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At the Beginning, There Was the Prairie

BY MARY LEWIS

Early in the spring of 1889, the place we call Norman sat on an undulating open prairie that stretched to the horizon. A few trees grew along the banks of the streams, although a few miles east, the Cross Timbers created an almost impenetrable forest. In present-day Cleveland County, Indians, traders, and cattle drovers had created certain trails utilizing the topography of the land, good water sources, and other considerations. There were few human habitations, most of which were only temporary. A solitary railroad track angled across the landscape. A train stop was marked, near what was called Norman's Camp, but there was little to suggest a depot.

In early April of 1889, that was about all one could say about this spot on the map that became Norman.

I recently had the opportunity to peruse John Womack's *The Annals of Cleveland County 1889-1959*. In this publication, Womack extracted information from anniversary issues of the *Norman Transcript*—the Golden Anniversary edition on August 27, 1939, and the 75th Anniversary edition on September 13, 1964.

As Womack summarizes from the earliest pages of the *Transcript*, in the latter half of 1889, life in Norman and in

what was then known as Third County was a never-ending series of firsts.

At noon on Monday, April 22, 1889, the United States government opened to settlement the Unassigned Lands, including the area that became Cleveland County, Oklahoma, in a great land run. Land-hungry people from many states lined up around the perimeter boundaries, some with teams and wagons, others on fast horses, some afoot, for the sound of the starting gun. At that signal, all dashed off to select a choice spot, find the surveyors' markers, stake their claims, and then to defend their claim to land.

It was a wild-and-wooly scene. We often forget that our state started from scratch on April 22, 1889. It is difficult for us to imagine this Territory, born in a single day, yet with

no government set up, no legal system, no structure for those who populated the area. The pioneers had to make do or create the rules as they went.

But from its beginning in 1889, the *Norman Transcript* faithfully recorded all the growing pains—the changes, the improvements—long before Cleveland County had anything but a number (Third County) for a name.

Starting that very first day, the settlers began building the

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rudiments of civilization from the raw land. The first survey of the townsite was conducted the morning of April 22 by the railroad crew assigned to Norman's Camp. The town became a tent city that day. Gradually tents were replaced by wood business structures and houses. The first building erected in Norman came in on a railroad car. Board sidewalks and hitching racks soon appeared in front of businesses.

In the countryside, a few farmers broke sod and planted a little corn. Registration of claims and town lots was a major concern to the settlers. There were complaints that some people had fenced in the adjoining section-line roads, in addition to their own claims.

M.D. Hoover and son came from Pennsylvania and erected a brick yard early in July. By November, the *Transcript* reported "the new Adkins building, a brick structure, located at Main and Railroad streets, added an appearance of solidarity to Norman's Main street." Almost every train that passed through town dropped either a load of building materials or prospective residents.

Fire was a big problem for the settlers. The *Transcript* frequently reminded readers to plow fire guards to protect their homes from the danger of fires in the surrounding dry prairie.

That fall, local farmers planted a big wheat crop. Some merchants in Norman began running delivery wagons in town. There were

two brickyards, and more business buildings were being built. Mudholes were a problem on Main street. Mrs. Mattie Dollarhide opened a subscription school.

Babies were born, and people died in the young town. The first cemetery was located in the northeast corner of the first section of land west of town. An Odd Fellows lodge was organized at Norman on November 21, 1889. In December six Santa Fe trains a day passed through Norman, three each direction.

Norman citizens decided not to wait for legislation to organize a local government. They raised money among themselves, through subscription, for roads and bridges. The Norman Board of Trade led in the construction of several substantial bridges on roads leading into Norman.

Local Republicans and Democrats organized in the county. A G.A.R. post was organized; it was named for Albert Carter, the first old soldier to die here. Young men in Norman met to organize a cornet band. School houses began to dot the prairie, as communities organized make-shift schools for their children.

The first street lamp was erected in front of the Odd Fellows hall. L.T. Cook wrote the first "Letter to the Editor," supporting the planting of cotton as a cash crop.

At the end of Norman's first year, in April 1890, ice service came to town when the Nolan

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brothers shipped in a carload. On April 22, the county's first celebration of the opening of the Territory was rained out, for a heavy rain fell all day, confining the settlers indoors.

Late in April, 1890, Congress finally passed a bill providing for courts, for territorial officers, and for the issuing of land patents to settlers who had met all the requirements. Law and order could now begin to prevail.

The first cotton gin in Oklahoma Territory was built by W.R. Jennison of Chicago, who started work on the site in late May of 1890, just south of the Planters Hotel. By September, the gin was in operation.

The first census of Norman was begun June 4, 1890, with W.B. Taylor and Douglas A. Minor serving as enumerators. In July they reported a population of 7,200 persons in Third County.

Governor Steele came to Norman on June 2, 1890, where he met candidates for the county offices and appointed a complete slate of county officials. The first county officials were R.E. Innis, Norman, county clerk; John McCarthen, Moore, county treasurer; Wood Lyttle, Lexington, sheriff; W.D. Chillson, Norman, county judge; H.A. Smock, Norman, county attorney; and Tyler Blake, Norman, county surveyor. James M. Bishop, of Norman, and James H. Love and Albert Petite, both of Moore, were named county commissioners. The county contained 455 square miles.

The first term of district court opened in Norman on June 14, 1890, with Judge J.B. Clark presiding.

Norman's first serious traffic accident occurred on Main street in late June, when a team attempted to run away. The wagon overturned and a three-year-old girl was injured. Compassionate citizens contributed funds to help the family, who were just passing through the area.

Area residents made up for the lack of celebration of the anniversary of the Run by planning a grand and glorious celebration on the Fourth of July at the McBee grove south of town. The *Transcript* reported that "all day the roads leading to the grove were thronged by the wagons and buggies of the celebrators."

On August 5, 1890, the first election for the new Territory was held. Voters in Third County rejected the name Lincoln and selected Cleveland as the official name for their county.

Norman was buzzing that month.

Construction started on Norman's stock yards, and shipments of cattle from the Chickasaw Nation were expected in the fall. Norman made its first bid for the University. The Larsh and Waggoner addition was platted. School started in the West Side school in late August. The first legislature of Oklahoma Territory began August 27 in Guthrie.

In September construction began for the Methodist school building. The cotton gin began operation, and the first cattle were shipped from the stockyards. The Santa Fe depot was finished in the latter part of the month.

In spite of all the progress, some people were experiencing hard times. The Santa Fe railroad distributed 20 carloads of wheat for seed purposes to destitute settlers in the Territory.

According to Womack, the county relief board issued a call in November for all able-bodied men to hunt for work, pointing out that there was "still cotton to be picked in the Chickasaw country, and wood to be cut for stoves in Norman." The government had provided \$44,800 for relief in the state, but the relief board stated that these funds would be used only to care for widows and orphans, and would not be used to care for families which included able-bodied men. In December the relief board reported that 233 persons in Cleveland County had received relief in the form of flour, meal, bacon, beans and salt.

The year 1890 closed with Governor Steele's signing of the bill designating the location of the state university in Norman. Norman began its efforts to provide 40 acres of land for the school site and to raise \$10,000, both required to secure the University for Norman.

The next effort was to provide schooling for area children. The rural districts began opening public schools, although they sometimes had problems providing appropriate buildings. M. Gough, the county superintendent of schools, ordered a school census be taken of all pupils in the county. All teachers were required to take an examination before they could teach in the county. The first public schools in the Norman school district opened in late February, 1891, with about 250 students enrolled. Prior to that time, the only schooling available was in subscription schools.

In 1891, teacher wages ranged from \$25 in rural schools to \$45 for the principal of the Norman schools. Cleveland County had 2,238 school age children. The state appropriated \$6,239 for the work.

Work began on five new brick business buildings on east Main street in March, 1891. The ten-acre site for the Southern Methodist college on east Main street was surveyed. In April the new opera house opened with the presentation of the great moral play, *Esmeralda*, with a cast of Normanites under the direction of a professional actor, Charles Ellis. Norman hosted a big IOOF lodge anniversary celebration on April 27, with lodge representatives from all over Oklahoma Territory in attendance.

In May, 1891, Norman's Cornet band received new uniforms and was rated one of the best brass bands in the Territory. The location of the University at Norman was assured when the University bond issue carried in a bond election May 19. The Board of Regents on July 22 selected the site for the University as 40 acres of the S.M. Moore claim southwest of town.

The second summer after the Run, the settlers could at last feel that they had brought civilization to this raw land. The hard times were behind them. They were comfortable and ready to celebrate their accomplishments.

Twenty-eight months after the Run of 1889, Cleveland County residents held their first Old Settlers Reunion. The *Transcript* described it thus:

"Eight beeves gave up their lives in the barbecue pit on August 7 and 8 when the Old Settlers held a reunion at Ferguson's grove a mile southwest of Norman. A continuous round of speeches, visiting, and lemonade made it a gala occasion. Governor Steele is estimated to have shaken the hands of more than 2,000 persons at the reunion."

Life was good in the Territory.

**One Good Reason
for Tracing Your Family History**

You will see historical events and places with a new perspective: your ancestor was there.

President's Message

The second hand on the wall clock drags itself slowly around the dial while the days, weeks, and months fly by at warp speed.

By the time you receive this issue of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Newsletter, hurricane Sandy will be but a bad memory and the election of 2012 finally will be over. Either President Obama will be reelected to another four year term or there will be a new President in waiting. The Democrats and the Republicans will continue to bicker and disagree. The country will go on with momentous decisions while citizens in all parts of the country will go about the business of their lives, their hopes, their dreams, their successes, and their failures.

Time will march onward also for CCGS and the CCGS Genealogy Library. A successful Bakeless Bake Sale has been nearly completed. The final tally will exceed those of prior years. A big THANK YOU to each person who contributed to the Bakeless Bake Sale, especially during these years of recession and fiscal uncertainty.

This issue of the newsletter begins the Cleveland County Genealogical Society membership drive for 2013. A membership form, featuring a schedule of member dues and contribution levels is included with this newsletter. Please renew your membership by mailing your dues. Find a friend or neighbor who would like to become a member of the CCGS. Bring your friends or neighbors to our monthly CCGS meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. Or bring them to the CCGS library on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday afternoons to show off our library and to pique their interest in discovering their own family history.

When you send your dues, please consider sending an additional contribution. If you made a contribution to CCGS last year, please consider increasing your contribution this year.

Please speak to management at some of the stores and business establishments with whom you do business and invite them to

make a charitable contribution to the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

The CCGS Genealogy Library is supported primarily through member dues, as well as contributions from members, friends, and local businesses. We thank you for all that you have done in the past and also thank you for those things you will do in the future to insure the continuity of the CCGS Genealogy Library.

The future of this library depends upon you—the members, friends, and contributors to CCGS. The rent for our library space is approximately \$12,000 per year, which is, by far, the largest expense of the CCGS. Membership dues alone do not begin to cover these costs.

Mary Sue Schnell and her husband have moved to Pennsylvania. Their move brought them to Pennsylvania just as hurricane Sandy was arriving. I hope they suffered no damage. Thank you, Mary Sue, for giving many hours of your time and talents to CCGS and to the Genealogy Library. May good fortune follow you in your new home and new community.

The Education Committee has completed Session I and Session II of the Beginner Genealogy Workshop. Several new members joined CCGS after attending these workshops.

The October 16 meeting of CCGS featured a recent DVD on the history of Moore (OK) School. Moore alumni Betty Hall, Oleta Tolen, and Jenny January presented introduction and comments. The DVD was excellent in content and production. I was transformed back to memories of my high school days. It was a most enjoyable evening.

I believe it serves us well to revisit the history of our forebears. Four generations of one branch of my family lived in Dummerston, Vermont from about 1762 until my grandfather and his parents removed to Stafford County, Kansas in 1875. The history of early Dummerston and its residents has been extensively reported in the *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, volume 5, compiled by Abby M. Hemenway in 1891. The following are excerpts from a section entitled “How the Early Settlers Lived: What They Ate”.

“In all the New England settlements, one common article of food was bean porridge. It was eaten for breakfast, and often times, for supper. Dinner usually consisted of boiled meat and some kind of vegetables, most frequently, turnip. These were boiled in a large iron pot or kettle.

“To make bean porridge, a sufficient quantity of beans were boiled with meat and turnip. When these were removed, the residue with the beans, was made into porridge.... After milk became plenty, that, with brown bread was eaten, usually, by families for their evening meal....

“Pumpkins were baked the same way as bread, and also furnished a common article of food. A ripe pumpkin,...was taken, and a hole was cut in the stem end some five or six inches in diameter... The seeds and stringy substance were then scraped out clean...it was partly filled with new milk and covered with the piece taken out, placed in a well heated oven and left to bake six or eight hours... It was eaten with milk...

“Turnips and parsnips were raised in large quantities... Very few potatoes were grown... Yellow corn was boiled or roasted...

“Wheaten cakes were a luxury served to company... Barley cakes were eaten... Buckwheat was used for flapjacks... Boiled and baked Indian puddings were a common diet...

“Great quantities of meats were eaten... consisting of beef, pork, and wild meats.... Large quantities of fish were caught and eaten.”

Let us be thankful that we no longer live in those “good old days.”

Velma and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beatitudes of a Family Genealogist

Blessed are the grandfathers, who filed every legal document, for these provide the proof.

Blessed are the grandmothers, who preserved family Bibles and dairies, for these are our heritage.

Blessed are fathers, who elect officers who answer letters of inquiry, for—to some—the only link to the past.

Blessed are mothers, who relate family tradition and legends to the family, for one of her children will surely remember.

Advice to Researchers in 2062

BY CCGS RESEARCH GROUP MEMBERS

Participants in the CCGS Research Group were recently challenged to give advice to family researchers fifty years from now. This article reveals their collective wisdom.

Research

Begin at the beginning. Look first at your parents and grandparents, not a distant ancestor or a famous name to whom you'd like to be kin.

Do the geography. Are you looking in the right place?

Do the chronology. Are there gaps, or are there overlaps that suggest a mistake?

Collect data on collateral lines and neighbors. Their records may reveal family information you are lacking.

Think about how many ways a name can be misspelled. Get creative, especially in the immigrant generations, when they were learning a new language.

Remember that people changed their own names for a variety of reasons.

Know that high cheekbones do not an Indian make.

Organize your notes, pictures, and other information in a meaningful manner.

In case I don't find him in my lifetime, please find Thomas Lee Berry, son of Columbus Marion Berry and Margaret Jane Ingram.

Please go to Sweden (reader may supply the locality) to visit the places where our family originated.

Interviews

List, find, visit, and interview the five oldest members of your family within six months. You will not be able to reach across their graves to get answers to your questions.

Ask many questions of every family member to whom you talk. Everyone has stories; some are better than others. (You have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find the prince.)

Talk to anyone who might have information about your family—relatives, of course, but also neighbors and associates of family members.

Within 48 hours of every interview, write up (hand-written or on a computer) some kind of report of what was said. Record the name of the person you interviewed, and sign and date the report for posterity. Your memory of the conversation will quickly dim.

Sources

Notice details in a record source. Have you missed important information?

Document every source (author, title, page number, etc., and the place where you found it). You may want to look at the original information again ten years from now, in the light of newly discovered information.

Double-check. What do you know, and how do you know it?

Use online, unsourced, data only as a guide for future research. Can you prove or disprove it?

Look for the truth in family stories, but don't accept these stories as gospel.

Always cite your sources, in all your correspondence, articles, books, web sites, message boards or online trees.

Share

Pay it forward. Find ways to share what you have or what you know with others. Publishing and distributing your work may open doors for you in the future.

Prediction

It is my hope that my legacy of interest in family will still be alive, through the great-great grandchildren who carry on my genealogy.

Modern communication and video will make it possible for all family members to know one another.

Advances in communication and housing may make it possible for someone to take our family history to the moon.

Around & About

Western Plains Receives Grant

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries, in partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board, recently announced that the Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society and Western Oklahoma Historical Center was awarded a "Threats to Your Collection" grant of \$4,500 to help preserve the items in the collection.

The funds are meant to be used to secure storage, environmental controls, archival storage supplies, fire detection, and other projects that address threats to the collection.

Support for the grant program was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the funding arm for the National Archives and Records Administration. Grants totaling \$50,000 were awarded to 27 Oklahoma institutions.

The Gateway to Oklahoma History

The Gateway will be the largest repository of Oklahoma newspapers online. You may browse through hundreds of thousands of newspaper pages dating from the 1840s to the 1920s.

Browsing through the offerings, the editor found these Cleveland County newspapers: *Cleveland County Courier*, *Cleveland County Enterprise*, *Cleveland County Leader*, *Lexington Leader*, and the *Moore Enterprise*.

This Oklahoma Historical Society feature can be accessed at www.gateway.okhistory.org

Statistics on the Popularity of Genealogy

Today, genealogy ranks second only to porn as the most searched topic online. According to a January 2012 report by market research firm Global Industry Analysts, an estimated 84 million people around the world spend anywhere from \$1,000 to \$18,000 a year in search of their ancestors.

Visitors to online genealogy sites are mostly white women, 55 and older who browse the internet from home—or, says [Ancestry.com PR Director Sean] Pate, "your Aunt Betsy, who's got a real rabid appetite for digging into family roots." It's a demographic projected to grow 36 percent by 2020, three times as fast as any other group.

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Workshops

RootsTech 2013

March 21-23, 2013
Salt Lake City, Utah
www.rootstech.org

National Genealogical Society

Building New Bridges
May 8-11, 2013
Las Vegas Conference Center
Las Vegas, Nevada
www.ngsgenealogy.org

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia 44th International Convention

July 7-13, 2013
Hilton Fort Collins
Fort Collins, Colorado
www.ahsgr.org

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Journey Through Generations
August 21-24, 2013
Grand Wayne Center
Fort Wayne, Indiana
www.fgs.org

Bits & Pieces

The Library of Congress has added to their website 275,000 pages of newspapers in Kansas, Illinois, Oklahoma and Oregon.
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Index U.S. immigration and naturalization records. Learn how you can help at this web site. <https://familysearch.org/us-immigration-naturalization>

Find your ancestors on ships' passenger lists. Free. <http://www.theshipslist.com/>

Naturalization records, 1871-1929, including petitions and Declarations of Intention, are available for Cook County, Illinois. <http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NT/about.aspx>

Your genealogy searches yield only genealogy web sites on the Mocavo search engine. www.mocavo.com

Searching for Indian ancestry? Here are answers to your questions about how to proceed.
<http://www.doi.gov/tribes/research.cfm>

CCGS News

Meetings

September

Our annual Welcome Back from Summer meeting was well attended by members, new members, and guests. In addition to sharing stories of summer genealogy adventures, family reunions, and new grandchildren, we also bade farewell to Mary Sue Schnell, our very active member, library volunteer, and former Board member. Mary Sue and her husband Gary, who recently retired from the university, are moving to Allentown, Pennsylvania to enjoy their grandchildren.

Mary Lewis gave tribute to Mary Sue's service to the Cleveland County Genealogical Society. CCGS president Frank Appl presented Mary Sue with a certificate of appreciation from the Society.

October

The recent DVD, *If These Walls Could Talk*, a history of the Moore School, was featured at the October meeting. Moore alumni Betty Hall, Oleta Tolen, and Jenny January answered questions from the group afterwards.

Book Sale

Drop by the Genealogy Library and shop our Book Sale cart.

This sale includes history and travel books, weeded from our library collection to make space for donated books of greater genealogical value. These items are priced at 50 cents for paperback books and \$1.00 for hardbacks.

We also feature on our Book Sale cart a few genealogy books. These may be duplicate copies weeded from our library collection or may be donations that are duplicates of items already in our collection. Genealogy books are individually priced; see the yellow price slip inside each book.

You can acquire a few good books at rock-bottom prices—and help the Genealogy Library as well. All proceeds from this Book Sale will be used to purchase additional books for the Genealogy Library.

Census Workshop Is Planned

The Education Committee is planning a census workshop, to be offered 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 30, 2013.

This workshop will explore the variety of censuses that are available in addition to the U.S. federal census. State and territorial censuses, the Indian census, local school censuses, the federal censuses that yield information about military service, and tips on getting the most out of the federal censuses before 1850 will be among the topics covered.

In the event of inclement winter weather, Wednesday, February 6, 2013 has been chosen as an alternate date for the workshop.

Please watch for further announcements at CCGS meetings, on our website, and in local newspapers. Brochures will be made available in the CCGS Library and at Pioneer Library System libraries.

Bakeless Bake Sale Report

Our 2012 Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser has topped \$2,500, enough to pay two and a half months' rent for the CCGS Library.

This has been the most successful in the five-year history of our Bakeless Bake Sale fund drive.

The Board of Directors appreciate the continuing support of our members and friends in Cleveland County.

CCGS Speakers Bureau

Do you enjoy meeting people and speaking to the public? CCGS needs you.

One goal of the CCGS 2012-2017 Strategic Plan is to establish a CCGS Speakers Bureau of members who are willing to talk to community groups about CCGS, the Genealogy Library, or any genealogy related topic.

We frequently receive calls from program chairs for various groups seeking speakers for their meetings. Having a ready list of willing speakers will enable us to help these groups and garner a little publicity for our Society and the Genealogy Library.

Call 701-2100 or e-mail ccgs@csbi.org to let us know you want to help.

Focus on Research

What do high school diplomas, threshing machines and brick walls have in common? All have been topics at the monthly gathering of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Research Group.

In September, Mary Lewis presented an overview of the school records held in the CCGS Archives. Group members shared pictures and school records.

The topic of the October meeting was occupations. Group members shared photos relating to farming, water well drilling, aircraft building, clergy, and store clerks. The group listed documents that may contain an occupation, including the census, death certificates, birth certificates, military records, county documents, immigration records, criminal records, county histories, old family letters, and advertising in old publications.

The Research Group also takes turns presenting brick walls. No walls have been tumbled yet, but members have received some new research ideas. We are currently working on Sarah Jenkins, who is Mary Lewis' brick wall.

This group did not meet in November. In December Mary Wheless will present one of her ancestors.

Come join in the genealogy fun, and share your ancestors with the CCGS Research Group. Their meetings are held monthly in the CCGS Library at 1:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday.

Deaths

Helen Marcotte, mother of CCGS member Michael Marcotte, died September 1, 2012 in Oklahoma City.

CCGS member and library volunteer Jane Harris' mother-in-law, Alpha NaDean "Dean" Harris died October 6, 2012 in Owasso.

Invite a Friend

Don't come by yourself! Invite a friend to come with you to hear the speakers at CCGS Society meetings, 7:00 p.m. the third Tuesday every month except June and July.

Calendar

CCGS Board Meetings - 1:30 p.m. second

Monday, CCGS Library
December 10, 2012
January 14, 2013
February 11, 2013

CCGS Society Meetings - 7:00 p.m. third

Tuesday (except July & August), South Lobby near CCGS Library
December 18, 2012
January 15, 2013
February 19, 2013

Family History Writers Group - 10 a.m.

second Wednesday, CCGS Library
December 12, 2012
January 9, 2013
February 13, 2013

Research Interest Group - 1:30 p.m. third

Wednesday, CCGS Library
December 19, 2012
January 16, 2013
February 20, 2013

Genealogy Computer Users Group - 5:30

p.m. to 8:30 p.m., second Thursday - Norman Public Library Computer Room (Call 701-2100 to verify date)
January 10, 2013
February 14, 2013

Genealogy Computer Users Group - 9:30

a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Wednesday - Norman Public Library Computer Room (Call 701-2100 to verify date)
January 23, 2013
February 27, 2013

Topics Announced for Winter Meetings

By tradition, we share holiday snacks at the December CCGS meeting. Punch and table setting will be provided. President Frank Appl will supply entertainment.

In January, Dr. Robert L. Brooks, State Archaeologist with the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey will discuss *Oklahoma's First General Store*.

Topic for the February meeting will be announced later.

In March, Cody Reynolds will provide information about conducting research in the Chickasaw Cultural Center's Holisso Research Center at Sulphur.

In the Library

New Books

Abstracts of Will Book G-7, 1759-1787, Bedford County, Virginia

The Annals of Cleveland County, Oklahoma, 1889-1959: from the Transcript

Bedford Co. VA Will Book 1, 1759-1787: Will Book 2, 1787-1803

Colonial Delaware Wills and Estates to 1880: an Index

Comprehensive Genealogical Feast Day Calendar

Coweta County [GA] Chronicles for One Hundred Years

Handwriting Analysis: Putting It to Work for You

Index to Alabama Wills, 1808-1870

Index to District of Columbia Wills 1801-1920

Indexes to the Wills of South Carolina

John Saxon's Story

Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, Virginia, 1744-1800

Mississippi Index of Wills, 1800-1900

The Pickering Name and Pickering-Looker Genealogy

Trinity Lutheran Church Records, Lancaster, Pennsylvania (4 vols.)

W.D. "Bill" Fossett: Pioneer and Peace Officer

New Journals

Englandia: the Upchurch Family of Old England

In Recent Journals

A 1940 census enumerator relates how he got the job and tells about his experiences enumerating the population of McLoud, Oklahoma. *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Vol. 57, No. 3, September 2012.

Bushwhackers in northwest Arkansas terrorize a widow and her family during the Civil War. *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Vol. 57, No. 3, September 2012.

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Since You Asked ...

BY JO MUSTOE

Q. Do you have any materials on the Chisholm Trail? My grandson is interested.

A. We have three books in our collection on this subject.

1. *The Chisholm Trail*, by Wayne Gard, published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 1954.

2. *The Chisholm Trail - High Road of the Cattle Kingdom* by Don Worcestor, published by University of Nebraska Press 1980.

3. *The Chisholm Trail - A History of the World's Greatest Cattle Trail*, by Sam P. Ridings, reprinted by Grant County Historical Society in 1975. The first edition was copyrighted by the author in 1936.

These three volumes follow roughly the same format, discussing one subject of the trail's history in each chapter, making relatively short, and interesting, reading. We remind you that we do not check out materials from our collection, but welcome readers and researchers during library hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

And, as a bonus, be sure to notice the map showing the Chisholm Trail through Oklahoma, on display near our copier.

Q. I'm getting ready for a research trip to Arkansas. Do you have any helpful information on contacts when I get to the right county?

A. You're in luck! Arkansas Genealogical Research published *Arkansas Links: A Comprehensive Guide to Genealogical Research*, by Rhonda Norris. We wish every state published such a local research guide.

Organized by chapter, one for each county, this work lists contact information for each local resource with a list of what one can expect to find there. This includes original records in the courthouse, indexed materials in the library or historical society, or published works housed locally or in Little Rock. Don't forget to use the phone numbers to verify that the offices will be open when you plan to be there.

The Norman Transcript
Thursday, December 19, 1912

EDITOR'S NOTE: All newspaper abstracts are typed as originally printed. Occasionally ellipsis (...) is used to indicate omission of content.

Work Begins Soon on Sewer

Mr. Glenn, representing Kennedy & Co., the contractors who will take the sewer to the river, is here receiving material for the work, which will begin soon. It will furnish work for every man in the city that wants work. The contract [illegible] and the sewer will run from the "lift station" to the septic tank and from there to the river.

MARRIED: Diehm-Russell

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Russell, on Route 6, on Wednesday, December 18, 1912, by Rev. Carson, Mr. John Diehm, Jr. and Miss Hortense Russell were united in the bonds of wedlock in the presence of the families of the young couple. ...

Little River Oil Company

The Little River Oil company, having received its charter, organized permanently last Friday, the temporary officers being made permanent, viz: Dr. C. L. Austin, president; L.L. McCombs, secretary; C.H. Bessent; treasurer, with E.D. Pedan, of Cozad, Nebr. as vice president. Arrangements have been made to place the stock on the market Jan. 2, 1913. The company already has leases on some 6000 acres in the vicinity of Mardock. Mr. J.T. Helton, of Ripley, Okla. will be manager of the company.

Ora Jackson Given Big Ovation

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Jackson, who were married in Fremont, Nebr. last week, arrived in Norman on Tuesday, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Barbour. Ora has been ringleader in this town in showing the newlyweds a "good time," and the boys, among whom were many of his former victims, concluded to pull off a few stunts for his benefit. They met him at the train and took him away from his bride, and hustled him to a diminutive donkey on which he was

mounted, and then, followed by a great crowd of his friends, all blowing horns and beating drums, a parade was made through the principal streets to the jail, where they proposed to handcuff him and place him in a cell to ponder over his many shortcomings. Some of them figured he would have to stay a month or two, if given time to ponder over all his sins of omission and commission, but finally, upon promise to be good ever hereafter and to "set 'em up" to the crowd, they escorted him to Coon Lindsay's, where they extended their hearty good wishes to him and his bride.

It was a demonstration of Ora's great popularity here and, really one of which he may feel proud.

County Court

Margaret Virginia Mays has filed a petition asking that she be appointed administratrix of the estate of H.R. Mays, deceased.

Conrad A Leffler has been appointed guardian of Lawrence and Loretta Leffler, minors.

Marriage Licenses

Curtis Williams, Noble, 27, and Marie Measures, Noble, 18.

John W. Diehm, Norman, 22, and Nina Hortense Russell, Norman, 22.

J. Roy McCoy, Norman, 21, and Pearl Williams, Norman 17.

J.E. Murrell, Lexington, 22, and Maudie May Clary, Lexington, 21.

J.L. Cheek, Norman, 33, and Sarah Williamson, 21, Norman.

Claude Baxter, Lexington, 21, and Clara Higbee, Lexington, 19.

Letters and Cards Advertised

United States Postoffice, Norman, Oklahoma. December 17, 2012.

Letters: Bradley, Miss Bula; Dunn, Mrs. O.R.; Fite, Mr. Lawrence; Garner, Miss Callie; McKnight, W.A.; Rucker, Mr. E.E.; Smith, Miss Jessie; Stewart, R. G.; Sims, Miss Lula; Turner, Mr. Bud; Vollandorn, Mr. Nona; Wiemer, Mrs. C.S.

Cards: Benke, Miss Mary; Bader, J.D.; Fultz, Mr. E.E. (2); Haywood, Mr. Paul; Farris, Miss

Nina B.; Keplinger, Mr. P.R.; Mead, Mable; Popplewell, Isaac B.; Youngblood, Miss Ruby.

When calling for the above, please say that they were advertised. One cent due on such letter or card advertised.

J.J. Burke, Postmaster

Geo. Graves' reputation as an auctioneer is certainly growing. Monday, he had a big sale 5 miles west of Purcell, and another one yesterday 17 miles west. Tuesday he cried the Rhodes' sale and today goes to the Ballati sale. Next month he has several in the vicinity of Wayne. Good crowds attend and good prices are obtained.

Parker J. Brown traded his fine farm south of Norman to S.K. McCall for farm lands some eleven miles south of Snyder, Oklahoma. The Brown farm is one of the best in the county. The consideration for it was some \$9,000. Mr. Brown homesteaded it in June, 1889 and has lived on it continuously since that time. He and family expect to get away for their new home soon after Jan. 1st.

Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton will move back to Norman from Purcell, today. Sam has been appointed substitute city carrier, and will also have charge of the Mystic theatre.

J.T. (Dad) Phelps is here from Plainview, Texas, and will probably spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Lindsay. His old friends are all glad to see him. He is taking great interest in that fine great grandson, Billy Wantland.

Rev. A.S. Davis is here from Sayre, Okla., visiting his relatives, the Henneger boys and Mrs. John A. Fox. He formerly lived on the river, on a farm he sold to I.G. Short, which was afterward swept away by the big flood.

Friends are in receipt of letters from Mr. E.B. Johnson, dated at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, saying he is having a fine time.

L.P. Barker was in town, Monday. He has accepted the position as chief deputy sheriff and will come to Norman about January 1st, making his home with his mother on west Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. "Buck" Clement have moved their household goods from Noble and will make their home with Mrs. Clement's mother, Mrs. L.L. Briggs. Mr. Clement still retains his position with the First National at Noble, as he will not become county treasurer until July 1st, 1913.

For Lease.

The Runyan Hotel; will give possession Jan. 1st. Sixteen well furnished rooms, and will lease wagon yard also if desired. For information see M.C. Runyan, Norman Okla.

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E.L. Ogle, who is teaching a school near Moore, was in town Friday and Saturday attending the teachers' meeting.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Carl King, Wednesday, Dec. 11, a bouncing nine pound girl. Mother and babe doing nicely.

Robert Rucker is home from Lebanon, Tenn., where he is attending college, for the Christmas holidays.

Norman Chapter R.A.M. elected its officers on Monday night of last week, vis: H.P., J.W. Barbour; Scribe, S.W. Reeves; King, G.P. Meador; secretary, E.K. Himes; treasurer, John B. Williams. The lodge is growing nicely.

Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Edwards are in receipt of news from their son Clair that he has been promoted to chief clerk in charge of the custom department at Zamboagno, the principal point on the island of Mindanao, more than 1000 miles south of Manila. It is an important port, and the promotion indicates Clair is doing most satisfactory work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boggs spent Sunday in Oklahoma City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahrens.

W.R. Foster came in from El Reno Friday on a visit to relatives and friends.

The State University will have a holiday vacation from Dec. 20th to Jan. 6th.

B.F. Goe returned Tuesday from a business visit to Wilberton.

Mrs. Geo. Wymore is home from a visit with relatives in Arapaho.

Eighth Grade Exams

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Name	Post Office	Year
Aherns, Roberta	Norman	1937
Albert, Lois	Norman	1937
Albert, Winifred	Norman	1937
Allison, Morene	Noble	1937
Aycock, Julia	Newalla	1937
Baker, J.D.	Moore	1937
Baker, Nadine	Moore	1937
Bales, Dorotha	Lexington	1937
Ball, Bill	Norman	1937
Barnard, Joe	Norman	1937
Barnes, Catherine	Norman	1937
Bartholomew, Hazel	Norman	1937
Barton, Mildred	Newalla	1937
Bennett, Justine	Tribbey	1937
Bennett, L. H.	Noble	1937
Bingham, Nadine	Norman	1937
Bivens, Nadine	Wanette	1937
Bowles, Cecil	Norman	1937
Burns, Opal	Lexington	1937
Capshaw, Donald	Norman	1937
Chrispens, Lillian	Moore	1937
Cline, Marjie	Tribbey	1937
Coffey, Inola	Norman	1937
Coker, Mabel	Noble	1937
Coker, Quentin	Noble	1937
Cowden, Gene	Newalla	1937
Dollar, Louise	Norman	1937
Dousett, Jodie	Noble	1937
Fishburn, Charles	Noble	1937
Folks, Leree	Norman	1937
Fowler, Dorsey	Newalla	1937
Fox, Muriel	Norman	1937
Fox, Norma	Norman	1937
Frost, Bonnie June	Noble	1937
Gifford, Coy	Noble	1937
Gill, Leon	Norman	1937
Grisson, Nadine	Noble	1937
Guy, Joe	Newalla	1937
Henson, Archie L.	Newalla	1937
Higginbotham, Billy	Newalla	1937
Hobbs, Margaret	Noble	1937
Ivie, Martha	Choctaw	1937
Jackson, Erdis	Noble	1937
Jackson, Lorenz	Norman	1937
Jansing, Mary Louise	Norman	1937
Jerome, Jerry	Norman	1937
Kennedy, Virginia	Norman	1937

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King, Thomas	Noble	1937
Landers, Buster	Wanette	1937
Landress, Clara	Lexington	1937
Lessly, Wayne	Norman	1937
Mappes, Arline	Norman	1937
Mappes, Eddy	Norman	1937
Mappes, Pauline	Norman	1937
Matlock, Hazel	Norman	1937
Matthews, Maurine	Noble	1937
Mattox, Dale	Norman	1937
Maxey, Bermoce	Newalla	1937
Mitchell, Laura	Trousdale	1937
Muzny, Lillie	Oklahoma City	1937
Neidermaier, Merle	Norman	1937
Osborne, Ladine	Newalla	1937
Owen, Vida Mae	Wanette	1937
Owens, Ivan	Lexington	1937
Peltier, Joy	Lexington	1937
Peltier, Paul	Lexington	1937
Polk, Tia Juana	Norman	1937
Pollard, Viola	Newalla	1937
Pollard, Violet	Newalla	1937
Pope, Johnnie Doyle	Norman	1937
Preble, George	Norman	1937
Privett, Eugene	Noble	1937
Qualls, Fay	Lexington	1937
Quisenberry, Guy	Lexington	1937
Ragsdale, Dorothy	Norman	1937
Ramsey, Amojean	Tribbey	1937
Richards, Ola	Newalla	1937
Richardson, Helen	Noble	1937
Rollins, Dorotha	Norman	1937
Ryan, Nancy	Norman	1937
Scott, Florence	Wanette	1937
Shewburt, Eunice	Choctaw	1937
Slavin, Alice	Lexington	1937
Stapp, Juanita	Newalla	1937
Steward, Orval	Norman	1937
Tiger, John	Newalla	1937
Tipton, Pauline	Noble	1937
Tuell, Charles	Norman	1937
Vaughn, John	Norman	1937
Waddle, Ralph	Norman	1937
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