

CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

CCGS celebrated our Society's 25th Anniversary rather quietly this fall with the serving of coffee and cake at our September meeting, and again at an Open House on October 21st.

The accomplishments of those twenty-five years, however, have been no small achievement. Volunteers for our Society have been busy since the earliest days creating and publishing indexes, gathering materials, organizing projects, developing seminars and workshops, canvassing cemeteries, responding to queries and organizing the results, publishing newsletters, creating library and storage shelving and furniture, teaching beginners, and assisting researchers in our Library. As a result, we can be proud of managing an important community resource for local history and family history.

With the recent popularity of genealogy, we have met many people, new to the process, who don't really understand yet that their research in our Library is made very easy because of the efforts of so many people over

many years. When these new researchers do understand, they are quick to add to the donation jar, the files, and the shelves.

Throughout our twenty-five year history, we have appreciated the generous contributions of time, talent, and funds by our membership. This is exactly how we have grown into a community resource. It would never have happened without our members' continued generosity and support of CCGS projects and events.

As we approach a new membership year, we hope you will be inclined to show your support for our ongoing efforts and our growing responsibilities. Our membership fees have not increased for

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Jo Mustoe

2006, but this may be the last year at these rates. Members are reminded that any amount above the basic membership fee of \$15 is a tax-deductible contribution and a big help to our budget.

With this issue, we provide a membership form and an envelope to make the process easier. And we thank you in advance for all the ways in which you contribute to the work of CCGS.

Our CCGS Library: The Vertical File

Most people think of books when they visit libraries. Genealogists also look for microfilm when they seek records of their long-ago ancestors. A little-used, but often useful feature of most libraries is the Vertical File.

Vertical files consist of almost anything that can be more easily stored in a file folder rather than on a book shelf. This may include newspaper clippings, photographs, pamphlets, copies of unusual or rare materials, etc. The CCGS Library has three types of vertical files.

The Surname file contains information about surnames or families. This may include family group sheets or pedigree charts, newspaper stories about an individual, or even an obituary.

The Locality file is a collection of information about places. Here you may find maps, historical data, photographs, and other items describing nations, states, cities, or communities.

The Subject file receives materials that cannot be categorized as "surname" or "locality."

The next time you visit the CCGS Library, ask our volunteers to direct you to the vertical files.

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Bits & Pieces

The December 2005 issue of *Family Tree Magazine* includes an article by Rick Crume titled "States of Excellence." Crume selected 95 Web sites which feature searchable or browseable databases and indexes to state records. We mention here some Web sites that include soldier and military pension records.

Alabama

<www.archives.state.al.us>
Confederate soldiers, WWI
casualties, 1867 voter registrations

Colorado

<www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives> Wills; voter registrations;
military, vital and tax records

Georgia

<www.georgiaarchives.org>
Confederate muster rolls and
discharges

Indiana

<www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/whoweare/genealogy.html>
Marriages through 1850, WWII
servicemen, Indiana biography index

Louisiana

<www.sec.state.la.us/archives/gen/cpa-index.htm> Confederate pension
applications index

Massachusetts

<www.massachusettscivilwar.com>
Soldier, sailor, and Marines database

Michigan

<www.mifamilyhistory.org>
Soldiers in Civil War, Spanish-
American War, and World War II

Missouri

<www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp> Births,
deaths, land patents, soldiers database

New Jersey

<www.njstatelib.org/nj_information/digital_collections> Soldiers in
Revolutionary and Civil Wars

North Carolina

<censusdiggins.com/nc_civilwar.html> Soldier list

Ohio

<www.ohiohistory.org/resource/archlib> Death certificates, military
rosters for War of 1812

Oklahoma

<www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/archives/collections.htm> Confederate
pensions index

Pennsylvania

<www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/archive.asp> Digitized military
records from Revolution to World
War I

South Carolina

<www.state.sc.us/scdah>
Confederate pension applications
index

Tennessee

<www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history>
Death records, Confederate pension
applications indexes

Texas

<www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc>
Confederate pensions database,
Confederate indigent families,
citizens' claims against Republic of
Texas

Vermont

<www.vermontcivilwar.org>
Soldiers database

Wisconsin

<www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy> Indexes to obituaries,
biographical sketches, Civil War
soldiers

One Story Found in an Old Trunk

The contents of an ancient trunk left on property owned by the Argo family led Glenda to research this pre-statehood family. This story summarizes her findings.

BY GLENDA ARGO

Julia L. Ady was born April 3, 1873 in Ossian, Wells County, Indiana. She was one of eight children born to John Byron Ady and his wife, Loretta Elizabeth Sowle. After graduating Ossian High School in 1891, Julia began teaching in Wells County and did so for ten years. On June 19, 1901, Julia wed Forest Andrew Wolfe in Wells County. Their only child, Martha, was born in Keystone, Indiana on August 17, 1903.

The Wolfe family left their home in Wells County and came to Indian Territory sometime in 1906. Julia taught school two years in the small town of Quay, formerly known as Lawson, in southern Pawnee County. Her husband provided for his family by farming and working in the Pawnee and Creek County oilfields. Eventually the family moved to Cleveland County in 1911.

Julia Ady Wolfe was a teacher at Boston School, Cleveland County School District No. 5, in 1912. Boston School was located in the northwest quarter of Sec. 12 Twp. 10N-R2W. The site of Boston School now lies beneath Lake Stanley Draper.

The accompanying photograph was taken of Julia and her students at the school in 1912. Surnames of some of the children attending in 1912 included: Brown, Carr, Thornton, Finchum, Whipple, McNary, Mitchell, Wolfe, Panse (?), Connelly, Gowen, Self, Devackey, Knight, Patterson, Durham, Knowles, Arms, Kriz, Julum, Parenica, Peachee, Conover, and Arbogast. Julia would teach school for eight years in Cleveland County, but the exact school terms and

locations where she taught are not known.

Julia Ady Wolfe and her family had lived in Cleveland County twenty-three years at the time of her death on June 8, 1934. She had always been active in her community. She was president of the local Neighborly Club for two years. She served as secretary and president of the Cleveland County Federation of Farm Women's Club, was secretary of the Farm Women's Market, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rev. H. J. Cocke-rill directed Julia's funeral services, held at Meyer and Meyer Funeral Home, and the Meyer and Meyer Quartet provided special music.

Family and neighbors mourning her death but celebrating Julia's life included Fred Mitchell, Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Ivy Ford, Myrtle Donworth, Mrs. D. L. Donworth, John Moak, Charley Mitchell, Jay Ford, Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Patterson, Iva and Nola Mae Yoachum, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph and Lillian Coolbaugh, Evelyn Bradley, Sam Bradley, Myrtle Bradley, Lillian Wheeler, V. W. Wheeler, Sena and John Lunow, Alta

Bradley, Agnes Rice, May Ford, H. H. Ford, H. Hughes, Jack Merkle, Rachel Gross, E. L. Gross, Mrs. M. D. Daglish, Rose Rainbow and Erlene Ford. Casket bearers were H. Hughes, Jack Merkle, Dave W. Womack, E. Leo Gross, and Dave W. Bowlan from Norman and H. E. Wolfe from Wildhorse, Oklahoma.

Forest Wolfe died July 20, 1937, the result of an automobile accident he and his daughter were involved in near Moore. The daughter, Martha Wolfe, taught school in Edmond, Oklahoma after attending Central State Teachers College, now the University of Central Oklahoma. Martha sold the family farm in 1940 and eventually left Cleveland County and began teaching in the area of Gillette, Wyoming. After retirement, she moved to Sheridan, Wyoming where she lived for twenty years before her death on June 12, 1982.

Martha Wolfe never married and never moved back to Cleveland County. When she moved to Wyoming, she left behind a family trunk that had most likely made the journey from Indiana to Indian Territory in 1906. The trunk protected and preserved a great amount of visual and written history of the Ady and Wolfe families of Wells County, Indiana.

Editor's note: Individuals in this photograph are not identified. Do any of our readers have a copy of this photograph, or can they identify any individual in it? If so, please contact CCGS.



Cleveland County's Historians

BY MARY LEWIS

What is a historian?

The dictionary says

1. an expert in history; an authority on history, and
2. a writer of history; a chronicler.

Who are Cleveland County's historians?

Possibly the earliest chronicler of Cleveland county history on record is L. J. Edwards, an early resident of Norman. In 1917, the *Daily Transcript* published a letter from Mr. Edwards describing his "research for facts concerning the early history of Norman."

His report provides a brief history of the life of Abner Norman, the individual whose name the city of Norman bears. It is Mr. Edwards who first recorded the story of the survey crew who carved the title "Norman's Camp" on a tree near the camp site the crew used while surveying the area that became Cleveland County.

John Womack certainly ranks as the eminent historian of Norman and Cleveland County. All his life, John Womack had a keen appreciation of local history, hearing and assimilating the stories of old-timers about early-day people, places, and events.

Only when he retired from a long career with the postal service did he have the time to pursue the research that would sift fact from fiction. Although Womack was not trained as a historian or writer, he followed through by producing scholarly articles and books describing his findings.

From all accounts, Womack was a dedicated, tireless researcher, mining the collections of the University of Oklahoma library, the University's Western History

Collection, and the Norman Public Library's collection of early-day newspapers. His was a familiar face at the Oklahoma Historical Society's library and the State Archives division in Oklahoma City.

He searched county records in the Cleveland County Clerk's office, discovered early-day maps of the area, and conducted personal interviews with old-timers. His mission was to reveal the facts of Cleveland County's history and to disprove the stories that were not fact. Womack himself said that because his family did not live in Norman in the early days, his version of Cleveland County history was not distorted by family stories that couldn't be borne out by research.

Womack's work was published at intervals in local newspapers and other venues. He published his first book, *Norman: An Early History, 1820-1900*, in 1976; and the second, *Cleveland County, Oklahoma Historical Highlights*, in 1983. During the intervening years he produced several smaller, pamphlet-type publications.

John Womack was inducted posthumously in the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame in 2002.

An article in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* at the time stated that he "proved that well-researched and -written history does not necessarily take place in an academic setting. Individuals possessing the love and desire to discover the past can produce excellent historical accounts ... John Womack was not professionally trained as a researcher or historian, but rather was self-taught through his desire to present the facts to the public."

Cleveland County is the richer because of the work of this dedicated researcher and writer.

Unlike John Womack, Bonnie Speer possessed the highest credentials. A freelance writer, teacher of writing, and publisher, she earned a master's degree in professional writing from O.U. in 1976. She wrote several books in the historical genre.

She published *Cleveland County, Pride of the Promised Land*, an illustrated history, in 1988. This was an Oklahoma Centennial Project, sponsored by the Norman Galaxy of Writers. Bonnie Speer donated the collection of photographs she gathered for this book to the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

In the collection of the Cleveland County Genealogical Library, we find several books that are essentially collections of photographs from early Norman and other Cleveland County communities. The Cleveland County Historical Society gathered photographs from many sources for *A Centennial Album of Cleveland County 1889-1989*.

In 1995, Jim Miller compiled photographs donated from a number of individuals to produce *A Pictorial History of Norman and Cleveland County*, a special project of the *Norman Transcript*.

Several Cleveland County residents, in writing their personal or family stories, have become chroniclers, contributing also to the body of knowledge about certain aspects of Cleveland County history.

Orion M. Burkett, a longtime educator in Cleveland County, taught thirteen years in one-room rural schools, including Denver, Capshaw, Twelve Corner, Canada, Blackburn, and Alamo. In Norman, he spent thirty years as principal at Jefferson, McKinley, and Wilson elementary schools. His book, *Growing Up With Oklahoma*, is a

collection of family stories, recollections of the rural one-room schools and the elementary schools in Norman where he taught. Mr. Burkett's second book, *Fringe Forest & Hill Country*, devotes many pages to the history of the rural schools in Cleveland County.

The First Settlers on the Old Red Hill, 1889: Joshua C. Clarke and Family was published in 1957 by Xenia Clarke Askew. This is primarily the story of one family who settled on the Red Hill at approximately N.E. 23rd Street and Rock Creek Road after the Run. When the family moved to town, the author describes family, places, neighbors, and events in the early years of Norman's existence.

Other chroniclers have chosen to write about their community. Linda Hall Smith's *Memories of Rose Hill* summarizes research from a variety of local records and includes community news clippings from early newspapers. Similarly, Herral and Hilda Howell gathered stories about their community for *When Corbett Flourished: The Early Years*.

Spring Hill: A Place to Call Home is Inez Thompson Simmons' effort to preserve the heritage of her community east of Lexington. Norman's Jefferson School celebrated its centennial with *Jefferson Elementary 1894-1994*, including historical highlights of the school and memories of former students and teachers. First National Bank of Moore sponsored *History of Moore, Oklahoma*, which was edited by Hugh and Dona Belle Cosby.

Several group efforts have added to the literature of Cleveland County history. The Cleveland County Historical Society published *Pioneers and Early Settlers of Cleveland County, Oklahoma 1889-1925*. These stories about pioneer families were written in

1973 by the then-current generation. The foreword states this book was published "in order that those people who come later, and succeeding generations of pioneers and settlers may know the history of Cleveland County and the part played by them in history.

The Academy of Retired Professionals in the College of Liberal Studies at the University of Oklahoma produced *Centennial Stories*, the culmination of a project to collect and publish untold stories about the University of Oklahoma in its first hundred years, 1890 to 1990.

The churches of Cleveland County, appreciative of their history, have published books that document and preserve that history for posterity. Some of these works are authored by individuals and others by committee.

First Presbyterian Church of Norman is represented by *1891-1991: Celebrating Our First Century*. Micah P. Smith Jr. wrote another account of this church's first century, *The Biography of a Century-old Church: First Presbyterian in Norman, Oklahoma 1891-1991*.

Lucille S. Belknap's original intention was to write a history of St. John's Episcopal Church. But the project grew as she included events

in Oklahoma and in Norman that impacted the church. The result was an impressive volume, *Beginnings, Oklahoma, Norman, the Little Church: The History of St. John's Episcopal Church 1892-1980*.

Baptist churches in Norman are represented by *A Glance at the Past Twenty Years, 1963-1983*, a history of Bethel Baptist Church, and by *A History of the First Baptist Church 1889-1989*.

Merrill T. Pence authored *Cleveland County Oklahoma Churches of Christ 1889-1945*.

Mary Joyce Rodgers produced *A Priceless Heritage—Shining Diamond Bright for 75 Years: McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church 1924-1999*.

A former member of Shiloh Methodist Church asked CCGS for help in preserving records of that church. Our Evelyn Parker took on the project, and *Shiloh Remembered* is the result.

Cleveland County is 116 years young. Ordinary people in every generation have recorded segments of its history.

Do you have a story of Cleveland County—people, places, or events—that needs to be told?

You, too, can be a historian.

Just start writing!

Spell Czech

Eye halve a spelling checker. It came with my pea sea.
 It plainly marques for my revue miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
 Eye strike a key and type a word and weight for it to say
 Weather eye an wrong oar write. It shows me straight a weigh.
 As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee fore two long,
 And eye can put the error rite. Its rarely ever wrong.
 Eye have run this poem threw it, I am shore pleased to no.
 Its letter perfect in it's weigh. My chequer tolled me sew.

Sauce Unknown

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Newspaper Abstracts

A Hundred Years Ago...

Norman Democrat-Topic • *Friday, December 1, 1905*

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

Local News

Jacob Kempus who lives near Franklin was in town Tuesday for a load of lumber. While returning home his team became scared near the Catholic church and he fell under the wagon, the wheels passing over his body. No bones were broken and it is thought that he will be able to be moved to his home in a few days.

Marriage License Issued

Harvey A. Wilson, 30 Stella
Lulu E. Bingham, 18 Stella

Walter Whitlock, 21 Lexington
Josephine Peltier, 19 Lexington

Jesse L. Shull, 28 Oklahoma City
Edna L. Turner, 19 Norman

For Rent

Seven room house, plastered and papered, water furnished, electric lights, barn and buggy shed. Located on Main Street. Priced right.

Nesbitt, McFarland & Brewer

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harmon Tuesday.

J. S. Carter, aged 48 years, died Tuesday morning in Norman. The remains were shipped to Bardwell, Kentucky, for interment. The deceased has been a resident here for six months and was engaged in peddling merchandise.

Chas. Stewart of Lexington was seriously cut and bruised in a fight with parties from Lindsay at Lexington Monday night. Stewart raised the row and drew his gun which resulted in him getting the worst of it. He refused to prosecute the parties and they were turned loose.

School Notes

E. H. Austin began school at Twelve corners November 20.

M. C. Carr was in Norman last Monday. His school has not begun yet and he is spending his time hunting and having a good time.

Miss Tine Webster went to Canada school last Sunday evening. She was initiated into the mysteries of the teaching fraternity last Monday.

Stella

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emory were shopping in Newalla Saturday.

T. J. Orrick and little son, Oscar, were McLoud visitors Saturday.

A new girl made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Coffman recently.

Misses Anna Stowe, Stella Doolen, and Bessie Williams were the guests of Miss Frieda Ferhle Sunday.

Died, near Case the 24th inst., J. M. Baldwin of typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death. He was laid to rest in the Stella cemetery last Saturday afternoon. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of all.

New State Notes

Seven horses, affected with glanders, have been killed recently in Blaine County by order of the territorial sanitary board.

The two McAlesters are having a severe time with burglars. Scarcely a night passes that from one to four houses are not visited.

William Austin of Wayne, I.T., has been granted a patent on a railway tie.

Andrew Carnegie, in a letter to the city council, offers \$10,000 for a public library in Muskogee, if the city will maintain the library out of public funds.

No More Usury

Guthrie: Capt. Frank Frantz, the Osage Indian agent has received instructions from the interior department, to notify all bankers and traders operating in the Osage Indian nation that the department will no longer sanction the loaning of money to Indians at any higher rate than that fixed by the statutes.

Lexington

Lelia Marcum is quite sick this week.

Harry Hutchin and Arthur Sherman made the usual weekly trip from Norman, Tuesday afternoon. Something attractive in Lexington.

A. C. Moses has accepted the position of janitor of the public school building.

Mrs. J. S. Owsley, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Tom Thornton for the past two weeks, returned home last Friday.

Died—On the 23rd inst, J. D. Womack. Mr. Womack had been sick for some time with typhoid fever. Interment at the Willow View cemetery Friday. The deceased leaves a wife and several children. *The Topic* extends sympathy.

Buys Farm

J. E. Pennington, who sold his farm north of town several months ago, has recently purchased the Horace Kirby farm ten miles northwest of Norman. Mr. Pennington came to the conclusion that Oklahoma was good enough for him.

**Norman Democrat-Topic
Friday, December 8, 1905**

Moore

C. H. Brand departed for Tyler, Texas Monday.

Robert E. Fry is preparing to move to his farm near Tuttle I.T.

J. K. Cohee was in Moore Monday to get a weavers loom which he had purchased from Mrs. Ellen Carlson.

Rev. J. M. Corn of Norman, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon at the Moore Baptist church Thanksgiving day.

John Duck of the Elm Grove vicinity was in Moore Wednesday to visit his nephew John Duck who comes on a visit from Dearborn, Clay county, Missouri.

J. E. Hinkle is doing carpenter work in Oklahoma City.

J. Schnitzler of Norway, Iowa, was the guest of his brother C. E. Schnitzler, last week.

Mrs. John Keck and daughter called Saturday and renewed their subscription to the Democrat-Topic.

Red Oak

J. H. Willingham recently purchased 40 acres of land in section two. Consideration \$400.

Poley Davis and bride passed through here last week on their return from Byars, I.T., where they were united in marriage. Mrs. Davis is the daughter of our worthy county commissioner, Jos. Cobb.

For Sale: — A good young cow, fresh; sell on reasonable terms. — Mrs. J. H. Hall. Two blocks north and one block east of City National Bank.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Geo. S. Berglan, 24 Norman
Katie Wheeler, 18 Franklin

Leonard Johnson, 21 Maguire
Eula West, 20 Hall

Jas. L. Goodrich, 38 Norman
Ellen Eskew, 22 Norman

Dan Lawrence (col), 23 Newalla
Geneva Whitley (col), 22 Newalla

Edgar Jones, 21 Denver
Maud Hakstein, 18 Norman

Blaine D. Martin, 23 Norman
Carrie M. Reed, 23 Norman

Corbett

Belew and sons are almost through ginning for this season.

W. H. Clark and family visited with Mrs. Agie near Lexington last Sunday.

S. S. Dennison and sons returned from Nebraska last Saturday. They report fine crops up there.

The Citizen Telephone people held a meeting last Friday night. Hope they will stop the rubbering on the line.

Helsel

Miss Nannie Fuller of Mesa, Washington, is visiting relatives and friends in this community. Miss Fuller was formerly a resident of Helsel, but removed to Washington one year ago. Although the far west offers greater attractions financially, Miss Fuller still loves the Oklahoma land best.

Dr. W. E. Walker made a business trip to Shawnee Monday.

Richard Conkling came down from Norman Wednesday and spent Thanksgiving with home folks.

J. W. Harris of Tupelo, Mississippi, is visiting relatives at this place. Mr. Harris thinks of locating in Oklahoma.

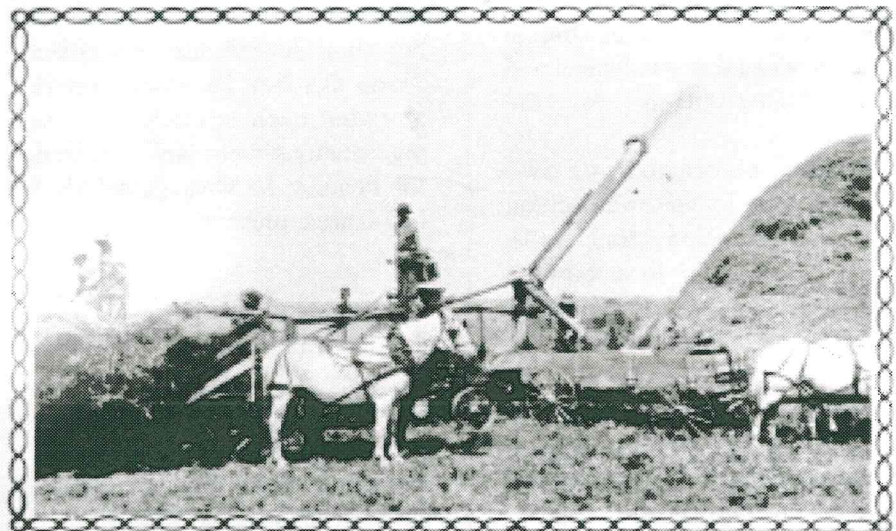
Franklin

Mrs. DeValk is on the sick list.

Dr. Hoshall was a professional visitor at Stella Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Shultz are rejoicing over a new daughter who arrived Wednesday.

Miss Kate Wheeler and George Berglan were united in marriage at the bride's home Thanksgiving.



CCGS News

Meetings

September

Members met to visit and share stories of their summer travels and genealogical findings.

October

Dr. Randall Coyne spoke of the importance of grandparents in children's lives. He then led our group down memory lane as we shared special memories of our own grandparents.

Open House

On Friday, October 21st, the Community Services Building, Inc. held Open House in celebration of its 10th Anniversary.

An award ceremony, hosted by the CSBI Board President and the Director, Becky Aguilar, began the event at 11:00 a.m. Nominees for the new CSBI Awards were presented and the winners announced.

Mary Joyce Rodgers, who volunteers for several agencies housed at CSBI, was announced as winner of the first annual Sally Groves Award to an outstanding volunteer. In her acceptance speech, Mrs. Rodgers said, in part, "This new award is really a recognition of the work of every volunteer and their contribution to the community."

CCGS nominated our own Evelyn Parker for this award, citing Evelyn's contribution of time, funds, space, and expertise to support the objectives of our Society. Even though Evelyn didn't win the big prize, she is definitely an outstanding volunteer in our eyes.

Following this recognition ceremony, Progressive Lunch Tours of the building agencies began.

Members of CCGS, with our neighboring agencies, Mission Norman and Schools Attuned, offered coffee, punch, and lemonade with chips and dip, a vegetable platter, and desserts. Thanks to contributions from our members, the serving counter was covered with delicious goodies.

We were pleased to visit with representatives from City Hall, the County Commissioner's office, community leaders, and CSBI Board members, as well as neighboring agencies. More than 50 people participated.

From 4 to 6 p.m. the same day, we invited early members of our Society and staff members from the Norman Public Library to share coffee, cake and other desserts, and to tour our Library and Archives. Nova Hornback provided an appropriately decorated sheetcake of white and chocolate with a cream filling. This event was part of our recognition of our 25th Anniversary. Again, a good time was had by all.

Beginner Workshops

In observance of Family History Month in October, CCGS offered a two-part series of workshops for beginning genealogists on October 2 and October 16. Four persons attended each session, and the presentations were well received. Jan Fendley, Jo Mustoe, and Mary Lewis were presenters.

Congratulations

CCGS member G. Kay Hill and his wife, Dore' Ripper Hill recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In November, they will join their children and grandchildren at Disney World.

Dues

Membership dues for 2006 may be paid at any time. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. Dues remain at the same level as last year:

Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$18.00
Library Sponsor	\$30.00
Corporate Associate	\$40.00
Corporate Sponsor	\$100.00

We have been informed that, due to increased utility costs, the CSBI board is considering rent increases. We will really appreciate your tax-deductible donation over and above the dues to help us with this added expense.

The CCGS Board plans to study our society's needs and the dues structures of other societies during the coming year, with the possibility of revising our dues for the 2007 membership year.

Garage Sale

The date for our annual garage sale fund-raising event at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds has been set. On Saturday, March 25th, 2006, we will again offer booth space in the Fairgrounds Arena building to other Norman non-profit groups.

It's not too soon to begin collecting a boxful or a bagful of your slightly used items. Your donations help to raise funds for our Society. The Garage Sale is an important part of our budget—and it's a great way to clear out a few things to make way for new favorites.

We find clothing, shoes, and purses do not sell well. Household goods of all kinds—particularly working electrical appliances—do bring in good money.

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In February and March, we will be collecting your donated items at the CCGS Library. In the meantime, we would appreciate your suggestion of other Norman groups who should be invited to participate in this community fundraiser.

Deaths

We extend sympathy to Sherrie Stansel, whose father, Dale C. Salyer, died August 22, 2005.

Our sympathy also to Mary Sue Schnell, whose mother died in Michigan October 13, 2005.

Long-time member Helen Merkle died October 27th in Norman. She was born in the family home on West Main Street, the present site of Carriage Plaza. She and her sister, Elisabeth, (who predeceased her, as did her brothers, John, Ralph, and Frank Merkle) were members of CCGS for many years.

Around & About

Family History Books Online

The Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University, in collaboration with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City is digitizing family histories and making them available online at <www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu>. To date 4,000 books have been placed online. There is no charge to access and use this site.

A variety of search options, including geographic and full-text, are available to help locate relevant material. The Family History Library Catalog at <www.familysearch.org> also has links to family histories that have been digitized.

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Celebrating the Open House and CCGS'25th Anniversary are Sue Lollis, Jo Mustoe, Mary Lewis, Nova Hornback, and Velma Appl. (Photos courtesy of David Lollis.)



CCGS Calendar of Events

Society Meetings

7:00 p.m. Career Center Conference Room, CSBI Building

- December 20
Christmas Social
- January 17
Chester Cowan
Our Old Photos: Questions and Answers with Chester Cowan
- February 21
Dr. David Lollis
Managing Photographs and Video Interviews on Your Computer
- March 21
Charles Clark
Pottawatomie Tribe's New Cultural Heritage Center
- April 18
Glenda Argo
Treasures from Family Trunks

Writers Group

10:00 a.m. – CCGS Library

- December 14
- January 11
- February 8
- March 8

Genealogy

Computer Interest Group

Wednesday, November 30 – 10 a.m.
Norman Public Library's Computer Lab

Board Meetings

1:00 p.m. – CCGS Library

- December 12
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All about PERSI, the subject index to articles published in genealogical and local history materials, which is published by the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. *GRIVA News & Notes*, Vol. XXV, No. 4, June 2005.

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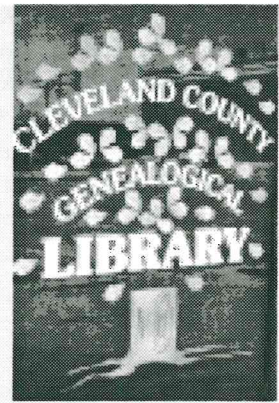
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Was your ancestor a Southern Loyalist? The Southern Claims Commission was established in 1871 to settle the claims of southerners who remained loyal to the Union during the Civil War. This article tells how to access online indexes for claims submitted in Tennessee and North Carolina. *Federation of Genealogical Societies Forum*, Vol. 17, No. 2, Summer 2005.

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140	Neal, James Cornelius	11 Dec 1905	07 Dec 1905	Y	Widow & Adm: Laura H. Neal Sons: Arden, Earl & Hobart Neal Daus: Ophe & Veda Neal
450	Neel, Dow D.	15 Aug 1917	11 Dec 1904		Sis: V. H. Lane Adm: J. P. Lane
90-L 90	Nelson, Edward B.	23 Dec 1919	05 Dec 1919		Widow: Cynthia L. Nelson
82-L 82	Nemecek, Anthon	07 Sep 1918	08 Jan 1915		Widow: Delia Nemecek Sons: Joseph A., George O. & James Nemecek Daus: Maggie Ward & Marie Townley
516	Nemecek, Joseph	17 Oct 1919	Aug 1896		Son & Adm: Joe Nemecek 15 Heirs: Sons, Grsons, Grdaus
54-L 54	Nesbitt, J. W.	15 Apr 1914	31 Mar 1914	Y	Widow: Amanda Nesbitt
739	Neugebauer, Wilhelm	04 May 1925	27 Apr 1911		Widow: Thressa Neugebauer
16-L 27	Neugebauer, Wilhelm	20 Nov 1911	29 Apr 1911		Widow: Theresa Neugebauer Sons: Wilhelm, Alois, Albert & Frank Neugebauer Dau: Anna Neugebauer
476	Newcomer, Rebbecca	26 Aug 1918	14 Aug 1914		Adm: Theodore Newcomer Heirs: Jennie E. Mosteller & Kate A. Usmer
81-L 81	Newville, Abraham	25 Jul 1918	15 Jan 1898		Widow: Jane Newville Son: J. M. Newville
779	Newville, J. M.	12 Jan 1926	05 Jan 1926		Son & Adm: Hugh J. Newville
195	Nobert, Frank	29 Nov 1907	23 Nov 1907		Widow: Obline Nobert
642	Nolan, Tony J.	15 Nov 1922	03 Nov 1922	Y	Widow: Louisa Nolan Sons: George, Jerome & William Nolan Daus: Mary & Eugenia Nolan
336	Noland, Christina May	14 Nov 1912	07 Jan 1910		Widower: L. S. Noland Parents: T. S. & Margaret Bourassa
701	Norris, Jonas N.	02 Sep 1924	29 Aug 1924		Nephews: John & Will Norris
733	Northcutt, Eliza Ann Elizabeth	09 Apr 1925	01 Feb 1925		Chn: Corbet Owens, Grady, Pearl & Perry Northcutt
84-G-L 84	Northcutt, Pervy N.	03 Oct 1918			Minor: Wynona Irene Northcutt
85-L 85	Northcutt, Pervy N.	04 Dec 1918	01 Oct 1918		Died in France, WWI Widow: Bertha Lee Northcutt Dau: Wynona Northcutt
588	Novak, Josie	15 Aug 1921	29 Jul 1918		Widower: Frank Novak Jessie J. (Adm), Frank W. & Bessie M. Novak
3	Nowlin, Elizabeth S.	14 Jan 1901	14 May 1893		Heirs: James, Thomas, Fred, William B., Mattie, Etta, Payton & May
UN	O'Connor, John	05 May 1893	26 Apr 1893		

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UN	Odell, William B., Sr.	25 Oct 1898	23 Oct 1898		Widow: Elizabeth Odell W. B. Odell, Jr.
UN	Oden, P. G.	19 Jun 1899	23 Sep 1898		File Incomplete
UN	Olander, Otto	1900			File Incomplete
329	Oldham, N. F.	22 Jul 1912	04 Apr 1907		Died in Cowley, KS Widow: Alla Oldham Heir: Eva J. Oldham (15)
950	Oliphant, D. S.	15 Oct 1928	09 Oct 1928	Y	Widow: Sarah J. Oliphant
752	Oliver, Nancy J.	21 Jul 1925	13 Aug 1924		Widower & Adm: James A. Oliver Sons: Fred G. & William S. Oliver Dau: Nellie G. Oliver
227	Orrick, Thomas J.	08 Feb 1909	28 Feb 1908		Widow: Ellen Orrick Son: Oscar Orrick
UN	Ott, M. A.	19 Dec 1899	21 Sep 1899		Son: G. W. Ott
UN	Ott, M. A.	11 Oct 1899			File Incomplete
522	Owen, George H.	12 Aug 1920	11 Nov 1919		Widow: Ollie Owen Numerous Adult Heirs
444	Owen, Thomas	11 May 1917	04 May 1917		Widow & Adm: Emma Owen Dau: Annie E. McNutt
237	Owens, Josiah L.	24 Apr 1909	19 Mar 1909	Y	Widow: Mary E. Owens Son: Charles Owens Daus: Annie Donovan, Louisa Gates & Emma Gough
6-L 16	Page, John	23 Apr 1911	16 Apr 1911	Y	Widow: Sarah J. Page
669	Pahlman, Margaret C.	19 May 1923	12 Sep 1916	Y	Widower: Herman J. Pahlman 6 Chn
843	Palmer, James P.	10 Jan 1927	11 Sep 1924		Widow: Jennie P. Palmer Nisbett
UN	Parker, Aaron K.	28 Jan 1897	06 Jul 1893		Widow: Lizzie Parker Dau: Hetty M. Parker Haughey
406	Parker, D. S. Parker, Harriet L.	01 Dec 1915	27 Feb 1910 06 Sep 1915	(H) (W)	Joint Probate Son & Adm: G. B. Parker Heir: Ivis S. Sturgis
197	Parnell, Madison E.	27 Dec 1907	21 Dec 1907		Widow: Sarah F. Parnell
144	Parr, Marion O.	13 Jan 1906	12 Dec 1905		Widow & Adm: Ida Parr Dowd Sons: Arthur E. & Alton P. Parr Daus: Agnes U. & Wanette Parr
130	Partlow, George R.	18 Jul 1905			Widow: Clara Partlow Daus: Georgia E. & Azella M. Partlow
393	Patterson, Matthias F.	13 Aug 1915	10 Aug 1915	Y	Widow: Mary Ellen Patterson
348	Patterson, Samuel H.	05 Apr 1913	30 Jan 1913	Y	Widow: Martha Patterson Chn: Susie O. & James Patterson, Mollie Matthews, Mattie Munson, Daniel & Ed A. Patterson (Adm) & Ida May Glenn
364	Patton, John C.	14 Jan 1914	27 Feb		Widow: Mollie F. Patton Sons: Claude R. & Paul X. Patton Daus: Jessie Pearl Port & Mabel C. Howard

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451	Paull, Charles E.	15 Aug 1917	23 Jul 1917			Adm: Alice M. Paull
471	Paull, Emily	18 May 1918	14 Feb 1911			Sons: James C. (62) & John W. Paull (53) Daus: Alice M. (57) & Ida B. Earlywine Paull (55)
260	Paull, William J.	02 Mar 1910	24 Feb 1910			Widow: Emily Paull Sons: James C., Charles E., J. M., J. B. & J. W. Paull
170	Payne, Elkana	05 Feb 1907	31 Jan 1901			Died in Grundy County, MO Son & Adm: Marquis Payne
573	Payne, Maggie M.	23 Mar 1921	28 Feb 1906			Widower: Silas A. Payne Son: Wesley Ray Payne Dau: Zelma Dora Payne Peterson
936	Payton, Chester	20 Jun 1928	26 Mar 1928			Widow: Beatrice Payton (23) Dau: Betty Ellen Payton (3)
634	Payton, L.	27 Sep 1922	14 Mar 1898			Widow: Elizabeth Payton
UN	Payton, Logan	18 Mar 1898	14 Mar 1898			Widow: E. E. Payton Son: Beecher Payton Dau: Delia Payton
797	Pearce, Christopher T.	06 Apr 1926	27 Jan 1925	Y		Widow & Adm: Mary Jane Burnett Pearce Sons: Theodore A., William C. & George V. Pearce
934	Pearce, Mary Jane	07 Jun 1928	29 May 1928			Sons: Theodore A., William C. & George V. Pearce Grdau: Stella Haley Nelson
886	Pearce, Willis L.	27 Jul 1927	08 Oct 1918			Widow: Ada D. Pearce Ferguson Son: Willis L. Pearce, Jr.
165	Perkinson, T. P.	07 Nov 1906	13 Nov 1905			Bro & Adm: H. A. Perkinson
153	Perry, W. H.	19 Apr 1906	16 Apr 1906	Y		Heirs: Alice & J. W. Tucker, Fannie Hampton, Flossie, Robert & Victor Hampton
960	Perryman, Love	11 Dec 1928	07 Dec 1928			Heirs: Owen Gibson, Gertie Cook & O. E. Gibson (Adm)
659	Peters, S. H.	29 Apr 1923	29 Feb 1916			Widow: Mrs. S. H. Peters Sons: J. R., Henry, Rhen, William & Dove Peters Daus: Myrtle Kidd & Ruth Forehand
526	Petty, John W.	25 Feb 1920	22 Feb 1920			Widow & Adm: Mae Petty Son: Ralph Petty Daus: Opal Petty Schrader, Ida Belle & Esther Petty
UN	Pfeffer, Joseph	23 Apr 1894	10 Apr 1894			Widow: Louisa Pfeffer Chn: Frankie, Ella Lena, Joseph & Edward Pfeffer
395	Phelan, Jennie E.	21 Aug 1915	17 Aug 1915			Died in New York Son: W. W. Phelan
862	Philbeck, George B.	15 Mar 1927	16 Sep 1919			Died in Chestney, SC Sis & Adm: Estelle Carr

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