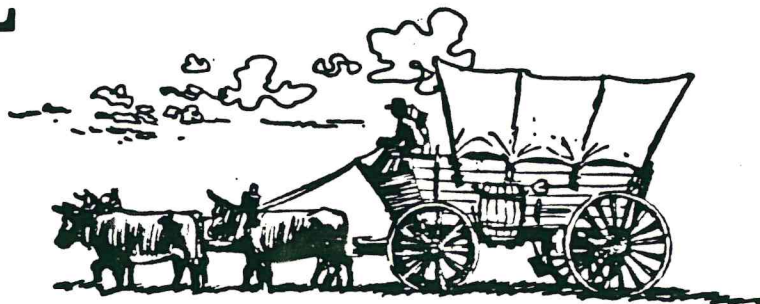


# Cleveland County

## GENEALOGICAL

## SOCIETY

### NEWSLETTER



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#### MEETING SCHEDULE

15 December - "Christmas Party."

19 January - Speaker to be announced.

Programs begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month September through June. We meet at the Norman Public Library, 225 N. Webster Norman, Oklahoma. Beginning with the January, 1987 meeting, the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. If you have a research problem, come early for individual assistance.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members.

Norman, Oklahoma:

Inez Schneider  
Jerry Ruffin  
Betty O'Brien  
Joyce Grisham  
May Bernhart  
Helen Copeland  
Sid and Nancy Williams

Lexington, Oklahoma:

Inez Simmons

Nicoma, Texas:

Mrs. W. L. Robertson

#### GLEANINGS

If you are receiving Quarterlies from genealogical sources and find things of general interest, please submit them for this column.

Good News for Irish Researchers:

From the All Ireland Heritage Journal: "Microfische surname indexes to Griffith's Valuation for the city of Dublin (1854) and county Feremanagh (1862) with the municipal bureau of Belfast (1860) are ready for microfilming. County Cork is now being prepared for microfilming." Prices are available.

John McCabe presents "vital statistics from the Northern Whig for the fourth and final quarter of 1824. He will do more in this series by presenting material from other publications, as The Patriot, a Dublin periodical." All Ireland Heritage. Volt. 2, No. 3.

The Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has a very comprehensive Research Guides for Ireland. It gives charts to "common pedigree goals. Much of the material is on film.

All Ireland Heritage D.R.H. Associates,  
(Continued)

GLEANINGS (Continued)

D.R.H. Associates, 2255 Cedar Lane,  
Vienna, VA 22180.

Cemeteries in Coal County, including  
Globe, Legal, Calvary, Keel Family, Old  
Davis, Finley, Old Kennedy Home Place,  
Old Lone Star, Lone Star, Okely or  
Ocone. Boiling Springs Indian, and  
Salt Creek (Negro Burial Ground) re-  
cords are in the October, Pontotoc  
County Quarterly, 221 W. 16th St., Ada,  
Oklahoma 74820. Also marriages, Book  
1, 29 May 1910-1914 Nov. 1925. And  
news items from "The Stratford Star"  
20 May 1926 - 16 Dec 1926 Graduation  
in 1940 of the ninth grade."

Jefferson County Marriages index to  
Book 1, in the The Tree Tracers, South-  
west Oklahoma Genealogical Society, Inc.  
P.O. Box 148, Lawton, OK 73502 and  
Records of Lawton Monument Company;  
Chattanooga Cemetery inscriptions;  
the Methodist-Methvin School, Anadarko,  
Indian Territory, 1890-1908.

Garfield County Genealogists, Inc., has  
established a computerized Obituary Re-  
trieval Service. Currently this ser-  
vice begins with letter "n" through  
letter "z". Write to Garfield County  
Genealogists, Inc. % Charles C. Van  
Duyn, P.O. Box 10261, Enid, OK 73706-  
0261.

Compliments of Mabel Ritzman, Pres.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Mrs. Betty McGehee of Wichita, Kansas  
was the guest speaker at the November  
meeting of the Cleveland County Gene-  
alogical Society. She is an exper-  
ienced researcher and a member of  
twenty lineage societies.

Mrs. McGehee spoke briefly of the  
Huguenots but devoted the largest  
part of her talk to researching in  
Kansas. She gave a short history of  
Kansas from the time Coronado and his  
men first explored it in 1542, touch-  
ing briefly on the Indian tribes and  
their trails that were later used as  
the routes of the early white men's  
roads. She spoke of the early exp-  
lorers who came through Kansas and  
the early white settlers who came  
from almost all of the central and  
northern countries of Europe.

The building of the railroads and the  
end of the Civil War both helped es-  
calate the movement of the white men  
westward. Mrs. McGehee noted that  
many of these settlers stopped or at  
least passed through Kansas on their  
way west and in so doing, left records  
that we, the researchers of today, can  
use in tracing our family histories.

Compliments of Gladys Dodson.

NOTE: The column "The Linage  
Societies" is compliments of Agnes  
McVeigh Brooks.

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NOTICE! NOTICE! 1987 Dues have been increased to \$8.00 per year and are due on the  
1st of January, 1987. Please complete and return to P.O. Box 6434, Moore, Oklahoma  
73153 with your check for \$8.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ST. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt.

## THE LINEAGE SOCIETIES

Persons involved in genealogical research, as a pastime or as a full fledged profession, soon discover they are eligible for membership in one or more of the established hereditary societies.

A lineage or hereditary society is one which should require all applicants to complete a lineage form, showing their descent from the qualifying ancestor for that group - and submitting proof to back up the claim with acceptable documentation for each statement made.

Why should I join?

There are many reasons, all based on an interest in family, history and patriotism.

The answer to the Why is probably a personal one, which I can't presume to answer for each person. I'll give you some pros and cons I have heard. Just knowing that he or she is eligible is enough for some. However, others prefer the "certificate of proof" of acceptance. Still others want their lineages preserved in the records of the societies for their children, nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, etc.

By having your lineage proven and accepted and on file (often published and indexed), you may be helping another family researcher by providing information on surnames in common - thus providing another research source. Many of us have found an ancestor in a lineage book of one of the societies.

You'll find, in these organizations, other people who are interested in essentially the same time and place. Many people will use a different ancestor for different societies. This is a good idea - means that more records are preserved.

How do I become a Member?

If you know someone who is already a member of the particular organization in which you desire membership, you may ask that person to present your name as a candidate. Membership in many organizations is By Invitation Only. For Others, you may write directly to the National Headquarters for information.

Suppose you have a lack of eligibility for membership in NSDAR and NSSAR? Other societies are available. The Hereditary Register of the United States of America is available at the Oklahoma Historical Society Library. We must caution you - not every society is included in the book.

Grahame Thomas Smallwood, Jr., prominent genealogist and member of over one hundred lineage societies, has grouped the Societies into roughly seven categories:

1. The Ship Societies - an ancestor who came on a certain ship or group of ships -

2. The War Societies - has the largest and most active groups - Colonial Wars, American Revolution, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, and Spanish American -

3. Occupations - Colonial Governors, Clergymen, Tavernkeepers (Flagon and Trencher), Physician -

4. Nationality Societies - in this group the ancestor usually came from one specific country - including, Dutch, English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, German -

5. Early Settlers and Pioneers - there are dozens of groups which base membership on being a descendant of a certified resident of a town, state or area -

6. Family Name Societies - these run into hundreds and are scattered from coast to coast and may include international members. Usually based on the many descendants of an immigrant couple who were the first of the name to come to America - or as far back as the researchers are able to go -

7. Baronial and Royal Societies - these are in a class all their own, which requires tracing through a proven immigrant ancestor back to a Magna Carta Baron or a King of England, France or other European country - all By Invitation Only -

You'll have to have sound documentation for each statement you make on the application. Often the family lineage has been printed in a county history or a series, such as Virkus' Compendium of American Genealogy. Such sources are not acceptable for the simple reason that these publishers merely printed what was sent them. So present day applicants must prove lines through use of vital records, cemetery records, wills, deeds, Bible records, proof from biographies, collections dealing with titled persons, manuscripts of genealogists and historians, state and national archives, acceptable published genealogies, etc.

You research and prove many different lines - and you have this information available - and what better place to preserve it than in an Hereditary organization? If these records are not proved, accepted and published, they'll be lost. We do owe something to our ancestors as well as to our progeny. By so doing, we discharge an obligation to our ancestors, to our progeny and to ourselves.

Once you have submitted an approved application, you can enjoy the activities of the society - and perhaps even propose a friend for membership. Remember, the Societies are like the Marines - looking for a few good men and women.

Agnes McVeigh Brooks  
(Mrs. Clifton Rowland Brooks)