

CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. NEWSLETTER

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Norman, Oklahoma 73070

Summer 1991

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 24 Annual Workshop with Lloyd Bockstruck
(see flyer inside Newsletter)
Tuesday, September 17 Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm, Rooms A & B
Tuesday, October 15 Norman Public Library, Gray & Webster

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-5pm, Saturdays 9-3 VISIT OUR LIBRARY AT
927 N. Flood, Suite 118B (North Park Plaza I, south of Plaza II.)

A TRIBUTE TO

Agnes Joan McVeigh

Born: 12 July 1922

Married: 21 June 1947
Clifton Rowland Brooks, M.D.

Died: 17 April 1991

Agnes McVeigh Brooks was known to us as a true friend and a dedicated co-worker who gave herself freely to the many causes in which she was interested. She had an enduring love for family: her own, that of hundreds of other people, the daughters of the patriots of our nation's wars, the Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War. All these were part of Agnes' extended family.

In the few short years she was with us she made friends across the state of Oklahoma for herself and for our Genealogical Society. She worked in almost every office of the society and was an active organizer of the First Families of Cleveland County, although she had no "roots" in Oklahoma. She served with distinction as president of the society for two years and was an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. At the time of her death she was Director of the Cleveland County Genealogical Library. It is to this latter cause that her service is being perpetuated by her husband, Dr. Clifton Brooks, four surviving sons and daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, countless friends across the country, and the local society members in the establishment of the Agnes McVeigh Brooks Memorial Trust to help continue the work of the library to which she devoted so much of herself.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, whose watchword has long been, "Let all things be done decently and in order." I Cor 14:40. This best describes "our" Agnes and so shall we remember her.

Her Friends

Congratulations to our new officers elected at the June monthly meeting. President Clifton Brooks, First Vice President Gwen Woods, Second Vice President Ann Bailey, Secretary Darlene Shawn, Treasurer Bill Cramer and three Members-at-Large will preside at our Annual Workshop and start our monthly meetings in September. The Fall edition of the Newsletter will have a complete list of Board Members, Officers, and Committees. We are looking forward to a rewarding year!

EUNICE GODDARD YOU ARE A TREASURE! THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP. I WOULD HAVE NEVER MADE IT THROUGH THIS YEAR WITHOUT YOU!. LINDA FAIRBANKS

THE SAVE-OUR-OLD-RECORDS CAMPAIGN

Now that the legislature has adjourned, it is time for all of us to write to

Mr. Bart Bates, Chairman
House Committee, County & Municipal Government
Room 321, House of Representatives
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Or, you can write to Representative Bates at his home:

POB 433
Boswell, OK 74727

Mr. Bates is seriously interested in this bill and since it has already passed the Senate, our chances of getting it on the floor of the House in February, 1992 are excellent.

Please be forthright with Mr. Bates; he needs and has said that he would welcome input from any or all of us who would like to see safe, available storage for our county records. We have copies of the bill here in our new library and feel that Mr. Bates' office or your own representative's office would supply you with a copy. Ask for Senate Bill #74.

If you have questions please write to the
Cleveland County Genealogical Society
"Save-Our-Old-Records" Project
POB 6176
Norman, OK 73070

You should also write to your own local representative. If you do NOT know his or her name and address, your local library has this information and would share it with you. If you want to call the CCGS, we have current information about representatives over the state. Call (405)321-4602.

June 14, 1991

To: Members, Cleveland County
Genealogical Society, Inc.

From: Jerry Ruffin, President

The regular June Meeting is also our 1991 Annual Corporate Meeting, as provided in the ByLaws. This is when we receive reports from Officers, Committee Chairs, etc., concerning activities of the Society during the year July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991. The written reports will become part of meeting minutes and, thus, part of the Society's permanent records.

The following is the President's Annual Report. It will overlap some things contained in individual activity reports and it consists of A) some "high-light" activities/accomplishments during the past year and B) activities underway but not completed and other suggestions for consideration in 1991-1992.

A. 1990-1991

1. Preparations were made during the summer 1990 to begin a new Genealogy Library for Cleveland County. It opened in September. The initial and temporary location is Park West I, Suite 118B, 927 North Flood Avenue, Norman, Okla. 73069. This marked the beginning of a major undertaking, which is being done entirely with voluntary staff and donations of material and funds.

We were fortunate to have Mrs. Agnes Brooks as the first Director. She served actively in this role until her untimely death in April 1990. Her passing is a sadness for all of us. She will be remembered for her numerous contributions to the Society and strong interest in all of it's programs.

Attached is an overall organization chart of the Society, showing the Library and other major units of the Society and their existing organizational relationships.

2. The First Families of Cleveland County Charter members were honored on September 23 at a meeting in the Norman Public Library. They were presented membership certificates and heard from a guest speaker, William Savage, University of Oklahoma History Department. Charter membership totalled 130, from 20 states and 17 Oklahoma communities. The Committee is continuing to receive applications; the present membership has grown to a total of over 135.

The First Families Committee initiated work on the lineage book, which will carry over into 1991-1992.

3. Several "financial" changes have been accomplished this year, as follows:

- a. A new position of Asst. Treasurer was established to give much needed assistance and backup to Treasurer Jim Mohon. Ann Bailey served effectively in this capacity.
- b. Our banking business was moved from Moore to Norman, specifically the Republic Bank of Norman. This provides more convenient access to banking services and provides a means for all but \$100.00 of our funds to be in an interest bearing money market account. We also receive benefit of a "no service charges" relationship.
- c. A new budget system was established with a separate set of income-expense sub-accounts for each major activity (Library, First Families, Research & Publications, Education and General Fund). This gives responsibility for budget management within each major activity to the head of that activity, within limits of the Board of Directors' approved annual budget. We can better control "where we are" financially with this system. A specific plan was adopted by the Board for either "zeroing out" or "carrying forward" unused budget authority at the end of each fiscal year (June 30).
- d. A new ad hoc "Financial Resources Committee" was established, reporting to the Board of Directors and the President. This is intended to provide the means for developing financial, real estate and other resources required for the Library (operations, acquisitions, building fund). This work has begun, with initial accomplishments which include soliciting donations from our Society and First Families members and several other donation sources. Planning necessary for a broader effort has started with a Committee meeting in May and plans for preparation/information gathering this summer, leading to more active efforts beginning this fall.
- e. Donations are being received for a special Library fund honoring the memory of Agnes Brooks. The large number of voluntary donations received, and continuing to come in, is heart warming.

4. New Asst. Chair positions were established in Research & Publication and Public Relations. Al Smith is filling the first and Margaret Barbour the latter of these positions.

5. Membership has continued to increase and this spring passed the 100 mark. This is really great to see and reflects the effective work that is being done by the Membership Committee, Chaired by Oleta Tolen. It is also an important clue to the strength and effectiveness of the entire Society.

6. A special postal permit has been secured which will lower substantially our unit postal rates in mass mailings and enable us to substantially increase mailings of Newsletters (adding First Families, donors and all Genealogical Societies in Oklahoma) and Seminar announcements.
7. This has been another banner year for top-quality Genealogy Seminars. The Committee on Education is Chaired by 2nd Vice President Clifton Brooks, with active assistance from Mabel Ritzman, Naola Masters, Margaret Earls, Eunice Goddard, Fran Blair, Rachel Hanley and several others. We were treated to a) an August 1990 Seminar on "Researching In Virginia" by Lloyd D. Bockstrock, b) an October 1990 Seminar on "New England Research" by William H. Schoeffler and c) a November 1990 Seminar on "Scandinavian Research" by Verna Gail Johnson.
8. Our Monthly programs provided a continuing series of good educational programs, thanks to the efforts of 1st Vice President Jim Goddard, Program Chair.
9. The Board gave considerable attention to the general question of recognition for accomplishments/contributions. Additional specific information should be developing in this regard in 1991-1992.
10. The death of Agnes Brooks was noted above. Another sadness was occasioned by the accidental death of VaRue Douglas. Both were good members and represent a substantial loss to our community of "genealogical believers," as well as to their many friends and families.
11. Of special note is the completion by Jim Mohon of some 4-5 years as Treasurer. Jim always performs effectively and epitomizes the dependability, trustworthiness and careful handling of our funds and accounts which is expected of a Treasurer. He is leaving this position, but will continue as an active, contributing member of our society. Many, many thanks, Jim, for your dedicated service.

B. 1991-1992

The following is a brief list of some "carryover" actions and suggestions for consideration as part of next year's program:

1. Continue existing regular activities unabated-particularly, keep Library work going strong as we continue to show our commitment to building the activity with voluntary work and donations.
2. Review and up-date the By-Laws.
3. Continue monthly meetings of the Board of Directors. We found this past year that occasional, short meetings were simply not enough as we move into an era of more activities and larger membership.

4. Initiate regular meetings of the Library Board. This is an important part of the Library organization and necessary to developing depth for continuity of administration and getting the input on major issues of several people.
5. Continue to follow the "preservation of records" legislation proposed in the Oklahoma Senate this year and present our views to local legislators.
6. Please mark Saturday, August 24, 1991 on your calendar. Lloyd Bockstruck will present "Sources for Research." He never lets us down and always presents an instructive, well prepared Seminar, with lots of good handout materials.
7. The organizational relationship between CCGS, Inc. and First Families needs to be given thoughtful study and recommendations submitted for review by the Board of Directors and the Society membership.

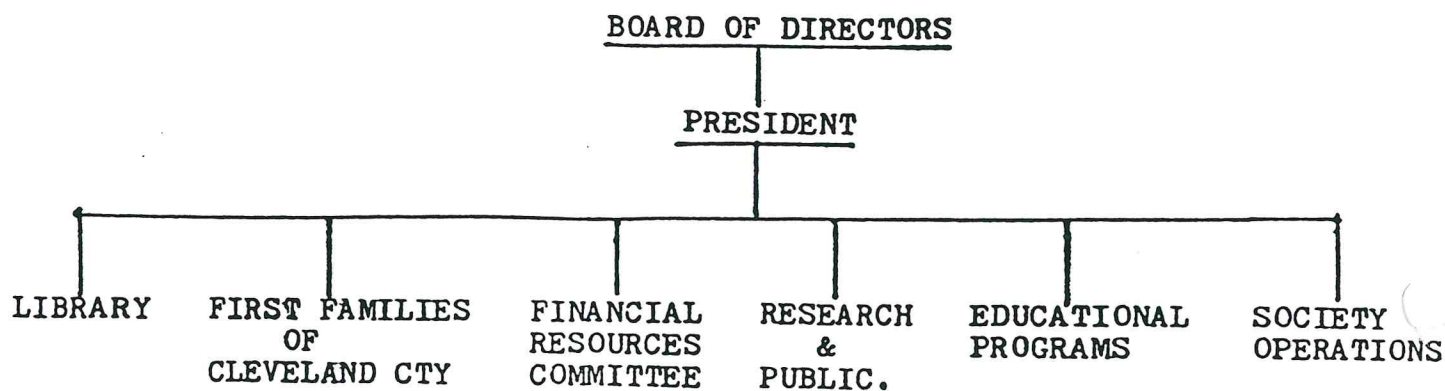
This completes my second annual report letter. I am deeply indebted to so many of you and feel honored to have had the opportunity to serve as your President. Working together, we have enjoyed an active and productive two years. A number of new things were instituted which are currently being tried against the test of time.

You have proved over and over again what a cooperative, willing-to-work group of people you are. This has truly been a good two years in my life and I look forward to working with you in the future as we address the numerous challenges which are before us.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Ruffin
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NEWSPAPER COLUMISTS: A USEFUL RESOURCE

In our Library in one of the filing cabinets, drawer 3, vertical files, see folder named: STAGECOACH. This little publication is filled with goodies, but I especially call your attention to Volume 9, #2 for June 1990. In this issue, the editor has given all the names and addresses of genealogy columnists with whom he has corresponded. The late Mary Goddard, columnist for the Oklahoma's "We, The People" said that this list had been very helpful to her in her work. Give it some attention and see if you can find a columnist who deals with your geographic area, it works a lot of time.

TARHEEL BORN AND BRED

Mabel Ritzman, Director of Acquisitions for the library has asked us to include a listing of our North Carolina holdings. We have almost no periodicals from that state, so if you have any, we appreciate your gift of them. The books are:

Abstracts of Deeds: Edgecombe Precinct. Edgecombe County, North Carolina 1732 through 1758 by Margaret M. Hofman.

Abstract of North Carolina wills from about 1760 to about 1800 by Fred A. Olds. Grimes Abstracts is the premier book dealing with this subject and was published by Grimes who was, I believe, the Secretary of State at this time. Fred A. Olds developed this subsequent list of those wills which were omitted by Grimes.

Abstract: Granville Grantees. Halifax County, NC by Margaret M. Hofman. The history of the Granville Grants is a long and interesting one. If you have any reason to believe your antecedents were involved with Lord Carteret, Earl of Granville in any land transactions, you should become familiar with this book and lots of others too!

Estate Records: Edgecombe County, NC 1730-1820 by Joseph Watson.

Religion and Education in Martin County, NC by Francis Manning and W. H. Booker.

Soldiers of the War of 1812: North Carolina published under the direction of Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina.

State Census of North Carolina 1784--1787 by Alvaretta K. Register.

Again, if you can donate any books or other publications dealing with genealogy in North Carolina, please call Mabel Ritzman, 329-4004, or Jim Goddard, 321-4602.

PBS, in cooperation with Alex Haley and KBYU-TV,
is producing a series on family history. This
series is entitled "Ancestors" and you can be a
part of it. If your family history and research
experiences are unique and if you would like to
share them with the managers of this project,
write to:

ANCESTORS
KBYU-TV
Provo, UT 84602
or call (801) 378-0050
FAX (801) 378-0309

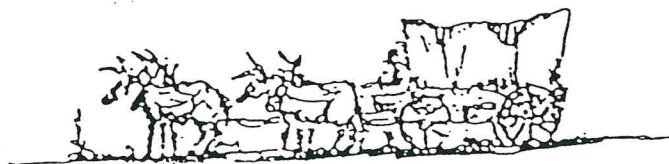
This project is co-sponsored by the LDS family
history library and they welcome your suggestions
and contributions.

At the request of some of the local members, a complete membership roster is
not included with this mailing. You may have a copy by requesting one from
the membership chairman and at the September meeting they will be made availa-
ble to all of you who wish one for your own use.

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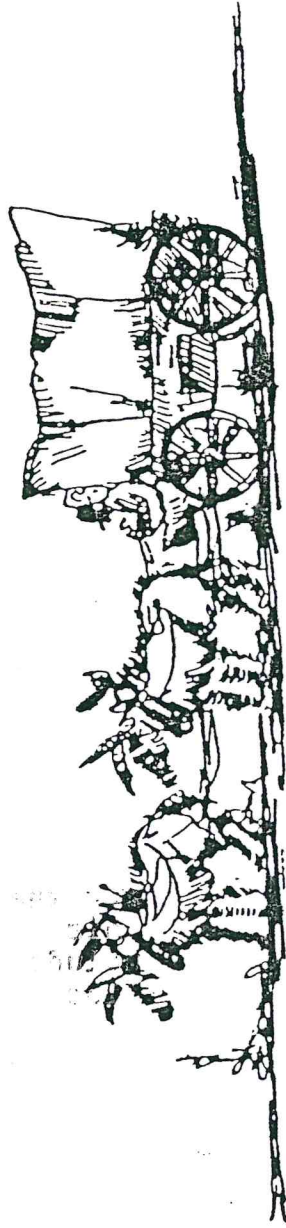
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ANNUAL

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP

LLOYD DEWITT BOCKSTRUCK

SATURDAY, 24 AUGUST 1991

DAYS INN, NORMAN

HELPFUL HINTS FOR

BEGINNERS AND OTHERS.

USE OF AVAILABLE LEGAL
DOCUMENTS.

LESSER USED SOURCES FOR

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.

MILITARY RECORDS, A

SOURCE OF GENEALOGICAL
INFORMATION.

BOOK DISPLAY AND SALES:

AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL

LENDING LIBRARY.

CERTIFIED GENEALOGIST

DIRECTOR

GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT

DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

SPEAKER

8:00-9:00 REGISTRATION

8:25-8:55 PRESENTATION

AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL

LENDING LIBRARY

9:00-10:30 WORKSHOP

10:30-11:00 BROWSING

11:00-12:00 WORKSHOP

12:00- 1:00 LUNCH

1:00- 2:00 WORKSHOP

2:00- 2:30 BROWSING

2:30- 3:30 WORKSHOP

I-35 & LINDSEY

TAKE LINDSEY EXIT

RESERVATIONS BY WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 1991

PREREGISTRATION \$18.00. \$20.00 AT THE DOOR

INCLUDES WORKSHOP MATERIALS AND LUNCH

DETACH AND RETURN WITH CHECK TO: CCGS, P.O. BOX 6176, NORMAN OK 73070

FOR ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS, PLEASE LIST NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, AND EN-
CLOSE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$18.00 FOR EACH RESERVATION. PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS WITH RESERVATIONS.

NAME _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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MY CHECK FOR _____ RESERVATIONS @ \$18.00 EACH IS ENCLOSED. AMOUNT \$ _____

