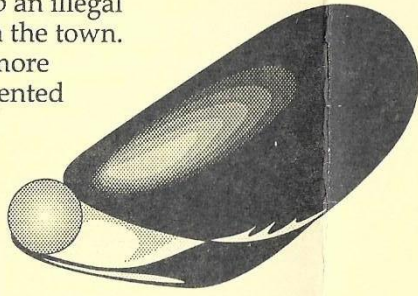


### LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

The beautiful Tennessee River pearl is harvested by many residents of Jesus Creek. In fact, this amazing gem once inspired notorious gangsters such as Wilbo Hawkins and Ed "Pick Man" Trumbull to set up an illegal export business in the town.

Tennessee has more than 3,800 documented caves. One of the largest underground caverns is located in Jesus Creek but is not open to the public.



More civil war battles were fought in Tennessee than in any other state except Virginia. Perhaps one of the most interesting and practical of these was the duel fought by Union General Alvin Turner and Confederate General Lance Wingo on the courthouse square in Jesus Creek. The two agreed to battle each other hand-to-hand rather than expose their war-weary troops to another day of combat. General Turner won the match, after which General Wingo surrendered his Confederate forces.

### CRIME RATE

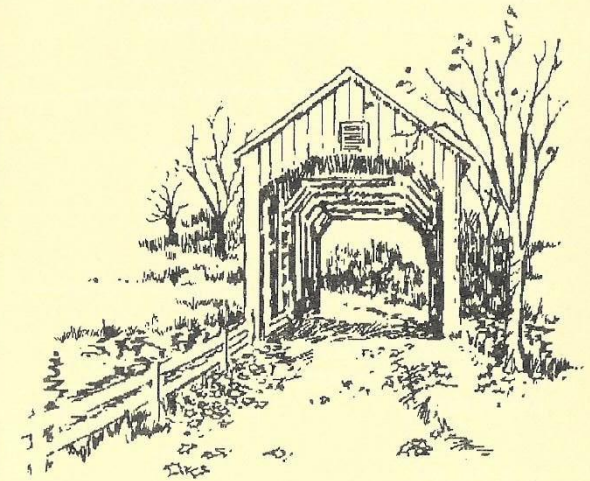
Jesus Creek has recently seen a dramatic rise in crime, beginning with Deborah Adams' first mystery novel **ALL THE GREAT PRE-TENDERS**. Local police expect the trend to continue in Adams' second book, **ALL THE CRAZY WINTERS**.



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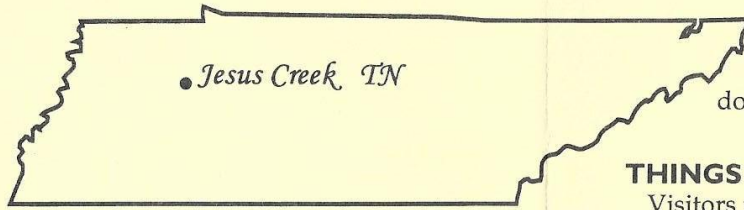
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### LOCATION

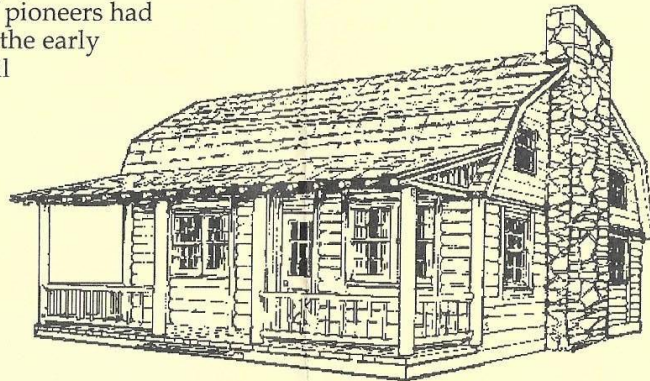
Jesus Creek is tenuously located in Angela County, somewhere along the eastern bank of the Tennessee River. It is within driving distance of many



major tourist attractions and is easily accessible by horseback and four-wheel drive.

### HISTORY

While a handful of pioneers had settled in the area in the early 1800s, it was not until Hiram Wicken arrived with his religious commune in 1840 that the town received the name Jesus Creek. For many years the commune residents struggled to survive in the area but as membership



dwindled, Wicken was forced to concede that his dream of a nationwide commune would never be realized. Today many descendants of Wicken's followers still live in Jesus Creek, but almost all of them have strayed from the path of righteousness as set down by Wicken in his treatise on spirituality.

Eventually the town's only saloon, Delia's Tavern, became a popular hangout for Jesse James and his outlaw friends. Certain citizens attempted to counteract this unfortunate turn of events, but it seemed that the residents of Jesus Creek preferred to co-exist with the rowdier elements and all attempts at civilization were voted down.

### THINGS TO DO

Visitors may choose to inspect the site of Jesse James' famous arm-wrestling match with the lusty tavern owner, or stroll through the park dedicated to Union naval officers killed by Confederate cavalry.

In 1990 the town will celebrate its 150th birthday. This event will coincide with the Goober Gala as well as the prestigious Miss Goober Beauty Pageant.

### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

The Twin Elms Inn provides homestyle accommodations for visitors who prefer not to be treated as guests.

For real country cooking, try Eloise's Diner on the court square. Eloise's is open daily from 6 A.M. until 10 P.M. Just around the corner, visitors can find beer and pizza at The Drink Tank, open from 4 to 11 P.M., except Sundays.



Jesus Creek is home to the annual Goober Gala each July, celebrating the town's most profitable export. An impressive St. Patrick's Day parade and picnic is held each year in March, with crowds in the hundreds attending.

