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### \* \* \* \* \* UPCOMING MEETINGS \* \* \* \* \*

The May 17 meeting will be held at the Norman Public Library. Our speaker will be Brenda Peck from the Harn Homestead Museum in Oklahoma City. Brenda was scheduled to speak in January and had to cancel. The Nominating Committee will also present the slate of officers for 1994-95.

### \* \* \* \* \* PROPOSED CHANGE IN BYLAWS \* \* \* \* \*

The Secretary of the CCGS Board of Directors, as requested by the Board, is submitting the following proposed amendments to the membership for action at the annual meeting, June 21, 1994, at the Norman Public Library, and are not effective unless adopted by the members.

#### ARTICLE III -- Membership

##### NOW READS:

Section 2. There are three classes of membership: (1) Individual (2) Family (husband and wife)

##### PROPOSED TO READ:

Section 2. The classes of membership are (1) Individual (2) Family (husband and wife) (3) Corporate (4) Sponsor.

##### NOW READS:

Section 3. The Board of Directors may provide for the two classes of membership and shall set appropriate dues.

##### PROPOSED TO READ:

Section 3. The Board of Directors may provide for the classes of membership and shall set appropriate dues.

#### ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

PROPOSED: To the present list of ten committees, the Board recommends adding  
(k) First Families of Cleveland County.

According to the Bylaws, the proposed amendments shall be submitted to the members of the Society by mail at least 20 days prior to the convening of the annual meeting and approved by a vote of two-thirds of the representation present at that meeting. THIS IS YOUR MAILED NOTICE. 1994-95 Officers will be elected at this meeting and annual reports will be given by the 1993-94 officers and committee chairs.

\* \* \* NEW CCGS LIBRARY ENTRANCE \* \* \*

Some changes have been made at the CCGS Library. The building has new owners and the south end of the building is being remodeled for Med-Serv Home Health Care, Inc. The entrance to the Library has been changed to the north set of outside doors instead of those on the south end of the building.

\* \* \* MAYES FUNERAL HOME RECORDS \* \* \*

The Mayes Funeral Home Records from 1956 to 1985, reporting approximately 3,750 deaths, is now available from CCGS. The price is \$12 with \$2.40 S/H. It is a beautiful 75-page publication.

TULSA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 6TH ANNUAL  
WORKSHOP

ON July 9 TGS will hold their 6th Annual July Workshop, featuring Dr. George K. Schweitzer, noted genealogist. The hours will be 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., registration at 8:15 a.m. at Garnett Church of Christ, 12000 E. 31st Street, Tulsa, OK. TOPICS: Obscure Genealogical Sources, Virginia Genealogical Research (done in Colonial costume), Tennessee Genealogical Research (done in Frontier costume). Registration fee \$20 if postmarked on or before June 15; \$25 after June 15. Send your name, spouse's complete maiden name, address, phone #, and five surnames you are researching to JULY WORKSHOP, Tulsa Genealogical Society, P.O. BOX 585, Tulsa OK 74101-0585.<sup>1</sup>

\* \* \* SWAP MEET \* \* \*

The Washington County Arkansas Historical Society will be hosting their 1st Four Corners Ancestor Fair on Friday and Saturday July 22-23, 9-3 at the Fayetteville High School. ADMISSION IS FREE. For more information send SASE to 4-Corners Ancestor Fair, WCH, 118 E. Dickson St., Fayetteville, AR 72701 or call (501) 521-2970 1-4 pm Tuesday-Friday.<sup>1</sup>

\* \* \* POW RECORDS \* \* \*

There is a service available to help you find POW records for the Civil War. Send SASE to: Andersonville National Historic Site, Rt. 1 Box 85, Andersonville, GA 31711. Include the name, and any military information. Other than copy cost there is no charge.<sup>1</sup>

\* \* \* ORPHAN TRAIN RIDERS \* \* \*

The Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, Inc. has issued a special announcement: You are invited to attend the first gathering in Oklahoma of Orphan Train Riders, families, friends, and interested persons on June 3 and 4, 1994, Meridian Plaza (near the airport on the west side of Oklahoma City). To receive a packet of information or to register for the meeting, please write to: Alice Bullis Ayler, 1624 SW 40th, Oklahoma City, OK 73119 or telephone: (405) 685-0538. Come and enjoy an educational and enlightening day. Orphan Train Riders from all across America will be coming to talk about their lives and share personal experiences. A registration fee will be charged, Saturday luncheon included in registration fee.<sup>1</sup>

The home that sent children on the Orphan Train in the late 1850's has opened its records to adult adoptees. Write NY Foundling Hospital Record Information Office, 1173 3rd Avenue, NY, NY 10021 or Orphan Train Society of America, Route 4, Box 565, Springdale, AR 72764.<sup>2</sup>

NONE OF US CAN BOAST ABOUT THE MORALITY OF OUR ANCESTORS.  
THE RECORDS DO NOT SHOW THAT ADAM AND EVE WERE MARRIED.

<sup>1</sup>Tulsa Annals, Winter 1993-94, Vol XXIX, #2

<sup>2</sup>Three Forks Genealogical Society, Wagoner, OK, vol 13 #4

**FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

It was recently learned that there is legislation pending that would move the Historical Society from independent control to control by the Department of Tourism and Recreation. Doing this could endanger the integrity of the collections at the OHS facilities. We ask that you please not allow this to happen. On February 2, 1994, Senator Kevin A. Easley of Broken Arrow introduced Senate Bill #965. This bill asked the the repeal and amendment of certain portions of state law concerning the operation of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Sen. Easley then added his amendment, to wit:

"A. The Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) is hereby abolished. Effective Sept 1, 1994, the powers, duties, and responsibilities exercised by such agency shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department (OT&RD). All unexpended funds, property, records, personnel, and outstanding financial obligations and encumbrances of the OHS are hereby transferred to the OT&RD."

"B. The Director of the OT&RD is hereby directed to coordinate such transfer of funds, allotments, purchase orders, and outstanding financial obligations or encumbrances, provided for by the provisions of subsection A of this section."

"Section 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994."

"Section 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

The OHS operates with an Executive board and Committees to oversee their operations. If this bill passes as presented, their Board would be abolished. There would be less internal control over such departments as Archives and Manuscripts and the Library. There could even be a decline of the facilities and collections we use at the OHS in a worse case scenario, and this is what concerns us as members of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society. OHS is operating as efficiently as possible given the over 18% cut in funding last year and is facing the same amount this year, if not more. Their staff members are extremely knowledgeable in all areas in which a genealogist or historian works. They do a terrific job educating the young people of this state in the state museum and displays in the halls we pass through. OHS Staff know what they are doing. We all know the turmoil that statement government can get itself into when politicians play games with each other's departments. OHS is fine the way it is. We hope that you feel as we do about this issue and will let your own representative and senator know how you feel. We ask that you write a letter of support for the OHS to the following members of our state government:

Senator Kevin A. Easley (Bill Author)  
State Capital Building, Room 417 C  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Senator Robert V. Cullison  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 422  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Representative Jim Hamilton  
Chairman of Appropriations and Budget  
State Capital Building, Room 432 D  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Representative Glen Johnson  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building, Room 401  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

The Executive Board of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society supports the Oklahoma Historical Society and their Executive Board members. We hope that you, too, will join with us in defending the current operational status of the OHS by voicing your support by mail or phone to those persons in our state government. We will keep you posted on the outcome of this piece of legislation.

With our thanks, Mary Jackson Duffe, President, and  
The Executive Board of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society  
Smoke Signals, Ottawa County Gen. Society, Vol XXVI, #1

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Cal Hobson has written CCGS to say that the bill did not come out of committee and to thank us for advising him of our opposition.

## WHERE TO WRITE FOR VITAL RECORDS

The federal government has put out an updated edition of its pamphlet, Where to Write for Vital Records, that gives addresses for all state vital records offices along with prices of birth, marriage, death, and divorce records in each state. This handy booklet costs only \$2.25 (62 pp 1993 121Z). Other pamphlets you might want to order at the same time include MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES that tells how to obtain records for all branches of the service, including the Confederate Army (14pp. 1985 46AZ \$.50), and USING RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH that tells about using census, land, naturalization, military and pension records and passport applications in family research (25pp 1990 465Z \$.50) Send your request with titles and item numbers to R. Woods, Consumer Information Center, PO Box 100, Pueblo, CO 81002. Make checks payable to the Superintendent of Documents. There is no tax/shipping fee.<sup>3</sup>

## BLACK HISTORY

The Ohio Historical Society has microfilmed records from the Ohio State Auditor which may be useful in black genealogical research. One of the rolls is entitled "Blacks Immigrating to Ohio, 1860-1863." All county auditors were to report black persons in their counties, although not all did. Four computer-sorted name and location indexes begin the roll. The film may be obtained from the Ohio Historical society for \$29.81 (including shipping). A free list of black genealogical microfilms is available from the Society; request "Black History on Microfilm." Send a SASE with orders or inquiries to Microfilm Dept., Ohio Historical Society, 1985 Velma Ave., Columbus, OH 43211.<sup>3</sup>

## FORT WAYNE LIBRARY ON-LINE

The catalog of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN, is now accessible from your home computer. The dial-up number is (219) 424-1330. Type "Control 0" twice to get to the welcome screen. When you are finished, press "Control 0" to log off. There are no access charges except for the long distance call. Access is available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., M-Th; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Fort Wayne has one of the largest genealogy collections in the country.<sup>3</sup>

## YOUR COMPUTER FILES STRANDED IN OBSOLESCENCE

According to a news story from the Associated Press early in 1991, "a slice of America's history has become as unreadable as Egyptian Hieroglyphics before the discovery of the Rosetta Stone." As we all move to more powerful computers, much information stored on computer tape over the last 30 years is stranded on tapes or disks from systems that have been discarded or are now unintelligible. Of special concern to genealogists, the National Archives has computer records that cannot be read by equipment now on hand. For example, many records of Americans who served in World War II exist only on 1,600 reels of microfilm of computer punch cards. Fifty years after Pearl Harbor no time, money or machine is available to return the data to a computer so that ordinary citizens can trace the war history of their relatives. Worse yet, census data from 1960 exists on thousands of reels of old tape. The same problems can happen to your computer records. The genealogy and early newsletters I put on my old Kaypro computer cannot be read by my new computer.<sup>3</sup>

## STORING FAMILY MEMORIES ON VIDEOTAPE

In a recent issue of Old Car Weekly William S. Snyder calls attention to a serious limitation of videotape. After a very few years the oxide drops off like so much dandruff. William J. Staples reported in the March 1993 issue of Industrial Photography that SONY in Japan set the maximum lifespan of videotape at 15 years, assuming ideal conditions. Mr. Snyder suggests that you might wish to transfer your precious family videos to motion picture film because it lasts 50 years or more. Another suggestion is to date your family films and copy them onto new videotape every 8 or 10 years. The only trouble here is that each copy is a little poorer than the original.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup>The San Joaquin Genealogical Society, vol 14 #5

If you have ever pondered over exactly what the cause of death was when you were reading an old death certificate or cemetery record entry, the following list of late 18-century medical terms and their 20th-century equivalents may be helpful. These were copied from the book Eagle in the Sky (1948), "historical fiction" by F. Van Dyck Mason, who wrote in the introduction: "In attempting to depict medical men of various sorts as they practiced in the years 1780-81, I have drawn largely on contemporary diaries and letters - a rich but confusing source. Because the same disease was known under various names and the treatments or remedies for it varied so widely, it proved difficult to select ailments recognizable to a modern reader. Dr. James Thatcher's invaluable and wonderfully detailed diary of his career as a physician with the Continental Army served as the backbone of the medical elements in this tale."<sup>1</sup>

LATE 18TH CENTURY	20TH CENTURY	LATE 18TH CENTURY	20TH CENTURY
Corruption	Infection	Lues Venerea	Venereal Disease
Commotion	Concussion	Lung Fever	Pneumonia
Costivness	Constipation	Mania	Insanity
Canine Madness	Hydrophobia	Mortification	Infection
Cramp Colic	Appendicitis	Nostalgia	Homesickness
Extravasated Blood	Ruptures Blood Vessel	Putrid Fever	Diphtheria
Failing Sickness	Epilepsy	Remitting Fever	Malaria
Flus of Humor	Circulation	Sanguineous Crust	Scab
French Pox	Venereal Disease	Screws	Rheumatism
Green Sickness	Anemia	Ships Fever	
Hip Gout	Osteomyelitis	(Jail-Camp Fever)	Typhus
Hallucination	Delirium	Sore Throat-Distemper	Quinsy
King's Evil	Scrofula	Strangery	Rupture/Stricture
Lung Sickness	Tuberculosis	Venesection	Bleeding

Determining exactly what a relative or ancestor died of from the Mortality Schedules of 1850-1885 as in Search 8 can be as difficult as understanding the 18th century terms. Some terms may be translated into different names for the same disease. Apoplexy becomes stroke, inanition is malnutrition. Bright's Disease is kidney failure, brain fever is meningitis, and consumption is now tuberculosis. Other causes of death can be more mystifying. They no longer seem to be fatal and one suspects that many of these causes were misdiagnoses or ignorance on the part of the persons reporting the deaths. Examples are: summer complaint, hives, teething, flux, spine disease, throat disease, joint disease, white swelling, womb inflammation, cramp colic, carditis, debility, bowel disease, black tongue, deranged, laryngitis and drunkenness.<sup>2</sup>

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The Family Tree is published bi-monthly by the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, GA. The Library operates on an endowment which enables it to provide, at NO CHARGE, this newspaper to genealogists. All you have to do is write and ask. Donations are welcome, however, of any amount, to help with postage. This is a 44-page tabloid-size paper which has a large query section (also free), plus lots of ads for services and genealogical aids. It does lean heavily toward the Scottish heritage side of genealogy because over 30 Scottish name societies use the library as a repository for their archives, but it is still quite useful even if you have no Scottish interest. If you would like to receive the newspaper, write to: Editor, The Family Tree, Odom Library, PO Box 1110, Moultrie, GA 32776-1110.

<sup>1</sup>The St. Clair County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Belleville, IL

<sup>2</sup>Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc., Search 8. 1984. Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

## QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS

It is very important that we periodically review our research notes to see where we are. After spending years gathering material on our family lines, we need to evaluate our data from time to time. It is the best way to determine what still needs to be documented and we may even find clues we didn't know we had. Donna Potter Phillips suggests the following questions be asked of each of our Family Group Sheets:

1. Are all dates for all events in proper order?
2. Are all abbreviations correct?
3. Is every fact documented?
4. Have you found your ancestor in every census of his/her life?
5. Have you looked for citizenship or naturalization papers?
6. Was the father married more than once?
7. Do all the children belong to one wife?
8. Is a pattern evident in the children's names that could be a clue to nationality?
9. Did the father serve in the military? If so, in what war?
10. Did the family own land?
11. Have you found the father's will and probate records?
12. Have you considered tax lists, church records or other than vital records?
13. Figuring the dates, how many children could the mother have had?
14. Do all her children belong to one husband?
15. If widowed, did she live with her children in later years?
16. Do you have the children listed in correct order of birth?
17. Do you have place of birth and marriage information for each child?
18. Have you followed each child in the census to see if a parent or grandparent is living with them?
19. Have you checked to see if a book was ever written about your family?
20. Have you checked to see if your families are in the Family History Center's IGI (both microfiche version and computerized).
21. Have you entered your family names in Ancestral File?
22. Have you considered that your ancestor may have kept a diary?
23. Have you plotted your family's migration path?
24. Have you placed queries on your families in all the genealogical periodicals?

It also pays to go over documents you have acquired over the years. You will often pick up on clues that you missed when you originally received them either because of lack of experience in analyzing data or just because the information didn't fit in with what you knew at that time.

Pioneer Branches, NE Washington Gen Soc, Vol IX, #1  
via News 'n' Notes, Gen Research Inst of VA, Vol XIII, #10

### MORE THINGS TO CONSIDER AS YOU SEARCH

- Mrs. used with a woman's name did not always mean that she was married. This term was used if she had wealth, and was the proper way to address her.
- Mr./Mister was used only for men of wealth and/or education.
- Gentleman might refer to a man who was retired.
- Jr. (Junior) after a name did not always mean that his father had the same name: it might be an uncle or an older cousin.
- Stepmother was sometimes called "Mother-in-law" in Colonial times.
- Cousin could be a relative of any degree, sometimes even a friend.
- Uncle might refer to a close family friend, not related.
- Son-in-law in early wills could mean step-son as well as the spouse of a daughter.
- Nephew sometimes meant grandson or granddaughter, as well as nephew as we use it today.
- Housekeeper once meant property owner, and could be used for a male as well as a female.
- Domestic once meant the housewife, not necessarily a servant.
- Inmate as used in the Pennsylvania Archives, refers to a man living in the house of another person, and not necessarily in an institution.
- Freeman means a young man, not yet married.

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY NEWS

The new FamilySearch Center opened in July 1993 in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. Situated in the newly remodeled Joseph Smith Memorial Building (formerly the Hotel Utah), the center introduces people to the joys of discovering their family history. The center has the following resources: 206 FamilySearch computers, the Family Group Records Collection (over 8 million pages of family information), and the 1920 United States Census and soundex on microfilm.

These resources have been carefully chosen to introduce people to family history research and help them learn if other people have researched their family. The same resources are also available at the Family History Library and at many family history centers throughout the world. Therefore, experienced family historians will probably find no new genealogical information at the FamilySearch Center. However, anyone is welcome to visit the center or to schedule one of the 26 group meeting rooms. Each room includes one or more FamilySearch computers, work tables, and seating for four to twenty people. To reserve a room call 801-240-4673.

Summer hours are Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Winter hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Staff members will be on hand to answer any questions.

A new edition of the FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG has recently been published and is being shipped to all family history centers. Order forms are available at the library and at most centers for people who wish to purchase part or all of the catalog. The 1993 edition as 2,884 microfiche, 211 more than the previous edition.

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX - "COUNTRY UNKNOWN" SECTION Researchers should not overlook the "Country Unknown" section of the 1992 edition of the IGI. This section includes 738,097 entries on 54 microfiche. Most of the names in this section come from Mormon research compiled before 1970, some as early as 1844.

The entries in this section have places-names that the computer did not recognize. Entries usually end up in this section because the place-name was not in the correct order, had a misplaced place, or included an unusual abbreviation. Researchers can recognize about 85 percent of the places in this section. Examples: pr., eastprussia, bieberstein; i: new york, jamaica; ,howden, york, eng.; ,cana, pro quebec, frelighsburg; ,oa, poweshiek, montezuma.

The "Country Unknown" section contains many names missing from other parts of the index. Since most names in this section were submitted long ago, they may contain information that has since been lost. People in the "Country Unknown" section can be from any part of the world. About 26% are from Germany, 23% from the United States, and 19% from the British Isles. Only about 15% of the places cannot be identified without more information. Such places, for example, may not list a country. Before searching the "Country Unknown" section, first search the microfiche for the country where the person was born or married. If you do not find the name, try the general section for that country, for example, United States "State Unknown." Then try the "Country Unknown" section. In future editions of the IGI, most of these entries will be included in the proper sections.

FAMILY HISTORY PUBLICATIONS LIST It is now easier to obtain copies of more than 138 Family History Library publications. A 3-page list of publications is available. The list includes prices and ordering instruction. Among the types of publications listed are: FamilySearch, International Genealogical Index, and Personal Ancestral File guides and leaflets; Guides to reference tools (2 to 7 pages); Census, pedigree, family group forms; National, state, provincial and topical research outlines (6 to 52 pages).

The publications range in price from free to \$35 (for Personal Ancestral File computer software). Most of the publications cost less than \$1.00 To order the free Family History Publications List call the Salt Lake Distribution Center: from USA or Canada 1-800-537-5950; from other countries 801-240-1214; from Salt Lake City 240-5274. To receive a copy of the publications list by fax machine, call the Correspondence Unit at 1-800-240-5267.

EXPANDED LIBRARY HOURS To make the Family History Library resources available to as many researchers as possible, the library has extended the hours it is open to Monday 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Tuesday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. General information about the hours and services of the Family History Library is available at 801-240-2331. Comments are welcome. Please address them to Editor, News of the Family History Library, 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

## \* \* \* \* BUSINESS INFORMATION FAIR \* \* \* \*

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After being rained out in March, our Business Fair and Book Sale at Wal-Mart was successfully held Saturday, April 16th. Handouts for the businesses who had supported CCGS with donations were passed out by Mabel Ritzman, Jerry Ruffin, Alan Montgomery, Paul Clark and Ann Bailey. The donations and the matching funds from Wal-Mart will be used as operating funds for the CCGS Library.

Money from the used book sale will be used to purchase additional books for the Library. Fran Blair and Margaret Earls were responsible for the collection, pricing, moving, getting volunteers, and the set-up and we thank them for a job well done. Nina Zapffe, Gwen Woods, Gloria Vaughn, Darlene Shawn, Jerry Ruffin, Elsie and Harry Branton, Esther Ciereszko and Joyce Grisham helped Fran and Margaret at the sale.

Evelyn Parker had a display of CCGS publications. Funds from the sale of these books will be used to publish more Cleveland County records. Joyce Grisham

## \* \* \* \* USED BOOK SALE \* \* \* \*

CCGS will have ANOTHER USED BOOK SALE at the May Fair on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Reaves Park (this is a new location). This is a new venture for CCGS and we need your help to make it a success. We need book donations and volunteers. Call Margaret Earls (321-8787) to volunteer. Books may be taken to the Library or call and we will arrange to have them picked up.

## CLEVELAND COUNTY RECORDS

Evelyn Parker has been preparing for publication the 1890-1952 marriage records for Cleveland County. These records were a small portion of the treasure reclaimed from the Oklahoma State Archives in early February. The majority of the 183 boxes (that's enough boxes to fill four full-sized pickups and one trailer!) are still in storage waiting to be indexed. Jerry Ruffin is working on donations to purchase file cabinets for storage. If you would like to help with the indexing, please contact the library.

We express our sympathy in the death of Lyle Gamel. Those of us who worked with Lyle on the First Families Committee will especially miss his leadership and the hospitality he and Mary Bess extended to that committee. Lyle also served as Chair of the audit and Nominations Committees for 1993. Alan Montgomery has completed a beautiful pair of shelves for the desk in the CCGS Library office which he has donated in Lyle's memory.

Several donations have been made to CCGS in the memory of Lyle Gamel and Rachel Valliere. Some have gone to the Trust Fund, some to the Rachel Valliere Memorial Book Fund for the purchase of Cleveland County family histories, and some to the microfilm reader fund.

A MAN OR WOMAN IS NEVER TRULY DEAD, SO LONG AS A SINGLE PERSON HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OR REMEMBRANCE OF THEM.



## NICKNAMES

If you are searching for an ancestor that isn't there, but you know he or she was, it may be due to the fact that NICKNAMES were often used in census and other lists. Below is a list of some nicknames used in the 19th century. Often, they differ from the ones used today.<sup>6</sup>

Abe	Abraham	Abby	Abigail, Tabitha
Addie	Adeline	Alec	Alexander
Ann	Nancy	Becky	Rebecca
Betsy	Elizabeth	Betty	Elizabeth
Biddy	Obedience	Billy	William
Briney	Sybrina	Cager	Micah <i>Micah</i>
Callie	Caroline	Delphia	Philadelphia
Donia	Fredonia	Ed	Edward, Edmund
Eliza	Elizabeth	Ellen	Eleanor, Elinamifia
Eppa	Epaproditus	Etta	Louetta
Fanny	Frances	Thanny	Nathaniel
Fate	Lafayette	Finny	Fineas <i>Phineas</i>
Fred	Frederick, Winfred	Fronie	Sophronia
Gen	Genevieve	Izzie	Izabelle
Jack	Jackson	Jennie	Genevieve
Jenny	Virginia	Jerry	Jerimiah
Liza	Elizabeth	Lottie	Charlotte
Lou	Louetta, Louisa	Maggie	Margaret
Mattie	Martha	Mollie	Martha
Mollie	Mary Elizabeth	Nannie	Nancy
Neva	Genevieve	Patsy	Martha
Patty	Martha, Parthenia	Peggy	Margaret
Phoenie	Tryphena	Phosy	Pryphosia
Pleasant	Pleasant	Polly	Mary
Pru	Prudence	Puss	Prudence
Puss	Philadelphia	Quill	Aquilla
Rilla	Gabrilla	Rye	Zachariah
Sandy	Alexander	Sally	Sarah
Si	Josiah, Cyrus	Tabby	Tabithaer
Tennie	Tennessee	Thenie	Parthenia
Vergie	Virginia	Willie	Wiley, not William
Zack	Zachariah		

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*Amelia*

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Joyce Grisham, our president, is contributing all of her copies of Ansearchin' News, the Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, to our library. This magazine covers the entire state of Tennessee. For example, a recent issue (Fall, 1993) has a map of Tipton County and its 1837 Tax List, Bedford County Deeds 1809-1811 will be continued in the next issue; Tennesseans in Arkansas, Conway County, which was continued from previous issue. Excerpts from early newspapers, and articles about many other areas of interest. The #4 volume of every year has the index which makes research much easier. Try 'em - you might like 'em.

### KENTUCKY ARCHIVES SOURCE LIST

The Kentucky Archives has a free small packet on what they have at the archives. Write to Kentucky Archives, Box 537, Frankfurt, KY 40602. Send a SASE with 52 cents postage.<sup>7</sup>

### \* \* \* \* DID YOU KNOW . . . \* \* \* \*

Indiana or Iowa? When researching information in the 1850 census, be sure to remember that IA indicates Indiana and not Iowa as in later census years.<sup>8</sup>

Condensed from an article by Cleo Hogan in The Connecticut Nutmegger, vol 25, #3 via News 'n' Notes, Gen. Research Inst. of VA, Vol XIII, #10

<sup>7</sup>The San Joaquin Genealogical Society, vol 14 #5

<sup>8</sup>Three Forks Genealogical Society, Wagoner OK, Vol 13, #4

### A TREASURE GOES HOME

Among the many, many contributions of books, memorabilia, pamphlets, diaries and all sorts of miscellanea we uncovered a family treasure. It was the high school diploma of Oscar Schlosser dated 1913 and awarded by the Oklahoma City High School. This said volumes about those days when Oklahoma City had only one high school! With the cooperation of Mandy Howell at The Norman Transcript, who was kind enough to write an article about the diploma, we were inundated with calls from Normanites who remembered Oscar Schlosser and who also knew that his widow was living in California.

We got a phone call from Schlosser's daughter within 24 hours of the notice in the paper and agreed that when we got a letter from her we would turn the diploma over to whomever she designated. The letter soon arrived, along with a generous gift for our society. Friends came by the library and picked up the diploma.

It was very large, solidly framed, complete with gold seal and with several colored ribbons which we took to be the school colors. We also were able, through the miracle of color copiers to send the family in California a post-card picture of the school which was renamed Central High School and is now owned by Southwestern Bell.

As it turned out, the Schlossers lived in Norman for many years and ran a drug store on South Porter in the "Greenleaf Block." Eunice Goddard

\* \* \* \* SURNAME FILE \* \* \* \*

A new surname file is being set up at the CCGS Library. This is the form that will be used. If you will make copies of the form for your surnames and send them in, the information will be transferred to cards and included in the file.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER: b. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER: b. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CCGS # \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE SUBMITTED TO C.C.G.S. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
 YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CCGS # \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER: b. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER: b. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

## ILLINOIS REGIONAL ARCHIVES DEPOSITORY

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository System (IRAD) was established in 1976 for the purpose of storing and preserving local records. The system is composed of seven regional depositories located on state university campuses throughout the State of Illinois. Researchers may visit the IRAD depositories and examine the records. However, you are urged to telephone before planning a visit.

Researchers may also request information by mail or telephone. In order for the staff to search holdings, they must be provided with the following information: 1) the full name of the person they are researching; 2) the approximate year this person is expected to appear in a record; 3) the county which created the record; and 4) the type of record or title of the record to be searched. Researchers are also asked to limit requests to two (2) names at a time and to wait for a response to a request before submitting additional requests. At the SSU depository, the first 20 photocopies are provided at no charge with a fee of five cents per page for additional pages.

In researching Illinois you will find the records in these 6 regional archives. The Cook County and Chicago records are held by themselves within Cook County. Depository Hours: Monday-Friday: 8-12 noon, 1-4 pm; Saturday-Sunday: closed; closed on any weekday the various libraries are closed. June and July: reduced summer hours.<sup>9</sup>

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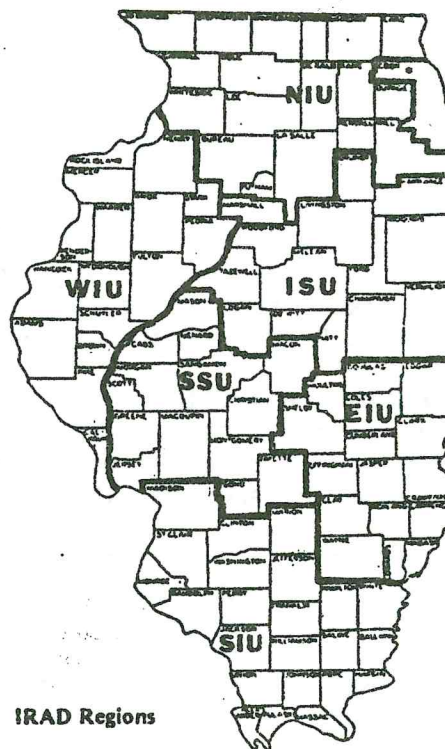
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<sup>9</sup>IRAD does not include Cook County.

**ILLINOIS VETERANS:** The Illinois State Archives has indexed names of men who served in the Illinois regiments during the Indian Wars, Civil War and Spanish-American War. On request they will search one index and provide information on two persons at a time. Send a SASE to Illinois State Archives, Archives Building, Springfield, IL 62756.<sup>9</sup>

**TEXAS VITAL RECORDS:** Although Texas death records have been closed by the state, they are still available at the Texas State Library. These records include both birth and death records from 1903 to 1976. The library is located at 1201 Brazos Street, and its mailing address is Box 12927, Capitol St. Station, Austin, TX 78711.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup>The Western Plainsman, Weatherford, OK, Vol 9 #3

## POINT LOOKOUT P.O.W. ORGANIZATION

The Point Lookout Prisoner of War Organization is a volunteer, non-profit, historical, patriotic, benevolent, educational, memorial association and IS NOT affiliated with any other organization. It was founded in July of 1991 by Patricia BRADLEY BUCK and B. Frank ERNEST to pay homage to Confederate ancestors who were POWs at Point Lookout.

To join, a person has to submit proof that their Confederate ancestor was in prison at Point Lookout. This can be copies of their pension records, excerpts from diaries or letters, when they are mentioned in books/magazines, oaths of allegiance, muster sheets, etc. All of this is compiled in a HUGE scrapbook which is taken to each annual June meeting for others to view. Each member has their own ancestor page/pages in this book. For this, we STRONGLY encourage a copy of a picture of your ancestor be placed on "your page" in the PLPOW scrapbook. We keep a list of each member and their ancestor. We have matched people who had relatives from the same town and regiment. The ancestor can be grandfather, uncle, or cousin; just as long as the ancestor is blood related to the applicant. The price to join is \$10 per year. For those who had more than one ancestor at Point Lookout, supplementals can be obtained for \$3, which includes another certificate with this ancestor's name in calligraphy.

For joining, members will receive a framable certificate, newsletters, membership card, a 20% discount when ordering books from St. Mary's Historical Society and can purchase POW bumper stickers and PLPOW t-shirts.

Our newsletter is called "THE PARAPET." Our beloved Confederate relatives were held inside a stockade surrounded by a 14' high wooden fence with a 3' wide platform used by the armed guards to walk up and down. This platform was called a PARAPET and because the prison ground was flat, the guards could overlook the entire camp. Ten feet from the fence was a trench. Anyone crossing this "dead line" was shot, even if it was just to peep through the cracks. The "PARAPET" name was chosen because it is the purpose of our newsletter to "overlook the whole camp" and eventually get the word out of all happenings at Point Lookout that we can possibly learn. For more information send SASE: PLPOW, 3587 Windmill Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA - A fraternal benefit society which was founded in 1883. Their historian answers letters from researchers if name and date of death are sent. Records before 1912 are more detailed than later ones. Write to Mr. Gail A. Levis, Historian, Modern Woodmen of America, 1701 1st Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201.

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