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## President's Message

BY SARAH MYERS POOL

Your 2021 membership dues expire December 31, 2021 and will be delinquent on March 31, 2022. Please renew now and support CCGS in our effort to begin presenting the history of Cleveland County in digital form.

Soon we will say So Long to the year 2021 and Hello 2022.

We thought this year would be better than last year, but then when we start evaluating how much we have been able to do, we wonder how much better it really was.

We are still having board meetings via Zoom because earlier there was active Covid in our building.

We are beginning to have some activity in our office as we start work on digitizing the numerous indexes of Cleveland County records compiled the last forty years. Our plan is to make the digitized records available on the internet.

We have been acquiring some of the many records Jean McCracken had stored in her home so that we can make the appropriate ones available to the Society. We appreciate Jean's family's help in gathering and sorting those files. There is still a lot of work to be done with them.

Our Family History Writers Group has continued to meet monthly by Zoom. Let us know you are interested, and we'll be sure you have an invitation. Your story may remind someone else about a story worth telling.

If there is a topic you can present, or if you can suggest someone to speak to our group, let us know. If you have worked with video conferencing and would be willing to work with us, we would appreciate your help.

To go back to the topic of submitting dues in the next few weeks, **we are including the 2022 Membership Form on the inside last page of this Newsletter.**

You will notice that we have put some suggestions of ways you might want to increase your participation in the Society. You may have other ideas, whether they are questions or solutions involving our activities. We can use help with many different activities, but we need you to let us know what you can or would like to do. Our phone number and email address are on the next page.

**We are wishing everyone a Better New Year in 2022!**



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at current time.

MEETINGS: 6:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each  
month except January, February, July  
and August, by Zoom until further notice

**MEMBERSHIP: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2022**  
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# Holidays with the McPhails

By JANE HURST MCPHAIL HARRIS

The living room at The Farm on the outskirts of Comanche, Oklahoma was dominated by a long dining table. And I mean, long! Constructed of sawhorses, sheets of plywood, and covered with white sheets as tablecloths, this was the gathering place for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, or other celebratory meals for every age of McPhails in the home of Elbert Gates and Bertha Frances Brewer McPhail. I don't recall ever being seated at a children's table. Heaven knows where all the chairs came from! (Did I just hear Grandmother McPhail say "Never end a sentence with a preposition?" Sorry, Grandmother!)

The kitchen wasn't large and there was only one oven with a four-burner stovetop on the east wall. (This would be the oven that Uncle Hayden Ireland accidentally shot while cleaning his sheriff's pistol. But that's another story.) Next to the stove was a tall, narrow storage cabinet filled with old Homer Laughlin China Company Fiestaware dishes. Plates, bowls, and cups in a variety of colors, red, yellow, cobalt blue, green, and ivory. Oh, I almost forgot turquoise! Some with chips but that's to be expected when the dishes are used daily. The oatmeal bowls were from boxes of Mother's Oats. Other dishes purchased perhaps from Woolworth's 5 and 10 cent variety stores.

The south wall was filled with a long countertop with a deep sink in the middle. Under the east end of the counter was a large lazy Susan filled with items needed daily in the kitchen. The notch in lazy Susan was big enough for a small child to crouch in and waddle around the inside to emerge victoriously back into the kitchen. The window sill over the sink overlooking one of the two greenhouses attached to the farmhouse was filled with plant starts in canning jars filled with water. A mortar and pestle that had belonged to Grandmother's mother, Eva Barbara Fleischmann Brewer, was on the counter, filled with egg shells ready to be pulverized into small pieces by whichever grandchild happened to be lucky enough to be given the job. A spice rack hung on the west wall of the counter just inside the doorway from the entry hall into the kitchen.

A bulky white refrigerator with rounded edges stood against the west wall on the other side of the doorway. Next was the large pantry filled with foodstuffs and other goodies. The wall on the south side of the kitchen looked out onto giant cedar trees planted there by my Grandfather Elbert Gates McPhail, Sr. There you could sit at a small wooden dining table looking out over the south pasture and the long circle driveway. A tin pot of honey always sat on the table, ready to be used in a cup of coffee and milk. If I recall correctly, the honey was sometimes contained in a small beehive

shaped ceramic honey jar ready to be dipped out with a wooden spinner. Dip, swirl, swirl, and then quickly move the honey over to your cup and add it to your drink. Careful! Don't dribble honey everywhere! That was a learning experience but usually easily cleaned up.

Back to the east wall and the doorway into the dining room. As you enter the dining room, there is a buffet where all the desserts are placed. The most famous dessert of all--- pecan pie! Pecan pie made with pecans gathered by Grandad from under an ancient native papershell pecan tree located on the back 40 south of the tank.

Perhaps this is the recipe that was used.

Pecan Pie
¼ cup butter
3 eggs, beaten
2/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp vanilla
¼ tsp salt
1 cup pecans
¾ cup dark Karo syrup
Cream butter and sugar together until fluffy. Add the next four ingredients, mixing well. Sprinkle the pecans on the bottom of an 8" uncooked pie shell. Pour the egg mixture over the pecans. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for about 35 minutes or until a knife inserted comes out clean.

Cousins from toddlers to teens would be outside playing, obediently observing the rule of staying out of the way of the adults. (Well, maybe there were a few episodes of chasing someone through the house and grabbing a cookie on the way by the buffet in the dining room.) After all, we needed energy to explore the giant canyons found on the property or to search for the wagon ruts from the Chisholm Trail found on the acreage west of the driveway. If we were lucky, someone would saddle up the horses and we could ride Star, Brownie, or Dynamite, the Shetland Pony. Riding, in my case as a toddler, was sitting in the saddle with the horse being led around by

an older cousin. The horses were long gone by the time I was able to ride by myself.

Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes decorated with sliced carrot designs by Grandad McPhail, devilled eggs, salads, yeasty hot rolls, and various other foods covered the table. Sitting down to a great meal with family amidst the comradery, love and laughter that pervaded the home is a great memory. One that I'll hold onto for the rest of my life.

After the meal, the men cleared and washed the dishes with Aunt Frances McPhail Ireland assisting them. After all, the dishes, pots and pans, and utensils had to be put away in their proper spots. Cousin Karen McPhail Markwell remembers Grandmother McPhail sweetly telling Karen's new husband, Glendale Markwell, on his first Christmas with the family of this tradition. Glendale crossed his arms and said the men in his family did not such thing! (And that the McPhail men were henpecked. Ha!)

Firearms were brought to the get-togethers, usually 22 rifles. Very rarely a handgun would be brought. Down to the creek banks where the creek the lower lands had eroded, the group would tromp. Once there, safely shooting up towards the bank and avoiding stray bullets flying off in unexpected directions. On occasion, Uncle Clarence Ireland, Sr. and others would squirrel hunt on the back 40. Quail were plentiful, as well.

The Covid-19 Pandemic occurring in the year 2020 will affect the way many families celebrate the holidays this year. Many will be taking precautions to ensure the safety of vulnerable family and friends in order to decrease the chances for spreading or being infected by the coronavirus. Celebrating at home with only immediate family in a small gathering is one way to reduce chances of exposure. Wearing masks covering your nose and mouth, staying 6' apart, and washing hands are good habits to develop. Limiting the number of people in the kitchen can help control the spread. The virus spreads easily from touched surfaces so experts are recommending single-use salt and pepper,

butter, and salad dressing packets. Some families are even celebrating outdoors, a Thanksgiving picnic! While the holidays are a time of getting together and reminiscing, this holiday season has a reason to cut short those visits in order to keep our family, friends and ourselves safe.

The Covid-19 Pandemic occurring in the year 2021 has affected the way many families celebrate the holidays. Many will still be taking precautions to ensure the safety of vulnerable family and friends in order to decrease the chances for spreading or being infected by the coronavirus. The immediate family gatherings of the 2020 holiday season are being expanded in 2021 due to increased immunizations. It is wise to reduce chances of exposure by wearing masks covering the nose and mouth, staying 6 feet apart, and washing hands. Limiting the number of people in the kitchen can help control the spread.

What an adventure the holidays will be in 2021! This time of year is perfect for gathering together and reminiscing. You can still eat pecan pie. You can write down a family story about past holidays. You can thank the caregivers, law enforcement officers, firefighters, military personnel, delivery people, and others who are unable to celebrate with family. You can gather on Zoom or another media to join your family and friends together virtually. Some families are even celebrating outdoors, a Thanksgiving picnic. New traditions are beginning!

Wishing you Happy and Safe Holidays!

11 November 2020

Revised 22 November 2021

Special thanks to my sister, Joan McPhail Veal and cousins, Karen McPhail Markwell, Hayden Ireland, Jr. and Frances McPhail Ryan for their knowledgeable memories of these holidays!

*“He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning.”*

—Old English Proverb

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## Down Memory Lane

### The Laging Family Westward Bound ~ 1890

By LEATHA LAGING CABLE

Someone has requested a story in writing of the Henry Laging family trip across the Rockies in 1899-1900, Here are the bits and pieces I can remember as told by my Dad, Fred, and grandparents, Henry and Minnie.

Farming was slow in Oklahoma, so between crops laid by the fall harvest, grandpa and son, Henry went to eastern Oklahoma to work on the railroad to make railroad ties for extra cash. Minnie also went along to cook for them. Bob Kisner, a young man making the runs and entering some business ventures arrived later. He was courting Minnie. They were married in Okmulgee. Because of health conditions, they did not spend much time in eastern Oklahoma. These were dry years and they were living in a sod house. The story goes that they sat in the shade of the sod house and watched the crops burn. They were restless for many reasons.

This year, Henry, the oldest son, had followed the harvest season to Oregon and Washington. In his letter home, he described the beautiful harvest there. He even mailed some wheat heads home that were long and lush. He wrote about the homestead land still available. The government was subsidizing farmers who wanted to settle there. After much discussion, they wrote Henry to meet them in Vancouver around Christmas time.

It seems they always moved in cold weather. I am sure this was because they could not farm this time of the year. They realized this was a long move by covered wagons, but a little step for a couple that had crossed the ocean with three small children some twenty years hence.

Grandpa planned his moves carefully, hoping each would be a better one. First he must sell all furniture (except linens and feather beds). Extra livestock and farming equipment, grandpa sold piece by piece to

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neighbors, which was customary in that day and time. Bob and Minnie decided to go with them, and others joined. I do not know if they were friends or relatives. Many were on their way westward, as Grandma would say in her broken English. "Everyone was doing it."

Grandpa had two wagons, and knowing him, they were in good condition. Also, they were comfortable with feather beds, mirrors and space for the girls to primp. There was room for Sophie, a teenager, Lena, Maggie and Dora to ride if they so desired. Grandma, Grandpa, and Edward (4 years old) rode most of the time. Anyone ailing could ride; ailing meant anything from fever to menstrual time. They had plenty of drivers—Bill, Sophie, Fred and probably Lena.

Dad had a riding horse, and Dora says he thought he was smart riding ahead and reporting. He may have imagined he was a guide. Extra horses, chickens in coops and cows were added. Food items such as flour, sugar, salt pork, fried down sausage and dried beans were stored in the wagons. I remember Grandma saying that when Edward was hungry or thirsty between meals, someone would milk a cup full of the foaming liquid for him. Unless you have tasted warm milk, you have missed something delicious.

No school for three months—so what, imagine how much these children learned. Dad would tell about the change in scenery and wild game after they crossed the North Platt River. From here on, they hunted daily, prairie chickens, white rabbits (which we know as snow rabbits), in Wyoming. With ducks, duck eggs, and geese near to the lakes, they were faring well. Dad really needed his famous muzzle loader that would shoot a hundred yards, then start throwing rocks. I'm sure this was his way of telling us how well kept their guns were.

In a way this was not a tiresome trip. There was walking, riding, storytelling; plus a few games such as Fox and Geese played on a board with buttons, corns or beans. The evenings were the most fun, with a cookout meal. They, as all Germans, were a musical

loving group and enjoyed singing in the evening. Now they could sing by the firelight as the embers burned to ashes.

Nearing the Tetons, the scenery was more beautiful, but weather was colder. In this area, they met trappers and heard many stories of bears, Indians, and gold. Did they see any bears? Yes, dad met one face to face and was ready to fire when the bear raised up on his hind legs and started walking backwards. Who could shoot a retreating bear? There were many people on this route, one discovered by trappers in the early 1820's. Here the pass was unbelievably level and has been named and renamed many times—Atlantic Pass, South Pass, and maybe Sherman Pass. The travelers would meet in the evenings, listen and tell stories, sing and play games such as Jenny Crack Corn and Marching Around the Levee.

They began seeing strange lights in the sky and hearing ghost stories. I later learned it was called Fox Fire, perhaps a reflection from dead timbers. Today these lights can be seen between Lander and Farson, Wyoming, and they are still trying to solve the mystery. Also, in this area, they saw buffalo wallows. Today they are called Spectacular Sinks.

Thanksgiving time and they are astride the Continental Divide. Here the immigrants were on a psychologic watershed. If they were not easy-going it would seem down hill all the way. Here they learned that eggs would not soft boil by the time Grandma finished her little ditty; she sang a song in German exactly three minutes long.

Did they see any Indians? Only a few walking slowly on a rise, but Dad kept Indian scalps in his basement. These may have been from horses tails, but created many stories heard by John, Jim and friends. Even though they saw few Indians, there was a lot of trading on this trip. Dad traded his horse and saddle for chops (the kind of horse feed the trading posts sold) and a bicycle. This bicycle had a brake that could not be trusted. Dad tells about going down hill at a fast clip, hitting a tree, ending the bicycle episode. One

of the wagons was giving trouble so they traded it for supplies. The trading posts were more frequent as they traveled Westward. Somewhere in Oregon the other wagon seemed to just fall apart. They were told of an outfit in Oregon that would move them the remaining miles. Now they must use money.

It was days before this company reached them, but being a creative family, the time was well spent. The men could whittle and mend shoes. The Laging men could almost make a pair of shoes. The girls mended and memorized poems. I am told that Edward learned his first prayer. They wrote in the sand, did finger plays and string art. They did the usual hunting, caring for horses (all the livestock left) and preparing meals. This time was spent near or in a trading post. They were still using the same tent that they had banked snow against in the Rockies, for warmth at night.

Did they pan for gold? Yes, but the water was cold and the nuggets were few. It seemed a slow way to make money.

The last leg of their trip was on a barge up Black Bear Creek. On Christmas day, they reached Vancouver. Henry was there to meet them. Their means of communication was unbelievable. Soon after reaching their destination, the men floored the tent, while the women settled camp. Now the men must look for work. Henry and Fred were considered family providers. Grandpa worked out with his team, hauling, etc., earning \$2.00 per day. Dad told about earning \$1.00 per day building barbed wire fence. In the spring and summer, he and Henry worked in the hops harvest for \$1.00 per day.

Grandpa bought a claim or filed on one. There was a house on it. Here the younger ones were back in school. The girls were busy sewing, as all clothes were made by hand. They did not like the weather or land they saw.

Minnie and Bob were the first to leave Oregon. Minnie was not well, and pregnant. They returned by train. A short time later, Grandpa remarked he was not web footed

enough for that rainy climate. Again, they sold farm equipment, livestock, furniture (everything except feather beds, bedding, cooking and eating utensils). A departure date was set, and a wagon hired to take them to Vancouver. Here they met a family coming to Oklahoma on this immigrant train. The car was equipped with a stove for warmth and cooking. They may have cooked at the same time, but each family ate alone. At night a porter helped make the seats into beds, using the feather beds and individual covers. The train made regular stops, where little ones crowded around the windows and the older ones, including my dad, would shop for groceries and supplies. Water was drawn from a tank on the train, with toilets at each end of the car. It seems I recall dad saying it was a six-day trip; much better than three months, but a long time for the younger children to be in one big room.

I have lost Uncle Henry again. He was really a hard one to keep track of. I do not recall when or how he returned. Everyone returned to Enid, Oklahoma.

### **1950 U.S. Census to be Released April 1, 2022**

On April 1, 2022, the 1950 United States Census records will be released to the public, in accordance with the Constitutional provision that census records remain closed and sealed until 72 years after the census.

This timely release is possible even during the Covid-19 pandemic because the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA") staff had been working since 2012 on the 1950 census. The original paper records had been microfilmed by the Census Bureau in 1952, and NARA imaging staff had scanned most of the microfilm by March 2019. Remaining to be done was matching images to the correct enumeration district.

Access to the central secure server by only employees cleared for such access was reimaged, and it is expected the 1950 census will be released on time.

1950 Census Enumeration District maps are already available.

Paraphrased from  
<https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/1950-census-pandemic>, accessed 11/23/2021



## Free Historical Newspaper Sites

Are you reluctant to pay for a subscription to an historical site? Here are a few sites that make historical newspapers available free of charge.

### Chronicling America.

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

This site is part of the Library of Congress website. It has searchable images of America's historic newspaper pages from 1777 to 1963.

### Oklahoma Digital Newspaper Program.

<https://gateway.okhistory.org/explore/collections/ODNP/>

This site is, of course, the Oklahoma Historical Society's free Oklahoma newspaper site in "The Gateway to Oklahoma History," which itself contains many more historical items.

### Early Texas Newspapers

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/ETXNP/>

This site is the University of North Texas' free newspaper site for early Texas newspapers, in "The Portal to Texas History." This is very similar in operation to The Gateway to Oklahoma History.

### Texas Digital Newspaper Program

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/>

The newspapers in this site, also created by the University of North Texas, tend to be later in date than those in the "Early Texas Newspapers" site.

Other states providing free digital access to historical newspapers that are not essentially in Chronicling America include:

### Utah Digital Newspapers

<https://digitalnewspapers.org/>

### California Digital Newspaper Collection

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc>

### Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/>

### Florida Digital Newspaper Library

<https://ufdc.ufl.edu/fdn1>

### Georgia Historic Newspapers

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu>

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### Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections

<https://idnc.library.illinois.edu/>

### Hoosier State Chronicles (Indiana)

<https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>

### Iowa Historical Newspapers

<https://guides.lib.uni.edu/c.php?g=668054&p=4696290>

### Kentucky Digital Newspaper Program

<https://kentuckynewspapers.org/program/>

### Digital Michigan Newspaper Portal

<https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/Pages/Michigan-Digital-Newspaper-Portal.aspx>

### Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub

<https://www.mnhs.org/newspapers/hub>

### Montana Newspapers

<http://montananewspapers.org/>

### Nebraska Newspapers

<https://nebnewspapers.unl.edu/>

### Las Vegas Age (Nevada)

<http://digital.lvcld.org/lvage.html>

### New York State Historic Newspapers

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/#>

### North Carolina Newspapers (a selection of

student and community newspapers in NC  
<https://www.digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/>)

### Oregon Historic Newspapers

<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>

### Historical Newspapers of South Carolina

<https://historicnewspapers.sc.edu/>

### Virginia Chronicle

<https://virginiachronicle.com/>

### Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection

<https://wyomingnewspapers.org/>

A state by state directory, including some not listed, is available at

<https://guides.lib.purdue.edu/digitalUSnews/papers> and

<https://guides.lib.uni.edu/historical-newspapers>

# CCGS News

## November and December 2021 Society meetings cancelled

At the November 8, 2021 CCGS Board meeting, the board decided to cancel the November and December 2021 Society monthly meetings. Society meetings normally do not occur in January and February, so Society meetings will resume in March, 2022.

### Calendar

(Normally scheduled meetings)

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

Monday, via Zoom until further notice

November 8, 2021

December 13, 2021

January 10, 2022

February 14, 2022

March 14, 2022

April 11, 2022

#### CCGS Society Meetings: 6:30 p.m. third

Tuesday (except January, February, July & August) via Zoom until further notice

November 16, 2021 (cancelled)

December 21, 2021 (cancelled)

March 15, 2022

April 19, 2022

#### Family History Writers Group: 10 a.m.

second Wednesday, via ZOOM until further notice

December 8, 2021

January 12, 2022

February 9, 2022

March 9, 2022

April 13, 2022

#### NOTICE:

Please check the CCGS facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CCGSOK/>) & web page ([www.ccgsook.com](http://www.ccgsook.com)) for timely changes regarding any of CCGS's meetings.

## Society Moving Forward with Local Publication Project

Volunteers are moving forward with a local publication project begun before – well before – the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sometime in the 1990's or 2000's, volunteers transcribed in handwriting the

1892, 1894, 1896 and 1898 Cleveland County Tax censuses. The odd years of the Cleveland County tax censuses were likely transcribed in handwriting around the same time, and have already been typed, proofread, and published. However, the handwritten transcriptions of the even years were discovered in a file cabinet when the society was cleaning out the old library space for the move to the new office space, and it was decided to work on these years for publication as well.

The 1892 Cleveland County tax census has been typed and proofread once against the original tax records, and is in the process of resolving issues found while proofreading. Once that is completed, it will be sorted in alphabetical order and published for use by researchers.

The 1894 and 1896 Cleveland County tax censuses have been partially typed, but the 1897 "Other" census and the 1898 census still needs to be typed. This project can be done at home, by checking out the appropriate handwritten census transcripts. A sample Excel file is available, although you may run into situations not found in the 1892 census, so may have to be creative about the file. As the original transcriptions were handwritten, "ditto" marks were used extensively. However, for publication, all information must be on every line, because each line will be sorted alphabetically by last name. Therefore, each line must include ALL data, regardless of whether it was actually handwritten, or signified by a "ditto" mark or a line drawn below the original written entry. This is as easily done as the ditto marks by simply copying the original entry to all of the lines having ditto marks for that field.

If you are interested in either typing the handwritten transcriptions, or proofreading the typed spreadsheets against the original tax census book (the ones kept by the County Clerk), please email [ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org) or call (405) 701-2100 and leave a message with your name, contact information, and what project, and with which stage of the project you would like to assist.



**New Project:  
Early School District Officers**

CCGS has possession of several books of School District Officers from early statehood which would provide additional local genealogical data if they were published. Volunteers are needed to organize this project, as well as to transcribe data, proofread it, and format the publication.

**Volunteers Needed**

The Cleveland County Genealogy office is slowing beginning to reach a new normal. As detailed in the previous article, volunteers have been working at home on various projects. Some of the projects need others who are willing to proofread the results.

Boxes have been gathered and are continuing to be gathered from the home of Jean McCracken. These boxes contain books, old newsletters, family history notebooks, newspaper clippings, and more. These boxes need to be sorted into general areas, then the general area sorting needs to be sorted and properly filed.

If you can volunteer for an hour, two hours, or more, please let us know! Contact Jane Harris, or leave a message or send an email to the office to volunteer.

**Speakers Needed**

Do you know someone who would be a good speaker at a CCGS Society meeting? Do you have a story about an ancestor who was especially hard to find? Or a brick wall you finally broke through? Give a talk at a CCGS monthly meeting telling us about how you did it!

Contact Marilyn Henry, or contact the Society by email or phone if you know someone you would like to hear speak, or if you would like to speak yourself.

**Deaths**

Ralph Dolen Wilson, long-time member of CCGS, and a past president, passed away at the age of 101 on September 12, 2021. Born in Seminole, Oklahoma, he was an Air Force Command Pilot with 69 B-26 missions over Europe during WWII including a mission on D-Day, and 50 missions as a forward air controller during the Korean

Conflict. Ralph was often the star of the show on Saturday, when he served as library volunteer, as well as recalled his experiences during WWII.

Cleveland Fain 'C. F.' Moore, Jr. passed away peacefully on July 6, 2021, nine days after his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, in Norman, Oklahoma. He served time in WWII as General Eisenhower's radio man. After the war, he worked in the oil industry. He and his wife made a permanent home in Norman in 1963, and raised their family here.

**Workshops**

*Discover Your Swedish Roots – Virtual Genealogy Workshop with ArkivDigital*

**Sponsored by Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum, Lindsborg, KS**

Learn the basics of Swedish Research with Arkivdigital, using Swedish Church Books and other historical records.

Kathy Meade, Featured Speaker

Saturday, January 8, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., CST

Register at:

[www.mcphersoncountyks.us/20/Old-Mill-Museum](http://www.mcphersoncountyks.us/20/Old-Mill-Museum)

Registration fee \$50

Registration Deadline – Jan 6

Limited to 100 attendees

Questions? Call 785-227-3595 or email

[oldmillmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:oldmillmuseum@gmail.com)

**Dallas Genealogical Society – Save The Date  
2022 Spring Seminar**

*Using DNA Strategically – Tools to Identify Ancestors*

Diahan Southard

April 23, 2022

**Summer 2022 Seminar**

*Gone to Texas – Finding Your Ancestors in Land and Probate*

Kelvin Myers

July 16, 2022

<https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/>

**National Genealogical Society**

NGS Family History Conference

*Our American Mosaic*

May 24-28, 2022

Sacramento CA

Planning for in-person!

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

# 100 Years Ago

**The Norman Transcript**  
**Thursday, November 29, 1921**

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

## **ED P. INGLE WRITES INTERESTING LETTER TO HOME FOLKS**

**HAS STRENUOUS TRIP TO NICARAGUA  
BY DIFFERENT CONVEYANCES**

**IS EARLY SETTLER HERE**

**Holds Government Patent to City Lot –  
Was Founder of the Norman Transcript**

Many are the interesting facts centered around the family circle of Ed P. Ingle, pioneer citizen of Norman and Cleveland county who left this city and the United States on September 15, last for San Carlos, Nicaragua, where he is now attending to the settlement of his late brother-in-law, Lemuel Dorrance's estate. Mr. Ingle who is now passing his three score of years is a native of England, and came to the United States when he was five years old. He came to this country thirty-four years ago and settled on what was then the animal-inhabited plains of Indian territory.

When the gates of the Red Man's land were thrown open to the whites in '89, Ed P. Ingle took part in the run to this part of the state and with the many other eager claimants staked off his 160 acre tract of ground, which is now located about one mile north of the City. Ingle also secured a town lot in Norman, located now at the intersection of Santa Fe and Main streets. This lot is still in his possession and is believed to be the only one now being retained by its original owner.

Anxious in the upbuilding of his community, Ingle founded the Transcript soon after staking off his claim, and was thus

editor and manager of one of the earliest papers in the state. The paper was printed once a week in its pioneer days and thrived under his management for fifteen or twenty years, when J. J. Burke bought out Ingles interest. Ingle then resorted to farming his claim but decided to sell in 1904, when he moved into town. He has been engaged in newspaper and other work since that time. When news of the sudden death of Lemuel Dorrance, of San Carlos, Nicaragua, son of Mrs. M. E. Dorrance of this city and brother-in-law of Ingle's, arrived in the city it became necessary for Mr. Ingle to depart for Central American to attend to the settlement of his brother's estate.

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Mr. Ingle promises to tell many interesting facts about the country when he arrives back in Norman. He will probably be here by Christmas, accordance to Mrs. Dorrance and his wife, Mrs. Ingle, who received another letter from him only last week.

## **ALLEGED MOONSHINER IS CAUGHT AT WORK**

**County Officers Capture 450 Gallon  
Mash in Raid Near Noble; J. B.  
Goodson Now in Jail.**

J. B. Goodson, living about a mile and a half northeast of Noble and who is believed by Sheriff W. H. Newblock to be one of the worst moonshiners in this county, is in the county jail today awaiting preliminary hearing on a charge of having violated the prohibition amendment. Goodson was arrested and placed in jail by Sheriff Newblock following a raid made Friday evening by Deputies Buster Vowell, Lon Stringer, Gus Lesley, Franks Boggs, and Newblock. ...

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Miss Annie Laurie Robey, spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Davidson, Oklahoma.

Miss Olga Bobo, who is teaching in the high school at Oilton, was home for Thanksgiving with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Bobo. Miss Bernice Henderson accompanied her home.

# Letters To Santa Claus

Sunday, November 27

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pony and saddle. A tree also. Bring me some candy, oranges, and all fruits.

Miss Winona Wolfe

P. S. Please don't get my packages mixed with somebody else. Don't forget anything. Add something if you wish. A riding habit or so. Bring some nuts.

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Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a pair of red Buster Brown house slippers, a ball bat and a Billie Whiskers book. There are other things I would like but I know you have so many children to remember. With love.

Frank Boggs, Jr.  
220 N. Crawford

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Miss Frances Buchanan of Chickasha, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with her father, Mr. J. S. Buchanan and brothers at their home, 319 Chautauqua avenue.

Tom B. Matthews returned to Mexia, Texas, Monday after spending Thanksgiving with his Norman relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Martin gave a dinner in honor of Mr. Martin's father, Mr. R. B. Martin, who celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday on November 18, with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kingkade and granddaughter, Katherine Kingkade, of Oklahoma City, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Martin and children present. Mr. Martin has been ill for some months and has many friends in Norman, who wish him a speedy recovery and many more happy birthdays.

Mr. John Zink, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Zink of Norman, and Miss Swannie Estelle Smith of Baxter Springs, Kansas were married Thanksgiving day at three o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L.

Smith. Mr Zink is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma in 1917. He is now chemist for the Oklahoma Natural Gas company at Tulsa. Mrs. Zink is a graduate of the University of Kansas. They will be at home in Tulsa in their new home at 1511 West First street. Mr. Zink has many Norman friends, who wish happiness in his married life.

Mrs. Hal Muldrow entertained with a lovely luncheon Saturday in honor of Miss Lottie Taylor of Enid, who was spending the Thanksgiving vacation with her mother Mrs. John Taylor. The afternoon was spent informally with two tables of bridge being formed. Seated with Mrs. Muldrow were Miss Taylor, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. J. R. Holland, Mrs. Louis Burns, Mrs. Willard Campbell, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Manley Bailey of Blanchard, and Misses Nannie Miller, Foy Runyan, and Blanch Holland.

## Norman Boy Scouts Winning Recognition

Oklahoma Ranks High With Norman in Forefront – Problems Discussed in Meet at Ft. Worth

That Norman scout activities are fastly winning recognition of Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico scout officials is the report of Thomas Rowe, local executive, who has just returned from a Scout-Executive's Training conference which convened in Ft Worth last week. With Oklahoma being rated as the most progressive of the three states in this work and with Norman unquestionably in the front ranks of the state organization possible grounds for this self-conferring honor are on record, Rowe says. ...

Special commendation was paid the Norman Scout council for its high type of leadership, especially among the scoutmasters, it is said. The initiative of O. W. Walters, Tom B. Matthews, B. H. Lovgren, Dr. J. L. Hassler, Herbert Wall, and Evert Ogburn are largely responsible for the success of the local troops, according to the leaders of the convention. ...

All Scouts of the various troops of Norman who have taken tests during the past month

will appear for final approval before the Court of Honor at the City Hall in the Council room Thursday evening, December 1. Members of the Court of Honor are Messrs A. S. Faulkner, J. W. Foster, C. W. Shannon, A. C. Parsons, C. A. Standley, J. S. Buchanan, E. A. Riney, F. M. Warren, T. H. Aszman, W. L. Broome, C. D. Meade and Dr. J. L. Day.

### FINAL SETTLEMENT

Gus Goodson who was arrested a short time ago following a raid made by county officers, plead guilty to a charge of manufacturing intoxicating liquor before County Judge George Allen, Monday. Goodson was fined \$200 and costs, and sentenced to sixty days in the county jail.

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Mrs. Fletcher Swank and son, Fletcher Jr. had a narrow escape in Washington, D.C. last Wednesday, when they were driving with a friend in an automobile. The car ran into a street car. None of the occupants were hurt seriously; only Fletcher Jr. received minor injuries and four stitches had to be taken.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. August Miller died at their home in Cole, McClain county Sunday night at 9:15 o'clock. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Miller and the interment at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Miss Christine Williams, who is teaching in Turley, Oklahoma, returned to her work Sunday after spending the Thanksgiving with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hobbs were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Winship of Oklahoma City Sunday. Mr. Winship is the Columbia dealer for the state of Oklahoma.

Neighborly club No. 7 met at the home of Mrs. Clarence Tullius, November 17, with nineteen members and five visitors present. Two members were added to the club. It was voted to send twenty dollars to the Armenian Relief, that being the balance of a fund subscribed for that purpose the first of the year. There will be a food sale Saturday December 3, in Rea Lindsay's Drug Store. Come and buy something for your Sunday

dinner. The next regular meeting will be Thursday afternoon, December 1, with Mrs. Personette, 725 Chautauqua avenue, Norman. Roll call will be current events. A feature of this meeting will be the annual Christmas pond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Keiger and Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Black motored to Hobart and spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Keiger.

Miss Pauline Edwards, who is teaching in Chandler, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with her mother, Mrs. Alice Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Maloy received a telegram Sunday morning, announcing the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. T.O. Westhafer of Pueblo, Colorado. Mrs. Westhafer will be remembered as Mis Addie Maloy before her marriage.

Mrs. Juliet Barton has gone to Pueblo, Colorado, where she will assume work after a three month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Claud Etter and family.

Camp Fire Girls No. 4 hiked out to the river Saturday afternoon, November 26. They cooked supper over a regular camp fire. Supper consisted of corn chowder, baked apples, and toasted marshmallows. After supper the girls sang a few songs. Miss Helen Ruth Holbrook accompanied the girls and taught them a great deal about campfire.

The New Idea club will meet with Mrs. W.T. Vowell 129 West Tonahawa street on Wednesday, December 7, at three oclock instead of this week as was announced in the social calendar.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett DeGolyer left Monday for a visit in Houston and New Orleans before returning to their home in Montclair, New Jersey, after a visit with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Goodrich and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. DeGolyer.

Miss Lora Roberts, guardian of Campfire Girls No. 4, was invited to Moore to talk to the school girls on Campfire in assembly last Tuesday. Miss Roberts reports a goodly number of girls present and much interest shown. Several signed up at this meeting to become Campfire Girls.

**Special Musical at Methodist Revival**  
**Prominent Singers Each Night**  
**This Week – Good Crowds and**  
**Good Interest and Meetings.**

The evangelistic services being conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Meade, are well attended and much interest is being shown, according to official members.

Special musical program features each service. The song service begins at 7:30.

Tonight Prof. Joseph S. Benton will sing.

Wednesday night Miss Vickery of the Fine Arts department will sing.

Thursday night Prof. O. J. Lehrer will play.

Friday night the university quartet will sing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wantland and children returned to their home in Edmond Sunday by automobile, after a visit with Mrs. Wantland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hrary Lindsay at their home, 508 North Peters avenue.

Mrs. George Miller and Miss Nannie Miller entertained with a breakfast Friday morning at their home, 600 Miller avenue. Their guests were Mrs. Leslie Reynolds of Chickasha, Mrs. Manley Bailey of Blanchard, Mrs. John Taylor, and Miss Lottie Taylor.

Mrs. Pat McKinney and daughter, Mrs. Clara Adkins and baby left Sunday morning for Fort Worth where they were called by the death of Mrs. McKinney's father.

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