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The State of Arkansas,  
County of Pike.

Received of D.S. Dickson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Pike and Exofficio Clerk of the County Court, the Tax Book for the year one thousand and eight hundred and forty-three, amount as follows: State Tax eighty dollars and forty eight cents. County Tax Two hundred and seventy one dollars and fifteen cents.

May 9th 1843.

LEWIS HUDDLESTON  
by WILLIAM JOHNSTON

Pike County Tax Book for the year 1843 received and filed 13 May 1843 and $80.48 charged to the Sheriff, page 88.

ELIAS N. CONWAY  
Auditor of Ark's.

Pike County, Arkansas Tax List for 1843. Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

JOHN WHITE

John White was born in Maryland in 1781 and became a resident of Arkansas in 1829. He settled in the Nathan community of Pike then Hempstead County, Arkansas. His residence fell within the Brewer township when Pike County was created in 1833. He came to Pike County, Arkansas from Tennessee. A brother Isaac White arrived in 1829 followed by another brother Absalom White. Other family members among the first residents of Pike County were, his mother Christianna White, his sister Sarah White the wife of David R. Campbell, and his sister Ann White the wife of George W. Hensley. Another brother Moses White settled in Hot Spring now Montgomery County, Arkansas.

John White and Martha Mitchell were married in Tennessee about 1802. Their known children:

Jordan White born about 1803 in Tennessee; married Rebecca, maiden name undetermined.

Lawson White born about 1805 in Tennessee; married first, wife unknown; married second Abasha (Bashby), maiden name undetermined.

Sukie White married Ervin (Irvin) Price about 1833.

Anthony White born about 1811 in Tennessee.

John White Jr. born about 1813 in Tennessee; married first Drusetta Barnes about 1841 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second Sarah Seth on August 1, 1855 in Sevier County, Arkansas; died at Walker Station, Texas.

Pleasant White born June 25, 1818 in Tennessee; married Nancy Ann Rose on February 28, 1847 in Pike County, Arkansas; died December 21, 1895 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Corinth Cemetery, Howard County, Arkansas.

Martha M. White born December 1, 1822 in Tennessee; married Christopher Anthony Clark about 1847 in Pike County, Arkansas; died June 3, 1894.
Ann White born about 1824 in Tennessee; married Steward Clark about 1849 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Mary Agness White born about 1827 in Tennessee; married Leroy Allen Dickson about 1846 in Pike County, Arkansas. She and her husband are buried in the old section of the Delight Cemetery, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas. There is no marker.

The mother of John White was born in York County, Pennsylvania in 1760. She was living with her daughter Sarah Campbell at Washington, Arkansas when she died on July 13, 1851. The local newspaper "Washington Telegraph" said, "she emigrated to the West more than half a century ago." Her age at death was given as 91.

John White served in the United States military against the Creek Indians in 1814. He was a private soldier in a regiment of mounted volunteers commanded by Colonel Brown, his company commanded by Captain James McAmy. He volunteered in Anderson County, Tennessee in December 1813 or January 1814 and was discharged at Clinton, Tennessee in June 1814. He was in the conflict at "Horse Shoe" under the command of General Andrew Jackson.

John White died at Nathan in Pike County, Arkansas in 1860. Martha White died in December 1859. Her birthplace was Virginia and her cause of death was old age at 74 according to the 1860 Mortality Schedule of the U.S. census.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in military service of the United States, passed September 28th 1850.

JOHN WHITE

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year written; and I hereby certify that I believe the said John White to be the identical man who served as aforesaid and that he is of the age above stated.

C.D. WESTERMAN, J.P.

BOUNTY LAND CLAIM

State of Arkansas, ss.
County of Pike.

On this, the 24th day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State, aforesaid, John White, aged seventy one years, a resident of Pike County and State of Arkansas, who being duly sworn according to law, declares:

That, he, is the identical John White who was a private in the company commanded by Captain James McAmy in the Regiment of Mounted Volunteers commanded by Col. Brown, in the war declared by the United States against the Creek Indians; that he volunteered at Anderson County, Tennessee on or about the last of December 1813, or first of January 1814, for the term of six months, and continued in actual service for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Clinton in Anderson County, Tennessee in the month of June, A.D. 1814, as will appear by the muster rolls of said company.

C.D. WESTERMAN, J.P.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men By These Presents:

That, I, John White, of the County of Pike and State of Arkansas do hereby irrevocably make, constitute, and appoint A.B. Williams my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name, to demand and receive of the Department of the Interior of the United States, the certificate or warrant to which I am entitled for my military services, as set forth in the foregoing declaration; and for good and sufficient reasons, do hereby revoke and countermand any and all other powers of attorney or other authority hitherto given by me.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 24th day of March, 1851.
JOHN WHITE (L.S.)
State of Arkansas,
ss.
County of Pike.

On this, the 24th day of March, A.D. 1851, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace authorized by law to take acknowledgements, John White, and acknowledged the above power to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

C.D. WESTERMAN, J.P.

ABSALOM WHITE

Absalom White was already living in Pike County, Arkansas when it was established in 1833. He was born in Maryland in 1790 and moved with his parents to Tennessee about two years later. They first settled in Knox County. There is a bond for an impending marriage in the early Knox County, Tennessee records for an Absalom White and Betsy Reed. It is not known if this marriage bond applies to him. By 1812 Absalom White resided at Clinton in Anderson County, Tennessee.

BOND

Absalom White to Betsy Reid

State of Tennessee,
Knox County,

Know All Men By These Presents:

That we, Absalom White & Jacob Gibbs, all of the county and state aforesaid, our heirs &c., are jointly and severally held, and firmly bound unto his Excellency the Governor, and his Successors in Office, in the Penal sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars, void on condition there be no lawful objection why Absalom White and Betsey Reed (as spelled) may not be joined together as man and wife in the holy estate of matrimony.

Witness our hands and seals, this 21st day of January, 1811.

ABSALOM WHITE (Seal)
JACOB GIBBS (Seal)

Test: (blank)

Absalom White had a daughter named Zerilda White born about 1812. She married James Stephenson Brewer on March 3, 1833 in Clark now Pike County, Arkansas. Another daughter Elizabeth Jane White was born September 18, 1827 and married John Oliver Hughitt on August 20, 1845 in Pike County, Arkansas. It is possible these daughters were from separate marriages. There is another marriage record of an Absalom White to Mary Brown on April 19, 1822 in Green County, Tennessee. Again there is no proof this record applies to Absalom White of Pike County, Arkansas.

Absalom White was married in Arkansas, Pope County, to Elizabeth A. Hughly on February 6, 1837. They had seven children:
James F. White born 1838 in Pike County, Arkansas; married Rachel C., maiden name unknown, about 1865 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Thomas Masipsy White born 1840 in Pike County, Arkansas; married Sarah, maiden name unknown, about 1858 in Pike County, Arkansas.

John W. White born about 1842 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Absalom Branbridge White born about 1845 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Ambrose Harrison Sevier White born 1848 in Pike County, Arkansas; married Mary E., maiden name unknown, about 1865 in Pike County, Arkansas; died July 1875 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Lavice A. White born 1850 in Pike County, Arkansas married Ray, possibly Charles W. Ray.

Elizabeth A. White born 1853 in Pike County, Arkansas; married Strawn.

Absalom White died in White Township, Pike County, Arkansas in February 1854. Afterwards Elizabeth A. White became the wife of George R. Brock about 1858 in Pike County, Arkansas.

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MARRIAGE RECORD

I Do hereby Certify that on the 6th day of February 1837 Absalom White and Elizabeth Hughly (were married by) me a Justice of the Peace for Riley Township in the County of Pope.

(No signature)

Filed and Recorded this 23rd Feby. 1837.

JAMES B. LOGAN, Clerk.

Pope County, Arkansas Marriage Record Book A, page 22.

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE

Arkadelphia Standard - Capt. J.C. Ray and Mr. J.P Hulsey left this place (Arkadelphia) one day last week for Pike County, for the purpose of capturing the desperado Ambrose H. White, charged with murder (the murder of Rev. John Alford at Murfreesboro, Arkansas on April 30, 1874) and who escaped custody, and has since set the authorities at defiance. They state he was captured just before their arrival there by two brothers named Cox, and afterward in attempting to escape, was shot and killed by one of the Coxes. The circumstances of the capture and killing were substantially as follows: It appears that White had been on terms of criminal intimacy for some time past with a girl that one of the Cox boys wished to marry, but the girl preferring White, was preparing to leave the country with him. This excited White, John White, Absalom Branbridg(e) White (and) Ambrose Sevier White all of Pike County, Arkansas. Bond approved.

Abstract of Title Book Prior to 1890, Probate Court Records, page 302.

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The Murder of John Alford

The Rev. John Alford, a highly respected citizen of this county, was shot and killed while standing in the doorway of his home in Murfreesboro, on April 30, 1874. Positive proofs as to who did this deed were lacking yet suspicion pointed to W.R. Hall and A.H. White. Hall was arrested first, and after preliminary examination, was placed in jail, from which he was promptly released by his friends. He left the county, and has never returned. White was afterward arrested on indictment and placed in jail, but was permitted to go out under guard. He had been privately furnished with a revolver, and one day he made an assault on the guard and succeeded in making his escape. A reward of $1000 was offered for his capture, but for over a year he roamed at large. In July, 1875, two of his friends, J.J. and H.D. Cox, concluded to hand him over to the authorities for the reward, but in attempting to secure his capture they killed him.

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, Pike County, pages 309-310.

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the anger (of) Cox, and he, with his brother, agreed upon White's capture. Being on intimate terms with him, they rode up to the house of the girl where White was, and he, being unsuspicious of danger, greet(ed) them kindly. He was sitting on a chair with his gun across his lap, and while one of the Coxes engaged him in conversation, the other got behind him, and at a favorable moment, seized him from behind and pinioned his arms, while the other presented a revolver at his breast and disarmed him. White then tried to beg off, promising to leave the country and not harm them. They refused to release him. When White asked the privilege of getting a drink of water, when on the way to the well, he broke to run, and was shot by one of the Coxes through the body, but ran some distance before he fell. Cox then ran up to him. When White begged him not to shoot him, as he was already a dead man, Cox replied, "No d--n you, you might get up, so look out for your head -- here goes" and fired shooting him through the temple killing him instantly. The other Cox had his hands full in managing the girl who showed pluck and disposition to defend White with her life. Pike County is thus rid of a very desperate and dangerous man, and though his taking off was to satisfy personal revenge rather than violated law, the people of that county have reason to be glad of it. If Pike County can now get rid of the Coxes, it would be all the better for it. A coroner's inquest verdict in accordance with the above facts.

Arkansas Gazette, July 11, 1875, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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**GEORGE W. HENSLEY**

George W. Hensley came to Pike then Clark County, Arkansas about 1831 and settled in Thompson Township. He was among several mostly kindred that relocated here from Tennessee, Jackson County. He was born in Virginia in 1782. He first married Ann White on January 14, 1809 in Knox County, Tennessee. Their known children:

- Malinda Hensley born about 1815 at Clinton, Anderson County, Tennessee; married Peter Holliday on August 28, 1842 in Pike County, Arkansas.
- Zerilda Hensley born about 1823 in Jackson County, Tennessee; married Massey McRay or McCray about 1854 in Pike County, Arkansas.

John Hensley born about 1829 in Jackson County, Tennessee; married Leanna McRay or McCray about 1854 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Isaac Hensley born about 1833 in Clark, now Pike County, Arkansas.

Noah Hensley born about 1837 in Pike County, Arkansas.

George W. Hensley second married Sarah or Sally, maiden name unknown, about 1843 in Pike County, Arkansas. Their known children:

- William Barney Hensley born about 1845 in Pike County, Arkansas; married first _____ Stringer about 1868 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second Elzira Conrady daughter of Henry Conrady and Har(r)riet Lattey in 1885; died about 1893 at Wynnewood, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma.
- James Hensley born about 1847 in Pike County, Arkansas.

George W. Hensley was a volunteer and private in Captain Andrew Braden's company in a regiment commanded by Colonel Snodgrass in the Creek Indian War of 1814. He entered the service at Clinton, Tennessee in Anderson County and was honorably discharged at Clinton three months later on March 25, 1814.

George W. Hensley died in Pike County, Arkansas between 1855 and 1860. Ann White Hensley his first wife died in Pike County between 1837 and 1843. His second wife Sarah Hensley died in March 1860 in Pike County, Arkansas. She was born in Tennessee about 1810. Her cause of death according to the 1860 Mortality Schedule was "quinsy" a severe inflammation of the throat &c.

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**BOUNTY LAND CLAIM**

State of Arkansas, ss.

County of Pike.

On this, the 24th day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State, aforesaid, George W. Hensley, aged sixty nine years, a resident of Pike County and State of Arkansas, who being duly sworn according to law, declares:

That, he, is the identical George W. Hensley who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Braden in the Regiment of Volunteers commanded by Col. Snodgrass, in the war declared by the United States against the Creek Indians; that he volunteered at Clinton in Anderson County, Tennessee on or about the last of December 1813, or first of January 1814, and continued in actual service for the term of six months and was...
honorably discharged at Clinton in the County and State, aforesaid, in the month of June, A.D. 1814, as will appear by the muster rolls of said company.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in military service of the United States, passed September 28th 1850.

GEORGE W. HENSLEY

Witnesses:

T. KENEDY
J. BROCK

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year above written; and I hereby certify that I believe the said Geo. W. Hensley to be the identical man who served as aforesaid and that he is of the age above stated.

C.D. WESTERMAN, J.P.

State of Arkansas, ss.
County of Pike.

Be it remembered, that, on this the 24th day of March, A.D. 1851, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, John White, aged 71 years, who being duly sworn made and subscribed the following affidavit, to wit:

That, Geo. W. Hensley, the affiant in the preceding declaration, volunteered at the time and place mentioned, and that he was in the Company commanded by Captain Braden and in the Regiment commanded by Col Snodgrass and in the engagement of at the 'Horse Shoe' under the command of Gen. Jackson; that he was discharged at the time and place, aforesaid; and that all the facts stated in the preceding declaration are true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

The facts above stated were ascertained by my having been in service at the same time. So help me God.

JOHN WHITE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year above written.

C.D. WESTERMAN, J.P.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men By These Presents:

That, I, George W. Hensley, of the County of Pike and State of Arkansas do hereby irrevocably make, constitute, and appoint A.B. Williams my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name, to demand and receive of the Department of the Interior of the United States, the certificate or warrant to which I am entitled for my military services, as set forth in the foregoing declaration; and for good and sufficient reasons, do hereby revoke and countermand any and all powers of attorney which may have been heretofore given by me.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24th day of March, 1851.

GEO. W. (his x mark) HENSLEY (L.S.)

State of Arkansas, ss.
County of Pike.

On this, the 24th day of March, A.D. 1851, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County and State, aforesaid, duly authorized by law to take acknowledgements, George W. Hensley, who acknowledged the above power to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

C.D. WESTERMAN, J.P.

State of Arkansas, ss.
County of Pike.

I, Thomas K. Dossey, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Pike and State, aforesaid, do hereby certify, that C.D. Westerman, whose genuine signature appears above, is and was at the time of signing the same, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State, aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled in full faith and credit; and that the aforesaid Circuit Court is a court of record, having general jurisdiction.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Murfreesboro at the County and State, aforesaid, this 24th day of March, A.D. 1851.

THOMAS K. DOSSEY, Clerk.
was drafted at Anderson County in the State of Tennessee on or about the first day of January 1814 and was honorably discharged at Anderson County on or about the last day of March 1814.

He further states that he has received for said service Bounty Land Warrant No. not recollected of 40 acres, issued under the act of September 1850 by reason of said service which he has since legally disposed of and cannot now return.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining additional Bounty Land to which he is entitled under the Act of March 3d, 1855, never having received Bounty Land except as above stated, and he hereby constitutes and appoints Charles C. Tucker, of Washington, D.C., his attorney to obtain from the proper authorities at Washington City or elsewhere, certified copies of any Army records or documents, in which his said service may be recorded, and to procure any and all other evidence that may be necessary to establish his claim, as fully as he might or could do if personally present, and revoking and countermanding all other authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose.

GEORGE (his x mark) HENSLEY

Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged before me the day and year first above written, and on the same day personally came before me A.B. Williams Jr. and M.H. Carruth, residents of Pike County to me known as credible witnesses, who being duly sworn according to law, declare that they are personally acquainted with George Hensley who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration, that they were present and saw him make his mark to said declaration, and that from their personal acquaintance with him they believe that he is the identical person who performed the military services therein named, and who has received a warrant therefor, and they further swear that they are disinterested in his claim.

A.B. WILLIAMS, JR.
M.H. CARRUTH

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I certify that I am not interested in the claim or concerned in its prosecution, and I believe that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be.

A.B. WILLIAMS, Justice of the Peace
Pike County, Arkansas.

State of Arkansas,
ss.

Pike County.

I, Wm. R. McFarlin, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify that A.B. Williams, Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has hereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County and State above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal this 7th day of April, 1855.

WM. R. McFARLIN, Clerk.
JOHN HENSLEY

John Hensley, a saddler, was born in Tennessee in 1829 and died (about) March 1861 in Arkansas. His parents were George Hensley born 1782 in Virginia and Ann White. He married twice and had 3 children. His first wife was Leanna McCray, daughter of Massey McCray and Lucinda Masters. Their children were: Lenora Ann Hensley born 1856; (and) Massey Hensley born 1858. He was married four times. I know of at least one of his children, a daughter, Capitola Hensley Glazner of Hot Springs, Arkansas. She died about 1983/4.

By 1860 it appears Leanna McCray is deceased, possibly from complications of childbirth. On the 1860 Ark. census, it shows John living with an in-law in Sebastian County. His two children from his marriage to Leanna are now living with John's sister, Zerilda McCray. Zerilda lives not far from a family by the name of Proctor. I believe (a) daughter, Anna M. Proctor, to be John's second wife, although I am unable to find proof of such marriage at this time.

Anna M. Proctor was born (about) 1838 in Massachusetts. Her parents were James Proctor, a millwright, and Mary, both of New Hampshire. Anna also may have died from complications of childbirth when her son George was born. According to what I have been told and was also told by Massey to his daughter, Capitola, John died in March 1861, when his youngest son was 3 months old. The son of John Hensley and (possibly) Anna M. Proctor was George Hensley, (the) writer's grandfather.

George Hensley (was) born December 25, 1860 in Arkansas. He died February 25, 1935 in Dallas, Texas and is buried in Forest Lawn Park Cemetery. His parents were John Hensley and (possibly) Anna M. Proctor. George had an older brother named Massey Hensley. From the history I was given by my father, George's mother died shortly after his birth, and his father died March 1861. After the death of his parents, Massey and George went to live with a very strict aunt. At (an) early age George decided to leave home and start a life of his own. Sometime in 1879 at the age of 19 he moved to Marlin, Texas in Falls County. As a stone mason he found work in Hill County helping build the Hillsboro Courthouse. My father claims that George put a bottle of whiskey inside the cornerstone before it was sealed.

About 1881 (or) 1882 George married Mary Stanphill born December 18, 1863 in Alabama. She died August 25, 1940 in Caddo, Oklahoma and is buried in the Caddo Cemetery. George and Mary had 9 children, 2 of which died before 1900. According to the 1900 Texas census they were living in Hill County on a rented farm where he is listed as a farmer. All seven children are listed as living with him. On the 1910 census, George is listed as owning a farm and only the three youngest children are still at home. His daughter Effie is married and living next door to them.

Sometime between 1910 and 1915, George and Mary moved to Bryan County, Oklahoma where they eventually divorced. Mary was possibly living with her daughter Naomi Hamilton in Caddo, Oklahoma at the time of her death.

George Hensley was a store merchant in Caddo, Oklahoma and considered in the upper middle class when he met his second wife, my grandmother. Her name was Tennie Lee Waller Bledsoe. Her first husband had just been convicted of murder in 1914 and was sentenced to life at McAlister Prison where speculation at this time that Anna Proctor is the mother of George Hensley, son of John.

KATHLEEN HENSLEY WHITLEY


GEORGE HENSLEY

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About 1881 (or) 1882 George married Mary Stanphill born December 18, 1863 in Alabama. She died August 25, 1940 in Caddo, Oklahoma and is buried in the Caddo Cemetery. George and Mary had 9 children, 2 of which died before 1900. According to the 1900 Texas census they were living in Hill County on a rented farm where he is listed as a farmer. All seven children are listed as living with him. On the 1910 census, George is listed as owning a farm and only the three youngest children are still at home. His daughter Effie is married and living next door to them.

Sometime between 1910 and 1915, George and Mary moved to Bryan County, Oklahoma where they eventually divorced. Mary was possibly living with her daughter Naomi Hamilton in Caddo, Oklahoma at the time of her death.

George Hensley was a store merchant in Caddo, Oklahoma and considered in the upper middle class when he met his second wife, my grandmother. Her name was Tennie Lee Waller Bledsoe. Her first husband had just been convicted of murder in 1914 and was sentenced to life at McAlister Prison where
he died in 1924. George and Tennie Lee married sometime in 1915. I am unable to find any divorce papers for George and Mary, nor a marriage for George and Tennie Lee at this time. They had 2 sons while living in Oklahoma. Around 1919-1921 George sold sewing machines traveling back and forth from Caddo to Madill, Oklahoma. In 1921 he opened a furniture store in Ada, Oklahoma called "Ada Trading Company." In 1929 he moved it down ... to 12th street in Ada. When the depression hit in 1932, George went broke and lost everything. In 1932-1933 he worked for a furniture dealer on Main St. in Ada making $1.00 a day as a sales person. In 1932 George moved his second family to Dallas, Texas where he later joined them after finishing business in Oklahoma.

Children of George and Mary Stanphill Hensley:

Naomi Hensley born September 1882 in Hill County, Texas. She married a Mr. Hamilton and was living in Caddo, Oklahoma in 1935. Her death date is not on her tombstone. She is buried in the Caddo Cemetery on Row 12 of Section 5. She had at least one son, William (Billy) F. Hamilton, born August 27, 1924 and died June 26, 1956. He is buried close to his mother.

Charles A. Hensley born December 1884 in Hill County, Texas. He was living in Belzoni, Oklahoma in 1935.

Maud E. Hensley born October 1886 in Hill County, Texas. She married R.C. Jones and (was) living in San Francisco in 1935. They had a son J.D. Jones born (about) 1901.

Effie M. Hensley born June 1888 in Hill County, Texas. In 1907 she married John W. Scott born 1876 in Mississippi. They moved to Oklahoma where their first two children were born: Milton born 1907/8, Oklahoma and a daughter (born) October 1909, also in Oklahoma. They moved back to Hill County, Texas prior to the 1910 Texas census, but in 1941, the family was living in Boswell, Atoka County, Oklahoma.

James J. Hensley born May 1892 in Hill County, Texas. In 1935 he was living in Wink, Winkler County, Texas as (a) Superintendent of the Humble Oil Co.

Gilbert Hensley born July 1894 in Hill County, Texas. In 1935 he is not listed as a survivor in his father's obituary.

Oscar Raymond Hensley born December 24, 1898 near Aquilla, Hill County, Texas. In 1935 he was living in Longview, Harrison County, Texas as a Superintendent of the Humble Oil Co. in Gladewater, Gregg Co., (Texas).

Children of George and Tennie Lee Waller Hensley:

Charles Hensley born August 5, 1916 in Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma. He died June 9, 1988 in DeSoto, Dallas County, Texas ... He is buried in Laurelland Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

Jack Calvin Hensley born November 12, 1923 in Ada, Pontatoc County, Oklahoma. He died November 4, 1977 in Dallas, Texas ... He is buried in Laurelland Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

In both of George's marriages he named his first born son Charles A. Hensley. Although my father never claimed the middle initial on any legal document, I was told it stood for Augustus.

KATHLEEN HENSLEY WHITELEY

George Hensley by Kathleen Hensley Whiteley, Duncanville, Texas, 1990.

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**JOHN CARUTHERS**

One of the earliest recorded land transactions to take place in Pike, then Clark County, Arkansas was between John Caruthers, grantor to James Miles, grantee on December 2, 1821. It was the sale of land in Section 35 of Township 8, South of Range 23, West. The grantee James Miles served as Sheriff of Clark County, Arkansas from 1821 until he moved to Texas in 1830. He was married to Sarah Jane McDaniel in Clark County, Arkansas on July 4, 1819. It is not clear if the land transacted above was by John Caruthers, senior, or his son John Caruthers.

John Caruthers, senior, was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 12, 1746. He was living in the 96th Judicial District of South Carolina in July 1776 when he entered the service during the Revolutionary War in a company of rangers under Captain John Carter. This company was attached to a regiment of South Carolina militia under Major Andrew Pickens. His unit was ordered to patrol the "line between the whites and the Cherokee Indians upon Oconee Mountain." They were attacked by British forces at Crackers Neck and were defeated and dispersed so badly "they could not be rallied." John Caruthers returned home to Rutherford County, North Carolina. John Caruthers was at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780 as a prisoner of the British. He was taken prisoner about three weeks before on Nob Creek in Rutherford County, and was seen by Benjamin Hardin who would later testify in the Independence County, Arkansas court, 1833, of John Caruthers imprisonment and rescue, following the British defeat, and of his continuing military activity against the enemy. He was drafted back into service under Captain Lampkins and Colonel Malmedy in General
Greene's Brigade. They met the British at Eutaw Springs on the Santee River in central South Carolina on September 8, 1781 and were defeated. Thereafter he proceeded to the High Hills of the Santee and remained until they were ordered to Cross Creek, present-day Fayetteville, in North Carolina where he accompanied Colonel Malmedy as one of his guard and was discharged. He afterwards joined a volunteer company until the remainder of the war.

After the war John Caruthers lived in Tennessee from 1786 until 1791. He moved to Christian County, Kentucky and in 1797 to St. Clair, now Madison County, Illinois. In 1815 he settled in Arkansas. A letter written on November 10, 1839 by Harris Flannigan of Clark County, Arkansas said John Caruthers had one relation in this country, a grandson, who drove him from his home after the loss of his war pension certificate, and he was entirely dependent on strangers. He died in Clark County, Arkansas in 1841 at the age of ninety-five.

The identity of the wife of John Caruthers is uncertain. One source indicates her name as Sarah. His recognized children include:

Samuel Caruthers born April 29, 1770 married Sarah Vaughn on March 2, 1802 in Christian County, Kentucky died August 21, 1847.

John Caruthers married Rachel Bolen on November 20, 1804 at Turkey Hill, St. Clair County, Illinois and died in 1836 in Clark County, Arkansas.

William Caruthers married Margaret Blair on March 2, 1805 in Christian County, Kentucky.

Martha Caruthers married John McDaniel on May 31, 1797 in Christian County, Kentucky. Their daughter Sarah Jane McDaniel married James Miles.

Sarah Caruthers born August 29, 1776 married Henry Wirt on February 11, 1798 in Christian County, Kentucky died July 13, 1856.

Elizabeth Caruthers married Joe Thomas in 1816 in Dickson County, Tennessee.

Kentucky, in the sum of fifty pounds Current money of Kentucky, to the payment of which, well & Truly to be made to said Governor or his successors; we bind our selves, our heirs &c. Jointly & Severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals & dated this 31st day of May 1797.

The Conditions of the above Obligation is such that: Whereas there is a Marriage Intended between the above bound John Mcdonald & Martha Corethers for which a License has Issued; now if there be no Lawful Objection or Cause to Obstruct the Said Marriage, then this obligation to be Void or Else to remain in full force & virtue.

JOHN MCDANAL (Seal)
JOHN CARUTHERS

Christian County, Kentucky original marriage bond for license: John McDaniel and Martha Caruthers.

JAMES MILES

James Miles was born at Duck Creek in Hawkins County, Tennessee: his father James Miles and his mother Martha Bell. He served as a private in Captain Flemen Hodge's Company of Militia during the War of 1812. He volunteered in Madison County, Alabama. He was living in Clark County, Arkansas when he married Sarah Jane McDaniel on July 4, 1819. She was born in 1800 in Christian County, Kentucky daughter of John McDaniel and Martha Caruthers. He was the sheriff of Clark County, Arkansas from 1821 until 1830 when he moved to Texas and was succeeded by Joseph Butler. In Fayette County, Texas he died on November 10, 1837. The children of James Miles and Sarah Jane McDaniel were:

William B. Miles born 1820 in Clark County, Arkansas died in 1847 in Texas. He never married.

Isabella Elizabeth Miles born April 14, 1824 in Clark County, Arkansas married Wesley Sutton on October 7, 1841 in Fayette County, Texas and died in March 1847.

Joanna Miles born April 22, 1827 in Clark County, Arkansas married John O. Snelling in 1847 in Fayette County, Texas.

Belinda or Melinda Miles born February 18, 1830 in Clark County, Arkansas married Wesley Sutton on July 24, 1848 in Fayette County, Texas died July 1850.
Martha Ann Miles born January 8, 1833 in Fayette County, Texas married Gideon Burgess on January 13, 1851 in Fayette County, Texas died in June 1856.

Sarah Jane McDaniel Miles wife of James Miles died July 23, 1866 in Fayette County, Texas.

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JOHN McDaniel

John McDaniel and Martha Caruthers were married in Christian County, Kentucky on May 31, 1797. They were living in Gallatin County, Illinois in 1815 and in Clark County, Arkansas by 1818. Martha Caruthers was the daughter of John Caruthers 1746-1841. The known children of John McDaniel and Martha Caruthers were:

Sarah Jane McDaniel born 1800 in Christian County, Kentucky married James Miles on July 4, 1819 in Clark County, Arkansas died July 22, 1866 in Fayette County, Texas.

Elizabeth McDaniel married Howard McElroy.

Rebecca McDaniel married first McElroy married second Henry C. Perry on April 17, 1856 in Fayette County, Texas.

Malinda McDaniel married Timothy R. Wells on July 19, 1836 in Independence County, Arkansas.

John McDaniel born in 1818 in Arkansas married Nancy Crow daughter of Walter Crow died 1859 in Hunt County, Texas.

Benjamin McDaniel married Julia H. Clark on December 12, 1838 and died on February 24, 1841 in Washington County, Texas.

Martha Caruthers McDaniel died after 1818 and prior 1821 in Clark County, Arkansas. John McDaniel second married Esther Williams on May 8, 1821 in Clark County, Arkansas. They had one son James McDaniel. John McDaniel died by 1831 probably in Independence County, Arkansas where Esther Williams McDaniel and her son continued to live.

Family Legend of John & Nancy Crow McDaniel

Frank Kerr McDaniel

We have very few absolute facts about John & Nancy, only that: First, the 1850 census of Clark County, Terre Noire Township, Arkansas lists them erroneously as "John & Nancy McDonald." It also lists his age as 32 and hers as 34, birthplaces as Missouri and that both were illiterate. Secondly, they sold 80 acres of land in Washington, Arkansas on November 1, 1854. Thirdly, they had four sons born in Arkansas between 1846 and 1854, two children born in Texas, a daughter born in 1855 and a son born in 1858.

Our family legend and word of mouth stories add that John McDaniel, as a young man, was a hired hand of Walter Crow, Nancy's father. He lived in their home as was often the custom in those days. Apparently love bloomed, they married, and started farming and raising their family. We do not know the date or place of their marriage. We do know that their first child William Crow McDaniel was born October 9, 1846.

It is possible that the westward migration of the 1850's and the tales of new and unoccupied lands exerted an irresistible pull on this young family. Nancy Crow had a cousin, Mr. Green Langford, a true pioneer in Hunt County, Texas who had settled on South Sulphur Creek near the Scatterbranch community not far outside of Commerce. The official county records at the courthouses of Bosque, Comanche, Ellis and Erath counties give no clue to their passing that way. Three volumes listing all known gravestones in Erath County do not list their names.

Their last child Timothy Wells McDaniel was born in 1858 in Texas, we do not know where, probably Scatterbranch. Our legend says that after John McDaniel's death in 1859, we do not know when or why nor where he is buried, Nancy McDaniel packed up her six children and headed back for the safety and security of her cousin's farm in Hunt County. He gave her a small log house on his farm just across a bridge on the south side of the creek not far from the old site of the Scatterbranch Church and graveyard.

Nancy McDaniel alone, widowed at age 41, is listed as a "seamstress" with her six children in the 1860 census of Timber Creek, Hunt County, Texas. The 1870 census of Timber Creek lists Nancy with only her two youngest children. The 1880 census of Precinct 5, Hunt County, Texas show Nancy living in the household of her daughter, Mrs. James W. Hood, Sarah Elizabeth McDaniel, and is listed as age 64.
Nancy reared her six children and several of them reared their children in this community or nearby. As her children grew, married and left home, Nancy “made the rounds” and stayed with each one of them for a period of time. She was a great favorite of the grandchildren. She would light her pipe and gather them around and tell them stories of bears and Indians in the early days. She was a “country doctor” and used many herbs and old remedies including “tar water.” She died in October 1911 and is buried in the old Scatterbranch cemetery, although was have not been able to find a gravestone.

Frank Kerr McDaniel, 26457 Oak Highland Drive, Santa Clara, California 91321.

 Died.

In this place on Sunday morning, the 13th inst., Mrs. Christianna White, age 91 years. Mrs. White was born in York county, Penn., in the year 1760, whence she emigrated to the West more than half a century ago.


 ABOUT THE FAMILY

Luther Kelley

The first interest I had to commence to find out anything about the family I wrote to Aunt Ethel and Uncle Ed Kelley and I got a letter from Aunt Ethel saying not to write Uncle Ed about such foolishness anymore because you will “get him worried and upset and he will get something on his mind and he can't get it off.” She said she would be glad to answer any questions I had. Well, at the time I felt she had given me a slap in the face. Aunt Ethel was always an abrupt speaker and I never thought about him being so old and might disturb him. I realize now how old Uncle Ed was. My sister that lived in Arkansas at this time I learned had corresponded with Aunt Ethel and found out old Aunt Mattie, Aunt Matt they called her, and I have forgotten her last name, was still living. She was a Kelley and my grandfather's sister.

My sister and I went down to see her early one morning and we inquired around and found several people that knew her, but didn't know where she was. It seems that so many people lose interest in the older people when they get out of circulation. Finally one person told us who to go to and said she's not related to the old lady, but her husband is, and she ran a post office in the back of her store. We talked to this lady and she told us all about Aunt Matt and where her house was, but she wasn't there. She was in a nursing home. She tried to stand up on the side of the bed and put a bulb in the light in the ceiling and fell off and broke her hip. They never let her go home. They took her out of the hospital to a nursing home and we went there. Her mind it seemed to me was as quick and sharp as anybody and she cried and begged us to get her out of there and take her home. This was at Delight in Pike County (Arkansas) where we went to see Aunt Mattie and at that time she was 93 I believe. That was eleven years ago about the middle of April 1963. I have since heard she died several years ago.

Aunt Matt told my sister and I all about the Church of Christ at Delight and the different congregations they (William and Elijah Kelley) started in the area. I don't remember all the things Aunt Matt told us. We only had about two hours to spend with her. She was really interested in telling us anything we wanted to know and she still had a great sense of humor. She told us about my grandfather Will Kelley and said he was the black sheep, not just of the family, but the whole Kelley thing. She remembered telling him several times, "Will, I have given up. You are going to hell and I pray to God you don't take some of the rest of us with you. We like to go places with you, but that's one place I hope no one goes with you." She said he drank more whiskey, had more fights, and gambled more than any man ... and one incident, she said, he had picked some cotton and at that time you didn't take your cotton to the gin and have it ginned into a bale. You would sell it and the seed to the ginner. When the ginner got enough from different people he would gin a bale. She said grandpa was taking some cotton to the gin to sell and he caught up with a negro man walking and asked him if he wanted a ride. He said, "Sure," and he got in and they got to talking and grandpa said, "How about when we get nearly to town you dig a hole in that cotton and crawl in it and I will cover you up. I'll then go around, over the scales, then go down the road and tell you when to crawl out." They did and he took per pound what the man weighed and took that much of the money and bought whiskey with it and he and the negro man went on along taking drinks out of the jug or fruit jar. She laughed when she told us and said, "That is just how sorry your grandfather was."
I guess I did "very big" wrong leaving home like I did one time, but stayed with grandpa and grandma Kelley one spring for about two months, and wouldn't take "nothing" for that experience. Grandpa wouldn't let me work for him without paying me. I didn't want it that way, but that's the way it had to be. One day he said, "Son, let's take the wagon and team and haul up some water and wood," and I said, "O.K." He had two horses just as fat as they could be and we went and worked real hard. There was a little creek nearby with deep, clear water and it was a pretty warm day, and after we finished hauling he said, "Say, let's go swimming," and I said, "O.K." We pulled off our clothes and he had a scar across his back that started way up his shoulder and plumb down to his hip. It was a terrible looking scar. I said, "Grandpa, where in the world did you get that scar?" He said, "Well, a man cut me with a knife." I said, "How come?" He said, "We was in a room, with several of us gambling, and I won all the money and one of those guys got mad and wanted me to give it back, and I wouldn't do it. He grabbed out a knife and made at me." I asked him, "If you couldn't outrun him don't you think you would have been better to have stood still and fight?" He said, "No no, he cut me that much, and probably have killed me!"

Grandpa wouldn't let me feed those horses. When I first went down there it was late in the winter and I stayed until after my birthday in May when I left. Grandma had two milk cows and she milked those cows. She and grandpa were both old then and I begged her to let me milk. I was always good with stock in any circumstances and any kind of stock. She said, "No, I'll milk them, son, they're used to me." One morning I got up from breakfast and said, "Grandma, I'm going to milk for you this morning." She said, "Son, I just believe I will let you, I feel so bad." It was raining and grandpa got mad and said, "If I wasn't going to be tending my cows I'd turn them out!" She changed her mind and went on out and milked for him and it hurt my feelings and made me mad. "Grandpa, just because you're narrow minded is no sign grandma should suffer from it. If you want to go out there and get wet and make yourself sick when I can do it just as good as you can, well, all right!" He said, "Son, you're just as hard-headed as your daddy was." Well, I had helped grandmother around with the cows a time or two and they weren't afraid of me or resented me. Jersey cows do get used to one person handling them and don't want any one else to.

One of the McMahan's I remember real well seeing was grandma's brother, Albert. He was a tall and straight old gentleman and his hair as white as snow. I went around with Uncle Frank Kelley a lot and worked with him a whole lot. We would meet someone and he would stop and talk to them. After leaving I'd say, "Who was that Uncle Frank?" He would say, "Didn't you know them? That's some of your kinfolk." They were second or third cousins and some I had never seen. We went down there from Throckmorton County to Madison County when I was about nine in a covered wagon and we would camp on the way down there at night, of course. We would come to a river or creek with a good camp ground, get up early, and maybe fish. I saw the first car that I ever remember seeing. I saw a lot of folks then that I have forgotten unless Uncle Frank or somebody mentions and I remember.

I met one of grandpa's brothers when grandma Kelley died. He just happened to come there, he hadn't heard from the family in a long time, I believe he knew grandpa had passed. Someone notified Dad that grandma was in awful bad shape and I took my family and my daddy down there and all of us got into a Model-A coupe. We had four children, my wife and me and my daddy, and we went up from Goree and got down there one afternoon at two o'clock. Grandma died that night.

The next day or maybe the same day we got there, I'm not sure, Uncle Sam Kelley arrived and was still there when we left. I guess my daddy was named for him. I know he and my daddy just hit it off real well. They had seen each other before, but it had been years. He was a big man, taller than grandpa, and he was in real good health, he wasn't feeble at all. He had, I believe, three boys he told us particulars about and they all lived in Oklahoma. He was a very likeable man.

My daddy left that area down there (Madison County) when I was a year old and was in Waco when we moved to Throckmorton County when I was maybe two. He got his facial features from the McMahans. His eyes were brown and would reflect light at night like a cat's eye. The angle had to be just right, but I have seen it reflect light just as strong as any cat at night. When he got mad it looked like you could see
far back into his head and he would get mad, quick and easy. Well, I guess several of them would. Uncle Ed being a preacher would get mad quick. He did have a temper, but he also could under certain circumstances control his temper, but daddy could hardly or he didn't try. I know when Uncle Ed and his family were out in Throckmorton County there was a Baptist meeting going on at the community place, a Baptist Church house, store and post office, and cemetery, and down the road a Methodist Church house. Later they built a Church of Christ and had it at this time. It was on the corner of the place Uncle Ed rented from my daddy on the "halves." Dad rented it from an old preacher named Cantrell, third and fourth, and then he rented it to Uncle Ed on the halves. This meeting was going on and we went one night. Dad took all of us. They were having a revival and they got to singing and it seemed to me like it got out of hand and some of the people were shouting and a lot going on that was foreign to me. Everybody was standing up by this time. One man that my daddy had known a long time came around and spoke to Dad, "How are you, Sam." Dad said, "All right." Both lived in another community long years before and my daddy worked and rented a place from him. His youngest son had gone up. He said, "Well, I see they've got Nobel up there bawling like a calf over something." Dad said, "Yeah." He said, "It's a shame we can't get people interested in the truth like they can and get them all worked up like this. I don't know. I don't believe in all of it." They were talking about it and this preacher walked up and spoke to them and asked Dad if he was a Christian. Dad said, "Well, I try to be." The preacher said, "Good," and talked to him and asked him if he was a member of this congregation. He said, "No, I'm not a Baptist. I am a member of the Church of Christ." Well, that set the preacher off and he got pretty ruff and they had some words, and Dad challenged him for a debate and he accepted, orally. Well, after Dad thought about it, maybe he bit off too much, so he went over to Uncle Ed and asked him about debating him and he said, "I'll be glad to." They went over the next day and got the pastor of this Baptist congregation and found this preacher to rig up a debate. Well, the pastor said, "No, there is not going to be a debate. They've never done any good. They do more harm than they do good." Dad, though, had given or handed him a written challenge for a debate, Uncle Ed and their preacher, or him. Uncle Ed had signed his name to it. During all this for some reason this preacher called Uncle Ed a moral coward and Uncle Ed just laughed and said, "That kind of talk is nice to hide behind if you don't have anything else. So, just rave on." Dad thought it was funny as long as he was talking to Uncle Ed about being a moral coward even though he was the cause of the whole setup. I guess if he had called my daddy a moral coward he probably would have hit him, but Uncle Ed knew how to handle it. He was quite a debater and I have heard him and my daddy have some arguments. Dad always was very strong against Sunday School with classes. I jumped on a young preacher one time, one of the things I have been ashamed of, about the same thing. Now we go to church where they have Sunday School, and all, but a little of it, I endorse.

Uncle Ed was a good preacher and a good singer. He had a way about him people looked up to even on short acquaintance. People would ask him for guidance. He was a good teacher and a good man.

In 1929 Edward and Truman (Uncle Ed and Uncle Frank sons) came up to our house in Throckmorton County to pick cotton with us and there was no cotton. It was dry throughout the year and we didn't make anything. Pete, my brother, and I bought an old Model-T ford and worked it over and rebuilt the motor and thought we had it real good and I guess it was pretty good. We went out to West Texas and New Mexico and picked cotton. I had another cousin there on my mother's side, Ray Mathis, about three years younger than me, and he was a big guy and he was strong, but he was slow. He was the worst in the world to pick on people, to pull a joke on them, but if the joke was on him it didn't set at all. If the joke was on Edward, and it was a "nice" joke, it didn't bother him and he would just laugh it off. He and Edward didn't get along. He picked and picked on Edward and Edward was about ready to come back at him.

One day we had a flat going through New Mexico and he told Edward, "I will just wallow you." Truman and I were fixing the flat. He made a dive at Edward and I wasn't looking good and didn't see what Edward done and that big rascal some how or other flew over Edward's head and hit, sprawled out, right in the middle of the pavement. After that I would see Edward and he wouldn't know it, and sitting around with Ray Mathis looking at Edward, and it was like he thought "How in the world did you do it?"
Howard and Edward were the same size when they were ten, eleven, or twelve years old and whatever one did the other one had to do and they were quite athletes. They made themselves a pair of boxing gloves out of canvas ducking, heavy, and padded them with old cotton and they would fight with them as hard as they could go. They found out right away not to hit each other in the face with a glancing lick or it would knock the hide off. They respected each other and didn't want to hurt each other so they would hit each other in the shoulders and chest.

They put an empty barrel up in a tree with some boards across the branches, the bottom of it higher than their heads, would draw water out of a deep well and carry and fill that barrel full of water. They had a ladder going up to it. They would pull a little stopper and it would pour cold water on them. They would fight and then take a shower that way.

LUTHER KELLEY

"Aunt Matt (Mattie)" Wingfield was Martha Anne Kelley daughter of Elijah W. Kelley and Elizabeth McDaniel was born on February 17, 1870 in Pike County, Arkansas and married Elmore B. Wingfield son of John Wesley Wingfield and Elizabeth (Butler) Davenport on October 31, 1889. They had no children. She died on October 15, 1963.

SAINTED MOTHER DIES NEAR NORTH ZULCH

Mrs. Sarah Kelley died at the home of her son near North Zulch Thursday, August 8th, at 2 o'clock a.m., after a long illness. She was 79 years 8 mo. and 2 days old and is survived by eight children: Elder H.E. Kelley, Mrs. (Lucy) Coburn, W.P. Kelley, Mrs. Roxie Roberts, Mrs. Loula Walton, E.F. Kelley all of North Zulch, S.J. Kelley of Goree, Texas (and) G.E. Kelley of Houston. She also leaves a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews to mourn her going.

Mrs. Kelley was born in Arkansas in 1856 and has been a resident of this state many years. She was a devoted mother and had been an active member of the Church of Christ over 50 years and was among the Pioneer citizens who helped blaze the way for our present civilization.

Her body was laid to rest in the Rock Prairie Cemetery Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Elder J.L. Pummill conducting the service. Day Undertaking Company was in charge of the arrangements.

The Meteor joins the many friends of the family in offering sympathy to them in their bereavement.


KELLEY

This Is The Way I Saw It
by Euna Kelley

Henry Edward and Mary Ethel Kelley had 4 sons, William, Howard, Edward and Herbert; 3 daughters, Lou Ella, Jewel & Emma Gene. Brother Kelley was married before and his wife passed away. They had two daughters, Bertha and Eunice. They are all deceased but Jewel Rowold and she now lives in Holdenville, Oklahoma with her husband Marlin who is in the "90" years.

Edward and I were sweethearts since the age of 13 and 14. When I was about 14 he gave me a little ring with a set and an "E" in the set. I came across it the other day looking through Edward's things and after all these years we still have it. I'm 81 now and it got me to thinking, where could he have gotten 50 cents, probably, to buy it during the depression? We were married Christmas Eve in 1931 and lived with his parents for a year and I found out.

Brother Kelley was a good truck farmer with Mrs. Kelley's help. With no gas or lights to have a freezer how did they save the food after they raised it? Mrs. Kelley had several 20 gallon crocks and I saw one full of shelled pintos, one full of sauerkraut, one pickles, and maybe something else. She canned green beans, beet pickles, and tomatoes in jars. They had some peach trees and a berry patch and she canned them.

Brother Kelley raised a big corn patch that fed the horses used to plow with. Cows for milk, pigs for meat, pork and sausage; chickens to lay eggs and
chickens to eat, and they could take some of the corn to a mill and have it ground into meal for cornbread. He raised a big crop of sweet potatoes and "banked" them, put something over them in a tent shape, I think cornstalks and dirt. During that time the government furnished a big pressure cooker for the people to cook off food; peas, corn, tomatoes. They took advantage of that.

The Kelleys had a low piece of ground where they raised ribbon cane for syrup. They had a mill for that. They squeezed out the juice and cooked it off and made the best, thickest ribbon cane syrup, which was really good on a cold morning with hot biscuits and sausage. They made a lot, enough to do for a year.

They always had several hogs so they had plenty of pork, ham, and sausage to eat. To cure the meat and sausage, they killed them on a real cold day, and put something on them they called "Sugar Cured." They hung them in the smokehouse with a little hickory fire and smoked them, mostly for a week or two. Mrs. Kelley took all the fat and cooked it out in the wash pot and that was their lard. What was left we called "cracklins." She cooked them with lye in the wash pot and that made her soap for washing clothes and dishes.

They didn't go hungry as all they had to buy was flour, salt, soda, baking powder, coffee and sugar. Mrs. Kelley also made patty sausage and fried them and put them in jars with lard poured over them and that was the way she kept them. Also, Mrs. Kelley raised turkeys. She started raising them when she was going through the change, she was really sick. She didn't have money to go to the Doctor and she raised turkeys to pay the Doctor. She went to a Doctor in Iola about 8 or 10 miles south of North Zulch. He treated her and she got a lot better, but she continued to raise turkeys. There was a trick to that. She had several turkey hens she kept to lay eggs so she could hatch out little turkeys to grow up and sell, but the hens were sly. They ran off in the woods to find a nest to lay eggs in. They tried to hide. Mrs. Kelley would follow them and tried to keep them from seeing her. She would have to go several days before she would find their nest. The corn Brother Kelley raised was really important for their living, so with the "know how" and hard work, they made it pretty good.

Brother Kelley was a Gospel preacher, school teacher, and farmer. He made lots of friends that really loved him in his lifetime. When he passed away in August 1963, I forgot his age, but it was in his late eighties, he was buried at Rock Prairie near North Zulch. The house was full and so was the church yard.

Mrs. Kelley stayed home and raised the children mostly by herself. Brother Kelley was gone most of the time. She was 93 when she passed away and was buried at Rock Prairie next to Brother Kelley. They helped a lot of people in their lifetime.

The children were all Christians and married Christians. All four sons were elders of the Church. William married Grace Atkins and they had 2 sons, Billy and Eddie. Howard married Annette Belote and they had 4 sons and two daughters, Stephen, Don, twins David and Douglas, Judy & Susan. Edward married Euna McGill (that's me) and we had 2 sons and 2 daughters, Joyce, Ethel, James Edward Jr. & Pat. Herbert married Billie Ruth Depenbrock and they had 2 sons, Mark & Jon Michael. Lou Ella married Walter Payne and they had one daughter, Patti. Jewel married Marlin Rowold and had one daughter Winnifred. Emma Gene married Maldon Whitmire and they had one son, Larry. Maldon passed away and she married Lester Cockrell. Annette and William passed away early, and later Howard married Grace. He only lived sixteen months after that.

All four boys worked for Exxon. William, Howard, and Herbert in the Houston office; Edward in the Baytown refinery. Marlin, Jewel's husband worked in the Houston office. Walter, Lou Ella's husband, worked in a gas plant of Exxon at Jourdanton.

When Grandma Sally Kelley (Brother Kelley's mother) died, one of her grandsons Marvin Walton rode to the cemetery and the preacher told in his talk what Marvin had said. "If Grandma doesn't go to Heaven no one else need try." The preacher said he'd much rather his grandson would say that about him than be left a million dollars.

At this time Grace, Billie Ruth, and me (Euna) are all the only "in-laws" that are still living, except Marlin, Jewel's husband. William died with a heart attack. Lou Ella ran under a truck on the way to school on a foggy morning. Howard died with cancer of the liver.
Edward died with a lot of things, he was down 3 2 years. Gene died with cancer of the lungs, and Herbert, also with cancer.

I'm proud that I'm part of this wonderful family.

EUNA KELLEY

RECORDER OF MY LIFE
by Howard Kelley

David wanted me to give a little record of my life so I'm going to do that right now. My name is George Howard Kelley. I was born to Henry Edward Kelley and Mary Ethel Woods Kelley on January 31, 1910 in or near the little town of Milano, Milam County, Texas. At a very young age probably about 2 years we moved from Milano to Normangee, Texas where I remained until I was about five. At that time my father taught school and moved from Normangee to Donie, Texas near Teague as a teacher in the public schools.

I was the third living child by my mother. The oldest child was Lou Ella. The second child was William Nathaniel, and then myself, there being three children in our immediate family and one child of a former marriage by my father named Eunice.

My mother allowed me to start school when I was five, but I didn't learn much. Another situation came up that I think ended my school career until I was nearly eight. I had a real serious illness. I think it's called or was called amebic dysentery and almost died from it, but my father was reading the paper or saw an advertisement indicating that a cure which was used by some doctors in another place might possibly be of help in curing me, so he suggested it to Dr. Bond who was the Doctor in Donie at that time. Dr. Bond apparently wasn't familiar with the medicine, you had to use a hypodermic needle to administer it, and it was a very serious thing as far as I was concerned. My younger brother Edward once called it a sword. He said "Howard, come on, here comes Dr. Bond to stick a sword in you." Well of course it quite frankly frightened me to death. But after several treatments I began to respond and soon I was well.

I guess that was one of the most serious illnesses I ever had. I have been particularly healthy. In my thirty-eight almost thirty-nine years of service with Humble Oil and Refining Company now called Exxon Company U.S.A. I only lost 4 work days because of illness in my whole career. So I am real thankful the Lord has blessed me with good health.

After I was about six or seven my parents moved back to Normangee, Texas and I entered school there in September prior to my eighth birthday in January and did very well in school. At the age of about ten or perhaps eleven we moved from Normangee out to West Texas near Goree in Knox County and lived there for about 14 months. My dad had visited West Texas where an uncle of mine named Sam lived and Sam had a big cotton farm and told my dad if we'd come out and pick cotton for him and help him gather his crop he would pay us well for it. He made nearly a bale to the acre and had over 100 acres in cotton so he had quite a big cotton crop to gather. We all moved out there and not having a house to live in we lived in sort of a makeshift place in a garage of my uncle's until our house was ready in January.

The cotton crop was great. There was lots of cotton. We picked cotton and picked cotton and earned enough money from cotton picking to buy us a new Ford car. I'll never forget the day my dad drove in the new Ford which he had bought down in Normangee. He went down there and while he was there bought the car and it was a great surprise to us. An automobile was something not many people owned back then and we really thought it was great. My uncle had one, but West Texas was not our lot and after about 14 months my father and mother and all of us moved back to Normangee, Texas. We had to rent a place out about a mile north of Normangee called the Holliman place. I'll never forget. It was located near the railroad track. We farmed that place for about a year and dad preached some and we had a very good life there.

We came down to a place south of Normangee called North Zulch where an uncle of mine named Bill Kelley had a big crop of sugar cane and turning out lots of sugar cane syrup. It looked like a great opportunity, a potential, and my dad decided he wanted to buy that place from uncle Bill, who wanted to move, and raise sugar cane and other things, and help us boys - teach us how to farm and help make the living. By that time, of course, there were other children in the family. All of the children of my mother had been born. James
Edward followed me. After James Edward, Jewel came along and she now is Mrs. Rowold. After Jewel, Emmagene was born and then finally Herbert Elmore. He was born while we lived out in West Texas.

We moved down to North Zulch and had a good sugar cane crop the next year, but sugar cane seems to wear out the land pretty fast and the dream of making a lot from sugar cane syrup passed and we had to rely on the old stable cotton and corn and a few cows and pigs and things of this nature to make a living. Well, we got along all right. We didn't have a whole lot but we learned a lot and we helped to farm and to make the living. When my oldest sister got ready for college and my dad wanted her to go to college, he made the necessary arrangements for her to go. When my brother Bill two years younger than Lou Ella came along, he also made arrangements for him to go.

Well about the time I got ready to go to College we had a real depression and another situation happened to set me back one year. Not having a whole lot to do I became inventive and made a little steam engine and was having a lot of fun with it. I was seventeen years old, really too old to be playing with such things, but you know we were kids until we grew up. This little steam engine idea was giving me a lot of pleasure and the thing blew up in my face. I had serious burns and for a while I wasn't absolutely sure I was going to have eyesight that would enable me to continue my education. Fortunately I did recover to the degree where I could study at home. I missed school for a whole year, but by the next summer I decided I wanted to go to school, enter Sam Houston State. I took the entrance examinations, skipped the eleventh grade and went into College as a Freshman. My dad borrowed 100 dollars, I'll never forget this. That's about all the help he was ever able to give me except the help they gave me from time to time. The major part of my tuition and my other expenses after that, I had to earn myself, working in the summer and working with my Aunt Lou Chaddick in her boarding house serving tables and washing dishes and things of this nature. After a couple of years when the depression was still going strong and some of her boys were out of jobs and came home, I had to find another job.

I found a job working for the Wooten family. Mr. Wooten worked in the Post Office, he didn't make a whole lot of money, but they had about four boys of their own and wanted a College boy to live with them and help them around the house and teach the boys how to do things. One of the things I hadn't done very well was milk a cow. Milking a wild cow at the Wootens that kicked my milk pail out of my hand and caused me to lose my temper and pick up a stick and hit the old cow over the head was one of the events I'll never forget.

I don't remember the boy's names right now, off hand, I could by reflecting, but we had lots of fun together. I'll never forget the smallest boy, he asserted himself this way one day. He said "Kelley, around here when we want to build a boat - we build a boat." That was true. Those boys did pretty well as they pleased. I had a rough time trying to corral them at times, but they were good boys and I enjoyed the Wooten family. If it weren't for them probably, I never would have gotten my degree. I finally got my degree majoring in Business Administration.

One of my great ambitions was to work for the Humble Oil and Refining Company. However jobs at that time were not too easy to get and I was able to get a job teaching school. I was selected as principle of a little school called Greer about nine miles northwest of Madisonville. I could have served in this capacity probably for a number of years, but I still had that old "yen" and desire to work for Humble and in the summer following my first year of teaching I went to work for Humble in McCamey, Texas as a "roustabout."

Well the job out there didn't last too long. There was a cut down in the forces and I was laid off. It was a very big disappointment to me and I talked to Mr. Roy Downey the chief clerk at McCamey and he suggested they were going to need some clerks in the Annuities and Benefits office of Humble in Houston and suggested I come down and visit Mr. L.C. Ingram who was head of that department. I came down and talked to Mr. Ingram, but more specifically to Mr. Wayne Haynes who was chief clerk of the office and after a few days of waiting I was put on a temporary job with Humble. Well the job as far as I knew was never changed from temporary to regular, but it did become a regular job. I went to work in January of 1935. My original employment date was August 10, 1934 at
McCamey, Texas and in early January I went back on the payroll as a clerk in the A & B office.

This was a real pleasant situation. I enjoyed it. It was a great challenge to me and I saw opportunities for growth and I learned not only to love my work, but to love the people I worked with.

About that time I met my wife Annette who was a member of the Heights Church of Christ. Annette and I dated for about a year and a half or a little more and on November 15, 1936 we became man and wife.

Judith Annette was our first child. She was born on June the 8th 1939. Later that year, that is in 1939 we moved into our first home at 515 West 30th Street. We lived there for about 16 years. Stephen Foster Kelley our first son and second child was born on January 10, 1942 right after the declaration of World War II. Don Howard Kelley was born on July 23, 1946. Our next children were David and Douglas who were born on April 18, 1951 and our last child Susan Kay was born on August 29, 1954.

We'll go back for just a little bit and review my work in the church. I became a member of the Heights Church of Christ in Houston shortly after I moved from McCamey to Houston and went to work for Exxon Company U.S.A. then called Humble Oil and Refining Company. I don't remember the exact year, but it was about 1941 I was asked to serve as Deacon of the Heights Church and served in this capacity until about 1955 when I was asked to serve as an Elder. I also served as treasurer and secretary of the church. These offices provided a great amount of satisfaction to me and hopefully was instrumental in the edification of the church. In 1972 I was asked to serve as Elder for a new congregation on Farm Road 1960 which is called the Church of Christ on Bammel Road. Actually Bammel Road and Farm Road 1960 are the same in the area where the church is located. The church had it's beginning with about 50 or 60 members and has grown to about 160 members in just a little over a year's time. We have a building program underway, as a matter of fact the building is being constructed, and we hope by the end of the year to be in our first phase of our building program. Brother Legarde May with his wife Inez agreed to assist us on a part time basis as preacher for the congregation until a full time minister could be obtained. In July of this year Brother Joe Schubert of Jacksonville, Florida agrees to serve as our regular minister.

We are looking forward to a great work out there. The area is growing very rapidly and there are many new subdivisions being built in the area. We have a four phase program and the final phase involves the building of an auditorium that will seat approximately 1500 people. We may seem to be ambitious, but we believe that it can be obtained, it can be accomplished, and if it is the Lord's will, it will be accomplished. We know that it will not be accomplished without a great amount of work and sacrifice on the part of all concerned.

On April the 1st of this year I decided to retire from my job with Exxon Company U.S.A. I should have more time to devote to the work of the church and to do the work of an Elder. I also hope to do a little farming and ranching as an avocation. We have three of our children at home with us still, David, Douglas, and Susan. David and Douglas are 22, and Susan will be 19 in August of this year. Judith Annette lives in Chico, California and she is married to Rodney L. Thomson who is a physician in Chico. They have three lovely children, Rodney Jr., Wendy, and Jack. They are the pride and joy of the Kelley and the Thomson household. Stephen married Lorainne Justice and they at the present time have no children. Don Howard married Marilyn McDearman and they have a fine son named David Christopher. He is about 2 years of age at this time.

Well, this just about sums up the biography of my life to this point and I'm going to close. If there has been anything that I have ommited that should have been included, after we listen to this tape, we'll make another tape. It's 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, 1973.

G.H. KELLEY

The following information is on the Internet web page created by Jerry McMenis. Jerry kindly agreed to let us print the information.

My eighth great-grandparents were:
John Key 1696 & Martha Tandy
Francis Delamar ?-1713

My seventh great-grandparents were:
John Key Jr. 1713 & Susanna Watts
Francis Delamar Jr 1695-1739

My sixth great-grandparents were:
John Key III 1731-1790 & Agnes Witt
Thomas Delamar 1739-1787 & Sarah Carroway
Francis Dawson & Elizabeth Bryant

My fifth great-grandparents were:
Robert Alford 1760 & Susanna
Joseph C W Key 1764-1826 & Judith Watts
1766-1824
Francis Delamar 1759-1822 & Elizabeth Dawson
1762-1801
Benjamin Adams 1760-1838 & Celia Reese
William Johnson 1750-1830 & Lucy Rosanna
Reece
John Woodward 1747

My fourth great-grandparents were:
David Alford 1785-1860 & Polly Orrick 1790-1860
Edward Brown 1790 & Jane
Thomas J Key 1793-1857 & Sarah Jones 1791-1868
Churchill Delamar 1785-1811 & Mary Polly
Clayton 1793-?
David Adams 1784-1848 & Polly Johnson
1790-1859
Thomas Nelson 1745-1846 & Susanna Woodward 1771-1846

My third great-grandparents were:
Joseph McMenis 1821-1862 & Nancy Alford 1820-1886
Chesley Stone 1813-1897 & Permelia Brown 1823-1887
Joseph Lawrence Key 1812-1878 & Elizabeth
Delamar 1812-1903
Lawrence Evans 1796 & Elizabeth 1813
James Watson 1819 & Lucy Adams 1818
Henry Nelson 1802 & Eliza Jane Watson 1814
William Frank Turley 1829-1880 & Elizabeth
King 1841-1885

My second-great grandparents were:
James Abner McMenis 1854-1929 & Trifinia
Jane Stone 1848-1904
William Presley Key 1834-1913 & Mariah Evans
1841-1916
William Dunlap & Melvinia Kerry

Henry Clay Watson 1844-1913 & Luvinia Nelson
1842-1897
John Henry Turley 1861-1892 & Mary Catherine
Evans 1866-1947
Mrs Francis Bradley 182-1894

My great-grandparents were:
James Henry McMenis 1874-1951 & Fannie
Indiana Key 1875-1905
William Joseph Dunlap 1851-1926 & Fannie
Watson 1870-1897
Jasper Ellison Dennis & Evelyn Hollenbeck
Walter Frank Turley 1884-1939 & Viola Mae
Bradley

My grandparents:
James Ezra McMenis 1897-1961 & Elizabeth
Gertrude Dunlap 1895-1981
Ernest Alfred Dennis 1905-1998 & Francis Inez
Turley 1905-1970

My parents are:
Joseph C McMenis 1927 & Wanda Mae Dennis
1929

Most of my ancestors settled in Arkansas in the
Counties of Pike, Clark and Dallas. Other surnames I
am researching are Self, House, Cummings, Coker,
Hill, Henderson and Harris.

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ELIJAH SHINKLE

The Shinkle family is an old and illustrious family. A
book was written in 1897 called the Shinkle
Genealogy. It traces the family back to the Schenckel
family in Switzerland in the early 1500's.

Elijah Shinkle appears to be our first connection with
Arkansas. He was ordained a minister in the
Methodist Episcopal Church South in Independence
County, Arkansas on November 8, 1868. This is
recorded in Independence County, Arkansas. Al-
though we have found no record of his death, it
appears he may have died in Dade County, Arkansas.

Elijah had 5 children. His youngest was Jeremiah
Monroe ShinkleYmy great grandfather. Although we
had reason to believe he was born in August 1851, we
have found a marriage license from Scott County, Arkansas of J.M. Shinkle of Ipava age 33 to Miss Rebecca Jones (my great-grandmother) age 22 of Ipava dated April 21, 1888. This would have him born in 1855. The 1910 Pike County census shows he was living in Thompson Twp, p 350A, hsd 183, fam 185; shown with wife & family; farmer; second marriage; age 57, b Missouri, both parents b Missouri. This would make him born in 1953. So far, we have not found where he was born nor have we found a birth certificate to confirm his birth date.

We believe Jeremiah married Drucilla Womack in 1872 in Independence Arkansas. This is not substantiated. He had 5 children with Drucilla. We do not know when she died, but we know he then married Rebecca Jones in 1888.

Jeremiah and Rebecca had 4 children - Claudia Mae, Edward Lewis, Lyda Alice, and Onis. We know that Jeremiah and Rebecca lived many years in Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas. There are mortgage documents in the Pike County Court House to confirm this. What we don't know is when they went to Pike County, and where they came from. We don't know who Rebecca Jones is - who is her family - where does she come from?

We have no information in regard to Drucilla Womack Shinkle and her children.

Another mystery involves the eldest daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca - Claudia Mae. I had been told by my grandmother, Lyda Shinkle, that Claudia had brain fever and became mentally retarded. We were told she was in a home and died there. Only recently did we find that Claudia had been married to a Calvin York. It appears her family married her off to a man that was supposed to take care of her. Rumor has it he was abusive. So, they divorced. We do not know when she was married, or where. We do not know when she was divorced or where. When looking for documents on Claudia, I found she died as Claudia York in 1993. She had been in the Rosecare Nursing Home. When she died, she was cremated and the funeral home still had her ashes in 1998. In a phone conversation with the Nursing Home, they told me her records showed her as severely retarded. There was no record of her family. She was only listed as divorced.

I have found wonderful family living in Pike County. With their help, we have buried Aunt Claudia Shinkle in the family plot in Bear Creek Cemetery next to her mother and father.

If anyone knows anything about Rebecca Jones, Drucilla Womack, Calvin York, or Claudia Shinkle York, please contact me.

Rita (May) Lee, PO Box 71214, Santee, CA 92072 [e-mail: Ritaml@hotmail.com] [NOTE: Husband is not an Arkansas Lee.]

GEMS Editor Needed

Cindy Scott will be available to be Acting Editor of THE GEMS for a limited time. Please contact Dorothy Kennedy Partain if you are interested in becoming the Editor or Co-Editor of THE GEMS.

QUERIES

HOLCOMB Searching for parents and/or spouse for any Holcomb buried in Wood or Macedonia Cemeteries. This information is needed to include in the new cemetery book.

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

TURNER, LEE, AYLO

I am researching the Turner and Lee after their move from St. Clair County, Alabama to Pike County, Arkansas and their family connections. I have traced both families back to the Revolutionary War period. I am also researching Aylor and their family connections. Other surnames being researched are Woodall, Bissell, Couch, White, Goss, Smith, Logan, Marshall, Davis, Tatum, Townsend, Bell, Johnson, Carson, Fox, Bryant, Ammonett, McCully, Wadsworth.

Sondra Spencer, 402 Liano, Pasadena, TX 77504 [E-mail: sondrads@hotmail.com]
HOLCOMBE  I am trying to locate the unknown wife of Caleb Holcombe. Caleb was son of David H. Holcombe and father of Emeline Holcombe. Emeline Holcombe married James Haywood Woodall. Please contact me if you can connect with the family shown below.

1. Cabel Holcombe, born bet. 1835-1836 in Georgia; died 1874 place unknown. He was the son of 2. David H. Holcombe and 3. Nancy (probably Kellett). He married Unknown bef. 1856 in Willow Point, Texas. Child of Cabel Holcombe and Unknown is:

3. Nancy (probably Kellett), born Bet. 1809-1810 in South Carolina. Children of David Holcombe and Nancy (probably Kellett) are:
   i. Edah/Edea Holcombe, born 1822 in South Carolina; died 1859; married Isaac LeFevres.
   ii. Sarah A. Holcombe, born bet. 1826-1827 in Georgia/South Carolina; married unknown Burleson in Texas.
   iii. David H. Holcombe, born 1829 in Georgia; died 1863 in Grayson County, Texas; married Sarah Unknown bef. 1850 in Marion County, Alabama.
   iv. Phoebe Holcombe, born bet. 1831-1832 in Georgia; married Unknown Halmark.
   v. John K/H. Holcombe, born bet. 1833-1834 in Georgia; died in service of Confederate Army; married Elizabeth Unknown 1855 in Pike County, Arkansas.
   vi. Cabel Holcombe, born bet. 1835-1836 in Georgia; died 1874 place Unknown; married Unknown bef. 1856 in Willow Point, Texas.
   vii. Wiseman M. Holcombe, born 1838 in Alabama; died in service of Confederate Army.
   viii. Obadiah M. Holcombe, born 1838 in Alabama.
   ix. Green Holcombe, born 1839 in Alabama.
   x. Nathan Holcombe, born 1841 in Alabama.
   xi. Nancy Elizabeth Holcombe, born 1844 in Georgia; married Unknown LeFevres.
   xii. Thaddeus Walker Holcombe, born bet. 1849-1850 in Alabama.
   xiii. Luisa Kissiah Holcombe, born aft. 1850; married Unknown Ingle.

4. Johnathan Holcombe, born bet. 1750-1760. Children of Johnathan Holcombe are:
   ii. Mary Ann Holcombe, born 1780 in South Carolina.
   iv. Reuben Holcombe II, born bet. 1783-1784 in South Carolina.
   v. Unknown Holcombe, born bet. 1784-1785 in South Carolina.
   vii. Cornelius Holcombe, born bet. 1791-1792 in South Carolina.
   ix. Green Ham Holcombe, born bet. 1795-1796 in South Carolina; died bef. 05 January, 1867 in Marion County, Alabama.
   x. David H. Holcombe, born bet. 1797-1798 in South Carolina; died abt. 1861 in Pike County, Arkansas; married Nancy (probably Kellett) Abt. 1826 probably in Laurens Dist South Carolina.

Kay M. Crawford, 6005 Spring Hill Drive, Olive Branch, MS 38654 [e-mail: kc6005@aol.com]

BAGWELL  I am looking for the children of Leroy T. Bagwell. He may have two wives buried in Pike County, one is Tabitha (Mitchell) Bagwell, the other is Leslie (Barhan) Bagwell. One daughter, Zenobia [Nobia], married Richard Levi Johnson about 1890 and lived in the Kirby area. Leroy had several children, I do not know how many stayed in the Pike County area. Leroy and family moved to Pike County
around 1870 and left around 1900. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Randy Ridgway, Rt. 3, Box 3045, Huntsville, AR 72740 [E-mail: ar2thdoc@madisoncounty.net]

DAVIS I am looking for information on Levi B. Davis, Thompson Twp, Pike County. I have a Levi Davis born IL, 1841. His parents were Hezekiah William and Margaret (Stroud) Davis. They settled in Fulton County in the 1840's. Hezekiah and Margaret were born in Tennessee, along with them, his brothers Pleasant and Starlin.

Marian Wood Hilton, Route 2, Box 556, Fordland, MO 65652-9482 [e-mail: MLW321@aol.com]

CREWS (CRUSE) My query is on my great-grandparents, Thomas E. Crews (Cruse) born about 1816 in Virginia. I do not know the names of his parents. He married Jane Swiney (Swinney) on October 25, 1838 in Carroll County, Tennessee. On the 1850 Federal Census, Thomas and Jane Crews were still in Carroll County, Tennessee. They had four children: William age 11, Joseph age 8, John C. age 5, and Mary F. age 3. By 1860 the family had moved to Dallas County, Arkansas, Smith Township. Their family had grown to nine children: William-0, Joseph-16, John C.-14, Mary F.-14?, Susan-12, Louisa-10, Rebecca-7, Catherine-4, and Macon G.-2 (also known as M.G. or Dock). I cannot locate the family in 1870. On November 15, 1873 in Clark County, Arkansas Susan L. Cruse (Crews) age 22 married Hillery H. Meeks age 34 of Montgomery County, Arkansas. They were married at the home of Mrs. Jane Cruse (Crews) which leads me to believe that Thomas had died. The 1880 Federal Census of Pike County shows Jane Crews a widow with three of the children still at home: Mary-27, Catherine-22, and Macon G.-20. I would appreciate any descendants of this family contacting me.

Lucille Chote, 2003 Hobson Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71913

EVANS, WOODS I am searching for information on my paternal ancestors. I do not have very much information but what I do have is as follows: My grandfather was John Calvin Evans, born 1880 in Glenwood, Arkansas. He was a Mason. My grandmother was Julie Ann (Woods) Evans birth date unknown, died 1924 in Texas. Their children were Really, Grady, Cecil, Herman, Olen, Custer Owen [my father] born January 11, 1919 in Delight, Arkansas, and Thelma L. born about 1924. If you can assist with information on this family please contact me.

Martha Evans Beasley, 1020 N. Bryan Street, Okmulgee, OK 74447 [e-mail: dbzmnsqz@aol.com]

BREWER, SORRELS I am searching for information on Oliver Brewer (abt 1760-1834) and Mary Henderson Brewer (1787-1827) and their descendants. Primarily interested in William Lewis Brewer (1809-1871) and Elizabeth Sorrels Brewer (1812-1882). If you have information please contact me.

Kathryn H. Widden, 1660 Markham Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72701

JAMES LEE

Patsy Lee Barrett and Hazel Lee Williams have been researching the family of James Lee for quite some time. They agreed to share their information and sent copies of their databases to Cindy Scott. Cindy merged their databases with the Lee information in the Pike County Database (PCD) to produce the descendancy chart shown later in this article. Their information corrected some erroneous information and added quite a number of people to the PCD. The contribution Ms. Barrett and Ms. Williams made to the PCD is appreciated more than can be expressed. If you would like to share information or have questions on the James Lee family, please contact:

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They are gathering all the information they can find on James & Mary Elizabeth (Burks) Lee.

Junior and Senior -- Except for modern persons, these suffixes are not appropriate. Historically, they were generalizations not associated uniquely with one individual; they simply identified a person's relative age, at a specific point in time, in comparison to others of the same name in his or her community. Roman numerals (I, II, etc.) are used in the Pike County Database rather than Jr. and Sr.

The following information was extracted from notes contained in the databases received from Patsy and Hazel:

James Lee C Goodspeed Biographical Memories of Northwest Louisiana (Shreveport Library) page 381 concerning Claiborne Parish, Louisiana says the first Private land purchases in Township 19, Range 6, were made by William Lee in 1832-33. On December 4, 1830, James Lee entered Parish of Claiborne 144.45 Acres. On page 380 Lee & Kilgore opened a store near Murrells in 1825. Shortly after establishment of the seat of justice at Russellville, Lee & Kilgore moved their store there.

On December 4, 1832-33, William Lee took land in township 19, Range 6. It is family tradition that a Lee from Shreveport was nephew to General Robert E. Lee. Descendants of Louisa Lee say they were of "celebrated Virginia Lee's." James Lee was in the 1850 Louisiana census but not in 1860. He moved to Fulton, Arkansas sometime before 1860, was in the 1860 census for Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Much of the information on James Lee and his descendants is from Joan Strawn, by letter in August 1990. Joan is a great-great-granddaughter of James Lee. One of her sources is 1850 U.S. Census for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, p 49. This is the same source for information about sons Augustus A. Lee and Richard H. Lee. According to Homer Legate, Georgette Lee was James Lee's daughter. William Lee, shown in the 1830 and 1840 census, was a brother to James Lee according to Wanda Head, William's descendant who lives in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Both the 1830 and 1840 census for Claiborne Parish, Louisiana show 3 females older than James [Robert?] Lee in James Lee's household. James Lee's first wife may have been a Behreandt, Behrant or Berry according to Harold S. Gilbert, San Francisco, California in letter to Wanda Volentine Head, Shreveport, Louisiana. She most likely died before the 1840 census, probably soon after the birth of Richard Lee, but it is possible she was enumerated on the line above James Lee. The date and place of marriage of James Lee and Martha K. Trawick, is from book 1, page 133, of the Marriage Records for Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Martha was either his second or third wife. [see note for Louisa Lee]

James [Robert?] Lee C His middle name may be Robert, according to Joe Legate [Joseph Dickson Legate] and Willie Lee, or, according to Homer, it may be the initial "I" used when he joined the Confederate Army. It may be William, according to a court record in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, Book L, p 90, 24 Sep 1850 when James Lee and James W. Lee were defendants in a land suit.

It is said that James [Robert?] Lee fought for the South in Civil War, and was in the battle of Atlanta when Sherman marched to the sea. Homer [Robert Homer Legate] believes James joined from Alabama. [There is a James Lee on the list for Company "A" 19th Arkansas Regiment Captain William B. Speer's Company, at the beginning of this issue. Could this be James [Robert?] Lee?] When he came home from war he rode a big black horse and had a Gatling gun. The horse's name was Sam. Pearlie [Pearlie Mae (Conatser) Lee] said they were living in Bossier City when the war was over.

Federal Census records show that James and Mary lived in Lafayette, Upshur County, Texas in 1860, and in Pittsburg, Upshur County, Texas in 1870. A State of Louisiana, Parish of Red River, Caushatta, Louisiana deed filed for record February 1st 1877, shows James bought 200 or more acres, for sum of $1200. Four hundred dollars payable on first of January 1878, 1879 and 1880.
James and Mary were in Pike County by 1878. They had several children at this time. They built a cabin, Baptist church, and a cotton gin (the first one in the county). William Thomas Speakman was a deacon at the Baptist church. The gin pole was still there after Willie and Pearlie Lee got married. A new school house was built in 1928 when Shawmut, Piney Grove and Center Ridge consolidated. It was two miles west of Shawmut. Homer Legate lived in a little house behind Lee cabin for years. Shawmut is no longer a town, just a ghost town. James and Mary are buried at the Lee Cemetery at Shawmut.

Jesse [Jesse Isom "Jess" LEE] got the family Bible and went to live with a cousin in Texas. No one knows what happened to the Bible. A lot of information was in it about the family. Jesse also got the Gatling gun and buried it in creek because there was a disagreement as to who was to get the gun. Have heard that Jesse died from Pneumonia.

George Edward Lee I had the gift for curing Thrash and also could make warts disappear. @

Hannah E. (Lyra@Lamb) Lee had a heart of gold, but was crabby and wanted everything done her way. Lived with Donnie, Anabell, and Lonnie; someone said she died from cancer or old age. @

Augustus A Lee His birth/death dates are from his probated will at Hope, Hempstead Co., Arkansas. The Cave Hill Cemetery is now known as Rose Hill Cemetery. At the time he made the will (3 Sep 1869) he lived in Lewisville, Lafayette Co.

James Walter Legate This is the story told of Walter. Times were hard and money short. Walter had borrowed two dollars from a man in area. The man came and demanded his money. Walter told him he had been ill and didn't have it, but would try to have it soon. Several days later the man came again for his money, Walter said he still didn't have it. The man said next time I come you will have it or I will kill you. Several days later the man returned again and Walter once again didn't have it. While his wife and two sons watched, the man pulled a gun and shot him, Walter, dead. This story came from Joe Legate. The man who shot and killed Walter got off with no punishment. @

Louisa Lee There is a record in Caddo Parish dated Feb. 4 1858 Donation Book A page 55 a document showing that Casper Behreandt (Behrant) conveyed to Louisa born Lee, Coney, wife of Kaufman Coney, lot 12 Block 33, etc. Witness were James Lee and Henry Brown. Cemetery located about half mile from Athens and Minden was known something like Berry. Kaufman Coney is said to have died on a ship [that burned] ... @

She lived in Athens, Louisiana, married Kaufman Coney, according to letter from Harold S. Gilbert, San Francisco, California, in 1958, to Mrs. Volentine, in possession of Wanda Volentine Head of Shreveport, Louisiana (1995). According to Gilbert, she had a second marriage to a man named Farnsworth, who was Catholic. She died and is buried in the San Francisco area. She had a son 4 years old in the 1860 Louisiana Census, named Alexander Coney. In an 1852 California state census, she and Kaufman are listed. In an 1861 San Francisco directory Louisa is listed as a dressmaker. @

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES LEE

1-- James LEE (1796)
   sp-UNKNOWN
2-- Georgette LEE (1825)
2-- Rachel LEE (1827)
   sp-Isaac CROW
2-- Louisa LEE (1829-1904)
   sp-Kaufman CONEY (1862)
   3-- Alexander Kaufman CONEY (1845-1930)
      4-- Joseph J. CONEY
      sp-_____ FARNsworth
2-- James LEE (1836-1909)
   sp-Mary Elizabeth BURKS (1838-1929)
3-- Robert Edward "Rob" LEE (1858-1903)
   sp-Lucy A. REED (1869-1952)
   4-- [child] LEE (1885-1885)
   4-- Letha LEE (1885-1975)
      sp-Joe P. AVERY (1882-1943)
      5-- Ivan AVERY
      5-- Chester AVERY
      5-- Calvin AVERY
      5-- Telitha AVERY
      sp-_____ JOHNSON
   4-- Tilman LEE (1887)
   4-- Ed "Eddie" LEE (1889-1960)
   4-- Jess A. LEE (1891)
   4-- Robert Monroe LEE (1894-1973)
   sp-Zella MCLAUGHLIN
   4-- Mary Emily LEE (1898)
   4-- Ola LEE (1902-1918)
3-- Joshua LEE [twin] (1860)
3-- Jerusha LEE [twin] (1860)
3-- James Edward "Ed" LEE (1861-1919)
   sp-Hannah E. "Myra" LAMB (1866-1954)
4-- James Lewis LEE Rev. (1886-1963)
   sp-Emily E. KELLEY
5-- Mae LEE (1907)
5-- James LEE (1909-1987)
   sp-Martha HILL (1911)
6-- Clara Faye LEE
   sp-Earl MCKINNON
7-- Jimmey MCKINNON (1959)
7-- Randy WHITE (1959)
6-- Billy Ray LEE (1938)
5-- Ethyle Marie LEE (1940)
5-- Mary Ellen LEE
   sp___ DILLION
6-- Jessie Earl LEE (1938)
5-- Elisha LEE (1911-1988)
5-- William Edward "Ed" LEE (1919-1992)
   sp-Pauline HENDERSON (1920-1972)
6-- L. Guy LEE (1945-1966)
   sp-Norma Edna GARNER (1909)
5-- Cora Belle LEE (1921)
   sp-Paul HENDERSON
5-- Marie LEE (1926)
   sp-Marvin STATION
6-- Debbie STATION
   sp-Keith DOUGLAS
7-- Bryon DOUGLAS
7-- Jason DOUGLAS
6-- Donna STATION
   sp-___ HUNT
8-- Kyle William HUNT (1989)
6-- William Howard LOWERY (1945)
   sp-Judy MURRAY
7-- Quentin LOWERY (1978)
   sp-Diane WALLSTROM (1940)
6-- James Austin "Jim" LOWERY (1947)
   sp-Billie Ray WILLBURN
7-- James Jay LOWERY (1965)
7-- Timothy Troy LOWERY (1966)
   sp-Donna ____________
7-- Jennifer Elaine LOWERY (1972)
7-- Lisa Marie LOWERY (1974)
7-- Justin LOWERY (1983)
5-- Eva LEE (1913)
   sp-Stanley ROSS (1903-1974)
6-- Wilburn Ray ROSS (1930)
   sp-Beradine M BRUNNER
6-- Robert I "Bud" ROSS (1933)
   sp-Alice ADDY
6-- Charles ROSS (1936)
6-- Howard ROSS (1940)
   sp-Audrey GOODWIN
6-- Clifton ROSS (1945)
5-- R. Woodrow LEE (1915)
   sp-Ellen WHITE (1918)
6-- Robert LEE (1939-1957)
6-- Hartis LEE (1941)
6-- Mary Alice LEE (1946)
6-- Bobby Wayne LEE (1949)
6-- James Harold LEE (1953)
   sp--- HUMPHREYS
7-- James Robert LEE (1977-1977)
7-- Shelie Wryn LEE
5-- Adell LEE (1916)
   sp-Lloyd HILL (1913)
6-- Sandra HILL (1937)
   sp-Dewey PILOT
6-- Roy Lee HILL (1939)
   sp-Janice FAULTNER
5-- Martha Adell LEE (1917-1977)
   sp-Lloyd HILL (1913)
6-- Roy Lee HILL
6-- Sandra L. HILL
5-- Moses LEE (1919-1919)
5-- Georgia LEE (1921-1981)
   sp-Carl LOCKWOOD (1913-1985)
7-- Brooks CROW
7-- Brandy CROW
5-- Ynez LEE (1928)
5-- Sarah Hanna LEE (1930)
5-- J. L. LEE (1932)
5-- Isaiah LEE (1935)
5-- Clifton Lewis LEE (1936)
   sp-Susie ______
6-- Richard LEE
6-- David LEE
4-- George Edward LEE I (1887-1969)
   sp-Lillie Mae MASON (1890-1928)
5-- [infant] LEE
5-- Elsie LEE (1910-1980)
   sp-Jet LOWERY (1909-1991)
6-- Elmer Ray LOWERY (1931)
   sp-Betty Jean ORALL
7-- Arnold Ray LOWERY (1958)
7-- Billy Rae LOWERY (1960)
7-- Wanda Jean LOWERY (1962)
   sp--- MOODY
8-- Lavon Marie MOODY (1980)
   sp-David Weston JONES
8-- Daniel Michalle JONES (1983)
8-- David Weston Allen JONES (1984)
8-- Robert Ray JONES (1988)
8-- Flynn Zachary JONES (1990)
6-- Mellowie Louise "Hunt" LOWERY (1936)
   sp-Daniel W. "Bill" HUNT (1924)
7-- Twila Joy HUNT (1954)
   sp-Montie HUFF
   sp-Gregory Scott CLARK
8-- Kristen Lynn CLARK (1981)
8-- Justin Scott CLARK (1985)
5-- Adell LEE (1916)
   sp-Lloyd HILL (1913)
6-- Sandra HILL (1937)
   sp-Dewey PILOT
6-- Roy Lee HILL (1939)
   sp-Janice FAULTNER
5-- Martha Adell LEE (1917-1977)
   sp-Lloyd HILL (1913)
6-- Roy Lee HILL
6-- Sandra L. HILL
5-- Moses LEE (1919-1919)
5-- Georgia LEE (1921-1981)
   sp-Carl LOCKWOOD (1913-1985)
sp-Mike OLSON
7-- Maggie Lee OLSON (1988)
6-- Tommy Ray LITTLES (1966)
7-- John Austin LITTLES (1990)
7-- Autumn Lee LITTLES (1993)
sp-Jimmy BUCK (1942)
4-- Isaac Benjamin LEE (1889-1891)
4-- Zona E. (Zonnie) LEE (1891-1982)
sp-Robert P. "Bob" PARKS (1884-1965)
5-- Jerry PARKS
sp-Dorothy JOHNSON
4-- Lona "Lonnie" LEE (1893-1979)
sp-John T. SHEPHERD (1881-1963)
5-- Annabell SHEPHERD (1921-1988)
sp-Vernon NOBLES (-1997)
6-- Brenda NOBLES
6-- Don NOBLES
sp-Charlene COOK
5-- Odella SHEPHERD (1925)
sp-Roy D. NOBLES
6-- Jeanette NOBLES (1946)
sp-Jesse TILLERY
6-- Johnny M. NOBLES (1949)
sp-Lorna PAULZAK
6-- Jimmy NOBLES (1950)
6-- Judy NOBLES (1954)
sp-Edward David MORROW (1952)
7-- Kristin MORROW (1982)
7-- Justin MORROW (1987)
6-- Jeffery NOBLES (1959)
5-- J.E. SHEPHERD (1926-1975)
5-- Louise SHEPHERD (1927-1975)
sp-Howard SHEPHERD (1930-1990)
6-- Linda CLEM
sp____ TAILLERY
5-- Vernell SHEPHERD (1929-1972)
6-- Edward SHEPHERD
6-- Marylin SHEPHERD
6-- Meyle SHEPHERD
6-- Paul SHEPHERD
6-- Andy SHEPHERD
6-- Dennis SHEPHERD
4-- Dona Jane "Donnie" LEE (1895-1963)
sp-Marshall L. GARDNER (1895-1950)
5-- Beutrice GARDNER
sp-Floyd STOKES (1904-1987)
5-- Gertie GARDNER
5-- Baskell GARDNER
5-- Hershel GARDNER
5-- Ruby GARDNER
5-- M.L. GARDNER
5-- Zona GARDNER
5-- Estell GARDNER
4-- Dudley LEE (1907-1974)
sp-Jessie L. "Lulah" ROSS (1910-1990)
5-- Dorothy LEE (1929)
sp-Clifford WHITTEN
5-- Ruth LEE (1930)
5-- Gertrude LEE (1931)
sp-John ECHOLS (1931)
6-- John W. ECHOLS (1956)
sp-Judy HODGES
7-- Page ECHOLS (1975)
7-- Dustin ECHOLS (1978)
5-- Robert LEE (1933)
5-- Gladys LEE (1937)
5-- Lula "Lou" LEE (1939)
sp-Ronald BUCK
6-- Janice Lynn BUCK
sp-Billy FRANKLIN
6-- Vance Edward BUCK
sp-Ronald Cleo IVY
6-- Eric IVY (1963)
6-- Ervin Patrick IVY
6-- Darren Dawson IVY
5-- David Glen LEE (1942)
5-- Billy Joe LEE (1945)
5-- Donald Carrol "Don" LEE (1947)
5-- James Edward LEE (1948-1966)
5-- Martha Ann LEE (1951)
4-- Annabell LEE (1913)
sp-Paul ECHOLS (1912-1956)
5-- William Rayburn ECHOLS (1937)
sp-Valjean SLATTON
5-- Robert Edward ECHOLS (1938)
sp-Patricia RAY
3-- George Samuel "Sam" LEE (1864-1938)
sp-Lillian Iclis "Lillie" LEE (1868-1946)
4-- Anna Elizabeth LEE (1887-1909)
sp-Jess FAUCH (-1974)
4-- Powell Nano LEE (1889)
sp-Florence PHARR
4-- James Berry (Jim) LEE (1892)
sp-Ethel KIMBALL
5-- James Everett LEE
sp-Jane ______
6-- Raymond Eugene LEE
7-- Benjamin LEE
7-- Dareck LEE
7-- Javin LEE
6-- Michael Robert LEE
7-- Megan LEE
6-- Donald James LEE
7-- Christine LEE
7-- Heather LEE
5-- Robert LEE
5-- Glen Samuel LEE
sp-Sue LEE
5-- Ruth LEE
sp____ LOWNIE
5-- Virginia Grace LEE
sp____ MCCARTHY
6-- Mary MCCARTHY
sp-Greg STENARDUE
4-- Emma G. LEE (1895-1900)
4-- Grace Louetta [Lola?] LEE (1902-1980)
sp-William Odus SIMPSON (1900-1994)
5-- Boberla Eudell SIMPSON (1922)
sp-Coope BLANCHARD
5-- Veda Geneva SIMPSON (1924-1929)
5-- Dessel May SIMPSON (1925)
sp-J. C. FENNY
5-- Joe Reda SIMPSON (1929)
5-- Willie Gene SIMPSON (1932)
sp-Wanda BLANCHARD
5-- Eliver SIMPSON (1935)
5-- [infant] SIMPSON (1931-1931)
4-- Birtha Ann LEE (1905-1976)
sp-Edwin Erwin STEED (1904)
5-- Imogene STEED (1927)
sp-Kenneth CALHOUM
6-- Ray CALHOUM
6-- Rodney CALHOUM
5-- Lillian Icilus STEED (1929)
sp-Max HOLLOMON
5-- Lena Mae STEED (1940)
sp-Lee HILL (1908-1984)
5-- Jewel D. HILL (1926-1973)
sp-Edgar COUCH
5-- Samuel Milshel HILL (1932)
sp-Lucile CRAFT
6-- Randy HILL
6-- Mike HILL
5-- William Travis HILL (1935-1952)
5-- Joy Wanda HILL (1938)
sp-Fredie GEE
5-- Junior Lee HILL (1940)
sp-Francis Bernice ELLISON (1943)
6-- Karen Frances HILL (1961)
sp-Rance Allan HOOD (1959)
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sp-Michael Jay SIBLEY
6-- Johnny L. HILL (1962)
6-- Peggy Jean HILL (1964-1995)
6-- Jeannette HILL (1967)
5-- Don Arnold HILL (1947)
sp-Charlene SPRIGHT
4-- Modena LEE (1911-1986)
sp-Elwood KIMBALL (1907-1990)
3-- Hamilton Wade Hill LEE (1866-1940)
sp-Emily MORTON (1877-1916)
4-- Stella Mary LEE (1897-1955)
sp-Everett CLAPP
4-- Riella Dora Amazone LEE (1898)
sp-Clarence COLLINS
4-- Eva Mae LEE (1899-1956)
sp-Gus Nell MEYER
4-- Nano William LEE (1901-1987)
sp-Effie Mae WOOD (1905)
5-- Oleta Mae LEE (1923)
sp-James Henry SHEPARD
5-- Nelda Gene LEE (1930)
sp-Harold Thomas BRINSON (1930)
6-- Kathryn Ann BRINSON (1954)
sp-Tom MARTIN
7-- Andrew Thomas MARTIN
6-- Max Harold BRINSON (1956)
sp-Johanna ____
6-- Paul Thomas BRINSON (1958)
sp-Peggy ____
5-- Billy Donald LEE (1935)
sp-Glenda E. MATHES (1935)
6-- Donna Gayle LEE
sp-Jamie MCCLAIN
6-- Rodney Karl LEE
sp-Tracy ____
5-- Carolyn Ann LEE (1938)
sp-Billy Ray HUGHES
6-- Lee Ann HUGHES (1961)
4-- Ida Ethel LEE (1903-1995)
sp-Jewell CASH (1904-1954)
4-- Roma Vrona LEE (1905-1971)
sp-Henry POWERS
4-- Mattie Lohoma LEE (1911)
3-- Jausha Luiza "Lula" LEE (1867-1962)
sp-Wil R. MILLER (1860-1925)
3-- Jesse Isom "Jess" LEE (1870-1960)
3-- Alonzo Burks "Lon" LEE (1871-1938)
sp-Florence Odella DAVIS (1877-1950)
4-- Artonia LEE (1901-1901)
4-- Elizabeth Lurinda "Betha" LEE (1903-1979)
sp-Robert C. BEACH (1910-1988)
sp-Hampton MORROW
4-- Jesse Rudy LEE (1906)
sp-Jona Mae RATTERREE (1908)
5-- Mona JoAnn LEE (1928-1928)
5-- Patsy Nell LEE (1931)
sp-William Bernard BARRETT (1928)
6-- Stephen Lee BARRETT (1954)
6-- Katherine Lynn BARRETT (1955)
sp-Gary L. MCHERSON (1954)
6-- Stanley Davis BARRETT (1960)
sp-Donna Jean WILLIAMS (1963)
7-- Austin Davis BARRETT (1990)
5-- Marilyn Virginia LEE (1933)
sp-Wilburn Ralph ROWELL I (1931)
6-- Wilburn Ralph "Skipper" ROWELL II (1956)
sp-Brenda ____ (1956)
7-- Brittany Renee ROWELL (1990)
7-- Eric Eigl ROWELL (1992)
6-- Stewart Edward ROWELL (1958)
sp-Kelly Kolleen KIDWELL (1963)
7-- Stewart Aaron ROWELL (1987)
7-- Anna Christine ROWELL (1991)
7-- Jacob Eli ROWELL (1995)
6-- Beverly Ann ROWELL (1959)
sp-Raymond CULP (1960)
7-- Tiffany MaRae CULP (1986)
7-- Hannah Breann CULP (1991)
6-- Melinda Lee ROWELL (1962)
sp-Roy E. HALL (1942-1996)
7-- Justin Roy HALL (1993)
7-- Tyler Rowell HALL (1995)
sp-Lela Laird QUICK (1909)
4-- Byron Cortez LEE (1913-1993)
   sp-Mary Avis BRADY (1916-1990)
5-- Mary Marverette LEE (1913)
   6-- Beverly Ann COSTON (1954)
   sp-Buddy Ray PEEBLES
7-- Monica Ann PEEBLES (1974)
6-- Shirley Jean COSTON (1957)
sp-Thomas Mitchel HAMMONS
7-- Christina Lashone HAMMONS (1978)
7-- Joshua Ryan HAMMONS (1984)
6-- Rebecca Faye COSTON (1963)
sp-James Herschel VARNADO
7-- James Herschel "Trey" VARNADO, III (1986)
4-- Mary Bryce LEE (1917)
sp-Clarence TARVER (1915)
5-- Bobbie Jo TARVER (1935)
sp-Robert Loyal TUTTLE I
6-- Robert Loyal TUTTLE II (1954)
6-- Robert Lee TUTTLE (1956)
sp-Renee ____
6-- Robert Jeff Edwin TUTTLE (1958)
sp-Kay ____
6-- Robert Franklin TUTTLE (1961)
6-- Robert Gregory TUTTLE (1962)
sp-Donna ____
5-- Leo TARVER (1936)
sp-Lucille Alice GIBSON (1940)
6-- Debra Kay TARVER (1957)
sp-Gary Lee BAKER
6-- David Lynn TARVER (1960)
sp-Robin Marcia BOSS
6-- Lonnie Howard TARVER (1969)
sp-Cathy DOPP
7-- Cayleigh Ann TARVER (1988)
sp-Stephanie Jane SHEID
6-- Lori Ann TARVER (1977)
5-- Franky Pearl TARVER (1938)
sp-Vernon L. CHRISTIANSEN
6-- James Hardy CHRISTIANSEN (1964)
6-- Curtis Lee CHRISTIANSEN (1966)
5-- Sonny D. TARVER (1941)
sp-Donna OSBORN
6-- Daphne TARVER (1969)
5-- Clarence Sherrill TARVER (1944-1983)
sp-Kitty ____
5-- Gordon Mitchell TARVER (1946)
sp-Martha LOFTON
sp-Lynn HALL (1903-1972)
3-- Margaret E. "Maggie" LEE (1873-1962)
sp-Benjamin F. "Ben" MORTON (1874-1944)
4-- J. Dudley "Dally" MORTON (1906-1912)
4-- Nellie MORTON (1911-1972)
3-- William Henry "Bill" LEE (1874-1965)
sp-Florence Christina "Tina" JOHNSON (1885-1929)
4-- [infant] LEE (1903-1903)
4-- Willie LEE (1907)
sp-Pearlie Mae CONATSER (1908-1998)
5-- Willoive "Irish" LEE (1926)
sp-James Leonard KILLION (1924)
5-- Burthel LEE (1935-1991)
sp-Jack MORGAN
6-- Richard MORGAN (1961)
sp-Trina ____
7-- Andrew James MORGAN
7-- Olivia Pearl MORGAN (1998)
6-- Kimberly MORGAN
3-- Mary Ann "Polly or Annie" LEE (1878-1946)
sp-James Walter LEGATE (1878-1910)
4-- Robert Homer LEGATE (1908)
sp-Mary EDWARDS (1913)
5-- James LEGATE (1930-1958)
5-- Georgia LEGATE (1938)
5-- Mary Frances LEGATE (1944)
4-- Joseph Dickson LEGATE (1909)
sp-Iva Maria CONATSER (1912-1969)
5-- Mary Catherine LEGATE (1929)
sp-William BUMGARNER
6-- Mary Marie BUMGARNER
sp-William Russell MASSEY
7-- Lisa Marie MASSEY (1966)
7-- Bonnie Janette MASSEY (1969)
sp-Bob WEBSTER
8-- Malarie Brooke WEBSTER (1989)
7-- Jason Russell MASSEY (1974)
6-- Joy Ann BUMGARNER (1949)
6-- William Dale BUMGARNER (195-)
6-- Joseph Dickson BUMGARNER I (1955)
sp-Joni ALLEN
7-- Joseph Dickson BUMGARNER II (1978)
7-- Bradley BUMGARNER (1988)
6-- Robert David BUMGARNER (1956)
sp-Rosann SPELLING
7-- Robert Andrew BUMGARNER (1985)
5-- Billy Joe LEGATE (1935-1996)
sp-Irene HUGHES
6-- Billie Alberta LEGATE (1953)
sp-Steve CRUMRINE
7-- Jennifer Rae CRUMRINE (1979)
6-- Ivy Janette LEGATE (1957)
6-- Peggy Sue LEGATE (1958)
sp-Robert CASTILLO
7-- Robert Joseph CASTILLO (1979)
7-- Cameli Jenette CASTILLO (1982)
6-- James Walter LEGATE (1961)
7-- James Walter LEGATE JR (1981)
7-- April Michele LEGATE (1984)
7-- Tommy Joyce LEGATE (1991)
6-- Joe Ivan LEGATE
6-- John Dickson LEGATE (1975)
sp-Chrystal ____
7-- Destiny Paige LEGATE (1996)
4-- [daughter] LEGATE
sp-Dennis Houston PARSONS (1872-1949)
4-- Irene Elizabeth PARSONS (1914)
4-- Jesse Thomas PARSONS (1917)
4-- Maxine PARSONS
3-- Sarah Frances "Fannie" LEE (1881-1949)
sp-William Henry "Bill" DAVIS (1869-1921)
4-- Woodrow Gladious DAVIS
sp-Gertrude _____
sp-Helen _____
4-- Curtis Clinton DAVIS
sp-June TAYLOR
4-- Betha Loetta "Etta" DAVIS (1907-1993)
sp-Carl Leroy WOODY (1908-1976)
5-- Frances Irene WOODY (1931)
5-- Willis Leroy WOODY (1933)
sp-Charlene UMSTEAD
5-- Effie Joan WOODY (1936)
sp-Bill STRAWN
5-- Patricia Ione WOODY (1939)
sp-Romney KOCH (COUCH?)
5-- James Weldon WOODY (1941)
sp-Reba Carrol EDWARDS
5-- Mamie Fay WOODY (1943)
sp-Fred BAUCH
4-- William James Theodore DAVIS (1908)
sp-Mary Francis STARK (1922)
5-- James Lloyd DAVIS (1944)
sp-Mary Kathleen WAGNER
5-- William Boyd DAVIS (1944)
sp-Patricia _____
5-- Larry Don DAVIS (1949)
sp-Carolyn ATTAWAY
sp-Cora _____
5-- Beverly Ellen DAVIS (1940)
sp-Gerald Lee HARRELL
5-- William Emmitt DAVIS (1942)
sp-Edith Faye KEPHA
2-- Augustus A LEE (1839-1888)
sp-Mary Josephine BATTLE (1845-1903)
2-- Richard H LEE (1840)
sp-Martha K. TRAWICK (1810)

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April 8, 1998

Donald Bone
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AR 72116

Dear Dorothy:

Exa Phillips Kelley is my wife’s grandmother. My wife, Beverly Kelley Bone is the daughter of Phillip Kelley who grew up in Delight. Phillip told me once that his grandmother was Nancy Elenor Price, but I must have misunderstood. However, I have used that information in some things that I have written, and may have sent copies to the Pike County Archives & History Society. I have written later that she was Phillip’s great-grandmother. Now that too seems to be wrong. I think now that the following is correct:

Exa Phillips married Samuel Chase Kelley and they lived in Delight. Exa’s parents were Henson Estes Phillips and Nancy Elenor Pierce. Nancy Elenor (spelled Elenor) Pierce was known by most folks as Ella. Phillip told me that she is buried at what he called the Saline Creek Cemetery near Murfreesboro. Her husband, Henson Estes Phillips (called Estes by most folks), died at a young age
leaving Ella with several children. He is buried near Hope in what Phillip called Asymana Cemetery.

Nancy Elenor Pierce is the daughter of Enoch Pierce and Nancy Ellen Price. They lived in Hope. Not long after the Civil War ended, Enoch was shot and killed at his home in some kind of altercation which resulted in a Negro man being executed for Enoch’s death. Nancy Ellen Price Pierce could not take care of her children after Enoch’s death, so they were put in foster homes. Ella (Nancy Elenor Pierce Phillips) lived with a family in Hope.

It is interesting that both Nancy Ellen Price Pierce and her daughter Nancy Elenor Pierce Phillips Purtell both lost their husbands while their children were very young. Nancy Ellen the mother never remarried. However, Ella, the daughter, did remarry. She married Mr. Purtell and they had a son Pete Purtell.

Ella Pierce Phillips had several children including Will Carlton Phillips. He was born about 1888 (1900 U.S. Census). I don’t know much about him. Phillip said he died in the 1950’s in an Alexandria, Louisiana, hospital. Is he buried at Saline Creek Cemetery near Murfreesboro? What are the dates on his headstone?

Dorothy, I have the above information with dates, and the sources of my information, listed in a paper that I am in the process of updating. As soon as I get that done, I will send you a copy.

Very truly yours, Don Bone

[Editor’s Note: Markers at Saline Cemetery read (1) Ella Phillips, 14 Dec 1864 - 14 Jul 1949, and (2) Will C. Phillips, 1 May 1889 - 14 Jun 1944, Arkansas Pvt 1 Cl 312 Mil Police 878 Div.]
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