



# CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. NEWSLETTER

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 27

Oklahoma Genealogy Society---Beginners Workshop  
8:30 a.m., Wiley Post Historical Building  
2100 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City

Wednesday, October 31

A Centennial Montage presented by The Academy of Retired Professionals for C.U. Centennial Celebration, Room E OCCE Forum Building, 1700 Asp, Norman. Program starts at 1:30 p.m. with a pictorial presentation "Oklahoma Now and Then" by Dr. T.H. Milby.

Friday, November 9

Beginning of C.U. Centennial Homecoming Weekend  
Contact Mary Lyle Weeks, C.U. Centennial Office  
900 Asp, Norman, 73019, 405/325-1701

Tuesday, November 20

O.C.G.S. Monthly Meeting

Saturday, December 1

Oklahoma Genealogy Society---Free Workshop  
"Pennsylvania-Keystone for Migration" with  
Antoinette J. Seagraves, Executive Director,  
Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania  
See address above

Tuesday, December 18

O.C.G.S. Monthly Meeting

All monthly meetings of O.C.G.S., Inc. are held in Room AB, Norman Public Library, 225 N. Webster (Webster and Gray Sts.) at 7 p.m.

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Eunice Goddard presented a delightful and informative program on publishing family history at our September meeting. Eunice and Jim Goddard have several publications to their credit.

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Internal Revenue Code.

A melungeon is an archaic musical  
instrument similar to the lute  
or it is a tricky bit of footwork  
which Errol Flynn and Douglas  
Fairbanks, Jr. made famous in their  
swashbuckling days. Is one or  
both of the above statements true  
or do you really care either way?  
If the editors can find one single  
dedicated family researcher who  
really wants the facts, drop us a  
note and we'll answer in the next  
newsletter.

DEADLINE FOR OUR WINTER NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 2, 1991. All items  
for publication received after that date will be eligible for the  
Spring issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

CORRECTION: Our last Newsletter should be Volume 11, not 12.  
This was the Summer 1990 issue. Also, I learned how to spell  
September several years ago but my brain and typewriter did not  
cooperate.-----Linda

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

A Summary of History Under President Boyd

19 December 1890 George W Steele, first governor of I.T.,  
approved three universities, one at Norman if the local residents  
provided 40 acres and \$10,000. The town of 1,500 did so on  
a treeless, barren prairie.

1892-1908 David Ross Boyd, Ph.D., Wooster, Ohio, Superintendent  
of Schools, Arkansas City, Kansas, first president, recruited  
faculty of four, 57 students from 7 countries, rented space  
in Rock Building, West Main, planted 1,000 trees, to start OU.  
The next year, only one of 142 candidates qualified as a  
college-level student. James S. Buchanan, of Tennessee, left  
his history teaching position at Edmond Normal to join the  
faculty in the math and civics departments.



By 1896, crimson and cream were the chosen colors for the 300 member student body and the first diplomas were granted.  
Faculty Members:

- 1896 Grace King, of Kansas; Music  
Vernon L. Parrington, of Harvard, English & Football Coach  
1898 J.F. Paxton, of Harvard, Greek & Latin  
Albert H. Van Vleet, Biology  
Charles N. Gould, Geology  
Roy Hadsell, English  
Paul W. White, Botany  
Maude Rule, Librarian  
Milton Ferguson, Librarian  
Mark Mohan, J.H. Felgar, Mechanical Engineering  
S.W. Reeves, Math  
Guy Y. Williams, Chemistry & Military  
Jerome Dowd, Journalism, Anthropology, Social Work  
T.H. Brewer, English

In 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gittinger arrived from Iowa to teach at Moore. When smallpox closed the school, they came to Norman. The 1902 graduating class was Roy Gittinger, Kate Barbour, Florence Williams, and Ruth House. Gittinger joined the OU faculty.

Bennie Owen began as coach in 1905. When he retired in 1926 to become the full-time director of athletics, the football stadium named for him was not complete.

Governor Charles N. Haskell (Democrat), ousted Republican David Ross Boyd and some of his faculty. Others resigned in protest; in all 13 left. Boyd was replaced by A. Grant Evans. President Boyd went to New York and in 1912 became president of the University of New Mexico.

The following books are among ones carrying the story University of Oklahoma's first one hundred years.

The University of Oklahoma, 1892-1942, Dr. Roy Gittinger  
Oklahoma Kickoff (1892-1920), Harold Keith  
Blacks in White Colleges, Dr. George L. Cross  
Presidents Can't Punt, Dr. George L. Cross  
The University of Oklahoma and World War II, Dr. George L. Cross  
Polititians, Presidents, and Professors, Dr. George L. Cross  
Sooner Magazines, especially the 75th anniversary issue (1965) by Charles Long  
The Sooner Story: Ninety Years at the University of Oklahoma 1890-1980, Published by the University Foundation, Carol Hart and Charles Long, authors. 120 pages, 180 photographs.  
Centennial: A Portrait of The University of Oklahoma, Carol Burr. Available October 1990, \$35 each.

**NOTE:** This is an excert from extensive research which Dorothy Brinker is doing for the University of Oklahoma Centennial Celebration.

FROM THE DESK OF THE LIBRARIAN:

Our Library is a reality! Our staff has been appointed:

Director	Agnes McVeigh Brooks	329 8437
Assistant Director		
Technical Processing	Celia Morris Phillips	364 6552
Assistant Director		
Acquisitions	Mabel Wilson Ritzman	329 4004
Assistant Director		
Library Operation/Staffing		
	ValRue Lindsey Douglas	321 4321
Administrative Assistant		
	Oleta Jury Tolen	791 4232

We are planning to be open regularly:

Tuesday 1:00 - 6:00

Thursday 1:00 - 6:00

Saturday 9.00 - 6:00

Please call ValRue Douglas when you have a few hours to help in your library.

We had full staff daily for one week, as an initial effort to handle accessions and other donations. Do continue to tell your relatives and friends.

Please fill in the five generation chart for the Ancestry File of our members and return it to the library.

We are planning a Surname Card File. Please fill out your cards on your next visit to the Library.

We have started a Surname Manuscript File. Please check this file - so you'll know how it works.

Among our donations, we have received copies of the Quarterly from the Oklahoma Genealogical Society - from 1970 through 1986. We are missing some issues. If you have any of the following, we'd appreciate receiving them:

1970 Need 1, 3 & 4

1975 Need 2

1971 2, 3 & 4

1976 1 & 4

1972 1

1977 2, 3 & 4

1973 3 & 4

1978 1 & 2

1974 3

1980 1, 2, 3 & 4

Earlier issues and duplicates also will be greatly appreciated.

We need: electric pencil sharpener  
magnifying glass  
stapler and staples  
scotch tape and holder  
envelopes (legal size #10)

waste baskets  
typewriter tables  
3 ring punch  
scissors  
cash box



We wish to thank the following for their donations:

John McLain Nelson	Naola Masters
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We are grateful for all the energy and thought in getting this project started - with special thanks to Phyllis Inslee and Norma Craig from Ada for their help and encouragement.

We have confidence that we will continue to enjoy the development of our library.

Remember: NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE LIBRARY. NO SMOKING.

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927 N. Flood - Suite 118B  
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Dr. Bill Savage, who spoke with authority and humor at the First Families Awards celebration is the author of several books: The Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association; Singing Cowboys and all that Jazz; The Cowboy Hero: His Image in Western-American History and Culture; and his latest recent publication by University Press, Comic Books and America: 1945-1954.

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Organizers were delighted with the large attendance at our Workshop on Monday, October 8. William H. Schoeffler, J.D. , spoke on Deeds, Probates, and Nineteenth Century Passenger Lists. Mr. Schoeffler is Director of Education for the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

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Cleveland County Leader-December 30, 1899

Judge Hutchin has a type writer, an Oliver. For expert work-in that line we will all call on him now, as he has the only one in town.

Charley Stewart returned from Mexico the first of the week. He is the last of the boys to return from the west, and everybody is glad to see him...

## REPORT OF DIRECTORATE OF TRAINING & SEMINARS

Clifton Rowland Brooks, M.D., 2nd Vice President

02 October 1990

1. The Annual Cleveland Co. Genealogical Society Seminar was held in August and was again, a smashing success. Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Chief of the Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library, was the featured speaker. True to his promise, we heard an unbelievable amount of information about Virginia. The enrollment was up from last year, but by rearranging the furniture the pattern of previous years, left the impression that the speaker was closer to each Registrant. Book sales were active and enjoyed by all. Plans for the Fifth Annual CCGS "BockstruckFest" have already been initiated. Send your requests for topics to the 2nd VP as soon and as often as you can.

### 2. THURSDAY MORNING GENEALOGY CONFERENCES:

These were instituted with the approval of the President and the Board to accomplish several purposes.

a. To develop a low-pressure workshop-type of environment in which workers of all levels of experience will be able to come together to share and get "organized" in their work.

b. To initiate the CCGS members to their library environment so that, as it grows, they can grow with it and help to develop those features that are of the most importance to them.

c. To offer an opportunity, in the library environment, for advanced or professional workers to make a contribution to their society and their library. To encourage their interest and use of the library.

The sessions are chaired by one who is known to be an advanced worker. There is no charge for these sessions, but participants are encouraged to donate to the library fund, especially for books or equipment.

The groups, so far, have remained small enough to use the Conference room of the Plaza II building (Next to the Library building). Should they go over our limit of six, we expect to use a room at the Norman Public Library.

### 3. OCCASIONAL SEMINARS:

Previous "Occasional Seminars" have been the Irish Research Seminar, followed by the most successful Evening on German Genealogical Research.



These Seminars have been the result of unusual opportunities, perceived as of great potential value to the Membership of the CCGS and great luck in short-range planning. There has been fine cooperation and support on the part of the membership.

We now bring to OKLA the Director of Education of the Prestigious New England Historic Genealogical Society, the oldest of Genealogy Societies, know familiarly as the "HisGen" of Boston. Mr. Wm. Schoeffler, J.D., arranged (with help from Agnes Brooks) to include an Oklahoma visit with his invited visit to speak at an Iowa Genealogical Conference. They were happy to share his expenses, and we benefit by the arrangement, also.

Those of you who have not yet found your roots in New England will profit by the conference, because you most probably will someday find a "Yankee" in your tree.

#### 4. Planning

Conferences have been instituted to identify potential faculty members & the curriculum for the "Beginners Course in Genealogy Research". It is planned, tentatively, for the winter months, so keep tuned for announcements.

### FROM OUR PEER SUPPORTERS

(notes from other genealogical groups)

Paul Follett, Genealogical Librarian, Lawton Public Library and Aulena Searce Gibson, Genealogy Columnist for Lawton Constitution are organizing a research tour to Salt Lake City March 12-17, 1991. Contact Aulena at 405/355-7432 or Paul at 405/581-3450 for further information.

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Write to Civil War Descendants Society, POB 233, Athens, AL 35611, a for-profit organization doing research into Civil War records. Write to inquire about their offerings.

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Write The Gold Bug, POB 588, Alamo, CA 94507, a for-profit organization which is offering hundreds of map reproductions including many foreign cities from Aberdeen, Scotland to Zaragoza, Spain. The prices seem quite modest. Write them for brochures.

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The Arts and Humanities Council Advised us of their Annual Retreat and Planning Session which was held at Brookhaven Village on September 20. This might be of interest to the society for future reference.

Eunice Goddard

(The above notices are for your information and do not constitute an endorsement.)

## First Families of Cleveland County

The Charter Members of the First Families of Cleveland County met on September 23, 1990 in the Lowry Room of the Norman Public Library. One hundred sixty people attended the ceremony.

Dr. William W. Savage, Professor of History at the University of Oklahoma spoke on "telling the facts" when writing a family history. His comments were very interesting and worthy of note.

The Charter Members are located in over 17 different states from Alaska to Florida, and 40 towns in Oklahoma. About 85 of the 131 Charter Members were present to receive their certificates. The youngest member, Amelia Claire Reiser, is two years old. The senior member, Sylvia Hoy Phillips, was born in 1905.

Membership in the First Families of Cleveland County, Oklahoma is open to all qualified persons whose ancestors were residents of the county on or before June 1, 1910. Information and/or application may be obtained by writing FFCC/CCGS P.O. Box 6176 Norman, OK 73070 or by calling Eunice Goddard, Secretary, (405) 321-4602 or Lyle Gamel, Chairman, (405) 364-4214.

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