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* * * * * **BOCKSTRUCK SEMINAR** * * * * *
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The annual August Seminar with Lloyd Bockstruck will be Saturday, August 27, 1994. Please be sure you have it on your calendar. This year we are requesting that you send your surnames with your enrollment. The list will be handed to you with your seminar materials. Hope to see you there!

The AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL LENDING LIBRARY will be selling books. MEMORABILIA CORNER will be showing and selling archival materials to help preserve your records. CCGS will have displays and sales of their publications.

**COME EARLY AND LOOK THROUGH THE "FREEBIES"
TAKE WHAT YOU WANT**

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OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The OHS is asking for the support of genealogists. Membership includes quarterly issues of The Chronicles of Oklahoma and monthly newsletter Mistletoe Leaves. The latter provides members with news from OHS Archives/Manuscript Divisions, as well as from the Research Library and Newspaper Department. The OHS is the keeper of Oklahoma's most important collections of research materials. The newspaper division has 90% of all Oklahoma newspapers ever published and research is available by mail. Individual membership is \$15. Send to OHS, Membership, Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or call (405) 521-2491 for complete information.

**LEARNING TO DO GENEALOGY IS LIKE LEARNING TO WALK.
IT'S EASY IF YOU LEARN ONE STEP AT A TIME.**

In which war did your ancestor fight? Use this list to help you make this determination.

<u>If Born In</u>	<u>Name of War</u>	<u>Dates of War</u>
1626-1656	Bacon's Rebellion	1676
1639-1743	Intercolonial Wars	1689-1763
1713-1743	Pontiac's Rebellion	1763-1765
1720-1763	American Revolution	1775-1783
1740-1791	Indian Wars	1790-1811
1762-1794	War of 1812	1812-1814
1762-1812	Blackhawk War	1832
1796-1828	Mexican War	1846-1848
1806-1849	Civil War	1861-1865
1848-1880	Spanish-American War	1898

CENSUS RETURNS

If you feel that future census records should show the maiden name of a married woman, write and recommend the change to Harry Scarr, Acting Director of the Census Bureau, Dept of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20233 and send copies of the letter to your senators and representatives. St. Louis News 'n Notes, Vol 25:12

VETERANS SCHEDULES

Special censuses of veterans were done at the same time as some of the federal censuses. A schedule of Revolutionary War veterans was taken as part of the 1840 Census. It is easy to miss because it is on the second page of the schedules. More significant is the 1890 Special Census of Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Like the 1890 Census itself, many of the Veterans Schedules were destroyed in a Dept. of Commerce building fire in the 1920s. For instance, all of the Alabama through Kansas records are missing and half of the Kentucky schedules. The rolls that remain might be valuable in your search. Remember, a person appeared on rolls for the locality in which he was living in 1890, not with the state from which he served. Information given includes the veterans's name or, if he was deceased, the widow and her deceased husband's name, the veteran's rank, company, regiment, or vessel, date of enlistment, date of discharge, and length of service in years, months, and days, post office and address of each person listed; disability incurred by the veteran and remarks necessary for a complete statement of his term of service. The remaining 1890 Veterans Schedules can be borrowed through your public library. Roll numbers appear in the Census index for the years 1790 through 1890. Don Wilson, The San Joaquin Genealogical Society, Vol 15:1

SCOTLAND BIRTH AND MARRIAGE INDEXES

Entirely new indexes to births and marriages in the Old Parochial Registers of the Established Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) are now available at both the General Register Office for Scotland in Edinburgh and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and its affiliated Family History Centers. Produced by the LDS Church, the Scottish OPR Indexes comprise the most comprehensive collection of pre-1855 births and marriages available. They recover "lost" register entries previously not indexed and contain over 6 million births and more than 2.2 million marriages in all counties of Scotland for which pre-1855 registers have survived. The Family History Library Catalog lists the Old Parochial Registers of Scotland under "Scotland, [county name]--Church Records, Indexes." CSGA Newsletter, Jan '93

FREE FOR THE ASKING

Who says "nothing's free"? The following companies have catalogs featuring books of interest to genealogists. Send for free copies of these book-filled treats. Remember to consider borrowing the books through your public library before you mortgage the farm on interesting titles. Southern Historical Press, Inc., POB 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267; Heritage Books, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 107, Bowie, MD 20716; Family Historian Books, Dept. L, Box 44486, Tacoma, WA 98444; Genealogy Unlimited 1-800-666-4363. The San Joaquin Genealogical Society, Vol 15:1

The sink is filled with dishes
 The silverware's turned green
 The sloppy bed turns a roach's head--
 He runs away and screams.
 And underneath the newspapers--
 If you will give it a tug
 You'll shockingly discover
 Your floor DOES have a rug.
 If you go into the living room
 Be careful! All around
 It's safe enough to stand right still
 But heavens! Don't sit down.
 The place has gotten out of hand
 I couldn't keep it neat
 But there's rejoicing in a far off place
 Great Grandparent's RECORDS ARE COMPLETE.

Anonymous

Footprints, (Fort Worth Gen. Soc.) vol 32:4, Nov 1989

WEST GERMAN EMIGRANTS SOUGHT

The Historical Society of Niedermittlau (near Hanau), West Germany is trying to establish contact with descendants of at least 67 persons who left their homes in April 1847 for the port of Bremen and emigrated during May and June. No records are available in Germany to determine their present location. The following family names were found on ship lists, most of them landing in Baltimore:

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| BREIDENBACH | HESSBURGER | SCHAEFER (A-Umlaut) | FORRELL |
| HEUN | WAGNER | HAHN | KOENIG (O-Umlaut) |
| WECHMANN | HELLMUTH | MALDFELD | HERBERT |
| | | | PIPPER |

Anyone having knowledge of these families or an interest in the historical society please contact H.G. Stuebing, 46 Hamilton Drive, Warminster, PA 18974. Kinship Tales, Vol 12:1²

ILLINOIS RESEARCH

The Illinois State Historical Library, Old State Capitol, Springfield IL 62701 has newspapers for all 102 counties, 5,000 manuscripts, many published materials, an extensive Lincoln collection and more. Newspaper microfilm and second copies of books are available through interlibrary loan. Mail requests from out of state are \$5.00 On site research hours are M-F 8:30-5. St. Louis News 'N' Notes, vol 25:10

HIDDEN CENSUSES

The 1790 census for the area of present day District of Columbia was included with Montgomery County and Prince George County, Maryland. The 1860 census for Nevada is included with Utah. The 1860 Colorado census is included in Kansas. The 1820 and 1830 census for the state of Wisconsin are included in Michigan. The 1860 Indian Territory (Okla.) census is included with Yell County, Arkansas.

The LeFlore County Heritage, Poteau Valley Gen. Soc., Vol 13:2
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The word "newspaper" is not derived from the word "news" as you might think, but from North, East, West, and South, indicating that the information is derived from the four corners of the globe. With thanks from The Tree Branches, Glendive, MT.

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society wishes to express our sympathy on the death of our friend and fellow member
 NAOMI CLAXTON.
 She will be missed.

NEWS OF THE LDS FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

NEW RESEARCH OUTLINES - Six new research outlines are now available at family history centers to help researchers and volunteers with complex countries or topics. Five of these new research outlines describe the research methodology and major resources for various topics. The outlines and their prices are listed below:

- Canada Research Outline (\$.75)
- Denmark Research Outline (\$.75)
- U.S. Military Records Research Outline (\$.50)
- Sweden Research Outline (\$.75)
- Wales Research Outline (\$.75)

Tracing Immigrant Origins Research Outline (\$.75) teaches how to identify an immigrant ancestor's original hometown. It is indexed and divided into 3 sections.

These and many other research outlines are available at local Family History Centers. Order information is given on the Family History Publications List. For a copy of the list, call (801) 240-1430 or fax a request to (801) 240-2597.

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1891 BRITISH CENSUS - The Family History Library recently acquired the 1891 census of England, Wales, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. To help researchers find the correct microfiche number(s) for a specific parish or town, the British census register has been updated to include the 1891 census. The register, Index of Place Names Showing The Library Microform Numbers for the 1841-1891 Census of England, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, also indicates whether or not a street or surname index is available for the locality for each census year. Film numbers are also listed in the Family History Library Catalog under the name of the parish.

The new register, available at Family History Centers, is on five microfiche and has the same microfiche number (607A509) as the previous edition. The title bar of the fiche is marked 1841-1891 Census to distinguish it from the previous edition.

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NEW STATEWIDE VITAL RECORDS AT FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY - Significant collections of statewide vital records or vital record indexes have been recently added. Further details can be found in the Locality section of the Family History Library Catalog under [STATE] - VITAL RECORDS or [STATE] - VITAL RECORDS - INDEXES:

STATE	RECORD	STATE	INDEX
CALIFORNIA	DEATH INDEX 1905-1988	ILLINOIS	DEATH INDEX 1916-1938
COLORADO	MARRIAGE INDEX 1900-1992		DEATH RECORDS 1916-1942
FLORIDA	MARRIAGE INDEX 1927-1969	KENTUCKY	MARRIAGE INDEXES 1972-1990
	DEATH INDEX 1877-1969		DEATH INDEX 1911-1986
HAWAII	BIRTH INDEX 1909-1949	OHIO	DEATH INDEX 1913-1927
	BIRTH RECORDS 1901-1916	SOUTH DAKOTA	BIRTH INDEX 1880-1990
	MARRIAGE INDEX 1909-1949		DEATH INDEX 1880-1990
	MARRIAGE RECORDS 1909-1915	TEXAS	BIRTH (DELAYED) INDEX
	DEATH INDEX 1909-1949		1900-1945
	DEATH RECORDS 1909-1916		DEATH INDEX 1900-1945
ILLINOIS	DEATH INDEX 1916-1938	WASHINGTON	BIRTH INDEX 1907-1954
	DEATH RECORDS 1916-1938		BIRTH RECORDS 1907-1939

The library also has an excellent collection of vital records and indexes for many of these and other states.

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Records often overlooked are the emigration lists from Copenhagen, Denmark and Hamburg, Germany. These records list persons leaving these ports for other destinations, very often the US. The records from Copenhagen are accessed in the "Locality Catalog" under Denmark-Kobenhaven-Kobenhavn under "Emigration and Immigration". This record covers the years 1869-1911. A description of the record states: "Alphabetical lists of emigrants who emigrated from a port in Denmark (Direct) and from ports of other countries England and Germany (Indirect)." A researcher should look at this record for Germans in particular. There are 17 rolls of microfilm for the New York passenger lists for 1870, one roll of direct and one roll of indirect for Copenhagen emigrants in 1870. If you know the year of entry to the US but not the exact date, this should save you some research time. The "Locality Catalog" microfilm also lists other items under "Emigration and Immigration" such as Passport Applications, which should be examined. (Excerpt from Speaker Curt Witcher, Allen Co. Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN, AGS Seminar)

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

ENGLAND AND WALES: During the 1650s, a new religious movement swept Great Britain and many thousands of families, chiefly farmers and tradespeople, became Quakers. Within a few years there was a meetinghouse in most market towns of England and Wales; their records survive in large numbers and are widely known for their detail and completeness. Write for American membership information to Dr. Margaret Bennet, 486 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, London E10 7DU England.

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CHICAGO: A recent discovery in Chicago brought to light over 600 documents naming 4,000 persons who purchased burial plots in Chicago's earliest known municipal cemetery. Entries of deaths and burials month-by-month reveal names, ages, birthplaces, residences, causes of death. These records survived the fire of 1871 which destroyed other vital records. For information write the Chicago Genealogical Society, PO Box 1160, Chicago, IL 60690.

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DELAWARE: Quality lifetime keepsakes for people born in the state of Delaware are being made available to benefit child abuse prevention programs in that state. The certificate is a legal document, printed on heirloom quality paper with the birth information calligraphied by hand and bordered by a trellis of peach blossoms. Each document is signed by Delaware's governor and emblazoned with a handsome embossed gold seal. For more information, write Heirloom Birth Certificate, Delaware Office of Vital Statistics, PO Box 637, Dover, Delaware 19903. (Heirloom certificates cost about \$25.00).

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GEORGIA: The Central Georgia Genealogical Society is sponsoring a "Georgia Pioneer Program" which offers certificates to those who can prove their descent from a Georgia pioneer in the state prior to 1 January 1826. Write for more information: CGGS, PO Box 2024, Warner Robins, GA 31099-2024.

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GEORGIA: "Colquitt County Family Album," printed in Moultrie Observer each Monday, offers free queries concerning the south Georgia area. Write Colquitt County Family Album, The Moultrie Observer, PO Box 889, Moultrie, GA 31776.

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GEORGIA: The Georgia Archives has announced that they will answer requests for mail-in research. For out of state requests the fee is \$25, and \$15 for in-state requests. The fee covers professional research with a report on the sources that were checked and suggestions for further research, photocopies, handling and postage. Make checks or money orders to Georgia Department of Archives & History, 330 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, GA 30334.

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MISSISSIPPI: The Mississippi Department of Archives and History at PO Box 571, Jackson, MS 32916, is helping African-Americans trace their families by establishing a computer index of the first labor contracts (paying jobs) for 36,359 former slaves entered into as free people in 1864-1866. The information is free of charge. Librarians will guide families through thousands of labor contracts by the Freedmen's Bureau formed by Congress after the Civil War.

With thanks to the Tallahassee (FL) Genealogical Society via The Orlando Sentinel.

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MISSISSIPPI: Dr. Betty Drake, a retired genealogy reference librarian from the McCain Library, University of Southern Mississippi, writes a column called "Meet Your Ancestors" in the local newspaper in Hattiesburg, MS. She writes that she will print queries from any interested party, but for best results, they should be about south Mississippi families. (Editor's Note: No further address given.)

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If you have GREEK ancestry you might be interested in a publication entitled Tracing Your Greek Ancestry. This publication includes information on primary sources for Greek genealogical research, finding aids, biographical aids, sources and services in the US and in Greece. The publication is \$5 plus \$1.50 s/h from the Greek Family Heritage Committee, c/o Antonio Mattheou, 75-21 177th St., Flushing, NY 11366.

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OLD MILITARY RECORDS AVAILABLE: If you would like information concerning military records of those serving prior to World War I, write General Reference Branch (NMRG), National Archives & Records, 7th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20408. For World Wars I and II, and subsequent service write National Personnel Records Center, Military Records, NARA, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132.

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INTERNEED AMERICANS OF GERMAN ANCESTRY SOUGHT: Germans, including German-Americans of German ancestry were interned during World War II. Professor Stephen Fox (Dept. of History, Humbolt State University, Arcata, CA 95521) wishes to interview those of German ancestry who were detained, relocated, excluded or interned during World War II. If you know persons who had such experiences, write or call Professor Fox. Call 707-839-1919.

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RUSSIAN PRISONER RECORDS RELEASED BY RUSSIANS: The American Red Cross has announced that the Russians have released documents regarding prisoners in Concentration Camps (Nazi camp records and concentration camp documents). To use these records, call your local branch of the American Red Cross to receive the booklet that describes what records are available and how to obtain these records. Case workers will send the completed forms to Baltimore where they will be translated into German and then forwarded to Arolsen, Germany where copies of the Soviet documents are housed.

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FREE GENEALOGICAL WORD LISTS: The Family History Library, 35 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150, is publishing a new series of genealogical word lists. Available are words lists for Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian, German, Latin, Spanish, French and Portuguese languages. the lists include about 900 words in genealogical sources and their English translations. They are free with long SASE.

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TRANSLATION AID AVAILABLE: In his quarterly publication, Die Pommerschen Leute, Myron E. Gruenwald highly recommends the book Following the Paper Train; A Multilingual Translation Guide written by William F. Hoffman and Jonathan D. Shea. Gruenwald says the book will help you learn to decipher records written in 13 European languages, including German, Czech, French, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. The section for each language covers its alphabets, pronunciation and a list of common terms. Almost 60 sample documents are analyzed and translated. For more information or to order a \$25 copy postpaid, write to William F. Hoffman, Language and Lineage Press, 60 Old Northville Rd., New Milford, CT 06776-2245.

QUICK ACCESS TO 150,000 TITLES ON FILM & FICHE

The American Genealogical Lending Library (AGLL) is proud to announce that their catalog is now available on floppy disc for home computer use. The catalog contains 150,000 titles on film and fiche. It has previously been available in print, on microfilm and on microfiche. One of the advantages of the catalog on disc is the ability of the user to search it by key word in order to quickly locate the film or fiche containing the answer to a research question. This software is now available for only \$45 from Historic Resources, Inc.

The catalog on disc software will run on any IBM compatible system using MS-DOS. It is self-contained and does not require any additional viewing software. The catalog in any format is also available for free with the purchase of an AGLL membership which entitles the member to rent or buy the film and fiche listed in it for a minimal charge. AGLL membership is only \$45 with the catalog in print or on floppy disk, \$30 with the catalog on film or fiche. Membership includes twice annual catalog updates and twice annual newsletters. For additional convenience, film or fiche is sent directly to the member's home. For more information or to become a member of the American Genealogical Lending Library, please write Historic Resources, Inc., PO Box 329, Bountiful, UT 84011 or call 801-298-5446; fax, 801-298-5468.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

If you could assist in indexing the Civil Court Records by preparing pencil worksheets, please call the CCGS office at 329-9180 and leave your name, or call Evelyn Parker at 329-8551 if you have questions.

GLADNEY CENTER OFFERS NEW HELP FOR SEARCHING ADOPTEES

The Gladney Center of Fort Worth, TX, has created a direct post-adoption contact policy that will allow the agency to assist its adoptees who want to search for their birth mothers.

The policy is the result of careful consideration spanning almost 24 months by members of the board of directors and its social service staff. It was prompted by an increase in the requests for such services by adult adoptees who were placed for adoption at birth through the Gladney Center.

"Adult Adoptees, in increasing numbers, have come to the Gladney Center in recent years asking -- begging -- for us to assist them in locating their birth parent," said Pattye Hicks, director of Gladney's Post Adoption Services.

The contact process will work in the following way:

-----The adoptee's request for direct post-adoption contact will be initiated through the Texas Voluntary Registry. Enacted into law in 1984, the registry allows for the sharing of identifying information between adult adoptees and their birth parents, when each indicates through a formal registry process his/her desire for mutual contact.

If the registry is unsuccessful in accomplishing contact between the adoptee and birth mother, the adoptee may pursue direct contact.

-----The adoptee will be directed to file a motion with the court that handled his/her adoption, indicating his/her interest in locating the birth parent and asking Gladney be named the intermediary, or mediator, in the search process.

----Gladney will file a motion with the court as well, indicating that the agency wants to serve as intermediary in this process.

-----When Gladney is named an intermediary by the court, the search and location of the birth mother will be conducted.

-----If the birth mother indicates her desire for contact, she will be informed about the registry process. Upon completion of the registry process, identifying information will be shared and the birth mother and adoptee are free to pursue contact. If the birth mother does not desire contact, a report will be sent to the judge explaining the outcome of the search process.

The Norman (Okla) Transcript Sunday, May 8, 1994, p 5A

STUDY IN SCANDINAVIA

The 1994-95 edition of Study in Scandinavia is now available. This book provides an overview of the study programs offered in the Nordic countries during the summer and academic year. Most of the courses listed are intended for English-speaking participants. The booklet also contains sections on working and traveling in Scandinavia. It is distributed free of charge to all interested individuals and institutions. For a copy, write the American-Scandinavian Foundation, Exchange Division, 725 Park Ave., New York, NY 10021.

With thanks to American Dane, a publication of the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131 via The Family Tree, Odom Genealogy Library, Vol V:2

TRANSLATION HELP: The Polish Surname Network, 158 S. Walter Ave., Newbury Park, CA 91320-4339 provides translation service for Polish, Russian, German, Spanish, French, Slovak and some Latin. For a cost estimate, send a photocopy of the document you wish translated and long SASE.

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NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Early Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky, William C. Kozee. List of settlers based upon early census data, tax lists and marriage records. Lists of Revolutionary soldiers, veterans and the War of 1812 and the Civil War, plus a list of pioneer members of the legislature.

Eastern Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky, William C. Kozee. Genealogies of families in old Floyd, Greenup, Knox and Clay counties. This area is known as the Big Sandy Valley and from these four counties come 16 present day Kentucky counties.

Emigrants in Chains, Peter Wilson Coldham. Forced emigration of felons, destitute children, beggars, political and religious non-conformists, vagabonds. 1607-1775

Kentucky Records (Early Wills and Marriages) Mrs. William Breckenridge Ardery. Old Bible records and Tombstone Inscriptions. Counties of Barren, Bath, Bourbon, Clark, Daviess, Fayette, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mason, Montgomery, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Scott, and Shelby.

Kentucky Land Grants, Willard Rouse Jillson. A systematic index to all of the Land Grants recorded in the state land office at Frankfort, Kentucky, 1782-1924, arranged according to type of grants, number of acres, date of survey, names of county, watercourse, and volume and page number of the original entry.

Early Kentucky Tax Records, Register of the Kentucky Historical Society Index, Ford. Owing to destruction of census records, these tax records substitute in reconstructing the 1790 and 1800 census.

Kentucky Obituaries 1787-1854, Glenn G. Clift. 5,000 obituary notices were taken from six early Kentucky newspapers and published by the Register of the Kentucky History Society. Name of deceased, place of residence, spouse, parent or other survivors, date of death.

Early Kentucky Landholders 1787-1811, James F. Sutherland. 17,000 landholders whose names appeared in the annual tax lists for Lincoln County. Can be regarded as a statewide tax list.

Early Kentucky Settlers, The Records of Jefferson County, Kentucky. From the Filson Club History Quarterly. In 1780, Kentucky County, VA was divided into 3 Kentucky counties: Fayette, Lincoln and Jefferson. Earliest records known to exist: wills, deeds, surveys, poll lists, records from minute books.

Index to Pennsylvania's Colonial Records Series, Dr. Mary Dunn. Index to 16 volumes of archives. The first ten volumes are minutes of the Provincial Council 1683-1775. The last six cover minutes of the Supreme Executive Council. Index to names of 50,000 men and women who played a role in the early history of Pennsylvania.

Tennessee Genealogical Research, George K. Schweitzer, Ph.D., Sc.D. Contains Tennessee background material, types of records, record locations, county listings. Gift of Nancy Parker.

Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, William Wade Henshaw. Volumes 1 thru 5. Extracted records from the original Friends Meetings in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey and New York. This set is now complete.

The 19th Arkansas Infantry Regiment, Volunteers, C.S.A., by Merrill Theo Pence. Gift of Merrill Theo Pence, of Norman.

An Alphabetical Index to ULSTER IMMIGRATION TO PHILADELPHIA 1803-1850, Raymond D. Adams.

Cleveland County Original Tax Records, 109 volumes, have been donated to our library by Carol Lowry, Cleveland County Treasurer. More volumes will arrive as they are microfilmed.

The Ramseys and Related Families, with genealogical charts, by Robert H. Stone. Gift of Robert H. Stone (Springfield, MO.)

Stone Connections, a more complete genealogy of the Stone family, by Robert H. Stone. Gift of Robert H. Stone.

Wythe County Virginia Tax List 1793-1800, Malita Warren Murphy and James L. Douthat. Indexed list. Gift of Nancy Parker.

Wythe County Virginia Will Books I and II 1799-1822. Contains will inventory/appraisal, bill of sale, settlement. Gift of Nancy Parker

El Reno Land District 1901 Land Lottery Index to Names of Homesteaders Filing, compiled by Louise Finley Wilcox and Julie Peterson Hinton. Gift of Mrs. Louise Finley Wilcox.

Mr. James Agar (Agar-Ford-Jarman & Muldrow Insurance Agency) has donated a book of the minutes and records of the Norman Building and Loan Association. On January 8, 1895, citizens of Norman received a call in The Norman Transcript and The Territorial Topic to meet at the office of the Probate Judge S.J. Wilkins for the purpose of organizing a building and loan association. H.T. Miller called the meeting to order. E.T. Taylor was elected chairman and O.W. Meacham was elected secretary. Committees consisting of A.B. Williams, O.W. Meacham, F.E. Clements, A. McDaniel and H.T. Miller were appointed to solicit stores. Minutes of the regular meetings include names of active businessmen in the area. When time becomes available, this book will be indexed to be more useful for researchers.

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS ARE NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH MATERIALS:

Smith's First Directory of Oklahoma Territory. Gift of Evelyn Parker, Olier Valliere, Pat Starzer, Esther Ciereszko, and Marge Early.

The following books were a gift of Boyce and Alice Timmons in memory of Rachel Valliere:

- Those Who Cried, the 16,000.
- Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry, a basic Genealogical Research Guide.
- Supplement to the 1880 Rolls Cherokee-Indian Territory.
- Authenticated Rolls of the 1880 Cherokee Nation-Indian Territory.
- Index to Homesteaders. Gift of Olier Valliere in memory of Rachel Valliere.

The following books were a gift of Olier Valliere in memory of his wife Rachel Valliere:

- Intruders Into the Choctaw and Chickasaw National 1884-1890.
- Pottawatomis -- Keepers of the Fire.
- Pottawatomis of the West.
- The Intruders--The Illegal Residents of the Cherokee Nation 1866-1907.

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DEATH CERTIFICATE INITIALS: Here's help in case you ever come across any of these initials on a death certificate:

- d.s.p. died without issue (decessit sine prole)
- d.s.p.l. died without legitimate issue (decessit sine prole legitima)
- d.s.p.m. died without male issue (decessit sine prole mascula)
- d.s.p.m.s. died without surviving male issue (decessit sine prole mascula supersita)
- d.s.p.s. died without surviving issue (decessit sine prole supersita)
- d.u.n.m. died unmarried
- d.v.p. died in the lifetime of his mother.

EDNA COUCH RECOGNIZED

In the tradition of Frontier Oklahoma and the Great Land Run of 1889, the University of Central Oklahoma at Edmond broke ground on April 22, 1994 for a major capital improvements program. The 89'er celebration included 22 simultaneous ground-breaking ceremonies on the Campus. Students, faculty, staff and guests were then treated to a complimentary barbeque lunch at Centennial Square. They were entertained by the UCO Jazz Ensemble and others and a unified ground-breaking ceremony was held.

Our own 89'er, Edna Couch dressed in her pioneer costume, was a special guest and was seated on the VIP platform. After introducing the Regents, Mayors of surrounding cities and others, UCO President and former Governor George Nigh introduced Edna and commented that "she was the real star" on the platform. The barbeque was followed by a Land Run reenactment on the North Lawn of University Center presented by Edmond fourth and fifth graders dressed in costume and pulling little red wagons. Edna reports it was a memorable day from start to finish; they even sent a driver to pick her up! Picture taking and visiting with friends, old and new, were enjoyed.

We wish UCO every success in their \$52 million building and renovation project and we are pleased they chose to honor one of our own CCGS members on this very special occasion.

Evelyn Parker

EASTERN EUROPEAN RESEARCH HELP

German, Russian, Polish and other Eastern European emigrants boarded ships in Hamburg from 1850 until 1914. The Hamburg Association for the Protection of Emigrants fed, housed and kept track of those departing. More than 5 million names (and ages, occupations and home towns) are preserved on the list at the Historic Emigration Office, Post of Hamburg, St. Pauli Landungsbrücken (between piers 4 & 5), 2000 Hamburg 1. Call (40) 300051250 or fax (40) 30051253. A records search only takes one hour if you are able to go to the office in person. The fee is \$30 and includes a "certificate" with the excerpt pertaining to your ancestor. Information is available in the US from the Hamburg North America Representation, 38 W. 32nd St., Suite 1210, New York NY 10001. Call 212-967-3110. You may also contact your nearest German Consulate for a typed list of genealogical societies in Germany who will aid your research.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR DEUTSCHE ZENTRALSTELLE FÜR GENEALOGIE

The Central Bureau for Genealogy in Leipzig, established in 1910, was the only genealogical organization allowed to continue in East Germany under the communists. West German genealogists formed a new society in Friedrichsdorf under the same name after the wall went up.

The Deutsche Zentralstelle für Genealogie in Leipzig has a new address. They no longer receive mail at Georgi-Dimitroff Platz. Their new address: Zentralstelle für Genealogie, Kathe-Kollwitz-Strasse 82, D-04109 Leipzig, Germany. Call 341-401-1113.

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NEBRASKA OPENS VITAL STATISTICS

The Nebraska Attorney General has issued an opinion that birth and death records qualify as open records under the state statute. The Vital Statistics Office is accepting requests for this information. There is now NO FEE and NO REQUIREMENT FOR A PROPER PURPOSE. However, the information cannot be accessed by mail or by telephone. You must personally visit the office. If you wish a certified copy, the fee is \$6 for either birth or death certificate.

Cooper State Bulletin, Spring 1994

The Tree Tracers, Southwest OK Gen. Soc., vol XVIII:3

Fauquier County, Virginia Register of Free Negroes 1817-1865, abstracted and indexed by Karen King Ibrahim, Karen Hughes White and Courtney Gaskins. The publisher is Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, PO Box 298, Midland, VA 22728-0298. The book is \$20 plus \$5.50 s/h.

Jamestowne, Virginia was the disembarkation point for the first recorded cargo of indentured blacks in the colonies. Later other Virginia ports served as disembarkation points to many slave-bearing vessels. Thus, Virginia was the starting point for many black families in America.

In 1793 Virginia passed a law stating: Free Negroes and Mulattoes shall be registered and numbered in a book to be kept by the town clerk, which shall specify age, name, color, stature, description and by whom and in what court emancipated. Annually, the Negro shall be delivered a copy for 25 cents. A penalty is fixed for employing a Negro without a certificate, the Negro may be committed to jail. Every free Negro shall once in every three years obtain a new certificate."

It is believed that, in some cases, American Indians were listed in these registers for throughout the book you will see descriptions listing the persons as "copper colored".

Some county clerks listed the freed Negroes in the County Order Books or minutes; however, most counties kept separate registers. Many registers were lost or destroyed during the Civil War. Luckily, the Virginia Historical Society was able to obtain the original Register for Fauquier County.

Many families (both free and enslaved) moved from the Virginia area, before and after emancipation, to western and northern states. The register lists 845 entries that will serve as a tool for researchers. With thanks to Nuggets from Paradise from the Paradise (CA) Genealogical Society.

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WORLD WAR II MILITARY VETERANS: The US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17913-5008 continues their preservation of wartime history. World War II veterans are being asked to fill out an 18-page form that will become part of the nation's military history. If you are a World War II veteran, or if anyone in your family is, write for a form.

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US CAVALRY ASSOCIATION: If you have an ancestor who served in the United States Cavalry, you might wish to become a member of the US Cavalry Association, PO Box 6253, Fort Bliss, TX 79906. Records there include short biographies of cavalymen from the Revolutionary War to the mid-1900s.

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VIRGINIA: The Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 West Broad Street, Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23210-3023, is asking help to mount a campaign to preserve Virginia's heritage, the records in which genealogists so avidly pursue research.

The Virginia State Archives is the repository for all state records including land patents and grants, military certificates, Confederate pensions, tax records and other documents that record our state's history and our ancestor's lives.

For years counties have voluntarily sent their original records to the Archives to insure their preservation. These records, still in the boxes they came in, still covered with dust, are stacked in the aisles, inaccessible, slowly being eaten away by acid, crumbling into dust.

Budget restraints and overseers more concerned with other matters have contributed to the neglect, says the VGS. Legislative action is needed if the destruction is to be stopped. Virginians, and others, are asked to contact the Virginia legislators by writing, by fax, by phone or in person. Let them know that the genealogical community nationwide is vitally concerned about the future of Virginia's history. Let them know that you expect them to safeguard the records of the past.

Your local library can supply you with names and addresses, or write Odom Library, PO Box 1110, Moultrie, GA 31776-1110, for a copy of the letter from the VGS and the addresses. Long SASE please. all from The Family Tree, Odom Genealogy Library, Vol V:2

INDIAN GROUNDS RESEARCHED

By Doris Wedge of The Norman Transcript staff

In a successful effort to "leave some footprints" in history, a Norman woman and her brother have completed "Our People and Where they Rest," a nine-volume diagrammed accounting of 45,500 graves in Indian cemeteries in 16 northeastern Oklahoma counties.

Although they originally thought they might complete a one-volume work for their own Cherokee tribe, Alice Tyner Timmons and James Tyner have now touched on the histories of 37 tribes that once lived in northeastern Oklahoma.

"We are Cherokee," Mrs. Timmons said, "and we wanted to do something for our tribe . . . to leave some footprints."

Their interest in Indian burial places began about seven years ago when they found the resting place of Betsey Snaketail, their great-great-grandmother.

"She walked the Trail of Tears when she was 64 years old," Mrs. Timmons said. They found her grave in the Caney Cemetery near Wauhillau, OK. But they also found "a lot of history under the soil."

"Nearly everyone who considers himself an Oklahoman will find his name in these books," Mrs. Timmons said, seated in her tiny, book-lined office from which she supervises the Phillips Collection at OU's Bizzell Memorial Library.

Her position there gave her unique opportunity to research meticulously the names her brother found while traveling the backwoods of northeastern Oklahoma.

"He wore out three brand new pickups doing the 'footwork'," Mrs. Timmons punned, although they both spent many weekends and vacations checking burial grounds.

The volumes consist of a diagram of each cemetery and the names of those buried there. Each volume is indexed by family name.

"We would like to have indexed the whole thing, but there are 45,500 names. It just would have been too great a task."

Tyner carried notebooks and photo equipment as well as an ax and shovel in his pickup to help him find and record the burial places and he "hired" a unique bodyguard to watch over supplies in the back of his pickup. His guard, a large tarantula, was harmless, but most people who approached the pickup didn't think so. The ax was often needed just to clear a path in the underbrush to find a burial place he had been told about, such as the gravesite of the grandfather of Oklahoman Will Rogers.

"You know what kind of a memorial Will Rogers has. But his grandfather's grave is so far back off the beaten path that while James was clearing around the headstone, he looked up and he was being watched by three wolves. He says he was glad the wolves weren't any hungrier than he was," Mrs. Timmons related.

They have also discovered a single grave in which 64 members of the Ponca Tribe are buried. All were victims of malaria and smallpox which swept the tribe during the Poncas' mournful "Trail of Tears" from Nebraska to Oklahoma.

They also found gravesites of persons they believe to be the grandchildren of Sacajawea, the Comanche (Shoshone) who led Lewis and Clark on their expedition; of Spring Frog, who was the scout for Audubon and of a woman they believe to be the daughter of Sequoyah.

In many of the cemeteries the markers, often just rocks with names or initials scratched on them, have been moved around until it is impossible to know who is buried where.

In other cemeteries, they found headstones used to brace fenceposts. Or, as in the case of the famous Chouteau family burial place, the headstones were gone, without a trace, although the brother-sister team have several clues as to their disappearance.

The worth of their efforts seems even more precious when they realize that since the first volume was printed in 1969, six of those cemeteries included in that volume have been completely destroyed by the construction of roads. That first volume was financed by the American Indian Institute but Mrs. Timmons and her brother have financed the completion of the other volumes. Orders come daily from libraries throughout the country, "and all proceeds will go to the Cherokee Hall of Fame."

James Tyner has kept a very complete diary of all of the stories he heard during his search and Mrs. Timmons is beginning research to verify the stories which will be published in a later volume.

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HOMESTEAD RECORDS

If you believe your ancestors obtained land through the Homestead Act of May 1862, in a public land state (see below), you can find these records by following these steps.

First, a legal description must be obtained from the county clerk of the county in which the land was located. Then this information, plus the name of your ancestor and the county in which he resided, must be provided to the National Archives in order to obtain copies of the homestead records. When writing, ask for the entire homestead application file so nothing will be omitted. Many times these files contain naturalization papers, army discharge papers, testimonies and various other documents that you would not want to miss seeing.

The National Archives will respond to your inquiry with a form that will tell what information will be provided and the cost. The fee is usually small.

Send inquiries to: Reference Services Branch (NNRS), National Archives, Washington, DC 20408.

Public Land States

Alabama	Iowa	New Mexico
Alaska	Kansas	North Dakota
Arizona	Louisiana	Ohio
Arkansas	Michigan	Oklahoma
California	Minnesota	Oregon
Colorado	Mississippi	South Dakota
Florida	Missouri	Utah
Idaho	Montana	Washington
Illinois	Nebraska	Wisconsin
Indiana	Nevada	Wyoming

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ENGLISH CENSUS 1841

A census for 1841 was taken in England, Wales and Scotland; unlike the 1851 census it still contained more information than the 1840 US census. The 1841 English census contained age and sex for all those over 14 and exact age for those under 5. It asked for profession or occupation and Y or N if born in Scotland-Ireland or foreign parts of England.

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UKRANIAN records available now. With the opening of the border in Europe, records in the Ukraine are now more readily available. For experienced help in this area, you might wish to contact Rush Associates, Roy Rushka, 1455-C Holly Bush Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324. Call 513-429-1432.

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American Genealogy Magazine began publishing in the March/April issue a series of abstracts from long-forgotten documents recently uncovered at the National Archives in Washington.

Craig R. Scott, the magazine's military records columnist, discovered 105 boxes of pension records relating to the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Seminole War. These dust-covered files were NOT included in the compiled pension records when they were created by the National Archives staff.

"Since they were filed in account order and not alphabetically, no one had looked at them in years," stated Scott, a Certified Genealogical Record Searcher. "Some of these obscure files contain nothing more than a final record of payment, while others contain letters from the pensioner, his widow or children."

American Genealogy Magazine is publishing a box-by-box listing of each file, with the names of pensioners, account numbers and the location of the pension office.

"The publication of this series in American Genealogy Magazine will be a great boon to family historians, for it will be a key to accessing thousands of valuable documents," stated James Pylant, the periodical's editor.

Other features of the magazine include free queries to subscribers (up to 50 words), book reviews, how-to articles, an ancestor chart section. Subscription rates are \$22.50 for one year and \$43.00 for two years. (Texas residents add 8.25% sales tax.) Datatrace Systems, PO Box 1587, Stephenville, TX 76401.

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CITY DIRECTORIES

The Sutro Library, Branch of California State Library, 480 Winston Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132 (415/731-4477), has a series of pre-Civil War city directories on microfiche which can be borrowed on inter-library loan by requesting the specific city of interest. This series covers nearly every US city before 1861 and includes some directories of East Coast cities which date back to colonial times. LA Westside Gen. Soc., July 1993

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS

The Massachusetts State Archives has available vital records from 1841-1890 on file, including adoptions and illegitimate births. Open to the public. Write to the Massachusetts State Archives State House, Boston, MA 02133. Olympia Gen. Soc. July 92

OHIO HELP

If you send the name of the county, and the settler's name you are researching (one county and one surname per letter), the staff at the State Library will check their indexes for your name and send you notification of the number of pages they have found, and costs to copy this information for you. Send requests to: State Library of Ohio, 65 LS Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Eastside Gen. Soc Bulletin Board, Mar 93
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