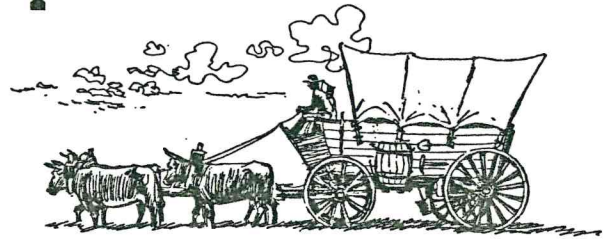


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# CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## Meeting Schedule

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15 March - *Planning A Research Trip* will be the topic. Lois Copley, member of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Board, once again has graciously agreed to share her expertise with us.

19 April - *Oral History: A Valuable Research Technique* by guest speaker, Joe L. Todd, oral historian for the Oklahoma Historical Society's Archives and Manuscripts Division.

17 May - *Effective Research in the Courthouse*. The guest speaker will be Twenty-third Judicial District Judge, Glen D. Carter of Shawnee. (If his schedule permits.)

21 June - *Civil War Military Records*. Guest speakers, Dava S. Woodard of Del City, and Patty Norton of Ardmore.

Programs begin at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month September through June. Meetings are held in the A-B Conference Room, Norman Public Library, 225 N. Webster. If you have a research problem come early for individual assistance. All meetings are open to the public.

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## Membership Dues

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Membership dues are \$8.00 per calendar year. Members receive the newsletter which is published quarterly. The editor gladly accepts material for the newsletter. Queries from members are encouraged.

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## Society Officers Elected

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The following officers were elected at the January meeting:

President.....Mrs. Agnes M. Brooks  
Vice President.....Mrs. Geneva Coates  
Secretary.....Mrs. Oleta Tolen  
Treasurer.....Mr. James Mohon  
Membership.....Mr. Olier D. Valliere  
Newsletter Editor.....Mrs. Sharron S. Ashton

The Special Projects committee will be chaired by past president, Mrs. Mabel Ritzman. Mrs. Dorothy Brinker has agreed to be responsible for publicity.

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## Special Publications

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We still have copies of our two marriage books. *Register of Marriages 1891-1897 Cleveland County Territory of Oklahoma* includes over two-hundred marriages, a bibliography, guide to place names, maps and index. The cost is \$6.00 postpaid

*Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory Marriage Record Book One: 1890-1895* contains nearly 5000 names. In addition to the names of the bride and groom and date of marriage, each entry has (when given) the couple's ages, residence, birthplace, place of marriage, the names of their parents, the official and witnesses. An every name index is included. The cost is \$13.50 postpaid. If you order both books the special price is only \$18.00.

## NGS Conference in the States

The eighth NGS Conference in the States will convene on the balmy Gulf shores of Biloxi, Mississippi, 27-30 April 1988. Recognizing the diverse interests of American genealogists, a varied and innovative program has been created.

Participants will have an opportunity to hear sessions on such subjects as neglected court records of New England towns and federal records for research in the midwest; research in Mississippi and neighboring states; lectures on population movements of American Loyalists in Canada and over-the-mountain migration into the Upper South.

Ethnic topics range from German immigrants through Atlantic and Gulf ports to the Casket Girls who were shipped to Canada and Louisiana as brides. In addition, an "Ethnic Crossover" series has been designed to introduce researchers to the potential of records that bear seemingly restrictive "ethnic" labels.

Research methodology is emphasized with topics like "Tracking Elusive Ancestors -- There's No Such Thing as 'Too Poor to Trace'," by Elizabeth Shown Mills and "But How Do I Prove This is the SAME Man?" by Helen F. M. Leary.

Special sessions have been planned for society administrators, librarians, professional genealogists, newsletter editors, genealogical instructors, and genealogists who use computers.

Program brochures with fuller details on lecture topics, tours and recreational opportunities for the family, and registration can be requested by writing to NGS Conference, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207. [NGS Newsletter 13:6]

## German Genealogical Society

The German Genealogical Society of America (GGSA) was formed in 1986. The GGSA publishes a monthly Bulletin, which includes research tips and suggestions, listings of articles

and books of particular interest to the study of ethnic German genealogy and history, and notices of events of interest to researchers in German genealogy.

The first issue of a Quarterly is expected to be published by the end of 1987. Regular membership in the GGSA is \$15 for an individual, \$5 for a spouse. For information on the GGSA and its activities, please send a large, self-addressed envelope with 39 cents postage to the German Genealogical Society of America, P.O. Box 291818, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

## Centennial of '89 Conference

Marianne S. Wheeler, president of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society, has announced that the society will celebrate the *Centennial of the Run of 1889* with a genealogy conference to be held Thursday, June 8 through Saturday, June 10, 1989 in Oklahoma City at the Hilton Inn West.

The first major genealogical event in Oklahoma in over twenty years, the Conference will provide genealogists, family historians and those interested in the application of genealogy to other fields of research, two important opportunities -- education and fellowship.

Sessions planned for the three-day meeting will be designed for both novice and experienced researchers. Lecture topics presented by leading experts will focus on genealogical and historical research in Oklahoma, American Indian genealogy and records, research methodology and national sources.

A conference committee, chaired by Sharron S. Ashton of Norman, will be appointed to develop plans for the program and special activities, including research opportunities for participants, tours of the area's leading historical sites, plus an exhibit area featuring displays of genealogical materials.

Although the conference brochure containing the program and registration form will not be available for several months you may have your name placed on the mailing list now.

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## '89 Conference

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Write OGS Centennial of '89 Conference, P.O. Box 12986, Oklahoma City, OK 73157. Don't miss out on the excitement and research possibilities. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Further details on the conference will be announced in the *OGS Quarterly* and future news releases.

## Newspaper Queries

An effective method of tracing ancestors is through queries in newspaper genealogy columns. Anita Milner, in her book, *Newspaper Genealogical Column Directory* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1987) states, "Such columns are read, not only by genealogists, but by local history buffs, descendants of founding fathers (and mothers), and by many casual readers who may not be especially active in genealogy themselves."

Researchers with Oklahoma roots should send queries to:

"We The People" by Mary Goddard, *The Oklahoman*, Box 25125, Okla. City, OK 73125 and to "Woods County Roots" c/o Woods County Genealogists, P.O. Box 234, Alva, OK 73717.

The "Tree Tracers" P.O. Box 148, Lawton, OK 73505 will publish queries with a southwestern Oklahoma connection.

If your ancestors were in Eastern Oklahoma and/or western Arkansas send your query to the Poteau Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1031, Poteau, OK 74953.

There are a number of newspaper genealogy columns across the nation that do not limit queries to ancestors in a specific location. For these and others check Mrs. Milner's book which is available for \$8.50 plus \$2. postage and handling from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie Maryland 20716.

## Archivist to Speak

A presentation on "Indian Related Records at the Fort Worth Archives" will be given by Kent Carter, Director of the Fort Worth Branch, Federal Archives and Records Center. The morning session will be held at OU on March 15 in the Western History Reading Room (Room 300), Monnet Hall. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

A well-known lecturer in genealogical circles, Carter compiled a *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Muskogee Area Office and The Five Civilized Tribes Agency* in 1982. Oklahoma researchers will also be interested in his excellent article, "Oklahoma History: In Texas?" *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* LXIV:1 (Spring 1986).

## Arkansas Research

Russell Baker, Director of the Arkansas History Commission, will be the speaker at the Oklahoma Genealogical Society's special spring workshop on Saturday 16 April 1988. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The morning session will start at 9:00. Coffee and cookies will be served during breaks. You should plan to eat lunch out, or bring a sack lunch. The meeting is free to OGS members. A \$5.00 fee will be charged non-members.

## State Fair of Oklahoma

Do you need an incentive to organize your genealogy? Would you feel a sense of accomplishment at seeing your research on display? Two affirmative answers indicate you are ready to enter the genealogy competition cosponsored by the Oklahoma Genealogical Society and the State Fair of Oklahoma.

The entry rules are simple and easy to follow: (1) Entrants must be bona fide residents of the State of Oklahoma; (2) Entry Form and Exhibit deadlines must be met; (3) All entries must be documented.

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## State Fair

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The 1988 competition will include eleven classes: Most Complete Genealogy Unpublished; Most Complete Genealogy Published; Genealogy having one ancestral line traced farthest back; Genealogy including American Indian Ancestor; Life in the Colonies; Most Interesting Skeleton in the Closet; Life in the Twin Territories; Genealogy of '89er Ancestor; Open Class; plus two categories for Young Oklahoma Genealogists.

For entry details, send your request for a copy of the 1988 State Fair Premium Book to State Fair of Oklahoma, 500 Land Rush Street, P.O. Box 74943, Oklahoma City, OK 73147.

A decision to enter the competition will result in another bonus -- finding previously overlooked clues or even proof among your unorganized notes and documents.

## Newspaper Abstracts

(Thanks to Genivia Jury and Jan Tate for their assistance in compiling this article.)

*The Norman Transcript* Friday, 28 April 1893, Page 1.

### **TERRIBLE DEVASTATION**

Tuesday evening three terrible cyclones swept along...upon the south and north side of the city of Norman.

The first...as the cloud approached the city veered off to the east and passed about two miles from the city. Mr. SAUNDER's family are the only ones reported injured and they not seriously.

This cyclone struck the earth near the JACKSON School house, Sec., 16, Twp. 8, R., 2, W, and took a course a little east of north. The school house was completely destroyed.

Mr. WINTON's house and barn were completely swept away, but the family... escaped uninjured. Mr. BRISCO's fine two story residence near the school house was badly damaged

but no one was hurt. Mr. J.C. HARRIS' family..escaped without serious injury.

At Mr. CONLEY's east of the city the roof was taken from the cave, but no one was injured. BRENNAN's house and buildings were entirely destroyed...He fled to a canyon with his family and escaped unhurt. LOCKRIDGE's place was next... everything was carried away. The family escaped unhurt by being in the cellar.

The next place was Baily ISABELL's, about two miles south of Fairview. His house and everything swept away. No one injured.

The second storm...commenced near to JOHNSON's place in the Chickasaw Nation... crossed the South Canadian near HARDY's farm on the ten mile flat. Its course was a little north of east...

Chas. HASWELL's place was first struck... on this side of the river. Everything swept away...Mr. HASWELL injured slightly. The family escaped by being away from home. KIT-TREDGE's place was swept away...The family escaped...to a neighbors dugout.

Winfield BRITT's place was devastated [sic] ...Mr. BRITT and Son injured. Mr. Wm. HASWELL's place entirely swept away. No one injured at this place. Mr. SYMCOX's place swept away and some of the family injured. HAUGHEY's place devastated but no one injured. Wm. TAYLOR's place destroyed no one injured.

At HOLLIDAY's the sod house was demolished. Mr. HOLLIDAY injured, and a young man staying with him was blown out of the door and carried about a 1--4 of a mile sustaining slight injuries.

Mr. MATTACK's house...buildings swept away. The members of the family were in a dugout and escaped with slight injuries. The school house near this place...the O'CONNER school was entirely demolished.

The next place...Owen MAROONEY. Mr. MARONNEY['s] wife and two children were killed outright and Mr. MAROONEY supposed to be fatally injured... [Ed. note: Should be Owen ROONEY. He had resided with the O'CONNER family for a number of years.]

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The next...Jno. O'CONNER's. This place was on the edge of the bluff...were fourteen individuals in the house...and only three remained to tell the story, one of whom, John DOYLE, has died since. Two sons of Mr. O'CONNOR, John and George is all that remains...Miss Annie HEDDENS, who was teaching school in that neighborhood, was also the O'CONNER farm...was instantly killed...Pat MALLEY's place destroyed, him-self fatally injured. Sam MEEKS place was swept away. No one hurt.

JENNINGS and WATTERSON's places both destroyed. Mr. JENNINGS saw the storm coming and escaped with his family to Mr. WATTERSON's dugout.

On the next line east the houses of Lee MISER, D.F. BANKS, KEEL and house south of KEEL's swept away. No one injured except at BANKS, all having storm cellars.

At D.F. BANKS' fine farm nothing remains, Mr. BANKS and his wife were driven in opposite directions and pounded to death with timbers. The children are all dead, including Mrs. Laura HESS, a daughter, [?] except five [?]. Those still living are one girl, about twelve...one boy about ten...and a baby. She [the girl] is bruised upon every portion of her body. The other two children were so badly jammed and disfigured that death seems certain. One has since died. [Ed. note: Laura M. BANKS born in Texas, age 18, daughter of D.F. BANKS and Surah KEEL married 4 Sep 1892 Charles H. HESS born in Pennsylvania, age 24, son of Reuben HESS and Susan STOKES. See *Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory Marriage Book One: 1890-1895*, p. 23.]

Albert GILMORE and his wife were at Mr. BANK's house...were severely injured, but are recovering at this writing. [Ed. note: Albert C. GILMORE born in Tennessee, age 19, son of Francis GILMORE and ?James? JUDEN married 4 Sep 1892 Maggie A. BANKS born in Texas, age 16, daughter of D.F. BANKS and Surah KEEL. Source as above.]

On the next section line east the homes of Rev. WELLS and Wm. MISER were wrecked.

Parson CORN who was at Mr. WELLS' was seriously injured. He and son, had just gone to the farm from their Norman residence...Dr. WAITS summoned...Rev. Z. M. WELLS house... destroyed...and his wife...not hurt.

## TWO CYCLONES MET

The cyclone from the South and the Tornado from the West intersected near Fairview church, near this place Mr. PEAVYHOUSE and daughter were killed. One of the children were carried about a mile by the storm, and was found next morning still alive...Next came Mr. WOOD's property, swept house and everything away.

Fairview church house lifted bodily in the air about one hundred and fifty feet and then broke to splinters. The building was about 40X60 feet, frame. Dr. LOUTHER, who lived on Parson LANES place lost everything. ROBERTSON's farm about one-half mile north of LANES' blown to pieces; all the family saved by going to the dugout.

County Commissioner DANIELS' house blown to pieces and Mr. DANIELS drove against a tree, breaking one rib...internal injury feared... resting better this morning. CHEATHAMS place was entirely destroyed. No one injured. The fine residence of W. I. POLK was entirely destroyed...family escaped unhurt.

Mat FLOURNAY's house was torn to pieces ...family escaped the storm cellar... Mr. SPECK's house was destroyed but no one injured. J. H. LOVE's house was destroyed. Mr. LOVE took his family and lay down on the ground...injuring none.

One family, name unknown, man and woman living near LOVE, were nearly killed. Man badly injured, woman blown from a bluff thirty feet high, would have killed her but she luckily lit on a feather bed. Mr. CALVERT and wife on Little River... were seriously [sic] injured and it is thought they will die.

The next..at J. W. STOW's, the house and family was carried away one of his daughters killed, himself and wife injured, wife has since died. His brother's house was carried away and

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dropped in a ravine without seriously injuring any member of the family. The storm passed about 1-2 mile south of CASE's Store and a little south of the Negro Settlement. The colored people escaped without injury...

A boy and girl aged 12 and 14 were reported killed near the Pot[tawatomie County] line but we were unable to learn their names. The extent of the damage in Pottawatomie county is great...are informed that twenty four coffins were ordered at Tecumseh...

### LIST OF DEAD

John O'CONNER  
Mrs. John O'CONNER Sr.  
Mrs. John O'CONNER Jr. and babe  
Five members of the O'CONNER family  
Miss Anna HEDDENS  
John DOYLE  
Owens ROONEY  
Mrs. MAROONEY and two children  
Mrs. Laura HESS  
P.C. PLEMONS  
D.F. BANKS  
Mrs. D.F. BANKS and four children  
Mr. PEAVEYHOUSE and daughter  
Mrs. J.M. STOW and daughter  
Mr. BATESMAN's child

Two of Ed JOHNSON's farm hands, CHEOTEN killed and Will LOVE fatally injured. A boy and girl aged about 12 and 14 names unknown are reported killed on deer creek.

Oscar C. BANKS and Elmer H. BANKS, now at Mr. HUNT's will live. Oscar is terribly bruised about the head and legs and the index finger of the left hand is cut off. Elmer is bruised about the head with internal injuries...

### AT THE BARROW RANCH

Mr. BARROW had just completed a new residence and a large barn on the ranch... Mr. BARROW's Nephew and family that lives with him at the ranch and the hired hands took refuge in the barn with the horses. Mr. BARROW was not at the ranch...was caught in one edge of the storm but came out without any injury.

## Tract Book Index

The members of the Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society (SWOGS) have compiled a surname index to the Oklahoma Tract Books. They will search the index for one full name and send a photocopy of the page where the entry appears for \$5.00. If the land description is included with the name, the fee is \$1.00. Write to the Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 148, Lawton OK 73502. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.



### The Family Tree

by Albert & Mary Jo Caldwell, MS

I climbed my Family Tree and found  
it was not worth the climb.  
And so I scampered down convinced  
it was a waste of time.  
Some branches of my Tree I found,  
were rotten to the core,  
And that the Tree was full of sap  
and hung with nuts galore.  
I used to brag of my kinfolk,  
before I made the climb;  
But truth compels me now to tell  
of those not worth a dime.  
I beg my friends who boast aloud  
of their ancestors great,  
To climb their Family Tree and learn  
of those who weren't so straight.  
I learned what Family Trees are like and  
then I scrambled down,  
They're like a 'tater vine because the  
best is underground.

*[Roots 'n Branches, Grand Prairie (Texas) Genealogical Society, November 1987, page 3]*



*Use the talents you possess; for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best.*

## New Publication

*Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry: A Basic Genealogical Research Guide.* By Thomas G. Mooney. Published by the Cherokee National Historical Society, 1987. Order from Cherokee Heritage Center, P.O. Box 515, Tahlequah, OK 74464. \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling. Oklahoma residents add seven percent sales tax.

The author states, "It is the purpose of this manual to provide...a basic knowledge of source material for researching Cherokee ancestry." In between chapters on "Getting Started" and "Writing Letters That Get Results," Mr. Mooney has packed an exhaustive list of Cherokee sources, citing background and availability. Researchers who are interested in Cherokee Indian genealogy would do well to purchase this book.

## Election

Ballots for the election of directors to serve on the board of the Oklahoma Historical Society will soon be received by its members. Candidates for the two at-large positions are Sharron S. Ashton of Norman, Donald Coffin of Guthrie, Ruth Moran and Carl Sadler, both of Oklahoma City.

Election results will be announced during the society's annual meeting which is scheduled for 28-30 April 1988 at Arrowhead Lodge and Resort. The three-day meeting, hosted by the Choctaw Nation, promises to be a memorable event.

Robert Henry, Attorney General of Oklahoma, will be the featured speaker at the OHS Annual Meeting Luncheon. His subject will be "The Sooner Said the Better: A History of Political Wit in Oklahoma."

## Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory Census

Contributed by Clarence and Genivia Jury<sup>1</sup>

### SCHEDULE No. 3. General Statistics relating to Farms

#### AGRICULTURE

NAME OF OCCUPANT OF FARM February 1, 1893		LAND IN FARM USE	PRESENT CASH VALUE
Page	Line	Total No. acres	of Farm including improvements
1	1	DUNHAM, J. C.	160 4.80
1	2	DIEHM, J. B.	160 4.80
1	3	SCHENRICH, Martin	160 1.55
1	4	COLLINS, John M	160 8.00
1	5	FORTMAN, Herman	160 .00
1	6	STONER, D.G.	160 .00
1	7	WIARD, W. L.	160 4.80
1	8	LACY, John D.	0 .00
1	9	ROLLINS, M. S.	- - - - -
1	10	BIRD, James	160 .00
1	11	COOK, A. A.	0 .00
1	12	SULLIVANT, P.	160 8.00
1	13	CAPSHAW, M. C.	164 8.00
1	14	CAMPBELL, E. G.	160 8.00
1	15	COOK, H. G.	160 8.00
1	16	?VANDERCEN?, David	160 5.00

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Page	Line	Occupant	No. of acres	Cash Value
1	17	DUGGER, Thos	160	16.00
1	18	OTTINZER, D. F.	160	4.80
1	19	NOLAN, W. T.	160	8.00
1	20	DOWD, John C.	160	8.00
1	21	CHESNEY, S. O.	160	13.00
1	22	CLUCK, J. S.	160	8.00
1	23	WEBB, Robt	160	8.00
1	24	VAUGHAN, S. H.	160	3.50
1	25	NEWMAN, John	160	8.00
1	26	MANIRE, W. H.	160	10.00
1	27	MONTGOMERY, D. N.	160	10.00
1	28	CARMON, J. M.	160	10.00
1	29	VAUGHAN, G. W.	160	10.00
1	30	EVANS, J. G.	160	20.00
1	31	POTTS, A. J.	160	10.00
1	32	FERGUSON, W. H.	0	.00
2	1	HARRIS, J. J. C.	160	20.00
2	2	CAPSHAW, G. D.	160	20.00
2	3	NORMAN, W. P.	160	3.00
2	4	RAWLS, W. C.	160	8.00
2	5	GRIFFITH, Sarah	160	10.00
2	6	ALEXANDER, A.	160	10.00
2	7	MARTIN, D. A.	160	15.00
2	8	HAYES, E. H.	160	10.00
2	9	COLES, W. H.	160	8.00
2	10	BLACKBURN, Sam	160	10.00
2	11	CRANDAL, O. E.	160	10.00
2	12	HARRIS, J. M.	160	8.00
2	13	WILES, C. M.	166	5.00
2	14	HANCOCK, R. E.	160	5.00
2	15	HICKS, J. E.	160	4.00
2	16	GUTHERY, T. H.	160	6.00
2	17	DANIEL, A. H.	160	16.00
2	18	TILLISON, E. R.	160	6.00
2	19	SILVER, L. W.	160	5.00
2	20	MARTIN, J. G.	160	5.00
2	21	ALLEN, J. C.	166	8.00
2	22	ABBOTT, G. W.	155	8.00
2	23	BROWN, J. T.	160	10.00
2	24	BETTES, J. W.	160	8.00
2	25	DURKEE, L. B.	260	10.00
2	26	RUNYAN, M. C.	320	25.00

<sup>1</sup>"There is no cover on this book, but comparing the names with the 1890 census it appears that this is a part of the 36th District, which is located in Township 9 North, Range 1 West and Township 9 North, Range 2 West. Our thanks go to our cousin who saved them from destruction many years ago."