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Women and the Works Progress Administration

BY MARY WHELESS

The WPA is the most famous of all of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs, because it affected more than 8.5 million people. WPA employees built bridges, roads, public buildings, public parks and airports.

Almost every community in the United States had a new park, bridge, or school constructed by the WPA. The WPA men's projects are more evident and more remembered due to the nature of their projects.

The goal of the WPA was to employ the head of the household, resulting in the WPA employing far more men than women. The women heads of household who were selected were widows, divorcees, wives of disabled husbands, and single women who were supporting elderly parents. These amounted to about fifteen percent of households on relief.

Many of the women worked with sewing projects. They were taught to use sewing machines and to make clothing. The 'work room' at Blanchard was furnished with about ten sewing machines and numerous bolts of materials. The needy women could come to the work room, select material for the garment

or garments needed by her family, and then make the garment.

Instructions for sewing were provided if needed. Each garment was made in duplicate. The second garment was left in the work room to be distributed to state and/or federal institutions, such as orphanages, mental hospitals, and old folks homes.

Many women were employed with the school lunch projects. These projects were charged with the task of distributing surplus commodities.

Another project was the Library Service Demonstration Project, which helped create library service to underserved population.

Another project for women was the Household Service Demonstration Project, which trained 30,000 women for domestic employment.

While the New Deal's experimental programs did not end the depression, they helped the American people by taking care of their basic needs and giving them the dignity of work and hope.

In the words of Harry Hopkins, Administrator of WPA Projects: "Give a man a dole and you save his body and destroy his soul. Give him a job and you save both body and soul."

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President's Message

The Patriot Post presents by e-mail the Founder's Quote Daily. This free service can be accessed at www.patriotpost.us/subscribe

A recent post offers worthy advice still pertinent to our present day lives.

"It should be your care, therefore, and mine to elevate the minds of our children and exalt their courage; to accelerate and animate their industry and activity; to excite in them an habitual contempt of meanness, abhorrence of injustice and inhumanity, and an ambition to excel in every capacity, faculty, and virtue. If we suffer their minds to grovel and creep in infancy, they will grovel all their lives." John Adams (second President of these United States), from his *Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law*, 1756.

In the continuing progression through the ages, those things usually remembered are births, deaths, marriages, and children. Should we as children fail to learn or not be taught, then we as parents will not teach our children. Not many generations are required to lose civility as persons and as a nation.

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society seeks to preserve the records of the past so we may keep the threads to the past alive and intact for those interested in their ancestors.

CCGS has completed another fiscal year.

The good news is that our expenses for the year 2012/2013 exceeded our income by only \$280. This is the smallest deficit that I can recall in my years on the CCGS Board.

The rent for library and storage space at CSBI was \$11,468.60 during the past fiscal year. This is by far our greatest expense. Other significant expenses (in rounded numbers) include insurance, \$800; telephone, \$400; fund raising expenses, \$350; and newsletter expenses, \$400. Total expenses for the year were \$14,248.84.

Income sources for the Cleveland County Genealogical Society include member dues, \$2,800; member and friend donations, \$5,000; Bakeless Bake Sale fund drive, \$2,500; and investment income, \$2,200. Total income for the fiscal year was \$13,967.97. *THANK YOU, members and friends of CCGS for your generous gifts and donations.*

Your Board of Directors spent much time since 2011 deciding that bank interest and CD interest would not provide sufficient return, and that the Society needed to place part of our funds in investments with a greater return. CCGS investments produced a significant \$2,200 during fiscal year 2012/2013.

<p align="center">Cleveland County Genealogical Society</p> <p>LIBRARY: 1119 E. Main, Norman OK MAIL: P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070 PHONE: (405)701-2100 WEB: www.rootsweb.com/~okccogs E-MAIL: ccgs@csbi.org</p> <p>LIBRARY HOURS: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday Thursday Saturday</p> <p>MEETINGS: 7:00 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of each month except July and August, in south lobby of CSBI Building, near CCGS Library</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Individual</td><td>\$20</td></tr> <tr><td>Family</td><td>\$25</td></tr> <tr><td>Institution</td><td>\$40</td></tr> </table>	Individual	\$20	Family	\$25	Institution	\$40	<p align="center">OFFICERS 2013-2014</p> <p>President Frank Appl First Vice President Vacant Second Vice President Betty Hall Secretary Jean McCracken Treasurer Mike McCurtain Member at Large Marilyn Henry Member at Large Jane Harris Member at Large Sherry Leafgreen Past President..... Mary Lewis</p> <p align="center">CORPORATE MEMBERS</p> <p>Primrose Funeral Home Sunset Memorial Park</p> <p align="center">DONATIONS</p> <p>Your financial donations help support the operations of the CCGS Library facility.</p> <p>Donations to CCGS are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p>	<p align="center">CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY</p> <p align="center">A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION (ISSN 1550-7734)</p> <p align="center">©2013 Cleveland County Genealogical Society</p> <p align="center">Please write for permission to reprint articles in this publication</p> <p>Newsletter Editor.....Mary Lewis</p> <p align="center">Contributors</p> <p align="center">Frank Appl Mary Wheless Jo Mustoe Jeffrey Wilhite Sherry Leafgreen</p>
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Your Cleveland County Genealogical Society has embarked upon our annual fund raiser—the *Bakeless Bake Sale*. Invitations to participate in this annual event were mailed to you recently.

You do not need to turn on your oven to bake (and overheat your kitchen); you do not knead any bread, you do not stir any batter, you do not grease any cookie sheets or cake pans, you do not have to wash a sink full of bowls and spoons and whisks.

You can participate, in your cool kitchen, by writing a check to support our cause with your donation.

The elected officers of CCGS for 2013/2014 are:

President - Frank Appl

First Vice-President - Vacant

Second Vice-President - Betty Hall

Secretary - Jean McCracken

Treasurer - Mike McCurtain

Members-at-Large - Jane Harris, Marilyn Henry, and Sherry Leafgreen

Past President - Mary Lewis

Library Co-Managers - Jean McCracken and Nova Hornback

Please give your support to these officers in their labors on behalf of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

The CCGS would very much appreciate a member stepping forward to take the office of First Vice-President. Please call (701-2100) or e-mail (ccgs@csbi.org) if you are willing to serve in this office.

Do we have a willing member who will step up to assume the production of the quarterly CCGS Newsletter?

If no one volunteers, then our newsletter will have to be greatly reduced and perhaps eliminated.

Thank you very much, 2012/2013 CCGS officers, and all our volunteers, for your work on behalf of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

*Tracing your family history
is like working a great puzzle.*

CCGS Officers & Committees Annual Reports

President

BY FRANKLIN J. APPL

I scheduled, planned, and presided over monthly Board of Directors meetings and monthly Society meetings.

Various chairpersons will have more extensive reports on their committee activities this past year. However, I will include some highlights in this report.

CCGS had many memorable meeting programs, including a delightful Holiday Party in December 2012.

The CCGS Board, as a committee of the whole, completed a five year Strategic Plan for our Society, which was approved by the membership at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Our Society has enjoyed a good financial year. Primary activities contributing income include the Bakeless Bake Sale fund-raiser, several educational workshops, and CCGS members' financial contributions over and above dues payments.

The Archives storage area has been the focus of much work this past year. We have achieved our goal of consolidating archival materials to the point we could release one storage room, thus reducing our rent. We were able to do all the moving ourselves. With the donation of shelving and file cabinets, the work has progressed well.

I wish to thank members of the CCGS Board of Directors who have served with me this past year for their patience, understanding, good humor, and willingness to volunteer.

Finally, I thank the CCGS for electing me as president, thereby providing me an opportunity to be of service to the Society.

Treasurer

BY MIKE MCCURTAIN

The Board recommends to the membership a \$16,884.00 budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The major expense will be \$12,000 for rent payments to CSBI for operation of our genealogy library.

First Vice-President (Program)

JO MUSTOE

The obvious tasks of the First Vice-President include scheduling programs and the accompanying tasks of presenting the programs.

As my contribution to the Board of Directors' Strategic Plan, I have provided a list of the tasks required of the First Vice-President. We now have a list of eleven points covering details for presenting a program, including reminders of the early deadlines for publicity.

We also have a list of nine ideas for future programs, some specific and some general, as a help on future programming.

I scheduled programs for the fall months, which allows time for the new officer to schedule ahead for 2014.

This job is not difficult, but it does require a little planning and some attention to detail. I wish the next person in the job every success.

And I wish to especially thank those who have managed some of the details of presenting programs in recent months, including Frank Appl, Jane Harris, Marilyn Henry, Nova Hornback, Mary Lewis, and Sherri Stansel, as well as the CSBI staff, Sharon Burns of the *Oklahoman*, the *Norman Transcript's* Lifestyle editor, and anyone who has served punch and/or set up or put away a chair or table. Thank you.

Second Vice-President (Education)

SHERRY LEAFGREEN

The Education Committee held three workshops during the past fiscal year.

Last fall, Mary Lewis led a *Library Exploration* workshop, and she, Jo Mustoe, Sarah Pool and Sherry Leafgreen conducted a *Beginning Genealogy* workshop.

In January this year *Counting Noses: A Census Workshop*, was offered, presented by Mary Lewis, Sharron Ashton, Sherry Leafgreen and Betty Hall.

The Committee is planning an advanced workshop in April 2014 on *Organizing your Genealogy*, with Billie Fogarty as speaker. Additional information will be available later.

Calling Committee

SHERRI STANSEL

My, how things change! I remember when I first joined the calling committee, the majority of members were notified by phone. As members began using the computer, the number grew who were contacted by e-mail, thus reducing the number of people needed to call.

Well, now I AM the calling committee!

I thank Elizabeth Loeffelholz for her many years serving on this committee.

Hospitality Committee

MARILYN HENRY

This committee is in charge of three events during the year. The first is the September meeting, when everyone brings snacks and members tell about their summer genealogy achievements.

The other events, both of which feature goodies contributed by attendees, are the annual Christmas party in December and the Annual Business Meeting in June.

Nova Hornback chaired the first event, and Marilyn Henry chaired the others.

Library & Archives Committee

JANE HARRIS

The Library & Archives Committee met three times this past year.

We developed a library policy for the Archives Room and a policy for deaccession of genealogy journals.

We requested that CSBI provide reserved parking signs in Parking Lot #4 for our library patrons on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We also requested that a sidewalk be provided from Parking Lot #3 to the paved areas in front of the school, allowing handicapped access to the CCGS Library from both parking lots. Both requests have been granted.

Library Managers

NOVA HORNBACK & JEAN MCCRACKEN

It is the job of the library managers to supervise the overall operation of the CCGS Library and Archives, to assist researchers, to recommend to the Library & Archives Committee specific library projects, to recruit

and assign appropriate tasks to library volunteers, and to serve as a voting member of the CCGS Board of Directors.

In the past year 263 visitors came to research in our library, including researchers from Pennsylvania, California, Colorado, Kansas and Texas. Our Oklahoma visitors came from Lawton, Purcell, Hobart, Moore, Newcastle, Tulsa, Cashion, and Oklahoma City.

Mary Lewis has been shifting the book collection to make space for new additions to the collection.

We need additional volunteers to help with our new project, preparing early Civil Court records for housing in the Archives. Janet Tune and Ann Jacobs are now helping with this task.

Work continues in the Archives. We added ten additional file cabinets. Files stored in Room 108 have been moved to the Archives or stored at Frank Appl's office.

Last year, we reported the completion of indexing probate files for 1951-1972. Probate indexing is now complete.

We continue the ink cartridge recycling at OfficeMax. We have purchased most library supplies from this source. This year, we also purchased a secretary's chair with MaxPerks funds.

Membership Committee

JEAN MCCRACKEN

Membership continues to decline. We are losing members faster than we are gaining new members.

As of June 18, we have 78 individual memberships (including nine new members), fourteen family memberships (including one new family), one library membership, and one corporate sponsor membership.

Fifteen individuals, five families, and one library have not renewed their memberships.

EDITOR'S NOTE: As of August 1, 2013, we have 104 paid memberships to Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

Newsletter Committee

MARY LEWIS

We published four issues of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Newsletter, publishing in September and December 2012

and in March and June 2013. Most newsletters were distributed to our members electronically.

We mailed newsletters to CCGS members who do not have access to e-mail and to those who cannot access the electronic version because their connection is too slow. We also mail to genealogical societies and libraries who exchange publications with us and to our corporate members.

We printed 300 newsletters during the Fiscal Year. Of these, 242 were mailed, averaging 61 newsletters per issue.

We spent \$259.80 for printing the newsletter and \$154.03 on postage, for a total expenditure of \$413.83

Research Committee

JEAN MCCRACKEN

The Research and Publications Committee brought in a total of \$410.87 for research and sale of publications for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Queries: The total income for query research for the past year was \$298.42. This income continues to decrease, as more records become available for research online. Our Probate and Land Patent indexes online continue to be responsible for about half of the income. Cost for copies outside our library and for postage is donated by the committee chair.

Publications: Income was \$112.45 for the sale of our publications this past year. We have not reprinted any publications this year, as we have sufficient inventory.

Cookbook fundraiser: We hold 10 cookbooks in inventory from the 2010 cookbook fundraiser. It may be that we need to reduce the price and have a good clearance sale.

WANTED

VOLUNTEER EDITOR

FOR CCGS NEWSLETTER

BEGINNING JANUARY 2014

Call (405) 701-2100
or e-mail ccgs@csbi.org

Special Interest Groups

CCGS Research Group

SHERRY LEAFGREEN

The Research Group meets at 1:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the CCGS Library. Each month participants work on a challenge from the previous meeting.

We all learned new research skills as we searched for possible solutions to each group member's brick wall.

We brought mementos of our school days, and Mary Lewis presented some of the school records held in the CCGS Archives.

Members shared something from their previous occupation or the occupation of some ancestor.

The group plans a field trip to the Genealogy Department of the Lawton Public Library on June 27.

They will not meet in July or August. Challenges will be issued each month, and we will discuss our individual experiences in September.

CCGS Writers Group

MARY LEWIS

The Family History Writers Group is an informal special interest group focused on writing about our family histories.

We have no designated leader. We send no reminders of our meetings. We just show up with a piece of writing to share and read aloud to the group. Oral reading helps us to hear where we need to edit or make changes.

The group response supports the writer or relates to the topic. We are here to celebrate the accomplishment of each person who records words on paper and to give positive feedback.

Our goals are to write something about ourselves, our family, or family history; to gain inspiration for our own writing from the topics chosen by other writers; and to affirm one another's writing efforts.

The Family History Writers Group meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday every month in the CCGS Library. The conversation always continues at lunch at a local eatery. We welcome all who are interested in writing about any facet of their family history.

CCGS Five Year Strategic Plan First Year Report

FRANKLIN J. APPL

The CCGS membership approved a Five-Year Strategic Plan for the Society in 2012. The broad goals of this plan are listed below, along with CCGS accomplishments last year relative to each goal.

Goal 1: Produce a written policy book that includes standard procedures and operating rules for the library and other functions of the Society.

Library policies
Newsletter procedures
Program chair guidelines
Bakeless Bake Sale guidelines
Membership campaign guidelines

Goal 2: Ensure the perpetuation of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society and CCGS Library through financial planning.

Careful investment of funds to increase income
Stewardship of funds to decrease negative balance at end of year (Only a \$280 deficit in FY 2012/2013)

Goal 3: Ensure the continuation of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society through new memberships and continued participation of existing members.

Dues Campaign:

Dues reminder in December newsletter
Dues reminder email to membership in February
Dues reminder letter with SASE to non-renewals in April

Membership report

CCGS has 103 paid members as of 8 June 2013, compared to 89 paid members 30 June 2012.

Goal 4: Raise community awareness of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society services and activities.

Monthly activities calendar emailed to members
Newsletter published quarterly to membership and others

Goal 5: Evolve, expand, and preserve the Cleveland County Genealogical Society sources of local and family history.

Archives reorganization—organizing records from boxes into file cabinets
Archival descriptions of rural school records

Members who wish to learn more about the CCGS Strategic Plan may request a copy.

E-mail ccgs@csbi.org,
call 405-701-2100, or write to
CCGS, P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070.

CCGS Library Celebration

During the month of October, CCGS will celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library.

An Open House will be held at the Genealogy Library Sunday, October 20.

An informal series of *Tuesday Talks at the Genealogy Library* will occur during the noon hour on Tuesdays October 8, 15, and 22. Each talk will feature a different portion of the Genealogy Library collection.

Workshops

Austin Genealogical Society

Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors

Liza Alzo

September 7, 2013

Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, Austin TX

<http://austintxgensoc.org>

McPherson County Old Mill Museum

Discover Your Swedish Roots

Led by genealogists from Sweden

September 28-29, 2013

Evangelical Covenant Church, Lindsborg KS

www.oldmillmuseum.org

Wilson-Cobb History & Genealogy Library

Mining the Motherlode: Overlooked Genealogy Resources

Curt B. Witcher

October 13, 2013

Civic & Convention Center, Roswell NM

www.wilsoncobb.org/events.html

Oklahoma History Center

Carved in Stone: The Meaning of Gravestone Graphics

October 26, 2013

Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City OK

www.okhistory.org

Johnson County Genealogical Society

2013 Annual Seminar

D. Joshua Taylor

October 26, 2013

Ritz Charles Event Center, Overland Park KS

913-685-2600 or info@jcgsk.org

Texas State Genealogical Society

Blazing the Family History Trail

Thomas W. Jones

October 31-November 2, 2013

Round Rock TX

www.txgs.org

The CCGS Genealogy Library's History

Twenty-three years ago, on July 15, 1990, CCGS members moved into a storefront at 118-B Park Plaza II at 927 North Flood Street in Norman, preparing to open a Genealogy Library.

Members gathered furnishings, books and office supplies. Approximately three months later, sometime in October, 1990, the Cleveland County Genealogical Library opened to researchers.

Agnes McVeigh Brooks served as library director. Celia Morris Phillips was in charge of technical processing; Mabel Wilson Ritzman, acquisitions; and VaRue Lindsey Douglas, library operation/staffing. Oleta Jury Tolen served as administrative assistant.

The Genealogy Library moved in 1993 to 1004 N. Flood, also in Park Plaza, where they added more rooms several times as the library operations expanded.

In July 1999, the CCGS Library moved to a storefront at 205 West Main Street, where it was more visible and attracted more visitors.

In July 2004 we moved to our current location in the Community Services Building.

Here, a year later, the library added another room, in order to house the county records which had been stored in Evelyn Parker's barn.

Since 2005, our Board of Directors and volunteers have been working together to organize our archival materials and make them easier to access, with the additional goal of reducing our footprint and keeping our rent expense affordable.

A year and a half ago, we began acquiring filing cabinets in our main Archives room. All the probate records and divorce records we hold are now filed there. We are now working on moving Civil Court records into filing cabinets.

Now we have indexes to all county records in our Archives either completed or in progress.

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library has come a long way in its first twenty-three years.

CCGS News

Fall Activities at CCGS

JOIN WITH US is the theme for fall activities of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

We invite you to participate in the planned activities. Get acquainted with people who share your interest in genealogy. Volunteer for projects that *pay it forward* to the dedicated people who provided the indexes and information that have unlocked secrets to your own ancestry.

The CCGS Fall Social on September 17 kicks off the schedule. Bring snack foods to share, and tell us about your summer family research discoveries.

Several activities will be offered in October, which is Family History Month.

A free series of three *Tuesday Talks at the Genealogy Library* will feature in each session a different set of records available at the Genealogy Library. Participants may bring a sack lunch if they wish. Dates and topics are shown below.

- October 8: *Family History & Local Resources for Cleveland County*
- October 15: *Family History & Genealogy Resources outside Cleveland County*
- October 22: *Original Cleveland County Records in the CCGS Archives*

The Board of Directors will hold an Open House at the CCGS Library Sunday afternoon, October 20. All members, past members, friends, and townspeople are invited to visit with us, explore the library, celebrate our improvements, and tour the Archives. Refreshments will be served.

The October 15 CCGS meeting will feature Luann Sewell-Waters presenting *Gravestone Graphics and Cemetery Customs*.

Greg Boyd will speak at the November 19 CCGS meeting. The topic is his *First Landowners Project* which was recently revealed on www.HistoryGeo.com.

Our special interest groups, the Family History Writers Group and the Family History Research Group will also meet monthly.

Check the Calendar on page 41 for dates and times of all CCGS fall meetings.

CCGS Archives Filing Project

CCGS Library volunteers have worked all summer preparing Civil Court records for filing in our Archives room.

These records, indexed many years ago by our early members, remained folded in slim packets and stored in cardboard boxes, just as they came from the courthouse.

Our volunteers have been flattening each case file, inserting the papers into a standard file folder, providing label information and filing each case in our new file cabinets.

Thank you, Nova Hornback, Jane Harris, Janet Tune, Ann Jacobs, and Elizabeth Loeffelholz.

In early August we called for volunteers to flatten each remaining file in this project, in order to speed the work of the library volunteers who prepare these files for storage in the Archives.

Participants in this work day include Marilyn Henry, Virgie English, Ann Jacobs, Mary Wheless, Bonnie Blackwell, Sherry Leafgreen, Elizabeth Loeffelholz, Nova Hornback, and Mary Lewis.

Thank you!

Bakeless Bake Sale Fund Drive Begins

Invitations to participate in our annual fund drive, the Bakeless Bake Sale, were mailed in mid-July.

The Bakeless Bake Sale is part of our effort to eliminate the Society's yearly budget deficit. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped address envelopes for this project: Frank Appl, Carolyn Deatherage, Marilyn Henry, Nova Hornback, Ann Jacobs, Sherry Leafgreen, Mary Lewis, Sarah Pool, Janet Tune, Mary Wheless, and Jeffrey Wilhite.

New Chairs for Library

We have a new look in the CCGS Library. Our library chairs were recently replaced with bright red chairs on rollers. We think most library visitors will find the new chairs more comfortable.

Ann Jacobs donated funds for the purchase. Marilyn Henry arranged the purchase and delivery.

New!

Family Maps of Cleveland County

Arphax Publishing recently released *Family Maps of Cleveland County, Oklahoma*. Owners Greg and Vicki Boyd donated two copies to the CCGS Genealogy Library.

We are excited to have this excellent local resource in our library and grateful to the Boyds for their donation.

Family Maps of Cleveland County contains maps of the original landowners (patent maps) in what is now Cleveland County, Oklahoma, gleaned from the indexes of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Dates of patents typically begin near the time of statehood and run into the early 1900s.

For more information about *Family Maps of Cleveland County, Oklahoma*, go to www.arphax.com

Meetings

May

Our speaker was Jan Davis, Administrative Archivist for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the official state library of Oklahoma.

Their online resource, *Digital Prairie*, offers materials that will be of interest to genealogists, including aerial photographs of Oklahoma, Confederate pension records, cattle-brand books for individual counties, and an Oklahoma postcard collection. Materials are regularly being digitized and added to this online collection.

June

Members elected new officers for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, participated in installation of these officers, and heard reports of the work of all CCGS officers and active committees at the Annual Business Meeting June 18, 2013.

Anniversary

Congratulations to CCGS members Delfar and Marion Grant, who recently celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary. They were married June 12, 1943, in West Somerville, Mass.

Calendar

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

Monday, CCGS Library
September 9, 2013
October 14, 2013
November 11, 2013

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

Tuesday (except July & August), South Lobby near CCGS Library
September 17, 2013
October 15, 2013
November 19, 2013

Family History Writers Group - 10 a.m.

second Wednesday, CCGS Library
September 11, 2013
October 9, 2013
November 13, 2013

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

Wednesday, CCGS Library
September 18, 2013
October 16, 2013
November 20, 2013

Genealogy Computer Users Group - *Classes suspended until further notice.*

Special Events

Tuesday Talks at the Genealogy Library - 12:15-1:00 p.m. (Bring sack lunch if you wish)

October 8, 2013 - *Family History & Local History Resources for Cleveland County*

October 15, 2013 - *Genealogy & Family History Resources in the Genealogy Library*

October 22, 2013 - *Original Cleveland County Records in the Archives of Cleveland County Genealogy Library*

CCGS Library Open House - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 20, 2013

Members, past members, friends, and townspeople are invited to attend.

Beginning Genealogy Workshop - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at CCGS Library

Deaths

Mary Jo Johnson died May 19, 2013 in Norman. She and her husband Bill Johnson have been members for several years.

In the Library

New Books

18th Century Records of the German Lutheran Church of Philadelphia (5 vols.)
1905 Cookbook: Food for Body and Soul
Cemeteries of Marion County, Iowa
The Center: A Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Capital Area
Colonial Families of New Jersey
Family Maps of Cleveland County, Oklahoma
Fourth Arkansas Union Cavalry
Greene County, Georgia Marriage Records, 1788-1895
Index: Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Will Books A-H
Lumpkin County, Georgia Marriage Records, 1830-1860
Marriage Records, Chatham County, North Carolina, 1782-1867
McClain County, Oklahoma, History and Heritage (3 vols.)
Nicknames: Past and Present
On the Banks of the River: A History of Hardin County, Tennessee
Phelps County, Nebraska Cemeteries (2 vols.)
Phelps County, Nebraska Marriages
Pike County, Alabama Cemetery Records
Portrait of Progress in Phelps County
Prairie Home Cemetery, Holdrege, Phelps County
Preservation Guide: Saving the Past and the Present for the Future
Reminiscences of the Early Settlement and Early Settlers of McNairy County, Tennessee
Social Networking for Genealogists
Story of the Palatines: An Episode in Colonial History
Washington County, Tennessee Index to Estates

In Recent Journals

Check this glossary of legal terms related to marriage records. *Delaware County Family Trails*. Delaware County Genealogical Society. Vol. 27, No. 1, Jan-Feb-Mar 2013.

Laws of the Choctaws regulated the marriage of white men to Choctaw women. *Bryan County Genealogy Library & Archives Quarterly*. May 2013.

Do you know a brewster, a collier, or a joyner? Check this list of common names for trades. *Hopkins County Heritage*. Hopkins County (TX) Genealogical Society. Vol. 30, No. 1, March 2013.

Build your genealogical vocabulary with this glossary of terms. *Kiowa County Genealogical Society Newsletter*. Vol. 20, No. 2, May 2013.

Get acquainted with PERSI (PERiodical Source Index), a vital tool for genealogical researchers, which indexes articles published in 11,000 periodical titles by thousands of local, state, national and international societies and organizations. *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Vol. 58, No. 2, June 2013.

The Roosevelt bridge across Lake Texoma once stood on dry land. *Newsletter*. Marshall County Oklahoma Genealogical and Historical Society. Vol. 18, No. 2, June 2013

Knowledge of the laws that regulated immigration and citizenship is important for understanding the conditions under which your ancestor may have been granted or lost their citizenship. *The Western Plainsman*. Western Plains Genealogical Society. Vol. 28, No. 3, Spring 2013.

<p style="text-align: center;">Since You Asked</p> <p>Q: Lately I've been reminded of tidbits covered in my high school Oklahoma history textbook. Is it possible you have such books in the Genealogy Library?</p> <p>A: You are in luck! Several Oklahoma history texts have been donated to our library. We have identified several in which you might be interested.</p>	<p><i>Harlow's Oklahoma History</i>, by Arrell M. Gibson. <i>History of Oklahoma</i>, by Edward Everett Dale. <i>Oklahoma: A History of Five Centuries</i>, by Arrell M. Gibson. <i>Oklahoma: the Story of Its Past and Present</i>, by Edwin C. McReynolds. <i>The Story of Oklahoma</i>, by W. David Baird and Danny Goble.</p>	<p>We remind you that you are welcome to come by to read and copy from our books and materials, but our materials are not available to be checked out.</p> <p>The Cleveland County Genealogical Society's Genealogy Library is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.</p>
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Federal Government Resources Useful for Genealogical Research

BY JEFFREY WILHITE

In this article I will focus on very specific U.S. Federal government online information sources, as well as valuable paper resources useful for genealogical research in Norman's own University of Oklahoma, Bizzell Memorial Library, Government Documents Collection.

The **U.S. Department of Health** offers a webpage for *Where to Write for Vital Records*, <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>, where you can write to request birth or death certificates. Since these records are kept by the individual states, this page is organized by state.

The **Bureau of Indian Affairs** has a webpage that offers a Guide to *Tracing Your American Indian Ancestry*, <http://www.bia.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/text/idc002656.pdf>, which presents information for researchers specifically investigating American Indian ancestry.

Deep within the **National Archives and Records Administration** is the *Index to the Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory* (Dawes), <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/native-americans-final-rolls.html>. The Dawes Roll is the index to the names of individuals entitled to enrollment on the rolls of the various tribes comprising the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory.

The **Library of Congress** provides *Afro-American Genealogical Research Bibliographies and Other Useful Sources*, http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/afrobib.html. This is a selected list of books in the Library of Congress compiled primarily for researchers of Afro-American lineages.

The staff at the **Oklahoma Department of Libraries** created *Genealogical Resources in U.S. Federal Depository Libraries* <http://www.odl.state.ok.us/usinfo/GenealogicalResources.pdf>. This guide lists many genealogy-related government sources, available in paper and/or online.

Paper Resources Available in the O.U. Government Documents Collection

Although it may seem that "everything is on the internet" it is not. There are many, many paper government resources, especially for a topic as specific as genealogy, that are not currently online and may never appear there.

Here are examples of only a few paper genealogy-related government documents available in the OU Library:

C 3.10: Official Register of the US

This document lists all non-military Federal employees.

GS 4.2:R 35 Federal Records of WW II

This document lists all of the civilian and military agencies.

N 16.6: Records of the Union & Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion

This document lists Navy personnel during the Civil War.

W 1.1: War Department Annual Reports

This is a roster of officers.

W 3.10: Army List and Directory

This is a roster of officers.

W 3.11: Historical Register of the Army...1789-1903

This is a roster of officers, including volunteers.

The Library also has a complete collection of the **US Serial Set**, which are the Congressional House and Senate Documents and Reports. These can also prove useful to genealogical research.

One volume, Serial Set 4595, *Les Combattants Francais de la Guerre Americaine, 1787-1783*, lists all of the French who fought in the American Revolution.

Serial Set volumes numbers 249-251 are the *List of Pensioners on the Roll, Revolutionary War*, which are also useful titles for genealogical work.

For additional help with US Federal sources for genealogical research consult Jeffrey Wilhite, the University of Oklahoma Government Documents Librarian at the OU Government Documents Collection, Bizzell Memorial Library, 405 West Brooks, Norman OK 73019; (405) 325-3141; or jwilhite@ou.edu.

100 Years Ago

The Norman Democrat-Topic Friday, September 5, 1913

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

St. Joseph School Opens September 8th

Classes at St. Joseph will resume September 8th. Special advantages are offered in the following courses: High School, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Music, Elocution, Painting. ...

The whole system of education at St. Joseph's is thorough, refined and practical, being built on sound ethical principles.

Terms reasonable, teachers efficient, pupils in earnest. Students are urged to enroll as early in the session as possible.

Council Meeting

The city council held an adjourned session Tuesday night.

An ordinance was passed requiring automobile and motorcycle owners to pay a license tax. ...

Marriage Licenses

A.L. McNabb, 25, Norman, and Goldie Dorman, 16, Norman.

W.J. Johnson (Col., 30, Newalla, and Lennie Sutton (Col., 30, Moore.

Myron B. Keator, 36, Tucumcari, New Mexico, and Lena E. Corn, 26, Norman.

Thos. E. Chapoton, 22, Waco, Texas, and Beda Criswell, 20, Norman.

Frank W. Lawrence, 40, Oklahoma City, and Birdie W. Holmes, 30, Knoxville, Tenn.

Martin Reynolds, 22, Noble, and Ada Smith, 16, Noble.

Walter Webb, 18, Norman, and Georgia B. Brannon, 17, Norman.

Farm Residence Burns

The farm residence of Mr. G.D. Hewitt, five miles southeast of Norman burned to the ground last Saturday about 12 o'clock. The fire started from a coal oil stove. The building and entire contents were destroyed. The women folk were at home, the men having left early in the day. The house and barn were insured for \$1,500 ...

Local News

Albert Furray, of Oklahoma City, visited his parents last week.

Judge Swank and J.A. Fox attended a W.O.W. meeting at Wayne Monday night.

A.L. Richards, of this city, has been selected as superintendent of schools at Tecumseh.

Mrs. Alice B. Jackson sold her lumber yard at Tribbey and the stock is being moved to Wanette.

Miss Elzadia Barbour left Wednesday for Wagoner where she has a position in the public schools.

Miss Bessie Bell returned last week from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank Mann, at Ponca City.

Howard Smith of Guthrie, spent 1 day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Smith, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Sherman of Lexington was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Holland, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lucille Bell left last Friday for Geary where she has charge of the primary department in the public schools this year.

Mrs. Fitz and three daughters came down from Ponca City Tuesday and rented the E.E. Taylor residence in East Norman.

Stella

J.W. Wilson transacted business in Shawnee last Saturday.

Arthur Degraffenried of Tuttle is visiting friends and relatives.

Maude Jennings is visiting her sister Mrs. Hendrickson, in Newalla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson entertained a number of young people at their home in Stella Saturday evening. Various games were played until 11:30 when refreshments were served. Everyone present reports an enjoyable time.

Noble

Mrs. Dollie Greenhaw visited a few days in Noble last week.

Miss Eva Vance spent Sunday with her parents Mrs. And Mrs. E.M. Vance.

Quite a few from Noble attended the social encampment at Needmore last week.

Miss Jane Dunaway of Porto Rico came in Friday and she will make her future home in Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Morris and family spent Saturday and Sunday in the City visiting Mr. and Mrs. O.S. Puckett and family.

J.A. Mills has opened a store in the Smith building on the east side where he is ready to sell you the best flour, meat and feed on the market.

Mr. Martin Reynolds and Miss Dovie Smith were happily married Tuesday at the bride's home. They will make their home in Noble. Their many friends join in wishing them happiness.

Elm Grove

William Estes and family had as their guests last Sunday Mr. Philip Schmitt and family.

The 1913-1914 school term will begin September 13 by order of the patrons and school board of district number 12.

Miss Bulah Breeze who has been engaged to teach this school for the coming year has just returned from a pleasant trip to relatives at Willis, California, and Phoenix, Arizona.

The ladies of district 12 met at the school house last Friday and gave the house a thorough cleaning. As new window shades, a Yale door lock and latch, a set of maps in a beautiful case have been added to the school equipment a few days previous, the ladies did up the finishing touches by adding new dainty Swiss lawn curtains to each window. Things were arranged so tastefully that the ladies themselves were taken by surprise after work was over with. An inviting school house is an inviting place to invite the younger generation to get a proper education. The work being over, with limited time for inspecting, gazing, admiring and criticizing the same, the ladies marched out of the school house, single file, sought places of rest under the large shady elm trees and there feasted on water melons until darkness drove them from under pleasant elms to their respective homes where it is presumed they arrived safe and sound.

The Cleveland County Enterprise Thursday, September 18, 1913

City Schools Progressing Nicely

The Norman City schools are progressing nicely under the very able management of the faculty; the teachers taking hold enthusiastically and the courses are handled exceedingly well, considering the fact that we have no text books.

The new departments, Manual Training and Domestic Science are well equipped...and prospects are very good for one of the best school year's in the history of the city.

The attendance up to yesterday was East Side, 348, West Side, 261, high school, 306, total, 915. ...

Bridge Completed

The \$40,000 bridge across the South Canadian, four miles southwest of Norman was completed Saturday and is now being used by the general public without cost. It is a free bridge built by the citizens of Norman and the farmers on both sides of the river. ...

Society and Personal

Mrs. Sam Crawford of 312 West Eufaula St. delightfully entertained the ladies of the 'Bide-a-wee Thursday...

Miss Thelma Binford left the first of the week for Oklahoma City, where she is attending the Hill's Business College.

Mrs. Fred Reed will be hostess on next Friday afternoon to the W.C.T.U. at her home 231 East Symmes St. There will be an election of officers that day.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Goodrich opened her pretty new bungalow to the New Idea ladies, and a delightful club meeting was enjoyed. Among the other pleasant features was music rendered by the hostess's daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. McClure brought their little daughter, Margaret home from the University hospital Saturday morning and she is rapidly improving.

An instructive as well as an enjoyable meeting was held by the Daughters of Confederacy at the home of Mrs. Goodrich in the Classen addition Saturday afternoon. It was "Missouri day". ...

Cleveland County Probates, 1929-1950

FILE NO.	NAME	PROBATE FILED		DEATH DATE	PLACE OF DEATH
1761	BREEDING, W. C.	10 Mar 1942	--	23 Sep 1935	Ft. Worth, Tarrant Co., OK
2354	BREEDLOVE, Hattie M.	20 Jul 1949	--	13 Jun 1949	
2353	BREEDLOVE, J. H.	20 Jul 1949	--	04 Mar 1935	
982	BRENDLE, Elias Davis	07 Mar 1929	--	03 Mar 1929	Cleveland Co., OK
1163	BRENDLE, James H.	11 Apr 1932	--	24 May 1930	Cleveland Co., OK
1666	BREWER, Theodoe H.	25 Sep 1940	w	19 Sep 1940	Norman, OK
1535	BRIAN, P. K.	11 Jul 1938	--	01 Feb 1935	Claude, Armstrong Co., TX
1136	BRIDGEWATER, Ida A.	15 Aug 1931	--	07 Aug 1931	Oklahoma City, OK
1553	BRIDGEWATER, J. E.	21 Oct 1938	w	28 Apr 1937	Linn Co., OR
1043	BRIGGS, T. W.	31 Dec 1929	--	03 Dec 1929	Cleveland Co., OK
1786	BROCKHAUS, John	15 Jul 1942	--	08 Jul 1942	Norman, OK
1217	BRODIE, J. A.	03 Jun 1933	--	29 Jun 1932	Cleveland Co., OK
1026	BROMLEY, Henry	21 Oct 1929	--	12 Oct 1929	Cleveland Co., OK
1471	BROSSEAU, Mary	28 May 1937	--	19 May 1937	Oklahoma City, OK
1067	BROWN, Daniel C.	03 May 1930	--	04 Nov 1912	Iroquois Co., IL
1326	BROWN, Eli	04 Jun 1935	w	31 May 1935	Norman, OK
1908	BROWN, J. J. (Jesse J.)	28 Feb 1944	--	15 Feb 1944	Cleveland Co., OK
2346	BROWN, Jennett	04 Jun 1949	--	24 Aug 1948	Cleveland Co., OK
2349	BROWN, Jennett	22 Jun 1949	--	24 Aug 1948	Cleveland Co., OK
1943	BROWN, Jessie	22 Aug 1944	--	16 Aug 1944	Cleveland Co., OK
1355	BROWN, John	07 Nov 1935	--	01 Nov 1935	Lexington, OK
1130	BROWN, Leondis	16 Jun 1931	--	09 Nov 1925	Tulsa County, OK
2348	BROWN, Shade	22 Jun 1949	--	04 Apr 1922	Cleveland Co., OK
1550	BROWN, William W.	11 Oct 1938	w	04 Oct 1938	near Moore, OK
1149	BROWNELL, J. A.	04 Dec 1931	w	24 Sep 1931	Lexington, OK
1441	BRUCE, Guy M.	19 Jan 1937	--	06 May 1926	Cleveland Co., OK

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1631	BRUCE, Amelia	22 Jan 1940	--	24 Mar 1928	Cleveland Co., OK
2110	BRUEHL, Carl	07 Aug 1946	--	24 Jul 1946	Cleveland Co., OK
1064	BRUEHL, Helena	19 Apr 1930	--	14 Apr 1930	Norman, OK
2100	BRUEHL, Mary	15 Jul 1946	--	17 Jul 1944	Norman, OK
2204	BRUESCH, Ollie	16 Oct 1947	--	28 Aug 1947	Norman, OK
1201	BRUESCH, Simon	11 Jan 1933	w	04 Jan 1933	Norman, OK
1393	BRYAN, William Clement	05 May 1936	w	27 Apr 1936	Norman, OK
988	BRYANT, Emma E.	09 Apr 1929	--	02 Feb 1929	Texas
1061	BUCHANAN, James S. (Shannon)	26 Mar 1930	w	20 Mar 1930	Norman, OK
1805	BULLARD, Ezra	28 Oct 1942	--	23 Oct 1942	Norman, OK
987	BURKE, G. W.	21 Mar 1929	--	1909	Cleveland Co., OK
1477	BURKE, James	23 Jun 1937	w	20 Jun 1937	Northeast of Norman, OK
1214	BURKETT, J. C.	19 May 1933	--	28 Dec 1932	Cleveland Co., OK
1119	BURLESON, Hopson	17 Apr 1931	--	09 Oct 1928	Norman, OK
1221	BURROWS, Permelia Elizabeth	29 Jun 1933	--	12 Aug 1930	Cleveland Co., OK
1221	BURROWS, Russell	29 Jun 1933	--	14 Jan 1929	Cleveland Co., OK
1529	BURTON, Lena B.	31 May 1938	w	11 May 1938	Norman, OK
1779	BURTON, N. S.	08 Jun 1942	--	03 Jun 1942	Norman, OK
2190	BUSTER, John W.	20 Aug 1947	--	05 Dec 1946	Norman, OK
2104	BUTLER, Alice E.	19 Jul 1946	w	12 Jul 1946	Norman, OK
1275	BUTLER, G. E.	09 Jul 1934	--	24 May 1934	Cleveland Co., OK
1276	BUTLER, Ollie A.	09 Jul 1934	--	03 Jul 1934	Oklahoma Co., OK
2333	BUTTON, Maggie	31 Mar 1949	--	18 Mar 1949	Norman, OK
2193	CABLE, Bertrina Dale	02 Sep 1947	--	05 Aug 1947	Norman, OK
1139	CADDELL, Ida	22 Sep 1931	w	?? Feb 1931	Toone, , TN
1745	CADDELL, Maggie	20 Dec 1941	--	02 Dec 1941	Norman, OK

School Yearbooks for Sale \$10 each

1969 Arapaho H.S. *Indian*, Arapaho OK
1952 Central H.S. *Tiger*, Tahlequah OK
1956 Cabool H.S. *Bulldog*, Cabool MO
1957 Cabool H.S. *Bulldog*, Cabool MO
1968 Cordell H.S. *Blue Devil*, Cordell OK
1976 Hydro H.S. *Bobcat*, Hydro OK
1959 Tonkawa H.S. *Buccaneer*, Tonkawa OK
1962 Tonkawa H.S. *Buccaneer*, Tonkawa OK
1961-62 Northern Oklahoma J.C. *Roundup*,
Tonkawa OK
1963-64 Northern Oklahoma J.C. *Roundup*,
Tonkawa OK
1969-70 Washita Heights Jr/Sr Hi & Corn
Elementary *Chieftain*, Colony OK

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