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AUGUST WORKSHOP

WHAT: Annual Genealogical Workshop
Update on Virginia Research
Federal Land Records
Eastern Tennessee
Book Display and Sales: American Genealogical Lending Library of
Bountiful, Utah

WHO: Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck

Fellow of National Genealogical Society Award of Merit
Supervisor of Genealogy Section Dallas Public Library
Instructor of Genealogy at Southern Methodist University
Instructor at Samford Univ. Inst. of Genealogy and Historical Research
Former Governor, Society of Colonial Wars and Librarian-General of SAR
Received NSDAR History Award for Virginia's Colonial Soldiers
He writes a weekly column, "Family Tree" for the Dallas Morning News.

WHEN: Saturday, 29 August 1992
8:00-9:00 Registration
9:00-10:30 Update of Virginia Research
10:30-11:00 Browsing
11:00-12:00 Update of Virginia Research
12:00-1:00 Lunch, included in registration fee
1:00-2:00 Federal Land Records
2:00-2:30 Browsing
2:30-3:30 Eastern Tennessee

WHERE: Ramada Inn, Norman, Oklahoma, Lindsey Street & I-35--take Lindsey Exit.

***** Reservations by Wednesday 26 August 1992 *****
***** Pre-registration \$18.00, \$20.00 at the door *****
You may submit questions on workshop topics with reservations.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

At the annual business meeting of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society, Inc., on June 16, 1992, elected officers and standing committee chairpersons gave individual reports which are now on file with the minutes; a condensed comprehensive report is given here.

Ann Bailey, First Vice-President, noted that 5 interesting Programs were Presented by CCGS members and 3 were by non-members. At all meetings delicious refreshments were furnished by the Hospitality Committee, chaired by Evelyn Adkins.

Mabel Ritzman reported for the Education Committee that the 1991 August workshop by Lloyd Bockstruck was, as always, outstanding and well attended, with a good Profit for our society. Plans are nearing completion for the 1992 workshop with Bockstruck. A Beginner's Workshop was held in the fall.

Treasurer Bill Cramer detailed the year's income for \$16,652.69 (as of May 31) and the expenditures of \$6,729.42 for various activities. The Agnes Brooks Memorial Fund of \$3,000 went into an endowment fund in December 1991. CCGS members also have approval for the Board to open a Trust Fund with the \$5,000 Blair Grant and the \$400 Grant from the Liberty National Bank.

Darlene Shawn, Secretary, has filed minutes of all regular meetings, Board meetings, and special reports as well as organizing a file (with index) of all previous minutes and special reports.

Oleta Tolen, chairperson of the Membership Committee, and her volunteers have functioned efficiently and have furnished members numbered membership cards which provide a 15% discount at Kinko's. On July 1, 1991, we had 100 members; on June 16, 1992, our total was 154 members.

Lyle Gamel reported First Families of Cleveland County has 151 members with 6 more pending. The first volume of their lineage book (300 pages, library quality) will be released in the fall; advance sales have been good and the price is now \$30.50, mailing and tax included.

Ruthann Monk, Library Director, has led the efforts in exciting growth in our Genealogical Library. Countless volunteer hours have been spent in processing over 1230 books as well as hundreds of periodicals. Mabel Ritzman, Director of Acquisitions, has recently purchased 20 new books for the Virginia Collection. Alan Montgomery has made 15 large bookshelves and 4 tables; Edna Couch has given a bookshelf to contain her book donations. Dr. Cliff Brooks has given 15 bookshelves and the entire library he and Agnes had collected. This led to the opening of a third room, the History Room, which serves as a lending library. A book sale of donated books from Dr. Brooks and many other members netted \$600 for the Society and serves as a basis for another book sale next spring.

Olier Valliere, Research Committee Chairman, reported work is progressing on recording and indexing cemetery records, funeral home records, county marriage records and census information. Ann Bailey has indexed Cleveland County Grant records, 1891-1909; it is now bound and available in our Library. Queries are being answered and give another source of income for us.

The CCGS Board of Directors has met monthly and for several called meetings; we have worked diligently on setting up committees and Policy guidelines. UP-dating of the by-laws is nearing completion and they will be Presented to the members in September for vote of acceptance in October. Work continues on Plans for future library location and fund-raising. An excellent budget for 1992-93 has been carefully Planned and completed.

As you can see, the success of this challenging year is due to the combined efforts and work of many people. It is not possible to list each by name, but we are deeply grateful for their support and look forward to another productive year in 1992-93.

Gwen Woods, President

PLEASE HELP!! "The Social Security Administration Plans to destroy the 37 million applications for Social Security. The early files include names of many Persons born in the 1860s and 1870s. Many were naturalized citizens. Applications show the address of the applicant, date and Place of birth, father's name and mother's maiden name.

Genealogists and researchers are asked to write the Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, to ask that these records be turned over to the National Archives for genealogical research. A letter to your Congressman may be a more effective method of dealing with this Problem."--quoted from Texarkana USA Quarterly, Vol XVIII #s 2 & 3.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT PENSION. "If your ancestor had a social security number of 700-728, he worked for the railroad at some time, Probably between 1937-1943. The RR Retirement Pension was set up at the same time as Social Security and railroaders received their own SS numerical Prefix. The RR Pension Records are available from the Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611."--Red River County Texas Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol VI #4.

SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX is the latest addition to the computer discs at the LDS Family History Centers. The index covers deaths from 1937-1988 of those owning SS numbers and whose deaths were reported to SSA. The file also contains information on military people who died from 1937 thru 1962. The information in the index came from the US government records and is in public domain. The computer displays the following information: names of persons, arranged alphabetically by surname and then by given name; the birth year; the state issuing SS number; year of death and state where person resided at death. An optional selection lets you obtain more information on a specific person, such as where the death benefit was sent to a living relative.

Knowing the date and Place of death enables you to obtain a death certificate. By sending a copy of this death certificate, the SS number, and form SSA 1-977, "Social Security Number Record, Third Party Request for Extract or Photocopy" (form avail. thru any SS office), you may secure a photocopy of a person's original SS application. The application will show the address of the applicant, date and Place of birth, father's name, and mother's maiden name. Address inquiry to: Social Security Administration, 4 HB Annex, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. Cost \$7.00--OK GS Quarterly, V 36 #4.

If you are fortunate enough to have a copy of Walling & Co's 1908 City Directory of Norman, it is probable that pages 42 and 43 are missing. Thanks to the good work of Edna Couch, Lyle Gamel, and other helpful citizens, the pages have been found and you may obtain a copy by inquiring of Lyle through the CCGS Library.

In April Mabel Ritzman told us about her trip to England and how to do research in Ireland. The May Program was by Darlene Shawn telling us how to use newspapers for research. This year we had a number of our own members speak on various topics. We are richly blessed to have so many talented members. A big thank you goes to each one of them.

Ann Bailey

GEORGIA RESEARCHERS
Listen UP!
This is your lucky day!

In the June 1992 National Genealogy Society Quarterly, Robert Scott Davis, Jr. has written an article telling you that "Georgia's materials for historical research seem almost endless. ...Georgia had no significant European occupancy before 1733 when Oglethorpe founded Savannah. A myth persists that Georgia was founded as a debtors colony." He takes you through settlement and migration patterns, birth and other vital registrations, census records, and cemetery transcripts. Do make use of this reference.

Mrs. Eula Lee Kelley gave us more resources on Georgia. She gave three books in memory of Agnes McVeigh Brooks and two books in honor of State DAR Regent Mrs. Billie Gene Hunter to help your research in Georgia. We are indebted to her for her thoughtfulness.

1. BROOKS OF HONEY AND BUTTER, Vol 1. Plantations and People of Meriwether County, GA by Wm Davidson. This book covers a journey along the Oakfuskee Indian Trail from Troup County, GA into Meriwether County, GA. Meriwether Pioneers, early settlers, Planters and Plantation owners of Meriwether and adjacent Troup County's Mountville are revealed in antebellum glory and postbellum maturity.

2. BROOKS OF HONEY AND BUTTER, Vol 2.

3. Heard County, GA Census 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880.

4. Heard County, GA Cemeteries

5. Heard Heritage. 1827 Land Lottery of GA. List of revolutionary soldiers and widows who drew land in what is now Heard County. List of Civil War Soldiers (GA).

Now, closer to home: The Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly has funeral home records for the REDWINE HARDWARE AND TRADING CO at Spiro, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, from 1901 to 1911. Other research materials on the Hardware Company are at the Western History Collection at OU.

Our library now has a microfilm reader, on loan, thanks to the generosity of Deone Pearcey. The library will order film for you. Fische on marriages before 1800 are available for Kentucky and North Carolina; Virginia will be here very soon.

Make use of the catalogues where you order inter-library materials, or rent from others.

Read the SAR Journal on "The Revolutionary War at Sea".

Watch for our new books on Virginia research, available at the library about August 1.

Mabel Ritzman, Director of Acquisitions

Interesting information pertaining to Indian Census Records in the Archives and Manuscripts Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society are listed on pp. 11-18, Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly, March, 1992, V. 37, no. 1.

The cheapest way to have your family tree traced is to run for Public office.

On a special shelf in our Genealogy Library are about 135 copies of THE Chronicles of Oklahoma. These modest-sized booklets are quarterlies of the Oklahoma Historical Society dating from 1949 to Present. Our copies are gifts from several donors in the community, but most of the credit goes to Edna Couch who bought the bookcase and gave us her collection of the books. Until about 1974, an index was published separately from the booklets and we do not have all of these early indices. However, in about 1974, the annual index became a part of the Winter edition and since then has been included in volume 4 of each calendar year. The books are arranged chronologically by number.

There is hardly an issue which does not deal with some aspect of genealogy. Only a few are listed here to give you some idea of the material covered in these works. Fall 1981 mentions the families of Vogel, Mathews, and Haines; Fall 1980 has an article on the McClure family; a diary entitled "Dust to Eat" written by Caroline Agnes Boa from Kingsley, Iowa is in the Winter 80-81 issue. Winter 1950-51 mentions citizens E. H. Moore, Harry Campbell and Albert H. Ellis, who was described as "a Cherokee Strip homesteader, member of the territorial and state legislatures... and always a dirt farmer." Summer 1989 gives a complete genealogy of Jesse Chisholm, the alleged founder of the famous trail which bears his name. (Considering Chisholm's personal relationships as described in the article, he probably has an abundance of descendants in these parts.) And on and on through an impressive roster of the famous, the not-so-famous and even some downright infamous men and women of local and nationwide interest. If they happen to be your ancestors, so much the better!

Make a special trip to the library just to look at the CHRONICLES. Spend a hour or three reading these well-documented publications. You may find a relative, you may find out how your Oklahoma granddaddy got rich - or went broke - but in every case, you'll find a story worth reading.

Eunice Goddard

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The following book has been donated by Heritage Books and is in our library or may be purchased from Heritage Books 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 112, Bowie, Md 20716 - Phone 390-7709:

GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS FROM TENNESSEE NEWSPAPERS 1791-1808, Compiled by Sherida K. Eddlemon. The goal in this compilation was to note every name of every local resident, which would help to place a particular person in a particular place at a particular time. The result is a work which covers a broad spectrum of items including the usual marriage and death notices as well as estate settlements, lists of delinquent taxpayers, announcements of all kinds of goods and services for sale, notices of runaway spouses and slaves, and the like. Each entry gives the name of a principal and a summary of the context in which his or her name is given. The issue of the paper is given and there is a complete surname index to the thousands of people mentioned. The volume covers eight of the first newspapers published in Tennessee: The Tennessee Gazette, The Tennessee Gazette and Metro District Advertiser, The Impartial Review and Cumberland Repository, The Impartial Observer, The Knoxville Gazette, The Knoxville Gazette and Weekly Advertiser, The Clarion, and The Express. 1988, 380 pp, index, paper, \$25.00. Shipping \$2.50 per order.

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VIRGINIA GENEALOGIES AND FAMILY HISTORIES, A Bibliography of Books and Virginia Families, by Donald O. Virdin. This new bibliography lists about 2,500 books. These books, which may be found in major libraries throughout the United States, contain genealogies of families from Virginia and West Virginia. The books listed deal with families of Virginia origins, but often follow their descendants far and wide across the continent. Each book is listed under the surname of the primary Virginia family covered in it. Many of the titles listed deal with several families, not all of whom had Virginia roots. Citations to all of these allied families are listed in a cross-reference table, regardless of the geographic focus of the family, making this bibliography of use to researchers with interests outside Virginia also. 1990, 8.5x11, 210 pp., Paper, \$30.00 #V361. Shipping \$3.00 Per order.

The deadline for the low introductory price on our book First Families of Cleveland County, OK: A Lineage Society, has passed. For those of you who took advantage of our early offer, congratulations! The price is now \$27.50, plus \$3.00 for packing, insurance, etc., for a total cost per book of \$30.50. Please send your check or money order to Cleveland County Genealogical Society, First Families, P.O. Box 6176, Norman, OK 73070.

You may want to buy copies for your children or other family members and we would encourage you to buy a copy for your local genealogical library. Unfortunately we do not have underwriters and most of the cost of the book must be raised from sales.

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