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Annual Cleveland County Genealogical Society Workshop

August 21 and 22 are the dates.

The Ramada Inn, I-35 at the Lindsey Street exit in Norman, Oklahoma, is the place.

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck of the Dallas Public Library's Genealogy Department is the speaker.

"The Scots-Irish Along the Great Wagon Trail" is the subject.

Movement of these settlers from Pennsylvania through Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee will be traced during the Saturday, August 22, session from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration and browsing will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$27.00, including lunch, if preregistered. Registration at the door is \$30.00.

Mr. Bockstruck will present a Friday night lecture on August 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on "Lesser Known Records." Cost for this session is \$5.00.

The Friday night room rate for one to four people will be \$45.00. For further information, contact the Ramada Inn at (405) 321-0110.

A registration form may be found on page 27 of this newsletter.

CCGS and Education

NORMAN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH

The CCGS program for December 1997 was presented by students of Norman's new Norman High School North. A student acting troupe presented a skit titled "Grandparents and Their Odd Gifts."

CCGS member Betty **FLORA**, a volunteer in the NHS North Library, presented media specialist, Jeanie Johnson, who talked briefly about the new school. With approximately 2,000 students, the library contains about 1,000 books. Members of the Society contributed to "Book Passage North," the school's fund raiser for library materials.

Ms. Johnson has purchased a novel for their collection with the money donated.



MOORE'S WEST JUNIOR HIGH

The CCGS was recently invited to participate in a multicultural week at West Junior High.

The week began with faculty and students decorating the halls and rooms, followed by a Multicultural Exchange Day on May 6. From 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., students were given the opportunity to hear presentations from a variety of speakers from cultures around the world and on tracing ancestors.

The Society provided three teams of two members. Each presented to six groups and were able to share with approximately 400 students information on tracing family heritage. The members of the teams were Evelyn **PARKER**, Joyce **GRISHAM**, Darlene **SHAWN**, Ralph **WILSON**, Barbara **YOUNG**, and Jo **MUSTOE**. Inez **ANDERSON** coordinated the presentations.

The week concluded with students dressing in costumes, and being served foods representing other cultures.

Our presenters were impressed with the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. They felt they were very attentive and polite, and look forward to an opportunity to visit again.

CCGS appreciates opportunities to promote genealogical research, especially among young people. Thanks to our members who initiate and work on these projects.



TEEN VOLUNTEER

April **ARMSTRONG** has served as a volunteer in the CCG Library for the past two years. April has accepted a full time job. Her resignation letter included the following comments about her experiences in the library.

"When I walked into your library during the summer of 1996, I had no idea it would turn into a weekly ritual that would last two years. I just wanted to volunteer somewhere. Nowhere would take a 14-year-old--except an unusual place called the C.C.G.S. Library. The school credit I ended up getting had nothing to do with why I came. I liked typing and filing and indexing for you, but I think most of all I loved to hear your stories--even if I wasn't ever really into genealogy (at least I've learned to spell the word).

The trip I take to deliver this letter will be my last to 1005 N. Flood. Good luck on your research and don't forget to turn off the typewriter before covering and leaving."

April will be given a certificate of recognition for her services at the June meeting.



EARLY CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

Bill **WILLIAMSON** of South Oklahoma City is preparing a map of former rural schools in Cleveland County. The map is complete except for the site locations of several former colored schools. **WILLIAMSON** needs information on the location of Norris, Brown's Valley, and Westpoint, located in northeast Cleveland County, and McIntosh, located east of Lexington.

He is also interested in the names and locations of any subscription schools from 1889 to 1891.

WILLIAMSON may be contacted at 5600 S. W. 119th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, or call him at 405-691-2760.

Edna M. Couch

Edna M. **COUCH**, long-time Norman resident, avid historian and genealogist, died Thursday, May 7, 1998 in Ranchwood Nursing Center in Yukon, Oklahoma.

Edna was born November 23, 1903 in Choctaw, Indian Territory, to Eugene and Mary Belle (**ADAMS COUCH**). She graduated from Battle Creek College in Michigan as a registered hospital dietitian.

She was past president of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society and served four years on the Oklahoma Historical Society Board, nine years on the Cleveland County Historical Board and was appointed by two governors to serve eight years on the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Health Systems Agency. She also served three years as president of the 1889er Society and was historian of the Oklahoma Writers' Federation. The Daughters of the American Revolution had presented her the Medal of Honor and she also received the 1889er of the Year award.

Ms. **COUCH** recently completed a book about the struggles of the Boomer movement for the settlement of Oklahoma Territory under the leadership of her grandfather, William L. **COUCH** after the death of David **PAYNE**. She had done extensive research for over 40 years on this subject which included hundreds of articles from eastern newspapers which she ordered through the National Archives.

Her grandfather, William L. **COUCH**, was ultimately elected first mayor of the provisional government of the "City of Oklahoma" on April 26, 1889.

Edna was most interested in current events and kept notebooks of articles sent to her. She frequently inquired about the MAPS projects in downtown Oklahoma City, especially the planned Canal. She liked to recount the story of the City's first attempt to build a canal which quickly went dry upon completion. However, she always pointed out that the construction did provide needed employment for her grandfather's family and many others as well.

Edna had a very sharp and alert mind to the end of her life. She would often thank friends by this quotation which she attributed to Anne Morrow **LINDBURGH**:

"One can never pay with gratitude, one must pay in kind somewhere later in life."

Survivors include a son, Gordon **COUCH** and wife, Glynda, two grandchildren, Jeff **COUCH** and Carin **LASLEY**, three great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Lucile **RANDALL** and Edith **SPAHR**.

She was buried in Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City in the family plot near the grave of her noted grandfather and other family members.

In The Library

If you are researching Springfield, MO (Greene County), read the May 1998 issue of the McClain County (OK) Historical Society Newsletter. Member Inez Simmons has donated research material for this county to their library. A list appears in their newsletter.

[McClain County Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 14:3, May 1998]

In the same issue, Joyce Rex reminds readers that the Chickasaw Nation (Southern District), Marriages from 1895-1907 were indexed as Carter Co. Marriages since they were located in Ardmore Court House. These cover the entire Chickasaw Nation, not just "Old Pickens Co." of which Ardmore was a recording town.

[McClain County Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 14:3, May 1998]

Newspaper Abstracts

The Moore Journal, J. H. DUNN, Editor, Vol. 1, No. 47, Jan. 4, 1894

William GOEN was up from Norman, Monday evening.

Charles KIMBLE is spending Christmas with his mother.

R. D. HUMPHREY, of Purcell, is visiting his mother, Mrs. BIDDLE.

Hon. J. P. LANE and Geo GOODE passed through town Wednesday.

L. E. DAMON, auditor A. T. & S. F. Railroad was in the city Tuesday.

William GATRON of Carbondale, Kansas, is visiting friends in the city.

W. H. COWAN, deputy sheriff, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Mr. CARMEAN, of Oklahoma City is spending Christmas with Dr. DAVIS.

F. D. STEVENS, and J. H. DUNN, made a business trip to Norman Wednesday.

Mr. LEVERICH, one of our businessmen was in Norman on business Wednesday.

William CATREN returned to Purcell Tuesday after a weeks visit with friends.

Geo. W. LEVERICH, and W. H. TATE were in the county seat on business Tuesday.

B. A. RUEDY and E. F. CHESNUTT, ate Christmas dinner with friends at Norman.

If you want to locate in the finest spot in the universe, come to Moore, or write to F. D. STEVENS.

William MASSEY and family, of Oklahoma City, are visiting with J. W. CHESNUTT and family.

Miss Eunice CHESNUTT spent Christmas day with her friend Miss Hattie WILLIAMS at Norman.

Mr. RAPOLTZ living three miles west of town brought Tuesday a dressed hog weighing 320 pounds.

Dr. R. D. LOWTHER, of Norman, with his brother E. D. LOWTHER, of Arkansas, spent Saturday in the city.

Roll HUMPREY left Monday for his home in Purcell after spending the holidays with relatives at Moore.

Rev. Sam SMALL, will lecture in Norman, Monday night. A large number of people from this place will attend.

Mrs. Clara RUEDY has been under the weather for the past week, but was able to be out again Monday evening.

The May Dramatic Company wish to thank Miss BAILEY and Messrs. SECORE for the excellent music furnished Monday evening.

Mayor APPLGATE who is now in Nebraska writes that times in the North are much harder than here. Lots of snow and cold weather. He expects to return soon.

The city will commence the erection of a stone calaboose at once. This is the proper thing. A calaboose is much needed, and we will be able to find a marshal that will see that it is put into use. There seems to be a few young men that need a lesson before they will behave, and the sooner they are given to understand that law can not be violated with impunity, the better.

Christmas day in Moore passed off as quietly as could be expected. All of our good people seemed to be happy, while a few were probably a little more so than the law allows. However with the exception of a few boys from our neighboring towns who were under the influence of bad whiskey. The general behavior of the people was as good as could be expected.

Ben says sweet milk is good for indigestion.

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The Noble News

Bud **GLENN** was in Norman Tuesday on business.

Mr. **SIMPSON**, spent the Sabbath at Norman with his family.

Miss Minnie **BRECKENRIGE**, is visiting her sister in Kansas.

Miss Hattie **GRAHAM** spent Xmas with her sister at Pond Creek.

Mr. **HOLBROOK** has gone to Kansas City to visit his mother and sister.

There is not a better location in this country for a future store than at Noble.

Mr. **BARKER** has sub contracted the mail route, but we have not learned to whom.

Misses Ina and Mary **KLINGLESMTIH**, visited their uncle at Paoli, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Ball at the Noble hotel Tuesday night was very largely attended and all report a nice time.

The demand for dwelling houses is so great here that every shack is being repaired and utilized.

Mr. **TRUEBLOOD**, who has been weighing cotton at Purcell, has returned to his home and family at this place.

A Mr. **MARTIN** from Missouri has bought the residence property in the south part of town belonging to Mr. **MEDOWS**.

The party who went to the Pott. country hunting last week, have returned and report good luck and an enjoyable time.

It was necessary to send out three stage coaches to Tecumseh Thursday to accommodate the passengers there being sixteen.

Mrs. Bob **ALLEN**, was kicked by a horse last week from which she has been confined to her bed several days, but we are glad to say is improving.

Mr. Walter **STARKE**, of Rush Spring, is visiting his mother. In a few days he will leave for Ft. Worth where he will enter a business college.

Dr. **GRAHAM**, preached to a large audience at the church Sunday night. No doubt every person in Noble has seen the doctor in the gutter but the first time they have seen him occupy the pulpit. We are glad to know he is doing better and every one should encourage him instead of trying to discourage him.

Dr. E. D. O. **LOWTHER**, a graduate of Kentucky School of Medicine has located in Moore, and will live in the Applegate property. Dr. **LOWTHER** graduated, 1893, but has been in the active practice of medicine about ___ years. Hollywood, Ark., has been _____ for the past six years and his success has been flattering. Mr. **LOWTHER** is a young man, a brother of Dr. R. D. **LOWTHER** of the firm of **CAPSHAW & LOWTHER**, leading physicians of Norman, and has located in our city to make his home. He will arrive with his family the first of the week.



Married Dec. 25th at eleven o'clock a.m. at the residence of the brides parents six miles east of Purcell. Mr. Jessie **PHINK** to Miss Annie **MCWOSTER**, Rev. Z. P. **WELLS**, of Norman, officiating.

After partaking of sumptuous repast they took the train at Purcell, where they were joined by a number of friends from Noble, Lexington and surrounding country, all bound for Paoli where they found the doors of the Paoli hotel wide open to welcome them all by reason of the courtesy of T. N. **THORNTON** and wife. After all parties had feasted to their hearts' content, tables, chairs, dishes and other paraphernalia belonging to a well equipped dining room were

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cast into cupboards, closets and other dark recesses and those who felt inclined to engage in dancing tripped the fantastic toe until the wee small hours in the morning. Among those most conspicuous in attendance were Mary **KLINGSMITH**, W. M. **GARDNER**, John **BOATRIGHT**, Mr. **HANES** and wife all of Noble, Col. **LANEY** and wife Mrs. Maud **TILGATE** and wife of Lexington, James **PRATER** and wife, Cora **DEAM** and Wat **BANDIE**, of Pauls Valley. Mrs. Jas. L. **HARRIS**, of Jerseyville, Ill. Mrs. Dr. **STIVER**, of Pattsbord, Tex. and John **HARRIS**, of Elgin, Kansas.

The presents were numerous and nice and suggested to our minds that it is profitable to get married. We will only mention a few of the presents here.

Bed room set, Mrs. T. N. **THORNTON** and W. J. **KINGLESMTIH**; Set of silver knives and forks by Dr. **MCBRIDE**; Rocking chair by Mary **KLINGSMITH**; Parlor lamp by R. W. **TATE**; Table cloth and dozens napkins Chas. and Hillie **BRADEN**; Half dozen towels F. L. **MACKEY** and wife; of Norman Safe A. F. **GOOD** and wife; dining table and half dozen napkins P. F. **FOSTER** and wife set dinner plates H. L. **BREWER** and wife; Clock, Frank **VAUGHN**; whisk broom holder Mrs. **GRAVELY**; Table and one dozen napkins Mr. Dick **PHINK** and wife of Pottboro, Texas; Glass Tea Set Millie **WILLSON**; Berry dish Mrs. Jas. **PRATER**; Fruit stand Miss Cora **DEEM**; Set of goblets Lanie **LINSEY**; Cow and calf T. **THORNTON**; sow and pigs Jas. L. **HARRIS**; And numerous other presents we will not mention as we have not the space. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and were made to exclaim who next.

A Friend.



The prettiest thing that has yet been put in Christmas stocking is that for which the stocking was made.

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Oklahoma.

TOWN TALK

Noble is proud of her school.

Noble, the queen of the prairies.

1893 will be a gala year in Oklahoma.

Almanacs and calendars for '93 are in brisk demand.

Monday was not legally observed here as a holiday.

Postmaster **WHITFORD** went up to Norman Monday.

Constable **BOATRIGHT** was at Norman Monday officially.

When a holiday is most needed is the day after the holiday.

There will be no lack of ice making weather this winter.

The new year opens with flattering prospects for this paper.

Liveryman **DRACE** was a visitor at the county seat Wednesday.

Despise no one; for every one knows something thou knowest not.

Geo. W. **THOMPSON** transacted business at the county seat Monday.

Caution - Don't advertise in The Leader unless you desire to sell your goods.

J. C. **CASHEN**, a prominent citizen of Township 7, made us a pleasant call Friday.

A man is never too poor to be a gentleman; but there are men so rich they think they don't need to be.

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TOWN TALK

Miss Mary **KLINGLESMTIH** left Monday for
Burnett, where she is engaged in teaching.

J. W. **KLINGLESMTIH** went out to Burnett
Wednesday to look after business matters over
there.

Sheriff **SMITH** and wife were passengers on the
south-bound train Monday en route for
Lexington.

A. S. **WHITEHEAD** of the Paul Valley Enterprise,
was in town Tuesday on business for his journal.

The Leader family is now snugly domiciled in the
RENUIE brick with the office in front. Come and
see us.

Our honored friend, Uncle Luke
KLINGLESMTIH, called Thursday. We are
always proud to shake his hand.

E. J. **KELLER** and wife of Lexington were
passengers on the south bound train Monday en
route for their home.

Pete **THIEL** and W. F. **GARDNER** went up to
Norman Thursday by private conveyance -
driving a due(?) span of roans.

Dr. H. **BECKER** of Becker, Texas, was in town
this week prospecting and has an eye to
locating here. Wish he would.

Mrs. Marion **WANTLAND** and three children
arrived here Wednesday from Arkansas. They
are the guests of C. F. **WANTLAND**.

Homer **BRADFORD** has severed his connection
with The Leader and left for Norman Tuesday,
his home. Bert **DELZELL**, (the beautiful) will
take his place.

Mrs. Mollie **MITCHELL** and son, Master Russ,
returned from Paul Valley Tuesday, where they
had been visiting with relatives and friends for
several days.

We notice that several young men of Purcell
have made application for the position as
postmaster of that town. Among them we are
glad to notice our young friend, Jack **MADDOX**.
Jack has not made any application, as yet, but
judging from the letters he has received from
friends in Washington, he has the inside track.
The letters are from gentlemen close to the
incoming administration, and we think the
position for him is assured. This young man has
been a life-long democrat, born and raised in
Virginia, and a reward of this kind can only, in a
measure, repay him for unflinching party fealty
and long service in the ranks of democracy. We
only wish we had many more in our ranks like
him.

Colonel **STOVALL** entertained some of his
friends at a Christmas feast. The cut of the
colonel's jovial face indicates that he is a real
entertainer. Lafe **MERRITT** of the Democrat,
was there we are told, and went into the good
things as though the entire spread was for his
sole use and benefit. We wait to hear from him
on that dinner. Purcell Topic.

We thought that he was too busy that day
donating presents to the poor children of
Lexington and would not have time to partake of
Col. **STOVALL'S** hospitality. This fellow,
though, has the gall to do anything and is
getting too liberal to live long - he is liable to die
soon with enlargement of the heart.

Gilbert Addison **DELZELL** went down to Purcell
and Lexington Monday on a collecting trip for
The Leader. He made a clean sweep at Purcell
and almost a water haul at the latter place. Most
of the good people down there had already paid
us. Gilbert Addison is again with us and a
fixture. We are sorry we let him go the first time
as we were badly damaged in the swap. This
will not occur again soon.

C. P. **KLINGLESMTIH** and wife returned from
Texas Wednesday. They were accompanied by
Lawrence **NEFF**, a young gentleman, who will
attend the Noble Academy. C. P. made another
big deal in Texas real estate during his absence.

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Town Talk

The summer girl is sure to be a thing of beauty and a joy forever, but the time is near at hand when the "hello" girl who works in the central office of the telephone companies will soon be no more. An electrician has patented a device which enables a person to press a button and get connected with any line or number he desires. We will all miss, however, the musical voice of the "hello" girl.

The Noble Academy opened Monday with very flattering prospects. Quite a number of new students were added to the roll. Prof.

MACREADY, the principal, is the right man in the right place, and as a builder-up of schools he has no superiors and but few equals. His system of teaching the young idea how to shoot is universally endorsed by the patrons of the school.

S. W. **HUTCHIN** brother of County Attorney **HUTCHIN**, and lately from Kinney, Illinois, has bought the farm of S. **SEE**, just north of the Lappin farm. It is fine and brought Mr. **SEE** a snug \$4,000. Mr. **HUTCHIN** has gone back for his family and says there will be several other substantial men come to Cleveland county in the spring. Purcell Topic.

Dr. J. M. **STILL** of Noble, and Miss May **MOORE** of Kemp, Texas, were married at the latter place on the 28th ult., Rev. **JOURDAN**, a distinguished Methodist divine tying the nuptial knot. The happy couple returned home Saturday amid a shower of congratulations. The **Leader** wishes the happy couple every matrimonial pleasure in life.

There is a movement on foot for the building of a mill and elevator at this point. We understand that \$3,000 has already been subscribed for that purpose. J. W. **KLINGLESMTIH** has the matter in charge and is pushing it right along. We will have more to say about this in the future when we have more space and time.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season came off last Friday night at the Thornton hotel, Paoli, I.T. Several Nobleites were in attendance and speak of the affair in glowing terms - giving great praise to Mr. and Mrs. Tom **THORNTON**, the hospitable host and hostess.

Mrs. Prof. **MACREADY**, who has been on an extended visit with her mother in Grayson county, Texas, returned home Monday. The professor is again living at home and boarding at the same place. Her children, Eula Dee and Roy, returned with her of course.

Our signature to petitions for government appointments is very much sought after these days by men who seem to think we have some influence at headquarters. It may be we have but if such is the case, we are not aware of it.

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FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

F. J. **BRADFORD** is still confined to his bed.

George **HOUSE** left for Oklahoma City Monday.

Prof. **GWYNNE**, of Lexington, was in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. **BIXLER** went to Oklahoma City Monday.

New students are entering the university every day.

Dr. **STILL** and G. W. **THOMPSON** were up from Noble, Monday.

This was a bad week on bicycles three of them being disabled.

Charlie **BELLAMY** is having a pretty tough siege of rheumatism.

Uncle George **WIESEHAN**, of Purcell, was in the city a few days this week.

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FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

Lookout for the next show that comes to Norman. It will be "out of sight."

The city force is doing some good work on our streets, also fixing up the street crossings.

J. H. **DURKEE**, editor of the Chickasha Express, was in Norman a few days last week.

Prof. **MCDANIEL** has started a night school for the benefit of those who cannot attend in the day-time.

Rev. **WORLEY'S** school for girls opened up Monday morning with a much larger attendance than he expected.

Mrs. **YORK** will give a tambourine drill and musical entertainment at the opera house, Friday night, January 13.

The firm of **HOLMES & SUMMERVILLE** has dissolved partnership, and hereafter the firm will be known as **HOLMES & Co.**

The brick work on the new hotel is nearing completion, and when it is completed it will be one of the finest hotels in the territory.

I. K. **MILLER**, of the Grand Central hotel says business is rushing. Mr. **MILLER** is a first class hotel man and deserves all the trade he receives.

The Democrat is adding some new material to its office, and making some changes in general. Mrs. **BIXLER** will, hereafter, be known as the business manager.

The People's Voice has changed hands, Mr. **ROSS** retiring. The paper has been moved to the Transcript office, and J. S. **ALLEN** will hereafter be known as its editor.

Tom **JOHNSON**, formerly of Norman, now of Fort Worth, came home Monday night for a short visit with his parents. Tom is one of the boys and we would like to see him with us again to stay.

A broken-down box-car on the main track has caused the trains to pull around on a side track.

A large and appreciative audience greeted Mr. Frank **MAYO** at the opera house Friday night, expecting to see a fine play, well rendered, and they were not disappointed, for Mr. **MAYO** is, undoubtedly an actor who knows his business. In the character of "Davy **CROCKETT**" he is the best that Norman ever saw, and should he come here again he will be sure to have a crowded house.

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TOWN TALK

It's Judge **ALLEN** now.

Bring in your job work.

Lexington wants a newspaper.

The man with a grievance is a nuisance.

Good advice is oftener shaken than taken.

Let us labor to make this year a grand one for Noble.

Trouble always runs to meet the man who goes out to hunt it.

Advertising is to business what steam power is to machinery.

The south-bound passenger train was about two hours late Monday.

Observe Capt. **WOLF'S** new sign as you meander up and down the street.

If the small end turns up when an egg is dropped in water the egg is fresh.

Upcoming Events

Turning Family History into Family Treasure

Every family has a story - usually several. Aunt Mary and the snake. Grandpa and the bootlegger. But knowing how to write those stories down in a way that does them justice is a challenge. So long-time Norman resident Norma Jane **BUMGARNER**, a master's degree candidate in professional writing at the University of Oklahoma, has designed a series of classes she calls "Writing Stories from Life." The classes cover basic story writing and how to apply techniques of fiction to real life stories.

BUMGARNER is interested in preservation of family stories, myths, and legends. She enjoys seeing people write pieces they can be proud to use in their holiday newsletters, personal journals, web pages, or family histories. She wants to help members of the community create heirlooms.

"Writing Stories From Life" will be offered as a ten-week course at the Firehouse Art Center this fall. **BUMGARNER** plans to offer it in other settings as well.

In the weekly classes, participants pick out people and events from memory, journals, or family histories. They learn to develop characters, setting, dialogue, and action and then organize all these elements into stories. The course includes ways to find missing pieces of stories through research; and there is discussion of ways to present, preserve, or even publish the work.

BUMGARNER, who has lived in Norman since her family arrived during a 1949 ice storm, is a graduate of Norman High School and the University of Oklahoma. She is currently near completion of her second master's degree. Her graduate studies have her hard at work on two novels based on family tales of dreamers and idealists from Oklahoma's first decade. Her graduate project, a novel currently titled *Green Persimmons*, will be completed in December.

For more information on "Writing Stories From Life," call Norma Jane **BUMGARNER** at 329-1345, or the Firehouse Art Center at 329-4523.

The Fall Festival of Genealogy

The Dallas Genealogical Society is presenting The Fall Festival of Genealogy on Saturday, September 19, at the Dallas Convention Center. Attendees will choose one lecture for each of 4 sessions, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. The 75 minute sessions are divided into 7 tracks. It is not necessary to attend the same track throughout the day. Some of the 28 different lecture titles offered are:

Seven Habits of Highly Successful Genealogists

From the Floor to the File Cabinet - Organizing Your Genealogy

Sam's Top Ten Research Tips

Techniques to Help Good Genealogists Become Even Better

Organized Thoughts for Organized Research Look Again! What Did You Miss?

The Golden Door: The American Immigrant Experience

The group of 13 speakers includes Sammie Townsend Lee, Richard L. Hooverson, Patricia Law Hatcher, Don Raney, and Jane Route Power

You will find a copy of the brochure in the CCG Library, or call DGS at 214-670-7932, or check their website at www.chrysalis.org/dgs for more information.

In The Library

Robert S. **DAVIS, JR.** suggests using an ancestor's death date and location to obtain even more information.

In an article in the May-June, 1998, issue of *Heritage Quest*, Mr. **DAVIS** encourages using death records as a source of other information to help us know this ancestor better.

He discusses obtaining the original Social Security application, death certificates, cemetery records, and funeral notices.

For example, "The Atlanta Historical Society has a computerized index to funeral notices and other death records for the Atlanta area from the 1840's to the 1920's..." [*Heritage Quest*, No. 75, May/June 1998, pgs. 26-27]

In The Library

"In July, 1777, I left Captain **HARDEN**, but immediately joined Col. James **THOMPSON'S** detachment on Pipe Creek. While stationed there, I accompanied Captain John **MUMFORD**, and a few choice fellows, upon an expedition to Georgia, to take a guard commanded by Captain **MOTT**, a Tory, near Hutson's Ferry. We thought to surprise them, but, through some unaccountable means, they had discovered our intentions some time before we reached the house where they were barricaded, and snugly encasing themselves, were prepared for our attack, and kept us at bay by firing at us through their port holes. The enemy, from their favorable position, could single out our men with deadly aim.

"During the engagement, I screened myself behind a tree, with the twofold object of protecting myself from danger and taking deliberate aim at the enemy. Whilst in the act of shooting, a ball from the fort struck the tree just above my head, and dashed the bark into my face. I was rather cautious how I projected my head again beyond the necessary limits. As our Captain was now severely wounded in the knee, and John **BOOTH** mortally, of which he soon died, we gathered our wounded in blankets, and returned to South Carolina, to Colonel **THOMPSON'S** camps. When Charleston fell into the hands of the British, under the command of Sir Henry **CLINTON** and Admiral **ARBUTHNOT**, Captain **MUMFORD**, in attempting to make his way to the American Army, was attacked at Morris' Ford, Saltketchie, by old Ben **JOHN** and his gang of Tories. In this encounter the poor fellow lost his life, and a truer patriot and braver soldier never fell. He now sleeps at the foot of a large pine, on the left side of the main road to Barnwell C. H.; a few rods South of the bridge, just at the turn of the road from which you can see the bridge."

So reads part of the thirteen page "Memoirs of Tarleton **BROWN**, A Captain in the Revolutionary Army, Written by Himself" in the September 1996 issue of The Carolina Herald and Newsletter (Vol. XXIV, No. 3).

Born in Virginia, **BROWN'S** family moved to the Savannah River area of South Carolina in 1769. When war broke out in South Carolina in 1775, a second draft for troops was ordered and **BROWN** was employed to act in the place of William **BRYANT**.

BROWN'S story is an interesting, first hand account of life during the Revolutionary War. Take time to read the whole account in the CCG Library.



Microfilm Reader Printer

Researching in the CCG Library has become easier with the purchase of a microfilm reader printer.

The free standing unit will handle 16mm and 35mm rolls and fiche. It prints on plain paper.

In addition to film already available in the library, over 75 rolls of marriage, divorce, and probate records will be available after cataloging.

CCGS member Betty **FLORA** has donated an eleven drawer microfilm storage cabinet which should be filled soon.



Book Sale & Business Fair

The Annual CCGS Book Sale and Business Fair at Wal Mart was held on May 23rd. We appreciate the donations from the following Norman businesses:

- Republic Bank of Norman;
- Security National Bank & Trust of Norman;
- BancFirst of Norman;
- Primrose Funeral Service;
- Norman Monument Company Cemetery Management;
- Norman Monument Company;
- Havenbrook Funeral Home, Inc.;
- Telepath Systems, Inc., Norman;
- Transcript Press, Inc.;
- Copelin's Office Center, Inc., Norman.

The Book Sale raised \$156.83 and several CCGS Publications were sold. We appreciate the donations of time and money by CCGS members.

Congratulations

Congratulations to CCGS Member, Esther CIERESZKO, who was awarded the J. C. Penney Golden Rule Award. **CIERESZKO** was honored for her volunteerism at Food and Shelter for Friends.

For ten years, Esther arranged for and picked up extra food from five locations to be used by the shelter's feeding program.

Esther was one of six state winners of the award and becomes eligible for one of the National Golden Rules Awards to be presented in the fall.

New CCGS Publication

The latest book published by the Cleveland County Genealogical Society is:

Cleveland County Divorce Petitions

Section I	1890 - 1917
Section II	1918 - 1934
Section III	1935 - 1950

This is an index to petitions filed; no attempt was made to determine that a divorce was finally granted. It does include annulments as well.

This 140 page book is available through the CCG Library for \$20.00, plus shipping and handling of \$2.40 and \$1.50 sales tax if purchased in Oklahoma.

Bits and Pieces

"Have you ever checked a City Directory for genealogical information? If not, you may be passing up a rich source." Dorothy Marr **ROBERSON**, editor of Ansearchin' News, relates several success stories from the Memphis, TN, library. Reading through one or two may suggest we might want to add a City Directory to our check lists. [Ansearchin' News, Vol. 45, No. 1, Spring 1998]

"Let's Get to Know Them - Our Ancestors From Virginia" by Mary McCampbell Bell

Several CCGS members recently attended the Dallas Genealogical Society's workshop on Virginia research. The speaker was Mary McCampbell **BELL**, a professional genealogist specializing in Colonial Virginia and land platting.

Mrs. **BELL** covered such topics as headrights, importation oaths, new land, old land, to seat the land, lapsed land, escheated land, entail and primogeniture, dower, processioning, moiety, and messuage. Terms that are important to understanding Virginia records.

A copy of her handout has been placed in the CCG Library. It includes lists of sources, including internet, and term definitions.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION, SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FORT WORTH, TX

Many genealogical records are available at the Southwest Regional National Archives in Fort Worth. Located just west of Interstate 35W at the Felix exit, this facility is easily accessed from Norman. Among the records available there are the following:

Region of coverage: Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas.

General: 66,000 cubic feet of archival holdings dating from 1806 to the 1980s, including textual documents, photographs, and maps.

Archival Holdings: Emphasis on westward expansion to the Southwest and the settlement of Native Americans (particularly Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, and Seminoles) in Indian Territory, and many others.

Genealogical Holdings: Records include federal censuses for all states, military service records, pension and bounty land warrant applications, passenger lists, and Dawes census cards and enrollment jackets for the Five Tribes of Oklahoma.

In The Library

A personal story by Emily Doyle **ILAND** in the January/February NGS Newsletter traces the steps taken in researching the death and burial of her great-grandfather which occurred outside the United States.

Her search resulted in locating the grave of her ancestor in Mexico, an obituary in an Arizona newspaper, and a State Department file containing information about the death and the death certificate.

The story of Mrs **ILAND'S** search offers valuable information for planning a similar search. [NGS Newsletter, Vol. 24, No. 1, January/February 1998]



The **Second Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference** will be held Thursday evening, July 16, through Saturday afternoon, July 18, 1998, at the Angelina College Community Services Conference Center on Highway 59 South in Luftin, Texas.

More information may be found in the CCG Library.

Standards for Use of Technology in Genealogical Research

The "Editors' Corner" of the March 1998 issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly is entitled "A New Era? The Age of Verification or the Age of Awareness?"

A colleague had called this "the Era of Verification," because "now, it's verifying what we find when we 'look it up.'"

Even with all the new sources of information, the editorial emphasizes that "verification is indeed essential."

Other articles in this issue of The NGS Quarterly illustrate that point.

The NGS has recommended ten "Standards for Sound Genealogical Research" and eleven "Standards for Use of Technology in Genealogical Research." These have been published in this issue of the NGS Quarterly and in the January/February 1998 issue of the NGS Newsletter.

Read these standards and see if you "measure up."

[National Genealogy Society Quarterly, Vol. 86, No. 1 March 1998, and National Genealogy Society Newsletter, Vol. 24, No. 1, January/February 1998.]

Have you sent in your registration for the CCGS Workshop in August?

Name _____ Member? _____

Address _____

Seminar:	Saturday (pre-registration)	Including luncheon	\$27.00
	At door \$30.00		
	Friday		\$ 5.00

Detach and return this form with a check (\$5.00 for Friday, \$27.00 for Saturday) made payable to: CCGS, P. O. Box 6176, Norman, OK 73070

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