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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With this issue CCGS begins a new membership year. We look forward to you joining us again as we continue working to share and preserve research information. Dues are still \$15 for a family membership (husband and wife) and \$10 for an individual membership. Dues should be sent to CCGS, PO Box 6176, Norman, OK 73070. IF THE MAILING LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER HAS A RED MARK, OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR 1995 and THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

At our meeting on February 21, Bruce Robertson will entertain us with music played on the bagpipes and talk about the bagpipe association. Meeting place will be announced at a later date.

The March 21 and May 16 meetings will be held in the Lowry Room of the Norman Public Library.

On April 18th Don DeWitt will talk about using the Draper Papers. Place to be announced.

The June 20 meeting will be the annual business meeting of CCGS and election of new officers. Place to be announced.

Spring will be a busy time for CCGS members. The Wal-Mart Business Fair and Used Book Sale is March 25. The Ancestor Jamboree is scheduled for April 29, and we will have a Used Book Sale booth at the May Fair in early May. These activities provide the funds used to operate the CCGS Library. Start now looking through your collections for books to donate for the two sales -- westerns, romances and mysteries are particularly popular. Margaret Earls and Fran Blair are already collecting books brought to the Library.

A fund to purchase a computer for the CCGS Library was started in 1993. Approximately \$500 more is needed. Many genealogical records are being put on CDs and Henry Hensel has generously contributed a number of CDs to our library. Plans have also been made to put our library card file on the computer. In addition, indexing of the tax and court records we have received from Cleveland County could be done on this computer. (Evelyn Parker would appreciate the help, I am sure!) Think about making a contribution to this fund -- just mark it "Computer."

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

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

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DALLAS MORNING NEWS ON CD-ROM: The 1993 Dallas Morning News is now available for use at the W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library. This provides access by subject to the thousands of articles that appeared during 1993 in this paper. Researchers can retrieve a list of articles on a particular subject and print copies. More information from W. O. Haggard, Jr. Library, 2051 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75086.

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ICELAND has no family surnames! Jon Stefansson's son and daughter Leifur and Helga, would be called Leifur Jonsson and Helga Jonsdottir. When Helga marries, she'll be called Fru (Mrs.) instead of Ungfru (Miss) Jonsdottir, rather than by her husband's name. To find someone in the phone book, look under the first name; this is followed by the patronyms, occupations and addresses. While this system seems peculiar to us, it is reported that Icelanders have little trouble tracing their ancestry to early Norse settlements. With thanks to the Aurora Genealogical Society of Colorado.

all from The Family Tree, Odom Genealogy Library, Vol V:2

CITIZENSHIP THROUGH FEDERAL LAND ACQUISITION

When the US acquired the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 from France, people living in the area were automatically US citizens from the time the land was transferred. Florida became part of the US when it was purchased in 1810 and 1812. The western part of the area was annexed in 1821 and added to Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Most of the inhabitants living there were Spanish and unless they chose to retain their Spanish citizenship, they became Americans when these changes were made. When Alaska was bought from Russia in 1867, its residents became US citizens. Hawaii ceded itself to the US in 1898, Puerto Rico in 1917, and the Virgin Islands in 1927. All residents were permitted to become American citizens if they so desired.

Texas was unique in that their citizens became Americans in 1845 by action of a Resolution of Congress subsequent to their having become an independent republic before joining the US.

If your ancestor did not arrive before the Revolution, fall into one of the above land acquisitions, or was a native Indian or an African made citizen by congressional action, there is a good chance his naturalization papers are extant and can be located. Of course, some were lost in fires or other disasters.

Adapted from Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor, by James C. and Lila Lee Neagles via Ottawa County Genealogical Society, Vol XXVI:2

NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA

The 1833 State Census for Barbour County, AL, Helen S. Foley
Obituaries from Newspapers, 1890-1905, Helen S. Foley
Abstracts of Wills and Estates from Orphan Civil Records, Vols 5-6, Helen S. Foley

Early Settlers, Vols I & II, Marie Godfrey

Marriage Records of 1838-1857, Helen Foley

Bible Records, Vols I & II, Helen Foley

Rural Land Owners, Marie Godfrey

GENERAL ALABAMA

Old Demopolis Land Office Records and Military Warrants, 1818-1860 and Records of the Vine and Olive Colony, Marilyn Davis Barefield

Old Huntsville Land Office Records & Military Warrants 1810-1854, Marilyn Davis Barefield

Old Sparta and Elba Land Office Records and Military Warrants 1822-1860, Marilyn Davis Barefield

Old St. Stephen's Land Office Records and American State Papers of Public Lands, Vol I, Marilyn Davis Barefield

Old Montgomery Land Office Records and Military Warrants 1834-1869, Marilyn Davis Barefield

The Old Mardisville, Lebanon and Centre Land Office Records & Military Warrants 1834-1860, Marilyn Davis Barefield

Old Tuskaloosa Land Office Records and Military Warrants 1821-1855, Marilyn Davis Barefield

LOUISIANA

Acadian Church Records 1679-1757, Winston DeVille.

Acadian Coast 1779 Settlers of Cabanocey, Winston Deville.

Southwest Louisiana 1807: The Land and Slave Tax of St. Landry Parish in the Territory of Louisiana (1803-1812), Winston Deville.

St. Catherine Colonists, Winston DeVille.

English Land Grants in West Florida. A Register for the States of Alabama,

Census Tables French Colony of Louisiana 1699-1732, Charles Maduell.

The Natchez Court Records 1767-1805, May Wilson McBee.

The Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana and the Creoles of German Descent, J.H. Deiler.

Index to US Tract Books Northwestern Land (Old Natchitoches), Ennis Tipton.

Washington Parish, Louisiana 1798-1869, Ernest Russ Williams, Jr.

Quarterly Lists of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans 1820-1875, Microfilm.

Land Claims in the Eastern District of the Orleans Territory.

Records of Louisiana Confederate Soldiers and Commands, Andrew B. Booth.

The Civil War Tax in Louisiana 1658, Based on Direct Tax.

MISSISSIPPI

Land Claims in Mississippi Territory, Walter Lowrie.

Mississippi, and Parts of Louisiana and Florida, Winston Deville

Early Settlers of Mississippi as Taken from Land Claims in the Mississippi Territory, Vol 1

GEORGIA

Some Georgia County Records, Vols I, II, III, by The Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.

DONATIONS

Living with Feuerbach, 250th Anniversary, donated by Harry W. Fierbaugh, Jr.
Feuerbach-Firebaugh-Fierbaugh Family History, donated by Harry W. Fierbaugh, Jr.

Old Obituaries of Generations Gone By--The Late Eli Zaring Family, From the States of Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, donated by Joseph Dale Fry, Garden City, KS

The Fry Lineage and Related Family Groups, 1789-1986, donated by Joseph Dale Fry, Garden City, KS

The Goingsnake Messenger is a quarterly specializing in the publication and preservation of Cherokee and/or early white settlers in the Indian Territory and early Oklahoma history. It is available for \$10 from Goingsnake District Heritage Association, Route 4, Box 6, Colcord, OK 74338-9403.

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Roots for Kids is the title of a book by Susan Provost Beller. It is based on a 12-week course the author developed for her fourth grade class and written at a level 8- to 12-year-olds should find interesting and understandable. Paperback, indexed, \$7.95. Contact Marmie Apsley, Editor, Green Country Quarterly, Broken Arrow Gen Soc, P.O.Box 1244, Broken Arrow, OK 74013-1244.

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NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGY publications are available from Oklahoma Yesterday Publications, 8745 East 9th Street, Tulsa, OK 74112-4815, (918) 835-4118. Contact the publisher, Dorothy Tincup Mauldin for a current catalog.

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Relatively Searching, P.O.Box 146, Hamilton, KS 66853 has the following publications for sale: Greenwood County, Kansas MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK I & II, 1865 CENSUS, WATTS CROSSING, and GRIFFITH MILBRADT LINE family newsletters. Send for price list.

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SURNAME FILE INDEX is a free service of the Talbot Lib. & Museum, P.O.Box 349, Colcord, OK 74338. Send the information on a 3x5 card, one side only, one surname per card. Print or type the surname and optional information such as given names in the upper left corner; print your name, address and phone # in the upper right corner. If a cover letter or ancestor chart accompanies the card, print "see vertical file" in the lower right corner of the card. General area of information at the library is for Northeastern OK, Northwestern AR, Southwestern MO, and Southeastern KS, plus material on Indians, particularly the Cherokees. Volunteers will check the surname index and copy up to 3 index cards for \$1 + SASE. The Green Country Quarterly, Broken Arrow Gen Soc, Vol 14:2

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MISSOURI - ORDER #11 Do you know about the quirk in history that took place in Missouri during the Civil War? Order #11 was given by General Thomas Ewing, who commanded the Union forces along the Missouri border with Kansas. If you would care to read about this event for yourself, see chapter 2 of A Dynasty of Western Outlaws. If you had families in Jackson, Cass, Bates or part of Vernon County and you lost them after 1860, it could be because of Order #11. On August 23, 1863, two days after Quantrill and his gang burned Lawrence, Kansas, General Ewing issued Order #11. Regardless of right, or justice, or even if families were loyal to the Union cause, they were forced to leave their homes with what little they could carry. The belongings that were left behind were looted and the homes burned. They could not even sell the property they left behind. Cass County at that time had a population of 10,000. Order #11 reduced this to 600. Those who establish loyalty to the satisfaction of the commander could move to one of the garrisoned towns. Some families returned to Missouri in early 1867, but many other families may have remained in their new location.

Excerpted from The Green Country Quarterly, Broken Arrow Gen Soc, Vol 14:2

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FOUR CORNERS CONNECTING OK, AR, MO, KS have commonalities. That is why the Talbot Library and Museum at Colcord, OK is collecting genealogical materials on the people in and around that area of Indian Territory. Visitors are welcome to search their records in the Genealogy Area, and Indian History Sections of the Library. You are also invited to submit materials for publication in bi-monthly newsletter, the T.L. & M. Genealogy. Subscription price is only \$5 per year. For information, write to Virgil Talbot, Librarian and Curator, P.O. Box 349, Colcord, OK 74338-0349 or call (918) 326-4532.

The Tree Tracers, SWOGS, Vol XVIII:1

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KENTUCKY Archives began charging non-Kentucky residents a non-refundable research fee of \$8 on April 1, 1994. This applies only to mail requests. It includes up to 30 minutes of research in indexed materials, and up to 3 reader-printer copies from microfilmed records or six photocopies of original records or secondary sources. Patrons will be billed for additional copies (\$3 minimum, plus postage). Genealogical Reference Request Forms must be used and can be ordered free of charge from the Archives Research Room, Kentucky Dept. for Libraries and Archives, P.O.Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602-0537.

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The 1995 Phillips' Genealogy Fair will be held in Oklahoma. They are expecting Phillips' families to attend from OK, TX, CO, KS, MO, AR, and LA. All Phillips' families are invited. The Fair will provide Phillips' families the opportunity to compare their ancestors and to bring their genealogical books and old picture albums. If you have a Phillips' bloodline appearing in your ancestry or living relatives, please send information (name, address, telephone, how many in your party) to Phillips' Family News, c/o Dale Phillips, 1927 South 7th Street, Chickasha, OK 73018. Telephone (405) 224-6927. SASE. Phillips' Family News annual fee is \$10.

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The following newspaper clipping, dated Friday, October 12, 1900, was placed in my box at the CCGS Library, with no notation as to where it was published. The photocopy was not good enough to use, so I retyped it as it appeared. Editor

BIG JIM DEAD.

The Noted Indian Chief Succumbs to Smallpox in Mexico.

About two months ago Big Jim, chief of the Shawnee tribe located in the eastern part of this county, left for Old Mexico to negotiate with the Mexican government for land that they might move upon, not being satisfied with their surroundings in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory.

Four other chiefs of different tribes accompanied him. While in Mexico the five chiefs contracted the smallpox, and died about three weeks ago. Dave Wildcat, Jim's interpreter returned a few days ago and is now afflicted with the smallpox out in 6-1-east.

Big Jim has been a prominent figure upon the streets of Norman for several years. About fifteen years ago the Shawnee tribe divided and Jim with about 100 Indians settled down on Little River.

They occupy nearly all of one township. The tribe probably numbers 150.

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The Cleveland County Genealogical Society is sponsoring the OKLAHOMA ANCESTOR JAMBOREE Saturday, April 29, 1995, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ramada Inn, I-35 and Lindsey Street Exit, Norman, Oklahoma. Admission: a \$2.00 donation to the Society. Exhibitor reservations will include free admission for two people. Tables will be reserved on a first come, first served basis, as space permits. Call for prices. The tables will be available for displays of material to be shared. Books and other help-aids may be purchased. Call the Ramada (405) 321-0110, for a special rate of \$42.00 for Friday night. For further info, call CCGS (405) 329-9180, Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday from 1-5 p.m. Look for info on Lineage, historical and genealogical societies, surname research; special sessions on Old German, France, Native American, Ireland. For a \$5.00 donation, your name and five surnames you are researching will be included in a directory of participants and their surnames. Additional surnames may be added for \$.50 each. You may pick up your directory at the Jamboree on April 29, or have it mailed for \$2.00 (p&h). Make all checks payable to CCGS.

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James Mohon, one of our CCGS members, has published an article on Company F (Asby's) 2nd Tennessee Cavalry in the journal Civil War Regiments. He says the article is strictly a "military" history and has very little family information. However, the Appendix A is an expanded roster of the officers of the company and provides considerable information about many of them. He has names of all men, with the exception of two, listed in the article. Most are in the footnotes, and the names are all indexed. If anyone is interested in a particular enlisted man, he will be glad to provide more information if it is available in his notes. The journal is in our CCGS Library.

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INDEX TO INDIANA MARRIAGES has been completed. This project began over 15 years ago. The file is alphabetically arranged by both bride and groom. Included in the data is county of marriage. The index also includes marriages appearing in "Abstract of the Records of the Society of Friends of Indiana" by William Hass and those noted in St. Francis Xavier Parish Church, Vincennes, which date from 1749. Because of the unavailability of records prior to 1850, the following counties are not included: Clay, Jasper, Madison, Newton, Noble, and part of Sullivan. Write the Indiana State Library, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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EAST TEXAS RESEARCH CENTER at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches is unique. Among its collections are out-of-print and new books, mostly Texana, over 11,000 cataloged photographs and slides; early Nacogdoches newspapers; over 600 cataloged maps; and oral history collection; manuscript collections such as diaries, letters, land records, memoirs and other papers. For more information, contact Linda Cheves Nicklas, Special Collections Librarian, Steen Library, Box 13055, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962-3055, (409) 568-4100.

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PLOTTING DEED DESCRIPTIONS is made easy with a computer program. For Macintosh computers, using metes and bounds, the Farmer's Plotter, Older Kids and Co., 8547 E Arapahoe Rd #J-144, Greenwood Village, CO 80012. It uses 820 K, System 6.08 or higher, and costs \$35 pp. For IBM compatible computers, you can order DEEDMAPPER, Direct Line Software, 71 Neshobe Rd., Newton MA 02168. It requires 640 K RAM, HDD, mouse, VGA graphics, DOS 3.0 or higher and costs \$99.

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LOST RELATIVES

Metro Net has a National Look-up 900 number which might help people trying to find missing family members, even those with unlisted phone numbers; you will receive the address only. Average cost for one search that covers the nationwide directory is \$5. Call (800) 288-4571 for more information. [SMCGS V.12, #5 via NVGS NL V.20, #8] California Genealogical Soc. News, VXXV, #6

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THE ORPHAN TRAIN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AMERICA continues to seek individuals associated with the orphan trains. Between 1853 and 1893 at least 200,000 children and several thousand adults participated in a relocation system for the urban poor. For information: 4912 Trout Farm Rd., Springdale, AR 72764.

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SAVE THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT PENSION RECORD APPLICATIONS. The Federation of Genealogical Societies, in cooperation with the Michigan Genealogical Council, is spearheading an initiative to have the National Archives and Records Administration change the retention schedule for these files. They are currently destroyed 35 years after the payment of the last claim. A letter of support would be appreciated. Send to Dr. Trudy Peterson, Acting Archivist, NARA, c/o Ms. Kim S. Harrison, Past president of Michigan Genealogical Council, 55832 Pontiac Trail Court, New Hudson, MI 48165-9703.

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ARKANSAS AMERICAN CIVIL WAR ASSOCIATION will publish, in the Spring of 1995, a two-volume history entitled Choices...The American Civil War in Arkansas. Volume I will contain an in-depth study of 48 months of Arkansas history. Volume II will contain biographical sketches and photographs of Arkansas Civil War veterans. Descendants have an opportunity to include information about their ancestors. Write for an information packet from the Association: P.O.Box 312, Green Forest, AR 72638-0312.

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A NEW GENEALOGICAL BOOKSHOP has been opened in Edmond, OK. Mary and Clark Kuffee announced that the hours of the Forty-Sixth State Historical Research Bookshop are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wed., Thurs., and Fri.; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat. or by special appointment. The address is 70121-B West Edmond Rd, Edmond, OK 73003-4564. Mary is currently president of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society. The couple said that the new bookshop will augment their research services by stocking general and Oklahoma-specific genealogy books, forms, supplies, and gifts, along with providing a ready source of advice for both novice and expert do-it-yourselfers. For info, phone or FAX (405) 359-7462.

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GEORGIA VITAL RECORDS DEATH INDEX 1919-1993 is now available at the Georgia Archives.

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THE WEST POINT CEMETERY (West Point Military Academy in New York state) is not a part of the national cemetery system. For information concerning its 6,500 burials, contact Mrs. Grace Foster, West Point Cemetery, Memorial Office Bldg 329, West Point NY 10996-5000 or (914) 938-2504. Burial information is computerized. all from The Tree Tracers, Vol XIX, #1

THE U.S. CAVALRY ASSOCIATION is recording short biographical sketches of individuals who served in the cavalry from the Revolutionary War to the end of the cavalry as a branch of service in our Army. The information can come from living cavalymen or descendants of those who served, rolls, assignment orders, morning reports and other sources. Information is placed in a databank for future researchers. Write for a bio sketch form from the USCA, P.O.Box 2325, Fort Riley, KS 66442-0325. (NOTE: This is their new address.)

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ENGLAND RESEARCHERS should be aware that a "hamlet" has no Episcopal church; a "village" has a church; a "town" has a royal charter to hold markets; and a "city" has an Anglican bishop. Florida Gen Soc Newsletter #65, June 1994

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WHEN SEARCHING LAND RECORDS, be aware that the SURVEYOR was a professional, hired to do a job. The CHAIN CARRIER was probably a trusted relative. Seek out information on the chain carrier.

Ruth Moran, presenter at July 1994 SWOGS program.

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FREE BOOKLET TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN BRITAIN can be ordered from the British Tourist Authority. Some have also received an extra full-size map of Great Britain and another of London, plus information for the traveler. Write to the British Tourist Authority, World Trade Center, 350 Figueroa St., Dept 323, Los Angeles, CA 90071-1203. Include a legal size SASE.

Nuggets from Paradise, March 1994

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HUDSON GENEALOGY CO. specializes in books by Historical Societies, Genealogical Societies and individuals. Most of their books will not be found in other catalogs or seen at workshops. For info: P.O.Box 670327, Dallas TX 75367.

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NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will celebrate its 150-year anniversary with a major conference 13-15 July 1995. For program: NEHGS, 101 Newbury St., Boston MA 02116 (617) 536-5740.

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THE CUBAN INDEX is not just about Cubans. There are many records in the database from the U.S., Spain, Mexico, Africa, England, France, China, Central and South America, as well as other Caribbean islands. The sources include newspapers, marriage and death records, ship passenger arrivals and departures, burial lists, naturalization lists, hotel lists, civil and criminal court cases, city directories and much more. Request a search by decade (1840-9) (1850-9) (1870-9) 1880-9) (1890-9) (1900-9) (1919-9) (1920-9) (1930-9) for \$5 per name. Send to Peter Carr, P.O.Box 15839, San Luis Obispo CA 93406.

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NAMES OF ILLINOIS VETERANS serving in the Indian Wars, Civil War and Spanish-American War has been indexed. You may request information on two persons at a time. Send SASE to Illinois State Archives, Archives Building, Springfield IL 62756.

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WILLIAM DOLLARHIDE GENEALOGY WORKSHOP Thursday, February 16, 1995, Broken Arrow Gen Soc, P.O.Box 1244, Broken Arrow 74013-1244 (918) 451-3214. Two afternoon & two different evening lectures. Advance registration: \$10 for afternoon OR evening; \$15 for afternoon AND evening. \$10 & \$20 at the door. Registration times 1:30 & 6:00 p.m. Topics: deed records, census records, federal land records, American expansion and migration. On 1 July 1994 the Dollarhide Systems of Bellingham, WA was purchased by American Genealogical Lending Library. Dollarhide is the Manager of Publications for AGLL and his products will be marketed through them. He is the author of Managing a Genealogical Project; Genealogy Starter Kit; and co-author of Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920; the creator of Everyone's Family Tree genealogical software and editor of Genealogy Bulletin published by AGLL.

AXIOMS FROM BILL DOLLARHIDE (as interpreted by Virginia Smallwood)

- 1) Do not rely on someone's word or only one document as proof.
Too many genealogists rely on too little evidence. Take death documentation, for instance. Aunt Sally may remember that Uncle Jake died on a certain date, but that should only be a start in your quest for correct information. There are family Bible records, the death certificate, mortician's records, cemetery records, obituaries, and the Social Security death record and application, and these are just records for the demise of Uncle Jake! Since memories are not always accurate, and since mistakes are very common on documents of all kinds, a good genealogist has to gather a lot of evidence. Proof is the accumulation of good evidence.
- 2) Treat your ancestors' siblings as equal to your direct ancestors.
A number of genealogists are only interested in their direct ancestors. Unfortunately, not only do they miss out on a lot of great family history, but they also miss out on what is often the only route by which a pedigree can be pushed back in time. After all, your ancestors' siblings descended from the same parents and grandparents as your direct ancestor! When it appears that nothing can be found to tie your direct ancestor to the previous generation, there may be wonderful information easily found for your ancestor's sibling. Sequoia GS, Nov '94

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MUSTY BOOKS -- Place musty smelling books in a brown paper sack along with some clean cat litter. Close the bag tightly and leave for a week. When you take the books out, there will be no smell. (The Family Gathering, Mar '94 via HACS Informer, Aug '94) One warning, mold and mildew in old books can be transmitted to any other books with which they come in contact.

MAKING YOUR OWN MICROFILM

Did you know that you can make your own microfilm? Copy your genealogical records using an SLR camera and 35mm film and have it developed for use in a microfilm reader, use Tri-X pan (Eastman) film, 36 exposure, 400 ASA. If you have someone develop it for you, specify to return the roll uncut.

(Norman E. Wright, BUILDING AN AMERICAN PEDIGREE via CSGA, Sep '94)
via The San Joaquin GS, Vol 15, #5

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WORLD WAR I DRAFT REGISTRATION cards are available at the National Archives - Atlanta Branch, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30344. More than 24,000,000 Selective Service records are on file at the Center. They are filed by state and by draft board. To search the large file, they must have the full name of the person and their city and/or county at the time of registration. For Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Luzemee County in Pennsylvania and other large cities, a home street address or other specific location information (such as ward) is required. Use a separate request for each person and enclose \$6.00.

So what might you expect in return? A photocopy of the draft card listing name, permanent home address, age, date of birth, race, citizenship, present occupation, employer's name, place of employment or business, nearest relative's name and address, height, build, eye color, hair color, physical disqualifiers, date of registration and signature of registrant.

Any male born from 12 Sep 1873 to 12 Sep 1900 was required to register at one of three different times; men born from 5 June 1886 to 5 June 1896 were required to register 5 June 1917. The next year on 5 June 1918, men born from 6 June 1896 to 5 June 1897 were required to file their card. Another registration was held on 24 Aug 1918 for men who were born 6 June 1897 to 24 Aug 1897. The final draft registration was required on 12 Sept 1918 for anyone born between 12 Sep 1873 and 12 Sep 1887 as well as between 12 Sep 1897 and 12 Sep 1900.

When filling out the form, find the date your ancestor would have registered according to his birth date and put that in the Registration Date field. File a request for any (and all) ancestors born in the appropriate era regardless of citizenship. Allow about a month for an answer from the National Archives. (Information from the National Archives Quarterly Newsletter; Hillman Library has Draft Registration for City of Pittsburg in Special Collections Department). SOURCE: Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, November 1993 via Hotline, Delaware County GS, Vol 8, #3, Fall 1994

WHERE TO OBTAIN SITE LOCATION REPORTS FOR POST OFFICES

All extant records of site location reports for post offices have been transferred by the Postal Service to the National Archives and Records Administration, Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20408-001.

The reports of site locations are completed forms submitted by postmasters, mostly in the period from 1865 to 1946, giving the location of their post offices and other geographical information. They typically show the location of postoffices in relation to nearby post offices and transportation routes and facilities, and some reports show the locations in terms of legal land descriptions and/or small grid maps of the vicinity of the office.

The series has been reproduced in Microfilm Publication M1126, Post Office Dept. Reports of Site Locations, 1837-1950 and copies for a specific office or a few offices can be purchased for 25 cents per page (minimum order \$6). For larger orders, the Archives can also furnish positive copies of Microfilm Publication M1126 for \$23 a roll. Each roll generally contains several counties within a state, and there are 683 total rolls in the set.

To order the site location reports, your check or money order should be made payable to the National Archives Trust Fund and directed to Cashier, National Archives, Trust Fund, Washington, DC 20408-0001.

Since about 1950, the Postal Service has not used the site location forms to record changes in post office locations. For information after this date, it is recommended that you check with the nearest Postal Service Division or Management Sectional Center in your area. Source: Research Administrator/Historian,, Office of the Postmaster General, United States Postal Service. October 1991.

Bryan County Heritage Quarterly, November 1994

1960 CENSUS GONE !!

A slice of America's history has become as unreadable as Egyptian hieroglyphics before the discovery of the Rosetta Stone.

And more historic, scientific and business data is in danger of dissolving into a jumble of letters, numbers, and computer symbols. Americans paid billions to collect information and may now have to fork over millions more to preserve it.

That is part of the price for the country's eager embrace of more and more powerful computers. Much information from the last 30 years is stranded on computer tape from primitive or discarded systems unintelligible or soon to be so.

As a result, hundreds of thousands of Americans researching family history -- the largest use of the National Archives -- will find fascinating records of their relatives beyond reach. Detection of a disease or environmental threat or shift in social class could be delayed because data was lost before researchers even knew what questions to ask.

A number of records are lost or out of reach.

A total of 200 reels of 17-year-old Public Health Service computer tapes were destroyed in 1990 because no one could find out what the names and numbers on them meant.

The most extensive record of Americans who served in World War II exists only on 1,600 reels of microfilm of computer punch cards. As another anniversary of Pearl Harbor approaches, no manpower, money or machine is available to return the data to a computer so ordinary citizens could trace the war history of their relatives.

Census data from the 1960s exist on thousands of reels of old tape. Some may have decomposed, others may fall apart if run through the balky equipment which survives from that era.

Since 1960 the Census Bureau has changed computers and tape drives five times. There are 4,000 tapes that weren't copied. The tapes include parts of the 1960, 1970 and 1980 census.

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GERMAN GENEALOGY: The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society has made arrangement to provide the 58 minute VHS videotape which was filmed on location in and around Munich and Bavaria in Germany. This video, which is narrated in English, will tell you about border changes and emigration from Germany. State and local archivists and librarians speak directly about their collections and what information you need to give them in order for them to help you. Church archives and their records, which were written on the old script are discussed. The videotape answers where to research in Germany, and which archives and libraries can fill your specific needs. Cost is \$24.95 per copy and \$4.20 postage and handling for the first item and \$.75 for each additional item on the same order. Send check to W.P.G.S., 4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburg, PA 15213-2695. SSGHS Newsletter, July 1994 via Roots & Branches, Vol 17, #4

ARE YOU MOVING ?

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GRAVESTONES TELL A LOT!

Symbols hold the key to understanding gravestones. Visiting a cemetery doesn't have to be a sad occasion. In fact, strolling through your local cemetery is a peaceful way to enjoy both the natural beauty of the outdoors and the artistry used in creating gravestones and other monuments. An afternoon at the cemetery can also be educational. Many professional memorials hold interesting information about the lives of the individuals and families they commemorate, and often the history of the community as well.

For example, monument shapes often reflect the popular architecture style of the time or the region, while family names can provide information about a person's ancestry. Of course, many inscriptions offer insight into the person's values, aspirations and accomplishments.

In addition, many gravestones feature carved or etched symbols that provide important clues to the personality or occupation of the person they commemorate. Although the most interesting monuments are personalized with one-of-a-kind carvings of such things as a favorite pet, a vintage automobile, or the person's own likeness, there are also hundreds of symbols commonly used in memorial art. Other than religious symbols, the most common of these are flowers, trees, animals and other elements of nature.

To help you decipher the memorial symbols you'll see on your next cemetery visit, here's a list of just some of the symbols you might run across, and their common meanings.

FLOWERS AND TREES

Rose-beauty, love, wisdom

Daisy-innocence

Iris-eloquence, message, protection

Oak-strength

Laurel-glory

Palm-victory, eternal peace

Thistle-independence, symbol for Scottish descent

OTHER SYMBOLS

Interlocking rings-marriage

Book and lamp-education

Winged wheel-commerce

Candle on book-literature

Upright torch-liberty, upright life, scholastics

ANIMALS AND INSECTS

Lion-bravery

Lamb-innocence, children

Dog-watchfulness and fidelity

Butterfly-freedom

Bee-diligence and good order

Dove-peace

Scales of justice-the law, lawyers

Bleeding heart-sorrow

Angel-symbol of heaven

Halo-divinity

Popular symbols found in older cemeteries include the skull, a 17th century symbol for death, the weeping willow and draped urn, both expressing grief and mourning, and tree trunk cut down, symbolizing a life cut short.

Tree Climber by the Stark County Chapter of the OGS

THE FOLLOWING ARE ABBREVIATIONS COMMONLY FOUND ON GRAVESTONES:

According-accordg

Account-accout, acct, acct

Administrator-adminr

Aforesaid-aforsd, forsd, afors:, afsd

And-&

And so forth-&c, etc.

Can-cn, gin, gn

Captain-captn, capt:

Church-chh

Daughter-dau, daur, dautr

Deceased-decd

Ditto-do

Doctor-Doc, Doctr, Doctr

Esquire-Esq:, Esqr, Esq.

Executor-execr, exr, exor

Gentleman-gentlm, gent:, gent.

Honorable-hon:

Interred-intrd, interd, inter'd

Junior-Junr, Jr., Jun

Messieurs-Messrs, Mess

Namely-viz, viz:, vizt(videlicet)

Paid-pd

Pair-pr

Per-pr

Personal-p'sonl

Received-recd, recvd

Receipt-rect

Record-recd

Register-regr, registr

Said-sd

Senior-Senr, Sr., Sen

Testament-testa

The-ye

Year-yr

The Newsletter, by the Allen County Chapter of the OGS
both above items via The Fuqua Foundation News, Vol 2 #3, Fall 1994

A WORD ABOUT THE SSDI . . .

Most genealogists eventually get around to trying to find some of their more recent ancestors in the Social Security Death Index (SSDI). This occasionally leads to frustration because nothing can be found or, even worse, the ancestor was found but not recognized. This usually happens through a lack of understanding of what is contained in the index.

The SSDI is an index of people who died while receiving Social Security benefits. It DOES NOT include people who possessed Social Security numbers, but who died before receiving benefits.

In addition, although birth and death dates may be provided, the locations are that of the state in which the Social Security card was issued, and the location where the benefit checks were being sent. Any relationship to birth and death locations will be coincidental. Social Security cards were not necessarily even issued in the state of residence. They may have been issued in another state, where it was more convenient to apply.

Like so many sources of genealogical information, particularly indexes, the presence of information must be interpreted correctly, and must be used with caution. When something is found, it usually provides clues as to where to look next. When nothing is found, it DOES NOT mean that there is nothing to find, simply that (for any number of reasons) the information did not appear in the index.

The table below provides a key to where Social Security cards were issued, based on the first three numbers of the Social Security number.

001-003 NH	221-222 DE	318-361 IL	449-467 TX	520 WY	575-576 HI
004-007 ME	223-231 VA	362-386 MI	468-477 MN	521-524 CO	577-579 WDC
008-009 VT	232 NC/WV	387-399 WI	478-485 IA	525 NM	580 PR/VI
010-034 MA	233-236 WV	400-407 KY	486-500 MO	526-527 AZ	581-584 PR
035-039 RI	237-246 NC	408-415 TN	501-502 ND	528-529 UT	585 NM
040-049 CT	247-251 SC	416-424 AL	503-504 SD	530 NV	586 Guam/A.Samo
050-134 NY	252-260 GA	425-428 MS	505-508 NE	531-539 WA	586 Philippines
135-158 NJ	261-267 FL	429-432 AR	509-515 KS	540-544 OR	587-588 MS
159-211 PA	268-302 OH	433-439 LA	516-517 MT	545-573 CA	589-595 FL
212-220 MD	303-317 IN	440-448 OK	518-519 ID	574 AK	700-729 Rail Rd

WORLD WAR II IWO JIMA SURVIVORS 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Any branch of the service involved in the LAND, SEA, or AIR OPERATIONS before, during and after the Iwo Jima invasion and battle in February and March of 1945 is invited to attend the Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas 50th Anniversary Reunion in Wichita Falls, TX. Survivors from ALL STATES are invited to the reunion being held February 19 (D-Day) through 23 (Flag Raising Day), 1995.

Highlights of the reunion will be a 1940's USO show, a VIP tour of Sheppard Air Force Base, VIP tour of Fort Sill, special spouse tour, memorabilia exhibits, a moving memorial service and flag raising re-enactments. Special days to honor all land, sea, and air forces involved. Special Guests to be crews from the Doolittle Raiders and Atomic Bomb Raids.

Please send your name, address, phone number, branch of service, and approximate time at Iwo to:

****For more info, contact ****

Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas
P. O. Box 1657

****Cy Young (817) 845-3261****

Bowie TX 76230

You will be sent a complete registration packet on all activities planned for the reunion along with information on accommodations.

This small island (approximately 2 x 5 miles) was where nearly 7,000 Americans lost their lives, and over 18,000 Japanese were killed. This was the most fiercely fought and bloody battle on this size battlefield of WWII.

DON'T MISS THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!

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