



The

# Gems of Pike County Arkansas

---

Vol. VII No. 4

Publication of the Pike County Archives and History Society

Fall 1996

---

Box 238, Murfreesboro, Arkansas 71958

---

## ZEBULON B. EDMISTON

Early settler of Antoine, Arkansas murdered by Charles Scott Cocke in Clark County, Arkansas on October 29, 1831.

Zebulon Brevard Edmiston was born March 20, 1789 in North Carolina and came to Arkansas with his parents in 1818 from Tennessee where they settled on the Antoine bayou in Antoine township, Clark county, Arkansas. His father David Edmiston was born about 1760 in North Carolina and married Ann Brevard daughter of Zebulon Brevard and Ann Templeton.

During the organization of Clark county, Arkansas the newly formed Court of Common Pleas commissioned David Edmiston a magistrate of Clark county for Antoine township. He was also appointed "to lay off all public roads" for the Antoine township into "districts" and "apportion the hands to work on said roads" with the same authority to act in the Little Missouri township where no appointment for a justice had been made. This was in 1819. His death occurred by 1824 and the Clark county, Arkansas circuit court minutes for the March Term 1824 says, "It is ordered that John Ish and Zebulon Edmiston administrators with the Will annexed of the estate of David Edmiston have until the next term of this Court to make settlement of said estate." A record of his Will is not available because the Wills of Clark County, Arkansas 1819-1827 are lost. Tradition says some of these early records had been dumped into a well by Jacob Barkman.

The children of David Edmiston and Ann Brevard included: Mary Edmiston married Mr. Walker; Zebulon Brevard Edmiston born March 20, 1789 in North Carolina married Nancy Moore on January 13, 1820 in Clark county, Arkansas and died October 29, 1831; James Edmiston; Isabella Edmiston; Nancy

Edmiston born 1796 in Tennessee married Joseph Delaney; Cynthia Edmiston born August 15, 1799 in Tennessee married John Ish on May 20, 1819 in Clark county, Arkansas and died September 23, 1886; Malinda Edmiston married Henry G. McLaughlin about 1826 in Clark county, Arkansas; David Crawford Edmiston born July 21, 1805 married Rebecca Thornton on October 14, 1827 in Clark county, Arkansas and died September 17, 1887; and Lucinda Edmiston married Mr. Stewart.

Allan S. Humphreys in "The Edmiston's of Washington County, Arkansas" published in 1956 indicates Ann Brevard daughter of Zebulon Brevard and Ann Templeton was born January 6, 1766 in North Carolina and died after January 1846 when she sold land in Washington County, Arkansas and prior the 1850 federal census enumeration. "The time weathered sandstone vault which serves as her resting place was the first grave in the Edmiston Cemetery and is at the center of the plot." In 1835 she moved from Clark County, Arkansas to Washington County.

The children of Zebulon Brevard Edmiston and Nancy Moore all born in Clark County, Arkansas were: James E. Edmiston born November 18, 1820 married Margaret Ann Warren on June 3, 1846 in Travis county, Texas; Rebecca Ann Edmiston born December 12, 1822 and died August 5, 1824; David Crawford Edmiston born March 2, 1835 married Rhoda B. Bowen on July 3, 1856 in Travis county, Texas and died January 18, 1903 at Webberville, Travis county, Texas; Mary B. Edmiston born June 29, 1828 and died May 28, 1846 in Travis county, Texas; and Nancy B. Edmiston born January 24, 1830.

Zebulon Brevard Edmiston lived on the border of Antoine and Little Missouri townships near the public road at Antoine bridge where it crossed Antoine

bayou. His house and improvements were situated on the west side of the bayou in the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 24 in Township 8, South of Range 23, West.

Zebulon B. Edmiston was a slave owner. The 1830 census of Clark county, Arkansas indicates two slaves in his household and court records reveal their identity: a negro man named Frank and a negro woman named Elizabeth.

On October 29, 1831 Zebulon B. Edmiston was murdered in Clark county, Arkansas by Charles S. Cocke. Cocke (Cox) immediately fled and escaped, but was apprehended in Texas the following year and brought back to Clark county. He was indicted, convicted, and executed for the murder of Mr. Edmiston.

Nancy (Moore) Edmiston widow of Zebulon Brevard Edmiston second married John Barnett Robinson on November 18, 1832 in Clark (now Pike) county, Arkansas. They moved to Webberville, Travis county, Texas where a son Jeremiah H. Robinson was born on July 25, 1836. John Barnett Robinson born in 1798 died on June 15, 1839. Nancy (Moore) Edmiston Robinson third married William G. Strawn on August 7, 1842. They had a son William Moore Strawn born February 23, 1845 at Webberville, Travis county, Texas. He died in 1865. William G. Strawn was born September 22, 1812 and died July 31, 1853.

Nancy (Moore) Edmiston Robinson Strawn was born on October 16, 1802 in Georgia and died October 17, 1880. She is buried in the Manor Cemetery at Webberville, Travis county, Texas.

---

#### MURDER.

At the late General Muster of the Militia of Clark county, on the 29th ult., Mr. ZEBULON EDMISTON was shot from his horse just as he was leaving the muster ground and apparently without provocation by a man by the name of CHARLES S. COX, who immediately fled and made his escape though promptly pursued by 20 or 30 men. Cox had been residing in that county for some time past and has a family there, but is understood to be a fugitive from justice from Tennessee, where he had committed a murder and is withal, a very worthless man. Mr. Edmiston was a respectable citizen of Clark county.

**The Arkansas Gazette**, November 9, 1931, page 3, col. 2.

---

Stop the Murderer.  
\$250 REWARD.

WHEREAS, CHARLES S. COCKE, wilfully, maliciously, and without any known provocation, late in the evening of the 29th day of last month, at the house of Col. Jacob Wells in Clark county, Arkansas Territory, did present a gun at Zebulon Edmiston and fired immediately and shot him through the body of which he died in a few minutes. The murderer made his escape immediately:

Now, therefore, I, Nancy Edmiston, widow of the aforesaid Zebulon Edmiston, do offer a reward of two hundred and fifty dollars for the apprehension and safe delivery into the custody of the Sheriff of the aforesaid county of Clark, of the said Charles S. Cocke; and I do hereby bind myself to pay said sum to any person who will apprehend and safely deliver him into the custody of the sheriff as aforesaid.

The said Charles S. Cocke is about 40 years of age, about 5 feet 11 inches high, of rather a slender form, thin face, light red hair, blue eyes, and fair skin; it is supposed he will make for the Texas. Said Cocke came to this county some four or five years ago and passed by the name of Charles Scott; his name however was found afterwards to be Charles Scott Cocke and as I have learned, he has frequently told since he came here, that he fled from the State of Alabama for committing murder.

Given under my hand this 20th day of November 1831.

NANCY EDMISTON.

**The Arkansas Gazette**, December 7, 14, and 21, 1831.

---

By the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, it is represented to the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas, that a murder was perpetrated, in the county of Clark, in said Territory, on the body of Zebulon Edmiston, by a certain CHARLES S. COX, who fled from justice, and is now going at large. Now, therefore, I, JOHN POPE, Governor of the

Territory aforesaid, to the end that the said Charles S. Cox, if guilty of the crime with which he stands charged, may be punished according to law, do hereby offer a reward of Two Hundred Dollars to any person who may apprehend and deliver the said Charles S. Cox to the proper authorities of said county, to be there proceeded against and dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand at Little Rock, A.T. this 10th day of January, 1832.

JOHN POPE.

*The Arkansas Gazette*, January 18 and 25, 1832.

---

#### ARKANSAS GAZETTE

We understand that Charles Cox who shot Mr. Zebulon Edmiston in Clark county last year and for whose apprehension the Governor offered a reward of \$200 has been apprehended in Texas and brought back and is now securely lodged in the Jail of Hempstead county.

*Arkansas Gazette*, October 24, 1832, page 3, column 1.

---

#### CONVICTION FOR MURDER.

At the Circuit Court of Clark county which sat last week, Charles S. Cocke was tried on an indictment for the murder of Zebulon Edmiston, on the 29th Oct. 1831, found Guilty, and sentenced to be executed on the 29th inst. (April) Counsel: for the prosecution, T. Hubbard, Pros. Att'y., and A.H. Sevier; for the prisoner, C. Ashley and R. Crittenden.

*Arkansas Gazette*, April 3, 1833, page 3, column 2.

---

#### EXECUTION.

On the 29th ult., (April) Charles S. Cocke suffered the highest penalty of the law in Clark county, for the murder of Mr. Zebulon Edmiston near two years ago. We understand he died without making any confession, though it is generally believed that he had perpetrated other murders than the one for which he was executed and had committed at least one act of brutality on a respectable young lady before he fled to Arkansas for which he ought to have suffered death years ago.

*Arkansas Gazette*, May 8, 1833, page 2, column 3.

---

#### PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

Washington county, May 21, 1833.

Dear Sir. - ... A man by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ has been industriously circulating a report in the county, that Col. Sevier volunteered to defend Cox, murderer of Edmiston in Clark county. This slander has been circulating among the relatives of the unfortunate man who fell by the hands of Cox, for the purpose of injuring Col. Sevier; but I trust it will have no effect, when it is understood that Crittenden and not Sevier, was the man who de-fended Cox. This slander is worthy of the man who has given it circulation ...

#### EDITORIAL.

We know not how any man could have the hardi-hood to trump such an arrant falsehood that Col. Sevier volunteered to defend Cox. The truth is, he was employed to aid in the prosecution, and we trust it will not be derogating from the fame of the Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Hubbard, to say that, Mr. Sevier, belongs much of the credit of convict-ing the prisoner.

The murder was one of the most deliberate and cold-blooded acts of the kind ever perpetrated in the county, and excited an almost universal burst of indignation from the people, several of whom united in employing Col. Sevier to assist in bring-ing to punishment the wretch who had committed such a flagrant breach of the laws.

The defense was conducted by Col. Ashley and Mr. CRITTENDEN, and we have no doubt they used every exertion in their power that duty required of them to save the life of their guilty client.

EDITORS, Gazette.

*Arkansas Gazette*, May 22, 1833, page 2, column 5.

#### A CRIMINAL CASE

In 1831 or 1832, Charles S. Cocke, having held hard feelings (whiskey) toward Zebulon Edmiston, for several months, shot and killed Mr. Edmiston and made his escape to the then wilds of Texas. Mr. Edmiston was a large man and said to be rather overbearing toward his adversaries; but a good honest man (and) very well respected by those who had the

chance to know him. Mr. Cocke was rather weakly in physical strength and had been in serious difficulties in the states and had barely escaped punishment there. The governor of the territory (John Pope) offered a reward for the apprehension and delivery of Mr. Cocke. The de-ctives, however, were daily making use of all chances to hear of his whereabouts. Mr. Cocke was taken sick in Texas, Mexico, and was unable to secrete himself any longer. He was captured and delivered to A.E. Thornton sheriff of Clark county, by James Gibson, the then sheriff of Hempstead county.

At the March term of the Clark circuit court, 1833, the case was before the grand jury and a true bill of indictment for murder was returned unto the court and the defendant Cocke was arraigned be-fore the bar for trail.

The United States of America  
Territory of Arkansas  
vs.  
Charles Cocke

Indictment for shooting and  
killing Zebulon Edmiston.

The court met according to adjournment, Thomas Hubbard represented the U.S. and Robert Crittenden the criminal. On motion of Crittenden the court appointed six men as guards who after being sworn entered on their duty. Mr. Cocke's health being so bad, it was not safe to keep him in the jail, for he was inarticulo mortalis. The jail was an old log house not good enough for a well person, therefore the prisoner was kept in a house where his wants could be attended to. Mr. A.E. Thornton, the then sheriff, was connected with affinity to Mr. Edmiston and this being made manifest to the court, an elisor was appointed to act as sheriff during the important trial. The petit jury was summoned and selected and the case progressed. Each contested every inch of ground they could in their favor respectively. Judge Hubbard was a law-yer of marked ability (and) no better choice could be made for the U.S. Bob Crittenden was said to be the best lawyer in the territory and as an orator had no equal. Ashley and Sevier were called to assist on the side of the defense (and prosecution, respectively) both very able lawyers. After able speaking in behalf of the prisoner (by) the defense, the case was closed. The jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree as charged in the in-dictment. The verdict of the jury was read in court to the prisoner and after other

preliminiaries were had, his honor, Judge Cross, ordered the prisoner to stand up and then asked the prisoner if he had anything to say why the sentence of death should not be passed on him. The answer being returned in the negative the judge passed sentence on him. The time fixed for the execution was the 29th day of April, 1833 between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the prisoner to hang by the neck until death. A mo-tion for new trial and arrest of judgement were overuled. The prisoner was remanded back into the custody of the sheriff, A.E. Thornton, and then in-to the care of the guard almost dead with that dangerous disease ascites. Drs. Cox and McDonald were chosen as physicians to administer medical aid to the criminal. They treated his case until the day of his execution. Dr. Cox was the best read physician I ever had the pleasure of meeting in Arkansas. On the day of the execution in Greenville I saw more people than I ever saw in Greenville up to that date. Several ministers followed him to the gallows. He made no con-fession in regard to his future. He said he died wrongfully.

WILLIS S. SMITH

**Willis S. Smith Scrapbook**, Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

---

### ZEBULON BREVARD, SR. BIBLE

Zebulon Brevard, Sr. born March 29, 1724.  
Ann Templeton his wife born Nov. 1733.

Zebulon Brevard and Ann Templeton married March 7, 1754.

Mary Brevard born Aug. 5, 1755 married Ben-jamin Wallace, 1773.

David Brevard born March 18, 1757.

Elizabeth Brevard born Dec. 30, 1758 married William Beard, 1783.

Jane Brevard born May 29, 1760 married William Givans.

Sarah Brevard born June 5, 1762 married William Wilson.

Ann Brevard born Jan. 6, 1766 married David Edmiston.

Zebulon Brevard born Feb. 1769 married first Isabelle Edmiston second widow Burton.

James Brevard born March 3, 1771.

Rhoda Brevard born July 21, 1773 married William McFee, 1813.

Thomas Brevard born Sept. 25, 1775 married first Sarah S. Jetton, March 1, 1808, second Elizabeth Troutte, May 9, 1822.

Sarah Sharp Jetton born June 16, 1788 died May 7, 1821.

Elizabeth Troutte born Oct. 3, 1798.

Thomas Brevard died Oct. 16, 1846.

**Tennessee Records**, Volume 2, Bible Records and Marriage Bonds, compiled by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen, 1933, page 140-141. Combined records from the Bibles of Zeublon Brevard Sr. and Thomas Brevard. Zebulon Brevard, Sr. was the son of Jean Brevard the French Huguenot mentioned in Wheeler's History of North Carolina.

---

### CHARLES WINGFIELD

Charles Wingfield was born February 6, 1798 in Warren county, Kentucky. His father was William Wingfield and his mother Mary Messer. With a brother William Wingfield he came to Arkansas in 1817 from Madison county, Illinois. In 1819 he married Mariam Hasley the daughter of Samuel Hasley and Mary Ann Drewry in Clark county, Arkansas. She was born September 19, 1802 in Dickson county, Tennessee. Her father sold his land in Tennessee in January 1817 to move to Arkansas. He was appointed an early magistrate of Clark county, Arkansas in 1823. The Hasleys settled at present day Delight, Arkansas in Pike county near Wolf Creek.

The children of Charles Wingfield and Mariam Hasley were:

Elijah Wingfield born November 18, 1820 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Francis N. Stell a daughter of Joseph Stell and Isabella Armstrong on July 21, 1841, Pike county, Arkansas; died October 29, 1879 at Antoine, Pike county, Arkansas.

Emily Wingfield born 1822 in Clark county, Arkansas; married first Robert M. Langdon on April 13, 1840 in Clark county, Arkansas; married second

Andrew Armstrong Stell a son of Joseph Stell and Isabella Armstrong on December 30, 1847 in Clark county, Arkansas; died September 1, 1859 in Pike county, Arkansas.

Samuel Hopson Wingfield born April 8, 1824 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Sarah Ann Mob-ley a daughter of David Mobley and Barbara Cryer on October 5, 1852 in Pike county, Arkansas; died September 5, 1904.

Joseph Wingfield born 1826 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Rebecca Kirkham a daughter of James Hopkins Kirkham and Elizabeth Kelley a-bout 1862 in Pike county, Arkansas.

William H. Wingfield born 1828 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Ellen (Ellie or Elbe) Hoofman a daughter of Joseph Hoofman or Huffman and Ja-mima Thornton on April 29, 1858 in Clark county, Arkansas.

Mary Jane Wingfield born 1831 in Clark county, Arkansas; married John Elkins on October 26, 1854 in Clark county, Arkansas.

Asa Thompson Wingfield born July 13, 1833 in Clark now Pike county, Arkansas; married Eme-line (Emily) Frances Permelia Wesson a daughter of Henry Johnson Wesson and Emeline (Emily) P. Knight on March 29, 1860 in Pike county, Arkansas; died November 24, 1864 while in service during the Civil War.

Nemesus Wingfield born 1835 in Clark now Pike county, Arkansas; married George W. Cook after 1860 in Pike county, Arkansas.

Adaline Wingfield a twin born January 1837 in Clark now Pike county, Arkansas; married Henry E. Bottoms on September 2, 1869 in Pike county, Arkansas; died about 1924.

Infant girl Wingfield a twin born January 1837 in Clark now Pike county, Arkansas; died at birth.

Charles Wingfield died July 22, 1881 at Antoine, Pike county, Arkansas. Mariam Wingfield died January 14, 1877. They are buried in the Antoine Cemetery at Antoine, Arkansas where their tomb-stones (1996) still remain.

**CHARLES WINGFIELD**

Born in Warren Co., Ky.

Feb. 6, 1798

Moved to Ark. in 1817.

DIED

July 22, 1881

Remember this as you pass by,  
As you are now, so once was I;  
As I am now, so you must be,  
prepare for death and follow me.

**MARIAM**

Wife of

**CHARLES WINGFIELD**

Born

in Dixon Co., Tenn.

Sept. 19, 1802

Moved to Ark. in 1818.

DIED

Jan. 14, 1877

Remember this as you pass by,  
As you are now, so once was I;  
As I am now, so you must be,  
prepare for death and follow me.

Inscriptions transcribed from the tombstones of Charles and Mariam (Hasley) Wingfield in the Antoine Cemetery at Antoine, Arkansas.

**Adaline Bottoms daughter of  
Charles Wingfield**

My father was known for being mean to his slaves. He would take them to his smoke house and whip them with the door locked on the inside. One time a negro woman turned on him and started beating him and someone had to break the door down to get him out.

He didn't want to spend money on them unless it was necessary and they all worked in the fields without hats until one of his slaves had a sun-stroke. The next day all of them had new straw hats and there were new straw stacks all over the field.

One of my father's young slaves almost died of love sickness. When the doctor was called he told my father that the slave was going to die if he didn't get what he wanted. They asked him what he wanted and he said, "All I want is that yeller haired girl." She was a slave with light hair be-longing to a neighbor. My father bought this slave girl and paid a high price. Her owner knew why he wanted to buy her. They were married and he was cured of his sickness.

After the slaves were freed all of them stayed on the farm and refused to leave. He helped them establish places of their own.

**Adaline Bottoms**, memories related to Retta Thomas, now deceased. Edited and revised. Courtesy of Betty Childress, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**Memories of Bob Wingfield**

Well - when Uncle Charley Wingfield first went to Arkansas he settled up just across the river from Antoine over in Clark county and I've seen the old log cabin he built when he first came there and then he cleared a few acres of land out to the back of his house. They didn't have anything - they just brought a few little vessels to cook on and that was all they had. And they was sleeping one night in their log cabin - they was sleeping on a dry deer skin didn't have any bedding - and Uncle Charley's wife woke him up and says, Charley! Get up! There's a burglar in the house! And Uncle Charley said No! No! Be still - be quite. Don't disturb him. If he finds anything I'll get up and take it away from him!

**BOB S. WINGFIELD**

**Bob Stell Wingfield**, now deceased, of Okolona, Arkansas; an excerpt from a taped interview April 24, 1979 by David L. Kelley.

---

**REGISTER OF MEMBERS.**

Mariam, wife of Charles Wingfield, admitted by confession and baptism, September 1869; resi-dence, Pike County; died January 14th, 1877.

**Records of the Antioch Church of Christ**, 1833-1916, Delight, Arkansas. Arkansas History Commission, One Capital Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

---

**Letter written by Asa Thompson Wingfield to  
his wife Emily during the Civil War**

Ark(ansas) Post, Arkansas County  
November the 15, 186-

Dear Wife,

I lift my pen this morning for the purpose of dropping you a few lines in order to inform you that I am well at present (and) hoping at the same time for these few

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

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

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

#### A.T. WINGFIELD

**Letter** of Asa Thompson Wingfield to his wife Emily Wingfield. Courtesy of Faydra Starnes, now deceased, of Houston, Texas. Asa Thompson Wingfield died November 24, 1864 age 31 years, 4 months, and 11 days during the Civil War. He was mustered into service at Antoine, Pike county, Arkansas on October 10, 1861 by Colonel C.L. Dawson. He was placed in Captain John Speer's Company, 19 Regiment, Arkansas Infantry which later became Company A, 19th Regiment, Arkansas Infantry. His rank in was Fourth Sergeant.

---

### **The Family of William Wingfield and his wife Mary Messer**

William Wingfield and Mary Messer of Surry county, North Carolina moved to Tennessee and eventually to Warren county, Kentucky and are the parents of the early Wingfields of southwest Ar-kansas. Four of their sons: John, William, Jacob and Charles, settled in Clark and Hempstead coun-ties. William and Charles Wingfield came in 1817; John and Jacob Wingfield followed in the 1820's.

The children of William Wingfield and Mary Messer included:

John Wingfield born February 7, 1780 near Beth-ania in Surry county, North Carolina; married Sarah Elizabeth Simmons on May 3, 1808 in War-ren county, Kentucky.

William Wingfield born January 7, 1782 near Be-thania in Surry county, North Carolina; married Sophia Holcomb in 1806 in Warren county, Ken-tucky; died March 3, 1856 at Petersburg in Lavaca county, Texas.

Jacob Wingfield born 1784 or 1787 in Surry coun-ty, North Carolina; married first Sarah (Sally) Hanes on May 30, 1814 in Warren county, Ken-tucky; married second Elizabeth Stewart on Jan-uary 16, 1831 in Clark county, Arkansas; married third Rhoda Waldron on May 6, 1839 in Clark county, Arkansas. James A. Fortson 1829-1898 journal says: October 6, 1877, "died near Dobyville in Clark County, Arkansas age 93 years; lived in Clark Co. 50 years."

James Wingfield born about 1790 in Tennessee; married Ruth King on April 19, 1813 in Warren county, Kentucky; died at Brownsville, Edmonson county, Kentucky.

Sarah Wingfield born in Tennessee about 1792; married first Patrick Sanders; married second Peter Buchanan on February 24, 1824.

Joseph Wingfield born about (conjecture) 1794; died by 1813 in Warren county, Kentucky.

David Wingfield born about (conjecture) 1796; died by 1813 in Warren county, Kentucky.

Charles Wingfield born February 6, 1798 in War-ren county, Kentucky; married Mariam Hasley in 1819 in Clark county, Arkansas; died July 22, 1881 at Antoine, Pike county, Arkansas.

Mary (Polly) Wingfield born about 1802; married Malcolm Lehman on February 12, 1824 in Clai-borne county, Mississippi.

---

**Children of John Wingfield and Sarah Elizabeth Simmons**

Mary Ann Wingfield born 1809 in Warren county, Kentucky; married Drewry Hasley on September 4, 1828 in Clark county, Arkansas.

Sarah Wingfield born October 11, 1811 in Warren county, Kentucky; married Samuel Hasley on July 24, 1829 in Clark county, Arkansas.

William Riley Wingfield born 1813 in Warren county, Kentucky; killed instantly from a dead limb falling from a tree on September 9, 1836 in Sevier County, Arkansas.

Temperance Wingfield born May 12, 1816 in Warren county, Kentucky; married James Smith on June 13, 1833 in Clark county, Arkansas; died October 1, 1895 in Pike county, Arkansas.

John Wingfield, Jr. born 1818 in Warren county, Kentucky; married Rebecca Holder on January 12, 1862 in Clark county, Arkansas; died 1889.

Julia Ann Wingfield born about 1823 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Nathaniel C. Calloway on April 25, 1845 in Clark county, Arkansas.

Allen M. Wingfield born 1825 or 1827 in Clark county, Arkansas; married first Martha Jane Wells; married second Mrs. Mary Harbin on May 19, 1878 in Clark county, Arkansas; died January 19, 1892 near Hollywood, Clark county, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Wingfield born about 1830 in Clark county, Arkansas.

---

**Children of William Wingfield and Sophia Holcomb**

Susanna (Susan) Wingfield born 1807 in St. Clair county, Illinois; married William C. Hasley.

James Wingfield born 1808 in St. Clair county, Illinois; married Rachel Holcomb(e) on April 10, 1834

in Hempstead county, Arkansas.

William Marchbank(s) Wingfield born February 20, 1810 in St. Clair county, Illinois; married Eliza Caroline Ward on February 21, 1833 in Clark county, Arkansas; died November 20, 1868.

Mary A. Wingfield born 1812 in St. Clair or Ma-dison county, Illinois; married English Calvin Jacobs; died 1859 in Pike county, Arkansas.

Joel Henry Wingfield born May 22, 1814 in Mad-ison, formerly St. Clair county, Illinois; married Jane A. Willbanks on January 11, 1849 at Lewis-ville, Lafayette county, Arkansas; died January 31, 1894.

Jane (Jinney) Wingfield born 1816 in Madison county, Illinois; married first John Jacobs, May 9, 1833, Hempstead county, Arkansas; married se-cond, Jacob Brinley, February 27, 1842, Hemp-stead county, Arkansas.

John Wesley Wingfield born March 14, 1821 in Clark county, Arkansas; married first Nancy Re-becca Ward; married second Elizabeth (Butler) Davenport; died January 12, 1879 in Pike county, Arkansas.

Lewis Garrett Wingfield born June 2, 1823 in Clark county Arkansas; married Elizabeth Bra-shear on April 10, 1845 in Hempstead county, Arkansas; died March 2, 1873.

Sophia Wingfield born about 1825 in Arkansas; married William R. Willbanks on December 8, 1849 in Lafayette county, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Wingfield born April 16, 1828, Hemp-stead county, Arkansas; married Abraham Graham on June 20, 1847 in Lafayette county, Arkansas; died March 10, 1915.

Louisa Wingfield born about 1830 in Hempstead county, Arkansas.

Sophia Holcomb wife of William Wingfield was born April 15, 1788 in Pendleton District, South Carolina and died on January 12, 1874 in Jackson county, Texas.

---

**Children of Jacob Wingfield and Sarah (Sally) Hanes**

Thomas Wingfield born August 13, 1815 in War-ren

county, Kentucky; married Nancy A. Jacobs on July 16, 1840 in Clark county, Arkansas; died August 3, 1878.

James Wingfield born January 18, 1817 in Warren county, Kentucky; married Seleta Askey on November 5, 1840 in Clark county, Arkansas; died March 19, 1889.

John Jackson Wingfield born November 30, 1818 in Warren county, Kentucky; married first Nancy K. \_\_\_\_\_; married second Elizabeth J. Logan on March 22, 1855 in Clark county, Arkansas; died December 30, 1865.

Jacob Wingfield, Jr. born 1820 in Warren county, Kentucky; married Mary Easley on November 9, 1843 in Clark county, Arkansas.

---

**Children of Jacob Wingfield  
and Rhoda Waldron**

Nancy P. Wingfield born about 1842 in Clark county, Arkansas; married William Franklin Logan on January 20, 1859 in Clark county, Arkansas.

**DEED RECORD**

This indenture made the 17th day of August 1816 between John Wingfield and Betsy his wife, James Wingfield & Ruthy his wife, Jacob Wingfield & Sally his wife, all of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky: and William Wingfield & Charles Wingfield of the Illinois Territory, Patrick Sanders & Sally his wife, who was Sally Wingfield, and Polly Wingfield, all of Mississippi Territory, of the one part and Augus McDonald of the county of Warren of the other part.

Witnesseth that, whereas in the lifetime of our father William Wingfield the said Augus McDonald purchased of him a certain survey of land on the headwaters of little Beaver Dam containing two hundred acres, said land was patented on the 16th day of January 1815 to the said William Wingfield, alias Winkfield.

Now therefore, the said John Wingfield and others, for and in consideration of the aforesaid sale to our said father, and divers & other good and sufficient consideration; do grant, sell, alien, & confirm unto the said Augus McDonald, all our right, title, and interest & estate, in the said 200 acres, which is bounded as

follows, to wit:

Beginning at John Wingfield's corner, a Spanish Oak and Chestnut running thence S. 15 degrees E. 180 poles to a Post oak & two blackjacks, thence S. 75, West 180 poles to a red oak & hick-ory, thence North 15, West 180 poles to a stake, thence North 75, East 180 poles to Beginning. To have & hold the said two hundred acres of land free from the Molestation or hinderance of our-selves, our heirs or assigns, to the only proper use & benefit of him, Augus McDonald, his heirs & assigns forever.

As witness our hands & seals the day & year above written.

John x Wingfield (his mark)  
James x Wingfield (his mark)  
Jacob x Wingfield (his mark)  
Charles x Wingfield (his mark)  
Betsy x Wingfield (her mark)  
Ruthy x Wingfield (her mark)  
Sally x Wingfield (her mark)

Certified October 8, 1816 by John Hobson.  
**Warren County, Kentucky**, Deed Book 8, pages 59-61.

---

**Bethania Dairy, 1781.**

Extracts translated.

June 4. William Windfield came for me by agreement, and took me to his house, where four of the neighboring families had gathered. When I told them I would baptize their children in German, they said they had never heard a German service and they would be glad to hear it. Windfield's wife was born a Messer and some of the others understood a little German, so I spoke to them of the Covenant God had made with men and then baptized five children: John Windfield, John Ross, Salome Denton, Bethseba Follis and Francis Marit.

**Records of the Moravians in North Carolina**, Volume IV, 1780-1783, page 1770. Edited by Adelaide L. Fries, M.A., archivist of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province. The William Wingfield family were not Moravian. At this time (1781) they were living near Bethania in what was then Surry County, North Carolina.

---

**Joseph and David Wingfield**

May Term A.D. 1814

We, the undersigned, appointed by said Court, having proceeded to view and appraise the personal estate of Joseph and David Wingfield, deceased, that was shown to us by John Wingfield, administrator of said Joseph and David Wingfield, deceased, on the 29th day of January, 1814.

SAMUEL WATT  
JOHN WATT  
AUGUS McDONALD

Commissioners.

Warren County, Kentucky Wills and Settlements, Will Books A & B, 1797-1823, by Mary Moltenberry Rabold, 1974, page 40. Sale of estate included Jacob, John, Charles and James Wingfield.

---

### Marriage Bond

Know All Men By These Presents:

That, we, Wm. Wingfield & Joel Holcomb, are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency the Governor, for the time being, this principle in the penal Sum of L50 current money to which pay-ment will & truly be made. We bind ourselves, heirs, &c., jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed & dated this 6th day of September, 1806. The condition of the above obligation is such that:

Whereas, there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound William Wingfield & Sophia Holcomb for which a License has (been) Issued.

Now, if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then this obligation to be void, else, to remain in full force & virtue.

Test:

Wm. (his x mark) Wingfield (Seal)  
Joel (his x mark) Holcomb (Seal)

Original Marriage Bond, County Clerk's Office, Warren county, Kentucky.

---

### Marriage Bond

Know All Men By These Presents:

That, we, Jacob Wingfield and Lewis Hanes, are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of L50, for the true payment, whereof, we bind ourselves, our heirs, jointly, severally, and firmly, by these presents sealed with our seals, and dated this 30th day of May, 1814.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if there should be no legal causes to obstruct a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the said Jacob Wingfield and Miss Sally Hanes daughter of Christopher Hanes, the consent of said Christopher being this day fully certified & proven, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force & virtue.

Jacob (his x mark) Wingfield (Seal)  
Lewis Hanes (Seal)

Original Marriage Bond, County Clerk's Office, Warren county, Kentucky.

---

### JOEL SAUNDERS WINGFIELD BIBLE

Family Record.

Married on the 16th Dec. 1875, Joel S. Wingfield to Nancy E. Kelley.  
Joel S. Wingfield was born November the 16th 1854.

Nancy E. Wingfield wife of Joel S. Wingfield was born Nov. the 11th 1858.

Nora Lee daughter of Joel S. & Nancy E. Wingfield was born September the 23d 1876.

Corah Cornelier daughter of Joel S. & Nancy E. Wingfield was born August the 11th 1879.

---

Family Record.

Mary Dow Wingfield daughter of Joel S. & Nancy E. Wingfield was born July 20th 1881.

Lula Wingfield daughter of Joel S. & Nancy E. Wingfield was born March the 21st 1890.

Charles Elmore son of Joel S. & Nancy E. Wingfield was born July the 31st 1894.

Bob Stell son of J.S. & Nancy E. Wingfield born Oct. 26th, 1897.

---

Family Record.

John W. Wingfield departed this life January the 12th 1879 age 57 years, 9 months, and 29 days.

Nancy R. Wingfield departed this life Feb. 10th 1859 age 35 years, 11 months, and 22 days.

Sarah Kelley departed this life March the 21st 1887.

Elmore Melson died Feb. the 3rd 1890.

Isaac Ward died Aug. 4th 1894.

---

Family Record.

E.B. Wingfield was married to M.A. Kelley October 31st, 1889.

**Joel Saunders Wingfield Bible**, courtesy of Audrey Mansfield Delaney, now deceased, Delight, Arkansas. Once in a small family Bible this record consists of one page folded in the middle vertically forming four pages front and back. Each page of record measuring equally six and three quarter inches in length and four inches in width. Copied October 14, 1978.

---

**BOB STELL WINGFIELD BIBLE**

Joel Saunders Wingfield born November 16th 1854 son of John Wesley Wingfield and Nancy Rebec-kah Wingfield.

Nancy Emoline Wingfield born November the 11th 1858 daughter of Robert M. Kelley & Sarah Kelley.

---

Births.

Nora Lee Wingfield born Sept. the 23rd 1876.

Cora Cornelia born Aug. 11, 1879.

Mary Dow born July 20, 1881.

Lula born March 21st 1889.

Charles Elmore born July 31st 1894.

Bob Stell born October 26th 1896.

Claude Lesley born Feb. 22, 1899.

Clyde Wesley born Apr. 22, 1901.

---

Marriages.

Married on the 16th Dec. 1875, Joel S. Wingfield to

Nancy E. Kelley.

Nora Wingfield married to Jim Kirkham, Aug. 8, 1889.

---

Deaths.

Died on the 3rd day of July 1909, Lula Miller.

Died on the 1st day of Feb. 1911, Nancy E. Wingfield.

Died on the 12th day of July 1909, Chas. E. Wingfield.

Died on the 28th of March 1920, Cora C. Copeland.  
Died Aug. 6, 1942, Joel Saunders Wingfield, Aug. 6, 1942 (date recorded twice).

Nora L. Kirkham (no entry).

Died Oct. 30, 1963, Mary Dow Mansfield.

Clyde Wesley Wingfield died May 2, 1964.

**Bible Record** courtesy of Bob Stell Wingfield, now deceased, of Okolona, Arkansas. Copied November 23, 1974.

---

**EMILY WESSON WINGFIELD  
KIRKHAM BUCKNER BIBLE**

Family Record.

Births.

A.T. Wingfield was born July the 13, 1833.

James F. Kirkham was born Feb. 28, 1844.

Emily F.P. Wesson was born March the 30, 1844.

H.C.T. Wingfield was born August the 6th 1862.

Joseph E. Kirkham was born July the 19 teenth 1875.

Ida Eldora Kirkham was born November the 4th 1876.

Quincy Levi Kirkham was born Sept. 8th 1878.

Wm. A. Buckner was bornd June 4, 1835.

John Millard Buckner was born March the 20 A.D. 1886.

---

Marriages.

A.T. Wingfield and E.F.P. Wesson was married March the 29th 1860.

James F. Kirkham and Emily F.P. Wingfield was married August the 14, 1874.

W.A. Buckner and Emily F. Kirkham was married Nov. 4th 1884.

---

Little Christial E. Kirkham was born Dec. 14, 1905 and died August 31, 1906.

Little Loreda Kirkham was born Sep. 18, 1908 & died May 30, 1910.

**Emeline Frances Permelia (Wesson) Wingfield Kirkham Buckner Bible**, courtesy of Faydra Starnes, now deceased, Houston, Texas. Copied April 2, 1979.

---

**Marriage Record**

Certificate

Deaths.

A.T. Wingfield departed this life Nov. 26, 1864.

James F. Kirkham departed this life March the 22nd 1879.

Quincy Levi Kirkham departed this life Sept. the 8th 1880.

H.C.T. Wingfield departed this life Oct. the 14th 1882.

Emily P. Wesson Departed This life Sept. 11, 1872 Aged 67 years, 1 mo. and (3) days.

Henry J. Wesson Departed this life Oct. 26, 1882 born Dec. 16, 1815.

Emily F.P. Buckner died Feb. 9, 1908.

I do hereby certify, that on the ninth day of May, 1833, I married John Jacobs and Jinny Wingfield and that they are lawfully married according to the law(s) of this Territory, Arkansas Territory, county of Hempstead, Ozan Township.

Given under my hand this 20th June, 1833.

JOHN BAIRD, J.P.

Recorded and examined this 21st day of June, 1833.

ALLEN M. OAKLEY, Clerk.

**Hempstead County, Arkansas**, Marriage Book BB, page 198. Hempstead County Courthouse, Hope, Arkansas.

---

**RICHARD PUTMAN WINGFIELD BIBLE PART 1**

FAMILY RECORD

- Grand Parents -

Names	Born	Where	Died	Where
Father's Father      William Wingfield	Jan. 7 1782		Mar. 3 1856	
Father's Mother   Sophia Holcomb	April 15 1788		Jan. 12 1874	
Mother's Father				
Mother's Mother				

- Parents -

Names	Born	Where	Died	Where
Father Joel H. Wingfield	May 22 1814	Ill.	Jan. 31 1894	Morales Texas
Mother Jane A. Willbanks	Aug. 24 1831	La.	Dec. 30 1909	Dewett Texas
They were married Jan. 11, 1849 at Louisville, Arkansas by Justice P. Click.				

- Children -

Names	Born	Where	Married	To Whom	Died
1. Leanner Wingfield	April 11 1853	La.			June 1853
2. H.P. Wingfield	Sep. 3 1854	Tex.			Sep. 18 1855
3. N.P. Wingfield	Mar. 18 1856	Tex.			July 7 1858
4. R.P. Wingfield	Feb. 23 1862	Tex.	July 17 1890	E.J. Moore	Mar. 9 1910
5. M.R. Wingfield	Mar. 2 1866	Tex.			Aug. 11 1866
6. L.A. Wingfield	June 3 1872	Tex.			Aug. 30 1872
Designed by H.F. Giere					

**Richard Putman Wingfield Bible Part 1** courtesy of Richard Putman Wingfield son of Richard Putman Wingfield and Emma Jane Moore, Houston, Texas. Copied April 19, 1980 by David L. Kelley.

**1841 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS TAX LIST**

A Tax List of Pike County Arkansas for 1841.  
Present owners of all property taxed.

Ashford, James	Bittick, Robt.	Brewer, John	Collier, Nathan
Blocker, William	Baxter, Thomas	Brewer, O. Dec'd	Crewis, Lewis
Bittick, Jesse	Bassett, Thomas	Brewer, W.L.	Dickson, D.S.
Bizzel, W.H.	Baxter, Jesse	Brewer, Henry	Dickson, John
Brewer, William	Baxter, Joel B.	Cox, Thomas	Daniel, John
Blaylock, Willis	Brinly, Jacob	Carpenter, Jesse	Davis, Abijah
Barnett, Jno. G.	Bagwell, Milas	Carpenter, John Jr.	Dickson, Sion B.
Brewer, William Sr.	Barnes, Joshua	Carpenter, John Sr.	Davis, Clement
Blocker, John Jr.	Brewer, Henderson	Casterson, Sam'l	Davis, William
Brewer, Harmon	Bullock, David	Con(n)er, Isom	Dickson, Sam'l A.
Blocker, John Sr.	Brewer, James S.	Clifton, Levin	Dickson Wm. T.

Dickson, John M.	Huddleston, J.W.	McLaughlin, J.C.	Self, Davis
Davis, J.W. & Wm.	Hasl(e)y, Samuel	McLaughlin, W.C.	Steel, Thos.
& Jno. H. Swink	Henry, James	McDaniel, Leroy	Scott, James
Administrat(i)on &c.	Hughes, James	Massy, P.P.	Scott, Benjamin
Davis, William	Hughes, William	Morris, J.A.	Stone, F.G.,
Davis, Merick	Huddleston, David	Manuel, Wm.	Robt. McDoneld,
Edwards, John	Hale, E.G. & Jno.	Marks & Jordan	Elijah Kelley,
Elliott & Huddleston	Jenkins, Jesse	Mobley, David	John Hughes
Forkner, Lewis	Jones, Absalom	Mobley, William	& Henry Brewer
(Falkner)	Jones, Wm. G.	Owens, Edwin	Commissioners of
Ford, Absalom	Jenkins, Thos.	Oliver, W.H.	Pike Co. &c.
Forkiner, Hiram A.	Johnson, Wm.	Preston, W.H.	Taylor, Hiram
(Falkner)	Johnson, Micajah	Price, Ervin	Thompson, Wm.
Garner, Thos. R.	Johnston, Charles	Prator, Phillip	Trimble, Wm.
Green, Richard	Jacobs, John	Rogers, Chesly	Williams, Walker P.
Green, Armstead	Jacobs, English	Rob(er)son,	Wood, Jefferson T.
Gilmer, Wm.	Kizziar, Wm. C.	Benjamin	(Mc)Walkins, Jas.
Griffin, James E.	Kelley, William	Rogers, John	M.White, Isaac
Griffin, Wade	Kirkham, J.H.	Reeves, Willis	Weaver, Jerry
Galbreath, Josep(h)	Kelley, Elijah	Rainey, John	Wilson, John
Green, Washington	Kelley, Giles	Simpson, Jesse	White, Jordan
Galiher, John	Kizziar, James	Stone, F.G.	White, John
Green, Jno.	Kizziar, Hiram	Stone & McDoneld	White, John
Goodman, Arch	Latimer, Isom	Stone, William	White, Pleasant, Sr
Goodman, Joseph	Loudwell, W.B.	Scott, Patrick M.	Ward, Thos.
Hughes, John	Langdon, Robt. M.	Simpson, Sam'l	Ward, John
Hollida(y), Peter	McDoneld, Alex.	Smith, Phillip	Wheat, James
Herreld, Thompson	McDoneld, Robt.	Stringer, Rice	White, Absalom
Henthorn, James	McDoneld, J.M.	Self, Lacky	
Henthorn, C.M.	McDoneld, Alvin	Self, Forges	
Hancock, A.H.	Mansfield, Jas. C.	Self, Lewis	

---

State of Arkansas,  
County of Pike.

This day received of David S. Dickson, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Pike and exofficio Clerk of the County aforesaid, the Tax Book for the year A.D. 1841 for the County of Pike aforesaid, and the same is One hundred & Twenty eight 44/100 (the) Amount of State Tax. Amount of County Tax is Six hundred & fifty 01/100 Dollars. May 1st A.D. 1841.

HENRY BREWER  
Sheriff and Collector of Pike County.

---

State of Arkansas,  
County of Pike.

I, David S. Dickson, Clerk of the Circuit Court and exofficio Recorder in and for the County of Pike, do certify that the above tax list is a true copy of the original assess list furnished me by the Sheriff, now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk and affixed the Seal of office, this 1st day of May

D.S. DICKSON, Clerk.

---

Tax list of Pike County for 1841 received & filed 19 June 1841. Amount of State tax \$128 44/100 charged to Sheriff. Page 7.

A. (?)ilener  
Auditor protem.

Little Rock, Arkansas

**Pike County, Arkansas Tax List** for 1841, Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

---

### TOWN LOTS IN MURFREESBORO, PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS 1841

Present Owners	No. of Town Lots	Value of Town Lots (\$)
Jacob Brinley	1	23
David Bullock	6	400
John Dickson	1	75
John Edward(s)	3	50
James E. Griffin	3	100
Jesse Jenkins	4	300
James Kizzia(r)	1	200
Hiram Kizzia(r)	1	200
Alex McDonield	2	61
J.M. (James) McDonield	5	100
Alvin McDonield	3	200
Jesse Simpson	3	150
F.G. (Fontaine) Stone	2	150
Stone & McDonield	2	500
William Stone	2	20
Rice Stringer	4	200
Pleasant White	1	25

**Pike County, Arkansas Tax List** for 1841, Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

---

### RESETTING THE OLD LANDMARKS

A History of the Clark-Pike Missionary Baptist Association by Russell Pierce Baker (c) 1993

#### Part 5

The first annual session of the Clark County association met with the New Home church eight miles north of Gurdon in 1918. Elder *J.T. Gathright* was elected moderator and *S.C. Swinney* was chosen clerk. Wellsville Church was added by

petition. Bro. *Wells*, the missionary, reported that his salary was paid in full and that there was money left in the mission treasury. "This as-sociation" wrote a visitor, "is located in a great field, (and has) great opportunities." In 1919 the association met with the church at Gurdon. Two new churches, Bethel Springs, now Red Springs, and Clear Springs were admitted into the fellowship. In commenting on the work of the association, Bro. *J.M. Roberson*, the clerk wrote, "(we have) had a hard struggle ... (and) some of the strongest opposition (had by) any association and some that too from people who

claim to be Landmark Baptists." When the association was organized, he wrote, some foes said, "it is pre-mature" and others said, "it is too weak to do any-thing."

The Association seems to have peaked in growth in 1921. This is the only session for which records have survived. There was a total of nine churches in its fellowship that year. They reported a total of 708 members. The Wellsville Church located in Nevada County was dismissed to the Union Association. Two local missionaries, Bros. *Gathright* and *Scott*, had preached across the area during the past year.

In 1922 the Association met with the Hammond's Chapel Church near Gurdon. This was its last session. Unfortunately, no records of this meeting have survived. However, it is known that the body voted to seek a merger with its larger and much stronger sister association in Pike County. That group already had within its fellowship several north Clark County churches. As had been seen, this consolidation was accomplished at Amity in the fall of 1922 and brought together these two organizations that were "one in faith and practice" into the Clark-Pike Association. In 1950 a new organization with the name of the Clark County Missionary Baptist Association was organized. Its birth was the outgrowth of a bitter division within the churches of the American Baptist Association. Many of the churches and pastors associated with the old Clark County association were in the formation of this new body.

The first session of the Clark-Pike Association was held in September of 1923 with the Springdale Church in Clark County. Six churches from the old Clark County association sent messengers: Springdale, Hammonds Chapel, Bethel at Okolona, Gurdon, Bethel Springs now Red Springs, and New Home of Clark County. The following churches were represented from the old Pike County association: Amity, Rosboro, Glenwood, Mount Moriah, Midway, Caney Fork, Caney Valley, Center Ridge, Gethsemene, Bethlehem, and Liberty Hill. One new church, Missionary Grove located in Nevada County was received into the fellowship. This makes a total of eighteen churches in the new association. By unanimous vote the Association committed itself to working with the Arkansas State Association and National General Association. It also voted unanimously to refuse to seat any church that was, "in harmony (with) and working with the

State or Southern Baptist Convention." The group's annual report on missions decried the fact, "a great many Baptists have been led into a great system of institutionalism, where churches are only considered in the paying of the bills."

The next session of the Association was held with the Liberty Hill Church near Delight. Here, the messengers refused to seat the representatives from the church at Amity because of its support of the Southern Baptist Convention. This was the last attempt by convention forces to influence the Clark-Pike Association. It was now solidly within the Landmark camp. Within a few weeks of this rejection of the Amity Church, that church, and the ones at Rosboro, Glenwood, and Murfreesboro, formed their own "convention" association and named it Fellowship. However, it did not last long. Most of these churches soon returned to the Caddo River Association.

Throughout the remainder of the decade of the 1920's the Association continued to grow. The following churches were added to its fellowship during this period: Maple Springs, Bingen, Sayne, South Fork, Delight, Mount Pisgah, Alpine, Macedonia, Wellsville, Oak Grove, Mount Pleasant, Pilgrim Rest, Antioch, Bethlehem No. 2, and Delight No. 2. A number of men worked as associational missionaries and organized churches, Sunday schools, and Baptist training courses. Beginning in 1924, the churches began working through the new American Baptist Association as it did mission work throughout the world.

The decade 1930's was a time of economic hardship throughout the United States. The great Depression of that time saw the end of the large timber industry that had grown up in Clark, Pike, and Montgomery counties shortly after 1900. By 1935 saw mills were closing across the area. In order to find work many families moved to the west coast. Entire communities throughout the area ceased to exist. Only fifteen churches sent messengers to the Association in 1935. However, the churches that were left carried on the work of preaching the gospel. They also worked to revive the churches that had been affected by the economy. They were especially active in supporting the work of the Texarkana Baptist orphanage. Churches added to the fellowship of the Association during the 1930's were: Gum Springs, New Caney, Sunshine, New Home in Garland County, Calvary,

Salem in Clark County, and Chalybeate Valley.

Bethel Church, located at Glenwood, was organized in 1848. However, it had become inactive during the 1920's as many of its members moved to nearby Glenwood to work in the saw mills. It was revived during the middle 1930's under the preaching of Elder *J.L. Hamilton*, who is buried in the Bethel cemetery. The church was readmitted to the Association in 1938 and has been active in its work ever since.

In 1950 a division within the churches of the American Baptist Association resulted in the formation of a new national Missionary Baptist fellowship known as the North American Baptist Association. It is now called the Baptist Missionary Association of America. Most of the churches of the association located in the Gurdon area of Clark County chose to leave the fellowship of the Clark-Pike Association and of the American Baptist Association and join the new body. The churches at Gurdon, New Caney, Gum Springs, New Home, and Bethel met together in the Fall of that year and formed the Clark County Baptist Missionary Association. Later they joined by the Hammonds Chapel Church. Temple Church in Murfreesboro joined the Howard County Association.

Despite this loss, the Association continued to grow. Twenty-four churches sent messengers to the session in 1952. Since that time new churches have been established in Mount Ida, Glenwood, and near Percy. In 1992 twenty church represented at the Association's annual session held with the Pilgrim Rest Church near Lodi. For more information see the histories of the Association that were published in its minutes in 1925, 1933, and 1966.

RUSSELL P. BAKER

Part 5 of **Resetting the Old Landmarks**, A History of the Clark - Pike Missionary Baptist Association, courtesy of Russell Pierce Baker, concluded.

#### MARRIAGE RECORD

State of Arkansas,  
County of Hempstead.

I, Isaac C. Perkins a minister of the regular Baptist denomination of Christians, do certify that according to the customs of my church, I solemnized the rites of Matrimony in Hempstead County, Arks. on the 30th day of December 1840 between **Harmon**

**Brewer** of Pike County aged (blank) years and **Martha Green** aged (blank) years of Hempstead County.

Given under my hand &c. this 4th day of January 1841.

ISAAC C. PERKINS, Minister of the Gospel.

Filed January 4th 1841 and recorded.

S.T. SANDERS, Clerk.

**Hempstead County, Arkansas** Marriage Record Book BB, page 330.

---

State of Arkansas,  
County of Pike.

Clerk's office of the Pike Circuit Court, on the Chancery side thereof, in Vacation, 21st December, A.D. 1841.

**Elizabeth Blocker**, by William Stone,  
her next friend, complainant.

vs.

**William Blocker**, Defendant.

#### PETITION FOR DIVORCE

This day came the complainant by Grandison D. Royston, her solicitor, and filed her bill and affidavit in this cause, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the clerk of this court from the affidavit of said complainant, also filed in this cause, that the said defendant William Blocker, is a non-resident of the State of Arkansas. It is therefore ordered by the Clerk of the Pike Circuit Court, that the said defendant be, and he is hereby, notified, of the commencement of this suit, and the substance of the allegations and prayer, of the complainant's bill as follows: That on the 10th day of February, 1839, complainant was married to defendant in the county of Pike, in the State of Arkansas; that the defendant has wilfully deserted and absented himself from the said complainant for the space of one year, without reasonable cause; and that he still remains absent from her; that there are two female children, to wit: *Sarah Ann Blocker* and *Louisa Jane Blocker*, under her custody and charge; that during the time they cohabitated together he failed to make any provision for the support of his wife and children;

that at the time of his marriage with the complainant he had a wife living who is yet alive; that he is unfit to have the management, custody, and care of the children; that the complainant's bill is to dissolve and set aside marriage contracts, not only from bed and board, but from the bonds of matrimony, and for such other relief as she may be entitled to in the premises; and it appearing further to the clerk that process of the Pike Circuit Court cannot be served on the said defendant. It is therefore ordered that unless the said defendant shall appear on or before the next term of the Pike Circuit Court, to be holden at the court house in the town of Mur-freesboro, on the fourth Monday in April next, and plead, answer or demur to said bill: that the same shall be taken as confessed, and a decree entered accordingly; and it is further ordered, that this order be published for eight weeks successively in some newspaper in this State, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the 1st day of the next term of the Pike Circuit Court.

DAVID S. DICKSON  
Clerk of the Pike Circuit Court,  
in the State of Arkansas.

A true copy from the record.

Teste:

DAVID S. DICKSON, Clerk.

December 29.

Washington Telegraph, December 29, 1841, page 3, col. 3.

---

The Supreme Court of the State of Arkansas

**Robert McDonald (McDonield)** Plaintiff.

vs.

**Jesse Simpson**, Defendant.

Where a person represents himself as a workman that very representative raises an implied covenant that he will use his best skill in the work which he is employed to do. It is not necessary that he should covenant expressly to use such skill.

If a person holds himself out to the world as a workman, the law binds him to do his work in a workman like, ie. a *skillful* manner.

This was action of assumpsit, determined in the Clark Circuit Court in October, 1841, before the

Hon. William Conway B., one of the Circuit Judges. It is the same case, which is reported as **Simpson vs. McDonald**, 2 Ark. 370, in which case the bill of exceptions having, by mistake, stated that the *plaintiff*, instead of the *defendant*, had employed other mill-wrights to rebuild the mill, the judgement was reversed and a new trial awarded. (Jesse) Simpson sued (Robert) McDonald (McDonield) for compensation for labor done for him. He proved that he worked for him for a considerable time in building a mill. (Robert) McDonald (McDonield) in defense, proved that the mill when built was valueless, and that he, himself, had to rebuild it almost entirely. The jury found for (Jesse) Simpson \$200 and (Robert) McDonald (McDonield) appealed. Only two questions were presented to this court. On the trial the court refused to allow (Robert) McDonald (McDonield) to ask a witness, who was not a mechanic, what was the value of the mills, *as mills*, and instructed the jury, "that if they believe from the evidence that the plaintiff (Jesse Simpson) told (the) defendant (Robert McDonield) that he was skillful, and that the plaintiff (Jesse Simpson) did not engage to use his skill for (the) defendant (Robert McDonield), that the defendant would be bound to pay him the worth of his labor."

TRAPNELL, COCKE & PIKE, for appellant.

TRIMBLE, contra.

By the court.

J. DICKINSON. There is a good deal of contrariety in the testimony and not a little ambiguity in many portions of it. There are several instructions given by the court, to which no exception can be taken. There is one, however, where the law is stated too broadly, and as there is much confusion and contradiction in the testimony, the court cannot determine what influence or effect the instruction might have had in determining the jury to decide for the plaintiff (Jesse Simpson). The instruction is, that if they believed, from the evidence, that the plaintiff (Jesse Simpson) represented himself as a skillful workman, but did not covenant to use his skill, that the defendant (Robert McDonield) would be bound to pay him the worth of his labor. This is not the true doctrine upon the point. Where a party represents himself as a workman, that very representation raises an implied covenant to use his skill in the work which he is employed to do. It is not necessary that he should covenant, expressly, to use such skill. When he holds himself out to the

world that he is a workman, the law binds him to do the work in a workmanlike manner, and that expression is tantamount that it shall be done in a skillful manner. Any other rule would produce great injustice and hardship. It would enable those who profess to be mechanics to engage to do work as such mechanics, and then, wholly to excuse themselves on a failure or breach of contract by alleging that they had not covenanted to do it in a skilful manner. Judgement reversed.

**Reports** of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Law & Equity of the State of Arkansas. Albert Pike, Counsellor at Law. Geo. W. Williams, Attorney at Law. Volume 4. Little Rock: Woodruff Printing Company. Reprint 1888. Jesse Simpson and Robert McDonield of Pike County, Arkansas.

---

### MARRIAGE RECORD

State of Arkansas,  
County of Hot Springs.

James C. Chaney to Minerva Hopper.

I do hereby certify that I solemnized the rites of Matrimony on the 9 day of December 184(1) between **James C. Chaney** of the Co(unt) of Clark and **Minerva Hopper** of the County of Pike, State of Arkansas.

Given under my hand, an acting J.P. for said county of Hot Springs, this 21 day of February 1842.

C.H. SMITH, J.P.

Filed for Record March 1st 1842.

LAWSON RUNNIYON, Clerk.

**Hot Springs County, Arkansas** Marriage Book A, page 23.  
**The Estate of Jacob Holman**

County of Clark,

ss.

State of Arkansas.

TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE  
PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING:

Know ye, that whereas **Jacob Holman** of the County of Pike, died intestate as it is said, on or about the twenty-sixth day of October A.D. 1842, having at the time of his death personal property in

this State which may be lost, destroyed or diminished in value if speedy care be not taken of the same: to the end thereof, that the said property may be collected, preserved and disposed of according to law. We do hereby appoint Abner E. Thornton of the County of Clark, administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said Jacob Holman at the time of his death, with full power and authority to secure and dispose of th said property according to law, and collect all monies due said deceased and in general to do and perform all other acts and things which are or hereafter may be required of him by law.

In testimony whereof, I, James S. Ward, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Exofficio Clerk of the Court of Probate in and for the County of Clark aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, this 28th day of November A.D. 1842.

JAS. S. WARD, Clerk.

---

The State of Arkansas,  
County of Clark.

I, James S. Ward, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Exofficio Clerk of the Court of Probate in and for the County of Clark, do hereby certify tha the within and foregoing letters of administration granted to Abner E. Thornton, on the Estate of Jacob Holman deceased, were this day duly re-corded before they were delivered to said admin-istrator.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as clerk as aforesaid and affixed the seal of office at Greenville, this 28th day of November A.D. 1842.

JAS. S. WARD, Clerk.

**Clark County, Arkansas** Letters of Administration 1838-1856, pages 21-22.

---

The State of Arkansas,  
County of Clark.

Clark County Probate Court,  
In Vacation, November 28th 1842.

This day personally came Abner E. Thornton before

me, James S. Ward, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Exofficio Clerk of the Court of Probate in and for the County of Clark aforesaid, and on his motion, letters of administration is granted to him on the Estate of John Holman deceased, upon his entering into bond conditioned according to law in the penal sum of sixteen hundred dollars, with Joshua Elkins and John H. Nelson as his securities. And thereupon, the said Abner E. Thornton took the oath prescribed by law as administrator of the Estate of Jacob Holman deceased.

Witness my hand as clerk as aforesaid, this 28th day of November A.D. 1842.

JAS. S. WARD, Clerk.

Clark County, Arkansas Probate Record Book A, page 70.

---

**An Act to Call in the Scrip of Pike County,  
and for other Good Purposes**

Section.

1. Clerk to cancel old scrip, and make new issue.
2. Person refusing to deliver up scrip, to be forever barred.
3. Clerk to keep a book, and make entries therein of canceled scrip, and duty of county court to inspect the same.
4. Sheriff to give notice of the provisions of this act.

SEC 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, That all county scrip issued by the clerk of the county of Pike, prior to taking effect of this act, shall be presented by the holder thereof to the clerk of said county, on or before the first day of July next; and it shall be the duty of said clerk, thereupon, to calculate the principal and interest due on all scrip thus presented, and to cancel the same, and then to issue other scrip in lieu thereof, to the person or persons presenting the same.

SEC 2. Be it further enacted, That each and every person who may hold any of the said county scrip, and shall fail or refuse to present and deliver up the same to be canceled, shall be forever barred and precluded from receiving any benefit therefrom.

SEC 3. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of said clerk, at the time he shall cancel any such scrip, to enter in a well-bound book, by him to be kept for that purpose, the number, date, and amount of each piece of scrip by him canceled, and the name of the person to whom the same was originally issued; and then to be entered in the same book, the date, number, and amount of each piece of scrip thus issued, and the name of the person to whom issued; that it shall be the duty of the county court to inspect said book, and the entries therein made; and if it shall appear that any scrip has been issued by said clerk for canceled scrip, contrary to the intent and meaning of this act, that said court may order said clerk to cause such scrip thus wrongfully issued to be brought into open court of said county, at the next term; and then said court shall have power to make such order in relation thereto, as they shall deem right and proper in the premises; and if said clerk shall fail or refuse to comply with such order, when made, the said court may render a judgement against said clerk for the amount of all scrip thus wrongfully issued, upon motion, and without the formality of pleading.

SEC 4. Be it further enacted, That notice shall be given of the provisions of this act, at least thirty days previous to the first day of July next, by the sheriff putting up one advertisement in each township in said county.

W.S. OLDHAM  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
SAM'L ADAMS  
President of the Senate.

Approved:  
the 4th Dec., 1842.

ACTS, Passed at the Seventh Session of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas. Published by Authority. Little Rock: 1843.

---

Agent for the Washington Telegraph

Rev. Jesse Jenkins, Murfreesboro, Ark.

Washington Telegraph, September 6, 1843, Volume 4, Number 8, page 4, column 6.

---

**Alvin McDonald Letters of Administration**

**on Robert McDonald (McDonield) Estate**

County of Jackson,  
ss.  
The State of Arkansas.

TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE  
PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING:

Know Ye, that whereas **Robert McDonald** (McDonield) of the County of (Pike) died intestate as it is said on or about the 25 day of October 1843 having at the time of his death, personal property in this State which may be lost, destroyed or diminished in value if speedy care be not taken of the same to the end therefore that the same said property may be collected, presented & disposed of according to law. We do hereby appoint Alvin McDonald of the County of Jackson administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said Robert McDonald at the time of his death. With full power and authority to secure and dispose of the same property according to law and collect all moneys due said deceased and in general to do and perform all other acts and things which are or hereafter may be required him by law.

In testimony whereof, I, A.H. Logan, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Court of Probate in and for the Count of Jackson aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office this 22nd day of November 1849.

A.H. LOGAN, Clerk.

Issued and recorded in Book B, page 46, November 22nd A.D. 1849.

A.H. LOGAN, Clerk.

---

**Alvin McDonald Bond on Robert  
McDonald (McDonield) Estate**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, we, Alvin McDonald as principal and Thompson Harl, Robert McDonald and Edward McDonald as securities are held and firmly bound unto the State of Arkansas in the just and penal sum of Thirty-six Hundred Dollars, for the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind

ourselves and heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals at Elizabeth this 22nd day of November A.D. 1849. The conditions of the above obligation is such that if the above bounded Alvin McDonald administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, right and credits of Robert McDonald deceased, shall come to be made or make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased which have or may come to the hands of possession of him, the said Alvin McDonald or into the hands or possession of any, and for him, and the hands so made shall return and exhibit in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Probate for the County of Jackson with in sixty-days from the date of the above obligation, and all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the deceased which may come to the hands, possession, or knowledge of the said Alvin McDonald, shall well and truly administer according to law and pay the debts of the deceased as far as his assets will extend and the law directs, and further make or cause to be made, just and true accounts of his administration & make due and proper settlements thereof from time to time according to law, or the lawful order, sentence or decree of any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall moreover well and truly do and perform all other matters and things touching such administration that are or may be prescribed by law or enjoined on such administration by the lawful order, sentence or any court of competent jurisdiction, then the above obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year first above written.

ALVIN McDONALD  
EDWARD H. McDONALD  
THOMPSON HARL  
R.H. McDONALD

In the presence of:

A.H. LOGAN, Clerk.

Filed and recorded in Record Book B, page 45, November 22nd 1849.

Jackson County, Arkansas Letters of Administration Book B, pages 45-46.

---

**In the Distribution of the property of  
Robert McDonald (McDonield) Deceased**

Now on this day comes into court Susan Harl, Mary Ann Harl, Jane Harl, Robert Harl, James Harl, Alonzo Harl, Bolivia P. Harl infant children of Susan Harl, deceased, by Thompson Harl their father & next friend; Edward McDonald, Louis McDonald & an infant child, infant children of Alexander McDonald, deceased, by their next friend Alvin McDonald; Edward McDonald, Robert H. McDonald & Alvin McDonald & make their applications to the Probate Court held by a Special Judge for a Sale of certain property belonging to the Estate of Robert McDonald & for distribution of the proceeds thereof among the several persons entitled to a distributable portion of the Estate of Robert McDonald deceased.

Which, application is made by petition & alleges that the property sought to be sold & distributed consists of four negroes, to wit: HORACE, ANDY, AMY & her child, & that the proceeds thereof after paying the expenses of the sale & administration & debts (which are averred to be few in number) should be divided into eight parts, of which distributable portion, among the heirs of Robert McDonald: the children of Susan Harl, deceased, are entitled one eighth part which is shown to the court to access through s(ai)d Susan Harl deceased, being a daughter of s(ai)d Robert McDonald deceased; the s(ai)d children of Alexander McDonald deceased, who was a son of s(ai)d Robert McDonald deceased are entitled to one eighth part; the s(ai)d Robert H., Edward & Alvin are also entitled as each, to one eighth part hereof by being sons of s(ai)d Robert McDonald (deceased); & that Ann Stone, wife of Fountain Stone of Sevier County of this State is entitled to one eighth part; Mary Swan, wife of Wilson H. Swan of Mississippi to one eighth part; & James M. McDonald of Sevier County in this State to one eighth part; which s(ai)d James, Mary & Ann are children of said Robert McDonald deceased.

And it appearing to the Court from consideration of the premises that the s(ai)d slaves cannot be divided & that due notice has been give to the parties

interested who do not join in this petition, it is by the Court ordered, considered & deter-mined that s(ai)d application be granted & the property sold on the terms, time & place to be hereinafter specified.

And it also appearing from premises within view of the Court that there will be a necessity for use by the Administrator of Robert McDonald for a sum of money to pay the expenses of the Admini-stration of (or from) the s(ai)d sale, & certain debts allowed against the Estate of s(ai)d Robert, which sum amounts to about twelve hundred Dollars. It is therefore ordered & considered that s(ai)d sum of the proceeds of s(ai)d sale be turned over to Alvin McDonald the Administrator of the Estate of s(ai)d Robert McDonald to be by him applied according to law in the settlement of s(ai)d Estate.

And it is further ordered & considered that the excess which the s(ai)d Negroes shall bring over twelve hundred dollars be divided into eight equal parts of which one part shall be paid to those entitled to distributive portions of the Estate of Robert McDonald as above stated & that if any of s(ai)d persons so entitled any of s(ai)d slaves, their receipt for the amount to which they are entitled shall be received as payment to that amount

And it is further ordered & considered that s(ai)d slaves be sold at public auction to the highest bidder who shall give his note with good security therefor, payable in twelve months from the time of sale; that the sale be at the house of William May in Breckenridge township in Jackson County on Saturday the 23d of February, 1850.

And it further ordered & considered that James I. Waddle be appointed commissioner to carry s(ai)d sale into effect; that he be empowered & enjoined to carry into effect the requisitions of this order; that he advertise the terms, time & place of s(ai)d sale with a description of the property to be sold by putting up notices thereupon - on of the most public places of Jackson County twenty days before the day of sale.

The Hon. John Robinson was disqualified from presiding on the above application in consequences of being connected by affinity with Alvin McDonald one of the parties who is his son in law.

Jackson County, Arkansas Probate Book A, pages 167-168.

---

Bill & Receipt of Sale of Slave  
Taylor Polk to John Dickson

Received of John Dickson of Pike County, Arkansas, Four Hundred Dollars in full payment for one negro woman named Liza. Which I warrant said negro to be sound in mind and body and a slave for life; and I warrant and defend the title of her, the said negro woman Liza with him, the said John Dickson, his heirs and assigns for ever.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of April A.D. 1845.

TAYLOR POLK

Test(e):

D.S. DICKSON

**Bill & Receipt of Sale**, Taylor Polk to John Dickson, courtesy of Rita Arnold, Nashville, Arkansas.

---

Agent for (The Arkansas) 'Gazette'

William H. Preston, Murfreesboro, Ark.

**Arkansas Gazette**, January 3, 1845, Little Rock, Arkansas.

---

WAS COMMITTED.

To the jail of Hempstead county, Arks., a negro named JIM. Said negro says he belongs to Reese Huges, near Jefferson, Texas and is about 30 years old, six feet high, weighs about 175 pounds, and has a scar just above his left eye. Therefore, the owner of said negro is hereby required to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take said slave away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

LEWIS HUDDLESTON, Sheriff  
of Pike County, Arks.

By T.M. Fleming, jailor of Hempstead County, Arks.

October 8, 1845.

**Washington Telegraph**, October 22, 1845, Volume 6, Number 5, page 3, column 4, item 8.

---

Administrator's Receipt

Rec'd of Henry Brewer, sixty Dollars and nin(e)ty three cents, which I promise to enter as a credit on a Judgement in my favor as Publick (sic) admr. of the Estate of Peter Holliday Dec'd, against Thomas M. Hughes, Ben Scott and James Hughes in the Pike Circuit Court, which Judgement, the said Henry Brewer assumed to pay January 20th 1846.

LEWIS HUDDLESTON, Public Admr. of  
the Estate of Peter Holliday.

**Administrator's Receipt**, Lewis Huddleston, Public Administrator of Peter Holliday to Henry Brewer, courtesy of Capitola Hensley Glazner, deceased, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

---

**Supreme Court of the State of Arkansas**

William H. Bizzell & Edwin Owens

vs.

William A. Brewer as Administrator  
of John Brewer, deceased.

A bond for "one hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid in any current notes of the Bank of the State of Arkansas," is payable in the notes of said bank at their nominal value, regardless of their depreciation.

This construction accords with common sense, and the popular meaning of the terms used in the obligation.

In covenant on such obligation, the plaintiff must prove the value of such bank paper, otherwise he is not entitled to judgment for any sum.

If the judgment is for the full amount of the obligation, and the evidence is not put upon the record, this court will presume that the bank notes were at par.

But if the evidence is put upon the record, and it appears that the plaintiff offered no proof as to the value of the notes, and yet took judgment for the full amount of the obligation, the judgment will be reversed.

Writ of Error to the Circuit  
Court of Sevier County.

This was an action of covenant brought by William A. Brewer, as administrator of John Brewer, deceased, against (William H.) Bizzell and (Edwin) Owens, and determined in the Sevier circuit court, at the July Term 1847, before Hon. C.C. Scott, then one of the circuit judges.

The obligation declared on, is in these words: "On or before the first day of January next, we promise

to pay John Brewer, or order, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid in any current notes of the Bank of the State of Arkansas, for value received: this the 16th day of May, 1842." Signed and sealed by defendants (William H. Bizzell and Edwin Owens).

Defendants (William H. Bizzell and Edwin Owens) pleaded payment in current notes of the Bank of the State of Arkansas, to which issue was taken. The cause was submitted to the court, sitting as a jury by consent, and the court found for plaintiff (William A. Brewer as administrator of John Brewer deceased), and rendered judgment for \$191 damages. Defendants (William H. Bizzell and Edwin Owens) took a bill of exceptions, as follows:

On the trial, defendants (William H. Bizzell and Edwin Owens by attorneys) asked a witness, Coulter, the following question: "Were the notes of the Branches of the State Bank of Arkansas in circulation in the State of Arkansas on the 1st day of January 1843?" Witness (Coulter) answered in the affirmative. Defendants (William H. Bizzell and Edwin Owens by attorneys) then asked witness (Coulter): What was the value of notes of the Branches of the Bank of the State of Arkansas on the 1st January, 1843, and whether said notes were not the currency of the country at that time?" To which question plaintiff (William A. Brewer by attorneys) objected, and the court sustained the objection, and ruled that the defendants had not the right to ask what was the value of the notes of the Branches of the Bank of the State of Arkansas, until they had first proved that said notes were passing as money in the ordinary transactions of the country, at their nominal value. Defendants also proved that the notes of the Bank of the State of Arkansas were from 50 to 60 per cent discount on the 1st January, 1843, and that the notes of the principal bank were a shade better than the notes of its branches, but that none of the banks of Arkansas were paying specie at that time. And there being no further testimony, the court gave judgement for the full amount of the obligation sued on, to all of which decisions and judgment of the court, defendants excepted, &c. Defendants (William H. Bizzell and Edwin Owens) brought error.

Ringo & Trapnell, for the plaintiff.  
Watkins & Curran, contra.

C.J. JOHNSON. The result of this case will

necessarily depend upon the construction that shall be put upon the terms of the contract to enforce which the suit was instituted.

(William H.) Bizzell and (Edwin) Owens promised to pay (John) Brewer or order the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid in any current notes of the Bank of the State of Arkansas. The writing was executed on the 16th day of May, A.D. 1842, and made payable on the first day of January, then next following. This court in the case of *Pearson v. Wallace*, 7 Ark. 293, when defining the meaning of the terms "current bank notes" said that "current bank notes are such as are convertible into specie at the counter where they were issued, and pass at par in the ordinary transactions of the country." If the parties to this contract had adopted the terms, "current bank notes," without any restriction as to the bank from which they should issue, it would have fallen within the definition and rule laid down in the case referred to, but when it is remarked that it is confined to the current notes of the State Bank of Arkansas, it is obvious that we must depart from the strict legal signification, and have recourse to that sense in which they were generally understood and received by the people. To give to the terms used their plain and popular sense, they obviously amount to a promise to pay the sum specified in the notes of the State Bank, at their nominal value. This we conceive to be the plain and common sense interpretation of the contract.

We will now proceed to determine whether the circuit court properly excluded the evidence offered by the defendant(s) (William H. Bizzell and Edwin Owens) below. He (they) first asked the witness (Coulter) to state whether the notes of the branches of the State Bank of Arkansas were in circulation in said State on the first day of January, A.D. 1843 and upon answering in the affirmative, he (they) then asked him what was the value of the notes of the Branches of said bank on the first day of January 1843, and whether said notes were not the currency at that time. The court sustained the objection to the question relative to the value of the notes of the Branches of the State Bank, and ruled that he could not enquire into the matter until it was first proved that said notes were passing as money in the ordinary transactions of the country. The court erred in this respect, as it was not necessary to show that the notes of the State Bank were passing as par or considered as cash under the constructions already given to the terms of the contract.

The court also erred in another particular. The contract sued upon was a pure covenant. It did not simply give the makers the privilege of discharging it in the current notes of the State Bank; but it was expressly agreed that it was to be paid in that kind of currency. Such being the case it most unquestionably devolved upon the plaintiff below to show what such notes were actually worth in money, and until he had made out his case by competent proof, he was not entitled to a judgement for any sum whatever. The bill of exceptions purports to embrace all the evidence adduced upon the trial, and it does not appear that the plaintiff showed himself entitled to any thing. The defendant below was not required to show what the notes of the State Bank were worth and could not have been expected to offer testimony upon that point, unless it was necessary to rebut such as might have been offered by his adversary. Had no the evidence been reserved, the legal presumption would have been that the notes of the State Bank were equal to specie, and that the plaintiff below was entitled to the full amount expressed upon the face of the covenant, but as the bill of exceptions purports to contain all the testimony and it is wholly silent upon that point, the presumption will not hold in favor of the corrections of the judgment of the circuit court. For this reason also the judgment must be reversed.

**Cases:** Argued and Decided in the Supreme Court of Arkansas. Reported in the Fourth English Report; Being the Ninth Arkansas Report, Volume 9. Bizzell & Owens vs. Brewer as Administrator (of John Brewer deceased).

---

#### MARRIAGE RECORD

I, L.B. Collins, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify: that on the 12th day of September A.D. 1847 in the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in Marriage, **Jeremiah Green** of Pike County, age thirty-three years and **Margaret Taylor** of the County of Hempstead in said State, age twenty-three years & there and then declared them to be husband and wife.

Given under my hand this 16th day of Sepr. A.D. 1847.

LAWSON B. COLLINS, J.P.

Filed and Recorded October 5th A.D. 1847.

Teste:

S.T. SANDERS, Clerk.

Hempstead County, Arkansas Marriage Book A, page 33.

---

810 St. Andrews  
Kingwood, Texas 77339-3908  
February 8, 1996

Dear David:

... The Johnstons and the Hancocks were definitely in the same counties (Pike Co., AR and Jackson Co., TN) at the same time and were neighbors and associates, but the only time I have seen concrete evidence of their association is on the deed witnessed by Isabella Hancock and William Johnston in TN in 1829 ... Could she have been the wife of Clement, mother of William, who died in 1805? In any case, since receiving the case files (land entry records), I will concede that Micajah is probably not the Micajah Johnston on the White Co., TN census of 1830. His declaration in 1840 indicates that he would have been younger than 26 in 1830. That also means he probably married in Pike Co.

I have included a transcript of the documentation offered for Micajah's first land patent in Arkansas. I have also included an extract from the 1880 census of Jack Co., (Texas) ... I'm wondering if the Elizabeth Johnston listed is Isabella. I understand that Isabel is a shortened form of Elizabeth in some cultures. I know Ulysses is Micajah's son and Elizabeth's age and birthplace are right. The relationships, as they are listed don't make sense. Could the census taker have put the dwelling and family numbers on the wrong line? ...

I'm looking forward to reading future issues of THE GEMS.

Sincerely,

Karen Acker

---

Claim (Cash Certificate) No. 4312. Washington, (Arkansas). Patent date 1st May 1845, Volume 9, page 305. Tract Book Volume 48, page 131. Transcribed by Karen Acker, 30 Jan 1996.

State of Arkansas,

County of Hempstead,

United States of America

Be it remembered, that on the Twenty Second day of February in the year of 1840, Micajah Jo(h)n-ston, of the County of Pike in the State aforesaid, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace, within and for the County of Hempstead, aforesaid, and on his oath deposes and says: that he is about twenty six years of age the head of a family consisting of a wife and two children. That sometime in the winter of the year 1835 he commenced an improvement on the public land of the United States at that time not surveyed. That in surveying the lands, his said improvements were found to be in the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section nineteen in Township Eight, South of Range Twenty five West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Washington, Arkansas. That his dwelling house is on the Southwest Quarter and the greater portion of his cleared land is on the Northwest Quarter of said Section.

That he erected dwelling houses and other build-ings on said tracts and continued to improve said Land from the time of his removal thereto in the year 1835 to the present time. That he was an actual set(t)ler and a housekeeper in possession by personal residence on the said tracts above described on the Twenty Second day of June 1838 and for four months next preceding that date; and that he still has possession of and personal resi-dence on said Land; and further says not.

MICAJAH (his x mark) JOHNSTON

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 22 day of Feby. 1840.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

And at the same time & place and before me as aforesaid came also William Johns(t)on and & John G. Barnett, who after being duly sworn, say that they are personally well acquainted with Micajah Johns(t)on who subscribed the above and foregoing oath, that they know he is the head of a family as therein stated, and that all the material matters and things by him set forth therein, are Just and true in substance and in fact.

WILLI (William) JOHNSTEN  
JOHN G. BARNETT

Land Office, Washington, Ark's  
Feb. 22d 1840.

We are personally acquainted William Johnston & John G. Barnett who signed as witnesses the foregoing deposition & know them to be respectable & Entitled to credit.

D.T. WITTER, Rcr.  
R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

State of Arkansas,  
County of Hempstead,

Be it Remembered that on this the 22d day of February A.D. 1840, personally came before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Micajah Johnston, of the Count(y) of Pike, who being by me duly sworn, Deposeth and says: That he entered on the Northwest and Southwest quarters of Section 19 in Township 8, South (of) Range 25, West, in which he claims in his own right and exclusively for his own use and benefit and that he has not directly nor indirectly made any agreement with or contract in any way or manner with any person or persons whatever, by which the Title he might acquire from the government of the United States should (e)nure to the use or benefit of any one except himself or to convey or transfer the said land or the Title which he may acquire to the same, to any other person or persons whatever, at any sub-sequent time.

MICAJAH (his x mark) JOHNSTON

Sworn to and subscribed to by and before me the day and date above written.

R.L. PHILLIPS, J.P.

February 13, 1996

Dear Karen:

I have included portions of your letter in this issue of THE GEMS to illustrate some considerations you have brought up associated with your research and hopefully provide some information that will concur or in some way provide answers to your questions and possibly assist others in their re-search with

similar challenges. There is additional evidence of the association of the Hancocks and Johnstons in a Deed recorded in Jack County, Texas Deed Record Volume A, pp. 133-134:

The State of Texas,  
County of Jack,

Know All Men By These Presents:

That, we, Leollan Hancock and Nancy W. Speer, joint heirs with Clement Hancock, have this day sold, alienated & conveyed unto the said Clement Hancock, all our right, title & interest as joint heirs of A.H. Hancock, deceased, in the following tracts of land ...

Witness our hands this 11th day of October A.D. 1864.

L. HANCOCK  
NANCY W. SPEER  
Attest:

THOS. W. WILLIAMS  
W.A. JOHNSTON

The full content of this record will appear in the next issue of THE GEMS. W.A. Johnston (son of Micajah and Isabella Johnston) was a witness above with Thomas W. Williams.

Isabella Hancock the wife of Clement Hancock and mother of William Hancock who died in Laurens County, South Carolina in 1805 leaving a Last Will and Testament may have been deceased by 1829 when the indenture between Abner H. Hancock and John Sisco was made. The 1820 Jackson County, Tennessee census does not have her as a head of a household or does it appear by age she was in the household of the other Hancocks: although it is possible, if living, she resided with family relations or a guardian having another surname. In 1829 I would suspect she would have been at least in her 70's. The signature (not mark) of Isabella Hancock as it appears on the 1829 deed suggests a younger person and in the Comptroller General Accounts for Revolutionary Service, Clement Hancock AA 3288, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, there is a document signed nearly 45 years before on September 15, 1785 by Isabella Hancock, widow of Clement Hancock, as Isabella (her x mark) Hancock. Comparing the signature of Abner H. Hancock on the 1829 deed and with his signature

after he arrived in Arkansas, it is the same.

I agree that Micajah Johnston and Isabella were likely married in Pike County, Arkansas: Isabella was in Arkansas when the Antioch Church on Wolf Creek was organized in 1833 and she and Micajah Johnston are indicated as charter members; however, since the names of Micajah and William Johnston do not appear in the Pike County, Arkansas tax lists until 1836 and the land entry records you have sent indicate Micajah Johnston entering his tract in 1835, it seems a good indicator of his time of arrival in Arkansas from Tennessee.

The 1880 Jack County, Texas census, listing Elizabeth Johnston, is Isabella Johnston. The name Isabel, for example, translates from the Spanish to English as Elizabeth and we encounter common variations for other names within our own culture, i.e., Polly for Mary, Peggy for Margaret, Sally for Sarah, Bob for Robert, Bill for William, &c. The "Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution" by Bobby Gilmer Moss, 1983, says "Clement Hancock m. Elizabeth" (Isabella) referring to the same Clement Hancock who was killed at Hayes Station by the British in 1781. Another example from the St. Augustine Cathedral Rectory in St. Augustine, Florida: records pertaining to the Morgan Cryer Sr. family, later in Clark County, Arkansas (1815) a baptismal record of his daughter Elizabeth is given as "Isabel" Crier age 5 years old baptized May 12, 1790.

Errors made by the census enumerators are common. You will find it acknowledged in the 1850 Pike County, Arkansas census by William H. Preston, Ass't Marshal, who failed to separate two families early on in his census enumeration and they are under the same family-household number. He compensates by placing a number by the last individual in the census, Sally Dickson, living in his own household, to make the total number of families-households correct and provides an explanation. It was required by the enumerators, at least in some of the decennial census enumerations, to make two additional copies of the census schedules. Additional errors are possible when copies are made, especially when handwritten. In the 1880 Pike County, Arkansas census one of my great grandmother's sisters is named "Arkansas" P. Patterson although her name was Permelia Candice. She was born in "Arkansas." In your case it appears the enumerator was off one line with the family-household number for the family following your

family listing. The number 86-86 written next to Elizabeth Johnston should belong to the Henry Riley family.

1880 Jack County, Texas Census Precinct No. 2  
June 12, 1880: H.A. Burger, enumerator.

85-85	Johnston, Ulysses	w m	38		Ar	Va	Tn
	Maranda	w f	20	wife	Ar	Tn	Tn
	Clement	w m	18	son	Ar	-	-
	James	w m	16	son	Tx	-	-
	William	w m	14	son	Tx	-	-
	Ulysses	w m	11	son	Tx	-	-
	Effret (Everett)	w m	4	son	Tx	-	-
	Sylvester	w m	1	son	Tx	-	-
	Sophroncy	w f	2	dau	Tx	-	-
	Fanny	w f	6/12	dau	Tx	-	-
	Johnston, Elizabeth	w f	69	mother	Tn	SC	SC
86-86	Riley, Henry	w m	52		?	Ar	Ar
	Sarah	w f	52	mother	-	?	?
	Sarah	w f	22	dau	Tx	-	-
	L ? y	w m	20	son	Tx	-	-

This makes better sense except for Sarah age 52 as the "mother" of Henry Riley.

Sincerely,

David L. Kelley

Are there readers of THE GEMS or members of PCAHS who can add insight into the Hancock-Johnston family relationship? Please contact Karen Acker.

#### FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Levi Gossett & Annie (maiden name unknown)

Husband: Levi Gossett born September 1823 in Tennessee; died ? - prior 1910?

Wife: Annie (maiden name unknown) born December 1829/1833 in Alabama/Georgia; died ?

#### Marriage

Levi Gossett and Annie (maiden name unknown) and marriage information unknown.

#### Children

Andrew Jackson Gossett born about 1850 in Arkansas died 1891/1892 in Arkansas. He was married twice: Susan A. Lovell on February 4, 1875 in Johnson County, Arkansas and Molly Lovell. "His

wives may have been sisters both the daughters of William Lovell of Johnson County, Arkansas. It is unknown when the second marriage occurred ... His exact date (of death) is also unknown ... he was dead prior to the birth of his youngest child William Harrison Gossett who ... said that his father died just a few months before he was born."

Mary J. Gossett born about 1854 in Arkansas died unknown; married Americus B. Bateman on July 27, 1875 in Johnson County, Arkansas.

Sarah E. Gossett born about 1859 in Tennessee died unknown.

Josiah Gossett born about 1867 born Arkansas died unknown. He may have married Polly A. Phillips age 18 on June 27, 1885 in Johnson County, Arkansas.

Decy Gossett born about 1868 in Arkansas died unknown.

Sarahdona Gossett born about 1870 in Arkansas died unknown. "She was married twice: first to W.E. Tipton on September 23, 1883 and second to Taylor Fugitt. From her first marriage she had at least 2 children: Artie and John Tipton (a daughter and son). From the 2nd marriage she may have al-so had 2 children: Martha and James Fugitt. Her second husband had at least 5 children from his 1st marriage: Charlie, Lucinda, Joseph, Marion, and Willie Fugitt. The Fugitt family lived in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas. Her parents Levi & Annie Gossett also lived with them in 1900."

**Family Group Record** compiled by Catherine Poulson Rogers, 1139 N. Wilson Avenue, Morehead, KY 40351.

#### CHRISTOPHER TROUT BIBLE

This is the 9th day of October 1828.

Christopher Trout and Mary Lummar was married in the year 1796 January 16th.

Wm. Trout was born May 19, 1799.

Mary Trout was born Sept. 18, 1801.

Esther Trout was born Sept. 28, 1803.

John Trout was born March 5, 1806.

Judith Trout was bron Oct. 22, 1808.

Christopher Trout was born May 14, 1811.

Adam Trout was born July 19, 1813.

Judith Trout hand and Pen  
Christopher Trout

---

This the 11th Jan. 1829.

Christopher C. Trout was born July 4, 1760.  
Deceased January 26, 1859.

Mary Trout born May 19, 1774. Deceased March  
31, 1847.

Wm. Trout born May 19, 1799. Deceased May 3,  
1831.

Mary Trout born Sept. 18, 1801. Deceased June 8,  
1835.

Esther Trout born Sept. 28, 1803.

John Trout born March 5, 1806. Deceased Dec. 24,  
1859.

Judith Trout born Oct. 22, 1808. Deceased July 27,  
1870.

Christopher Trout born May 14, 1811. Deceased  
May 31, 1840.

Adam Trout born July 19, 1813. Deceased Feb. 5,  
1860.

This July 4, 1861.

Christopher J. Trout born Dec. 13, 1835.

Sarah E. Trout born Feb. 25, 1838.

Wm. J. Trout born Dec. 13, 1839.

Adam Trout died Feb. 5, 1860.

Frances Trout died Jan. 25, 1879. Born Aug. 10,  
1812.

Judith Trout daughter of Christopher & Mary Trout  
was born in South Carolina, Fairfield District, the  
22 of Oct. 1808. Came with her parents to Tenn. in  
1812. Professed religion July 27, 1829 baptized by  
Wm. Baker into the fellowship of Indian Creek  
Church Sept. 22, 1829. Married Humphrey Hood  
Oct. 24, 1832. Moved to Miss. with her husband in  
1836 and united with the Antioch Church in (Ya-  
lobusha County), Miss. Moved to Desoto (County),  
Miss. in 1843 and joined the Bethel Church. Died  
July 27, 1870.

---

Pleasant Henry Payne born Jan. 11, 1824.  
Sarah Ellen (Trout) Payne born Feb. 25, 1838.

P.H. and S.E. Payne married 16th day September  
1855. Their first born son George Allen Payne born  
Sept. 5, 1856.

Hiram Constant Payne born July 26, 1858.  
Allison Eugene Payne born Aug. 21, 1861.

Nathan Vestal and Sarah Ellen Payne married May  
1, 1866.

Sarah Frances Vestal born May 1, 1867.  
William Trout Vestal born Oct. 24, 1869.  
Nathan Alexander Vestal born March 12, 1873.  
Nathan Vestal died Nov. 6, 1875.

Sarah E. Vestal died Nov. 5, 1886. I think this is  
Sarah E. Trout Payne.

#### FAMILY RECORD

Hiram Constant Payne departed this life 4th day of  
July 1860. Age one year eleven months and four  
days.

Pleasant Henry Payne departed this life 16th day of  
November 1862 (very faded).

G.A. (Payne) and S.A. Ruby married Aug. 29, 1878.

John A. Payne born July 10, 1879. Died Oct. 29,  
1879.

S.F. Vestal was married to G.H. Richardson  
December 17, 1882.

This was copied from the family record pages in the  
old Bible. The part I did not copy from the family  
record pages is the same as the first 3 pages.

Lee A. Vestal

**Christopher Trout Bible Record** contained in a letter written  
by Lee A. Vestal on September 22, 1950 and mailed from 106  
N. Center, Arlington, Texas to Mrs. H.H. Potter, Muleshoe,  
Texas. Courtesy of Jessie Kelley, deceased, Hamilton, Texas.

---

#### THE TIPPIN FAMILY

William Tippin was born in North Carolina on 14

February 1808. He married Mary M. Trout also a native of the Tar Heel State who was born on 10 January 1809. They moved to Cherokee County, Georgia where they farmed and raised cattle and horses. Their only known child was John M. Tippen born in Cherokee County, Georgia on 3 February 1833 ... (During) the Civil War John M. Tippen joined the Confederate States Army. He fought in several battles including Lookout Mountain near Chatanooga, Tennessee in 1863 and the Battle of Atlanta which occurred from 22 July to 2 September 1864. After taking Atlanta, General Sherman burned the city on 16 November 1864, and started his march toward the sea. With 65,000 men, General Sherman marched from Atlanta to the coast mostly unopposed, burning and pillaging everything along the way.

The Tippen family left Georgia in 1860. They moved to Mobile, Alabama for a short time. Then they left by ship for Galveston, Texas and then travelled by covered wagon to the Wallace Creek area of San Saba County, Texas where they settled. Either from accident or disease, William Tippen became very stooped, and was nicknamed "Humpy Tippen". He specialized in the care of horses ... known far and wide for his skills. William Tippen died 3 April 1885 at the age of 77. Mary M. Trout Tippen died on 14 February 1884 at the age of 75. They are buried at the Wallace Creek Cemetery in San Saba County, Texas.

**The Descendants of James A. Dickson** by Roy S. Dickson, Jr., pages 56-57, excerpts edited.

---

## BIBLE RECORD

Two Small Page Fragments

### FAMILY RECORD.

#### BIRTHS.

A.B. East Son of S.T. & I.J. East October 23rd 1873.

Frances Marium daughter of H.E. & Adaline Bottoms was borned ? (June) 28th 1870 (page torn).

---

### FAMILY RECORD.

#### MARRIAGES.

Samuel T. East & I.J. Stelle (Stell) June 14th 1870.

H.E. Bottoms and (page torn) (Adaline Wingfield Sept. 2, 1869).

**Bible Record** page fragments courtesy of Betty Childress, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

---

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Henry E. Bottoms & Adaline Wingfield

Husband: Henry E. Bottoms born May 1851 in Missouri; died date and place unknown.

Wife: Adaline Wingfield born December 1837 near Antoine, Clark (now Pike) County, Arkansas; died about 1924 at Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas.

Marriage: Henry E. Bottoms and Adaline Wingfield were married on September 2, 1869 in Pike County, Arkansas.

#### Children

Frances Mariam Bottoms born (June) 28, 1870 in Pike County, Arkansas.

John Wesley Bottoms born May 6, 1871 in Pike County, Arkansas; marriages included: Sarah Ann Kirkham on July 8, 1894 in Pike County, Arkansas; Florence Kennan on August 11, 1908 in Pike County, Arkansas; Josie (Calhoun) Huffhines on July 16, 1911 in Pike County, Arkansas; died in May 1935. Pearl Kirkham diary: "Uncle John Bottoms found dead Wednesday morning May 29, 1935. Nobody knows what killed him. He had been dead about two weeks."

Mary Jane Bottoms born January 12, 1873 in Pike County, Arkansas; married first John Kirkham on August 4, 1890 in Pike County, Arkansas; married second Robert (Bob) Solomon Wall on May 24, 1896 in Pike County, Arkansas; married third R.J. (Dick) Garner on May 1, 1940 in Pike County, Arkansas; died February 9, 1959 at Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas.

Eugenia A. Bottoms born 1875 in Pike County, Arkansas; married Foahman Belton Barrong about

1893 in Pike County, Arkansas; died August 28, 1901.

Roxie Bottoms born 1880 in Pike County, Arkansas; married first "Pone" Johnson; married second Charlie Cash.

---

### FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Thomas Mathew Bottoms & Georgianna Cogbill

Husband: Thomas Mathew Bottoms born December 25, 1849 in Missouri; died November 27, 1918 at Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

Wife: Georgianna Cogbill daughter of Franklin Cogbill and Isabella Williams born March 4, 1856 in Arkansas; died August 31, 1931 near Norman-gee, Madison County, Texas.

Marriage: Thomas Mathew Bottoms and Georgianna Cogbill were married on January 8, 1874 in Sebastian County, Arkansas.

#### Children

James Franklin Bottoms born September 17, 1874 at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas; married Dora Emma McMahan on September 22, 1895 in Madison County, Texas; died September 15, 1941 in Leon County, Texas.

Minnie Bell Bottoms born November 26, 1877 at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas; married Henry Edward Kelley on October 11, 1894 in Madison County, Texas; died May 2, 1901 at a hospital in Galveston, Galveston County, Texas.

(unknown) Bottoms, 1900 Madison County, Texas Census, Georgia Bottoms mother of 3 children 2 living in 1900.

This family lived in Pike County, Arkansas and became members of the Antioch Church of Christ at Delight, Arkansas in 1884. In 1892 they moved by ox-wagon to Cottonwood Prairie in Madison County, Texas. In 1902 they moved to Madill, Oklahoma.

---

Marriage Certificate

I, Eli Leflar, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in the County of Sebastian, in the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify, that, on the 8th day of January, 1874, in the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Thos. M. Bottoms, of Washington County, State of Arkansas, aged 21 years, and Georgann L. Cauzy Coggbill of the County of Se-bastian, State of Arkansas, aged 18 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Given under my hand this 8th day of January, 1874.

Eli Leflar, J.P.

The foregoing marriage certificate was filed and recorded in my office February 2nd 1874.

Saml. A. Williams,  
Clk and Exofficio Recorder,  
by M.W. Nickel, Deputy

Sebastian County, Arkansas Marriage Book B (1870-1881), pages 141-142.

---

OAKLAND LODGE No. 74 A.F.&A.M.

Madill, Oklahoma

At a stated meeting dated November 26, 1918 it was reported Brother T.M. Bottoms was seriously ill at his home and the Secretary ordered to issue warrant for nurse hire to Mr. Culbertson who was employed to wait on Brother Bottoms.

November 28, 1918

The Lodge met in emergent communication November 28th 1918. H.E. Small, Worshipful Master; J.S. Dillingham Senior, Warden; U. Deering, Junior Warden; G.L. Sneed, Senior Deacon; J.R. Hearn, Junior Deacon; L.E. Creekmore, Secretary. Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in ancient form under the usual masonic restrictions. The emergency being to attend the Funeral of Brother T.M. Bottoms who died November 27, 1918. The Procession being formed they repaired to the home of the deceased Brother and escorted same to Woodberry-Forest Cemetery where the usual Masonic Funeral Ceremony was conducted; after which the procession returned to the Lodge Room

and the Lodge was closed.

L.E. Creekmore, Secretary

**Oakland Lodge No. 74, A.F.&A.M.** Minutes, Madill, Oklahoma provided by R.L Bourne, Secretary.

---

### **Memories of Dora Bottoms**

The Bottoms come from Arkansas. I think Tom Bottoms had two sisters. They were raised in Missouri and they come down to Arkansas. He come down to Arkansas as a boy and I never did see none of his folks - only one sister. He had a sister to come to Texas.

His wife had part Indian in her. Choctaw Indian. Her name was Georgia. Tom Bottoms died in 1918 (and) he was buried in Oklahoma. They moved to Oklahoma in 1902. We moved to Oklahoma in 1904 and stayed nine years.

DORA BOTTOMS

**Memories of Dora Bottoms** 1877-1976 from a taped interview dated March 30, 1975, Centerville, Texas.

---

8 March 1996  
702 Hundred Oaks  
Ruston, LA 71270

Dear David:

... Karen Acker shared with me the Hancock information you sent her ...

For your information I have attached Family Group Sheets ... reflecting William Hancock born 17 July 1805 TN died 1841/1842 Jackson County, TN. I am a direct descendant of this William Hancock. I had an aunt Debbye Wright Miller (1896-1980) who retired with the National Archives in D.C. about 1955. She left boxes of family research which included the Hancock family ... I found a handwritten note dated 1919 (information) taken from her grandmother Ann Elizabeth Hancock Stewart (1835-1929): "Granny said her father (William Hancock) was the son of John Hancock" also "Clem, Jim, & Joseph ..." all from SC and Jackson County, TN. "She had an uncle ... who was killed behind the Breast Plate in the Battle of New Orleans." On (January 8), 1815 Clem (Hancock)

was killed in the War of 1812. This is the Clement who was the brother of John and James Hancock. I think you are right in the belief that Clement Hancock who died "before 1820" is the father of the Pike County (Arkansas) Hancock's.

William (Hancock) died young leaving (his wife) Ann Elizabeth (Betsy) McClendon with 5 small children. She then married Samuel McClellan and moved to Independence County, AR soon after 1850 ... John Hancock received Bounty Land in Independence County, AR in 1852, but never removed there.

Your research has truly helped me put more of the puzzle together and I do appreciate all your good work with PCAHS. Doug and I will be spending a few days in Pike County in a couple of weeks. Harrison Gilmer and Shane Hill have family connections with my husband's grandmother, Georgia Ann Elizabeth Davis who married H.L. Watkins.

"Dot" Wright Watkins

---

### **FAMILY GROUP RECORD**

Husband: William Hancock son of John Hancock and Nancy Roberts born July 17, 1805 in Tennessee; died 1841/1842 in Jackson County, Tennessee.

Wife: Ann Elizabeth (Betsy) McClendon daughter of Josiah Robertson McClendon born December 6, 1811 in Tennessee; died 1860-1870 in Independence County, Arkansas.

#### Marriage

William Hancock and Ann Elizabeth (Betsy) McClendon were married 1832-1833 in Tennessee.

#### Children

Rebecca Herbert Rhoda Hancock born January 15, 1834 in Davidson County, Tennessee; married Zaddock Baker Roberts on December 13, 1851 in Independence County, Arkansas; died October 30, 1917 at Chico, Butte County, California.

Ann Elizabeth Hancock born October 3, 1835 in Jackson County, Tennessee; married Samuel L. Stewart on July 23, 1852 in Independence County,

Arkansas; died October 6, 1929; buried in Kyler Cemetery, Batesville, Independence County, Arkansas.

Nancy R. Hancock born June 11, 1837 in Tennessee; married William L. McCalester on May 22, 1853 in Independence County, Arkansas; died (no date).

John James Hancock born December 4, 1838 in Jackson County, Tennessee; married Sarah Oldum on July 6, 1856 in Independence County, Arkansas; died 1905 at Marcella, Stone County, Arkansas.

William W. Hancock born November 20, 1840 in Jackson County, Tennessee; married Sarah/Nancy (maiden name not indicated); died after 1900 in Independence County, Arkansas.

**Family Group Record** of William Hancock and Ann Elizabeth (Betsy) McClendon courtesy of Dot Wright Watkins.

---

Jackson County Tennessee Chancery Court  
Minutes Book D pages 89-91.

August Term 1861

William C. Purcell & wife Rebec(c)a Purcell & Abijah Dixon vs. Uria(h) Davis & wife Margaret, Elby Dycus & wife Polly Dycus, William J. Dixon, Lidia Hancock, Abner Hancock, John Hancock, Nancy Dixon, R.F. Robertson & wife Rebecca Robertson, (blank) Evans & wife Mary Evans, Fanny Speakman, Josephine Speakman, Thomas J. Speakman.

Be it remembered that this cause came on to hand before the Honorable Jo. C. Greelee, chancellor, presiding on this the 14th day of August 1861. Upon the report of the clerk & muster made in pursuance to an interlocutory decree pronounced in this court at the last term of this court, that after advertising the time and place of sale according to law &c., on the 6th day of May 1861 at the court house door in Gainesboro, sold the land in the plea duly mentioned at public auction to the highest bidder on a credit of one & two years in equal installments, which William C. Purcell became the purchaser at the price of one thousand dollars, he being the highest and best bidder for which he executed his two notes for five hundred dollars each, one due twelve months after date, the other due

twenty four months after date, with James W. Draper and Sport (as spelled) Chery, his securities, which notes are good, a lien was also retained on the land for the purchase money, all of which is respectfully submitted to the court at August Term 1861.

M.H. BOTTS, C. & M.

Said report being unaccepted to, is in all things confirmed. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by (the) court that the title to the land in the pleading mentioned, be divested out of complainants and defendants and vested in William C. Purcell and his heirs forever, said land is botten (meted) and bounded as follows: 1st Tract being in Jackson county, Tennessee on (?)ges creek and the waters of Cumberland River, said tract contains thirty five acres: beginning at a Stake in the South boundary line of a tract, one which John Dixon (Dickson) now lives, about 10 yards north of a Spring running South crossing the Spring, (a) branch crossing the Spring on the west, in all 100 poles to a beech, thence west 66 poles to two beeches, thence north one hundred poles to a stake in previous south boundary line, thence east, west said line 50 poles, to the beginning; also another tract of 250 acres beginning on an ash in the South boundary line of the Patton tract, a few poles nearly east of the improvements where Samuel C. Cornwell lived in 1832, running with the dividing line between S. Dixon (Dickson), James White, & B.F. Young, north to the north boundary line of the original tract, thence to a Sugar tree, the South west corner of the original tract, thence east, west the South boundary line of said original tract to the beginning, including the land S. Dixon purchased of John James it being the same tract on which S. Dixon lived in 1832; one other tract containing 201 7/8 acres beginning at a Sugar tree and Elm being on the original corner, thence east 170 poles to a white ash on the original line, thence north dividing the original tract equally 189 3/4 poles to a dogwood, thence west 170 poles to a beech, one of the original corners, thence South 189 1/2 poles to the beginning, being one half the tract of land of 483 acres conveyed to John James by Thomas Pat-ton on the 25 August 1811, which said land is more fully described in the petition filed (in) this Honorable Court, under which, this sale is decreed as well as in the exhibit therein filed. It is further decreed by the court that a lien be retained on the land for the purchase money and that the cost

in-cident to that proceeding be paid out of the funds arising from the sale. It appearing to the court there are minors interested in this (?), the court ordered the clerk and muster to take proof & state an account as to what would be a reasonable fee for John P. Massey in processing the sale and report instanter; the clerk reports he has taken proof and that Twenty five dollars will be a reasonable fee for his (John P. Massey's) services in processing this decree with interest from this date until payed (paid); and the clerk and muster is ordered to pay the same out of the 1st money by him collected and to (?) of possession to the purchaser of the land.

---

824 Walter Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas 76114  
June 9, 1995

Dear Dorothy,

My Great Grandfather and my Great Grandmother both died in Pike County, Arkansas. I was hoping ... to find ... obituaries on them.

The names and dates for them would be George Washington HILL who died 7 November 1931 and Eliza Jane HILL who died 27 September 1929. Also my Great Great Grandfather and my Great Great Grandmother also died in Pike County, Arkansas. The names and death dates for them would be Dempsey HILL who died 15 July 1884 and Elizabeth HILL who died 12 September 1905.

I would also like for you to know how much I enjoy the GEMS paper and I always look forward to it. I'm also looking forward to the new Cemetery Record book when it is ready.

Thank you,

Doris Hill Holder.

---

31 Dec 1995

Mrs. Partain,

I have really enjoyed the Pike County History Book. My Great Great Grandfather was:

1860 Census

C.J. Woodall		32	Ga
M.A.	wife	24	Ga
J.H.	my great grandfather	5 m	Ark
M.E.		3 f	Ark

Emily 2 /12 f Ark

1870 Census

Mary A.	35 f	Keeping House	Ga
James H.	15 m	Farm Labor	Ark
Mary E.	13 f	At home	Ark
Emily L.	10 f	At home	Ark
Charles A.	6 m	At home	Ark
Elizabeth S.	2 f	At home	Ark

James is James Haywood Woodall. My Great Grandfather married a lady named Emiline. I would like to know her last name and her parents.

---

Lorine Taylor  
466 Wilkens Chapel Rd.  
Duck Hill, MS 38925

---

Feb. 23, 1996

Dear Sirs,

I am working on our family history and we might have members of our family who lived in Pike County ...

My great great grandfather was W.H. (Henry) Kelley who married Mary Jane Henderson in 1883 in Newton County when he was 25.

On the death certificate of a son, Will J. Kelley, it shows that Henry was born in Missouri. We are not certain if that means the state of Missouri or the township of Missouri in Arkansas. The reason for this is because of the story of the family ownership of the diamond mine. The story has been passed down for generations. Henry is also supposed to have a brother Elbert.

Sincerely,

Arlene Sturgeon  
13400 S. 2nd St.  
Volta, CA 93635

---

Marjorie J. Brewer  
14103 26th Ct. S.E.  
Mill Creek, WA 98012-5728

Surnames: Alexander, Brewer

Research Interest: Burial site of John Brewer died 9

Apr 1845.

---

Myrl Dyer  
P.O. Box 53  
Umpire, AR 71971

Surnames: Dyer, Faulkner, Honeysuck (and)  
Honeysuckle, Jackson, Seale, Seales, Seals

Research Interest: Would like to correspond with  
Faulkners of Pike Co. Who was the Hiram Faulk-ner  
that was there in 1840? Will share my Faulk-ners.

---

Janiece Green  
1739 Erving Ridge Loop  
Cabot, AR 72023

Surnames: Averett, Bell, Branch, Crouch, Dingler,  
Etheridge, Green, Hart, Hill, Huey, Jester, Johnson,  
Keith, Kennedy, Lassiter, Leinboch, Mann, Mobley  
(circa 1760), Odell, Potter, Pounds, Reid, Smith,  
Taylor, Whisenhunt, Willingham

Research interest: Trying to find information about  
Wyatt Oscar Smith who married Mary Jane Huey.  
They lived in Newhope at one time.

---

**Harris, Davis, Box, Henderson, Copeland**  
Seeking descendants of Martha Jane Davis (born  
1865 Pike Co) married Tom Copeland about 1885.  
Martha Jane was d/o Martha A. Henderson (born  
1840 AL died 1886 Pike Co) and James W. Davis  
(born 1831 TN died about 1866? Pike Co?). Would  
like to locate grave site for Martha A. Henderson  
Davis Box and James W. Davis (family legend says  
he was killed by bushwhackers after the Civil War).  
Martha Davis married 2nd Robert Box and had  
children: Hosea, Willie, and Tempie.

**Teresa Burnham Harris, 943 Ouachita 47,  
Camden, AR 71701.**

---

3/31/96

Dear Mr. Kelley,

Last year my wife and I took a trip to Hope,  
Arkansas in "search of my Milson ancestors" ...

I am a descendant of Thomas Milson who lived in

Clark/Hempstead counties from around 1827 until  
his death around 1855. My great grandfather was  
Jefferson Taylor Milson who was one of Thomas  
Milson's sons.

For several years I have been trying to find Thomas  
Milson's ancestors, but all I know is that he was  
born in Pennsylvania ... about 1801.

Tom Milson  
6548 Ruger  
Plano, Texas 75023

---

**Bryan, Watkins, Harrington** Searching for in-  
formation on my grandmother Elora Bryan HAR-  
RINGTON born ca 3/1/1879 died 4/17/1962 buried  
in Glenwood Cemetery. She married Arkie HAR-  
RINGTON and they lived in Glenwood for many  
years. Her sister Ora Allen Bryan THRASH also  
lived in Glenwood. I believe her parents are Reuben  
B. BRYAN and Elizabeth Watkins BR-YAN. He  
was possibly a Baptist preacher? Would like to find  
any information on the BRYAN and WATKINS  
family.

**Ina Wallace, P.O. Box 700028, San Jose, CA  
95170-0028 or telephone 408-253-0387 or email:  
swallace@hihello.com.**

---

#### NEW ADDRESSES

Please note the new addresses of PCAHS secretary  
Linda Wilson, P.O. Box 276, Delight, Arkansas  
71940 and The Gems editor David L. Kelley, P.O.  
Box 741896, Dallas, Texas 75374.

---

#### PCAHS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Pike County Archives and History Society

16 Dec 1986

16 Dec 1996

In 1986 DeWayne Gray and Jan McGalliard were board  
members of the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives  
(SARA) representing Pike County. At one of the board  
meetings during the spring attended by DeWayne he was told  
about "a room full of old Pike County records going to dust and  
dry rot." He related this information to Bobbie Hendrix, Linda  
Wilson, and Jan McGalliard and the four talked about this  
problem. A day was set for them to go to the courthouse,  
inquire about such a room, and gain permission to see the  
records.

At the courthouse they were taken through the courtroom and  
to the third floor. To get to the third floor they climbed a spiral

staircase made of solid wood and handmade paneling. At the top of the stairs there was a landing and two rooms full of old county records including deeds, probate records, marriage applications, county maps and much more. The records were not kept up and all were covered with dust and some had mold and mildew on them. Afterwards the four assembled in DeWayne's store and held the first unofficial meeting of the "Pike County Archives". Several meetings followed. Contact was made with the Pike County Quorum Court for use of the two rooms on the third floor of the courthouse and for the old Pike County records. The court awarded the two rooms, the old records and sixteen hundred dollars to remodel and improve the rooms.

Russell Baker deputy director of the Arkansas History Commission was contacted and he met with Dewayne Gray, Bobbie Hendrix, Linda Wilson, and Jan McGalliard in the courtroom of the Pike County courthouse and talked with them about the care and upkeep of the county records intrusted to them, what to expect from researchers, and the operation of an archive. He also advised us to add "History Society" to our name and to become an incorporated organization as soon as possible.

Next a meeting with lawyer Berry Barber was arranged who donated his time and he set up a court date for incorporation. "As we emerged from the courthouse on the 16th day of December 1986 we were the new incorporated **Pike County Archives and History Society**." An organizational meeting for the 29th day of January 1987 was planned and notices were placed in all of the area newspapers telling of the time and place of the meeting. Eighteen people became members before the first meeting and several came to the first meeting with two joining as a life members and one as a charter member. The four organizational directors were made per-manent directors of the Pike County Archives and History Society by vote at the first meeting and officers were elected: DeWayne Gray, president; Bobbie Hendrix, vice-president; Jan McGalliard, secretary; and Linda Wilson, treasurer. In six months tax exempt status was achieved and work on the two rooms in the courthouse was initiated. "We needed everything, new wiring, new ceilings, general cleaning, shades for the windows, carpeting, heat and air, new light fixtures, shelving, microfilm machines, microfilm, a typewriter and many other items. We had a grand total of sixteen hundred dollars to do the remodeling and the rest was done with prayer and persistence. No one ever stopped to consider the job we were undertaking."

The early years of the archives included speaking engagements, hosting tours of historical homes, operating a booth at the Diamond festival, and the cleaning and fencing of the old Sparks cemetery. When the school superintendent's office was to be eliminated Mr. Pickett asked if the archives could take the school census records into safe keeping so they would not be destroyed and shortly afterward Mr. Pickett died and his office closed. The archive petitioned the County School Board for release of the school census records as an alternative to destroying them. The board not only gave the school census records, but everything in Mr. Pickett's office they could not or did not wish to keep. The school records were moved to the archive with as much equipment that could be placed there and the rest into the old third floor jail cells. The next two years were spent in sorting and filing the school census records and they proved to be invaluable as many senior citizens were able to use these records to draw social security.

Jan McGalliard and Dorothy Partain asked and received permission from PCAHS to start publishing a newsletter. The first newsletter (January 1990) was put together in Dorothy's living room and it did not have a name. Dee Baggett became editor of the newsletter and Dorothy Partain co-editor soon after and DeWayne Gray gave it a name: THE GEMS of Pike County Arkansas. Sue Stevenson designed the newsletter banner. New officers have been elected by PCAHS since its inception: Harrison Gilmer, president; Shane Hill, vice-president; Shirley Graves Martin, secretary. David Kelley is current editor and Dorothy Partain co-editor and correspondent. Other accomplishments associated with the archives include: reprinting of The Early History of Pike County Arkansas; publishing the 1880, 1900 and 1910 census and marriage records 1895-1948 of Pike County, Arkansas; and the forthcoming picture book and newly revised and updated cemetery records.

Beginning with four individuals this organization now has a membership of over 160 and prints over 200 copies of THE GEMS each quarter. It is one of the leading organizations in Pike County. "The last ten years seem to have run together ... the formation (and continuation) of the archives has been brought about by much hard work and has been a labor of love. We know ... when we are no longer here the Pike County Archives and History Society will continue on through the generations."

DeWayne Gray  
Bobbie Hendrix  
Jan McGalliard  
Linda Wilson

Jan McGalliard has compiled most of the information about the PCAHS history above and it is appreciated. We are grateful to her and DeWayne Gray, Bobbie Hendrix, and Linda Wilson as founding directors.

---

## SELF FAMILY REUNION 4th Annual Update May 25-26, 1996

The Self Family Reunion had a good turn out for our 4th family gathering.

**Saturday:** We met at Norman City Hall about 10:00 a.m. (and) had a potluck lunch. Families came and went all day (and) there were lots of good stories to share and hugs for everyone. The weather was hot again. It has become a lot of work to try and save a hot lunch so we decided to just make sandwiches and easy to fix side dishes next year. We took a vote to move our reunion up ... (to) April. Memorial week-end has too many other activities going on. The best time will be after Easter weekend so mark your calendars for the month of April.

**Sunday:** We met at Liberty Baptist Church for services and finished up our left-overs and made sandwiches. More visiting and good singing from

our very musical family.  
We lost Bob Stewart and Argus Dutton (and) our prayers are with their families.

Thanks to everyone who could come to (the) 1996 Self reunion and to the ones who were not able to attend our prayers and love be with you until we meet again.

Sue Ferguson  
3119 North 5th Street  
Coeur D'Alene, Idaho 83814-5115

---

### PCAHS INTERNET HOME PAGE

The Pike County Archives and History Society has a new home page on the internet set up recently by PCAHS vice-president Shane Hill:

<http://www.win.net/~shill/>

Shane Hill's internet E-Mail address is:

[shill@shill.win.net](mailto:shill@shill.win.net)

Shane would like those having internet access to visit the PCAHS home page. David Kelley editor of "The Gems" has a new E-Mail address:

[a0009792@airmail.net](mailto:a0009792@airmail.net)

---

### CORRECTION

July 28, 1996

Regarding the ... piece from the Summer 1996 Gems ... John Babbit's date of death (see 7-99) is incorrect. He was very much alive in (the) 1860 census of Pike Co.

Dwelling 476

Babbit, John	(fmr)	26	m	AR
Elizabeth		26	f	GA
Samuel P.		4	m	AR
William		10	m	IN
Elias		1	m	AR

Elizabeth Babbit (was a) sister of Susan A. (Woodall) Fox. William Babbit age 10 (is) too old to be a son of John and Elizabeth. Perhaps a brother

of John?

Eunice Fox Fontenot  
833 Oakwood Drive  
Gretna (Terrytown), LA 70056

---

### ARCHIVES UPDATE

**Membership dues will increase to \$10 for everyone** starting in 1997. Be sure to check and see if you receive all issues of THE GEMS for the year: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. They are included with your membership. For those joining PCAHS after winter will receive the back issues for that year. Please offer suggestions or information for THE GEMS. Would anyone be interested in looking at old newspapers and providing a 100, 50, or 10 years ago article? Send to our editor.

**Please send your family reunion dates, places and contacts** to David Kelley by December 1996. We welcome your family charts or history to add to our surname file. We of PCAHS wish to thank everyone that has given us their family charts.

Alexander Printing (August 1996) is in the last stages of the Pike County picture book **A Look At The Past** promised by early September. If you have reserved a book you will be notified and if you have already prepaid it will be mailed immediately.

We especially want to thank Russell P. Baker deputy director of the Arkansas History Commission for his articles appearing in THE GEMS and to thank Karron Cox for giving us copies of all the issues of her publication "The Old Time Chronicle." The 1988-1991 issues were previously given to us and the others through June/July (1996) were recently placed in the archives. Karron also gave us a 75 page scrapbook of pictures (PMT's) that have appeared in the Old Time Chronicle. Now we need someone to index the Chronicles and pictures for a verticle file! Thank you Karron.

Wallace Alexander of the Gospel Light Publishing Company of Delight, Arkansas donated the book "Trials and Triumphs" by Lawrence H. Roberts and we have just received a book entitled "In Loving Memory - The First One Hundred Years of Andrew Soule Scott, Sr." by C.C. Scott from Mr. C.C. Scott, 8476 Dogwood, Germantown, TN 38139. We appreciate these donations. They add so much to our Pike County history. We have also added "Descendants of Sarah and Hiram Vaught" by Jimmy Dewberry of Ozone, Arizona.

Cindy Scott working on the revised and updated cemetery records has a new address and phone number: Cindy Scott, 15 Adams Street, Ft. Bragg, NC 28307-5000; (910) 497-8773.

I have enjoyed meeting all the visitors to Murfreesboro and sorry to have missed some. I have also enjoyed the many phone calls I have received this summer.

DOROTHY KENNEDY PARTAIN



### PCAHS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

<b>1870 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS PRINTED U S CENSUS</b> by Dorothy Kennedy Partain ...	\$15.00
<b>1880 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS FEDERAL CENSUS</b> by Dorothy K. Partain & Linda W. Meek ...	\$20.00
<b>1890 CENSUS OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS: A Reconstructon</b> by Russell P. Baker ...	\$15.00
<b>1900 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS FEDERAL CENSUS</b> by Shane Hill & Dorothy K. Partain ...	\$25.00
<b>1910 PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS FEDERAL CENSUS</b> by Shane Hill & Dorothy K. Partain ...	\$25.00
<b>CRATER OF DIAMONDS: Jewel of Arkansas</b> by Bobbie Hendrix ...	\$6.00
<b>THE DIARY: Family History</b> by Carlton Denny ...	\$3.00
<b>THE EARLY HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS: The First One Hundred Years ...</b>	\$12.00
<b>PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS: 1895-1910</b> by Meek & Partain ...	\$15.00
<b>PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS: 1910-1925</b> by Meek & Partain ...	\$15.00
<b>PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS: 1925-1948</b> by Hill & Partain ...	\$15.00
<b>PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS: 1895-1925 combined</b> by Meek & Partain ...	\$25.00
<b>BACK ISSUES of THE GEMS: Volumes 1-7 four issues each volume ...</b>	per issue \$2.00 per volume \$7.00
<b>INDEX of THE GEMS of Pike County Arkansas: Volumes 1-6 ...</b>	per volume \$3.00

---

### 1996 ANNUAL PCAHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular Annual membership rate is \$7.00; Senior Citizens annual membership rate is \$5.00; and Lifetime membership rate is a one time fee of \$100.00 Please make check or money order payable to Linda Wilson, Treasurer of PCAHS and mail along with the following information to: Linda Wilson, Treasurer of PCAHS, P.O. Box 276, Delight, AR 71940

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE (Area Code + Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in HISTORY \_\_\_ GENEALOGY \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ ? Please mark one or both of the above. If you are interested in genalogy please list the Surnames you are researching below or if you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper and mail along with your membership application. You are also encouraged to include a Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheets with your Membership Application. All surnames submitted to PCAHS will be placed in our Surname File. Queries submitted to "THE GEMS" are FREE to members and will be published as space permits. Please be specific when writing your query regarding names, dates, places and the information you are seeking.

SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED

\_\_\_\_\_

**PIKE COUNTY ARCHIVES and HISTORY SOCIETY**

PRESIDENT	Harrison Gilmer, Rt. 1, Box 334, Murfreesboro, AR 71958
VICE-PRESIDENT	Shane Hill, P.O. Box 152, Delight, AR 71940
SECRETARY	Shirley Graves Martin, Route 4, Box 135 M, Nashville, AR 71852 Telephone (501) 285-2752
TREASURER	Linda Wilson, P.O. Box 276, Delight, AR 71940
EDITOR	David L. Kelley P.O. Box 741896, Dallas, Texas 75374 Telephone (214) 907-2344
CO-EDITOR	Dorothy Kennedy Partain P.O. Box 238, Murfreesboro, AR 71958 Telephone (501) 285-3528

**PCAHS MEETING TIME**

The Pike County Archives and History Society meets the first Thursday night of each month from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. The 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm time period is set aside for members and guests to discuss and exchange ideas on history, genealogy and effective ways to do research. Business meeting is held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Annual membership dues are \$7.00. If you are 65 years old or older, you are eligible for our "Senior Citizens" discount membership of \$5.00 annually. Lifetime membership dues are \$100.00.

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

*" ... you must know the past - to determine the future."*

**Pike County Archives and History Society  
P.O. Box 238  
Murfreesboro, AR 71958**