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Dedicated Teachers in Cleveland County's Rural Schools

BY MARY LEWIS

The rural school records held in the Archives of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library have always been of special interest to me, since thirteen years of my relatively short teaching career were spent at Robin Hill School in rural Cleveland County.

Several years ago I discovered *Teacher Registers* among our archival holdings. I began thinking about using the records in our possession to create a database of teachers who staffed each of the rural schools during the period 1939 to 1985 (the dates covered by these registers). We asked some of our library volunteers to work on this project when they were finished with their routine tasks. The results were interesting, but proceeded very slowly.

A couple of years ago we put out a call for volunteers to come in to the library specifically to work on this task. C.F. Moore and his wife, Nelwyn Moore, committed to this project. Mrs. Moore also shared my special interest, as she taught many years at

Falls School. The Moores spent a succession of Tuesday afternoons adding names to the rural-teacher list and completed their work many months ago.

It quickly became apparent that several individuals had spent their entire working years teaching in the rural elementary schools of Cleveland County.

It is six of these dedicated teachers whom we salute in this issue. Each of these teachers spent twenty or more years of their careers teaching in nineteen of Cleveland County's seventy rural elementary ("three-mile") schools. Surprisingly, all nineteen schools were in the eastern half of the county.

Five of these six teachers spent some portion of their teaching career in Little Axe, Schwartz, and/or Falls schools. One, Ralph W. Hamilton, taught in all three.

Ransom E. Gay

Ransom E. Gay was born June 27, 1912 at Poughkeepsie, Arkansas and grew up in that state. He did not come to Oklahoma until some time after 1930.

Records in the CCGS Archives indicate R.E. Gay taught at Lexington in 1942-43. His teaching career was interrupted by service on an aircraft carrier during World War II.

He married Dovie Logan February 6, 1943, in Cleveland County.

In 1944 he began teaching and coaching in Cleveland County. School records in the CCGS Archives indicate R.E. Gay taught at Rocky Point, Spring Creek, Little Axe, Brendle, Canada, Pleasant Hill and Robin Hill schools.

Our records show that he taught three years in Norman, and his obituary indicates he also served as principal at Lexington.

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Ransom E. Gay is said to have been influential in the consolidation of the rural school districts in the eastern half of Cleveland County into one school at Little Axe.

Ransom Gay's last year teaching in Cleveland County's rural schools was 1971-72. He continued teaching elsewhere and retired from teaching in Valliant in 1975. He engaged in farming and ranching until his death February 26, 1996, at the age of 83.

Ralph W. Hamilton

Ralph Hamilton's parents, Lewis and Anna Hamilton, came from southwest Arkansas to Cleveland County before 1900. Ralph was born at Noble May 6, 1904. He married Lena Forrest, and lived in the Noble and Norman areas all of his life.

Mr. Hamilton attended Banner school. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a masters degree in Education. Hamilton

was an educator for most of his professional career, serving both as teacher and principal.

Early in his career, from 1938 to 1946, he was Cleveland County Superintendent of Schools. He later taught in several of Cleveland County's rural districts, including Little Axe, Falls, Enterprise, Robinson, and Schwartz. His last year of teaching was 1969-70, at Schwartz.

Ralph Hamilton also served as a state representative for Cleveland County in the 29th Oklahoma State Legislature (1963-1964).

He was active in the Berry Road Church of Christ and enjoyed singing in gospel quartets. His other pursuits included farming, raising cattle, and raising a large vegetable garden.

Ralph W. Hamilton died March 13, 1995 in Norman at the age of 90 and is buried in the Fairview-Maguire Cemetery east of Noble.

Arrie Magers

Sarah Arrie Magers moved to the

Lexington area with her parents, James K. and Lucinda (Brumfield) Magers, sometime before 1910. She was born March 16, 1900, in Collin County, Texas.

Arrie taught 42 years in the rural schools of Cleveland County. The 1930 census of Lexington indicates she was then a teacher in the public schools. It is likely she had already been teaching for several years.

She received a bachelors' degree in education from Central State University and worked on a masters degree at the University of Oklahoma.

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The earliest school records held by Cleveland County Genealogical Society show Arrie Magers taught grades 1 through 4 at Banner school from the fall of 1940 to spring 1945.

She next spent three years at Capshaw, then five years at Spring Creek. She taught at Schwartz between 1954 and 1958, followed by a year at Falls and three years at Capshaw. Her final teaching assignments were again at Schwartz. It appears she retired at the end of the 1968-1969 school year.

The majority of Arrie Magers' teaching career was dedicated to the lower grades, usually grades one through four.

Arrie Magers had lived in Norman since 1945. She died February 2, 1989, at the age of 89 and is buried in Fairview-Maguire Cemetery east of Noble.

Estelle Alexander Lambeth

Estelle Alexander was born September 3, 1912, at Newalla, Oklahoma.

Estelle was raised in Newalla, where she attended Union School until ninth grade. At that time, her parents enrolled her in Langston High School at Langston, Oklahoma, where she earned her high school diploma.

She continued her education at Langston University, where she earned the bachelor degree in Elementary Education.

Estelle began her teaching career at Union School, a black school in northeast Cleveland County, and taught there at least ten years.

Estelle Alexander married Nelson W. Lambeth November 21, 1942, at the Stella School House. This marriage lasted until Nelson's death in 1969.

After racial integration became the law of the land, Mrs. Lambeth taught a couple of

years at Stella, the white school in the neighborhood.

It was during the years at Union School that Estelle Lambeth mentored one young girl in her classes there. A couple of years ago, that girl, now a young lady, visited the CCGS Library seeking information about Mrs. Lambeth and her teaching career.

Our visitor had been a student of Estelle Lambeth, and had been inspired by her example to become a teacher herself. This young woman had recently been named Teacher of the Year in her school.

One of the requirements for the state level competition was to write an essay about a teacher who had inspired her. Estelle Lambeth would be her example. Our visitor asked if we had school records that might refresh her memories of Mrs. Lambeth's classroom.

Our library volunteers found the Union School records held in our Archives. The young lady and her sister spent a delightful hour reminiscing their school days—calling up the names of long-ago fellow students, remembering specific incidents in Mrs. Lambeth's classroom, and in general reliving special times with this talented teacher.

Our visitor left the CCGS Library ready to write her essay.

In 1962 or 1963, Estelle Lambeth secured a position teaching third and fourth grades at Little Axe School. Here she completed her teaching career, retiring in 1976.

Estelle Lambeth was a woman of many interests. She held memberships in several organizations, including Eastern Star, Extension Homemakers Club, National Association of Colored Women, The Grand Court, Ancient Heroines of Jericho, American Legion Auxiliary, and Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association.

In her retirement years, about 1981, Estelle Lambeth met and married Leslie W. Pittman. He died in October, 1995.

Estelle Lambeth died September 10, 1996 at Newalla, Oklahoma, and is probably buried beside her first husband, Nelson Lambeth, in Friendship Cemetery in Cleveland County.

Spurgeon B. Hopper

Spurgeon Hopper was a lifetime resident of Cleveland County. His parents, Jasper and Sallie Hopper, came to Oklahoma Territory from Georgia about 1900.

Spurgeon Hopper was born July 21, 1902 near Noble. He married Vera M. Goforth February 2, 1935 at Red Oak.

Our records indicate Mr. Hopper began teaching in Cleveland County about 1935. He taught in Cleveland County's rural schools for 38 years. He educated pupils at Union Hill, Spring Creek, Etowah, Falls, Little Axe, Stella, South Gale, and Lakeview schools.

During his lifetime, Spurgeon Hopper's interests included the Baptist Church, 4-H Clubs, Noble Masonic Lodge, and the Cattlemen's Association.

Spurgeon B. Hopper died December 25, 1970 in Norman at the age of 68. Both he and his wife are buried at Fairview-Maguire Cemetery east of Noble.

Henry Grady Ryan, Sr.

H.G. Ryan was born December 16, 1895, in a log cabin in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

He graduated from Roff High School in 1916.

H.G. Ryan married Anna May Butler February 14, 1922, in Norman. Anna died in

1975, and Mr. Ryan later married Bonnie Pate Lee.

Mr. Ryan was a veteran of World War I, having served in the Army of Occupation in Germany and France.

He earned both bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

He taught in Oklahoma schools for fifty years, many of those in Cleveland County rural schools, before retiring in 1970.

Among the rural schools where Ryan taught were Hill, South Gale, Red Springs, Liberty, and Schwartz in Cleveland County.

In 1957 he was named Master Teacher by the Rural Teachers Association. He helped organize and served as executive secretary of the Oklahoma Rural Schools Association.

In addition to his educational attainments, Grady Ryan was a founding member of McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church. His other interests included membership in Norman American Legion Post 88, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Forty and Eight, and Norman Masonic Lodge No. 38, where he was a 32nd degree Mason.

Henry Grady Ryan Sr. lived in Norman some seventy years. He died at the age of 97 on April 16, 1993 and is buried in Purcell Hillside Cemetery.

Bits & Pieces

The Oregon Digital Newspaper Program posts 180,000 digitized pages from 30 Oregon newspapers on their new website hosted by the University of Oregon.

www.oregonnews.uoregon.edu

Portal of Texas History allows visitors to explore unique collections from Texas libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, genealogical societies, and private family collections. <http://texashistory.unt.edu>

President's Message

BY FRANK APPL

CCGS has had a busy and a productive Spring. The Education Committee, headed by Jo Mustoe and Sherry Leafgreen, has planned and presented several workshops.

A CCGS genealogy workshop, *Researching Military Records*, was held on April 28, 2012.

Presenters Frank Appl, Pam Bias, Darlene Shawn, Sherry Leafgreen and Jo Mustoe made presentations on the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War (both Union and Confederate), and World War I. Marilyn Henry served as facilitator.

Mary Lewis presented a workshop, *Explore the Cleveland County Genealogical Society's Genealogy Library* on May 3, 2012.

The 1940 Census was Mary Lewis' presentation at the April CCGS meeting.

All of these programs and presentations have been informative, carefully prepared, well presented, and interesting.

The CCGS Research Interest Group, begun this spring, is an informal group who meet to talk about their personal genealogical research and their "brick walls". Everyone participates in group discussion, suggesting alternate search sources and methods. Not all "brick walls" are torn down, but some have been breached and others assaulted with vigor.

This is a great group for good discussion, helpful suggestions, and good fellowship as we each seek to further our own genealogical research and to help others with their genealogical research.

Everyone is welcome to join this group, which presently meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the CCGS Library.

Sharron Nelson and Jane Harris were elected to serve on the nominating committee. They will present a slate of nominees for CCGS officers for the 2012-2013 year at the CCGS May meeting.

The agenda for the CCGS Annual Business Meeting includes election of CCGS officers and adoption of the FY 2012-2013 budget. This meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at

7:00 pm at the CCGS Library. Refreshments will be served at this meeting.

The current CCGS Board as a whole and Mary Sue Schnell have devoted numerous special meetings this year to the development of a Strategic Plan for CCGS. This effort is nearing completion and hopefully, will be ready for adoption at the CCGS Annual Business Meeting on June 19, 2012.

If you have not renewed your CCGS membership and paid your dues for 2012, now would be a good time to remember to take care of that task. Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

Individual memberships are \$20 per year, and family memberships are \$25 per year. Please consider also making a donation to the CCGS, in addition to paying your current dues.

Additional volunteer assistance is needed at the CCGS Library. You need not be an expert in library science. Any willing worker will be welcomed. Please call or visit the CCGS Library and schedule a few volunteer hours with either Nova Hornback or Jean McCracken, co-managers of the CCGS Library.

The reorganization and consolidation of Cleveland County records in the CCGS archives continues. Thank you for the volunteer labor and the donation of additional filing cabinets and shelves.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a number of quotations from that venerable forebear, Benjamin Franklin:

Energy and persistence conquer all things.

Well done is better than well said.

*Never leave that till tomorrow
which you can do today.*

Diligence is the mother of good luck.

and finally,

*Life's tragedy is that
we get old too soon and wise too late.*

In the Library

New Books

200 Years of Census Taking: Population and Housing Questions, 1790-1990

1771 Lancaster County–Pennsylvania Archives

1870 Federal Census, Smith County, Texas

1850 & 1860 Federal Censuses, Smith County, Texas

Abstracts of Arkansas Reports, January 1837 through January 1861

Abstracts of the Washington, Pennsylvania Reporter

Abstracts of Wills, Inventories and Administration Accounts of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1757-1800

Addenda to Anadarko: Days of Glory

Born Grown: An Oklahoma City History

The Care of Fine Books

Caring for Your Collections

The Cemeteries of Rush Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania

Census of the Inhabitants of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1774

Collected Church Records of Berks County, Pennsylvania (2 volumes)

Dear "Cousin," a Charted Genealogy of the Descendants of Anneke Jans Bogardus 1605-1663, to the 5th Generation

Descendants of James Brown 17__ - 1833, Who Settled in Augusta County, Virginia

Diamonds: The Goddards of DeKalb County, Georgia

Enumeration of the County of St. Charles, Missouri Territory for the Years 1817 and 1819

First Ownership of Ohio Lands

A Genealogical Handbook of German Research Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts

The Graces of Texas

Grassroots of America: a Computerized Index to the American State Papers, Land Grants and Claims 1789-1837

History of Cumberland Co., Maine, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers

History of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania (2 volumes)

If the Chief Vann House Could Speak: A Saga of the Cherokee Indians in Georgia

Immigrants to New England, 1700-1775

Index, "Heads of Family" from 1880 Census, Delaware County, Ohio

Index to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Wills, 1783-1900

An Index to Fifth Census of the United States 1830: Population Schedules, State of Missouri

Index to Loudoun County, Virginia Wills, 1757-1850
An Index to the 1840 United States Census of Arkansas

Index to the Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington County, Pennsylvania

Index to Warrantee-Patentee Records of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

Index to Washington County, Pennsylvania Wills, 1781-1900

The Kennebunk (Maine) Record Book

The Last Street Light: Life Stemming from a Small Town

Loudoun County, Virginia Tithables, 1758-1786 (3 volumes)

Marriage Records of Greene County, Georgia (1787-1875) and Oglethorpe County, Georgia (1795-1852)

Matting and Hinging of Works of Art on Paper

Missouri Marriages in the News (2 volumes, 1851-1870)

New York Marriages Previous to 1784

Newspaper Gleanings of Andrew County (MO) and Surrounding Areas

Oaths of Allegiance, Allegiance Book #1, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1777

Oklahoma Heritage: a Picture Story of Pioneers, Outlaws, Indians

Oklahoma Justice: The Oklahoma City Police, a Century of Gunfighters, Gangsters, and Terrorists

Oklahoma Panhandle, a History, and Stories of No Man's Land

Outlaws of No Man's Land, the Empire of Greer, and Other Stories

Pennsylvania Land Records: a History and Guide for Research

Playing My Part

Polk Township Cemeteries, Nodaway County, Missouri

Rand McNally, the Road Atlas, Large Scale Sebastian County, Arkansas Cemeteries

Some Cemeteries of Fayette County, Pennsylvania

A Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia: Tax Lists of the Counties for which the Census Is Missing

Tahlequah and the Cherokee Nation

The Textile Conservator's Manual

Trumbull County, Ohio, Cemetery Inscriptions, 1800-1930

Union Township Cemeteries, Nodaway County, Missouri

Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (3 volumes)

War of 1812 Bounty Lands in Illinois

In Recent Journals

Here are glimpses of Durant in the nineties—the 1890s, to be specific. *Bryan County (OK) Genealogy Library and Archives Quarterly*. February 2012.

Non-English speaking immigrants and the person writing the ship's passenger list had communication problems; therefore, we researchers must carefully read and interpret passenger lists. *NGS Magazine*. Vol. 8, No. 1, January-March 2012.

Compiled Military Service Records make it easy to access information about volunteer soldiers of many American wars. *NGS Magazine*. Vol. 8, No. 1, January-March 2012.

Here are answers to many of your questions about the 1940 census. *Greer Frontier*. Greer County Genealogical and Historical Society. Vol. 1, No. 54. Winter 2012.

Woodmen of the World gravestones serve as a lasting tribute to the organization's members and the ideals of Woodcraft. *McClain County Oklahoma Genealogical and Historical Society News*. Vol. 26, No. 3, February 2012.

This simple genealogy research checklist will remind you of sources you have not checked, as you search for elusive ancestors. *The Western Plainsman*. Western Plains Genealogical Society. Vol. 27, No. 2, January 2012.

What will happen to your genealogy research when you're gone? Learn how to create a plan. *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Vol. 57, No. 1, March 2012.

Bits & Pieces

Explore this site for out-of-copyright books, genealogy research, newspaper and history archives, and much more.

<http://archives.org>

Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1836-1922.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Since You Asked...

BY JO MUSTOE

In this column, we intend to answer some unusual questions that come into the CCGS Library

The responses call attention to some of the special holdings in our collection that could be helpful to you.

We encourage you to send your own questions by phone, e-mail, or in an old-fashioned letter. The Genealogy Library doors are open—on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. each week—and we invite you to come in and explore our collection.

Q: *I recently learned about an ancestor buried in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory. Is there a guide to searching cemeteries in this multi-county area?*

A: You're in luck! From 1969-1985, James N. Tyner and his sister, Norman resident, Alice Tyner Timmons, canvassed, documented, and inventoried cemeteries in that area. The result is a 12-volume work identifying burials in what was once the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

An index to the twelve volumes was compiled and edited by Jerri G. Chasteen and self-published in 1995. The title, *Our People and Where They Rest: An Index to 1,043 Old Cemeteries within the Boundary of the Old Indian Territory*, is shelved with the Timmons books in our library.

Q: *Two of my third-great-grandfather's sisters married on January 6, 1844. How can I learn which day of the week they were married?*

A: Every issue of the *World Almanac* (issued yearly) includes a perpetual calendar. Find the year in a chart. Then consult the indicated version of the 12-month calendar to determine the day of week on which a specific event occurred.

In this case, the sisters' wedding day was on a Tuesday.

World Almanac can be found in the 300 section of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library.

CCGS News

Society Meetings

February

Dr. David Durika illustrated his topic, *DNA and the Search for Genetic Markers for Huntington's Disease*, with information about the prevalence of the disease among Woody Guthrie's immediate family.

Huntington's was first described and named in 1872. It was only after Woody Guthrie's death in 1967 that scientists made two major discoveries in synthesis and propagation (cloning) of recombinant DNA.

With these tools, individuals can be tested to determine if they carry the genetic markers for the disease; however, there are ethical issues. The ability to diagnose does not currently give the ability to treat the disease.

Eighteen members and one guest attended this interesting presentation

March

Chester Cowan presented images of various early-day photographs, including daguerreotype, ambrotype, tintype, and cardstock mounts for photographs.

He pointed out men's and women's styles that distinguish certain time periods. In early photographs, men's vests are the most expensive item of clothing.

Demonstrating that women's styles are more transient, Chester showed the evolution from the pre-civil war hoop skirt to the bustle in the later years of the 19th century.

Twenty-five persons attended this program.

April

Mary Lewis discussed the introduction of the 1940 census. She explained how to find family members on this census when no index is available.

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society is a partner in the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project, in which FamilySearch.org sponsors a nation-wide project for indexing this census. Seven members have signed up to participate in this

important indexing project. Jane Harris is coordinator.

Sharron Nelson and Jane Harris were elected to serve on the nominating committee.

We Need a Library Volunteer

Our Library Managers, Jean McCracken and Nova Hornback, tell us that they need another volunteer to help in the library on the second Thursday and/or the fourth Thursday each month.

The CCGS Library also needs volunteers who are willing to substitute occasionally for regular library volunteer staff.

If you are willing to help, e-mail ccgs@csbi.org You can also drop by the CCGS Library or call 701-2100 during library hours on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday.

Beginning library volunteers will initially perform simple tasks, including greeting visitors, answering the phone, shelving books, straightening the library, and making copies. After the staff becomes acquainted with your interests and skills, you may be assigned specific library tasks to carry out on your own.

It is important that our library be staffed with a minimum of two volunteers at all times; three is better.

Our Thanks to Henry Hensel

Over the past two or three years, Henry Hensel has donated several hundred books to the CCGS Genealogy Library. The genealogical relevance and the extent of his donations have filled our shelves and prompted our library staff to begin weeding less-relevant items from the genealogy collection.

A recent donation from Mr. Hensel was an overhead projector and projector stand. These already have been used to make a presentation about the 1940 census.

Mr. Hensel's generous contributions have markedly improved the quality of the CCGS Genealogy Library collection.

CCGS Research Group

The CCGS Research group meets at the CCGS Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. So far, the group has explored state censuses and tax records, looked at the 1940 census, shared surnames and places being researched, as well as some of their successes. Each month we have a challenge for the next meeting.

The May meeting challenge is to bring a "May flower" which can be someone with a flower name, someone who grew flowers, a picture of someone holding a flower, or someone who lived in a flower named city.

Each month, one person also presents a "brick wall" ancestor and the group offers suggestions for additional research work.

At the May meeting, we will also be discussing preparation for a research trip.

If you have not attended yet, please come and see all the fun you are missing.

Deaths

Dorothy Dee Shears Barbour, sister of Mildred Shears Schuster, a deceased CCGS early member, died February 23, 2012 at age 97. Mildred and Dorothy were grand marshals for the '89er Day Parade several years ago.

Reta Irene Hames, sister of CCGS member Joann Cross, died February 23, 2012.

Mary Bilger Alonso died February 25, 2012. She had moved to Springfield, Illinois, about a year ago.

Maurice Townley, of Aztec, New Mexico, died March 6, 2012. He was the brother of CCGS member Marjorie Townley Thomas.

Nena Vey Warren Davenport, mother of Mae Cox, died March 14, 2012, in Ardmore at age 95.

Calendar

CCGS Board Meetings - 1:30 p.m. second Monday, CCGS Library

June 11, 2012

July 9, 2012

August 13, 2012

September 10, 2012

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

Tuesday (except July & August), CSBI South Lobby near CCGS Library

June 19, 2012

September 18, 2012

Family History Writers Group - 10 a.m.

second Wednesday, CCGS Library

June 13, 2012

July 11, 2012

August 8, 2012

September 12, 2012

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)

June 27, 2012

July 25, 2012

August 22, 2012

September 26, 2012

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

Wednesday, CCGS Library

June 20, 2012

July 18, 2012

August 15, 2012

September 19, 2012

CCGS Board News

At their May meeting, the Board approved a budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting on June 19.

Also in May, Sharron Nelson and Tricia Carleton were appointed to serve as web masters for the CCGS website.

The Board is nearing completion of a five year strategic plan for the Society.

100 Years Ago

The Norman Transcript, Thursday, June 6, 1912.

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

Postoffice Items of Interest

Free city delivery was inaugurated last Saturday and has been proving quite satisfactory. The carriers are getting "onto" their jobs and "onto" their routes in good shape, and the service promises to be a popular one. Extensions will be recommended from time to time, and it is hoped the entire city will soon be covered.

There is no such thing now as one-cent drop letters at the Norman office. Every letter, whether it be for local delivery or delivery elsewhere, must have a two-cent stamp. Please note this, so it will not be necessary to collect postage due from addressees.

Rev. F.M. Alexander Called

The trustees of the Norman Presbyterian church endorsed by a unanimous vote of the membership, has extended a call to Rev. F.M. Alexander to become their pastor. He was formerly pastor of the church, and probably no Norman minister was more beloved and esteemed. He is now pastor of the Waverly, Kas. Presbyterian church, and it is not known whether he will accept the Norman call or not. The salary proposed is \$1400, without parsonage—as he expressed a desire to supply his own home; and, if he comes, he probably will build a home.

Local and Personal

A good rain would certainly be appreciated at this writing Tuesday.

C.N. Rhodes was called to Illinois on Saturday by news of the death of his brother.

Comrade W.H. Atkerson, who has been spending several months at San Angelo and other Texas towns, returned home last week.

He is looking well and his visit to the western cities evidently did him good.

In order to make the Cleveland county exhibit at the State fair success the committee needs the assistance and co-operation of every citizen in the county. Mr. H.H. Jacobs requests the Transcript to request everybody who has good samples of orchard, field and garden products to leave same at A. McDaniel's real estate office.

Whitelaw Haines will be home Saturday from Culver, Ind., to spend vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Haines. He is attending the celebrated Culver Military Academy, is very much pleased with it, and is "making good" in every respect. Whitelaw is a sterling young man, of excellent habits and fine ability, and we expect him to make his mark high up.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meier were down from Oklahoma City Sunday visiting Mrs. Meier's mother, Mrs. Hazeltine. Walter, who is the son of Prof. Henry Meier, formerly connected with the University, is now head draftsman of the Pioneer Telephone Company, an excellent and responsible position in which he is giving excellent satisfaction. He and his bride, the formerly Miss Dortha Hazeltine, who was one of Norman's most charming young ladies, have a world of friends in Norman, who are always glad to see them.

W.N. Rucker is in Kansas City this week buying some fill-in goods for his string of stores.

Miss Agatha Burke is visiting her cousin, Miss Temple Highly, this week at Oklahoma City.

Charlie Shader is home from his visit to Kansas and will work in H.G. Greenman's shop this summer.

Mrs. E.L. Perry and daughter, of Osage are visiting Mrs. Perry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Heitz, of Route 2.

The gang of poker players who are meeting almost daily and manipulating the pasteboards better look out a little.

Otto Wells is home from New Orleans where he recently graduated from Tulane Medical college.

Miss Etta Alexander, who taught at Pleasant Hill last year, will teach the White Mound school this year, where she will have a nine months term.

Mrs. B.C. Bell left Monday for Fort Collins, Colo., on a month's visit to her daughter, Mrs. J.B. Crabbe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Armbrister returned Sunday from Davis, where they had been visiting their son, S.G. Armbrister and family.

D.W. Gooding, Norman's first rural carrier, was here this week from Duncan, Okla., seeing about his property. He still owns a residence property on E. Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kulp expect to leave next week for Chicago, Ill., and from there will go to Milan, Italy, to spend a few weeks. Mr. Kulp is one of the professors in the law department.

I.M. Jackson and his son Carl, are home from their visit to Burlington, Kans. Mr. Jackson says crops in Kansas are "spotted," good some places and poor other.

A fine ten-pound boy was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster. Mother, child and daddy doing nicely. Mrs. Foster was formerly Miss Eva Blake and her many friends will rejoice with her over the newcomer.

Andrew Diehm, of the Osterhaus tailoring force, went to Oklahoma City Monday to accept a position, but returned Tuesday. The job did not suit him, and anyway he did not want to leave Norman.

Charlie Clifford, who is one of Dr. DeBarr's graduates, class of '07, was married at Oklahoma City Monday to Miss Maud Bruce of that city. He is now city chemist of Oklahoma City and proving a most competent official.

Miss Jimmie Standley, who has been making her home with her brother Charlie this past year, left Tuesday to join her father and sisters at Federal Dam, Minn. Her father, Prof. M.P. Standley, is connected with an Indian school at that place.

The Norman Transcript. Thursday, June 13, 1912.

Death of Fred Kuhlman

Fred Kuhlman, age 43, died at his home about four miles northeast of Norman, June 7, at 6 o'clock a.m., of catarrh of the stomach. ...

The deceased had lived in Cleveland county for a number of years and was held in highest esteem by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and eight children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

A Family of Fifteen Children

News comes of triplets, two boys and one girl, born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Blanton in southwest Norman. This makes fifteen children born to the family and all are living.

This is the first instance in the history of Norman where triplets were born to a family and if the precedent is kept up we may be assured of the fact that the human race in Norman and Cleveland county will not go to seed.

Attending physicians report mother and babies doing nicely and the Transcript trusts that good luck and good fortune may crown the future destiny of each of the new arrivals and that the father and mother may each share a reasonable portion of the good fortune.

Local and Personal

Mrs. C.D. Sheldon returned today to her home in Cherokee.

J.A. Fox attended the W.O.W. decoration and unveiling at Lexington Sunday.

Miss Grider, of Norman, has been appointed a teacher in the Pauls Valley schools at \$55 per month.

Rev. and Mrs. H.F. Reed, are at Ada this week attending the state convention of the Christian Church.

Mrs. J.M. Beavers and son, of Post Falls, Idaho, are here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Barker, and brother, B.C. Barker and family.

On Sunday, June 2nd, Earl Hacker of Purcell and Miss Dora Ballew Of Corbett, were married at the Baptist parsonage in Purcell, Rev. King officiating.

The Lexington Leader. Friday, June 7, 1912

Rural Carriers Convention

The rural mail carriers of Cleveland county met at Norman last Thursday and formed an association called the "Cleveland County Rural Letter Carriers Association," its object being to work for the betterment of the rural delivery service. ...

After dinner the meeting was called to order by W.D. Roane. A roll call found the following present: W.D. Roane, P.H. Barrier, W.M. Alexander, George Cohall, Sam Crocker, C.G. Taylor and George Wilkerson of Norman; R.G. Smith, A.G. King and E.C. Mathies of Lexington. ... None of the Noble or Moore carriers were present and they certainly missed something. J.D. Bland was also absent having a business engagement at Oklahoma City.

Marriage Licenses for May

Murray Northcutt and Seddie Kemp, Lexington.

Walter L. Haynes and Clara D. Harmon, Lexington.

Robert Hunt and Ora Fessenbeck, Lexington.

Robert Ramsay, Norman, and Edna M. French, Noble.

William A. Burt, Lexington, and Mabel Hinson, Paoli.

Ernest Mallow and Maggie Dodson, Lexington.

Route No. One

M.L. Garrett and son Clarence are cultivating 75 acres of as fine corn as there is in the county.

Marie Nemecek of Banner is attending the normal at Norman.

Misses Annie Crader, Effie Crader, Elsie Olson, Mrs. W.M. Graham and Messrs. W.C. Merritt, A.T. Olson and E.C. Matthies took dinner with Miss Christine Olson Sunday.

Car No. 294 of Oklahoma City had a blowout Tuesday 3 and one half miles north of Lexington, from apparently no cause whatever.

While J.C. Boatright was crossing the bridge near his home, with a 4 horse cultivator one of the off horses slipped over a defective abutment and broke one of the poles out of the cultivator. Luckily the horse didn't get hurt. This bridge has been in bad condition a long time and should be looked after. There are several other bridges dangerous to cross, some having large holes in them.

Jewel Thompson returned to her home near Lone Star Saturday. She has been visiting at Wanette.

The Baptist ladies will serve dinner Saturday, June 8. Don't forget the date and if you want something real good to eat bring your quarter and come help the church and also yourself.

Workshops

Dallas Genealogy Society

Summer Institute - J. Mark Lowe

Finding My Way Home: Methodology, Records and the Old South

July 13-14, 2012

J. Erik Johnsson Central Library, Dallas, Texas

<http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/>

Brigham Young University

Strengthening Ties That Bind Families Together

July 31 - August 3, 2012

BYU Conference Center, Provo, Utah

<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/>

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Indians, Squatters, Settlers and Soldiers

in the "Old Southwest"

August 29 - September 1, 2012

Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex

Birmingham, Alabama

www.fgs.org

Gregath Genealogy Workshop

September 22, 2012

Stephen Buffat, Fredrea Cook, Carolyn Steele

Kansas Heritage Center, Baxter Springs, KS

www.gregathcompany.com/workshop/2012

1940 Census Notes

Seven CCGS members are among the more than 100,000 volunteers participating in the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project.

The first states offered for indexing were Delaware and Nevada. With all volunteers focusing on those states, the Delaware index was completed in the first 24 hours and Nevada's soon thereafter.

At press time (May 23), indexing of more than 20 states is at least 85% complete. Six states (Delaware, Colorado, Kansas, Oregon, Virginia, and New Hampshire) are now indexed and searchable by name, location, and family relations.

Indexing of the 1940 Oklahoma census is 99% complete. You can expect that it will be searchable in the near future.

1940 Cleveland County Enumeration Districts

- District 14-1 Canadian township north of section line from SE corner of 4-6-1E to SW corner of 6-6-1E
- District 14-2 Canadian township south of section line from SE corner of 1-6-1E to SW corner of 6-6-1E
- District 14-3 Case township
- District 14-4 Lexington town
- District 14-5 Lexington township in township 7, ranges 1W and 2W
- District 14-6 Lexington township outside Lexington town in township 6 range 1W
- District 14-7 Liberty township
- District 14-8 Little River township
- District 14-9 Moore town
- District 14-10 Moore township outside Moore town in N½ township 10 ranges 3W and 4W
- District 14-11 Moore township in S½ township 10 ranges 3W and 4W
- District 14-12 Noble town
- District 14-13 Noble township in 8-1E
- District 14-14 Noble township in 8-1W
- District 14-15 Noble township outside Noble town and Norman city in 8-2W

- District 14-16A Norman city, Ward 1 bounded by (N) city limits, (E) Porter Av, (S) Main St, (W) AT&SF Railway; also Norman City Jail
- District 14-16B Norman city, Ward 1 bounded by (N) city limits, (E) city limits, (S) State Dr., Main St, (W) city limits
- District 14-17 Norman city, Ward 2 bounded by (N) city limits, (E) AT&SF Railway, (S) Main St, (W) city limits
- District 14-18A Norman city, Ward 3 bounded by (N) Main, State Dr, (E) city limits, (S) Alameda, (W) Porter Av
- District 14-18B Norman city, Ward 3 bounded by (N) Main, (E) Porter, Alameda, city limits, (S) city limits, (W) AT&SF Railway
- District 14-19 Norman city, Ward 4 bounded by (N) Main, (E) AT&SF Railway, city limits, (S) city limits, (W) Elm Av, Boyd, University Blvd, also University of Oklahoma
- District 14-20 Norman city, Ward 4 bounded by (N) Boyd, (E) Elm Av, (S) city limits, (W) city limits
- District 14-24 Stella township
- District 14-25 Taylor township

Preview of 1940 Census Cleveland County, Oklahoma

Place	E.D	First Name in E.D.	Enumerator
Canadian	14-1	Thaggard, Parker V.	Delmer W. Couch
Canadian	14-2	Wines, Willie J.	Minnie A. Taylor
Case	14-3	Wilson, M.L.	Nolan L. Gross
Lexington	14-4	Brownell, Albert	Fay K. Greenway
Lexington	14-5	Sudderth, Ary	Wilber Smith
Lexington	14-6	Moses, Sherman	Sherman A. Moses
Liberty	14-7	Johnson, Will	Charles Haynes

Eighth Grade Exams

1933 & 1934

Cleveland County, Oklahoma

				<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Year</u>
Little River	14-8	Slemp, J.R.	O.[T] Wilkerson				
Moore (town)	14-9	Loveless, Walter	Mary Calhoun				
Moore	14-10	Jones, Lawrence M.	Raymond M. Kelly	Akin, Lloyd	14	Norman	1933
Moore	14-11	Altstatt, William	Raymond M. Kelly	Anderson, Hubert	12	Newalla	1933
Noble (town)	14-12	Furr, John	Marguerite M. Burns	Askew, Charlie	14	Norman	1933
Noble	14-13	Boggs, Henry A.	Delmer W. Couch	Askew, Freida	11	Norman	1933
Noble	14-14	Black, [illegible]	Wilmeck A. Nemecek	Benton, Mary Lou	13	Lexington	1933
Noble	14-15	Champeau, Julian	Ruby Sandel	Bessinger, Agnes	15	Newalla	1933
Norman	14-16	Willcox, Levi A	Larena G. Hood	Bivens, Ray	17	Trousdale	1933
Norman	14-16	Long, Emma B	Alpha E. Cooper	Blair, Eunice	13	Noble	1933
Norman	14-17	Summers, Claude R.	Lois F. Bookham	Blair, Kathylene	14	Norman	1933
Norman	14-18	Gill, Sam H. A	Jean E. Barrett	Boggs, Earl		Norman	1934
Norman	14-18	Geyer, Clyde B	Dorothy J. Blankenship	Boster, Gladys	13	Norman	1933
Norman	14-19	Snyder, JohnH.	Isobel H. Cotton	Burnett, Crystal	14	Lexington	1933
Norman	14-20	McKeehan, James E.	Thelma S. Collins	Burns, Thelma		Norman	1934
Stella	14-24	Copeland, Jesse	Owen F. Wilkerson	Burton, Flora Mae	13	Noble	1933
Taylor	14-25	Reynolds, J.A.	Nolan A. Gross	Buxton, Lorena	13	Norman	1934
				Callahan, Clyde		Lexington	1934
				Champeau, Herbert		Norman	1934
				Champeau, Marie		Norman	1934
				Childress, Ella Pearl	16	Norman	1933
				Coffey, Emma		Norman	1934
				Coffey, Phillip		Norman	1934
				Coffman, Thelma	15	Lexington	1933
				Coker, Clifford	13	Noble	1933
				Coleman, Nolan	16	Lexington	1933
				Coles, Blanche	16	Lexington	1933
				Cox, Evelyn	13	Lexington	1933
				Craft, Kelly	12	Norman	1933
				Creed, Frank	15	Choctaw	1933
				Darling, Kenneth		Norman	1934
				Dodd, Altha Mae		Norman	1934
				Draper, W. B.		Norman	1934
				Duncan, Lee	16	Choctaw	1933
				Dye, Thelma	14	Norman	1933
				Edwards, Lillie	13	Norman	1933
				Fisher, Myrtle	16	Trousdale	1933
				Fletcher, Felton	13	Norman	1933
				Fox, Mildred	14	Norman	1933
				Fox, Neil	13	Norman	1933

Name	Age	Post Office	Year	Name	Age	Post Office	Year
Frame, Etta Ruth	14	Choctaw	1933	Owens, Carl	14	Lexington	1933
Franklin, Walter	16	Noble	1933	Pamboga, Mary J	13	Lexington	1933
Frost, Caroline		Norman	1934	Phillips, Glen	16	Norman	1933
Frost, Thomas	14	Norman	1933	Rackley, Ruby	15	Norman	1933
Fullingum, Minnie	15	Norman	1933	Ragsdale, DeLois		Norman	1934
Geno, J. R.	14	Lexington	1933	Ragsdale, Edmond	14	Norman	1933
Gill, Dortis	16	Norman	1933	Ragsdale, Geraldine	12	Norman	1933
Goforth, Buster		Noble	1934	Richmond, Mary	16	Newalla	1933
Goodin, Bill		Norman	1934	Roberts, Hugh Jr.	12	Norman	1933
Goodin, Edith		Norman	1934	Robertson, Elmer		Moore	1934
Goodin, Floyd		Norman	1934	Rollins, Ruth	13	Norman	1933
Goodin, J. R.		Norman	1934	Sallee, Walter		Norman	1934
Greenway, Willie	14	Lexington	1933	Sanders, Irene	14	Trousdale	1933
Greeson, Edna	14	Norman	1933	Sanders, Theanue	15	Trousdale	1933
Gross, Maxine	14	Norman	1934	Slavin, George		Lexington	1934
Guthrie, Frances		Newalla	1934	Sterling, Palma	15	Norman	1933
Hagood, Neil	13	Norman	1933	Steward, Leota		Norman	1934
Hall, Inez Genevieve	14	Newalla	1933	Strategier, John	16	Norman	1933
Hames, Hubert		Norman	1934	Thrower, Winfred	15	Norman	1933
Harshberger, Jewel	14	Noble	1933	Turk, Alvin	15	Norman	1933
Haun, Josie	12	Norman	1933	Wagg, Dorothy	12	Norman	1933
Heartsill, Carl		Lexington	1934	Wallace, Billie	12	Norman	1933
Hemken, Letha	14	Norman	1933	Wallace, Thurman	16	Norman	1933
Henry, Joan		Wanette	1934	Wallace, Thurston	16	Norman	1933
Henry, Ollie Lou		Lexington	1934	Walton, Cecil	14	Norman	1933
Henson, Anna Ruth	13	Norman	1933	Walton, Hazel		Norman	1934
Hodam, Preston		Norman	1934	Walton, Hazel W	12	Norman	1933
Hoffman, Orvalee		Noble	1934	Warren, Roy	12	Norman	1933
Hopper, Lillie Mae	15	Lexington	1933	Webb, J. P.	16	Trousdale	1933
Jansing, Al	15	Norman	1933	Whitaker, Priscilla	13	Norman	1933
Kuhlman, Paula	13	Norman	1933	Whitlow, Rita	14	Newalla	1933
Lambert, Willie	14	Norman	1933	Wilkerson, Warden	14	Norman	1933
Lawson, Richard	19	Trousdale	1933	Williams, Innis	14	Newalla	1933
Lemons, Anna	16	Norman	1933	Wilson, Marvin	13	Norman	1933
Mantooth, Talmadge	14	Trousdale	1933	Witt, Myrtle Marie	13	Norman	1933
Mappes, Elsie		Norman	1934	Womack, Norma	14	Lexington	1933
Moody, Inez		Norman	1934	Woodrow, Ila		Norman	1934
Morgan, Anita		Norman	1934	Woods, A.D.	13	Norman	1933
Morris, Martha Leah	13	Norman	1933	Yandell, Evelyn	13	Norman	1933
Muzny, Tillie	13	Oklahoma City	1933	York, Elsie	13	Lexington	1933
Nailon, W. T.		Norman	1934				
Nichols, Ralph	16	Moore	1933				
Oliphant, Buel	14	Norman	1933				
Osborn, Alvin		Newalla	1934				

*You live
as long as you are remembered.
(Russian Proverb)*

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