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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This summer we have enjoyed some great press coverage for our seminar, our society, and for our library in the media. We had radio announcements, TV messages, and newspaper articles including a front page color photo in the Norman Transcript. The attention has been a wonderful boost to our activities. We can report that the power of the press really makes a difference. We have been making two important points about the usefulness of our library. One is that we have made it easy for those researching early Cleveland County records by providing published indexes as well as film of the early records such as marriages, divorces, probate, and land patents. A researcher can check the index, view the record on film, and print out a copy all in one stop. Don't we wish every county was this helpful?

The second point is that we have a lot of valuable research material for eastern states and states along the migration paths to Cleveland County. For those researchers with no Cleveland County connection, our library has a lot to offer.

You can help us in our quest to get the word out. Remember to mention us to your friends, neighbors, and your "cousins by the dozens." A good word from you is worth more than all the press coverage we can manage. You can be an ambassador for CCGS by bringing a friend to meetings, to the library, and to special events you notice listed in this newsletter. An increase in attendance as well as an increase in memberships and donations help us promote further benefits for you and for the society. Thank you for your continued support of CCGS.

Jo **MUSTOE**, President

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Have you been thinking about volunteering in our library? We could use a few more helpful assistants to keep our library running smoothly. We ask volunteers to sign up for about 2 - 4 hours each month. If you have questions, come by during library hours and ask Jean or Jo about the job. The next Library Volunteer Training Session will be on Wednesday, October 25 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please call ahead to sign up. Our library hours are from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

ABC STUDY GROUP

A new ABC Study Group will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the CCG Library. This discussion group is intended for any genealogy researcher interested in advancing his or her skills, and is open to beginner and expert alike. It is hoped that we can learn from each other with an exchange of ideas and experience, and by studying together. The discussion leader and the format of study will vary from one session to another.

The ABC title comes from an alphabetical list of genealogy topics in a book by Beverly **WHITAKER**. The group may decide to follow this list or choose their own interests. Come to this meeting to have your say in the organizational process.

CYBERHOUND

Check our web page for a new feature coming soon. You are invited to send us your latest and best finds for websites you'd like to share. Just e-mail the website address to the attention of Cyberhound at ccgs@telepath.com. Your contribution will be posted on our website <www.telepath.com/ccgs>, and the best will be published in the next newsletter. This will be an ongoing feature as long as there is an interest. The topic can be anything a genealogy researcher might be interested in, so it could be very general or very specific. Check your list of bookmarked addresses and see what needs to be shared!

The Eckard Drug Store, located next to Wright's IGA at S.E. 12th and Alameda, now has an Express Photo Lab. Members of CCGS have been offered a 20% discount on all one hour (in-house) film developing and printing. The same discount is also available for the use of the ditto or "prints from photographs" machine. Minor restoration is available in-house with prices starting at \$8.99 per 8x10 sheet.

Members may also take advantage of the buy-one-get-one-free film promotion when dropping off or picking up film. Express Photo will buy back any photograph at the time of purchase for 26 cents in conjunction with the 20% discount. Pick up your discount 'coupon' at the library.

Express Photo Lab hours are 9:00 am-8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Call 321-1226 if you have any questions. Robert Blackshear, manager, talked to us at the last meeting, and invites us to "Come by and let's visit. Looking forward to meeting you and enjoying photographs from your journeys."

Congratulations

CCGS member Elizabeth **LOEFFELHOLZ** was selected as Norman Hi-Noon Business and Professional Women's Member-of-the-Month for July, 2000. She has been with the Cleveland County Court Clerk's Office for 24 years and serves as Deputy Court Clerk.

A long time supporter of CCGS and its programs, she has assisted the society in the project to film early Court Clerk's Office records. With Court Clerk Rhonda **HALL**, she continues to provide CCGS with early records after they have been filmed to archive and organize.

We are grateful for her support and her interest in our causes, and congratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

CCGS News

ABOUT CCGS

In 1980, a small group of people from this area first organized as the Moore Pioneer Genealogy Society, and met in members' homes in Moore and Norman. In the summer of 1981, the name was officially changed to the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

These dedicated genealogists understood the importance of hosting educational seminars, responding to queries, canvassing cemeteries, preserving, indexing, and filming early records, and providing public access to a special collection for researching genealogy.

Today, the genealogical society has 150 members from across the country.

This is a significant year for the society: April was the 20th anniversary of the organization and July 4th was the 10th anniversary of the opening of the society's library. This year also marks the 15th annual Summer Seminar.

Since 1990, the society library has grown from a small collection of donated books to a multi-media collection of 4,500 items that includes books, periodicals, CD's, micro forms, computer Internet access, and original local records. The collection serves those who are researching Cleveland County people, and those from the Cleveland County area who are researching earlier ancestors from eastern states and major migratory routes to this area.

Today this reference collection includes published indexes of early Cleveland County courthouse records, such as marriage, divorce, probate, land, civil court, and naturalization, as well as cemetery surveys and funeral home records.

The library has a copy of the film of these early records, as well as school census cards from 1912-1934.

A researcher can check the indexes to locate a specific record, view the record on film, and make a print copy of the record for a personal file. In addition to this, a print copy of any index or cemetery book is available for purchase.

Half of the library collection contains research materials from other states, primarily from eastern states where most of our ancestors began their westward migration.

The society library also includes materials on Native American and military research, biographies and family histories, and standard references on how to do genealogy. This library, operated entirely by volunteers, is at 205 W. Main Street - on the corner of Santa Fe, with parking and entrance on Santa Fe. The library is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. Currently, there is no charge for the use of the library, except for copying costs, but donations are always welcome.

For more information about the Society or its library, call 329-9180 during library hours, or check out the Web page at www.telepath.com/ccgs. You'll find specific information about the society and links to other exciting sites focusing on genealogy.

(This is adapted from an article which appeared in the Norman Oklahoma section of the Daily Oklahoman in August. It was the first article in a new occasional feature titled Norman Notebook.

We also received front page coverage in the Norman Transcript with a full color photo for a similar article. Many of our visitors in August mentioned that they saw us in the paper, so we know this generous press coverage helped our cause. Thank you to the Norman Transcript and the Daily Oklahoman!)

COMPUTER TRAINING

The Norman Public Library Computer Training Center continues to offer a full schedule of free classes for those just learning to use a computer. Check out Word Processing, Internet, and other specific uses. Wanda SEARCY will continue to offer "Beginning Genealogy and the Internet" once or twice a month as long as there is an interest. She includes a lot of important information in this 2 1/2 hour class. If you are not a beginner, send a friend or neighbor to spark their interest in genealogy. Anyone can register by calling Wanda at 701-2628 or by inquiring at the Information Services Desk at the Norman Public Library.

HEADLINERS AND LEGENDS JAMES GARNER

Unusual requests are often a part of working in a Genealogical Library. In 1999, CCGS members became a part of the making of an episode of the MSNBC show "Headliners and Legends" featuring actor James GARNER and hosted by Matt LAUER.

It began with a telephone call to the CCG Library from the show's assistant producer requesting information about the then Jim BUMGARNER'S family and life in his hometown of Norman, Oklahoma. The show's producer and assistant producer later spent a week in Norman gathering information, pictures, both old and new, and televised interviews.

One interview used in the final production included a story about Mr. GARNER'S step-mother who was divorced from his father when Jim was still young. The network lawyers required information either proving her death or granting her permission to use the story. This involved collecting marriage and divorce records, and tracing her family. The initial proof that she was deceased was found in the obituary of her brother printed in The Norman Transcript. Using her name at the time of her death, the information was confirmed by using the Social Security Death Index.

Segments of two interviews by CCGS members, Barbara YOUNG and Joyce GRISHAM, were used in the telecast.

DOT.COM REUNION CAMPBELLS MEET IN KANSAS CITY, MO by Ken LUZA

About 3 years ago, one of my cousins who frequents genealogy chat rooms on the Internet, discovered a cousin living in Michigan. This discovery led to about 20 other cousins who are researching a common ancestor, William CAMPBELL. William, a.k.a. Guillaume L'Ecossais (William the Scotsman), came to Canada with FRASER'S Highlanders in the late

1750s to assist the British in their battle with the French in Quebec and Nova Scotia. Before the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763, William CAMPBELL took time off from the rigors of war to marry a French Canadian lassie, Marie Josephte CHARTIER, and have two children. When the fighting was over, he remained in Quebec putting down roots in a small community, L'Acadie, south of Montreal. William and Marie's descendants are numerous and are scattered throughout most of North America.

On June 7, 2000, I attended my first dot.com reunion. My cousins and I corresponded by e-mail, snail mail, and telephone, but most of us had never met. The "dot.commers" converged on Kansas City, MO, for a mini family reunion. Sixteen participants, representing the states of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Illinois, Arizona, North Dakota, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, rendezvoused at a local motel in North Kansas City. We ate our meals together, laughed at each other's bad jokes, toured some of the sites in the greater Kansas City area, and discussed some of the French traditions and customs that were passed down to succeeding generations in our families. The time and place of the reunion provided an opportunity for our cousin from Arizona to meet his sister from Nebraska after a 30-year hiatus. On Saturday, June 10, we attended the 23rd annual Scottish Highland Games at the Wyandotte County Fairgrounds along with 16,000 other people. There were several people from Oklahoma who competed in the games. Since everyone had such a good time, we agreed to meet in Montreal next year.

OCTOBER SEMINAR

Brad KOPLOWITZ, Preservation Officer for OU's Bizzell Library, will present a seminar on "Care and Repair of Books" at the CCG Library from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, and from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 25. Learn about the proper care of books in your library, and why we try to take good care of the books in our library. You are encouraged to bring a book in need of repair, and Brad will advise you as to the process of repair, the options, and the cost. The charge for this seminar will be \$5.00 per person. Please reserve your place by calling 329-9180, as space is somewhat limited.

Newspaper Abstracts

The Norman Transcript, January 11, 1890

Local News

The new store of W. T. **WALLACE** has been ornamented with a new sign this week, the work of painter **EMMETT**.

The merchants of Norman enjoyed a fine trade last Saturday, the Republican convention bringing a large crowd to the city.

Every Republican in this vicinity, who has not already done so should become a member of the Little River County Republican Club.

President **MANVEL**, of the Santa Fe, accompanied by several other officials of the road, passed through town going south last Saturday evening. They are making a tour of inspection of the entire line of road.

The benefit of Norman's graded streets was plain to be seen during the slush and mud of the early portion of the week. The streets here soon dried off and were in good shape for the large amount of traffic that passes over them.

ELLEGE & FURGUSON, are this week, making some extensive improvements in their store building, their increasing trade necessitating the enlargement of their building to give them the required amount of room needed for the accommodation of their trade.

The Republicans of this vicinity in the selection of Mayor **MARQUART** as the permanent chairman of the County Central Committee, have made a wise selection and time will prove it to be so. Mr. **MARQUART** is the right man in the right place and will do his duty on every occasion.

The Oklahoma Lumber company, have orders out for one of the largest and best lumber stocks ever brought to Norman. We buy with the cash, consequently get the greatest discounts possible, and for the cash we will give our customers the benefit of the lowest prices. We

are always glad to see you and will serve you the best we can.

Yours Very Truly,

W. H. **SEAWELL**, Manager

Fine Stock

D. V. **MAYFIELD**, living about one and a half miles north of Norman, received last Saturday from Norborne, Missouri, a car-load of fine Galloway cattle and also a number of thoroughbred hogs with which to stock his farm. The **Transcript** is pleased to note the fact that the farmers here are laying the foundation to future prosperity by stocking up with the best of live stock this early in the settlement of the country. Raising live stock here will pay and the better the grade the more profit to both the farmers and the country generally.

I will now sell clothing at bed rock prices in order to reduce my stock and make room for other goods. Call and see them, M. T. **ROYSE**, west side railroad, Norman, I.T.

Please Note

Will persons having City property to dispose of, please call as soon as convenient upon T. J. J. **WIGGINS** who have several enquiries for business and residence lots. West Main street.

A Sad Affair

The people of this community were shocked to learn, Tuesday, that Will **PIERCE**, a young man about eighteen years of age, the son of J. A. **PIERCE**, living just below Noble, had on Monday last been instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shot gun he was handling. Several reports of the lamentable affair have been circulated, from which we gather the facts as here stated as being about correct. On Monday afternoon, the young man in company with Mr. E. E. **LEWIS**, a neighbor and warm personal friend, was out hunting and coming to the residence of Mr. **LEWIS**, they stopped to rest and warm a while, when on going outside to resume their sport, Mr. **LEWIS**, who was in the lead, was startled at the report of a gun and turning around found his friend had in some manner discharged his gun, the charge entering his left eye blowing almost one side of his head off. Parties who came here

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Wednesday, for a coffin for the body, reported that the parents of the unfortunate young man were almost crazed with grief and had caused the arrest of young LEWIS, although there seemed to be no doubt but that the sad affair was entirely accidental. An examination was to be held before the U.S. Commissioner, at Noble, but we have no further particulars at the time of writing. Mr. PIERCE, the father of the unfortunate young man, is well known here and the family have the sympathy of all in their hour of affliction.

Personals

Mrs. A. P. KELLEY, visited Oklahoma City, Wednesday.

Ed CORETTE made a business trip to Purcell Thursday.

D. L. LARSH visited Purcell on business, Tuesday evening.

M. MCGINLEY went down to Purcell, on business, Thursday.

Oscar ORME returned Tuesday from a visit of several days duration at Purcell.

C. T. GORTON returned Friday morning from a month's visit to points in Kansas.

M. M. GOUGH, returned Wednesday, from Guthrie, where he had spent several days.

C. J. GRANT, one of Paul Valley's substantial merchants, was a visitor here Thursday.

L. U. KING, who for several days has been visiting at points north of this place, is in town again.

Mrs. CORETTE and daughter, the mother and sister of Mr. Ed CORETTE, of this city, are here from Iowa on a visit.

Mr. And Mrs. John BRISCO, of Charles City, Iowa, are here on a visit with their son, J. B. BRISCO, of this city.

Hon. Thos E. BERRY went to Oklahoma the first of the week to look after his store at Norman. -- Ashland (Kan.) Citizen

T. E. BERRY & Bro. are preparing for the erection of a good business house on the corner opposite the new bank building.

H. T. MILLER, of the Purcell Topic, and editor CEASE, of the Noble Courier, were here attending the convention last Saturday.

W. R. ORME, of Purcell, was in the city on business, Thursday. Mr. ORME is getting to be much interested in Norman, and we predict will one of these days become a resident of the city.

C. W. CAMPBELL, was up from Purcell on business at this point, Tuesday of this week. Mr. CAMPBELL is making preparations to remove to Norman and expects to become a resident here in a few days time.

S. D. OWENS came in from the Chickasaw country, Wednesday, to begin preparations for the erection of a good residence building in Norman. Mr. OWENS will soon be a resident of our prosperous little city as he intends to locate in business at this point.

Mr. J. P. LINDIFF, one of the substantial farmers of the Dave Blue neighborhood, was a welcome caller at the Transcript office last Saturday. In compliance with his request we give this week the result of a recent meeting held by the settlers of his community. It speaks well for their progress and we shall be pleased at any time to make further report for them.

W. L. MYERS, one of the prominent settlers of the Dave Blue neighborhood, was a pleasant caller at the Transcript sanctum Wednesday. Mr. MYERS reports the farmers of his settlement, as unanimously in favor of herd law in Oklahoma. It is a question that will have to be settled in some manner soon, and the Transcript would like to have the opinions of the people of every vicinity in regard to the matter.

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Farmers Meeting

A meeting was held on the farm of Mr. M. H. GOSS, Dave Blue creek neighborhood, last week for the purpose of organizing a school district, appointing a committee for the selection of a school house, and to get the voice of the farmers of the neighborhood with reference to the herd law.

Mr. W. L. MYERS was elected chairman and J. P. LINDIFF secretary of the meeting and the first business transacted was the establishment of a school district in which the following sections were taken for the said district:

1, 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14, in township 8, range 2 west, and sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 18 and 19 in township 8, range 1 west.

A committee of Messrs. GOSS, BLACK, PATTERN, DEPEW and DUGGAN were appointed by the chair to select location, which resulted in locating the school on the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 12, township 8, range 2 west. The following parties were elected as members of the school board: W. MYERS, director; Hugh BLACK, clerk, and M. H. GOSS, treasurer. The funds will be collected at once and they will proceed to erect a school house.

The public road and bridge subject was next considered. There was a committee of five appointed, of which J. R. SHELTON was appointed chairman of the committee to solicit funds and labor to work the roads and to erect two bridges on Dave Blue creek. The next subject taken up was the herd law question; after some debating on the subject an expression of the people was called, which resulted in an almost unanimous voice of the people present, in favor of the herd law, after which it was moved and carried that an election be held at the Dave Blue school house on the first Tuesday in February, 1890, to vote by ballot on the herd law. The next subject was the organization of a farmers society, which was

debated at length, and with a unanimous voice they decided to form a farmers society; after which the meeting adjourned at the call of the chair.

J. P. LINDIFF,
Secretary.

M. L. MYERS,
Chairman

The Norman Transcript, January 18, 1890

Local News

New Millinery store in town.

Norman is soon to have a good photograph gallery.

Dr. Fowler, gave two lectures in our town last week which were highly appreciated by those that heard him.

Norman will certainly have two cotton gins in operation by next fall. It is destined that they will be built here.

Died -- On the 10th inst., of Bronchitis, Ditzier, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. EDWARDS of this city, aged five months.

The HAZELL sisters, assisted by Pink M. GUNTER, gave two concerts in our city this week. They did very well under the disadvantages they had to work against.

Born -- January 12th to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph BARR, a daughter. January 15th to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. HARRING, a son, so reports Dr. J. H. FENELON.

The Transcript is under obligation to Mrs. D. W. MARQUART for a nice mess of sweet potatoes. They were productions of Louisiana, and were of the finish quality. Many thanks.

One of the many enterprises to be started in and near Norman, is a fruit tree nursery to be opened out on the farm of C. T. GORTON. Mr. GORTON informs us that he intends to open up a first class nursery in the spring. This is a move in the right direction, and we are glad to see it.

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J. B. **GAYLORD**, late of Chicago, has purchased the drug stock of Frank **GREENFIELD**. Mr. **GAYLORD** comes well recommended as a druggist and he expects to increase the stock so as to have one of the best stocks in the Territory. We bespeak for him success. Read his "ad" in this paper.

James **BAKER**, charged with perjury whose case has been on trial for several days before Judge **ALLISON** was brought to a close yesterday afternoon. **BAKER** is charged with perjury in making a "sooner" affidavit. The judge bound him over to the Wichita court in the sum of \$500. -- Guthrie Capital.

Before the United States court at Muskogee last week was tried the case of the U.S. vs Henry **GRAHAM**, of Kingfisher, charged with the malicious shooting of a fine horse worth \$125. The trial took most of the day and resulted in a conviction. In these kind of cases the jury assess the value of the animal killed and the court enters judgment against the party for three times the value of the animal which goes to the injured party as compensation.

Personals

Geo. **BELLAMY** is on the sick list this week.

Joe **WILSON** and wife, of Purcell gave this city a visit, Monday last.

Mrs. R. G. **HALL** of Purcell, visited her sister in this city the first of the week.

Weldon **OZIAH**, of Purcell, was a visitor of the **Transcript**, Tuesday and Wednesday.

G. W. **HEMLEY** is erecting a house upon the lot adjoining his harness shop on Gray street.

Geo. H. **NORMAN** and family, of Purcell, visited W. P. **NORMAN** and family, the first of the week.

C. C. **JONES** and wife, accompanied by Mrs. **LOYD**, of Purcell, visited at Oscar **ORME'S**, Monday and Tuesday.

Geo. R. **BEELER**, one of Purcell's bankers, was here and invested considerably in real estate last week.

Tom **WARD**, S. B. **OWENS** and Tom **WOOD** were up from Purcell Tuesday investing in Norman real estate.

W. H. **BELLAMY** left Tuesday for Waverly, Missouri, where he goes to close up some business transactions.

W. **DUNNING**, formerly a clerk of G. V. **COLLINS & Son**, druggist of Charlott, Michigan, is now with J. B. **GAYLORD**.

Dr. E. D. **ALLEN** was here from Purcell and disposed of a couple of Main street lots, for a good round sum, last Saturday.

Sidney **HOPE**, of Purcell, was up Monday. Sidney is now on the Territorial Topic. He is a steady young man and we wish him well.

J. W. **LOVE**, of Oklahoma City was a pleasant caller Thursday. Mr. **LOVE** is an old friend of Ed **JONES** and is here to invest in Norman real estate.

R. S. **WALTERS**, of Purcell, made this office a pleasant call Monday. Mr. **WALTERS** owns some valuable real estate in our city and expresses himself as well pleased with the substantial and continued growth of Norman.

Notice

I hereby give notice that I shall contest lots 9 and 10 in block 17 in the city of Norman.

J. H. **MCMURRY**

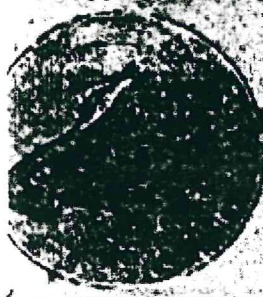
See C. T. **GORTON** for cheap fruit trees. Everything guaranteed.

Only 15 days more to get a full set of teeth for \$10.00 in Dr. **WEST'S** dental office.

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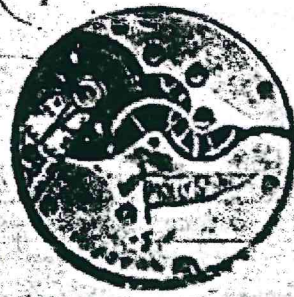
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Bits and Pieces

NEW SOURCE OF LIBRARY BOOKS

Cathy BALL, the proprietor of Ball's Books, 920 W. Main Street (across from Norman High School and next to LaBaguette) will take your used hardback books in trade for books for our library. Just mention the Society's account and the Library Committee will make selections. As the proprietor, Ms. BALL reserves the right to accept or reject your offerings, but she has been very generous in dealing with us. So far, we have traded \$80 worth of hardback books for the use of the library at virtually no cost. This is a great way to stretch our budget and improve our holdings.

Ms. BALL will also take science fiction, romance, and general paperback books in trade for the same category if you are interested. Her hours are 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. If you have any questions, call her at 405-364-4803.

TIMESAIVING TECHNIQUES

Marcia Yannizze MELNYK, in her new book *The Weekend Genealogist: Timesaving Techniques for Effective Search* (Betterway Books, \$18.99), offers these tips for getting the most out of every document. "Latch on to a fact and don't let go until you've gotten everything out of it. Squeezing every scrap of information from a record as a clue to other research will pay big dividends. 'Ask' every document you examine these questions before you let go: Why was the document created in the first place?

- ♦ Are you looking at the original or a copy?
- ♦ To whom does the document pertain?
- ♦ How close to the original event was the document created?
- ♦ Who are the witnesses, informants or other persons mentioned in the document?
- ♦ Are any relationships stated or implied?
- ♦ Did the person executing the document sign with a signature or a mark?
- ♦ Is the information reliable, usable or simply clues to further research?
- ♦ What's the full citation for the document?"

There are more excerpts in the October 2000 issue of Family Tree Magazine. Ms. MELNIK has been appearing in the PBS TV series "Ancestors" as a contributing expert.

In The Library

SCHOOL NEWS

On the 2nd day of July, 1904, Miss Mary TREW received a Teacher's County Certificate qualifying her to teach first grade in the County of Beaver, Territory of Oklahoma, for the term of three years. She had an average standing of 97 in fourteen subjects, including 100 in "Stimulants and Narcotics."

On the 5th day of September, 1904, Miss TREW received a "Teacher's Contract" from School District 43, County of Beaver, Territory of Oklahoma, for a term of 9 school months, for the sum of \$40.00 per school month, to be paid "as soon as 1904 taxes are collected."

These are two of the school related items found in the April-June, 2000, issue of *Beaver County Heritage News*, Vol. 8, No. 2.



Continuing the publication of the Love County (OK) School Census, the 1921 Batson School Census, District 33, is included in the July 2000 *Quarterly Newsletter of the Love County Historical Society Newsletter*. All those living in the district who were five to twenty years old were listed whether they attended the school or not. Information includes the child's name and birth date, and the name of parent or guardian.



Ever wonder what that much talked about "Dust Bowl" was really like? Elmer G. Dick of Bessie, OK (Washita County), was ten years old in 1932 when his earliest memories of it occurred. He shares those memories and experiences in a three page article in the April 2000 issue of *Die Leitung*, published by the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. [Die Leitung, Vol. 18, No. 1, April 2000]

In The Library

Norman Bride

In the Stephens County, OK, Marriage Records, Book 7, being published in *Footsteps* by the Stephens County Genealogical Society, there is a Norman bride:

#168 S. B. **WYERS**, age 24 of Stigler, OK
Otera **OLIPHANT**, age 22 of Norman, OK
20 May 1922, J. W. **MOSELEY**

"We Are Cherokee!"

.... is the title of a research story written by John E. **ERNEST**, and published in the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly. Having heard that statement often as a boy, the author later tries to prove it. A "twist" in the story explains why he cannot. Even if you weren't interested in genealogy or Indian research, this one would catch your attention. [Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 45, No. 3, 2000]

FRANK SMITH, FORMER CLEVELAND COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF

This item appeared in the *RIPLEY NEWS* on January 24, 1902, and was submitted by Trevia **RAMZY SMITH** to the CGS Newsletter.

"**Sheriff Frank SMITH** and Deputy **George BECK** were both shot and killed in attempting to arrest two highway robbers, eight miles west of Anadarko. After killing the officers, the robbers robbed the persons and made their escape. After Deputy Sheriff **BECK** had his arm shattered he still continued to fight the robbers until he was killed. A large posse of men has been organized and gone from here in pursuit. Lynching will, in all probability, be the fate of the robbers if captured alive. **SMITH** was from Norman and served as deputy sheriff of Cleveland County for a considerable time. Governor **FERGUSON** offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the murderers of the officers. The robbers are thought to be five of the uncaptured Leavenworth prisoners." [Cushing (OK) Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 4, Issue 3, September 2000]

A five volume set of books titled *Texas Indian Papers* has been donated to the Lawton Public Library. In the March-May 2000 issue of *The Tree Tracers*, the quarterly of the Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society, Barbara **MORRIS GOODIN** reviews this collection which covers the time period 1825 through 1916, and contains many names. Stating that "there is an obvious lack of a direct Indian voice," Mrs. **GOODIN** recognizes "the tremendous impact this collection can have on one researching their Texas ancestors, whether Indian or non-Indian, during this time period." [The Tree Tracers, Vol. XXIV, No. 3, March - May 2000]

Indian Pioneer History Interviews done in 1937 about education in Indian Territory in the 1800's, particularly for girls, make interesting reading. The May and August 2000 issues of the *Bryan County Heritage Quarterly* carry two of these interviews. In the May issue, the story is told of the Bloomfield School for Chickasaw Indian girls run by the Methodist Conference.

An interview with Mrs. Annie **WOODWARD** is in the August issue. Her father, R. R. **HALSELL**, was president of Savoy College at Savoy, TX, for 25 years. Each year, ten Indian children were sent from the Territory to attend school there and the government paid for them. The Indian children boarded with the **HALSELL** family and Mrs. **HALSELL** helped them with their homework. A list of those attending Savoy is included.

In the August issue, Annie **WOODWARD** tells of the development of schools in Oklahoma from the early 1800's. [Bryan County Heritage Quarterly, May 2000 and August 2000]

[**Editor's Note:** Both of these interviews have lists of the Indian students, and in both lists are relatives of CCGS member, Betty **KEMP**.]

The *1868 Voters List for Yell County, Arkansas*, is included in the *Yell County Bulletin*. Names are listed by precinct (place) name and date. Also included in this issue is the *1999 Membership List*, which includes members' address and names they are researching. A number of Yell County residents moved to the Cleveland County area. [Yell County Historical and Genealogical Association Bulletin, Vol. 24, No. 3, 1999]

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Recent issues of the Logan County (OK) Genealogical Society News have contained lists that are complete in that particular issue. The Winter 2000 issue has lists of:

- The Oklahoma Children's Home Society's 5th Annual Report, May 2, 1905, with name and placement information for the years 1901 - 1905;
- Sons and Daughters of 89ers Registration - 1989, Index of Ancestors;
- Roster of Ministers of the West Guthrie United Methodist Church 1890 - 2000;
- Union Hill Cemetery.

[Logan County (OK) Genealogical Society News, Vol. XIX, No. 1, Winter 2000]

CONTINUING SERIES:

- Stephens Co, OK, Marriage Records, Book 7, Dec. 1, 1921 - Aug. 6, 1923.
- Extracts from Duncan Weekly Banner, 1905.
- With the July, 2000, issue, they have completed publication of Stephens County Deed Book 26.

[Footsteps, Stephens County Genealogical Society, Duncan, OK]

- Kiowa County Early Marriage Records,
- The 1903 Township Tax list of residents of Mt. Park, Oklahoma.

[Kiowa County (OK) Genealogical Society Newsletter]

- Smith Funeral Home Abstractions covering the period 1928 to 1955. Included for each entry is name of deceased, birth and death dates and places, place of residence and burial, occupation, spouse, cause of death, and father and mother's names and birth places.

[Logan County (OK) Genealogical Society News]

- Rogers County (OK) WWI Draft Registration in Roger County.

[Rogers County Reflections, Claremore, OK]

- Dunlavy Funeral Home Records, Enid, OK, Feb. 1933 - June 1938.

[Roots and Branches, Garfield County Genealogists, Inc., Enid, OK]

- Obituaries extracted from pre-1920 Cotton County (OK) newspapers by Linda Norman GARRISON continue to be published.

- Addington (Jefferson County, OK) Cemetery records conclude with Volume XXIV, No. 4.
- Personals from The Frederick Enterprise (Tillman County, OK).

- Alden Cemetery, Alden Community, Caddo County, OK, beginning with Vol. XXIV, No. 3.

- Early Marriages Solemnized by the First Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Lawton, Oklahoma Territory, 1900 - 1928.

- Extracts from The Daily Republican, Lawton, OK Territory.

[The Tree Tracers, Newsletter of the Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society, Lawton, OK]

- Giles County (TN) Deed Abstracts, 1790-1819. [The Giles County (TN) Historical Society Bulletin]

- Pendleton District (SC) Real Estate Divisions 1825-1836. In 1824, the SC legislature passed an act giving jurisdiction to Judges of the Courts of Ordinary in the state to order the sale or division of real estates under a certain value. Records from several other districts have been published in previous issues.

- Some Death and Marriage Notices from The Christian Advocate, 1828.

- Record of Admissions to the State Hospital.

Admission was made for many reasons including bad health, intemperance, pauper, family affliction, religious mania or excitement, gambling, etc.

- Records of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC, and some records of Baptisms of children 1862-1873.

[South Carolina Magazine of Ancestor Research]

- Jefferson County (TN) Court Minutes 1838, beginning in Spring 1999 issue.

- Shelby County, TN, Survey Book B, concluding in Winter 1999 issue.

- Tennesseans in the 1850 California Census, beginning in Spring 1998.

- Rebecca's Journal, June 1864, the everyday life of a family with a son in the Civil War, beginning in the Winter 1999 issue.

- Fayette County, TN, Marriages, Nov. 1881 - Aug. 1889, beginning in the Winter 1999 issue.

[Ansearchin' News, The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine]

- Hopkins County (TX) Assessment of Property, 1890.

[Hopkins County Heritage, Sulphur Springs, TX]

Workshops

Kansas Genealogical Society

Featured Speaker, Sharon DeBartolo Carmack
October 12, 2000

Dodge House Convention Center
2408 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd., Dodge City, KS
Contact: KGS, Box 103, Dodge City, KS 67801



Arkansas Genealogical Society 2000 Fall Seminar and Book Fair

Featured Speaker, Desmond Walls Allen
October 20 - 21, 2000

Holiday Inn Airport-East, Little Rock, Arkansas
Contact AGS Fall Seminar, P.O. Box 908,
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902-0908
www.rootsweb.com/~args/seminar.htm



The Genealogy Friends of Plano Library Rev. War Records, Fed. & Bounty Land Records, and Little Known Resources

Speaker, Christine Rose
October 21, 2000

Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Ave. L.
Advance enrollment to:
1315 Apache, Richardson, Texas 74083
or e-mail sidney@swbell.net



Johnson County Genealogical Society Fall Conference

Featured Speaker: Myra Vanderpool Gormley
October 23, 2000, Olathe, Kansas
Contact JCGS, P.O. Box 12666,
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66282-2666



Finding Your Ancestors Mostly for Beginners

Speakers: Kathy Hudson, Genealogy Shoppe
and Jerry Glasgow, Shawnee Color Lab
Saturday, November 4, 2000
Presbyterian Church, Guthrie, Oklahoma

The Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference

Featured Speaker, Lloyd DeWitt Brockstruck
November 10-11, 2000
MPAC Center, Wichita Falls, TX



Early American Migration Routes and Genealogy Research on the Internet

Speaker: Don Raney
Greater Southwest Historical Museum
35 Sunset Dr., Ardmore, OK
580-226-3857 or history@ardmore.com



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Organizing Your Research, The Scotch Irish in America, or Migration to Texas

Speaker, William Dollarhide
March 10, 2001, Dallas, TX
www.dallasgenealogy.org



Research Methodology
Speaker, Leslie Smith Collier
April 28, 2001, Dallas, TX
www.dallasgenealogy.org

Molecular Genealogy

A recent presentation to our Society made by a member of LDS talked about the use of DNA to link generations together based on the unique identification of genetic markers. To participate in a new DNA study, volunteers are asked to provide a four generation pedigree chart and to sign up to give a blood sample. Volunteers are being co-ordinated through the LDS Norman Stake. Individual information will be kept private, but the cumulative results could prove invaluable in light of recent work on the subject. Interested parties may sign up at our library or at the LDS Library in Norman. For further information and a pedigree form, check out their web site at: <http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu/>.

