

NEWSLETTER

CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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ANN CHAMPEAU--Newsletter Editor



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT.....GWEN WOODS

This has truly been a year of growth for CCGS and growth often brings about growing pains, and need for new plans. We have experienced growth in membership, in projects, in finances, in responsibilities for further growth in months to come. A growing organization needs new ideas, changes, and new goals.

We need continued planning and continuing help from all of you as we move ahead in the library, in various, committees, and on more research projects, so please be thinking about the areas in which you are interested, and let us know of your willingness to volunteer. Thanks once again for your past help and support.

MEMBERSHIP.....Oleta Tolen

We have several new members this year and we say **WELCOME** to each of you. Membership in 1991 was 147 but some have not paid their 1992 renewals. These were due January 1st and became **DELINQUENT** January 31st. **If you have not paid your 1992 dues, please mail your check immediately to CCGS, ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070.** Memberships are \$10 individual or \$15 for family (at same address). Check your mailing label on the front of this newsletter. If there is a **RED MARK ON THE LABEL, YOUR DUES ARE PAST DUE.** Unless your dues are paid immediately, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Please pay your dues so you will continue receiving the newsletter and information about meetings, workshops, etc.

REMEMBER we are challenged to 200 members in '92. If each of us gets one new member we will exceed our goal!!!

MEETINGS

From Program and Education Chairman Ann Bailey

UPCOMING SOCIETY MEETINGS

- April 21: **Who:** Mabel Ritzman
What: Research in Ireland
Where: Oklahoma Electric Coop (NW 24th Ave.)
- May 19: **Who:** Darlene Shawn
What: Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research
Where: Norman Public Library
- June 16: **What;** Annual business meeting and Installation
of officers.
Where: Norman Public Library

Recent CCGS Meetings by Gwen Woods

At the January meeting our CCGS member, Chris McLaughlin, gave an informative talk on the National Genealogical Society, its library, and its resources. Since our society has an NGS membership, these resources are available to all our CCGS members. Periodicals, catalogs, and other information on NGS are located in our CCGS Genealogical Library.

Dr. Lee Carter, professor at Rose State College was guest speaker at the February meeting and gave an interesting presentation on Migration Patterns in the United States. He shared with us a wide scope of facts, most of which were not well-known and many of which were very humorous.

The program for the March meeting was an excellent slide presentation on "Roots III," given by our member, Marilyn Pope, who gave explanatory comments. She also brought for display after the program several of her completed family history books; members found these to be most interesting examples of how to preserve our research and share our family histories.

NEW NEWS ABOUT OLD FAMILIES

All the news from First Families is great!

The committee, under the leadership of Lyle Gamel, continues to meet regularly. Each meeting evinces genuine progress toward our ultimate goals: an active, viable organization of people with a common interest and, of course, THE LINEAGE BOOK!

During February, duplicate copies of all First Family applications along with the proof documents were placed in our new genealogical library. As time permits, we hope to alphabetize each set of papers as if it were a book. This additional organization would make them much more valuable to researchers into early Cleveland County families. The proof documents include primary sources which, as you know, are legal papers or very old Bibles. Secondary sources, such as book excerpts, newspaper clippings, and obituaries are included in some of the collections. Other items are really "nice-to-have" papers such as photographs, family stories, journals and diaries, standard Family Record Sheets and other interesting "stuff" but certainly not "hard" proof which is required for membership.

The book is taking shape. The committee members are now transferring the information from the applications to working copies which will then be put into a computer by a member who is a professional manuscript typist and editor. We also have a proofreader or two not to mention a professional graphic artist who has volunteered to do the artwork.

The book will have two sections: one for members whose lineages have been traced and another section for the founding pioneers who are claimed by these members. We have several members who have five or six settlers and we have one trio of cousins tied for the title of "Most Firmly Rooted" with nine pioneers each.

Your committee has agreed on the physical appearance of the book. It will be the same size as this sheet from which you are reading. It will have 300+ pages and index printed on archival quality paper. The covers will be of library-type buckram, forest green with gold lettering on spine

and cover. As agreed earlier, it has no photographs since pictures add substantially to the cost of any publication.

We have replicated below two pages from the book. One for a qualified member and one for the designated settler. This will give you some idea of the "heart" of the book.

CM083
BETTY JANE TULLIUS

b. 08 Dec 1963
Norman, OK
M. did not marry
Living in Burbank, CA

Betty Jane Tullius is the daughter of:

Leroy James Tullius M
b. 23 Mar 1923 28 Oct 1946
Norman, OK Norman, OK
d. Living

Betty Jean Jennings
b. 21 Jan 1926
Norman, OK
d. Living

Leroy James Tullius is the son of:

Herman Sylvester Tullius M
b. 06 Feb 1891 31 Dec 1914
Marietta, OH Norman, OK
d. 11 Oct 1952
Norman, OK

Rose Theresa Meyer
b. 17 Aug 1896
Norman, OK
d. 01 April 1972
Norman, OK

Herman Sylvester Tullius is the son of:

LOUIS TULLIUS M
b. 09 Dec 1855
Ohio
d. 16 Dec 1947
Norman, OK

Catherine Eliz. Offenburger
b. 10 Jan 1858
Pittsburg, PA
d. 12 June 1956
Norman, OK

Betty Jane Tullius has no children.

Membership approved 10 July 1990.

LOUIS TULLIUS

b. 09 Dec 1855
Ohio
d. 16 Dec 1947
Norman, OK
M. 1879

Catherine Elizabeth Offenberger

Children of this settler:

NAME	BIRTH/PLACE	MARRIED
Mary Tullius		Neider
Frank Tullius		Ella Dahlmeyer
Clarence Tullius		Linda
Ann Tullius		Andrew Meiser
Elenora Tullius		Ricaube
Leo Tullius		Rose Meyer
Herman Tullius	6 Feb 1891/Marietta, OH	Gwendolyn
Ramond Tullius		Georgia Nemeche
Sylvester Tullius		Opal
Paul Tullius		Joe Meyer
Helen Tullius		Noma Imhoff
Louis Tullius		Fred Schader
Catherine Tullius		

Settler's Homestead/Residence: Cleveland Co., OK

Settler's burial site: Catholic Cemetery, Norman, OK

Settler's Spouse burial site: Catholic Cemetery, Norman, OK

Descendants who are FFCC Members:

CM024 Leroy James Tullius
CM086 Jacob Jennings Tullius

CM083 Betty Jane Tullius
CM109 Teresa Tullius Rank:

The price is \$22.50 + \$3.00 for packing, insurance, and postage if your order is received before 15 June 1992. For orders sent after that date, add \$5.00. Some unbound copies may be available. Please

Of Special Interest

FROM CCGS MEMBER LINDA SPARKS STARR

(Letters are welcome for this newsletter from anyone who receives it.)

From time to time I've heard researchers say letter writing is a waste of time and effort; I'm here to tell you differently. This past fall I wrote one letter asking the name of the American National Cemetery in France where my great-uncle is buried.

I knew only two things about the war record of James Herbert Sparks: (1) he was killed Nov 11 in the Argonne Forest after the truce had been signed but before the soldiers in the field heard the good news: (2) he was buried in one of the American Cemeteries in France. The only family member who had been to his gravesite could not remember which cemetery he visited, only that the name of a nearby town began with a "V". To my dismay, two American Cemeteries were equally distant from French towns which begin with the letter "V".

I delayed researching Uncle Herbert's war record until the article "Researching An Iowa Doughboy" by Dennis L. Lorensen in the Mar-Apr 1991 Genealogical Helper spurred me on. The letter to the American Battle Monuments Commission at Casimer Pulaski Bldg., 20 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Washington, D.D. 20314-0300 produced the most surprising results. According to their records, James Herbert Sparks was a Corporal who served in the 360th Infantry, 90th Division; he is buried in Plot D, Row 40, Grave 33 at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery near Romagne (Meuse) France. Where is the town beginning with "V" I was told to look for? But most surprising of all, Uncle Herbert did not die on Nov. 11, as family stories report; he actually died nine days before the end of the war.

Enclosed with a personal letter from Col. William E. Ryan, Director of Operations and Finance, was a brochure containing travel information and phone numbers to aid family members who plan to visit the gravesite while traveling in Europe. Also enclosed were forms and instructions for the placement of floral decorations at the gravesite.

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Of Special Interest

FROM CCGS MEMBER LINDA SPARKS STARR cont'd

As if all this information were not enough, Col. Ryan informed me a picture of Uncle Herbert's gravesite and lithograph of the cemetery would be forthcoming. There would be a delay due to a recent fire which destroyed most of their publications.

True to his word, about three months later I received two polaroid pictures of James Herbert Spark's gravesite, complete with floral decoration, plus a color lithograph of the American Military Cemetery Memorial. This letter explained these items were furnished free of charge to me "by authority of the Congress of the U.S. as an expression of the sympathy and gratitude of the American people." A note stapled to the top of this second letter indicates I will receive yet one more item when it is reprinted--a booklet describing the cemetery more fully. Yes, folks, for the price of one stamp, I received all that genealogical information plus pictures and a color lithograph. Don't tell me letters aren't worth the bother of typing them.

Linda Sparks Starr
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FROM READER VIRGINIA KOSCHT' STARKS ————— Dating by photograph types

(From the Morris Area (New Jersey) Genealogy Society.) Thomas Peters, a professional genealogist, presented a short history of photography. He showed how to recognize different types & dates of photos. **Daguerreotypes** were introduced in 1838/39, produced on a silver-covered copper plate. **Ambrotypes**, invented circa 1854, were a very thin positive image on plate glass which had a negative quality. **Tintypes** (ferrotypes) were introduced in 1860 and were popular into the 1920's. In the 1860's small centered images were printed on **cardboard** with a simple double border. In the 1870s the image was larger, no border and rounded corners. By the 1890's the edges were sometimes crinkled and dusted with gold. The **Cabinet Card** usually had the photographer's name on the bottom border which makes the dating more accurate through checking local telephone books of the time.

Of Special Interest

Seamen's Protection Certificates by Ann Bailey

Genealogical Fallout From the War of 1812

Seamen's Protection Certificates (SPF'S) were authorized by the Fourth Congress on May 28, 1796 to protect American merchant seamen from impressment. (Impressment was a method of involuntary recruitment, in other words, get them drunk, knock them in the head, and throw them in the hold of the ship. When they awoke, the ship was far out to sea and they could either work or go for a long swim.)

These records (SPF'S) have remained virtually untouched since they were originally filed. They are now being organized and preserved and those from early years are already indexed. These records are in the Civil Records Division at the National Archives.

After about 1815, the impressment of seamen ceased: but the SPC'S had proved to be a valuable form of identification and this identification continued to be issued until just before the Civil War. The practice was resumed for a short time during World War I era.

The records of the Port of Philadelphia are the most extensive. Applicants through 1823 are on 3x5 index cards. Those for 1814, 1824-1830, 1834, 1844, and 1854, are on computer. Abstracts are filed alphabetically by letter of last name. The Work Projects Administration (WPA) made two indexes of abstracts, one for New York and one for "Other Ports." The abstracts do not contain all the information on the applications but they are useful genealogical sources. Few certificates appear in Archives records; they were issued to and belonged to the seamen. Some records exist for about fifty other ports.

The certificates were to clearly identify the seamen. The application required the seaman's name, age, place of birth, and physical description. Very early applications tend to have documentation, later ones have attestation. Some simple; some flamboyant. The physical description usually included height; color of hair, eyes and complexion; distinguishing marks such as tattoos, birthmarks, scars or disfigurements; and sometimes the shape of nose, chin, and face. Boys as young as eleven and men as old as twenty-seven are on record.

From a genealogical prospective, the witnesses are perhaps the most significant information after age and place of birth.

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Seamen's Protection Certificates Cont'd

The name of any witness can help a researcher expand their knowledge of the merchant seaman. Many times the witness had the same surname thus identifying relationship; as mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, or uncle. Some female witness may be the seaman's wife in that port; in some cases the witnesses appear to be shipmates.

The records also show a number of men of color. Some suggest a custom of bound servitude after slavery and before freedom. Because it is sometimes difficult to do research in African/American families, slave or free, these certificates are a boon to these researchers.

Naturalization information is abundant in these records. The name of the court and the date of naturalization are often given.

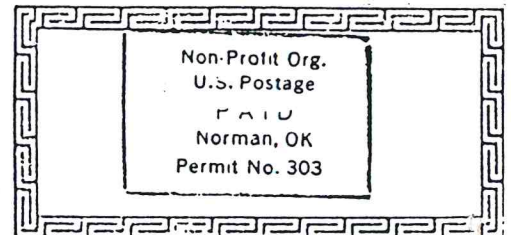
It is also important to look for more than a single name. An index card often reveals what appears to be family clusters. They list people with the same surname from the same location.

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