



The

Gems of Pike County Arkansas

Vol. VIII No. 4

Publication of the Pike County Archives and History Society

Fall 1997

Box 238 Murfreesboro Arkansas 71958

WILLIAM GENTRY

William Gentry came to Arkansas from Stewart County, Tennessee in 1817. He settled along the public road or trail leading from Antoine bayou south to the Little Missouri river in what is now Pike County, Arkansas. His land was in Section 18 of Township 8, South of Range 23, West. His residence was in then Clark County, Arkansas. The public road served as a boundary between the counties of Clark and Pike when Pike County was established in 1833. For the most part those living east of the public road as William Gentry, between the Antoine and Little Missouri, were in Clark County and those on the west side in Pike County. The boundary was later changed.

William Gentry was born in Edgefield District, South Carolina on April 20, 1788. He eventually moved to Tennessee and married Jane Narrad on November 29, 1810. She was born May 3, 1792 in South Carolina a daughter of Samuel Narrad. They had thirteen children. The first three were born in Tennessee and the remainder in Arkansas:

Martha (Patsy) Heard Gentry born October 2, 1812 at Dover, Stewart County, Tennessee; married John Hoofman or Huffman son of John and Mary M. Hoofman on March 15, 1832 in Clark County, Arkansas.

John Hamley Gentry born July 25, 1814 at Dover, Stewart County, Tennessee; wife is Polly Ann in the 1850 Clark County, Arkansas census, Antoine Township; married Mary Ann Williams on August 11, 1872 in Hempstead County, Arkansas; died March 20, 187_ ; buried in Gentry Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

William Carroll Gentry born August 15, 1816 at Dover, Stewart County, Tennessee; married Nancy D. Easley on September 21, 1843 in Clark County, Arkansas; died May 22, 1893; buried in Gentry Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

James Madison Gentry born March 2, 1818 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas; married Elizabeth Catherine Huddleston daughter of David Huddleston and Mary Shull on July 7, 1842; died October 22, 1885.

Allen A. Gentry born March 18, 1820 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike, County, Arkansas; married Mary Ann Thomas on May 29, 1859 in Clark County, Arkansas; died September 11, 1898 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in the Billstown Cemetery, Billstown, Pike County, Arkansas.

Betsy Jane Gentry born November 22, 1821 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas; married John Page Stephens on January 25, 1838 in Clark County, Arkansas; died July 25, 1850.

Alford Gentry born December 18, 1823 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas. He was living in Pike County, Arkansas in 1880.

Franklin Gentry born January 24, 1826 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas. He was living in San Bernardino County, California in 1859.

Jerusha Rebecca Gentry born January 25, 1828 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas; married John Ferrel on February 29, 1844.

Samuel Wesley Gentry born February 23, 1830 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas; married Mary (Mollie) M. Wilkinson on May 30, 1861; died January 31, 1866.

George Washington Gentry born January 18, 1832 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas; died December 20, 1834.

Andrew Jackson Gentry born July 20, 1834 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas; died July 30, 1834.

Rufus Fountain Gentry born October 12, 1835 in Antoine Township, Clark now Pike County, Arkansas; died July 27, 1836.

William Gentry served as a private in Captain James Gray's company of infantry, 2nd Regiment, West Tennessee militia during the War of 1812. When mustered into service on November 13, 1814 at Nashville, Tennessee he had traveled eighty five miles from his residence at Dover, Tennessee. He served until May 18, 1815 when he was honorably discharged following a tour of duty to New Orleans under the command of Major General Carrol or

Carroll.

William Gentry died March 22, 1858. Jane Gentry died July 9, 1852. Both died in Clark, now Pike County, Arkansas. The Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas says, Jane Gentry, was "a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

BOUNTY LAND CLAIM

State of Arkansas,
County of Clark.

On this 17th day of March A.D. 1851, personally appeared before me, William M. Bruce, a Justice of the Peace, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County of Clark and State of Arkansas, aforesaid, William Gentry, age 63 years, a resident of Clark County in the State of Arkansas, who being duly sworn according to law, declares: that, he, is the identical William Gentry who was a private in the company commanded by Captain James Gray in the 2nd Regiment of Tennessee Militia commanded by Col. Cocke in the war with Great Britain; that, he, was mustered into service at Nashville, Tenn. on or about the 28th of November A.D. 1814 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of five months and was honorably discharged at Dover, Stewart County, Tenn. on or about the 19th of April, A.D. 1815, on account of the expiration of his term of office, as will appear by his original certificate of discharge, hereto attached, and by the muster rolls of said company.

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

WILLIAM GENTRY

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written. And, I, hereby certify that I believe the said (William Gentry) to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age, aforesaid.

WM. M. BRUCE, J.P. (LS)

Discharge.

I certify, that William Gentry, has faithfully discharged a tour of duty in the Militia to New Orleans under the command of Major General Carrol & was honorable discharged.

THO. GRAY
Lieut. Col. 26th
Regiment of Tennessee Militia

State of Arkansas,
County of Clark,

ss.

I, Isaac W. Smith, Clerk (of) the Circuit Court, in and for the County and State above mentioned, do hereby certify, that William M. Bruce, whose signature appears above, is and was at the time of signing the same, a Justice of (the) Peace in and for the County and State, aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled in full faith and credit, and that the aforesaid Circuit Court is a Court of Record having general jurisdiction.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Arkadelphia, this 17th day of March, A.D. 1851.

I.W. SMITH, Clerk.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men By These Presents:

That, I, William Gentry, of the County of Clark and State of Arkansas, do hereby irrevocably make, constitute, and appoint Charles S. Jordan of Arkadelphia, Ark., my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, to demand and receive from the Department of Interior of the United States, the Certificate or Warrant, to which I am entitled for my Military services, as set forth in the foregoing declaration, and for good and sufficient reasons, do hereby revoke and countermand any and all others: power of attorney or other authority, that may have been heretofore given by me.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 17th day of March, A.D. 1851.

WILLIAM GENTRY

State of Arkansas,
County of Clark,

ss.

On the 17th day of March 1851, personally appeared before me, William M. Bruce, a Justice of the Peace duly authorized by law to take acknowledgements in and for the County, aforesaid, William Gentry, and acknowledged the above Power to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

WM. M. BRUCE, J.P. (Seal)

State of Arkansas,
Clark County,

ss.

On this, the 22 day of June, 1855, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county of Clark & State of Arkansas, William Gentry, aged about sixty four years, a resident of the county of Clark and State of Arkansas, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares: he is the identical William Gentry who was a private in the company commanded by Captain James Gray in the 2(nd) Regiment commanded by Col. Cock(e) in Gen. Carrol(s) Bri-gade, in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of fourteen

days; that he has heretofore made application for bounty land under the Act of Sept. 28, 1850 and received a land warrant, No. not re-collected, for eighty acres, which he has legally disposed of and can not now return.

He makes this application for the purpose of obtaining the additional bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved the 3rd of March, 1855. He also declares that he has not applied for nor received under this, nor any other act of Congress, any Bounty Land Warrant except the one above mentioned.

WM. GENTRY

We, A.B. Beall & A.T.W. Long, residents of the county of Clark & State of Arkansas, upon our oaths declare: that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by William Gentry in our presence & that we believe from the appearance and statements of the applicant that he is the identical person he represents himself to be.

A.B. BEALL
A.T.W. LONG

The foregoing declaration & affidavit were sworn to & subscribed before me on the day & year above written & I certify that I know the affiants to be creditable persons; that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

A. NICHOLS, J.P.

State of Arkansas,
County of Clark,

I, Isaac W. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Exofficio Clerk of the County Court, in and for the County of Clark in the State of Arkansas, hereby certify, that A. Nichols whose signature appears to the above and foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing the same, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace, in an for the County and State, aforesaid, and that all his official acts as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at my office, this 25th day of June, 1855.

I.W. SMITH, Clerk
By W.M. Randolph, D.C.

State of Arkansas,
Clark County,

I, William Gentry, of the county of Clark and State of Arkansas, do hereby constitute and appoint Henry B. Stuart, attorney at Law of Clark County & State of Arkansas, my true & lawful agent & attorney, to do and transact all such matters ... in obtaining and receiving the military land warrant above applied for. Given under my hand and seal this the 22 day of June, 1855.

WM. GENTRY (Seal)

Personally appeared before (me), William Gentry, and

acknowledged he signed and delivered the above and foregoing Power of Attorney for the purposes (therein mentioned).

A. NICHOLS, J.P.

State of Arkansas,
County of Clark,

I, Isaac W. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Exofficio Clerk of the County Court, in and for the County of Clark in the State of Arkansas, hereby certify, that A. Nichols, who(se) signature appears to the foregoing certificate, is now and was at the time of signing the same, an acting and duly com-missioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County, aforesaid, and that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of said Court at my office, this 25th day of June, A.D. 1855.

I.W. SMITH, Clerk
By W.M. RANDOLPH, D.C.

LETTER

Arkansas, Arkadelphia, June 28th 1855

Sir:

This application is, as you will perceive, where the applicant has had a warrant under the former act of Congress. I apprehend there will be no difficulty in his obtaining a warrant for the residue under the recent act of Congress.

I herein had a power of attorney annexed; this I did in consequence of some published rumors that applications would not be regarded at the Pension Office unless a power of attorney accompanied the application.

Respectfully yours,

H.B. STUART

L.P. Waldo, Com. Pensions

Direct to H.B. Stuart, Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas.

Bounty Land Application Files of William Gentry. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

DEED

Ephriam B. Davidson to William Gentry, 100 acres

This indenture the 12th day of August in the year of our Lord 1811, between Ephriam B. Davidson of the county of Stewart and state of Tennessee, of the one part, and William Gentry of the county and state, aforesaid, of the other part, witnesseth:

That for the consideration of the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars to him in hand paid by the said William Gentry, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said Ephriam B.

Davidson for himself, his heirs, exec's, admr's, &c., doth hereby bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, and confirm unto said William Gentry and to his heirs, exec's, admr's, and assigns forever, a certain piece or parcel of land in the county and state, aforesaid, situated lying and being as follows: On the waters of Los(t) Creek:

Beginning at a poplar and white oak on the north side of Los(t) Creek about 40 poles from the creek, running thence south 100 poles to a black gum and white oak; thence west 160 poles to two poplars about 20 feet apart, then north 100 poles to a stake; then east 160 poles to the beginning, containing 100 acres more or less. It being part of a tract of land granted by the State of North Carolina to Col. George Davidson, 5760 acres on Tennessee River, which will more fully appear, reference being had to said grant; the title to which is vested in the heirs of Gen. William Davidson, deceased, which piece or parcel of land with all ways, woods, waters, and every appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, the said Ephriam B. Davidson for himself, his heirs, executors, admr's, &c. doth hereby bargain, sell, set over and convey, confirmed, and released, in open market to the said William Gentry and to his heirs, executors, and admr's, the piece or parcel of land and with all and every of its members and appurtenances, from all lawful claims of any person or persons, whatsoever, unto the said William Gentry, his heirs, exec's, admr's, and assigns forever.

In witness whereof the said Ephriam B. Davidson hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal, the day and year first above written.

EPHRIAM B. DAVIDSON (Seal)

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of us:

TIREY GENTRY
SAMUEL (his x mark) NORROD

State of Tennessee
Stewart County Court
May Term 1812

This deed of conveyance was duly acknowledged in open court by the said Ephriam B. Davidson and ordered to be registered.

Test:

ROBERT COOPER
Clerk of Stewart County Court

Registered 28th of October 1812.

Stewart County, Tennessee Transcribed Deed Book 4, 1810-1813, page 280.

No. 99

LAND OFFICE,
Little Rock, (Arkansas)
November 14th, 1826.

It is hereby certified, That, in pursuance of Law, William Gentry, on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the lot or E.

1/2, S.E., qr. of section number 26 of township number 8, S. in range number 23, W., containing 80 acres, at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, amounting to \$100, for which the said Gentry has made payment in full as required by law:

Now therefore be it known, That, on presentation of this certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said Gentry shall be entitled to receive a patent for the lot above described.

B. SMITH, Register.

No. 99

Receiver's Office, Little Rock,
Nov. 14th 1826
Duplicate.

Received from William Gentry the sum of One hundred dollars being in full for E. 1/2, S.E. Qr., section No. 26, township No. 8 S., range No. 23 W., containing eighty acres, at the rate of \$1.25 per acre. \$100.

BEN DESHA, Receiver.

Certificate 99, Little Rock, Arkansas Land Office, Record Group 49, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

JAMES LITTLE

James Little was born in 1801 in Georgia and characterized as a young man when he came to Clark County, Arkansas and where he married Nancy Gentry. She was born in 1802 in Nashville, Tennessee and with her parents also came to Clark County. They eventually moved to Washington County, Arkansas where Nancy Little died in 1840. James Little was one of the first settlers of Illinois, now Price Township in northwest Washington County at Summers. His death on September 22, 1845 occurred on a trip with other men of his community to sell their apple crops. He became sick and died and was buried by the road side and his burial place remains unknown. Nancy Gentry Little was buried on the family farm near Summers, Arkansas on the Ross Little Place. Traditional family history says she was of Chero-kee Indian blood. The children of James Little and Nancy Gentry:

The identity of their first two children, by name and birth, is unknown.

John Little born about 1823 in Clark County, Arkansas married Permelia, maiden name unknown, died in 1852 in Washington County, Arkansas.

Malinda Catherine Little born October 10, 1825 in Clark County, Arkansas married first Alexander A. Steward (Stewart) on

February 27, 1848 in Washington County, Arkansas; he was born in 1820 and died in 1853; married second Luther N. Hollis in 1854; he was born in 1826 and died in 1877; she died March 2, 1896 at Van Buren, Arkansas.

Martha Caroline Little born November 10, 1826 in Clark County, Arkansas married first Tristram E. Babb; he was supposedly killed in an ambush at a "salt lick" in 1861 or 1862 during the Civil War; married second Reuben Stewart (Stuart) Hamilton; he was born February 10, 1817 and died March 14, 1872; she died May 24, 1902 and is buried at Stroud, Lincoln County, Oklahoma.

James Little Jr. born about 1829 in Clark County, Arkansas died after January 1853.

William G. Little born about 1831 in Clark County, Arkansas died prior January 1853.

Nancy Angeline Little born about 1834 in Washington County, Arkansas married Nester Fort of Crawford County, Arkansas on June 12, 1851 in Washington County, Arkansas.

Samuel Rector Little born February 25, 1836 in Washington County, Arkansas married first Judy Ann Robertson on February 5, 1859 in Washington County, Arkansas; she was born in 1832 and died May 24, 1868; married second Nancy Elizabeth Dunlap in 1870; she was born February 11, 1855 and died June 3, 1936; he died June 10, 1908 and is buried in Ganderville Cemetery in Washington County, Arkansas.

James Little second married Elizabeth Franklin in 1842. They had two children:

Ewing M. Little born June 5, 1843 in Washington County, Arkansas married Sarah E. Beatty daughter of Thomas and Nancy Beatty on June 18, 1869; she was born December 3, 1847 and died September 6, 1934; he died January 12, 1903.

Ambrose Harrison Sevier Little born April 22, 1845 in Washington County, Arkansas married Sarah Jane Graham on June 10, 1866; she was born December 2, 1839 and died May 4, 1917; he died March 3, 1919.

Elizabeth Franklin was born on December 27, 1824 in Tennessee and died March 14, 1890. She is buried in Ganderville Cemetery at Summers, Arkansas. She married second P.F.A. Babb on December 15, 1850 in Washington County, Arkansas. They had two children before separating.

James Little 1801-1845

James Little, deceased, was born in Georgia in 1801, when a young man he immigrated to Clark County, Arkansas and there married Nancy Gentry a native of Nashville, Tennessee born in 1802 who came with her parents to Clark County. After his marriage, Mr. Little moved to Washington, County in 1828 and engaged in farming and stock raising. He was left a widower in 1840 with four sons and three daughters. He then married Elizabeth Franklin who bore him two sons. He was a Democrat,

and in religion a Primitive Baptist as was his first wife. Mrs. Little is still living and is a Methodist.

The death of Mr. Little occurred in 1845 and was much mourned by his friends and acquaintances. Catherine, the fourth child, one of his first wife's children, and the widow of the highly esteemed Luther N. Hollis was born October 10, 1825 in Clark County, Arkansas. She united in marriage in 1848 to Alex A. Steward who was born in Indiana in 1820. Mr. Steward came to Arkansas when a boy and had been previously wedded to Esther Hinds who lived but a short time. Mr. Steward was a shrewd business man and second lieutenant in the Mexican War, and a Democrat. He died in 1853. The following year his widow married Luther N. Hollis who was born in Indiana in 1826. Having learned the tanner's trade when a boy he worked at that business in Cincinnati, Ohio and Cassville, Missouri and Fayetteville, Arkansas. Later in life he turned his attention to farming. He also served in the first Confederate Company, Capt. Carroll's, that left Crawford County, serving as first lieutenant until the close of the war. He was twice taken prisoner and twice released. He died in 1877, lamented as a kind-hearted neighbor, and loving father and faithful friend. Mrs. Hollis has but one living child, Miss Maud Lee Hollis, but has cared for an orphan boy, Dick Hollis.

Malinda Catherine Hollis

OBITUARY

Fayetteville Sentinel, March 25, 1890

Mrs. Elizabeth Little, relict of James Little was born in Tenn., Dec. 27, 1824 and died in her home in Price Township, Mar. 14, 1890. She was taken with the prevailing influenza, followed by pneumonia and lived only eight days. She seemed to have several weeks beforehand premonition of her early dissolution. She attended the burial of Jonathan Elms more than a month ago and told some of her intimate friends she would be the next one to be buried in that place. Then afterward, though in good health, she talked quietly, calmly, assuredly about her blessed hopes of future rest and joy, selected a place to be buried, and gave minute directions about all her affairs. She professed faith in Christ many years ago, and was received into the Church, near Cincinnati, in 1852. Her father, John Franklin, settled on War Eagle in Madison County, but her husband was one of the first settlers of what is now Price Township. She married at eighteen and leaves three sons and several step children to mourn her loss.

J.W. WALDEN

PREEMPTION PROOF

Land Office at Fayetteville

May 23, 1836

Territory of Arkansas,
County of Washington.

Be it remembered, that, on this day personally appeared before me, an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for the County, aforesaid, in

the presence of the register and receiver at the district of lands subject to sale at Fayetteville, James Little, who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and says: that he cultivated in the year 1833 the Southwest quarter of Section No. Twenty one, in Township No. fifteen, North of Range thirty three, West, and that he was in the actual possession of the same land on the 19th day of June, 1834, and that he knows of no existing claim as a preemption to the same land.

JAMES LITTLE

Sworn to and subscribed before me (this) 25th day of May, 1836.

B.H. SMITHSON, J.P.

AFFIDAVIT

John Cole being duly sworn according to law deposeth and says: that he is well acquainted with James Little and that he cultivated in the year 1833 the Southwest quarter of Section No. Twenty one, in Township No. fifteen, North of Range thirty three, West, and that he cultivated in that year about twelve or fifteen acres in corn and that he was in the actual possession of the same land on the 19th of June, 1834.

JOHN COLE

Sworn to and subscribed before me (this) 25th day of May, 1836.

B.H. SMITHSON

I do certify that the above testimony is creditable.

B.H. SMITHSON

We certify that the foregoing are creditable.

WILLIAM M.Y. BALL, Reg.
MATTHEW LUPER, Rec.

Receiver's Office at Fayetteville

No. 1168

May 25, 1836

Received from James Little of Washington County, Arkansas the sum of one hundred dollars being in full payment for the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section No. twenty one in Township No. fifteen, North of Range No. thirty three, West, containing eighty acres at \$1.25 per acre.

MATTHEW LUPER, Receiver.

LAND OFFICE

No. 1168

Fayetteville, May 25th, 1836

It is hereby certified, That, in pursuance of Law, James Little of Washington County, Territory of Arkansas, on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the lot or East half of the Southwest quarter of Section number twenty one in Township number

fifteen, North of Range number thirty three, containing eighty acres, at the rate of one dollar and twenty five cents per acre, amounting to one hundred dollars, for which the said James Little has made payment in full as required by law.

Now therefore, Be it known, That, on presentation of this certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said James Little shall be entitled to receive a patent for the lot above described.

WILLIAM M.Y. BALL, Register.

PROBATE COURT

County of Washington,
The State of Arkansas.

To All Persons To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:

Know Ye, that whereas James Little of the county of Washington died intestate as it is said on or about the 22nd day of Sept. A.D. 1845, having at the time of his death, personal property in the 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, presented, and disposed of according to law. We do hereby appoint T.E. Babb of the county of Washington, administrator, of all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said James Little at the time of his death. With full power and authority to secure and dispose of said property according to law, and collect, secure, and dispose of said property according to law and collect all moneys due said dec'd, 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, T.C. Pittiman, Clerk of the Circuit (Court) and Exofficio Clerk of the Court of Probate and for the County of Washington, aforesaid, hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court, at office, this 3rd day of October, A.D. 1845.

T.C. PITTIMAN, Clerk.

From the book **Littles Genealogical 1801-1978** by Clara Risley, Lincoln, Arkansas, 1978. Edited and corrected.

JACOB CHANDLER

The Chandler Story

Jacob Chandler and wife Elizabeth Reeder and six children, and Micajah Reeder father-in-law and his four children, Noah, Elijah, Daniel and Mica-jah, were among the earliest settlers of Washington County, Arkansas. They came in 1827 from Pike County, Arkansas. Jacob Chandler temporarily settled in the Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory before Washington County. He did not like it and reentered Arkansas Territory near Evansville. He settled in what was later Vineyard Township. The early settlers called

it "The Lord's Vineyard." Micajah Reeder went into what became Illinois Township near Cincinnati, Arkansas.

Jacob Chandler began acquiring land until he had about 500 acres. He was well off financially and had received an inheritance before leaving Kentucky. His father died about 1813. His mother did not come to Arkansas with him, but remained in Kentucky because of other children. He bought about ten to twelve slaves and worked along with them clearing the land and building a large log house for his family. They also built a barn and cabins for the slaves and a log smoke house. I have often heard, when I was a child, that he never asked a slave to do anything that he would not do himself.

Jacob Chandler's slaves were very devoted to him. There was one named Jubal who was continually at Jacob Chandler's side. Jubal stayed with Jacob Chandler until his death in November, 1876 age eighty-three. His death is entered in his Bible and I believe on his tombstone is this epithet: "He died in the full triumph of faith." I have wondered if Jubal remained after Jacob Chandler's death.

Jacob Chandler was born in Newberry, South Carolina, on April 20, 1793. Before coming to Arkansas Territory, Jacob Chandler and Elizabeth Reeder were married in 1815. Jacob Chandler was twenty-two. Elizabeth Reeder was born on February 22, 1800.

Many people found it easier to travel by water. The Chandlers and the Reeders, being close to the Ohio River, built rafts and came down the Ohio to the mouth of the Mississippi River at Cairo, Illinois and joined the Mississippi River. With their possessions they came down the river and disembarked at Arkansas Post.

Jacob Chandler and Elizabeth Reeder had their first child Emily in 1816. Their next child was a son. They named him after Jacob's brother William who stayed in Kentucky. He was born in 1818 and died at birth. His name is written in Jacob Chandler's Bible in a small hand writing that is hard to see. It is as though a grief stricken father was so heart broken over losing his first son that he found it difficult to write. It was simply written "William died." Preston Chandler, my paternal grandfather, was born in February 1820;

Alfred was born in 1821; Benjamin Franklin was born in 1822; Lu(r)anna was born January 21, 1825; Albert Gallatin was born October 5, 1826; Eunice or Unity was born February 8, 1829, the first child born in Washington County, Arkansas; Lucinda was born January 15, 1831; James Monroe was born on April 23, 1833; and Elizabeth Jane was born January 18, 1835.

While living in Clark County, Arkansas Jacob Chandler was a magistrate (justice of the peace) and road overseer. The Reeder brothers had a "falling out" there and I have never learned what it was about. Jacob Chandler and Micajah Reeder decided to leave Clark County.

In 1829-1830 a post office was established at Vineyard, the second one in Washington county, Arkansas. Lewis Evans was the first postmaster and Jacob Chandler was postmaster in 1834 and again in 1840. Lewis Evans was the founder of Evansville. Evansville was a wild town where many crimes were committed. It was so close to Indian Territory, if a crime was committed in Evansville, they could almost step across the line into Indian Territory to escape the United States Marshals.

In 1830, the County Court was established in Washington County, and two new townships were formed. Jacob Chandler was appointed a justice of Vineyard township. He took an interest in his community, a road overseer, and helping build a school. He also took an active part in trying to find the murderers of the Wright family at Cane Hill. When the murderers were caught and brought back to Cane Hill they left them outside in a place thickly wooded all around, with an open area, like a room. There were many guards inside the area and all around it on the outside. They were all found guilty. The Flashback, a publication of the Washington County Historical Society, says Jacob Chandler was appointed Captain of the guards. On one night after watching the prisoners and hearing them speaking softly to one another, Jacob said to some of the guards, "I have watched them all night and I am not sure they are guilty." He was deeply moved over this. Another said, "Speak up if you feel that way." Jacob replied, "It's no use the court has spoken and the committee of 100 is sure." He was a good and gentle man and a good Christian. There was a crowd of 1000 who came to see the hanging and one by one they were brought out

and hanged.

Elizabeth Chandler died on April 7, 1836. In Jacob Chandler's Bible he wrote, "departed this life in the triumphs of faith." In the same month on April 23, his young daughter Lurana died, and less than a month later the baby, Elizabeth Jane, also died. It is not difficult to imagine the grief and sorrow the whole family experienced. Jacob Chandler was left with small children, but had older ones to help him. Emily stayed home until she was twenty-four.

Jacob Chandler had established a family cemetery. It is now on highway fifty-nine (59) just out of Dutch Mills, Arkansas and very close to the road. The road was not there at that time and all of the road and across it belonged then to Jacob Chandler. The first member of the family buried in this cemetery was Micajah Reeder, Elizabeth's father. He was living with Jacob and Elizabeth Chandler when he died in 1835. He was seventy-seven years of age. Noah Reeder, eldest son of Micajah Reeder, my paternal grandparents, Preston and Bathsheba Ann Chandler, and my father's youngest sister, Flora, were all buried in this cemetery.

CHRISTINE GAMBLE

The Chandler Story by Christine Gamble, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1982. Revised and edited.

JACOB CHANDLER BIBLE

Preston Chandler & Bathsheba Ann Bartlett married in 1852.

Bathsheba Ann died 10-5-1904.
Preston died 1-5-1884.

Family Record.

Jacob Chandler was born April 20th, 1793.
Elizabeth Reeder was born February 23rd 1800.
Married, May 30th, 1815.

Emily, 1st daughter, was born April 5th, 1816.

William died.

Preston, 2nd son, was born February 4th 1820.

Alfred, 3rd son, was born July 13th 1821.

Benjamin Franklin, 4th son, was born Oct. 4th 1822.

Lurana, 2nd daughter was born Jany. 21, 1825.

Albert, 5th son, was born Oct. 5th, 1826.

Unity, 3rd daughter, was born Feby. 8th 1829.

Lucinda, 4th daur., was born Jany. 15, 1831.

James Monroe, 6th son, was born April 23d 1833.

Elizabeth Jane, 5th daur., was born Jany. 18th 1835.

Deaths.

Elizabeth wife of Jacob Chandler departed this life (in the triumphs of faith) on the 7th day of April, 1836.

Lurana, 2nd daughter, on the 23rd April, 1836.

Elizabeth Jane, 5th daughter, on the 3rd of May, 1836.

Euneta Latta, 3d daughter, departed this life the 21st of November, 1856.

Euneta Chandler and John F. Latta was married October the 2d day of 1853.

Young Ewing and Lucinda Chandler was married April 12th 1863.

B.F. Chandler and Serena G. Bartlett was married the 8 day of January, 1856.

Serena G. Chandler departed this life Jan. the 18, 1865.

Margret L. Morrow was born April 21st 1838.
Married November 18th 1858.

William McLin, her son, was born August 31st 1859.
Margret L., wife of James M. Chandler, departed this life (in the full triumph of faith) on the 18th day of May, 1862.

Jacob Chandler departed this life on the 14th day of November, A.D. 1876, aged Eighty-three years, six months and twenty-five days.

Alfred Chandler, 3rd son, departed this life on the 27th day of October, 1908, aged 87 years, three months, and 14 days.

Jacob Chandler Bible courtesy of Christine Gamble, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1982.

CHANDLER CEMETERY

Located about 2 miles north of Evansville, Arkansas on the east side of Highway 59. Copied by J.R. Huff in Sept. 1977.

Two hand hewn stones:
N.R. & M.R. (Noah & Micajah Reeder)

Jacob Chandler
Apr. 20, 1793
Nov. 14, 1876

Flora Leona,
dau. of Preston & B.A. Chandler.
Mar. 20, 1880
Oct. 1, 1928

B.A. Chandler,
wife of Preston Chandler.
Dec. 30, 1836
Oct. 18, 1904

Preston Chandler
Feb. 4, 1920
Jan. 5, 1884

Cemeteries of Washington county, Arkansas, Volume 3, Summer 1881, published by the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society, page 27. The Chandler Cemetery was moved to Vineyard in 1978.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

Alfred Chandler was born in (Pike County), Arkansas, July 13, 1821. His father, Jacob Chandler, was born in Kentucky, but lived most of his life in Arkansas, in which State, he died. He was a farmer by occupation, was for many years a justice of the peace, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Elizabeth (Reeder) Chandler, was born in Kentucky and died in Arkansas. She bore her husband eight children, of whom Alfred is the third child. He was reared on the home farm in Washington county, Arkansas, and lived there until 1843, at which time he moved to Texas, where he owns a fine farm. In 1863 he joined the Confederate army as quartermaster of J.B. Willmuth's regiment, and served in that capacity until the close of the war.

In December, 1849, he married Miss Mary E. Magner, of Collin county, Texas, and to this union have been born five children: Eunetta J., Albert G., Laura, Kate and James T. Mr. Chandler and his eldest son, Albert G., are members of the Meth-odist Episcopal church.

Biographical Souvenir of the State of Texas, F.A. Battey & Company, 1889, page 166.

JAMES M. CHANDLER

James M. Chandler, merchant at Evansville, Ark., is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Reeder) Chandler. The father was born in Kentucky in 1793, and when a child moved with his parents to Tennessee, where he married Miss Reeder. About 1825 he and his family moved west of the Mississippi River, locating in the vicinity of Evansville, where the father died in 1876. He was a farmer all his life, a Democrat in politics, and for many years was justice of the peace. The mother died when quite young (1836), and was but thirty-six years of age. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Their family consisted of eight children, six now (1889) living. The youngest son, and the subject of this sketch, was reared a farmer boy, and received his education in the subscription school, also at Cane Hill College. At the age of eighteen he began teaching in the Cherokee Nation at \$33 1/8 per month, but thinking that he could not rise in the profession he hired as clerk in a store for \$12 per month. After working for his employer until almost as much was due him as the stock was worth, he and a partner, N.B. Dunhurg, took the stock in 1853 and began merchandising at Dutch Mills. Soon after he moved to Wilsonville, one and a half miles north of Evansville, and here carried on farming in connection with merchandising. In 1856 he married Miss Margaret L. Morrow, daughter of Rev. George Morrow, and to them was born one son, William M. Mrs. Chandler died in 1861, and four years later Mr. Chandler married Miss Helen M., daughter of Rev. Young Ewing. This union resulted in the birth of five children: Charles H., Addie D., Lulu E., Lillie and James E. In 1862 Mr. Chandler enlisted in the Confederate army, and served in the commissary department most of the time until the close of the war. In 1867 he opened a store in Evansville, and has operated the same ever since. He was also postmaster at Evansville for five years, is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He owns 100

acres of land, a good store, and has made it all by his own industry.

History of Washington County, Arkansas, Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889, page 924.

ROBERT CRITTENDEN

Secretary and Acting Governor of
the Territory of Arkansas.

To All To Whom These Presents
Shall Come Greeting:

Know Ye, that Reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity and ability of Jacob Chandler, I do hereby appoint him a Justice of the Peace in and for the Township of Missouri and County of Clark. To have and to hold the said office of Justice together with all the profits and Emolu-ments thereunto belonging for the term of four years Unless soone(r) Removed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set My hand and affixed the Seal of the said Territory at my Office in the Town of Arkansas on the 1st day of Sept(embe)r 1819 and of the Independence the forty-fourth.

(Seal) ROBERT CRITTENDEN
Secty. & A.G.A.T.

Clark County, Arkansas Circuit Court Miscellaneous Record Book 1819-1838, Part 1, Book A, 1819-1821, page 31.

By A Proclamation Issued by the
Governor of this Territory to the
Sheriff of this County:

It is ordered that an election take place on the first Monday in August (1821) for the election of a Representative to Congress and a member to each branch of the Legislature and it is further ordered that five commissioners be elected as the law prescribes for the locating (of) the seat of Justice ... and it is also ordered that the following named persons be Judges of said election and the election to be holden at the following named places, viz: ... In the Missouri Township: William Kelley, Jacob Chandler, William Gentry, to be holden at Thomas Fish's ...

The Court appointed in each Township, the following named persons as assessors, viz: ... In the Missouri Township: Jacob Chandler ...

Clark county, Arkansas, Court of Common Pleas Minutes, July Term 1821, Courthouse, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Common Pleas
December Term 1821

Jacob Chandler presented an account of ten dollars for assessing Missouri Township which was allowed by the Court.

Clark county, Arkansas, Court of Common Pleas Minutes, December Term 1821,

Courthouse, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

EARLY REMINISCENCES.

In the year 1810 about the first of December, one John Hemphill, our grandfather on our mother's side, left Bayou Sara, La. in perogues for Arkansas with his wife and children. His wife's name was Nancy Lawson before their marriage (and) his children were: William Hemphill the oldest, my mother Emily Hemphill, Andrew Hemphill, Harriet Hemphill, Narcissa Hemphill, Samuel Hemphill, John L. Hemphill and James Hemphill. Jacob and John Barkman and the Davises brought his negroes and drove his stock through by land and they all landed at the bluff or steamboat landing on January 1st 1811 at what is now Arkadelphia. My grandfather settled on the place now owned by Charles Henderson on Mill Creek, one mile north of Arkadelphia, and as soon as he discovered salt near Daleville, he went to New Orleans with his perogue and bought a lot of salt kettles. The perogues were rowed and pulled up and down the river. He made the first salt ever made in Clark county.

My grandfather was an Irishman with a No. 1 education and it is said that he killed a pumpkin thinking it was a varmint. He died in 1819 and was the first white man ever buried in the Blakeley graveyard. When my grandfather came here there was but the following persons living in what is now Clark county: Adam Stroud and family, Abner Hignight and family, Abram Newton and family, Hendrix White and family, Isaac Cates and family and Jo Butler and family. Old man Dick Tate lived at Tate's Bluff at the mouth of the Little Missouri river.

William Hemphill married a Miss Jacobs. Emily Hemphill married Thomas Fish. Harriet Hemphill married David Fish and Narcissa Hemphill married Robert S. Tate, father of our Bob. Andrew Hemp-hill married Margaret Welch. Thomas Fish, my mother's first husband, after serving a term in the legislature, died.

About 1815 the Tweedles came to Clark county, and about 1820 one of them married a Miss White and they separated, and the other (married) Adam Stroud's daughter, they also separated.

The names of the Davises were: Green Davis, Zachariah Davis, Nathan Davis, Edward Davis, John

Davis, and the girls names were: Rebecca Davis married Jacob Barkman; Hannah Davis married John Barkman; Lavisia Davis married Dr. John H. Peake; and Elizabeth Davis who married John Murphy.

My father's folks came from Missouri in the year 1818 and my grandfather settled on the place Pettit's Creek known now as the Tom Townsend place and built a mill on Caney Creek just above the road running from Arkadelphia to Rome or Gurdon and lived there a few years and then moved to the place that W.A. Trigg lived on for 25 years known in former days as Raymond, where he, my grandfather, died in 1837. He had a very large family. His wife, my grandmother, was Amy Stamps and had twelve children, seven boys and five girls, as follows: J.O. Callaway, J.S.T. Callaway, P.S. Callaway, Thos. M. Callaway, Nat C. Callaway, William A. Callaway and James M. Callaway; and Mary Callaway, Elizabeth Callaway, Nancy Callaway, Amy Callaway, and Charity C. Callaway. Aunt Charity (is) still living in Arkadelphia at the home of her son John Phillips. Mary Callaway, the oldest child, married William Arnette who died at or near Washington, Hempstead county. Elizabeth Callaway married John Forbes and lived only about five years after she married; Anny married A.G. Johnston and lived about seven years and Charity married Phil Johnston. He lived only about seven years after they married.

My father and mother were married in 1825, and "Big Bill" was their first child. He was born September 7th 1826. All the parties in the fore-going are dead except Aunt Charity Phillips.

The foregoing was handed down to me by my mother. In my next chapter I will give some things by tradition and some of my own knowledge.

S.D. CALLAWAY

The Gurdon Times, Twelfth Year, Early Reminiscences by S. D. Callaway, January 13, 1906.

ZACHARIAH DAVIS

Zachariah Davis was born circa 1770 and died between 1808 and 1830. The death date is derived from his youngest child being born in 1808 and his wife being head of the household in 1830. He married

August 19, 1790 in Madison county, Kentucky to Prudence Roberts. She was born 1780-1790 and died 1831-1839. An article in a Gurdon, Clark county, Arkansas newspaper dated January 13, 1906 by S.D. Callaway tells of the John Hemphill family moving from Bayou Sara, Louisiana in December 1810 to Clark county, Arkansas. The Hemphills went by boat and the Barkmans and Davises brought his negroes and drove his stock through by land. They arrived in Clark county, January 1, 1811. From this news-paper item, court and census records, the following information has been assembled. Some birth dates (year) are calculated. Nine children are known:

Rebecca Davis born March 24, 1791 in Kentucky; married Jacob Barkman; died January 12, 1837 in Clark county, Arkansas.

Hannah Davis born 1793 in Kentucky; married John Barkman; died after 1850.

Zachariah Davis born 1795; married Mary, maiden name unknown; died October 1, 1846, Clark county, Arkansas.

Nathaniel (Nathan) Davis born 1797; name of wife unknown; died April 2, 1843, Clark county, Arkansas.

Edward Davis born 1799; the records of Clark county, Arkansas show two marriages: Edward Davis to Elizabeth (Betsy) Sorrells or Sorrels, July 31, 1823 and Edward Davis to Nancy Barr or Bear, October 9, 1825; died August 21, 1846.

Lavisia Davis born 1802 in Kentucky; married Dr. John H. Peak, January 8, 1825; filed for divorce, March 30, 1849; died 1859 in Clark county, Arkansas.

Greenberry (Green) Davis born 1804 in Kentucky; married Nancy Parker daughter of Samuel Parker; died 1854, Sevier county, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Davis born 1806; married John Murphy; died after 1850.

John Davis born 1808; married first Matilda Burk; married second Mahala, maiden name unknown.

I suspect the Davises moved from Rowan county, North Carolina with the Roberts. Nathan Roberts and wife Hannah were in Rowan county, North Carolina in 1770 with children: Mary or Polly, Rachel, Nathan Jr., William, Gracey, James, and possibly Prudence and Edward.

Edward Roberts had children named Nathan, Rachel, John and others. Mary and Rachel children of Nathan, married brothers John and Thomas Bradley, November 22, 1792; Nathan Jr., married Pricilla

(Sellar) White, November 29, 1792; Prudence married Zachariah Davis, August 18, 1790, all in Madison county, Kentucky. Nathan Sr. apparently migrated to Madison county, Kentucky circa 1787. The early Madison county, Kentucky records show Nathan, Edward, William and a Francis Roberts came from North Carolina to Kentucky.

Apparently Nathan and wife Hannah migrated to Howard county, Missouri about 1818. From the minutes of Salt Creek Church in Howard county, Missouri for Friday, October 23, 1818 ... "received Brother Nathan Roberts and Sister Hannah, his wife" and "Brother Thomas Bradley and Sister Rachel Bradley, his wife."

ANNA SPENCER

Zachariah Davis by Anna Spencer, Paris, Texas, 1982. Revised and edited.

JACOB BARKMAN

Jacob Barkman before his death in 1852 had become the wealthiest man in Clark County, Arkansas. Early on he owned a large number of slaves as indicated by the 1830 census, there were thirty five, and in time owned several thousand acres of land along with enterprises in cotton, salt, a steamboat line, and horse racing. The first courts for Clark County, Arkansas in 1819 were held in his house built of "sun dried" bricks. He was born in Kentucky on December 20, 1784. He was living in Rapides Parish, Louisiana when with a caravan of families led by John Hemphill came to Arkansas. S.D. Callaway a grandson of John Hemphill writes in "The Gurdon Times" newspaper for January 13, 1906: that "Jacob and John Barkman and the Davises brought" John Hemphill's "negroes and drove his stock through by land and they all (arrived) at the bluff or steamboat landing on January 1, 1811 at what is now Arkadelphia."

Jacob Barkman married first Rebecca Davis about 1810. She was born March 24, 1791 in Madison County, Kentucky the daughter of Zachariah Davis and Prudence Roberts. She died January 17, 1837 in Clark County, Arkansas. They had three children:

Leanah Barkman born February 14, 1814 in Clark County, Arkansas died September 14, 1831 in Pulaski County, Arkansas. She had been attending school in Little Rock.

William F.S. Barkman born January 26, 1816 in Clark County, Arkansas married Mary M. Scott on November 12, 1845 in Clark

County, Arkansas; died July 11, 1862.

James E.M. Barkman born February 23, 1819 in Clark County, Arkansas married Harriet Eleanor Maddox on March 9, 1841 in Clark County, Arkansas. She was born May 22, 1821 near Montgomery, Alabama and died May 16, 1912. He died on September 13, 1865. They are buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Clark County, Arkansas.

In 1835 George William Featherstonhaugh traveled from Washington on the Potomac now D.C. to Texas and through Arkansas visited the Barkmans on his way to and from the frontier of Mexico and provides a very descriptive account of his encounters with them:

Three miles before we reached the Caddo, the country began to descend, and a change soon took place in the aspect of nature, and of everything around us. Having crossed the ferry where the river is about 100 yards wide, we entered upon an extensive rich bottom of canebrake, and not long after came to a no less extraordinary thing than a brick house, belonging to a person of the name of Barkman. This man, whose father was German, came into the country many years ago in the character of a peddler, and having married the daughter of one Davis, a famous hunter, settled here, became a trader, and was now very well to do in the world. In the mean time old Davis and his sons, all of whom were brought up without any other schoolmaster than the rifle, continued their favorite wandering vocation, looking up to the opulent Barkman as the great man of the family. Mr. Barkman we did not see, but I shall certainly not forget his lady soon, as I have never seen any one, as far as manners and exterior went, with less pretensions to be classed with the feminine gender. All her accomplishments seemed to me to have a decided learning in the other way. She chewed tobacco, she smoked a pipe, she drank whiskey, and cursed and swore as heartily as any backwoodsman, all at the same time; doing quite as much vulgarity as four male blackguards could do, and with as much ease as if she had been an automaton set to do it with clockwork machinery. She must have been a person of surprising powers in her youth, for I was informed that she was now comparatively refined to what she had been before her marriage; at that period, so full of interest to a lover, she was commonly known by the name of old Davis's "She Bar."

We had an opportunity of seeing one of her extraordinary brothers, a genuine hunter, dressed in leather prepared by himself from the skins of animals he had killed, as he was going with his rifle on his shoulder, and his dogs, some twenty miles off to hunt bears. This man, although between thirty and forty years old, had never been out of this neighborhood, and had no idea of the world beyond his own pursuits, and that which he saw going on around him. His brother-in-law Barkman he considered to be the first man in the whole country; people that came from Little Rock he had not a strong predilection for, not because they were unworthy, but because so many lawyers lived there; the government of the United States he looked upon with horror, because they sold the lands and broke up the cane-brakes: but Texas he approved of highly, saying that he had "*heern* there was no *sich* thing as a government there, and not one varmint of a lawyer in the *hull* place." As his house was not very far from Barkman's, I

accompanied this worthy there to see it, and on our way had a good deal of curious conversation with him, learning from him amongst other things that he had "been raised on fat *bar's* meat," as all his family had been, and that he loved it better than anything. The cabin of this fellow corresponded with his manners, and was a sort of permanent camping out of doors; the logs of it were at least six inches apart, the interstices, without any filling in, staring wide open; one of the gable ends was entirely wanting, the roof was only closed at one end, and at the other some bed clothes were heaped together in a corner upon a rough floor, and his family, consisting of a wife and several young children, were warming themselves at a fire, not in the house, but out of doors. How they managed during long periods of cold wet weather may be imagined, but they seemed contented, and even cheerful. As to himself, he seemed quite indifferent about this *al-fresco* style of living: his happiness was found only in the cane-brake "driving the bears about" as he said, and sleeping near a good fire. Mrs. Barkman, notwithstanding her habits, was not deficient in good nature to us: they had killed a young steer the day before our arrival, and a dish of fat boiled ribs was set before us, with good bread, of which we made an excellent meal, having been without food since we left Mrs. Conway's the morning before ... From Barkman's we proceeded to the Tournoise Creek, said to be 15 miles off, always upon flat good land, occasionally sandy, with heavy beds of bluish green calcareous clay in all the ravines; and from the description I obtained of the country further south, I thought it probable we should keep upon the tertiary beds all the way to the Mexican frontier ... We crossed several large creeks during the afternoon, and at night put up at a famous hunter's called Hignite, who lived in a solitary log cabin that had once been the court house for the county of Clark ... (on return) I slept at Hignite's again, and starting early on a fine cold moonlight morning, rode on to Mrs. Barkman's, where I fed my horse. The old lady, who was standing at the door with her pipe in her left hand, and a comfortable chew of tobacco in her cheek, shook hands heartily with me, and asked me how I liked Texas, adding before I could give her an answer, "that she could not see what folks was *sich* (blank) fools as to go there for."

Jacob Barkman married second Mariah Dickinson on August 9, 1837 in Clark County, Arkansas. He died August 23, 1852 "after illness of thirteen days" according to his family Bible record. His estate was administered in Clark County, Arkansas.

REBECCA BARKMAN

Blakleytown - The people of Clark County were saddened to learn of the death of Rebecca Barkman in this year 1837. She was the wife of Jacob Barkman, a planter, a river trader, and one of the earliest settlers of this region. Jacob Barkman and his brother John, arrived here around 1811. The Barkman brothers were married to sisters, the daughters of the famous Kentucky bear hunter (Zachariah) Davis. While Jacob's frequent trips to New Orleans transformed him into a gentleman, the frontier born and bred Rebecca kept her rough edges. Little Rock

newspaperman Hiram Whittington described her in 1830 as "a woman about fifty (she was actually about 40) weighing in the latitude of 200. She is ill-bred, or rather not bred at all, smokes a dirty pipe, talks all manner of non-sense, and never had a bonnet on her head in her life." Whittington continues, "But when she comes to town ... she has a kerchief tied around her head, and bear skin shawl over her shoulders. And what is worse than all the rest, she has an awkward way of boxing her husband's ears when he displeases her" ...

Rebecca had, however, a gentle nature. She was ... (accounted) a gracious hostess ... It is said that the loss of her beautiful daughter Leanah, who died in 1831 while attending school in Little Rock, broke her spirit. Only months before her own death, Mrs. Barkman ... spent many long hours administering to the needs of a group of Choctaw Indians who had gotten cholera and camped at the Barkman plantation on their way to new homes in the Indian Territory.

The Arkansas News, Old State House, 1990. Printed in **Clark County, Arkansas Obituaries and Death Notices 1869-1900**, Volume 1, compiled by Allen B. Syler, edited &c. by Bobbie Jones McLane, page 1: excerpts edited.

JACOB BARKMAN BIBLE

HOLY BIBLE

Old and New Testaments together
with the Apocrypha:

Translated out of the Original Tongues
By Special Command of King James I of England

Printed for Matthew Carey,
No. 118 Market Street
Oct. 27, 1802

This book was Purchased
Anne Dominee 1803
By John Brown

Jacob Barkman's Book
Born 1784, 20th of December

Rebecca Davis was born 24th of March, 1791 married Jacob Barkman died 17th day of January, 1837.

Jacob Barkman married (2nd wife) Mariah Dick-
inson, 9th of Aug. 1837.

Jacob Barkman died 23rd day of August, 1852 after
illness of thirteen days.

Leanah Barkman was born 14th day of February A.D.
1814 died on 24th day of Sept. 1831.

James E.M. Barkman was born 23rd Feb. 1819, 1840
married (9 March 1841) Harriet E. Maddox born
22nd May, 1821, Montgomery, Ala., she died May
16, 1912.

V.C. Barkman was born on 11th Jan. 1842.

Births.

Rebecca Davis Barkman was born on the twenty-
fourth day of March, 1791.

Leanah Barkman was born the fourteenth day of
February, 1814.

Wm. F.S. Barkman was born the twenty-sixth day of
January, 1816.

Jas. E.M. Barkman was born the twenty-third day of
February, 1819.

Harriet E. Maddox Barkman was born the twenty-
second day of May, 1821.

Vivian Caddo Barkman was born the eleventh day of
January, 1842.

Leila Caddo Barkman was born the thirty-first day of
August, 1844.

Leanah E. Barkman was born the third of April, 1847.

Rebecca M. (Marion) Barkman was born the twenty-
third day of August, 1850.

Sallie Harriet Barkman was born the eighth of
October, 1857.

James Sumner Barkman was born the fourteenth of
December, 1859.

Walter Eugene Barkman was born the twenty-seventh

day of January, 1862.

Marriages.

J.E.M. Barkman was married to Harriet E. Maddox
the ninth of March, 1841.

Leila Caddo Barkman was married to John D.
McCabe the twenty-sixth of November, 1863.

Deaths.

Rebecca Davis Barkman died on the eleventh day of
Jan., 1837.

Valeria (or Vivian) C. Barkman died on the eleventh
of September, 1844.

Jacob Barkman died on twenty-third of August, 1852.

William F.S. Barkman died on the eleventh of July,
1862.

James E.M. Barkman died on the thirteenth of
September, 1865.

Leanah E. Barkman died on the fourteenth of July,
1873.

Marion R. (Rebecca) Barkman died on the second of
May, 1875.

Harriet E. Barkman died on the sixteenth of May,
1912.

Lelia Caddo Barkman McCabe died on the twenty-
sixth of Nov., 1933.

Kathleen Barkman Gates died on the nineteenth of
Jan., 1939.

James Sumner Barkman died on the twenty-fourth of
May, 1941.

Jacob Barkman Bible, Arkansas DAR Genealogical Records
Committee, Volume 36, pages 85-86. Clark County Records
compiled by Mrs. F.A. Gerig, 1953-1954.

JOHN BARKMAN

Mary P. Fletcher in "Arkansas Territorial Pioneers and Their Descendants" appearing in the April 1914 issue of Arkansas Pioneers, says: "as early as 1810 Jacob and John and Asa Barkman lived by trapping and hunting in Ouachita Parish (Louisiana) ... later they moved to the district now known as Clark County (Arkansas) where they spent eventful lives ... Jacob Barkman was a member of our first legislature, and the first post office and county court (of Clark) used his house until suitable buildings were erected. This house was built of bricks molded and burnt by his servants who also built grist and cotton mills and boats."

John Barkman was born on July 30, 1786 in Kentucky: another source says Indiana. He married Hannah Davis about 1808 the daughter of Zachariah Davis and Prudence Roberts. The account of his coming to Clark County, Arkansas with his brother Jacob Barkman and his wife's family, the Davises, and the Hemphills in 1811 has been previously given. In October 1815 his brother Jacob Barkman, Andrew Robinson, and Abraham Anthony, hunting and en route to visit another hunting party camped on the Kiamichi about forty miles above its mouth, were attacked by Osage Indians. They attempted to outride their attackers, but Abraham Anthony was overtaken, killed, and scalped. "Later his skeleton was found ... his hat hanging on a bush nearby."

Prior 1826 John Barkman moved his family to Lost Prairie in Miller County, Arkansas. This was in the jurisdiction of Lafayette County, Arkansas when it was created in 1827. John Barkman was numbered among the new county's first grand jurors. About 1833 he moved to Texas and settled in Bowie County. He and his wife had a large family of fifteen children:

Mary Ann Barkman born July 31, 1810 in Rapides Parish, Louisiana married Seth Morris.

Rebecca Barkman born March 9, 1812 in Clark County, Arkansas died July 2, 1826 in Miller, now Lafayette County, Arkansas.

Jacob Davis Barkman born December 15, 1813 married Salina Looney in 1841 and died February 15, 1860.

Susanah Barkman born April 8, 1816 in Clark County, Arkansas died March 26, 1837 in Texas.

John J. Barkman born June 4, 1818 in Clark County, Arkansas died February 1, 1837 in Texas.

Isabel Barkman born February 24, 1820 in Arkansas married Joseph A. Looney in 1846.

Mahala Barkman born January 18, 1822 in Arkansas married William Lansdale in 1842.

Hannah Barkman born April 12, 1823 in Arkansas married first William Lansdale in 1842; married second R.H.B. Lansdale.

James Wesley Barkman born February 18, 1826 at Lost Prairie, within the original Miller County, Arkansas, married first Rebecca A. Peake on July 7, 1852 at Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas; married second Hattie C. Martin; died April 23, 1906 near Leary, Bowie County, Texas.

Annie Barkman born December 1827 in Lafayette County, Arkansas married first William McCloskey on June 27, 1849; married second William Cain.

Leanah Barkman born October 21, 1830 in Lafayette County, Arkansas married Robert J. Looney.

Enoch Barkman born October 16, 1832 in Lafayette County, Arkansas married Emily Holmes and died July 15, 1860.

Caroline Barkman born March 2, 1834 in Texas married B.H. Bobo and died March 28, 1864.

Elizabeth Jane Barkman born February 8, 1836 in Texas married first Joseph Tyson; married second a Threadgill; died January 1, 1862.

Jerome Bonaparte Barkman born September 2, 1839 in Texas married Mary Elizabeth Carpenter on December 14, 1865; died November 9, 1892.

A History of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Part II: 1865-1905

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Glenwood, Arkansas is the oldest Baptist Church in Pike County and one of the oldest Missionary Baptist churches in western Arkansas. It was organized on August 5, 1848 some two miles southeast of its present location. William F., Mary L., and Mary C. Browning, Jesse Cunningham, William Tucker, Frances Maynard and Nancy Foshee were charter members. Since it was located near the Caddo River, it was originally called Caddo Valley Church. The name was later changed to Pleasant Grove. The present name was adopted in the spring of 1861. For twelve years Bethel Church worshipped at a site near the Browning farm on land now (1991) owned by Buck Sloan. After a short stay in a "store house" at the Bohannon Spring near the home of Mrs. Robert Baker, the church moved to a "new school house" located very near its current site in 1861. For a full account of the history of Bethel during these early years, I refer you to my previous

history of the church entitled "Camping in Old Colbath" published in the *Glenwood Herald* in June of 1980.

In 1865, as the Civil War drew to a close, the people of Bethel Church and community began the difficult task of resuming normal lives after four years of "awful strife". The church had succeeded in maintaining a remarkably complete schedule of preaching services and prayer meetings throughout the War. This was due to the faithfulness of the church members and the tireless labors of Bethel's pastor Thomas F. Welch. "Parson" Welch, as everyone called him, had been "too old to take an active part in the War", though he was an ardent supporter of the Confederate cause. As the War drew to a close, he seems to have been the only active Baptist preacher in this entire area. It is reported that his preaching tours took him as far afield as Mt. Ida, Nashville, Alpine and Deroche, as well as to his appointments at Bethel. This was possible because in the past it was rare for a church to have preaching more than once or twice a month. Due to these and other factors, at War's end, Bethel was by far the largest and most active Baptist Church in an area covering northern Clark, southern Montgomery, eastern Hot Spring and all of Pike counties.

Realizing the deep-seated animosities generated by the War, the Church in July of 1865, sent out a "general invitation" to any and all of its members who felt that they had "injured the cause of religion and the church" to "come forward and make satisfaction" or make an apology to the church. Several prominent members did just that. However, hard feelings within the community boiled over the next year and resulted in what Bro. Neighbors, the Church Clerk, called the "church house riot". Evidently, a number of young men from the church were involved. They were quickly cited before the church for disciplinary action.

Despite such events, the church experienced at this time a great growth in its membership. Isaac F. Welch, one of Parson Welch's sons, a noted Baptist preacher who died in 1920, has left us the following vivid account of these years. "The years of 1865 and 1866 were years of large ingatherings (of souls) at Bethel ... There must have been 40 accessions during the two years ... Looking backward (he continued) I find myself in a revival meeting at that old log church on a hill in Clark (now Pike) County, (Colbath

Township in Clark County became a part of the new Clark Township in Pike County when the county boundaries were changed in 1873) ... Like Jacob, I here saw the ladder spanning the space between a sin-cursed earth and heaven ... Here I first discovered myself as a poor lost sinner, and Christ as the Savior. I gave myself to him (there) for time and eternity ... (on) October 9, and was baptized October 10, 1866 (in the Caddo River) ... I knew the Lord was in the place".

By the summer of 1867, with membership standing at fifty-five, Bethel dismissed ten of its members who wanted to go into the formation of a new Baptist Church in southern Montgomery County. They were Elder Hamilton L. Wasson and his family, Monroe and Elizabeth Foshee, Richard Tallent, Eliza Hall and William F. Henthorn. The new church was named Mount Pisgah and is now located on U.S. Highway 70 east of Glenwood. This was but the first of a series of new Baptist congregations to be organized from members or former members of Bethel. Among them were old Antioch Church, the forerunner of Oak Grove Church west of Caddo Gap, old Forest Hill Church north of Glenwood, Salem Church west of Glenwood and Mountain Home Church in Montgomery County between 1872 and 1874. Valley Grove Church organized at old Rock Creek about 1872 later received a number of members from Bethel who lived south of the River.

The Methodists were also making progress in the community. For many years Methodist preachers had held services in Bethel's building on Sundays not set aside for Baptist preaching. However, late in the 1860's, a Southern Methodist Church was organized at the "County Line School House" north of Glenwood. Bethel soon began losing members to this "heretical" society. Among them were Thomas Golden, Ann Stroop and Eliza Scott. It is of interest to note that about the same time, Bethel and Mount Pisgah churches themselves sponsored a series of meetings at the same location. These resulted in a large number of additions to both churches by baptism.

As early as the fall of 1866, Bethel Church attempted to revive and reorganize the Caddo River Baptist Association, another casualty of the War. However, it was not until the next year that the association could be convened. Of the some thirteen churches

represented in that body before the War, only two, Bethel and Union (this church is now the Alpine Missionary Baptist Church), sent messengers. The session assembled at Bethel and the new church, Mount Pisgah, was received into its fellowship. No session was held in 1868 because of the religious disruption in the area caused by the work of Samuel Kelley and the Kelleyites. Before the War, Kelley had been an ordained Baptist preacher who lived in southern Pike County. About 1868, while pastoring the old Philippi Baptist Church east of Amity, he began preaching a strange Armenian doctrine that taught "fallin' from grace" and open communion. This new teaching was adopted by the entire membership of Philippi except for George W. Scates about 1869. This was the beginning of the Kelleyite Churches of Christ that can still be seen in Clark and Hot Spring counties.

In December of 1870, Martha Ewing, a member of Bethel, was excluded from the church for joining this "Kelley Church". Despite these problems, the association was revived in 1869. It grew rapidly during the 1870's and 1880's. Bethel continued to fellowship with this body until 1906, when it became a part of the newly organized Pike County Baptist Association. In 1922 this group merged with the old Clark County Association to form the Clark-Pike Association. Bethel has worked with this body since that time.

In 1861, as has been stated, the church moved its meeting place to the new log school house located "on a hill near Uncle Sam Dillard's". This places the new building near the present church and cemetery location. Since it stood on a "hill" near a spring of water, perhaps it was located near the oldest section of the Bethel Cemetery. It was at this new location that the church name was changed to Bethel. The school house was a small structure built of roughly squared logs and was used for both worship services and public school. Instead of pews, it probably had split log seats without backs, few if any glass windows, a dirt floor, and evidently no stove for heat.

By 1869, this meeting house had "become too small for the congregation (and) also too small for the school". In June of that year, with church membership standing at about eighty, Bethel voted to "immediately" formulate a plan to enlarge the present facility. A subscription of the almost unheard of sum

of \$5.00 in cash was raised on the spot to purchase milled lumber to be used in flooring the new building. The following contributed \$.50 each: A.G. Stuart, James H. and John Neighbors, John C. Johns, T.F., John and J.T. Welch, as well as Green B. Dillard. After all of this activity the church clerk, Bro. Neighbors, noted that the church "then adjourned in peace and harmony".

Bro. Welch, writing in 1912, tells us how this addition, specified by the church to be fourteen feet added to the south side of the building was to be accomplished. "This was done by putting (up) three additional log walls, joining them to the old house, and cutting out the separating wall up to within two or three logs of the top, thus throwing the two rooms into one large room". "Here we met", he fondly recalled, "in Sunday school and prayer meeting and singing (school) practice ... Upon this plot of ground we boys have played marbles, town ball, bull-pen and leap-frog. Dear old house! Dear old spot!" The public school, later known as Pike County School District No. 8, also continued to use this expanded building, usually for about three months per year.

This log building continued to be used until 1885. That year the church voted to "build a house for Bethel" separate from the school and have the old building sold and torn down. The new building was built on a "new" site away from the old location. This places it about where the present auditorium stands. It was constructed from lumber purchased from Bro. J. Frank Wisener at a cost of \$195.81. Of this amount, \$28.92 was still "owing" when the house was completed. A year later the church still owed Bro. Wisener \$6.15 on this debt. However, at that time he "released" this indebtedness and "took the brethren's hand for the remainder". Through the kindness of the Burke family, descendants of several early Bethel members, a picture of the building has been preserved and presented to the church.

It shows a large wooden structure with two front doors, one for men and one for women, as well as lots of glass windows. When this building was re-roofed in 1908, a public subscription of \$25.25 was raised and many men in the community pledged their labor. Some of the names on the list of donors are: Robertson, Mitchell, Wisener, Kelley, Crittenden, Sevier, Willis, Burchfield and Harvey. Dr. W.B. Gould and Mat Baker, from the new town of

Glenwood, "gave some nails". This church house continued to be used into living memory and was replaced by a modern structure in 1950.

After an unsuccessful attempt during the Civil War to obtain clear title to its property, the church in 1871 appointed a committee to try once again. This effort also proved unsuccessful and the committee was continued indefinitely. It was not until October of 1878 that a deed was secured. Alexander N. Thornton and Phillip S. Bruce sold just over three acres to the church for \$1.00. Bro. Thornton had been a member of Bethel since 1871 and was ordained as a deacon by the church in 1876. Soon after this sale he moved to Black Springs where he was a successful miller, farmer, and businessman. Bro. Bruce seems to have been a founding member of the Mountain Home Church and was a licensed Baptist preacher. He died about 1881. His wife, Nancy C., became a member of Bethel Church in 1886.

Within a short while after the organization of the church in 1848, a plot of land was set aside by William F. Browning for a community grave yard. After the church moved to its present location, this land continued to be used as a family burial site. A new cemetery was started beside the "new school house" perhaps during the Civil War. By 1873, when the church voted to have it enclosed in a "paled" fence, it covered only eighty-eight square feet. This is the oldest section of the cemetery on the top of the hill by the old cedar tree. In 1879, Berry T. and Mattie C. Strickland deeded just over three acres to Bethel Church, to be used as a "free burial ground to all who desire it". This land contained the "new" grave yard location.

During the period from 1865 to about 1905, there was a number of men and women whose faithful service at Bethel Church stands out to anyone who reviews the church records and other sources. Time and space will allow us to mention just a few here. The first, by far, is Elder Thomas Franklin Welch, pastor off and on from 1854 until his death in 1871. He was a native of Tennessee and was ordained by the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Hardeman County, Tennessee in 1850. Three years later he and his family moved to Arkansas. His old home place was located in Glenwood where the old Jessup house stood for many years. He was buried in a family grave yard that years later became the Glenwood Cemetery. The church records contain his obituary and it notes that "Parson"

Welch preached "incessantly until within a few hours of his death". Five of his six sons became Baptist preachers. Most of his family moved to Texas about 1900.

No early history of Bethel Church would be complete without mention of Elder John Neighbors. "I have so often thought of (him)", wrote Isaac Welch, "(as one) who impressed me for good more than any other excepting my ... father. (He) was always present at church meetings, Sunday school ... (He) gave the best energy of his life and soul ... (to) the Master's cause." Like Parson Welch, John Neighbors was a native of Tennessee. He and his family moved to this area about 1845. He joined Bethel Church in 1853, was licensed to preach in 1862, and ordained in 1866. He served as church clerk from 1861 until 1877. A portion of our knowledge of events in this area during the Civil War come from his careful notes recorded in the church books. When he and his family left Bethel to join the church at Rock Creek in 1877, the church voted its thanks to him for his "faithful services as an officer". "Whether in every day life, as a (preacher), clerk of his church, or on the floor teaching his class in music", Bro. Welch recalled, "(he) was the same unassuming, loving and lovable man of God."

One of the most interesting members of the church during this time was deacon Alfred Lomax, known affectionately as "Grandpa" Lomax. He and his family settled on a farm east of Glenwood about 1869 when he was seventy-nine years old. He was born in North Carolina in 1790. As senior deacon, he often took charge of business meetings and offered many words of wisdom. In 1873 he asked the church to be allowed to "retire" from his duties due to old age. However, evidently the church chose not to accept his "retirement" because he had to ask if he could retire once again in 1880. He died in March of 1881, "a devoted member of the Missionary Baptist Church". Most of his family also moved to Texas in later years.

Joshua Frank and Susan Josephine Wisener also deserve mention because of their effective and devoted service to God in Bethel Church. Both were baptized in August of 1883. Frank was born in Cherokee County, Alabama in 1853. His family settled in Clark County about 1859. During the dark days of the Civil War, both of his parents died leaving him and his three brothers orphans. About 1878 he married a young widow from the Delight area named Josephine

Kelley and then moved to the Bethel Community. Bro. and Sis. Wisener were active in church affairs from the time they were saved. Frank often represented the church as a messenger to the local association. Josephine was very active in the church's Sunday school work and often was elected to represent the church at the old Sunday School conventions, the first woman to "hold" office in Bethel Church. Bro. Wisener served as church clerk from 1889 until his sudden death on November 5, 1891 at the age of only thirty-eight. His obituary can be found in the church records. "Grandma" Wisener died early in 1934.

Last but not least, in this short history, we will consider a man whom many at Bethel still remember, "Uncle Sam" Robertson. Samuel T. Robertson served as church clerk from 1897 until 1903 and from 1906 until 1912. He was born in Bethel Community in 1878, the great-grandson of Samuel Dillard, whose family had been active in the church since their arrival in Arkansas in 1856. He was baptized in August of 1896 and was elected church clerk a year later. He moved to Glenwood in 1920. At the time of his death in 1962, he was the "oldest living member" of the church. In 1898, he penned the following admonition in the flyleaf of a new church record book: "To the clerk who will (follow me) at Bethel Church, please keep this Book strait & don't be(a)t it up".

It is in the files of these old record books that some of the most interesting items are found. They deal with the faults and failings of individual church members and the readiness of the church to forgive and forget. Here are just a few examples. In 1866 one young brother, J.T. Welch, who had participated in the "Church House riot", after expressing sorrow for his actions, was forgiven by the church. However, "after being reprimanded concerning some rumors relating to Christmas tricks, his feelings became hurt", and he asked that his name be removed from the church roll. In 1879, Bro. A.G. Stuart, who had been leader in the church before the Civil War, was called before the body for failure to pay "his honest debts". Evidently the hardships following the War forced him into bankruptcy. After the facts in the case were presented to the church, he was granted a letter of dismissal. However, my favorite case of church discipline concerns J. Foshee, who was called to account before the church in 1872 for non-attendance. A committee was appointed to "wait upon" the offending brother and brought back the following report to the church: "Bro. J. Foshee can't come to church on account of having no horse to ride". He was forgiven his

absences.

RUSSELL PIERCE BAKER

Sources: Records of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church 1848-date; Minutes of the Caddo River Baptist Association 1853-1907; Minutes of the Pike County Baptist Association 1906-1922; Baptist Advocate, October 10, 1912.

DEED

Berry P. Strickland and wife Martha L.A., (grantor) to Lewis Autry one of the Deacons of Bethel Church and to said Bethel Church and its successors, (grantee). Warranty Deed to part of the NE 1/4 of section 7: Commencing at the SW cor-(ner) of (the) NW 1/4 (of the) NE 1/4, (section) 7 (township) 5 (range) 23, thence North 32 rods, thence East 16 rods, thence South 32 rods, thence to the beginning point, containing 3 acres, 32 rods for a free cemetery. Consideration \$1.00. Pike County Deed Records Book "E", p. 374, dated Dec. 2, 1879, filed Jan. 21, 1880.

Source: Pike County Records Roll #14, Pike County "Burnt" Records Book, page 4. Arkansas History Commission. Courtesy of Russell P. Baker.

FOX FAMILY JOURNAL

by Eunice Fox Fontenot (c) 1995

This "Journal" is meant to be a continuing document summarizing in one place all pertinent research we have done in our effort to identify the ancestors of our great-grandparents, Jesse C. Fox, who, along with his wife, Susan A. (Woodall) Fox, were listed in the 1860 census of Pike County, Arkansas.

Jesse C. Fox was born May 11, 1835 in Georgia, on or near Cherokee land, (most likely in Cobb Co.). His wife, Susan A. (Woodall) Fox was also born in Georgia Dec. 13, 1835 on or near Cherokee land, (county unknown, possibly DeKalb or Cass). Jesse C. Fox died May 2, 1912 in Pike County, Arkansas. Susan A. (Woodall) Fox died July 22, 1912 in Pike County, Arkansas.

According to family tradition, Susan A. (Woodall) Fox was part Cherokee, (we have been assuming that her mother was Cherokee, but it may have been her father). Our Foxes called themselves "Black Germans". We are not entirely sure of the meaning of

this term, but believe it refers to German immigrants from the Castle Rhine regions: Wurtemberg, Baden, Bavaria, and the ancient Palatinate ... "Fox" is almost surely an anglicized variation of some similar sounding Germanic surname ... (and it) has made our search ... diffi-cult because we cannot be sure (of) the original spelling.

Applicable data from the 1860 U.S. Census of Pike County, Arkansas is summarized below:

Dwelling 474

J(esse) C. Fox	25	m	GA	(born 1835)
Susan A. (Woodall)	25	f	GA	(born 1835)
James M.	4	m	AR	(born 1856)
John Marion	2	m	AR	
John	76	m	NC	(born 1784)
Rachel	69	f	NC	(born 1791)

Dwelling 475

Samuel A. Woodall	22	m	GA	(born 1838)
Susan (Sr.)	63	f	GA	(born 1797)
Frank Johnson	15	m	SC	

Samuel Woodall youngest brother of Susan A. (Woodall) Fox; Susan Woodall, Sr., her mother; Frank Johnson identity unknown.

Dwelling 476

John Babbit	26	m	AR	
Elizabeth	26	f	GA	
Samuel P.	4	m	AR	(born 1856)
William	10	m	IN	
Elias	1	m	AR	

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

Dwelling 477

John G. Woodall	35	m	GA	
Ariminda (Cupp)	32	f	GA	
John P.	7	m	GA	(born 1853)
William Samuel	5	m	GA	
P.S.	3	m	GA	
M.S.	2	f	AL	

John G. Woodall brother of Susan A. (Woodall) Fox.

Dwelling 478

P(ascal) M. Woodall	32	m	GA	
Mary (Babbit)	23	f	GA	
Susan	3	f	AR	
N.E.	1	f	AR	
Eliza	2/12	f	AR	
Sarah Babbit	19	f	AR	
John	1	m	AR	

Pascal Marion Woodall brother of Susan A. (Woodall) Fox. Mary Magdeline (Woodall) Babbit sister of John Babbit. Sarah Babbit sister of Mary Magdeline Babbit. She is believed to have later married Samuel A. Woodall. Identity of young John Babbit age 1 unknown.

Dwelling 479

John Henry Cook	34	m	Germany	
July (Julia) Ann	28	f	GA	
J.G.	10	m	IN	(born 1850)
W.H.	7	m	IN	(born 1853)
M.L. (Louisa)	1	f	AR	(born 1859)

John Henry Cook shown as age 42 in (the) 1870 census of Pike County, Arkansas. His surname was spelled as "Knock" in (the) 1850 census of Posey County, Indiana. July (Julia) An Cook sister of Susan A. (Woodall) Fox.

Dwelling 480

Powell Jordan	28	m	MS	
H.E.	23	f	AL	
J.T.	3	m	AR	
M.E.	2	f	AR	
P.A. Cushdown	48	f	GA	

The relationship of the Jordan household to the Foxes and Woodalls is unknown, but is included for completeness.

Dwelling 481

Charles J. Woodall	32	m	GA	
Mary E.	24	f	GA	
J.H.	5	m	AR	(born 1855)
J.E.	3	f	AR	
Emily	2/12	f	AR	

Charles J. Woodall brother of Susan A. (Woodall) Fox.

Judging by the birthdates of children, it can be seen that these Foxes and Woodalls arrived in Arkansas between 1850 and 1860. All these Woodall brothers and sisters were in Posey County, Indiana in 1850.

We have assumed that the John Fox and Rachel Fox living with Jesse and Susan in 1860 were his parents ... (They) could have been grandparents or even an aunt and uncle.

We know that Susan Woodall, Sr. was the mother of Susan A. (Woodall) Fox, but we do not know who (was) Susan Sr.'s husband, nor any other identifying facts about him that we can be absolutely sure about, nor do we know her maiden name nor where the Cherokee heritage comes in.

It is these two sets of great-great grandparents, John

and Rachel Fox, and _____ Susan Woodall that we are attempting to trace in this journal. Of course we would like to trace the lines back as far as possible.

Unfortunately the courthouse in Pike County, Arkansas has burned down twice destroying most records for the time period we are interested. We have been able to get some data from other sources, but it is incomplete. For example, we know that Jesse C. Fox took out a land patent on 40 acres of land south of Kirby in Pike County, Arkansas in 1859. The patent was approved in 1860 showing his age as 25 which confirms the 1835 birthdate. This document helps establish several things: a. Age, b. Occupation, c. Residence, d. Solvency, and e. Literacy (he had a beautiful handwriting), but it does not provide any genea-logical clues.

We also know that Jesse C. Fox paid taxes on three cows in 1857 in Pike County, Arkansas.

We do not know ... (whether) Jesse C. Fox and Susan A. (Woodall) Fox were married in Pike County, Arkansas ... because those records were destroyed in one of the fires. No marriage record has turned up in any of the other states we've researched, but we have not gone into this aspect in great depth. The Posey County Indiana His-torical Society could not find a marriage record for them there, but their records are very incomplete also. There was (not) a marriage record in Georgia that we could find.

Our first task was to try to locate Jesse C. Fox and Susan A. Woodall in (the) 1850 U.S. census records. We first checked ... all Fox and Woodall households listed in (the) 1850 census index without turning up a Jesse C. Fox age 15 nor a Susan A. Woodall age 15. Then, noting that several of the Woodall children shown in 1860 had been born in Indiana, we turned our attention there and hit pay dirt. Shown in the 1850 Posey County, Indiana U.S. Census, Harmony Twp., page 270 was the following household:

Susan Woodall	53	f	GA	(born 1797)
John G. Woodall	24	m	GA	(born 1826)
Charles J. Woodall	23	m	GA	(born 1827)
Pascal Marion Woodall	21	m	GA	(born 1829)
Elizabeth Woodall	17	f	GA	(born 1833)
Susan A. Woodall	16	f	GA	(born 1834-35)
Samuel A. Woodall	13	m	GA	(born 1837-38)
Martha A. Woodall	2	f	GA	(born 1848)
Richard C. Hanks	26	m	KY	(born 1824)

John Henry Cook (sp Knock) and his wife Julia Ann (Woodall) Cook were found (enumerated) ... (near) this household.

Who was (Susan Woodall's, age 53) husband and what happened to him? What was her maiden name?

We found the following inscription in the Woodall Valley Cemetery in Pike County, Arkansas:

"Susan S. Woodall, Born May 1797, Died April 23, 1875."

Note the "S" as Susan Woodall, Sr.'s middle initial on her gravestone. This may be an abbreviation for her maiden name and a clue to her identity.

By (comparing the) 1850 Posey (County), Indiana census data (with) the 1860 Pike County, Arkansas census data, it becomes obvious that these are the (one and) same Woodalls.

Despite very extensive research, we have been unable to locate a household in (the) 1850 U.S. census records which (contains) our John Fox, age 66, Rachel Fox age 59, or our Jesse C. Fox, age 15.

Fox Family Journal courtesy of Eunice Fox Fontenot, edited.

List of Members from the Church of Christ of Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas

Charter Members ... October 28, 1923. They were: W.F. Morris, Charlott Morris, Robert Morris, Emily Morris, John Fulson, Mrs. Theobolt, Mrs. M. Wisdom, Mr. Oscar Wisdom, Joe Daniels, Garfield Murphy, Mrs. Garfield Murphy, Oscar Daniels, Mrs. Oscar Daniels, Mrs. Gus Osborn, Miss Pearl Murphy, Robbie Wisdom.

1924 Members

Mrs. Myrth Wisdom	6-1-24
James Murphy	9-21-24
Ruby Wisdom	9-21-24
Ollie Wisdom	9-21-24
Mrs. E.H. Stewart	9-21-24
Mrs. Mathi Huddleston	9-21-24
Mrs. Willie (Claud) Stewart	9-21-24
Mrs. Buena Jones	Sept. 24 (-)24
Mrs. Ethel (Nobe) Harper	-24
Miss Berdie Julson	-24
Miss Zella Theobolt	-24
Mr. Walter Wisdom	-24
Mrs. Walter Wisdom	-24
Mrs. Nancy Stewart	-24

Myrtle Steuart 1927
 Thelma Steuart 1927
 Vera Steuart 1927
 Edith Tyndall 1927
 Otis Tyndall 1927
 Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Warren 1927
 Mr. & Mrs. M.N. Willis 1927
 Myrtle Yarbrough (sp) 1927
 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Barr 1927

Meeting Aug. 5 through Aug. 17, 1928
 Bro. Smithson

Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Compton 1928
 Mr. & Mrs. Wess (Wes) Huddleston 1928
 Thelma Huddleston 1928
 Nell Huddleston 1928
 Maud Stewart 1928 Aug through 17
 Dewey Stueart 1928 Aug through 17
 Madie Stueart 1928 Aug through 17
 Clayton Tribble 1928 Aug through 17
 Mavis Warren 1928 Aug through 17
 Mrs. Biard (sp) 1928 Aug through 17
 Ethel Stueart 1928 Aug through 17
 Henry Gotcher Sept. 30, 1928

Meeting Aug. 1930 by Bro. Cunningham

Jim Harris 1930
 Leo Reece 1930
 Boyd Tyndall 1930
 Stella Harris 1930
 Dorothy Steuart 1930
 Georgia Steuart 1930
 Pauline Steen 1930
 Nola Laurant 1930
 Dixie Bryant 1930
 Loeta Fulsom 1930
 Mrs. Joe Whitefield 1930
 Hazel Harris 1930

Copied by Dorothy Kennedy Partain

Note: Ed Waters (now deceased) said 2 books burned and that one revival didn't get recorded.

3-173

So. Div.
 Wm. T. Greeson
 Co. B, 4 Reg't Ark. Cav.

W.E.G., Ex'r

Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Pensions.

Washington, D.C., Oct. 22, 1897

Sir:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

(name uncertain)

Commissioner

Wm. T. Greeson
 Amity, Ark.

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: Lizebeth Jane Gresson. Lizebeth Jane Brown widow. Maden (sp) name Sharp.

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer: by Jesse Fox, March 19th 1869.

No. 3. What record of marriage exists?

Answer: Murfreesborough (sp), Pike Co., Ark.

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer: None

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer: An (sp) R. Prince borned June 27th 1870.

William P. Cooley

Hot Springs - Funeral services were held at 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 14 in Caruth-Hale Funeral Home Chapel for William P. "Bill" Cooley, 75. Rev. William Carpenter officiated.

Burial was in Crestview Memorial Park in Hot Springs under the direction of Caruth-Hale Funeral Home, Inc.

Mr. Cooley was born Oct. 14, 1921 in Bingen. He died Feb. 11, 1997 in a Hot Springs hospital.

He was retired from the U.S. Navy after serving 21 years. He also served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Wood.

Survivors include: his wife, Alice Faye Cooley of Hot Springs; two sons, Andy Cooley of Aurora, Colo., and Michael Cooley of Hot Springs; one daughter, Paula Shaver of Plain Dealing, La.; Three sisters, Ruth Anderson of Hot Springs, Dorothy Elder of Kansas, and Anne Hendricks of Hot Springs; one brother Charles Norman of Hot Springs; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Obituary, Murfreesboro Diamond, February 19, 1997.

To Andy Cooley

This is for you, Andy. Those of us who know you and knew your father W.P. Cooley, and your mother Alice Tribble Cooley, shared your grief.

Twenty years ago my father O.C. Kennedy received a letter from Randy Pace and shortly thereafter a letter came from William Andy Cooley, (we share the same family progenitors). I then became addicted to cemeteries, old records and enjoyed many visits with senior citizens. Andy started "The Circles" a newsletter of Stewart-Kennedy-Cooley. We could have added a dozen surnames to it. Another Wisdom cousin, Louise Hawthorne, started "Words of Wisdom". Oh, how we all waited impatiently for our newsletters.

Andy became legal guardian of his young niece and nephew, Dusty and Rusty, (and) parenthood took his research time. We were fortunate enough to receive copies of very old letters, old Bible entries and research from people who had spent a life-time researching our ancestors. They were fortunate enough

to visit the towns and counties from whence our ancestors left their calling cards. We have said our good-bye to people who wrote and said, "Here it is. It is my time to go. God bless."

This has been a very rewarding time of my life, Andy. Thank you.

Dorothy Kennedy Partain FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: William Pinkerton Cooley, son of Andy Milton Cooley and Mattie Othell Miller, born October 14, 1921 at Bengin, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died February 11, 1997 at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas; buried in Crestview Memorial Park Cemetery, Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas.

Wife: Alice Faye (Mutt) Tribble, daughter of Cecil Vivian Tribble and Lillie Ada Stewart, born January 13, 1926 at Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas.

Marriage: William Pinkerton Cooley and Alice Faye Tribble were married August 23, 1944 at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas.

Children

Frances Jean Cooley born December 1, 1945 at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas; married first Thomas Leon Finney on November 3, 1972; married second Earl Vincent Wood on October 16, 1971; died November 30, 1987; buried at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas.

Paula Faye Cooley born October 23, 1947 at San Diego, San Diego County, California; married Glenn Kenneth Potts on June 28, 1968.

William Andy Cooley born October 3, 1950 at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas; married Janice _____ on May 15, 1995.

Michael John Cooley born July 1, 1965 at Millington, Shelby County, Tennessee; married Debra Rae Smith on June 21, 1985.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: Andy Milton Cooley, son of William Montieville Cooley and Martha Ann Fox, born May

30, 1900 at Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas; baptized September 14, 1914 at Sweet Home Methodist Church, Pike County, Arkansas; died March 21, 1927 at Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas.

Wife: Mattie Othell Miller, daughter of Daniel Pinkney Miller and Cora Dove Hagler Gosnell Tallant, born October 14, 1903 at Lockesburg, Sevier County, Arkansas; married second Charles L. Norman; married third Floyd Reed Hendricks.

Marriage: Andy Milton Cooley and Mattie Othell Miller were married June 6, 1920 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Children

William Pinkerton Cooley born October 14, 1921 at Bengin, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Alice Faye (Mutt) Tribble on August 23, 1944 at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas; died February 11, 1997 at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas; buried in Crestview Memorial Park Cemetery, Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas.

Dorothy Lavinia Cooley born September 27, 1923 at Doyle, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Silas Monroe Elder on January 25, 1959.

Gladys Cooley born March 20, 1927 and died March 20, 1927; buried at Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: William Montieville Cooley, son of Isaac Macdonal (sp) Cooley and Parthenia Ann Kennedy, born December 11, 1866 at Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas; joined Sweet Home Methodist Church, Pike County, Arkansas in 1886; died January 4, 1959 at Amity, Clark County, Arkansas; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas.

Wife: Martha Ann Fox, daughter of Cicero Fox and Elizabeth Anderson, born August 22, 1871 at Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois; joined Sweet Home Methodist Church, Pike County, Arkansas in 1886; died August 3, 1947 at Hot Springs, Garland

County, Arkansas; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas.

Marriage: William Montieville Cooley and Martha Ann Fox were married on January 8, 1885 at Columbus, Hempstead County, Arkansas by Tom Jones, J.P.

Children

William Lee Cooley born November 26, 1888 (Bible record indicates September 21, 1889) at Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married first Jennie Henson on January 1, 1908; married second Eunice Mae Jordan on August 25, 1919; died September 21, 1953; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Jesse Clarence Cooley born January 6, 1892 at Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Ellen Hutson on February 12, 1912; died July 2, 1949; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Child, not identified by name, birth or death. According to the 1900 Census, William and Martha Cooley had been married 14 years, and had been the parents of five children, four of whom were living at the date of the census enumeration.

Otis (Ode) Rosten Cooley born March 27, 1898 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Roxie Anna Stringer on January 16, 1916; died May 6, 1938; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Andy Milton Cooley born May 30, 1900 at Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas; married Mattie Othell Miller on June 6, 1920; died March 21, 1927; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Mertie (Myrtle) Alice Cooley born July 31, 1902 at Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas; married William Carl Lockeby on August 28, 1919; died September 29, 1957; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Verna V. Cooley born November 19, 1907 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; died February 14, 1914; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Vearl Mac Cooley born August 15, 1909 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; died June 4, 1913; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: Isaac Macdonal (sp) Cooley, son of John Cooley and Elizabeth Stewart, born February 29, 1836 (leap year) in White County, Tennessee; member of Sweet Home Methodist Church, Pike County, Arkansas; died September 24, 1907 at Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas.

Wife: Parthenia Ann Kennedy, daughter of Charles Kennedy and Parthenia A. Stewart, born November 12, 1845 in Mine Creek Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas; joined the Sweet Home Methodist Church, Pike County, Arkansas on December 20, 1904; died February 28, 1935 in Sweet Home community, Pike County, Arkansas.

Marriage: Isaac Macdonal Cooley and Parthenia Ann Kennedy were married on December 19, 1865 in Hempstead County, Arkansas by Elijah Carey, Minister of the Gospel.

Children

The 1900 Census indicates Parthenia Ann Kennedy Cooley had been the mother of ten children, seven of whom were living at the date of the census enumeration.

William Montieville Cooley born December 11, 1866 at Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Martha Ann Fox on January 8, 1885; died January 4, 1959; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Etta Lee Cooley born November 11, 1869 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Carrol Monroe Davis about 1899; died in 1946; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Charlie Martin Cooley born June 27, 1871 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Martha Ann Howard about 1894; died February 4, 1953; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

James Rufus Cooley born December 29, 1873 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Mary Emma Majors about 1894; died July 11, 1940; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Irena (Rena) Bell Cooley born August 14, 1877 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Andrew Jackson Blackwood on October 11, 1900; died July 12, 1952; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

John H. Cooley born November 9, 1879 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married Gracie Gilleylin on November 18, 1900; died April 20, 1965; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Isaac Howard Cooley born January 26, 1882 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; married first Eula Mae Smith on November 29, 1909; married second Mary Faye Smedley Fagan on October 24, 1937; died April 13, 1957; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Child, a girl possibly named Ola Cooley, died prior to the 1900 census enumeration.

Robert Clarence Cooley, died prior to the 1900 census enumeration.

Child, not identified by name and birth, died prior to the 1900 census enumeration.

Other marriages: Isaac Macdonal (sp) Cooley first married Arrena Fox on June 17, 1863.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: John Cooley born 1801-1810 in North Carolina; died between October 1840 and June 1841 in White County, Tennessee.

Wife: Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of William Stewart and Rachel Wisdom, born about 1816 in Guilford County, North Carolina; died in 1899 in Arkansas.

Marriage: John Cooley and Elizabeth Stewart were married about 1833.

Children

William M. Cooley born about 1834 in White County, Tennessee.

Isaac Macdonal (sp) Cooley born February 29, 1836 in White County, Tennessee; married first Arrena Fox on June 17, 1863; married second Parthenia Ann Kennedy on December 19, 1865; died September 24, 1907; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Lucinda (Cindy) L. Cooley born September 1837 in White County, Tennessee; married Thomas David Nannie on August 3, 1853; died in 1883; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

John Cooley born 1842 in White County, Tennessee.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: Charles Kennedy born 1802 in North Carolina; died 1858 near Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Wife: Parthenia A. Stewart born about 1803 probably in Caswell County, North Carolina; died after 1870.

Marriage: Charles Kennedy and Parthenia A. Stewart were married about 1824 probably in White County, Tennessee. Parthenia Stewart's parents were living there in 1820.

Children

Jacob Thomas Kennedy born 1825 in Tennessee; married Mary F. Rogers; died in 1860; buried in Hempstead County, Arkansas.

William S. Kennedy born about 1828 in Tennessee; married Pamela Fanny Harris on June 22, 1846.

John H. Kennedy born July 2, (1831) in Tennessee; married Betty McAtee on October 4, 1860 in Polk County, Arkansas; buried in Red River County, Texas.

Charles Raleigh Kennedy born August 1833, married first Louisa E. Stewart, prior 1860; married second Eudora Chandler Wilson on December 19, 1876; married third Sara Emma (Sanders) Majors on December 24, 1895; died March 26, 1901; buried in

Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Catherine Kennedy born about 1835 in Tennessee; married _____ Hancock and moved to Texas.

Rufus Logan Kennedy born about 1836 in Tennessee.

Newton Green Kennedy born about 1838 in Tennessee; died September 8, 1864 near Atlanta, Georgia during the Civil War.

Rhoda Angeline Kennedy born February 25, 1841 at Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married first E.R. Hawkins on June 15, 1861; married second Wylie Emory Green in 1871; died November 1, 1910; buried in Ozan Cemetery, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

James Leroy Kennedy born March 28, 1844 at Bengin, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Harriet H. McLaughlin in 1867; died May 18, 1912; buried in Roy Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Parthenia Ann Kennedy born November 12, 1845 at Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Isaac Macdonal (sp) Cooley on December 19, 1865 in Hempstead County, Arkansas; died September 24, 1907; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Martin Kennedy born October 26, 1847 at Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married first Louisa Eleanor Stahl on April 3, 1870; married second Lucy Magill Stafford on September 8, 1877; died December 5, 1930; buried at Glenwood, Arkansas.

Howard Kennedy born March 1, 1852 at Tokio, Hempstead County, Arkansas; married Susan Annie Bigham; died November 29, 1923; buried at Waurika, Jefferson County, Oklahoma.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: William Stewart born about 1779 in North Carolina; died September 1860 in White County, Tennessee.

Wife: Rachel Wisdom, daughter of William Larkin Wisdom and Elizabeth Phelps; born about 1785 in North Carolina; died prior 1860 in White County,

Tennessee.

Marriage: William Stewart and Rachel Wisdom were married July 23, 1802 in Caswell County, North Carolina.

Children

Parthenia A. Stewart born about 1803 probably in Caswell County, North Carolina; married Charles Kennedy about 1824; died after 1870 in Arkansas.

Green Stewart born about 1805 in Caswell County, North Carolina; married Anna _____ about 1832; died prior 1850 at Sparta, White County, Tennessee.

Larkin Wisdom Stewart born October 3, 1806 in Caswell County, North Carolina; married Velara M. Irwin in 1836 in White County, Tennessee; died February 13, 1882 in Ellis County, Texas.

William Stewart born 1814 in Guilford County, North Carolina; married Nancy N. Cooley about 1836; died prior 1860 in Mine Creek Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Mary Elizabeth Stewart born 1816 in Guilford County, North Carolina; married first John Cooley; married second Isaac W. Ross; died 1899 in Pike County, Arkansas.

John Byron Stewart born September 23, 1819 at Sparta, White County, Tennessee; married Lavina Wisdom about 1847; died November 23, 1897 in Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Sarah Ann Stewart born about 1821 in Tennessee; married John W. Stewart on December 14, 1845 at Sparta, White County, Tennessee; died March 1850 in White County, Tennessee.

Nancy Phelps Stewart born March 5, 1822 at Sparta, White County, Tennessee; married Davis W. Hutson on September 35, 1839 in White County, Tennessee; died October 7, 1907 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Stephen Warren Stewart born May 28, 1827 at Sparta, White County, Tennessee; married Mary Jarvis on May 28, 1851 in White County, Tennessee; died December 18, 1905; buried in Old Zion Cemetery, White County, Tennessee.

Rachel D. Stewart born September 1830 in Tennessee; married Jesse R. Jarvis in 1854 in White County, Tennessee; died after 1900 in Arkansas.

Melvina Catherine Stewart born November 8, 1831 in White County, Tennessee; married John Wesley Knowles on November 17, 1857; died about 1897; buried in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, White County, Tennessee.

Variations of the spelling of the Stewart surname include: Stuart, Steuart, Stueart.

In Remembrance

L.D. Smith

May 1, 1923 - April 13, 1997

L.D. Smith, age 73, of Newhope, died Sunday, April 13, 1997 on the home place where he was born.

He was born on May 1, 1923 near Newhope, the son of E.B. and Etta Davis Smith. On February 22, 1945 he was married to Emma Louise Burr.

A lifetime resident of Pike County, he served in the United States Navy during World War II and was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Louise Smith of Newhope; three sons, Charles Smith, Sidney Smith and Greg Smith all of Newhope, two daughters, Sandra Hunt and Debbie Whisenhunt both of Newhope; one brother, Bill Smith of Little Rock, three sisters, Clotene Bowman of Malvern, Nona Long of Percy and Betty Dennis of Hot Springs; twelve grandchildren, and four great grand-children.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 14, 1997 in the Pleasant Grove Freewill Baptist Church with Revs. Raymond Dees and Kenneth Fant officiating. Interment was in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Newhope.

The Pike County Archives and History Society wishes to express its sympathy to the family of L.D. Smith. L.D. Smith was a former member of PCAHS.

QUERIES

Smart Looking for information or any other person/persons researching this surname that would tie into my line. (The) ... line of this surname that I am researching ... starts with my grandfather who was Edward Bunion Smart born 7 April 1889 in Cedar Grove, Georgia. He married Learnce Mae Smithpeters, 6 Sept 1910, in Clark County, Arkansas. Edward and Learnce Mae settled and raised their family in Okolona, Clark County. Edward died 7 July 1969 in Camden, Ouachita County, Arkansas. His father was William Edward Smart who was born 25 July 1865 in Alabama and died 24 December 1941 in Nevada County, Ar-kansas ... Where I need the most help is trying to find information on William's parents who were Elijah Smart born in Alabama and his wife Louise Goen/Goins of Alabama. Any one with infor-mation please contact me. **Tim Kirkham, P.O. Box 2802, Winston, OR 97496.**

Smith We are searching for information about the birthplace, parents and early life of John Wesley Smith, Sr. and his wife Mary A. _____. He was born about 1814 in North Carolina. She was born about 1826 in Alabama. We are searching for her maiden name. They had the following children, all born in Arkansas: Bernice (Bearnice, Berrynice) Smith born 1845-47; John Wesley Smith, Jr. born October 2, 1849; James W. Smith born 1851; Mary Ellen Smith born 1853; Thomas Smith born 1858; Martha Smith born 1861; (and) William Smith born 1869. The birth certificate of a son of John W. Smith, Jr. says "Murphreesboro" (sp), Arkansas was John Wesley Smith, Jr.'s birthplace. John Wesley Smith, Sr. bought land in Ouachita County near Camden in 1850. They were listed there in (the) 1850 and 1860 (census). They moved to Cass County, Texas in 1869 and are listed there in (the) 1870 and 1880 (census). Bernice Smith m. _____ O'Bennion. She, but not her husband, and their children are listed in her parents home in (the) 1880 (census): David, James, Mary and John O'Bennion, born between 1868 and 1878 in Texas. John Wesley Smith, Jr. born October 2, 1849 (in) Arkansas (probably Murfreesboro) lived in Cass County, Texas then moved to Little River County, Arkansas where he died August 17, 1919. We have no information on the lives of any of John Wesley Smith, Sr.'s sons, except John Wesley Smith, Jr. We know that the Smiths lived first in the Kildare area of Cass County, Texas then in Linden. We

believe, but cannot prove that John Wesley Smith, (Sr.) died there around 1913 almost 100 years old. John Wesley Smith, Jr. ... married (1) Lela Taylor, (2) Anna Elizabeth Huff daughter of Joseph Tillmon Huff. He had a total of ten children. **Don and Frances Smith, 202 W. 26th, Pine Bluff, AR 71601**

Price, Willis, McGough Major Price was the (first) husband of Pearl Willis ... (daughter of) Jeff and Merelda (McGough) Willis. Pearl was born ... Sept. 28, 1896, birthplace unknown. Pearl and her (second) husband, Joe Green, went to Illinois to live ... and where Pearl passed away. Jeff (Willis) had to have been married before he married my great-grandmother Merelda ... because Pearl had a half brother born Oct. 12, 1890 in Montgomery County. His name was William Frank Willis. He died at Mena and was buried at Rocky Cemetery. Wish I knew why my great-grandmother was down at or near Pisgah (Pike Co.) when she passed away. Does any one have any information on these people? Merelda (McGough) Willis born 1870 Alabama, died 1899, Arkansas, buried at Pisgah Cemetery, Pike Co. Pearl (Willis) Price born Sept. 28, 1896 died Sept. 8, 1979, buried somewhere in Illinois. Where (were) Jeff and Merelda (Willis) ... married (and) Pearl Willis and Major Price? **Helen Leamons, Rt. 1, Box 940, Glenwood, AR 71943**

William Frank Willis

Funeral service for William Frank Willis, 81-year-old Mena resident who died Thursday morning (March 2, 1972), was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Beasley-Wood chapel, with the Rev. Daris Wiles and the Rev. C.H. Moore officiating. Interment was in the Rocky cemetery under the direction of the Beasley-Wood Funeral Home.

Casketbearers were Ode Garmon, Otis Egger, Willie Egger, Cleburn Terrell, John Whittenberg, Gordon Tate and Loyd Lunsford. Honorary casketbearers included Homer Hale, Arthur Welch, Sterling Carter, Burl Mount and Awbrey Wimberly.

Mr. Willis was born Oct. 12, 1890 in Montgomery County, his parents being the late Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Willis. He was of the Nazarene faith and was a retired farmer and timber worker. He was married on Dec. 4, 1910 in Mena, to Miss Girtie Lou Argo, who preceded him in death on Nov. 21, 1964.

Survivors include two sons, Grady Willis, Sonora, Calif., and Ira Willis, Mena; six daughters, Mrs. Retha Dixon, Madison S. Dak., Mrs. Pauline Rains, Colorado Springs, Colo., Mrs. Gladys Brown, Mena, Mrs. Rudene Miller, Cherry Hill, Mrs. Eva Lou Higgins, Irving, Texas, and Mrs. Jean Vogel, San Antonio, Texas; one brother, Stanley Willis, Fort Smith; one sister, Mrs. Joe Green, Texarkana; also 34 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Higgins and Rickey, Irving, Texas; Grady Willis, Jimmy Willis, Sonora, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dixon, Madison, S. Dakota; Mrs. Max Vogel, San Antonio, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Royal, Belton, Texas; Jerry Miller, Waskom, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green, Mr. Millard Price, Gracie Page, Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Williams, Sarah Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Adams and Mrs. Bessie Southerland all of Texarkana; Mr. and Mrs. Olen Nolen, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nolen, Delight, Ark.

Johnston I wish to obtain ... data for Micajah Johnston & wife Isabella. I find them on (the) 1840, 1850, and 1860 Pike County, (Arkansas) census. I find he bought land in Pike (County). Do you ... know of other inquiries? **Rovaine Brown, 2413 March Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75050.**

Shaw My grandfather ... Rev. Benjamin Shaw ... was recorded in Newport, Rhode Island as dying in Auburn, Arkansas on 4 May 1853. I cannot find anything else about him, ... a copy of a record of his death, or ... where he was buried. (His) wife (was) Emeline Bolls Shaw. **Irmalee K. Barney, 18 Joy Lane, North Attleboro, MA 02760.**

Snyder (Need information) about James W. Snyder of Pike County (Arkansas) who I believe was tried and convicted of Bank Robbery circa 1909/1910 ... Information concerning him or his trial ... would (be) appreciate(d). **Bob Golds-borough, 106 Stephanie Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028.**

Cantrell, Morphew, Sample, Palmer, Powers, Goodwin I am researching the following names in the Pike/Clark Co. area, Amity, Antoine, Kirby, Redland, etc. in the mid to late 1800's. L.D. (Little Daniel) Cantrell; Aaron Morphew & wife Nancy (Sample); Ganer Prince Morphew & wife Cath-erine (Cantrell); William Hiram Isaiah "Ike" Morphew & wife Eliza Tipton (Palmer); Augustus Henry Palmer & wife Sarah (Powers?); Junius P. Palmer & wife Mary (Goodwin). Also, I need Federal Census information on the above for 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890 ... Are there any State or specialty Census for that time period? **Peggy Morphew, 13801 N. Tan Tara Dr., Sun City, AZ, 85351-2239.**

Self, Jeter, Kennedy My second great grand-father Isaac Self and wife Sarah (Sally) Elizabeth Jeter and family came to Sevier County, Arkansas from Pontotoc County, Mississippi about 1858. In the household was their daughter Elizabeth Jordon with

her four children, (she soon married Demsey Mitchell); Susan; John (who became my great grandfather); Jane (who married Levi Mitchell); Mary Ann Missouri (who married Robert Perry); Sarah Ann Louisiana (who married David Barber); Andrew; and William. Isaac (Self) died before the end of the Civil War. We believe that Sarah (Sally) remarried a Nathan Kennedy (record found in Sevier County). Some of the family lived in Franklin County (Arkansas) by 1870, then some, later, were in Scott County. My direct family with John, wife Nancy Ann, sons Isaac and Columbus, daughters Nancy Jane and Ida, lived many years in Polk County. John and Nancy Ann's two older daughters, Sarah Elizabeth and Tabitha (called Bitha) married Daniel Washington Jackson and Robert B. Mitchell, respectively, but both died in 1895. Family tradition (says) that Andrew Self became a preacher. Also, that William's middle name might have been Columbus. I am searching for any descendents of Andrew, William, or any of the daughters. I do not know if Isaac or Sally Self had any family that lured them to Arkansas. In the 1870 Census there are serveral younger Selfs who I cannot identify. They are Rhoda 15, Tabitha 10, Wesley 4/12, Tearcy A. (age uncertain). This sister Missouri was in the household of her older brother, John Self. **Joyce Self Hammett, 3100 Harvard Avenue, Midland, TX 79701.**

Correspondence

Ralph E. Jones
3821 Palmwood Court
Concord, CA 94521-2649

Historical Society
Pike County
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

To Whom It May Concern:

We are working on our family history. We have traced it's roots to the Huffman/Hoffman/Hoofman family which arrived in Arkansas in 1829; and, to the Council Kimbral Jones family which arrived in 1863. Many of the family members lived in Clark County, but the extended family was so large, we think some of them may have lived and died in Pike County.

Would you be so kind as to look in your County List of Cemeteries to see if any of the following people are

buried there?

Council Kimbral Jones (1813-1884), Charrity (sp) E.S. Williams Jones (1820-1872), Elizabeth Mariah Jones Williams (1842-1885), Olivia Ann Jones Buchanan (1844-after 1880), Benjamin Franklin Jones (1849-unknown) & wife Mary Ida Hulse; ELizabeth Jones (1854-1861).

John Huffman/Hoofman (1765-1844), Mary M. Huffman (1775-1835), Margaret Huffman Gallihar (1808-after 1849); Charles Gallihar (1795-after 1853), Jacob Huffman (1800-1871), Joseph Huffman (1803-1861), Elias Huffman (1813-1881).

Sincerely yours,
Ralph & Lu Jones

Garland, Texas
February 11, 1997

Dear Mrs. Partain,

Thanks for answering my letter and for sending me the information I wanted. Thanks also for the copy of the Gems. You wanted to know about our Pike Co. names, so I'll tell you a little about our families.

We are native Arkansans. I was born and reared at Japany, my maiden name Willie Mae Huddleston. Father (was) W.D. (Bill) Huddleston (and) my mother was Katherine Pullen. She passed away when I was two and a half years old. I tried to find out something about her after I grew up, but no one knew anything to tell me.

I have a half-brother named W.D. Huddleston, Jr. living in Grand Prairie, (Texas). One of my first cousins lived in Oak Cliff (Dallas) ... (and) saw his name in the phone book ... (and) called and asked him if he knew a Willie Mae Huddleston. He told her I was his sister and gave her my phone number. Through her I met and visited two (of) my aunts and a bunch of cousins.

I married Johnie Isaac Bateman (born at Kimberly) on Jan. 15, 1936. We celebrated our 61st an-niversary last month. His father was Thomas Burbon Bateman (and his) mother (was) Lizzie Hutson. She worked at the old factory when she was 16 years old. I don't know what they made there, but its up close to the dam on (the) Little Missouri River.

My great grandfather David Huddleston was county judge there (Pike County) several years. My parents

and grandparents are buried at Japany. Johnie's parents are buried there also. My great grandfather on my grandmother's side, William Keys, is buried at Kimberly. He was a full blood Indian. My father and "Uncle" John Huddleston were cousins.

Harrison Gilmer is my second cousin. His grandmother and my father were brother and sister.

After Johnie and I married, we lived at Japany until 1948, when we started going other places to work. We did this till 1959 when we moved down here. We have been here 36 years, but we are still Razorback fans. We have three children, two daughters, Johnnie Mae Smedley (and) Wanda Jean Jackson, they both live here right by us, (and) one son, Rick Bateman, who lives on our old home place at Japany, with his wife Diana Bateman.

Thank you,
Mrs. J. Bateman

Hi Dorothy -

... I received the Winter issue of the Gems and as always ... impressed with what you and others are doing. It's especially impressive since the Society was only founded in 1986, just 11 years ago.

Sometime within the next few months I will send you my materials, at least what I've compiled to date, on the Lambs, Dosseys, and Lewallens. Another individual from Texas and I are compiling a book on the Witts and descendants, which is a time consuming project ...

Keep up the great work.

Billie Harris
123 Mar Vista Dr.
Monterey, CA 93940

702 Hundred Oaks Dr.
Ruston, LA 71270
January 31, 1997

Dear Dorothy,

I am still trying to put the Benjamin S. Davis family together ... Benjamin S. Davis came to Pike County (Thompson Township) sometime between 1855 and

1860. He received Arkansas land patents in April & July of 1860. Please note in the 1860 (Pike County) Census he is living next door to John Millard Davis ... son of Stacia Davis. Whether there is any connection or pure accidental that these Davis' are living next door (to one another) I do not know. Stacia and Jeremiah Davis came from NC - KY - IL to AR arriving about 1820/21. Benjamin (born 1821 TN) and children born in AL arrive in AR prior to 1860.

In 1880 Thomas Jackson Davis (widower), his widowed mother Elizabeth and 5 year old daughter, are living in White Township of Pike County. His father Benjamin S. Davis died 4 Jun 1879 in White Township according to family history. Thomas Jackson Davis' wife Mary Ellen Gilmer Davis died 20 Dec 1878. In the Murfreesboro Cemetery I find the following:

James L. Davis	b: 1850 d: 1873
George W. Davis	b: 1853 d: 1869
Mary A. Davis	b: 1855 d: 1870

Since it appears that Benjamin S. Davis and his daughter-in-law Mary Ellen Davis were living in White Township at the time of their deaths, I would like to have more information on the cemeteries in White Township, New Hope area? According to location of land patents the Thomas Jackson Davis family lived southwest of Daisy, to the best of my ability, that is what I figure. It would appear that Benjamin would have been buried in Murfreesboro with his three children had he died there. Benjamin was Sheriff of Pike County 1866-1872. Probably after the death and burial of his oldest son (James L.) in Murfreesboro, the Benjamin S. Davis and Thomas Jackson Davis families removed to White Township, Pike County, Arkansas. Do you know of any cemeteries in that part of the County that are not listed in the Pike County cemetery book? ...

With the death of Thomas Jackson Davis in 1898 this ended this line of male Davis's. His only child (a daughter) married Hutson Lee Watkins and they are grandparents of my husband Douglas Watkins.

Dot Watkins

Track of Death Dates of the Benjamin S. and Elizabeth Davis Family

George W. Davis, son	1869 age 16
Mary A. Davis, daughter	1870 age 15
James L. Davis, son	1873 age 23
never married	
Mary Ellen Gilmer, dau-in-law	Dec 1878 age 23
wife of Thomas Jackson Davis	
Benjamin S. Davis, father	Jun 1879 age 58
See note below	
Elizabeth Davis, mother	6 Oct 1890 age 58
Thomas Jackson Davis, son	26 Dec 1898 age 47

Note: In the 1880 Pike County census, Thomas Jackson Davis, his mother Elizabeth, and 5 year old daughter, are living in White Township. (The family has removed from Thompson Township to White Township between 1873 and probably 1878). It is believed that Benjamin S. Davis and Mary Ellen Davis are buried in an unknown cemetery in White Township, Pike County, Arkansas.

1860 Census - United States

State: Arkansas	County: Pike				
Township: Thompson	PO: Murfreesboro				
21-21	B.S. Davis	39	m	Farmer	Tennessee
	Elizabeth Davis	28	f		S. Carolina
	J.F. Davis	10	m		Alabama
	T.J. Davis	8	m		Alabama
	G.W. Davis	7	m		Alabama
	M.A. Davis	5	f		Alabama
22-22	J.M. Davis	32	m	Farmer	Arkansas
	M.J. Davis	29	f		Tennessee
	J.C. Davis	9	m		Arkansas
	J.I. Davis	1	f		Arkansas
	Eda Linville	25	f		Arkansas

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: Benjamin S. Davis born 1821 in Tennessee; died June 4, 1879 in White Township, Pike County, Arkansas; burial place (cemetery) unknown.

Wife: Elizabeth _____ born 1832 in South Carolina; died October 6, 1890; buried in Mt. Joy Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

Marriage: Benjamin S. Davis and Elizabeth, his wife, were married about 1848.

Children

James L. Davis born May 8, 1850 in Alabama; died May 24, 1873 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Murfreesboro Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas.

Thomas Jackson Davis born June 22, 1851 in Alabama; married Mary Ellen Gilmer on September 6, 1874 in Pike County, Arkansas. She was born May 5, 1857 and died December 20, 1878. He died December 26, 1898 in White Township, Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Mt. Joy Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas.

George W. Davis born 1853 in Alabama; died 1869 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Murfreesboro Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas.

Mary A. Davis born 1855 in Alabama, died 1870 in Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; buried in Murfreesboro Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas.

Track of Death Dates of the Benjamin S. and Elizabeth Davis family; 1860 Pike County, Arkansas Census; and family information provided by Dot Watkins.

**Pike County Arkansas Deaths M-R
1914-1923 & 1934-1940 (Part 3)**

Name of Deceased	Death Date
Madlock, Joe	03/03/1938
Mahaffey, Hoyt	02/14/1934
Majors, Helen J.	11/21/1936
Mansfield, James D.	10/31/1922
Mansfield, Ruby I.	09/16/1923
Marks, Dan	12/31/1914
Marks, Thomas K.	01/28/1940
Martin,	08/22/1915
Martin,	03/17/1939
Martin, Emma	06/30/1914
Martin, J.W.	07/26/1937
Matlock, Ella	05/07/1940
Maxey, Joe E.	03/04/1914
May, John T.	10/17/1936
May, Rebecca A.	08/01/1914
Mays, William M.	04/15/1935
McBride, Clara	07/10/1915

McCalister, Sissie	12/07/1937
McCauley, Carrie M.	07/12/1923
McCauley, Kizzie J.	11/19/1934
McCauley, Sallie E.	12/09/1923
McCaulley, J.W.	02/01/1936
McClennehan, Beverly	02/22/1914
McClure, Eliza J.	09/09/1939
McCoy, Alice	12/21/1936
McDaniel,	02/21/1935
McDaniel, Hettie	06/08/1939
McDaniel, Joan	12/30/1935
McGuire,	09/07/1914
McKinnon, Roy G.	11/11/1938
McLean, Olivia A.	02/13/1936
McWha, John	03/24/1914
Millar, Mary Ann	08/03/1939
Miller, Elic	12/08/1914
Mitchell, Alford W.	04/21/1938
Mitchell, Gracie	06/08/1939
Mitchell, Nathan R.	12/12/1937
Mizzles, Debs	11/07/1915
Mock, William T.	10/28/1936
Moon, James R.	04/14/1914
Moore, Amos E.	02/03/1940
Moore, Arthur	04/15/1935
Moore, Guy	03/09/1939
Moran, William C.	12/09/1936
Morman, Lotris	01/22/1939
Morris, Emma J.	01/04/1935
Morris, Milton B.	11/30/1923
Morris, Thomas M.	02/15/1935
Morrow, Edna	12/17/1922
Murdock, Mary Lou	03/28/1922
Murphy, A.H.	01/16/1938
Murphy, Hannah	09/11/1915
Nash, James W.	05/11/1939
Neal, Roxy Ann	04/04/1914
Nelson, Calvin E.	07/11/1914
Nelson, Lawrance	02/02/1914
Nelson, Malissa	01/27/1936
Nolan, Ruff	05/31/1935
Norton, Henry A.	06/25/1914
Norton, Robert H.	08/01/1922
Nutt, Ophelia	05/06/1914
Nutt, Sousan	09/27/1914
Oneal, Ellie I.	08/07/1935
Oneal, J.P.	06/22/1922
Oneal, Martha E.	02/29/1916
Oneal, May W.	09/28/1936
Oneal, S.J.	03/09/1916
Oslin, John A.	01/31/1939

Owens, Jeff Davis	11/05/1936	Richards, Dova	11/22/1937
Owens, Owen Brewer	10/17/1940	Richards, Dovie	11/02/1937
Paris, Irnan	12/14/1914	Richardson, Mae L.	06/05/1939
Parker, Ella N.	03/04/1940	Ricketts, Thomas P.	11/18/1934
Parnell, James M.	02/11/1935	Riggs,	09/28/1934
Parnell, Napoleon B.	02/25/1914	Riggs, Richard	10/09/1921
Parsons, Barbera	12/07/1922	Ring, Anna J.	02/09/1936
Parsons, Joseph L.	03/04/1937	Risner, M.L.	06/15/1939
Parsons, Lilly	02/21/1938	Roberts, D.P.	04/16/1914
Parsons, Mary C.	07/22/1940	Rodgers, Louis S.	12/27/1938
Pate, Aya Mae	10/29/1921	Rodgers, Savanah	02/07/1936
Pate, Oya	10/19/1921	Rogers, Margaret Ann	11/22/1940
Paul, Franklin L.	10/02/1921	Rose, Cerro G.	04/01/1937
Penrod, W.H.	08/17/1939	Rose, Clyde	02/06/1916
Philips, William C.	11/15/1920	Ross, Ethel	05/24/1940
Phillips, John Lee	08/29/1937	Ross, Grant	06/16/1936
Phillips, Will	10/19/1937	Russell, Tom	07/10/1914
Piggie, Ruby	09/18/1937	Russell, Virginia L.	12/17/1936
Plyer, Fetra	08/24/1935	Rutherford, Stell B.	07/01/1940
Polk, Jacob	03/04/1916		
Pollard, Fay A.	08/12/1921		
Pond, Jessie Fay	11/03/1935		
Poole, Thomas P.	09/12/1935		
Porter, Mary	01/06/1915		
Pounds, Nancy K.	02/20/1935		
Pounds, Ruth	08/10/1939		
Pounds, William I.	02/25/1939		
Powell, Fredrick	09/06/1922		
Powell, Kenneth R.	09/02/1934		
Power, John R.	03/15/1915		
Presley, Thomas E.	04/10/1939		
Price, Annie B.	12/11/1938		
Price, B.E.	11/19/1939		
Price, B.L.	09/25/1935		
Price, Mobie	06/02/1936		
Price, Peggy L.	10/18/1935		
Price, Walter	10/12/1914		
Proctor, Susie M.	09/25/1914		
Pryor, W.L.	06/30/1938		
Puryear, E.G.	03/01/1936		
Pylar, Earley R.	07/23/1940		
Raines, John E.	05/14/1939		
Rains, Dewey W.	10/06/1914		
Rapjohn, Mica J.	12/26/1936		
Rather, Carrie	02/17/1936		
Ray, Terry W.	03/25/1940		
Reding, Marion I.	06/22/1922		
Reed, W.H.	04/26/1922		
Rhodes, Patrick F.	01/11/1938		
Rice, Fount S.	03/18/1915		
Rice, Julia Ann	04/14/1937		

Desmond Walls Allen

Desmond Walls Allen has especially provided these death records at the request of the editor with permission for publication in THE GEMS.

Arkansas Death Record Indexes are AVAILABLE!

If your roots are in Arkansas, here's a valuable new source to help with your research: death certificates! The State of Arkansas began keeping death records in February, 1914, and these index volumes, taken from Health Department records, are to those records that have the potential to be very helpful to your search for those elusive Arkansas ancestors. These indexes show the deceased person's name, date of death, and the county from which the death was reported. Unfortunately, they don't show all the deaths which occurred in Arkansas, only the ones reported to the state.

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

Previously, to find out if a certificate was on file for a particular person, you had to pay your money and take your chances. The Health Department keeps your money as a search fee if no record is found. Now, with these valuable indexes, you'll know what's available before you order certificates.

These indexes are arranged two ways - statewide and in regional volumes. This makes the information more affordable and tailored to your needs. The data are the same in the statewide and regional volumes, only the arrangement and selection are different. See "How to Order" after the book descriptions.

*** STATEWIDE VOLUMES ***

Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923
ISBN 1-56546-078-2, 572 pages, \$49.50

Arkansas Death Record Index, 1934-1940
ISBN 1-56546-086-3, 475 pages, \$49.50

*** REGIONAL VOLUMES ***

Northwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Washington Counties, ISBN 1-56546-081-2, 53 pages, \$15.00

North Central Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Baxter, Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, and Woodruff Counties, ISBN 1-56546-080-4, 74 pages, \$16.00

Western Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Montgomery, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, and Yell Counties, ISBN 1-56546-082-0, 61 pages, \$15.00

Southeastern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln Counties, ISBN 1-56546-083-9, 54 pages, \$15.00

Southwestern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Sevier, and Union Counties, ISBN 1-56546-084-7, 72 pages, \$16.00

Central Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline Counties, ISBN 1-56546-085-5, 128 pages, \$18.00

Eastern Arkansas Death Record Index, 1914-1923: Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, and St. Francis Counties, ISBN 1-56546-079-0, 109 pages, \$16.00

*** HOW TO ORDER ***

Snail mail: Arkansas Research, PO Box 303, Conway, AR 72033-0303; Fax: 501/470-1120; E-mail:

desmond@intellinet.com

1. Send us a list of the books you want and say where we should ship them.
2. Add \$3.00 postage for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional.
3. Arkansas residents must add 4.5% sales tax.
4. Pay by check through snail mail. Fax or e-mail a credit card order (Visa or MasterCard). Send credit card number, expiration date, and please give us a day-time phone number in case we have a problem.

Thanks! Good luck on researching your Arkansas ancestors. If you would like for us to mail you a complete catalog of nearly 200 books about Arkansas, just send an e-mail message to desmond@intellinet.com and include "Catalog request" on the subject line of your message. Give us a mailing address and we'll get the catalog sent right to you.

Arkansas Research
P.O. Box 303
Conway, AR 72033

10-15-97

Ms. Partain,

You're right about my job being exciting. Early this morning the rocket I worked on (the Titan IV-B) lifted off sending the NASA Cassini space probe into orbit. It's a great feeling to watch something you've worked on for so long finally do what it's supposed to do. I assume it's akin to watching your kids graduate from college. At least something close to that.

Anyway, the satellite is on its way to Saturn via a couple loops around Venus and one Earth fly-by.

Dave

Excerpt from a letter by David Tipton, PCAHS member. He is currently preparing a database of Pike County school census records and has over 2800 records entered and is 75% complete.

PCAHS UPDATE

PCAHS members: I am so happy to tell you that on the day I mailed the last GEMS in early October, David Kelley called me (from Houston). Welcome back David, we missed you. For those of you who have met or written to Georgia Huddleston Evans of Nashville, Arkansas I know you will be sorry to hear that she is gravely ill. We wish Georgia *God's speed* to a recovery. Her current address is Arkansas Nursing & Rehab Center, 2107 Dudley, Texarkana, AR 71854.

We had our October PCAHS meeting on Friday October 10, 1997. We had changed the day of our meeting so our members that planned to attend the Wood Cemetery Decoration Day could do so and attend our meeting. I enjoyed dinner with B.J. Sparks, Bob & Cindy Scott and their daughter Suzanne, and Sue Wood Crue, Cindy's mother.

I went to the Wood Cemetery gathering where there was a joyous crowd. B.J. Sparks assembled a large group of relatives for the day. I really apologize, my notebook disappeared, so I can't list all the names of those who were there. There were three Wilson-Caldwell-Wood-Sparks sisters that connected to Shane Hill's family and another lady, Mrs. Alice Porch, brought Mrs. Opal Trout from Amity. You Trout people need to visit with this lady. Alice fits into my Wisener family. Another lady, Moline Ford, of the Knighten-Widener-Sparks-Wood-Carpenter line was there, and while I was enjoying visiting with many of the people plus helping Suzanne Scott make "rubblings" from tombstone inscriptions and thoroughly enjoying Aunt Effie Wood Lee "talking me through" the cemetery, it seems I failed to visit with many other people like Higgins-Cox-Musgrove-Hills-Wrights.

Joyce Wood did get very involved with her note-book and everyone enjoyed her pictures. Joyce Wood has added military markers in the Wood Cemetery for John Henry Wood, Russell Jones Sparks, William Erin Sparks, John Holcombe, and William Wright. These were all in the 4th Arkansas Cavalry. Joyce has much information on the 28 men from Caney Valley who served in the 4th Arkansas Cavalry.

B.J. Sparks, the Wilson sisters, Joe and Molene Ford and I drove around the area of the Wood Cemetery. B.J. pointed out the Wilson homeplace & some Sparks homeplaces. From there we drove to the Sparks Cemetery. Now I will clarify. We hiked into it!! This was a very enjoyable trip and afterwards a very large group enjoyed dinner again.

On Sunday the Wilson sisters, Joe & Molene Ford, B.J. Sparks and I went to Joyce Wood's home. Did we ever have a nice time digging through Joyce's pictures and genealogy! In the afternoon Shane Hill took the Wilson sisters to the home of Peggy Shope Loomis (PCAHS member) to do more Wilson genealogy. During this same time I understand that Joyce Couch met Fran Hawkins and Noel McRae Jr. (PCAHS members) at the Nathan Homecoming. I must add that Shane Hill & Bob Scott were "kindred spirits" once they discovered mutual interest in computers.

Antoine had a 100 year reunion which was a roaring success. Hopefully Bobbie Hendrix will do a story for

us. Murfreesboro had their 2nd annual Alumni gathering. It was nice to see PCAHS member Jerry McMennis attending with his father Freeman. It was also nice to see Jim Smedley again. Jerry & Jim work on some of the same families that I do. Harrison Gilmer, our president, had a Gilmer family reunion in conjunction with the Alumni gathering. I believe he had most of his family members present. Harrison does research on Gilmer, Davis, Harrison, Keys, Hoover, Hill, Keeling, Matthews, Stell and many others.

Kathleen Cooley Smith, PCAHS member, wishes to share the joy of the lovely wedding of her granddaughter, Noel Horne to Charles Sanders. Noel has joined her husband in Florida to begin their marriage.

I noticed in Floyd Hendricks, Jr. (121 N. 53rd, Ft. Smith, AR 72903) packet of genealogy he has given to PCAHS, that he is either related or very near related to "every fourth family in Pike Co." Those of you of the Sparks-Wood clan will want to contact him on his Carpenter line. They appear to fit to me.

Cindy Scott is back to work on the cemetery book. Keep your fingers crossed for us on an early 1998 printing.

It has been suggested to me that we add more data on the Glenwood area. I'd love to. We need someone to send us data from that area.

Don't forget to give one of our picture books (A Look At The Past: A Pike County History in Pictures) to someone for Christmas. We have at least 900 to sell!!

Please check to see if you have now received all four issues of the 1997 GEMS. In addition we have all back indexes available and will try to have the 1997 index in early 1998.

Dorothy Kennedy Partain

FROM THE EDITOR

I want to express appreciation to all of you who sent cards, letters, and offered prayers concerning my health. I believe I have experienced a modest improvement, enough to use the computer and prepare

the final master for the GEMS issues. I have received correspondence over the months, but I have been unable to respond and will continue having difficulty answering letters. I want to thank Shane Hill and Dorothy Partain for preparing the Summer issue of our quarterly and to thank Shirley Graham of Houston for providing support-ing documentation for the Gentry family in this issue. I hope all of you as members of PCAHS and our readers of "The Gems" will have a en-joyable Thanksgiving and joyous Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless You - David Kelley.

PCAHS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

1870 Pike County Arkansas Printed U.S. Census by Andy Cooley & Dorothy Partain	\$15.00
1880 Pike County Arkansas Federal Census by Dorothy K. Partain & Linda W. Meek	\$20.00
1890 Census of Pike County Arkansas: A Reconstructon by Russell P. Baker	\$15.00
1900 Pike County Arkansas Federal Census by Shane Hill & Dorothy K. Partain	\$25.00
1910 Pike County Arkansas Federal Census by Shane Hill & Dorothy K. Partain	\$25.00
NEW! 1870 Sevier County Arkanas Federal Census by Shane Hill & Dorothy K. Partain	\$18.50
A Look At The Past: A Pike County History in Pictures by PCAHS	\$25.00
Crater of Diamonds: Jewel of Arkansas by Bobbie Hendrix	\$6.00
The Diary: Family History by Carleton Denny	\$3.00
The Early History of Pike County Arkansas: The First One Hundred Years	\$12.00
Pike County Arkansas Marriage Records: 1895-1910 by Linda W. Meek & Dorothy K. Partain	\$15.00
Pike County Arkansas Marriage Records: 1910-1925 by Linda W. Meek & Dorothy K. Partain	\$15.00
Pike County Arkansas Marriage Records: 1925-1948 by Shane Hill & Dorothy K. Partain	\$15.00
Pike County Arkansas Marriage Records: 1895-1925 combined by Linda Meek & Dorothy Partain ...	\$25.00
Back Issues of The Gems: Volumes 1-7 four issues each volume per issue \$2.00 per volume	\$8.00
Index of The Gems of Pike County Arkansas: Volumes 1-7 per volume	\$3.00

1997 ANNUAL PCAHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular Annual membership rate is \$10.00 and Lifetime membership rate is a one time fee of \$100.00 Please make check or money order payable to Linda Wilson, Treasurer of PCAHS and mail along with the following information to: Linda Wilson, Treasurer of PCAHS, P.O. Box 276, Delight, AR 71940

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 genealogy 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 & HISTORY SOCIETY

President Harrison Gilmer, Rt. 1, Box 334, Murfreesboro, AR 71958
Vice-President & Co-Editor Shane Hill, P.O. Box 152, Delight, AR 71940
E-Mail: shanehill@worldnet.att.net
Secretary Shirley Graves Martin, Route 4, Box 135 M, Nashville, AR 71852
Telephone: (870) 285-2752
Treasurer Linda Wilson, P.O. Box 276, Delight, AR 71940
Editor David L. Kelley, P.O. Box 741896, Dallas, Texas 75374
Telephone: (972) 907-2344, E-Mail: a0009792@airmail.net
Co-Editor & Correspondence Dorothy Kennedy Partain
P.O. Box 238, Murfreesboro, AR 71958
Telephone: (870) 285-3528
Internet Page Sponsored by Shane Hill @ <http://www.rootsweb.com/~arpike>

PCAHS MEETING TIME

The Pike County Archives and History Society meets the first Thursday night of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. The 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. time period is set aside for members and guests to discuss and exchange ideas on history, genealogy and effective ways to do research. Business meeting is held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Annual membership dues are \$10.00. Lifetime membership dues are \$100.00. The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a non-profit organization. It is located on the third floor of the Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Arkansas and the Heritage Room at the Library in Murfreesboro. Library hours Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. The PCAHS courthouse hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If Court is not in session call first: Harrison Gilmer (870) 285-3187 or Linda Wilson (870) 379-2471 or Dorothy Partain (870) 285-3528. Helpful telephone numbers: Pike County Clerk's Office (870) 285-2231; County Judge Courthouse (870) 285-2414; Mayor's Office for Library (870) 285-3732.

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

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