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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The yearly reports from each CCGS Officer and Committee Chair are included in this issue. They were presented at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 17. A review of these reports will tell you how we are doing.

We wish to encourage your questions and comments by phone, mail, or e-mail at any time. Just check the heading on this page for contact information.

Your newly installed officers are excited about the prospects for the coming year, and are already busily planning ahead. Your participation of Society activities - and your helping hand - means we can grow in our contribution to the community as we look to the past and the future. Hope to see you soon.

JO MUSTOE, President

Annual Summer Seminar - Saturday, August 9, 2003

Russell P. **BAKER** will be the guest speaker at our Annual Summer Seminar. His topics will be:

- (1) Razorbackers and Rackensackers: A Guide to Geological Research in Arkansas;
- (2) Years of Volunteers: A Genealogical Introduction to Tennessee Research;
- (3) Getting the Most From America's Forgotten Military Records; and
- (4) Getting the Total Picture: Reconstructing the Frontier Community.

For reservations and/or more information, see the enclosed flyer or contact us by mail, phone, or e-mail as listed above. Hope to see you there!

Annual Business Meeting

The 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 these reports follow, beginning with the President's Report.

President's Report

A year ago, when we reported to you, we had no idea what the state of our Society would be when we reported to you today. We had received two severe setbacks to our Society's operation budget, and we had no idea how we would go about resolving our financial state for this fiscal year.

Over the last several years, we had come to count on the Wal-Mart Foundation and the Kirkpatrick Family Fund for total contributions of over \$5,000 to our Annual Budget of about \$12,000 to \$13,000. As with many grant funding agencies in these economic times, the Kirkpatrick Family Fund had announced its intention of changing policies as to how their funds would be dispersed. We would not be receiving the usual \$1,500 from them.

Similarly, the Wal-Mart Foundation announced new restrictions in the kind of fund raising activities permitted to receive matching funds. We could not see a way to create a fundraiser within these restrictions. Most of the suggested activities would raise only a few hundred dollars at best instead of the \$2,000 we have been raising with our Business Information Fair each year for more than ten years. With Wal-Mart's matching fund program, we had been contributing \$4,000 toward our Annual Budget with this project alone.

We had to replace this income somehow, and it took awhile to reorganize. However, you will see in a few minutes by the Treasurer's Report, that we have overcome this challenge. We have learned how to run a Silent Auction - and have a good time in the process. We have learned how to put on Half Day Seminars - and learned something in the process. We have found a format for a Beginners' Workshop which has been well received in its first three presentations. We have called on our Corporate Members to continue their support with a \$100 Annual Membership. Instead of distributing flyers about their business at our Business Information Fair, we now use our Society's brochure to advertise. We will be distributing our brochure shortly to nearby libraries and at all Tourist Information Centers for the state.

And so, as a result of a lot of creative thinking and a lot of cooperative effort, the report of our budget for this Fiscal Year is much improved over what it might have been. I am particularly proud that we are

spending more of our time and efforts on activities that fall within our mission. This is, I believe, a giant step in moving our Society forward. As we improve these fund raising activities in the years to come, we will be focusing on what is important to us and on what we do best. Good for us! To each of you who has participated in one or more of these fundraising activities, I extend hearty and sincere congratulations on a job well done!

The second big surprise for our Society this year came in the form of a check from Arvest Bank. Several years ago, Col. Charles **STANDLEY**, a local family historian, befriended Ollie **VALLIERE** - and our Society. Concerned for the preservation of his genealogy research - and having no descendants, he asked to store his filing cabinet in our library. In return, he said we would be mentioned in his will; but first, his estate must be used for the support of his two sisters. As the years passed by following his death, we understood that the care of his sisters could use all of his funds.

We were surprised then to receive a check in settlement of Col. **STANDLEY's** estate in the amount of \$33, 877.14.

I am pleased to report to you that your Board of Directors has taken the responsibility for this fund very seriously. We have agreed that we do not want to see this fund dwindle away in the payment of ordinary operating expenses. We have agreed that it should be reserved - with other smaller Society funds - for a larger, more permanent project, such as fitting into a new library facility at some future date.

With this in mind, your Board has also agreed to these points:

1. There is no need to hurry in finding the best use of this fund.
2. It is important to invest wisely and conservatively, reserving some for quick access, if that should be necessary.
3. It is important to gather good information before making a decision for the long term.
4. We want to honor the past and current support of our Corporate Members, Republic Bank, and Keith **REAMES** with an Edward **JONES** investment agency, by giving our first consideration to options provided by them (keeping in mind, that Arvest Bank is already managing a portion of our funds).
5. The safekeeping of this fund is a priority.

For the time being, this fund, with other Society funds for regular operating expenses, is kept in a Community Relations Checking Account at Republic Bank. This type of account is offered to local nonprofit organizations such as ours at no cost to the organization. It accrues 2.25% interest when the account is over \$10,000. The Investment Department at the bank has advised us to keep the funds there for the present, and to consider alternate investments in about six months. The \$10,000 has been withdrawn

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President's Report (Continued)

from the total for investment with the Edward **JONES** agency managed by Keith **REAMES**.

I am proud that the entire Board of Directors has been involved in every step of the decision-making process regarding this fund. They have been tackling many tough issues together. They are to be commended for accepting these responsibilities willingly, and with the best interests of the Society in mind.

Finally, I believe you need to know that we have been criticized for not acting in a more professional manner in regard to our fiscal responsibility. We are not professionals, nor do we currently have a professional advisor. We are continually striving to improve as we identify any issue that needs to be addressed. To that end, we'd like to invite you to share your opinion, your experience, and your resources in order to promote the growth and education of the Society's Board of Directors. We remind you that Board Meetings always have been open meetings. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend. Currently, the next scheduled meeting will not take place until September 8. However, if you are interested in attending, please let a Board Member know, and you will receive notification if any meetings are called before our scheduled September meeting.

Jo **MUSTOE**, President

First Vice-president's Report

This has been a very eventful year. We had meeting places cancel and we had speakers cancel. We managed to get through this year and make money for the Society rather than cost the Society for having the meetings. The year has been successful even with the bumps in the road. We met at the Sarkey's Foundation building with Lisa **SHEPARD** instructing us on websites. She wowed the group with what is available at your fingertips on the Internet. We met at the public library with Dr. J. Rufus **FEARS** speaking on General **PATTON**. The Norman Hospital provided us with Sharon **PARKER**, Corporate Compliance officer, who spoke on the development of the Norman Regional Hospital. The Metropolitan Public Library System provided us with Dr. Debra **SPINDLE** from the downtown branch informing us of what is available in the Metropolitan Library System, plus informing us a new branch is being opened in Cleveland County in South Oklahoma City. We met at the Goodrich Memorial United Methodist Church where we had a Silent Auction for our Christmas program which made over \$500. We toured the Western History Collection at the University of

Oklahoma. One member told us to park at the hospital and take the public bus out to the Western History Collection. This solves the parking problem. I personally can hardly wait to get back there to check on New Jersey records in the library. We had Jim **IKE** from the Board of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society to demonstrate the Internet. Once we even met at our own Library where we talked about what names we were working on.

I even tried a program on "Breaking Down Brick Walls" with a panel of members, Mary **LEWIS**, Lisa **SHEPARD**, and myself. We asked for you to provide us with your problems and we tried to solve them or give you ideas as to new ways to solve your problems. We have quite a success on some lines and pleased, we believe, all present.

It has been an interesting year for me and I believe and hope enjoyable for the group. I have tried to have something interesting for one and all.

Ann B. **JACOBS**, First Vice-president

Treasurer's Report

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society has experienced financial gains this year. We have been very fortunate in receiving a sum of \$33,877.14 from the estate of Col. Thomas S. **STANDLEY**. Also, I was finally able to get the Society back in the IRS computer system so that we will be listed as a tax-exempt organization in the future. The representative at the West Wal-Mart store was able to use our last year's Business Information Fair data to get the Society a grant. She was able to get \$1,000.00; although this did not equal the actual amount we should have received, we appreciate her efforts.

I have enjoyed my time as Treasurer of the Society and I will continue to support it. I feel that we promote the City of Norman even if some of our town's people may not feel that way.

I have high hopes that some day the Society's Library will be in the Norman Library.

The annual financial reports are available in the CCG Library for any to see or request a copy, for any who were unable to attend our annual meeting.

I will assist our new Treasurer in his new assignment. He has quite a task.

Ralph D. **WILSON**, Treasurer

Research and Publications Committee Report

Compiling this report has been discouraging to say the least! Interest in genealogy is seemingly at an all time high, but this Committee Report certainly does not reflect that in sales of our publications or in donations for our research efforts.

Queries. Written queries continue to drop off and I have not received a new one for quite some time - however, Jean McCracken stays busy with e-mail queries. Our problem with that is it is very difficult to get any money from those folks, and our best efforts without any compensation is frustrating!

Research and Publications Committee Report (Continued)

Income. During the year just ending, our Committee deposited \$2,118.54. This is a drop from last year of \$700. The sale of our publications... cemeteries, marriages, etc., has gone down from \$1,885 last year to \$722. Anyone have an explanation for that? It certainly doesn't inspire me to race out and start in on another one any time soon.

The figure for donations is up slightly; from \$753 last year to \$1,205 this year; the difference being almost exactly the \$338 we received from the State of California for that little research project I finally completed!

Evelyn **PARKER**, Chairman

Library Committee Report

Our cataloger, Dana **Tuley-Williams**, is almost finished with the basic cataloging of our collection.

Purchases of library materials were minimal this year. The board has set aside \$700 to spend on books in the coming year. We also have some memorial funds we can spend for books and materials.

From January through May 2003, 310 persons have used our library. Of these, 74 (almost one-fourth) have been first-time users. They represent 6 states and 15 Oklahoma cities.

Some of the tenants in our library building have expanded their operations, resulting in a scarcity of parking at some times. If parking at our Library is ever a problem to you, please inform us immediately.

Recent Purchases include:

1. Anderson, S. Chris and Thode, Ernest. *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Germanic Ancestors*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2000.
2. Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo. *Discovering Your Immigrant and Ethnic Ancestors*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2000.
3. Hatcher, Patricia Law. *Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2003.
4. Hinckley, Kathleen W. *Your Guide to the Federal Census*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2002.
5. Milner, Paul, and Jonas, Linda. *Discovering Your English Ancestors*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2000.
6. Radford, Dwight A., and Betit, Kyle J. *Discovering Your Irish Ancestors*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2001.
7. Reese, Linda Williams. *Women of Oklahoma 1890-1920*. Norman, Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma Press, 1997.

Mary **LEWIS**, Chair

Seminar Committee Report

Our 17th Annual Seminar was held on July 27, 2002. Our guest speaker was Michael J. **NEILL**. He spoke on Illinois Research, Organization of Information, I've Found It: Now What??. and Tried and Tested Tidbits. We had 81 guests at the Seminar. This consisted of 36 members and 45 visitors from Norman, Oklahoma City, Moore, Noble, Lawton, Shawnee, Byars, Seminole, Tecumseh, as well as the states of Texas, Arizona and Missouri. We certainly want to thank all the members who supported the Seminar and brought snacks or drinks.

Our profit was approximately \$1,061.00. The Seminar Committee made a recommendation to the Board that the profit be used to help pay the monthly expenses of the Society.

On March 22, 2003, we sponsored a Seminar on "Native American Ancestry" featuring Sharron **STANDIFER ASHTON** at the Goodrich Memorial United Methodist Church. We had 41 persons in attendance, and made a profit of \$615.00.

Our Annual Seminar will be held on August 9 at the Brand Center, 501 E. Main Street, Moore, Oklahoma. Our guest speaker will be Russell P. **BAKER**. He is the Deputy Director and Archival Manager at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, Little Rock, AR. His topics will be: Geological Research in AR, Genealogical Research in TN, Getting the Most from Military Records from America's Forgotten Wars, Reconstructing the Frontier Society - Taking the premise that "no family is an island unto itself."

Members of the Committee are:

Sharron OWENS , Chair	Julia MILLS
Adele AUWEN	Nona STERLING
Ann JACOBS	Norma CUMMINGS
Oleta TOLEN	Jo MUSTOE
Pam BIAS	

Sharron **OWENS**, Chair

Calling Committee Report

The Calling Committee is responsible for calling those members of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society who are not contacted via e-mail.

As Chairman of the Calling Committee, I contact the callers several days prior to the meeting. I inform them of time, location and program information.

I would like to thank the current members of the Calling Committee:

Marie KEELING	Betty HALL
Elizabeth LOEFFELHOLZ	Oleta TOLEN
Jean McCRACKEN	Joy FOSTER

I would also like to thank Ann **JACOBS** for her notification of those members via e-mail.

There is always room for another volunteer to lessen the load for there are many on this committee who have served for a number of years.

Sherri **STANSEL**, Chairman

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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
608	Dickinson, M. J.	18 Jan 1922	03 Dec 1918		Widow: Dianna Dickinson Son: John E. Dickinson Dau: Ida Puckett
298	Dixon, Springer	05 Sep 1911	Prior to 09 Aug 1911	Y	Died in Livingston County, IL Widow: Mary A. Dixon
404	Doakes, Wilson	24 Nov 1915	23 Mar 1915		Widow: Bettie Doakes Minor Son: Flynn Doakes Son-in-Law & Adm: Abe Ward
885	Dodd, George B.	17 Jun 1927	11 Jun 1927	Y	Widow & Adm: Myrtle F. Dodd
606	Donaldson, S. B.	12 Jan 1922	28 May 1917		Son: S. M. Donaldson Daus: Sadie Belle McClure (Adm) & Margaret Ellen Rhea
UN	Donehew, M. S.	05 Feb 1895	09 Jan 1895	Y	Widow: Katherine E. Donehew
331	Donwerth, Catharine	12 Aug 1912			File Incomplete
327	Donwerth, Henry J.	03 Jul 1912	15 Apr 1906		Heirs: Catherine Donwerth (73), Cynthia Sims (50), Katie Alexander (48), Dilia Welck (46), B. R. Donwerth (44), Tandy Cathey (42), Winnie Webb (40), Eula Hunsly (38) & D. L. Donwerth (36)
479	Doolin, Z. M.	18 Oct 1918	12 Oct 1918	Y	Heirs: Rosa L. Mobley, Mollie C. Brim, Alonzo H., L. H. & Fred R. Doolin, Pearl A. Hall & Stelle V. Landon
619	Dorrance, Mary E.	05 Apr 1922	26 Feb 1922		Dau: Effie Ingle
194	Douglas, Jonathan D.	31 Oct 1907	24 Oct 1907	Y	Widow: Matilda S. Douglas
252	Douglass, John Newton	16 Dec 1909	12 Dec 1909	Y	Widow: Lorena M. Douglass
416	Douglass, William	12 Jun 1916	04 Mar 1912		Died in Atchinson, KS Widow: Mary E. Douglass Viles Son: George Douglass Daus: Bessie Delap & Mildred Douglass (adopted)
239	Dowd, John C.	27 May 1909	25 May 1909		Widow: Ida Dowd Sons: Albert, Lam, Roy & Charlie Dowd Daus: Louise Cooney, Anna Keitz, Lizzie Ables & Gertrude Dowd
110-L 110	Dowda, Benjamin E.	04 Sep 1923			File Missing
UN-G	Dowda, Benjamin E.	29 Nov 1926			Minors: Clyde & Leona Dowda
693	Downing, Hiram	26 May 1924	27 Apr 1924		Widow: Emma Downing C. C. Downing & Mick Haynes
129	Downing, Sophia	05 Jan 1898	03 Feb 1897	Y	Final Decree in Probate 28 May 1898

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492	Downs, George F.	05 Feb 1919	15 Aug 1915		Widow: Mary A. Downs Dau & Adm: Bertha Holt Heirs: 5 Chn, Widow & Chn of Son Fred R. Downs
UN-G	Drake, Sidner W.	28 Dec 1894	27 Oct 1890		Minors: John H., Ada A., Bertie D. & Emma J. Drake
550	Dreessen, Barbara	17 Aug 1920	28 Jul 1920		Widower: P. H. Dreessen Adult Heirs
631	Dresser, W. E. Dresser, W. L.	20 Jul 1922	05 Dec 1917 04 Mar 1902	WE WL	Widow of W. E.: Jessie Dresser Widow of W. L.: Minnie Dresser
532	Dresser, W. L.	13 Apr 1920	04 Mar 1902		Widow: Minnie Dresser Numerous Adult Heirs
UN	Dulin, James	25 Nov 1895			File Incomplete Widow: M. E. Dulin
UN-G	Dulin, Janie May	02 Feb 1899			Minor: Ola Lee Dulin Mother Filing for Custody of Child
UN	Dulin, M. E.	29 Mar 1898	27 Mar 1898		Chn: Lizzie (11) & Fannie Dulin (8)
187	Duncan, Elizabeth H.	27 Jul 1907	25 May 1907	Y	Bro & Adm: Jesse V. Harris
UN	Dunn, Alexander	18 Feb 1898	01 Nov 1896		Widow: S. J. Dunn
876	Dunn, Franklin Pierce	10 May 1927	06 May 1927		Dau & Adm: Anita Dunn Records
UN-G	Dunson, James G.	05 Sep 1890			Died in Georgia Minor: Minnie F. Moseley (16) Father & Gdn: Franklin P. Moseley
961	Durham, George F.	13 Dec 1926	17 Nov 1926		Dau: May Kinter Son: Joe Durham
920	Dutton, Catherine Margaret	07 Mar 1928	14 Nov 1927		Widower: Dean C. Dutton
480	Dwight, Ivy Campbell	22 Oct 1918	09 Sep 1918		Widower: H. B. Dwight Mother: A. W. Campbell
811	Eagleton, W. L.	10 Aug 1926	16 Jul 1926	Y	Died in Oklahoma City, OK Widow & Exec: Mattie S. Eagleton
696	Eastep, Charles M.	09 Jun 1924	25 Feb 1924		Adm: Lizzie Eastep
UN	Easton, D. F.	21 Feb 1893	24 Jan 1893		
9-G-L 31	Eaton, W. O.	03 May 1912			Minors: Alphonse, Earl & Lillian F. Eaton
813	Edwards, L. J.	31 Aug 1926	28 Aug 1926	Y	Widow: Minnie Edwards Sons: Burt & Clair Edwards (Adm)
458	Edwards, Mary	12 Dec 1917	14 Nov 1917		Widower: L. J. Edwards (65) Son: Bert Edwards (36) Dau: Claire Edwards (34)
307	Elledge, John H.	05 Dec 1911	01 Dec 1911		Widow: Francis F. Elledge
293	Ellenberger, D. P.	01 Jun 1911	28 May 1911		Widow: Anna E. Ellenberger
UN	Eller, Leander	28 Mar 1893	23 Feb 1893		Widow: Nellie D. Eller
46	Elliott, George W.	03 Dec 1901	21 Mar 1901		Widow: Pacific A. Elliott
734	Ellsworth, Charles L.	17 Apr 1925	15 Apr 1925		Widow: Ella Ellsworth Son: Fred C. Ellsworth
857	Erwin, Jesse A.	21 Feb 1927	1902		Son & Adm: W. H. Erwin

Newspaper Abstracts

The Norman Transcript - April 19, 1890

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

John **HELVIE** has been here a portion of this week superintending some improvements he is having made on his claim near the city.

Isaac **GRATZ**, a gentleman from Lexington, Missouri, was here this week looking up a location for the establishment of a clothing store at this point.

John **BOLES** came up from Purcell on business Wednesday. John thinks Norman is the best town in the Territory and we of course, full agree with him.

The family of M. A. **HUNT** arrived here from Belton, Texas, Wednesday morning. They will make Norman their future home and we are glad to welcome them in our midst.

Major **CALLAWAY** and P. C. **SCOTT** are two of Norman's most ardent and successful sportsman and they very seldom return from their sport without a string of game in hand. We are under obligations for a present of a couple of brace of curlews from them recently, that proved to be a dainty dish that even a king could enjoy.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS

E. H. **JONES** is erecting a cozy residence on Tonhawa street.

H. S. **HARTLEY** is erecting a good one story frame residence in the city. J. M. **CHASTAIN** is the contractor.

J. W. **HESTER** has just completed a fine residence building on his claim one and a half miles northwest of Norman.

E. T. **MUNN** is erecting a two story residence on his claim two miles south of this city. E. H. **McDONALD** is the contractor.

WOODS & HOWRY have contracted to erect for L. **PAYTON** on his claim west of town, a good two story residence building. It is to be plastered and finished throughout and will be one of the best farm buildings in this vicinity.

Notice of Contest.

I hereby give notice that the right of any person buying or holding, Lots nos. three (3) and four (4) in block seventy-four (74) city of Norman, will be contested, said lots being located by me.

Callie **RYAN**, 26-8w

Notice of Contest.

I hereby give notice that the right of any person buying or holding Lots nos. one (1) and two (2) in block seventy-four (74), and Lot eleven (11) in block eighty-four (84) city of Norman, will be contested, said lots being located by me.

Sue E. **RYAN**

The Norman Transcript - April 26, 1890

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LOCAL NEWS

A son of J. H. **FLOOD's** is here on a visit this week.

BORN – In this city on the 23rd inst., to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. **HOWRY**, a son.

MARRIED – Sunday, April 20th, Miss Mina **FLOOD** and Mr. J. H. **DOYLE**, both of this city.

MARRIED – In this city, April 22nd, Mr. John **McMAHON** and Miss Phurba **FERGUSON**, Rev. A. N. **AVERYT** officiating.

The new Catholic building here was appropriately dedicated by services from Rev. Father **SCALLON**, of Oklahoma City, Sunday last.

Mayor **MARQUART's** handsome residence on east Main street, has lately been repainted up in fine style and is all ornament to that portion of the city.

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LOCAL NEWS (Cont.)

A. D. **TAYLOR** has purchased the lot and building just east of this office and is building an addition to the same and says he will soon be ready to do you first class work in his line.

The mortal remains of Capt. W. L. **COUCH** now rest in peace in a grave on the claim which cost him his life. The funeral occurred last Tuesday and was attended by hundreds of mourning friends of the valiant Oklahoma leader.

Yesterday Mr. W. C. **RENFROW** took his departure for Norman, I. T., where he expects to reside permanently. Mr. **RENFROW** has been a citizen of this place for many years and has held many positions of trust, in all of which he has evinced extraordinary executive ability and unimpeachable integrity. To the citizens of Norman we commend him _____ in every way worthy of their confidence and highest regard. -- Russellville (Ark) Democrat.

Mr. **RENFROW** arrived here safety Sunday but his wife and little daughter being to ill to travel, are at Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We sincerely trust they may soon recover and be at home at Norman.

On Sunday last the editor enjoyed a visit to the sprightly little city of Norman, 15 miles north of Purcell. If one doubts that Norman is a hummer, all he need to do to be convinced is for him to go there and see. The town is less than a year old, and already she has a population of close onto 2,000. Some of the best business men in Oklahoma have set pins there and are taking in the golden sheaves. Now that she has been made the county seat of the very richest county in the new territory, with clear sailing, she has, indeed, a bright future. A visit to Norman would captivate the most fastidious. -- Purcell Register

PERSONALS

W. N. **ELLEDDGE** returned Wednesday from Texas.

T. J. **LAWRENCE** was here from Oklahoma City Tuesday.

Jas. ALLEN made a business trip to Guthrie Wednesday.

Jas. SHANNON was a visitor here from Purcell Monday of this week.

T. S. WARD and **Tom NESMITH** were visitors here from Purcell Thursday.

Miss Nannie HILBURN, of Purcell, visited friends in this city the first of the week.

W. N. ELLEDDGE has been away on a business trip to Clebourne, Texas this week.

J. G. VARNUM left Wednesday evening for Muskogee, where he goes with a prisoner.

A. C. MCCORD spent several days at Purcell this week on account of the illness of his wife.

Ed RIXSE, who has been here on a visit to his parents, returned to Oklahoma City, Tuesday morning.

Misses Carrie CAMPBELL and **Cleo FOX**, of Purcell, visited in this city Tuesday, guests of **Mrs. Jennie ROTHROCK**.

Rev. C. C. HEMBREE has returned from the visit he made to New York in the interest of the Presbyterian church at this point.

Mrs. Mamie LEIK, of Denver, Colorado came in Monday evening to make a short visit with her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. S. C. HOOVER**, of this city.

John ESSIX and family came up from Purcell Thursday. Having secured a good claim just west of this city, they are now residents and as such, are accordingly welcomed.

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The Norman Transcript - April 26, 1890 (Cont.)

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PERSONALS (Cont.)

Major J. S. CALLAWAY left yesterday for Waverly, Missouri, where he goes to attend to some business. The Major has many friends here who will miss his always pleasant phiz. We wish him a safe and pleasant journey.

Our merchants expect a good Indian trade during the coming month the Pottawattomie Indians being about to receive their long expected payment. Norman is contiguous to a good scope of Indian country and will always be an important trading point with the various tribes nearby.

Mrs. G. W. HENDERSON, of Noble, is forming a class in painting and drawing in this city and is meeting with good success. **Mrs. HENDERSON** is an artist of rare ability as her work will testify, and those who have artistic tastes they would like to cultivate, should see the specimens of art **Mrs. HENDERSON** has of previous work.

TAKEN UP

By the undersigned, on April 12th, one dark bay or brown stallion, branded **J. G.** on right shoulder, one cream colored mare, marked with white spot on right side. Both animals are about 14 hands high. Owner can get them by proving property and paying costs.

G. E. HOWRY, Norman, I. T. 27-30

The Norman Transcript, May 10, 1890 [Editor's

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LOCAL NEWS

Dr. J. W. WRIGHT is erecting a comfortable residence building on Gray street.

James ALLEN has commenced operations with his street sprinklers and intends to prevent the dust from troubling us during the coming summer.

The contest case case of **ALLEN vs ALLEN** came up for hearing before the register and receiver of the Guthrie land office Friday of this week and several parties from this vicinity are in attendance.

Rev. C. C. HEMBREE has sold his home property, corner of fifth and Robison, to **Mrs. BROWN**. **Rev. HEMBREE** will remove to Norman, where he will resume the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church. He will erect a new church building during the coming summer. -- Oklahoma City Times.

PERSONALS

J. P. BAIRD returned Saturday from Union City.

Charlie SHARP, of Purcell, was in the city Sunday.

Sidney HOPE, of Purcell, was a visitor here Sunday.

R. W. WOODS spent last Sunday at Purcell and vicinity.

W. A. WOODS is here from Lexington on a visit this week.

Mayor MARQUART made a business trip to Guthrie Monday.

Miss Alice GARRISON made a pleasure trip to Oklahoma City Sunday.

Dr. C. M. WEST went down to Noble Tuesday on professional business.

Editor **BIXLER**, of the Advance, visited Oklahoma City on business Monday.

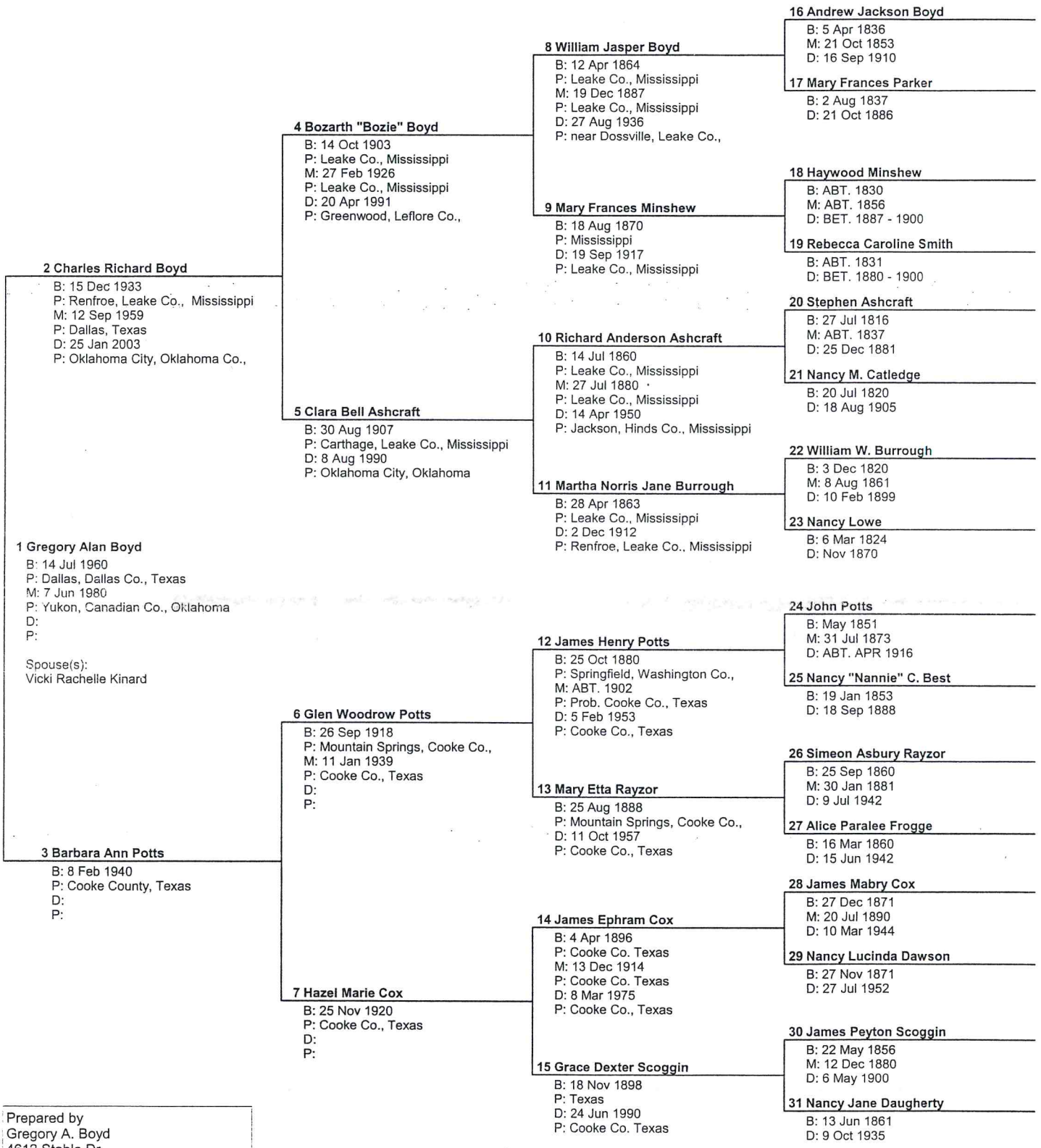
Volney HOGGART, a leading lawyer of Guthrie was here on business Wednesday.

Geo. BEELER, president of the Bank of Purcell, was here on business Thursday.

J. G. VARNUM returned Monday evening from an extended trip in the north.

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1



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In The Library

Mildred SCHUSTER's Memory Garden

When long-time CCGS member Mildred **SHEARS SCHUSTER** plans Christmas gifts for her family, she usually shares family history in one form or another. She has provided family tree charts, scrapbooks, and bound books of family history. Last year, she created a memory book focusing on the plants in the yard of her home in downtown Norman. She has donated a copy of this book, titled "Our Memory Garden," for our Library. It is a beautiful bound book of color photos and narrative describing the plants which surround her home and their history.

The book prompted a visit from Norman Transcript columnist, Betty **CULPEPPER**, for her garden column, Pepper Patch, in May of this year. Ms. **CULPEPPER** admired iris, peonies, pink wiegelia, Rose of Sharon, and mock orange which had been planted 40 and 50 years ago. The accompanying photo features a pink smoke tree which Mildred planted in 1947.

In her memory book, Mildred describes her grandparents' (George **NEWMAN** and Charlotte Fidelia **STORRS SHEARS**) arrival in the new town of Norman. "... one day Grandpa decided Oklahoma was the place... They arrived [in August of 1889] and settled on two lots three blocks from town. They lived in the wagon, then a tent, and finally built a one room house. The yard was prairie grass, wild flowers and weeds. At that time there were no trees in Norman. Our grandpa went to the Canadian River and came home with a small elm tree and a slippery elm tree. That was before 1891 as he died in 1893. ... The little elm tree continued to grow and we would play, we had a bag swing. That tree was our play house. The tree was 110 years old when we had to give it up. ... We had the main limbs cut but kept the rest of the tree trunk for remembrance of those good old days with the bag swing."

The house has since been remodeled several times and remains Mildred's home. The last photo in her book pictures Mildred with her sister, Dorothy Dee **SHEARS BARBOUR**, on the

occasion of Mildred's 91st birthday last fall. We wish her many more happy birthdays and many happy memories from her garden.

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Adelicia **HAYES'** father was a cousin of President Rutherford B. **HAYES**. She married three wealthy men and had ten children. However, two of her husbands and six of her children died. She had the Belmont Mansion in Nashville built, and today it is a tourist attraction. She saved her fortune by getting her cotton to London through both the Union and Confederate armies. This is an interesting story, as well as complete with the genealogical information of the four families involved. [Ansearchin' News, The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 49, No. 1, Spring 2002]

The McCurtain Gazette issue for Saturday, September 26, 1925, carries an announcement of the marriage of Miss Idabelle **GEORGE** to Mr. C. Lamar **TUBBS**. The wedding was held in Purcell on September 12, 1925. Mrs. **TUBBS** was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. **GEORGE** of Norman, formerly of Idabel. Mr. **TUBBS** was the son of Mr. & Mrs. U. S. **TUBBS**, also of Norman. [Intikba, McCurtain County Genealogy Society, Vol. 18, No. 2, September 2002]

The Index to the **Oklahoma Indian-Pioneer Papers** is being printed in the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly beginning in December 2002. A 1930s project of the WPA was interviewing early pioneers and settlers of Oklahoma. The complete collections are available at the Oklahoma Historical Society, The University of Oklahoma Libraries, and McFarlin Library/The University of Tulsa. Copies are available from these libraries for a fee. [Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 47, No. 4, 2002]

Genealogy Scams Online is the subject of a recent article written by Richard W. **EASTMAN**, author of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. He cautions us to check out the interesting offers we receive online from "new" companies before sending money. You can check his past newsletters on Ancestry.com, search Google.com, Genealogy Hall of Shame through blacksheep.rootsweb.com, or Cyndislist.com for validity of these companies. [The Green Country Quarterly, Vol. 22, No. 3, Fall 2002]

In The Library

Interviews with Pioneer Settlers and Indian Pioneer Histories are being printed in The Bryan County Heritage Association Newsletter. In addition to learning about history in that county, they are filled with genealogical facts for anyone researching those families. [Bryan County Heritage Quarterly, November 2002]

An article in the September GRIVA offers suggestions on how to "interpret" information on **Passenger List Indices** on microfilm. The lists for the Port of New York cover 20 more years than that of Ellis Island. [GRIVA News & Notes, Vol. XXIII, No. 1, September 2002]

"The Second Opening - The Promised Land" contains excerpts from young Cushing in Oklahoma Territory by Laura Lou **WELLS**. This includes 2 maps of land owners. [CGS Newsletter, Vol. 6, Issue 3, September 2002]

"The Way It Was." Carrie **JONES** from Stillwater hired to teach term Sept. 1910 to April 1911, paid \$55.00 a month, 30 boys, 24 girls, 54 total enumerated on census. O. S. **LEE**, Clerk, W. **GOOCH**, Director, F. D. **HORN DEN**, County Superintendent of Schools." [CGS Newsletter, Vol. 7, Issue 1, March 2003]

"Making Your Genealogy Society Better," an article written by George G. **MORGAN** at: <www.ancestry.com/library/print/columns/george/4569.htm> is titled **Best of Both Worlds**. He states that most genealogy publications have noticed a dramatic drop in queries, as many are putting their queries on the Internet. But he also encourages us to put queries in the local publications as well as on the Internet. [Editor's Note: Our CCGS website has a query section at: <www.rootsweb.com/~okccogs>. If you would like to have your query published in the quarterly Newsletter, write or e-mail your queries to the addresses on page 15.]

The November issue of **The Tree Tracers** contains interesting sketches on some of the early day settlers. "Who's Who in Port and Braithwaite, Oklahoma" from "Who's Who in Washita County," and "Centennial Sketches

from "A History of the State of Oklahoma," by Luther B. **HILL**, 1908. "Memorials of Deceased Members of The Society of Friends," published in 1843, offers memorials that have been excerpted from this book. [The Tree Tracers, Vol. XXVII, No. 1, September 2002 - November 2002]

Did you know the term **"Daughtered Out"** meant a lineage that has no male heirs to carry on the surname? In a recent issue of Roots and Branches, you will find more than three pages of "Genealogy Vocabulary." [Roots & Branches, Vol. 25, No. 4, 2002]

Bits and Pieces

Genealogy on Oprah

On a recent Oprah Show, the subject of genealogy was featured in an interview with Billy **CRYSTAL** and Dr. Maya **ANGELOU** to promote a new exhibit at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, CA. The exhibit is titled, "Finding our families, finding ourselves: Discovering the heritage that shapes our lives."

About four years ago, Billy **CRYSTAL** began researching his own family history with a professional genealogist, and from that, spearheaded the work on this exhibit with Dr. **ANGELOU** and others. Four rooms have been created to demonstrate for museum visitors the rich heritage which can be found in the lives of ordinary ancestors. Also part of the exhibit are some ideas on getting started with the research process to learn more about one's heritage.

In the interview with Oprah, Maya **ANGELOU** said, "It's important to know. If you know something about your past, you can stand a little more erect... Suddenly, life itself is richer."

Billy **CRYSTAL** had this to say about the value of family history. "Genealogy puts a voice on it. It makes you feel them and see them. It reconnects you with who you are now. This generation is leaving. What's leaving us are the stories, the legends, the recipes, the music of an amazing culture that made it possible for us all to have better lives. But the stories have to be retold..." [in order to remember our heritage].

We couldn't agree more!

Bits and Pieces

Family History Radio. Genealogy training, news and events are the mission of this Internet radio show. They are dedicated to keeping you informed on the latest happenings in family history research. This June, they sponsored an e-GenConference online, a unique concept with nationally known speakers and handouts to download and print on your printer. For \$69.95 - maybe next year?

Dick Eastman's radio program deals with technology and some general information. There are genealogy lessons (some free) given by Karen Clifford, President of Genealogy Research Associates, Inc., who is a professional genealogist with 30 years experience. Take a look at: <<http://www.familyhistoryradio.com>>

In The Library

Several descendant records are published in a recent issue of the Yell County (AR) Bulletin, including Peter H. **STUBBS**, William **FOSTER**, John W. **DOBSON**, and Columbus Irvin **WINDHAM**. This issue also lists the 2002 membership list including names being researched by each one. E-mail addresses are listed when known. [Yell Co. Historical and Genealogical Association Bulletin, Vol. 27, No. 3, 2002]

Upper South Carolina Genealogy and History is the quarterly published by the Piedmont Historical Society. Each issue contains many records for the fourteen counties in the northwest section of South Carolina. Among those included are Bible records, family groups, death notices and obituaries, court records, and church and school records. Each issue is indexed and contains fifty pages of information. [Upper South Carolina Genealogy & History, any volume. Current Volume XVII, 2003]

Census beginning in 1900 asked naturalization questions, but do you know the meaning of the abbreviations used? They are: NA - Naturalized; PA - Papers Filed; AL - Alien; and NR - No Record. [The Family Tree, Vol. XIII, No. 2, Apr/May 2003]

Congratulations

Congratulations to CCGS Members Delfar and Marion **GRANT** on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, recently celebrated with family and friends at Goodrich United Methodist Church in Norman!



The two were married on June 12, 1943, at the West Somerville (Mass.) Congregational Church. Their children are William R. **GRANT** and Elizabeth **ROSS** of Noble and Robert D. **GRANT** of New York.

Workshops

Tulsa Genealogical Society
15th Annual Workshop
Speaker: Birdie Monk Holsclaw
Tulsa Genealogical Society Library
July 11-12, 2003
9072 East 31st Street, Tulsa, OK
<http://www.tulsagenealogy.org>

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7th Annual Genealogy Conference
Angelina College, Lufkin, Texas
Thursday-Saturday, July 24-26, 2003
<<http://www.angelina.cc.tx.us/genealogy.htm>>

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The Federation of Genealogical Society and Florida State Genealogical Society Conference, 2003 - Countdown to Discovery
Renaissance Orlando Resort, Orlando, FL
September 3 - 6, 2003
www.fgs.org or e-mail fgs-office@fgs.org

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National Genealogical Society and The St. Louis Genealogical Society Announce Gentech 2004 Conference
in Saint Louis, Missouri
Details will be announced early in 2004

