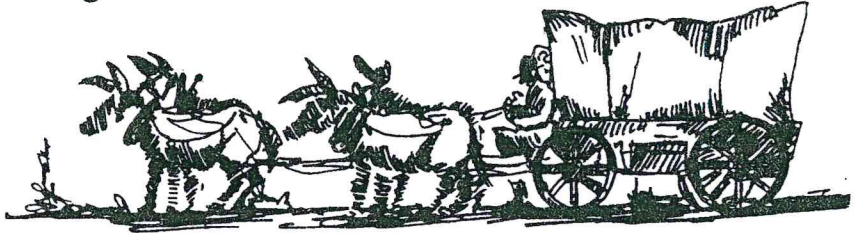


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently, we had occasion to practice Team Genealogy. Several volunteers in the library put their heads together to solve an unusual research problem.

Each team member contributed a different idea about the research process and pitched in, resulting in a pile of useful papers in a very short time. We were a little surprised about how much we could accomplish in our own library and, of course, on the internet. We were very surprised that so much came together so quickly.

The enthusiasm has been exciting! Naturally, we encourage Team Genealogy in our library. Sharing ideas is so much more fun than working it out on your own. It is a help to beginners and experienced researchers alike.

We are not quite sure yet just how to make the best use of Team Genealogy, but we are convinced that this is a valuable untapped resource which cannot be ignored.

Would you like to be part of the Team?

JO MUSTOE, President

Family History Month: It's Official!"

by Juliana SMITH - From Ancestry News on-line magazine 01 October 2001

On September 26, Senator Orrin HATCH (R-UT) passed legislation that officially commemorates October 2001 as Family History Month. The legislation had 84 co-sponsors and was approved by unanimous consent. It is thrilling to see our representatives recognizing the importance of preserving our heritage and connecting with our roots...

THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES 2001 QUAD CITIES CONFERENCE REPORT

[Three members of CCGS attended this conference and bring us the following report.]

Attending a national genealogical conference tends to be overwhelming. There is so much to see and do and absorb all at once. For each of four days, we could attend up to eight lectures or events. Most of the time, we had a choice of nine lectures on a variety of subjects. There were a total of 195 offerings. Almost every session was inspiring and challenging as well as informative.

Each lecturer was permitted up to four pages in handout material and all of this information has been compiled into one book. A copy of this year's syllabus will be available in our library shortly. Past years' books are currently available and have proven useful for a variety of research interests. Often the bibliography alone is a helpful resource.

We met in Davenport, Iowa, just a block from the Mississippi River. Our sessions were scheduled on five floors spread throughout four buildings plus a large theater. We did a lot of walking, but were helped along the way by good signs, helpful handouts, and the Quad Squad. These volunteers - mostly from the Quad Cities area - were stationed at convenient points in the hallways to guide us in the right direction and answer any questions.

The tone of the conference was changed on Tuesday, September 11, when most of us were traveling to Davenport. Many speakers and exhibitors and conferees were delayed at airports and on the highways causing a lot of changing and adapting throughout the conference schedule. We all learned cooperation and sympathy - especially after we were sure our own families were OK. This shared experience drew us together in a unique way.

As your delegates to the conference, we attended more than 72 sessions, renewed our acquaintance with our favorite exhibitors, Kathy

HUDSON and Tony MATTHEWS, and shopped dozens of others. We are enthusiastic about the new and helpful ideas which we bring back to CCGS.

Some of our new favorite lecturers were: Patricia Law HATCHER; Sherry IRVINE; J. Mark LOWE; Pamela Boyer PORTER; Craig Roberts SCOTT; and Linda Herrick SWISHER. We recommend them for their presentation, their knowledge of their subject, and their enthusiasm. We were also pleased to enjoy our old favorites, Dr. George SCHWEITZER (as a Scots-Irishman), and Curt WITCHER (with a demonstration of the latest version of PERSI in CD format).

Future FGS Conferences have been announced in Ontario CA for 2002, Orlando FL in 2003, and Austin TX in 2004.

Our thanks to Ann B. JACOBS, Jo MUSTOE, and Sharron OWENS for this report.



The following is excerpted from an online letter after the conference, from Dean HUNTER, FGS President, and Paula and Jim WARREN, Co-Chairs, FGS/Quad Cities Conference 2001.

"On Tuesday, September 11, as the Federation of Genealogical Societies' Board of Directors was meeting in the Quad Cities, they received word of the terrible tragedies on the East coast. They were faced with a decision as to whether the Conference, that was to begin the next day, should proceed. There were commitments to facilities, in addition to thousands of conference dollars already expended. More importantly, there were over 600 people already on site in the Quad Cities, and many more en route. The decision was well thought out - we would proceed with the conference, and adjust as best we could to the changing and the unknown..... Our final figure looks to be about 1450 people on-site plus vendor helpers and some other volunteers.

"The spirit at this conference was moving. The RiverCenter strategically placed a television near Registration and many people huddled around it throughout the week. These genealogists needed to be together with friends, both

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(Continued)

old and new. The togetherness, the groups singing patriotic songs, the tears, the laughter, the prayers, the hugs -- all told us that the right decision was made to continue the conference. The group singing of God Bless America brought many a tear as did the large flag that was hung above the Registration area. There was much extra work to do in order to replace speakers, prepare new talks, get out a daily newsletter update, coordinate alternative travel and arrivals, juggle hotel reservations, handle phone calls, create and change room signage, order different Audio-Visual equipment, etc. So many wonderful people pitched in. But, the evaluations prove it was worthwhile. We knew this genealogical community was special, and this week really showed that."

THE FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP

The FHDG of CCGS continues to meet at our library on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At each session the subject for the next meeting is decided, and participants prepare something to contribute. Recent discussions have been on scanning skills, the naturalization process, and organizing ideas. Currently, this group is learning about writing a family history.

This open discussion group is particularly organized for sharing genealogical interests and ideas in an informal setting. We especially encourage members who do not like to drive to night meetings to join us. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 24, at 10:00 a.m. Any one interested is invited to join us. If you need more information, call the library at 329-9180 during library hours.

ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL....

... of a new copier - a digital copier made by Kyocera, and recommended by our copier repairman. It makes great copies of photos as well as text, copies 23 pages per minute at 600

x 600 dpi and 256 greyscale levels, up to 11 x 17 paper, and has reduction and enlargement options up to 400%. Most importantly, it is easy to use and appears to be less expensive to maintain. The charge for copies will remain at ten cents each at this time.

The old copier was requiring repair about once a month, and parts were getting hard to find. Come by and see our new "wonder" for yourself!

LIBRARY STATISTICS

A survey of our guest book from July 4, 2000, to July 4, 2001, indicated that visitors came from 34 other cities in Oklahoma, some as far away as Poteau, Enid, Lawton, Duncan, and Tulsa. The strongest showing has been from a variety of small towns in McClain and Garvin Counties.

Also, travelers came from 23 other states to research in our library. People from Anchorage, Alaska, St. Paul, Minnesota, Pensacola, Florida, as well as from Washington, Oregon, Maryland, California, and Texas have researched Cleveland County families with us.

We have welcomed 798 visitors, and almost 300 of these for the first time. We credit this increase to our web site, and to the Norman Chamber of Commerce, Norman Public Library, Cleveland County Courthouse, Norman City Hall, and Norman High School, who now find it easy to direct others to our Main Street location. Our large tree sign on Main Street has also encouraged visitors to come inside.

We are very pleased to report that we had useful research materials for almost every researcher. On the occasion we did not, we have been able to provide the address or web site for a source that can help.

MIDWIFERY

Recently, we had an inquiry about midwife practices in our area. Sharon **SCHLICHER** is preparing a research report on the subject, and we had some helpful materials to offer. If you have any information on midwifery in central Oklahoma from any time period, or would like to recommend another source, contact Sharon at 405-872-9732, or write to CCGS, Attn: Sharon **SCHLICHER**, P. O. Box 6176, Norman, OK 73070.

1880 U. S. CENSUS AND NATIONAL INDEX

Our library recently purchased the 1880 U. S. Census and National Index set of 56 CDs published by the Family History Department of the LDS Church. Since the Soundex for 1880 included only households with children ten years old and younger, it often required reading entire counties to determine if your relative was there. In 1880, there were 50 million individuals enumerated in the United States. There are 20 disks of "National Index," which is very helpful if the state is not known. The other disks are by state and region.

You can search by surname, given name, state, region, or date. By entering the given name of a female, you would search on the "female" and "given name" only. It would bring up all the females with that particular given name, and would allow you to sort through and perhaps identify the one you need.

This has proven to be such a valuable tool that several of our members have purchased their own set. As with all transcriptions, there are some differences in the transcription versus the actual census, but they have done a wonderful job of a very difficult task. The price is \$49.00 postpaid, and can be purchased through your local LDS Library or by calling 1-800-537-5971, or online at www.lds.org.

USING THE NEW 1880 U. S. CENSUS

Any and all researchers are invited to make use of our new copy of the 1880 U. S. Census on CDs. LDS volunteers spent several years indexing each person mentioned in all counties of each state and territory. The excellent searchable database will look for alternate spellings. Besides searching via the alphabetical index, either nationwide or by a state, you can select a family and browse the neighborhood. Almost everyone who has tried it has discovered an ancestor formerly "missing" in 1880. We will be happy to assist you with this new research tool.

For our library, please consider these rules:

1. There will be a 30 minute limit per person, if others are waiting;
2. Plan ahead. Make a list of names with helpful search information to make your time useful. You can narrow your search for any one person by selecting a birth year (or approximate year) and a birth place. This would be the state or country where the person said they were born when the census taker inquired. You can also narrow your search if you have an idea of the state where they were living in 1880. This would be especially helpful when searching common names.

If you have already ordered your personal copy, we would like to pass along these helpful tips:

1. Make use of "tag / untag" to print out several households.
2. If you marked households with the tag feature, remember to untag before changing to a new disk.
3. Always check the box (on the print options screen) or the icon to show details when you print. This indicates the occupation and the birthplace of the parents.
4. Check the next household when you find your family. When the household was continued on the next page, the remaining family was sometimes listed as a separate household.

Condolences

The death of Jim **SMITH** on October 1, 2001, will leave an empty place in at least two county genealogical societies, Cleveland County and McClain County. Jim and his wife, Pat, have served as editors and now publishers of the McClain County Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter. In addition, they have been active members of our local society. We extend our condolences to Pat and the family.



CCGS News

CCGS SEMINAR, JULY 2001

Curt B. **WITCHER**, Department Manager for the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, presented four very interesting and informative sessions at our 16th Annual Seminar in July.

In a session on methodology, Mr. **WITCHER** advised his audience to collect enough information to find ALL the evidence in one generation - not just the one family, but all of the family's context as fully as possible. He recommended horizontal, not vertical or "leapfrog" genealogy. He emphasized getting out of the Genealogy Department and using other collections such as biographical, historical, legal, newspapers, and government documents. Many of these may be accessed on the internet or through library loan.

In three following sessions, Mr. **WITCHER** discussed Passenger and Immigration Research emphasizing not only immigration and emigration records, but "settling down" records, such as land and church records. Doing effective research in libraries was his next topic with discussion on types and research value of various libraries. Mr. **WITCHER** concluded with a discussion of reference sources for ethnic research.

In researching, we were asked to remember "Curt's Law of 'C's'" - Concise, Complete, Congenial, Compensation, Copy, and Clear.

CCGS officers, committee members, and other assistants, as well as Mr. **WITCHER** and the vendors, are to be commended for another very successful workshop.

DOOR PRIZES FOR OUR JULY SEMINAR

We were able to give out a number of door prizes at the Seminar. Our sincere thanks to the following for their generosity:

Auwen, Adele (3)	Ball's Books
BancFirst	Barrett, Peggy K. (Mary Kay)
Boyd Publishing Co.	Byron Sistler & Assoc., Inc.
Brockhaus Flowers & Gifts, Noble (3)	

Copelin's Office Center	Genealogy Shoppe (2)
George's Apiary, Noble	Gracie Ray's Gifts
Heritage Books, Inc.	Judy's Attic
Kemp, Betty	McMahan's Funeral Home
Memorial Chapel	Mountain Press
Nation's Bank	Noble City Hall
Norman Convention & Visitors Bureau	
Norman Public Library	Primrose Funeral Services
Republic Banks of Norman	
Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History	
Schweitzer, Dr. George K.	Selby Publishing
State of Oklahoma (Maps)	Sterling, Nona
Stroman, Susan E.	TJ's Hawg House
TLC Genealogy	Wild Birds Unlimited
Working Man's Surplus, Noble	

WOMACK'S BOOK

We have recently discovered a source for extra copies of John Womack's book, "*Norman - An Early History, 1820 - 1900*," first published in 1976. Is this a good Christmas shopping idea for your list? Have you been wishing for your own copy of this historic record?

These softbound copies are offered for sale at \$20.00 each (plus \$1.58 in tax) at our library. To receive a copy by mail, address your request to: CCGS, P. O. Box 6176, Norman, OK, 73072. Please add \$3.00 for postage and handling.

A small portion from each sale will support our library. The remainder of the proceeds will be returned to the Womack family.

Obviously there is a limited supply, so take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

In The Library

An article titled "**Tracing the Women in Your Family - Twenty Methods**" offers possible solutions, examples, cautions, warnings, and explanations. Although examples apply to South Carolina, you might find a new resource here.

Another article in this same issue is titled "**What Are Court Records and Where Are They?**" Because of the many changes of government entities in South Carolina, the author states that "the genealogy of the county must be traced in order to know where the earlier records are." [The Carolina Herald and Newsletter, Vol. XXVIII, No. 3 & 4]

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[Editors note: Information given on each record includes the packet number, name, filing date, date of death, will heirs, and other information. Many of these cases contain a great deal of information concerning relationships of heirs, guardianships, property descriptions, assets, liabilities, and debts due. Copies of each probate packet are available from CCGS.] (Continued from last newsletter)

Packet No.	Name	Filing Date	Date of Death	Will	Heirs and Other Information
664	Benke, J. F.	19 Apr 1923	17 Apr 1923		Adm: Emma Benke Parents: Charles & Caroline Benke
317	Bennett, Edith	08 Apr 1912	04 Apr 1912	Y	Mother: S. J. Bennett
453	Bennett, J. B.	03 Sep 1917	15 Jun 1917		Widow: May Bennett Sis: V. H. Lane
566	Bennett, James H.	11 Jan 1921	21 Dec 1918		Son & Adm: John H. Bennett Frank & J. A. Bennett
326	Bennett, S. J.	22 Jun 1912	18 Jun 1912		Friend & Adm: Lillie Bogle
660	Bennett, Sylvester	10 Apr 1923	04 Apr 1923		Sons: Charles, Samuel L. (Adm), Roscoe H., Edwin & Earl Bennett Daus: Claudia Bennett & Mable Harper
535	Bergeron, Madeline	25 May 1920	01 May 1909	Y	Widower & Adm: John B. Bergeron Many Heirs
324	Berglan, Martha A.	30 May 1912	07 Mar 1912		Brothers, Sisters, Nieces & Nephews
355A	Berglean, Andrew	10 Apr 1900	07 Apr 1900		Son & Adm: Olin Berglean
UN	Berglean, Andrew	1900			File Incomplete
UN-G	Berglean, Willhelmina	20 Jul 1897			George & Odessa Berglean Father was Anders Berglean
287	Bernard, Florence A.	02 Mar 1911	27 Feb 1911	Y	Sons: W. W., R. S. & R. M. Bernard
598	Bernier, Dennie B. Bernier, Mary M.	07 Oct 1921	14 Jan 1916 11 Dec 1917	(H) (W)	Joint Probate Son & Adm: John H. Bernier
508	Berry, Nora I.	23 Aug 1919	25 Dec 1916		Widower: Robert C. Berry Sons: Charles N., Raymond C. & Walter L. Berry Dau: Helen I. Berry
368	Bertrand, Emily J.	31 Aug 1914			Sons: W. H. True & Joseph H. Bertrand Grchn: Archibald, Fredrick, Marie, & Grace Roneau Armstrong
26	Bertrand, Lawrence J.	08 May 1901	25 Apr 1901	Y	Widow: Mary J. Bertrand Chn: Nora Bertrand Clark (30), Lucy (25) & Lucy Bertrand (19)
235	Bezdicek, John	29 Mar 1909	23 Mar 1909	Y	Widow: Mary Bezdicek d. 27 Mar 1909 Intestate Daus: Rosa Vejrazka, Anne Slajer, & Effie Hlavacek Adm: Joseph Slajer
591	Bible, C. G.	06 Sep 1921	23 Mar 1920		Widow: Grace Bible Daus: Gola H. Montgomery, Ruby Alexander & Ruth Bible
304	Bible, M. E. Snapp	01 Nov 1911	14 Feb 1911		Died in Green County, TN Bro & Adm: G. J. Courtney

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269	Biddle, Amos	03 Oct 1910	14 Feb 1903		Widow: Mary E. Biddle Son: Charles A. Biddle
589	Binford, Robert B.	29 Aug 1921	20 Aug 1921	Y	Widow & Exec: Tena Binford
903	Birchum, Mary A.	29 Oct 1927	19 Sep 1927		Numerous Adult Heirs
UN	Bird, Willett E.	29 Apr 1897	24 Mar 1897		Son-in-law: A. M. Allen
UN	Birdsong, John	21 Feb 1901	30 Sep 1900		Bro: W. H. Birdsong
9-L 32	Black, Alimouth B.	20 May 1912	01 May 1912		Widow: Martha A. Black Sons: Samuel S., Walter G., William L., Early J. & Lee R. Black Dau: Fannie P. Grogan
UN	Black, Hugh	19 Sep 1890	13 Sep 1890		Minors: John, Alice & Pearl Black
UN-G	Black, Hugh	20 Jan 1894			Minors: Alice & Pearl Black Bro & Guardian: John Black
297	Black, Mary L.	29 Aug 1911	18 Sep 1899		Order to Correct Record & Supply an Omission in Real Estate Description
UN	Black, Mary L.	24 Oct 1899	08 Sep 1899		Heir: Adella Gragg
UN	Blackburn, Elizabeth	29 Dec 1899	13 Dec 1899	Y	Son & Exec: William F. Blackburn
UN	Blackburn, Elizabeth	23 Jan 1900			File Incomplete Adm: William F. Blackburn
UN	Blackburn, M.	21 Feb 1895	04 Feb 1895		Son: James W. Blackburn Daus: Mary E. Fosher, Annie Blackburn Hale (decd) & Ellen Trobridge (Jemima A.)
1	Blackburn, Thomas	01 Feb 1895	23 Nov 1894		Bro: John W. Blackburn
338	Blackburn, Thomas J.	20 Nov 1912	08 Feb 1912		Widow: Sarah J. Blackburn Son: Earl L. Blackburn Dau: Dora H. Day
601	Blackwell, John M. Blackwell, Lou J.	26 Nov 1921	30 Jul 1913 07 Jun 1921	(H) (W)	Joint Probate Sons: Joseph M., William H., John J., G. W., W. R. & Thomas Blackwell Daus: Minnie A. Haynes & Clara L. Dotson
9-L 19	Blackwell, William H.	02 Jan 1912	07 Jul 1911		Widow: Mary J. Blackwell
6-L 14	Blair, Ed	1911	05 Feb 1911		Widow: Etta Blair
93-L 93	Blair, Etta	18 Mar 1920	21 Feb 1920		Heirs: Bessie, Curtis & Cellie Blair
551	Blair, Neadham	01 Sep 1920	22 Dec 1907		Sons: Tom & Leonard B. Blair (Adm)
538	Blake, F. L.	18 May 1920	04 Feb 1920		Widow & Adm: Lola W. Blake Son: Eugene Blake
770	Blake, Mary E.	19 Nov 1925	07 Nov 1925		Daus: Gertie Reed, Millie E. Sapp, Mamie E. Jenkins, Eva Blake Foster & Ada Swank
UN	Blake, Samuel E.	03 Jul 1895	15 May 1895		Died in Deming, NM Bro-in-law & Adm: Frank P. Moseley

Newspaper Abstracts

[Editor's Note: All newspaper abstracts are typed as originally printed]

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March 1, 1890 (Continued from last newsletter)

PERSONALS (Continued)

Captain **ATKINS** made a business trip to Guthrie last Saturday.

E. W. **OLDHAM**, of Purcell, has been here several days this week.

Mrs. Jennie **ROTHROCK** visited Purcell Thursday of this week.

J. P. **BAIRD** left Monday for a business trip to Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dr. E. D. **ALLEN** and Attorney **SHARP** were here from Purcell on business Wednesday.

John **FELICK** returned Tuesday from a week's visit with his relatives living in the Cherokee Strip.

Henry **BRUCE**, of the firm of Thos. **BRUCE & Sons** of this city, came in from Howard, Kansas, Wednesday.

Charlie **GORTON** is able to hobble around on his crutches and his many friends are glad to see him getting around again.

T. E. **BERRY**, J. E. **GRIGSBY**, W. H. **BELLAMY** and J. M. **HEDDENS** attended the Democratic convention at Oklahoma City Saturday last.

J. P. **MCKINNIS**, formerly a lumberman of Oklahoma City, was visiting in Norman the early portion of this week. Mr. **MCKINNIS** is now holding down a fine claim about eleven miles northeast of this point and expects in future to visit Norman quite frequently.

Dr. G. W. **DAVIS**, a prominent physician of Geuda Springs, Kan., was a guest of T. R. **WAGGONER** of this city last Saturday. It was the Doctor's first visit in this portion of the Territory and he was very much pleased with the thrifty and progressive manner in which the

country is settled and was particularly charmed with Norman and the surrounding vicinity.

Silas **PERRY**, who recently came to this vicinity from Vera, Ills., received a dispatch announcing the dangerous illness of his wife and left for home last Monday. Mr. **PERRY** was fixing up his claim near this city in readiness for his family which he expected to arrive in a short time. We trust his wife may soon recover and that they may be able to remove here in a short time.

Mayor **MARQUART** was ill the early portion of the week and was therefore unable to attend the meeting of the Republican Central Committee at Frisco Tuesday.

A young man named Harry **MCDONALD**, who for some time has been employed in the Dutch Store in Purcell, went on a visit to friends near Washita, in the Chickasaw nation, last Saturday evening and early the next morning his lifeless body was found beneath a tree on the roadside but a short distance from Washita. He had started out on horseback and it is supposed that his death was occasioned by his head coming in contact with a limb of a tree while riding along the road as investigation showed that an overhanging limb of a tree under which his body was found was marked with blood and brains of the unfortunate young man. He was a highly respected and model young man and his many friends are shocked to learn of his sudden and untimely death.

PRIMARY CONVENTION CALL.

There will be a primary convention of the Democrats of Norman and vicinity held at the Blackwell building, west Main street, on March 8, 1890, at 2 o'clock p.m., to elect delegates to attend the territorial convention to be held at Oklahoma City on March 11th 1890. All democrats are requested to attend.

A. S. **GUM**, Chairman

Garden seeds in bulk can be found at D. **POLLOCK'S**.

Go to the jewelry store with all the buffalo horns you can get, you will be paid 10 cents each for them.

I have for sale twelve tons of hay.

C. T. **GORTON**

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PERSONALS (Continued)

Chicago gets the worlds fair and if you want to be able to attend it, save money by buying your goods of **BERRY** and you can go in luxury.

Nice glass lamp, chimney, burner and wick all complete for 25 cents at **WALLACE'S**... west Main street.

To Whom it may Concern.

Notice is hereby given that I, Samuel **BALEY**, of Oklahoma City, I.T., on February 5th, bought of R. **ANIOL**, lots 17 and 18 in Block 13 town plat of city of Norman and that I hold bill of sale of said property.

Samuel **BALEY**

Oklahoma City, I. T., Feb. 22, 1890

Closing Out at Cost.

Desiring to remove the buildings now occupying my corner lots in order to erect a brick block, I offer for sale at cost my entire line of dry goods, clothing, notions, etc. Call early and secure your bargains.

Robert **ANIOL**., Cor.

Comanche and Crawford streets, Norman, I.T.

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March 8, 1890**

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs.. Ed **PARKER**, of Purcell, came up on a visit with friends in this vicinity Tuesday.

The residence of D. L. **LARSH** has been painted and remodeled until it is one of the handsomest and most attractive in this vicinity.

T. **BLAKE** is erecting a good business building on the east side of Peters avenue. He will put in a good stock of hardware as soon as it is completed.

There was a very pleasant crowd of young folks met at the building of J. H. **HOWRY** Monday

night and amused themselves until about 12 o'clock dancing.

W. T. **WALLACE** has found splendid water at the depth of 21 feet on his residence lots. He now contemplates sinking a large well in the square for the benefit of the public.

J. E. **TURNER** & Co. have already disposed of one car-load of cotton seed, to the farmers of this vicinity this spring...

M. T. **ROYSE** received another car load of goods this week. Mrs. **ROYSE** is building up a good trade here which speaks well of the rustling abilities of her affable and efficient clerk, J. W. **COZART**, who is a young man of sterling qualities.

Miss Mary **CORETTE** will open an extensive Millinery establishment in our city. She will also handle musical instruments and notions. This is something that Norman is greatly in need of and we wish Miss Mary much success in this new departure.

We are informed that the building of the Seminole seminary, fifty miles east of Norman, in the town of Mikasukee, in the Seminole nation, is going rapidly on. This building is of brick, four stories high, and is being built by the Seminole Indians at a cost of \$40,000. Mr. **CURTIS**, who is a sub-contractor, was a caller yesterday. -- Guthrie Capital.

Last Tuesday morning August **GILLIS** was taken before Commissioner **ROSS** charged with assaulting W. D. **DWIGGINS** with intent to kill. He was bound over to appear at the September term of the U. S. Court at Wichita and bond was fixed at \$300. Being unable to raise the required bond he was taken to Wichita for safe keeping, by marshal **VARNUM**.

On last Tuesday night the Norman hotel was the scene of a very pleasant affair it being the 47th birthday of Mrs. J. L. **HEFLEY** a most jolly crowd assembled to pass away the evening in amusement. Dancing, card playing, etc. was indulged in until about 12 o'clock when the merry crowd began to depart for their respective homes. Every one reports a joyous evening and pronounce Mrs. **HEFLEY** a most attentive hostess.

Where Did The Money Go?

By Michael John Neill

Ancestry Daily News, December 6, 2000

Wills are an excellent genealogical source. They can name relatives of the deceased and provide information on relationships. They can even tell you whom your ancestor did not like. That's the upside. There is a downside. Old wills can be vague, unspecific, and downright confusing. Relationships may not be crystal clear to the modern reader. Phrases or clauses may be reasonably interpreted in more than one way.

Such situations are frustrating for the genealogist. Sometimes additional probate records beyond the will may shed light on the problem. It is important to remember that estate records may contain more papers than just the original will or a transcription of that document, and other probate records may clarify what is not clear in the will. While there are many records that may be included in the probate other than the will, this article will focus on records of disbursements and financial accountings. Tracking the flow of money (when possible) may assist you in documenting relationships that are not spelled out elsewhere.

...
John de Moss of Harford County, Maryland
This will from the early 1800s contained a phrase that caused some difficulty.

"... I devise and bequeath unto my sons and daughters and son William Demoss children, Thomas Demoss, John Demoss, Aquila Demoss, Christiana Rampley, Catherine Beatty, Eleanor Guyton, Jamima Meads, Susannah Meads, Mary Hughes and Ruth Demoss and William Demoss Children after the legacy left my grandson John Demoss..."

There were two schools of thought on the will. One was that the individuals listed after the phrase "William Demoss children" were William's children. The other school of thought was that William's children were not listed by name and that the individuals listed after the phrase

"William Demoss children" were William's siblings and consequently children of John.

Some readers may think there really is no ambiguity-perhaps there is not. However, whenever there is any doubt or potential confusion, other records should be accessed. They may prove your point, disprove your point, or add completely new information to the family line.

Several accountings contained in the estate papers of John Demoss clarify the issue.

For example, one disbursement, dated May of 1836, sets forth the following: \$346.26 is distributed to the heirs of John Demoss. Thomas Demoss, Christianna Rampley, Catherine Beatty, Jamima [sic] Meads, John Demoss, Aquila Demoss, Mary Hughes, Ruth Tredway, Eleanor Guyton, and Susanna Meads all receive \$31.48. All are listed as "one of the children of the decd." Another \$31.48 is disbursed to "the Heirs of William Demoss... their distributive share." This seems to make the relationships fairly clear.

But if that was not enough, there was another partial disbursement of \$645.07, wherein the children of John Demoss were all given \$58.64 1/4 and the heirs of William Demoss were listed by name as grandchildren of the deceased and each given \$9.77 2/6.

These documents provided married names for John's daughters and several of his grandchildren. The estate was still being settled some sixteen years after his death. Also, several heirs who were unmarried when the will was written were married by the date of the final settlement.

One may wonder why a will is not clear in terms of stating relationships. The people living at the time the document was written frequently knew what the individual intended. In the John Demoss will, contemporaries familiar with the family knew that Christianna Rampley and the others listed were John's children and not William's. The individual who drew up the will probably felt there was no need to clarify further; after all, that would likely require another sheet of rather expensive paper.

Where Did The Money Go?

By Michael John Neill

(Continued)

Maybe the Will Really Was Confusing. My 3rd great-grandmother Barbara Haase, in her early-1900s will, listed a Katherine Trautvetter as an heir. I had never heard of a Katherine Trautvetter. Barbara's deceased daughter had married a Trautvetter, but no one in the family had ever had that first name. The other Trautvetters listed in the will were known to be Barbara's grandchildren, including my great-grandfather.

A quick scan of the estate records located an initial report of the executor that indicated Katherine could not be found. So after this scan, I decided Katherine was simply a mistake on the part of the person who drew up the will.

But "Katherine" was left \$250-not a sum to sneeze at-when Barbara died in 1903. So I went back and read ALL the estate papers from Barbara's estate. In the final accounting from the administrator, along with all the monies received and spent, was a note explaining that Katherine Trautvetter had been determined to be one of Barbara's grandchildren whose middle name was Katherine. This individual never used her middle name, and no one in the family even knew she had it. In the end, I located "Katherine," discovering the clue simply by reading the final accounting of the estate. Since it was the name Barbara used for this granddaughter, I have often wondered if it had some special significance to Barbara.

Difficulties?

Ideally, the researcher would read all the estate papers for possible clues and leads, but time does not always allow for this. Accountings and records of disbursements should be searched as a part of comprehensive probate research. These additional records may clarify phrases that were unclear in the original will or may provide other new information.

Where Are These Accountings?

These accountings may be filed with the will and other loose papers in an estate. Never obtain

just the will; always determine if there are loose papers that are a part of the estate records. It is possible that the court that oversaw the probate also maintained journals and/or loose paper files. These journals (containing a handwritten account of the court's activity) may provide additional financial information that is not in the packet of papers. In one estate I researched from the 1870s, the probate packet only contained receipts from the relatives who received money. An entry in the probate journal listed the individuals and their relationship to the deceased-an excellent find.

In the final analysis, tracking your own income and expenses may not be fun, but your ancestor's final set of debits and credits may "credit" your files with new information.

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In The Library

Tennessee Marriages offers an interesting article: "Married at the residence of Mr. B. F. **SPICER** in Paris on the evening of 16th Aug. 1873, Mr. Charles A. **KENNADA** to Miss Lucy F. **JONES**, both of Kentucky. The happy pair were quite youthful and ardent, and had walked 50 miles from their homes in Kentucky to this place. They were made happy and have gone back on foot to face the music of the old folks. - *Murfreesboro Monitor*, 21 Aug 1873. [Ansearchin' News, The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 47, No. 4, Winter 2000]



A newspaper column written by Patty V. **NORTON** has been reprinted in Little Dixie News, the Genealogical Quarterly for Southern Oklahoma. Referring to letters received concerning claims staked in a land rush south of the Canadian River, Ms. Norton reminds her readers there was NEVER one there. She writes about ways the area was settled, and emphasizes "the need for ancestor seekers to study history" - particularly the history of the area to be researched. [Little Dixie News, Vol. VI, No. 3, 2000]



The **1922 Abner School Census, District 27, Love County, OK**, includes student's name, race, sex, birth date, as well as name of parent or guardian. Located northwest of Marietta, this district was set up at statehood and last enumerated in 1947. The school was then closed and annexed to Meadowbrook school district. [Love County Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter, June 2001]



The article "**The Myth of Ellis Island Name Changes**" in the Green County Quarterly is the result of e-mail exchanges between editor Richard Guse and others. Included is information on this subject from an online newsletter published by Richard W. **EASTMAN**, which explains the process of being admitted into the U.S. Web sites are given for further information. [The Green Country Quarterly, Vol. 21, No. 2, Summer 2001]

New in the Library: The newsletter of **The Fort Gibson (OK) Genealogical Society**, the first issue published in approximately four years. [Fort Gibson Genealogical Society Newsletter, June, 2001]

Workshops

Kansas Genealogical Society Seminar

Speaker, Mary Clement Douglass
"If These Hills Could Talk - Research in Tennessee" and other topics
Thursday, October 11, 2001
Dodge City, Kansas
www.dodgecity.net/kgs/



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Speaker, Lloyd Bockstruck
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Saturday, October 13, 2001
www.dallasgenealogy.org



Logan County Genealogical Society, Inc. Fall Seminar

Guest Speaker, Mary Clement Douglas
"Help, I've Fallen Under My Genealogy Notes
and I Can't Get Up" and other topics
Saturday, October 20, 2001, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Guthrie, Oklahoma
www.rootsweb.com/~oklcs



GRIVA Fall Workshop Library of Virginia

Speakers: George K. Schweitzer,
and Ruth Schweitzer Pratt
Richmond, Virginia
Saturday, October 27, 2001



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"Genealogy, History, Computers, and Fun"
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