant of Benjamin S. Davis born abt. 1821 TN died 1879 Pike Co. AR. His wife Elizabeth (?) born abt. 1832 SC died 1890 Pike Co., AR.

Benjamin S. Davis, Elizabeth and small son Wm. M. are listed in the 1850 Smith Co. TN census. By 1860 they have arrived in AR about the same time the John and Nancy Davis family from Smith Co. TN arrived: is there a possibility of any connection?

Doug and I are new members of the PCAHS. We have already reaped a world of good information from the Winter 1995 "Gems" with reference to the Hancock family.

Thanks to Dorothy Partain and member Theresa Harris of Camden, AR who have been so helpful. You and the PCAHS staff are to be commended for your talent, interest and hard work. We will always be grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy "Dot" Watkins

LEGEND:

January 9, 1996
702 Hundred Oaks Dr.
Ruston, LA 71270

Mr. David L. Kelley
PO Box 1135
Salt Lake City, UT 84110

This Certifies
THAT
Mr. Charlie H. Stewart
AND
Miss Sarah Emily Gaskins
Were solemnly united by me in
THE BONDS OF
HOLY MATRIMONY

at Highland, Ark. on the 28th day of November in
the year of our Lord One Thousand 9 Hundred and
1918 conformably to the

ORDINANCE OF GOD

AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE

In Presence of Signed:

Milton Stewart (blank)
Nancy Jeffers (blank)

"In the midst of life we are in death"

FAMILY RECORD

Entries in Columns

Name Father Charlie Stewart Place of Birth Tokio,
Ark., Hempstead Co. Date of Birth Nov. 28, 1901
Date of Marriage Nov. 28, 1918 Date of Death May
11th 1945.

Name Mother Emma Stewart Place of Birth In-diana
Date of Birth July 14, 1899 Date of Marriage Nov.
28, 1916 Date of Death (blank).

Name Marie Alice Stewart Place of Birth High-land,
Ark., Pike Co. Date of Birth Nov. 24, 1919.

Name Lenard Uramey Stewart Place of Birth Hot
Springs, Ark., Garland Co. Date of Birth Jan. 30,
1923.

Name James Orval Stewart Place of Birth Mur-
freesboro, Ark., Pike Co. Date of Birth Oct. 9, 1928.

Name Clark Andrew Stewart Place of Birth Mur-
freesboro, Ark., Pike Co. Date of Birth Jan. 10, 1933.

Name Mande Elizabeth (Stewart) Place of Birth Mur-
freesboro, Ark., Pike Co. Date of Birth Sept. 16,
1935 Date of Death Jan. 16, 1952.

Lenard Stewart & Twyla Watson Date of Mar-riage
Oct. 14, 1944.

Name Kennie Place of Birth Nashville Date of Birth

Name Clark Stewart (no entries).

Name Sheila M. Swan Date of Birth May 1952.

Name Clark's 1st Baby Date of Birth Born Jan. 1953.

Name 2(nd) Baby Date of Birth 1953.

Name 3(rd) baby Date of Birth Sept. 26, 1960.

Charlie H. Stewart Bible courtesy of Twyla Watson Stewart.

Last Will and Testament: Robert C. McMillan

Will Book A page 109: Last Will and Testament of
R.C. McMillan. Dated July 22, 1884. "1st. I hereby
constitute and appoint L.L. Forester to be the sole
executor of my last Will, directing said executor to pay
all my just debts and personal expenses and legacies
as hereinafter given out of my estate. 2nd. After the
payment of my said debts and funeral expenses I give
to (my) brother John F. McMillan one bay horse now
in his possession or the note that I hold against him for
the horse being sixty-five dollars. I also give to each of
my brothers and sisters, Anguysh McMillian, Jannie
(Jennie) Ann Henthorn (and) Elizabeth Jane Baker, the
sum of five dollars to be paid out of the first money
that is collected. Also, I give to Amanda A. White my
sister, five dollars. 3rd. I give all of the remainder of
my real and personal property to my eldest sister
Sarah Margaret Forester for various reasons, the
principle being, that she has waited upon me and taken
care of me for several years and during my present
illness. 4th. I also authorize L.L. Forester my executor,
to make a deed of my town property at Rock Creek in
Pike County, State of Arkansas to D.S.P. Black who
has paid me two hundred and fifty dollars for said
August 18th 1884. Before the Clerk of the Circuit
Court, etc. came Frank Lee and W.W. Carson to me
known, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and say:
that we saw said R.C. McMillan sign his name to the
annexed and foregoing paper, etc. and at the same time
heard him say and declare the said paper writing was his last Will and Testament, that they subscribed said Will as witnesses at the request of the said (R.C.) McMillan &c. and in his presence and in the presence of each other, that at the time of signing the said instrument, etc. the said R.C. McMillan was of sound and disposing mind and memory &c. Sworn to &c. August 18th 1884. W.B. Thomasson, Clerk.

Last Will and Testament: William J. White

Will Book A page 113: Last Will and Testament of William J. White. Dated May 11th 1870. "Ist. To my beloved nephew Millard Moorehead Mauney I give and bequeath the following described real estate to wit: All that part of the East half (1/2) of Section No. Twenty (20) which lies West of Prairie Creek in Township No. Eight (8) South of Range Twenty-five (25) West, to have and to hold the same to the said Millard M. Mauney, his heirs and assigns, forever but upon the following condition, to wit: that the said Millard M. Mauney shall upon his arriving at the age of Twenty one years or in case of his death before that time, his heirs shall make and execute to Roxanna Mauney of Twenty one years or in case of his death before that

Last Will and Testament: Simpson Adams

Will Book A page 118: Last Will and Testament of Simpson Adams. Dated October 10th 1884. "After paying for my burial in a decent manner and paying all just debts, I give and bequeath unto H.S. Adams and W.L. Adams the following tract of land, namely: the West fractional half of fractional Section two (2) and the North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section eleven (11) in Township Six (6) South of Range Twenty-four West containing one hundred and fifty two acres and fifteen hundredths of an acre." He bequeatheth personal property and cash to others. "And
I appoint William M. Adams Executor of this my last Will and Testament" &c. Witnesses: John Neighbors (and) Sarah Markham. January 3rd 1885. Before A.F. Wilson a Justice of the Peace in and for Pike County, Arkansas appeared John Neighbors one of the subscribing witnesses etc. who being first duly sworn on oath stated: that he saw Simpson Adams subscribe said Will on the day of its date for the uses and purposes therein expressed and that he and Sarah Markham the other subscribing witness, subscribed the same as witnesses at the request of said Simpson Adams. One of the above witnesses John Neighbors is at this time in very feeble health, so much so that it would endanger his life to go to Murfreesboro and the other is a lady. Signed John Neighbors, Sarah Markham sworn to &c. etc. January 3rd 1885 be-fore me &c. A.F. Wilson, J.P. No evidence showing that Sarah Markham appeared or was sworn.

Last Will and Testament: Stephen P. Baker

Will Book A page 121: Last Will and Testament of Stephen P. Baker. Dated July 23rd 1885. "I give, bequeath and devise my estate and property, real and personal, as follows: After all my debts are paid, I give and bequeath to Malissa M. Weir certain personal property and money and to Mary Jane Palmer money. "I give, bequeath and devise the balance of my estate and property equally to Patrick H. Baker, Joseph A. Baker and Martha Ann Richardson. I appoint Patrick H. Baker of Pike County, Arkansas executor of this my Will." Witnesses: J.C. Hughes (and) John J. Hughes, Sen(ior). September 26th 1885. Before the Clerk of (the) Probate Court &c. came J.C. Hughes and John J. Hughes Sen(ior), who first being duly sworn say: that we saw Stephen P. Baker sign the foregoing instrument of writing, he at the time declaring the same to be his last Will and Testament and we at the request of said testator, and in his presence of, and in the presence of each other, signed the same as attesting witnesses, and we verily believe the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing, as aforesaid. Subscribed and sworn to &c. Etc. J.O.A. Bush, Clerk. Recorded October 24th 1885.

Last Will and Testament: Thomas C. Hagood

Will Book A page 125: Last Will and Testament of T.C. Hagood. Dated March 18th 1885. "First, I give and bequeath to my wife Georgia all of my household furniture and all the rest of my personal property and the whole of my real estate after paying from the same all of my indebtedness, to be hers forever, or during her natural life, unless however she should again marry, in case such should occur, then I wish an equal division between my wife Georgia and my daughter Julia A. Coker, Mary Helen Hagood, John W. Hagood, William Ellis Hagood and Laura Eddie Hagood. Second. My will is that after my present debts are paid, that my wife Georgia shall have, hold and use the whole of the residue of my property both personal and real to use in any way she may deem best in order to support herself and family and to educate my children.
I appoint my brother George H. Hagood and Henry C. McLean as my executors. Witnesses: G.M. Adams, Wm. L. McLean (and) J.M. Tidmore. November 16th 1885. Before the Clerk of (the) Probate Court &c. came T.M. Adams and W.L. McLean who first being duly sworn depose and say: that they saw T.C. Hagood sign the foregoing instrument of writing &c. he at the time declaring the same to be his last Will and Testament and we at the request of said testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other, signed as attesting witnesses &c. and we verily believe the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing, as aforesaid. Sworn to &c. November 16, 1885. J.O.A. Bush, Clerk.

Last Will and Testament: Joseph M. Scott

Will Book A page 127: Last Will and Testament of Joseph M. Scott. Dated September 27th 1885. "1st. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Joseph M. Scott to be the sole executor of this my last Will directing my executor to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and the legacies hereinafter given out of my estate." Items 2 & 3 relate to personal property &c. "my real estate (I) give to the said Joseph M. Scott and Joicey Ann Baker, Emily L. Scott, Rob(er)rt F. Scott and Adah L. Scott and Henry M. Scott and my beloved wife Martha A. Scott the following lands and premises, to wit: The NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 and the West half of (the) SE 1/4 and the West fractional 2/2- NE 1/4 all in section thirty-two, township eight south, Range 26 West in Pike County, Arkansas, to be kept by them in common and not to be divided or sold until the youngest children herein named becomes 16 years old, but they may & shall enjoy said lands & privileges equal, and at any time after the youngest child becomes to the age of sixteen, they may divide such lands equal among them-selves, share & share alike, and at all times the children aforesaid, shall support (their) mother's interest in said lands. 5. And I give to the said Joseph M. in addition to the above named real estate, 40 acres I own about 4 miles West of Murfreesboro on the Center Point Road, the Nos. (land description) I don't know, in addition still, to the above, which I omitted, I give to the six children above named & my Martha A., seventy acres I own in Section 5, NW 1/4, Township 9S, R26 in Hempstead County, to be used and dis-posed by them as the above described lands, and I give to my daughter Sarah Jane Jones and my son W.B. Scott and son John M. Scott and my son James M. Scott, the following lands, to wit: E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the S(outh) 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 8S, R26 West in Pike County, Arkansas and the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Town(ship) 9S, R26 West in Hempstead County, Arkansas, this to equally between them, share and share alike." Witnesses: John M. Tribble, A.O. Tribble, W.F. Bradley (and) R.A. Leslie. December 31st A.D. 1885. Before the undersigned Clerk of (the) Probate Court &c. appeared John M. Tribble, R.O. Tribble and W.F. Bradley who being first duly sworn depose and say: that we saw Joseph M. Scott sign the foregoing instrument of writing etc., he at the same (time) declaring the same to be his last Will and Testament, and we at the request of the said testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other, signed the same as attesting witnesses, and we verily believe the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing, as aforesaid. Sworn to &c. etc. J.O.A. Bush, Clerk. Recorded January 2, 1886.

Last Will and Testament: Leroy A. Dickson

Will Book A page 130: Last Will and Testament of Leroy A. Dickson. Dated December 1st 1883. "First, I order and direct my executor as soon after my decease as practicable to pay off and discharge all the just debts, dues and liabilities that may exist against me at the time of my death. Second. I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary A. Dickson all my real estate and personal property." He be-queaths $1.00 each (Items 3-13) to his 11 children (see Addenda). Fourteenth. I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Mary A. Dickson as executrix of this my last Will and Testament. Witnesses: Sam C. Dean (and) Miles P. Dean. July 27th 1886. Before the undersigned Clerk of (the) Probate Court etc. appeared Samuel C. Dean and Miles P. Dean who being duly sworn, depose and say: that they were present and saw (the) said Leroy A. Dickson sign his name to said Will and he acknowledged and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament in their presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other they signed the same as witnesses and that they believed him (Leroy A. Dickson) to be of sound mind and memory at that time. Sworn to &c. Etc. J.O.A. Bush, Clerk. Recorded February 17th 1887.

ADDENDA

Biographical Sketch of William T. Dickson
William T. Dickson farmer, Arkadelphia, Ark(ansas). In this history of Clark County in its development, growth and continued advance to a community of wealth and influence, Mr. Dickson has borne a prominent part. He owes his nativity to Pike County of this State, his birth occurring December 6, 1849 and is the son of Leroy and Mary A. (White) Dickson. The father was born in Jackson County, Tenn(essee) about (1823) and was a farmer by occupation. He came to Arkansas with his parents when about (eight) years of age and settled with them in Pike County where he was reared to farm life. This 'has been' (was) his chief pursuit since. By his marriage to Miss White he became the father of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all living: Alwilda (wife of I.B.H. Wall), James W., William T., Pleasant W., Nancy A. (wife of H. Davenport), Martha (wife of J.H. Stell), Thomas J., John F., Mary E. (wife of Frank Wingfield), Leroy Allen and Emily (wife of Add Threlkeld). The father was a member of the Christian Church and died June 2, 1886. The mother now resides in Pike County, Ark(ansas). She is a member of the Christian Church.

William T. Dickson was reared principally in Pike County, Ark(ansas) and on August 3, 1870 was married to Miss Mary S. Parsons daughter of John and Eletha (Sewell) Parsons. This union resulted in the birth of four children: Walter (deceased), Eletha A., Cornelia B. and Maud. Mrs. Dickson was born in Cherokee County, Ala(bama), April 3, 1847. Her father was a native of Tennessee born about 1804 and died about 1842. He was a planter all his life and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother was born in 1805 and died in 1883. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Dickson is the owner of 132 acres of good farming land three miles west of Arkadelphia but he left his in 1889 and moved to Arkadelphia to educate his children. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church and in politics, he is a Democrat.

Quotations and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkan-sas. Clark County, pages 136-137.

Last Will and Testament: William J. Jackson

Will Book A page 132: Last Will and Testament of William Jasper Jackson. Dated May 23, 1887 at Morrilton, Arkansas. "First, I desire and direct that all my just debts be fully paid, that my personal property shall be appropriated to the payment of the same, and if there should not be sufficient &c. I desire that the remainder shall be paid out of the proceeds of my real estate." Items Second and Third disposes of personal property. Fourth, I desire that each of my children shall have an equal interest in the remainder of my estate both real and personal, and that my real estate shall not be divided until my youngest daughter Mattie Bell Jackson arrives at the age of Eighteen years, and that she shall have a support from the proceeds of the rents of my land until she arrives at that age. Fifth. I appoint and constitute my son William A. Jackson of the County of Pike and State of Arkansas executor of this my last Will and Testament. Attest: J.O.A. Bush (and) Bettie S. Flaherty. July 27th 1887. Bettie S. Flaherty of Pike County, Arkansas being duly sworn, on oath says: that she was present &c. and saw said testator sign his name by mark (x) to said Will, that the same was read to him &c. and he declared the same to be his last Will and Testament, and at his request and in his presence (and in the presence) of each other, the said witness attested said Will, and that she believed him to be of sound mind and memory at that time. Subscribed and sworn to &c. before me. J.O.A. Bush, Clerk. August 3rd 1887. J.O.A. Bush attesting witness makes affidavit verifying the same state(ment) of facts set out by Bettie S. Flaherty before Chas. E. Stell, Clerk Circuit Court. Recorded August 8, 1887.

Abstract of Title Book Prior to 1890. Pike County, Burned Records 1855-1890, page 312.

Queris

White, Brewer, Hughly Whites of Pike County, Arkansas: I would like to contact descendants of James Stephen(s)on Brewer and Serilda E. White; John Oliver Hughitt and Elizabeth Jane White; Absalom White and Elizabeth A. Hughly, children: James F., Thomas Masipsy, John M. and Absalom Branbridge White. Will appreciate any and all help.

Vayden Horton Jr., 1830 Long Creek Ct., Granbury, TX 76049.
Hanna Pogue. They were married in (1832) ... He was from Nashville, TN and was a lawyer, preacher, educator and author. He and Hanna had eleven children. He married a second wife, Margaret Howard of Eldorado, AR and together they had seven children, Gussie, Mattie, Fannie, Mar-garet, Allen, Burke and Eddie.

My great grandfather was William James Knox born 1/25/1859. He was a shoemaker. My great grandmother was Minnie McBride Kelley. My grandfather was William Scaife Knox. My grandmother was Greavy G. Sweatt(e) known as "Do-vie"...

It looks like we may be "kin" and if so, I would like to work together on the history or share what we have ...

Sincerely,

James Curtiss Winston

February 8, 1996

Dear James Curtiss Winston:

It is a pleasure to receive your letter and to verify we are kin: your great-great grandfather a brother of my great-great grandfather Elijah W. Kelley. I have been hoping to have contact from a descendant of William J. Kelley and Nancy N. Scott for many years. I will reprint part of a letter that will provide information about our Kelley family &c.

Sincerely,

James Curtiss Winston

April 9, 1995

Russell P. Baker, CA
Deputy Director
Arkansas History Commission
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Russell:

Thank you for your letter and family group record received yesterday. William J. Kelley the husband of Nancy N. Scott was a brother of Reverend Samuel Kelley and son of William Kelley and Rebecca McMahan. When William J. Kelley was born his brother Samuel was thirteen years old. The children of William Kelley and Rebecca McMahan were:

Elizabeth Kelley born June 22, 1815 in Madison county, Illinois married James Hopkins Kirkham, November 14, 1832, Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas mother of eleven children died 1874 in Pike county, Arkansas.

Samuel Kelley born May 5, 1817 in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas married first Rebecca McMahan (cousin) on June 4, 1840 in Madison county, Illinois married second Nancy (Bullock) Horton on July 27, 1876 in Howard county, Arkansas died August 10, 1894 in Pike county, Arkansas. He is buried in the Murfreesboro Cemetery, Pike county, Arkansas.

Giles Kelley born February 2, 1819 in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas.

Robert McMahan Kelley born March 31, 1821 in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas married Sarah Adaline Carpenter about 1839 in Pike county, Arkansas died in 1867.

Nancy Kelley born January 20, 1823 in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas married William G. Dossey about 1839 in Pike county, Arkansas.

Elijah W. Kelley born February 17, 1825 in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas married Elizabeth McDaniel on April 14, 1843 in Pike county, Arkansas died October 22, 1877 in Pike county, Arkansas. He is buried in the Delight Cemetery.

Margaret Kelley born August 24, 1827 in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas married Willis Hopwood Doss on August 31, 1853 in Pike county, Arkansas died December 13, 1896. She is buried in the Delight Cemetery.

William J. Kelley born December 20, 1830 (1829) in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas married Nancy N. Scott on June 24, 1852 in Hempstead county, Arkansas died August 25, 1872 at Murfreesboro, Pike county, Arkansas.

George Washington Kelley born January 1, 1832 in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas.

Martha Ann Kelley born September 15, 1834 in Pike county, Arkansas ...

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Pike Lodge, No. 91: The committee heretofore appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this lodge on the death of our much esteemed worshipful master and brother, WILLIAM J. KELLEY, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

Whereas, It pleased the Grand Architect of the universe, on the 25th day of August, 1872, to remove our esteemed worshipful master and brother, WILLIAM J. KELLEY, to the celestial lodge above; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Brother William J. Kelley the Masonic fraternity lost an efficient worshipful master, a worthy brother and zealous Mason, the community a good citizen, the bereaved family a kind husband and father.

Resolved. That the members of Pike lodge, No. 91, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved. That we tender our condolence to the family of our deceased brother, and that the widow of said deceased be furnished...
an authenticated copy of these resolutions.

Resolved. That the secretary furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Arkansas State Gazette for publication, and that the Journal and Republican be requested to copy.

JAS. H. HOWARD
WM. H. PRESTON
A.D. MEEKS
Committee.

A true copy from the record.

WM. B. GOULD, Secretary.

Arkansas Gazette, October 8, 1872, page 1, column 5.

After William J. Kelley died his widow Nancy N. (Scott) Kelley married J.C. McKethan about 1873 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Sincerely,
David L. Kelley

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ARCHIVE UPDATE

Our editor David L. Kelley is moving to the Dallas, Texas area and plans (a hope) to be moved by May 1, 1996. He will place his new address and phone number in the next issue of THE GEMS. He also plans to visit Pike County later this year and work in the Archive &c.

In the January meeting of PCAHS lifetime memberships were given to Shane Hill and Linda Wilson and we appreciate their hard work and dedication. Shane Hill serves as our vice president and Linda Wilson our treasurer. The February PCAHS meeting was cancelled due to the winter weather conditions. We plan to resume with our next meeting the first Thursday night of March at 6:30 p.m.

The Pike County Picture Book is in the hands of the printer and will be available soon and may be purchased at $22 for a local order not mailed or $25 for a mailed order. Order from PCAHS, P.O. Box 238, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

We are now printing 200 copies of THE GEMS for each quarter.

Dorothy Kennedy Partain
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History

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

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

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

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

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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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