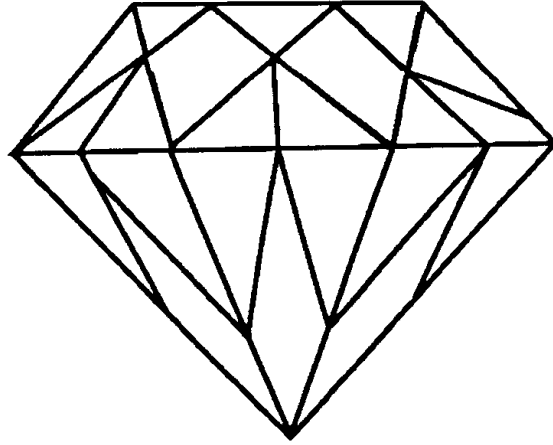


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## WILLIAM McDONALD

William McDonald of South Carolina and Polly McDonald his wife settled on the banks of the Fourche Caddo in Caddo Township, Clark County, Arkansas in 1817 from Johnson County, Illinois. Their previous residence was Columbia County, Georgia. William McDonald had a large family and when he died in 1829 he was survived by ten children:

Micajah McDonald died in Clark County, Arkansas in 1830. He was married at least two times; first to a wife whose identity is unknown and second to Sarah Mobley on August 14, 1823 in Clark County, Arkansas. His descendants are found to have the McDonald and McDaniel surname. Eight children resulted from his two marriages. The five children by his first wife were: Peter McDonald or McDaniel, David McDonald, William McDonald, Betsy McDonald the wife of Francis Gibbons, and Lucretia McDonald the wife of David Hopkins. The three children by his second wife were: Levisa McDonald, John McDonald, and Zachariah McDonald.

Stephen McDonald settled on the Fourche Caddo in Clark County, Arkansas adjoining his father.

Polly McDonald married William Lamar.

Catherine McDonald married at least two times; first to John Clover on April 10, 1822 in Clark County, Arkansas and second to Francis Neel about 1835 in Clark County, Arkansas.

Lucretia McDonald married David Trammell. They moved to Hot Spring County, Arkansas in 1831 and later to Dallas County, Arkansas.

Zachariah McDonald married at least two times; first to a wife not identified and second to Louise Eliza (Barker) Banta widow of Isaac Banta. He settled on the banks of the Fourche Caddo in Clark County, Arkansas and later moved to Hot Spring County, Arkansas in 1830. From there he moved to Union County, Arkansas and thereafter to Bradley County, Arkansas. He moved to Hays County, Texas prior 1850. In 1853 he moved to Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, Texas.

Levisa McDonald married James Bankston. They lived in Clark County, Arkansas and later moved to Hot Spring County, Arkansas. They eventually settled in Red River County, Texas near Clarksville.

Augustus Baldwin McDonald was married four times; first to Polly Clover on May 3, 1827 in Clark County, Arkansas; second to Mary Coleman in 1834 in Clark County, Arkansas; third to Sarah Stokes, a widow, on October 10, 1841 in Hot Spring County, Arkansas; and fourth to Martha A., maiden name not known. He left Arkansas and settled in Lavaca County, Texas.

Laomi McDonald married Thomas Neel. She is living with her daughter Martha and son in law John Colbath in Gillespie County, Texas at Fredericksburg in 1880 according to the census.

Elizabeth (Betsy) McDonald married Shepherd Joseph Colbath on

October 9, 1828 in Clark County, Arkansas. They moved to Union County, Arkansas and to Caldwell County, Texas prior 1850.

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## THOMAS FISH

Thomas Fish "was the most prominent of early Clark county (Arkansas) men" according to Josiah H. Shinn in "Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas". He indicates the Fish family "entered Clark in 1818 or 1819."

Thomas Fish lived in the Missouri township of Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas. His residence was near the Antoine bridge connecting the public road across Antoine bayou. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace by Governor James Miller of Arkansas Territory in 1820. Early township elections were held at his house. He was a member of the General Assembly of the Arkansas Territorial Legislature when he died February 4, 1823.

Thomas Fish and Emily Hemphill were married in Clark county, Arkansas on July 4, 1820 at Blakeley town, now Arkadelphia. Emily Hemphill was the daughter of John Hemphill and Nancy Lawson. She was born in Georgia about 1799 and came to Arkansas in 1811.

Emily Hemphill Fish second married Jonathan O. Callaway on November 10, 1825 in Clark county, Arkansas. He was the son of John Callaway and Amy Stamps. Their children were:

William H. Callaway born 1826 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Mary A. Thompson on April 8, 1873 in Clark county, Arkansas.

Mary Callaway born 1828 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Henry K. Hardy on July 27, 1848 in Clark county, Arkansas.

Samuel Davis Callaway born 1830 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Anna Amelia Cave on December 19, 1866 in Clark county, Arkansas; died in 1907.

Jonathan Wilson Callaway born 1834 in Clark county, Arkansas; married Ann Vickers in 1867; died in 1894.

James Lawson Callaway born about 1838 in Clark County, Arkansas; married first Florence Beall on April 26, 1860 in Clark county, Arkansas; married second Rebecca Jestis.

Emily O. Callaway born about 1840 in Clark county, Arkansas; married R.K. Brown on December 27, 1858 in Clark county, Arkansas.

**WILLIAM KELLEY**

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**Appointment of Thomas Fish as  
Justice of the Peace**

James Miller

Governor of the Territory of Arkansas

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE  
PRESENTS, GREETING:

Know ye, that Reposing Special trust and confidence in the Integrity and abilities of Thomas Fish, I have hereby appointed him a Justice of the Peace in and for the Township of Missouri in the county of Clark: To have and to hold the same with all & singular the advantages and Emoluments appertaining to Said Office for the term of four years unless sooner Removed by the Governor.

In Testimony Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and caused the private Seal (there being no public one) at Arkansas, this 19th day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty, and in the forty 4th year of the Independence of the United States.

By order of the Governor.

(Sealed) JAMES MILLER

Secretary (name not given).

Recorded this the 6th day of April, 1820.

DAVID McCORMICK, dep.  
for Wm. P.S. BLAIR  
Exofficio Recorder.

Clark County, Arkansas Deed Book A, pages 38-39.

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**MARRIAGE RECORD**

Arkansas Territory,  
Clark County,  
Caddo Township.

A marriage was solemnized between David Fish and Nancy Hemphill on the 2nd of October A.D. 1821. The ceremony was performed by me.

JACOB STROOPE, J.P.

I do certify that the above is a true copy of the original, received and recorded, this 12th October A.D. 1821.

HENRY L. BISCOE, Clk.

Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Book A, page 6.

William Kelley and his brother Elijah Kelley and father Giles Kelley are the first permanent settlers of record in Pike county, Arkansas. Sam Williams in his memorabilia, 1887, writes, "in November 1815, they located on Wolf Creek in what is now Pike County, but all that country was embraced within the geographical limits of (Clark and) Hempstead County when the Territory was organ-ized. Their stopping there was purely accidental. They started out from (Illinois) to go to Texas, but they became waterbound at Wolf Creek. It was a beautiful valley, a modern Arcadia, and old man Kelley, believing that he might go further and fare worse, gave up all idea of pushing on to Texas and located there."

William Kelley was born in Tennessee on December 17, 1794. The Kelleys eventually established their residence in Jackson county. In 1804 they moved from Tennessee to Illinois and settled in Madison, then St. Clair county, Indiana territory. Early land records indicate Giles Kelley was granted permission to "situate on the heads of Canteen Creek joining David White on the north" in 1808. This is near present day Troy, Illinois.

William Kelley enlisted as a private in Captain Samuel Whiteside's company of U.S. Mounted Rangers in the regiment commanded by Colonel William Russell on March 10, 1813 at Russellville, Illinois. He served a one year tour of duty at Camp Silver Creek and later Camp Russell, Illinois and was discharged on March 10, 1814. They had been called into service by Ninian Edwards, governor, during the Indian wars on the frontier of Illinois.

William Kelley and Rebecca McMahan were married June 14, 1814 in Madison county, Illinois. Rebecca McMahan was born May 4, 1800. She was the daughter of Robert McMahan, Sr. and Nancy Kester. The McMahans then lived on Horse Prairie in Randolph county, Illinois. Her father came to Illinois in 1793 and died in Madison county in 1823. Her mother lived to an advanced age. The Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas suggests, "aged one hundred and five." The children of William Kelley and Rebecca McMahan, were:

Elizabeth Kelley born June 22, 1815 in Madison county, Illinois; married James Hopkins Kirkham on November 14, 1832 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas; mother of eleven children; died 1874

in Pike county, Arkansas.

Samuel Kelley born May 5, 1817 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas; married first Rebecca McMahan on June 4, 1840 in Madison county, Illinois; married second Nancy (Bullock) Horton on July 27, 1876 in Howard county, Arkansas; died August 10, 1894 in Pike county, Arkansas; buried in the Murfreesboro Cemetery, Pike county, Arkansas.

Giles Kelley born February 2, 1819 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas; died after October 1, 1843.

Robert McMahan Kelley born March 31, 1821 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas; married Sarah Adaline Carpenter in 1839 in Pike county, Arkansas; died in 1867.

Nancy Kelley born January 20, 1823 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas; married William G. Dossey in 1839 in Pike county, Arkansas.

Elijah W. Kelley born February 17, 1825 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas; married Elizabeth McDaniel on April 14, 1843 in Pike county, Arkansas; died October 22, 1877 in Pike county, Arkansas; buried in the Delight Cemetery, Delight, Pike county, Arkansas.

Margaret Kelley born August 24, 1827 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas; married Willis Hopwood Doss on August 31, 1853 in Pike county, Arkansas; died December 13, 1896; buried in the Delight Cemetery, Delight, Pike county, Arkansas.

William Jackson Kelley born December 20, 1829/1830 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas, married Nancy N. Scott on June 24, 1852 in Hempstead county, Arkansas; died August 25, 1872 at Murfreesboro, Pike county, Arkansas.

George Washington Kelley born January 1, 1832 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas; died July 15, 1832 in Clark, now Pike county, Arkansas.

Martha Ann Kelley born September 15, 1834 in Pike county, Arkansas; died January 19, 1835 in Pike county, Arkansas.

William Kelley was commissioned a magistrate of Clark county, Arkansas for Missouri township on July 26, 1828. When Pike county, Arkansas was organized in 1833, he continued as a magistrate or justice of the peace, and was elected the second judge of Pike county succeeding Washington Sorrels in 1835. He served as judge until 1840 when he was replaced by David Huddleston. He was re-elected county judge in 1844 and served until 1848. He was followed by James Scott. The Bio-graphical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas indicates William Kelley was "by pro-fession a Baptist minister" who "changed his views uniting with the Christian Church and a practicing physician for many years" an "M.D. (medical doctor) of the Botanic School." His occupation is given as "physician" in the 1860 Pike

County, Arkansas census.

The records of the Antioch Church of Christ at Delight, Arkansas 1833-1916, indicate he was ordained an Elder on October 19, 1842 and appointed Pastor of the church on December 24, 1842. He became an Evangelist (or minister of the gospel) on November 23, 1851. He was ordained by Elder M.H. Wade at the house of Abner H. Hancock in Pike county. Sam Williams indicates, William Kelley "was a Campbellite preacher" and "gifted with a phenomenal memory." He "possessed the extraordinary acquirement of being able to recite, by heart, the entire New Testament."

William Kelley died February 14, 1869. Rebecca McMahan Kelley, blind, according to the 1850 census, died October 9, 1857. They were buried in a family cemetery at their residence near Wolf Creek, Pike county, Arkansas where they settled in 1815.

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#### **Last Will and Testament of William Kelley**

An abstract of the Last Will and Testament of William Kelley of Pike County, Arkansas dated January 5, 1869.

I give, devise, and bequeath, to my beloved daughter Margaret Doss, all my real estate lying and being situate in the County of Pike, State of Arkansas, and described as following, to wit: The South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section Nineteen in Township Eight, South of Range Twenty three West, containing thirty nine (39) acres (by reason of one acre being given and donated to the Christian Church, it leaves this Quarter or forty acres one acre less), and the South East quarter of the North West quarter of Section Thirty in Township Eight, South of Range Twenty three West containing forty acres & the North East quarter of the North West quarter of section Thirty in Township Eight, South of Range twenty three West containing forty acres and the land in Range Twenty three West, Township Eight South, Section Thirty, the West half of the North East quarter of section Thirty, containing eighty acres, making in all one hundred and ninety nine acres (199) acres, more or less, to have and to hold the same to her, for and during her natural life and after her decease to her bodily heirs respectively, share and share alike.

I give and bequeath to my beloved children, (Elijah) W. Kelley, Samuel Kelley, William J. Kelley, Elizabeth Kirkham, Margaret Doss, Nancy Dossey heirs, and Robert M. Kelley's heirs, the sum of one dollar each to be paid to each of them out of my personal goods and chattels as soon after my decease as conveniently may be done and then the balance or residue of my personal property and chattels respectively, share and share alike.

Lastly, I do nominate and appoint my son William J. Kelley and Willis H. Doss (son-in-law) to be the executors of this, my last Will and Testament.

WILLIAM KELLEY

Witnesses:

A.J. Crawford, J.H. Wingfield  
of Pike County, Arkansas.

**Proof of Will**

March 12th 1869. Before Jas. H. Howard Clerk &c., came A.J. Crawford and J.H. Wingfield who being duly sworn depose and say: we live in Pike County, Arkansas; that we were called upon by William Kelley to sign an instrument of writing which he declared to be his last Will and Testament, that he signed the (same in the) presence of each of us, that we signed the same at the request of the said (William) Kelley and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory at that time and that his residence was in Pike County, Arkansas.

Recorded July 30, 1869.

Signed by Jas. H. Howard clerk. Seal of Court affixed.

Abstract of Title Book Prior 1890, page 310. Abstract of the Last Will and Testament of William Kelley, Will Book A, page 54.

**BOUNTY LAND CLAIM.**

Form of Declaration for surviving  
Officer or Soldier.

State of Arkansas,

ss.

County of Pike.

On this 20th day of October, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, personally appeared before me, Clifford D. Westerman, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, William Kelley, aged 57 years, a resident of Pike County in the State of Arkansas who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical William Kelley who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Whitesides in the Regiment of Mounted Rangers commanded by Colonel William Russell in the war with the Indians in the year 1812 & 13, on the frontier of Illinois; that he enlisted at Russellville, Illinois as he believes, on or about the (blank) day of May or April, A.D. 1813 for the term of twelve months, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of twelve months, and was honorably mustered out of service on the (blank) day of April or May, A.D. 1814, on account of his term of service having expired.

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 KELLEY

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year above written. And I hereby certify, that I believe the said William

Kelley, to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated.

C.D. WESTERMAN, J.P (L.S.)

State of Arkansas,

ss.

County of Pike.

I, Thomas K. Dossey, Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for the County and State above mentioned, do hereby certify, that Clifford D. Westerman, whose genuine signature appears above, is, and was, at the time of signing the same, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State, aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts 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 Murfreesborough, this 20(th) day of October, A.D. 1851.

THOS. K. DOSSEY, Clerk.

LETTER.

Pike County, Ark. March 4th, 1854.

Dear Sir. Yours of Jan. 29th is duly rec'(d) & I am much obliged to you for the interest you have taken in my behalf. I will have to trouble you further in my case, if you pleas(e).

I served twelve months in the Regiment of United States Mounted Rangers, the Regiment com'(d) by Col. William Russell & in the Company commanded by Samuel White-sides. I enlisted in the spring of A.D. 1813 & was discharged in the spring of 1814 in the State of Illinois.

Be kind enough on the receipt of this, to procure the Land warrant for me & you will lay under, particular obligations to you. Direct your communication (and warrant, if you get it) to me, Antoine P.O., Clark County, Ark.

I remain yours respectfully, &c.

WILLIAM KELLEY

Hon. R.W. Johnson  
U.S.S., Washington, DC.

Bounty Land Application File of William Kelley. National Archives, Washington, DC.

Land Office, Washington, Arkansas

No. 1668

The 18th day of January, 1836.

I, William Kelley, of Pike Cty., Ark. do hereby apply for the purchase of the NE qr. of the NW qr. of section numbered thirty

in township numbered eight, south of range number twenty-three, west, containing forty acres, according to the returns of the Surveyor General, for which I have agreed with the Register to give at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

WILLIAM KELLEY

I solemnly swear, that the above described land is intended to be entered for my own personal use and not in trust for another, and that the same is intended to be entered for the purpose of cultivation.

WILLIAM KELLEY

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th January, 1836.

G.W. CONWAY, J.P.

I, G.W. Conway, Reg(tr.), do hereby certify that the Land within described is vacant and subject to entry and the price agreed is one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre and contains 40 acres.

G.W. CONWAY, Regtr.

Receiver's Office at Washington, A.T.

No. 1668  
January 18th, 1836.

Received from William Kelley of Pike Co., A.T., the sum of Fifty dollars and (blank) cents, being in full payment for the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section No. Thirty, in Township No. Eight, South of Range No. Twenty-three, West, containing Forty acres, at \$1.25 cents per acre.

\$50.00 D.T. WITTER, Receiver.

No. 1668, Land Office,  
Washington, Arkansas  
January 18th, 1836.

It is hereby certified, That in pursuance of Law, William Kelley, of Pike county, Territory of Arkansas on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the lot or North East quarter of the North West quarter of section number thirty in township number Eight, south of range number twenty-three, west, containing forty acres, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, amounting to fifty dollars and (blank) cents, for which the said William Kelley 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 William Kelley shall be entitled to receive a patent for the lot above described.

Act of 5th April, 1832.  
G.W. CONWAY, Register.

Cash Certificate 1668, Washington, Arkansas Land Office. Record Group 49, Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland.

**Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas**

July Term 1821

This day, William Gentry, having served the time which the law prescribes as overseer of a part of the public road leading from Jacob Barkman's to the Little Missouri, commencing at the Antoine and ending (at) the Little Missouri, presented to the Court the order issued by the Clerk of this Court.

Whereupon, the Court appointed William Kelley overseer of said road for one year.

Clark County, Arkansas Circuit Court Minutes, July Term 1821. Courthouse, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

**John W. Williams, Complainant**

vs.

**William H. Bizzell & Asa Thompson, Defts.**

CHANCERY

And now on this day comes the Complainant by his Solicitors and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Defendant Asa Thompson is a non resident of this State. It is therefore ordered by the Court, upon motion of the said Complainant, that the said Defendant Asa Thompson be notified of the commencement of this suit and that the substance of the Complainants bill is as follows, to wit:

That, said Complainant and said Asa Thompson had various business transactions with each other in the course of which the Complainant fell in debt to the said Thompson and executed to him several writings obligatory ... which said writings obligatory on the 20th day of July 1840 were endorsed by said Thompson to one William H. Bizzell who instituted suit thereon in the Hempstead Circuit Court and recovered judgement for Seven hundred and fifty dollars debt and eighty two dollars fifty one cents damages. The Bill further states that said Thompson was largely indebted to individuals and the Banks and that he procured Complainant and Hugh Blevins to become his security upon a note to the Real Estate Bank of Arkansas in Wash-ington for three thousand dollars or thereabouts. That to secure them said Thompson executed to (not deciphered) a mortgage upon six negroes and other property specified in said Mortgage. That the Real Estate Bank instituted suit on said note against Complainant & Blevins and at the October term 1840 recovered judgement against them for two thousand four hundred dollars with six percent

interest thereon from (the) fourth of July 1840 together with costs amounting to about ten dollars and eighty three cents ...

The Bill further states that during the Spring or Summer of 1840, Thompson, for the fraudulent purpose of swindling his creditors and securities, secretly ran away from this State carrying with him, the negroes so mortgaged, as aforesaid, and other property to the State of Missouri where he sold them. That Complainant at great expense pursued said Thompson to St. Louis and there found three of said negroes, the residue Complainant has never been able to find or hear from ... The Bill further states that Complainant purchased of said Thompson a negro girl for which in hand paid (the) Sum of 200 in money and gave him his writing obligatory for two Hundred & fifty dollars ... That one Jackson Frazier has ... asserted a claim to Said negro girl and (has) Instituted a Suit for her Recovery in the Hempstead Circuit Court against the said Complainant & if successful, Complainant will not only loose the \$200 already paid as aforesaid, but would be compelled to buy the writing obligatory aforesaid, given for the residue of the purchase money of said negro girl without any available recourse, as said Thompson is insolvent and beyond the jurisdiction of the United States ...

It is therefore ordered that the said Defendant Asa Thompson appear before the Judge of this Court in Chancery on the third day of the next term of the Court to be holden at the Court House in the town of Washington, Hempstead County on the first Monday of April 1843 and plead, answer, or demur to said bill or that the same will be taken as confessed and a decree entered accordingly and that this order (be) directed to said Defendant by publication in some newspaper printed in this State for Eight weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the commencement of the said next term of this Court.

Whereupon Court adjourned until tomorrow 2 o'clock p.m.

WM. CONWAY B.

**Hempstead County, Arkansas** Chancery Court Record, October Term 1842, Book A, pages 231-236, excerpts. Asa Thompson left St. Louis, Missouri and fled to Houston then outside of the United States in the Republic of Texas.

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## ASA THOMPSON

A Notable Character

In the southwestern part of Arkansas in the long ago, there were numerous men of bold and enterprising character, nearly every one of whom developed some peculiar characteristic that rendered him either famous or notorious. Not the least conspicuous among these men was Asa Thompson, who in his day was probably as well and widely known as any individual in that whole region. At some period in his life, the particulars of which I never learned, he contracted an acute affliction of the spine which had the effect to draw him almost in double. I might better describe it by saying that his frame was drawn to a right angle. When walking, his head was but little if any higher than his knees. Had he been straight he would have been quite a tall man. His home was at Murfreesboro, in Pike county, but he was quite as familiarly known in Hempstead and contiguous counties as in Pike. He was enterprising and bold in speculation, and would seize hold of almost anything that promised to turn out profitable. Owing to his unfortunate deformity he could not ride astride of a horse. He always sat sideways, but never used any other than a man's saddle. I do not know whether it was because he could ride upon a man's saddle with more comfort, or whether it was from a feeling of pride or a sense of shame that he abstained from the use of a side-saddle.

His great weakness was cards, and it is probable that a more inveterate gambler never lived in Arkansas. Wherever he stopped, in his peregrinations through the country, he hunted up a game, which was not very difficult to do in those days. He was reputed to have been a great faro-dealer, and devoted a great deal of time to it. When not engaged in cards, he was absorbed in business, and accumulated considerable property. While living in Pike county he was elected to the legislature and served one session in Little Rock, where, it is hardly necessary to inform the reader, he found abundant opportunity to indulge in his favorite pastime. While the General Assembly of which he was a member was in session, the general conference of the Methodist church convened in the State Capital, and filled the town with preachers. During the sitting of the Conference religious services were held every night at the Methodist church, all the ministers attending, of course. One night, after preaching was over, several of the men were leisurely sauntering along the street together when their attention was attracted by a pedestrian, just in advance



of them, carrying a candle in one hand and stooped over as though he was looking for something on the sidewalk. He was moving at a very slow pace, and the men of the cloth very soon came up with him. They kindly enquired if he had lost anything, to which he replied that he had lost a hundred dollars. The preachers immediately expressed sympathy for him in this ill luck, and at once set about to aid him in searching for his lost roll. Each one bent down and began to peer attentively along the sidewalk. After proceeding thus some distance, one of them enquired of the doubled-up Diogenes if he had any idea where he dropped his missing treasure. "Oh, I dropped it up there at the faro-bank!" was Thompson's instant reply. It goes without saying that this was a "new revelation" to the men of the cloth, and that they then and there ceased searching for the lost money. The individual with the candle proved to be our eccentric friend, Asa Thompson. The man was unknown to the preachers, and his peculiar shape in walking led to the very natural mistake into which they had fallen. Thompson did not know, nor did he care who they were, inasmuch as he had very little respect for preaching and preachers, and the candid and truthful answer to the enquiry addressed to him was dictated by a humorous thought, which may have struck in at the moment, to give them a sell.

Notwithstanding, as stated above, Thompson sat upon his horse woman-fashion, he traveled a great deal. Buggy-driving in that day was almost un-known. These convenient vehicles had not yet been introduced into Arkansas; besides which, the then condition of the roads rendered such mode of locomotion impracticable. Asa was as well known in the country as "Humpy" Thompson as by his true name. He was exceedingly social in disposition and loved gay and jovial company. He once became the proprietor of a wandering circus which came through the country, and tried his fortune with that for some time, and to which he was no doubt an interesting side-show. In the vocation he no doubt found ample opportunity to pursue his favorite amusement.

The last seen or heard of "Humpy" Thompson, so far as I can learn, was in 1848, in which year he suddenly turned up in Washington, tarried a week or two, and then disappeared, probably going to the Omnium-Gatherums of the odds and ends of the earth: Texas.

**Sam Williams: Printer's Devil**, edited by Mary Medearis, 1979, pages 227-229.

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**Circuit Court October Term 1839.**

The State of Arkansas, Plaintiff  
vs.  
Asa Thompson, Defendant.

Indictment for keeping Faro Bank.

This day came the State of Arkansas by her attorney and the said Asa Thompson having failed to appear in discharge of his recognizance herein, and being solemnly called, came not; therefore on motion it is considered by the Court that the recognizance heretofore entered into by the said Asa Thompson and Hugh A. Blevins his Security be forfeited; that a scire facias issue thereon returnable to the next Term of this Court and on the further motion of the Prosecuting Attorney, it is ordered that an alias capias be issued against the said Asa Thompson directed to the Sheriff of Pike County and this cause is continued until the next term of this Court.

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**Circuit Court April Term 1840.**

The State of Arkansas, Plaintiff  
vs.  
Asa Thompson, Defendant.

Indictment for Keeping a Faro Bank.

This day came the State of Arkansas by Grandison D. Royston prosecuting attorney, and on his motion it is ordered that an alias capias be issued herein against the said defendant directed to the Sheriff of Hempstead County and this cause is continued until the next Term of this Court.

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**Circuit Court April Term 1840.**

The State of Arkansas, Plaintiff  
vs.  
Asa Thompson, Defendant.

Indictment for keeping a Faro Bank.

This day came the State of Arkansas by Grandison D. Royston, prosecuting attorney, and the said Asa Thompson having failed to appear in discharge of his recognizance herein, and being solemnly called, came not; thereore on motion it is considered by the Court that the recongizance heretofore entered into by the said Asa Thompson and Daniel E. Williams his security, be forfeited, and on the further motion of said Prosecuting Attorney, it is ordered that an alias capias be issued herein against the said Asa Thompson, directed to the Sheriff of Hempstead County and this cause is continued until the next Term of this Court.

**Hempstead County, Arkansas**, Circuit Court Minutes, Record Book E, pages 341, 422, 424.

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## FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: Asa Thompson born 1791-1800; age 30-39 in the 1830 census; lived in Alabama prior to Arkansas.

Wife: Margaret F. \_\_\_\_\_ born 1805 in New York; age 45 in the 1850 Hempstead County, Ar-kansas census.

Asa Thompson indicates in an affidavit dated December 14, 1839 he has a wife & six children.

### Children

Ann M. Thompson born 1827 in Alabama; married William C. Howard on January 27, 1842 in Houston, Harris County, Texas; living in Bossier Parish, Louisiana in 1850.

Van Buren Thompson born 1838 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; living with his mother in the Town of Washington, Hempstead County, Ar-kansas in 1850.

Asa Thompson born 1840 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; living with his mother in the Town of Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas in 1850.

Asa Thompson came to Arkansas from Alabama. He is listed on the 1829 Sheriff's Census of Pulaski County, Arkansas. The same year the records of the August Term of the Clark County, Arkansas Circuit Court indicate he was allowed to keep a tavern at his residence "at or near the Warm Springs." The "Arkansas Gazette" for March 30, 1830 contains an advertisement by Asa Thompson who had leased the "cele-brated Warm Springs on the Washita" and added "several new apartments neatly completed" prepared "to accomodate all who may favor him with their calls" and promised rates to be "as reasonable as can be afforded." In October 1830 he succeeded George W. Rogers as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hot Spring County, Arkansas. In 1832 he moved his residence to Clark County, Arkansas and settled on the military or public road and sold goods where Jeremiah Lathram lived. Still on the public road he moved his residence west of the Antoine near Wolf Creek and became postmaster of the Wolf Creek post office in 1833. He moved to the Clear Fork of the Little Missouri River near Murfreesboro in Pike County, Arkansas in September 1833. In October 1833 he was elected to represent Clark County in the Arkansas Territorial Leg-islature. He kept his residence in Pike County until 1840 when he moved to St. Louis, Missouri and in 1841 moved to Houston, Texas. Asa Thompson was last seen, according to Sam Williams, at Washington, Arkansas in 1848. He disap-peared and left his family. His wife and two sons are living at Washington, Arkansas in 1850. Joshua Morrison deeded a town lot in Washington, Arkansas to Margaret F. Thompson "in consideration of a feeling of charity" on January 25, 1850.

Margaret F. Thompson sold her town lot in Washington, Arkansas to William Burton and Stanford J. Burton on July 24, 1850.

1829 Sheriff's Census, Pulaski County, Arkansas. Clark County, Arkansas, Circuit Court Minutes, August Term 1829, page 214. The Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Volume XIV, Number 1, page 9. Territorial Papers of the United States, Arkansas Territory, 189-1825, Volume XIX, page 853. Willis S. Smith Scrapbook, Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas. Cash Certificate 4297, Washington, Arkansas Land Office, Record Group 49, Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland. Sam Williams: Printer's Devil, edited by Mary Medearis, pages 227-229. Hempstead County, Arkansas, Deed Book I, pages 4-5, 130-131.

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## REECE A. BREWER BIBLE

### NEW TESTAMENT

OF OUR

LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST,

TRANSLATED OUT OF

THE ORIGINAL GREEK;

AND WITH THE FORMER

TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED.

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NEW YORK:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,  
INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR MDCCCXVI.

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1855.

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### FAMILY RECORD.

#### Births.

Born May 2nd 1835, Mr. Joseph B. Riley, Union Co. Arkansas

Born May 9th 1886 Mabel E. Brown at Centralia, Lewis County, W.T.

Florence E. Brown was born Aug. 20th 1893 at Centralia.

Gladys M. Brown was born Oct. 18, 1895 at Centralia, Wn.

Willard E. Brown was born July 23, 1900 at Centralia, Wn.

Wilbert F. Brewer was born June 1, 1902 at Grand Mound.

Flora Brewer was born Feb. 4, 1904 at Grand Mound, Wash.

FAMILY RECORD.

Births.

John W. Riley was born the 4th Jany. A.D. 1857.

Henry C. Riley was born on the 11th day of Jany. A.D. 1859.

Bengmon (Benjamin) F. Riley was born the 5th day of Aprile (sic) A.D. 1861.

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FAMILY RECORD.

Marriages.

Joseph B. Riley & Elvira C. Brewer was married on the 13th of Octr. A.D. 1854.

Mound Prairie, Aug. 5th (no year), Married - At the residence of W.W. Miller, esq. and by the same, Miss E.F. Olney to Mr. J.B. Riley all of Thurston Co., W.T.

R.A. Brewer and Flora E. French was married Jan. 31. 1875.

J.S. Brewer and Sarah S. R was married Jan. 1, 1887.

David W. Brown and Ella M. Brewer was married June 25, 1885. Ella Brown died Dec. 4th 1902.

James B. Brewer and May M. Burke was married August 15, 1887.

Mr. Albert Wright and Miss Martha J. Brewer was married November 23, 1887.

Florince E. Brown and William M. Woody was married May 18, 1915.

Frank S. Mills and Effie F. Brewer was married Jan. 10th 1897.

Fred Brewer and Gertrude Morris was married Dec. 25, 1900.

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FAMILY RECORD.

Deaths.

Elvira C. Riley Departed this life the 27th day of Decemb'r A.D. 1861.

Flora E. Brewer Departed this life this 3rd day of December In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy nine.

Mahl E. Brown Departed this life the 7 day of June In the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty eight.

R.A. Brewer died Dec. 27th 1909.

**Reece A. Brewer Bible** courtesy of Aileen Brewer, Lynn-wood, Washington.

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**HENDERSON BREWER RECORD**

August 14th A.D. 1878

Henderson Brewer was Born Dec. 15th 1804.  
Bertha Brewer was Born March 14th 1812.

Henderson Brewer & Bertha White were married March 2, 1834.

First Set Children

Lucinda & Susannah Brewer was born January 14th 1835.

James W. Brewer was born May 1st 1836.

John O. Brewer was born April 4th 1837.

Mary Ann Brewer was born Nov. 4th 1838.

William Jordon Brewer was born April 9th 1840.

Martha Brewer was born April 4th 1841.

Laureyett Brewer was born June 28, 1845.

Ann Brewer was born Feb. 14th 1847.

Thomas C. Brewer was Born Oct. 20th 1848.

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Second Set

Samuel H. Brewer was Born Jan. 4th 1852.

Harriet Jane Brewer was Born July 2th 1854.

George Washington Brewer was born Aug. 25, 1857.

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John O. Brewer & Elizabeth Yates were married ...

Children

John Brewer born 1872.

Lewis Brewer born April 9, 1874.

Joe Brewer born 1876.

Easter Brewer born 1878.

Rena Brewer born Sept. 2, 1880.

Net Brewer born June 15, 1882.

Charles Brewer born Feb. 12, 1884.

Oliver Brewer born July 29, 1887.

Belvia Brewer born Aug. 8, 1889.

Oscar Brewer born May 20, 1891.

Tom C. Brewer born May 11, 1893.

Ethel Brewer Born June 7, 1896.

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Elmer King Brewer

Elmer K. Brewer Died April 14,  
1954 - Was Buried in Lawton  
Okla. April 16, 1954.

William Marion Brewer Died  
Dec. 10 - 1958 Buried in  
Okla. City, Okla.

Elver Lee Brewer Died April 6,  
1957 Buried in Sylvester, Tex.

Cammie Manuell Brewer Died May 31, 1953  
Was Born Aug. 7th 1902.

**Henderson Brewer Family Record** provided by Ronda Pesicka,  
Randolph AFB, Texas, 1997.

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**NESBIT J. TROUT RECORD**

N.J. Trout was borned the year of our Lord, May the  
17, 1855.

Edna Trout was borned the year of our Lord, Oct. 5,  
1880.

Sam Trout was borned the year of our Lord, Sep-  
tember 5, 1884.

Della Trout was borned the year of our Lord, Sep-  
tember 1, 1890.

Mack Trout was borned the year of our Lord, January  
24, 1893.

Nesbit J. Trout was married January 16, 1873.

**Nesbit J. Trout Record:** loose page in a Bible courtesy of Glen Trout, Delight, Arkansas. Nesbit J. Trout married Rebecca Isabella Kelley daughter of Elijah W. Kelley and Elizabeth McDaniel born January 23, 1857 and died Sep-tember 21, 1932. Nesbit J. Trout was the son of John H. Trout and Ailsey Owens and died April 10, 1920. Nesbit J. Trout and Rebecca Isabella (Kelley) Trout were members of the Antioch Church of Christ at Delight, Arkansas and are buried in the Delight Cemetery.

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**Last Will and Testament of Joseph L. Kirby**

Abstract made by an unknown abstractor about 1890 from original records of Pike County, Arkansas and recorded in Abstract of Title Book Prior to 1890

Will Book A page 37. Last Will and Testament of Joseph L. Kirby. "I, Joseph L. Kirby of County of Pike, State of Arkansas, being weak in body, but sound in mind, do make this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby appoint my son James W. Kirby and my wife Emeline Kirby, to execute the same. 1st. I desire (that) all my just debts be settled out of the proceeds of my personal proper-ty. 2nd. I desire that my wife Emeline and my daughter Elizabeth Caroline and Idella and my step daughter Mary Reeves, so long as they remain together, shall share equally of the benefits arising from my land and the residue of my personal property after my debts are paid, so long as three of them shall remain together, there shall be no division of the above named property with the exception that when any one of them ... (are)

to get another home they shall be entitled to a bed and furniture, a cow and calf and such other things as Mrs. Kirby thinks can be well spared off the place, and when less than three of them remain together, Mrs. Kirby shall be entitled to one of the forty's of land which I own, which she chooses and the other forty together with what personal property remains shall be divided among the other four." Dated December 25, 1862. Signed Joseph L. Kirby. Witnesses, Hiram Buchanan (and) James McWha. In Vacation. Before the Clerk, July 16, 1866 came Hiram Buchanan who being first duly sworn deposes and says, that I live in Pike County, Arkansas &c., that I was called upon by said (Joseph L.) Kirby to sign an instrument of writing which he declared to be his last Will and Testament and signed it in my presence and in the presence of James McWha and James McWha and myself signed it at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, that the Will was read in the presence of (Joseph L.) Kirby and met his approval. He was of sound and disposing mind and memory at that time. James McWha is dead and his signature hereto is in his own proper handwriting. Also came William Gilmer who being first duly sworn deposes and says, that I reside in Pike County, Arkansas, that I have been acquaint-ed with James McWha &c., that I have seen him write frequently and am well acquainted with his handwriting and that I am well satisfied that his signature as a subscribing witness to said Will is in his own handwriting. Jas. H. Howard clerk. Seal of Court affixed.

Abstract of Title Book Prior to 1890, page 310.

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### **Last Will and Testament of Priscilla Osburn**

Abstract made by an unknown abstractor about 1890 from original records of Pike County, Arkansas and recorded in Abstract of Title Book Prior to 1890

Will Book A page 83. Last Will and Testament of Priscilla Osburn. Dated October 11th 1867. "1st. I hereby give and bequeath unto my three daughters Sarah Arnold, Nancy Carter and Mary Ann Hunter, residents of Georgia, Two Hundred and Twenty acres of land, situated on the West side of the Caddo river in Clark County, State of Arkansas known as the 'Billingsly Farm' to hold the said lands unto the said Sarah Arnold, Nancy Carter and Mary Ann Hunter for and during their natural lives, then to revert to their bodily heirs, provided in case the said Sarah Arnold,

Nancy Carter and Mary Ann Hunter should not locate on said land within twelve months from the date of my death, the the same shall be equally divided among my three sons, William E., Andrew J. and Martin V. Osburn. 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my three sons William E. Osburn, Andrew J. Osburn and Martin V. Osburn, to be equally divided between them after my death, the tract of land upon which I now reside containing one Hundred and twenty acres, together will all my personal property of whatsoever description. 3rd. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said son Andrew Osburn executor of this my last Will and Testament." Witnesses, Wilson Trout (and) John Holcom(e). Will Book A page 87. In Vacation. November 22, 1875. Came before M.W. Hill, County Clerk, Wilson N. Trout and John Halcombe who being first duly sworn, depose and say, that on the 11th day of October A.D. 1867 they were called upon to witness the last Will and Testament of the said Priscilla Osburn deceased, that they were present and saw her subscribe her name to the within and ammend(ed) instrument of writing and that she declared the same to be her last Will and Testament, that she was in her right mind at the time of signing the same, that she requested them to sign the same as witnesses, that we did so in her presence and in the presence of each other. Duly signed by affiants. Recorded November 22, 1875. M.W. Hill, Recorder. No seal.

Abstract of Title Book Prior to 1890, page 311.

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### **Philip Doddridge Brewer**

1861-1932

Born near Hackett, in Sebastian County, Arkansas, June 18, 1861, died at Oklahoma City on August 28, 1932. Son of John Oliver Brewer, born in 1834 in (Pike) County, Arkansas, and his wife Sarah Louise Brewer, nee Council, born in Ala-bama. His paternal grandfather, William Lewis Brewer, a Methodist preacher, located in an early day in Sebastian County, coming from Pike County, Arkansas, where his father settled near Murfreesboro in 1818 or 1819, the Little Missouri River in said section being named by the party of settlers who came with his father from Missouri. His father was Oliver Brewer born in North Carolina in Hillsboro District, Chatham County, from where he moved to (Tennessee) and ... Missouri ... and later to a point near Murfreesboro in Pike County,

Arkansas, where he died on October 13, 1834. Married twice, by his first wife he had a son Henry Brewer, born in North Carolina, October 30, 1799, died April 30, 1876, and buried in a cemetery at Murfreesboro, Arkansas, (sons John and Oliver Brewer) and a daughter by the name of (Rosanna). By the second wife, who was born on December 27, 1787, and died December 10, 1827, he had the following children: Henderson Brewer born December 15, 1804, coming to Pike County, in Arkansas Territory, with his father ... The said William Lewis Brewer, born October 3, 1809 (in Bellevue), Missouri, coming with his father Oliver Brewer to Pike County, Arkansas, died March 1, 1871, in Sebastian County, Arkansas, and is buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery at Midland, Arkansas. His wife was Elizabeth Sorrels, daughter of George Washington Sorrels, ... one of the early judges of (Pike) County, Arkansas. Another son by the second wife was James Stephen(son) Brewer, born in Pike County, Arkansas, July 26, 1811. The following daughters were by the second wife: Lucinda, born in Missouri, December 13, 1813, whose first husband was John M. Dickson. After his death she married Abijah Davis. Another daughter was Rebecca Brewer, born in Missouri, January 12, 1815. Her first husband was named Sorrels, her second was named Griffin, her third was named Orrick, and her fourth named Ba-rentine. Another daughter was Mary Brewer, born March 15, 1820 in Pike County, Arkansas. She died March 14, 1841. Another daughter was Mathilda Brewer, born April 3, 1823, died March 31. 1841. Another daughter was Luvisa Brewer, born December 7, 1825. She married Major William Preston, who in an early day was engaged in the mercantile business in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. They had a son who was a distinguished officer in the Confederate Army. The dates of births and deaths of the said Oliver Brewer and his wife and children are secured from an old family Bible in the possession of Mrs. Cora Rountree, of Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas, who is a descendant of Lucinda Brewer. On the inside of the old leather bound volume appears in faded ink the following words: "Lucinda Davis - her book." On the front page of the Bible appears the following:

"Published by Waugh and T. Mason for the  
Methodist Episcopal Church at the Conference  
Office 14 Crosby Street,  
J. Collard, Printer  
1832"

Brewer Owens, who was raised by his grandfather,

Henry Brewer, says that his said grandfather told him that Oliver Brewer, the original Arkansas settler of their family, had a daughter by his first wife whose name he does not remember and who was a full sister to said Henry Brewer ... John H. Haynes, of Hope, Arkansas, is a descendant of (Oliver) Brewer, his grandmother's name being Lucinda Brewer ... The Brewer family from which Philip Doddridge Brewer was descended branched out ... settling in North Carolina, the Missouri Brewers coming from North Carolina. The father of Judge Philip D. Brewer, John Oliver Brewer, was named after his grandfather Oliver Brewer ... O.J.M. Brewer, of Heavener, Oklahoma, is a son of William C. Brewer, full brother of John O. Brewer of Sebastian County, Arkansas. There is a division in the narration as to how the Brewer family came from ... (Bellevue), Missouri to Arkansas, one branch of the family saying they came down what was called the "old Buffalo Trail," by way of Little Rock, which was after-wards surveyed and called the "Military Road," and that by said trail the Brewer and their fellow settlers came from Missouri with ox teams settling near Murfreesboro in Pike County, Arkansas, about 1818 or 1819. The other account is that said party floated down the Missouri River to and down the Mississippi River, to and thence up Red River disembarking at a point near Fulton, Arkansas, and settling at a point near Murfreesboro in Pike County, Arkansas. In any event this party were among the first settlers in said section in Arkansas Territory.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 Judge Philip D. Brewer's father, John Oliver Brewer, was county surveyor of Sebastian County, Arkansas. He enlisted in the Union Army, serving in that capacity until 1863 when he died, being buried in the Union Soldier's section in the cemetery at Fayetteville, Arkansas. His mother Sarah Louise Council, who was born in Alabama, came to Arkansas in 1858 whilst a girl, and married his father at a point near Hackett. His father dying in his infancy he and his mother continued to reside in the community, struggling against the adversities and vicissitudes, following the war. She died in 1913 at the age of eighty-three years and is buried in Hackett, Arkansas.

Being anxious to secure an education, the opportunities for which were meager on account of the devastation occasioned by the Civil War in that section, having attended available local schools, in 1877 he entered Asbury College, now DePauw

University, at Greencastle, Indiana, where he was a student for a short while. This constituted all educational advantages except what he received at home and through his own personal efforts as a self-educator. Being ambitious to become a lawyer he studied at home and under the occasional tutorship of the Hon. J.S. Little, of Greenwood, Arkansas, State Prosecuting Attorney for that Circuit, and later Circuit Judge, Congressman, and Governor. Judge Philip D. Brewer was admitted to the bar after an examination in open court at Greenwood, Arkansas, on December 20, 1886. J.A. Hale, who was afterwards his law partner, and C.D. James, were admitted to the bar in the same order. He opened an office at Hackett, practicing in the Circuit Court at Greenwood and Fort Smith and at other points. He was elected as a Democrat to the Lower House of the Arkansas State Legislature at an election held in the fall of 1890, serving during that session which extended from January 12th to April 3, 1891. Continuing in the active practice of law with an office at Hackett, when the United State Court was established at Cameron, Indian Territory, in 1895 he opened an office at that point, under the firm name of Brewer & Hale, the junior member being James L. Hale, who now resides at Poteau, Oklahoma. He retained his residence and office at Hackett for a short while, dividing his time with the Cameron office, until he disposed of pending litigation on the Arkansas side. In the fall of 1895 he removed to Cameron to take care of growing business on the Indian Territory side, where he remained until the fall of 1897, then removing to McAlester, Indian Territory, and engaging in the practice of law there under the firm name of Hale & Brewer, the senior member of said firm being the late Jap A. Hale. At the termination of this partnership he engaged in the practice of law there under the firm of Horton & Brewer, the senior member being William J. Horton. Later this partnership being dissolved he continued the practice of law there under the firm name of Brewer & Andrews, the junior member being Guy L. Andrews. In 1909 he was appointed by the Governor as Judge of the Superior Court for Pittsburg County, which office had recently been created by an act of the Legislature. In 1910 having been elected for a full term to said office he continued in that capacity until he was appointed to the Supreme Court Commission in 1911. On August 1, 1911, he removed to Oklahoma City, having qualified as Supreme Court Commissioner, all the time being a presiding judge of a division and holding such office by re-appointment,

until he resigned in 1916 to engage in the practice of the law in Oklahoma City under the firm name of Vaught & Brewer, the senior member being Edgar S. Vaught now United States Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and so continued in the practice of law until his retirement in 1926 on account of his health, the firm being at that time Everest, Vaught & Brewer.

The opinions prepared by him on the appellate court in reasoning, statement, and language disclosed a sound judicial capacity, learning and grasp of marked distinction. In the practice of law in the Capitol City he appeared only occasionally in the trial courts, being constantly engaged before the Supreme Court of the State, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal and Supreme Court of the United States, when not engrossed as a counselor, in all of which his work and achievements were of the first order.

He was a Mason, becoming a member of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory in 1898 at Wynnewood, later serving as Grand Orator, Grand Senior Warden, and Deputy Grand Master.

In 1903 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Indian Territory, serving one year. He had also served as Worshipful Master of his local lodge. He received the Master Mason's degree in October, 1882, in Amity Lodge No. 267 at Hackett, Arkansas, serving as a Deputy Grand Master in the Arkansas jurisdiction. He received all degrees of Masonry from the third to the thirty-second and the Scottish Rite Consistory at McAlester, Oklahoma, and was a member of India Temple Shrine, Oklahoma City.

In politics he was a Democrat. In 1900 he became a member of the Indian Territory Democratic Central Committee and so continued until 1904. In his quiet but effective way for years he participated in the Democratic organization activities. At McAlester he served a number of years as a member of the school board.

A successful business man and a lawyer, for a number of years he was a director of the First National Bank of McAlester, and after retiring from the Supreme Court Commission, engaging in the active practice of the law, he participated in the organization of, and became a director of the Liberty National Bank of

Oklahoma City, so continuing until his death. For a number of years he was its general counsel.

In early life he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, for years a member of the Board of Stewards of St. Luke's Methodist Church at Oklahoma City, and at the time of his death a trustee.

He also took an active interest in the Oklahoma Historical Society, having been for years prior to his death a Vice-President and Director. He was a member of the committee appointed by the Oklahoma Historical Society at an annual meeting, and approved by the Legislature, to act jointly with the State Board of Affairs in the construction of the Oklahoma Historical Building, his name being carved on the corner stone as a member of said committee.

He was a member of the Oklahoma Golf & Country Club and Men's Dinner Club at Oklahoma City.

Whilst on all occasions, displaying an admirable dignity, yet at times he disclosed a sense of quiet humor that was refreshing. His attitude towards early friends, especially those from the environs of his native country, evidence highest appreciation of the refinements of friendship.

Able, well poised and open - frank, firm, but kind - he faithfully met every obligation to his fellow man, country, Church and God. As a faithful and dependable friend, kind and loving husband, and foster father and grandfather he will be re-membered. As an ethical lawyer and upright judge he was the first rank, excelling not only in ability but also in character.

Married on November 25, 1894, at Hackett, Arkansas, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna L. Brewer. In his death the state lost one of its best citizens.

R.L. Williams

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### **Richard H.L. Rutherford**

Dr. Richard H.L. Rutherford, physician, Hollywood, Ark. Archibald Hamilton Rutherford, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Smith County,

Tenn., on the 14th of November, 1811, and died in Grant County, Ark., on the 9th day of December 1888 at the age of seventy-seven years and twenty-five days. He came of sturdy Scotch ancestry, whose emigration to this country was prior to the Revolutionary War. The family settled in Goochland County, Va., in 1747, and a number of its members still reside around the ancestral home in the Old Dominion. In 1805 his father, William B. Rutherford moved with his family to Smith County, Tenn., and there he received his final summons. He died in 1825. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret M. Parish, survived him a number of years and died in 1854 at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Archibald H. Rutherford was reared to the arduous duties of the farm, and received such educational advantages as the schools of that day afforded. In 1831 he came to Arkansas, wither his brother Samuel had preceded him in the year 1817, resided a year in Little Rock, and then moved to Clark County, where he lived for seven years. While there he engaged in merchandising, and at the same time studied law. In 1833 he was elected county judge of Clark County, and in 1835 he was elected clerk of the circuit court, and re-elected to the same office in 1836. One year later he was elected a member of the Legislature of the State, to till an unexpired term, and was re-elected in 1838 and again in 1840. He was admitted to the bar in 1838 and in 1841 was appointed deputy clerk of the United States court at Little Rock, which position he held until 1845. Mr. Rutherford was one of the Democratic leaders, and the Democratic organ for the State was the Arkansas Banner. He was selected by his party to control it, and he edited it with marked ability and force during 1845 and 1846. In 1847 he went with his brother, S.M. Rutherford, superintendent of Indian affairs, Southwestern Territory, to the Territory, and remained there until the fall of 1849, when he returned to Fort Smith, Ark., where he engaged in the practice of law with Ben T. Duval until 1855. In December of the previous year he was elected treasurer of the State of Arkansas, which position he held until 1857. In 1856 he was appointed by Gov. Conway, superintendent and instructor of the State penitentiary, also private secretary to the governor, and during a portion of the latter's term, he was also acting secretary of the State. In 1858 he was appointed clerk of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the Eastern District of Arkansas, which office he resigned in 1860. He was a State's Democrat of the Calhoun school, and warmly and ably advocated the



election of Breckinridge to the presidency in the memorable contest preceding the (Civil) war. At this time he was engaged in writing for the Arkansas True Democrat, a paper in which he had an interest, and at that time the ablest and most influential journal in the Southwest, outside of New Orleans, and which had an immense circulation. He took a firm and decided stand for Southern rights and State sovereignty, and was an inveterate foe of Northern aggression. In 1861 he was appointed Confederate States receiver for the Eastern District of Arkansas, an office of great responsibility and trust, which he held until the death of the Confederacy. During the war he removed his family to Texas, but remained himself the greater portion of the time in Arkansas in discharge of his duties as a public functionary. He has two sons in the Confederate army, one a surgeon and the other a member of the celebrated "Woodruff's Battery." After the war he had little to do with politics in an active way, but gave his attention principally to farming. He was twice married; his first wife died in 1838, leaving two children, both of whom are now living: Dr. R.H.L. Rutherford (subject of this sketch) and Mrs. M.E. Rowland, of Alexander, Ark. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Lewis, who died in November, 1854, leaving four children, two of whom are living: E.P. Rutherford, of Clarksville, Tex., and C.L. who was residing with his father at the time of the latter's death. The character of Mr. Rutherford was above reproach, and he was a man who would "feel a stain upon his personal honor like a wound." His whole life was an exemplification of the purest and most exalted principles. He was faithful to every trust, and devotion to duty was his watchword. He lived and died a sincere and active member of the Christian Church, with which he had been connected for fifty-four years. He was a good man, in the fullest sense of the word, a kind father, a loving husband and a true friend. Dr. R.H.L. Rutherford, the subject of this sketch was reared and trained by that good man, his father, and it is but natural that he should inherit some of the predominant characteristics of that gentleman. He was born in Clark County, Ark., on the 30th day of April, 1838, and in 1874 was married to Miss Mary E. Stell, a native of Pike County, Ark., born on the 30th day of April, 1858, and the daughter of Armstrong A. and Emily Wingfield Stell. To the Doctor and wife were born five children, four now living: Charles H., William C., Vernal L. and Stell. Dr. Rutherford received his scholastic training during a three years' course at that well-known and justly famous site of

learning, "The Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tennessee," "The St. Andrews," a superior Catholic college located where he then lived at Fort Smith, Ark., (which city, although on the Indian Nation's border-line, was then one of the most prosperous and promising, as it is now one of the greater of the principal cities in Arkansas), and he concluded the laying of his general literary foundation, upon which was to be builded his future achievements, in the collegiate department of "The Arkansas College," of Fayetteville, Ark., under the splendid tutelage of Prof. Robert Graham, its then president (who was pronouncedly one amongst the most erudite, progressive and successful educators, whose labors ever shed luster upon and gave caste to any Southern academy of learning), graduating at that college in 1856. Thus grounded, and thus superbly equipped as a scholar, the natural bent of mind and the studious habits of our subject impelled him, when in the eighteenth year of his age, to select as a field for his future achievements the profession of medicine, and after four years of unremitting application in the effort to explore in all their ramifications the occult minutiae of "the healing art," when he had attended in 1859 and 1860 the lectures and courses at the Medical College of Nashville, Tenn., he then obtained, with distinction, his deserved diploma from that unsurpassed temple of Galenic wisdom. Thence returning to his "native heath," his abilities as a physician and surgeon, as well as his energies as a man, were at once called into play, and a large well-paying practice for one of his age and experience forthwith followed, as surely and as naturally as effect follows the cause, for he was a born doctor, and the true physician, like the real poet, can not be made unless there be underlying native aptitude. As indicative of the proficiency in his profession which Dr. Rutherford had attained at the time of the commencement of the late (Civil) war which immediately followed the early manipulation by him of the "scalpel," it might be mentioned here, that when in 1862 from head-quarters of the National Southern Government, an order emanated for the establishment of "medical boards" in all Southern States, to be composed of the ablest, most eminent doctors in all that profession whose duty it should be, thoroughly and rigidly to examine (and license such as were found qualified only) all surgeons throughout the Southern States, whilst hundreds compelled to undergo such examinations, which were as rigid, exhaustive and merciless as medical knowledge and professional pride and duty could formulate - while

hundreds at the hands of that "State Board of Examining Physicians," of which in Arkansas the eminent Dr. P.O. Hooper, at Little Rock, was the capable president, utterly failed to meet its approval, and very many supposed capable practitioners were peremptorily denied the right to ply their vocation, Dr. Rutherford then, not only easily withstood this crucial ordeal, but with honors, was assigned to an exalted and a most responsible position in the hospital department of the Confederate army, which position throughout the entire war he maintained uninterruptedly, with great advantage to the country, and indeed, with such unqualified approval by the Government, that there can be no doubt, he could, without effort on his part to do so, have retained the position permanently in the regular army, had Southern arms triumphed in that struggle. At the disintegration of the Confederate forces, the Doctor returned to his native State; and, continuing as he has since done in the active practice of his learned profession, is now known to be, and is confessedly one of the most eminent and successful physicians in this section of country. In connection with his practice, the Doctor is also engaged in farming, owning as he does, some 200 acres of good land, of which about forty acres are under cultivation. Nor should we fail to mention, before concluding this sketch, that the Doctor inherited from his talented father the happy faculty of expressing his thoughts with ease and elegance in written composition; and he has frequently contributed to numerous journals in his locality, entertaining and instructive articles, on the various subjects which from time to time have claimed his attention and engaged his thought. Although seemingly unconscious of the fact, it is nevertheless true, that he is a most agreeable writer, and upon occasion can wield a trenchant and caustic pen, his command of the language being especially ample and noticeable, and his style forceful. Mrs. Rutherford is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In politics the Doctor is "a chip off the old block" also, and while not a member of any church, his stanch and rigid ideas of strict morality, and his natural amiableness of disposition, as common repute has it of him, justifies us in concluding this article with the assertion that he is at heart, a good man.

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**Pike County Arkansas Deaths S-Z  
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Name of Deceased	Death Date
Sanders, James	07/14/1914
Sanders, John H.	12/27/1914
Sanders, Wm. E.	02/26/1914
Scoggins, Nathan	08/05/1914
Self, Cooper	02/01/1936
Self, Thomas A.	08/09/1935
Sellars, W.J.	09/11/1934
Selloes, Flow	11/15/1915
Serls/Serreles/Sirrels, Caroline	10/02/1919
Serviss, Robert	03/09/1915
Sevier, Harry E.	06/07/1939
Sexton, Alfred	09/26/1934
Sharp, Lou B.	08/28/1938
Shepherd, Albert M.	04/15/1939
Shinkles, Rebecca	01/04/1936
Short, John H.	05/30/1935
Simmons,	10/23/1921
Simmons, Carl D.	01/27/1937
Simmons, Glynn	05/30/1914
Simmons, Hazel	10/27/1914
Simmons, Snow	02/08/1937
Slaughter, Francis	07/10/1923
Smalling, Dorthy May	03/17/1914
Smalling, Lillian	03/25/1936
Smart, John	07/04/1915
Smith, Bobbie	03/29/1939
Smith, Charley	11/05/1936
Smith, Gertrude	11/18/1936
Smith, Martha J.	06/11/1914
Smith, Mary	07/13/1936
Smith, William J.	01/02/1935
Sorrells, Sarah M.	09/29/1914
Springer, E.S.	11/28/1937
Starling, Jimmie May	11/08/1921
Stell, Robert W.	07/03/1940
Stelle, Charles E.	02/19/1914
Stevens, Deborah O.	05/10/1940
Stewart, Dock L.	01/10/1940
Stewart, Elbert M.	05/23/1935
Stokes, Irelle	02/26/1937
Stone, Clifftin	03/09/1915
Story, Clara	12/25/1938
Stover, Sarah A.	02/28/1940
Sublett, Herbert	07/26/1922
Sullivan, Rena F.	12/27/1940
Sullivant, John	01/27/1936

Sutton, Stella C.	11/01/1936	Ward, Frances	08/19/1935
Tallant, D.D.	12/05/1938	Ward, Henry Lee	04/15/1940
Tallant, Florence	12/23/1914	Ward, Oline	03/01/1923
Tallant, Mary E.	12/28/1914	Ward, Samuel J.	03/31/1936
Taylor, Charles F.	10/04/1937	Ward, Sarah Eve	05/09/1939
Taylor, Eulalah	02/15/1916	Ward, Willie M.	08/09/1914
Taylor, J.C.	08/27/1940	Waters, Henry M.	12/13/1922
Taylor, Joy	11/30/1936	Watson, Bettie	04/27/1915
Taylor, Lena May	11/15/1935	Wead,	06/22/1915
Taylor, Robert	02/21/1914	Webber, Thomas H.	10/19/1921
Taylor, Rosie E.	03/22/1934	Welch, Nancy E.	02/13/1914
Teague, Willis	08/27/1914	Wells, Lula	07/23/1938
Tedder, John H.	04/14/1937	Wesson, Sarah	10/22/1914
Terry,	06/05/1915	West, Brock L.	11/29/1935
Thomas, Bernice	07/31/1934	Westerman, Manervia A.	10/10/1937
Thomas, Geneva	12/18/1936	Wheatley, Dollie	03/22/1936
Thomas, Jewell	04/12/1914	Wheeler, Vercie Lee	09/19/1936
Thomas, Ray	04/09/1939	Whisahunt, F.J.	08/29/1936
Thomasson, James S.	10/18/1937	Whisenhunt, M.L.	11/29/1915
Thompson, Tom B.	01/09/1936	Whisenhunt, P.G.	09/20/1937
Thrash, Christopher C.	02/15/1937	White, Elizabeth J.	03/30/1939
Thrash, David	02/22/1934	White, Freeman	05/22/1915
Thrash, Elma	02/01/1939	White, G.W.	11/27/1937
Thrash, Josephin E.	08/14/1938	White, George W.	03/11/1915
Thrash, Vivian	12/21/1937	White, Isaac	07/07/1922
Thurman,	01/03/1915	White, James A.	04/17/1939
Thurman, William S.	08/28/1915	White, Mary	01/29/1936
Tolleson, B.J.	02/11/1940	White, W.J.	11/27/1937
Tolleson, James A.	04/22/1935	White, William	02/11/1936
Tolleson, Martin A.	08/07/1940	Whitehorn, Narol (sp) P.	04/19/1921
Tolleson, Maudie	07/13/1935	Whitehorn, Pauline	04/19/1922
Tolleson, Susan C.	04/03/1939	Whitmore, Velma C.	02/12/1938
Tollett, Reaer (sp)	02/23/1938	Whitted, W.A.	06/30/1937
Tollison, Delbert L.	03/21/1937	Whitten, John	08/08/1922
Trout, R.F.	06/16/1937	Wilcox, Mattie C.	04/28/1936
Trout, Sarah	11/11/1919	Willett, Ansel G.	09/03/1940
Underwood, Alice	05/19/1914	Williams, Dora L.	04/19/1938
Vaughn,	02/25/1934	Williamson,	05/02/1922
Vaughn, Bobbie	04/01/1939	Willis, M. Cal	01/26/1938
Vaughn, Boyce	09/20/1937	Wilson, Bettie	12/04/1935
Vaughn, Boyd	02/09/1940	Wilson, Catherine	05/23/1914
Vaughon, Bob	02/15/1915	Wilson, Jobe J.	04/30/1914
Vick, Annie	11/01/1922	Wilson, John C.	12/08/1921
Vinson, Adeline	05/20/1920	Wilson, Martha J.	05/31/1938
Wagner, J.T.	03/13/1923	Wilson, Mary E.	11/10/1937
Walker, Sarah Mae	12/15/1938	Wilson, William W.	10/26/1915
Wallace, Mattie	06/30/1938	Winford, Smith A.	08/20/1914
Walston, W.B.	03/22/1940	Wingfield, Deck	02/26/1923
Walton, Henry S.	03/21/1915	Wingfield, Martha A.	03/03/1940
Walton, Laura	04/20/1915	Wisener, Whitters M.	09/13/1914
Ward, Arthur J.	09/15/1940	Wood, Elias Jackson	05/10/1938

Woodall, Hilda	04/07/1938
Woods, Clyde	10/27/1921
Woods, William	03/12/1935
Wright, J.B.	03/27/1938
Yarbrough, William S.	10/08/1915
Yeargan, J.C.	10/11/1934
Yeargan, James C.	10/01/1934
Young, Nancy Ann	08/22/1923
Young, Nellie	06/02/1915

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Dear Dorothy,

I appreciate your help with my Pike county family research. I am sending some of the family information sheets I have and a chart of my direct generation line.

My Lee and Johnson lines are from Pike County via Georgia. I am not sure about the Simpsons. Sarah Jane Simpson married Greenberry Lee. They were in Cherokee County, Georgia in the 1850 Census and in Pike County in the 1860 Census. I do not know who Sarah Jane's parents were - there is some indication that her mother was a Sims.

The Dooly name is not in my direct line. Allen Dooly's widow married Lewis Bobo the father of Mary E. Bobo who married Robert R. Highsmith. Their daughter (my great grandmother) was born in Montgomery County (1865). It seems much of Pike County roots go back to Georgia.

I will appreciate any information you might have or connections I might make. If I can be of any help with information from Georgia, I will be more than happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Roena

P.S. I have a copy of "Highsmiths in America" (and) if you need information from this source let me know. It's coverage is quiet extensive.

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Paternal Generation Table

**Earl Austin Ross** born November 19, 1912 at Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas; married September 13, 1935 in Oklahoma; died July 23, 1962 at Gurdon, Clark County, Arkansas; father Ernest Drew Ross; mother Flossie Faye Davis.

**Lorena Nobles** born November 2, 1910 at Hot

Springs, Garland County, Arkansas; died November 1, 1989 at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas.

**Ernest Drew Ross** born February 13, 1886 at Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas; married December 27, 1911 at Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas; died January 15, 1959 at Gurdon, Clark County, Arkansas; buried in Rose Hedge Cemetery; father William J. Ross; mother Margaret Caroline Highsmith.

**Flossie Faye Davis** born April 1, 1896 at Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas; died November 12, 1980 at Gurdon, Clark County, Arkansas; buried in Rose Hedge Cemetery; father Nicholas Morgan Davis; mother Sarah Ann Johnson.

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**William J. Ross** born January 12, 1857 in Arkansas; married February 17, 1884; died October 8, 1892; buried in Clear Springs Cemetery, Clark County, Arkansas; father William D. Ross; mother Rebecca Jane Hignight.

**Margaret Caroline Highsmith** born July 25, 1865 in Montgomery County, Arkansas; died October 19, 1946 at Caddo Gap, Arkansas; buried at Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas; father Robert R. Highsmith; mother Mary Elizabeth Bobo.

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**Nicholas Morgan Davis** born January 31, 1874 in Arkansas; married January 29, 1892; died April 3, 1966 in Missouri; father William Jackson Davis; mother Delia Lenorah \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Sarah Ann Johnson** born December 9, 1878; died June 20, 1913 at Okolona, Clark County, Arkansas; father Francis Samuel Johnson; mother Louisa Alice Lee.

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**William D. Ross** born February 16, 1823 in Alabama; married September 20, 1849; died March 14, 1901; buried in Clear Springs Cemetery, Clark County, Arkansas; father Jesse Ross; mother Mary Morris.

**Rebecca Jane Hignight** born January 16, 1836 in Arkansas; died November 13, 1914 in Arkansas; buried in Clear Springs Cemetery, Clark County, Arkansas; father Abner Hignight; mother (Indian)

Mary \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Robert R. Highsmith** born April 15, 1814 in Hall County, Georgia; married January 13, 1848 in Floyd County, Georgia; died December 20, 1876 at Norman, Arkansas; father James Highsmith; mother Mary (Polly) Cason.

**Mary Elizabeth Bobo** born August 18, 1832 in Hall County, Georgia; died July 13, 1893; married second Charles R. Floyd on November 22, 1883. father Lewis Bobo; mother, Mrs. Letty (Brantley) Dooly.

**William Jackson Davis** born April 9, 1838 at Oak Bowery, Chambers County, Alabama; died March 14, 1919 at Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas; father Mathew (sp) Davis; mother Mahaley Willson (sp).

**Delilah Lenorah \_\_\_\_\_** born about 1844 in Georgia; died July 19, 1881 at Okolona, Clark County, Arkansas.

**Francis Samuel Johnson** born February 2, 1852; married February 21, 1875; died February 11, 1923; buried in Cutter Morning Star Cemetery at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

**Louisa Alice Lee** born October 5, 1856 in Arkansas; died March 14, 1927 at Hot Springs, Arkansas; buried in Cutter Morning Star Cemetery at Hot Springs, Arkansas; father Greenberry Lee; mother Sarah Jane Simpson.

**Jesse Ross** born 1783 in Kentucky; married in 1808; died before July 14, 1847 in Clark County, Arkansas; father Davis Ross; mother Susanne (sp) Sutherland.

**Mary Morris** born in Kentucky; died June 20, 1847 in Clark County, Arkansas.

**Abner Hignight** born 1791; married about 1820; died 1857 in Clark County, Arkansas; buried beside the Terre Noir; there is an historical marker.

**Mary \_\_\_\_\_** (Indian); no other information.

**John Highsmith** born 1790 in Georgia; married about 1810; died 1863 in Elbert County, Georgia;

father James Highsmith; mother Milly \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Mary (Polly) Cason** born May 6, 1794 in Elbert County, Georgia; died March 28, 1873; father John Cason.

**Lewis Bobo** married July 7, 1829; father Benjamin Bobo; mother Sarah Highsmith.

**Mrs. Lettie (Brantley) Dooly**, his wife; no other information.

**Matthew Davis** married July 26, 1831 in Upson County, Georgia.

**Mahaley Willson (sp)**, his wife; no other information.

**Greenberry Lee** born November 25, 1817 in South Carolina; married December 23, 1846; died June 3/8, 1903; father Frederike (sp) Lee.

**Sarah Jane Simpson** born March 9, 1830 in South Carolina; died March 30, 1863.

**David Ross** born 1753 in Fluvannia County, Virginia; died 1825 at Adairville, Logan County, Kentucky.

**Susan Sutherland** born 1767 in Virginia.

**James Highsmith** born 1763 in Halifax County, Virginia; died (January or March) 10, 1824 in Elbert County, Georgia; father Daniel Highsmith; mother Ann Beck.

**Milly \_\_\_\_\_** born 1770 in Elbert County, Georgia; died 1837 in Georgia.

**Benjamin Bobo** born August 23, 1785 in South Carolina; died June 6, 2852; father Lewis Bobo; mother Mary Parks.

**Sarah Highsmith** born about (between) 1790-1795 in South Carolina; father James Highsmith; mother Milly \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Daniel Highsmith** born about 1710 in Norfolk County, Virginia; married about 1735; died late 1771 or early 1772; will signed March 11, 1771 and probated February 1772 in Halifax County, North Carolina; father Bartholomew Highsmith; mother Eleanor Powell.

**Ann Beck** born 1715 in Norfolk County, Virginia; father Benjamin Beck; mother Margaret Sugg.

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**Lewis Bobo** born 1765; died December 10, 1793; father Lewis Bobo; mother Sarah Solomon.

**Mary Parks** born about 1763; father Charles Parks.

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**Benjamin Beck** born 1685 in Norfolk County, Virginia; married about 1705; died before February 20, 1719; father Jeremiah Beck; mother Ann Morrow.

**Margaret Suggs** born about 1790; married second John Mercer; father George Sugg; mother Sarah Ives.

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**Lewis Bobo** born about 1726 in France; died 1809 in South Carolina; father Francis Spencer Bobo; mother Mary Judith Mason.

**Sarah Solomon**, his wife; no other information.

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**Jeremiah Beck** born about 1650; married about 1685.

**Ann Morrow** (or Murray) born about 1650; died about 1700-1701 in Princess County, Virginia.

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**George Suggs** born about 1660; died about 1734 in Norfolk County, Virginia.

**Sarah Ives** born about 1660.

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**Richard Powell Jr.** father Richard Powell Sr.; mother Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Susan Clemens** married second John Powell.

**David Morrow Sr.** (or Murray) born about 1625; died by May 16, 1693 in Norfolk County, Virginia.

**Ann**, his wife, living in 1680.

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**Timothy Ives Jr.** born about 1640; died after 1716.

**Elizabeth Huele** (or Harle), his wife; no other information.

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**John Powell** came to America about 1609.

**Katherine** \_\_\_\_\_ , his wife; no other information.

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### **Ancestors of Mayme Elmetta Lyda**

#### Generation No. 1

**Mayme Elmetta Lyda** born December 3, 1896 in Copper, Delta County, Texas; died June 21, 1972 in Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. She was the daughter of John Henry Lyda and Sarah Frances Eddie Jane Whisenhunt. She married (1) Charles Carcy Anderson on December 2, 1916 in Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. He was the son of William Henry Anderson and Fatima Elizabeth Johnson.

#### Children of Mayme Lyda and Charles Anderson

Helen Loraine Anderson born March 3, 1918 in Floyd, New Mexico; married Delbert DeWitt Suggs on June 13, 1937 in Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

Charles Norwell Anderson born December 2, 1919 in Cone, Crosby County, Texas; married Rosalie Inez Kimbell.

William Leroy (Sid) Anderson born January 6, 1922 in Floyd, Roosevelt County, New Mexico; married (1) Mary Lucille Miller; married (2) Bar-bara Jane Moore.

Lura Electra Anderson born December 2, 1923 in Floyd, Roosevelt County, New Mexico; married Joseph Phillip (J.P.) Miller.

Wilma Jean Anderson born December 13, 1926 in Floyd, Roosevelt County, New Mexico; married Owne Boyd Kimbell on August 31, 1945.

Wanda Agnes Anderson born January 29, 1931 in Floyd, Roosevelt County, New Mexico; married Robert Young Grider on February 4, 1949.

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Generation No. 2

**John Henry Lyda** born September 8, 1870 in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; died May 24, 1950 in Littlefield, Texas. He was the son of Jacob Lyda and Lucindy Brock. He married Sarah Frances Eddie Jane Whisenhunt on October 17, 1895 in Cooper, Delta County, Texas.

**Sarah Frances Eddie Jane Whisenhunt** born January 25, 1877 in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; died January 6, 1957 in Littlefield, Texas. She was the daughter of Bailey Whisenhunt and Mary Frances Rodgers.

Children of John Lyda and Sarah Whisenhunt

Mayme Elmetta Lyda born December 3, 1896 in Copper, Delta County, Texas; died June 21, 1972 in Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico; married Charles Carey Anderson on December 2, 1916 in Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

Louis Bailey Lyda born April 11, 1898; died July 8, 1899 in Delta County, Texas.

Allie Lou (Addie) Lyda born January 1, 1900; died February 15, 1907 in Wizard Wells, Texas.

Cleberne Alvin Lyda born March 25, 1903 in Delta County, Texas; died April 4, 1928 in Abernathy, Texas; married Ruby Faye Dunn on July 17, 1924.

Ollie Lonita Lyda born November 19, 1904 in Wise County, Texas; married Very (sp) Black on July 5, 1924.

Dorothy Ilene Lyda born August 8, 1906 in Willow Point (Seebree), Wise County, Texas; died November 22, 1967 in Wichita Falls, Texas; married (1) Fred Singleton on July 5, 1924; married (2) Justin Hughes about 1927; married (3) Joe White about 1930.

Irma Frey (sp) Lyda born October 10, 1908 in Wise County, Texas; died July 26, 1970 in Olustee, Texas; married Roy Richard Hughes.

Preston Lonnie Lyda born December 23, 1910 in Chico, Wise County, Texas; died October 25, 1978 in Littlefield, Texas; married Ora Evelyn Webb.

Baby boy Lyda born November 22, 1915; died November 22, 1915.

Mildred Elsie Lyda born October 23, 1921 in Lubbock County, Texas; married Young Branham (Jum) Thompson.

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Generation No. 3

**Jacob Lyda** born 1844 in Arkansas; died March 8, 1931. He was the son of James Lyda. He married (1) Lucindy Brock about 1869; married (2) Malis-sa \_\_\_\_\_; married (3) Nancy Whisenhunt; and married (4) Ida \_\_\_\_\_; no children.

**Lucindy Brock** born in Arkansas; died 1872. She was the daughter of Amos Brock and Lukisa (sp) \_\_\_\_\_.

Children of Jacob Lyda and Lucindy Brock

John Henry Lyda born September 8, 1870 in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; died May 24, 1950 in Littlefield, Texas; married Sarah Frances Eddie Jane Whisenhunt on October 17, 1895 in Cooper, Delta County, Texas.

Luther Lyda born 1872; died 1872.

Children of Jacob Lyda and Malissa \_\_\_\_\_

Martha E. Lyda died 1917; married Tom Lyda. Jacob Lyda died 1935.

Isaac Lyda died 1922.

Rita Lyda married Robert L. Whisenhunt.

Emily Lyda died 1904; married Will Duckworth.

Adam Lyda died 1910; married Adah \_\_\_\_\_.



Children of Jacob Lyda and Nancy Whisenhunt

Benjamin Lyda born about 1895; died February 23, 1970.

Charlie Lyda born September 28, 1897; died February 1970.

Ethel Lyda born July 13, 1899; married McCoy.

Letha Lyda born about 1901; died 1968; married Watson.

Lydia Lyda born about 1904; died 1968; married Morrow.

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**Bailey Whisenhunt** born June 6, 1842 in Arkansas; died February 19, 1902. He was the son of Peter Whisenhunt and (wife) unknown. He married Mary Frances Rodgers.

**Mary Frances Rodgers** born July 16, 1851 in Mississippi. She was the daughter of Alford Rodgers and Amanda (Mandy) Rodgers.

Children of Bailey Whisenhunt and Mary Rodgers

Margaret Whisenhunt born about 1866; married Lige Dowdy.

Alfred Whisenhunt born May 15, (1868); married Fannie Kay Kendel.

Nancy Addie Whisenhunt born about July 1870; died 1904; married Jacob J. Lyda.

William Whisenhunt born November 3, 1872; married Polly \_\_\_\_\_ .

Lukizzia (sp) Whisenhunt born December 8, 1874; married Will Humphrey.

Sarah Frances Eddie Jane Whisenhunt born January 25, 1877 in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; died January 6, 1957 in Littlefield, Texas; married John Henry Lyda on October 17, 1895 in Cooper, Delta County, Texas.

Essiminni (sp) Whisenhunt born May 19, 1879; died December 16, 1968; married Newt Hestand.

Robert Whisenhunt born December 16, 1881.

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Dorothy,

Thank you for the reply to my request for Whisenhunt family info. Since writing you I have been in touch with Raymond Whisenhunt. He still has copies of his book so I may purchase one. We plan to be in Dallas in April so perhaps we will get together with him then.

I've enclosed what I have for your surname files. I'm not sure what format you prefer so I hope this works. I would love to hear from anyone on any of the family names. The Brock family is a very busy one for family research. I subscribe to a group on-line, but so far no help for me. Should anyone want to contact me on-line my address:

Tawker1@aol.com

Thank you also for the copy of The Gems. Mayme is my grandmother.

Carolyn Carpenter

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Mrs. Maryann Stalpers  
1406 Redcoat Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28211

June 26, 1997

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

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for your letter ... I am enclosing material on my HARDIN family project. Bobbie Jones McLane has helped me a great deal over the years - she understands what a "colorful" life my gr-gr grandmother Mary Hardin had. Mary Hardin is one I would still like to learn more about. As a Mary White she married Abner Harrison; as Mary Harrison widow of Abner Harrison she married William P. Hardin; and then according to pension records she married Herod S. Whitmore and she didn't know he had a wife at that time - documents all prove such.

I am enclosing a copy of the land record, 1860 Pike Co., Arkansas, for William P. Hardin. I realize that Clark Co., Arkansas was home a lot of the time to these Hardins. I would very much like to prove the birthplace of my grandfather and verify that his father, Marcus Hardin, is in fact the one who was murdered at widow Sparks in 1889. I believe that references on the sheets will be helpful. The family sheets begin with my grand-father: Alfred Alexander Hardin; Marcus (Mark) Hardin gr-grandfather; William P. Hardin gr-gr-grandfather. I have enclosed group sheets for William F.D. Hardin son of William P. Hardin by (his) first wife. I'd like to know more about her because it might help me locate William P. Hardin's family in Tennessee. Also enclosed is a family sheet on Lewis Hardin speculated to be a brother to William P. Hardin. Lewis was a next door neighbor of William P. Hardin in Hot Springs. Lewis's children appear to be with Abraham Wells on (the) census for 1860.

I am interested in all surnames involved with these Hardin men where children are born. Bobbie McLane checked out the newspaper articles thoroughly and none mentioned (the) name of (his) wife or children regarding the murder of Mark Hardin. I am wondering if there is information on (the) "widow Sparks" place? ... If you have any suggestions or ideas how to learn more about any of these people please let me know ... I know that Mark Hardin and his father-in-law were witnesses on a land transaction about 1883 and (I) think it was Pike Co. I don't know the name of Peter Childers' first wife for certain - his (Peter's) daughter Martha Jane Childers ... married Mark Hardin. I know nothing about Martha Childers (Hardin) after she became a widow except it was stated she married a second time (surname perhaps York) and had two daughters Ida and Grace. One daughter lived in Little Rock in (the) early 1900's. Martha Jane Childers Hardin (possibly York) was living in San Antonio, Texas in 1908 and at the time of her son's marriage to Myrtle Berry (in 1909). Martha worked as a cook at the state hospital ...

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,  
Maryann Stalpers

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Certificate  
No. 15595

**To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:**

Whereas, William P. Hardin of Pike County, Arkansas has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Washington, (Arkansas) where-by it appears that full payment has been made by the said William P. Hardin according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of Public Lands," for the North East quarter of the South West quarter of Section Four, in Township Nine, South of Range Twenty-five, West, in the district of Lands subject to sale at Washington, Arkansas containing Forty acres according to the official plat of the Survey of said Lands returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said William P. Hardin.

Now Know Ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, Have Given and Granted, and by these presents Do Give and Grant unto the said William P. Hardin and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said William P. Hardin and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony Whereof, I, James Buchanan, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the Second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-fourth.

By the President: James  
Buchanan  
By J.A.B. Leonard Secretary.

J.N. Granger Recorder of the General Land Office

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### **Alfred Alexander Hardin Family Group**

Husband: Alfred Alexander Hardin born 3 Feb 1883 in Pearsall, Texas; married 15 Aug 1909 in San Antonio, Texas; died 20 Apr 1961 in Long Beach, California; buried 26 Apr 1961 in San Diego County, California; father Mark (Marcus) Hardin; mother Martha Jane Childers.

Wife: Mary Myrtle Berry born 11 Oct 1887 in Van, Texas; died 20 Feb 1947 in Escondido, California; buried 25 Feb 1947 in Escondido, California.

#### Children

Florence Fayette Hardin born 28 Aug 1910 in Fort Wingate, New Mexico; married 4 Jun 1930 in Santa Ana, California to William Lloyd Bockus.

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### **Marcus Hardin Family Group**

Husband: Mark (Marcus) Hardin born 24 Feb 1863 in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; married 14 Oct 1880 in Clark County, Arkansas; died 5 Oct 1889 in Pike County, Arkansas father William P. Hardin; mother Mary (White) Harrison.

Wife: Martha Jane Childers born 1864 in Clark County, Arkansas; died about 1935; father Peter C. Childers.

#### Children

William Mark Hardin born 25 Nov 1882 in Hot Springs, Arkansas; married about 1905 to Etta \_\_\_\_; died 22 Apr 1933 in Costa Mesa, California; buried about 27 Apr 1933 in Glendale, California.

Alfred Alexander Hardin born 3 Feb 1883 in Pearsall, Texas; married 15 Aug 1909 in San Antonio, Texas to Mary Myrtle Berry; died 20 Apr 1961 in Long Beach, California; buried 26 Apr 1961 in San Diego County, California.

Daisy Hardin born 13 February 1884; died 27 May 1863 in San Antonio, Texas; buried 29 May 1963 in San Antonio, Texas.

Charles Lee Hardin born 17 Feb 1888; died 7 Oct 1953 in San Pedro, California; buried about 10 Oct 1963 in San Pedro, California.

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### **William P. Hardin Family Group #1**

Husband: William P. Hardin born about 1822 in Lincoln County, Tennessee; married 3 Jan 1843 in Marshall County, Tennessee; died 15 Apr 1865 in Little Rock, Arkansas; buried 16 Apr 1865 in Little Rock, Arkansas; married second Mary (White) Harrison.

Wife: Jane Elizabeth Glenn born 1824 in Tennessee; died before 1855 in Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

#### Children

William F.D. Hardin born Sep 1845 in Hot Spring County, Arkansas; married 21 Apr 1872 in Montgomery County, Arkansas to Martha L. Housley; died 27 Jan 1888 in Clark County, Arkansas.

Lewis J. Hardin born 1848 in Hot Spring County, Arkansas; died after 1900.

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### **William P. Hardin Family Group #2**

Husband: William P. Hardin born about 1822 in Lincoln County, Tennessee; married 8 Oct 1855 in Hot Spring County, Arkansas; died 15 Apr 1865 in Little Rock, Arkansas; buried 16 Apr 1865 in Little Rock, Arkansas; married first Jane Elizabeth Glenn. Wife: Mary (White) Harrison born 1825 in Tennessee; died about 4 Feb 1896 in Clark County, Arkansas; married first Abner B. Harrison 12 Apr 1846 in Saline County, Arkansas; married third Herod S. Whitmore 15 Apr 1867 in Clark County, Arkansas.

#### Children

Polly S. Hardin born 1858 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Mark (Marcus) Hardin born 24 Feb 1863 in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas; married 14 Oct 1860 in Clark County, Arkansas to Martha Jane Childers; died 5 Oct 1889 in Pike County, Arkansas.

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### **William F.D. Hardin Family Group**

Husband: William F.D. Hardin born Sep 1845 in Hot Spring County, Arkansas; married 14 Jul 1881 in Pike County, Arkansas; died 27 Jan 1888 in Clark County, Arkansas; father William P. Hardin; mother Jane Elizabeth Glenn.

Wife: Marinda Osborn born 1858; married second 7 Nov 1889 to \_\_\_\_\_ Forester.

#### **Children**

William R. Hardin born 22 Feb 1883 in Clark County, Arkansas.

Nancy A. Hardin born 7 March 1888 in Clark County, Arkansas.

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### **Lewis Hardin Family Group**

Husband: Lewis Hardin born 1819 in Georgia; married about 1840 in Alabama; died after 1862.

Wife: Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_ born about 1824 in Alabama; died after 1862 in Arkansas.

#### **Children**

Arminda Hardin born 1841 in Alabama.  
Gracy E. Hardin born 1845 in Arkansas; married 7 Feb 1861 in Montgomery Co. Arkansas to William Smith.

Polly S. Hardin born 1848 in Arkansas.

William A. Hardin born 1852 in Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

Land Record and Family Group Records provided by Maryann Stalpers.

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### **WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT BIBLE**

#### **FAMILY RECORD**

##### **Births.**

William Taylor Lightfoot was bornd Feb. 24, 1802.

Elender Patron Lightfoot his wife was bornd January 20th 1807.

Rufus Taylor Lightfoot their son was bornd January 28th 1827.

Nancy Lisea Lightfoot was bornd May 17th 1828.

William Henry Lightfoot was bornd September 26th 1830.

Martha Jane Lightfoot was bornd December 20th 1832.

Robert Galbraith Lightfoot was bornd August 8th 1834.

Dilly Ann Lightfoot was bornd October 9th A.D. 1836.

Jefferson Monroe Lightfoot was bornd August 16th A.D. 1838.

John Alexander Lightfoot was bornd November 14th A.D. 1841.

Arrely (sp) Lightfoot was born March 10, A.D. 1878. Died Feb. 17th 1899.

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##### **Births.**

Amiriah Avery son of R.T. Lightfoot & Jane his wife was born June 30th A.D. 1851.

Sarah Eleander Josefien (Josephine) (Lightfoot) was born May 28, A.D. 1855.

Emily Clemintine (sp) (Lightfoot) was born December 15th A.D. 1857.

Wilson Monroe (Lightfoot) was born November 13th A.D. 1860.

Martha Elen (sp) Taylor was bornd November the 25, 1854.

John Taylor was Bornd June 22, 1861.

Calop (sp) (Whittemore) was bornd February 24, 1866.

Patron Holings Head (Hollingshead) was bor(n)  
March 1, A.D. 1874.

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#### FAMILY RECORD

##### Births.

William Taylor S \_\_\_\_ Lightfoot May 26, 1867.

Mary Penelopy Lightfoot was born December 4,  
1870.

Sarah Elizah Taylor born Sept. ... A.D. 18 \_\_ .

Nancy Caroline Glover born May 20, A.D. 1871.

Mary Penelope Glover born ... A.D. 187 \_\_ .

Martha P \_\_\_\_\_ Glover born July ... 187 \_\_ .

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##### Births.

Susan Caroline (Osborn) Lightfoot was born June  
24th 1851.

John A. Lightfoot was born Nov. 14, 1841.  
John Adolphus Lightfoot was born 19 Dec. 1869.

Mary Vesta Octava (Octavia) Lightfoot was born 25  
Jan. 1872.

Wm. H. Mitchell Lightfoot was born 2 Feb. 1874.

(illegible) ... born ... A.D. 18 \_\_ .

Zona Olena Nutt born Dec. 23rd A.D. 1873.

Adolphus T.R. Nutt was Borned June 27, 1876.

Adolphus Lightfoot was borned Dec. 19, 1866.

Emeline Lightfoot was born April 18, 1871.

Vergia Lightfoot was born January 11, A.D. 1890.

Joseph Lightfoot was born August 6, 1891.

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#### FAMILY RECORD

##### Marriages.

William Taylor Lightfoot and Elender (Nutt) his wife  
was married January 8th A.D. 1826.

Wilson Monroe Lightfoot and his wife Olena (Nutt)  
Lightfoot was Married October 2, A.D. 1890.

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##### Marriages.

John A. Lightfoot and Susan C. (Osborn) Lightfoot  
his wife was married October the 24, 1867.

Adolphus Lightfoot (and) Emeline Johnson his wife  
was married Dec. 18, 1887.

Adolphus T. Nutt and Mary O. (Osborn) Nutt his wife  
was maired (sp) July the 6, 1871.

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#### FAMILY RECORD

##### Deaths.

Nancy Lisea Lightfoot died Sept. 17, A.D. 1829.  
Wilson Monroe Lightfoot died July 31st A.D. 1845.

Dilly Ann Taylor Died August 1st 1874.

William T. Lightfoot died Feb. 4th A.D. 1867.

Rufus T. Lightfoot Died february 3, A.D. 1884.

Elender P. Lightfoot Died April 16, A.D. 1880.

Susan Osborn (Lightfoot) died Dec. 22, A.D. 1880.

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##### Deaths.

Adolphus T. Nutt died April 30, 1876

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County of Clark,  
The State of Arkansas,

To all persons whom these  
presents shall come, Greeting:

Know ye, that, the last will and testament of William T. Lightfoot late of Clark County in the State of Arkansas, deceased, hath in due form of law been Exhibited, proven and recorded, in the office of the clerk of the county of Probate for Clark County, a Copy of which is hereto annexed and in as much as it appears that John A. Light-foot has been appointed Executor in and by said last will and Testament, to Execute the same.

Therefore, to the end that the property of said testator may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, and that the said last will may be Executed according to the Request of the testator, we do hereby authorize him, the said John A. Lightfoot as such Executor, to collect and secure all and Singular the goods and chattels, rights and Credits which were of the said William T. Lightfoot at the time of his death, in whosoever hands or possession the same may be found, and to perform and fulfill such other duties as may be required upon him by said last will and Testament, so far as there shall be property and the law charge him, and in general to do and perform all other acts which now are or may be required of him by law.

In testimony whereof, I, Fred M. Greene, Clerk of the Circuit and Exofficio Clerk of the Court of Probate in and for the County and state, aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office, in the city of Arkadelphia, on this 5th day of April A.D. 1867.

Fred M. Greene, Clerk

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This, the last will and testament  
of Wm. T. Lightfoot.

I, Wm. T. Lightfoot, of the State of Arkansas and County of Clark being of sound mind and disposing memory, and considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make this my last will and Testament, in the name of God, Amen.

Firstly, I bequeath my soul to God who gave it.

Secondly, I do bequeath and dispose of my property as follows, Viz:

I bequeath to Wm. H. Lightfoot my son, The East half of the Northwest quarter of Section Eight (8) in

Township Six (6) South of Range twenty three (23) west; also Twelve (12) acres deed from Elijah Orsborn (Osborn) to me on (the) 5th day of March 1859.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Dilley Ann and her bodily heirs, forever, The North west quarter of the north East quarter of Section Eight (8) in Township Six (6) (South) of Range twenty three (23) west; also the north East quarter of the North East quarter of Section (8) Township Six (6) South of Range twenty three west, in the aggregate Eight (80) acres, together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

I will and bequeath to my son, John A. Lightfoot, the following described land, to wit: The South west quarter of the South East quarter (and the) South East Quarter of the South West quarter of Section five (5) in Township (6) South of Range twenty three (23) west containing eighty acres and four hundredths of an acre; also my Rifle gun by paying Mr. Isaac Bell for repairing it.

I also appoint my son, the above named John A. Lightfoot, my executor and require my funeral expense and just debts (paid) out of my personal property, giving him the discretion to sell the same at private or public sale as he may deem fit best, and if there is not sufficient to do so, that Wm. H. Lightfoot, Dilley (sp) Ann, and Rufus R.T. Lightfoot shall each pay to him an equal part of the deficiency to meet all debts.

I will and bequeath to my son Rufus R.T. Lightfoot the land on which he resides being: the north west quarter of the South West quarter of Section fifteen (15) in Township four (4) South of Range twenty one (21) west, containing forty (40) acres, also the South West quarter of the North west quarter of Section fifteen (15) in township four (4) South of Range twenty one (21) west, containing forty acres.

I also will and bequeath to the bodily heirs of my daughter Martha Jane Kizziah, now deceased, Eight Dollars, to wit: Merit Bascome Kizziah two dollars, Sarah Ellen Kizziah two dollars, John Ball Kizziah two dollars (and) Mary Delilah Kizziah two dollars.

Witness my hand and seal this February 3rd day, A.D. 1867.

William T. Lightfoot (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of the writer, Alfred Jones, who signs his name, (and) Lucinda (her x mark) Jane Jones.

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**W.D. Wood and Mary C. Wood to the  
Christian Church at Mountain Home**

Warranty Deed, Husband

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, W.D. Wood and Mary C. Wood, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of thirty Dollars to them paid by the Citizens & Christians at Mountain home, do hereby grant, sell and unto the said Citizens & Christians and unto their heirs and assigns forever, the following lands lying in the County of Pike and State of Arkansas, to wit: N. Pt. NE-SW commencing at (the) corner of NE-SW running east 21 Rods thence South 19 rods thence West 8 rods thence North 41 rods to the corner, (in) Section 1, T. 7 R. 24 West, containing four acres more or less, with one acre for (the) Church House site and three acres for Burial grounds.

To have and to hold the same unto the said Citizens & Christian Church and unto their heirs and assigns forever, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, that we will warrant and defend the title to said lands against all claims whatever.

And I, Mary C. Wood, wife of the said W.D. Wood, for and in consideration of said sum of money, do hereby release and relinquish unto the Citizens and Christian Church at Mountain home, all my right of dower in and to the said lands. Witness our hands and seals on this 24th day of Dec. 1886.

W.D. Wood (Seal)  
Mary C. Wood (Seal)

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

State of Arkansas,  
ss.  
County of Pike,

Be it remembered, that on this day comes before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for

the county, aforesaid, duly commissioned and acting, W.D. Wood, to me well known as the grantor in the foregoing Deed, and state that they had executed the same for the consideration and purposes therein mentioned and set forth,

And on the same day also, voluntarily appeared before me, the said Mary C. Wood, wife of the said W.D. Wood, to me well known and in the absence of her said husband declared that she had of her own free will, signed and sealed the relinquishment of dower in the foregoing deed for the consideration and purposes therein contained and set forth, without compulsion or undue in-fluence of her said husband.

Witness my hand and seal as such Justice on this 24 day of December 1886.

A.B. Reed, J.P.

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**CERTIFICATE OF RECORD**

State of Arkansas,  
ss.  
County of Pike,

I, J.O.A. Bush, Circuit Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of the County, aforesaid, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing was filed for record in my office on the 3rd day of January, A.D. 1887 at 12 o'clock ... and the same is now duly recorded with the acknow-ledge ment and certificate thereon, in "Record Book K, Pages 594-95."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, this 26th day of July, 1887.

J.O.A. Bush  
Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder  
By G.R. Mauney, D.C.

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**CERTIFICATE OF RECORD**

State of Arkansas,  
ss.  
County of Pike,

I, Q.H. Lewis, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Recorder for the County, aforesaid, do hereby

certify that the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing was filed for record in my office on the 1st day of April, A.D. 1907 at 8 o'clock A.M., and the same is now duly recorded, with the acknowledgment and certificate thereon, in Record Book Vol. M, Page(s) 516-17.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, this 7 day of May A.D. 1907.

(Seal) Q.H. Lewis, Clerk  
By R.N. Alford, D.C.

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#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIPT

State of Arkansas,

s.  
County of Pike,

I, Mrs. Marilyn Strawn, Clerk of the County and Circuit Courts within and for the County and State, do hereby certify, that the foregoing written matter contains a true, complete, and perfect transcript of Warranty Deed from W.D. Wood to Mountain Home Church as herein set forth and as the same appears of record in Deed Record Book, Volume M, page(s) 516-17, Pike County, Arkansas.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said courts at the city of Murfreesboro, Arkansas. This the 3rd day of January, 1967.

Mrs. Marilyn Strawn

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Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997

Dear Mrs. Partain,

Hello, my name is Lucille Smith. I am trying to locate my father. His place of birth was Delight, Arkansas ... My father's name is Thomas Shirley Smith. I also know that his brother's name is Cletus Smith. I know that he was married to my mother in Eastview, Ontario on September 17, 1962. My mother's name is Monique Marie Ann Rose Brown.

I would appreciate any information you might be able

to find. I have been searching for years for him without any results. I hope you will be able to help me. I'm not sure what or where else to look. I appreciate all efforts made to help me locate my father or any other of his relatives.

Much appreciated,

Lucy Smith  
My home address is:

Lucille Smith  
11351 Notre Dame Est.  
Apt. 9  
Montreal Est., Quebec, Canada  
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Telephone # 514-640-9176

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#### THE PIKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL HOMEPAGE QUERIES

By Shane Hill

Queries I received as coordinator for the Pike County Genealogical Homepage on the Internet that were posted to the Pike County page between September and December 1997.

JACKSON WHITELEY posted by Alma Floyd on Monday, September 1, 1997. Email address: VestAJes@fastlane.net. Really need help on this one. Charles Whitley/Whitely/Whiteley b. ca 1820 SC; died in Ark.; Wife: Elizabeth; Children: Lou Ida, Mary (married Thomas Jeff Snell) and Martha Elizabeth (married John William Jackson). Our grandmother Josie Pearl Jackson Jackson, dau of Martha E. Jackson never knew grandparents, they'd died, and both her parents had died by the time she was nine years old. Have spent many hours for many years looking for this family, so any glimmer of assistance will be appreciated.

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DUFFY JACKSON MCDUFFY WHITELEY posted by Alma Floyd on Monday, September 1, 1997. Email address: VestAJes@fastlane.net. Researching Polly A. MCDUFFY (varied spell-ings) b. 1837 in GA, died after 1880 in Pike Co., Ark. Married to Thomas M.



JACKSON 1864. Her father, James MCDUFFY born ca. 1807 GA.

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EDDS ONEAL ONEEL posted by Vivian Nichol on Wednesday, September 3, 1997. Email address: knichol@axxis.com. Mailing address: 6817 South Lime Lane, West Jordan, UT 84084-7779. Seeking info on my great grandfather, Monty Gilbert ONEAL, b 1889 in Daisy, AR. On 1900 Self Creek Twp, Pike Co Census, have discovered a Gilbert M. ONEEL, b Jun 1889, son of May O. and stepson of Steve B. EDDS. Strongly suspect he's my M.G. Does anyone have more info on this family and what happened?

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AUSTIN BANKSTON DENNIS SPENCER posted by Vivian Nichol on Tuesday, September 9, 1997. Email address: knichol@axxis.com. Mailing address: 6817 South Lime Lane, West Jordan, UT 84084-7779. Seeking info on my great grandmother, Ida (Holly?) SPENCER, b ca 1884 in Garland, Tipton Co, TN. She married M.G. ONEAL, of Daisy, AR and bore my grandfather in Glenwood, Pike Co, AR in 1914. On the 1900 Tipton Co, TN Census have discovered an Ida SPENCER, b. Oct 1889, living in the household of her uncle, Eligen DENNIS. Also included in the household is his married sister, Mary Bankston, b Jul 1877 in MS, along with Mary's daughter also named Mary, b Jan 1897 in AR. On the 1910 Clark Twp, Pike Co, AR Census have discovered an Iva SPENCER, age 18, b. TN living in the household of E.J. DENNIS, a twice widowed female, age 65. Assume Ida and Iva are the same person. Strongly suspect she is my Ida SPENCER. Any info on the surrounding family that could help me confirm would be appreciated!

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BROOKS (Mountain) posted by Debra Lowe on Tuesday, September 9, 1997. Email address: jlowe@synapse.net. Looking for information on Brook's Mountain near Glenwood, Arkansas. Specifically, who the Mountain was named after and it's location.

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SPARKS posted by Gina Clingan on Tuesday, September 9, 1997. Email address: littlewing-talks@webtv.net (no hyphen). I am searching for any SPARKS in Pike Co., Ar. I am searching for John

SPARKS. He married Mary TIMS. I do not know where or when. The only child that I know that they had was my great grandmother, Laura Sparks KING. She was born in Ar. on 22 Feb., 1870. I have found 3 SPARKS in Pike CO. in 1860. B.R. SPARKS. He lived in the Township of Muddy Fork. Henry and W.E. SPARKS lived in Caney Fork Township. I do not know if these are any relations to me or not. I would appreciate any information on anyone that I have mentioned. Thanks in advance for all the time and help.

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DOSS posted by Libbie Griffin on Saturday, September 13, 1997. Email address: yyex00a-@prodigy.com (no hyphen). Mailing address: P.O. Box 271, Greenbush, MA 02040. Willis Hopwood DOSS came from Tennessee to Pike Co. between 1850-1860. Looking for information on him and/or contact with his descendants. Libbie Griffin, genealogist for the Doss Family Association.

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FRESIER GREEN posted by Kimberly Thompson on Saturday, October 4, 1997. Email address: kthomps3@shrike.depaul.edu. I am looking for information about my great grandfather James Pollard FRESIER (I am not sure of the correct spelling of his last name. It is spelled differently in several family papers). He was born in 1858 (possibly in Pike County Arkansas). He lived in the county for at least a short while. He later married Ida Rachel GREEN and died in 1921. Any information anyone might have would be greatly appreciated.

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CLARK PONDER posted by Ruth Burns on Monday, November 3, 1997. Email address: burns67@ibm.net. William Meredith Ponder b 1841 GA and wife Sarah Jane Elizabeth Clark b 1844 GA came to Pike County, AR about 1868 from Talladega County, AL. They had six children: Mary Jane (my great grandmother) b 1864 AL, John b 1868 AR, Andrew J. b 1870 AR, Salina I. b 1873 AR, James McGhee b 1876 AR and Jefferson b 1878 AR. In 1882 Sarah died and was the first person buried in Coker Cemetery located between Amity & Glenwood. William remarried soon after to another Sarah ? but no marriage info has been found. They had three children (all born in Pike County): Maggie L. b 1883, Henry W. b 1885 and Ignatius P. b 1892. I would like

to make contact with descendants of any of these people. I would especially like to find info on William Meredith's second wife.

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CARPENTER NASH OSBORN SPARKS STARLING TATE posted by Mary L. Reed on Thursday, December 11, 1997. Email address: MaryLReed@aol.com. Personal Web Page: <http://members.aol.com/MaryLReed/index.html>. Christopher Columbus TATE b 1846 AR d 1913 Pike Co m Nancy Ann Nash b AR 1846 d 1929 Pike Co. found in Pike Co AR 1900-1910 census. Son, Emery Monroe TATE b 1877 AR d 1945 Mississippi Co AR m Nancy Alicia Starling b AR 1882 d UNK Co. Daughter, Hattie Tate m J.W. Cupit, Pike Co. John Britton Sparks m Sarah Carpenter parents of Amanda Sparks who married Jim D. Cupit Pike Co AR.

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GRAY SPEER STUART posted by Jack Speer on Tuesday, December 16, 1997. Email address: fye@aol.com. Mailing address: 2648 Ontario Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128. Seeking information on John and William B. SPEER, early settlers of Pike Co. Also James B. GRAY and Joshua D. STUART. I believe these gentlemen were related to the Speers through marriage.

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### **Georgia Belle Evans**

Nashville - Funeral services were scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26 at Nashville Funeral Home for Georgia Belle Evans, 77. Bro. Glen Green officiated and burial was in the Ozan Cemetery at Bingen.

Mrs. Evans was born Jan. 23, 1920 in the Highland community the daughter of Wesley and Gussie Carey Huddleston. She died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997 at a Texarkana nursing home.

A lifetime resident of Howard County, Mrs. Evans was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Howard County Extension Homemakers and Howard Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was a retired beauty operator of 35 years.

A direct descendant of Diamond John Huddleston of Murfreesboro, Mrs. Evans was active in studying the Huddleston family genealogy.

She is survived by a nephew, G.G. "Butch" Godwin and a great-niece, Miki Godwin, both of Nashville. Memorials may be made to the Howard County E.H. Building Fund.

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### **Jo Etta Ray**

Nashville - Graveside services were held Saturday, Nov. 29 at Oak Grove Cemetery for Jo Etta Stuart Ray, 85. Al Terrell officiated with burial directed by Latimer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ray was born Feb. 22, 1912 at Sweet Home, the daughter of the late E.K. and Trissie Harris Stuart. She died Thursday, Nov. 27, 1997 at a Murfreesboro hospital.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Sweet Home Methodist Church and a former member of the Sweet Home EHC.

Mrs. Ray was preceded in death by two brothers, Lee Stuart and Claude Stewart, five sisters, Loria Stuart, Gussie Duke, Hopie Cooley, Veda Sullivan and Ola Stueart.

Survivors include a son, James Douglas of Sweet Home community, three grandchildren, two brothers, Bye Stuart of Nashville and Sam Stuart of Benton, four great grandchildren, and a number of nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be made to the Sweet Home Methodist Church.

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### **Thelma Gladys Hill**

Murfreesboro - Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 at First Baptist Church for Thelma Gladys Hill, 87. Burial was in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hill was born Jan. 4, 1910 at Eggshell the daughter of the late Oscar and Della Matthews Keeling. She died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997 at a Murfreesboro hospital.

She was a member of First Baptist Church at Murfreesboro.

Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by her husband Jesse Clarence Hill.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mary Alice Gilmer of Murfreesboro, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

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6310 Everest Way  
Sacramento, CA 95842

1-19-98

Dear Dorothy,

I am sending this clipping from the Merkel Mail newspaper from Merkel, TX. I take (the) Merkel Mail (because) Mildred Cornelius has an article every week on tracing family in the area in (the) 1800-1900's.

I am still looking up Westerman, Fugate, Polk at (the) library ...

The Westermans are going to have (a) 26th Family Reunion July 31 (to) August 1-2 at Brownwood, TX at Woodman's Campground ...

Faye Westerman

**Nolen Jones**

Rene (Nolen) Jones, 85 of Abilene, a former Noodle resident, died Dec. 31.

Graveside Funeral services were held Jan. 2 at Rose Hill Cemetery here with Larry Gill officiating. Burial was under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 18, 1912 in Pike County, Arkansas, she was the daughter of the late D.B. & Edna (Perry) Nolen.

A member of the Church of Christ, she moved to West Texas as a small child and was a graduate of Noodle High. She was a seamstress and a homemaker.

She is survived by a daughter, Nelda Holton of Abilene, two sons, Harlan Jones of Weatherford and Dennis Jones of Lamesa, 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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Billie Harris  
123 Mar Vista Dr.  
Monterey, CA 93940

April 9, 1997

Dorothy,

I just had to drop you a note and let you know once again how much I appreciate what you and everyone else does in putting together "The Gems". It's crammed full of valuable information each time, so much so that I wish it was published more frequently.

My genealogical information will be sent to you very shortly (of) ... what ... I've finished to date on the Lamb, Lewallen and Witt families. I have some on the Dossey family but probably not enough to send to you at this point.

Again ... thanks for your work. It really is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Billie

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

February 23, 1997

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for the PCAHS Winter 1997 issue of (the) GEMS ... I want to thank you too for the attention that you have given to my request for information on HUFFMAN/BABBIT data ...

I believe that I mentioned before, both my father and mother came from families with roots in (the) Clark and Pike County area. One of the biggest mysteries remaining in the JONES data is that we cannot find the place of death/burial for my great grandfather Council Kimbral Jones b. 6 March 1813, Giles County, Tennessee d. 13 May 1884 place of death/burial unknown. He married second on 15 July

1863 at Okolona, Clark County, Arkansas (to) Charity E.S. WILLIAMS b. 7 Dec 1820 (in) NC d. 26 August 1872 place of death/burial unknown. Perhaps they are buried together, but where, is the mystery. Surely they are in the Arkadelphia (or) Murfreesboro area. Is there a chance you could find anything about the place of death/burial for Council Kimbral Jones? Searching and finding this remains my number one priority.

I appreciate your interest and your correspondence.

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Jones

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May 28, 1887

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

Dear Friends,

I am posing a (few) question(s) and hoping someone has or can find the answer for us.

John BREWER died 9 April 1845. He probably died in Brewer Township, Pike County. His wife Elvira and all of his children left Arkansas early in 1853 for Oregon. Now, here is my dilemma.

Where is he buried? Is there a gravestone? Is there a death notice anywhere in the paper or a small funeral notice that is handed out to friends? Was there a will or probate record? How about an estate sale of some sort when his wife and children left?

I would appreciate any help.

Sincerely,

Aileen Brewer (Mrs. Ronald L.)

1031 W. Rio Magdalena  
Green Valley, AZ 85614-4031  
(520) 648-2493  
ARCHIVES UPDATE

PCAHS met in December for a pot luck dinner where Ed and Bonnie True Reach from Alba, Texas tried to surprise me by attending the meeting along with Jack and Jordine Chesshir McNutt. Bonnie shares the Stewart, Cooley, Kennedy, Hudson lines with me and others. Jordine McNutt descends from the Corinth families and shares Hutsons and other collateral families with PCAHS members. Those attending other than our guests were Harrison Gilmer, Shirley Graves Martin, Jan Jackson McGalliard, Linda Wilson, Joyce Sanders Couch, Fern Anderson Adams and Vanessa and myself.

We were very happy to learn that PCAHS life member Linda Willingham Meek of Shreveport, La. has had a remarkable recovery from brain surgery in the fall of 1996.

I am saddened to report to you that PCAHS member Georgia Bell Huddleston Evans died Nov. 24, 1997. Those of us who knew Georgia will miss her. She was an avid genealogy researcher.

Jo Etta Stuart Ray, a Stuart, Kennedy, Cooley, Hudson descendant, died Nov. 27, 1997. She was an aunt of PCAHS member Kathleen Cooley Smith. Jo Etta was so much help to Bonnie Reach and me when we started research. Kathleen Smith, Bonnie Reach and Shane Hill all descend from the same branch of family.

PCAHS wishes to extend our sympathy to our president Harrison Gilmer and wife Mary Alice whose mother Thelma Keeling Hill passed away after a lengthy illness. We were also told PCAHS member Geraldine Barker of De Leon, Texas passed away and we wish to extend our con-dolences to her family. Condolences also to PCHAS member Scott Kizzia for the loss of his father Fletcher Kizzia.

It is time for Membership Renewal. PCAHS membership runs from January to December. Please let me know if you did not receive all four issues of "The Gems" for 1997. The Gems index for 1997 should be ready by January 1998.

A large bound book of charts of Pike County families (too many to list) has been received by the archive from Floyd Hendricks, Jr., 121 N. 53, Ft. Smith, AR 72903. Also, a very large packet of Porter, Stelter, Ponder, Sharp, Winfred, Wagley, Wisener, Morphew,

Haltom, Jones, Chambers, Holder, Webb, Hinds, Mitchell, Buckley, Harris, Cummings, Cogburn, Rabjohn, Spears, Finney, Foshee and others compiled by Toland J. Stelter from Betty Stelter Jones, Rt. 1, Box 48X, Mur-freesboro, AR 71958. In addition a 95 page "Prince Is The Name" genealogy was given to PCAHS from Zell and Dorothy Finney Ward of Pike City, Arkansas and includes Prince, How-erton, Williams, Woodall, Knighten, Finney, Greeson, Atchley, Smalling, Gregory, Donaldson, Stone and others.

All of these donations of family history and genealogy are very much appreciated by PCAHS.

Dorothy Kennedy Partain

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In 1836 Taylor Polk (later of Pike County) decided to go into the slave business in earnest. Tax records show that between 1830 and 1835 he owned only one adult slave, but in 1836 he owned eleven ... none of the other Polk families, Taylor's brothers, four of

whom lived in Arkansas, owned any slaves at that time.

The slaves of Henry W. Carter (of Pike County, Arkansas) came through his first wife, Martha Hoover. Mike Loftis, negro, who worked for Henry W. Carter after the Civil War, slept in the kitchen which was a separate house behind their home. Another family of negroes lived across the creek, being Bob Vaughn, ... Dick and Feen (Aunt Feen-Fine) Loftis (daughter of Bob Vaughn) (and children) Frances, John, Phoebe, Leila.

A private cemetery on land of Pike County settler Blount Bullock and abandoned long ago ... is located about 3 miles east of Nathan, Pike County, Arkansas. During the Civil War soldiers were buried here. It is also a burial place of slaves.

Seed of Sally Goodin, page 17; Arkansas Pioneers and Allied Families, page 171; Pike County Cemetery Records, page 84.

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<b>1870 Pike County Arkansas Printed U.S. Census</b> by Andy Cooley & Dorothy Partain .....	\$15.00
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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

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**SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED**

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

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