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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The subject of the March 19th meeting will be "Researching Court House Records" with Jim Mustoe and Darlene Shawn as speakers. This meeting will be in the Lowry Room of the Norman Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Rundstrom will discuss "Place Names" during the April 16th meeting. The place for this meeting has not yet been confirmed.

On May 21st, CCGS will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowry Room of the Norman Public Library. The Cleveland County Genealogical Library will be the topic of discussion. An update on the activities, direction, and goals of the library will be given.

June 18th is the date of the annual business meeting at the Norman Public Library in meeting rooms A/B. Annual reports of the Society will be presented and new officers elected.

New membership year began January 1, 1996.

Don't miss . . .

- . . . Interesting programs and good fellowship,
 - . . . A newsletter arriving at your home quarterly,
 - . . . Access to valuable research help,
 - . . . A chance to help index county records and prepare them for publication,
 - . . . A cozy place to work on your own research surrounded by helpful people and materials,
- All for the small cost of membership in Cleveland County Genealogical Society -



**If there is a red circle on your mailing label on this newsletter,
we have not received your 1996 renewal.**



New Books in the Library

Obituaries of Benton County, Arkansas, 1910- 1913, Compiled and edited by Barbara Pickering Easley and Verla Pickering McAnelly. Heritage Books, Inc., 1995, 553 pp. Research genealogists, Barbara Easley and her sister Verla McAnelly have completed their fourth volume of the ***Obituaries of Benton County, Arkansas***. The volume is compiled from microfilm of newspapers of the county published during those years. The other three volumes cover the years 1884 through 1909.

The chapters are arranged chronologically by years. The obituaries within the chapters are arranged alphabetically. There is a sixty-nine page index of surnames of the deceased which is also arranged alphabetically. Maiden names are included when known. However, the names of family members of the deceased are not included in these obituaries, and this could be disappointing to some genealogists. There are records of the deaths of Confederate War veterans of both the North and South with information on the deceased man's service which may prove valuable to someone for further research. Nationally known individuals such as presidents, governors, etc. are not included.

The authors have included news items from other sections of the papers, or other papers, if the information was not in the obituary. Reports of fatal diseases, railroad and horse accidents are included. Fires, floods, murders and suicide are graphically related in detail. The information varies widely from person to person. In some instances the deceased person's reputation and personality are discussed. Although it's interesting, this bothered me somewhat because one can get into personal opinion and hearsay so easily in these areas. However, this may be because information from the obituaries and articles were supplied by verbal accounts from visitors to the newspapers; letters from community correspondents; obituaries furnished by family, friends, or church pastors; published probate and estate records; eulogies or memorials from lodges and other organizations; and reports from other newspapers.

There is information in this book that is not found in any other source and is a must read for people who have ancestors in Benton County. A few obituaries are of people who live outside the county, but were printed in the Benton County newspapers. People who are writing a family history will enjoy reading some of the family relationships and intermarriages in this book. These two ladies deserve a lot of gratitude for the long, hard work they have done on these volumes.

Book reviewed by CCGS Member
Betty ROSS.

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Diggin' Up Bones: Obituaries of Lakin and Hartland Cemeteries, Kearny County, Kansas, Books One and Two, by Betty Barnes Mrs. Barnes has prepared two excellent books about Lakin, Kansas, cemeteries. Not only is the history of the development given, but she has researched the newspapers and any other sources of information about the persons who are buried in the plots.

In reading through the books you find occupations of the deceased, causes of death, places of birth, confirmation in the church, date of death, names of friends, church membership, survivors and where located, names of parents, interests, school attended, casket bearers, etc.

Both of these books are a must for Kearny County researchers and for a library. Books are completely alphabetized.

You will know that you can trust the information because Mrs. Barnes became interested in the cemeteries when her husband became the caretaker of the cemetery. She has also served as sexton.

Books were given by Heritage Books, Inc.,
and Reviewed by CCGS Member Mabel
RITZMAN.

Newspaper Abstracts

The Norman Transcript, February 17, 1899

SOCIETY NEWS

-- E. L. **CRALLE**, county superintendent of Cleveland county, is up looking after the legislature and his proportion of the school fund.
-- Guthrie Leader.

-- Thorvold **JENSEN** has filed suit in the district court asking a divorce from May **JENSEN**, whom he married in El Reno in 1896. Cruelty is the charge.

-- Mrs. W. J. **BROWN** visited her parents in Wynnewood this week.

-- The new short order house of **SEBREE & CHESNEY** is doing a good business and securing a first class reputation.

-- Ex-Sheriff Geo. **SMITH** expects to go to Lexington about the 1st of March and engage in business.

-- Hon. J. F. **SHARP** was up from Purcell on Wednesday filing the papers in the bankruptcy of Coombs Bros., of Lexington.

-- Mrs. **ROSE**, wife of Deputy Sheriff **ROSE**, is very sick at her home in Lexington. Her ailment is thought to be consumption.

-- Albert **FURGUSON**, who went to Kansas City a couple of weeks ago with a train load of cattle, returned home on Monday.

-- Police Judge J. D. **GRIGSBY** is contemplating removing to Tishomingo and entering on the active practice of law.

-- Five thousand yards of best 5 cent winter calico, closing out at 3-1/2 cents per yard. Come quick before it is all gone. W. M. **RUSSELL & Co.**

-- Died - At the residence of its parents in East Norman on Tuesday the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred **RENNER**, age about one year. The bereaved parents have the entire sympathy of all.

-- The store rooms of **BRIGGS & RUNYAN** are being extended clear to the alley, making each of them 25 x 140 feet. Mr. **BRIGGS** will retire from the firm and Mr. **RUNYAN** will occupy one of the rooms with a fine stock of groceries. The Boston Store will occupy the other room and a portion of Mr. **RUNYAN'S**.

-- On Photographer **BROOK'S** calenders appears a photograph of two little tots standing amidst a mass of flowers and grasses, making one of the cutest pictures we have seen. It is a photograph of Charlie **GORTON'S** little ones, Harold and Clover, aged two and four years. They had ran away from home, and Mr. **BROOKS** caught them with a kodak.

The Norman Democrat Topic, Dec. 11, 1903

SOCIETY NEWS

-- A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. J. J. **BAKER** Monday. All parties doing nicely.

-- Dr. J. A. **DAVIS** reports the arrival of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. **MARBLE**.

-- N. S. **ROBBERSON** of Lexington township reports the arrival of a daughter at their home last week.

-- E. K. **PORTER**, a leading business man of Oklahoma City, visited E. K. **HIMES** and family Sunday.

-- Frank J. **MCGINLEY** made a trip to Coffeyville, Kansas, last week, returning home Saturday morning.

-- Clare **EDWARDS** arrived from Cordell Friday night where he has been engaged in the hardware business.

-- J. H. **HARTLEY**, W. N. **ELLEDDGE** and Mrs. J. P. **MOORE** attend court in Perry this week as witnesses in the Hoover case.

-- John **KECK** left Monday for Montague county, Texas, to look after business. He will be absent several weeks.

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The Norman Transcript, January 26, 1905

The Norman Democrat Topic, Dec. 11, 1903

SOCIETY NEWS (Continued)

-- Chas. I. **SHERMAN**, son of Hon. Jay **SHERMAN**, and family of Maquon, Illinois, arrived last week for an extended visit.

-- Stella, the three year old child of Mr. and Mrs. **GROSSENCLAUS** of Colo, died of croup and was buried Thanksgiving day.

-- Miss Gretchen **VAN WINKLE**, who has been the guest of Miss Rena **WILLIAMS** the last three week, left Wednesday for her home at Rolf, I. T.

-- Miss Maud **TOMLINSON** who has been assisting her cousin, Mrs. Minnie **REA** in the millinery establishment left yesterday for her home at Kansas City.

-- A. P. **WITT** and family left last week for Elida, New Mexico, where Mr. **WITT** has located on a homestead. Two of the daughters will remain here this winter.

-- John E. **MILLAR** moved his office last week into the front rooms over M. C. **RUNYAN'S** store in the Commercial Club Building. He has the most handsome suite of rooms in Norman.

-- Robt **MAXWELL** and family of Lexington, who have been in New Mexico for several months for the benefit of Mrs. **MAXWELL'S** health, are on their way home. They are traveling over land.

-- Albert **SMITH** purchased Edgar **MAYS'** interest in the confectionery next to the fire house last Saturday. The firm will be **SMITH & BUSH**. Mr. **SMITH** and family moved up from Lexington this week.

-- D. B. **WYNNE** and family returned last Sunday from Harrison, Arkansas, where Mrs. **WYNNE** and daughter, Lea, have been for several months, for the benefit of Mrs. **WYNNE'S** health which has greatly improved.

-- The fire department was called to the H. H. **WALLACE** residence in West Norman about noon Monday.

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-- Attorney J. M. **GRESHAM** received the sad news of the death of his father which occurred in Knoxville, Tenn., Monday morning. Owing to the funeral being set for Tuesday afternoon Mr. **GRESHAM** could not possibly attend. His many friends in Norman sincerely sympathise with him in his bereavment.

-- Dave **HOOPER** came in Saturday from Watonga, O. T., on a short visit with his mother and his many old friends. He has severed his connections with the drug store at Watonga and expects to go to Wichita, Kans., or Kansas City, Mo., to accept a similar position. Dave is one of the best drug clerks in the Territory, and never wants for a good position.

-- Tom **WARD** stopped off between trains Saturday on a short visit with his many old friends. Tom is making Oklahoma City his headquarters, and reports "The Little Bernice" gold mine in Colorado as still having good prospects of making the shareholders big money. He holds a number of shares himself and of course is quite jubilant over the mine.

-- Arthur **MAY** returned home Monday from Hot Springs, Arkansas where he had been the past month for the benefit of his health having been afflicted with a bad attack of rheumatism for some months. He reports himself much better and thinks he will be around and well again in a short time. His many friends will be glad to know of his improvement.

-- When the next snow falls there will appear on the streets of Norman a full fledged factory made sleigh, with red runners and other artistic fixtures. A. **KINGKADE** is the proud owner of it, and he hopes to treat his friends to a first class sleigh ride soon. It is the first of its kind ever brought to Norman, and will be quite a curiosity to many.

-- Miss Netta **SHOOK**, who has been a stenographer with the Andrew **KINGKADE Co.** for some weeks, leaves Sunday, to take a similar position with the register of deeds of Washita county at Cordell.

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GOOD OFFICIALS

Register of Deeds **STOGNER** and his deputy, Mac **MCGINLEY**, are getting down to business and it is evident they will do all in their power to keep the work up to the high standard set by ex-Register Perry **WOODWARD**. Mr. **WOODWARD**, during the six years incumbency of the office, secured the reputation of being one of the most careful and efficient registers in the Territory, thoroughly capable, correct and competent. It is certainly a feather in one's cap to retire from office with such a reputation, and if the new officials keep up the record they will do extremely well.

IN MEMORY OF EDGAR FRANCIS KIDD

Edgar **KIDD** was born in Maryville, Tenn., Sept. 26, 1875, and died at his home in Norman, Okla., Jan. 23, 1905, aged 29 years, 3 months, and 27 days. He was married in the home of his birth, Nov. 25, 1895, to Miss Margaret Della **AMBRISTER**. One boy Bruce M. survives his father to comfort the mother's heart. He will be nine next November.

Besides his wife and son, a mother, Mrs. Arlena **KIDD** of Maryville, Tenn., one brother, Robert **KIDD**, of Norman, and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. **PROFFITT**, of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Annie **CALDWELL**, of Grove I. T., are left to mourn his loss.

Deceased was converted at age of sixteen and joined the M. E. church, of Maryville, where his membership was at the time of his death. He had known for a year that the dread disease, consumption, would set his spirit free, but had always faced death perfectly reconciled to going regretting only leaving his family. A beautiful testimony of faith in the Savior remains as a sweet fragrance of his last hours.

For three years he had battled with a cough; for nine months his voice had been weak, and for the past five weeks he was bedfast. He suffered greatly at the last, but retained consciousness through it all. He had lived in

Norman, on a farm near Etowah, and had also traveled in New Mexico seeking health.

His wife, a daughter of C. G. **AMBRISTER**, lives with her boy, in Norman, and has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community, as have all the relatives and close friends.

But "for him to live was Christ, to die was gain." Let us rejoice in his gain, and seek comfort in Him who ever stands ready to comfort those that mourn.

The church extends sympathy to our brother Ambrister, and prays for strength and comfort for him and his.

Funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. R. A. **BARNES**, of the M. E. church, and interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery Jan. 24, 1905, at 10 a.m. R. A. **BARNES**.

The Norman Transcript, October 10, 1912

GIVEN A DOSE OF OWN MEDICINE

To make one "killing" of the whole shooting match, the "gang" got together Monday night and captured Emery **STUBBEMAN**, George **DURHAM** and Frank **COBBLE**, the young gentlemen who have recently taken wives unto themselves. These young gentlemen have always been active in putting the kibosh to other young gentlemen who married, and now had an opportunity to take their own medicine. The gang took them to the dumping ground, on the river three miles south of town, where they hog-tied them and left them to ponder upon their sins of omission and commission. Along about twelve o'clock they succeeded in getting loose, and after wandering around the dump for an hour or so, falling into muddy pools and over embankments into the river, they arrived home safe and sound along towards morning, fully and completely satisfied.

NEWSPAPER MEN ON PETIT JURY

All previous records have been broken, as far as jury service is concerned. History, ancient or modern, sacred or profane, fails to recall an incident (in this section of the country) where a newspaper man had to serve on a jury. But we

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NEWSPAPER MEN ON PETIT JURY (Continued)

are living today in an advanced age - an age of improvement in all lines, and perhaps this is why the Cleveland county jury commission saw fit to select two newspaper men of Norman to serve as petit jurors during the regular term of the county court which convenes in Norman on Monday, Oct. 14th.

Anyway, W. J. **HESS**, of the Democrat-Topic, and R. A. **BRIGHAM**, of the Transcript, have been summoned as petit jurors for this term, and if the record must be broken these gentlemen might as well break it as anyone else. They may offer excuses, but it's a cinch the judge will not consider any conscientious scruple argument. So, there you are.

The Norman Transcript, March 22, 1918

CAMP TRAVIS NOTES OF CLEVELAND BOYS

Private John M. **PAMBOGO** who is now a soldier in Battery B 343rd F.A.N.A., at Camp Travis, Texas and whose home is at Lexington, Oklahoma, is being transferred to the 165th Depot Brigade Camp Travis, as an expert Artilleryman. What organization he will finally join is not definitely known. He is very anxious to see some real action before the rest of the battery reach the front.

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Ercellent [sic] spirit was evident everywhere among the several thousand recruits recently arriving at Camp Travis. The 29 from Cleveland county who were attached to the 44th Co., 11th Bn., 165th Depot Brigade, claim that they are far better satisfied than they had any idea would be possible. The food is better, the officers are much kinder, they get better quarters and their clothing and other equipment was issued to them much sooner than they had believed would be possible. Excellent shower baths with both hot and cold water are provided, and this necessity was looked on as a most enjoyable and unexpected treat when the recruits arrived and were told that they must keep clean at all times.

In addition to personal cleanliness one of the first lesons[sic] of the recruit is to learn to keep things clean in and around the barracks or living rooms. A great many jokes passed between the men first few days about picking up matches and cigarette snipes, and scrubbing and sweeping.

However, very little trash is dropped outdoors now. One joke is to ask some one if he has an extra pocket not already filled with burned matches. A slow rain for several days necessitated scrubbing of all the windows and floors of the buildings. One rookie says he understands why the Russian women entered the war. No doubt, there are many who see where they could have (made) mother's burden lighter since they do not have "mothers here to take care of them."

The men are entering into their duties with enthusiasm, and will very likely advance in their training much faster than did those who came down last fall. In addition to their work they will indulge in baseball, swimming, track meets, and all other outdoor sports. The 44th company has a victrola and a good assortment of records. Also books and magazines are provided quite liberally, as well as dominoes, and other games. The Y.M.C.A. provides many things in the way of stationery, testaments, booklets, lectures, and all minor wants both spiritually and physically.

Anyone wishing to write any of the following Cleveland county boys address them 44th Co., 11th Bn., D(e)pot Brigade, Camp Travis, Texas.

ANTHONY , Edward C.	MOONEY , Elvin B.
BOWEN , James P.	MADDEN , Robert F.
CLARY , Loranza G.	MILLER , Joe M.
CAVENEY , Martin	MOCK , Chas C.
FRAKER , E. L.	READING , Ivan H.
GRAVES , Will	RICE , Earl C.
HOLMAN , Claud T.	SULEER , Leslie
HEAD , E. J.	SMITH , Nile F.
HEWETT , Mose	SUMMERS , Wm W.
HACKLEY , Wm T.	WILLIAMS , Joe L.
HUGHES , R. H.	WELLS , Geo W.
McPHERSON , Edgar V.	WILHITE , V. G.
McDONALD , Edward	WRIGHT , Herbert E.
MICHENOR , James A.	WILLIAMS , Jasper K.
MORRISON , Theo	

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The Norman Transcript, January 13, 1931

TEA AND DINNER GIVEN FOR STATE D.A.R. REGENT

lovely appointments and an entertaining program characterized the tea and dinner given Monday afternoon and night honoring Mrs. Frank H. MARSHALL of Enid, state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Members of the Black Beaver chapter entertained with a tea at the home of Mrs. Samuel WEIDMAN, 512 Lahoma avenue. The tea table, presided over by Mrs. Major KIDD, Norman regent, was attractively centered with a low bowl of pink snapdragons and tall pink tapers.

Following the opening exercises a patriotic piece, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," was read by Mrs. F. W. McFARLAND.

A musical program was arranged for the afternoon affair by Mrs. Vera I. MOORE. It included two vocal solos, "Calm is the Night," by Mrs. M. M. Johnson, and "Since First I Met Thee," by Mrs. Rubinstein, accompanied by Miss Miriam DEARTH. Miss Catherine BURNETT who also played a piano solo, "Vienna Dance," by Friedman.

Mrs. MARSHALL, in her talk during the tea, brought up the question of the Oklahoma chapters furnishing the colonial kitchen in the institution hall, Washington, D.C.

Additional guests at the tea were Mrs. Joseph LANCIS, Mrs. Jake HAAS, Wichita, Kan., Mrs. George NORRIS, and Mrs. Elmer L. LUCAS.

Mrs. Major KIDD and Mrs. A. K. CHRISTIAN were in charge of arrangements for the delightful dinner program held at the Women's building.

The table where the guests were seated was decorated with a low bowl of pink snapdragons and tall pink and green tapers. Talks were given by Mrs. MARSHALL and by Miss Edna E. McDANIEL, dean of women in the University. Mrs. MARSHALL explained the duties and obligations of members of the organizations and Miss McDANIEL discussed her work in the University.

Special guests for the dinner in addition to Mrs. MARSHALL were Mrs. W. B. BIZZELL and Miss Edna E. McDANIEL. Members who attended the affair are Mrs. Samuel WEIDMAN, Mrs. Major KIDD, Mrs. Leroy ELMORE, Mrs. H. D. RINSLAND, Mrs. A. K. CHRISTIAN, Mrs. G. P. GLENN, Mrs. Sarah SHIPPEY, Mrs. C. P. LANDT, Miss Nan HUGHES, Mrs. Josh LEE, Mrs. W. L. HAYDON, Mrs. H. F. RITTER, Mrs. William SCHAPER, Mrs. D. C. HERRICK, Mrs. Lula D. BERNARD, Mrs. H. G. GOODRICH, Miss Helen BURTON, Miss Ima JAMES, and Miss Grace BROWN.

The Norman Transcript, January 13, 1931

SOCIAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McCOOL, 1005 Classen boulevard, entertained with a buffet supper Sunday evening honoring a group of Tishomingo friends who were on their way to Oklahoma City to attend the inaugural ceremonies (for Governor HOLLOWAY). Mrs. McCOOL was assisted in the hospitalities by Mrs. Agnes Fisher COLBERT and Miss Dovie THORNTON.

Guest included Mr. and Mrs. J. C. HALMARK, Mrs. Robert HARRIS, Mr. and Mrs. Bill FRENCH, Mr. and Mrs. Hern CHISHOLM, Mr. HODGES, Mr. and Mrs. CLACK, Mr. and Mrs. Clive MURRAY, Mr. and Mrs. John NEWMAN, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred HUNT.

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Regular January meeting of the American Association of University Women was held Monday night at the home of Mrs. J. B. CHEADLE, 620 South Miller avenue.

Assisting hostesses were Mrs. D. B. R. JOHNSON, Mrs. Winifred PERRY, Miss Ruth MOORE, Miss Blanche SOMMERS, Miss Belle GOUGH, and Miss Ruth BOORMAN.

Principal talk of the evening was given by Mrs. D. B. R. JOHNSON who discussed "Youth -- Its Meaning, Genesis, and Appraisal." Next meeting of the association will be held February 2 at the home of Mrs. J. F. BENDER, 716 Chautauqua avenue, with Mrs. G. V. METZEL, Mrs. R. F. PAYNE, Mrs. Gertrude NIELSON, Dr. Alma J. NEILL, Miss Edna McDANIEL, and Miss Ima JAMES, assisting hostesses.

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The Norman Transcript, November 30, 1943

MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

Sgt. Wesley **JONES**, Fort Morris, Fla., has been here on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. E. **JONES**, 303 North Webster avenue. His cousin Wyman **JONES** of Wayne, has enlisted in the Merchant Marines.

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Four Norman men are serving in the armed forces together in North Africa and besides regular Army duties have made several sight seeing trips.

The men are MAJOR JACK W. **FOSTER**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. **FOSTER**, 601 North University boulevard, MAJOR FRED **WHITE**, 711 Jenkins avenue, CAPT. GAYFREE **ELLISON**, son of Mrs. Gayfree **ELLISON**, 538 Chautauqua avenue, and LT. ROBERT **HOLLAND**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. **HOLLAND**, 502 South Crawford avenue.

Major **FOSTER** wrote his parents he had received Christmas packages and he was saving the fruit cake for Thanksgiving! Packages had been opened and the edibles consumed. He was glad to receive peanuts since these were the first he had had since leaving the states.

He reported to his parents on a trip to Tunisia and to Carthage. The ruins at Carthage are not what was expected, and he was disappointed, but the beautiful windows in the old cathedral were worth going to see, he said.

Major **FOSTER** wrote his parents he receives the Transcript regularly, but about one month late, and that each issue is passed around until the four have read it.

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ROY L. **COX**, who is stationed in the South Pacific war area, has been awarded a good conduct medal for good behavior, efficiency and fidelity he wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. **COX**, 303 West Gray street. Mr. **COX** is private first class in the Army Signal corps.

Bits and Pieces

WWI DRAFT REGISTRATIONS

All men aged 18 through 45 (citizen or alien) were required to register, except those already in military service. These "draft cards" have been microfilmed. If you are interested in further information, look for this article in the 1st Quarter (Winter) 1996, Vol. XXVII, issue of Smoke Signals in the CCG Library.

DISAPPEARING ANCESTORS

If you have ancestors who appear to disappear in the 1850s, try checking the 1852 CA State census. Over 50,000 people traveled by land to gold fields while more went by ship. The 1852 California State census is especially valuable, as it asked for the person's residence. Most answered with the name of the state of origin. By 1855, 23,000 of these people had moved on, or returned to their former homes. [GRIVA News & Notes, & Smoke Signals, Vol. XXVII, 1st Qtr (Winter) 1996]

PRISONER OF WAR RECORDS

Information about any POW in any war, including the Civil War, may be obtained by sending a SASE to Andersonville National Historic Site, Route #1, Box 85, Andersonville, GA 31711. Include the name of the ancestor and any military information - unit, place, or anything that would help identify the soldier. You will be billed for copy cost [Chisholm Trail and Smoke Signals, Vol. XXVII, 1st qtr (Winter) 1996]

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

The Veterans Administration has discovered some 10 million duplicates of 20th Century military records thought to have been destroyed in the 1973 fire. If you have been told the records you need were burned in that fire, write again: National Personnel Records, GSA, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132. [Bryan Co. Hist Soc. Nov 1995, and Foot Steps, Vol. 11 #1, Jan 1996]

VIRGINIA BAPTISMS

Until 1786, all children in Virginia, regardless of their religious affiliation, were required to be baptised in the "State Church" which was the Episcopal Church. The parish registers can be found in the Virginia State Archives at Richmond giving names, birthdays and parents names. [Mahoning Meanderings, V19 #5, Smoke Signals, Vol. XXVII, #3, via The Green Country Quarterly, No. 3, Fall 1995]

New Books in the Library

Missouri Genealogical Gleanings: 1840 and Beyond, Vol. I, compiled by Sherida K. Eddlemon, Heritage Books, Inc., 258 pp, paperback. In the last newsletter of 1995, I was privileged to review Vol. II, and was so impressed with it, I asked our acquisitions person to get us a Vol. I. It is similar in format to Vol. II and has loads of miscellaneous information. I think about these two books as boxes of "Loose Papers" which tell us little bits about a lot of things. From Clark County, Missouri, someone has unearthed the will of John M. Reed of Mason County, KY... the Liberty Methodist Church Cemetery is recorded in Lawrence County which was formed out of Barry and Dade Counties in 1845... there is a delinquent tax list for the year 1844 in Lafayette County... Henry County contributes three sets of cemetery records; Durnell's Chapel, Drake's Chapel and Huntingdale Cemetery... and in St. Louis County, the unfortunate Nathaniel Childs had to redo his wedding plans at a whim of the general assembly. Ah yes. The more things change, the more they remain the same.

Happy reading. If you have Missouri Roots, it's a little gold mine; if you are rooted to another part of our great land, read it for fun and look for a familiar name.

Book reviewed by CCGS Member
Eunice Stewart GODDARD.

Diary in Gray: Civil War Journal of J. Y. Sanders, II, Edited and annotated by Mary Elizabeth Sanders from manuscript prepared by Barbara Comeaux Strickland. Publisher: Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society, POB 82080, Baton Rouge 70884-2080.

This is a well written and extremely well-annotated diary of a CSA soldier, Jared Young Sanders. The book actually serves three purposes - and all of them extremely well: it gives us a day-by-day account as young Jared posted it in his diaries; it mentions many, many of his family, friends, and contemporaries; and it gives us an overview of the happenings of one family during the early days of our country.

You will need to read it carefully and sort out the bits and pieces, since the author annotated it extensively from her research into sources other than the diary (there were actually three of them). But, that's another story.

The price is not shown, but write the publisher.

Book reviewed by CCGS Member
Eunice Stewart GODDARD.

In the Library

The Summer, 1995, issue of *Prologue, Quarterly of the National Archives*, contains several articles which include information on Civil War records.

Archivist Michael P. Musick has written an article entitled "**Civil War Records, An Introduction and Invitation**," about researching these records. He includes information on some of the changes being made with the addition of the new Archives building in College Park, Maryland.

Mr. Musick is also the author of "**The Little Regiment, Civil War Units and Commands**." Each regiment was "the primary object of identification for the men who fought the war." Usually a unit was formed of neighbors, friends, and even relatives. Pictures and copies of documents are included as well as several appendices.

There is a checklist for sources in the National Archives for Regimental History (both Union and Confederate). Regimental books available for both armies are listed by state, type, and name or number.

Lee D. Bacon, also on the National Archives staff, writes a "**Genealogy Notes**" article entitled "**Civil War and Later Navy Personnel Records at the National Archives, 1861 - 1924**."

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Researching Virginia? *News and Notes*, Oct. 1995, published by Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia, printed a list of GRIVA members for 1994 and 1995, accompanied by a list of names being researched.

Bits and Pieces

A MATTER OF TIMING

On many old tombstones will be found the wording (or something similar): "Jane Pioneer consort of John Pioneer." This indicates that at the time Jane Pioneer died, John was still alive. If the stone reads "Jane Pioneer relict of John Pioneer," this indicates that at the time Jane Pioneer died, her husband was already deceased. [The Family Tree, pub. by Ellen Payne Odom Gen Library, Moultrie, GA, and The Fuqua Foundation News, Vol. 3 #3, Fall 1995]

VARIOUS MEANINGS OF EARLY GRAVESTONE ART

Anchors & Ships - seafaring profession
Arches - victory in death
Arrows - mortality
Bouquets - condolences and grief
Buds - renewal of life
Bugles - resurrection, and the military
Candle Being Snuffed - time and mortality
Coffins - mortality
Crossed Swords - high ranking military person
Darts - mortality
Doves - the soul and purity
Father Time - mortality & the Grim Reaper
Flowers - brevity of earthly existence, sorrow
Flying Birds - flight of soul
Fruits - eternal plenty
Garlands - victory in death
Imps - mortality
Hand of God Chopping - sudden death
Hand Shakes - farewell to earthly existence
Hearts - soul in bliss, love of Christ
Horns - resurrection
Hourglass - swiftness of time
Lambs - innocence
Picks and Shovels - mortality
Portals - passageway to the eternal journey
Roses - brevity of earthly existence
Sheaves of Wheat - time, the divine remembrance
Shells - pilgrimage of life
Suns - the resurrection
Thistles - remembrance
Tombs - mortality
Trees - life
Trumpeters - heralds of the resurrection
Willows - earthly sorrow
Winged Death - head - morality
Winged Effigies - the flight of the soul

[From Longview Morning Journal, The Herald, Conroe, TX, The Connecticut Nutmegger, Dec 1992]

OSSW

While doing research involving cemetery records, the entry "OSSW" is occasionally encountered. The letters usually stand for "On Same Stone With." [Internet and Fuqua Foundation News, Vol. 3 #4, Winter 1995]

CENOTAPH

The word "Cenotaph" engraved on a tombstone indicates that there is NO-ONE buried there. The stone is in honor of or in memory of a person who is buried elsewhere. [Permian Basin Genealogical Society Newsletter, May 1994, and Fuqua Foundation News, Vol. 3 #4, Winter 1995]

TOMBSTONE RUBBING WITH 'PELLON' FABRIC

The use of non-woven fabric called "Pellon" (medium weight) instead of paper will result in a much better rubbing with less effort. The stone can be washed just prior to rubbing (since pellon will not tear when wet) and the fabric pulled into shape on the stone and taped into place while the stone is still wet.

Use a block of colored wax or side of crayon to do the rubbing. If the stone has "chunks" of lichen that have hardened, crumpled pieces of masking tape will help remove them prior to rubbing. Remember... NEVER use a wire brush to clean a tombstone. [Illinois State Genealogical Society Newsletter, North Hill Genealogists, and Smoke Signals, Vol. XXVII, 1st qtr (Winter) 1996]

TOMBSTONE STYLES

To date tombstone styles, use the following guidelines:

- ♦ Slate or common fieldstone: 1796-1830 (except for wooden tombstones used by pioneers);
- ♦ Flat-topped hard marble: 1830-1849;
- ♦ Round or pointed soft marble with cursive inscriptions: 1845-1868;
- ♦ Masonic four-sided stones: 1850-present;
- ♦ Pylons, columns and all exotic monuments: 1860 - 1900;
- ♦ Zinc monuments: 1870-1900;
- ♦ Granite (now very common) circa 1900-pres.

[Bluestem Root Diggers, pub by Bluestem Genealogical Society, Eureka, KS, and The Fuqua Foundation News, Vol. 3, #3, Fall 1995]

Bits and Pieces

CCGS LIBRARY'S NEW LOOK

The CCGS Library was redecorated in December. This meant removing everything from the four rooms of the library as well as the storage room. The area has been repainted, new carpet installed, and lighting upgraded. Then books, furniture, files and large tax books were returned to the library from Charles and Evelyn PARKER'S barn and Olier VALLIERE'S garage. The PARKER'S grandson, Justin, and Val's son, Jim, assisted several CCGS members with the move. All have well developed muscles as a result. If you haven't seen the Library's new look, make a point to!

GERMANS IN TEXAS

From 1848 to the start of the Civil War more than 30,000 Germans emigrated to South Texas. The Institute of Texan Cultures library in San Antonio has a collection of 336 newspaper obituaries of German immigrants. Another source for information is the German-Texan Heritage Society, P. O. Box 684171, Austin, TX 78768. Send surname, origin in Germany and county of residence in Texas. [The Green Country Quarterly, No. 4 Winter 1995]

THE PORT OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

This port tends to be overlooked by researchers who flock to the records of the five major ports - Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York and Philadelphia. Yet this important entry point processed large numbers of immigrants, primarily Germans and Eastern Europeans, from the 1840s through 1920. Galveston processed more than 11,000 German immigrants between 1850 and 1855, according to the annual reports of the secretary of state. The Texas Seaport Museum's mailing address is 2016 Strand, Galveston Island, TX 77550. [Santa Barbara Co., A. Genealogical Society, and Smoke Signals, Ottawa Co., Gen. Soc., Vol. XXVII, 4th Quarter, Fall 1995]

OF INTEREST TO COMPUTER USERS

The database index to about 58,000 applications for Confederate pensions from veterans and their widows is available through Texas State Electronic Library on Internet via World Wide Web at link.tsl.texas.gov. [The Tree Trunk, Vol. XIX, #4 and The Green Country Quarterly, No. 3, Fall 1995]

From Love County

RESEARCH IN LOVE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

From time to time, we receive inquiries from people doing family research. These persons ask for information on ancestors living in this area in the 1800's. There is no information here before 1907 and statehood. Marriage licenses found in the Love County Courthouse begin after November 16, 1907. This information is found in the District Court Clerk's office. The Court Clerk also has divorce and probate records beginning at statehood. The County Clerk has some property records before statehood. These are mainly townsite records. Other records having to do with the transfer of land start at statehood. There are also records of Indian land allotments. There are some tax records in the County Treasurer's office beginning after statehood. The County Clerk is now in control of school records. These were formerly housed in the County Superintendent's office. There are school census records beginning in 1922. The county does not have birth and death records.

Many people living in this area before statehood obtained licenses to marry in adjoining counties in Texas, mainly Cooke and Montague Counties. The Court Clerk of Carter County Oklahoma has marriage records beginning in 1895 and ending at statehood. These were marriages in the Southern District of Pickens County in the Chickasaw Nation.

The City Hall in Marietta has cemetery records of the Lakeview and Prairie View cemeteries outside of Marietta. The Anderson-Kennedy Funeral Home has funeral records beginning in 1913. Information is sketchy in these early records. There are no burial records in the rural cemeteries unless the person has a tombstone. The society is in the process of updating these listings. Again, there will be only the tombstone record or personal knowledge of some of the people in the area.

There are microfilmed copies of the weekly newspapers in the Love County Library. Many of the early issues are missing. There was no I.T. (Indian Territory) Federal Census taken in or before 1880 and there are few surviving 1890 Censuses. These were destroyed in a fire. Indian Territory was not among the ones that survived. The first census taken in this area is 1900. These are not indexed into counties or areas, but are in Township and Ranges. Thus, doing research in our area is a challenge!

Laquitta Ladner, President
Love County Historical Society
Quarterly Newsletter, January 1996

Recent Meetings

A variety of interesting programs have been presented to members and guests of CCGS this year. In November, Nora White of the Family History Center talked about materials and services available there. She emphasized the information that can be found using their computers.

Kenneth Johnson presented the December program titled "Jerusalem, the Center of the World." Using slides, he discussed archaeological data and history of the area as well as the present, showing the common roots of the three major monotheistic religions - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

"Imperial Texas" was Dick Nostrand's topic for the January meeting. The settlement of Texas was different from that of any other state, which led to a very different history. In February, Dr. Nostrand received the first Angie Debo Prize for the best book on the American Southwest published by the OU Press. His book, *The Hispano Homeland*, has won two other awards.

Laura Swymeler, from the Oklahoma Historical Society Library, was the speaker in February. Laura gave us an update on the Library and reviewed the use of census records.

Seminars and Conferences

1996 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States

May 8 - 11, 1996
Nashville, Tennessee

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Ye Olde Genealogy Workshop

June 22, 1996
O. T. Autry Vocational Technical Center
1201 West Willow, Enid, OK
Contact: Garfield County Genealogists, Inc.
P. O. Box 1106, Enid, OK 73702

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Oklahoma Genealogical Society and FFTT Summer Seminar

Saturday, June 8, 1996
for information, send long SASE to
OHS, P.O. Box 12986, Okla. City 73157

Seminars and Conferences

Tulsa Genealogical Society Workshop

Saturday, July 13, 1996 - 9:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Garnett Church of Christ, Tulsa, OK

Speaker: Fran Carter Walker

Featured Topics are Analyzing your Genealogy,
Land and Property records,
The 3 Phases of Probate, and W.P.A.

Contact Tulsa Genealogical Society, Box 585,
Tulsa, OK 74101-0585 or call 918-357-2030

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3rd Annual 4 Corners Ancestor Fair

Thursday, July 25 - Saturday, July 27, 1996
in Springdale, AR

Dozens of exhibits featuring vendors, societies,
and family groups, plus workshops!

For information, send an SASE to 4 Corners
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Phillips Families Genealogy Swap Meet

August 15 - 17 at the Best Western Inn
in Chickasha, OK

Reservations are due by July 22.
Those unable to attend are encouraged to send
their genealogy information to
Dale F. Phillips, 1927 S. 7th St.,
Chickasha, OK 73018, or call 405-224-6927

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Central Oklahoma Ancestor Fair

Saturday, May 4, 1996

Contact: Logan Co. Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 1419, Guthrie, OK 73044

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Dallas Genealogical Society 1996 Lecture Series

June 1 - Kentucky Ancestors
Researching the Bluegrass State
August 24, 1996 - On Site Research Using
Court and Other Records Successfully
October 19 - Super Sleuthing
The Sherlock Holmes "Write" Way to Research
Pre-Registration is Required!

Donations to the Library

Thanks to Barbara YOUNG, the Library now has *The Indiana Biographical Index*, by Jimmy Parker and Lyman Platt. This is a complete biographical index for the state, containing over 240,000 names from more than 500 sources, including state and county histories, biographical, compendiums, county atlases, and directories. A total of 16 fiche are available at the Library desk.

nez ANDERSON has donated copies of several magazines and journals you might be interested in: *Indiana Magazine of History* published by Dept. of History, Indiana University, in cooperation with the Indiana Historical Society; *The Hossier Genealogist* published by the Indiana Historical Society; and *Genealogy* a publication of the Family History Section, Indiana Historical Society.

Marjorie THOMAS has donated the *Nebraska State Historical Society Publications Index*. This set of nine microfiche consists of subject, title, and author indexes.

Clarence and Geneva JURY have donated materials on Oklahoma.

Barbara RIVAS has donated materials used by her husband before his recent death. This donation includes some books on Arizona.

Our Sympathy

Deanna BLANCETT, a CCGS member from Moore, died from cancer in December. Deanna had been entering the 1891 Cleveland County tax list in her computer before her death.

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Ruth BLANCHARD, wife of Charles BLANCHARD, died in January. Both have been members of CCGS for several years. Charles had worked in the CCG Library on Saturdays until recently.

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Charles HAYNES, who died in February was a lifetime resident of Norman. He was a member of First Families of Cleveland County and SAR. His wife, Lorene, is a member of CCGS as was Mr. HAYNES.

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Albert SMITH, who died in November, had prepared the map showing the location of all the cemeteries in Cleveland County when the first Meyer and Meyer Funeral Home book was published by the Society. Mr. SMITH was a member of First Families of Cleveland County. Marilyn POPE, his daughter, has given CCGS the Cleveland County school records from the County School Superintendent's office which Mr. SMITH had been given when that office closed.

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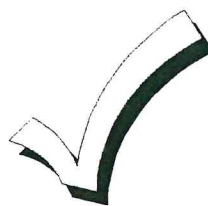
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Speaker: Robert Rundstrom
Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.
Location - TBA

**Cleveland County Genealogical Society's
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Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
Saturday, August 24, 1996
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