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### NOTES FROM YOUR EDITORS

Co-Editors: Jan McGallaird & Dorothy Partain

Contributing Editor: Dee Baggett

We are really excited about our new name and logo. Dewayne Gray, President of PCAHS suggested the name for our newsletter - "The Gems of Pike County Arkansas" and we feel it is very appropriate since Pike County Arkansas is the Diamond capital of North America. Sue Stevenson of San Juan, Texas submitted our new logo. We appreciate Ms. Stevenson's patience - we requested that she "go back to the drawing board" several times before we were able to come up with a format that would work for everyone. Thanks Sue for your help; your valuable time and especially your efforts to try and please everyone. All of our volunteers are appreciated, many are "unsung" heroes who can be counted on to get the job done in the shortest possible time with the best results.

We are extremely pleased with the response we have been receiving regarding the newsletter. Our membership has grown by "leaps and bounds" since our first small effort and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members.

We also wish to acknowledge our Life members, Retha Adams, Clarence Anthony, Bank of Delight, Russell P. Baker, Barry Barber, Kay Marie Black, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Carroll, Woodrow J. Dickson, Harrison Gilmer, Milton O. Houk, Mary Maderias, Hampton Roy, Dale Sparks, and Lucille Westbrook. If we inadvertently omitted someone from our Life membership list, please bring it to our attention and also accept our apology in advance.

We gladly accept constructive criticism and realize that we have made mistakes and will undoubtedly make many others in the future. If you find errors of ANY type, regardless of how small they may seem, please bring them to our attention. We hope that everyone is enjoying the newsletter and welcome ideas and suggestions as to ways to improve the newsletter.

We would also like for everyone to note our new address. We have not moved but ... We now have a permanent address. We believe using one address will eliminate much of the confusion about where to write regarding queries and other items of interest to be included in "THE GEMS" newsletters.

Pike County Archives and History Society  
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The Pike County Archives and History Society meets the first Thursday night of each month from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. The Municipal Building is located directly opposite the Murfreesboro Post Office. The 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. time is set aside so that members and guests may exchange information on families, history, or ideas about methods of researching and to give everyone an opportunity to socialize once a month. Business meeting is held from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Annual membership dues are \$5.00. Lifetime membership dues \$100.00.

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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

"The Early History of Pike County, Arkansas" The First One Hundred Years published 1978 by Pike Conty Heritage Club - reprinted with permission in 1989 by PCAHS - now includes Index and corrections.	\$12.00
"1870 Pike County Arkansas Printed U.S. Census " by Dorothy Kennedy Partain	15.00
"The Diary" (Family History) - Carlton Denny of Delight	3.00
"Crater of Diamonds" Jewel of Arkansas published 1989 by Bobbie Hendrix	6.00
"The Old Time Chronicle" by Karron Cox - 1989 - back issues (when ordering back issues issues please specify the copy (month) you wish to receive	per copy 2.00

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PCAHS

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BOOK REVIEWS

The Pike County Archives and History Society will review any book which is donated to our Archives. These books may be used for reference only and may not be removed from the PCAHS office. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the following people for their recent donations.

Robert E. Walston, P.O. Box 206, Flint TX 75762 editor of "WALSTON WORLD WIDE". PCAHS received a copy of the March 1988 issue of this publication. This book which is spiral bound and contains 36 pages plus an every name Index is dedicated to Jerry and Frances (Smith) Walston the parents of Robert E. Walston. Photocopies of marriage records, Family Group Sheets, Ancestor Charts and Census Records regarding the Walston surname are also included in this book. Although it has only 36 pages it is "packed" full of information which would be of interest to many who are looking for WALSTONS. Information regarding availability and price of "WALSTON WORLD WIDE" may be obtained by writing to Mr. Robert E. Walston, Flint, TX at the above address. Please include a SASE with correspondence.

#### SURNAME FILE

Dorothy Partain has spent many hours updating our surname file and as of June 1990 she has entered all surnames which have been submitted to PCAHS. If you have not as yet submitte your surnames, pedigree charts and family group records to PCAHS, you are missing an opportunity to possibly make contact with someone researching your family lines. Please take the time to forward your material to our Archives. This will be to your benefit as much as ours and will also perserve all your research for future generations of historians and genealogists.

#### CORRECTION

PCAHS member Orene Merchant Moore has written to correct information regarding the SPARKS CEMETERY which was featured in our January 1990 issue of "The Gems". \*Please Note\* Jane SPARKS BROWN was the daughter of David and Roda SPARKS not the daughter of HENRY SPARKS. We appreciate Orene bringing this to our attention and would like to encourage everyone to help us locate our mistakes so that they may be corrected in future issues of "The Gems".

Henry Brewer of Pike County and Joseph McCraven of Sevier County, Arkansas were appointed commissioners by an act of the Territorial Legislature to define the boundary between Pike and Sevier counties. Elijah Kelley, Rice Stringer and John Dickson were elected commissioners to find a seat of justice for the newly formed county. (This election was held at the house of Paschal C. Sorrels, Monday January 6, 1834 and the commissioners were certified by Isaac Ward, Clerk of Clark County, Arkansas.)

Asa Thompson was one of several living in the area at this time and a post office had been set up in the Thompson home with Mr. Thompson as it's first postmaster and given the name Zebulon. The Zebulon post office was moved to the county court house after it was completed. (Zebulon was never the name of the county seat or town, it was the name of the post office. The commissioners to locate the county seat provided the name of Murfreesboro in 1834). The post office name was changed to Murfreesboro on October 8, 1851.

\*Note from the Editors\* The above "Bits of History" was submitted by David L. Kelley, Brandwine, MD. This information will be included in the forthcoming quarterly "Pike County Arkansas 1815-1899" copyright by David L. Kelley. PCAHS would like to thank Mr. Kelley for allowing us to print the above. The following article was also submitted by Mr. Kelley regarding the Oliver Brewer Sr. family of Pike County, Arkansas.

FOCUS ON FAMILY - Oliver Brewer Sr. Family  
compiled by David L. Kelley

One of the early settlers of Pike County, Arkansas was Oliver Brewer Sr. He came to Arkansas in 1818 or 1819 from Missouri and first located in Hempstead (now Pike) County. In 1826 he moved to Clark (now Pike) County, Arkansas and settled on the Clear Fork of the Little Missouri River and remained there until his death on October 13, 1834.

Oliver BREWER Sr. born Hillsboro District, Chatham County, North Carolina married first (wife unknown) in North Carolina. Their children:

- (1) John BREWER born ca. 1793 died 09 Apr 1845; married Elvira ALEXANDER, 07 Sept 1815, Washington Co., MO.
- (2) Oliver BREWER Jr. born ca. 1795 died 1832; married Elizabeth L. (maiden name unknown); further research required.
- (3) Rosanna BREWER born ca. 1797 died prior 1840 leaving children; married (unknown) HUGHITT (HUITT); evidence suggests Roland Hughitt (Huitt).
- (4) Henry BREWER born 30 Oct 1799 died 30 Apr 1876; married Elizabeth HUGHITT (HEWITT or HUITT), 18 July 1829.

Oliver Brewer Sr. born Hillsboro District, Chatham County, North Carolina married second (marriage bond issued 10 January 1804, Knox County, Tennessee), Mary HENDERSON, daughter of Samuel HENDERSON and Lucy RYCKMAN. Their children:

- (1) Henderson BREWER born 15 Dec 1804 married first Berthena (Bertha) WHITE; married second Elizabeth (maiden name unknown).
- (2) William Lewis BREWER born 03 Oct 1809 died 01 Mar 1871 married Elizabeth SORRELS daughter of George Washington SORRELS and Mary B. CHALMERS/CHAMBERS.
- (3) James Stephenson BREWER born 26 Jul 1811 died 12 Sept 1886 married Zerilda (Serilda) WHITE daughter of Absalom WHITE 03 Mar 1833 in Clark County, Arkansas.
- (4) Lucinda BREWER born 13 Dec 1813 died 12 Dec 1886 married first John M. DICKSON (murdered by Ezekial Williams Kerr alias E.K. Williams, 02 Jul 1836, at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas); married second Abijah DAVIS about 1839 in Pike County, Arkansas.
- (5) Rebecca BREWER born 12 Jan 1815 died 01 Jul 1899 married first Paschal (Pascal) C. SORRELS son of George Washington SORRELS and Mary B. CHALMERS/CHAMBERS; married second James Erwin GRIFFIN about 1838 in Pike County, Arkansas; married third Andrew B. ORRICK about 1850 in Pike County, Arkansas; married fourth Alexander BARENTINE 28 Sept 1879 in Pike County, Arkansas.
- (6) Mary BREWER born 15 Mar 1820 died 31 Mar 1841.
- (7) Mathilda (Matilda) BREWER born 03 Apr 1823 died 31 Mar 1841.
- (8) Luvisa BREWER born 07 Dec 1825 married William Harrison PRESTON 29 May 1842 in Pike County, Arkansas.

An affidavit dated January 13, 1840 of John Brewer and his half-brother James Stephenson Brewer says: "... the same being the TWELVE CHILDREN of the said Oliver Brewer and the heirs of such of those of the twelve as have dec'd leaving children .." (Witnesses: John Hughes, James Hughes, Rice Stringer).

David L. Kelley, 12903 Wheatland Way, Brandywine, MD 20613-8895 requests the above information be shared with others and will welcome corrections and additions regarding any of these Pike County, Arkansas families. PCAHS would like to thank Mr. Kelley for sharing the above with PCAHS.

#### "HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE"

If you have a "Coming Event" which would be of interest to our members, please write or call and let us know so that we may publish the details in our next Newsletter. REMEMBER - we will need to have the dates, time, place and person to contact at least three months in advance for your "Event" to appear in the next newsletter.

PIKE COUNTY FAIR - September 17-22, 1990 at the Pike County Fair Grounds, Glenwood, Arkansas. For more information contact Sue Baker, President of the Pike County Fair Association, Glenwood, Arkansas.

DIAMOND CITY GEM & MINERAL SHOW - September 21-23, 1990 - Pike County Municipal Building, Murfreesboro, Arkansas. The Municipal Building is located across the street from the Murfreesboro Post Office.

ARKANSAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S 1990 FALL SEMINAR - Friday and Saturday - 2 and 3 November 1990, Holiday Inn Lake Hamilton (Highway 7 at Lake Hamilton) - Hot Springs, Arkansas. For additional information you may write to Carolyn Earle Billingsley, 2301 Billingsley Lane, Alexander, Arkansas 72002.

ADAMS/HORN REUNION - The descendants of Warren Lee ADAMS and Martha Ellen (HORN) ADAMS will be held the second Sunday in October 1990 in Glenwood, Arkansas. For more information contact Retha Adams, P.O. Box 65, Kirby, Arkansas 71950.

#### ACTIVITIES

The DELIGHT HOMECOMING FESTIVAL which was sponsored by the Delight Chamber of Commerce was a great success. The Chamber was able to raise almost \$1700.00 from events of the festival. All the proceeds will be used to help the community. According to an article printed in the May 9, 1990 issue of the "Murfreesboro Diamond" the Delight Chamber of Commerce plans to make the HOMECOMING FESTIVAL an annual event. The Delight Museum which was located in the "Sunshine Corner" was in my opinion the highlight of the festival. Billy and Karron Cox with daughters Kim and Kristie were in charge of the museum. Several items were on loan from the community. Over 400 people signed the museum guest list. Jan Campbell provided a display about Delight native Glen Campbell and his family. Beth Hendrix provided a display about the Senator Olen Hendrix family. Also on display were many pictures of Southeast Pike County, Arkansas: old tools, quilts, toys, furniture, period clothing, and household items. Items were on loan from Beth Hendrix, Carlton Denny, Winfrey Reed, Grace Ann Riley, Mrs. Ed Lee and Linda Wilson and many others.

MURFREESBORO DIAMOND FESTIVAL which was held June 7-9, 1990 at the Murfreesboro Municipal Park was slated a success. PCAHS displayed our publications for sale on the side porch of the Bumgarner log cabin. This building was "rescued" and moved from its original site. "The Heritage Club" was instrumental in saving the log cabin. Our thanks to Bobbie Hendrix, Dorothy Partain and Dee Baggett for devoting their time to working at the Diamond Festival for PCAHS.

ORAL HISTORIES

Special Collections, Riley-Hickingbotham Library, Ouachita Baptist University, recently received the Center for Rural Studies from the Joint Educational Consortium of Arkadelphia. The Center for Rural Studies was a project of the JEC, which is a cooperative association of Henderson State University, Ouachita Baptist University, and the Ross Foundation. The CRS initiated an oral history project in July 1980 focusing on the theme of rural families in transition. The recorded interviews supply a wealth of information on and insights into rural family life, religion, education, farming, the timber industry, and race relations. The collections include over 600 cassette tapes (most of which have been transcribed), 500 slides, photographs and negatives, and six cubic feet of related materials. For further information contact Wendy Richter, Archivist, Riley-Hickingbotham Library, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923. Telephone (501) 246-4531, Ext. 332.

\*PCAHS EDITOR'S NOTE\* The Riley-Hickingbotham Library is also an outstanding library if searching for a Baptist minister or other information regarding the Baptists in the United States with special emphasis on Arkansas. "Special Collections" has many old church records on microfilm and often these records will contain genealogical information, obituaries and interesting historical descriptions. OBU also houses the Clark County Historical Association's printed and microfilmed material. OBU and Henderson University (with Methodist background) are excellent sources for church related research.

PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS 1860 CENSUS  
Microcopy Publication M653 Roll 47

ANTOINE Township

Household #485

STINNETT, Mason	46 m TN
Cyrene	39 f TN
Hugh	19 m MS
P.A.	17 f MS
David	14 m MS
Eva	7 f AR
John	5 m AR
Rufus	1 m AR
Mason	1 m AR

Household #486

MOFFETT, E.F.	35 m TN
Catharine	28 f TN
James A.	10 m TN
E.F.	8 m AR
N.J.	5 f AR
M.L.	3 f AR
Luticia	19 f TN

Household #487

LIGHTSEY, Solomon	52 m SC
Malinda	46 f SC

Household #494

BIGGS, A.	59 m SC
M.A.	40 f TN
W.H.	19 m TN
Virginia	16 f TN
A.C.	14 m TN
J.A.	9 m AR
Molley A.	1 f AR

Household #495

KIRBY, W.L.	28 m AL
S.C.	26 f TN
A.J.	5 m AR
E.C.	3 m AR
E.R.	1 f AR
James	21 m AL

Household #496

WALTON, H.J.	21 m MS
S.A.	21 f SC
M.D.	4/12 f AR
McCARTY, Wm.	21 m MS

M.A.	20 f AL		
J.H.	17 m AL		
L.A.	15 m MS		
P.A.	14 f AL		
L.E.	12 f AL		
H.F.	7 m AL		
E.D.	5 f AL		
Household #488			
BUCHANAN, Hiram	60 m VA		
Mary	21 f TN		
Frances	18 f TN		
Florinda	13 f TN		
Alen	6 m AR		
SIMMONS, Jane	18 f AR		
Arabella	13 f AR		
Household #489			
CROW, Isaac	35 m GA		
Jane	22 f TN		
A.A.	12 m TX		
J.M.	11 m TX		
M.A.	10 f TX		
Catharine	5 f TX		
J.T.	4 m AR		
M.J.	1 f AR		
Household #490			
BUCHANAN, J.E.	33 m TN		
Elisabeth	23 f AR		
G.H.	6 m AR		
E.C.	4 f AR		
M.J.	1 f AR		
SIMMONS, S.A.	12 f AR		
Household #491			
McWHA, James	41 m IRE		
M.A.	25 f TN		
William	6 m AR		
John	2 m AR		
A.J.	1 f AR		
Household #492			
LEARD, D.R.	35 m NC		
Rebecca	31 f AL		
William V.	11 m AL		
J.G.	9 m AL		
D.E.	1/12 m AR		
Household #493			
CARROLL, David	49 m SC		
Martha	46 f NC		
Catherine	23 f AL		
John	21 m AL		
Cicero	19 m AL		
Amanda	13 f AL		
Household #497			
KIRBY, J.L.	58 m TN		
Emaline	38 f TN		
J.M.	19 m AL		
E.E.	17 f MS		
S.C.	15 f MS		
J.C.	12 f MS		
REEVES, J.A.	12 m AR		
Mary	8 f AR		
MOBLEY, M.J.	23 f AL		
M.A.	2 f AR		
Household #498			
WALTON, M.W.	42 f AL		
J.S.	21 m MS		
Emoline	19 f MS		
Louisa	17 f MS		
David	15 m MS		
Silas	12 m MS		
Raford	8 m AR		
Virginia	6 f AR		
Anna	4 f AR		
Millissia	2 f AR		
Household #499			
PARKER, T.C.	32 m AL		
M.S.	24 f MS		
Lydia	2 f AR		
Ciccero	1/12 m AR		
Household #500			
JORDAN, James	25 m MS		
Jane	23 f AR		
D.E.	4 f AR		
M.J.	2 f AR		
J.J.	7/12 m AR		
Household #501			
RIGGS, H.E.	30 m AL		
Sarah	31 f AL		
J.J.	6 m AL		
M.J.	3 f AL		
W.E.	11/12 m AL		
Household #502			
GRAVES, L.A.	42 m TN		
Margret	29 f TN		
Wm.	9 m AR		
M.E.	7 f AR		
Sterling	5 m AR		
A.C.	2 m AR		
N.A.	2 f AR		
Household #503			
COX, R.A.	47 m NC		
Ailsey	40 f TN		

*****	W.S.	20 m AL
* The 1860 Pike County Arkansas *	Eli	17 m MS
* Census has been published by *	Izora	15 f AL
* Arkansas Ancestors, 222 McMahan *	Martha	11 f AL
* Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71913 *	Mary	5 f AL
*****	A.V.	2 f AL

"EARLY ARKANSAS INDIVIDUALIST"  
by Melinda Ann Cubage

Russell P. Baker, CA Deputy Director of the Arkansas History Commission submitted the following article which was published in the Sunday Magazine Section of the Arkansas Gazette, January 2, 1944, page 5. Malinda Ann Cubage, granddaughter of Alexander B. Clingman, lived near Caddo Gap, Arkansas and was 90 years of age at the time this article appeared. The following is a brief summary of the Arkansas Gazette article.

Alexander Brandon Clingman, one of the pioneer settlers of the Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas area, was born in 1806 in Huntsville, North Carolina the son of Peter and Ann (Pointdexter) Clingman. He actually lived next to the site of the old Bethel Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas where several of his children have marked graves. This illustrious family may be traced back to the mid 1200 A.D.

In 1829, Alexander married his first cousin, Ann Martha Clingman. He studied medicine in Georgia and commenced his practice in Tennessee.

Dr. Alexander and Ann Martha Clingman came to Clark County, Arkansas in 1834 and stopped first at what is now Hollywood, Arkansas. They were charter members of the Antioch Church of Christ of Delight, Arkansas. He was well versed in religion and while not a preacher, he enjoyed debating about religion and baptized many people in the creek behind his home.

A large family of six boys and three girls were born to Dr. and Mrs. Clingman. The oldest son was Alexander Michael, also a doctor of medicine. The second son was a law student. The third son was studying for the ministry. The fourth hoped to be a doctor. They were all educated by tutors in the home and the education of each was completed by a year's study in Arkadelphia. Dr. Clingman's eldest daughter Elizabeth first married a young Dr. Robinson from North Carolina. After the death of her first husband, near Mt. Ida, Elizabeth married a Dr. Cross. Elizabeth's daughter Mary married Jesse Garner of near Amity. Dr. Clingman's second daughter, Jane, married Dr. Alfred Jones who studied medicine under Dr. Clingman. Dr. Alfred Jones and Jane (Clingman) Jones are the ancestors of the Jones family of Jones Valley, Caddo Gap, Arkansas. The youngest daughter Mattie married Thomas Berry Strickland. Mattie and Jane are buried in the Amity cemetery.

Dr. Clingman died September 19, 1881 and Mrs. Clingman on September 18, 1883.

Our thanks to Russell P. Baker for sharing this interesting article which was filled with amusing anecdotes and insight into the Clingman family. Copies of this article may be obtained from PCAHS or the Arkansas History Commission.



## QUERIES

### All Queries Free to Members

CATES Mrs. Norman Barnett, P.O. Box 96, Smiley, TX 78159-0096:  
CLINGAN Wishes to correspond with others researching the surnames  
REID CATES, CLINGAN, REID, and START of Pike County, Arkansas.  
START

BURKE Jean Cathey, Rt. 2 Box 1293, Quinlan, TX 75474:  
RABJOHN Researching BURKE, RABJOHN, CATHEY, SWAIM and would like  
CATHEY to correspond with others interested in these families.  
SWAIM

CHESSHIR Ann Chesshir, 3828 Fenton Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76133:  
CHESSHIER Seeks info on Zachias CHESSHIR and his wife Ketura who  
WOMACK died in 1875. They were in Pike County, Arkansas about  
HALE 1860-1870. John the Baptist CHESSHIR died 1903 in Arkansas  
and Nancy WOMACK died 1915 in Arkansas. David Jordan  
CHESSHIR died 1890/91 in Arkansas and Rebecca (HALE) CHESSHIR died 03 March  
1844 probably in Pike County, Arkansas.

HARRIS Hazel Clark, 601 N. Hazel St., Pampa, TX 79065: Elizabeth  
CLARK HARRIS born GA age 65 in 1860 Pike County, Arkansas census  
living in the Joel CLARK household. Would like to contact  
descendants or relatives living in Pike County, Arkansas at present.

GARNER Janine J. Gremillion, P.O. Box 52006, Shreveport,  
RHODES Louisiana is interested in corresponding with anyone  
researching the GARNER or RHODES surnames in the  
Clark/Pike County, Arkansas area.

RENO Barbara Harville, 919 Butler, St., Metropolis, IL 62960:  
WOOD John P. RENO born 28 Jan 1864 in Pike County, Arkansas  
BRUER died 09 July 1941 married on 31 Mar 1888, Florence Minnie  
WOOD born 30 May 1871 Pike County, Arkansas died 08 Mar  
1920. John T. RENO son of Mary Jane BRUER married Eddie May RENO.  
Appreciate any help.

KENDRICK Relda (Kendrick) Miller, 526 South 13th Street,  
MARTIN Collinsville, OK 74021: Seeks info regarding marriage  
record of Hezekiah W. KENDRICK and Sally MARTIN probably  
married 1912 in Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas.

LEFEVERS Lois New, 1905 Regency, Moore, OK 73160: Elizabeth Arminda  
JACOBS JACOBS age 25, 1860 Pike County, Arkansas census in Isaac  
EPPERSON LEFEVERS household, 1870 listed in William BELL household,  
MEEKS 1880 listed as "mother" in George W. JACOBS household,  
BELL 1900 census in Alex MEEKS household listed as "aunt".  
Confederate pension papers state Arminda JACOBS was the  
wife of Thomas Van Buren JACOBS. George T. EPPERSON was father (in-law) of  
(George Washington) JACOBS. Was Elizabeth Arminda JACOBS born ca. 1835 a  
LEFEVERS before her marriage? Where is she buried? Shiloh, Star of the  
West?

BREWER Wilma V. Ranger, 9105 Berkshire Loop S.E., Olympia, WA  
HENDERSON 98503: Oliver and Mary (HENDERSON) BREWER, James Erwin  
GRIFFIN family, he married Rebecca BREWER daughter of Oliver. Ms.  
Ranger has information regarding Rebecca and her (4) four  
marriages. Appreciate Any help 1800-1900.

LASTER Sherry Ray, P.O. Box 148, Kountze, TX 77625: Ada LASTER  
buried near Daisy, Pike County, Arkansas? Had son Eulan  
Ernest LASTER who went to school at Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas. His  
father was John Thomas Alexander LASTER. Can anyone help with the LASTER  
family?

HILL Mrs. Robert L. Tayar, 2612 North West 60th, Oklahoma City,  
GOLDEN OK 73112: Seeking parents of Myra Miami HILL died 1912  
married William Turner GOLDEN. Myra Miami (HILL) GOLDEN  
possibly buried at Mt. Joy Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas. Also would like  
nformation regarding funeral homes, if any, in Pike County, Arkansas area  
about 1912.

PINION Charlett R. Vaughn, 714 North Washington, El Dorado,  
PENYON Kansas 67042: Seeking info regarding Mary Ellen PINION or  
WALKER PENYON who married Benjamin F. WALKER and Maudie PINION  
HEWITT who married George W. HEWITT. They lived in Pike County,  
Arkansas about 1890. John PINION died before the Civil War  
and was the father of Mary Ellen (PINION) WALKER and Maudie (PINION)  
HEWITT.

McCARLY Violet Wiggins, 5543 Maryland Drive, Concord, CA 94521:  
McCARTY Would like any information about her grandparents. William  
McCAULEY H. McCARLY b. 1866 lived in Pike County, Arkansas late  
STURDIVANT 1880's. John STURDIVANT married Marinda HORN lived 1860 in  
HORN Clark County, Arkansas, 1870 Pike County, Arkansas, 1880  
Howard County, Arkansas. Appreciate any help.

BLOCKER Kay Davis, 316 Chuckwagon Tr., Willow Park, TX 76089: John  
STONE BLOCKER Sr. and his wife Sarah from Missouri to Pike  
DICKSON County, Arkansas 1835-1838. Lived along (the) Little  
Missouri River near S.A. DICKSON and Wm. STONE land. Sarah  
wife of John BLOCKER Sr. lived with Wm. STONE after death of her husband.  
Also need info (on) John BLOCKER Jr. (1835-1838) Pike County, Arkansas ;  
William BLOCKER (1836-1837) Pike County, Arkansas; Timothy Blocker  
Poinsett County, Arkansas); and Davis BLOCKER (Poinsett County, Arkansas).  
In Hopkins County, Texas by 1860. Any help appreciated.

WALLACE Marticia Wallace, 1419 University, Durant, OK 74701: Seeks  
MUSGROVE correspondence with anyone researching these Pike County,  
VICKERY Arkansas surnames. Also interested in corresponding with  
CARROLL RISNERS of IZARD, Stone and Van Buren Counties, Arkansas.  
DUGGAN Many of these families migrated to Oklahoma and Texas.  
RISNER

WALSTON Robert E. Walston, P.O. Box 206, Flint, TX 75762: Mr.  
Walston publishes "WALSTONS of the WORLD" as information  
becomes available and would appreciate hearing from anyone interested in  
the WALSTON surname.

RAY Linda Meek, 3514 Baywood Dr., Shreveport, LA 71118:  
 ALFORD Seeking info regarding Dave ALFORD and wife Ellen JOURDAN,  
 JOURDAN Quincy Albert RAY and wife Mary ALFORD. (Editor's Note -  
 Our surname file helped Linda make contact with PCAHS  
 member Lee Ann Turner of Alaska - who also works on this ALFORD line).

HUGHES Bill Chappel, 208 Laurel Wood Lane, Monroe, LA 71202:  
 James HUGHES listed 1850 and 1860 Redland Township,  
 Hempstead County, Arkansas living near Hickory Creek bordering Pike County,  
 Arkansas; enlisted in Confederate Army at age 48 - died of pneumonia after  
 Civil War leaving children. James HUGHES' children eventually went to live  
 with Joshua HUGHES in Montgomery County, Arkansas. Appreciate any help.

ROGERS Alice Shirley, P.O. Box 253, Glenwood, AR 71943: Would  
 PARSLEY like any help with the family of William M. RODGERS born  
 Alabama married Sarah E. PARSLEY born Oklahoma - son Earl  
 born 1909 near Rosboro, Pike County, Arkansas. Sarah reputed to be Cherokee  
 Indian. Also would like to locate books: Emmett Starr's "History of the  
 Cherokee Indians" and George M. Bell's "Old and New Cherokee Families".

BITTICK Dorothy L. Miller, 540 Solano N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87108:  
 BUTLER Researching any and all BITTICK (any spelling) names in  
 ASHABRANNER Arkansas. Seeking her great great grandfather Jonathan  
 WOOD BITTICK who left Clark County, Arkansas ca. 1830 for  
 WILLIAMS Texas. Related families BUTLER and ASHABRANNER moved from  
 McLAUGHLIN Clark County, Arkansas to Texas at the same time. Robert  
 MELSON and wife Sarah (HENTHORN) BITTICK supposed to have resided  
 BLEVINS Billstown, Pike County, Arkansas in 1830's and 1840's.  
 Jesse BITTICK son of Samuel was in Pike County, Arkansas  
 on the 1840-1850 census. Other names connected with this family: WOOD,  
 WILLIAMS, McLAUGHLIN, MELSON, BLEVINS.

WHISENHUNT Wilma Gragg, 221 W. Main, Ozark, AR 72949: Wishes to  
 WHISENANT correspond with anyone who is researching the surname  
 WHISENHUNT in Pike or Montgomery County, Arkansas.

HORN Dorothy Horn Bevard, 7974 Hillsboro, Ct., Pleasanton, CA  
 CANTRELL 94588: Seeking info on Jay Hugh HORN born 10 May 1893 son  
 TUCKER of Elkaner & Mary CANTRELL HORN, also other children - Ora  
 Lee married 1915 Jake SMALLING Jr., Asa Lee, Ellis and  
 Albert HORN. Also James HORN, Elijah HORN; and Bytel HORN (son of James  
 ORN) and wife Elizabeth N. TUCKER. L.D. CANTRELL of Antoine, Arkansas - all  
 of the above are Pike County, Arkansas families.

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ANOTHER NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

When we began publishing the PCAHS newsletters we were confident the \$5.00 membership fee would cover our postage and printing costs, but after printing three newsletters, we now realize that we cannot continue with the newsletters four times a year for only \$5.00. We have several choices, we can limit the size of the newsletter, print the newsletter only twice a year, or we can raise our membership dues (tentative plan is \$7.00) and possibly keep the newsletters in the "black". We do not wish to lose all the new members who have shown their support for our venture, but unless we can "break even" we may have to discontinue the newsletter. Due to the generosity of PCAHS officers and local members, the extra expense of

publishing will be supplemented for the remainder of 1990, however, before January 1991, when dues are payable, something will have to be determined about continuing "THE GEMS". The Pike County Archives and History Society will continue to function as a non-profit organization and work toward preserving our past, but we will no longer have a publication.

Our new membership dues would not go into effect until January 1991, which means, if you are presently a member, you will receive one more issue (October 1990) of "THE GEMS" for your \$5.00 membership fee. We want to hear from you, our members, about the proposed increase in dues. Please drop us a note and express your opinion.

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