

CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. NEWSLETTER

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- August 25 All day workshop on Virginia with Lloyd Bockstruck
Registration begins at 8 a.m., Days Inn, Lindsay and
24th Avenue S.W., Norman.
- September 18 CCGS, Inc. monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Norman Library
- September 23 First Families of Cleveland County, Charter Mem-
bership Presentation, 2 p.m. Lowry Room, Norman Public
Library
- October 16 CCGS, Inc. monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Norman Public Library
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NEW OFFICERS

At the June meeting of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society, Inc. Naola Masters submitted names on behalf of the Nominating Committee, with the First Vice Presidency remaining open. Jim Goddard's name was submitted by the membership to fill this vacancy and all nominees were elected by acclamation. Thanks to the Nominating Committee (Chairman Jim Goddard, Fran Blair, and Naola Masters) for submitting excellent choices.

These are our new officers for the coming year:

President----Jerry Ruffin
First Vice President (Programs)----Jim Goddard
Second Vice President (Education)----Dr. Clif Brooks
Secretary----Inez Anderson
Treasurer----Jim Mohon
Members at Large----Chris McLaughlin, Albert Smith, and Margaret Earls

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
19 June 1990

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL DATA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 JULY 1989:

Balance on hand 1 July 1989.....\$ 3181
Income during the year.....\$ 4644
Expenses during the year.....\$ 4269
Balance on hand 19 June 1990.....\$ 3556

DETAIL OF INCOME:

Membership dues.....\$ 951
Gifts and Contributions.....\$ 480
Sale of Publications.....\$ 233
Registrations for Seminars and fees for First
Families of Cleveland County.....\$ 2980

\$ 4644

Our largest source of net income continues to be from membership dues.

The next largest source is profits from the genealogy seminars. After expenses were paid from registration fees for the August 1989 Workshop, there was a profit of \$687. The Irish Workshop in October 1989 produced a small amount, and the German Workshop in March 1990 produced \$172.

During the year, registration fees for FFCC produced \$452 above expenses for the program.

A small profit continues from our publications (the marriage books and funeral home records indexes), something over \$100 above Printing costs.

DETAIL OF EXPENSES:

Printing costs.....	\$ 736
Postage.....	\$ 342
Speaker honoraria and transportation.....	\$ 676
Rent of conference and food for seminar.....	\$ 810
Purchase microfilm viewer Norman Munic. Lib....	\$ 1299
Miscellaneous (office supplies, etc).....	\$ 436
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RECORDS AND BANK ACCOUNT:

The Treasurer's books are currently in the process of being audited by the CCGS Audit Committee.

All funds of the society are currently maintained in one account, which is non-interest bearing, at the Exchange National Bank in Moore, Oklahoma. There are no charges of any kind associated with the account.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Mohon
James L. Mohon, Treasurer

Annual Reports by officers and committee chairmen were given at the June meeting. The following reported: President Ruffin (read by Mabel Ritzman), Joyce Griffin, Margaret Earls, Inez Anderson for Betty O'Brien, Jim Mohon, Chris McLoughlin, Linda Fairbanks, Margaret Earls for Fran Blair, Marilyn Pope, and Lyle Gamel. The Auditing Committee will give a report at the September meeting.

Much progress was reported on our library search, First Families rejuvenation and our tax-exempt status and incorporation. This year our micro film reader was purchased. Additionally, many fine speakers, seminars, education programs, and the F.O.G.S. Book Fair were enjoyed by those attending. Much time consuming work was done on Funeral Home and Cemetery Index books. We are also pleased that several new members joined us.

We hope to have our annual reports and officer board and committee job descriptions on file at our new library this fall.

GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

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After much work and study we have a temporary location for our library at 118 B Park Plaza II 1005 N. Flood, Norman. Moving began on July 15. Thanks goes to the library committee for their extensive effort. Studies will continue over the next 24 months for a permanent location.

Meanwhile, the success and future of our library will depend solely on volunteers. Cataloging of materials will be very time consuming and we still have a long "wish" list in order to make our library complete and able to operate by early fall.

In addition to donations of books and other research materials, we are in need of the following items: 3 filing cabinets (4 or 5 drawer legal size), straight-back arm chairs (up to 6), typewriter (electric/correcting) and stand, a manual pencil sharpener, desk lamps, 2 or 3 hole punch, and an assortment of office supplies such as paper clips, pencils, 3x5 index cards, staplers, etc. Of course, money is always appreciated. All donors will receive a receipt for tax deduction purposes.

We have received a large table from Margie Richison and Edna Couch has donated a bookcase with some materials from her private collection.

We are also interested in loans of references, histories, etc.

The hours and days each week which the library will be open will depend on the availability of volunteers. If you have any donations or you would like to volunteer your time please contact Jerry Ruffin, Agnes Brooks, or Celia Phillips as soon as possible.

CLEVELAND CO. OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY JOHN WOMACK

These were the 1st women homesteaders in Cleveland County, OK. The names appear as filed in the county clerks office with age, State born, date filed, when she came to the territory, and notes with whom living, etc., in addition to the legal descriptions of lands.

Mary E. Andrews
Sallie C. Belcher
Martha A. Berglan
Amanda F. Bradley
 formerly Billett
Harriet Brown
Bula Case
Josephine Clark
Millie C. Clark
 formerly Capshaw
Emma Claunch
Edna C. Clifford
Susanne Clothier
 formerly Rowe
Eunity Craig
 formerly Dodson
Elizabeth Davis
Elizabeth Dicterhoff
Frances A. Elliott
Ann Gardner
Fannie E. Graham

Nellie A. Hamill
 formerly Ellis
Serana A. Hensley
Minerva A. Lee
Jennie McKeever
Frances Milton
Lucy C. Morgan
Agnes Mulligan
Mary E. Percival
Margaret J. Petty
Martha Smith
 formerly Starkey
Mary E. Smith
Sarah A. Stafford
Elizabeth Stewart
Heirs of Francis Talbot, deceased
Laura J. Troy, later, Scales
Sarah E. White
Laura A. Wilks
 formerly Cheatham

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF CCGS ?

If you know someone who wants to join Cleveland County Genealogical Society or someone who believes he is a current member but is not receiving any publications or notifications from us, the following form is for you. You are not a current paid member if your name does not appear below (as of 16 June 1990).

Adkins, Paul K. and Evelyn P.
 Allen Co. Public Library
 Anderson, Inez
 Angle, R. C. and Betty
 Bailey, Ann ✓
 Beddo, Mrs. Howard L.
 Bills, Bessie
 Blair, Fran ✓
 Bowman, Henry and Yumalee ✓
 Brinker, Dorothy ✓
 Brooks, Clifton and Agness ✓
 Brown, Peggy M.
 Caswell, Wynema
 Cauthron, Grady L. and Joyce (Tate)
 Clark, Paul E. and Joy M.
 Cline, Royal R. and Wanda L.
 Coates, Geneva
 Copeland, Helen
 Couch, Edna M. ✓
 Dodson, Gladys
 Douglas, VaRue L.
 Dunbar, Loretta
 Duncan, Joseph E. and Evelyn R.
 Earls, Margaret
 Ermine, Mona D.
 Eskridge, Descygne
 Fairbanks, Linda
 Gamel, A. Lyle and Mary Bess
 Geer, Evelyn
 Gibson, Judy G.
 Goddard, Jim and Eunice ✓
 Grisham, Joyce ✓
 Hanley, Rachel
 Hoffman, Bonita M.
 Howell, L. C.
 Kauskay, Karen and Roberta
 Lynn, Loretta F.

Madden, Donald R. and Diann
 Masters, Naola ✓
 Mayberry, Jean
 McCracken, Jean
 McGuckin, Barbara ✓
 McLaughlin, Chris & Margaret
 Mitchell, Vernon R.
 Mohon, James L. ✓
 Montgomery, Alan T.
 Moore, C. F.
 Norman Family History Center
 O'Brien, Betty
 Olney, Frances Koch
 Parker, Charles W. and Evelyn
 Petrick, Irene A.
 Phillips, Celia Morris
 Pope, Marilyn
 Raibourn, Charles N. and Lurland E.
 Richison, Randy and Margie ✓
 Rinehart, Sarah
 Ritzman, Mabel ✓
 Ruffin, Gerald E. ✓
 Schuster, Mildred
 Shawn, Darlene J.
 Smith, J. Albert ✓
 Starr, Linda
 Tolen, Oleta ✓
 Tullis, Betty
 Valliere, Olier D. ✓
 Vaughn, Gloria
 Webster, Glynn and Daphine ✓
 Wilhite, Thomas
 Woods, Gwen
 Zapffe, Nina

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Annual single membership [\$ 8.00] _____
 Annual family membership [\$10.00] _____
 Student [5.00] _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE ____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

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WHY IS IT?

The only overturned, face-down gravestone in the cemetery is your grandfather's?

The blot on the page of the census covers your grandmother's birthdate?

Your ancestor's will leaves his estate to his beloved wife and children, but doesn't name them?

The information you desperately need could be found only on the 1890 census?

Just as you are hot on the trail of an ancestor, it's always time for the library to close?

The person next to you has all the luck and you can't find a thing?

From the Henry Co. Genealogy Newsletter (GA) Vol. 4, April 1986

FIRST FAMILIES

Lyle Gamel reports the the Charter Members of the First Families of Cleveland county will be honored at 2 p.m. on September 23 in the Lowry Room of the Norman Public Library with Professor Bill Savage as guest speaker. Although charter membership is now closed, First Families welcome all new members who can trace their lineage back to an individual who settled in Cleveland County on or before 1 June 1910. First Families is looking forward to the publication of their lineage book. Send inquiries to Lyle Gamel, First Families of Cleveland County, CCGS, Inc., P.O. Box 6176, Norman, OK 73070.

ACCURACY OF CENSUS

"The accuracy of a census record is in proportion to the accuracy of the enumerator and his informant." an article in the South Bend, Indiana Tribune stated in 1986. Early records are especially vulnerable to inaccuracies, it has been found. The appointment of enumerators may be partly to blame for inaccurate results. People were selected for the job because of political affiliations, not literacy qualifications. This point was made clear by the Tribune columnist who offered the following letter written by a census taker.

"Ocupsyshien - census taker. I am a census taker for the city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in resent years and now in 1865, it has become a hard and time consuming job to count all the peephill. There is not many that can do this work, as it is necesarie to have an ejucashun, which a lot of people still do not have. Another atribert needed for the job is good speling, for so many pephill to be counted can hardle speek inglish, let alon spel their names." ---Posted on the bulletin board of the National Archives via Madison Co, IA Gen Soc, 1st Quarter 1989

Submitted by Inez Anderson

SOURCES FOR BEGINNERS

Great Britain---Phillimore's Marriages, Boyd's Marriage Index and Register of Marriage Indexes for Great Britain are books available on microfilm of the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, or its branches.

American Ancestors and Cousins of the Princess of Wales, by Gary Boyd Roberts and William Addams Reitwiesner (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 Calvert St., Baltimore, Md. 21202). Published in 1984, it covers through fifth cousins and lists 500 of the princess's closest American relatives.

United States---Mayflower Genealogies by George Ernest Bowman and List of Mayflower Passengers by Gov. William Bradford.

A quick source for locating a town is United States Postal Guides.

Burke's Presidential Families of the United States (usually in the reference section of most libraries)

New source-Ancestors of American Presidents by Gary Boyd Roberts has tables of ancestors for 42 presidents. Costs approximately \$30. Contact Carl Boyer, Box 333, Santa Clarita CA 91322-0333

CIVIL WAR BOOK

Jim Mohon reports that one of our members, Linda Starr, has published an excellent book. W. R. Rankin: Manassas to Appomattox by Linda Sparks Starr is an account of four years of service in the Confederate Army recorded in the diary of Lt. William Robertson Rankin, Co.L, Palmetto (S.C.) Sharpshooters. Accompanying her analysis are maps and an index. For information on ordering a copy contact Linda Starr 2642 Brentwood, Norman, OK 73069.

Genealogists in need of locating place names no longer printed on Oklahoma state maps may find Ghost Towns of Oklahoma by John W. Morris (1978, University of Oklahoma Press) to be helpful.

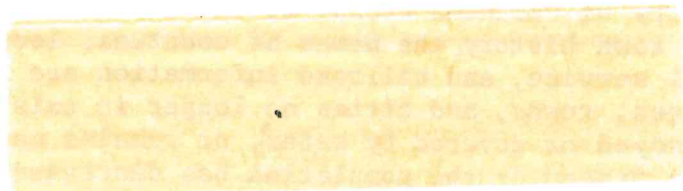
In addition to town history, the names of counties, locations, maps, dates of postal service, and railroad information are given for 130 hamlets, villages, towns, and cities no longer in existence (which have been destroyed or covered by water), or remains may still stand but are largely unused, or the population has decreased at least 80% from its maximum.

In order to coincide with CCGS, Inc. activities in a more timely manner, the quarterly issues of our newsletter will be Winter (January), Spring (April), Summer (July) and Fall (October). Comments, inquiries, and articles for publication should be submitted to Linda Fairbanks, Editor CCGS, Inc. Newsletter, 712 Westridge Terrace, Norman, OK 73069.

C.C.G.S. is now incorporated as a non-profit corporation due to the efforts of the incorporating group: Agnes Brooks, Ollie Vallier and Jim Mohon, under the guidance of Clif Brooks.

C.C.G.S., Inc., is approved as a tax-exempt corporation under Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This was accomplished by our President, Jim Mohon, and Clifton Brooks as directed by the Board of Directors.

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REMINDER: The Newsletter will now be published quarterly in January (Winter), April (Spring), July (Summer), and October (Fall). This was effective with the Summer 1990 issue. There was no June issue. If you have missed any issue please let us know.

Would you like to change the name of our newsletter? If you have an idea for a shorter, clever, or meaningful name which would reflect the interests of all our members in Cleveland County Genealogical Society, please fill out the form below and mail it to Linda Fairbanks, CCGS, Inc., P.O. Box 6176, Norman, OK 73070. All opinions are valued. Ideas will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

NEWSLETTER NAME CHANGE

() I am in favor of a name change. My suggestions are:

(Please explain the history of name if this applies.)

() I am in favor of a name change, but I have no suggestions in mind at this time.

() I do not want a name change.

Comments:

