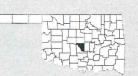
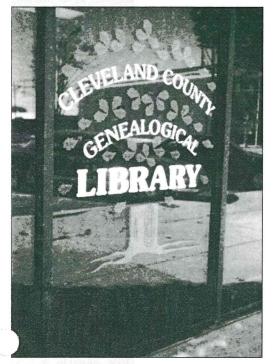
Cleveland County Genealogical Society



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This painting was on the window when the CCGS Library was located on West Main Street. We moved our library from that location to our present-day site in 2004.

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CCGS 30th Anniversary Celebration

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of its founding with an Open House at the CCGS Library on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

We invite early members of CCGS, current and former members, and our supporters in the community to join us for the festivities. Memorabilia of the early years of our Society will be displayed. Cake and punch will be served.

Thirty years ago in March, 1980, Louana Bowker, Tressie Weathers and Katherine M. Matthews worked together to form the Moore Pioneer Genealogical Society. They held their first meeting of the organization April 15, 1980. The early meetings alternated between the homes of members in Moore and Norman.

The organization's newsletter first appeared in October 1980. Members began by creating surname files. They offered genealogical workshops to the public in their second year.

Because interest extended to Norman and other parts of Cleveland County, the group reorganized in May, 1981, under the name Cleveland

County Genealogical Society.

The Society began canvassing cemeteries and creating indexes of early Cleveland County marriage records. Their first publication, featuring early marriage records, was published in 1984. The group now has produced over 70 publications covering a variety of early Cleveland County records.

CCGS began hosting full-day genealogy seminars in 1987 and will host its 24th annual summer seminar this coming July.

Early members listed books and journals in their personal libraries that they were willing to share with others. In September 1990, the Society established a genealogy library, open to the community. The location has changed several times over the years as the collection grew. The current location in the CSBI Building houses over 6000 titles in books and journals, as well as a large collection of original Cleveland County records.

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Society receives no financial support from any governmental source. Its genealogy library and other programs are funded primarily by membership dues, the Society's fund-raising efforts, and donations from the community.

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— President's Message —

By: Mary Lewis

This month we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the organization that eventually became the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

This issue of the CCGS Newsletter will feature several aspects of our Society's history, including early activities of the Society, recognition of the many volunteers who expended time and energy to create and publish indexes to many Cleveland County records, and leadership through the years.

Let's recall what it was like to be researching one's ancestry thirty years ago, in 1980.

Everyone created Family Group Sheets in pencil and filed them in notebooks. We created individual pedigree charts, also in pencil, as the need arose.

Letter-writing was a basic genealogy skill. We always included a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We wrote letters to courthouses in counties where our ancestors lived. If we were lucky, they had a deed, will, or marriage license; we could mail a check to receive a copy.

Copiers were rare in 1980, and copies were expensive. Making copies of our correspondence involved inserting a sheet of carbon paper between two sheets of plain paper before writing, or inserting the pages into a typewriter.

We looked forward to the latest issue of *Genealogical Helper* arriving in our mail box. We scanned the index for our surnames. When we found an individual or a book that appeared to connect to our family, we wrote a letter, addressed an envelope,

affixed a 15¢ stamp, and waited weeks for a response.

We also wrote queries to genealogy columns in newspapers, such as Mary Goddard's "We the People" in the *Oklahoman*. If we could find a genealogy column in the area where our ancestors settled, we sent queries there also. Sometimes we were lucky enough to receive one or more clues to follow up on.

In 1980 I transcribed some letters held in my mother's family since Civil War days. When I put them together in a book, I typed every page on my IBM electric typewriter. If I found a typographical error, I re-typed the entire page. I must have typed that book at least four times over before all pages were flawless.

The best research involved travel. Most of my family's research was conducted in court houses or state libraries. It was the rare local library that held much family history or local history. Sometimes, if we were lucky, our inquiries led us to local-history experts in the area.

We used road maps and local inquiry to locate ancestral cemeteries. We took photographs of tombstones, but we could not view the pictures until we sent the film someplace to have it developed and printed.

If we needed to make a phone call to the folks at home, we had to find a telephone booth in a public place. Once the number was dialed, we'd better have enough change to pay for the call.

That was thirty years ago. How times—and genealogy research—have changed!

It's been busy the past 30 years

BY JO MUSTOE

In the 30 year history of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society, we have had many occasions to appreciate the vision and diligence of our earliest members. Their example has kept us moving forward to preserve Cleveland County records.

Volume 1, Number 1 of the CCGS Newsletter, published in October 1980, tells of plans to compile marriage records from the earliest Cleveland County marriage book, which covered the years 1889 to 1901.

This meant climbing to the attic of the courthouse — a dusty, disorganized, poorly lit pile — to abstract critical information. The project was put on hold for the summer of 1980, as the attic was just too hot to work.

The data, once gathered, was later copied, typed, indexed, verified, and typed once again for publication. The abstracting process took 183 volunteer hours and four years for the first two books. In January, 1984, the first book was available for sale to the public.

Since that first book was published, we have continued to publish materials to make the data easier to research. Currently, marriage records are indexed through 1943, and we are preparing the next volume.

CCGS has also created indexes for the earliest probate files, divorce records, naturalization cases, and civil court cases. Meyer & Meyer, Primrose, and Mayes funeral home records have been copied and indexed. Our newest publication is Guardian Mayes records between 1993 and 2007.

Every cemetery in Cleveland County—with one exception—has been canvassed,

indexed, and published.

All these projects have required hundreds of volunteer hours. Researchers who visit our library appreciate that the effort of these volunteers makes their search of Cleveland County records an easier experience.

We owe a debt to our early members who led us by example. They continually pushed for the future, remembered the past, and stayed busy in the present to get things done.

Early Members of CCGS

Although a membership list was mailed with the October, 1980, CCGS Newsletter, it appears that the earliest list of members in our files, shown here, is for 1982. This list shows 52 members.

Ashton, Sharron Standifer Kain, Larry Boren, Phyllis Bowker, Louana Bowman, Henry L. Carter, Gerald J. Carter, Lorane Caswell, Wynema Clark, Beulah Claxton, Naomi Coates, Geneva Couch, Edna M. Cox, Geraldine Cox, Harold Cox, Jeanne Davis, Jacqueline Dodson, Gladys Edge, Mary Eskridge, Descygne Gaither, Betty Hanley, Rachel F. Harris, Elizabeth Barbour Harris, Neal W. Jackson, Oscar R. Jr. Jeffries, Becky Jones, Esther Jury, Genevia

Kelley, Donna MacNiven, Dorothy D. Matthews, Katherine M. McCann, Virginia McDonald, Artie Powell McGaha, John Lloyd McGregor, Betty J. Meinders, Hadley Mohon, James L. Morehead, Joan Morrison, Daryl Perry, E. Charlotte Plosila, Helen B. Redpath, Lois Self, Ida Sowers, Kent Stanberry, R. W. Stewart, Cynthia S. Tate, Jan Thompson, Patsy Lou Thomson, Zoel M.

Trotter, Clare Trotter, Dale Wasson, Bonnie Weathers, Tressie

Photo from Early Days of CCGS

1991, Fran and Gene Blair. They bought the padded chairs that we still use today in the library. They made sizeable donations to CCGS. Fran was membership chairman for several years.



Early Day CCGS Volunteers at Work

From the beginning the CCGS Newsletter has noted the efforts of our volunteers. Here is a peek at some of the pages.

October 1982

Thanks! To ten volunteers who put in over 183 hours. We have completed copying the marriage records through 1901....

Remember you might not find your own records elsewhere if volunteers have not copied them! Be generous and donate some time to a project. In the process you will learn from the experience and also help other researchers.

January 1983

We are in the process of rechecking our abstracts of the Cleveland County marriage records. We need two volunteers to each book. One to read out of the book while the other checks our records. The verifying goes much faster than the copying did.

Jan will meet you at the Court House to get you started.

June 1983

Special "thanks" to these volunteers who put in lots of hours verifying our copies of Book I of the Cleveland County Marriage records: Sharron Ashton, Gerald Carter, Naomi Claxton, Geneva Coates, Mary Edge, Dorothy MacNiven, Genivie Jury....

A member of our Society has pledged a very generous donation of \$100 to the publishing fund . . . [it] will help hurry the printing of this book along.

July 1984

Sharron Ashton has entered into her computer the 1891-1897 Marriage Register of Cleveland County. They have already been checked for accuracy. Bids are being obtained for printing prices at this time. . . . Those of you who have made plans to donate to the publishing fund, now is the time.

Winter 1984-1985 (Vol. 6, No. 1)

Many thanks to Genivia Jury and Jan Tate for helping members and others with Cleveland County research problems. Members are invited to request genealogical assistance for a contribution to our publishing fund. For a \$10 or more donation they will check the 1890, 1900 and 1910 census records and deeds for Cleveland County.

Indian Summer 1985 (Vol. 6, No. 3)

Update: At this writing the society's second special publication, Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory Marriage Record Book One: 1890-1895 is being proofed by Genivia Jury and Jan Tate. Once the corrections are made we will begin indexing the 4,320 names. . . . Date of publication is scheduled for 1986.

Veteran's Graves: The remainder of this issue contains the names of veterans buried in Moore and Smith cemeteries compiled by Genivia and Clarence Jury. Thank you for sharing this with us.

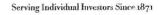
Winter 1987 (Vol. 8, No. 1)

Special Projects Chairman, Eunice Goddard would like for each member to send in their member/surname information sheet.

A list is also being compiled, of genealogical books and quarterlys that each member has that they would be willing to lend to another member. This list should include Book Title and Author.

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With warmer weather here, we will resume indexing the Cleveland Co. Cemeteries. Albert Smith has much of the work completed on Denver, Willow View, and Banner. Clarence Jury has indexed Moore City, and the Smith Cemeteries. Jan Tate and Genivia Jury have canvassed Ford Cemetery. Inez Anderson and Irene Petrick have completed the Swartz. Let us hear from you if you are working on a Cemetery or have indexed any in the last few years.

A zerox machine, to use in copying Mayes Funeral Home Records, is also needed. Work is about to get underway on this project and volunteers are needed also. Contact Eunice Goddard on any of these projects.

The Warren Cemetery index which is contained in this newsletter was taken in January 1986 by Jim and Eunice Goddard, members of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

Fall 1987 (Vol. 8, No. 3)

The surname index prepared by Jim & Eunice Goddard for the Genealogical Society can be picked up by members at the September meeting. Indexes are included in the membership fee or can be purchased for \$2.00 each.

Members working in shifts for three days xeroxing 2596 pages, from the Meyer & Meyer Funeral Home records. Copying was started earlier by Mr. Carter who had copied and indexed the years 1920-1921. Meyer & Meyer records were kept from 1917 to 1957 and are now in the possession of Mayes Funeral Home. We wish to thank Mr. Mayes for his cooperation in this project.

We still need volunteers for copying other funeral home records which will be added to this index to make it as complete as possible. Plans are to publish the materials in the near future.

Winter/Fall 1987 (Vol. 8, No. 4)

An Index to approximately 4000 names of the Meyer & Meyer Funeral Home records dating from 1919 to 1957 are being compiled, with Agnes Brooks as chairman.

Approximately 3000 Mayes Funeral home records were also copied for indexing at a later date. These records are 1956 through 1979.

If you have a computer and would like to help with any of the typing, contact Agnes Brooks.

June 1988 (Vol. 9, No. 2)

Our Membership Chairman, Olier D. Valliere, is developing a membership brochure which will be placed in libraries and given to our members for distribution.

Joyce Grisham, Chairman of the Funeral Home Records project, reports great progress—with completion planned for this summer.

We have had one special meeting to discuss possibilities, plans and ideas for a genealogical library in Norman. There is much interest. We have been very pleased to announce our first donation—a collection of over 150 outstanding books from John McLain Nelson. This is the start of our library.

September 1988 (Vol. 9, No. 3)

Your society has been busy this summer. Please notice the news about

the formation of the First Families of Cleveland County sponsored by the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

On 13 August the society was featured at the community booth at Sooner Fashion Mall. Many members—Clifton Brooks, Margaret Earls, Ann Bailey, Janet Tate, Tressie Nealy (one of our society's founders), Fran Blair, Geneva Coates, Oleta Tolen, Daphine Webster, Mable Ritzman and Agnes Brooksdistributed copies of our new membership brochure and special fliers about the First Families of Cleveland County, the August Workshop and our continued interest in a genealogical library for Norman.

We are quite excited about our projects, our increased membership, our outstanding Newsletter, plus the support and interest of our members.

Cemetery Notes Found in CCGS Newsletters

March 1984

On a recent excursion while "digging for roots" some of our members located Warren Cemetery. Brookhaven Addition surrounds one of the first cemeteries in Norman. The Cemetery covers four acres that has two huge old trees which appeared to be getting ready to bloom. There were many tombstones bearing prestatehood dates.

The card file at the Norman IOOF

Cemetery does not include the burial record for the adjoining Catholic Cemetery. Mr. Jansing at Mayes Funeral Home in Norman has the Catholic records.

Was General Joseph Taylor, who is buried in Smith Cemetery, 19th & Telephone Road, Moore, a real General? Does anyone know? Is this the Joseph Taylor who was one of the first Law Professors at Oklahoma University?

July 1984

The Moore Cemetery, Cleveland County, came into existence shortly after the town of Moore was founded in 1889. J. W. Chestnut had a patent on 160 acres of land immediately west of the village, now the city limits along S.W. Fourth Street. He set aside four acres of land for burial purposes and called it "Chestnut and Moore Cemetery." (The Moore American)

Winter 1987 (Vol. 8, No. 3)

The Warren Cemetery Association was formed on November 9, 1890 as the Liberty Cemetery Association. The name was changed to Warren in 1939.

The Warren Cemetery is located at about the 4500 block of west Robinson street in Norman. Go west on Robinson to Brookhaven Boulevard. Go north on the boulevard to Northridge. Turn west on Northridge about .1 mile, (see Cemetery sign.) Turn north into a onedrive easement between two houses.

Fall 1987 (Vol. 8, No. 3)

The Smith Cemetery (indexed on pages 3 & 4) is located in the corner of Section 26-10N-3W. Many sandstones mark the burial place of unknown persons. Vandalism has been a big problem in the past. The City of Moore now maintains the records and grounds. A fence has been constructed around it to help control problems.

Photo from Early Days of CCGS

1991, Ollie Valliere looks over some of the books to go on our shelves. He was Library Manager for several years.



Photo from Early Days of CCGS

1991, Chris McLoughlin and Alan Montgomery. Both members were quite active in the 1990s.

Chris was our publicity chair for quite some time, and volunteered in the library at times.

Alan was society president for two terms. His wood working experience was lent to build the tables and shelves that we still use today in the library.

Leadership from 1980 through 2010 of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society

President	No. Terms	Years	
Mathews, Kathry	n 1	1980	
Ashton, Sharon	1	1981	
Jeffries, Becky	1	1982	
Jury, Genivia	1	1983	
Coates, Geneva	1	1984	
Ritzman, Mabel	3	1985-1987	
Brooks, Agnes	1	1988	
Ruffin, Jerry	2	1989-1990	
Brooks, Clifton	1	1991	
Woods, Gwen	1	1992-1993	
Grisham, Joyce	2	1993-1995	
Wilson, Ralph	2	1995-1997	
Montgomery, Ala	in 2	1997-1999	
Mustoe, Jo	9	1999-2008	
Lewis, Mary	2	2008-2010	
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1981 Letter could be one we'd send today

While going through newsletters from over the past thirty years, we ran into the letter below. Its message is ageless and could be one we can use anytime:

Open Letter to Our Membership from The Executive Committee (1981-1982)

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society began in March 1980 as the Moore Pioneer Genealogical Society through the efforts of Louana Bowker, Tressie Weathers, and Katherine M. Matthews. We became the Cleveland County Genealogical Society in May 1981 because of the increase in our membership and fuller participation in the County.

Our organization is only as strong as our interest in our meetings and goals. Please let us know what special

genealogical interests you have so we can try to have speakers, workshops, or just give individual assistance.

Our organization was formed to share information and to have fun along our search for our ancestors.

We wish to thank our members for their active participation.



Photo from Early Days of CCGS

Mabel Ritzman and Albert Smith. These were two very active members in our society. Mabel, a retired speech and debate teacher, oversaw the seminars for many years, an undaunting task. If she saw something needing to be done, she did it.

Albert discovered the county school records being discarded and rescued them. Today they play an important part in our history and provide a lot of information for researchers.



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_ Pioneer Library System_

The Three Faces of Ancestry.com

BY KATHRYN RAMSAY, LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY RESOURCES LIBRARIAN, PIONEER LIBRARY SYSTEM

Ancestry.com is the world's largest online resource for family history and a pioneer in online family history research. Through Ancestry.com's sophisticated online search technologies, four billion digitized and indexed historical records are available to online researchers. To date, over 11 million family trees containing more than 1.1 billion profiles have been added by a community of researchers. Ancestry.com has changed the way the world does family history research.

Ancestry.com makes its enormous resources available in three different ways, the three faces of Ancestry.com: It is a website which offers a variety of free services to registered family history researchers. It is an enormous on-line subscription record resource for family history. It is a free genealogy research database offered in hometown libraries to Pioneer Library System customers.

The free services website face of Ancestry.com is available to those who register with an email address and a password. These services include family tree building, collaboration via message boards and a "Member Connect" feature for sharing family tree information and the Ancestry.com Learning Center.

Family trees built on Ancestry.com are attractive and interactive, and offer a variety of ways to view the information stored in them. Information for trees can be found by searching 29,000 databases, although without a subscription full information is not included in the search results.

Ancestry provides 'hints' about the records and resources in which information may be found by automatically searching its databases as each person is added to a tree. The Learning Center features videos, articles and 'webinars' for all levels of research experience.

The online subscription face of Ancestry.com looks the same as the free services website. The accessibility to records, however, is much greater, including images

Photo from Early Days of CCGS

Gwen Woods and Eunice Goddard. Gwen served as the president for one term, and also as the Library Director. Eunice and her husband, Jim, surveyed Warren Cemetery and provided details along with headstone info. They also helped others with research before the days of computers.

of original records. A Deluxe Annual subscription costs \$12.95 per month for unlimited access to all U.S. record collections. A World Deluxe Annual subscription costs \$24.95 per month for unlimited access to all records from the UK, Ireland, Germany, Australia, Italy, France and Sweden, with new world-wide content added each week. Access to family tree building, including automatic searching for 'hints', message boards and the Learning Center is included in the subscription.

The free genealogy research database face of Ancestry.com is available to customers with library cards in the hometown libraries of the Pioneer Library System, where it is known as AncestryLibrary. Records from many U.S. and world-wide databases are available, about 6,800 in all, and images of original records may be viewed, then printed or saved to a personal USB drive.

An Ancestry.com subscription or in-library use of AncestryLibrary provides a researcher with complete access to the only completely indexed online U.S. Federal Census collection. Every name in every extant census from 1790 to 1930 is indexed. According to Ancestry.com advertising, researchers using these databases will also find "the most comprehensive online compilation of U.S. ship passenger lists from 1820-1960, the largest online collection African American historical documents and the most comprehensive online collection of U.S. military records."

Online resources have revolutionized family history research. Not everything is on the Internet, of course. But with more and more people getting involved in family history because of the ease of online research, the number of resources available both online and from publishers is growing at a rapid rate. This benefits every type of researcher, from the Internet-savvy newbie to the experienced veteran who prefers the adventure of pursuing real printed records in historic old courthouses.



CCGS News

Meetings

November

The O.U. Speakers Bureau's most popular program, Dr. Bill Crynes, spoke at the CCGS meeting and showed photos of *Outhouses of the World*.

He related a little history, a little archeology, and showed examples of innovation from China to Kosovo to Columbia. We saw outhouses in castles, at Mount Everest base camp, and every variety in between.

Dr. Crynes first visited us four years ago. He promises to return again in 2013 with his third program, *Outhouses in Oklahoma*.

December

Our members spent a delightful evening sharing memories of Christmases past.

January

This meeting featured the video, *Migration Routes and Settlement Patterns 1607-1870*, by Dr. George K. Schweitzer.

Internet Workshop

Sherry Leafgreen, Mary Sue Schnell, and Jimmy Baker will lead an

internediate workshop, Internet Genealogy Skills, Sunday, April 11th.

The event will be held in the CSBI classroom from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registration for the event is \$15, if received by April 5, and \$17 if received after that date.

Jean McCracken and Nova Hornback are Co-Managers of the CCGS Library,

New Library Managers

At their January meeting, the CCGS Board of Directors named Jean McCracken and Nova Hornback to serve as Library co-Managers. Their term of office runs from January 1 through December 31, 2010.

Jean has been a long-time volunteer in the CCGS library, focusing especially on organization of divorce and probate records and surname files. She has encyclopedic knowledge of Cleveland County names and places.

Nova worked in various positions at the Norman Public Library for a number of years and has volunteered in the CCGS library since her retirement. We welcome her organizational skills.

Our new library managers invite volunteers to help in the library a few hours each month. Help is needed to greet guests and researchers, answer the phone, make copies, file books or materials, or assist with simple indexing projects.

If you would like to help, please email ccgs@csbi.org or call our office at 701-2100 any Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Old Ideas are New Again

This issue's focus on the history of CCGS has led us to peruse many newsletters and records from the early years. We were struck with the dedication of the early members, as well as the many hours they devoted to the preservation of Cleveland County records.

The officers also were not bashful about inviting members to become more involved. One newsletter issue, looking forward to the election of officers, stated, "Tell one of the officers if you are interested in being elected to an office."

A nominating committee will be elected at our April meeting, and during the following four weeks they will be seeking a few good people to serve as officers. It really helps if we can give the committee a few names of people who are interested and willing to be elected to office.

Yes, serving as an officer or Board member does require a commitment of time and effort. The amount of work required varies from one office to another.

But there is much to be gained. You learn more about our organization and how it works. You have the opportunity to contribute to

our mission to collect, preserve, share, and educate. In the process, you make new friends as you work with a cross-section of our membership.

Are you interested in serving as a CCGS officer? Tell any current member of our Board. Their names can be found inside page 2 of this newsletter.



Mission of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society

To collect local, historical, and genealogical materials To preserve selected local public records To share our library and archival holdings with the public To promote the development of research skills

A New CCGS Publication

The 71st publication of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society, Guardian/Mayes Funeral Home Records, 1993-2007, has gone to press and will soon be available for purchase.

This book is the result of intensive effort by sixteen volunteers in the spring and fall of 2009. Working mostly in two-hour sessions, they logged a cumulative 312 hours on this project—the equivalent of almost seven forty-hour work weeks.

The book contains 1839 records of funerals conducted by Guardian/ Mayes Funeral Home in Norman during the years 1993 through 2007. It is priced at \$11.00 plus tax (and shipping, if needed).

Recent Beginner Workshop

Nine persons attended the workshop, Genealogy 101: Basic Genealogy Skills, on Sunday afternoon, January 11, 2010. Sarah Pool, Mary Lewis, and Jo Mustoe led the workshop. Marilyn Henry assisted with registration, and Sherry Leafgreen assisted with the question time at the close of the workshop.

CCGS 24th Summer Seminar

Sarah Pool, 2nd Vice President and chair of the Seminar Committee, recently announced plans for the Summer Seminar, to be held Saturday, July 24, 2010, at Norman Community Church of the Nazarene, 1804 North Porter in Norman.

Speaker for the event will be Michael John Neill, who conducts seminars and lectures nationally on a wide variety of genealogical and computer topics and contributes to several genealogical publications.

As plans are completed, more information about the Summer Seminar will be posted on the CCGS Web site, www.rootsweb.com/~okccogs.

Registration forms for the Seminar will be included in the June issue of the CCGS Newsletter.

Workshops

Clayton Library Friends Seminar:

Putting the Genes in Genealogy • Dick Eastman March 27, 2010 • Houston TX • www.claytonlibraryfriends.org

National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference Follow Your Ancestral Trail • April 28 to May 1, 2010 Salt Lake City, Utah • www.ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2010/

Cleveland County Genealogical Society, Michael John Neill July 24, 2010 • Norman Community Church of the Nazarene www.rootsweb.com/~okccogs

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Rediscovering America's First Frontier • August 18-21, 2010 Knoxville Convention Center, Knoxville, TN • www.fgs.org

Calendar =

30th Anniversary Celebration Held at CCGS Library.

> Sunday March 7th From 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Board Meetings

Second Monday 1:00 p.m. at **CCGS Library**

> March 8, 2010 April 12, 2010 May 10, 2010 June 7, 2010

Society Meetings

Third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in CSBI Classroom near CCGS Library

March 16, 2010 April 20, 2010 May 18, 2010 June 15, 2010

Family History Writers Group Second Wednesday each month 10:00 a.m. in CCGS Library

March 10, 2010 April 14, 2010 May 12, 2010 June 9, 2010

Computer Users Group

Norman Public Library Computer Room; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Call 701-2100 to verify date)

> March 24, 2010 April 28, 2010 May 26, 2010 June 23, 2010

Deaths

Paul A. Brinker, husband of Dorothy Brinker, an early member of CCGS, died November 24, 2009 in Norman

Nova Hornback's mother, Hattie C. Palmertree, died December 8, 2009 at the age of 96

100 Years Ago ___

Newspaper Abstracts

Norman Democrat-Topic • Friday, March 4, 1910 (Editor's Note: All newspaper abstracts are typed as originally printed.)

Purcell-Lexington Bridge We are glad to note that rapid progress is being made for the building of a steel bridge across the Canadian river between Lexington and Purcell.

The bridge is to cost \$100,000 of which \$40,000 must be raised by the local people, who will in time get their money back through the purchase of tickets.

The bridge is badly need and will be a paying investment from the start. It means a greater Lexington and at least an increase of 25 per cent in farms for miles in the vicinity of Lexington.

Winans Sells Grocery Store Mr. E. E. Davis, of Hemphill county, Texas, purchased the Winans Mercantile Company grocery stock and took charge Tuesday morning. Mr. Davis is a hustling young business man with considerable experience in the mercantile line.

The same accommodating clerks who have been with Mr. Winans will remain with the new management.

Society News

Miss Lottie Taylor entertained the members of the Swasteki club and their boy friends with a masquerade party Friday evening.

Mrs. George Miller was at home to members of the social hour club Thursday afternoon. An amusing program was given after which delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Carey of Noble and Mrs. Oakmon of Illinois were special guests of the club.

The New Idea 1909 club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gilkey on west Gray street. The house was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue and hatchets were given as souvenirs. A two course luncheon was served by Miss Mary and Lee Gilkey.

Prof. and Mrs. Monnet entertained the Popular Science club Thursday evening.

Moore

The Literary society of Moore will meet Saturday night, March 5th.

Miss Mabel Orr and Bonnie Mauldin entertained quite a number of their friends Sunday. Those present were Miss Mary Miller, Effie Womack, Helen Olander, Exa Womack, Felice Bennet and Miranda Hartwick. All reported a fine time.

Mr. Hutchison, north of Moore has sold his farm and purchased land in Colorado.

Thomas J. Douglas sold his ten acre track of land joining Moore on the west for \$500 per acre Saturday. We believe this is the highest price paid for farm land in Cleveland county, however we understand this is not to be retained as farm land but platted and made a part of the new addition which is coming into our

town on the west. Mr. Douglas and family have moved to Capital Hill where they have purchased property and will make their home. While their residence here they have made many friends who wish them a full measure of success in their new location.

Noble

Miss Maud DeArwand of Norman spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. Jno Dillbeck, returning home Wednesday.

Mrs. F. P. King and baby of Missouri came in Thursday and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. E. Ellinger.

Mrs. C. D. Klinglesmith returned home Friday from Oklahoma City, where she spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Jusson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Motsenbocker of Purcell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motsenbocker Sunday.

Miss Mabel Morris returned home from Willow View where she had been teaching school for the past three months.

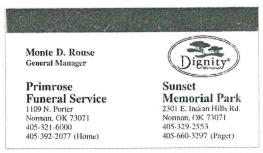
Local News

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Shaffer last Saturday.

Sheriff Newblack was here from Tulsa last Saturday with an insane person.

W. F. Essex and family expect to leave soon for Lubbock, Texas, to reside on a ranch recently purchased.

W. J. Paul, father of Chas. and James Paul, of Moore township, died last Thursday at the sanitarium. the body was intered in the Moore cemetery last Friday. The deceased was 90 years old and he resided west of Moore since 1889.





January 14, 1910

Buckhead

One of Robt. Calhoun's twin babies died Sunday.

W. E. D. Dragoo transacted business in Lexington Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Edgmon is spending this week with Mrs. Ples Chitwood.

Frank LeClare and family, of Sacred Heart, are visiting at Jno. McKinney's.

J. J. Moore and family, of Cross Roads, visited at W. E. D. Dragoo's Sunday.

Joe Mason, of Wewoka, has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Sarah J. Wilson, who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is able to sit up at present.

Mrs. Geo. Finnell and children returned Monday, after a visit with relatives at St. Joe, Texas.

Mrs. S. J. Wilson has sold her farm to Dr. Ball, of Wanette, and will go to New Mexico as soon as she is able to travel.

All the Same to Her

"I must warn you, dearest, that after we are married, you will very likely find me inclined to be arbitrary and dictatorial in my manner."

"No matter, she replied cheerfully. "I won't pay the slightest attention to what you say."



Same Day Service

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February 4, 1910

Grand Jury

The following is a list of grand jurors for the special term which convened in Norman Wednesday: W. A. Upchurch, W. W. Brown, C. S. Gower, F. M. Fishburn, B. F. Moseley, Harrison Griffin, N. Roberts, D. J. Britt, G. J. Fischer, S. S. Denison, John Boydstun, B. E. Russell, Ora Jackson, John Furray, Geo. S. Morris, J. C. Gilbey, J. H. Teague, Jno. Sullivan, J. W. Sherrod, T. J. Luttrell, A. D. Cox and W. M. Harris

March 4, 1910

Death of Geo. W. Kirkland Mr. Geo. W. Kirkland, who lived 5 miles east and 1/2 miles south of Lexington, died Wednesday night after suffering for several years with paralysis.

For many years he has been an invalid. He was an old soldier, highly respected and well liked by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss.

Hon. Scott Ferris had jut gotten a bill through Congress for an increase in his pension, but he never lived to receive the benefit of it.

Lexington-Purcell Bridge It is now an assured fact the bridge connecting Lexington and Purcell will be built, and work will begin in the very near future.

Almost all of the \$20,000, which was asked of Lexington and vicinity, has been subscribed. Only a few hundred dollars are yet to be raised, and the parties to take it are yet

in sight.

The citizens of Purcell and vicinity have almost raised the required \$20,000, and no doubt will have it raised within a few days...

Trousdale

C. H. Smith lost one of his yearlings Sunday.

Boss Gregson is building a new house on his farm.

W. E. Dragoo, of Corbett, spent Sunday with O. H. Smith.

John Roberts, who left this vicinity about a year ago, moved back Monday.

J. H. Stites goes to Shawnee Saturday to take examination for census enumerator.

Clinton Potter and family, of near Corbett, spent Sunday with his brother, Wint, and family.

Mrs. J. H. Norwood, who has been confined to her bed for the past eight months with consumption, died Sunday and was laid to rest Monday in the Chappel Hill cemetery. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the whole community.

Valley Grove

Jesse Garner is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

The singing given at Mr. Rose's Sunday evening was well attended.

Robert Leslie and Walter Clary spent Saturday night with Joe Higbee.

Hugh Percy, who is now living near Lindsay, visited with homefolks here from Friday until Monday.

J. E. Luttrell, Misses Aline James and Elzy Brown attended the teachers meeting at Moore, last Saturday.

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New Books

Cherokee Messenger

Churches and Cemeteries of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: A Complete Guide The Clans and Tartans of Scotland Discovering America's Past: Customs, Legends, History & Lore of Our Great Nation The Family of James and Caroline Bell First Marriage Records of Augusta County, Virginia, 1785-1813 Histories and Biographies of Ballard, Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, McCracken and Marshall Counties Kentucky A History of Rowan County, North Carolina, Containing Sketches of Prominent Families and Distinguished Men Index to the Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia, 1756-1909 Jamestown, 1544-1699 A Journal of Travels into the Arkansas Territory During the Year 1819 Kentucky in Retrospect: Noteworthy Personages and Events in Kentucky History, 1792-1907 Kentucky Pioneers and Their

In the Library

The "Lost" Pensions: Settled

Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838 My First 80 Years Norman Transcript Obituaries: January 1 through June 30, North Carolina Taxpayers 1679-1790 Pioneer Children on the Journey West Wah'Kon-tah: The Osage and the White Man's Road Williamson County, Tennessee, Deed Abstracts 1799-1811

In Recent Journals

Grave dowsing is an ancient art that many people can do. Find instructions here. The Tree Tracers. Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society, Vol. 34, No. 1, Sep 2009-Nov 2009.

Digital primary sources for Oklahoma—could your ancestors be here? Tree-Searchers hiding Mayes County Quarterly. Genealogical Society, Vol. 24, No. 4, Winter 2009.

Some little known but very interesting facts about Oklahoma. The editors had fun with this concept. Logan County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 28, No. 2, Fall-Winter 2009.

When you piece together a quilt and a genealogist, you get a recordkeeping quilter and some interesting quilts. NGS Magazine. National Genealogical Society, Vol. 35, No. 4, Oct-Dec 2009.

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You need not be an expert in genetics to put together a useful medical genealogy for your family. Roots & Branches. Garfield County Genealogists, Vol. 32, No. 2, December 2009.

Photo from Early Days of CCGS

Descendants

Evelyn Adkins and Naola Masters preside over the food table at one of the early seminars.



Warshing Clothes

Build fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke wont blow in eyes if wind is pert. Shave one hole cake of lie soap in boilin water. To make starch, stir flour in cool water to smooth, then thin down with boiling water.

Sort things, make 3 piles: 1 pile white, 1 pile colored, 1 pile work britches and rags. Take white things, rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, and boil, then rub colored don't boil just wrench and starch.

Take things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then wrench, and starch. Hang old rags on fence. Spread tea towels on grass. Pore wrench water in flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. Turn tubs upside down.

Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with hair combs. Brew cup of tea, sit and rock a spell and count your blessings.

2010 Federal Census Begins in Alaska Village

Census Bureau Director Robert Groves offically launched the nation's 2010 head count on January 25, in the remote Inupiat Eskimo village of Noorvik.

Census officials flew commercial planes to Kotzebue, then took a short charter flight 45 miles east to Noorvik. In Noorvik, located north of the Arctic Circle. villagers only see the sun five and a half hours daily in January; local temperatures have gone as low as minus-40 degrees this winter.

The first person to be enumerated was the oldest resident of the community, Clifton Jackson, a World War II veteran. The community of 650 held extended festivities after the first person was counted, including an Inupiat fashion show, a film on Noorvik, and dancing by school children and others.

The remainder of the village's population were counted beginning January 26. Census workers spent a week interviewing villagers, using the same 10-question forms that will be mailed to most United States residents about March 15.

There are good reasons to make early counts of the remote Alaskan villages. After the spring thaw, mud makes local travel quite difficult. The people depend on the land for their living. Many residents leave the village on extended hunting or fishing expeditions after the weather warms, and would be unavailable to be counted.

2010 Census in the States

The U.S. Constitution requires the government to take a count of every resident every ten years. in order to determine the apportionment of the House in Representatives.

The 2010 census form is shorter than in past years, containing only ten questions, including:

Name

Sex

Age and date of birth Hispanic origin

Race

Household relationship

If you own or rent your home.

You can view the 2010 U.S. Census form at http://2010.census.gov/ 2010census/how/interactiveform.php

Most United States residents will receive the 2010 form in the mail about March 15. Once you get your form in the mail, fill it in and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope provided, no later than April 1. The Census Bureau does not send out any confirmations that your form was received.

If you don't send back your form, you may receive a visit from

census taker. If a census taker visits you, here's what you should do:

First ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag

Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home

If you're still not certain about their identity, please call the Regional Census Center (816-994-2000) to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau.

Answer the census form questions for your entire household (you must be at least 15 years old to answer questions) so that the census taker can record the results for submission to the Census Bureau

Any request for census information from the Census Bureau will be clearly identified as coming from the U.S. Census Bureau and as OFFICIAL BUSINESS of the United States. It is a federal offense for anyone to pretend they represent the Census Bureau. Before your household receives a mailed form, a phone call or a visit from the Census Bureau, you will be given a few days notice with a letter from the Census Bureau Director.

Photo from Early Days of CCGS

Celia Phllips and Oleta Tolen. Celia's family, the Corbetts, traced back to the early days of Cleveland County. Oleta was quite active in CCGS and volunteered in the library.



Report of Examination of Successful Candidates for Common School Diploma Eighth Grade Exams • 1922 • Cleveland County, Oklahoma

Cleveland County students who successfully passed the Eighth-Grade Exams and received a diploma.

<u>Name</u>	Age	Post Office	Year	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	Post Office	<u>Year</u>
Alexander, Birrell	18	Lexington	1922	Hayes, Otto	14	Moore	1922
Artman, Dovie	14	Noble	1922	Hendrix, Leta Mae	13	Norman	1922
Bailey, Matilda	16	Moore	1922	Higbee, Grace	16	Lexington	1922
Barker, Henry	15	Norman	1922	Holloway, Rubye	14	Lexington	1922
Barrett, Bonnie Lee	14	Norman	1922	Hopper, Faery	12	Noble	1922
Bishop, Erdine	15	Lexington	1922	Houston, Winford	14	Noble	1922
Black, Charles H.	14	Moore	1922	Howard, Bertha	15	Moore	1922
Black, Roy	16	Lexington	1922	Howard, Clarence	15	Moore	1922
Blackwell, Zelma	16	Lexington	1922	Huffman, Edna	15	Lexington	1922
Bottoms, Monty	13	Lexington	1922	Hureska, Agnes	14	Moore	1922
Bounds, Lucile	17	Lexington	1922	Jackman, Emerson	13	Moore	1922
Brand, Harold	13	Moore	1922	January, Rachel	14	Norman	1922
Brown, Bythal	16	Moore	1922	Johnston, Lucille`	13	Wheatland	1922
Bryant, Willard	15	Moore	1922	Kerlee, Vella	15	Moore	1922
Bugher, Theodore	15	Noble	1922	Kershaw, Maudie	13	Lexington	1922
Burns, Thelma	16	Lexington	1922	Kralick, Harry	15	Wheatland	1922
Butler, Lillie	14	Noble	1922	Levering, Ted	14	Moore	1922
Carpenter, Haskell	14	Lexington	1922	Lissauer, Rosalyn	13	Lexington	1922
Casey, Glenn	18	Noble	1922	Mallow, Marvin	15	Lexington	1922
Center, Beuna	14	Lexington	1922	Marti, Irene	14	Norman	1922
Claunch, Weldon	15	Lexington	1922	Mason, Edward	14	Lexington	1922
Cline, Gladys	16	Moore	1922	McKay, Jessie	15	Lexington	1922
Cline, Ruth	19	Moore	1922	Merritt, John	16	Lexington	1922
Cline, Tom	16	Lexington	1922	Merritt, Ruby	14	Lexington	1922
Collins, Hazel	14	Lexington	1922	Miller, Cordie	12	Noble	1922
Connelly, Letha May	15	Moore	1922	Mitchell, Mabel	15	Moore	1922
- C	16	Moore	1922	Mitchell, Velma	18	Moore	1922
Daglish, Rosa	13	Moore	1922	Morrell, Frank	21	Lexington	1922
Daniel, Mildred	14	Tecumseh	1922	Moruska, Joe	14	Moore	1922
Davenport, Neil	14	Moore	1922	Moses, Harry	14	Lexington	1922
Davis, Elsie Louise	14		1922	Myers, John A.	16	Lexington	1922
Davis, John D.	1.5	Norman	1922	Northcutt, Pearl	15	Lexington	1922
Denison, Merritt	15	Lexington		150	16	Moore	1922
Dietrick, Katherine	14	Moore	1922	Norton, Roark			1922
Donda, Gilbert	17	Lexington	1922	Novak, Fredie	14	Moore	1922
Drake, Ollie	16	Norman	1922	Novotny, Amos	14	Wheatland	
Dyer, Ivan	14	Moore	1922	Olson, Carrie	15	Lexington	1922
Elam, Velma	14	Norman	1922	Parnell, Andrew	14	Moore	1922
Estes, Velma	14	Moore	1922	Petty, Bertha	16	Moore	1922
Flanagan, Louie	13	Moore	1922	Petty, Esther	14	Moore	1922
Fry, Ora	15	Moore	1922	Potter, Roxie	14	Moore	1922
Gabriel, Hazel	13	Lexington	1922	Potts, Lee	16	Norman	1922
Giles, Alyce	15	Lexington	1922	Puckett, Ruth	16	Norman	1922
Giles, Bonnie	13	Lexington	1922	Purnell, Blanche	13	Lexington	1922
Gill, Basil	17	Norman	1922	Richards, Edwin	17	Moore	1922
Gill, George	16	Norman	1922	Riggs, Clara Mae	15	Noble	1922
Graham, Emmett	18	Lexington	1922	Roberts, Elizabeth	16	Lexington	1922
Gray, Johnie	13	Lexington	1922	Robertson, Matilda	18	Norman	1922
Greene, Lois	14	Lexington	1922	Roselius, Carl	12	Noble	1922
Guthrie, Marguerite	12	Moore	1922	Ross, Edith	13	Lexington	1922
Hamilton, Frieda	16	Lexington	1922	Routon, Henry	13	Moore	1922
Hamilton, Ralpph	17	Lexington	1922	Rowland, Amelia	16	Moore	1922
Hammond, Ray	14	Moore	1922	Sharp, Lucy	18	Noble	1922

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Sherman, Earl	13	Lexington	1922		Valouch, Albert	13	Norman	1922
Sherman, Floyd	13	Lexington	1922		Vandaver, Frankie Lee	16	Norman	1922
Slajer, Sylvester	15	Noble	1922		Vice, Willie	15	Lexington	1922
Smith, Ada	16	Moore	1922		Wallace, Anna	16	Oklahoma City	1922
Smith, Ethel	12	Moore	1922		Webber, Clarence	16	Noble	1922
Southard, Myrtle	15	Noble	1922		Webster, Dan	15	Norman	1922
Stansberry, Glaldys	15	Norman	1922		West, Ross	17	Newalla	1922
Stufflebean, Nellie	15	Noble	1922		Westermier, Willie	21	Norman	1922
Stufflebean, Pauline	16	Noble	1922		Whorton, Bonita	13	Lexington	1922
Sudderth, Earl	15	Lexington	1922		Wilson, Alvin	12	Norman	1922
Sudik, Jerry	15	Moore	1922		Woodring, Beulah	15	Noble	1922
Sudik, Orie	13	Oklahoma City	1922		Woodring, Maud	15	Noble	1922
Sudik, Sylvia	13	Oklahoma City	1922		Woodring, Oleta	15	Noble	1922
Tarkington, Oscar	12	Norman	1922		Wright, Milton	17	Lexington	1922
Thomas, Imogene	16	Norman	1922		Wynd, Howard	13	Moore	1922
Townsend, Tarlton	15	Moore	1922		Yoackum, Frank	13	Moore	1922
Treat, Monroe	15	Lexington	1922		Young, Elsie	14	Norman	1922
Trimble, Erma	17	Lexington	1922	1	Young, Era	17	Noble	1922
Trimble, Helen	15	Mooroe	1922		Young, Freeman	18	Noble	1922
Trimble, Pauline	15	Lexington	1922	1	Bacon, Alma		Newalla	1922
Turnpaugh, Evelyn	14	Lexington	1927	I	Wilhite, Haskel	15	Lexington	1922

Footnote Interactive Native American Collection

Footnote.com announced on November 19 the release of their latest interactive collection of historical records: the Native American collection. Working together with the National Archives and Allen County Library, Footnote.com has created a unique collection that will help people discover new details about Native American history.

The Footnote Interactive Native American Collection features original historical documents including:

Ratified Indian Treaties – dating back to 1722 Indian Census Rolls – featuring personal information including age, place of residence and degree of Indian blood

The Guion Miller Roll – perhaps the most important source of Cherokee genealogical research

Dawes Packets – containing original applications for tribal enrollments

And other documents relating to the Five Civilized Tribes

Footnote's Native American microsite creates an interactive environment where members can search, annotate and add comments to the original documents. Additionally, visitors can view pages for many of the Native American tribes that include historical events on a timeline and map, a photo gallery, stories and comments added by the community.

"Much like putting a puzzle together, Footnote.com brings pieces together in the form of historical documents to create a more vibrant picture of the events and people of the past," says Justin Schroepfer, Marketing Director at Footnote.com.

"Together with the online community we are discovering a side of history that you cannot find in text books."Footnote.com also provides a free service where visitors can create their own web pages for their Native American family.

"Native Americans have a rich oral history," explains Russ Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. "We hope that the online community will use Footnote Pages to preserve these stories, which will help ensure that they do not become lost to future generations."

Visit http://www.footnote.com/native americans to see how Native American history has become an interactive experience.

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