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Ninth Annual Genealogy Seminar with Lloyd Bockstruck

The 1995-96 year began for members of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society with the Ninth Annual Genealogy Seminar with Lloyd Bockstruck as speaker. Ninety one attendees listened, laughed, ate, visited, and shopped during the day-long session.

Lloyd began the day with a session on Pennsylvania Research. He captured the attention of the Southerners in the audience with the statement: "If you are Southern, you have Pennsylvania relatives." Then he proceeded to explain the problems involved in finding proof of those early settlers. We learned the history of the region, the purpose and makeup of the growing population groups. Definitions are always important, especially when "Pennsylvania Dutch" turn out to be German, "Scots-Irish" are not Irish, and Germans were taught to write Gothic which couldn't be read by the English. However, Lloyd left the group with his usual comprehensive handout of sources to research.

The next topic was the settlement of New York State and how it differed from the other colonies. This difference impacted the state's later actions, particularly those during the Civil War. The seminar ended with the "Pitfalls of Genealogy." Attendees will read records in a new way after hearing definitions for many words used by early settlers that differ from the meaning of those words today.

Henry and Sandra Hensel, of Memorabilia Corner, had a wide range of research materials, forms, and aids available for purchase. Evelyn Parker displayed publications available from CCGS.

The card catalog of the Dallas Public Library's Genealogical Collection is available in the CCGS Library on microfiche.

You will want to reserve Saturday, August 24, 1996, for the Tenth Anniversary CCGS Seminar with Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck at the Ramada Inn in Norman, Oklahoma.

CCGS Publications

SHILOH REMEMBERED

by Evelyn Parker
Research Chairman

A couple of years ago we noted that our queries from out of state often involved families with ties to the Shiloh community. Either their ancestors had been members of Shiloh Methodist Church or were buried in Shiloh Cemetery. Some of those early day pioneers we researched were D. H. and Maggie TAYLOR, John TARPLEY, Anna BUGHER, Miranda HICKS and daughter, Eva, and John D. and Claracy HAINES BRADLEY.

When we wanted to verify church membership, we would contact Mary Ann KING. Her family was the final one to attend this historic church before it disbanded in 1972. Located southeast of Noble, just north of Slaughterville, it was founded by E. V. JOHNSON shortly after the Run of 1889.

Mary Ann suggested our Genealogical Society might like to put the crumbling old record books on the computer for the benefit of present as well as future researchers. Rather than just a book of names and dates, it was decided to include personal recollections of individuals whose lives, and those of their ancestors, were closely tied to the Shiloh community. This included Alamo School where many of the children attended.

CCGS agreed to take on such a project, and in November 1994 a reporter from The Daily Oklahoman's Norman Bureau met with us at the Shiloh Cemetery, took photos and subsequently gave us some nice publicity. As a result, we received phone calls from individuals who were interested in being a part of the project as well as those who just wanted a copy of the finished product.

Soon after the holidays, the record books of the church were borrowed and all information contained therein was entered into the computer. Thereafter, appointments were made with individuals who were willing to share their taped or handwritten memories. Some delightful stories emerged. In those pages you will meet:

little John DUFFY who cried at church and later told the preacher, "You just preached until my garters hurt!"

Mother HOLCOMB whose mulberry bush never grew very big because she was always breaking off switches;

Rev. KNICKERBOCKER who wore a Prince Albert coat;

Grandpa BOATRIGHT sitting in the Amen corner and frequently dozing;

a kind school teacher who taught the girls to embroider at recess when the weather was bad;

tired babies who slept on pallets in the aisle during revival meetings on hot summer nights;

young Cleo BULLOCK remembered the day after her funeral by a tiny bouquet of flowers placed in the inkwell of her desk; and

a faithful dog waiting in the back of a blue pickup for his master to get out of church.

This process took months, but it is now completed. In addition to the church records and personal memories, there are photos provided by descendants, Alamo community news items from the 1930's, as well as various newspaper articles copied from microfilm of The Norman Transcript.

This 236-page soft-bound book is fully indexed. The price is \$30; Oklahoma residents should add \$2.25 for sales tax.

CCGS MEETINGS

"Back From the Field" -- research strategies that were used in solving problems
Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.
Lowry Room, Norman Public Library

"Maps! Maps! Maps!" -- a field trip to the Geology Library in the Energy Center at the University of Oklahoma
Boyd and Jenkins, Norman
Speaker: Claren Kidd
Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.

New Books in the Library

Genealogists who are looking for relatives in southeastern Missouri may find the help they need in this book, *Biographies of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford, and Gasconade Counties, Missouri*. The book is designated a "Heritage Book Classic," and was printed from the Goodspeed Publishing Company's original book of the same title published in the late 1800s. Reprinted, however, is only one section, "Biographies" from the original text, omitting Goodspeed's histories of the State of Missouri and the titular counties.

The greatest advantage of this edition is a surname index of about 2,500 names of people in the named counties. About 650 are direct biographies of older settlers. Since it was a man's world in the 1800s, the biographies are mostly of men, with just a few widows included.

Although the biographies are brief, there is a wealth of information in them. They tell the birth of the subject, who his parents and siblings were, and where the family lived before they came to Missouri. It tells whom he married, his children, occupation, and military service. It includes the church he and his wife attended, the political party, and sometimes the civic clubs of which he was a member. At times the writer gives an opinion about the characteristics of the subject by telling his political opinions, his attendance at church, or his reputation in the community. Often interesting tidbits are given about a person's life. The following is an example of some of the events told about the life of one -- John J. **BALL** of Jefferson County:

Early in life, John J. **BALL** became interested in contracting, which was his father's business. He helped build the Iron Mountain Railroad, the Cotton Belt and others, and also takes contracts to furnish gravel to railroad companies. In 1887, he loaded 12,000 loads of gravel for the Iron Mountain Railroad. He has been in the service of the railroad many years being first employed as a water boy, then as brakeman and conductor, and finally as division roadmaster." (p.856)

The background of these early settlers shows that the United States is truly a melting pot of nations. Although some of them migrated from the eastern United States, a big majority came from foreign countries. They came from the British Isles, Europe, South America, etc. A great number came from Germany. I suspect there was a large German settlement in Franklin and Jefferson Counties because of the influx of German immigrants there. Probably the next largest group came from Ireland.

As I read through biographies in this volume, I could just see towns and counties spring up and come alive. One by one the needed craftsmen, professional men, merchants, and farmers arrived and set up shop. The clergymen arrived and churches were built. Governments were organized and a town was born. These engaging people are somebody's ancestors. Perhaps you will find your ancestor in this group. At any rate it's worth perusing, and the stories are well told and interesting.

Book reviewed by CCGS Member Betty **ROSS**. Thanks, Betty, for an excellent job.

Carolina Families, A Bibliography of Books About North and South Carolina Families by Donald M. Hehir, Published by Heritage Books, Inc. Mr. Hehir has compiled a list of books covering 1,400 names of families having some connection to the Carolinas. A cross reference table at the end of the book lists other surnames mentioned in the book descriptions. A separate section lists family histories and genealogies on microfilm at the Library of Congress.

Anyone using this book should be careful to read the introduction as it explains the format of the entries and abbreviations for sources. Each of the three alphabetical lists of surnames in the book should be reviewed. In addition, there is a list of other North and South Carolina family history and genealogy sources.

Book reviewed by CCGS Member Joyce **GRISHAM**.

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The Norman Transcript, July 11, 1891

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ADVERTISED LETTERS

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Norman, Oklahoma, for the month ending July 6th, 1891.

ATOOD, L. W.	MILLER, Mrs. John
ALLRED, Elzie	MINIX, John
BENDER, Peter A.	MCGINLEY, Capt. G. W.
BROWN, Miss Kate	MATHIS, Bert
BOYLE, Judge J. W.	NEAL, David
CURTIS, Ed	SCONCE, J. M.
CROCKETT Rev D R	SCOTT, J. T.
GIBSON, Geo	SMITH, Buck
HALL, Mrs. Mammie	TAYLOR, Wm
HAWKINS, R. C.	WINKINS, A.
HARDIN, Geo	WILKERSON, Mary A.
JAMESON, James	WHEELER, Quim
KISSIRE, T. J.	WALKER, John
LIVESEY, J. B.	YOUNG, Miss Mattie

Fourth class matter

GRAY, Albert	NICHOLSON, Miss Mary
JONES, Miss Bridget	MILLER, Geo M.
	SMOUSE, J. L.

Parties calling for the above letters will please say "advertised."

D. W. MARQUART, P.M.

The Norman Transcript, March 20, 1896

OFF TO COLORADO

Yesterday morning a jolly party of Normanites pulled out overland to the Colorado gold fields and if they do not succeed in filling their wagon with the precious metal before reaching that state, they expect to do so shortly after arrival there and return to spend it in Norman in the near future. Everybody wishes them a pleasant trip and unlimited success. The following persons comprised the party: J. C. MCGINLEY, Jack KAHOE, Patrick MCGINLEY, Wm. BRICE and Mr. ABBEY.

OLD SETTLERS MEETING

The first annual meeting of the Old Settler's Association of Cleveland county, will be held in Ferguson's grove one-half mile southwest of Norman, on Friday and Saturday, August 7th and 8th. Arrangements will be perfected to make the Association a success in every particular and no pains or expense will be spared to make the occasion an enjoyable one. Full particulars will be given as soon as the program is fully arranged. The following named gentlemen have been selected as committee on program and will meet at the court house Tuesday evening, July 14th at 8 o'clock p.m.: Rev. B. F. CARGAY, Rev. A. N. AVERY, D. W. MARQUART, W. G. RENFROW, M. MCGINLEY, W. T. WALLACE, O. W. FISHER, M. A. HUNT, S. M. MOORE, E. P. INGLE, H. C. DENNISON, and M. L. BIXLER.

The Norman Transcript, May 29, 1902

DECORATION DAY PROGRAM

The following are the names and regiments of the old soldiers who are buried in Odd Fellows cemetery:

Albert CARTER, private Co. C 36th Iowa Inf.
Geo. B. LEIDING, private Co. F 21st Iowa Inf.
William GREEN, corporal Co. E 119th Illinois Inf.
Robert W. WOODS, private Co. I 38th Indiana Inf.
Nathan C. WEATHERS, corporal Co. K 48th Indiana Inf.
Joseph B. POST, private Co. I 28th Michigan Inf.
Andrew J. HUTCHISON, private Co. G 8th M. S. M. Cav.
Thomas J. MYERS, private Co. G 5th M. S. M. Cav.
Edward MILLER, private Co. M 1st M. S. M. Cav.
Samuel H. ALEXANDER, private Co. H 4th Tenn. Mtd Inf.
Francis M. HURLEY, private Co. B 7th Iowa Inf.
Martin WALKER, private Co. G 36th Ohio Inf.
D. W. MARQUART, Alonza MCCORMACK.

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The Norman Transcript, August 9, 1906

OLD SETTLERS' REUNION

The Third Annual Picnic, a Grand and
Glowing Success

That the Old Settlers Reunion and picnic held at Norman last Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4, 1906, was a grand and glowing success in every particular, is conceded by everybody. It was the biggest thing ever pulled off in Cleveland county, and was remarkable for the immense crowds in attendance, the splendid order maintained, the rendition of the long program almost in its entirety, the full and complete giving of everything advertised, the excellence of the entertainment, the able and entertaining addresses, and the unanimous expressions of approval and satisfaction. Almost always, in such immense affairs, there is more or less dissatisfaction, but in this case, the kicker was conspicuous for his absence. There was in fact, no place for him to kick.

The weather was ideal, and 10,000 people, at the lowest estimate, thronged the park each day. They came from all over the county and adjoining counties, from the Chickasaw country and from all over the territory. About 4 o'clock on Saturday a little dash of rain came, just clearing the atmosphere; otherwise, the weather man was on his good behavior, giving us good breezes and just enough clouds to make it pleasant. Saturday night a rain set in after everybody had time to get home.

Hon. H. H. HOWARD was unable to be present and Hon. J. R. KEATON came down Friday and made the address. Judge Burwell was the orator on Saturday. Both eschewed politics, making most excellent and telling addresses on civic righteousness, good government, control of the trusts and necessity of electing the right sort of men to the constitutional convention and legislature. Other speakers were Hon. E. DUFFY, of Lexington, and Hon. Claude WEAVER of Pauls Valley, both of whom made able, witty and telling speeches suitable to the occasion.

Two more perfect balloon ascensions than those made by Mr. Milton SMITH it would be impossible to give. They were perfect in every respect. The balloon and parachute used were new and Mr. Smith, so thoroughly understood his business that there was no delay either day, ten or fifteen minutes only being consumed in filling the balloon. The ascensions were very high, and the parachutes came down most gracefully, and without a single accident to mar the exhibition.

The fireworks both days and night were right up to or a little ahead of what were advertised. The Japanese daylight fireworks were especially good, and as the elephant, the horse and rider, Uncle Sam and other figures went up and were shown against the sky they were greeted with loud buzzes. These fireworks were something new and made a most telling attraction.

The Indian dances drew great crowds day and night. JOE BILLY, chief of BIG JIM'S band, was the main guy, and was most conspicuous in his war paint and Indian costume.

The ring riding tournament was a display of skill worth seeing, and was participated in by twenty or more fine riders and thorough sportsmen. Harness rings were suspended from posts placed a certain distance apart and the contest was to see who could string the most of the rings on the rods carried by the riders, while the horses were going at full speed. It took an expert rider with a good eye for distance to get even one of the rings, and there was great interest taken. Mr. E. B. JOHNSON had the tournament in charge and saw that everybody participating had a square deal. The first prize of \$30 was awarded Joe WAMPLER, of Tuttle, for getting fifteen rings out of a possible 24; J. L. CAMPBELL, of Tuttle, second, 12 rings; Ed GREENHAW, of Minco, third, 11 rings.

The exercises in the morning of the first day were most pleasing. The Grand Reunion chorus by the Franklin singers was thoroughly enjoyed while the elegant address of welcome by Mayor LINDSAY and appropriate response by Gen. S. J. WILKISS were received with many expressions of approval. The singing of the male quartette, Messrs. W. F. ROLLER, John HARDIE, M. T. BROCKETT, and E. F. NESBITT, was also a most pleasing feature.

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On the second day the singing of the league of little temperance workers, under management of Miss Junia FOX, and the drill by twelve charming little girls under management of Miss Eva BLAKE were two delightful and highly appreciated numbers, as was also the violin solo by Prof. HOLMBERG.

The parade, headed by the band, was a unique and pleasing feature. The old 89er boomer wagon, with its oxen, was most realistic of the old days. The graceful lady riders, and the manly gentlemen riders, the Indians, the trades display, the old 89ers, the fire department, the citizens on horseback and in vehicles, all made a pleasing procession.

H. W. STUBBEMAN, president of the association, was most earnest, untiring and indefatigable in his efforts to make the reunion a success, and to his energetic work is due the greatest praise; in fact, it was largely due to his efforts that the affair was the success it was. Mr. Paul LESSLY, vice-president, Capt. Colin MCKINNEY, treasurer, and the secretary, J. J. BURKE, also did their part -- everything they could do -- and all the committee, headed by D. L. LARSH, Ed YATES, Robt. BERRY, John MOSIER, L. J. EDWARDS, Ed B. JOHNSON, Miss Junia FOX, Mrs. BLAKE and others were most energetic and untiring and to the mayor and city council, and especially to the park committee, Messrs. MORTER, BERRY and DAVIS, is due much credit for their work and generosity in fixing the park.

The Marriage Ceremony

It is certain that few couples in Oklahoma or anywhere else had more witnesses to their marriage than did Mr. Curtis CROWDER and Miss Tennessee BURKE, and few were married under more auspicious surroundings or received more sincere and hearty good wishes. Rev. D. L. MCCREARY, in a most impressive and earnest manner, performed the ceremony in the presence of 10,000 people. The throng surrounded the grand stand as far as they eye could reach, and were most respectful and orderly, and when the ceremony was finished and the officers of the

association had tendered their good wishes, a stream of people filed past the happy couple all shaking their hands and offering congratulations.

They made a handsome, wholesome, good-looking couple. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. BURKE, is a school teacher, refined and accomplished. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. CROWDER, and a stalwart, industrious and thoroughly upright young man. The Transcript, with their hosts of friends, wish them every happiness.

Display of Fruits and Products

There was a very nice display of fruits and products, and of bread made by young ladies of 18 and under. Big pumpkins, large melons, fine cabbages, peaches, pears, apples, grapes, corn, wheat and other fruits and products were on exhibition. The Norman Milling & Grain Co. increased the amount they offered and the following premiums were given:

For Fruits: P. FRICK, first, \$5.00; G. W. BURKE, second, \$3.00; John CRAM, third, \$2.00; G. A. CLINGAN, fourth, \$1.00; S. H. VAUGHN, fifth, 50 cents.

For Products: John DEIHM, first, \$5.00; John VINCENT, second, \$3.00; J. F. KASBAUM, third, \$2.00; J. F. SMALLEY, third, \$1.00; T. W. HOFFMAN, fifth, 50 cents.

Judges: Wm. THOMAS, S. M. ARNOLD and W. W. BARTO.

Three ladies acted as judges on the contest for the premium for best baking and awarded the following prizes: Fay GOWER, first, \$3.00; Edith BARBEE, second, \$2.00; Mamie SMALLEY, third, \$1.00. These premiums were given by the real estate firm of TATE & CLEMENT. All the bread was made from L. B. Flour, manufactured by the Norman Milling & Grain Co., and was certainly a fine showing for the young ladies and for the mill.

Premium of \$1.00 offered by L. J. EDWARDS for the largest watermelon was won by H. G. WELCH, weight 54 pounds. It was presented to H. W. STUBBEMAN, president of the Association and eaten by him, Judge BURWELL, J. D. MAGUIRE and other friends at his home Saturday night. It was a most delicious melon.

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S. H. VAUGHN got second premium for a 52 pound watermelon and first premium for the largest muskmelon.

Premiums Awarded

The oldest boy born in Cleveland county was J. W. CLEMENT, born July 10, 1889. A close second was Leo GORTON, born Sept. 19, 1889, and Robert MARTIN, February 17, 1890.

The premium for prettiest twins born in Cleveland county was given to Pearl and Earl CODDING, of Moore, aged three years - and Mrs. M. V. CODDING was awarded the premium as their mother. They were beautiful little children.

Jeff GIBBS got the hat in the old fiddler's contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank MONICAL were awarded the prize for the largest family. They had eight children with them, all born in Cleveland county, ranging in ages from five to fourteen years, with one set of twins. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SMALLEY were given second prize. They showed seven children, from three months to fourteen years, and have lost one by death. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. MILLER were awarded third prize for seven children. Mr. MILLER says Mr. Frank MONICAL didn't play fair -- that those twins ought to count only one.

The premium for the oldest old settler went to Mr. L. P. KINGLESMTIH, of Noble, who is 83 years of age and came to Oklahoma on April 22, 1889. Other oldest old settlers worthy of note were Mr. A. D. HICKOK, aged 77, April 22nd; T. J. ROLLINS, 75, October 1, 1889; S. H. GLENN, 68, April 22nd, Reuben HESS, 77, April 22nd; Mrs. Hannah BROWN, 78, January, 1890.

Herman THORNTON received prize for prettiest boy between one and six.

Miss Cora LOVE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. LOVE, was awarded first prize for the prettiest girl between six and twelve, and Miss Pheobe TAYLOR got second. They are beautiful little girls.

Mrs. M. B. WRIGHT was given the \$5.00 premium for being the best looking lady over fifty years.

Miss Myrtle SUMMERS was decided to be the best looking girl over twelve years, with Miss Ethel RIGGLE second. They were sure pretty girls, in fact, the whole bunch were so pretty that it was hard to decide.

The premium of the baby carriage offered by the doctors to the prettiest baby under one year was awarded to the pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John ROBERSON. Second, Thos. Clarke HOSHALL, son of Dr. and Mrs. HOSHALL, of Franklin.

For prettiest girl between one and six years, little Winnie LESSLY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul LESSLY, got first prize, the second going to little Reland BRITT.

Miss Bertella DOLLARHIDE won the girls throwing contest, over twelve contestants. She sent the ball 'way out among the trees, twenty feet farther than any other lady.

Mrs. J. T. RAMEY was awarded the premium for the lady making the best appearance on horseback. All the ladies who took part were fine riders and were a most attractive feature of the parade.

Postmaster BURKE was awarded a \$5.00 safety razor, offered by Mr. A. D. ACRES, for being the foxiest old grandpa. Three ladies were the judges. The fact that he won over the eight or ten eminent and worthy gentlemen who were his competitors has a tendency to make him feel foxier than ever.

The premium for the oldest married couple on the grounds was given to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. MAXWELL, who are 83 and 81 years old respectively and were married in Virginia Dec. 21, 1845 -- sixty-one years ago. Other couples contesting and most worthy of notice were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. JACKSON, married in Franklin county (sic), Tennessee, August 3, 1854, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert CURREN, married in Ohio in 1864.

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The prize for oldest girl born in Cleveland county went to Maudie E. **BROWN**, born Oct. 31, 1889. A close second was Oklahoma **MYERS**, born Nov. 8, 1889. Ettie **STEPHENS**, born May 31, 1890, was also a contestant. They were fine samples of the early crop of Oklahoma.

Three ladies were appointed to award premium offered for the homeliest man, but reported that they couldn't find any homely men on the grounds. All men looked pretty to them.

The merry-go-round and all the stands were well patronized and made money -- especially the merry-go-round. All the parties from abroad who held concessions left most thoroughly satisfied, and spread abroad the glories of Norman and Cleveland county and what sort of people we are.

The City Park

One feature worthy of note was the impression the city park made upon visitors from abroad, from the country and even from the city, the universal expression being: Why, I had no idea that you had such a pretty park, such large trees and such an ideal spot in which to hold affairs of this kind! It is safe to say, too, it was a surprise to nine out of every ten Normanites, for we have allowed the park to grow up without taking much interest in it. Hereafter, appropriations for park improvement will be willingly met; yes, demanded, for it can be made a delightful meeting place for all meetings of every description. Every dollar expended on beautifying the city park will return to the city an hundred fold.

It did not take the early settlers in Cleveland County long to become "old settlers." The 1891 article on page 32 describes planning for the first old settlers meeting just two years after the Run of 1889. By 1906, the old settlers reunion had become a very large event. Thanks to Jean **MCCRACKEN** for the Norman Transcript articles used in this newsletter.

WHO WOULDN'T BE AN 89er?

A Roll of Honor of Cleveland County People -- Those Who Came to the Territory in 1889, Now Residing in This County.

A

ALLISON, K. W. **ACERS**, A. D.
ANOILS, Robt **ADAIR**, J. S.
ADAIR, I. C. **ALLEN**, G. W.
ALLEN, L. C. **ANDERSON**, J. H.

ALLEN, J. C.

B

BURKE, J. J. **BISHOP**, J. M.
BROWN, Parker **BROWN**, Martin
BRANNON, Tom Sr. **BLACKMON**, W. H.
BLAKE, Tyler **BERRY**, Andrew
BURKE, G. W. **BANKS**, Oscar K.
BANKS, Carson **BERGLAND**, Geo
BETTES, J. W. **BLACK**, Joe
BOWLIN, John **BERRY**, R. C.
BURCH, J. M. **BARRIER**, P. H.
BRIGGS, L. L. **BURTON**, J. M.
BRANNON, Felix **BLACKMON**, Sam
BROWN, J. M. **BRANNON**, A. G.
BROWN, W. W. **BOGGS**, Henry

BLACKBURN, Frank

C

COFFEY, R. G. **CHASTAIN**, Russell
COLEMAN, Will **CUMMINS**, Jim
CREIGHTON, John A. **CALVERT**, M.
CRANMER, O. L. **CARMAN**, J. M.
COOK, H. G. **CLEVELAND**, Dr.
CLARK, Mrs. J. G. **CRAMER**, Dr.

CLARK, Geo W.

D

DORRANCE, Mrs. M. E. **DOWNING**, Hi
DUFFY, E. **DUNBAR**, John
DOLLARHIDE, J. R. **DAVIS**, Mrs.
DELLING, Fred **DANIEL**, J. M.
DURHAM, G. T. **DIEHM**, John B.
DUGGER, Thos **DURKEE**, L. B.

E

ESSEX, Frank **ENDICOTT**, Martin
ENGLISH, David **EVERETT**, Mrs. Geo

F

FRY, J. **FERGUSON**, J. H.

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G
 GREENE, R. R.
 GLENN, S. H.
 GROSS, Henry
 GROSS, Will

H
 HATIFIELD, F. M.
 HALLMARK, W. A.
 HEWETT, Geo. D.
 HAUN, J. P.
 HENSLEY, James
 HOWELL, A.
 HOFFMAN, August
 HICKOK, A. D.
 HAUGHEY, I. K.
 HEDDENS, J. H.
 HOPKINS, Ned

I
 HEFLEY, Hank

J
 JONES, Hugh
 JOHNSTON, E. V.
 JONES, Thos

K
 KEEFE, W. P.
 KINGKADE, A.
 KECK, John

L
 LARSH, D. L.
 LASSITER, W. R.
 LEVERICK, John

M
 MCLAUGHLIN, G. S.
 MOORE, S. M.
 MCPEAK, Dug
 MAYFIELD, W. T.
 MILLER, J. C.
 MOTTER, Mrs. John
 MARVEL, T. M.
 MARQUART, Mrs.

G
 GROTTTS, John
 GLENN, Barton
 GABRIEL, Geo
 GRAHAM, Isaac

H
 HOWRY, Sebe
 HESS, R.
 HOWRY, Thos
 HARDIN, T. J.
 HOFFMUN, John
 HENSLEY, P.
 HUSTED, John
 HOWELL, A.
 HASWELL, S. C.
 HASWELL, W.
 HERRON, Jess

J
 JARBO, Ed
 JAMISON, James
 JACK, W. O.

K
 KEEFE, Nathan
 KELLER, Frank
 KAHOE, Chas

L
 LESSLY, Paul
 LUDERMAN, Adolph
 LITTLE, Wood

M
 MURPHY, T. J.
 MCGILL, Mrs. A. O.
 MILLER, John
 MONICAL, Frank
 MANIRE, Dr.
 MOON, Lizzie
 MAGUIRE, Jas D.
 MUIR, H. M.

N
 NYE, W. O.
 NAILE, J. M.

O
 ODAM, Jas

P
 PAYTON, Beecher
 PAYTON, David
 PETTY, John

POLAND, T. M.

R
 RUNELS, Jim
 ROBBERSON, John
 ROLLINS, T. J.
 REED, Geo
 ROWE, Geo D.
 ROWLAND, J.

S
 SEAWELL, W. H.
 SMITH, O. J.
 SHERROD, John W.
 SYKES, S. L.
 SCHEWICH, Martin
 STROUP, J. O.
 STALEY, A. C.
 STEPHENS, D. M.
 SMITH, John L.
 SMITH, Geo W.

T
 TARKINGTON, Geo
 THORNHILL, Babe
 TILISON, Dick
 TEEL, R.

TILLISON, E. R.

U
 ULLMAN, Lee

V
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The Norman Transcript, June 12, 1902

HARVESTERS HARD AT WORK

Thousands of Acres Being Cut in
Cleveland County This Week -- Good
Yields Reported From All Parts

Harvesting is at present the order of the day. Some of the farmers began cutting last week, but the majority began last Monday, and the work is being pushed rapidly. Among others who started binders this week are:

Hi **DOWNING**, 145 acres
M. C. **RUNYAN**, 155 acres
W. T. **VOWELL**, 300 acres
J. S. **LINDSAY**, 145 acres
S. G. **HOWRY**, 140 acres
Ed P. **INGLES**, 125 acres
T. E. **SMITH**, 240 acres
C. A. **HERRINGTON**, 80 acres
D. L. **LARSH**, 40 acres
Frank **ESSEX**, 500 acres
C. W. **WHITE**, 250 acres
M. B. **PARKER**, 150 acres
J. J. **WINTIN**, 150 acres
Roland **HUGHES**, 100 acres
Oscar **HAYNES**, 130 acres
H. H. **WATTERSON**, 40 acres
G. W. **MILLER**, 27 acres
Geo. **GRAVES**, 300 acres
J. C. **ADAMS**, 300 acres
Hugh **JONES**, 40 acres
J. B. **BARBOUR**, 60 acres
R. **BRANNON**, 40 acres
Charles **COX**, 120 acres
J. M. **MORGAN**, 50 acres
G. **WESTERVELT**, 130 acres
Robert **ANIOL**, 30 acres
S. H. **SHULTZ**, 50 acres
A. O. **MCGILL**, 40 acres
J. C. **WAILS**, 50 acres
Oklahoma University, 20 acres

In interviewing the majority of the above farmers **The Transcript** man figures there will be an average yield of from 18 to 23 bushels per acre. Some think theirs will bring 30 bushels, but the majority figure their yield at from 15 to 20 bushels.

Dead Letters

Fay Faron, owner of a detective agency in San Francisco, shared with *San Jose Mercury News* readers agencies she uses that may also be of use in tracking down people you are trying to locate. The agencies will either give you information or forward your letter if it fits the right criteria - often at no charge.

- ◆ Social Security Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. The Administration must be able to identify the person, either by Social Security number or date and place of birth, and the letter must benefit the receiver, rather than the sender.
- ◆ Military Locator, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132. For \$3.50, the agency will forward your sealed letter to anyone who is either still in the service or who is receiving benefits. Helpful information includes a Social Security number, service number, date of birth, date and place of service.
- ◆ Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Admin., Administrative Support Staff (20A52), 810 Vermont Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20420. Exclusively for veterans. Send the same information as above, and the Department will forward a letter to the last address where it mailed benefits.
- ◆ National Cemetery Registry, Dept., of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC 20420. For those killed in action, or who served and have died since, and might be buried beneath a white cross.
- ◆ Federal Bureau of Prisons, Washington, DC, (202) 307-3126. The Bureau's Inmate Locator Service can tell you if someone is or was incarcerated and when they will, or did, get out.
- ◆ U. S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. St. N.W., Washington, DC 20415. The office can give you the work address of a current federal employee, or forward a letter to a retired one.

[Fay Faron, *San Jose Mercury News*, Dec. 18, 1994, Don Johnson, *The Livermore Roots Tracer*, Winter 1994, and *CGS News*, California Genealogical Society, April 1995]

New Books

South Carolina Begins: The Records of a Proprietary Colony, 1663-1721 by Charles Lesser, published and available for \$50.00 plus \$3.00 postage through the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, P. O. Box 11669, Columbia, SC 29211. It contains detailed descriptions of most of the records of South Carolina prior to 1721. Chapter Four covers probate records and is especially helpful to persons who have early South Carolina ancestry. While some of the earliest wills were destroyed by fire, indices to the destroyed records survived and from them a reconstruction of the lost records has been made. Other chapters explain a variety of records and contain short biographies of the persons who created and kept these early records of the Palmetto State.

Guide to Manuscript Collections, Western History Collections, University of Oklahoma, by Donald L. DeWitt, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie, MD 20716, 318 pages, Index, \$24 plus \$3.50 postage. This is a complete index to the manuscripts located in the Norman Western History collection of O.U. The manuscripts are listed in alphabetical order by donor/author, with a brief description of material, inclusive dates, and the volume of material. An index to subject matter is at the rear of the book, which includes everything from governor's papers to those of John Womack.

Master Index by Jerri Chasteen for the twelve volumes of ***Our People and Where They Rest*** by James W. Tyner and Alice Tyner Timmons. The 391 page Master Index is distributed by the Indian Territory Genealogical and Historical Society, c/o John Vaughn Library, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK 74464, for \$35.00 plus postage. These twelve volumes are very important genealogical research tools in Cherokee genealogy, and Jerri has indexed them alphabetically by surname and given name, and listed the volume and page number.

The Heritage of Anson County, North Carolina, Volume One, compiled by the Anson County Heritage Book Committee, will be available in September by writing for pricing information from Anson County Heritage Book Committee, P. O. Box 417, Wadesboro, NC 28170. The book has family, church, and business histories, along with other interesting tidbits relating to the history of Anson County.

In the Library

"Confound those indexes!" - Is this something you have said before? The editor of the Summer, 1995, issue of ***The Fuqua Foundation News*** uses that as the title of an article on experiences and lessons learned while researching county records.

Another interesting article in this issue is one on orphan/guardianship records. The orphan, the child, the records, and the guardian are discussed in a two page article. This information is a good companion to that given on word meanings by Lloyd Bockstruck at CCGS's August workshop. Neither "orphan" nor "child" mean today what they meant in early records.

The July - August, 1995, issue of ***T.L & M Genealogy*** published by Talbot Library and Museum in Colcord, Oklahoma, contains four short articles on preserving your family history. One talks about what happens to your collection after your death. Another is about older books in a genealogy collection being removed from a library's shelf because of the condition of the books. Take a few minutes to read these articles and see how they apply to you.

Congratulations....

The University of Oklahoma Department of History presented one of six student awards to a CCGS member this year. Congratulations to ... Marilyn Terry HUDSON, a junior history major from Norman, was presented the Phi Alpha Theta Award for her outstanding contributions to the Zeta-Theta chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. She is a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Genealogical Society of Cleveland County.

In the Library

Preponderance of Evidence

All researchers reach that place when original records needed no longer exist. Or you find that information you have received from another researcher is incorrect. Then what?

The March 1995 issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* features several articles on "the Preponderance of the Evidence." Editors Gary B. and Elizabeth Shown Mills introduce this issue with the following:

"Christine Rose explains, in 'layman's terms,' one of the trickiest issues relating to the matter: what is the 'preponderance of the evidence' and what constitutes the valid application of this principle? Thomas Jones, taking a seemingly radical stance, demonstrates the danger of rigidly classifying any type of evidence as better or worse than another. Joy Reisinger reminds us of another troublesome thought - The Gospel According to the Church Books is rife with conflict and error - then helpfully shows another manner in which contradictions can be understood and the truth reassembled.

"Stewart Baldwin, under this issue's Update banner, tackles head-on the worst type of case: the repetition of a false assumption, in print, until it becomes accepted without question - even on the pages of major journals. His bottom line is well worth remembering: 'The files maintained by most family historians contain much that is submitted to them by others - material of widely varying value. The papers of eminent researchers are no exception and should be combed with much caution and discernment.'

"In short, the evidence we gather can easily betray us - even when it is culled from sources we consider trustworthy - if we do not understand the differences between *speculation*, *hypothesis*, and *proof* and do not apply to our evidence the principles of sound documentation, correlation, and analysis."

Seminars and Conferences

Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)
Annual Conference
September 20 - 23, 1995

Assisted by the Seattle Genealogical Society
Red Lion Hotel in SeaTac, WA

Contact: FGS/SGS Conference, P. O. Box 2285,
Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385.

Edmond (Oklahoma County), Garfield
County (Enid), and Logan County (Guthrie),
Oklahoma Genealogy Societies Present

A Confederate Workshop
Saturday, October 7, 1995
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Baptist Family Life Center, Guthrie, OK

Speaker: Peggy Fox, Assistant Director of The
Harold B. Simpson Confederate Research Center
at Hill College, TX. They are nationally
recognized as having the largest collection of
Confederate Records in the nation. Contact:
Garfield County Genealogy Society, P. O. Box
1106, Enid, OK 73702. Pre-registration (before
September 1) is \$25.00, and includes lunch.

Hopkins County Genealogical Society
Saturday, October 21, 1995
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Speaker: Meg Hacker, Assistant Director,
National Archives at Fort Worth, Texas. Using the
National Archives; Indian Research; Military
Research.

Southern California Genealogical Society's
27th Annual Genealogical Jamboree
April 13 and 14, 1996
The Pasadena Center
300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA

Contact: Southern California Genealogical
Society, Inc., P. O. Box 4377, Burbank, CA
91503-4377, for additional information and
registration.

