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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Jo Mustoe

A big thank you to everyone who took advantage of the free envelope included with our last issue to pay CCGS 2005 dues right away. We were very encouraged by your response, and we especially appreciate this show of support for Society activities.

Now is the time—if you have not already started—to gather your boxful of pre-loved and slightly used items which you'd like to donate to our Garage Sale, scheduled for Saturday, April 2.

We will accept your donations any time, but please wait until mid-March if you can. Since this is one of our major fund-raising activities, we look forward to helping you make a little more storage room at home. And we thank you, in advance.

This year we will also be the managing agency for this event. We are hosting any Norman non-profit group, or any group seeking to raise funds for a project.

At this time, we are soliciting registrations. We can use your help getting the word out. If you are part of such a group, or know someone we can contact, let us know. We will send them an application right away. And thanks again.

February Seminar

We call your attention to our Saturday Seminar on February 26 in the Conference Room near the CCGS library. Eleanor Weinel will focus on women sculptors and architects in her presentation honoring National Women's History Month.

This should be a fun event to share with granddaughters, sisters, cousins, and aunts who might be interested. Tea and refreshments will be served, and the handout will include helpful tips on researching our female ancestors. We hope to see you there.

A wintry weather reminder

The CCGS Library will be closed any time the weather has caused the Norman Public Schools to close for the day.



Bits & Pieces

View history through the eyes of those who lived it—from the Ancient World to the present.

www.eyewitnesstohistory.com

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You can now order reproductions of certain records online from the National Archives and pay for your order with most major credit cards.

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/orderonline.html

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Maybe the information you need is available online. The website of Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society offers links to several searchable databases. Check their list.

<http://www.sirinet.net/~lgarris/swogs/links.html>

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Saturday • February 26 • Workshop

To honor National Women's History Month, CCGS will host a morning with

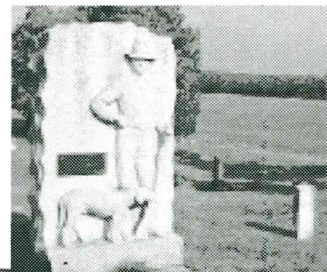
Eleanor Weinel, *OU Associate Professor of Architecture*

The Women's Building at the World Columbian Exposition 1893 and Gardens in Time

Begins 8:30 a.m.

Community Services Building
1119 East Main in Norman

You are invited to join us in learning about women sculptors and architects and to enjoy Tea and Light Refreshments



Some Women's History Web Sites

<http://www.nwhp.org/tlp/links/links.htm>

http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/WWII_Women/tocCS.html

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nwa/women.html>

Other Workshops

March 19, 2005 • Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Logan County Genealogical Society

Frederick Dittmar: Finding Your Ancestors & Back to Basics

Guthrie Public Library conference room

North Division & West Cleveland, Guthrie OK

Nelda Brown, 405-282-8492 or e-mail neldab@cox.net

April 23, 2005 • Topeka Genealogy Society • Conference

Topeka, Kansas • Helen Leary • www.tgstopeka.org

April 30, 2005, Saturday • Oklahoma Genealogical Society

2005 Spring Seminar and First Families of Twin Territories

Luncheon • Oklahoma City Community College • Oklahoma City

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak • <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ogs>

June 1-4, 2005 • National Genealogical Society

27th Annual Conference in the States and NGS GENTECH 2005

Nashville, Tennessee • www.ngsgenealogy.org

July 8-9, 2005 • Tulsa Genealogical Society 17th Annual Workshop

Christine Rose • Knox Presbyterian Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

www.tulsagenealogy.org

July 30, 2005 • 20th Annual CCGS Summer Seminar

Speaker: Martha Everman Jones on *Law of the Land in Texas*

September 7-10, 2005 • Federation of Genealogical Societies and

Utah Genealogical Association FGS/UGA Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah • www.fgs.org

The Postwar Years in Norman

Influx of Students at the University

After World War II ended, the university experienced a housing shortage with the influx of returning veterans and their families. Enrollment in the fall of 1945 reached 5,524 students. Half were veterans, with 1,000 of them married.

Officials scurried to find housing for the influx of students. George L. Cross, the university president, leased thirty house trailers for student housing. Regents approved a bond issue to build about a hundred permanent apartments in four buildings on the Niemann Polo Field. Every available bedroom in Norman was rented.

Finally Dr. Cross ordered 500 prefabricated houses for temporary housing for university students. These buildings were erected south of the campus and Lindsey Street and Jenkins Avenue. This temporary housing community, called "Sooner City," became home to 450 veterans and their families. The single layer of plywood in the walls provided little shelter from Oklahoma's cold winter weather. The gas heaters added humidity that condensed and formed ice on the walls.

The next year, in the fall of 1946, university enrollment almost doubled, to 10,126. About 6,000 of these were veterans, and forty percent of the veterans were married. Barracks on the North Base were readied to house many of these families.

The Navy Returns to Norman

During World War II, the U.S. Navy established two bases in Norman. A Naval Air Station was based north of Norman and a Naval Air Technical Training Center was south of the university campus. The South Base was located about one mile south of Norman's Main Street business section. There were two entrances—the North Gate at Jenkins Street and the East Gate on Highway 77.

After the war, the Naval Air Station (North Base) was turned over to the University of Oklahoma. The Technical Training Center (South Base) was made available to the Navy on a thirty day recall basis.

The total value of South Base, which included some 200 buildings on 2,200 acres, was approximately \$25 million. The Navy retained nominal control of the facility for several more years.

The Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman was officially reactivated on January 15, 1952, at the beginning of the Korean War. Capt. Donald E. Wilcox, USN, was the first Commanding Officer. The first

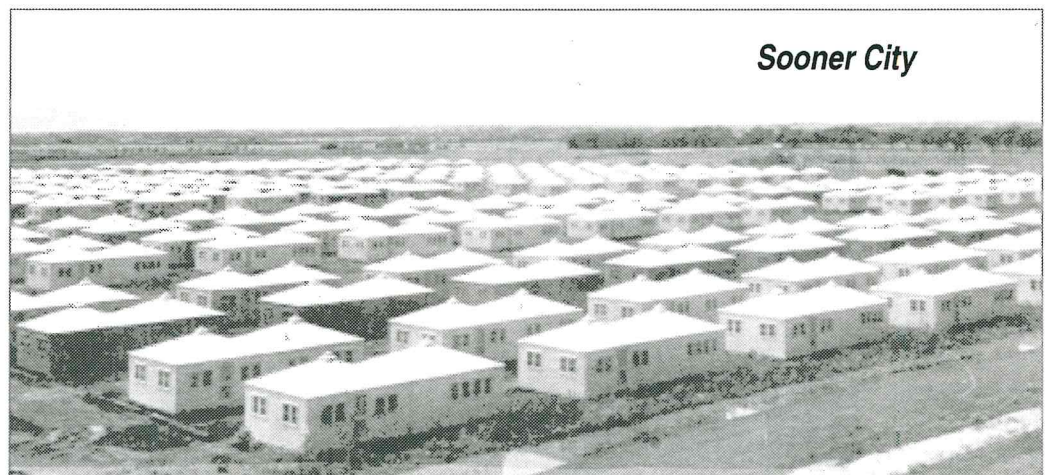
session of the Airman Preparatory School began May 5, 1952 with a class of 376 men. By January 1955 approximately 3,700 men were stationed on the South Base.

Later Development on South Base Land

In early 1959, the government declared the South Base surplus property. On February 28, 1961, the university received a deed for the water supply on North Base and for other Navy properties. The city of Norman obtained the drill field east of Jenkins Avenue, which later became Reaves Park. The government kept the remaining land on South Base for later sale for future industrial development.

The South Base property has seen significant development in recent years. The College of Continuing Education was an early development, followed by the Lloyd Noble Center.

The Oklahoma Legislature designated the new Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Science and History as the state museum of natural history in 1987. The National Weather Center and the Stephenson Research and Technology Center are more recent developments on the former South Base.



What Makes A Good Genealogy Query?

Here is a handy checklist for a good query. You won't always be able to do everything listed. Just remember, the better your post, the better the chance you have of connecting to someone who can help you.

1. Read a dozen posts before you compose your first. You'll see good ones and bad ones.
2. Put a specific name, spouse and date in the heading.
3. Give as many of the basic seven facts (birth date and place, marriage date and place, death date and place, spouse's name) as you can for each individual.
4. Name the county and state or province for each town or township. Name the country if it isn't obvious.
5. Many people consider using all capital letters to be SHOUTING, and genealogy query boards to be libraries. Use regular upper and lower case.
6. If you post the same query on more than one board, say so. It is frustrating for a researcher to spend 15 minutes replying to a post on the Logan County board only to find out someone else already answered you on the Smith surname board.
7. Don't post the dates of living people.
8. Put a blank line between paragraphs.

(These tips—and more—can be found at <http://www.tedpack.org/goodpost.html>)

Writers Group

The second Wednesday morning of every month finds a small group of genealogists at a table in the CCGS library talking about writing and sharing a piece of writing they have done during the past month.

Some are writing their personal history. Some write up interviews they've done with family members. Some may try writing about ancestors from several generations back—people they've never met and heard few stories about. There are no assigned topics. Each person follows their own muse.

We strive to improve our writing skills. We focus on details that enable the listener/reader to see the person or situation we describe. We question anything we do not understand, and we comment on the strengths of the participants' writing. We get ideas for our own future writing projects from the work shared by writing group members.

If you have ever thought you *should* write a life history for your children and grand-children, or that you *should* write some of the funny stories your parents told—join the Family History Writers Group at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday each month in the CCGS Library.

To inspire you, here is a sample of the writing shared at the January meeting. >>

CCGS
Writers
Group
members:
Mary Lewis,
Mae Cox,
Jo Mustoe,
and Leanna
Curren



BY MAE COX: My grandparents, Arthur Monroe Davenport (1886-1946) and Mary May Upchurch (1892-1975) were married in 1909. They were dirt-farmers/sharecroppers and lived in an array of houses in the Box, Corbett, Trousdale, and Noble areas of Cleveland County. This story was compiled after visiting with four aunts, two of whom were actually there that fateful day.

Tornado Blows Away House & Everything They Owned

In 1925, Arthur and May, along with their first five children were living in a two-room farmhouse northeast of Noble. One spring afternoon Arthur and two of his sons, Charlie and Carl, were working in the fields when they realized there was a *mean-looking storm* coming their way. Arthur sent Carl to tell his mom to gather the kids and get to the cellar at the Golden's farm just a little bit down the road from their place.

Meanwhile, May already was preparing, as she too had noticed the dark menacing clouds gathering. As the wind got stronger and stronger, she rounded up her favorite setting hen with all the baby chicks and secured them in the coop — "Her skirrtail flapping like mad," remembered one aunt.

Gathering her children, she took off for the cellar, Carl with five-year-old Ann perched on his shoulders so they could go faster. Meanwhile Arthur and Charlie were having a tough time getting the mules back to the barn. When they realized they couldn't make it, they unhitched the mules, set them free, then ran for the cellar. They'd barely made it inside when the ferocious twister hit.

Arthur and Mr. Golden grabbed and held the cellar door as violent winds whipped it up and down straining to wrench it off the hinges. So great was its pull and thrust that their hands were battered against the doorfacing.

When it was all over their hands were bruised and bleeding.

The tornado raged and whipped. From his position, peeking through slits in the door, Arthur reported the neighbor's house "just blew away." Their rock fireplace was tossed on top of the door they were holding. When the winds died down and they could get past the toppled fireplace, they looked across the road.

Their house was gone. The only thing left was the old iron bedframe standing where the house had been. Upon closer surveillance, they noticed that an old glass cakeplate stand that May cherished was sitting, unharmed, under that bedframe.

The barn was gone too, but standing where it had once been was the little calf they'd left penned in the barn. Miraculously the little critter had been spared when the tornado hit, and stood there shaking and scared half to death.

Everything else was blown away. Everything. Their beds, kitchen utensils, and even their mom's old trunk were gone. All their memorabilia, furnishings, and photos. Gone. Absolutely nothing left. They scavenged through the fields and found a few items the storm had tossed aside.

With their place gone, they went to stay with Uncle Will and Aunt Nancy Upchurch until they could



Wedding Photo 1909, Arthur and May Davenport

get moved back to the little two-room shack down on Buckhead Creek where they had previously lived.

The folks in Noble heard about their loss and began gathering donations. One afternoon, here they came down the road with a whole wagonload of household items to help Arthur and May get back on their feet.

Several months later, May's brother, Bowman Upchurch, who lived just a mile or so north of them, came running up to their house all excited. He had been working in his fields and found May's old trunk. It was empty but unharmed. Grandmother was so happy to have that trunk back.

And so with the old trunk, May's treasured cakestand, the iron bedstead, and one calf, they moved to the one-room shack and went on with their lives sharecropping and raising babies.

Newspaper Abstracts

A Hundred Years Ago...

Norman Democrat-Topic • Friday, March 10, 1905

(Editor's Note: All newspaper abstracts are typed as originally printed.)

Maguire Items

Mrs. John Samples visited Highland school Friday.

Oscar May went to Norman Saturday and purchased him a new set of work harness.

Several of the farmers of this settlement went to Lexington Saturday to attend the farmers union. They say they had a splendid meeting.

Mrs. Dixon was called to see her father, Mr. Goodrich, near Independence on account of him being very sick. The writer has not heard whether he is up or not.

Interurban Railway

The Oklahoma City, Lexington, and Sulphur Springs Railway company broke ground on the new road Monday. A large force of men and teams working north from Lexington and it is now assured that the work will soon commence all along the line from Oklahoma City to Sulphur.

Marriage Licenses

Mick Haynes, 23 — Norman
Bulah Downing, 23 — Norman
Jos. J. Lett, 36 — Mt. Park
Ada Meltabarger, 20 — Hall

For Rent

I have 800 acres of first class land to rent either for cash or grain.
J. C. Adams 32-2t

City School Notes

The High School met Thursday and organized an athletic association to take part in the inter-school meet to be held in May at the University. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander visited a number of the rooms on the east side last Friday.

Local News

The rainfall from Sunday until Wednesday was 3.08 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Winans left for St. Louis Tuesday afternoon.

Mecca Chocolate Cathartic Tablets are pleasant to take and are effective.

J.M. Massey and Sam Sewell were here from Lexington Monday.

Geo. Miser sold his farm 5 miles north of Norman last week to C. H. Bessent.

J. M. Daniels went to Maude, Oklahoma Sunday to look after some business interests.

C. W. Brewer went to Guthrie Saturday in the interests of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention.

A. Nicodemus, D. L. Larsh, and President Boyd were Guthrie visitors Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. G. W. Everett left Tuesday for Sulphur I.T. to visit two months with her son Chas. Everett.

Pleasant Grove

Mr. And Mrs. Cram spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Kuhlman.

Several of the neighbors went to Oklahoma City for seed potatoes last week.

Gertrude Grotts and Milly Dell-ing spent Thursday night with Emma Shottinkirk.

George Miser has sold his farm to C. H. Bessent. Mr. Miser and family expect to make their future home in New Mexico.

After six weeks of cold cloudy weather we had an ideal week for farming and the farmers had just got their plows fixed up to begin farming in earnest. Now the rain has set them back again.

Those who intended to sow oats are feeling gloomy. Mr. H. Kuhlman is about the only one we know of that can enjoy this weather. He had just finished planting thirty acres in oats.

The Winning Ticket

For mayor — Dr. Capshaw
Police Judge — S. J. Wilkins
Attorney — J. F. Norman
Clerk — Joe Vincent
Treasurer — T. E. Clement
Assessor — J. W. Armstrong
Marshal — Ike Sale
Street Commissioner — S. B. Stark
School Treasurer — J.W. Barbour

The convention Wednesday night was composed of thirty-one representative citizens and democrats ... There were no contests and the committee on credentials had easy sailing. The voting was done by secret ballot.

Local News

The ladies of the Christian Church will hold an exchange at Ed Yates' carriage repository tomorrow (Saturday). Patronize the ladies and get something for your Sunday dinner.

The equal rights club held an excellent meeting at the rest room last Thursday night. A splendid program was carried out and all had a most enjoyable time.

Blue Creek Notes

Grandpa Calvert is not expected to live long at this writing.

Mr. Knowl is having some sod broke. Tom Sims' force is doing the work.

C. D. Whitaker purchased a nice team of mares of D. S. Wade last Friday.

M. V. Coddling is having a well drilled at his home. His old well has caved in.

G. C. Foster has returned home from the Creek nation. He says he is going back.

Jim says the next time Mack wants a note carried to a girl he can carry it himself.

Mr. Wm. Arnold and son, Ralph, went to Moore last Tuesday and purchased a stalk cutter.

Leo Anderson undertook to cross Elm Creek last Sunday after the rain and he had to swim out.

In the Library

There is still time to write your story and enter it in the Oklahoma Genealogical Society's Family Story Writing Contest. Deadline for entries is March 7, 2005. Details can be found in the *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol.49, #4, 2004.

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Districts and counties of the Choctaw Nation in handy chart form. *Intikba*. McCurtain Co. Genealogy Society, Vol. 20 #3, December 2004.

Tips for hunting Indian ancestors using allotment maps. *Newsletter*. Craig County Genealogical Society, Fall 2004.

New in the CCGS Library

Purchases

Online Roots, by Pamela Boyer Porter

Trade with Ball's Books

Writing that Works, by Richard Anderson

How to Write the Story of Your Life, by Frank P. Thomas

Donations from Nova Horback

Sooner Said and Done, by Ed Montgomery

From anonymous donor

The Register of Overwharton Parish, Stafford County Virginia 1723-1758, by George Harrison Sanford King

King George County Virginia Will Book A-1 1721-1752, compiled and published by George Harrison Sanford King

Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia 1655-1900, by Eva Eubank Wilkerson.



Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800, by Robert K. Headley Jr.

1864 Census for Reorganizing the Georgia Militia, abstracted and compiled by Nancy J. Cornell

The Story of Payne County, Oklahoma, by D. Earl Newsom.

From McClain County Historical & Genealogical Society

The Diary of William Barrett Travis, August 30, 1833-June 26, 1834, edited by Robert E. Davis

Keeping Up with the Joneses, by Jack Parker Jones

The Acadian Exiles in Nantes 1775-1785, by Albert J. Robichaux Jr.

A Scattered People: An American Family Moves West, by Gerald McFarland

The Browns of Providence Plantations: Colonial Years, by James B. Hedges

The Biographical and Genealogical Records of the Fite Families in the United States Generations: An American Family, by John Egerton.

Register of Graduates and Former Cadets of the United States Military Academy.

CCGS News

Meetings

December

Basha Hartley from Norman Public Library entertained CCGS members by reading three short stories. Two were heartwarming Christmas stories and the third, an entertaining Cajun version of Clement Moore's Night Before Christmas. Her accent was perfect for a bayou Santa, whose sleigh is pulled by twelve Louisiana alligators.

Members contributed items to the Hugs shipment being assembled by Evelyn Parker to send to our troops in Iraq.

January

A capacity crowd, 31 members and seven guests, came to hear Chester Cowan discuss dating and preservation of 19th century photographs.

The first type of photograph, the daguerreotype, which created an image on polished silver, originated in 1839. A daguerreotype needs to be protected from tarnishing; however, attempts to remove tarnish will harm or destroy the image.

About 1855, the tintype was introduced, which produced an image on a sheet of tin. Tintypes could be exposed and developed within 30 seconds, a fact that contributed to their popularity. About 1865, tintypes were furnished in a paper sleeve, which protected the photographic emulsion. Sometimes this sleeve will have a pattern number printed or embossed upon it, which may help to establish a date. The square corners of a tintype, stored with similar images, will scratch the surface of those stacked with it. Tintypes should be stored individually in acid-free envelopes.

Ambrotypes came between 1855 and 1860. These produced an image on glass. Both the tintype and ambrotype replicated the standard size format for portrait paintings.

Paper photography began about 1860. First came the visiting card format, with square corners, which was dominant until 1870 or 1875. Beginning about 1868, some visiting card photographs came with machine rounded corners. Mr. Cowan stated that this format can also be age-sorted by the thickness of the board, the thinnest examples being the earliest.

In the late 1870s we find the cabinet card, a larger paper image on board, the image large enough to be displayed. From 1888 to 1897, many of these cabinet cards came with scalloped edges. Cabinet cards of the early 1890s came with a single gold line outlining the edge.

Postcard photographs came in the early 1900s. The first ones had the photograph and space for a message on the front, with the back side reserved for the address. In the summer of 1907 the postcard came with divided back-space for both message and address on the back of the photograph.

Mr. Cowan also discussed 19th century clothing fashions and how they help to date photographs.

Norman Non-Profits Garage Sale

Saturday, April 2, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds Arena (behind the County Fair Building).

We all like the idea of clearing out a few things for a good cause, without having to organize and run our own garage sale. We find that any clean and useable items which might be interesting to grandparents, grandchildren, and their parents sell well.

Household items, tools, working electric appliances, toys, games, seasonal decorations, office supplies, computer accessories, lawn mowers, refrigerators, and exercise equipment are all good saleable items.

Experience tells us clothes, books, and linens do not sell well.

Bring your donations to the CCGS Library or call for other arrangements.

Wanted:

Your Used cartridges

Please bring your used printer cartridges to the CCGS library for recycling.

The payments we receive for them are sufficient to keep our printers going.

First Families of Cleveland County

More than ten years ago, CCGS created a separate committee to encourage families with Cleveland County pioneer ancestors to submit documents of their heritage for our files. This was patterned after the *First Families of the Twin Territories* sponsored by the Oklahoma Genealogical Society.

Many of you responded. As a result, we have files on 161 pioneer families, and a book was published demonstrating their local heritage. This book, *First Families of Cleveland County*, is still available for purchase at the CCGS Library. Our large wall map of Cleveland County marks the land location of these pioneer ancestors.

Recently there has been some interest in adding to these files. Although we do not expect to publish another book (at least not in the near future) we encourage anyone with Cleveland County heritage to submit documents showing their descent from the pioneer ancestor.

We are also interested in adding new generations to those families already submitted. An application blank is available on request outlining the required documentation. You may already have what you need in your files and would only need to make copies.

Granny Says . . .

A new cousin a day, keeps the boredom away.

Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts, and a few bad apples.

The fees will be \$20 for each new submission and \$10 for those adding new family members to information already on file.

A certificate of membership in First Families of Cleveland County will be issued. With permission, we will publish the direct line heritage of new applicants in our newsletter as we have space.

'89er Day

Norman's '89er Day Planning Committee is scheduling events for Saturday, April 23rd with many of the usual activities. This year's event will honor Firefighters.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Norman High School. Activities will follow at Andrews Park. CCGS will participate again this year by running the information booth in the park.

Craft, flea market, and food booths will be added to the usual car shows, children's activities, and live entertainment in the amphitheatre. The covered wagon caravan is expected to be part of the parade. Rodeo events are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights.

This is one family event to honor our heritage. Meet you at the park!

Things We Need

The CCGS library can use the gift of a coat rack or an over-the-door coat rack.

Plastic Sheeting

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist in the indexing of Cleveland County marriage records.

1. You can help, in the library, by printing index pages from the Marriages CD.
2. You can help, at home, by entering marriage data from the index pages into a computer database. (You need to have either Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Works installed on your computer.)

Please let Jo know where you can help!

Publications for Sale

<i>Cleveland County Marriages 1934-1938</i>	\$15.00
<i>Cleveland County Marriages 1939-1942</i>	\$15.00
<i>Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Cleveland County Oklahoma</i>	\$14.50
<i>Norman—An Early History, 1820-1900</i> , by John Womack	\$20.00
<i>Moments in Oklahoma History: A Book of Trivia</i> , by Bonnie Speer . . .	\$9.95
<i>Cleveland County: Pride of the Promised Land</i> , by Bonnie Speer . . .	\$29.95

Add 8% sales tax to order total

Inquire about cost for postage and handling if books are to be shipped

**CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
INDEX TO PROBATES
1890 - 1928**

PACKET No.	NAME	FILING DATE	DATE OF DEATH	WILL	HEIRS AND OTHER INFORMATION
					& St-Dau Nora Haynes
UN	Lessly, A. P.	14 May 1895	28 Apr 1895		Died in Jacksonville, IL Bro & Adm: Paul C. Lessly Father: James Lessly
908	Lessly, C. A.	31 Dec 1927	04 Apr 1927		Son & Adm: R. T. Lessly
UN	Lessly, James	06 Jan 1899	10 Dec 1898		Died in Grayson County, TX Son: P. C. Lessly
919	Levy, Ella	20 Feb 1928	23 Jan 1928		Widower: Edward Levy Chn: Myrtle M. McCreary, Morris B. Levy & Lottie Johnson
UN	Lewis, Addison P.	31 Mar 1900			Son & Exec: Addison L. Lewis Daus: Eliza Jane Waggoner & Lucia Viola Combs
UN	Lewis, E. E.	03 Mar 1894	24 Feb 1894		
UN	Lewis, William L.	28 Apr 1896	26 Apr 1896		Widow: Addie Lewis Minor: Arthur Lewis
138	Limke, Christopher L.	15 Nov 1905	11 Nov 1905		Widow: Mary L. Limke Quinn Bro & Adm: Frank W. Limke Son: Leon Limke
738	Lindsay, Hattie Britt	29 Apr 1925	Nov 1924		Father & Adm: W. A. Britt Widower: William Lindsay (an Incompetent)
498	Lindsay, John S.	31 Mar 1919	29 Mar 1919		Widow: Mary M. Lindsay Sons: Harry G., Rae & John G. Lindsay Dau: Bessie S. Hitt
791	Lindsay, Mary M.	02 Mar 1926	08 Mar 1922		Son & Adm: H. G. Lindsay
775	Lindsay, Rea D.	07 Dec 1925	05 Dec 1925		Bro & Adm: H. D. Lindsay
785	Lindsay, William H.	01 Feb 1926	29 Jan 1926		Mother & Adm: Sarah A. Lindsay
710	Linduff, Jason P.	03 Nov 1924	24 Oct 1924		Son & Adm: J. F. Linduff
38	Linneman, Anton(e)	27 Sep 1901	26 Sep 1901		Son: Cappy Linneman
637	Lisle, Archiles	02 Oct 1922	29 Jul 1922		Widow: Ella Lisle
381	Little, Charley	07 Jan 1915	01 Jan 1895		Sons: Mark Charley, Charley Little Jr. Dau: Annie Charley Foreman
86	Little, I. M.	21 Mar 1903	09 Mar 1903		Adm: W. R. Little Heirs: Sarah E. Wood, Orion A. & Joseph F. Little, Bertha L. Ward & John H. Little
616	Littrell, Martha Lou	02 Mar 1922	19 Jan 1922		Bro: J. T. Seawell Sis: Mrs. P. W. Gum Nephews: Robert M. & Percy Seawell Nieces: Mary & Helen Seawell
UN-G	Longwell, Mathew	05 Sep 1890			Minors: Elbert (12) & Sina Longwell (9) & Stepfather: W. H. Seawell
UN	Lowry, Alexander F.	17 Feb 1893	31 Jan 1893	Y	
UN	Loyd, E. C.	01 Oct 1895	27 Sep 1895		Son & Adm: E. K. Loyd
285	Luckcuck, William	14 Feb 1911	23 Jan 1911	Y	Widow: Helen Luckcuck

PACKET No.	NAME	FILING DATE	DATE OF DEATH	WILL	HEIRS AND OTHER INFORMATION
688	Ludeman, Adolph	26 Mar 1924	08 Mar 1924	Y	Widow & Adm: Alberta Ludeman Daus: Freda, Emma & Edith Ludeman
547	Lurry, W. M.	28 Jul 1920	22 May 1920		Widow: Margaret J. Lurry
49	Lynn, James		09 Dec 1901		Widow: Mattie Lynn
585	Lyttle, Wood	30 Jul 1921	12 Jun 1908		Widow: Mary Lyttle Sons: Theodore G. & John W. Lyttle
UN	Makepeace, Willard E.	02 Nov 1895	21 Oct 1895		Widow: Fannie S. Makepeace
113-L 113	Mallow, E. L.	30 Oct 1924	05 Dec 1923	Y	Widow: Emma Mallow
83-G-L 83	Mallow, Willie				File Missing Minors: Marion, Milard, T. C. & Agnes Mallow
57	Maloney, James	30 Apr 1902	12 Apr 1902		Bro: Myles Maloney
209	Manire, William H.	17 Jul 1908	18 May 1908	Y	Widow: Caladonia E. Manire Chn: Henry W. (31), Stephen A. (24), Ida C. (21), Merta M. (16), Jackson B. (15) & Leonard E. Manire (12)
380	Manley, J. R. Manley, Martha E.	04 Jan 1915	11 Dec 1914	(H)	Joint Probate Dau: Mary F. Manley Wilson Exec: Robert C. I. Manley Numerous Adult Heirs
125	Mann, Catherine F.	08 Mar 1905	01 Sep 1904	Y	Edward & James A. Mann, Elizabeth J. Case, Stewart W. & Ella Mann
245	Mansfield, Henry	14 Jul 1909	30 Jun 1909		Widow: Lydia J. Mansfield
527-1/2	Marquart, D. W.	13 Oct 1900	29 Mar 1920	Y	Final Decree Filed 20 Yrs Later Widow: Mary E. Marquart Daus: Vida A. Marquart & Gertrude E. Marquart Maher
UN	Marquart, D. W.	24 Sep 1900	11 Sep 1900		Died in Louisville, KY Widow: Mary E. Marquart
UN-G	Marr, Nicholas	26 May 1891			Minor: Ervine D. Marr
103-L 103	Marsee, Joseph G.	09 Jul 1921	07 May 1921		Widow: Esther A. Marsee
68-L 68	Martell, Peter	30 Jul 1915			File Missing
821	Martin, Effie	21 Oct 1926	16 May 1925		Died in Harvey County, KS Widower & Adm: Roy Martin Minor Son: Johnie Alvin Martin Minor Dau: Edna Francis Martin
12	Martin, Elisha F.	05 Dec 1899	Nov 1899		Widow: Martha E. Martin
636	Martin, J. T.	02 Oct 1922	26 Sep 1922		Widow: Zoina A. Martin Dovie, J. B. & Nadine Martin
959	Massey, Richard	08 Dec 1928	04 Oct 1928		Widow & Adm: Lavona Massey Heirs: 7 Adult Chn
212	Mathepema (Williams)	18 Jul 1908			File Incomplete Widower: Ko-ta-pya (Thomas Williams)
902	Mather, Howard	08 Nov 1927	07 Jul 1927		Sons: J. L. (Adm), Guy H. & L. G.

Editor's 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.

Oklahoma Records Online

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society is just starting to put genealogical records online. Check their website regularly for new on-line information. <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~okgs/records.htm>>

Another source of Oklahoma public records online is the Oklahoma Supreme Court Network

<www.oscn.net>

Click "Court Dockets," then in the "County or Court" box, select the county from the list.

State Records Online

More and more state records are going online, either searchable or browseable. These are some you might want to consult.

Alabama Department of Archives & History

<www.archives.state.al.us/dataindex.html>

Arizona Genealogy Birth & Death Certificates

<genealogy.az.gov>

Colorado State Archives

<www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives>

Delaware Public Archives

<www.archives.state.de.us>

Florida State Archives

<dlis.dos.state.fl.us/barm/fsa.html>

Michigan Genealogical Death Indexing System

<www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/osr/gendisx/search2.htm>

Illinois State Archives

<www.ilsos.net/departments/archives/databases.html>

Indiana State Library

<www.statelib.lib.in.us>

Kansas State Historical Society

<www.kshs.org>

Maryland State Archives

<www.mdarchives.state.md.us>

Minnesota Historical Society

<www.mnhs.org>

Missouri State Archives

<www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp>

Nevada Online Census Database

<dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/shpo/nvcensus>

Ohio Historical Society

<www.ohiohistory.org/ar_tools.html>

Oklahoma

<<http://www.ok-history.mus.ok.us/>>

Oregon State Archives

<arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/genealogy.htm>

Pennsylvania State Archives

<www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us>

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

<www.state.sc.us/scdah>

Tennessee State Library and Archives

<www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/tslahome.htm>

Texas State Library & Archives Commission

<www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc>

Library of **Virginia**

<www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/gene>

Washington State Archives

<www.secstate.wa.gov/archives>

Wisconsin Historical Society

<www.wisconsinhistory.org/library>

The August 2004 issue of *Family Tree Magazine* gives additional information about these and other sites. David A. Fryxell's article "The Strongest Links," cites the magazine's choices for the 101 best web sites in 2004.

Oklahoma's Official State Meal

Bet you didn't know we had an official Oklahoma state meal! This menu became one of our State Emblems when House Concurrent Resolution 1083 was approved in 1988 by the Forty-first Legislature.

Barbecued Pork	Chicken-Fried Steak	Sausage with
Fried Okra	Fried Squash	Biscuits & Gravy
Corn	Black-Eyed Peas	
Cornbread	Pecan Pie	
Strawberries		

Check the web-site of the Oklahoma Museum of History to learn more about how the Official State Meal reflects Oklahoma's traditional southern foodways and the diversity of cultures found in our state.

<http://www.ok-history.mus.ok.us/enc>

Click on *Folk Life*, then on *State Meal*.

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To research, preserve and perpetuate the history of McClain Co. OK and its people.



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Hours of Operation
Weekdays
Noon to 4:00 P.M

Special group tours may be arranged by calling the above number in advance. We do NOT return long distance calls.

The collections of the Museum include eleven rooms of pioneer furnishings, clothes, artifacts and tools.

Our record room includes periodicals, research publications, over 1000 photographs and individual family histories, in addition to our published books.

Our microfilm collection, with two readers, is located at the Purcell Public Library
919 N. 9th. • 405-527-5546.
Hours of operation are daily (except Sundays) 9-5.

Meetings are usually the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Masonic Hut

➔ **March 15, 2005**
April 19, 2005
May 17, 2005

President's Page

Law Enforcement in McClain County

By: WAYNE TOOMOTH

Law enforcement in Indian Territory was originally the responsibility of the U.S. Marshals. When the state constitution was written in 1907, the Sheriff's department was established for each county and was made the chief law enforcement agency in each county. The model for our Sheriff's department can be traced back to the time of William The Conqueror in ancient England. He had the county divided into Shires (we call counties) and appointed a Rieve who was a law enforcement officer and tax collector. This *Shire Rieve* came to be known in America as Sheriff.

I can give you a long list of McClain County Sheriffs, from Johnny Ratliff to Oscar Morgan. Johnny Ratliff gave his life in the line of duty on the streets of Purcell. Oscar Morgan started his law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff in McClain county. Later, as Marshall of Blanchard, Morgan became known nation wide. Some others who have served as Sheriff of McClain county include George White, Grant Vincent, Red Edgemon, Don Cook, Joe Huddleston, Don Smith and Andy Anderson.

If you don't recognize these names from the past, it means they served before the reader's time. More importantly, it means that because of these men, and the Deputies who served with them, you have been able to go about your daily lives in a safe, secure area. Behind the scenes these people, who are not looking for publicity, do their job of law enforcement in McClain County.

The tradition of keeping McClain county a safe place to live and work continues with Sheriff Don Hewitt. Sheriff Hewitt has spent most of his adult life in law enforcement, having retired as a First Lieutenant after serving twenty years with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. He is a native Oklahoman and was raised and educated right here in McClain county.

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Membership dues for McClain County Oklahoma Historical Society due by March

- \$ 8 Active members
- \$ 12 Husband & Wife at one address
- \$ 15 Supporting Members (individuals supporting the aims of the Society, but not actively working)
- \$ 20 Supporting Members (husband and wife at one address)
- \$100 Life Membership (individual)

Please make your check payable to the McClain County Oklahoma Historical Society, and mail it to 203 Washington Street, Purcell OK 73080.

It is not necessary for McClain members who receive this newsletter to pay dues to the Cleveland County Genealogical Society. It is a benefit of your membership in the McClain County Genealogical & Historical Society

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Further History of the Naval Air Gunnery School at Lexington



The last NAGS class at Lexington graduated in September 1945. The facility was maintained by the

Navy until an interim use permit was issued by the Secretary of the Navy to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health on March 2, 1946

Central State Hospital Lexington Annex

The Central State Hospital McAles-ter Annex, located on the grounds of the State Penitentiary, was closed and the patients there transferred to the new Lexington Facility.

On August 16, 1948, the 1840 acres containing the NAGS/annex buildings were sold to the state for \$47,000. The remaining 6700 acres north of the main complex, later to become the state game refuge, was transferred to the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation.

During the mid-1960s, the annex housed approximately 400 patients, with the population falling somewhat toward the end of the decade. There were seven wards, all downstairs in the old two-story barracks, including four male and three female wards. Approximately 80 staff served the needs of the patients.

Patients were required to be ambulatory so that they could walk to and from meals. They could not have any serious physical ailments, as there was no doctor assigned to the annex full time. A psychiatrist came to see those needing his services once a week. All age and diagnostic ranges of patients were to be found at the Annex over its lifetime.

In response to queries about deaths of patients and burial procedures, the Cleveland County Genealogical Society discovered, during their cemetery canvassing,

that Lexington patients' burials were handled in one of three ways. (1) according to desires of next of kin, (2) burial in Central State Cemetery at Porter and Rock Creek, north of Norman, or (3) donated to the OU Medical School.

Joseph Harp Correctional Center

By the end of the 1960s, the need for the Lexington Hospital Annex had declined to the point that a search was underway for a new mission for the facility.

It became a part of the Oklahoma prison system's Assessment Center and medium security center, after much rebuilding. The original design construction was completed in December 1977. Later, construction began on the Joseph Harp Correctional Center on 80 acres of the original 1840 acres. The Oklahoma Air National Guard was given 40 acres for their heliport facility.

As the World War II "temporary" buildings were emptied, they were dismantled and the pieces used in other projects and some local houses. Only one building, viewable from the road and believed to be the former dispensary, and which was slated to become a museum and conference center, remains.

Plans were to make the building look as original as possible, with separate areas in the museum for each agency. However, when wardens changed, and money was needed elsewhere, it was one of the projects that was not continued.

As of this date, borrowed items for the Museum have not been returned to the McClain County Museum or interested donors.

In October, 1992, a ceremony was held on the lawn in front of the

dispensary to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the beginning of the Purcell Naval Air Gunnery School. Over twelve years have passed since then.

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Photographs and other related materials may be found at the OU Western History Library and at the National Archives in Fort Worth, Texas.

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The Oklahoma Spirit of '17

Biographical Volume
Compiled by W. E. Welch, J. S. Aldridge, L. V. Aldridge
Published by Historical Publishing Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1920

Perry N. Northcutt



Northcutt

Son of Mrs. L. A. Northcutt, Wayne, OK. Was born in Marion County, Alabama Feb. 28, 1892; educated in Oklahoma schools and a graduate of Hill's Business College.

Entered the service Sept. 20, 1917, and received his military training at Camp Travis, Texas, Company A, 357th Infantry, 90th Division. He embarked overseas June 10, 1917, and landed in France; promoted to Corporal; fought at St. Mihiel and died in action September 13, 1918; Cross De Guerre and Citation for valor and bravery. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Lee Northcutt, his mother, three brothers and five sisters.

R. W. Mangum

Aviator, son of Mrs. Martha Clark, Blanchard, Okla., was born in Ozark County, Missouri, Oct. 14, 1886, and educated in the Missouri public schools. Entered the service May 6, 1918, and underwent an intensive training at Aviation at Waco, Texas, Kelly Field, 5th Regiment Aviation Section, Line I, and discharged account of a weak heart. He received his discharge at Waco, Texas, May 20, 1919.



Mangum

James Leroy Robinson

Machinist Second Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, Lexington, Okla., born in Pauls Valley, Okla., August 27, 1896; educated in the Lexington public schools. He entered the service April 24, 1917, received his Naval training at the Great Lakes Training Station; assigned to San Diego, Cal.; embarked overseas in October 1917, landing in France; was attached to the Aviation Service. He received his discharge at Brooklyn, N.Y., March 5, 1918.

Albert E. Newman

First Class Private, son of A.C. and Malicia Newman, Purcell, Okla., was born in Caddo, Okla., Aug. 6, 1893; received his education in the schools of Purcell. He entered the service March 18, 1918, and underwent an intensive military training at Camp Green, N.C., Company K, 39th Infantry; embarked overseas May 10, 1918, and landed in France; promoted to First Class Private. Discharged at Camp Pike, August 19, 1919.



Cecil C. Gallamore

Private, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gallamore, Purcell, Okla., was born in Kiowa, Okla., Oct. 25, 1893; educated in the schools of Purcell. Entered the service in September, 1917, and received his military training at Camp Travis; embarked overseas in June 1918, and landed in France, Co. C, 344th Machine Gun Bn., 90th Division; transferred to Co. L as a casual in the hospital; contracted pneumonia and confined to Base Hospital 114, Bordeaux, France. Discharged at Camp Pike, April 14, 1919.

Llewellyn Johnston

Private, son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon B. Johnston, Purcell, Okla., was born in Stonewall, Okla., and received his education at Berea, Kentucky. Entered the service Sept. 19, 1917, and underwent intensive military training at Camp Travis, Company C, 344th Machine Gun Battalion, 90th Division. He embarked overseas May 5, 1918, and landed in France; participated in the engagements at Meuse-Argonne, Verdun, St. Mihiel; promoted to First Class Private; gassed; contracted the influenza and recovering returned to this country and was discharged at Camp Pike, June 23, 1919.

Lloyd Y. Power

Private, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Power, Wayne, Okla., born in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, Oct. 6, 1900; graduate of the Wayne high school. He entered service in June, 1918, and received his military training at Camp Logan, and San Francisco, Cal., 67th Coast Artillery, 35th Brigade, Bn. D; embarked overseas August 24, 1918, and landed in France; did not participate in any of the battles. Received his discharge at Camp Pike, March 25, 1919. Re-entered school to complete his course.



Power

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Robinson

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Morris Kemp Holt

Private, son of Howard A. and Susie M. Holt, Purcell, Okla., was born in Arkansas City, Kansas, Oct. 23, 1893; educated in the schools of Purcell and at Berea, Kentucky. Entered the service Dec. 18, 1915, Amerherstburg, Canada, Co. 2, 1st Reg., 1st Div.; embarked overseas May 28, 1916; continuously in action until last wound. At Monument Wood he rescued the bodies of his officer and 5 men under devastating fire; with one companion he captured 18 Huns at Marcel Cave; 15 months patrol in Scout Section; fought at Neuville, Vitasse and Mercatelle fronts; discovered a Hun trap and neutralized a pipe filled with explosive 30 feet long; wounded twice; cited three times for bravery and valor. Discharged at Toronto, Canada, March 12, 1919.



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All CCGS events will be held in Conference Room C,
near the CCGS Library at 1119 East Main in Norman,
unless otherwise noted.

Meetings

- March 15, 2005** 7:00 p.m. • CCGS Meeting
Speaker: Darlene Shawn
- April 19, 2005** 7:00 p.m. • CCGS Meeting
Speaker: Dr. Michael Lonegrove on *David Payne and the Sooners*
- May 17, 2005** 7:00 p.m. • CCGS Meeting
Speaker: Greg Boyd.
- June 18, 2005** 7:00 p.m. • CCGS Annual Business Meeting
Election of Officers

Writers Group

Meetings held the second
Wednesday each month
10 a.m. at CCGS Library

March 9, 2005
April 13, 2005
May 11, 2005

Workshops

A complete list of workshops,
seminars, and conferences for
CCGS, plus many for
Oklahoma and other states is
presented on **Page 2**