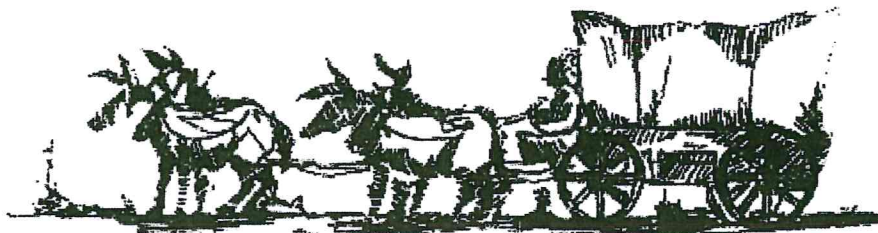


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Feasibility Study

The Norman Public Library and the Pioneer Library System would like to see libraries in Norman expanded to include a new east branch and west branch, and possibly a new central library building. They have requested funds from the City of Norman for a Feasibility Study on this issue.

A team of architects specializing in libraries will come to Norman and solicit opinions from the citizens of Norman. We have specifically requested that citizens be asked whether our genealogy collection should be part of the public library or a separate facility. The result of this study will give us an opportunity to make some long-range plans about the future of our library. Watch for information on this issue in the papers as the Feasibility Study unfolds.

JO MUSTOE, President

Annual Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting was held in June, and the new slate of officers is listed on the back page of this newsletter. Annual reports were also given by the officers, and excerpts from these reports follow, beginning with the **President's Report**.

The Finances

Thanks to all those who had a part in our various fundraising efforts in the past year, our finances are in very good shape. Three years ago, when the CCGS Board made the decision to recommend a move to Main Street, we thought we might have to dip into reserve funds to manage temporarily. For each of our three years on Main Street, we have finished the Fiscal Year in the Black!

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The Finances (continued from page 15)

This does not mean that we can relax our fundraising efforts. It just means that we are managing. In the next Fiscal Year, fundraising will be a critical issue. We must replace our major fundraising project in association with the Wal-Mart Foundation, since they have made major changes in their rules which exclude our traditional Business Information Fair. Our newly reorganized Finance Committee will begin work on this issue shortly.

The Copier

In the past year, we have replaced our ancient copier with a new digital model which is very useful in the Library, particularly in copying photos and illustrated material.

The Exhibit

We have created a photo exhibit of early Norman Main Street scenes. These have been framed and mounted above the bookshelves in the Library. Ray and Julia **MILLS** did the hard work on this project. Our photos can be changed to a new theme at little cost to create a "new" exhibit at any time.

The Conference

Sharron **OWENS** and Ann **JACOBS** attended the national conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies with me in Davenport, Iowa. What we learned and experienced at this conference has been a positive contribution to many CCGS committee meetings and discussions this year.

The Cataloger

We have hired a new cataloger. Dana **TULEY-WILLIAMS** continues to catalog new books, periodicals, and other materials for our Library. Her willingness to help is a real asset to our collection.

The Computer Tech Team

Sharron **OWENS** and her brother, Ken **BAGWELL**, have been hard at work for several

weeks now providing some necessary maintenance to our computer network. Thanks to some serious scrounging and trading for parts, our computers are now in good operating order. Ken has provided parts and know-how to us at no charge.

As a way to say thanks, we are asking members and friends to donate any used computers and/or parts for Ken's use. He rebuilds computers and donates them for the use of poor children in the area.

The Grand Prize

Evelyn **PARKER** won the Grand Prize Award! When she happened to notice that the family of Woody **GUTHRIE** wanted to know just where his mother, Nora Belle **GUTHRIE**, had been buried after her death at Central State Hospital in 1930, Evelyn followed through with a little basic research and found the answer. Nora Belle was buried in an unmarked grave at Norman's I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Her contact with the **GUTHRIE** family and the ensuing publicity resulted in three separate front page stories accompanied by a color photo. Each story mentioned Evelyn as Chairman of the Research Committee of Cleveland County Genealogical Society. The first story was picked up by the Associated Press Wire Service and shared across the country. Evelyn's simple kindness helped a family find a measure of closure in the long grief process over Mrs. Guthrie's death. It also incidentally brought CCGS priceless publicity. We thank Evelyn for her dedication to the research process and to CCGS.

COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Library Policy and Procedure, Betty **KEMP**, Chairman

Books purchased this year were from memorial funds donated for Nedra **WILLIAMS**, Margaret **EARLS** and Jim **SMITH**. For the fiscal year 2001 - 2002, 700 researchers used the library. Of those, 224 were first time users. Seventeen states and 26 Oklahoma cities were represented.

CCGS News

Workshop Committee, Sharron OWENS, Chairman

The 16th Annual Seminar was held in July 2001 with Curt B. **WITCHER** as speaker. On May 19, 2002, Dr. Brian **TRAINOR** and Fintan **MULLAN** presented a seminar on "Irish and Scots - Irish Research" at the Sarkeys Conference Center.

The 2002 Annual Seminar featuring Michael John **NEILL** will be held at the Brand Senior Center in Moore on July 27 (see additional information in a later section of this newsletter).

Research and Publications Committee, Evelyn PARKER, Chairman

The updated Norman IOOF Cemetery Book was a six month project. Little Axe Cemetery, an Indian Cemetery, has been completed, and Fairview-Maguire is nearing completion. Money donated by those requesting information and from the sale of CCGS publications is an important part of our finances.

Calling Committee, Sherri STANSEL, Chairman

Members of this committee include Norma **CUMMINGS**, Marie **KEELING**, Betty **HALL**, Elizabeth **LOEFFELHOLZ**, Oleta **TOLAN**, Jean **MCCRACKEN**, and Ann **JACOBS**. Their purpose is to remind local members of the meetings, making sure they know the location and time of the meeting.

Since April, Ann **JACOBS** has been contacting those members with e-mail addresses with these reminders.

Hospitality Committee

Nona **STERLING** and Adele **AUWEN** have served on this committee for two years. Refreshments are served at meetings held in September, December, and June. Members contribute food and help with the cleanup. Nona and Adele would like to be relieved of this task. Is this your cup of tea? Your help would be sincerely appreciated.

Finance Committee

This committee has recently been reactivated. The group worked on the Proposed Budget for

FY 02-03 and will soon be working on new fundraising activities. A chair has yet to be named.

Many thanks to each of the committee chairmen and committee members for a job well done!

THE KOREAN WAR PROJECT

Recently, CCGS member Ann **JACOBS** was given the web address of the Korean War Project, which is an internet based initiative to find families of servicemen missing in action from the Korean War. If remains of the over 6,000 service men are eventually repatriated to the U.S., DNA samples will be needed for identification.

Toward this end, the Korean War Project, P. O. Box 180190, Dallas, TX 75218 (214-320-0342) has been established to collect DNA samples from family members for storage until needed. The website is available for further information at <<http://www.koreanwar.org/index1.html>>.

Ann was given the name of the only service man from Cleveland County, James Travis **PIERCE**. She has not been able to find his relatives. Can you help? If so, please contact our office by e-mail <CCGS@telepath.com> or 405-329-9180.

SEARCHING FOR A CLIPPER

We clip columns from *The Norman Transcript* by Ed **MONTGOMERY**, Darlene **SHAWN**, and Father Joe Ted **MILLER**, as well as Sharon **BURNS'** column, "We, the People," from the *Norman Oklahoman*. The recent columns are posted at each CCGS meeting and later filed for further reference.

Edwin **KESSLER** of Norman recently contributed a searchable database of Father Joe Ted **MILLER'S** interviews by date or by interview subject. He does not plan to continue this effort, but would like to see the project go on.

If you subscribe to either of these papers, and would like to take on the task of clipping them for our preservation efforts, please contact Jo **MUSTOE** or Jean **MCCRACKEN** at the CCGS Library - and thanks. Current and future genealogists would appreciate your efforts.

CCGS News

IRISH & SCOTS-IRISH RESEARCH SEMINAR

On May 19, CCGS sponsored the Ulster Historical Foundation with a Seminar on "Irish and Scots-Irish Research" at the Sarkeys Conference Center. Dr. Brian **TRAINOR** and Fintan **MULLAN** were our speakers. They were on a tour for all of the United States, and we were fortunate to have been chosen for this honor. The Seminar was enjoyed by 44 people. We were pleased to see this kind of turn out on a Sunday afternoon and for a focused subject. We were forced to use this schedule because of the speakers' tour schedule. We learned that to be successful in researching our Irish ancestors, we need to know the specific place or town to research.

We are thankful for the generous hospitality of Ann **JACOBS** and Ray and Julia **MILLS** in providing bedrooms for the Irish speakers. After the Seminar, a group of attendees took the speakers to the Golden Corral where they dined very heartily on American steak and trimmings.

We enjoyed the beauty and functionality of the Sarkeys Conference Center and are encouraged to present another seminar of this type and use this facility again.

REUNION IDEA

New CCGS member, Loren **SIMMS** from Altus, shares this idea for your family reunion. Loren and a few of his fellow researchers, who had been corresponding by e-mail on the **SIMMS** line, met last weekend, a day ahead of the **SIMMS** Family Reunion to copy documents and share research. Their combined information was a very up-to-date report for all who attended.

OKLAHOMA DEATH CERTIFICATES

Recently, in the Oklahoma Legislature, State Senator Ben **ROBERTSON** proposed Senate bill 1608, which included changes to the Statute (63 O S. 2001). The language of the Bill changed the way death certificates would be handled in the Vital Records Office, effectively cutting off all access.

The issue came to the attention of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Board of Directors, and to Darlene **SHAWN**, Norman Transcript columnist and CCGS member, who informed us locally through her weekly column, "Relatively Speaking." As a result of an enormous response from genealogists and law enforcement officers from across the state, this bill was significantly changed to issues of mental health, dropping all references to Vital Records. Bob **HADDICAN**, also a CCGS member, helped us with updated information on this bill.

This issue also caught the attention of the recently created Records Preservation & Access Committee, a joint effort of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. As reported in the June issue of the FGS Delegate Digest, "The Oklahoma legislature responded to the input from many genealogists and left the death certificate process as it currently stands."

We are advised to keep track of any action by the Oklahoma Legislature through their website <www.lsb.state.ok.us>. To phone, call the Senate at 405-524-0126, or the House at 405-521-3711. Your input can make a critical difference at the state level. Our thanks to all who played a part in keeping Oklahoma death records available for researchers.

NEW MEMBER RESEARCHING...

Arlene **CONRAD** is researching the family of William **BROWN** & Elizabeth **HICKS POUND** who m. June 1840, Bodmin, Cornwall, England. Their children were: John Richard, b. 1840; William, b. 1842; Jane, b. 1844; Mary Pound, b. 1848, St. Minver, Cornwall, England, m. John Jones 10 Oct 1868, d. 5 June 1931 in Glyddins Splatt, St. Miniver, England; John B. Brown (Smith), b. 1850, Bodmin, Cornwall, England, m. Flora Richards 19 Nov 1874 in Neath, Glamorganshire, Wales, d. 7 Nov 1903; Elizabeth, b. 1853; and Sarah, b. 1855.

Also researching John **RICHARDS** & wife, Mary C. **THOMAS**, b. 1823, both possibly in Wales. John d. before 1874 & Mary 3 April 1891. Their daughter, Flora, b. 15 Sept 1854, in Havorford-west, Pem, Wales, m. John B. **BROWN (SMITH)**, d. 18 Jan 1910 in Centerville, SD.

Married To An Alien

by Michael John NEILL

A lady born in New York State is listed as an alien -- why??!?

The "confusing" census entry is viewable at: www.rootdig.com/census/verikios1920.html
I must admit the census entry confused me. The wife was a native of the state of New York and was listed in the 1920 census as an unnaturalized alien. There is an "x" in the box for her year of immigration to the United States.

All other records clearly indicated the individual in question, Mary Verikios, had been born in New York State. While looking at other individuals on the same census page, I noted that a female neighbor born in Wisconsin was also listed as an alien with no date of naturalization or immigration. The commonality was that both ladies were married to men who were immigrant aliens. This connection warranted further study. It turned out that for these two ladies (and thousands of others), their choice of a husband impacted their citizenship.

The problem centers around the history of women in regards to naturalization.

The census entries for both women indicate they were probably married around 1910. I learned that under the law in effect at that time, both women would have lost their citizenship upon their marriage to an alien. To further compound the problem, courts during this era and for some time before frequently held that women derived their citizenship status from that of their husband. There were exceptions (single women filing homestead claims were sometimes naturalized whether they were a widow or had never been married).

The history of naturalization in the United States is somewhat complex. The complexity is aggravated for women by the fact that the laws regarding naturalization and females were ambiguous, especially before 1907. For a significant portion of American history, a woman's citizenship status was derived from the status of her husband. In many cases immigrant women were naturalized "by default" upon their marriage to a citizen or upon their foreign-born husband obtaining citizenship. This derivative type of citizenship is the reason there are few naturalization records for immigrant women for most of American history. For those who were "naturalized by marriage" there generally is no mention of them in any records before 27 September 1906, when Congress standardized the naturalization

process and required names of spouse and children on naturalization paperwork. Also, until women received the right to vote, there was little reason for many to bother with the expense and procedure of naturalization. However, there are occasionally naturalization records for women in the 1880s, 1890s and later. Many of the children "naturalized by default" via their father's naturalization, but not listed specifically, later went through the naturalization process themselves.

To reduce confusion, here is a brief chronology relevant to the problem at hand:

1906

The Basic Naturalization Act was passed on 27 September 1906, which standardized the naturalization process throughout the United States. Records after this date are more consistent than those before. No longer could just any court perform a naturalization.

1907

On 2 March 1907 an act was passed wherein a wife's citizenship status was determined by the status of her husband. Here is where the confusion begins to get worse. For women who immigrated after this act (and before later changes were enacted), there was no real change from before (unless their husband was already a U.S. citizen). However, it was different for U.S.-born citizen females who married an alien after this date. These women would lose their citizenship status upon marriage to an alien. Many of these women would later become citizens again upon their husband's naturalization. Women who married men who were racially ineligible to naturalize lost their ability to revert back to their pre-marriage citizenship status.

1922

On 22 September 1922, Congress passed the Married Women's Act, also known as the Cable Act. Now the citizenship status of a woman and a man were separate. This law gave each woman her own citizenship status. This act was partially drawn in response to issues regarding women's citizenship that occurred after women were given the right to vote. From this date, no marriage to an alien has taken citizenship from any U.S.-born woman. Females who had lost their citizenship status via marriage to an alien could initiate their own naturalization proceedings.

1936

This act effected U.S. citizen women whose marriage to an alien between the acts of 1907 and 1922 had caused them to lose their citizenship status. These women, if the marriage to the alien had ended in death or divorce, could regain their citizenship by

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filing an application with the local naturalization court and taking an oath of allegiance. Those women still married to their husband were not covered under the act and these individuals would have to go through the complete naturalization process.

1940

In 1940, Congress allowed all women who lost their citizenship status between 1907 and 1922 to repatriate by filing an application with the local naturalization court and taking an oath. The complete naturalization process was no longer necessary for any woman whose marriage between 1907 and 1922 caused her to lose her citizenship status.

How Does This Impact Marie?

Here's where it gets a little confusing. Marie's husband, Peter Verikios, was naturalized in 1934. Marie and Peter divorced in 1940. Marie subsequently married another U.S. citizen a few years later. None of these events made a difference in Marie's status after she married Peter, for they all took place after the Cable Act of 1922, which separated a woman's citizenship status from that of her husband. Her marriage to Peter between 1907 and 1922 was the "problem" in regards to her citizenship status.

Where Should I Go?

It might be worth looking into possible records whereby Marie regained her citizenship status. Given the confusion that surrounded the citizenship status of women, there might be no record at all. In this case,

since Marie's origins in New York State are somewhat foggy, accessing the records may shed some light on her life before she came to the Chicago area. That one little "X" in the 1920 census really gave me a history lesson.

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SEMINAR REMINDER

**17th Annual Seminar - "I FOUND IT; NOW WHAT DO I DO?"
featuring MICHAEL JOHN NEILL**

Saturday, July 27, 2002

**Brand Senior Center, 501 E. Main Street, Moore, Oklahoma
Registration 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Sessions 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Seminar topics will be:
TRIED AND TESTED TIDBITS
ORGANIZATION OF INFORMATION
ILLINOIS RESEARCH
I FOUND IT: NOW WHAT DO I DO?**

**Cost: Register by July 13, 2002 (Lunch included) \$30.00
After July 13th - LUNCH NOT INCLUDED \$30.00**

Newspaper Abstracts

The Norman Transcript - March 15, 1890

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

Personals

F. P. **CEASE**, Dr. **WEST**, J. S. **CALLAWAY** and T. E. **BERRY** attended the Democratic convention at Oklahoma City Tuesday.

Miss Kate **HEDDEN** had charge of A. J. **RAINWATER'S** dry good establishment during that gentleman's absence in the south.

C. T. **GORTON** left Thursday, for a trip to Anadarko, I.T. He is looking after some cattle business and will probably be absent four or five days.

Rev. Father **VINCENT** was here from Purcell, Wednesday, making arrangements for the early construction of the Catholic church building at this point.

Superintendent **SANDS** of Topeka, Kansas, in company with Supt. Avery **TURNER**, of Wellington, were in the city on Santa Fe railroad business, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. **KINGKADE** were agreeably surprised by a party of friends, Thursday evening and a merry and thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent at their elegant home.

W. C. **RENFROW** left Sunday for Russellville, Arkansas, on account of illness in his family at that point. We trust he found the sick one better and that he may soon be able to return to Norman.

Rev. **CARGIE** passed through on the south-bound train Friday on his way from Baldwin, Kansas, to Norman to take charge of M. E. church, the conference having located him at that point. -- Oklahoma City Journal.

J. W. **HESTER**, a life-time friend of J. B. **WILLIAMS** of this city, has arrived with his family and movables from Trenton, Kentucky, and is located here to stay. The Transcript and our people warmly welcome the acquisition to our midst of all such desirable citizens and we trust they may prosper here.

P. D. **KRAHL**, father-in-law of Mr. Ed **CORETTE**, of this city, arrived here with his family, household goods and a complete farming outfit, from Newton, Kan., last Saturday. Mr. **KRAHL** is the owner of a fine claim just south-east of this city and we cordially welcome the family as residents of this community.

Rev. C. C. **HEMBREE** goes east this week in the interest of the Presbyterian church at this point. With hopes of accomplishing much good he will visit New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Chicago and many other cities while away. His many friends wish him a prosperous, speedy journey and a safe return to Norman.

We are indebted to S. C. **HOOVER** and some unknown friend for late copies of Colorado and Idaho newspapers containing marked articles of Oklahoma news. Thanks for the kind remembrance and we are pleased to know that Oklahoma's fame is so widespread.

MARRIED -- At Oklahoma City, I. T., March 9th, 1890, by Rev. **WORLEY**, Mr. G. F. **JONES** and Mrs. Minnie **LOYD**, both of Purcell. The Transcript, and a host of friends in this vicinity, extend congratulations and a wish for future prosperity and all possible happiness.

Harris Bros., the brick makers, have removed from the J. M. **LEE** place northeast of this point, and are now making brick just east of this city. They report that they have splendid material in their new location and will soon have ready for market, a superior quality of brick.

OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATS

The Democratic convention in session at Oklahoma City, Tuesday and Wednesday, has been by all friends of the party, voted a high success. The crowd in attendance was enthusiastic and as a matter of course, of different opinions. Permanent organization was effected after a struggle to see who should be masters of the situation. Judge Amos **GREEN**, of Lexington, was made permanent chairman, B. P. **GREEN**, of Guthrie, and E. J. **SIMPSON**, of Reno City, secretaries. J. E. **JONES** of Oklahoma City, is chairman of the central committee and T. E. **BERRY**, of Norman, is secretary.

Newspaper Abstracts

The Norman Transcript - March 15, 1890

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Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Post Office at Norman, Ind. Ter. for the month ending March 8th, 1890.

ALLEN, A. B.	MALONE, E. C.,
ADAIR, W. C.	MATLOCK, B. F.,
AKER, J. B.	MOLAN, James,
BILLS, J. H.	McLAIN,
BATES, M. V.	NIX, Thomas,
BALDWIN,	NICHOLS, Rosa,
CURRY, Charlie	NEWTON, John,
COLEMAN, W. M.	ROSE, Frank,
CONER, Elnire	ROUNDTREE, D.,
CARGAY, Rev. B. F.	RUSTIN, F. M.
DAVIS, J. D. D.	SCOTT, F. J.
DEWITT, J. R.	SMITH, Annie,
FLOOD, Z. A.	SNYDER, Emma,
GIBSON, R. W. (2)	ST. JOHN, James,
HALE, J. P.	STANFORD, Hattie,
HOGUE, Thomas	WILLIAMS, Bill,
IRWEN, S. G.	WOOD, James B.
INGLE, Mollie	WILSON, L. N.
McNABB, C. A.	WOODS, A. J.
McINTOSH, Roderick	WAMOCK, Jimmie,
MANNING, G. W.	WOOD, A. W.

MEARS, Jimmie

Parties calling for above letters will please say "Advertised."

D. W. MARQUART, P. M.

The Norman Transcript - March 22, 1890

PERSONALS

Al ELVINGTON, with a force of carpenters, is at work on the erection of the Catholic building.

Born -- To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. FERGUSON, of this city, on the 17th instant, a son. Reported by Dr. R. E. INNIS.

Died -- Near this city on the 19th instant, Bessie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James CARLOCK, aged about ____ months.

The new school house will be ready for occupancy next week and the school now being taught by Miss FOSTER will be transferred to the new building.

Mrs. M. MCGINLEY is on the sick list.

J. M. LEE visited Guthrie on business Tuesday.

M. MCGINLEY visited Purcell on business Tuesday.

P. SULIVAN visited Guthrie on business Wednesday.

T. S. VENTRESS was here from Paul's Valley, Sunday.

Ed RIXSE came down from Oklahoma City last Monday.

George BELLAMY visited Guthrie on business Thursday.

T. W. JORDAN made a business trip to Guthrie Wednesday.

B. W. MABRY, ("Uncle Jimmy,") visited Purcell Tuesday.

Prof. JENNINGS came up from Purcell on business, Saturday.

B. D. DAVIDSON was here from Purcell on business, Tuesday.

J. P. FRY and Wm. VALENTA visited Oklahoma City Thursday.

Dr. DILLINGHAM made a professional visit to Oklahoma City Tuesday.

B. W. WOODS has left to go upon his Oklahoma claim, near Purcell.

J. A. HESSER left Friday evening on a visit to his family at Ennis, Texas.

J. H. DOYLE visited Guthrie on business, the latter portion of this week.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Tyler **BLAKE** left Wednesday, on a business trip to Kinsley, Kansas.

Mrs. M. T. **ROYSE** left Norman last Sunday for her home at Dodd City, Texas.

J. M. **LITTLE**, wife and child, are here from Vera, Illinois, on a visit with relatives.

H. T. **MILLER**, Dr. **ALLEN** and "Parson" **LAWRENCE**, of Purcell, visited here last Sunday.

T. S. **WARD** and wife and Miss Maggie **WATSON**, were up from Purcell last Sunday.

M. J. **BLAKELEY**, shipped in a car-load of oxen and cows from Baird, Texas, Wednesday.

Geo. **BEELER**, R. S. **WALTERS** and Jas. **CRAWFORD** were visitors here from Purcell Wednesday.

G. W. **WIESEHANN**, the genial proprietor of the City Bakery of Purcell, was here Thursday.

Mrs. Ed **CORETTE** visited Wichita Kansas, Monday and while there purchased a fine stock of spring millinery.

C. T. **ROBINSON**, a barber from Oklahoma City, came down Thursday and purchased the outfit of **DODSON**, of this city.

W. H. **SEAWELL** and W. L. **CHOATE**, of the Oklahoma lumber company of this city, visited the Strip Friday of last week.

Marshal Geo. E. **THORNTON**, of Oklahoma City, stopped off here a short time while en-route south, last Sunday evening.

W. A. **WOODS**, of Norman, late of Michigan was in the city this week. He is making preparations to locate here. -- Purcell Register.

E. S. **RUSSELL**, a friend of Agent **KINGKADE**, traveling salesman for the Kansas City Hardware company, spent Thursday and Friday in the city.

Mr. **GIVENS**, a young man from Oklahoma City, is in charge of the **JONES & RICHARDSON** lumber yard during the absence of Mr. **HESSER** in the south.

T. R. **COOK** has lately made an extensive trip in the Chickasaw nation and reports everything as prosperous in that country. It is settling up at a rapid rate and progress is noticeable on every side.

G. W. **BURK**, a nurseryman of Maize, Kansas, is here with a choice stock of fruit trees for sale. Mr. Burk is well pleased with the appearance of this portion of Oklahoma and will in all probability permanently locate with us.

Silas **PERRY** returned from Illinois last Friday where he was called some time since on account of the illness and subsequent death of his wife. He brought his children back with him and will make his home in Oklahoma in future.

LAND OFFICE DOCKET Contests.

1733 -- John J. **JOHNSON** vs Fred **TRENT** h e 4106 July 16, 1889 s w 18 14 1 w Allegation abandonment corroborating witness E. A. **FOSTER**.

1737 -- John **SALSEBURY** vs John H. **FERGUSON** h e 22 April 23, 1889, s w 31 8 2 w. Allegation sooner, corroborating witness Thos. W. **JORDAN** and C. E. **HEALY**.

1724 -- Fred F. **PIPER** vs Orange J. **SMITH**, n e ¼ 28-9-3 w. Corroborating witness, E. P. **BAKER**. Allegation settlement prior to April 22.

1735 -- Lewis H. **SMITH** vs Leander **GILL**, lots 3 and 4 and e1/2 s w 7-14-2 w; corroborating witness, D. W. **EVERETT**; allegation abandonment.

Entries.

6685 -- John W. **HESTER**, s e ¼ 24-9 3w.

6681 -- Daniel W. **THOMAS**, s w ¼ 24-8-2 w.

In The Library

What was it like when oil was discovered near a small Oklahoma town in 1912? The December 2001 issue of the CCGS Newsletter published by the Cushing Genealogical Society will give you good examples of life there when two thousand men are suddenly added to the town's population. [CGS Newsletter, Vol. 5, No. 4, December 2001]

Kenny Burck of Cincinnati, Ohio, considers himself to be "**disproportionately a creature of German ancestry**, whose first German-speaking ancestor arrived in America in 1732, and the last in 1882." After 32 years of "painstaking research," he located all of his German ancestral villages. The "story" of his "journey" is the cover story of the Fall issue of the FGS Forum. [FGS Forum, Vol. 13, No. 3, Fall 2001]

Both Ohio and Arkansas have added more state resources online. The **Ohio Memory On-line Scrapbook** can be viewed at <www.ohiomemory.org>, and was created to commemorate the bicentennial in 2003.

The **Arkansas History Commission** recently unveiled a redesign of its site, with three new searchable databases of its holdings (see <www.ark-ives.com/>). Using this information can help you better prepare for your trip to their Research Room in Little Rock. Online forms can enable you to order materials for which you have specific bibliographic information (i.e., specific name, specific record, exact page number, etc.). [Family Tree, Vol. XII, No. 2, June/July 2002]

Wisconsin Vital Records pre 1900 can be ordered online through the Wisconsin Historical Society's website <www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/index.html>. [Family Tree, Vol. XII, No. 2, June/July 2002]

Researching Illinois? County records information online <www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/irad/iradhome.html>. [Family Tree, Vol. XII, No. 2, June/July 2002]

The Naval Historical Center

Calling it "Washington's Best Kept Secret," Shirley Sterty Hawn has written an article about this center in the December issue of GRIVA News & Notes. Located at the Washington, D.C., Navy Yard, the Center is open to the public. Materials date back to 1798 and cover a wide variety of subjects, and a variety of types of materials. A website is included. [GRIVA News & Notes, Vol. XXII, No. 2, December 2001]

National Genealogical Society Library

In February of 2002, NGS's library collection of 20,000 volumes were transferred to the St. Louis County Library. Through a new partnership, the NGS collection was to become available to the public through public, college and university libraries by interlibrary loan. [GRIVA News & Notes, Vol. XXII, No. 2, December 2001]

New Court House and Jail in Giles Co., TN

From *The Giles County Record*, Pulaski, TN, Vol. 8, No. 28, 15 May 1902 - A log building was erected for the courts, and a log jail was nearby. "The tradition is, that while the jail on Kirk's was used, a good fiddler was imprisoned for some small offense, and occasionally at a party in town those present who were fond of amusements, some of them men of influence, and high standing, would go to the jail at night after bed time, pry up one corner of the jail, take out the fiddler, and after the dance take him back, and pry up the corner, and let the fiddler crawl back." [The Giles County (TN) Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. XXVII, April 2001]

Research in Salt Lake City

For several years, four members of the Tulsa Genealogical Society have flown to Salt Lake City after Thanksgiving to do research. They have written six articles on this research for the Winter issue of Tulsa Annals. Information is included on the use of both the Family History Library and the FamilySearch Center in the Joseph Smith Bldg., as well as travel and housing.

Another article in this issue by Dorothy J. Nix reviews Cherokee Nation records available in Vinita. Vinita was the seat of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, Northern District U. S. Court before statehood. [Tulsa Annals, Vol. XXXVI, No. 2 of 3, Winter 2000/2001]

In The Library

The November 2001 issue of the Kiowa Co. Genealogical Society Newsletter includes a **1912 program for the 5th Annual Commencement of 8th grade graduates of Kiowa County.** The program includes a list of teachers, the 95 graduates, and those in the program.

This issue also contains those buried in the **Otter Creek Cemetery** located south of Roosevelt, and the Kiowa Co. Marriage Records for November 27, 1910 through April 29, 1911. [The Kiowa County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 8, No. 4, November 2001]

Legislative Petitions

Emily Golightly Rusk has written an article on Legislative Petitions for the March issue of *GRIVA*. She states that "it is an interesting quirk of legislative petitions that, while ineligible to vote or hold office, aliens, women, free blacks and slaves were permitted to file petitions." Filed by both groups and individuals, these petitions may carry lists of names and/or supporting evidence. These records are being microfilmed for the Library of Virginia. More information is available on their website <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us>>. Ask for "Research Notes Number 18: Legislative Petitions." [GRIVA News and Notes, Vol. XXII, No. 3, March 2002]

Do You Have Your Marriage License?

Vesta-Nadine Severs writes that "many people believe they possess their 'marriage license' when in reality it is a 'marriage certificate' which the minister, witness, bride and groom sign. It makes a nice memento, but is not the recorded marriage license." [Tulsa Annals, Vol. XXXVI, No. 3 of 3, Spring 2000/2001]

Logan Co. Genealogical Society has published "**Return of Birth**" records for 1891 through 1893 in their Fall 2001 issue. Information included is the birth date, sex, race or color for the child, and comparable information for the father and mother. [Logan County Genealogical Society, Vol. XX, No. 3, Fall 2001]

Marriage Book 7, Somervell Co, TX

This marriage book from June 1942 - June 1943 is published in the Winter 2001 issue. [Somervell Settlers, Vol. VI, No. 4, Winter 2001]

1930 Federal Census - Something to Watch

An article from the *Park Rapids Enterprise*, Park Rapids, Minn. dated March 27, 1930, concerning the taking of the 1930 census states: "Among the most important questions to be asked of everybody in the coming census are those relating to the place of birth of the person enumerated and the place of birth of his father and mother. Each person must be credited in the census records to the state, territory, or foreign country in which his birthplace is now located, regardless of what the birthplace was called or what nation owned that territory at the time the person was born." [Delaware County Family Trails, vol. 15, No. 3, July - Aug/Sept 2001]

Stephens Co., OK, Marriage Records, Book 8, p. 16, lists the marriage of Alrie Bledson, 21, Duncan, OK, to Virginia May McCutchan, 18, of Norman, OK, on 30 Nov 1923 by E. S. Armstrong. [Stephens Co., OK, Footsteps, Vol. 16, No. 4, October 2001]

Continuing Series:

- ◆ Marriage (and Death) Notices from Early Alexandria Newspapers beginning May 2001 [Magazine of Virginia Genealogy]
- ◆ The First Territorial Census of Oklahoma 1890 [Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly]
- ◆ Names from Publications of Homestead Proofs, Estray Notices, and Contest Notices 1892-1905" from 3 Arapahoe newspapers. Also, the Custer County Probate Index from microfilm records. [The Western Plainsman published in Weatherford, OK]
- ◆ Footsteps has three continuing series:
 - Stephens Co., OK, Marriage Records, Bk 8, records from Aug. 1923 through Jan. 1925;
 - Duncan Banner Obituaries, June 1950 - 1960;
 - Hardy Brooks Funeral Home Records 1955 - 1986. [Footsteps, the Stephens Co, (OK) Genealogical Society Journal]
- ◆ Final series installment of the Index to Marriage Book 1, Delaware Co., OK, 1907-1911 in the July-Sept. 2001 issue. [Delaware County Genealogical Society, Vol. 15, No. 3, July-Sept 2001]
- ◆ Beginning in this issue, cemetery records from "various cemeteries in Carter Co." (OK) [Little Dixie News, Vol. 8, No. 1, Jan. 2002]
- ◆ 1898 Census of Lexington, OK [Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly]
- ◆ Seminole Co. Civil Appearance Docket - Divorces [String of Beads, Vol. 10, No. 3, March 2002]

Tidbits

NEW OKLAHOMA WEBSITE

Have you checked out the new **Oklahoma Family Group Sheets** website? The address is <www.rootsweb.com/~okfamgrp/fgs.htm>. They also have a mailing list that will notify you when more sheets have been added, but does not list the new names.

THE RUSH TO OKLAHOMA

William Willard **HOWARD'S** article on the "Rush to Oklahoma" was published in *Harper's Weekly* 33:391-94 (May 18, 1889), and can be read in its entirety at the Cornell University website: <<http://www.library.cornell.edu/Reps/DOCS/landrush.htm>>. The introduction to this article reads in part: "In 1889 the opening to white settlement of a choice portion of Indian Territory in Oklahoma set off one of the most bizarre and chaotic episodes of town founding in world history.... This account is by a trained observer who was present on the day the territory was opened and who remained there for some time afterwards. It [the article] appeared less than a month later in the pages of *Harper's Weekly* and provides a vivid picture of what occurred."

Documenting the American South (DAS) is a collection of sources on Southern history, literature and culture from the colonial period through the first decades of the 20th century. As of June 1, 2002, DAS includes 1,165 books and manuscripts. Most are accompanied by a full bibliographic record. You can see this collection at <<http://docsouth.unc.edu/>>.

UpFront with NGS, the Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society, Vol. 1, No. 1, 20 June 2002, Co-editors Dennis and Carla **RIDENOUR**. "As co-editors, Dennis and Carla join the staff members and the Board of Directors of the National Genealogical Society in welcoming you to the premier issue of UpFront with NGS. 'UpFront with NGS' is a publication of the National Genealogical Society, a nonprofit service organization that leads and educates the national genealogical community. To learn more about the goals, publications, conferences, services and members benefits of NGS, visit the website: <<http://www.NGSgenealogy.org>>. The

plans are to feature additional reunion news and articles, as well as tips for cemetery research and family history vacation ideas throughout the summer issues. Readers are invited to send comments, suggestions, ideas and articles to UpFront@ngsgenealogy.org or carla@jb.com or ridenour43@msn.com so that we may share them with other UpFront readers."

NGS President, Curt **WITCHER**, says "... UpFront represents a continuing effort on the part of the society to reach members and potential members with useful, timely information. News, views, and methods will be the staples of this E-zine. Why not share this publication with a friend?"

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The New Website Address for the National Archives is <<http://www.archives.gov/>>, and is expected to be faster and easier to navigate. Go to <<http://1930census.archives.gov/>> to find:

- ♦ what questions were asked by the census;
- ♦ which States had name indexes prepared;
- ♦ how to search those States and the ones without name indexes;
- ♦ where to view, rent, or buy microfilm containing the original records;
- ♦ frequently asked questions; and
- ♦ how to find the enumeration district and schedule.

Relative or friend died in WWI, WWII, Korea or Vietnam? At the American Battle Monuments Commission website at <<http://www.abmc.gov/>> you can search on the name, and find the date of death, name of squadron, picture of cemetery in which buried, plot and grave number.



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In The Library

When James K. POLK completed his term as the 11th U.S. President, he took "the long way" home, making appearances in Southern cities on the way. He traveled down the Atlantic seacoast and along the Gulf of Mexico, making Memphis his first stop in his home state of Tennessee. POLK left Washington on March 4, and Memphis was to be his sixteenth stop on March 26.

The day he was to have been in Memphis, a large number boarded the steamer "Memphis" to meet him and escort him to the city. The crowd had a "delightful trip," but returned to Memphis without the President.

This article, in addition to being a good story, contains many names of residents in Memphis. [The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, Ansearchin' News, Vol. 48, No. 3, Fall 2001]

If you are researching or have an interest in the Fort Sill area, read the article "**The Original Red Store and the Three Families Who Owned It.**" This is an interesting story of the history of the area as well as genealogical information. [Southwestern Oklahoma Genealogical Society - The Tree Tracers, June - August, 2001, Vol. XXV, No. 4]

Cleveland, Ohio, Death Notices

Cleveland has put newspaper death notices and cemetery records on the Cleveland Public Library's website <<http://clp.org>>. Over eight million records from early 1800's through 1975 are searchable by name of deceased or by keywords in the death notice. [The Western Plainsman, Vol. 17, No. 2, December/January 2002]

Researching in Pottawatomie County? A list of some of their resources is printed in their December newsletter that you can find in our library. [Pottawatomie County Genealogy Club Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 5, No. 4, December 2001]

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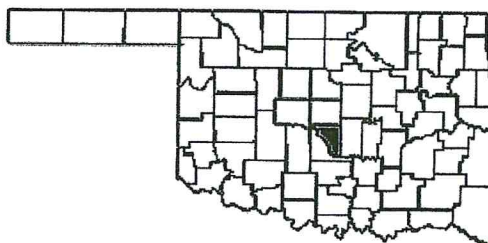
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