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DESCENDANTS OF NANCY ELEANOR PRICE

GENERATION ONE

NANCY ELEANOR-3 PRICE (PETER OLIVER-2, PRICE-1) was born February 22, 1849 in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana, and died July 24, 1908 in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas. She married (1) ENOCH J. PIERCE, January 7, 1864, in Louisiana, son of LUCKY PIERCE and SARAH BEAIRD. He was born January 11, 1842 in Bibb County, Alabama or possibly Georgia, and died February 20, 1875 in Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas. She married (2) SAMUEL J. PURTELL, May 30, 1883, in Columbia County, Arkansas, son of THOMAS PURTELL and MARY DEFOOR. He was born September 13, 1847 in Camden, Ouachita County, Arkansas, and died March 18, 1935 in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas.

Notes for NANCY ELEANOR PRICE: The adoption papers of one of her children say her name was Nancy Ellen. Also the deposition she gave, when her husband Enoch J. Pierce was shot say, Nancy Ellen.

Notes for ENOCH J. PIERCE: ARKANSAS GAZETTE, February 28, 1875, page 4, column 3: "A few days since, a man named E.J. Pierce and a colored man named Broker Foster became involved in a quarrel, but were separated by friends. The former resided near Hope and the latter just below the village. On the following night, Foster called at Pierce's residence, called the gentleman out, shot and killed him. Foster was arrested, and while attempting to escape, was shot and killed." ARKANSAS GAZETTE, March 2, 1875, page 4, column 2: "The negro who was reported killed at Hope while attempting to escape, seems to have escaped sure enough. He took leg bail while a posse was in search of a coroner." ARKANSAS GAZETTE, July 11, 1875, page 4, column 2: "The Washington Telegraph says Booker Foster is to be hung for murder, in that county on the 15th day of this month for the murder of Mr. Enoch J. Pierce. The case went to the Supreme Court, but the decision there was against Foster." Enoch was in the Confederate Army. He served as a Private in the 17th Louisiana Infantry Regiment, Company C. He enlisted May 16, 1862, Monroe, Louisiana. Roll November and December, 1862, Present. Transferred from 31st to 17th Louisiana, November 18, 1862, order of General Smith. Roll January and February, 1863, Present. Federal Rolls of Prisoners of War, captured and paroled at Vicksburg, Mississippi, July 4, 1863.

Notes for SAMUEL J. PURTELL: Samuel's parents were both born in Alabama according to the 1900 census of Pike County, Arkansas. The census says that they were married 18 years.

Children of NANCY PRICE and ENOCH PIERCE:

NANCY ELENOR (ELLA)-4 PIERCE, born December 14, 1864, Union Parish, Louisiana; died July 14, 1949, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas.

SARAH JANE ANTINETTE (NETTIE) PIERCE, born June 12, 1867, Union Parish, Louisiana; died March 8, 1951, McKinneyville, Freestone County, Texas.

ZELPHA ELIZABETH PIERCE, born February 19, 1869, Union Parish, Louisiana; died May 9, 1919, Belton, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

MARTHA (MATTIE) PIERCE, born February 3, 1871, Union Parish, Louisiana. Notes for MARTHA (MATTIE) PIERCE: I believe she died before 1900. The 1900 census of Pike County, Arkansas. Census says that Nancy Price Pierce Purtell had 7 children and 5 were (then) alive. The 2 that died would be Martha and Roza Ann.

SUSAN CHARITY PIERCE, born September 16, 1872, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana; died June 1959, Chehalis, Lewis County, Washington.
ROZA ANN PERMELIA PIERCE, born February 6, 1875, Hempstead County, Arkansas; possibly died at birth, February 6, 1875, Hempstead County, Arkansas. Notes for ROZA ANN PERMELIA PIERCE: Pete O. Purcell told my Aunt Julia that he thought she died at birth, however there was a baby sitting in her Mother's lap when her father was shot and killed. Her sister Susan Charity was then two years 5 months old.

Child of NANCY PRICE and SAMUEL PURTELL:

PETER OLIVER-4 PURTELL, born September 15, 1883, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana; died May 23, 1969, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

GENERATION TWO

NANCY ELENOR (ELLA)-4 PIERCE (NANCY ELEANOR-3 PRICE, PETER OLIVER-2, PRICE-1) was born December 14, 1864 in Union Parish, Louisiana, and died July 14, 1949 in Delight, Pike County, Arkansas. She married HENSON ESTES PHILLIPS, January 18, 1882, in Hempstead County, Arkansas. He was born 1851 in Alabama, and died September 18, 1900 in De Roan Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Notes for NANCY ELENOR (ELLA) PIERCE: Ella's father died when she was still very young. Her mother could not support the children, so she placed them in foster homes. Ella lived with an attorney and his family in Hope. A letter written by Nancy to her sister Susan Charity:

Guernsey, Arkansas
October 6,1900

Dear Sister,

While you were writing your letter, the Death Angel showed up at my door on Tuesday the 18th of September. He claimed my dear husband. He died of Swamp fever. He was only sick 4 days. He was never able to talk but he knew us all to the last. Drs. Statefus, Sarver and Glispe did all they could but all in vain. My little baby boy was just one month and two days old when he died. I have 9 children to care for. I tell you my hands and heart are full. We have a good enough harvest gathered, nearly 3 bales of cotton and have about 8 more to gather. The children gathered corn this week. Will make about 200 bushels ... Our first cotton is a good price but I owe a big debt. Am afraid I won't have much left when I pay up. My 2 youngest children are boys. I named the little one for his papa. I had his picture enlarged. Got it the 1st of August. Am glad I did. I wouldn't take anything for it. I am so glad he lived to see it.

Exa says tell Aunt Susie she has to plow. She has no papa to plow for her. You were sadly mistaken when you think Brad sat in the house. He worked hard all the time and studied at night and more when everybody else were resting but poor boy his hopes are blighted for awhile at best. He was never very stout and can't stand farm work and we were trying to give him a chance but if I live he shall yet have ... (missing portion) ... get out of heart but stay with mama a few years and keep up with his studies and he might yet have his hopes realized. I know he is the best boy in the world. But for him I think I would give up. I am helping him all I can.

I have been picking cotton ever since Mr. Phillips died. I have a nurse bottle for the little
baby while I am in the fields ... (missing portion) ... We live in front of S.B. Jones where we lived when Little Roy died. Have been here 6 years. Will stay here next year. Everybody have been so kind to us.

Notes for HENSON ESTES PHILLIPS: The 1900 Hempstead County, Arkansas census shows Henson's father born in Georgia and his mother born in North Carolina.

Marriage Notes for NANCY PIERCE and HENSON PHILLIPS: Estes and Ella were married January 18, 1882, in Hempstead County. She was 18; he was 31. They were married by G.D. Vance, JP. They had a farm four miles west of Hope. All of their children were born while they were living there. Estes died while his children were still very young, so Ella's husband, just like her father, died young leaving a mother with a large family of small children. Ella's mother had remarried and was living in the Saline Creek Community in Pike County, between Delight and Murfreesboro and Ella moved there with her children. She never remarried. Later she homesteaded a place off Strawberry Road near Delight. She was living alone at her home near her daughter Exa in Delight when she died July 14, 1949, at the age of 74. She is buried at Saline Creek Cemetery. Estes is buried in Symona Cemetery near Hope. They had ten children.

Children of NANCY PIERCE and HENSON PHILLIPS:

HENRY BRADFORD (BRAD)-5 PHILLIPS, born July 1882, near Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died Denver, Denver County, Colorado; m. ELLA ------- ; died Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Notes for HENRY BRADFORD (BRAD) PHILLIPS: H.B. married Ella and they were living in Moore, Oklahoma in 1971 when his sister Exa died. Shortly afterward they moved to Denver where their youngest son lived. They both died there in the early 1970's.

HAWTENSE PHILLIPS, born May 1886; married RUBEN HARRIS; born near Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas. Notes for HAWTENSE PHILLIPS: Hawtense died after 1949. She married Ruben Harris and they lived at Arkadelphia. They had two children.

EXA PHILLIPS, born August 7, 1887, near Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died May 10, 1971, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married SAMUEL CHASE KELLEY, January 24, 1904, Pike County, Arkansas; born January 18, 1878, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas; died January 24, 1962, Ouachita Hospital, Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas. Notes for EXA PHILLIPS: Exa's father passed away the 18th of September, 1900, and Exa had to do the plowing of the fields at the age of 13.

ROY PHILLIPS, born about 1889; died between 1894-1900.

WILL CARLTON (CORRY) PHILLIPS, born May 1, 1889, near Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died June 14, 1944, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. Notes for WILL CARLTON (CORRY) PHILLIPS: Will is buried adjacent to his mother's grave in Saline Cemetery with the inscription: Ark. PVT CL 312 Mil Police 878 Div.

WENDLE H. PHILLIPS, born July 1891, near Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died before 1910. Notes for WENDLE H. PHILLIPS: Wendle died in his youth.

KATHERINE JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, born January 1894.

WILLIE ROSE PHILLIPS, born February 11, 1896, near Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died November 10, 1993, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas; married JAMES THOMAS PARSONS, December 22, 1912, Pike County, Arkansas; born November 21,
1888; died February 12, 1971, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas.

CHESTER LEE PHILLIPS, SR., born February 14, 1898; died November 2, 1975, Tyler, Smith County, Texas.

HENSON PHILLIPS, born August 16, 1900, Gurnsey or Hope, Arkansas; died before 1910. Notes for HENSON PHILLIPS: His father died when he was 1 month and 2 days old. Henson died as an infant.

SARAH JANE ANTINETTE (NETTIE)-4 PIERCE (NANCY ELEANOR-3 PRICE, PETER OLIVER-2, PRICE-1) was born June 12, 1867 in Union Parish, Louisiana, and died March 8, 1951 in McKinneyville, Freestone County, Texas. She married MILAS RICHMOND KELLEY, 1890, in Pike County, Arkansas, son of WESLEY KELLEY and JANE D. (WESSON) PATTERSON. He was born January 6, 1862 in Pike County, Arkansas, and died April 28, 1917 in Freestone County, Texas.

Notes for SARAH JANE ANTINETTE (NETTIE) PIERCE: Buried in the New Hope Cemetery, off HWY 84 between Teague and Mexia, Texas which is west of Hwy. 45 about half way between Dallas and Houston. "Nettie Anna" Sarah Jane Pierce married Milas Richmond Kelley in 1890. They moved to Texarkana, Arkansas and to Buchannen, Texas then Madisonville, Texas about 1894. About 1902 they moved to Bryan, Texas.

Children of SARAH PIERCE and MILAS KELLEY:

NANNIE-5 KELLEY, born September 1891; died 1893.

JAMES WESLEY KELLEY, born March 31, 1893, Texas; d. February 9, 1923, Freestone County, Texas.

NAOMI MARIE KELLEY, born October 27, 1894; died August 17, 1964, Limestone County, Texas; married PRICE MILLARD WEST.

MARTHA REBECCA KELLEY, born August 6, 1896, Texas; died December 21, 1982, Teague, Freestone county, Texas [06]; married (1) ALLEN SMITH, Freestone County, Texas; married (2) JAMES MONROE LUVVORN; married (3) IRVIN HEMPHILL BALDREE; born March 27, 1887; died October 12, 1968, Teague, Freestone County, Texas.

J. ALLAN KELLEY, born September 15, 1901.

MARY JANE KELLEY, born March 8, 1904, Texas; died March 5, 1991, Humble, Harris County, Texas; married WILLIAM MARVIN BUTCHER.

EMORY FRANKLIN (FRANK) KELLEY, born April 6, 1907.

ZELPHA ELIZABETH-4 PIERCE (NANCY ELEANOR-3 PRICE, PETER OLIVER-2, PRICE-1) was born February 19, 1869 in Union Parish, Louisiana, and died May 9, 1919 in Belton, Hempstead County, Arkansas. She married ISAAC NEWTON MOORE, August 14, 1884, in Pike County, Arkansas, son of ALEX MOORE and ANN JONES. He was born October 31, 1857 in Arkansas, and died November 18, 1936 in Warm Springs, Randolph County, Arkansas.

Children of ZELPHA PIERCE and ISAAC MOORE:
ROBERT DANIEL-5 MOORE, born March 5, 1887, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died November 9, 1918, France.

SAMUEL MOORE, born August 20, 1891; died January 7, 1972, Randolph County, Arkansas; married DAISY ATCHLEY, December 20, 1909; born May 12, 1892; died January 31, 1991, Randolph County, Arkansas.

ENOCH GRAY MOORE, born November 28, 1894; died January 31, 1984, Hurst, Tarrant County, Texas; married EDITH IDELL CULPEPPER, March 23, 1919; born December 12, 1901; died December 20, 1980, Hurst, Tarrant County, Texas.

NORA ADEL MOORE, born August 11, 1896, Pike County, Arkansas; died July 6, 1988, Colorado County, Texas; married HENRY ELLIOT (SKEET) HILE; born November 5, 1886; died September 11, 1966, Colorado County, Texas.

PETE JACK MOORE, born August 24, 1899, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; died December 26, 1972, Smackover, Union County, Arkansas; married ANNIE OPHELIA ALEXANDER, December 28, 1919, Belton, Hempstead County, Arkansas; born December 1, 1903, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; died December 7, 1991, Smackover, Union County, Arkansas.

BETTY MOORE, born August 17, 1901, Pike County, Arkansas; died February 8, 1990, Yreka, Siskiyou County, California; married FRED LANE; born April 27, 1895, Missouri; died March 22, 1977, Yreka, Siskiyou County, California.

NANNIE MOORE, born August 28, 1904, Pike County, Arkansas; died April 26, 1943, El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas; married EARL BYRD BOWMAN; born February 27, 1900, Jefferson County, Arkansas; died January 10, 1981, Union County, Arkansas.

SUSAN CHARITY-4 PIERCE (NANCY ELEANOR-3 PRICE, PETER OLIVER-2, PRICE-1) was born September 16, 1872 in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana, and died June 1959 in Chehalis, Lewis County, Washington. She married (1) JOHN ANDREW HESS, September 16, 1890, in Hempstead County, Arkansas, son of JOSEPH HESS and JULIA STREICHER. He was born April 25, 1865 in Maybee or Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan, and died March 6, 1894 in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. She married (2) AMBROSE FRANKLIN (FRANK) CASSIDY, June 21, 1896, in Lapwai, Nez Perce County, Idaho. He was born August 14, 1868 in Houlton, Aroostook County, Maine, and died December 9, 1954 in Chehalis, Lewis County, Washington.

Notes for SUSAN CHARITY PIERCE: She was adopted by Patrick & Catherine Donnelly after her Father was killed. Paterick Donnelly worked for the railroad. Also a girl by the name of Katie was adopted by the Donnellys and married Ambrose Franklin Cassidy's twin brother Jack. Jack's name on his marriage licence to Catherine Donnelly is M.C. Cassidy. Susan's adoption papers say her name was Susan Charity and her tombstone says Susan Charity but her oldest daughter Susie said her name was Susanna Josephine. Did the Donnellys rename her after she was adopted? Also her first marriage licence was signed Susie J. Donnelly. Her adoption was final on the 23rd day of January, 1880. The 1900 census shows her as S.C. Donnelly. Susan was first married to John Andrew Hess who died on March 6, 1894. A friend of Susan, Mrs. Hogan, wrote her on June 3rd, 1894 from Pueblo, Colorado and told her how much she missed her since she had left and that her husband missed John Hess very much since his death. Patrick Donnelly was 23 in the 1880 Census of Hempstead County, Arkansas and Catherine was 20 in the same census. I believe they bought land in Hempstead County, Arkansas in 1875 and also Pope County, Arkansas in 1885.
Notes for JOHN ANDREW HESS: John was a locomotive engineer for the Missouri Pacific Railway, from Pueblo, Colorado to Hoisington, Kansas and return. John is buried at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Pueblo, Colorado. He is in block 29 lot 399.

Marriage Notes for SUSAN PIERCE and JOHN HESS: John and Susie were married by Michael McGill, M.G.

Notes for AMBROSE FRANKLIN (FRANK) CASSIDY: Frank and his twin brother Jack left Maine in the year 1891. Enroute they stopped in Butte, Montana, for a short stay, but continued on to Lewiston, Idaho, where they met the Donnelly sisters, Susan and Catherine. They were married in a double ceremony in Lapwai, Idaho, at a Catholic Mission by a Catholic Priest named A. Soer on the 21th day of June, 1896.

Children of SUSAN PIERCE and JOHN HESS:

SUSIE-5 HESS, born July 9, 1891, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado; died March 7, 1974, Spokane, Spokane County, Washington; married FREDERICK RUSSELL HUME, November 17, 1909, Pine Creek, Alberta, Res. of Frank Cassidy; born September 4, 1885, Aylmer, Quebec, Canada; died November 29, 1975, Whitefish, Flathead County, Montana.

EUNICE HESS, born August 15, 1893, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado; died September 10, 1981, Napavine, Lewis County, Washington; married (1) WILLIAM WALTER OAKES; b. August 10, 1871, Roseau, Roseau County, Minnesota; died January 3, 1933, Chehalis, Lewis County, Washington; married (2) FRED J. ZUCKER, January 1943; born October 7, 1907; died November 20, 1989, Centralia, Lewis County, Washington. Notes for EUNICE HESS: Eunice met Fred Zucker when she was in Fortine, Montana working as a cook for her brother in law Fred Hume. Fred Zucker was working for Fred Hume at the time. Eunice and Fred Zucker are buried in Section F, Block 5, Lots 305 & 306 at Claquato Cemetery, Chehalis, Washington. Chaplain Richard E. Barada was the officiate at the her funeral service. Notes for WILLIAM WALTER OAKES: Walter is buried in section 4, lot 8, Stickland Cemetery, Centralia, Washington.

Children of SUSAN PIERCE and AMBROSE CASSIDY:

AMBROSE-5 CASSIDY. Notes for AMBROSE CASSIDY: Ambrose was accidentally shot by younger brother Dan when he picked up a gun and aimed it at Ambrose not knowing it was loaded. It was the gun that belonged to Pat Cassidy and he had not unloaded it. Pat's son Joe said it always bothered his father blaming himself for the terrible accident.

JOHN CASSIDY. Notes for JOHN CASSIDY: Died at a young age.

GRADON CASSIDY.


HELEN J. CASSIDY, born April 5, 1906; died November 1985, Centralia, Lewis County, Washington; married CHESTER L. GESCHE; b. November 25, 1899; died April 1987, Centralia, Lewis County, Washington. Notes for HELEN J. CASSIDY: Helen and Chester are buried in section F, Block 5, Lot 307 and 308, Claquato cemetery, Chehalis,
Washington.

DANIEL ROSS CASSIDY, born November 11, 1908; died October 13, 1982, Santa Clara County, California; married ALICE MARIE WARD.

NELLY C. CASSIDY, born August 19, 1911; died August 1987, Chehalis, Lewis County, Washington; married (1) ART SMITH; married (2) OSCAR H. AUST; born June 3, 1908; died December 27, 1996, Chehalis, Lewis County, Washington. Marriage Notes for NELLIE CASSIDY and ART SMITH: Nellie and Art were divorced when Sharon there daughter was 3 years old. Notes for OSCAR H. AUST: Oscar was in the US Navy during World War II.

FRANK M. CASSIDY, born August 8, 1913; died February 20, 1994, Centralia, Lewis County, Washington; married (1) JOANNE ------- ; married (2) EDWINA MILLER; married (3) DORIS A.; born October 29, 1927; died December 14, 1990, Centralia, Lewis County, Washington. Notes for FRANK M. CASSIDY: Frank and Doris are buried at Sunset Gardens Cemetery in the "Garden of Devotion" Lot 29, space 3 & 4.

KATHLEEN CASSIDY, born July 19, 1915; married LAURENCE (LARRY) HOWE; born February 7, 1912; died June 1979, Lane County, Oregon.

PETER OLIVER-4 PURTELL (NANCY ELEANOR-3 PRICE, PETER OLIVER-2, PRICE-1) was born September 15, 1883 in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana, and died May 23, 1969 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. He married Verna May Geiser, October 16, 1910, in Delight, Pike County, Arkansas, daughter of Elias Geiser and Josephine Marberry. She was born August 22, 1888 in Clark County, Arkansas, and died February 18, 1966 in Dallas County, Texas.

Child of PETER PURTELL and Verna Geiser:

JEFFERSON DWIGHT-5 PURTELL, born September 18, 1912, Delight, Pike County, Arkansas; died March 9, 1985, Duncanville, Dallas County, Texas; married Verda Lucille Russell; born November 28, 1917; died January 27, 1997, Duncanville, Dallas County, Texas.

Descendants of Nancy Eleanor Price, provided by Jim Lee, 28 October 2000, thelees@3-cities.com

Milas Richmond Kelley

Gospel Preachers Who Blazed The Trail

M.R. Kelley was born in Pike County, Arkansas, Jan. 6, 1862. His father died when he was 15, leaving the wife with six daughters and two sons for Brother Kelley to support.

September, 1878, he obeyed the Gospel. Desiring to be full conversant with the teaching of the Bible, that he might teach it to others as well as know his every duty, he became a close student of the Book of Inspiration. Many nights he read the Bible by pine knot fires.

When he was twenty-eight years of age he was married to Miss Nettie Pierce. Moved to Texarkana, Texas and then in 1893 to Madison County, Texas, where in 1894 he began preach-ing. Since that time he has never allowed an opportunity to present the Truth to escape him.

By trade he is a carpenter and follows his trade for a livelihood, but preaches each Lord's day.

In 1902 he moved to Bryan, Texas where for two years he worked in a hardware store and preached each Sunday in reach of that place.
In 1907 he moved to Waco, Texas where he now lives. He spends some time working at his trade - carpentering. Each Sunday he preaches in that city or at some place in reach of there. His father and grandfathers were Gospel preachers.

He is a quiet, unassuming man, but has been a faithful preacher, and many have been baptized into Christ by him.


The Family of Thomas O. Kidd and Sarah Jane Westerman

Thomas O. Kidd the son of Samuel Kidd and Rebecca Boone was born September 5, 1822 in Delaware or Maryland and died January 1, 1895 in Pike County, Arkansas and is buried in College Hill cemetery. Sarah Jane Westerman, the daughter of Clifford D. Westerman and Fanny Fugitt was born September 14, 1829 in Tennessee and died March 12, 1912 in Pike County, Arkansas and is buried in College Hill cemetery. They married July 14, 1849 in Crittenden County, Arkansas and had eleven children:

- Fanny L. Kidd, born March 7, 1851 in Texas, married February 2, 1872, Isaac Taylor Fugitt, born July 26, 1848.
- Sarah Adeline Kidd, born July 13, 1852 in Texas, died July 12, 1890.
- Robert T. Kidd, born August 4, 1854 in Pike County, Arkansas, died December 25, 1862.
- Patsy Cornelia Kidd, born July 29, 1856 in Pike County, Arkansas died November 15, 1927, buried in College Hill cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas. She married June 8, 1882, William Taylor Oliver, born October 5, 1860, died February 4, 1918, buried in College Hill cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.
- Mary Jane Kidd, born February 27, 1858 in Pike County, Arkansas, died July 10, 1860.
- Clifford Lafayette Kidd, born October 30, 1859 in Pike County, Arkansas, died October 26, 1861.
- Jesse Stockstill "Buck" Kidd, born September 20, 1861 in Pike County, Arkansas, died March 3, 1938, buried Avery's Chapel cemetery, McCaskill, Arkansas. He married January 4, 1883, Catherine Delina "Lina" Bradley, born April 11, 1866, died July 17, 1966, buried Avery's Chapel cemetery, McCaskill, Arkansas.
- Julia Ann Kidd, born August 8, 1863 in Pike County, Arkansas, died October 10, 1888.
- Richard Young Kidd, born May 16, 1866 in Pike County, Arkansas.
- William Benjamin "Bunk" Kidd, born April 24, 1868 in Pike County, Arkansas, died December 23, 1948, buried in College Hill cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas. He married July 24, 1892, Martha Isabella Oliver, born March 8, 1871, died October 19, 1954, buried in College Hill cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.
- Matilda Bell Kidd, born August 17, 1870 in Pike County, Arkansas, died April 19, 1872.

The mother and sister of Thomas Kidd died when he was young, then he and a brother lived with an uncle, a brother of his mother, on a farm near the city of Baltimore. His father remarried and reared a large family.

In 1839 Thomas Kidd left the home of his uncle and “in his roaming around” eventually reached Cairo, Illinois and worked on a steamboat upon the Mississippi river.

After Thomas Kidd and Sarah Jane Westerman married they remained in Crittenden County, Arkansas about one year and came to Pike County in 1850. He did some work at Center Point at a tannery and soon after moved to Texas, remained two or three years, then back to Arkansas for a short time. Thereafter he returned to Texas for two years, then removed to Arkansas and settled three miles northwest of Murfreesboro in 1856. Here he remained except for time spent in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

Thomas Kidd and Sarah Jane Westerman Family Bible

Births and Death

Thos. Kidd the son of Samuel and Rebecca Kidd was born Sept 5th A.D. 1822

Sarah Jane Kidd wife of Thos. Kidd was born Sept.
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14th A.D. 1829

Fannie L. Kidd Daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 17th of March A.D. 1851

Sarah Adeline Kidd Daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 13th of July A.D. 1852

Robert T. Kidd Son of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 4th of Aug. A.D. 1854

Patsey Cornelia Kidd Daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 29th of July A.D. 1856

Mary Jane Kidd Daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 27th of Feb'ry A.D. 1858

Mary J. Kidd Daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd departed this life this 10th day of July A.D. 1860

Clifford Lafayette Kidd Son of Thos. and Jane Kidd Departed this life Oct. 26th A.D. 1861

Robert T. Kidd son of Thos. and Jane Kidd departed this life Dec. 25th A.D. 1862

Matilda Bell Kidd Daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd departed this life April the 19th A.D. 1872

July Ann Kidd daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd departed this life Oct. the 10th A.D. 1888

Sarrah Adeline daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd departed this life the 12th July A.D. 1890

Thos. Kidd Husband of Jane Kidd departed this life this the 1st Jan. A.D. 1895

Clifford L. Kidd Son of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 30 of Oct. A.D. 1859

Jessie Stockstill Kidd Son of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 20th of Sept. A.D. 1861

Richard Young Kidd Son of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 16th of May A.D. 1866

Julia Ann Kidd Daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 8th of Aug. A.D. 1863

William Benj. Kidd Son of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 24th of April A.D. 1868

Matilda Bell Kidd Daughter of Thos. and Jane Kidd was born this the 17th of August A.D. 1870

Fannie Westerman mother of Sarah J. Westerman Kidd died Jan'y 23, 1879

Marriages

Clifford D. Westerman and Fannie Fugitt married Feb. 14. 1827

John W. Westerman and Rhoda J. Harris married Nov. 26th 1846

Lydia L. Westerman and Asa T. Davis married June 1. 1851.

Moses Westerman and Jane D. Huddleston married Dec. 13th 1854

Nancy A. Westerman and Joseph Grisam (sic) married May 13, 1855

Issac T. Fugitt was married to Fanny L. Kidd on Feb. 2, 1872

Thos. and Sarah J. Westerman was married on July 14, 1848.

Fanny Fugitt was born July 2, 1808.

John W. Westerman was born Nov. 5, 1827

Sarah J. Westerman was born Sept. 14, 1829

Lydia Westerman was born Aug. 20, 1831

Moses F. Westerman was born March 14, 1833

Jessie S. Westerman was born May 3, 1835

Nancy A. Westerman was born June 29, 1836

Clifford Westerman was born Sept. 20, 1838

William Westerman was born Jan. 29, 1841

Marcus L. Westerman was born April 13, 1843

Minerva...

Fanny M. was born Nov. 15, 1845


Arkansas Confederate Pension Application

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Sarah J. Kidd, Murfreesboro, Arkansas, widow of Thomas Kidd. Thomas Kidd served in Company K, 19th Arkansas Infantry. Thomas Kidd died January 1, 1895. Affidavit of J.A. Covington and Nathan Kizzia, June 22, 1901, citizens of Pike County, Arkansas "well acquainted with applicant Sarah J. Kidd widow of Thomas Kidd deceased, and have known her 40 years, respectively ... and (she) has not remarried."


Henry Oliver

Henry Oliver, 84, of near Amity died Wednesday of last week and was buried near Amity. He is survived by one son, one daughter, one brother Geo. Oliver of this city (Murfreesboro), and one sister Mrs. Bunk Kidd of Delight. Mr. Oliver formerly lived at Murfreesboro.

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Westerman-Flowers

Posted by Betty Westerman Ford, Sunday, May 16, 1999. Email: bwestermanford@yahoo.com; Address: P.O. Box 13, Leola, AR 72084.

My great-great grandfather, John Westerman was in Pike County with his family from the early 1850's to the time he enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1862. He married a second time during the year 1860 ... in Pike Co. to Rebecca Flowers. She disappears after the 1860 census and John disappears during his time in the Civil War. His war records shows him to be sick and in the hospital but does not say where. I can find no later records on these two ... My John Westerman is not to be confused with John W. Westerman, son of Clifford D. Westerman. They were about the same age and there at the same time. Clifford's son John always seemed to use the initial W. and my John did not ... although I believe his middle initial was also W. ... My John was either a brother or nephew of Clifford D. Westerman, I think ... Betty Westerman Ford.

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Pedigree Chart

Patsy Ruth Watson Livingston

Second Generation

#02 Father: Elbert Vernon Watson, born 30 Nov 1921, Zion Community, Arkansas; married 09 Jul 1938, Nashville, Arkansas.

#03 Mother: Esther Lee Orr, born 02 Aug 1919, Doyle Community, Arkansas.

Third Generation

#04 Paternal Grandfather: Wimberly Watson, born 04 Apr 1885, Arkansas; married 17 Jul 1904; died 26 Jul 1958, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

#05 Paternal Grandmother: Jannie E. Hatch, born 27 Mar 1887, Pike County, Arkansas; died 07 Sep 1970, Howard County, Arkansas.


#07 Maternal Grandmother: Annie C. Spring, born 10 May 1892, Pike County, Arkansas; died 24 Nov 1981, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas.

Fourth Generation
#08 Paternal First Great Grandfather: A. Watson, born 01 Jan 1855, Arkansas; married 21 Oct 1874, Howard County, Arkansas; died 22 Oct 1932, Sevier County, Arkansas.

#09 Paternal First Great Grandmother: Mary C. Parker, born 08 Dec 1853, Mississippi; died 29 Oct 1895, Howard County, Arkansas.

#10 Paternal First Great Grandfather: Thomas H. Hatch, born 03 May 1846, Carroll County, Tennessee; married 1881, Pike County, Arkansas; died 30 Jul 1925, Tokio, Arkansas.

#11 Paternal First Great Grandmother: Vica Ann Stewart, born 12 Mar 1859, Pike County, Arkansas; died 13 Mar 1944, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas.

#12 Maternal First Great Grandfather: David A. Orr, born May 1852, Tennessee; married 24 Dec 1871, Dresden, Weakley County, Tennessee; died October 1905, Ozan Community, Arkansas.

#13 Maternal First Great Grandmother: Sarah Lydia Tarlton, born April 1853, North Carolina; died 31 Mar 1909, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

#14 Maternal First Great Grandfather: Edles Clinton Spring, born 18 Feb 1869, Arkansas; married 30 Sep 1888, Nashville, Arkansas; died 07 Feb 1954, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas.

#15 Maternal First Great Grandmother: Sibia C. Jester, born 10 Apr 1873, Howard County, Arkansas; died 19 Feb 1905, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas.


Ross

Isaac White Ross was born circa 1817 probably in Alabama and died 14 Aug 1894 probably in Pike County, Arkansas.

He married first Deline Hawkins circa 1836 in Alabama; married second Mary Elizabeth (Stewart) Cooley, 30 May 1863, in Hempstead County, Arkansas; and married third Mary E. (Bryant) Huddleston, 1877, in Pike County, Arkansas.

Deline Hawkins was born circa 1817 in North Carolina and died before 1863, probably in Hempstead County, Arkansas. Children of Isaac White Ross and Deline Hawkins:

Delilah Ross, born 01 Oct 1837, Walker County, Alabama; died 26 Apr 1913, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married William Bradley, 01 Jul 1858, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Mary Deline Ross, born 1840, Alabama, married Richard Cile Cox, circa 1867, Pike County, Arkansas.

William M. Ross, born between 1842-1843, Alabama.

Sela A. Ross, born between 1844-1847, Alabama; married Charles W. Chadwick, 28 Aug 1879, Howard County, Arkansas.

Thomas Barton Ross, born 1851, Arkansas; married Sally Rowland.

James C. Ross, born 1853, Arkansas.

Isaac White Ross is listed in the 1840 census of Walker County, Alabama. In 1850 he is listed in the census for Phillips County, Arkansas with his wife and four children, plus James Hawkins age 20, who is probably a brother of his wife Deline Hawkins. From Arkansas land records Issac W. Ross purchased land in Hempstead County on May 1, 1856 and April 2, 1860 and is enumerated in the 1860 Hempstead County census, Mine Creek Township, with wife Deline, five children, and Mary Hawkins age 68 and Eliza P. Hawkins age 23. He has not been located in the 1870 census, but in 1880 he is listed in the census for Pike County, Arkansas, White Township with a new wife Mary E. Ross, Benjamin Huddleston age 16, stepson, and Isaac F. Ross age two.

No information has been found for the parents of Isaac White Ross nor is it known where he is buried; also information lacking about his first wife Deline Hawkins.

Mary E. (Bryant) Huddleston was born 29 Nov 1842 in Tennessee and died 30 Nov 1920 in Bromide, Oklahoma. She married first, John Wesley Huddleston; married second, Isaac White Ross; and married third, Joseph Alexander.
Children of Isaac White Ross and Mary E. (Bryant) Huddleston:

Isaac Franklin Ross, born 21 May 1878, Pike County, Arkansas; died 10 Mar 1951, Howard County, Arkansas; married Viola Frances Perrin, 15 Sep 1898, Howard County, Arkansas.

Mary Deline Ross, born 29 Mar 1881, Pike County, Arkansas; died 20 Feb 1952, Olney, Oklahoma; married James Henry Chambers, 25 Nov 1900, Howard County, Arkansas.

William Johnston Ross, born 29 Jul 1886, Pike County, Arkansas; died 22 Sep 1938, Pontotoc, Oklahoma; married Susan VelDora Chambers, 18 Nov 1906, Howard County, Arkansas.

Mary E. Bryant had one child by her first marriage, Benjamin Huddleston, born about 1864 in Pike County, Arkansas. No other information found about her son or first husband or if Issac White Ross had children by his 2nd wife Mary Elizabeth (Stewart) Cooley.

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Perrin

Archelaus Perrin was born in 1806 in Madison County, Kentucky and died March 1880 in Clark County, Arkansas. His father Samuel Perrin his mother Martha Blanks. He married Mary Start prior to 1840.

Mary Start was born between 1818-1822 in Louisiana and died after 1880 probably in Clark County, Arkansas. The known children of Archelaus Perrin and Mary Start:

Elizabeth J. Perrin born 1840, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Samuel M. Perrin born 1843, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Harriett ------- circa 1869-1870, Montgomery County, Arkansas.

Josephus Perrin born 1845, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Alice A. Baker, 06 Jan 1870, Clark County, Arkansas.

Lydia Perrin born 06 Nov 1847, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 02 Sep 1934, Pike County, Arkansas; married Adam Henry Reid, 23 Dec 1866, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

William C. Perrin born 29 Mar 1850, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 14 Jun 1943, Howard County, Arkansas; married Melissa Ida Howard circa 1874, Arkansas.

Susanna F. Perrin born 10 Dec, 1854, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 15 Nov 1940, Howard County, Arkansas; married Nathaniel Leamon, 05 May 1878, Clark County, Arkansas.

Robert B. Perrin born 06 May 1856, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 31 Jan 1925, Howard County, Arkansas; married first, Josephine Bell; married second Mary Ida Bissell.

Thomas Jefferson Perrin born May 1861, Arkansas.

Mary Perrin born 1863, Arkansas.

Archelaus Perrin is listed in the 1840, 1850, 1860 census for Hempstead County, Arkansas and the 1870 and 1880 census for Clark County, Arkansas.

Samuel Perrin was born circa 1780 in Bedford County, Virginia and died between 1840-1850 in Hempstead County, Arkansas. His father John Perrin his mother Mary Baber. He married Mar-tha Blanks 12 Mar 1805 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.

Martha Blanks was born circa 1786 in Charlotte County, Virginia and died after 1850 probably in Hempstead County, Arkansas. Her father Shad-rack Blanks her mother Lydia Perrin. Children of Samuel Perrin and Martha Blanks:

Archelaus Perrin born 1806, Madison County, Kentucky; died March 1880, Clark County, Arkansas; married Mary Start. William C. Perrin born 1809, Madison County, Kentucky.

Willis Perrin born 1811, Madison County, Kentucky; died Dec 1879, Montgomery County, Arkansas; married Mary McCombs, 16 Jan 1840, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Lydia Perrin born 1813, Madison County, Kentucky; married William Brown, 17 Nov 1836, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Perrin born 1815, Madison County, Kentucky; married Madison Ward, 04 Sep 1836, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Robert Perrin born 1819, Kentucky.

Josephus Perrin born 1821, Kentucky.

Zeno Temple Perrin born 1823, St. Francois County, Missouri;
died 22 May 1863, Petersburg, Virginia in a prisoner of war hospital, Civil War; married first, Martha E. Click, 24 Dec 1851, Sevier County, Arkansas; married second, Rebecca S. Wakley, 1860, Polk County, Arkansas.

Samuel M. Perrin, born 1825, St. Francois, County, Missouri.

Samuel Perrin is listed in the 1810 Madison County, Kentucky census, the 1830 St. Francois County, Missouri census and purchased land in Hempstead, Howard County, Arkansas on 15 Apr 1837 and 10 Jul 1848. He is enumerated in the 1840 Hempstead County, Arkansas census and in the 1850 census are found his wife Martha with their two youngest children in Hempstead County. Samuel has obviously died.

Sons, Archelaus, Josephus, William C. and Samuel Perrin all bought land in Arkansas.

Zeno Temple Perrin enlisted in the Confederate Army 10 Jun 1862 in Polk County, Arkansas in Company D, Dawson's Arkansas Infantry. He was wounded at Chickamauga, Georgia and later taken prisoner 11 Jan 1863 and is listed on a roll of prisoners at Camp Douglas, Illinois 08 Feb 1863. He is listed among those sick and wounded at the hospital in Petersburg, Virginia where the surgeon certified his death in May 1863. His pay, $50, was turned over to Captain George C. Reid, Post Quartermaster, 21 Jul 1863.

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Group Record

Husband's Name: Elijah Stuart born between 1770-1780 in Virginia; died prior his wife in Hempstead County, Arkansas; married 21 Nov 1809 in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky; his father Abraham Stuart; his mother Mary Kuykendall.

Wife's Name: Susanna Dobbins born 10 Mar 1791 in Bedford County, Virginia; died 21 Jun 1869 in Hempstead County, Arkansas; her father Batton Dobbins or Dobyns; her mother Frances -------.

Children: Sara or Sarah Frances Stuart, married George Conway, 17 Jul 1835, Hempstead County, Arkansas; Emily Baker Stuart married Robert Henry Conway, 25 Dec 1847, Hempstead County, Arkansas; and others.

This information obtained in part from: Marriage records of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky and Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Note: For additional information about the Stuart Family refer to "The Gems" of Pike County, Arkansas, Fall 1998, Volume 9, Number 4, page 116-117.

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Antoine

Long a settlement on the Southwest Trail (old Military road) leading into Texas, Antoine did not become an incorporated municipality until Oct. 24, 1897. However, it is known that French trappers and Indian traders explored the area as early as the 1700's. Antoine is a common masculine name to the French. The first known homesteaders in Pike County were French Catholics who lived a little south of town on what is now known as the East Farm.

The 1847 directory of Catholic churches report that Father James Donohue was buried underneath the altar of the Church of St. Francis Xavier at Antoine. It is most likely that a settlement had grown up around this early place of worship. It is known that Father Donohue made his first trip to Rocky Comfort (now Foreman, Arkansas) in 1845 and that he served it and other settlements where there were Catholics along the Southwest Trial in Arkansas. According to long-time resident Olen Hendrix, the Antoine Baptist Church occupies the site of the former Catholic Church. The town cemetery is directly adjacent to it.

Antoine is located in Pike County on Highway 26 about 20 miles northeast of the county seat, Murfreesboro, and about 24 miles southwest of Arkadelphia at the Antoine River. At the time of its centennial, it has about 195 residents and is no longer a hub of business activity due to economic patterns, disastrous fires and other elements of change.

According to an account in "Early History of Pike County, Arkansas," in 1890 the city had a post
office, bank, church, school, cotton gin, gristmill, bottling works, sawmill, blacksmith shop, two hotels, drug store, hardware, billiard and pool hall, cafe, doctor, city hall, several merchandise stores and a two-story jail built of native stone. Six trains, two for passengers, passed through daily connecting to Gurdon on the east and to Womble (Norman) and other towns to the west.

Now there is a combination City Hall/Fire House, three churches, and a few small businesses as well as numerous residences. An effort is being made to build a city park. Also, still in business after more than 100 years is the Buford Hendrix Store. It was built in 1888 by the locally prominent W.P. Barton who sold it around the turn of the century to O.O. Meeks who ran it successfully until it was bought during the 1930's by Olen Hendrix. Buford bought it from his brother when he returned from World War II and has recently taken his son, Benson, in to the business.

The town name is pronounced a couple of ways by residents. Some say "ann-twine" and others say "ann-toyne." Perhaps correct French and the Arkansas dialect were not meant to mix.

Bobbie Hendrix

Written by PCAHS founder Bobbie Hendrix as Antoine celebrated its Centennial as an incorporated town on October 18, 1997.

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Friendship Church
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154 Taft Osborn - Moved
155 Curtiss Whislen - Moved
156 Dale Vaught - Dead
157 Smith Ault - Transferred
158 Charley Markham - Moved
159 Alpha Holmes - Moved
160 Ford Vaught - Moved
161 Floy Jackson - Moved
162 John Sligh - Dead
163 Charley Quillen
164 Carl Quillen
165 Dean Slaughter - Moved 1942 deceased
166 Kenneth Garner
167 John Floyd
168 Alton Bean
169 A.J. Spurlin Transferred to Methodist Church

Females
190 Roy Partridge - Moved
191 Virgil Garner - Moved
192 Art Garner
193 Floy Baggett
194 Math Hancock (deceased)
195 Mr. Ward
196 Alvin Garner
197 Clyde Smith

198 Bobbye Garner (moved)
199 Louise Davis 1947
200 Sue Smith
201 Mildred Davis 1949
202 Pery Ann Franklin
203 Mildred Garner
204 Lottie Garner
205 Gladys Garner
206 Madie Smith
207 Joyce (Kurkyindall) Ford Moved
208 Mrs. Roxie Bean Nov 6 1927
209 Mrs. Ilo Bean Baptized Sep. 24 1950

210 Clyde Smith
211 Willis Kirkpatric
212 Sue Smith
213 Mildred Davis
214 Perry Ann Franklin
215 Mildred Sue Garner

216 A. Smith - Dead
217 Martin Osborn - Moved
218 Lishea Garner - Moved
219 John Holmes - Moved
220 Lee Garner - Moved & Dead
221 J.F. Sligh - Dead
222 Tom Garner - Dead
223 James Garder - Dead
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225 Willie East
226 George Richardson
227 Otto Osborn - Dead
228 Elmer Wisner
229 Otis Vaught - Moved

230 George Richardson and Johnnie (Red) Bean were

Baptized July 13, 1952

Reba Joe Lyons
Cleda Fay Lyons
Sept. 11 1955

1958

8 Mrs. Jet Davis
ordained as Deacons of Church at Friend Ship Sept. 7 1958 By Bro. Hardin.

1961
Mrs. Andrew Davis

1962 Baptized Oct. 7, Sun
Miss Lynda Dorsey (a member)

Membership Records, 1901-1962, Friendship Church of Christ, Amity, Arkansas.

Start
Jim Aduddell
920 Boykin
Midwest City, OK 73110

Pike County Clerk
Murfreesboro, Arkansas 71958

I have been doing research on my wife's family surname of START. At the present time (1998) we have his family line back to Benjamin & Martha Start who were on the 1850 Hempstead Co. census of Ar.

Then we have info showing Benjamin & Martha Start were living in Pike Co., Ar. ... both were listed on the 1860 Pike Co. census. Benjamin was b. in 1792 in Virginia - Martha was b. in 1795 in Tenn. In 1860 it shows her as 65 yrs.

Martha was not listed on the 1870 Pike Co. census. So no doubt she had died between 1860-1870 ... it shows Benjamin Start as 78 yrs. old.

If possible we would like to get copies of Martha Start's death certificate & a copy of Benjamin Start's death certificate. We are hoping it will show names of parents of Martha & names of parents of Benjamin Start.

Also if you would have copies of (the) 1850, 1860 & 1870 Pike Co. census with Benjamin Start & family listed it would be so very helpful.

Also if you would have cemetery listings with tombstone inscriptions for Pike Co. White Twp. & Brewer Twp. ... we hope to visit in that area this spring & would like to visit (the) cemetery where they are buried. Also just spending time where Ruby's ancestors lived in the 1800's.

Any thing you can do to help would be greatly appreciated and if they have (a) Pike Co. library ... maybe you could pass this info on to (them).

Let me say thank you ... It would mean so very much to get more info on the Start family line.

Sincerely,
Jim & Ruby (Start) Aduddell

Cemetery Records

The Pike County Extension Homemakers Council started their research, an inventory of Pike County, Arkansas cemeteries, in the 1960's with an update in 1983-1984. Their work comprises the records of 80 cemeteries, including some burial places, and records of the Lake Greeson, Narrows Dam Project area where four cemeteries, the Martin, Bush-Epperson and two unnamed, were relocated for the water reservoir.

In 1986 the Pike County Extension Homemakers Council published their compiled cemetery records in a 447 page book entitled "Pike County Arkansas Cemetery Records". In its introduction is says, "Because of the age and conditions of many markers and the handwritten lists that were turned in, we readily admit that there will be some unavoidable mistakes either in dates or spelling of these names. Also, many graves were unmarked. We hope this book will assist people in tracing family trees ... or have an interest in Pike County."

A few Pike County, Arkansas cemetery listings may be found via the internet at two locations. Cemetery Records Online hosted by Interment.net has "Cemeteries of Pike County, Arkansas", URL: http://www.interment.net/us/ar/pike.htm

Bethel Cemetery
Caney Valley Cemetery
Coker Cemetery
New Ebenezer Cemetery
Glenwood Cemetery
Old Ebenezer Cemetery
The USGenWeb Tombstone Project for Arkansas includes listings of "Pike County" cemeteries and burial places surveyed by Tim Kirkham. URL: http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/arkansas/ar-pike.html (must use hyphen)

Bear Creek Cemetery, Kirby
Bells Bluff Cemetery west of Billstown
Bethel Cemetery, Glenwood
Brock Springs Cemetery east of Murfreesboro
Bullock Cemetery east of Nathan
Campbell Family Cemetery
Caney Valley Cemetery north of Kirby
Coker Cemetery near Rosboro
Conaster Family Cemetery & Conaster Homestead Cemetery
Cummins Cemetery south of Kirby
Ebenezer Cemetery, Rock Creek Road
East Farm Cemetery east of Delight
Forester Cook Cemetery near Kirby
Gentry Cemetery south of Antoine
Cemetery on Walter Hembey Land, Delight
Horn Town Cemetery
Cemetery in Dean McMillian's Pasture, Ione
Mt. Moriah Cemetery north of Murfreesboro
Mt. Zion Cemetery, Nathan
Nathan Cemetery, Nathan
Old Ebenezer Cemetery near Kirby
Old Factory Cemetery near Little Missouri River
Old New Hope Cemetery
Old Walls Cemetery near Delight
Piney Grove Cemetery
Redland Cemetery near Kirby
Sweet Home Baptist Cemetery near Nathan
Thomasson Family Plot near Delight
Ward Family Cemetery south of Antoine


Census Records

The Federal census records are available as a microfilm publication of the National Archives and generally found in major public libraries having well-established genealogy collections. They are also available for viewing at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and the National Archives Regional Centers such as the Southwest Regional Center in Fort Worth, Texas. The census microfilm publications are available for purchase through the National Archives and Records Administration.

The first census for Pike County, Arkansas is the 1840 census with successive census records for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880. Almost the entire national census for 1890 was destroyed. The census for Pike County resumes with 1900, 1910 and 1920. In 2002 the 1930 census will be released. The Pike County Archives and History Society in Murfreesboro maintains a microfilm copy of the Pike County census records.

The following Pike County, Arkansas census records have been published in text or book form:
The United States Federal Census 1840, Pike County Arkansas, David Kelley, Copyright 1991; Pike County Arkansas Census 1850, Courtney & Gerlene York, no date; Pike County Arkansas 1860 United States Census, Bobbie Jones McLane, 1st printing 1985, 2nd printing 1989; 1870 United States Census, Pike County, Arkansas, Dorothy Kennedy Partain, Copyright 1987; 1880 Pike County Arkansas Federal Census, Dorothy Kennedy Partain & Linda Willingham Meek, no date; 1900 Pike County, Arkansas Federal Census, J. Shane Hill & Dorothy Kennedy Partain, Copyright 1995; 1910 Pike County, Arkansas Federal Census, J. Shane Hill & Dorothy Kennedy Partain, Copyright 1996.

The Pike County, Arkansas census records are available on the internet. The Pike County, Arkansas GenWeb Site hosted by Kevin and Mary Feige has Pike County census records as a part of their "Online" records, category Census Records, URL: http://www.rootsweb.com/~arpike ... where you will find Pike County, Arkansas 1840; Pike County, Arkansas 1850 with households 1-102, 103-204, and 205-306; The 1900 Pike County Township Census: Antoine, Brewer, Caney Fork, Clark, Eagle, Missouri, Mountain, Muddy Fork, Pike, Saline, Self Creek, Thompson, White, Wolf Creek townships; The 1910 Pike County Township Census: Antoine, Brewer, Caney Fork, Clark,
Eagle, Missouri, Mountain, Muddy Fork, Pike, Saline, Self Creek, Thompson, White, Wolf Creek townships.

An Arkansas Connection hosted by Morris Myers provides the following under Census Information "a collection of Pike County Census information" URL: http://www.themyers.org ... The 1860 Pike County Census Index; The Complete 1860 Pike County Census; The 1870 Pike County Census Index; The Complete 1870 Pike County Census; The 1880 Pike County Census Index; The Complete 1880 Pike County Census; The 1900 Pike County Census; The 1910 Pike County Census.

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Death Certificates

Certificates of deaths for Arkansas begin in February 1914. The first death certificate for Pike County, Arkansas is that of Lawrence Nelson, February 2, 1914. These records are maintained by the Arkansas Department of Health and a copy of a death certificate may be acquired for $4.00. Additional copies of the same death record are $1.00 each when requested at the same time. The $4.00 cost is non-refundable even when a death certificate can not be found and is applied to the search for the record. Address:

Division of Vital Records
Arkansas Department of Health
4815 West Markham Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Check or money order should be made payable to: Arkansas Department of Health. Personal checks are accepted. To verify current fees, the telephone number is (501) 661-2336. This will be a recorded message.

Arkansas is very fortunate to have indexes of the death certificate records in a series of volumes compiled and published by Desmond Walls Allen of Arkansas Research, Conway, Arkansas. One of their immediate values is not having to exercise a "hit or miss" when ordering a death certificate. These volumes provide the name of the individual, the date of death, and the county where the death occurred. They are both in statewide and in regional volumes and the information is the same, only the arrangement and selection are different.

Statewide Volumes

Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923, 572 pages, $49.50; Arkansas Death Record Index, 1924-1933, 610 pages, $49.50; Arkansas Death Record Index, 1934-1940, 475 pages, $49.50. A NEW volume for 1941-1948 is now available. This volume shows age, race, and sex, in addition to the death date and county. Arkansas Death Record Index, 1941-1948, 701 pages, $59.50.

"One of the biggest values of these indexes is looking up collateral relatives, those great aunt and uncles and cousins, who may seem like fallen leaves off the family tree, but whose information can be helpful to you. A death record for some third cousin, twice removed may lead you to a family cemetery where generations of your family are buried."

Regional Death Indexes 1914-1923

Northwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Washington counties, 53 pages, $15.00.


Western Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Montgomery, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, and Yell counties, 61 pages, $15.00.

Southeastern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties; 54 pages, $15.00.

Southwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas,
Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Sevier, and Union counties, 72 pages, $16.00.

Central Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline counties, 128 pages, $18.00.


Regional Death Indexes 1924-1933

Northwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1924-1933: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Washington counties, 52 pages, $15.00.


Western Arkansas Death Record Index, 1924-1933: Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Montgomery, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, and Yell counties, 72 pages, $16.00.

Southeastern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1924-1933: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties, 56 pages, $15.00.

Southwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1924-1933: Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Sevier, and Union counties, 92 pages, $16.00.

Central Arkansas Death Record Index, 1924-1933: Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline counties, 135 pages, $18.00.

Regional Death Indexes 1934-1940

Northwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1934-1940: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Washington counties, 40 pages, $15.00.


Western Arkansas Death Record Index, 1934-1940: Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Montgomery, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, and Yell counties, 51 pages, $15.00.

Southeastern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1934-1940: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties, 56 pages, $15.00.

Southwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1934-1940: Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Sevier, and Union Counties, 61 pages, $15.00.

Central Arkansas Death Record Index, 1934-1940: Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline Counties, 94 pages, $16.00.

Regional Death Indexes 1941-1948

Northwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1941-1948: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Washington counties, 72 pages, $16.00.

Western Arkansas Death Record Index, 1941-1948: Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Montgomery, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, and Yell counties, 93 pages, $18.00.

Southeastern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1941-1948: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties, 99 pages, $18.00.

Southwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1941-1948: Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Sevier, and Union counties, 116 pages, $21.00.

Central Arkansas Death Record Index, 1941-1948: Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline counties, 207 pages, $28.00.


These volumes of Arkansas Death Record indexes for death certificates are available from:

Arkansas Research
P.O. Box 303
Conway, AR 72033
Tel: 501-470-1120
http://www.ArkansasResearch.com

Desmond Walls Allen generously provided for printing in previous issues of THE GEMS the death records index of Pike County, Arkansas for 1914-1923 and 1934-1940. They may be found in Volume 8, Numbers 1, 2 and 4, Winter-Spring-Fall 1997, and in Volume 9, Number 1, Winter 1998.

Library

A part of the Pike County Archives and History Society collection is located in the Heritage Room at the Library in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. The Library hours: Closed on Monday. Open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm, Thursday 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, and Friday 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.
Pike County Tax Book For The Year A.D. 1844.

Present Owners of All Property Taxed in Pike County in the State of Arkansas.

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The State of Arkansas,
County of Pike,

This day received of David S. Dickson, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Exofficio Clerk of the County Court aforesaid, the Tax Book for the year A.D. 1844. May 25th 1844.

Lewis Huddleston, Sheriff
and Collector of Pike County, Arks.

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Money loaned at interest 150

Total Value 84303

Pike County Tax Book for the year 1844 received and filed 14th June 1844 and $106.77 charged to Sheriff, page 88.

E.N. Conway, Auditor
of Arks.

Microfilm, Pike County, Arkansas Tax List 1844. Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Brock-Young**

Sept. 2, 1997

I am doing some family research on James D. Young. I believe he married Louisa (Eliza) Brock in 1880 in your county. I have visited your courthouse only to find it had burned. Louisa had a sister Elizabeth. They were the children of George R. Brock. Mrs. Brock died ... and George remarried (by) 1860 to Elizabeth Ann White of Antoine Township, Pike County. George R. Brock joined the Civil War with Company G, 4th Ark. Regmt. I can't find if he returned to Ark. or find his family. I believe the stepmother left these children ... and that they remained in that area. If you know anything about this family or where I could find out please let me know. I can't find them on the 1870
George R. Brock

George R. Brock enlisted as a Private in the original "Pike County Blues" the first company organized out of Pike County, Arkansas for the Confederate Army during the Civil War. When his company was mustered into service on August 17, 1861 it became Company G of the 4th Arkansas "McNair's" Regiment Infantry.

During George R. Brock's service the 4th Arkansas was assigned to McCulloch's Brigade in northwest Arkansas in late August 1861 and served in the Indian Territory, September and October 1861. Reassigned to McIntosh's Brigade, McCulloch's Division of Van Dorn's "Army of the West" in February 1862, they fought at Leetown battlefield at Pea Ridge on March 7-8, 1862. Reconsolidated at Van Buren, Arkansas, then marched overland to Des Arc, the regiment was transported by steamboat to Memphis in an attempt to unite the Army of the West with the Confederate Army of Mississippi to attack Grant at Pittsburgh Landing Tennessee, but arrived too late for the Battle of Shiloh. Reorganized at Corinth, Mississippi on May 8, 1862 they served in Price's Division, Army of the West, in the Corinth Campaign in May and June 1862.

George R. Brock was discharged from service on July 18, 1862 at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Washington L. Gammage, "The Camp, the Bivouac, and the Battlefield, Being a History of the Fourth Arkansas Regiment, from its First Organization Down to the Present Date", 1864.

James D. Young

James Dixon Young, son of George W. Young and Martha J. Ralls, was born 11 Feb 1858 in Sevier County, Arkansas and died 11 Jan 1926 in Cardin, Craig County, Oklahoma. He married (1) Sarah Ann Blackwood, 08 Sep 1876, in Howard County, Arkansas and divorced. He married (2) Anna Louiza Brock after Apr 1880 in Pike County, Arkansas, daughter of George R. Brock. She was born ... in Duckcreek, Alabama and died 03 Apr 1922. The children of James Dixon Young and Sarah Ann Blackwood: George A. Young, born about 1878 and Leon Young, born about 1880. The children of James Dixon Young and Anna Louiza Brock:

Mary Darlene Young, born 17 Apr 1881, Howard County, Arkansas; died 19 Dec 1933, Salina, Mayes County, Oklahoma. She married (1) Wasker Lee Ross, 24 Dec 1899, in Wagoner, Indian Territory, son of Jesse Ross and Missouri Holland. He was born 29 Jun 1874 in Polk County, Arkansas; died 15 Feb 1917. She married (2) William Cyrus Huddleston about 1919 in Polk County, Arkansas; died 16 Nov 1951.

Charles M. Young, born about 1883.

Oscar Washington Young, born 11 Oct 1885, Stigler, Haskell County, Indian Territory; died 04 Apr 1965, Stillwell, Adair County, Oklahoma. He married Iva Bell Stroup, 16 Mar 1908, in Fort Gibson, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. She was born 15 Jan 1890 in Bellville, Missouri; died 20 Apr 1984 in Stillwell, Adair County, Oklahoma.

Sarah Elizabeth Young, born 09 Oct 1887, Starvilla (Porum), Muskogee County, Indian Territory; died 23 Jun 1965, Antlers, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. She married John Wesley Conley, 24 Jul 1904, in Starvilla (Porum), Muskogee County, Indian Territory. He was born 14 Jul 1880 in Magazine, Logan County, Arkansas; died 21 Dec 1966 in Antlers, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma.

Jonnie Dee J. Young, born Apr 1890, Oklahoma.

Martha May Young, born 25 Apr 1892, Porum, Muskogee County, Oklahoma; died 27 Jul 1981, Wagoner, Wagoner County, Oklahoma. She married Lee Cole, 29 Jul 1908, in Pryor, Mayes County, Oklahoma. He was born 28 Jan 1884 in Combs, Madison County, Arkansas; died 24 Jan 1947 near Red Bird, Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

Roach Young, born 25 Apr 1895, Gritts, Haskell County, Indian Territory; died about 1940, California.

George W. Young was born 29 Dec 1820 in Morgan County, Alabama and died 15 Aug 1871 in Sulphur Springs, Polk County, Arkansas. He married Martha J. Ralls, 30 Nov 1843, in Sevier County, Arkansas and died 11 Jan 1926 in Cardin, Craig County, Oklahoma. He married (1) Sarah Ann Blackwood, 08 Sep 1876, in Howard County, Arkansas and divorced. He married (2) Anna Louiza Brock after Apr 1880 in Pike County, Arkansas, daughter of George R. Brock. She was born ... in Duckcreek, Alabama and died 03 Apr 1922. The children of James Dixon Young and Sarah Ann Blackwood: George A. Young, born about 1878 and Leon Young, born about 1880. The children of James Dixon Young and Anna Louiza Brock:

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George W. Young, a Union sympathizer, enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army on 01 Dec 1863 at Benton, Arkansas in the 4th Arkansas Cavalry, Company A, commanded by Colonel Fishback. With the disbandment of his company he was discharged on 28 Mar 1864 at Dardanelle, Yell County, Arkansas. An affidavit dated 20 Feb 1906 by Martha J. (Ralls) Young Markham Fitzgerald says, in part: "... George W. Young ... was never a healthy person after his return from the army in the spring of the year 1864, and on or about the month (of) July, 1871, he commenced to complain of something like a spinal effection ... with severe cramping spells; and while attending at church within one mile of his then home on the 14 day of August, 1871, he was taken worse but was removed to his home, now (in) Howard County, Arkansas, where he died during the night ... the 15 day of August, 1871; Dr. Brown at that time was the neighborhood physician ... (and) called in during this last illness ... but after an examination and the administration of some medicines which his stomach did not retain, he pronounced the case a hopeless one, and ... (he) died as aforesaid." The children of George W. Young and Martha J. Ralls:

Mary Jane Young, born Apr 1845, Sulphur Springs, Polk County, Arkansas; died 19 Mar 1910, Briartown, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. She married (1) George Hoos about 1861 in Sulphur Springs, Polk County, Arkansas son of Joseph Hoos and ... He was born about 1843 in Germany; died 03 May 1863 in Petersburg, Petersburg County, Virginia. She married (2) John Choat about 1864 in Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory son of T. Choat and Sarah ..... He died 1869 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She married (3) William J. Brown about 1874 in Howard County, Arkansas son of William Brown and Minerva ...... He was born about 1851 in Louisiana; died 16 Jun 1887 in Oklahoma. She married (4) George W. Watson about 1893. He was born Feb 1848 in Kentucky.

Sarah C. Young born Oct 1846, Sulphur Springs, Polk County, Arkansas; married William B. Davis about 1867. He was born Oct 1837 in Arkansas; died after 1905.

Millie Ann Young, born Dec 1849, Sulphur Springs, Polk County, Arkansas; died 1914, Porum, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. She married John S. Chambers, Jr. about 1872, son of John Chambers and Martha Wilson. He was born Apr 1845 in South Carolina; died about 1914 in Porum, Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

Josephine D. Young, born 01 Dec 1851, Polk County, Arkansas; died 24 Feb 1926, Porum, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. She married (1) John D. Watson about 1873. He was born 06 Aug 1841 in Kentucky; died 28 Mar 1902 in Oklahoma. She married (2) John W. Kellam 21 Jun 1903 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was born about 1846 in Texas.

Pamela Young, born about 1854, Polk County, Arkansas; died before 1870.

James Dixon Young, born 11 Feb 1858, Sevier County, Arkansas; died 11 Jan 1926, Cardin, Craig County, Oklahoma. He married (1) Sarah Ann Blackwood, 08 Sep 1876, in Howard County, Arkansas. He married (2) Anna Louiza Brock after Apr 1880 in Pike County, Arkansas daughter of George R. Brock. She was born in Duckcreek, Alabama; died 03 Apr 1922.

Martha Isabell Young, born 05 Dec 1859, Sevier County, Arkansas; died 29 Apr 1918, Langley, Pike County, Arkansas. She married Haws Coleman Marsh about 1877, son of Soloman Marsh and Mary Lackey. He was born Mar 1855 in Arkansas; died in Langley, Pike County, Arkansas.

Margaret Elizabeth Young, born 11 Jul 1861, Sevier County, Arkansas; died 08 Mar 1920, Porum, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. She married Thomas H. Dandridge about 1878 in Howard County, Arkansas son of James Dandridge and Rebecca Johnson. He was born 22 Feb 1860 in Arkansas; died 09 Dec 1902 in Porum, Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

Emily Angeline Young, born 06 Oct 1863, Sevier County, Arkansas; died 29 Apr 1940 at home in Morrilton, Conway Co., Arkansas. She married (1) James M. Strasner son of Jefferson Strasner and Phebe Fletcher. He was born about 1856 in St. Clair County, Alabama; died before 1884. She married (2) Lewis Stracner, 02 Oct 1884, in Blackwood Township, Howard County, Arkansas son of Lewis Stracner and Nancy Fletcher. He was born 16 Jun 1863 in St. Clair County, Alabama; died 28 Dec 1927 in New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas.

John Young was born about 1789 in North Carolina or Georgia and died 08 April 1864 in Sulpher Springs, Polk County, Arkansas. He married about 1809, Millie A. Thompson daughter of John Thompson and ....... She was born about 1792 in Tennessee and died 23 Oct 1858 in Sulpher Springs, Polk County, Arkansas. The children of John Young and Millie A. Thompson:

Mary Young, born about 1810, Madison Co., Alabama; died after 1880, Banner, Calhoun County, Mississippi. She married
William Hiram Skelton, 05 Dec 1827, in Madison County, Alabama; son of Solomon Skelton and Mary. He was born about 1805 in Hartwell, Georgia; died Jun 1880 in Banner, Calhoun County, Mississippi.

James Young, born 19 Mar 1812, Madison County, Alabama; died 19 Nov 1897, Umpire, Howard County, Arkansas. He married Mary Ann Stokes, 17 Apr 1834, in Morgan County, Alabama; daughter of John Stokes and Anna Duty. She was born 15 Nov 1813 in South Carolina; died 28 Jan 1872 in Umpire, Howard County, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Young, born about 1814, Madison County, Alabama; died about 1883, Dierks, Howard County, Arkansas. She married (1) Wesley J. Madison, 21 Jan 1830 in Madison County, Alabama; died about 1836 in Morgan County, Alabama. He was born 1800 in Kentucky; died 1862 in Madison, Sevier County, Arkansas.

Parmelia Jane Young, born about 1816, Morgan County, Alabama; died before 1911. She married (1) Elisha Walden, 18 Aug 1835 in Morgan County, Alabama. He died between 1843-1849. She married (2) Quimby Musgrave, 06 May 1849 in Madison, Sevier County, Arkansas; son of Thomas Musgrave and Sallie. He was born about 1802 in Davidson County, Tennessee.

Milly Elizabeth Young, born 18 Sep 1818, Morgan County, Alabama; died 24 Nov 1898, Peggs, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. She married James Anderson Musgrave, 25 Feb 1838, in Morgan County, Alabama; son of Thomas Musgrave and Sallie. He was born 08 May 1809 in Davidson County, Tennessee; died 25 Oct 1871 in Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas.

George W. Young, born 29 Dec 1820, Morgan County, Alabama; died 15 Aug 1871, Sulphur Springs, Polk County, Arkansas. He married Martha J. Ralls, 30 Nov 1843, in Sevier County, Arkansas; daughter of William Ralls and Mary. She was born 17 Nov 1828 in Obion County, Tennessee; died 01 Apr 1910 in Porum, Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

John G. Young, born Dec 1822, Morgan County, Alabama; died 29 Nov 1890, Locust Grove, Mayes County, Oklahoma. He married Louisa Towsel, about 1858. She was born about 1835 in Mississippi; died before 1870 in Sulphur Springs, Sevier County, Arkansas.

Sarah Young, born 19 Jan 1826, Morgan County, Alabama; died 31 Jul 1908, Polk County, Arkansas. She married Jeremiah S. Stewart, 17 Mar 1842, in Madison Township, Sevier County, Arkansas; son of Cornelius Stewart and Mary. He was born 1815 in Missouri; died 1883.

Nancy Mary Young, born 19 Mar 1827, Morgan County, Alabama; died 24 Feb 1885, Howard County, Arkansas. She married John M. Walden, 19 Mar 1845 in Madison Township, Sevier County, Arkansas; son of James Walden and Mariah. He was born 19 Apr 1822 in Rutherford County, Tennessee; died 14 May 1898 in Howard County, Arkansas.

Neaty Caroline Young, born about 1830, Morgan County, Alabama; died 23 Sep 1853, Muddy Fork, Pike County, Arkansas. She married Andrew Jackson Blackwood, 27 Dec 1846, in Sevier County, Arkansas; son of (William) Blackwood and Rebecca (Kesterson). He was born about 1827 in Tenness.

Elisha Young, born 07 Mar 1837, Hardeman County, Tennessee; died 14 Nov 1910, Peggs, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. He married (1) Nancy Ann Musgrave, 09 Sep 1857, in Sevier County, Arkansas; daughter of Quimby Musgrave and ... He was born 23 Feb 1840 in Tippah County, Mississippi; died 15 Sep 1864 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas. He married (2) Sarah Frances Moore, about 1865, in Mab, Arkansas. She was born 23 Oct 1838 in Arkansas; died 13 Feb 1911 in Peggs, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

Descendants of John Thompson, Sr., Janis R. Vescovi Home Page, a Family Tree Maker User Page, updated September 5, 2000. Janis R. Vescovi, P.O. Box 14335, Springfield, Missouri 65814-0335. Copyright 1996-2000, Genealogy.com, LLC. All rights reserved.

Forester-Forrester

8 Sept 1997

Fellow Genealogists,

I am looking for information on Francis Newton Forester (Forrester) and his wife Elizabeth Ann Riddle. If his death certificate or something show his father's name. He was born in 1806, married 1845, and died 1884 in Pike Co., Ark. Supposed to be buried in the "Family Cemetery" in Pike Co. His wife is supposed to be buried there also in 1896.

They had at least three children, "Rush Montgomery Forrester", "Peter Edward For-rester", "Emmaline Forrester". By the way, Emmaline married a Forrester or Forester. Emma-line & William Forrester had a child Luvenie (Venie). I would like to have her birth record & to know if she had any siblings.

Thank you,

Alice A. Webb
1106 State
Big Spring, Tx 79720

Mr. James A. Griffith
6922 North Donmar Drive
Peoria, Illinois 61614

Dorothy Partain P.C.A.H.S.
Box 238
Murfreesboro, Arkansas 71958

Dear Dorothy Partain,

My Reid family were in Antoine around 1890, 1880's. Father, Charles W. Reid, Mother, Princess Elizabeth (Duval) Reid. Children, Charles, Jim, Belle (was the oldest), Louise, Sally-Sarah, Nancy, Helen (youngest born 1890 in Antoine), twin boys John & George. I believe Princess (Duval) Reid's parent's names were John L. Duval & Martha J. (Reasonover) Duval.

I am told that twin boys John & George died young like Belle and are buried in Antoine. I have an old post card which is metered "1909" "Antoine". It congratulates my late Grandmother Helen Reid ... on her wedding in Alabama. It is hard to read, but it looks like it closes with "Cousin, Gladys Vanleert".

One relative told me that the Reids came from Georgia to Antoine around 1870 with in-laws and one was named "Cash".

The Reid family moved ... and are listed in the 1900 Garland County, Hot Springs, Arkansas census. Father, Charles W. Reid died 1892 and is buried in Hot Springs, Greenwood Cemetery.

Thank you

James A. Griffith

November 15, 1997

... Dr. Amariah Biggs studied medicine of the Eclectic or Thomsonian system that used botanicals rather than bleeding, etc. He was a professor of medicine at the Botanical Medical College in Memphis. He wrote a book on botanical medicine and fevers that my grandfather used for (treating) ailments. My father had a copy, but loaned it to a local doctor and never got it back. One copy is still in the family with a 2nd cousin of mine and another is in the University of Texas Medical Library in Houston. I've never seen a copy, but would like to copy pages from it.

It is interesting to me that Dr. Amariah Bigg's grandson, Dr. William Eli Biggs still used herbs in his medical practice. According to a history from the Howard County genealogical newsletter, Dr. William Eli Biggs died in 1947 ...

Marilyn Brien
128 Linda Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78216

Lamb

November 20, 1997

Dear Ms. Partain,

... My father drove a peddling truck for a store in Blevins in the 1940's and 50's. He covered a lot of territory around Murfreesboro, Billstown and Delight. We met many interesting people during those years.

My mother is the granddaughter of James (Jim) Lamb (of) the Delight area. She loves to talk about her ancestors and has done quite a lot of work over the years in this ... We have many relatives in that area. If anyone would like to contact her, her address is (name not given), 301 West First, Blevins, AR 71825.

Sincerely,

Bonita Willis

P.S. I'm ... working on a book about Blevins and the surrounding area. Maybe this will become a reality when I retire in another year. I'm collecting
Dear Dorothy

I would like to request a query in (the) GEMS for this Holiday family. We need to attempt to prove, disprove and expand ... Joab Holiday's ancestry. I am enclosing a brief account (below) of available information. I would like to hear from anybody that has Holidays in their family ...

Cordially

Bonnie Reach

Descendants of Peter Holiday

Peter Holiday died about 1845 in Pike County, Arkansas. He married (1) ..... He married (2) Malinda Hensley on August 28, 1842 in Pike County, Arkansas. The children of Peter Holiday and ...... W.H. Holiday born 1819 in Arkansas, married Frances ...... She was born 1823 in Tennessee; Mariah Holiday born about 1823 in Arkansas married Lewis Huddleston. He was born 1805 in North Carolina; Thomas J. Holiday born about 1826 in Arkansas and died before 1860 in Pike County, Arkansas. He married Caroline Hutson born about 1836 in Alabama. She died before 1860 in Pike County, Arkansas; and Syntha Holiday born 1830.

W.H. Holiday born 1819 in Arkansas, married Frances ...... She was born 1823 in Tennessee. The children of W.H. Holiday and Frances ...... John L. Holiday born 1844 in Pike County, Arkansas and died April 1903. He married Missouri Hutson before 1874 in Pike County, Arkansas. She was born 1856 in Pike County, Arkansas; William T. Holiday born 1846; Peter E. Holiday born 1848; and Charley M. Holiday born 1851.

Mariah Holiday born about 1823 in Arkansas, married Lewis Huddleston. He was born 1805 in North Carolina. The children of Mariah Holiday and Lewis Huddleston: Benton Huddleston and William C. Huddleston (twins) born 1843; David Huddleston born 1845, and L.F. Huddleston born 1848.

Thomas J. Holiday born about 1826 in Arkansas and died before 1860 in Pike County, Arkansas. He married Caroline Hutson born about 1836 in Alabama. She died before 1860 in Pike County, Arkansas. The children of Thomas J. Holiday and Caroline Hutson: Joab Holiday born about 1854 in Pike County, Arkansas and died after Feb 17, 1915. He married (1) Rozanner Hutson in 1872 in Pike County, Arkansas. She was born about 1856 in Hempstead County, Arkansas and died ... in Pike County, Arkansas. He married (2) Martha Mollie Hutson about 1894 in Pike County, Arkansas. She was born October 1863 in Pike County, Arkansas and died March 14, 1920 in Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma.

Obituaries

John Rolf Harris

PISGAH - Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 in Liberty Hill Baptist Church for John Rolf Harris, 102, of Delight. Bro. Wayne Sewell and Bro. Niel Calley officiated. Burial was in the Liberty Hill Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home at Murfreesboro.

Mr. Harris was born June 16, 1895, at Pisgah, the son of the late Sam and Ellen Roundtree Harris. He died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1998, at a Hope hospital. An Army veteran, he was a member of the Liberty Hill Baptist Church, a former em-ployee of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and a Mason.

Mr. Harris was preceded in death by his wife, Ordis Velma Steed Harris. Survivors include: two sons, Tommy Harris and Alfred Harris, both of Prescott; one daughter, Rolferene Freeman of Delight, 14 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 43 great-great grandchildren; and seven great-great-great grandchildren.


Purtel-Purtell

From the desk of -

JO ANN ROBERSON  16 Feb 1998
Dear Dorothy,

... Have you ever seen any mention of these two names in Pike Co. Thomas Jefferson Purtle (or) Purtell b. 1813 Ky, d. ca 1892, Pike Co. and his wife Mary Ann De Foor, b. 1818 Ga, d. ca 1886, Pike Co. They lived with their son Samuel J. Purtell near Delight. Samuel J. is buried in Mur-freesboro Cem.

Someone told a cousin and I, years ago, that they might be buried on land owned by International Paper Co. They probably don't have tombstones ...

Jo Ann Roberson

Kizzia

William Martin Kizzia ... had four sons: Cecil, Freeman, William Fletcher, and Dyer Martin. Cecil had a son Glen from Murfreesboro, Ark.

Dyer Martin Kizzia grew up in Delight, Ark. and moved to Hope, Ark. He had three children: Irene, Cloe and William Harold.

William Harold (Buck) Kizzia had two children: Harold Lee and Bettie Jean.

Harold Lee has four children: Randy Lee, Don Bradley, Russell Scott and Dana Kaye.

My oldest known relative is my great-great grandfather William Martin Kizzia. If you have any information about other relatives or William Martin Kizzia's father's name, please let me know. Also if you know where the Kizzia name originates ...

Scott Kizzia

Dorothy Kennedy Partain was able to connect Scott Kizzia with Martha Treadway and her daughter Debra Collins for the Kizzia family.

M. Kizzia

William M. Kizzia, county treasurer, Murfreesboro, Ark.

Were one to ask the leading characteristics of Mr. Kizzia as a man, the answer would come almost involuntarily that he is a safe, cautious person, unpretending, but well informed, universally esteemed and of unswerving integrity, a man who has been tried, but not found wanting, and one capable of discharging his official and private duties with competency. He was born in Pike County, Ark., in 1858, and is the eldest of nine children born to the union of Nathan and Isabella (Gould) Kizzia, ... natives of (Alabama and) Arkansas. Nathan Kizzia came to Arkansas with his parents when a small boy, and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He still resides (1890) in this county, and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. William M. Kizzia passed his youthful days on the farm, attending the common schools, and at the age of twenty-one years commenced farming for himself. In 1879 he entered 160 acres of land three miles east of Murfreesboro, and on this he has cleared about forty acres. He has a fine farm, good buildings and has plenty of timber. His marriage to Miss Amanda E. Burkett, a native also of Pike County, Ark., and the daughter of David Burkett, an old settler here, who died during the (Civil) war, took place in 1877, and four children are the result of this union: Nancy I., Dyer Martin, Emmett Edgar, and Joseph Osgood (who died in infancy). Mr. Kizzia has always taken an active interest in politics, served two terms as justice of the peace, and in 1886 was elected treasurer of Pike County, being reelected in 1888. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Pike Lodge No. 91, and the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, Pike County, 1890, page 331, edited.

PIKE COUNTY OFFICIALS

Date: 1890-1892

Judge: C.W. Threlkeld; Clerk: J.C. Hughes; Sheriff: O.B. Owens; Treasurer: J.T. Stephens; Coroner: John M. White; Surveyor: J.S. Thomasson; Assessor: M.D. Chaney

Date: 1892-1894

Judge: C.W. Threlkeld; Clerk: J.C. Hughes; Sheriff: O.B. Owens; Treasurer: W.D. Alford; Coroner: W.D. Wood; Surveyor: J.S. Thomasson; Assessor: M.D. Chaney

Date: 1894-1896
Judge: J.C. Warner; Clerk: J.C. Hughes; Sheriff: O.B. Owens; Treasurer: W.D. Alford; Coroner: A.A. Stell; Surveyor: J.S. Thomasson; Assessor: J.A. Dunson

Date: 1896-1898

Judge: W.N. McClure; Clerk: M.M. Mauney; Sheriff: W.M. Kizzia; Treasurer: M.K. Brock; Coroner: A.A. Stell; Surveyor: J.S. Thomasson; Assessor: J.A. Dunson

Date: 1898-1900

Judge: W.H. Wingfield; Clerk: M.M. Mauney; Sheriff: W.M. Kizzia; Treasurer: M.A. Morris; Coroner: A.A. Stell; Surveyor: J.S. Thomasson; Assessor: M.P. Dean

Date: 1900-1902

Judge: N.B. Parnell; Clerk: C.A. Kizzia; Sheriff: M.D. Chaney; Treasurer: M.A. Morris; Coroner: A.A. Stell; Surveyor: J.S. Thomasson; Assessor: M.P. Dean

Date: 1902-1904

Judge: N.B. Parnell; Clerk: C.A. Kizzia; Sheriff: M.D. Chaney; Treasurer: M.A. Morris; Coroner: A.A. Alford; Surveyor: J.S. Thomasson; Assessor: W.J. Davis

Date: 1904-1906

Judge: J.T. Pollard; Clerk: Q.H. Lewis; Sheriff: W.E. Branch; Treasurer: M.A. Morris; Coroner: A.A. Stell; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: W.H. Dobbins

Date: 1906-1908

Judge: J.T. Pollard; Clerk: Q.H. Lewis; Sheriff: W.E. Branch; Treasurer: G.W. Clingan; Coroner: D.M. Pounds; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: G.M. Parsons

Date: 1908-1910

Judge: J.T. Pollard; Clerk: Robt. N. Alford; Sheriff: T.B. Rogers; Treasurer: G.W. Clingan; Coroner: W.R. Alsobrook; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: G.M. Parsons

Date: 1910-1912

Judge: C.W. Davis; Clerk: R.N. Alford; Sheriff: T.B. Rogers; Treasurer: O. Gilleylen; Coroner: W.R. Alsobrook; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: C.A. Rankin

Date: 1912-1914

Judge: C.W. Davis; Clerk: B.S. Butler; Sheriff: J.E. Chaney; Treasurer: O. Gilleylen; Coroner: J.P. Dunn; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: C.A. Rankin

Date: 1914-1916

Judge: T.W. Roundtree; Clerk: Byron S. Butler; Sheriff: J.E. Chaney; Treasurer: Geo. P. Crawford; Coroner: W.P. Hembey; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: Geo. W. Neal

Date: 1916-1919

Judge: T.W. Roundtree; Clerk: C.H. Rutherford; Sheriff: Tom Steuart; Treasurer: Geo. P. Crawford; Coroner: J.B. Thomasson; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: G.W. Neal

Date: 1919-1921

Judge: G.W. Matthews; Clerk: C.H. Rutherford; Sheriff: Tom Steuart; Treasurer: Claude Rankin; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: J.B. Meeks

Date: 1921-1923

Judge: W.K. Kizzia; Clerk: Geo. W. Neal; Sheriff: J.A. Chaney; Treasurer: Claude Rankin; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: J.B. Meeks; County Superintendent: G.C. Floyd

Date: 1923-1925

Judge: G.H. Lewis; Clerk: Geo. W. Neal; Sheriff: J.A. Chaney; Treasurer: J.M. Kizzia; Surveyor: W.T. Herndon; Assessor: S.W. Reese
Pike County, Arkansas Officials 1890-1925 provided by Scott Kizzia. For Pike County, Arkansas Officials 1834-1890 refer to The Gems, Fall 1992, Volume 3, Number 4.

Evans-Woods

1020 N. Bryan Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
March 26, 1998

Pike County Archives
Murfreesboro, Arkansas 71958

... I am writing to request your assist in locating info on my paternal ancestors. I do not have very much ... but what I do have is as follows:

My paternal grandfather: John Calvin Evans, b. 1880 in Glenwood, Ark. My paternal grand-mother: Julie Anne (Woods) Evans b. ? d. 1924 in Texas.

John Calvin Evans was a Mason ...


Custer Owen Evans was my father. If you can assist with any info on my family please let me know ...

Thank you ...

Sincerely

Martha Evans Beasley

Woodall

Gretna, LA
October 27, 2000

Ms. Dorothy Kennedy Partain
Pike County Archives and History Society
P.O. Box 238
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Dear Dorothy:

I understand the Early History of Pike County Arkansas has been republished, and no effort has been made to correct the numerous errors contained in the "My People" story by Katye Woodall Whisenhunt shown on p. 220 in my copy. This story is now posted on the Internet, and I've grown weary of explaining to co-respondents that it is an inaccurate account of the early history of the Woodall family in Arkansas.

As you know, I am descended from Susan A. Woodall who married Jesse C. Fox and have done extensive research on these ancestors. I have complete documentation for the statements that follow. Specific problems with the "My People" tale are these:

1. Phillip Woodall (I), b. 1799 SC, his wife Susan "Sukey" (Heard) Woodall, b. 1797 GA, her illegitimate children, and their Woodall children, all lived in DeKalb Co., GA 1840, as proven by census records. They did not live in Cass Co. The Cass Co., GA Woodalls were cousins to Phillip (I). All children of Phillip Woodall (I) and Susan "Sukey" (Heard) Woodall were born in DeKalb Co., GA.

2. Phillip Woodall (I) d. c. 1840-45, DeKalb Co., GA.

3. After Phillip (I)'s death, Susan "Sukey" (Heard) Woodall and most of her children left GA and moved to Posey Co., IN. They had both Woodall and Heard relatives in Posey Co., IN and adjoining White Co., IL. They did not come to Arkansas in 1845! Daughter Nancy Woodall m. John Beal in 1841 and remained behind in GA; son Thomas Heard remained in GA; son Phillip Woodall (II) and illegitimate son William Heard were already in White Co., IL; illegitimate daughter Eliza Heard moved to IN with her mother and m. Richard C. Hanks in Jan 1848. Eliza d. in childbirth that same year giving birth to child Martha Hanks who was erroneously listed as a "Woodall" in 1850 census.

4. Susan "Sukey" (Heard) Woodall, all of her Woodall children except Nancy and Phillip (II), her son-in-law Richard C. Hanks, and granddaughter Martha Woodall/Hanks were listed in 1850 census records of Posey Co., IN. No member of this family was in Arkansas in 1850.

5. In 1851, John G. Woodall, Charles J. Woodall, Pascal Marion Woodall, and Samuel A. Woodall were arrested in Posey Co., IN and charged with grand theft. This incident prompted the family's removal from Indiana.

6. John G. Woodall returned to GA after his release from jail where he married Arminda Cupp. His first child, John P. Woodall, was born in GA in 1853, and his second child William Samuel Woodall, was born GA in 1855. By 1858, he was in AL, living near his uncle Jubal C. Heard, where his daughter M.S. Woodall was born. By 1860 he was living in Pike Co., AR near the rest of his siblings.
7. Susan “Sukey” (Heard) Woodall, the remainder of her Woodall children (son Philip Woodall II d. White Co., IL between 1850-55), and their spouses did not return to GA. They came to AR directly from IN after 1851 and before 1855. We know this is true because W.H. Cook, second son of Henry Cook/Knock and Julia Ann (Woodall) Cook was b. 1853 in IN., and James Haywood Woodall, first son of Charles J. Woodall, was b. 1855 in AR.

8. The names of the children of Phillip Woodall (I) and Susan “Sukey” (Heard) Woodall who came to Pike Co. AR were: John G. Woodall b. 1826, Charles J. Woodall b. 1827, Pascal Marion Woodall b. 1829, Elizabeth Woodall b. 1833, Susan A. Woodall b. 1835 and Samuel A. Woodall b. 1838. There was no son “Pachard”.

9. Samuel Augustus Woodall was b. 1838. He would have been only seven years old in 1845. It's highly unlikely a seven year old would have had a "string of fine horses."

10. The Homestead Act was not passed until 1862 and was not widely applied in Arkansas. This act gave away 160 acres of land in the public domain to qualified persons. No doubt, the "My People" author has confused the Homestead Act with the Land Patent Act of 1854 whereby certain public lands could be purchased cheaply in under-developed areas. In fact, I have copies of my great grandfather Jesse C. Fox's land patent papers where he bought 40 acres near Kirby in December 1859 for seventy-five cents an acre.

11. Susan "Sukey" (Heard) Woodall, her Woodall children who came to AR, and their spouses, were all listed in the 1860 census of Pike County, AR.

I realize the "My People" piece was based upon an old man's recollections which he likely embellished, but his recollections simply do not conform to provable facts. Please issue some sort of disclaimer or qualifier to make clear re-searchers should not accept this story as the Gospel truth.

There's another bit of misinformation I'd like to clarify. My great grandfather's name was Jesse Carl Fox (Carl is the German equivalent of Charles). His name was not Jesse Carl Carl Fox. In other words, his middle intitial was "C." not "C.C." I have at least eight sources that show him as Jesse Carl Fox, Jesse C. Fox, or J.C. Fox. The only place his name is shown as Jesse C.C. Fox was in the 1880 Pike Co., AR census, and this latter listing is obviously the census taker's mistake. So please, folks, stop compounding this error by repeating it.

Dorothy, if you could get the word out on these errors, you'll really save me a lot of headaches.

Thank you

Eunice Fox Fontenot

PCAHS would like to extend its appreciation to Eunice Fox Fontenot for providing an improved record of the Woodall family as given in "My People" published in the "Early History of Pike County, Arkansas" having specific and helpful corrections. Common to family research endeavor is information handed down that may not actually conform or varies to extent what a researcher may later discover through research effort. Published histories are often improved by later research and future research will again afford the opportunity of refining and improving. It is an aspect of family history and genealogy that is exciting especially when new discoveries are made or better information is found.

For reference, and especially for those who do not have access to the article referred to by Ms. Fontenot, is "My People" as represented in the "Early History of Pike County, Arkansas" (1st printing 1978, 2nd printing 1989) page 220-223. It was written in 1977 by Katye Woodall Whisenhunt, "as told to me by my Grandfather, William Samuel Woodall, years ago".

My People

Slowly, slowly turns the steady oak wheels, pinned to the cumbersome ox wagon. Puffs of blood red dust rise high over the fields, nostrils spread wide on the dumb faces of the huge necked beasts as they strain forward in double yokes - no shiny traces to help move the load.

Ho! Yo! halts the trample of tired hooves. Crack! splits the red dusty air about. A giant hairy arm slowly moves the mighty bull whip that has snipped a rattler's head from his obnoxious body. "Hey! Uncle Sam, give me the rattles," piped a five-year-old boy's voice from under the home spun canvas.

The long line of canvas roofed half circled sides of the ox wagon train held treasures, old china, cached gold, iron pots, spinning wheels, looms, feather bedding and pain. Pain, deep seated pain, pain that
strikes the heart of pioneer women when they have
said no good-byes, but a farewell refrain, as they
bounce and sway with the eternal motion of an ox
wagon train. Not so with the men. Their hearts are
lifted up with visions of westward lands, unknown
dreams catch at the sun lines of their quick eyes
and steady hands.

Leaving the gullied slave worked red hills and
valleys of old Georgia behind, in 1845, these are
my people, not strong as oxen in muscle and bone
and sinew, but strong and active in man's spirit and
God's, that leads them to try and to do the tasks,
that built homes and the nation.

The sorrows of the great war for freedom of
worship and to manufacture, to govern by the
people, still lingered in the hearts from lectures -
from the old ones, now moulding and have long
since been gathered to their fathers.

This year, 1845, the spirit of unrest writhes and
tortures our young nation from within. It groans
and backbites, settles down again for a little season.

As the ox wagon wheels turn westward through
nasty bog and filthy swamp, tired people with slow
movement, over a log heap fire, making ready, low
bent, a meal for a king. They are kings - and queens
- but no crown do they wear. Their crowning day is
yet to come. The hero's song is yet unsung.

High! High! Up! Up! the mountain top is gained.
The mighty echo of Uncle Sam's voice swings back
again and again. The thankful noise of it wraps the
ox wagon train folk in a blanket of peace. As the
evening star hurries from the East, the dumb beast
that wear the yoke, somehow feels the gladness of
the folk that feed him. He kneels as if to bless with
them; no, no, he is just lowering himself to the
ground for much needed rest.

Ever onward, no time to loiter, make haste. Today
was yesterday's tomorrow.

I wish "I had a buckskin suit ... like Daniel Boone
did wear," said five-year-old Sam, the nephew of
Sam with the giant hairy arm that controlled the
trigger finger that never missed the object, be it
panther, deer, elk or bear.

Young Sam sank deep into a downy feather bed, in
the upper berth, under the home-spun coverlet,
dreaming dreams of a far off land, coming as if to
meet them, as the wheels slowly turned over and
over again. Wheels turning forward, on the greased
axels, progress making, crude, but everlasting.

Downward, right on down, the dumb beast's
winded nostrils slowly fell into natural lines, the
hairy tough muscle under and outside of the smooth
worn yoke of wood, relaxed for a time. The women
sang hymns, stepping modestly behind, desiring to
walk to rest their tired cramped spines from being
too long inside low roofed wagons.

The children fought like bear cubs fight. Boxing
and slapping inside their cage, laughing and
looking with eager eyes. Wise eyes, because one's
eyes make one wise. Wise to stay alive, in far
behind days. Something at the foot of the decline
was reflected in many eyes. In the strong, it meant a
dare, something to defy, something yet untried - by
them. In the weak, no, not fear, but an end to one
thing, and a beginning on the other side. Yes, the
flow of the father of waters was a turbulent rush
this noon day. Wide, rough, hissing and pushing on
its way. No, the mighty Mississippi could not stay
my people. The ferry boat clutched them, hungrily,
and beat the waves, lowered them, every one, their
cargo safe - and now for more dangerous days.

Looking Westward from the muddy banks of the
foe they had crossed, not with ease and satisfaction,
but praying hearts and quaking knees, they bent
low to pray for guidance on the way. Roll, roll, turn
and turn again. The forest is dark, heavy and many
eyes look and quick ears listen akin to fear, at the
strange sounds, the clucking wheels, ever turning,
bring my people nearer.

The valley is sighted - filled, packed down,
measured out - through a gap in the mountain. A
valley not large, but deeply and tightly held by the
toes of a range of mountains, yet unnamed. The
valley ... beauty left its garment here to endow it
with gentleness, peace, no renowned fame, but
fame all the same ... as I know it.

Long since gone are the red men. Silence reigns
again in the valley. As for man's voice or footstep
being heard no more in it, for times and times - but
God destined the time for my people to move into it. The end of a journey, now the gate to the frontier.

John Woodall and wife, Arminda Cupp Woodall, and five children, John II, William Samuel, and three other children of whom I do not know the names, John's brothers, Samuel, Charlie and Pachard Woodall with their families and three single sisters left Adaresville, Georgia in 1843.

They were moving to the western wilderness to homestead new land. They spent about two years in Alabama, headed westward again in early 1845. They stopped at Alpine, Arkansas, Clark County, in the Autumn of 1845, scouted land in Clark and Pike Counties and settled in a valley over the first range of mountains south of Kirby, east of highway 27 toward Murfreesboro. The country was a wilderness. No roads, no towns - Kirby, Murfreesboro, Glenwood and Amity were yet to be built. They cut timber and built a road into the valley which had a large creek flowing through it. They named the valley and creek Woodall. The name still remains the same. They and their families moved in and built log houses and barns on the 160 acres each that the brothers, John, Samuel, Charlie and Pachard homesteaded. (The original Woodall Valley is the one where the road sign reads "John Ashley Road").

The nearest town was Star of the West on the Little Missouri River. This little town had a large water grist mill, flour mill, carding, spinning and weaving industry, shoe cobbler store and other commodity stores.

John's brother, Samuel loved fine horses and he brought a string of them with him from Georgia, although they made the journey by ox wagon.

A genealogy of my grandfather, William Samuel Woodall, son of John and Arminda Cupp Woodall is as follows:

William Samuel Woodall married Lou F. Heron of Alpine, Arkansas, Clark County, January 13, 1878. Eleven children were born: Zinkie (Nov. 12, 1878), William (June 22, 1880), Walter (Sept. 20, 1882), Minda (August 6, 1884), Edward (Feb. 10, 1887), Arthur (March 5, 1889), Nattie (June 23, 1891, twins Cuthbert and Gadfrey (Oct. 23, 1893), Nora (March 2, 1896), and Dosha (Aug. 9, 1898). Samuel Woodall died November 17, 1927 and Lou died April 24, 1950. At Lou's death surviving were 83 grandchildren, 160 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great grandchildren.

Samuel and family left Woodall Valley in 1887. He bought the Lightsy farm, four miles east of Kirby near the road from Kirby to Amity. The community was known as the Red Lands. Later it was known as Mt. Zion. In my lifetime it is known as Valley Grove.

Woodall Valley has returned to the wilderness. No Woodall lives there anymore but there are some landmarks of the family left. The old cemetery and certain kinds of blooming shrubs, such as japonica, crepe myrtle and honey suckle remain at the old homesites.

The four seasons are just as beautiful in the valley in 1977 as when my people settled it in 1845.

Preceding was written by Katye Woodall Whisenhunt, Kirby, Ark., daughter of Edward Woodall, and verified by her Uncle Arthur Woodall, Kirby, Ark.

Early History of Pike County, Arkansas page 220-223. Please refer to the preceding letter of Eunice Fox Fontenot.

PCAHS UPDATE

This is a rather late Gems, again. We did not want to mail it during the Christmas rush. For those of you that have questioned the lateness of the Summer issue of The Gems, I'll give you a brief rundown, not an excuse.

Morris Myers and I rushed to get The Gems in the mail by mid August as we would both be out of our respective States. The Gems went to Shane Hill at Ft. Smith by mid August for printing. He waited for a check (to cover printing costs) and finally by mid September returned the master to me. I sent the master to Linda Wilson and she got it copied by October 8 but I, again, was leaving the State for two weeks on October 9. Upon returning it took my brother Charles Kennedy and me a few days to get the newsletters ready for mailing.
For those of you who asked for announcements to be printed about your family reunions I most deeply apologize. I also missed Murfreesboro's big Alumni gathering.

PCAHS would like to extend our condolences to our vice president Lee Ann Evans Turner who lost her father in October.

You will have many current obituaries from this area in the upcoming issues of The Gems. This will be started because of many special requests. The elderly ones passing have obituaries listing data that we need in our research. We will be happy to include obituaries for your loved ones both recent and dated.

You will note some rather dated letters, queries for information in this issue, that were intended for The Gems three years ago and we want very much to catch up. Other past correspondence will be included in upcoming issues.

I know all of you are anxiously awaiting the Pike County Cemetery book. I am very sorry to write that Cindy Scott has been battling cancer. Even at this time she is worried about the lateness of the book. She assured me she would get back to work on it as soon as possible.

Now is the time to buy any back issues of The Gems if you want them. Also membership renewals for 2001.

PLEASE NOTE: The mailing of The Gems has been hectic. If you did not receive four the (4) issues (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall) in 2000 let me know. We received many returned Gems due to 911 address changes and no forwarding addresses for some who have moved.

The index for the 2000 Gems should be ready in a few months. Ask if you want one. Cost will be $3.00.

PCAHS would like to extend its appreciation to Morris Myers who volunteered and served as Editor of The Gems for the year 2000. It was necessary for him to go to California and work on a project and he asked David Kelley to do the Fall 2000 issue. David has agreed to do The Gems for the year 2001 and I'm sure he will do a fantastic job as always.

Dorothy K. Partain

NOTICE

For those of you planning to visit the area to search for lost or forgotten (abandoned) cemeteries, please do not come without prior investigation. Hunting leases are being sold & roads are being gated & locked and posting signs are being placed in the private areas. Some are not granting permission to enter the properties. Please DO NOT TRESPASS ...

D.K.P.

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