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### PCAHS MEETING TIME

The Pike County Archives and History Society meets the first Thursday night of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the PCAHS archives in the Pike County Annex Building. The 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. time period is set aside for members and guests to discuss and exchange ideas on history, genealogy and effective ways to do research. Business meeting is held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Annual membership dues are \$10.00. Lifetime membership dues are \$100.00. The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a non-profit organization. Its holdings, until moved into the new archives, are located on the third floor of the Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Arkansas and the Heritage Room at the Library in Murfreesboro. Library hours: Closed Monday; Tuesday-Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The PCAHS courthouse hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If Court is not in session call first: Harrison Gilmer (870) 285-3187 or Linda Wilson (870) 379-2471. Helpful telephone numbers: Pike County Clerk's Office (870) 285-2231; County Judge Courthouse (870) 285-2414; Mayor's Office for Library (870) 285-3732.

# Pike Archives Find A New Home

To be housed in county building on the square

MURFREESBORO -- Things are beginning to shape up at the new location of the Pike County Archives and History Society. The group's new home is the Pike County Annex Building, just off the courthouse square. The county recently purchased the building, which sits across the street from the courthouse and formerly housed the Pizza Shack and various other businesses. In addition to the archives, the building also houses the county's Emergency 9-1-1 coordinator. Two spaces in the building are vacant.

"We finally found a home," said Dewayne Gray, PCAHS vice president as he and president Harrison Gilmer and County Judge Don Baker toured the office. The new office will offer the society something its members say has been needed for quite some time: organization and a central location. Currently, the PCAHS documents are being housed in ... the upper floors of the courthouse and some can be found in the Murfreesboro Library. This arrangement has made accessing the documents increasingly difficult.

Those bitten by the "genealogy bug" will greatly benefit from the new location. Gilmer said that people from all over the United States come to Pike County to conduct family research. Many times the visitors are unable to access the documents because the library or courthouse may be closed. Another problem is that visitors cannot find anyone to assist them in their research. Gilmer and Gray are hopeful that will all change in 2002. "This is going to be a big draw for the area," Gray said.

Work in the new building is progressing and Gray said they hope to be moved in completely by spring. Part of the moving process will be using a "cherry picker" to lower the multitude of material from a top window in the courthouse. "It's going to take a lot of work to get things moved in," Gray said.

PCAHS currently holds documents pertaining

to both family and county history. Gilmer said the group plans to also have a computer system set up for research purposes. The documents are free to view and there is a small charge for copying documents. The group also produces the quarterly newsletter "The Gems" and has published ... books including "Early History of Pike County, Arkansas". More than 150 members located throughout the United States belong to the non-profit organization, Gilmer said.

Membership dues are \$10 annually and a donation of \$100 or more to the group is equal to a lifetime membership.

The group will not pay rent in the county-owned building, but it will be responsible for paying for utilities and workers. The county and PCAHS split the cost of most of the renovation to the new location. Gray said the majority of the work and material needed were donated. Bobbie Hendrix of Antoine, a lifetime PCAHS member and past vice president, recently donated a building awning and the cost of installation. Hendrix is a longtime contributor to the group.

Other PCAHS officers include secretary Jan McGalliard and treasurer Linda Wilson, both of Delight, and correspondence secretary Retha Adams of Kirby.

The group, which was founded in 1986, meets the first Thursday night of each month at 6:30 in the new building.

Persons wanting more information about the Pike County Archives and History Society should contact Gilmer at (870) 285-3187, Wilson at (870) 379-2471 or McGalliard at (870) 379-2540, email [jmcgalliard@alltel.net](mailto:jmcgalliard@alltel.net). Persons wanting to donate material to the society may do so by mail to: Jan McGalliard, P.O. Box 96, Delight, AR 71940. Persons wanting to make a monetary donation may do so by mail to:

Linda Wilson, 229 E. Antioch St., Delight AR 71940. Correspondence inquiries may be made to: Retha Adams, P.O. Box 65, Kirby, AR 71950.

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## Luther Homer Alford

My father, William Joseph Alford, was born the first of July, 1865. He was born in Pike County, Arkansas. His father, David Alford, a farmer, farmed his early years. He served in the Civil War. His father was killed southeast of Kirby during the Civil War. "Bushwhackers" killed him. My father's mother died when he was a small child. My mother, Margaret Elizabeth Owens, was born the second of June, 1865, near Amity in Clark County, Arkansas. The night of the burning of the Polk boys in the jail, my father stayed all night in Murfreesboro, with his aunt, to buy his marriage license. They were married in September, 1885. My father commenced farming at an early age. That is all he ever did. In 1907-1908 he farmed and worked for the Ozan Lumber Company. He was called a "swamper". A swamper is a road maintainer. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World. My mother belonged to the First Christian Church. My father was Baptist in belief. My father and mother had six surviving children, two girls and four boys. The first was Mezella Ianthony Alford. She was born the second day of August, 1886, in Pike County. She never married. The next was Belvia Zadio Alford. She was born the twenty-seventh of March, 1889, in Pike County. She married Arthur Anderson. Matthew Owen Alford was next. He was born the seventh of April, 1891, in Pike County and married at age forty-seven. He married Helen Lane. She had been married before. I was next, Luther Homer Alford, born the tenth of August, 1894, at Mt. Ida, in Montgomery County, Arkansas. I married Ellie Keen in 1915. I was married again to Minnie Lee Alford. She had been married before to Burette Deal. The next was William Lee Alford. He was born the twenty-fourth day of April, 1897, in Pike County. He married Bertha Johnson the first time. He then married Flora Murphy. She was married before to Columbus Cox. The last one, Forrest Eurie Alford, lives in Madison, Wisconsin. He was born the tenth day of August, 1905, in Pike County. He married Georgia Smalling.

I was born at Mt. Ida in Montgomery County, the tenth of August, 1894. At age two years, 1896, we returned to Pike County between Kirby and Murfreesboro. At age six, I started school at the Paslay School House, a country school in District Number 53, at that time. My first teacher was Suzie Brunson. Teachers taught for one term, about 3 months. Roxie Beal was my second teacher for one term. They were all "one room" teachers, it was that way through all the terms. Next was Archie Barnes in the winter time and summer school. Henrietta Boggs was my next teacher, then Will Parsons the next winter teacher and summer school term. Loula Childs was the next summer term teacher, then Charley Herndon. He was partner with Jerry Witt in law. They were lawyers. Will Smalling was next, then Grover Porter for the next three or four terms. I had Mary Floyd for two months, she married Grover Porter. Then, Carlos Copeland and Hester White for two or three months each. I attended two and one-half months at Glenwood High School to W.H. Amos.

I worked on the farm with my father until I married in January, 1915, then farmed for myself until 1923, including all of 1923. I went to Glenwood in December, 1923, and served as Marshall until April, 1924. I worked on T.E. Alford's Strawberry Farm until July 1924 and moved to Murfreesboro and went to work in the Highland Peach Orchard for one and a half months. Then I worked two months, August and September, at the courthouse for Sheriff J.E. Chaney. I moved to Kansas City, Kansas and worked for the Swift Packing House Company, Thanksgiving until

April, then returned to Glenwood and worked again on T.E. Alford's Strawberry Farm, until Christmas, 1925. I worked in Murfreesboro, 1926, until August and then worked at the Ozan-Graysonia Lumber Company where I ran a boarding house, August 1926 to December 1927. Afterwards, I farmed during the years, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933, ending up at Foulk, Arkansas. In December, 1933, I started work for the State, dipping cattle until October, 1934, and left the State works on August fifteenth, 1936. I returned to Murfreesboro, then worked carpentry on the State highway until December, 1938. On January first, 1939, I went to work for Sheriff W.E. Branch for four years. I was elected Sheriff for four years and was out in December, 1946. In 1947, 1948 and 1949, I worked in government, State jobs, odd jobs. On January twenty-fifth, 1955, I went to Winfield, Louisiana and worked for my son in his chain saw shop. On July first, 1957, I returned to Murfreesboro and set up a chain saw shop for Home-Lite saws until May 1962, or 1963.

I was in the Farmer's Union in the 1920's. I became a Mason in March 1945, Pike Lodge Number 91, and still an active member.

Notations: His grandfather, Joseph David Alford, his grandmother, Margaret Jordan. His great-grandfather, David Winston Alford. Indicates father and mother are buried in the Kirby Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas. Says his father homesteaded 160 acres about 1898. Recalls old man Jim, "Black" Jim Alford, a Methodist preacher. He says he loves to hunt.

**Luther Homer Alford, Murfreesboro, Arkansas interview by David Kelley, courthouse square, August 11, 1975.**

## **Steadying Hands of a Country Doctor**

A Daughter's Reflections of Dr. Thomas F. Alford

"Daddy, do you like apples?" "Yes, baby, I do." I really had never cared much for apples, always preferring to spend my nickels for candy, but as Daddy sat on the back steps peeling a shiny red apple with all the precision and neatness that characterized his work as a surgeon, I wanted that apple. I sat down and nestled as close to him as possible. He continued his peeling and the skin fell in red curls from his knife. "Daddy, why don't you say, 'Do you?'" Looking down at me he laughed and with a hug, handed me the apple. Daddy's laugh was a soft chuckle - the merriment showing in his eyes more than by the sound he made. The look he gave me was one of amusement mingled with love and pride - pride that only a father can feel for a little blond, five-year-old girl, who looked so much like him. As I think back over that incident, I see how characteristic it was of him. He was always giving to those around him, especially to his children. Perhaps his giving, compassionate nature was a result of a need he had experienced early in his childhood. He grew up the son of a country doctor who was home with his family very little and of an invalid mother who died when he was just a boy. With no one to oversee his early life, he roamed at will through the woods and small community where he lived. Feeling deeply the need to love and be loved and finding no human concern always available, he knew early the spiritual presence of his ministering angels. He told of a time he climbed a tree and feel a great distance. Hey lay unconscious for several hours for it was almost dark when he came to an awareness of where he was. Later he knew he fractured his skull but at that time he knew nothing to do except go home and get into bed. For several days, he related, he could not get up, but divine nature took care of his healing.

Thomas Franklin Alford was born in 1874. His birthday was on Friday the thirteenth day of March. He always laughed at superstitions and said Friday the thirteenth was his lucky day. In his boyhood, good schools were limited but he got what education was available. He possessed an avid desire to learn, along with a special gift for learning. He had what we call today a

photographic memory. But then he just knew that underneath that mop of golden curls and behind those twinkling blue eyes, there was something that enabled him to remember anything he chose. At the age of seventeen, he had finished the schools available and had secured a teacher's certificate. As he taught, the desire to learn more grew within him. Particularly he longed for a knowledge of medicine. His father had gained most of his medical training with the Confederate army during the Civil War, but Tom knew that he must have more knowledge than his father did. During his first year of teaching, a very learned man, with degrees from an eastern college, moved into the community. He took an interest in this bright, ambitious young man, and made available to him his library and his knowledge of science and the arts. After one year of teaching, young Tom Alford knew with a certainty that there was a purpose to his life which he must fulfill. He later confided to us, his family, that he made this vow to God: "Lord, if You will show me the way - if You will make it possible for me to graduate from medical school, I will devote my life to Your service in the field of medicine, giving of what I become to the people of rural Arkansas."

It seems that from such an unlikely beginning, God must have had His hand on this young man's shoulder, for otherwise he could not have attained his goal. As a country boy, he took a very adventurous step in going to St. Louis. He presented himself to the registrar at St. Louis University School of Medicine and asked for admission. After inquiring about his credentials from the college he attended and finding there had been no college, the registrar informed him that it was preposterous even to entertain the idea of admission. However, this persistent young man would not be deterred. He had come too far to be turned back, so he asked about taking the entrance examinations. They were to be given again at mid-term, so until then young Tom audited classes, visited the library and literally consumed all the chemistry and anatomy books available. He had no money and had to resort to odd jobs, often tutoring other students, in order to remain in school. When the testing time came he entered the classroom with thirty young men, all college graduates, and began an arduous period of answering questions. The exams began at eight o'clock and continued until five in the afternoon. There was a period of three weeks before the grades were posted. One morning as he entered the hall of the admissions building, someone called to him, "Hey, Alford, you did it!" To my father's surprise, his name led the list with the highest grade of those who had been accepted into the medical school. After graduating in the top ten of his class, Tom Alford was true to the vow he had made. He rejected some very attractive offers to go to larger cities in order to come back to rural Arkansas.

He married Eletha Davis, daughter of a prominent farmer, and began a practice that would continue for fifty years in Howard, Hempstead and Pike Counties. For years the only mode of travel was by horseback with his medicine and instruments carried in saddle bags. He forded streams and climbed the hills at all hours of the day and night. The "Model T" was a welcome boon to his practice but it also had its problems. On a cold winter night the radiator had to be drained, then when he got a call, water had to be heated and the radiator filled. Not the least of his troubles was the crank that had to be used to start it. If the spark (was) not in the right position, ... (it) would kick worse than a mule. Many of his patients came to him with broken arms, victims of that vicious crank. My father was a man ahead of his time. With no miracle drugs, but always up to date on the knowledge available, along with faith and dedication, miracles were performed under his skillful hands. Bones were set, operations were done, and babies were delivered without his ever losing a mother at childbirth. During the time when pneumonia was a deadly disease, he was known as the "pneumonia doctor" because of his skill in treating it. When my father died, an old black woman wrote a letter to my mother, saying: "The good doctor has always been our friend. In the darkest night, when we were sick and helpless, he would come to us. When we heard the wheels of his car stop and saw him at the door, we knew everything would be all right." Yes, the hands that were so steady in peeling apples for a little girl

were the same strong hands that guided, and soothed scores of people for as long as he was physically able.

As his daughter, I continue to experience their steadying power and feel his presence. Great still, I have the knowledge that he gave me of another Hand - a Hand far more infinite and powerful. The Hand that guided my father as a country doctor is today assuring me with the words, "I will not leave you comfortless."

**Steadying Hands of a Country Doctor, by Emily Ruth Darnall. Early History of Pike County, Arkansas, page 191-194.**

## **Thomas F. Alford**

The "country doctor" is a figure of heroic proportions. A hero of song and story, he has a living counterpart in thousands of fine doctors, who turn their backs on the city and the regular hours and large fees of specialization to dedicate their lives to the service of their friends and neighbors in the smaller towns. Thomas F. Alford is such a man. To him, as to his father before him, the warm friendliness and neighborliness of small-town folks appeared more desirable than the hurry and coldness of city dwellers. Thomas F. Alford was born in Pike County on March 13, 1874 one of the three sons of Doctor and Mrs. William David Alford. His brothers, now deceased, were Doctor John E. Alford of Okolona, and Robert N. Alford formerly County Treasurer and prominent political leader of Purcell, Oklahoma. Doctor William Alford was born in Alabama the son of Ewing Alford, a Methodist minister and farmer. Dr. Alford moved to Pike County when he was a very small boy and early in life he learned to love the people who make up the small towns and communities of America. The contribution which a man of medicine can make to the health, welfare and prosperity of his community is immeasurable, so William Alford chose medicine as a career. He was one of the first doctors in the area and he practiced for fifty years. He was a "country doctor" of the old school who never refused a call by day or night, who through rain or snow, heat of day or chill of winter night, drove his patient horse for miles to bring his skill to aid some sufferer. His long, useful life came to an end in 1923. From his father, Thomas F. Alford inherited the same love of the small-town people. He attended Barnes University in St. Louis, Missouri, and was later graduated from the University of Arkansas Medical School in 1905. His first practice was in Howard County where for six years he worked day and night to cure the ills of his fellow men. After his years in Howard County, Doctor Alford moved to Murfreesboro, and there until the present time he has ministered to the sick of his community, becoming at one and the same time the doctor and the friend of those he served. Doctor Alford has always found time in his active professional life to take a real interest in the affairs of his community. He has been a longtime member of the school board where his keen wit and genuine concern have wrought many beneficial changes over the years. For as many years he has been an active member of the Town Council. During both World Wars he served as Selective Service Board Examiner, and he has been the County Health Officer. Doctor Alford is a member of both the American and the Arkansas Medical Associations. He belongs to the Masonic fraternal order and is a past master of Pike Lodge No. 91. He is active in the Methodist Church in his community. In 1899 Doctor Alford was married to Eletha Davis, the daughter of John F. Davis, a farmer and merchandise man of Pike County. Their son, Doctor Harold D. Alford, is one of America's leading scholars and educators and has been the recipient of many honors. Doctor Harold Alford received his A.B. degree from Hendrix College. Pursuing his education still further, he was awarded his M.A. degree from the University of Chicago, having previously attended the University of Colorado. He went on to Columbia University where he was awarded his Ph.D. Doctor Harold Alford is now head of the Department of Elementary Education at New York State Teachers College in Oswego, New York. The subject has twin daughters, Martha (now Mrs. O.L. Baber of Waldron) and Mary (now Mrs. Mary Grizzard and a teacher in the Murfreesboro schools). The youngest

daughter, Emily Ruth, now Mrs. Chas. W. Darnall, lives in Lufkin, Texas. All three daughters have college degrees (A.B.). There are five grandchildren. Doctor Alford still goes about his practice as before. No longer is his carriage drawn by a horse, but the same kindly, friendly attention that he bestowed when he first started practice is present. Citizens know him not only as a doctor and a true friend but also as the president of the Pike County Bank. He has trod his father's footsteps faithfully and well. The long years of service which Doctor Alford has rendered to his friends and neighbors and his charming personality combine to make a place for him in the hearts of the people of his section which no one else can ever occupy.

*Annals of Arkansas, Dallas T. Herndon, Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Little Rock: Historical Record Association, Volume 1, page 1710-1711.*

## **John E. Alford**

Dr. John E. Alford, physician and surgeon, successfully practicing in Okolona, Arkansas, was born near Kirby, in Pike county, this state, May 22, 1871. His father, Dr. W.D. Alford, was born in Alabama and came to Arkansas with his parents when a small boy. The grandfather, the Rev. Ewing Alford, after serving in the Mexican war, being on active duty in Texas, came to Arkansas. In the early '40s he had removed from Texas to Pike county, this state, and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of that locality. The family comes of English ancestry and was established on American soil before the War of 1812, the first representative of the name settled in Virginia ... (his son) participating in the second war with England under General Jackson, taking part in the battle of New Orleans. Thus for considerably more than a century the Alford family had been found on this side of the Atlantic and for more than two-thirds of a century has been represented in Arkansas. Dr. W.D. Alford, father of Dr. John E. Alford, is still living at the notable age of eighty-seven years, his home being in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he formerly engaged in the practice of medicine for a long period but is now retired. He was at one time county treasurer of Pike county for two terms and during the Civil war he served as head steward in a hospital at Little Rock, where he was stationed when the city was captured by the Federal troops under General Steele. He was with the army throughout the four years' period of the war. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Sharp, died in Murfreesboro, Arkansas in 1898 at the age of fifty-eight years. She was born near Greenville, Tennessee, and the Sharp family removed from that state to Pike county, Arkansas in 1840, being also numbered among the early pioneer settlers of that locality. The Sharp family is of Irish lineage, the grandfather of the Doctor having come from Ireland to America in the 30's. He fought under General Jackson in the Seminole Indian war in Florida. It was near Murfreesboro, Arkansas, in 1870, that Rebecca Sharp became the wife of Dr. W.D. Alford and to them were born three sons, all of whom are living. Dr. John E. Alford, the eldest of the family, was educated in the common schools of Pike county and in the high school at Murfreesboro, after which he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in Hempstead and Pike counties for four or five years, or until 1894. In that year he began studying medicine in the Barnes University of St. Louis, Missouri and later was graduated from the Gate City Medical College at Texarkana, Texas winning his M.D. degree in 1906. From the time when he began the study of medicine in 1894 he was engaged in practice in Pike, Montgomery and Clark counties, although he did not obtain his professional degree until 1906. His medical education was acquired through his own efforts, his earnings supplying him with the money necessary to meet his tuition and other expenses of his college course. In 1906 he opened an office in Black Springs, Montgomery county, Arkansas where he remained until 1908 and then went to Polk county, this state. A little later he located at Caddo Gap, where he continued from 1909 until 1918, successfully practicing medicine there. In the latter year he came to Okolona where he has remained and here he is successfully and extensively engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery. He is also serving as health officer of Okolona and during the World war he was a

member of the Volunteer Medical Corps. Dr. Alford was united in marriage to Miss Occo Mauney, a daughter of M.M. Mauney of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, the wedding being celebrated July 21, 1897. They are parents of a son and a daughter; Millard Williams, nineteen years of age who is attending the Henderson-Brown College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas where he is studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree and is also editor in chief of the Star, a college manual; and Alice Dell, who graduated from the Okolona high school in 1922. Dr. Alford is a Mason belonging to Rob Mori Lodge No. 106, AF. & A.M. of Okolona of which he is past worshipful master, while at the present time he is serving as secretary. He was raised a Mason in Pike Lodge No. 91 at Murfreesboro in 1899. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and along professional lines he is connected with the Clark County Medical Society and the Arkansas State Medical Society. He has reached high standards in his profession and his ability is constantly increasing as the result of his experience, his wide study and thorough investigation. He holds to the highest ethical standards of his profession and he commands the respect of his professional brethren and of the laity as well.

Sketch of Dr. John E. Alford, Centennial History of Arkansas, Dallas T. Herndon, Volume 3, page 114-115.

## Judge Joseph W. Alford

Judge Joseph W. Alford, a representative of the Hot Springs bar, who since 1914 has engaged in practice in this city, was born on a plantation near Murfreesboro, Pike county, Arkansas, May 14, 1857, and is a son of Madison Alford, who was a native of Alabama and who was a veteran of the Mexican war. He became a Methodist minister and for many years resided in Texas, from which state he removed to Arkansas in pioneer times, settling in Pike county. He and four of his sons were in the Confederate army during the Civil war and following the close of hostilities he returned to the plantation, devoting his attention to the management thereof and in the active work of the ministry. He was a slave owner prior to the war and one of his slaves remained with him throughout the entire war period and continued with the family to the time of his death. Madison Alford died at the age of seventy years. Judge Alford, of this review, was a lad of but fourteen years at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and he worked in the fields while his older brothers were in the service, having the entire management of the plantation. He was educated in the public schools and he remained on the farm until 1881, when at the age of twenty-four years he came to Hot Springs. Here he assisted in laying the first water and gas mains of the city. Soon afterward he was elected to the office of constable and while serving in that capacity he devoted his leisure hours to the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1914. He at once entered upon the active practice of his profession and has since served as justice of the peace and notary public. He is a lawyer of ability, carefully and systematically preparing his cases and presenting his cause with clearness and force in the courts. When but eighteen years of age Judge Alford was married to Miss Nancy Higgins, who was born and reared in his home neighborhood, their acquaintance dating from early childhood. They have become parents of five children, three daughters and two sons. Judge Alford is a Mason and has attained the Knights Templar degree of the York Rite, exemplifying at all times in his life the beneficent spirit and high principles of the order.

Sketch of Judge Joseph W. Alford, Centennial History of Arkansas, Dallas T. Herndon, Volume 3, page 433.

## William D. Alford

Dr. William D. Alford, physician and merchant, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

Among all classes and in every condition of life there are those who succeed in whatever they

undertake, whether of a professional, agricultural or commercial nature, and prominent among them stands the name of Dr. W.D. Alford. He was born in Alabama in 1835, and was the eldest of twelve children born to Rev. Madison E. and Nancy (Orrick) Alford, the father a native of Alabama, and the mother of South Carolina. Rev. Madison E. Alford spent his youth on a farm, and after his marriage, which occurred in Alabama, he came to Arkansas in 1841 and settled near Murfreesboro. He had made the study of medicine his profession in Alabama, and was licensed to preach at Greenville, Clark County, Ark., soon after he came to this State, by Rev. Andrew Hunter, presiding Elder of Washington District, Ouachita Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church. Soon after his arrival here he began his ministerial duties, and was one of the pioneer Methodist Episcopal preachers of Pike County. He became well known as an evangelist, organizing churches in this and adjoining counties, and organized the church at Murfreesboro, Pisgah, Brocktown and near Bingen, also many others throughout the county. He owned a farm, but devoted his whole time to the ministry, and after spending his entire life in this work ceased his labors in 1876. He was truly a good man, and his influence was perhaps as great as any one residing here since. The mother died in 1875. Dr. William D. Alford attained his growth on the farm, had practically no educational advantages, and continued to reside at home until he was twenty-one years of age. During the last few years at home, he had been studying with such instruction as his parents could give him, and upon leaving began teaching school. This he continued for some time, and he was just prepared to attend college when the war cloud burst upon the nation. He enlisted in Company G, Fourth Arkansas Infantry, August 10, 1861, and participated in the battle of Pea Ridge. Immediately after the battle he was appointed assistant surgeon, and accompanied the sick and wounded troops to Little Rock from Van Buren. He remained in the hospital at Little Rock until the fall of that city in September, 1863, when he was taken prisoner and sent to Camp Morton, at Indianapolis, where he was retained as assistant for the sick. He remained there until the surrender of Gen. Lee, and then returned to Pike County, Ark., where he at once engaged in agricultural pursuits. After farming for two years he again began the study of medicine, attended the American Medical College at St. Louis, Mo., graduated, and has since been in constant practice in the town and vicinity. He is the owner of a farm of ninety acres, fifty acres under cultivation in the river bottom, and 160 acres in another tract, and has also some town property. He has been engaged in selling drugs for some time, and in 1890 formed a partnership with Mr. Dean in his present business. Dr. Alford has been married twice; first, to Miss Mary E. Brewer, in 1859. She died in 1869, leaving three children: James A. (the only one living), William M. (died at the age of six years in 1872), and Henry M. (died in infancy). Dr. Alford was married the second time, in 1870, to Miss Rebecca Ann Sharp, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of John Sharp, an old settler here. Three children were the fruits of this union: John E., Thomas F. and Robert N. Mr. Alford is a local Elder, and has been actively engaged in church work in the Methodist Episcopal denomination for years. The family are members of the same. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is Worshipful Master of Pike Lodge No. 91. He is an earnest advocate of education, has been school director of this district for years, and is one of the enterprising citizens of the county.

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, The Goodspeed Publishing Company: Chicago, Nashville and St. Louis, 1890, Pike County, page 314.

## Pike County Arkansas Tax List 1883

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## Isaac White Letter

To Peter White  
Kentucky, Monroe County  
Tomkinsville

Zebulon, Ark., 24 Jan 45

State of Arkansas, Pike County, January the 24th 1845. From Isaac White to Brothers. Loving Brothers, I now write you a few lines to inform you that we are all living and enjoy reasonable health for the times, and I hope you are enjoying the blessings of health. We have had a great deal of sickness in this land the last two or three years past, of the various kinds, but our friends are all in the land of the living and but little change in their way of doing, at looking out to live a long time. I would be glad I could tell you that there was a change for the better. I can only say that some few of our friends have inclined to take a more moral walk. The country is much moralized and some of them has been baptized. Bradley Dickson has a son of seventeen years old that has started out to preach the Christian doctrine which is the most common here at this time. I received a letter from you, wrote to Mother, which surely give(s) great satisfaction to hear from you all in that country. In that letter you requested to know by letter how we

was all doing and coming on. I am hardly able to answer you. The most of us has plenty of property and to say anything about money, I can not say there is money here to come at. I think I am worth 7 or 8 thousand dollars in property and hardly can buy sugar or coffee. I do not say this to brag, for I am hard run, as the most of the people. I have taken a great deal of fatigue on myself to make what I have and to keep it up. I have least to hold any office, except Justice of the Peace, and live more retired with my little family.

Mother lives with me and enjoy(s) very good health to be so old and can walk about the yard without a stick and has her mind as good as ever. She had, and is very anxious to see you all, and daily talks of you all and wants you to write to her often while she does live, which I hope you will do, and direct your letters to me as I live near the office and it is kept by D.S. Dickson. Our child-ren is almost grown. Wm. J. is as large as you as per sizes and sixteen years old, and is often called Peter by us all and likes (milling) and &c. like you, and Sarah Ann is as large as her Mother or near so, and they often talk of you. Then I would tell you of all the family connection, but there is so many that it is too lengthy at this time as the mail will pass this morning, while I write. I will write soon again and much more if I live and will tell Anna all about the

children and friends. I have wrote many lines to you all without answer. Still I hope it will not be so now. We are glad to hear you promise to write, for we are all glad to hear from you in that country. Your Letter came in 20 days dated 19th Decr. 1844. We would be glad to see you here, even on a visit. I want to hear from my Hammer-? kin and should these lines reach you, I hope you will let them know something of us in these lines, and they look the office for a line as well as you, for I will write to you all that is my kin. We live great ways apart, but that (is) no reason we should neglect. I want to hear from them to know of the times as we are glad to hear of the time(s). We have plenty to live upon in this country, although no money hardly. Produce is high at times. Could expect cotton is our money. It buys anything there is to sell. Pork is worth 3 and 4 dollars per head. Corn 75 cent(s) per bushel, often a dollar. Bacon from 10 to 12 1/2 cent(s) per pound. Wheat \$150 cts. per bushel. Sugar and coffee worth from 8 to 10 cts. per pound. We make from 1000 to 15 hundred pounds of cotton to the acre or one bail of 450 pounds and that is the money of our country, and great in play for children and girls. Don't your girls wish they was here for they can get a dress for \$125 cts. Nice at that. Brother Absalom has the mis-fortune of loosing the (sight) of one of his eyes, without pain, and has (become) a(n) old looking man and has a young family on hand of 4 child-ren. The old stock is married off and brother John ... has part of his old stock on hand, Pleasant, Patty, Anna, Agness, and old Patty as smart as ever, and more grandchildren than I know. I will close my lines at this and will write more folly next time, which will be in a few day(s) to some of you. I hope you will not let me look the office in vain, for you shan't. I love to write to you, as with all respect.

Isaac White and  
Polly White

My Brothers and Sisters  
Peter & Anna White  
James and Agness White

Isaac White letter provided by Russell P. Baker,  
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## Millard M. Mauney

Farmer, Murfreesboro, Ark.

This prominent and wide-awake agriculturist is a native-born resident of Pike County, Ark., his birth occurring in 1853, and is the eldest of three children born to Dr. George R. and Sarah Ann (White) Mauney, the father a native of North Carolina, and the mother of Arkansas. The father studied medicine and came to Arkansas, settling in Pike County in about 1850, where he began the practice of his profession. At that time there were no physicians here but Dr. Conway and himself, and as a consequence his practice extended over a large territory. He became one of the best known physicians of the county, and remained here until his death in 1880. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and stood high in the Masonic fraternity. The mother died in 1855, and the father married the second time (to Mary A. Harris), becoming by this union the father of one child, George R., who died in 1889.

W.J. White, uncle of Millard Mauney, was born in Tennessee in 1825. He came to Arkansas with his parents as a child, and after attaining his majority, engaged in farming, in which he was very successful. He was an advanced member of the Masonic fraternity, and held many positions of trust among his people. Mr. White was one of the most prominent characters connected with the growth of Pike County. He died in 1884 at the age of fifty-nine, unmarried.

Millard M. Mauney was reared on the farm and in the town, and attended the common schools of the locality, until the age of twenty-one years, when he engaged in farming for himself on a small farm he inherited. He was married in 1875 to Miss Bettie L. Owens, a daughter of John S. Owens, and the fruits of this union have been seven children, five living: Occo, Walter J., Alice R., Maud Mesilla, Henry Jeff Owens, Mabel (died in infancy), and one died unnamed. Mr.

Mauney is conscientious in his political views, and votes with the Democratic party. He takes a decided interest in educational matters, and is director in his district. He is one of the public-spirited men of Pike County.

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#### FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband: Isaac White born 28 Oct 1794 in East Tennessee; died 26 Feb 1865 at Kimberly, Pike County, Arkansas; married Mary (Polly) Dickson about 1825 in Jackson County, Tennessee.

Wife: Mary (Polly) Dickson born June 1802 in Kentucky; died March 1860 at Kimberly, Pike County, Arkansas of typhoid fever; married Isaac White about 1825 in Jackson County, Tennessee.

Children of Isaac White and Mary Dickson:

William Jordan White born 06 Mar 1827 in Jackson County, Tennessee; died 08 Sep 1884 in Pike County, Arkansas; un-married.

Sarah Ann White born about 1829 in Clark (Pike) County, Arkansas; died 1855 in Pike County, Arkansas; married George Rush Mauney about 1851 in Pike County, Arkansas.

Moved to Clark (Pike) County, Arkansas from Jackson County, Tennessee about 1829.

Sources: Census Records: Clark County, Arkansas 1830; Pike County, Arkansas 1840, 1850, 1860; Tombstone inscriptions: Isaac White, Polly White, William J. White, Kimberly Cemetery, Pike County, Arkansas; Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, Pike County, page 333; Sam Williams: Printer's Devil, Memorabilia, Mary Madearis, 1979, page 289-290.

## Land Entry Record

No. 4035

Isaac White Preemption Proof

Be it Remembered, that on the 13th day of January in the year 1840, Isaac White of the

County of Pike in the State of Arkansas, personally came before me, the undersigned, a justice of the Peace within and for the County of Hempstead in the State aforesaid, and being by me duly sworn, Deposeth and says; that in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty nine he cultivated a Portion of the public Lands of the United States upon a tract known and designated as the South East quarter of Section twenty in Township Eight, South of Range twenty five west, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Washington, Arkansas; and that at that time, he resided with his family upon an adjoining tract, known and designated as the South West quarter of Section twenty one in the same Township and Range; and that in said year he cultivated on said First described tract, about fifteen acres principally in corn, and that he still resided on above stated, had possession of, and used, occupied and cultivated the first tract above named, on the twenty ninth day of May 1830; and that he still continues to have possession of, use and cultivates the same, and further says not.

Isaac White

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th January 1840.

R.L. Phillips J.P.

And at the same time and place, personally came Rice Stringer and John Hughes, who being duly sworn state on oath, that they are personally well acquainted with the above named affiant, Isaac White, and that they know the matters and things set forth in his above affidavit to be true in substance and in fact, and further say not.

Rice Stringer  
John Hughes

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 13th January 1840.

R.L. Phillips J.P.

Land Office Washington, Arks.

Feb. 13th 1840

We are personally acquainted with Rice Stringer & John Hughes who signed as witnesses to the foregoing deposition & know them to be respect-able & entitled to credit.

D.T. Witter Recr.  
R.L. Phillips J.P.

Cash Certificate 4305, Washington, Arkansas Land Office. National Archives Record Group 49, Washington National (Archives) Records Center, Suitland, Maryland.

### Correspondence

November 19, 2001

Pike County Clerk of Court  
P.O. Box 219  
Murfreeseboro, Arkansas 71958

... I would like to get a copy of the marriage certificate of my great grandparents ... below are the parties and the information requested.

Marriage of Andrew Blackwood to Mary Steven-son on March 1, 1860 in the Reconstructed Re-cords of Pike County.

Marriage of Edward Stevens to Ella Smith on July 15, 1886 at New Hope, Arkansas. I am enclosing the reference from the family bible. Please note that the County Judge performing the ceremony was Edward's brother Thomas B. Stevens.

If you need additional information like the names of parents for each individual I can provide it ...

Brad C. Blackwood  
514 Monette Dr.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412  
e-mail: brad\_blackwood@eogresources.com

WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH JOINED  
TOGETHER LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY.

THAT Edward T Stevens AND Ella Smith

WERE UNITED BY ME  
IN  
Holy Matrimony

at New Hope, Ark. on the 15 day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Six in the presence of

WITNESSES.  
Stevens Signed By Thos. B. Stevens  
Smith family County Judge, Pike Co.

THEREFORE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER  
AND HIS MOTHER AND SHALL CLEAVE UNTO  
HIS WIFE AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH.  
Mr. Blackwood:

I have checked our records and do not find either of these marriage licenses. Our courthouse burned in 1895 and all records are lost prior to that time. The Archives and History (Society) may have this information so I am passing your requests to Jan McGalliard, P.O. Box 96, Delight, AR 71940. E-mail is jmcgalliard@alltel.net ...

Donnis Lott  
Deputy Clerk

From: "Jan" (jmcgalliard@alltel.net)  
To: brad\_blackwood@eogresources.com  
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2001 9:10 PM  
Subject: Blackwood family marriage records from Pike Co. AR

Hello Brad,

This e-mail is in reference to your recent letter to the Pike Co. Clerk's office requesting marriage certificates for Andrew Blackwood and Mary Stevenson on 01 March 1860 from the recon-structed marriage records of Pike Co. Also for Edward Stevens to Ella Smith on 15 July 1886 at New Hope, Arkansas.

The Pike Co. Courthouse burned the first time in the spring of 1855 with a loss of all county records ... (and a) second time in 1895, again with a loss of all records ... (Thus) the only

records that the courthouse has available are dating from after the last fire.

The reconstructed marriage records for Pike Co. is an ongoing project (by) David Kelley ... to reconstruct the marriage records lost in the fires ... This information (is) from (various) records.

With your permission, I would like to scan the Bible record for (the marriage of) Edward Stevens and Ella Smith, to be included in the reconstructed marriage records ...

Jan Jackson McGalliard  
PCAHS  
P.O. Box 135  
Delight, Arkansas 71940  
From: Brad\_Blackwood@eogresources.com  
To: Jan (jmcgalliard@alltel.net)  
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2001 2:00 PM  
Subject: Re: Blackwood family marriage records from Pike Co. AR

Dear Jan,

Please feel free to scan the Bible (marriage) record of Edward Stevens and Ella Smith. My family would like to have this record added to the reconstructed records of Pike County. Thank you for responding to my inquiry ...

Brad

From: "Jan" jmcgalliard@alltel.net  
To: Brad\_Blackwood@eogresources.com  
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2001 8:16 PM  
Subject: Re: Blackwood family marriage records from Pike Co. AR

Brad,

The marriage record scanned beautifully. I sent it to David Kelley this evening, I also sent your name, address, phone and e-mail for reference. Thank you so much for letting us use it.

The PCAHS also publishes a quarterly newsletter, David Kelley is the Editor ... We also have a very nice new Archives (facility)

that should be opening in the next couple of months. It is located across the street from the square (County Courthouse) in Murfreesboro. If you are ever in this area drop in.

Jan

November 20, 2001

Mr. David Kelley, Editor  
THE GEMS of Pike County Arkansas  
P.O. Box 135  
Delight, AR 71940

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Evidently you have prepared a book-? entitled "Pike County Arkansas Reconstructed Marriages 1834-1895." This book-? was mentioned on pp. 12-155 and 12-156 of the Fall 2001 Gems.

I don't recall ever seeing this book-? offered for sale. If such a book is available, I'd like to buy a copy. Please forward details to me. An SASE is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Eunice Fox Fontenot

January 7, 2002

Dear Eunice,

It is nice to hear from you again. There was a book publication of the Reconstructed Marriage Records for Pike County (1834-1895) several years ago and it is out of print and would be out of date as well. Several additions and some corrections have been made since then.

It is now an ongoing computer database with basic information naming the parties married and marriage date or approximate marriage date. I can send you a copy of the files from this database as text on disk or they can easily be sent as an attachment to your e-mail for use on your com-puter, if you have one.

Sincerely,

David Kelley

From: Colleen Goodwin  
To: jmcgalliard@alltel.net  
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2001 11:07 PM  
Subject: Jacksons

Hello,

I am seeking info on my gg-grandfather William Jasper Jackson and his line. He was born in GA and was treasurer of Pike County from 1876- 1878. I believe these are the right dates. I have quite a bit of info on him from AR. I have recently found out through relatives that he had no legitimate father. I have searched in GA and can find very little. Judy Falcon referred me to you in hopes that you may have some useful info. Thanks.

Colleen Jackson Goodwin

From: "Jan" jmcgalliard@alltel.net  
To: Colleen Goodwin  
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2001 10:43 PM  
Subject: Re: Jacksons

Hello Colleen,

... The name, William Jasper Jackson, I am familiar with, ... just having a problem placing it ... I should be able to find out ... if he is a part of my Jackson line. I believe, according to family history and tradition, (ours) were from Tennessee ...

Jan

No Date (2001)

Dear Mrs. Wilson -

I have enjoyed reading The Gems at the Salt Lake City LDS Library ... for the many articles that have helped me with my husband's genealogy ...

Is there a picture available of the Antioch Church of Christ? ... Is there a web site for

(the) Antioch Church - E. Kelley records? I believe I read Elijah Kelley's first wife was a Dickson. Did they have any children?

Looking forward to hearing from you. My e-mail is the.dicksons@gateway.net ...

Patricia Dickson

The minutes, Church Record, Antioch Church of Christ 1833-1884, with annotation, was printed in The Gems, Winter 1995 issue, Volume 6, No. 1. The minutes, Church Record, 1885-1916, was printed in The Gems, Winter 1996 issue, Volume 7, No. 1.

A son of Elijah Kelley, Elder and Church Clerk at Antioch, also named Elijah Kelley, married Priscilla Dickson, daughter of John Dickson. The senior Elijah Kelley, his father, first married Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

## Queries

Rootsweb has combined all Pike County boards, Query, etc., into one board.

**Stone family of Pike County.** Author: Monte Southward (monte@udata.com); Date: 2 Dec 2001 3:42 AM GMT. Looking for parents and/or lineage of Carrie Stone that married John Wesley Camp-bell. Thanks.

**Hudson/Hutson of KY, VA, NC.** Author: Terry Cassidy (terryc93@hotmail.com); Date: 10 Dec 2001 9:24 PM GMT. Looking for anything on Calvin Hudson (b.1803) and Anna Collins (b.1809) in VA, married July 8, 1827-28 in Montgomery Co., VA. Had nine children: Eliza-beth, Mary, Sarah, Martha J., David, Susan Catherine, George Washington, and Isakiah. Last found in Campbell Co., TN 1850 Census. They are my GGG-Grandparents ... Any info will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**William T. Mack family. Seeking more information.** Author: Cheryl McWilliams (cheryl8113@aol.com); Date: 15 Dec 2001 8:22 PM GMT. I am searching for more information on William T. Mack. He was said to have been born about 1856 in Missouri or at least census records indicate he was born in Missouri and that both of his parents were also born in

Missouri. William married Martha Gentry. I think that was her maiden name. Martha was said to have been born about 1861 and possibly the daughter of William L. and Genetta Gentry. I am not sure how many siblings William Mack had. I know of 2 much younger sisters, Bethena Mack and Minnie Mack. On the 1880 Pike County Census, I found Bethena Mack, age 13, living with William and Martha. It lists Bethena as being born in Texas. Her father being born in Missouri, and her mother being born in Arkansas. I found Minnie Mack on the same census, listed in the home of William and Mary J. Fant. Minnie is listed as 9 years old, born in Texas. It lists her father born in Missouri and her mother born in Missouri. William and Martha Mack had 7 children: Dora A. Mack b. 1879; John P. Mack b. 1881; Docia A. Mack b. 1886; Joe Burke Mack b. December 17, 1894; Nora Mack b. 1897; Etta Mack b. 1900; Berton Mack b.1930. If anyone has ANY info on William T. Mack or his family, PLEASE contact me. Thank you! - Cheryl.

**John B. Dunn, Daniel Dunn.** Author: Sue Current (suzyq@fisi.net); Date: 18 Dec 2001 5:57 PM GMT. I have ... family letters, wills of Aaron, Daniel's son, etc., and a picture of Daniel. Be glad to scan and send. What do you have?

**Charlie or Charles Philips/Phillips 12/1860-aft. 1920.** Author: Rex Phillips (Rx@ocom); Date: 21 Dec 2001 1:46 AM GMT. 1920 census lists Charlie Philips, 42, M, W, TN TN TN, and wife Effie O., 40, F, W, TX TX NC, & children: Cora F., F, W, 14, OK; Doss B. M, W, 10, OK TN TX; Jesse 8, M, W, AR TN TX; Jesse, M, W, 8, AR TN TX; Ray 5, M, W, AR TN TX and Edgar, 1. M, W, AR TN TX. Charlie (Charles W.), my GGF, was born in TN in Dec. 1860. He married a Betty (Elizabeth) ? in abt. 1883 and they had 6 children, incl. Arthur C., my GF in Dec., family moved to TX in 1886. Eliz. died early 1900's and he married Effie Black and they moved to OK & then AR. My GF Arthur & a sis-ter went to Chilicothe, TX to live with an uncle, John M. Philips. My GF died young (51) and no one in our family

knows anything about the Philips/Phillips family. Any help in identifying Charlie/Charles family or locating the above child-ren's families would be very much appreciated.

**Edward D. Perkins.** Author: Tammy (Kersey) Bagley (tambob@ipa.net); Date: 21 Dec 2001 6:29 AM GMT. I am seeking any information concerning Edward Perkins and Elizabeth (Betty). They were in the 1880 census for Pike Co. I am trying to find out who Edward's parents are. He was believed to be born in Pike Co. ... wife Betty was a Brooks, daughter Margarette married John Kersey in Sebastian Co. on August 8, 1893. Their son Carl Kersey was my grandfather. He and his wife Lida Coffman ... lived in the Kirby com-munity and raised 11 children. If anyone can help me with my Perkins family line I would appreciate it. Thanks, Tammy.

**Re: Edward D. Perkins.** Author: Morris Myers (pike@themyers.org); Date: 23 Dec 2001 2:55 PM GMT. In Reply to: Edward D. Perkins by: Tammy (Kersey) Bagley (tambob@ipa.net). I have information on a Lida Coffman born December 1899 in Arkansas. She was living with her parents, William N. Coffman and Missouri Bevill in Montgomery County, Gap Township in 1900. I don't have any information on John Kersey. If you are interested in Lida's ancestors, please let me know. Also would you be able to send me the information you have on John and his descendants?

**Re: William T. Mack family. Seeking more information.** Author: Kim (KScooterFox@aol.com); Date: 23 Dec 2001 12:15 AM GMT. In Reply to: William T. Mack family. Seeking more information by: Cheryl McWilliams (chyrel8113@ aol.com). I know some of the Mack family that still lives in Pike County, Arkansas ... There were several brothers: Hershall, LaVaughn (still living), Loy Dean, and two sisters that I can remember: Myrtle, and I can't recall the other (sister's) name ... but Loy Dean was married to Imogene Whisen-hunt and had 6 kids: Phyllis Catherine (Lacefield), Brenda Jean (White), Penny (Musick), Hope

Da-nean, and one other daughter and one son, Loy Kevin. I was married to Kevin at one time. Myrtle was married to Glen Sirmon and had 3 kids and the other sister was married to a Teddar, can't remember her name. You might try getting in touch with one of them. There was also another Mack family and most of them still live in the area. Some of the children in that family are DeWayne Mack, DeWight Mack, Margret, Jimmy Fred, and there are others.

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## PCAHS Update

### New Archives

The inside of the new archives has one large front room which will have a desk, computers, research tables, research books, etc. Another room, mid-dle, will be for the two microfilm machines, as there will not be as much bright light there, and used for general research. Then an unfinished room will be used to store all of the big County books where shelving will be installed. There is a small break area that will have a refrigerator and there are handicapped restroom facilities. The floor plan was drawn by Chester Gage. The walls are a light beige with a border. The carpet and trim are green. It is a restful place and will provide a nice place to do any type of Pike County or family history research. We also would like it to be a place our area students can come to do research for county related school projects. We have been promised a bundle of old Pike County Tribune newspapers.

January 10 - We are moving!!! Retha Fern Adams, Chester Gage, Olen and Peggy Loomis, Joe and Jan McGalliard moved the Heritage Club and PCAHS archives material from the library on Wednesday and Thursday. Linda Wilson, Laura Wofford and Harrison Gilmer made a trip to Little Rock on Thursday to shop for office furniture needed for the

archives. Some of the things purchased were a desk, file cabinets, tables and chairs. Much of the larger furniture located on the third floor of the Courthouse cannot be moved from the rooms, because of size. I believe we can lower some of it over the third-floor railing and down to the second floor with ropes, bypassing the spiral stairway. We will find out tomorrow. Friday, we are starting to move out of the Court-house.

January 11 - We have all of the files and most of the furniture out of the Courthouse third floor old archives!!! What is left is a big credenza, one desk, and a very old homemade table that may have been original to the room. We are not, now, moving the big County record books from the jail cells. We do not have the shelving to store them. When we get the shelving we will move them into the unfinished room in the new archives and store them. Here will be a maintained temperature. We all went home, dirty, dusty, and tired and very pleased with the amount accomplished today. Working today, that I know of, were: Harrison Gilmer, Dewayne Gray, Linda Wilson, Chester Gage, Olen and Peggy Loomis, Retha Fern Adams, Joe and Jan McGalliard and one un-named gentleman who just happened to be in the Courthouse on business. He said it looked like we needed some help. He helped us move some file cabinets, a very large card file and some glass front enclosed shelves.

January 13 - Chester Gage and I went to the archives Saturday and started unpacking boxes. Our copy machine is not working and it may be a while before we can have it fixed. I will be there every day possible, as I am sure Chester Gage will be, working to get things organized. PCAHS is going to be working hard to get the archives up and running and open to the public. As far as I know, right now, Chester Gage, Olen & Peggy Loomis, myself, Retha Adams, Dewayne Gray, Linda Wilson and Harrison Gilmer, have said they will work in the archives when it is open, as time permits. Chester Gage was made a PCAHS life member for the work he has done and is con-tinuing to do for the Archives. Morris Myers joined the

archives as a life member. For those that do not know, Morris Myers is the person behind the PCAHS internet web page. He is commended for his efforts. Most of our efforts the last few months have been focused in getting PCAHS into a new permanent home. We are now having our monthly meeting in the new archives on the first Thursday night of each month starting at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

January 14 - Retha Adams, Peggy and Olen Loomis, Harrison Gilmer, Linda Wilson and Dewayne Gray are also going to be working to get the archives materials out of boxes and set up. The new archives street address is 112 N. Washington Ave., Suite B, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

Jan J. McGalliard

## About PCAHS

The Pike County Archives and History Society was founded in 1986 and is a non-profit organization. The organization is dedicated to collecting and preserving materials which bring together the unique history of Pike County, Arkansas and its people. One of the objectives of PCAHS is to promote interest in the history of Pike County and the State of Arkansas. The collection of PCAHS includes family histories, census records, micro-film, publications and other materials for genealogical research. The archives house many old record books including early tax records, maps, etc. There is no charge for the use of these materials or of the research facilities in Murfreesboro but donations of money and/or research material are always welcome.

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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, 229 E. Antioch Street, Delight, AR 71940

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