From Dorothy Kennedy Partain:

Dear PCAHS Friends,

Yes, we know the Gems is later than usual. We are very sorry to report that David Kelley, our editor, is ill. We wish him a very quick recovery. Shane Hill and I will finish this year's newsletter and will try to continue to do so into 1998 until David recovers, that is, if you want us to. We are aware that no one can take David's editorship and produce a newsletter as only he can. He is a reservoir of Pike County History.

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Descendants of John Crow McLaughlin

Generation No. 1

1. John Crow McLaughlin (Thomas, John) was born January 3, 1816 in Missouri, Territory, and died October 28, 1898 in Arkansas. He married Mary Kelly, daughter of Elijah Kelly and Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

More About John Crow McLaughlin:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Near Tokie, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Mary Kelly:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Near Tokie, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of John McLaughlin and Mary Kelly are:
   i. Jane McLaughlin.
   ii. Tresa McLaughlin.
   vi. Tomi McLaughlin, b. November 15, 1851.

Generation No. 2

2. Elizabeth Ann McLaughlin (John Crow, Thomas, John) was born December 24, 1844 in Missouri Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas, and died September 14, 1882 in Pike Co., Arkansas. She married (1) James Madison Harris, son of Anderson Harris and Russell (Russie). She married (2) Robert J. Bomer September 27, 1881 in Pike Co., Arkansas.

More About Elizabeth Ann McLaughlin:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Elizabeth McLaughlin and James Harris are:
7. i. James Thomas Harris, b. October 10, 1862, Belton, Hempstead Co., Arkansas; d. May 18, 1947, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas.
   ii. Margaret Georgette Harris, b. February 21, 1865, Mine Creek Twp., Hempstead Co., Arkansas.
   iii. Mary Ellen Harris, b. February 25, 1868, Mine Creek Twp., Hempstead Co., Arkansas; d. February 3, 1951, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas.
8. iv. Trissie Viola Harris, b. May 5, 1870, Mine Creek Twp., Hempstead Co., Arkansas; d. 1941, Arkansas.

Child of Elizabeth McLaughlin and Robert Bomer is:
   v. Hattie Lee Bomer, b. June 30, 1882, Pike/Hempstead, Arkansas;
d. August 26, 1882, Pike/Hempstead, Arkansas.

3. Elijah Kelley McLaughlin (John Crow, Thomas, John) was born Abt. 1846 in Arkansas, and died 1879 in Pike Co., Arkansas. He married Sarah F. Cooley, daughter of Judge Isaac Cooley and Linnie Elizabeth Dorn Rogers.

Notes for Elijah Kelley McLaughlin:
Judge Isaac Cooley's last will & testament names a Mollie Marune as one of the daughters of Sarah F. Cooley then deceased who is Isaac's daughter.

John's tombstone at Roy notes that he was a "1st Cpl. Co. C, 4 Regt, Ark Inf CSA."

More About Sarah F. Cooley:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Elijah McLaughlin and Sarah Cooley are:
11. i. Mary McLaughlin, b. 1870, Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas.


Notes for James Leroy Kennedy:
Mine Creek Twp., Hempstead Co., AR census: 1850 D22, 1860 D1358. Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas census: 1870 D83, 1880 D130, 1900 D122, D124, 1910 D166, D131. According to the 1900 census, James & Henrietta were the parents of 9 children, only 4 of whom still lived, and had been married for 33 years.

More About James Leroy Kennedy:
Buried: Roy Cem., Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Harriet McLaughlin and James Kennedy are:

Notes for James Kelley Kennedy:
Died of typhoid.

More About Lena Dalton Kennedy:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

5. Rebecca A. McLaughlin (John Crow, Thomas, John) was born January 11, 1854. She married James P. Higgins.

Child of Rebecca McLaughlin and James Higgins is:

6. Amanda Jo Ann McLaughlin (John Crow, Thomas, John) was born April 1863, and died 1910. She married John Green Stuart 1880, son of John Stuart and Lavina Wisdom.

Notes for John Green Stuart:
John G. Stuart's tombstone shows his birth as occurring in 1852 while Amanda's tombstone shows her birth as occurring in 1865. However, the 1860, 1880 and 1900 census show their births as being in the years indicated.

More About Amanda Jo Ann McLaughlin:
Buried: Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Amanda McLaughlin and John Stuart are:
Maie Lasuer; m. (2) Lucille Brown.

Notes for John Kelly Stueart:
Did not have any children.


Generation No. 3


More About James Thomas Harris:
Buried: May 1947, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas

Notes for Rosie Lee Stuart:
Kelsie Harris told how his mother died: She had gone out on the porch to bring in a sack of potatoes. She was pregnant at the time. She strained herself bringing in the potatoes and thus died.

More About Rosie Lee Stuart:
Buried: Roy Cem., Pike Co., Arkansas

Child of James Harris and Rosie Stuart is:
i. Tessie Harris, b. Abt. 1891; m. House.

Notes for Tessie Harris:
Stella Harris Smith remembers she had two sons. She remembers playing with one in the cotton seed barrel. Amine (her mother) died when she was only 9 days old, and Amine's parents took over her care. They lived in Red River Co., Texas. James Thomas (Jim) would go visit her when he got the chance. After she was grown and married, her husband died, and Stella said that she wrote James Thomas (A few years before he died) wanted to move in with him because she had money problems. He would have liked her too but he decided he couldn't care for her and her children. She lived and died in Texas and is buried there.

More About Tessie Harris:
Buried: Texas

8. Margaret Georgette Harris (Elizabeth Ann McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born February 25, 1868 in Mine Creek Twp., Hempstead Co., Arkansas. She married (1) Charlie Thompson. She married (2) Armstrong.

Notes for Margaret Georgette Harris:
Source: Harris Family Bible, 1900 Pike Co., Arkansas Census

Children of Margaret Harris and Charlie Thompson are:
i. Eula Thompson, b. 1886, Arkansas.
ii. Anna L. Thompson, b. 1890, Arkansas.
iii. Alla Thompson, b. August 1894, Arkansas.
iv. Hoover Thompson, b. 1896, Arkansas.


More About Mary Ellen Harris:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About William Fulton Hawkins:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Mary Harris and William Hawkins are:

More About Etsel Kester Stuart:
Buried: 1941, Oak Grove Cem., Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Rueal Cooley:
Buried: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Trissie Viola Harris and Etsel Stuart are:
Buried: 1941, Oak Grove Cem., Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Etsel Kester Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery Near Tokie, Arkansas

Children of Trissie Viola Harris and Etsel Stuart are:


More About Trissie Viola Harris:
Buried: 1941, Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About John Finley McLaughlin:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of John McLaughlin and Mary Proctor are:

i. Irby Maroon, m. Mary Fay Marlar.
ii. Essie Maroon, b. 1891, Arkansas.
iii. Columbus Maroon, b. 1893, Arkansas.
iv. Tinny Maroon, b. 1899, Arkansas.

More About John Finley McLaughlin:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Mary McLaughlin and John Maroon are:

i. Lena Jo Ann McLaughlin, b. 1903, Arkansas; d. March 24, 1982; m. Bertha Mason.  
ii. Essie Maroon, b. 1891, Arkansas.
iii. Columbus Maroon, b. 1893, Arkansas.
iv. Tinny Maroon, b. 1899, Arkansas.

More About John Finley McLaughlin:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of John Travis and Bertha Mason are:

i. William Travis McLaughlin, b. 1898, Arkansas; d. March 24, 1982; m. Bertha Mason.  

More About John Finley McLaughlin:
Buried: Restland Cemetery, Nashville, Howard Co., Arkansas

More About Bertha Mason:
Buried: Restland Cemetery, Nashville, Howard Co., Arkansas

i. Lena Jo Ann McLaughlin, b. 1903, Arkansas; m. Joe Smith.

More About John Finley McLaughlin:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Notes for Mary McLaughlin:  
According to the 1910 Census, John & Mollie had been married 20 years and were the parents of 6 children, all of them living.

Children of Mary McLaughlin and John Maroon are:

i. Irby Maroon, m. Mary Fay Marlar.
ii. Essie Maroon, b. 1891, Arkansas.
iii. Columbus Maroon, b. 1893, Arkansas.
iv. Tinny Maroon, b. 1899, Arkansas.

Children of John McLaughlin and Mary Proctor are:

i. William Travis McLaughlin, b. 1898, Arkansas; d. March 24, 1982; m. Bertha Mason.  

Children of John McLaughlin and Mary Proctor are:

i. William Travis McLaughlin, b. 1898, Arkansas; d. March 24, 1982; m. Bertha Mason.  

Notes for William Isaac McLaughlin:  
According to the 1910 Census, William & Nottie had been married 11 years and were the parents of only one child.

More About William Isaac McLaughlin:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Nottie Griffin:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Child of William McLaughlin and Nottie Griffin is:


Notes for Lena Dalton Kennedy:
Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas Census 1900 D122, 1910 D139 Murfreesboro Marriage Bk. B484

More About Lena Dalton Kennedy:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Lena Kennedy and James Steen are:

i. Infant Steen.

Notes for Infant Steen:
Buried: Roy Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

ii. Infant Steen.

Notes for Infant Steen:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas


iv. Mildred Worlie Steen, b. August 29, 1910; m. (1) Troy Wingfield; m. (2) Panek.

v. Lyndall Lee Steen, b. September 12, 1912; m. David Dibrell Roberson.


Notes for Gracie Leola Kennedy:
Thompson Twp., Pike Co., AR 1900 D114, D112, 1910 D48, Durwood Harris, Memphis, TN

More About Gracie Leola Kennedy:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Claude Allen Steen:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Gracie Kennedy and Claude Rankin are:

i. Hazel Beatrice Rankin, b. December 4, 1907, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas.

Notes for Hazel Beatrice Rankin:
Never Married


More About Eugene Courtland Carroll:
Buried: Roselawn Cem., Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas


More About Jimmie Daphne Rankin:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas


More About Charlie R. Higgins:
Buried: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas Baptized: 1891, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Levina Ann Steuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas Baptized: 1910-1914, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Charlie Higgins and Levina Steuart are:


More About Minnie V. Higgins:
Buried: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas


More About J. I. Higgins:
Buried: Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas


More About Hillard W. Higgins:
Buried: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Freeland Kendrick Stueart:
Buried: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Nora V. White:
Buried: Japany Cem., Pike Co., Arkansas


More About Thomas Wisdom Stueart:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Nettie Griffith:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Ella G. Gosnell:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Thomas Stueart and Nettie Griffith are:
   iv.  Luther Gail Stueart, b. February 17, 1925, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas.

20. Monota Adell1 Stueart (Amanda Jo Ann1 McLaughlin, John Crow1, Thomas2, John) was born June 1, 1894 in Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas, and died 1966 in Hope, Hempstead Co., Arkansas. She married William D. Marlar.

More About Monota Adell Stueart:
Buried: Malbrook Cem., Blevins, Hempstead Co., Arkansas

Children of Monota Stueart and William Marlar are:
   ii.  Ruby Inez Marlar, b. July 2, 1918, Graysonia, Clark Co., Arkansas; m. Irby Maroon.

More About Alice Ruth Marlar:
Buried: Malbrook Cem., Blevins, Hempstead Co., Arkansas

Children of Monota Stueart and William Marlar are:
   v.  Minnie Jean Marlar, b. October 31, 1924, Emmett, Nevada Co., Arkansas; m. Wallace Cowart.
   vi.  Luther Lile Marlar, b. October 25, 1926, Arkansas; d. December 26, 1926.

More About Minnie Jean Marlar:
Buried: Malbrook Cem., Blevins, Hempstead Co., Arkansas


More About Glen Reid Marlar:
Buried: Malbrook Cem., Blevins, Hempstead Co., Arkansas


Notes for Joe Owen Cooley:
The Nashville News dated 10/30/1926 (Saturday) notes that Robert Morris Cooley, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cooley of Highland died at home Wednesday from catarrhal fever with burial at Murfreesboro.

Ms. Allie Marlar writes that Little Jo Cooley's first name is a proper name, not a nickname. Little Jo Steuart lived with her Uncle Isaac N. Stewart after her parent's death. Allie also gives "Ilene"s" husband as Noah Hipp, not Noel Hipp.

More About Joe Owen Cooley:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Little Steuart and Joe Cooley are:

i. Dickson Earl 6 Cooley.

ii. Ilene Cooley, m. Noah Hipp , Jr.

iii. Steuart Cooley.


More About Robert Morris Cooley:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

Generation No. 4


More About Dora Etta Harris:
Buried: Black Springs Cm, Montgomery Co., Arkansas

More About John Byron Stuart:
Buried: Black Springs, Montgomery Co., Arkansas

Children of Dora Harris and John Stuart are:


More About James Paul Hulsey:
Buried: Black Springs Cm, Montgomery Co., Arkansas


More About Jack Byron Stuart:
Buried: Black Springs Cm, Montgomery Co., Arkansas


Children of John Harris and Ethel Warren are:

i. J. T. 7 Harris.

More About J. T. Harris:
Buried: Memorial Gardens, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Arkansas

ii. Vernon Harris, b. January 17, 1909; d. February 12, 1941; m. Maud Sanford, November 29, 1933, Pike Co., Arkansas.

More About Vernon Harris:
Buried: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Maud Sanford:
Buried: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas


More About Harry W. Higgins:
Buried: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas


Child of Joseph Harris and Evie Wilkes is:

i. Doreene 7 Harris, b. September 27, 1919; d. September 22, 1925.

25. Belle 6 Harris (James Thomas 5, Elizabeth Ann 4 McLaughlin, John Crow 3, Thomas 2, John 1) was born September 1890 in Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas. She married
Vernon Fields.

More About Belle Harris:
Buried: Rose Hill Cem., Texarkana, Bowie Co., Texas

Child of Belle Harris and Vernon Fields is:
i. Vernon* Fields, Jr..  


More About Tallie Anderson Harris:
Buried: March 28, 1984, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Florence Evaline Cooley:
Buried: April 9, 1981, Roy Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Tallie Harris and Florence Cooley are:
i. Arnold O'Neal* Harris, b. August 18, 1924; m. Molly Lou Young, August 4.
Notes for Dallas Junior Stewart:
Dallas had to have a middle name while in the military so he chose "Junior"
iii. James Carroll Harris, b. August 10, 1932.

More About Glen Franklin Harris:
Buried: June 1953, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas


More About Kelsie Wisdom Harris:
Buried: November 10, 1993, Restland Cemeter, Nashville, Arkansas

More About Martha Ellen Plunk:
Buried: July 25, 1982, Restland Cem., Nashville, Howard Co., Arkansas

Children of Kelsie Harris and Martha Plunk are:
i. Helen Mauriece* Harris, b. February 19, 1922, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas; m. Ralph Dale Richardson, June 20, 1942, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas.

More About Ralph Dale Richardson:
Buried: March 24, 1984, Restland Cemeter, Nashville, Howard Co., Arkansas

ii. Ellen Marie Harris, b. March 16, 1925, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas; m. Thomas Franklin Carr, June 21, 1945, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas.


More About Willie Martelia Harris:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

Child of Willie Harris and Earl Fagan is:
i. Billie Jo* Fagan, b. July 12, 1926, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas; Stepchild; m. Francis Jean Johnson.

More About Francis Jean Johnson:
Buried: Graceland, Valparaiso, Indiana


More About Bernice John Harris:
Buried: June 5, 1997, Roy Cem., Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Lucian Bell:
Buried: Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Jack Craig:
Buried: Roy Cem., Pike Co., Arkansas

Child of Bernice Harris and Lucian Bell is:
i. James Austin* Bell, b. January 26, 1932, Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas; d. April 11, 1997, Little

More About Jesse Bradley:
Buried: Avery's Chapel, Hempstead Co., Arkansas

Children of James Harris and Jesse Bradley are:


ii. Kenneth Bradley Harris, b. December 15, 1929; m. Huckabee.

31. Hazel Lou Harris (James Thomas, Elizabeth Ann McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born February 17, 1908 in Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas. She married Alexander McDougal December 30, 1933 in Tokio, Pike Co., Arkansas, son of Robert McDougal and Eliza Rowland.

Child of Hazel Harris and Alexander McDougal is:

i. Elvin Dean McDougal, b. April 12, 1935, McCaskill, Hempstead Co., Arkansas; m. (1) Rose Marie Peters, August 20, 1955, Churchill, Maryland; m. (2) Barbara Jean Tillson, June 21, 1975.

32. Cora Ellen Hawkins (Mary Ellen Harris, Elizabeth Ann McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born May 5, 1885 in Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas, and died March 21, 1948 in Pike Co., Arkansas. She married William Addison Bell January 1, 1908 in Pike Co., Arkansas, son of Thomas Bell and Martha Cornish.

More About Cora Ellen Hawkins:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Cora Hawkins and William Bell are:

i. Mattie Bell.
ii. Willie Bryon Bell, b. Pauline Georgia Cooley.
iii. Hermon Bell, b. 1914; m. (1) Ira Roberts; m. (2) O'Dell Cooley, January 18, 1931.

More About O'Dell Cooley:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

33. Orlean B. Hawkins (Mary Ellen Harris, Elizabeth Ann McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born July 12, 1888 in Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas, and died September 13, 1978. She married (1) Charles Hester Bell, son of Thomas Bell and Martha Cornish. She married (2) Marion W. Riley February 16, 1926.

More About Orlean B. Hawkins:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Orlean Hawkins and Charles Bell are:

i. Cleo Bell, b. February 24, 1910, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas; m. Homer Harrison, August 14, 1926, Roy, Ike Co., Arkansas.


More About Mary Lee Dell Bell:
Buried: Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Willy Troy Jackson:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

iii. Ileane Bell, b. September 24, 1923, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas.


More About James Ealey Hawkins:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of James Hawkins and Beulah Fagan are:

i. John Ausbon Hawkins.

More About John Ausbon Hawkins:
Buried: Japany Cem., Pike Co., Arkansas


More About Flora Estelle Hawkins:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas


35. Alice Orilla Hawkins (Mary Ellen Harris, Elizabeth Ann McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born February 8, 1896 in Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas, and died October 26, 1979. She married Richard Andrew Westfall Bef. 1921, son of Andrew Westfall and Elizabeth Cornish.

More About Alice Orilla Hawkins:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas
More About Richard Andrew Westfall:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Alice Hawkins and Richard Westfall are:

More About Joe Melvin Hawkins:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

36. More About Homer F. Hawkins:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Homer F. Hawkins and Minnie Riley are:
i. Dewey Mack McLaughlin, b. May 9, 1933, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas; m. Mary Sue McClure, December 10, 1954.
   ii. Don Dennis McLaughlin, b. April 28, 1943, Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas; m. Donna Kesterson.

39. More About Lena Odell Hawkins:
Buried: Ozan Cem., Hemstead Co., Arkansas

Children of Lena Hawkins and Otha McLaughlin are:

40. More About William Lee Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cem., Murfreesboro, Arkansas

Children of William Lee Stuart and Ida Lockeby are:

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More About Anna Lee Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas
Baptized: August 1928, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas
Notes for William Othell Cooley:
1910 Brewer Twp., Pike Co., AR Census D26 Howard Co., AR Marriage Book: R76
1910 Thompson Twp., Pike Co., AR Census: D170 Garland Co., AR Marriages Records: 62-389 Sweet Home Meth. Church, 1928 list, Member 141 & 145; 1938 List, Member 35; 1956 List, Member 39

More About William Othell Cooley:
Baptized: August 1928, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas

ii. Georgia Bebe Stuart, b. 1916; d. March 26, 1976; m. Argel Jester.

More About Georgia Bebe Stuart:
Buried: Hot Springs, Garland Co., Arkansas

More About Argel Jester:
Buried: Hot Springs, Garland Co., Arkansas

ii. Georgia Bebe Stuart, b. 1916; d. March 26, 1976; m. Argel Jester.

More About Georgia Bebe Stuart:
Buried: Hot Springs, Garland Co., Arkansas

More About William Othell Cooley:
Baptized: August 1928, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas

42. Lou Ola Stuart (Trissie Viola Harris, Elizabeth Ann McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born November 25, 1890 in Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas, and died October 14, 1981. She married Robert Lee Stuart June 7, 1906 in Howard Co., Arkansas, son of Charles Stuart and Louisa Watkins.

More About Lou Ola Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas
Baptized: September 13, 1914, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Robert Lee Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Lou Stuart and Robert Stuart are:
i. Etsel Stuart, m. (1) Robinson; m. (2) McClain.
ii. Wayne Byrell Stuart.

More About Myrtle Lee Stuart:
Buried: May 18, 1990, Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas
Baptized: August 1928, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas

Notes for Robert Clarence Blackwood:
1910 Thompson Twp. (D-225,222) Pike Co., AR Howard Co., AR Marriage Index: P152 Billy Clark Hipp, Irving, TX


More About Gussie Estella Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Monroe Duke:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Child of Gussie Stuart and Monroe Duke is:
i. Wilson Quenon Duke, m. Melba Smith.


More About Claude Cell Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas
Baptized: Bef. 1914, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Willie Ama Gosnell:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Child of Claude Stuart and Willie Gosnell is:

More About Eugene Buel Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas


More About Hopie O. Stuart:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Floyd Cooley:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Children of Hopie Stuart and Floyd Cooley are:
i. Mary Florene Stuart, b. February 16, 1917,

More About Jewel Courtland Jones:
Buried: Hugh Cemetery, Texarkana, Bowie Co., Texas


More About Noel Taylor Smith:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

46. Etsel Bye\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Stuart (\textit{Trissie Viola\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Harris, Elizabeth Ann\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born August 13, 1903 in Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas. He married Ruby Cornelis Stevens January 11, 1927 in Hot Springs, Garland Co., Arkansas, daughter of Will Stevens and Lou Huddleston.

Child of Etsel Stuart and Ruby Stevens is:
   i. Jack Stevens\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Stuart, b. November 17, 1927; m. Jean Arthur Sewell, August 17, 1951.

47. Samuel Orville\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Stuart (\textit{Trissie Viola\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Harris, Elizabeth Ann\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born April 10, 1909 in Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas. He married Alma Jo Cooley December 29, 1933 in Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas, daughter of Isaac Cooley and Eula Smith.

Child of Samuel Stuart and Alma Cooley is:
   i. Sam Joe\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Stuart, b. May 12, 1947; m. Glenna Ruth Hill, July 15, 1977.

48. Jo Etta\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Stuart (\textit{Trissie Viola\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Harris, Elizabeth Ann\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born February 22, 1912 in Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas. She married Joe Ray September 30, 1933 in Pike Co., Arkansas.

More About Joe Ray:
Baptized: August 1928, Sweet Home Methodist Church, Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas

Child of Jo Stuart and Joe Ray is:

49. Vernon Alton\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin (\textit{John Finley\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Elijah Kelley\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born September 6, 1907 in Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas, and died April 14, 1988 in Nashville, Howard Co., Arkansas. He married Ollie Mae Wisdom December 29, 1933 in Sweet Home, Pike Co., Arkansas; m. Allvin Mason Burbank, August 17, 1951.

More About Ollie Mae Wisdom:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

Child of Ollie Wisdom and Allvin Burbank is:
   i. Wanda Sue McLaughlin, b. October 10, 1926; m. Alvin Mason Burbank.

50. Robert Ray\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin (\textit{William Isaac\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Elijah Kelley\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born October 1899 in Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas, and died 1975. He married Ehtel Lee Blackwood March 17, 1917 in Pike Co., Arkansas, daughter of Andrew Blackwood and Irena Cooley.

More About Robert Ray McLaughlin:
Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike Co., Arkansas

   Children of Robert McLaughlin and Ehtel Blackwood are:
      i. Charlene\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin, b. 1919; m. (1) Finley Carrol Stewart; m. (2) Walter H. Harris, August 23, 1952, Pike Co., Arkansas.

More About Finley Carrol Stewart:
Buried: Palestine Cemetery, Kirby, Pike Co., Arkansas

More About Walter H. Harris:
Buried: Oran Cem., Mine Creek Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas


More About Bobbie Marie McLaughlin:
Buried: Chapel Cemetery, Nash, Bowie Co., Texas

51. Wilburn Othell\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Steen (\textit{Lena Dalton\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Kennedy, Harriet Henrietta\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born April 4, 1908 in Thompson Twp., Pike Co., Arkansas. He married Marie McCullough.

Child of Wilburn Steen and Marie McCullough is:
   i. Jo Ann\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Steen, m. Tom Smith.

52. George Washington\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Steen (\textit{Lena Dalton\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Kennedy, Harriet Henrietta\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born February 22, 1916, and died April 19, 1983. He married (1) Mayal Davis. He married (2) Virginia. He married (3) Virginia.

More About George Washington Steen:
Buried: Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas

   Children of George Steen and Mayal Davis are:
      i. George Washington\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Steen, Jr., m. Ruth Gallaher.
      ii. Ronald Eugene Steen.
      iii. Mary Kay Steen.

53. Jo Pearl\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Steen (\textit{Lena Dalton\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Kennedy, Harriet Henrietta\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born August 28, 1918. She married John Paul Hill.

Child of Jo Steen and John Hill is:
   i. Joe Paul\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Hill.

54. James Kennedy\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Steen (\textit{Lena Dalton\textsuperscript{\textdagger} Kennedy, Harriet Henrietta\textsuperscript{\textdagger} McLaughlin, John Crow\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, Thomas\textsuperscript{\textdagger}, John\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}) was born March 18, 1920. He married Stephanie Helen Good March 1948.
Children of James Steen and Stephanie Good are:
   i. Paulette Helen Steen, m. Larry Rogers.
   ii. James Tony Steen, m. Mary Rodich.

55. Claude Allen Rankin, Jr. (Gracie Leola Kennedy, 
   Harriet Henrietta McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) 
was born September 19, 1915 in Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas. He  
moved (1) to Arkansas, and died January 10, 1977. He married  
(2) to Arkansas, and died 1973. She married Barney Hutson Bef. 
1922.

56. Betty Jean Rankin (Gracie Leola Kennedy, Harriet 
   Henrietta McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was 
born October 7, 1925 in Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas. She married 
Durwood Forrest Harris September 7, 1946 in Little Rock, 
Pulaski Co., Arkansas.

Children of Betty Rankin and Durwood Harris are:
   i. Michael Allen Harris, b. September 30, 1947, 
      Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas; m. Patsy 
      Sue Rigdon, June 8, 1974, Coring, Arkansas.
   ii. Patrick Carol Harris, b. September 25, 1952, 
      Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas; m.
      Catherine Caldwell, August 16, 1980, Little 
      Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas.
   iii. Mark Charles Harris, b. November 16, 
        1957, Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas; m.
        Kay Gwynn Whiteley, January 19, 1979, West 
        Memphis, Arkansas.

57. Winnie M. Higgins (Charlie R, Rebecca A. 
   McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born October 
   26, 1899 in Arkansas, and died July 8, 1975. She married (1) 
   Robert Sanford, son of James Sanford and Susan Masencup. 
   She married (2) to Arkansas, and died 1973. She married Barney Hutson Bef. 
1922.

   Child of Winnie Higgins and Robert Sanford is:
      i. Evelyn Sanford, m. John Henry Watson, Jr.

58. Hester M. Higgins (Charlie R, Rebecca A. 
   McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born March 3, 
   1903 in Arkansas, and died January 10, 1977. She married 
   Forney Clyde Cooley April 6, 1916 in Pike Co., Arkansas, son 
   of William Cooley and Orah Thompson.

   Child of Hester Higgins and Forney Cooley is:
      i. Malcolm Cooley, b. March 11, 1920; m.
          Olean Goodson, May 8, 1939, Howard Co., 
          Arkansas.

   Notes for Malcolm Cooley:
   Malcolm Cooley opened his general store on Hwy. 27 south of Murfreesboro in 1953.
   ii. Nadine Cooley, b. September 20, 1923; m.
       Dewey Hicks, December 11, 1945.
   iii. Glen Cooley, b. January 27, 1929; m.
       Imogene Spanhanks.

59. Maggie L. Higgins (Charlie R, Rebecca A. 
   McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born 1905 in 
   Arkansas, and died 1973. She married Barney Hutson Bef. 
1922.

   More About Maggie L. Higgins:
   Buried: Restland Memorial, Nashville, Howard Co., Arkansas

   More About Barney Hutson:
   Buried: Restland Memorial, Nashville, Howard Co., Arkansas

   Children of Maggie Higgins and Barney Hutson are:
      i. Denver Hutson.
      ii. Jack R. Hutson, b. Abt. 1927; m. Lora M. 
      iii. Frances Hutson, b. 1934; m. Nunn.
      iv. Calvin Hutson, b. 1937.

60. Marie Steuart (Thomas Wisdom, Amanda Jo Ann 
   McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born June 18, 1922.

   More About Maria Steuart and Quincy Lewis is:
      i. Robert Griffith Lewis, Adopted child.

61. Freeland Kendrick Steuart (Thomas Wisdom, Amanda 
   Jo Ann McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born 
   September 5, 1920. He married Carol Ann Hignight January 
   18, 1960 in Pike Co., Arkansas, daughter of Walter Hignight 
   and Lela Jones.

   Children of Freeland Steuart and Carol Hignight are:
         Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas; m. William 
         Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas; m.
         <Unnamed>.

62. John Taylor Steuart (Luther S, Steuart, Amanda Jo Ann 
   McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born March 
   21, 1914 in Clarksville, Red River Co., Texas. He married 
   Beryl Reid May 24, 1941.

   Children of John Stueart and Beryl Reid are:
      i. Janice Beryl Steuart, b. November 3, Little 
         Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas.
      ii. John Michael Steuart, b. August 31, 1970, 
         Pike Co., Arkansas.

63. Thelma Steuart (Luther S, Steuart, Amanda Jo Ann 
   McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born
90. McLaughlin, John Crow 65.

67. Wanda Oletha Stueart (Luther S., Steuart, Amanda Jo Ann McLaughlin, John Crow, Thomas, John) was born July 12, 1930 in Roy, Pike Co., Arkansas. She married Dale W. Anderson September 1, 1948, son of Burl Anderson and Zella House.

Children of Wanda Stueart and Dale Anderson are:

Notes for Mary Ann Anderson:
Mary Ann and her 3 children were all killed in a small plane crash Friday, Dec. 13, 1991 near DeWitt, Arkansas. They were all burned. Stephanie was piloting the plane.

More About Mary Ann Anderson:


More About Bobby Kell Stueart:
Buried: June 15, 1994, Murfreesboro Cem., Murfreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas
Cause of Death: Heart Failure

Child of Bobby Stueart and Jackie Owens is:


Children of Steuart Cooley and Opal Theobolt are:

JOHN CROW
MCLAUGHLIN'S CIVIL WAR LETTER TO HIS CHILDREN

State of Arkansas, Benton Co., Oct. 4th 1861

Dear children,

I am writing you all a few lines to let you know hat I have forgot none of you. I would be mighty glad to see you shortly though I am in hopes we will be
spared to see each others faces again. You must be good to your Ma and your old Grandma and do the best you can until I come home. I want you all to go to school all you can until I come back and learn to write so you all can write me a letter yourselves. Elija(h) and Tom, I wrote you a letter about a month ago. I told you in it that I had never got a letter from any of you and that I would not write any more till I got one and I got one the next day from your Ma though she never stated in it whether she had ever read one from me or not nor whether she had got my likeness or not. Now, here Polly is a lock of my hair. Does it look natural or not. I think it does though it may look a little more gray though it has had enough to have been all white as snow 

Jane wrote to me and sent me some of John's hair and for me to send her some of my hair. You can divide this with her if I don't get to write to her and send her another lock. Betty Ann, I suppose you are going to get married before I return. If I was there I would be just like I always was, make your own choice, it is for you to live by and not me. Be careful how you make it as you are making a pretty serious one and a mighty long one, for lifetime. Let it be as it may, therefore, be careful. Tress, I got your letter this morning. Tress how are you getting on, you and little Tennie. Has Tennie quit saying "shan't do it?" Lige howdy. How are you? Harriette howdy. Howdy Little Tom. Howdy little Becca. And how are you all. You must write soon as you can. So I must come to a close. Farewell to you all, to Jane, Tress,Betty Ann, Harriette, Lige, Tom and Beck.

Your father,
John McLaughlin

HISTORICAL PIKE COUNTY LETTERS CIVIL WAR TIMES AND OTHERS

Mrs. James C. Mansfield to James D. Mansfield

Pike county, Aug. 18th, 1863.

My Dear son,

I am permitted to seat myself to write a few lines to you informing you that we enjoy common health. I hope this will soon come to your hand and find(s) you well with you(r) mind composed and bearing your fate with resignation and fortitude trusting yourself in the hands of God. He can do more for you than I can. I know He is everywhere present and will turn no one off if we go to him in the name of Jesus with a sincere heart. I try to give you on to his care every day and how I hope and pray that God will preserve you and cause peace to be made soon in some way speedily that you can be released honorably and return home. Do not be disheartened this war is for some great purpose. If we have lost Vicksburg and Fort Hudson they must keep armies there to keep them which will weaken their forces. Members of them died in that hot region. We hear but little news from over the river since that defeat

As Amanda has written to you we have not hear(d) from Booker since the 5th of June. He was well and in with the recruits that Bragg sent to Johnson in sixty miles of Vicksburg. We have not heard from Kil since he left Camden we fear he never got to Booker. He said he would write to us before he crossed the river. We are all very uneasy about them but why should we be when we know they are (as) all of us in the hands of the Almighty. He knows what is best for us. Why should we doubt when we know God has all power in Heaven and on earth. If the people would submit to his laws (and) lay down pride and speculation this war would soon close. We must be humble. A few have got home from Fort Hudson. John Kelley for one. He has been sick ever since he came. They will keep the officers until they are exchanged. Their provisions gave out (and) they lived and fought sometime(s) on mules and horses before the surrender. We have not seen but two boys from Vicksburg since it was surrendered. Grant and Johnson have been fighting at Jackson, Mississippi. It is in the paper Johnson retook Jackson and Grant had fallen back to Black river. If Booker is alive he is there and Kil too if he got to them.

We received your welcome letter yesterday. We are glad to learn that your health was tolerably good. I hope you will get well and not have to be in a fight. If you get sick try to get a discharge or a furlough before you get too weak to come home. As I wrote to you before tell them you are weak bristed (sic) and subject to phthisic (sic) and can not stand camp life. Do not be backward in telling your case plainly to your officers. If they will not let you off no way perhaps they would detail you to
some other business. I hope you will be perserved some way. Ashley Kelley came by (and) he looks very bad.

Mr. Nolan could not get to Vicksburg safe to get his son. I have not heard whether his son is alone or not. We hear now that John Cloud was not hurt but his cartridge bag was shot though. He is gone with the rest of the officers some hear they took them to Orleans. Some say they were sent to Illinois. I know you will think we have forgotten to write to you. We sent a letter to Little. Your uncle Gilmer took one to Cook near a month ago. We hear they started week before last and heard on their way that Cobbies Army was ordered to the Rock (and) they came home. I heard that (they) was at home last week. I am sorry they did not take all your letter(s). Clay Polk was to start the 8th of this month (and) rode as far as town by Marion. When he went there they put off starting until the 18th. Clay and some men I suppose have started. I sent a blanket, one pair of socks, and a double letter to Clay to take to you. If he will Marion is going today to take another report and your things to Clay. I do not know whether he will carry them or not. They have a wagon Marion says.

He got word from the Capt(ain) by some man that came down lately that if his ear was still running to stay until he got his winter clothing to take with him. I hear(d) the man told Dr. Mauney this news (and) he had reported by Cook and Little. Now he has reported by Clay some of you will certainly be detailed to come for some winter clothes. Here is your overcoat, shirts, and another pair of pants and socks. You can not do without them, unless you can get some by drawing. Howard promised your Pa to make your boots as soon as he can get leather. Leander will get you a hat as soon as he can. He says it is a long time before they can be got after the hatter promises. Leander has been sick (and) had not seen the man that has your watch. He heard he had it and expected to get it the first time he sees him. Amanda wrote to you last night by Clay. She dated her letter a day ahead. She told you some news. Perhaps you may get this first. I will mail it to (the) fort for fear you do not get those we have written by hand. This will start tomorrow. I must come to a close. Your Pa is taking the second field of fodder this week. Tell me if you need paper (and) write every chance. May God bless you.

James C. (&) Delila Mansfield

A.T. Wingfield to Emily Wingfield

Ark. Post, Arkansas County
November the 15, 1862

Dear Wife,

I lift my pen this morning for the purpose of dropping you a few lines in order to inform you that I am well at present (and) hoping at the same time for these few lines to find you all well and getting along fine. McLaughlin got here yesterday with my clothes. I was proud to see them for I was needing them very bad especially my coat. I thank you very kind for them till you are better paid. I am in hopes it won't be long before you are better (paid). You wanted to see about them fitting me, they fit me very well, as well as you had me there to cut them out by. Emily, I thought the time very long about getting a letter from you. I don't want you (to wait) to mail till you can get a chance to and it by hand. Send it by mail.

Emily, I don't want you to get out of (illegible) because William, poor fellow, died. Emily, the reason why I write this I am afraid you will grieve your(s)elf thinking it will be my time next. William suffered a great deal before he died. The Doctor gave him a dose of morphine, like Tuesday at ten o'clock and in two hours afterward he had a fit and he suffered from that time till he died which (was the) next day morning. I believe that (the) morphine killed the poor fellow, for I know that just before (taking) it, (he) was sitting up talking to me and in fifteen minutes he was speechless.

We will move in our winter quarters in a day or so and I think we will surely have better health. If we don't we won't have much company for we lose a heap of men. We have lost eleven or twelve men since we started from home the last time and their health is getting worse every day. I kept one pair of William's socks and one shirt and pair of drawers (and) as his clothes was all dirty I had him buried in mine. I have written all the news. I will come to a close. We are trying to make up money for Finn McLaughlin to come back. If he does come you can send anything you want by him. Be certain to send me a letter by him. I will come to (a close) for this time. No more for this time but remain your affectionate husband until death.

A.T. Wingfield
**John W. Kirkham to James F. Kirkham**

Tomlinson P.O., Scott Co., Arks.
November 10th, 1878,

Mr. J.F. Kirkham,

Dear Brother, I embrace this opportunity of writing you a few lines to inform you that I am still on praying grounds and pleading terms with the, our Lord, and enjoying good average health at present. There has been some sickness and several deaths in this part of the country this fall.

Well Frank, I have no news of importance to write you more than we have had a beautiful fall here for gathering crops. We are getting along slow with our cotton. We have got about six bales and got some 4 or 5 to pick yet. We made about 500 bushels of corn, 100 gallons of molasses. I will give you the prices of produce in this country. Corn is from 30 to 40 cts. per bu., oats 30, molasses 50, cotton 7 to 8 cts. (and) other produce in proportion with the above.

I got the old gray horse, yet, he brought me home safe and sound ... (not legible) ... have refused several good trades for him.

Mr. Long’s family is all well. James Long is married, he was married on 24th of last mo. John Doss is well and well satisfied, he likes the country fine.

Well, as it is getting late, I will come to a close. Write soon. Give my respects to the family and receive a good fortune for yourself. So nothing More.

Only remain, yours truly,  
J.W. Kirkham

*Letter provided by Faydra Starnes, Houston, Texas, 1979.*

**John and Sarah Stevens to Oliver and Margaret Brewer**

Arkansas, Pike County,  
July the 9 day, 1855

Dear children, through the great mercy of that providence that rules all things to his own will, I am permitted to say to you that we are all enjoying tolerable health, but Galla was taken last night with the cholera morbus and is not clear of it yet, but I hope it won't hold him long. I have had a heavy spell of it myself and am just a getting about. I earnestly hope these lines will reach you and you will all be enjoying the best of health and all your connection in that country. Your connection here is all well. Times is and has been poor. Times harder (and) arduous than ever was known since the first Settlement was made in the country and not only here, but every State that we have heard from. Corn has been from $1.50 cents to two dollars, bacon from $15 to $20 and now not to be had at all at no price.

There has not been a boat run (on) Red river, yes, one, and that is all since last Spring year. Their ain't one sack of coffee in our country nor a sack of salt nor won't be till it can be made up here at the old Salt works between here and the Choctaw line and I hope you are a doing much better that what we are and I hope you will try to be contented and prepared to do well through life.

If I never see you again I wish you all the blessings that life can afford. I assure you that you are as near my heart as any child or children I have. Certain you are not often out of my mind long at a time. I now, I crave to see you both and the baby than every thing in this life, but that (is) impossible, yet if ever it should be the case in life.

So now none of the connection is married nor nothing strange took place, but T.R. Stevens has Sold his land to his uncle Edmond Forrister and he has bought up on the clear fork where your uncle Oliver Brewer used to live.

Over crops this year, as yet, looks tolerable well, but we are very dry now and has been all the year and (if) rain don't come quick and a heap of it, we can't make nothing like a good crop, and if this crop is light like the last crop was, people can't, two thirds of them, get bread certain and sure. So if you are in a country of plenty, like Lookout Valley was when we lived there, and you enjoy good health, try and be contented. I assure you that I am determined to get from this country somewhere, but I am not finally decided where it will be. I would come there but I can't think it would be safe at all to undertake it, the Indians is so hostile, all of them from Fort Smith clear through the whole route (to) the Kansas country.
Country is a settling very fast and there has been a great discovery of gold up on the Arkansas river and on the Ouachita mountain about three hundred miles from here and the people is in a mighty stir and a going at a rapid rate and if nothing takes place strange, there will be by Christmas, there will be fifty thousand men in the mines by that time without a doubt. There is large companies going every day and they say there has never been richer prospects found in the Island of America. Though the gold stimulates the people in general, but I assure you the signs of the times greatly compels us all to think about how our substance comes and where from. Dear children, keep your mind and heart desire to that great being who has power to cut over bread and water from us all in a very short space. Let us never forget him, for all the great prospects of gold or rubies, for I tell you now the greatest happiness man and woman can have in this life is to have good water and land and make a plenty to live on and do so and then you are supping the sweet juice of the earth in abundance so full filling your own through this unfriendly world.

Now my dear children, you say you have not had but one letter from me since you left. I surely have wrote four before this and would have wrote ten, but T.R. and Galla and the girls was a writing of ten. I think we have got 8 from you and from T.D. I think about 18 or 20, so I assure you both the reason of my not writing often, it was not for hard feeling 'certing against either of you. Certain as I told you in my house I would have been glad you could have found a country that you all could have been satisfied closer to me. I assure you I would have been there long before this time certain. So you say to me you are both satisfied, so I say to you that satisfies me much better that to know you was suffering in this country.

I assure you that there is one fourth family in this country has got one pound of coffee or salt in their house. Its not the poor alone nor rich, it is all. Nor a gallon of molasses, meat and bread and milk and butter.

Yes, Margret, I liked to forgot to tell you both now, that the Governor of Georgia had to call the country together for the purpose to get grain for the people's bread.

Your grandmother and uncle Galla and the children was well this Spring. I tell you now I hope that kind providence that has watched over all, over meandering in this life, will still continue with us all through all this unfriendly world and finally stand by us all in the ... hour of death and finally receive us all to himself where grief and sorrow will vanish away forever. So that will be enough for us and tell the little darling of a pup that she has got a grand(father) and he would like to see her certain and grandmother and uncle and aunts, and I reckon if she was here a little while she would not think us friends, but we would like to see the ...

So I don't know what more to say, I, for you will never get it, but I will start another soon. David Brewer & John Brewer is a writing and surely you will hear from us. So we all send howdy to you all from the center of our hearts, every one of us, so we remain your Father & Mother, brothers & sisters, all through life.

John A. Stevens & Sarah Stevens

to

Oliver Brewer & Margrett Brewer

Letter provided by Dora Lee, Eugene, Oregon, 1977, spelling corrected.

S.H. Harvey to Brother Fanning

Reports From 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

Elijah Kelley Sr. to Brother Fanning

Antioch Congregation,

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.

Letter of Elijah Kelley Sr. to Brother Fanning of the Gospel Advocate

John S. Robertson to Brother Fanning

Success of the Truth.

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


A.S. Russell to Samuel McFadden

Mr. Samuel McFadden,
Bills, Arkansas.

Dear Sir & Friend,

Yours of the 21st inst. received June 30th and in answer would say that you with several of us went into service as volunteers in May 1862 (and) organized a company with G.A. Gaughan as Captain (and) went to Little Rock and were organized into Col. Pleasant’s Regiment as Co. E of said regiment. Col. Pleasant was killed at Battle of Prairie Grove & Lieut. Col. Bell took command of the Regiment & (it) was known as Bell’s Regiment, but was afterward known as the 29th Regiment Trans-Mississippi Infantry. Our Co. (was) still known as Co. E. (and) that you served as private in said Co. from May 1862 until the close of the war May 1865 (and) that you were a good and faithful soldier during all of that time (and) that you were badly wounded at the battle of Prairie Grove, December 7, 1862, and was unable to rejoin (the) Company until the following spring.

A.S. Russell,
Capt. Co. E, 29 Regm’t T.M.


G.W. and M.H. Walker to W.N. Trout

Georgia
April 21st 1853
Gordon County

Dear Son, after a long time I take my seat to mail you a few lines which will inform you that we are all in tolerable good health at this time hoping that those lines will come to hand and find you and your little children enjoying the same blessing(s) of an all wise providence. The family connections is all well so far as I know. We received your kind letter the 26(th) of March which gives us great joy and consolation to hear that you were all well. We were not very sorry to hear of your being so much dissatisfied with the Land of Promise. There has been one death in the family connection since you left. Hiram and Sarah has lost one of three
children. He got choked with a persimmon seed which terminated in death. I saw Doctor Clemons when he opened his wind pipe but could not get the seed.

There is little or no change in times since you left. Land is yet high. James has sold his place to Alexander White for $275.00. He speaks of going too. Walker Halsomback has sold out since he returned from Texas at Twenty Seven hundred Dollars.

I will give you my reasons for not writing to you before now. After he returned I went down to see him and in as much as your wagon was not unloaded when he left, I thought that you were on the road back to Gordon, until I received your letter. You stated in your letter that you did not like Texas for it (is) too mud(d)y and disagreeable. If it has been any mud(d)ier than Georgia has been this winter I don't want to see it. I had never seen such a time for rain as this winter has. The river has been from 3 to 7 feet above common winter tide for the 4 last months. Thomas and Sarah Waters is married. Also William Barnett and Almeda Tomblin is married. Frosty is yet single. Shamley got (a) judgement against Reeves for four thousand dollars in the case of slander. The other two cases not touched. I've nothing of interest to write to you only I want you to write often to me and direct your letters to Floyd Springs. Excuse my letter and bad handwrit(ing) and I will try to do better the next time I write. So nothing more at present. Only remain your loving Father and Mother till Death us Doth Part and if we shall (not) be permitted to see each other's faces on earth may be prepared to meet in Heaven where parting is no more. So farewell, our loving son, farewell.

G.W. Walker
And
M.H. Walker
To W.N. Trout

The family connection jointly sends their love to you and the children

John and Diadama Morris to W.N. Trout

Caddo Cove Post Office
Montgomery Co., Arkansas

Mr. W.N. Trout
Georgia Gordon Co.
June the 16, 1854.

Dear brother W.N. Trout. I state to you that I re(ceive)d your kind and affectionate letter which found us all in good health. Dear brother, it came to me unexpected, for I had come to the conclusion that you had got so rich in Texas that you had forgot all of your kindred in good old Ga. But I will just state to you that we are still poor in Ga. yet and haven't forgot none of you, hoping to our heavenly Father that these few lines may arrive to you and find you enjoying the richest of heavenly happiness, health and prosperity and that good old faith that once was delivered to the saints - for this is the rock of salvation - and if we never should ever meet again on earth, this is the faith that will bring us to meet in glory where the parting of poor pilgrims shall be no more, where we shall meet our friends that ... (have) gone before us ... (that) died with faith.

To call back 10 years Nesbit and to see our friends that was here then that is gone and left us, and to see how the balance is scattered in this (poorest) world fetches serious reflections upon me. Here is a weeping mother. Here is ... weeping sisters. Here is John Morris - here yet in the land of Ga. How (foolish) like. He wants (to) stay his heavenly Master's time here on Earth and then to take a cold grave by the side of one of those friends that is gone before me. No more on this subject.

God bless you all dear Brother. According to your request, I will try to answer you. First there is health in our land and times are good. The country (is) improving. First land is about like it was in prices. Some few deaths occasionally. Produce is high. Corn is worth 65 cents, bacon 10 cents, other things in proportion. None of the old citizens is gone from here. They are settled. They say there has been several (have) been to look at Texas and Arkansas and don't like (it) at all. I got a letter from J.H. Trout yesterday. He has moved (to) Sevier Co., Arkansas, Mineral Hill post office. He stated he was well at present but in a bad fix. His steers died and he had to stop. Anyhow he said he was afraid of sickness there, but could not get
away for the lack of means to travel on. Mr. G.W. Walker is a working close by me (within) two hundred yards on a house, and when he gets done there, he is going to do some work for me. He said (they) are all well and wants to see you back in Ga. in the white settlements. Frank is a living close by me (within) a quarter. He and family are all well. J. Davis is well and family and doing well. (?) strange in Ga.

John Morris

You must look over my hand writ(ing). I cut my thum(b) with a sight blade and I can't hold my pen good. Some lines from Didama.

Dear brother. I am well at present hoping you (are) all the same and your little children. I want to see you and them again while here on earth. Give my respects to all of my cousins and uncle (and) all the connections. Dear brother I think you would do well to come back and live in Ga. with your little babes. Mother wants you to come back. She is well and Susannah, she is generally well. No more at present but remain your sister till death.

Farewell.

E.D. Morris to W.N. Trout. Brother W. Nesbit

Dear Brother. I want you to write to me oftener than you have and if I live I will to you. I never will forget you as long as I live. I have thought of you a many a time since you left me. Notice and I will send you a paper that will give you the daily news of Ga. So I want to be remembered by all of you to them cousins by letter and by (love). So dear friend I must come to a close. My letter is like us all. It has got a beginning and ending. So don't forget me. So no more at present but remain your Brother till death separates us on earth. True to the end.

John Morris

Letter of John and Diadama Morris to Wilson Nesbit Trout provided by Jessie Mae Ashford, Arlington, Virginia.

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**THE JOHN B. POWER LEDGER**

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**Recent Background**

The business accounting ledger of John B. Power b: 1816 was handed down to his son Stephen Wesley Power b: 1851, to his son Charles Theodore Power b: 1872, to his son Jesse Earl Power b: 1895, to his son Charles Jennings Power b: 1917, to his son Charles Kenneth Power b:1940.

**Historical Background**

The business accounting ledger of John B. Power of Powers Shope, Laurens Co., South Carolina, starts in the year 1847 and continues in South Carolina until his move to Pike Co., Arkansas in the late fall of 1858. Thereafter the entries are made from Arkansas through the early 1900's.

John B. Power was a merchant/mechanic in Laurens Co. SC. His shop fixed tools, wagon wheels, wagons, made coffins and whatever else that was needed. He also sold supplies to the surrounding community. His shop was also a place where the mail was brought to and sent from. It was known as the Powers Shop. In the fall of 1858 he sold most of his holdings and moved his family to AR. The reason for the move is unclear, but one would guess that the talk of the unrest and a possible war inspired John and his family to move west.
After arriving in AR, he soon started up his business again there. Today, Powers Shop, Laurens Co., SC is called a historical place. Many of the names I’ve listed in the 1858 sale were written on separate sheets of paper and inserted into the ledger.

The top of the first page of the included sheets said, "Sale bill of the goods and chattles of John B. Power, September 27, 1858." Like a big garage sale, everyone in the area must have come to buy things. Note: John sometimes spelled the same name in different ways. All spellings are listed as he wrote them in the ledger. Some names may be listed more than once. Every transaction by each individual has been transcribed.

Stephen Wesley Power owned a saw mill and a grist mill near Mufreesboro, Pike Co., Arkansas from the late 1800's until sometime in 1905 when he moved his family to Indian Territory, OK. The list of names below give the date of purchase and sometimes a few notes.

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Bacon Tyler 5/31/1867
Bacon Tyler 1/27/1868
Bacon Tyler 2/11/1868
Bacon Tyler 1865
Bell J. H. 8/31/1867
Bell Nancy Mrs. 9/30/1867
Bell J. H. 2/3/1868
Bell J. H. 7/1/1868
Bell R. D. 1/27/1868
Boggs G. L. July 4, 1904
Branch Mrs. Jan. 11 to May 29, 1904
Brewer Thomas 10/7/1867
Brewer H. T. Aug. 3 to Sept. 24, 1904
Brant Benjamin 10/2/1864
Brant Wm. 12/6/1864
Brown H. 3/1863
Brown H. 4/14/1863
Brown H. 5/1863
Brown H. 9/28/1864 Estate of H. Brown paid for a coffin $10. and they furnished the plank
Carter H. W. 5/1865
Carter H. W. 6/1865 Received $12 in greenback from him
Cheyney M. D. April 4, 1904
Conway J. H. Feb. 13 to Aug. 30, 1904
Cooley Isaac 11/8/1862
Cooley Isaac 1860
Cooley Isaac 12/10/1860
Coulter W. E. April 9 to Dec. 1904
County Roads Sept. 6 to Sept. 27, 1904
Crawford J. G. 12/20/1869
Crawford J. G. 12/31/1869 Note: paid 4/1870
Crump Givns 10/15/1872
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Davis Bige Aug. 5 to Oct. 5, 1904
Davis J. F. Sept. 23 to Oct. 3, 1904
Doby Tom March 25 to Dec. 1904
Dougla A. 10/19/1872
Dougla A. 12/3/1872 Paid by H. H. Meredith
Evans D. W. March 27 to April 6, 1904
Glover Martha 9/13/1870
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Hall John W. 8/19/1862
Hall John W. 9/11/1863
Hall J. W. 4/1865
Harris H. C. 3/11/1871
Harris H. C. 10/8/1863
Harris Henry Jan. 29, 1904
Haslip Blane Feb. 22, 1904
Haynes B. P. 8/29/1866 Note: from son F.M.P. $2.00
Haynes B. P. 10/8/1866 Note: from son F.M.P. $2.00
Haynes B. P. 12/26/1866 Note: from son F.M.P. $2.00
Haynes H. Rev. 1860
Haynes H. Rev. 12/12/1860 Bought 7 pounds of nails
Haynes H. Rev. 1/25/1861 Returned 61 nails for credit
Haynes H. Rev. 1865
Haynes Henry 7/18/1865
Haynes H. 9/20/1865 Made coffins
Haynes H. 10/6/1868
Hedrick Walter Jan. 1 to Dec. 1904
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PIKE COUNTY QUERIES
LETTERS

June 9, 1997

Linda Flowers Lammey
20567 Ward Rd.
Caldwell, ID 83605

Pike County,

My sister and I are doing a family history and are
in great hopes to find our G. Great Grandparents in
the Arkansas Area.  Any information you can find
on these families we would be so greatful.  We
have been looking a long time-

Wilson-Flowers Family
Husband Richard (R.T.) Wilson born: 1830 Tenn
died 1895 Ark. (we guess)
Wife:  Nancy Crabtree born: 1832 Tenn. Died
1894 Ark. (we guess)
Children:  Joe S. Wilson, Shug Wilson, Carn
Wilson, all born Ark.

1st Son:  Joe S. Wilson b: unknown Wife:  Alice
1st Daughter:  Shug Wilson, born: 1870 Ark. or
Okla.  1st husband Kennady Bno information B1st
daughter Allie b: 1888 Greenwood, Ark.  Died:
1944 Sprio, Okla.  Shug= 2nd husband Calvin J.
Flowers b: 1865 to 1870 died: 1885 to 1895 Okla.
or Ark.  B1 son James Richard Flowers b: July 3,

2nd Son:  Carn Wilson, no information.
There may be an Anna Flowers too.
Would like information in these areas B(1)
Church, (2) Cemeteries (3) Court Records (4)
Libraries (5) Census, (6) Newspapers (7) Wills,
(8) Probates.

Thanks you,
Linda (Flowers) Lammey

Robert Degnen
38-48 65 St.
Woodside, NY  11377-3616

I am researching great great grandparents Daniel
W. Applegate his wife Francis and son William.
William was living in Pike Co. in 1900. They
were born as follows:
Daniel W. Applegate B 1820 B Kentucky
Francis Applegate B 1825 B Tenn.
William Applegate B 1845 B Miss.

Daniel died about 1880 in Clark Co. Do you have anything on Francis B 1845 searching for her (1) Maiden Name; (2) Date of Death.

Sincerely,
Robert Degnen

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Forrest City, AR 72??

July 15, 1997
870-633-7399

Pike Co. Archives & Historical Society
P.O. Box 238
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Dear Madam/Sir:

I am interested in your books, especially census books of Pike Co., AR.
1 B Please mail me your list of books that you have for sale.
2 B I wish to learn if John Mariday/Mereday/Moriday Bis listed on the 1850 Pike Co. AR census and in what township.

Thanks you for your help,
Sincerely,
Thelma Woods

Checked Pike, Hempstead, Clark, Montgomery. No find
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March 16, 1997

Dorothy Partain
P.O. Box 238
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Ms. Partain:

I am writing to you in reference to Shane Hill's discussion with you regarding my search for family connections in the Murfreesboro area.

I am interested in the Ward and Tarpley connections going in both directions. I have been able to locate my ggf Rufus Garland Ward through a property deed recorded in the Murfreesboro court house in 1895. The seller was my gggf Granville W Tarpley and his father-in-law. From a copy of the GEMS I found what I think is evidence that GWT's wife, Leana or Leanah Tarpley was a daughter of David Mobley.

I Think the Tarpley line starts with GWT as he was born in Tennessee. RGW's place of birth is unknown and I have only an unconfirmed date-1866. He is reported to have two brothers a John and an Ike. RGW and Eliza Jane Tarpley had three children before he died on a journey to Dallas, Tx by covered wagon in 1898. Their names were John Wesley Ward, William Edgar Ward (gf) and a Sally who died at two or three years of age. I am particularly interested in identifying RGW's parentage.

Thank you for your assistance.

Michael Keller
5509 Beaconsfield Ct
Burke, VA 22015
703-323-9190

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March 27, 1997

Ms. Dorothy Partain, Correspondence Secretary
The Pike County Archives & History Society
P.O. Box 238
Murfreesboro AR 71958

Dear Ms. Partain:

Thank you so much for your letter of 24 March. I appreciate your help. Yes, William Nelson Cox is my grandfather (he died in 1944 in Texas). He was married to Mary Catherine Andrews in 1874. The reason you don't find them in Arkansas in 1900 is because the family had moved to Indian Territory, where my father was born in 1898, in what is now Stephens County, Oklahoma. One of the grown children stayed in Oklahoma, but most of them moved to Texas, where their descendants are scattered all over now.

I would very much appreciate it if you can find a contact for me for both the Andrews and Cox families. I suspect I have cousins all over the state of Arkansas! What my main object is, of course, is to find the names of the parents of James G. Andrews. Another link I am interested in is James
G. Andrews' father-in-law -- one Bartholomew Gates, born in 1795 in Georgia, then went to Indian Territory (he was a Mississippi Choctaw) and later went to Prescott, Arkansas, to hunt bear, and married a woman there named Joyce, maiden name unknown. They are listed in the 1850 Clark County census. Their daughter Helen, married James G. Andrews in 1855. I am also looking for Joyce's maiden name. I would be extremely thrilled to get any new information about this family. I suspect that some of these descendants now live in Clark County.

You asked for some basic information about James G. Andrews. I don't have much to add from my original letter, but we do know that a Mr. Kyle Andrew (he has dropped the "s") is still living in Delight, and is in possession of the Andrews family bible. I also have a faded xerox copy of a studio photograph of James G. Andrews. We know that he was born 26 November 1830, married Helen T. Gates on 1 November 1855. James G. Andrews died while serving in the Confederate Army around 1 May 1865. He is supposed to be buried in Harrison County, Texas (just over the state line) but a cousin of mine who has been searching for his grave so far has been unsuccessful in locating it. James G. Andrews and Helen T. Gates had five children, two daughters and three sons. One of the daughters, Mary Catherine Andrews, is my paternal grandmother. She died long before I was born.

I will contact by e-mail the names you gave me. Again, thank you so very much for your help. If ever you run across anything, please let me know - I will pay for all postage and xeroxing costs. I would be interested in receiving family group sheets, pedigree charts, anything at all. I do have a copy of a petition regarding the estate of James G. Andrews, filed in Clark County, filed by his widow to claim his estate.

Sincerely,

Kathleen C. Vaughn
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June 30, 1997

Pike County Archives & History Society
Box 238
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

I am interested in receiving "The Gems of Pike County, Arkansas." I am told that the Spring 1997 issue contains information on Mary Ann Bittick, Rosa Ann Ballew, and Solomon Melson. I am researching the Melson and Frazier families, among others The Frazier family lived in Pike County from around 1890 to 1903. The Melson family were there much sooner.

Please send me the information regarding a subscription, and any information you can provide as to what may be available on these two families. My wife is the daughter of the late William Melson Frazier of Washington, Arkansas, who sprang from these two lines.

Sincerely,

William L. Hinds

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July 17, 1997

Dear Sirs,

I am trying to find out information on William T. Bell and his wife Elizabeth _?___, who I believe are my 2nd great-grandparents and the parents of my great-grandfather James Thomas Bell.

William T. Bell was a confederate soldier from Kentucky who was in Co. G, 3rd Tenn. Cav. He drew a Confederate Pension from Arkansas and he died March 11, 1913 in Pike County. Elizabeth died sometime after this date as she applied for a widow's pension in 1913. I know that they were in Pike County from 1901 and probably went there in the 1890s from Daviess County, Kentucky.

In 1870 and 1880 they are in Daviess County, Kentucky. Their children were, Margaret born about 1858, James Thomas born in 1860, Mary E. born about 1862, Ida born about 1865, Susan A. born about 1868, and Lillie M. born about 1872.
I have not yet looked at the 1900 and 1910 Pike Co., Arkansas Census for them, but will as soon as I can. I think that the family left Kentucky around 1883 and went to Sumner Co., Tenn. This is where my grandfather Follice A. Bell was born in 1887. They didn’t stay long there and then I believe all of the family left Sumner Co., Tenn. And went to Arkansas. They went to Fulton Co., Ark. around 1890 and James Thomas Bell stayed here from about 1890 to 1910. I believe that his parents William T. Bell and maybe some of his sisters went on to Pike County, Arkansas. Some of the sisters may have stayed in Fulton Co. I don’t have any of their married names and who they married. I do have a picture of a Ben Hellman and on the back it says he is a cousin to my grandfather, Follice A. Bell. If this is so, then one of the girls would have married a Hellman. The picture was probably taken in the early 1900s.

Also, I have sent to Little Rock for a copy of William T. Bell’s pension application. Hopefully this will give me some new information. I have been trying to find James Thomas Bell’s parents for a long time and think this might be them. I believe it has been harder to find them, because James Thomas Bell was the only male child, and the only one to have the Bell name.

If you have anyone in your society who is descended from William T. and Elizabeth Bell or any information on him, I would appreciate you letting me know. We have a week off in August and if I can find out more we are going to try and come down to Pike County and find their graves.

Thanks you for any assistance you can give me.

Tom Brewer
2785 S. 136 E. Pl.

THE PIKE GENEALOGICAL HOMEPAGE QUERIES BY SHANE HILL

Beginning in this newsletter, I will begin a new section for queries I received as coordinator for the Pike County Genealogical Homepage on the Internet. The following are messages I posted to the Pike County page between August 1996 and August 1997 many of the people left E-mail addresses only. The addresses (postal and/or E-mail) follow the query section

ALLEN, EWING, LIGHTFOOT, SPEARS posted by Jimmy Allen on Thursday, August 1, 1996

Looking for the following names: LIGHTFOOT, ALLEN, EWING, SPEARS

MCDONALD, STONE posted by Sharon Allen on Thursday, August 1, 1996

Fountain Garret STONE, Robert MCDONALD and their families. They were in Sevier and Jackson Counties also. Some of both families later were in Texas

CUMMINGS, DAVIS, HENDERSON, HUGHES posted by Jack Henderson on Thursday, August 1, 1996

I am looking for HENDERSON, CUMMINGS, HUGHES, DAVIS, and others, at present. I will broaden my list as I find Surnames, with more than three families in my GEDCOM.

ROBERSON, SNIDER posted by Betty Ann Sexton on Thursday, August 1, 1996

Searching for SNIDER and ROBERSON’s in Pike County.

DICKSON, THRELKELD posted by David Kelley on Thursday, August 1, 1996

Seeking the Bible Record of William T. and Nancy Dickson of Pike County, Arkansas. Bible was in possession of their daughter Mary Caroline Threlkeld in 1878. She died in 1882.

LOGAN, TALLEY, TALLY posted by Ruby Coleman on Saturday, October 26, 1996

I am seeking any information on TALLEYS/TALLY’S who lived after 1860 in Pike Co., AR. James B. TALLEY and second wife Emily LOGAN had sons who were living with her on the 1860 Federal Census in Pike Co., AR. Any information on descendants is appreciated.

CARTER, COPELAND, HUDDLESTON, JONES, REID posted by Polly White Rash on Wednesday, October 30, 1996

Charles Wesley “Charlie Buck” Jones died about 1901 in Nathan, Pike Co., AR. Wife was Mary Jane Copeland b. 1838, Howard Co AR d. 1908 Pike Co. They had twin sons b. 1855 Howard Co named Thomas Jefferson Jones and George Washington Jones. Who was Mary Jane Copeland’s mother? (father was Richard Copeland. What information I have comes from a 1931 publication by S.B. Reese “Corinth Arkansas And Its Kinfolk”. Would like to hear from anyone interested. My maternal grandmother was the daughter of George Washington Jones and Mary Elizabeth “Katie” Reid. I'd also like to find Reid's mother Ann Huddleston Reid Carter. Thank you Polly White Rash.
Hello out there. I'm researching the HANCOCK surname. John D. Hancock, born Abt 1824, in TN, married Mary Angeline Stringer, Abt 1853, and they had six children: R. W. HANCOCK, B: Abt 1854; W. T. HANCOCK, B: Abt 1855; Augustus W. HANCOCK, B: April 7, 1858; Clara Ann HANCOCK, B: January 10, 1867; John H. HANCOCK, B: December 27, 1869; George R. HANCOCK, B: December 27, 1869. Most (if not all the children) were born in Pike County. I would like to correspond with anybody that researching this HANCOCK line. I have some information on a couple of the children. Many thanks.

BIGGS, WELLS posted by Marilyn Brien on Thursday, November 14, 1996

Rev. Amariah BIGGS, Methodist minister and physician settled in Pike County after the Civil War. He was married (2) to Mary Wells. One son, Rev. William Henry Harrison BIGGS moved to Texas. I'd like any local anecdotes about the BIGGS family or contact any descendants of Amariah BIGGS. One other son, Rev. John BIGGS may have stayed in ARK.

Marilyn Brien
128 Linda Drive
San Antonio, TX 78216

SWATZEL, WALDRUP posted by Garry Swatzel on Tuesday, December 3, 1996

Supposedly my great grand father was put in the Pike Co. poor house between 1870 and 1875. His name was John Henry Swatzel. His father (Jacob) had died and his mother (Levina) put him and his sister in the poor house. John was taken from the poor house and raised by Joseph Waldrup and his wife. Are there still records in Pike Co. which might give me some information? Thank You Garry Swatzel

CLEMENTS posted by Joy Fisher on Monday, December 9, 1996

According to the 1848 tax roll, there were two Clemens living in Pike County: John and Isaac. According to the 1850 Federal Mortality Schedule, John died. I would like to make contact with descendents of these two men. I believe John was born in Montgomery Co., VA.

KEMP posted by Kenneth Milam on Thursday, January 9, 1997

I would like to know if the W. Jefferson Kemp family was living in Pike County between 1880 and 1910. I haven't been able to locate them in Howard or Polk County. If anyone can help me on this I would really appreciate it.

BRYAN, HARRINGTON, STAMPER, THRASH posted by Ina Wallace on Monday, January 20, 1997

HARRINGTON, Ark(e)m. Elora(Lora) BRYAN(t), ca 1916 children: Guy BRYAN HARRINGTON, b. 1905 Margaret Elizabeth HARRINGTON STAMPER b. 1916. Ark Lora are buried along with Guy in the Glenwood Cemetery, Glenwood, AR, Pike County. Would appreciate any information on this family. Connected family: Ora Allen BRYAN THRASH m. Grover Cleveland THRASH. They are both also buried in the Glenwood Cemetery.

THOMAPSON, YEARGAN posted by Pat Dahl on Tuesday, January 28, 1997

I seek information on the Wm. W. Yeargan family, wife Elizabeth, children Lutitia, Lucinda, John M.; James Coleman who married Iona Australia Thomapson and had many children, William S., Mary L., and Nora. William lived in Pike County from sometime in the mid-1800s until his death in 1905. William was the older brother of my g-grandfather, Burton, of Polk Co. Pat Dahl, Auburn, AL

CARLOCK, ROBERTS, YARBROUGH posted by Annita M. Powell on Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Looking for information on Lucinda YARBROUGH b. 1 June 1821 Arkansas Territory, d/John Swanson YARBROUGH, mother unknown. Family in Houston Co. Texas 1837 Also looking for info on Richard ROBERTS and Mrs. Eliza CARLOCK. County unknown. Daughter, Elizabeth Josephine Roberts "Betsy" b. 5 Feb. 1860, AR. May be other children. Family in Camp Co. Texas ca 1880

BROWN, CARPENTER, MCGUIRE, MORRIS, SULLIVAN posted by Sue Thompson on Friday, February 7, 1997

Seeking Pike Co. AR information on Daniel and Rhoda (MORRIS) SULLIVAN family resided in Pike Co. according to 1860 Pike Census. Couple had 6 daughters: Susannah Jane b 26 June 1830 married Isaac MCGUIRE 1859 also living in Pike 1860; Alger b 1831; Narcissa Adaline b 1833 listed as insane 1860 census; Mary b 1834; Martha Carolyn b 1830 m John A. Brown; Mary J. b 1846 m. Stephen H. Carpenter in 1877 then Mary J died in 1878. No other record found on Daniel and Rhoda. On 1860 Census Daniel is 61. Do they die in Pike? If so, when and where?

BLOUD, CALHOUN posted by Betty G. Schimpf on Saturday, February 8, 1997

BLOUD - Seeking to contact relatives of Smith BLOUD who lived in Murfreesboro, (Pike Co.), Ar. in 1940. His brother, Augusta Brantley BLOUD, was my Grandfather. Augusta Brantley had married Minta CALHOUN on 10-17-1928 at Bulan, Ky. On the morning of 11-7-1936, he left for work and the family never saw him again. I am trying to find out what happened to him along with adding the BLOUD family information to my genealogy program. Any leads to the family will be appreciated. Thanks!

LEE posted by Tami Ramsey on Wednesday, February 19, 1997

Searching for information on C. Adison LEE, wife Pamela or Paurelia Yaudle LEE. Children Dora, Cora (twins), Amos, Luna, George, Adison, Elbert, Lennie, and Berthenia Ida Jane b. November 18, 1867. The only information I have is that he fought in the Civil War. Any info is appreciated as I do not have much to go on...
FORD, STATON posted by Ken Ford on Friday, February 21, 1997

I need information on Absalom Ford. DOB 1800. No birth date available. He was married to a Sarah Elizabeth Staton in 1822. He moved from Callyway Co, Ky in 1838 to Pike Co, Ark. He appears on the tax records from 1838 - 1841. I suspect he died at this time. He had 4 sons and 4 daughters. I suspect that my 2nd great grandfather Josiah Ford was one of his children. I need any information available. Josiah fought in the Civil War out of Ark under Capt. Upton (Co J) Regiment unknown. Thanks Ken Ford

HANKINS, LAWRENCE posted by Larry Hanks on Sunday, March 2, 1997

Searching for any information on Christopher LAWRENCE, Jacob LAWRENCE or Elijah H. Green Families living in Dallas Co., (Round Hill Community), and near Tulip. (Mother's side of family) Also information of Jonathan (or Jonathan) G. HANKINS in Pike or Montgomery Co. (Fathers side) Any information will be helpful as we have lots of holes the the family tree

CHESHIRE posted by Paul Wood on Wednesday, March 5, 1997

I need information about the Zachias CHESHIRE family. Census and county records show a Zachias CHESHIRE was living in Bedford Co., Tennessee in 1835 and 1840, in Red River Co., Texas in 1850 and in Pike Co. (now part of Howard Co.), Arkansas in 1860. In the 1850 census Zachias' wife's name is Catherine. In the 1860 census Zachias's wife's name is Ketura. I need to know if the names "Catherine" CHESHIRE and "Ketura" CHESHIRE are identifying

ROUNTREE posted by Ash ? on Saturday, March 8, 1997

Looking for info on the John Rountree family, also Micajah Rountree family. Thanks, Ash

ADAMS, WOODALL posted by Iris SOUSAE Woodall on Sunday, March 9, 1997

Searching for information on John Marion WOODALL,b 13 June 1844.Columbus, GA,.d 8 June 1928,Montgomery Co. AR., Md. Mary Matilda ADAMS.ThanksJohn

GARNER posted by John G.Garnner on Sunday, March 16, 1997

looking for information regarding GARNER family.

BABBITT, CUPP, FOX, HOLCOMB, KUYKENDALL, WOODALL posted by Kay Crawford on Thursday, March 20, 1997

Need help with our Woodall line. Susan S. (Sousan) ? was born probably in Georgia May 1797 died in Pike County Arkansas 23 April 1875. We need Susan's maiden name and her husband's name. children: John G. Woodall b 1826 in Georgia, m Amanda Cupp Charles J. Woodall b 1827 in Georgia, m Mary A. ? Pascal Marion Woodall b 1829 in Georgia, m Mary Magaline Babbitt Julia A. Woodall b 1831 in Georgia Elizabeth Woodall b 1833 in Georgia Susan A. Woodall b 1834 in Georgia, m Jess C. Fox Samuel A. Woodall b 20 December 1837 in Georgia m Sarah E. Babbitt Martha A. Woodall b 1848 in Georgia children of Charles J. Woodall and Mary A. 1) James Haywood Woodall b January 1855 Pike County Arkansas m Emeline ? abt 1875 d 1935 Shady Point, Leffore County Oklahoma 2) Mary E. Woodall b 1858 3) Emily L. Woodall b 1860, m James Monroe Kuyhendall abt 1880 Pike County Arkansas. 4) Charles A. Woodall b 1863 5) Elizabeth S. Woodall b 1868 (?Georgia) m ? Holcomb Please send email if you have any information you will share. Thank you. Kay Crawford

NEAL, PORTER posted by Jim Porter on Tuesday, April 1, 1997

I am looking for my g-grandparents who I believe were M.T. PORTER (Jr) and Lara NEAL. They were married in Pike Co. on Nov 27, 1890. They may have moved to Prescott or nearby in Nevada Co. Any information would be appreciated.

YEARGON posted by Frances Garcia on Thursday, April 3, 1997

I am looking for William W. YEARGON family. His wife was Mary Elizabeth. They spent their last days in Pike Co. near Kirby. Their children were Lutitica, Lucinda,John M.,James Coleman, William S.,Mary L., Nora .

HASLEY posted by Shawn ? on Sunday, April 6, 1997

Looking for info on Samuel Hasley b. 1811. I have records that show he owned the land that is now Delight, Arkansas. I have also found some old letters referencing his Indian blood. Any leads would be greatfull.

LOVE, MORRIS, SMART posted by Sandy De Taranto on Tuesday, April 8, 1997

LOVE,Jasper N. dob & dod unk. m Emily Susan MORRIS Feb 16, 1860. Emily b July 22, 1842 Columbia Cnty, AR. d July 1863 Pike Cnty, AR. Jasper is probably buried in Pike Cnty too. Emily's parents was Cullen MORRIS and Celia SMART. Jasper and Emily had two children, James Cullen and Roseanna Katherine. Need any info on Jasper's vitals and his parents. Need vitals on Emily's parents and info on their parents. Contact sandy@pyramid.net .

CHANDLER posted by Rebecca Ramsey on Friday, April 11, 1997

Regarding: CHANDLER, Joel and Ritta and his father John. Joel and Ritta moved from Alabama to Nathan, Pike County, Arkansas in 1846. Found Joel and his father John in the 1850 Hempstead County Census. John is listed as age 87. Family letters state he lived to be 105 and there is some confusion as to whether or not he is the John CHANDLER who lived to be 104/5 of Lunenberg, VA. Need to know when and where John died, who he was married to, and who were the rest his children?

DWYER, FOSTER posted by Gloria Markus on Sunday, April 20, 1997

Searching for info on Nancy FOSTER who married James DWYER. She lived around Star of the West, according to some family members. She was born sometime around 1853 according to the census records of 1880. Also they said she was born in Ark. Her husband was born in Illinois and his family came from Ireland. They had 3 children according to the census: Margaret P. DWYER, Emma Belle DWYER, Ona
(Onie) Lee DWYER. My e-mail address is: gmarkus@aristotle.net and my snail mail is: Gloria Markus, 9500 S Heights #80, Little Rock, AR 72209. Thanks

CRYER, KELLEY, KIRKHAM, MCMANAHAN, MOBLEY, SMART, SMITHPETERS, WINGFIELD posted by Tim Kirkham on Tuesday, April 22, 1997

Looking for information on the following surnames; Cryer, Kelley, Kirkham, McMahan, Mobley, Smart, Smithpeters and Wingfield. Also, I have information to share on most of the above surnames. please E-Mail me Tim Kirkham at rbraine@orcote.com.

CROSS, MCKENNON posted by Marcene Oxford on Monday, April 28, 1997

Looking for information on the Mckennon families living in Pike county in 1880. Found on 1880 census Hector McKennon 29 and wife Sarah, son Dudley 3, and Daughter Annie C. 1 Mother, Catherine 66. Next door is William W. McKennon, 40 with wife Susan, 34 son Evander M. 10 and Janes 8. Next door is Martha McKennon 33 (widow of Evander) with four daughters Mattie Jo 10, Mary E.(llen) 9 Melissa J. 7, and Susan 4. Martha is the daughter of Mary Ellen Cross who lived in Pike Co.

COLBATH, SINCLAIR posted by Ronald B. McComb on Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Clark Co. Arkansas and Pike County Arkansas old township Colbath Township was annexed and ceased to exist in 1873 when annexed to Pike County. Looking for any information on Winthrop COLBATH and his wife possibly Sarah SINCLAIR from N.H. they had issue Sheddper COLBATH, Olive COLBATH, Sarah or Sally COLBATH, and John and possibly George COLBATH. They were in Clark County in the 1828 Census and moved to Texas abt 1840 to 1850. The township was probably named after them. Any and all information about this family and Colbath Township wanted.

SANDERS, WIDENER, WISENER posted by Anita Hancock Ranells on Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Looking for parents of DALLAS W. WIDENER,b-@1864, AR, married 12 Jan 1884, LUCINDA WISENER,b-@1862--known children,LISSIE, NETTIE, LEE OMA, EULA & IRLIN. Could his parents have been ISAAC & SARAH WIDENER? Around 1890, Sarah & their son, SYLVESTER, "HON", were sent to prison for killing Isaac. Sarah died in prison, but "Hon" was released. In 1902, FRANK SANDERS, Isaac, son-in-law, made a death bed confession of killing Isaac. Would appreciate any help or info.

BRYANT, MCGRAV posted by Zack G.Bryan on Saturday, May 3, 1997

Looking for descendents of Zachariah "Zack" G. Bryant of Pike Co. He is listed in land records as having filed deeds in this county in 1882. I am researching his father, Obadiah Lawson Bryant, who came with him and his brother and widowed sisters to Arkansas after the Civil War.I am descended from the brother, Stephen Franklin 'Dock' Bryant who returned to Coosa County Alabama, from whence they came. This family came originally from GA to Coosa Co., then to Arkansas after the deaths of some of the brothers. This is according to a church history and other records I have accumulated. I would like very much to locate the burial places of Zack, Obadiah, and his wife , Elizabeth McGraw Bryant. Please E-mail to the above address. Thank you so much and I will be happy to share other information.Dean Hardesty

BULLARD, GREY, JOHNSON posted by C. Balsano on Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Looking for info on Joseph Wesley JOHNSON and his wife Sara Ann BULLARD/GREY (adopted by GREY family after the death of her parents). Sara was born in Murfreesboro, Pike Co., AR. She and Joseph had nine children: James Lafayette, Ambers Luther, Fowler Lee, Mary Ariela, Annie Bell, Lula Devoy, Laura Mae, Retta Ernestine, and Ethel Mattie.

BARNES, RIDDLE, STONE posted by David Stone on Saturday, May 10, 1997

I am looking for information on the family of Hempstead Stone and Lucinda M. Barnes married in 1869 in Pike County. My grandfather was Gid Logan Stone and married to Ida Riddle. Hempstead is supposedly my ggrandfather. Dave Stone

PAGE posted by Wendy J. Buckley on Sunday, May 11, 1997

I am interested in discovering any property owned by a Colin A. Page and/or a Barbara E. Page, both who reside in Pike County. I would appreciate any information that you could provide either about my request or in guiding me to someone who can gelp me. Thank you very much for your time and effort. Sincerely, Wendy J. Buckley

FORD, STATON posted by Patricia Barge on Friday, May 16, 1997

Looking for information on Absalom FORD, born about 1800 probab- ably in western KY. He married Mary Elizabeth STATON in 1822. They moved to Pike County, AR in 1837. They had 2 boys and 2 girls, names may have been Nancy and Josiah. Those two moved back to Ky by 1848. Any help appreciated.

CORNISH, HARRIS, HILL, PLUNK posted by Shane Hill on Saturday, May 24, 1997

Looking for information on the following Pike County Families: BELL (specifically Thomas J. Bell born 1863 near Nathan), PLUNK, CORNISH, HILL, HARRIS

KESTERSON, PRICE posted by Janis Lindemann on Saturday, May 24, 1997

Does anyone know who was the Erwin/Irvin Price found on early Pike Co. tax lists in the late 1830s-1840s? Where was he from? Was he related to Samuel Kesterson, who lived nearby? Was there a connection to Joseph Price, 1840 in Sevier Co. or to Michael Price of Sevier/Howard Co. AR, 1848-1870's? Have some information to share on both Price and Kesterson lines.

POWER posted by Carolyn Power Flowers on Friday, May 30, 1997

POWER - Looking for a John POWER family that moved to Hot Spring from either S.C or Georgia abt 1845. John POWER was probably born abt 1816 and was the son of Joseph & Isabella Ballew POWER. He was living in Hot Springs - Little
If anyone has any information on any of these names it would really be appreciated, especially looking for possibly William Adams, married to Mary Adams around 1768.

BREWER posted by Aileen Brewer on Saturday, June 7, 1997

BREWER, John, died in Pike Co 1845. Wife Elvira with children were in Pike County until they left for Oregon in early 1853. Were there land sales before she left?? Where is John buried?? Is there a gravestone?? Did John Brewer leave a will??

DOSS posted by Libbie Griffin on Tuesday, June 10, 1997

Willis Hopwood DOSS came from Tennessee to Pike Co. between 1850-1860. Looking for information on him and/or contact with his descendants. Libbie Griffin, genealogist for the Doss Family Association

DOSS, posted by Libbie Griffin on Friday, June 20, 1997

I am seeking information on Thomas WRIGHT b.1839 GA. d. 19 May 1914. I know he is buried in Delight Cemetery in Pike Co. I know his son John T. WRITE married 14 Nov 1887 in Polk Co. AR, is children were John T. WRIGHT, b 1863 AL, Daniel WRIGHT b. 1865 AL, Mary E. WRIGHT 1867 b. MS, Martha G. (Purney) WRIGHT b. 03 Jun 1869 AL, m. Henry Lee WARD,19 Nov 1890, Polk County AR, d. 29 Apr 1905 Pike Co. AR. William I. WRIGHT b. 1873 AL, Annis D WRIGHT b. 1875 AL m. Angilo A. ADAMS 1896 Polk Co., AR. and Marvin G WRIGHT b. 1878 AL. They came to Polk Co. around 1879. If you have any information on any of his children I would appreciate you sharing it. Thanks in advance. TC

DOWDLE posted by C.K. Glover on Monday, June 23, 1997

#1 Inquiring on Cemetery in PIKE co. Kelley Cemetery near town of Delight @Hwy 19 on Curtis DOWDLE's land. Info such as Owned by DOWDLE family ?, if so, how long in family ?, any other DOWDLE's owning Cemetary such as, father, grandfather, etc.? I would be interested in knowing, trying to trace DOWDLE family in Pike Co. and also in Arkansas. E-mail to: Lotsospots@aol.net #2 Searching for info on family in Pike Co. ggrandfather Wm Perdue DOWDLE b. 1875 d. 1950 and gggrandfather James Hamilton DOWDLE b. 1850's in Cork Co. Ireland. Lived in Pike Co. Delight, AR for sometime. Before coming to Delight, spent sometime in S. Carolina. James Hamilton DOWDLE had brother that went to California. Any and all information would be greatly appreciated. E-Mail: Lotsospots@aol.net

GAMMONS posted by Harold Wayne Higgins on Friday, June 27, 1997

I am searching for relatives of, or anyone having any info on James H. GAMMONS or his brother Joseph A. GAMMONS. They were the sons of my great-great-grandmother, Susan GAMMONS, and lived in the Glenwood, Pike County, AR area in 1916 where they operated a barrel stave mill. The two had moved there from Paragould, Greene County, AR, and were originally from TN. James Gammons' wife's name was Minnie.

CUMMINGS, FAULKNER, FUNDERBURK, GOLDEN posted by Vivian L. Edge on Thursday, July 3, 1997

Seeking information on J. Hicks FAULKNER, supposedly born in Chattanooga, TN, wives name Mary_______. They had 5 children, Molly, Dallas, Florence, Essie and Joe. Molly married a CUMMINGS and Florence married a FUNDERBURK. Need maiden name of Mary, any birth and death dates. Believe to have lived in and around the Kirby and Daisy area of Pike County. Joe could have married a GOLDEN and Mary might have had a sister named Onie (spelling ?), Dallas never married but is my grandmother. Any information would be appreciated. vedge@austin360.com

BOYD, GRIFFIN, KILGORE, LAMB posted by Jan Cooper Greer on Thursday, July 3, 1997

Seeking descendants or information on James E. GRIFFIN, b. abt. 1842 AL, d. 1878-1879 prob. Delight, Pike Co., AR, married abt. 1866 Ark to Elba "Elby" LAMB, b. abt 1846 Ark, 1880-1881 Delight, d. Pike Co., Ark. They had 6 children: (1) Frances Arbell GRIFFIN b. 1867 Ark., d. near Ft. Worth, TX, m. -?- BOYD, they lived Ft. Worth, TX; (2) Rebecca Elizabeth GRIFFIN, b. 1871 prob. Pike Co., Ark.; (3) Wm. "Bill" GRIFFIN, b. abt. 1871 prob. Pike Co., Ark.; (4) Martha Jane GRIFFIN, b. 8 Nov 1974 Delight, Pike Co., Ark, d. 17 March 1958 Boerne, Kendall Co., TX m. abt. 1888 to Harvey Allen "Major John" KILGORE b. 25 March 1864, d. 29 Feb 1944 Ingleside, TX, they had 9 children; (5) Henry GRIFFIN, b. 1876 Pike Co., Ark. I would appreciate any information on this family. Jan Cooper Greer, 126 James Greer Rd., Nacogdoches, TX.

ATKINS posted by Margaret Skyles on Monday, July 14, 1997

Looking for information on a Walter O. Atkins who was born in Prairie County, AR about 1872. He was the son of John Atkins and Nancy Jane (Smyth) Atkins. According to his brother's obituary, Walter O. Atkins lived in Glenwood, AR in 1940 and owned a business. I would like to find out more about him, i.e., did he have a wife and children, was he married there, is he and his spouse buried there, what business did he have, or any other pertinent information. Any help would be appreciated.

HOLLIDAY, YARBERRY, YARBOROUGH posted by Linda Doty on Thursday, July 31, 1997

Peter HOLLIDAY lived in Pike Co. in early 1800's. His son Charles married Melinda YARBERRY ? Peter was dead by 1850 census. Melinda and sons in 1850 census at brother-in-law W. H. HOLLIDAY's home (his wife was Frances). W. H. HOLLIDAY was born in NC. Any info appreciated.

ELKINS posted by JoAnn Curbo on Tuesday, August 5, 1997

John ELKINS is listed on the 1860 Pike County Census. In Dec 1869 in Pike County (from Death Notices Washington telegraph) ELKINS fired three shots at NASH, producing instant death. Looking for information on shooting.
HOLCOMB, HOLMAN, HUDDLESTON posted by Mynda McGuire on Sunday, August 10, 1997

My grandmother, Rissie Holcomb HOLMAN, b. 1 Jun 1874 near Murfreesboro, AR. I'm seeking information about her sister: Mindia or Arminda, or Mindie HOLCOMB (I am named for her). I believe she was older than Rissie. Want to know if she married, and to whom. I don't have a birth date. Their parents were: John Russell HOLCOMB and Julia Salome HUDDLESTON. Other siblings were: Ninnie, Jesse, Nelia, Maggie Jane, Joseph Abe, and James. Any help with this would be appreciated.

HENSLEY, HOLLIDAY posted by Linda Doty on Saturday, August 16, 1997

Melinda HENSLEY married Peter HOLLIDAY in Pike Co. abt 1842. Need info on both families.

HUKILL posted by Jerry Poole on Wednesday, August 20, 1997

S.A. and Mary HUKILL were on 1910 Pike County, Census in Clark Twp. Thay had two children and Mary died before 1920. Can anyone help me on these HUKILLs?

BLOUNT posted by Betty G. Schimpf on Thursday, August 28, 1997

BLOUNT, Fred S. and Ella R. are listed on the 1910 and 1920 Pike County (Muddy Falls District), Arkansas census reports. Anyone who remembers them or knows any of their family, please contact me. Thanks!

BLACK, HUGHES, WHITE posted by Alvin Black on Sunday, August 31, 1997

In 1880 brothers Thomas and Edgar Caswell BLACK were living in Pike Co, AR with their grandmother Martha MILLER. By 1900 Edgar Caswell Black was living with his wife Mary Nancy Caldora WHITE in Montgomery Co. Mary N. C. White's parents were John M. White and Lemanda HUGHES. What happened to Martha Miller? Where is she buried?

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ARKANSAS AREA CODE CHANGES

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If you have data of Pike County interest that you would like printed in The Gems, please share it with us.

We are sorry to report that we have lost some people from our group to those people who lost their loved-ones, we of PCAHS wish to convey our condolences:

William P. Cooley, father of Andy Cooley, Carl Dollarhyde, a PCAHS member as well as genealogist and a very active member of the McCurtain County, Oklahoma Genealogy Society. Mrs. Verna Hunt Webb, mother of Melinda Webb Stone, librarian for our Heritage room. Mr. Scott, father-in-law of Cindy Scott. Ralph Stewart, brother of Emma Stewart Scoggin. Austin Bell, James Ottis Harris and Bernice Harris Bell Craig, cousins and aunt of Shane Hill. And Meekie Hipp Alston, age 99, the daughter of Samuel Lonzo Hipp & Nancy Francis Davis and relative of Janell Roberts and Grace Case. And Mrs. Lorraine Adell Reeves, sister-in-law of Sue Stevenson.

We now have our second printing of 1000 copies of our picture book Look at the Past. Please help us sell them. The Murfreesboro Community Foundation has reprinted their Murfreesboro Heritage Cookbook, 1989. This is a very attractive 186 page, indexed, cookbook and one I'm sure you people would enjoy very much. They are $12.50 + $2.50 S&H. PCAHS will pass along your orders.

Cindy Scott is back to work on the new cemetery book. We hope to have it published by the end of the year. If you recall any unmarked graves in Pike County Cemeteries or if you have placed a new marker on an old grave, please tell us.

Cindy Scott's new address is:
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Don't forget that Cindy would like to put your Pike County families on her Pike County Database. No profit to her or PCAHS.

To those people who made donations to PCAHS, we thank you. To those who bought publications from PCAHS, if you find an obvious name mistake or age, please tell us, so we can record the mistake on our masters for future publication. We found several corrections for the marriages. Just ask and I'll send the corrections.

PCAHS would like to thank these people for helping us keyboard for the 1920 Pike County Census and the Pike County School Census. Both of which, we hope to publish in the fall. Those people are Sue Stevenson, San Juan, Texas; Tim Kirkham, Winston, Oregon; Joyce Couch, Nathan, Arkansas; David Tipton, Cape Canaveral, Florida; Cynthia Keheley, Dallas, Texas; and Mary J. Fiege, Redman, California.

Shane has received many interesting E-mail messages. We try to answer these, but would you believe that we get messages of names that we never knew existed in Pike County. Therefore, we will try to include some of those messages in The Gems. Have you viewed Shane Hill's Pike County Homepage? He doesn't mind people telling him how fantastic it is (. He won the Arkansas GenWeb Award for Pike County as the best Arkansas county homepage for July. There were 1,540 visits to the Pike County page between June 21, 1997 and August 30, 1997. He is most appreciative of David Kelley's donation of his web page material to the Pike County Genealogical Homepage.

PCAHS is trying to find a new home in which to store our archives and collections. The Pike County Courthouse has retrieved the rooms loaned to use in the mid-1980s. So far, we have not found suitable space that is acceptable or affordable. The Pike County Courthouse is in great need of our space and has done much modernizing and made many renovations.

I have received many letters and phone calls this past year. I always enjoy both and wish I could be of help to everyone who comes calling. Some of the phone calls led to visitors coming to Murfreesboro. I enjoyed a visit from Don & Joyce Monk, along with 5 other family members from Yoakum, Texas. I showed Don & Joyce cemeteries all over the county where Woodalls, Foxes and Bissells are buried. The Monks made rolls & rolls of pictures. They were very fortunate to meet Otis & Myrl Faulkner Dyer.
members from Umpire, Howard County, Arkansas. They also met Maizie Fox Cook and her sisters of New Hope and Delphia Tigue of Woodall Valley. I was sorry to have missed Eunice Fox Fontenot of Gretna, Louisiana. She made the same trail as did the Monks. I felt very please to be able to help these two make contact with each other.

Rev. Glen L. Ward of Grandbury, Texas came to Murfreesboro to research his ancestor Isaac Ward. No his Ward only lived in the middle of the Pike County Wards Bno known relation. He returned to the area for the Ward reunion bringing his father. We did find a picture in the picture book matching one that he had. This was placed in the book by Mr. Ray Bowen, who is deceased. Can anyone help us find relatives of Mr. Bowen?

I'm sorry I also missed meeting Dr. Charles Clark of Texas, who came to Pike County to research his White family. I believe he made contact with PCAHS people who are currently working on his line. B.J. Sparks dropped by on his way to the Lightfoot reunion. B.J. always enjoys his trips to the Murfreesboro area. I also missed a visit from Hazel Lee Williams from Bremerton, Washington and Sue Ferguson from Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. We had a visit at our June 1997 PCAHS meeting from Mary Catherine Ewton of Lafayette, Louisiana. She is related to the Duncan family of Pike County.

I attended Jim Smedley=Smedley family reunion in July. It was a big success. I really enjoyed meeting my cousins Tom and Charles Parsons, who were also attending. The Parsons and I share some ancestors.

The crowd at the Cooley family reunion was small, but a very good time was had by all.

Many of your query requests were sent on to David Kelley. The copy is filed in the Archives. I am sorry if I missed your requests for help. Hopefully, we will catch up soon.

Don't forget the Woods reunion in October.

**PCAHS PROJECTS**

The printed 1870 Federal Sevier Co., Arkansas Census by Shane Hill & Dorothy Kennedy Partain is ready! They are $18.50. (See publications)

**The Pike County School Census.** These records, stored in our archives, start in 1931 and run through the 1980%. We inherited these census sheets from the last County School Supervisor, Mr. Charles Pickett. PCAHS is printing the 1931 to 1950 or earlier if consolidated schools. These census sheets tell the names, birthdates and parents of all school age children in these years. We did not print the actual addresses. The publication can be a very useful genealogical research tool. More in the fall *Gems.*

Congratulations to Dorothy Kennedy Partain who was voted at the September 4, 1997 meeting to be given a lifetime membership in the PCAHS for her many hours of devoted work for PCAHS.

**GENEALOGY HUMOR**

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...when you brake for libraries.
...if you get locked in a library overnight and you never even notice.
...when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
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...when you think every home should have a microfilm reader.
...if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.
...when you know every town clerk in your state by name.
...if town clerks lock the doors when they see you coming.
...when you're more interested in what happened in 1697 than 1997.
...if you store your clothes under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.
...when Stewart, Taylor, and Rose are household names, but you can't remember what you call your dog.
...if you can pinpoint Harrietsham, Hawkhurst, and Kent on a map of England, but can't locate Topeka, Kansas.
...when all your correspondence begins, "Dear Cousin,"
...if you've traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it all fully documented, and still don't want to quit.

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Regular Annual membership rate is $10.00 and Lifetime membership rate is a one time fee of $100.00 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 276, Delight, AR 71940

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PCAHS MEETING TIME

The Pike County Archives and History Society meets the first Thursday night of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. The 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. time period is set aside for members and guests to discuss and exchange ideas on history, genealogy and effective ways to do research. Business meeting is held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Annual membership dues are $10.00. Lifetime membership dues are $100.00. The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a non-profit organization. It 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 (870) 285-3187 or Linda Wilson (870) 285-3187 or Dorothy Partain (870) 285-3528. Helpful telephone numbers: Pike County Clerk's Office (870) 285-2231; County Judge Courthouse (870) 285-2414; Mayor’s Office for Library (870) 285-3732.

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