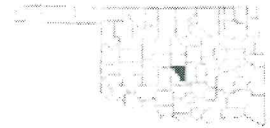


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Lexington, O.T.  
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## Settling Southern Cleveland County 1890s Towns and Communities

BY MAE DAVENPORT COX

The runs of 1889 and 1891 opened the way for claiming land in what we know today as Cleveland County. The Homestead Act of 1862 made it possible for any male or single woman over twenty-one to claim 160 acres, and that also entailed a lot of hard work. Homesteading a claim meant the settler had to make improvements to the land, and had to live on the land for six months of the year, for five years.

If, in five years, these requirements were met, the settler then owned the land free and clear. There was another option: the homesteader could live on the land for twelve months and then pay \$1.25 per acre to speed up the process of ownership.

Thus the arduous task of making the land their own began. Everywhere across the countryside tents sprang up, while others lived in their wagons until a dugout or other means of housing was built. Clearing fields was a huge priority as crops had to be planted if their families were to survive.

Lexington became a boomtown practically overnight where one could purchase just about anything needed from the diverse variety of businesses. That was well and good for those living in close proximity, but farmers living ten or twenty miles away found it hard traversing by horseback or wagon to buy provisions or get their cotton to a gin.

Soon little communities began popping up throughout the southern regions of Cleveland County. First a store here, then a saw mill there, until eventually a whole array of businesses dotted the area east of Lexington.

Numerous general stores, grist mills, saw mills, cotton gins, livery stables and blacksmiths, and even a saloon or two were scattered here and there. Soon post offices were established, many of them inside already existing general stores, though some were in private homes. Thus the little communities were born.

Schools were assigned every three miles, but some areas, like Buckhead, were so densely populated that it was necessary to assign another school. Churches were built. Cemeteries were marked off. Lawmen were assigned to protect the area... there was even a deputy sheriff living in Box.

This was still Oklahoma Territory (O.T.) and the land was now home to thousands of pioneers who came from the north, east, and south. Folks began giving names to their areas. For example those living near Stovall School were said to be from the community of Stovall.

Other areas became known for the church or cemetery in that area, such at the Mt. Zion area. Communities like Willow Creek were named for a nearby creek. Box, Corbett, and a few other communities were named for enterprising men living there. Some of the better known areas are those listed below: little communities with their own post offices.

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# Feature Story

## Lexington, O.T.

Situated right on the Canadian River, Lexington was the only actual *town* in the southern Cleveland County area. Named for Lexington, Kentucky, it was said to actually be the first town in Oklahoma. Lexington was frequently called the Sand Bar Town, and was also the first town to be registered in the state capital in Guthrie upon statehood.

With the first land run in 1889, wood structures and tents popped up almost immediately. From these, a whole host of eager businessmen began selling their wares, namely whiskey. In the first year alone, thirteen saloons threw open their doors. Two saloons were built out on a sandbar, and a third (a floating saloon) docked at the north bank. Not only did these bars serve the local drinkers, but thirsty patrons came from Purcell, just across the river, and the nearby Indian reservations.

Though saloons made up the abundance of structures within the city proper, Lexington also had a smattering of other businesses supplying everything from coffee beans and sugar, to saddles and ropes. This was indeed a thriving town and it wasn't long before a post office was established — in February 1890 to be exact. Henry W. Stuart became the first postmaster.

Lexington's population in 1890, one year after becoming a town, was 223. Ten years later it was listed to have 1500 inhabitants.

A newspaper, the *Lexington Recorder*, began publishing weekly accounts of the inhabitants, along with printing news from around the country as well. These old newspapers, dating back into the 1890s, have been preserved on microfilm and are available for viewing at several area locations.

## Box, O.T.

Smaller communities dotted the rural areas east, south and north of Lexington, including Box. It was located at what is now Box Road at the half-mile intersection between 192nd and Countyline Road. If you're familiar with Box Cemetery, then you can picture the community of Box being about a half mile west of there, on both the north and south sides of the road.

Box, O.T. April 28, 1900, (looking west) Box, O.T. was located on Box Road halfway between 192nd and County Line Road in southern Cleveland County.





Box was named after its first inhabitant, George Box, who located a gin and saw mill there in 1895. Another successful farmer, Ed Tilley was “a deputy sheriff under Newblock and Constable of 6-1E.” He donated land for a church and the I.O.O.F. lodge, then sold lots in what would become the center or heart of the community.

Among the early-day merchants buying lots were Green Kennedy who opened a general store. Dr. W. H Jones put in a drug store. J. W. Mathews turned his skills into a blacksmith shop, while George Stone opened up another blacksmith shop nearby. James Smith owned and operated the barber shop. James Hiser also put in a general store, this one on the south side. John Cossey opened a gin and sawmill at the north edge.

George Box served as the first postmaster when a post office was established at his store in May 1898. However, the days of rural community post offices were short lived, and Box’s post office was discontinued in 1907.

The two-room Red Springs School served this area with classes for first through eighth grades. It was west of Box proper, on the northeast corner of the 192<sup>nd</sup> and Box Road intersection.

According to a Lexington newspaper article in 1899, “The people of Box and surrounding country are an industrious people, and Box bids fair to grow into quite a little city.”

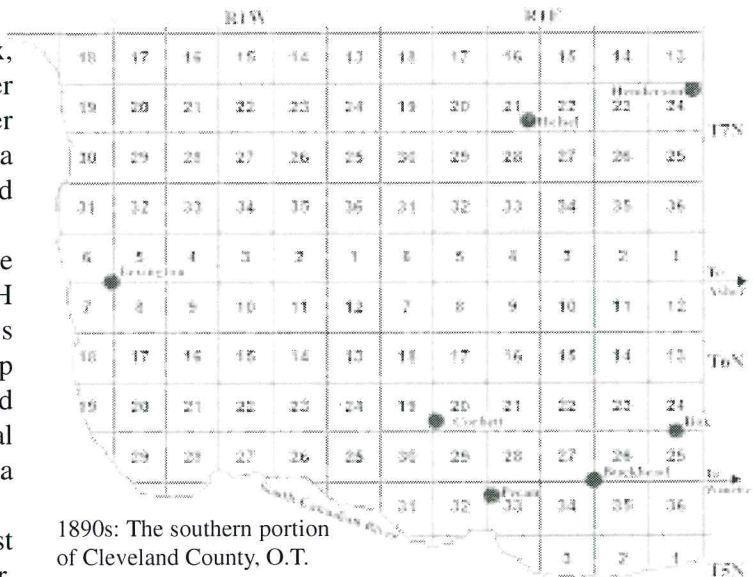
## Buckhead, O.T.

The little community of Buckhead also came into being right around the time of the 1891 land run. Several folks who remembered their folks talking about Buckhead, say there were businesses located on at least two, and probably three, of the corners where present-day Dobbs Road (180<sup>th</sup> Street) and Edge of the Earth Road intersect. According to some of the old-timers living around that area, this particular location was called *Buckhead Corner*.

Samuel H. Walker owned land on the northeast corner of the intersection, which was actually the SW/corner of SW/4 of Section 26-6N-1E. It was here the first business, a general store, opened its doors to sell sacks of flour, sugar, and coffee, along with other staples and commodities to the settlers.

On the southeast corner of the intersection, a cotton gin and grist mill set up shop. Just who owned it isn’t certain, though by 1900 J. A. Futrell listed it for sale. There was also a blacksmith shop though its exact location is not certain.

Word has it there was also a saloon. Records show G. W. Hickman applied for a saloon license in 1901, but his application was denied. There may have been other businesses, but these are the only ones identified and/or verified.



1890s: The southern portion of Cleveland County, O.T.

On March 3, 1893, a post office was established in Buckhead. It was located in the general store, and Mary McKinney was the first postmistress. It too fell by the wayside and was officially closed in November 1906. Mail service was then replaced with a rural route out of Lexington.

Buckhead School, a little two-room school, was just to the east of Buckhead proper then back south a quarter mile or so. There were also a couple churches nearby. Mt. Zion Methodist-Episcopal (ME) Church was one of those, and David Harmon Upchurch served as its first minister. Across the road and a little to the east was Mt. Zion Cemetery.

## Corbett, O.T.

Another sizeable community was Corbett, named after James P. Corbett who brought his family to Oklahoma Territory in 1893. In 1895, he bought 80 acres of land, from Lewis B. D. Higbee, located on the east side of what is now 144<sup>th</sup>, between Box Road and Edge of the Earth Road — the southeast corner of Section 20-6N-1E.

Corbett built a little log store in front of his house from which he sold things like flour, sugar and coffee... nails too... a general merchandise store. Jeff Stone opened a blacksmith shop nearby. J.W. Belew put in a cotton gin then went on to add a grist mill. There was an ice house, later followed by another small store.

In 1902, the Higbee Post Office (see *Higbee* article below) was changed to Corbett Post Office. James Corbett became postmaster and operated the post office from his home. Soon though, he moved it to his store where it continued until officially closing in 1907. Residents then received their mail on a rural route out of Lexington.

Valley Grove School served the community with classes for first through eighth grades. The church at Corbett was organized sometime in the 1890s. On the west



side of the road was Corbett Cemetery.

### Helsel, O.T.

Helsel was another of those little post offices scattered throughout the southern area of the county. It was named for Steve Helsel who owned a nearby general store. Whether other businesses existed in this area as well is not known.

The Helsel Post Office originated in January 1900 and was located in the southeast quarter of Section 21-7N-1E. Clara Dragoo served as the first postmaster, and there were said to have been five others who filled this position during the few years of its existence. It formally closed December 3, 1906.

### Higbee, O.T.

In August 1901, a post office was established in home of J. B. Higbee who served as its first postmaster. Higbee's land holdings were in the southwest corner of Section 20-6N-1E. The name was changed to Corbett Post Office in 1902, see 'Corbett, O.T.'

### Pecan, O.T.

There were actually no stores to make up the community known as Pecan, named for the nearby grove of pecan trees. There was, however, a post office in the home of Jesse J. Brown who served as its first and only postmaster. Located in the SW/4 of NW/4 of Section 33-6N-1E, the post office was established in January of 1896. It serviced the area until May 1905 when it was discontinued and rural route mail was handled out of Lexington.

### Henderson, O.T.

There was only one store known to have been in Henderson, and it was here that the first post office was established in June of 1894.

Located in the northeast quarter of Section 24-7N-1E, Thomas Slover was the first postmaster. John Hamilton took over in 1900 and relocated the post office one and three-quarters miles west to the SW corner of Section 14-7N-1E.

The post office ceased operations in January 1907 and rural mail service to the area came out of Trousdale in Pottawatomie County.



Marking the spot where the post office once stood, this monument was erected by the late Troy Ward, a historian of the area for many years.

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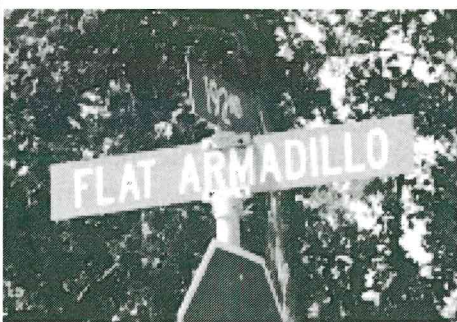
Today, only Lexington exists. None of the other little rural communities survived and they're now but vague memories of a time long ago.

Several people have preserved the history of some of these communities, including John Womack in *Cleveland County Oklahoma Place Names*, Harrel K. Howell and Hilda Patti Howell's *When Corbett Flourished*, Linda Hall Smith's *Memories of Rose Hill*, and *Buckhead, O.T., The History of a Community and its People* by Mae D. Cox.

It was from these books that much of the info was gathered for this article.

## Road Signs in Southern Cleveland County

If you've ventured into the southern regions of our county then you've likely spied these road signs located south of Highway 39. The Edge of the Earth Road is as far south as you can go, by car, in our county. The first time I was in this area and



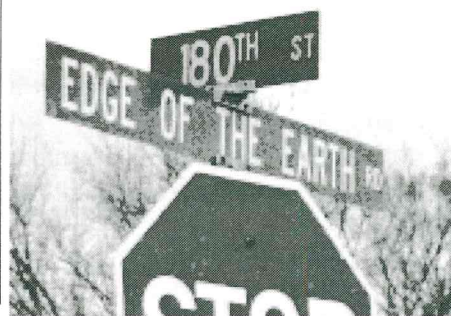
saw these signs, I had to laugh and wondered just who came up with those names... had to be someone with a great sense of humor.

There was another road a mile farther south, named *Unreachable Road*. Now is just that... unreachable. It ran real close to the Canadian River, and over the years, the river's meandering banks have made it impossible to travel this area.

Then there was *Old Dog Road*, the first road south of Highway 39. Some folks decided they just didn't like that name so it was changed to Lewis Road.

These road names came into being with implementation of the 911 system in the area. Roads had to have names, so these were what they came up with.

Residents living along these roads tell us that as fast as the county puts up signs, someone comes along and takes them.





# President's Corner

BY FRANK J. APPL

In the last CCGS Newsletter, I ended with a concern about the unfilled position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. This concern was further expressed at the September and October CCGS meetings. Following discussion at the October CCGS Board meeting, I appointed Jo Mustoe and Sarah Pool as co-chairs for a task force to further deal with this problem.

The task force met November 5<sup>th</sup>. Following extensive and protracted discussion, they made two recommendations to the CCGS Board. The first recommendation was for CCGS to not sponsor a Summer Seminar in the summer of 2011. The second recommendation was to name Jo Mustoe and Sherry Leafgreen as Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents.

The CCGS Board discussed these recommendations and took action as follows. First, the CCGS Board approved a motion that there not be a Summer Seminar in the summer of 2011, Second, the CCGS Board added Jo Mustoe as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and named Jo Mustoe and

Sherry Leafgreen as co-chairs of the Education Committee.

The decision to break with tradition of an annual Summer Seminar was made in consideration of the absence of any CCGS member to indicate interest in assuming responsibility for overall oversight and direction of the Summer Seminar, the flagging attendance at past Summer Seminars, the increasing costs of Summer Seminar speakers, the extensive volunteer effort to produce a Summer Seminar, and the decreasing returns to CCGS. The CCGS Board decision does not preclude the presentation of a Summer Seminar in 2012 or future years.

Mary Lewis, Sherry Leafgreen, Marilyn Henry, and Mike McCurtain are reorganizing the CCGS original archives area in preparation for consolidation which will allow CCGS to rent a lesser amount of space and to decrease the monthly rent payment.

The Library Committee under the direction of Chair Betty Kemp will

be working in the main CCGS library on shelving recent book donations and on better use of the available space in the library.

This commentary will end on a positive note. The CCGS *Heritage Cookbook* has sold very well. CCGS is nearing the end of the original order of cookbooks and will order a second printing.

This cookbook will make an excellent Christmas gift for family members and friends as it's much more than a collection of recipes (although the recipes are excellent). Each recipe is documented with the name, brief personal history, and photographs of the author of the recipe. Be sure to call the CCGS library to reserve your order for multiple copies of the *Heritage Cookbook*.

The CCGS Bakeless Bake Sale campaign is nearing completion. This annual fund drive has been very successful with more people contributing and with a higher average contribution than last year. If you have not made a contribution to the Bakeless Bake Sale, I encourage you to do so and thereby support the CCGS Library.

Velma and I would like to wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season and a New Year better than the last.

## Oklahoma Trivia

- The first Girl Scout Cookie was sold in Muskogee in 1917.
- The Oklahoma State Capital is the only capital in the U.S. with working oil wells on its grounds.
- The nation's first "tornado warning" was issued March 25, 1948 in Oklahoma City minutes before a devastating tornado. Because of the warning, no lives were lost.
- Oklahoma has the largest Native American population of any state.
- Oklahoma has produced more astronauts than any other state.
- Oklahoma has more man-made lakes than any other state.
- During the "Land Rush," Oklahoma City and Guthrie went from vast, open prairie to cities of over 10,000 in a single day.
- The nation's first "Yield" sign was erected in Tulsa on a trial basis.
- The aerosol can was invented in Bartlesville.
- Per square mile, Oklahoma has more tornadoes than any other place in the world.
- The highest wind speed ever recorded on earth was in Moore Okla., on May 3, 1999 during the Oklahoma City F-5 tornado. Wind speed was clocked at 318 mph.

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# Christmas Memories

Here's a little Christmas cheer from members of the CCGS Family History Writers Group. Anyone who needs encouragement in writing their own family history is invited to participate in Writers Group meetings in the CCGS Library at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month.

## Don't Worry, Santa Will Find You — He Found Me All Over The Place

NOVA PALMERTREE HORNBACK

(This is an abbreviated version of Santa's many visits to the Palmertree/Hornback homes.)

**1957 — Wynnewood, Oklahoma:** Joe Hornback and I met in July, married November 13<sup>th</sup>, and spent our first Christmas together, exchanging light blue sweaters on Christmas morning. I still have mine fifty three years later. I asked Joe recently what happened to his; he said he had it in the barn. Yeah!

**1960 — New Haven, Kentucky:** Visited with Joe's family (he is one of six boys and six girls). I started using some of his mother's Christmas traditions, the sticker bush limbs used for gumdrop trees, blackberry jam cakes, Midnight Mass, then to a sister's house for breakfast. Can't forget my first Christmas Goat Roast and Dance upon Cecil's Hill.

**1963 — Smyrna, Tennessee:** Spent Christmas with other Air Force couples, creating a holiday dinner with foods that we all loved. We had David and Lisa now; it was great spending the holiday with our friends and their little ones. We ended up all staying at one house for about three days with the guys running home to get fresh supplies.

**1964 — Ashville, Ohio:** Our twins John and Tom joined us in September. to enjoy Christmas along with David and Lisa. We have movie film

of this holiday: the kids playing, unwrapping toys, Dave and Lisa running to the sofa to hug the two babies, me trying to stay out of Joe's movie camera range, Dave and Lisa eating off huge turkey legs. I wonder how I had time for all this with four little kids, but on the film, as my grandmother used to say, I look as happy as all get out!

**1967 — Naha, Okinawa:** We enjoy Christmas just like stateside in our upstairs apartment in the heart of Naha. Santa brought blue and black fringed cowboy outfits for David and Lisa, along with learning desks, and the toddlers John and Tom received colorful busy boxes.

**1994 to 2010 — Moore, Oklahoma:** We absolutely love it when any of our four children and families are here for Christmas with us on the farm. Realizing that they have their own families and traditions now, sometimes we join them, in either Norman, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque, or La Jolla.

Merry  
Christmas and  
a Happy New  
Year To All ...  
Wherever you  
are!



## The Gift

JO MUSTOE

My Dad was a preacher. In the mid-50's, he served a small church in Ohio which met in two one-room schoolhouses cobbled together. As the church grew, a lot of prayerful planning and fundraising focused on the building of a beautiful new sanctuary.

The Christmas Eve service that year was a celebration of the new facility. The pews and choir loft were filled, the candles glowed, the lights were dimmed, and a spotlight shone on the pulpit for the sermon. But Dad seemed to be focused on something else, scribbling on some paper.

Seconds ticked by. Mom, at the organ right behind him, cleared her throat - loudly - and rolled her eyes. Dad was up to something. We all fidgeted in our seats and shrugged our shoulders. Two ushers in the back looked at each other. Should one of them come forward and get his attention?

Finally, Dad swept his left hand and the long white paper flew over the pulpit and cascaded to the sanctuary floor.

"Oh," said Dad, as if he had just noticed he had the attention of the room. "I was adding a few things to my Santa Wish List."

Fortunately, he got a big laugh and we settled back for the sermon. I don't think any of us heard a word of it because Dad had already made his point. Christmas doesn't really have much to do with a Santa Wish List. It's about a gift for the heart.

The sermon closed with a prayer. We heard the midnight chimes. The lights went up and we stood to sing.

"Joy to the world.  
The Lord has come."

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## Christmas Memories, continued

### A Goldilocks Moment

MARY L. LEWIS

On a wintry day in December 1932, the four of us piled into the green 1928 Pontiac, bundled against the cold, and drove from our farm to Fletcher. Daddy parked the car on Main Street. We got out of the car and walked down the street, looking at the displays in each store window we passed by. In the window of Nichol & Dill's hardware store we saw a half-dozen little rocking chairs, sized just right for little ones like three-year-old Mary and fourteen-month-old Louise.

"Let's go inside," suggested Daddy.

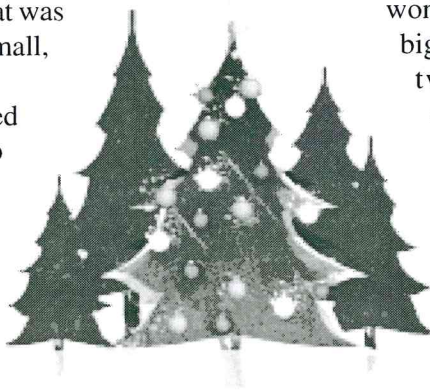
We went into the store, and soon Louise and I were playing in the window display, exploring all the little chairs, moving from one to the other until, like Goldilocks, each of

us found the chair that was not too big, not too small, but *just right*.

We happily settled into these chairs, up in the display window, while Mother and Daddy finished their business with the rotund Mr. Dill.

In a few days it was Christmas Eve. Before bedtime, Louise and I each hung one long cotton stocking on the finials of a ladder-back kitchen chair placed near the wood-burning stove so Santa could find them. Mother tucked us into bed, and we fell into peaceful sleep.

Next morning, the stockings were lumpy with their bounty of an apple and orange, several walnuts tucked deep into the toes, and hard candies of every kind. And, wonder of



wonders — beside the big parlor stove stood two little rocking chairs, the very chairs Louise and I had settled into in Mr. Dill's store! Each of us found a dolly and began rocking in our very own rocking chairs.

Later in the day, our parents were amused to find their two little girls in their pre-Christmas mode—with dolls in our arms, gently rocking our tiny bodies back and forth as we sat on upturned, stationary, wooden fruit crates.

Sad to say, the rocking chairs didn't last very long. Our house burned the last day of February in 1933, consuming rocking chairs and almost everything else our parents owned.

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## Around and About

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### Ancestry.com Announces Mac Version of Familytreemaker

Attention, Mac users! Ancestry.com recently announced the launch of Family Tree Maker for Mac, the new Mac version of the world's top-selling family history software. This program provides an easy way to save and organize your family tree conveniently on your Mac computer and has a variety of tools that can help you share your discoveries with family and friends.

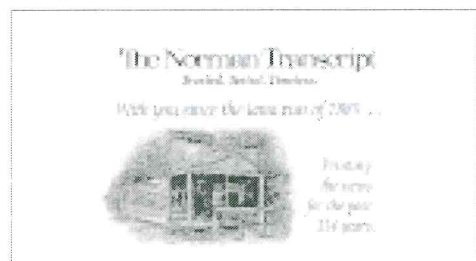
Family Tree Maker for Mac is now available for purchase online at <http://www.familytreemaker.com> starting at \$69.99. The program is also available in select retail stores, including Apple Stores, Amazon, Office Depot, and Office Max.

### Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History & Culture

To commemorate the Centennial of Oklahoma's Statehood in 2007, the Oklahoma Historical Society, with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, developed the *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History & Culture* to inform and educate citizens, students, historians, and the world at large about the fascinating history of this most unusual state. The *Encyclopedia* contains articles

written by leading scholars in the field and is published by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The online edition is presented by the Oklahoma State University Library Electronic Publishing Center (<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/>)

Users can search the online edition for specific subjects. Or one can browse the entries alphabetically, chronologically, or by subject. The *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History & Culture* is a useful resource for genealogists with Oklahoma roots.





## Meetings

### September

Twelve members shared pot luck, heritage recipes and tales of summer adventures at the September Society meeting. It was held at the University Lutheran Church on September 21.

### October

Greg Boyd, of Arphax Publishing, spoke to about twenty members and guests at the October gathering.. He reminded the group that, about five years ago, he introduced the Arphax *Family Maps* series of land patent books to our Society. This series is now published in spiral-bound, hardback and softback formats.

Recently added are the *Texas Land Survey Maps* series. These books are published county by county, state by state, for original settlers whose purchases are indexed in either the U.S. Bureau of Land Management database or the Texas General Land Office database.

Greg revealed that he has been collecting historical atlases and is working on software applications that will allow genealogists to link individuals in their genealogy software database with locations derived from historical maps. Watch for announcements from Arphax as Greg brings this dream to reality.

### Bakeless Bake Sale

Fifty-four CCGS members and friends contributed \$2385 to the 2010 Bakeless Bake Sale. This is our most successful fundraising effort ever, the equivalent of two months' rent.

### Feedback to the Board

Several CCGS members met with a committee from the Board of Directors on November 3, 2010, to discuss future direction for CCGS educational programs, including the annual seminar and genealogy workshops.

## Board Plans Genealogy Education Program

Acting on a recommendation from the committee tasked with addressing genealogy education issues for the Society, the CCGS Board of Directors at their November 8, 2010, meeting appointed Jo Mustoe to fill the vacancy in the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Sherry Leafgreen was appointed to co-chair the Education Committee with Jo, and to plan a series of genealogy workshops for this program year.

A Seminar event will not be offered in 2010.

Plans were made to offer a beginning genealogy workshop on Sunday, January 16, 2011, with a snow date of Sunday, January 23, 2011.

The Education Committee has scheduled a meeting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2011 to make plans for additional educational events. Any CCGS member who is interested in planning, presenting, or supporting such programs is encouraged to participate in this planning meeting.

### Speaker to Moore AARP

Mary Lewis spoke to the Moore AARP meeting October 26 about the best-kept secret in Norman—the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library.

She related some history of the Society, described the variety of holdings in the Society's Library and Archives, and distributed materials relating to the Genealogy Library.

## Board Meetings

Second Monday 1:30 p.m. at CCGS Library

December 13, 2010  
January 10, 2011  
February 14, 2011  
March 14, 2011

## Society Meetings

Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in CSBI Classroom near CCGS Library

December 21, 2010  
January 18, 2011  
February 15, 2011  
March 15, 2011

## Family History Writers Group

Second Wednesday each month 10:00 a.m. in CCGS Library

December 8, 2010  
January 12, 2011  
February 9, 2011  
March 9, 2011

## Computer Users Group

Fourth Wednesday each month, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Norman Public Library Computer Room (Call 701-2100 to verify date)

December - No meeting this month  
January 26, 2011  
February 23, 2011  
March 23, 2011

## Deaths

Lisa Sheppard's father, James "Jim" Clifton Sheppard died Sunday, October 24, 2010, at his home in Norman.

Ann Montgomery, wife of long-time member and past president Alan Montgomery, died November 1, 2010, at Noble.

## 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



# Pioneer Library System

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## The United States Census Before 1850

The hallmark of the censuses of 1790-1840 is their emphasis on the household unit rather than on the individual. The only name recorded was that of the head of the household, whether male or female. The numbers of persons of each sex and in a variety of age groups are the only other types of information about the household that were consistently recorded.

Free white persons were divided into male and female. Until 1820, no distinction was made between male and female slaves and nonwhite free persons. In 1790, white males were divided by those under and over 16, while white females were not divided at all.

Beginning in 1800, age divisions became more defining, growing from five groups for white males and females in 1800, 1810, and 1820, to thirteen groups in 1830 and 1840.

Note that in 1820 there was an extra age group for white males between the ages of 16 and 18. In 1820 there were four age groups for male and female slaves and free blacks and six in 1830 and 1840. Slaves were not named but free blacks who were heads of household were identified.

Beginning in 1820, questions were included on the population

schedules relating to occupation, citizenship, disabilities, and literacy. In 1840, the name and age of every pensioner from the Revolutionary War or other military service was recorded.

A major roadblock in post-Revolutionary War research exists because of major losses of schedules for 1790 to 1830 involving a number of states. The entire 1790 and 1800 censuses for Virginia were lost.

The pre-1850 censuses are more useful than at first meets the eye. Use them to track your ancestors' migration routes and to distinguish among individuals with the same name. You might find a child you were not aware of and you might identify possible relatives among the neighbors.

Be sure to approach these early censuses with names and ages discovered in later censuses. If you do try to identify an ancestor starting in a pre-1850 census, be sure to follow the family into later censuses, comparing the information to confirm it is the same household.

Create a template of what the family might look like in the census using the blank census forms available from Ancestry.com. Compare your template with the census record. Don't be thrown by extra people in the household. These could be children who died young, or extended family living in the household (in-laws, the spouse of an older child, etc.).

Look out for instances when the wife's possible age changes between one census and the next. This may reveal the death of one wife and marriage to another. You may be able to identify the sons of your ancestor when you see males leaving his household at the same time that new men with the same surname appear as the heads of separate households.

Use the censuses together to create a picture of a family's structure. Identify your family in as many of the 1790-1840 censuses as possible. Analyze the information found in each census in relation to the others. Create a chart for a family, showing birth years and matching census years with ages.

Use an online Birth Date Calculation Table to clarify the approximate age range for each census year. A chart of the men in a family who appear in the pre-1850 censuses along with the known members of their households and their age brackets will help you sort out who belongs in which family.

Juliana Smith, a genealogist with Ancestry.com, made an important observation about these early censuses: "At first glance, pre-1850 censuses may not seem to be of much value. Only the name of the head-of-household is listed, followed by unruly columns full of tick-marks and tallies. But behind those tick-marks and tallies your ancestors are waiting to be discovered."

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# 100 Years Ago

## Newspaper Abstracts

*Cleveland County Enterprise* • Thursday December 22, 1910

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

Unclaimed Letters and Cards,  
Advertised December 20, 1910

Letters.—Mrs. Vean Copeland, J. S. Homdlenk, Jack F. Mahn, Miss Lora Rudder, A. H. Riggle, Barney Sanders, T. H. White.

Cards.—Buster Burns, Miss Bessie Burns, Miss Julia Berry, Milton Erwin, George Harmon, J. S. Homdlenk, S.A.V. Howell, Chas. Ross, Earl Rattor.

When calling for any of the above, please say that they were advertised. One cent due on each letter or card advertised.

John J. Burke, P.M.

News comes that Miss Edith Bennett is lying quite low in a Guthrie hospital, having recently had an operation performed for cancer. Her numerous friends have hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wood left the latter part of the week for Gresham, Oregon, where they expect to reside permanently.

Miss Fannie Greenhaw died at the home of her brother, Ed Greenhaw, on Wednesday of last week and was buried in the Fairview cemetery near Noble Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15, 1910. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved relatives.

Mrs. Gertrude Kingsbury and children expect to go to Panama this week to join Dr. Kingsbury, who is in the government employ there. Both Mrs. Kingsbury and her little son have been quite sick with fever, but are recovering.

### Notice for Publication

(Publisher)

Guthrie, Okla., Serial No. 02392.  
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Guthrie, Oklahoma, November 23, 2010.

Notice is hereby given that George E. Womack, of Noble, Okla., R.F.D. No. 1 who on January 19, 1904 made homestead entry No. 215008 Serial No. 02392, for west half northwest quarter, section 28, township 8 north, range 1 east, Indian Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before clerk of the district court, at Norman, Oklahoma, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses:

John W. Kerns, of Noble, Okla., R.1  
A. A. Woodrow, of Noble, Okla., R.1  
John S. Douglas, of Noble, Okla., R.2  
R. B. Woodring, of Noble, Okla., R.2  
L. N. HOUSTON, Register

### Local and Personal

Kenneth McLennan has sold Henry Applegate lots 13 to 16, block 8, Moore, for \$1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mansler have removed from the farm on Route 3 to Oklahoma City.

Fred Mittendorf, who recently sold his bakery in this city, will leave soon for a visit to his old home in Germany.

Dr. J. D. McLaren left last night for Eugene, Ore. to take his position in the State University of Oregon. A good man gone. Good luck to him.

The largest assortment of holiday goods in Norman at Lindsay's—Santa Claus headquarters.

E. E. Davis, who purchased the grocery department of the Geo. M. Winans store some months ago, has traded it for land near Canute, Okla., and the new proprietor, Mr. W. E. Carpenter is now in charge.

Dr. Hirshfield has joined the automobile owners club of Norman, having purchased R. D. Alexander's machine one day last week.

Allan Burch, the dwarf, arrived from Western Oklahoma Tuesday to spend Christmas with his brother, J. M. Burch.

### Col. Jack Goodin—An Old Timer

The Shawnee Herald speaks as follows of one of Cleveland county's "old timers."

J. W. Goodin, of Route 6, 14 miles from Norman, on Little River, is a "sure enough old timer," having lived in Oklahoma, territory and state, for thirty five years, and is an intermarried citizen. He has seen buffaloes grazing on the site where Oklahoma City now stands, and was intimately acquainted with Captain Payne, the noted Oklahoma "sooner" colonist. He has likewise witnessed the removal by United States' soldiers of many of the men whom Payne located on the lands then owned by the Creeks and Seminoles on the head waters of Little River. Mr. Goodin is the only remaining white man of the original settlers in what is now Cleveland county. Mr. Wm. Trousdale, ex-sheriff of this county, he avers is the sole remaining white settler of what is now Pottawatomie county.

A merry xmas and a happy New Year to all the readers of The Transcript.



## Report of Examination of Successful Candidates for Common School Diploma Eighth Grade Exams • 1925 • Cleveland County, Oklahoma

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Year</u>
Alexander, Robert	17	Lexington	1925	Green, Dick	16	Norman	1925
Adair, Olive	15	Norman	1925	Harvey, Calvin	14	Lexington	1925
Akridge, Lucille	15	Lexington	1925	Hendrix, Louise	15	Norman	1925
Anderson, Jeanette	14	Norman	1925	Hill, Ora	17	Tribbey	1925
Barrett, Della	14	Norman	1925	Hobbs, Paul	14	Noble	1925
Berglin, Vanebell	16	Norman	1925	Hopper, Goldie	18	Tribbey	1925
Berry, Lois	12	Moore	1925	Howery, Grace	15	Noble	1925
Biggs, Nadeen	16	Lexington	1925	Hoy, Sylvia	20	Norman	1925
Boydston, Jewell	15	Lexington	1925	Hull, Reba	13	Moore	1925
Boydston, Thomas	17	Lexington	1925	Hurt, Allie May	15	Norman	1925
Bradshaw, Barbara	13	Noble	1925	Jenkins, Alta	15	Lexington	1925
Bradley, Geraldine	12	Moore	1925	Jenkins, Harold	17	Lexington	1925
Bradley, Alta	13	Moore	1925	Juelch, Goldie	15	Norman	1925
Bradley, Evelyn	14	Moore	1925	Kear, Elizabeth	18	Noble	1925
Broeh, Claud	14	Tecumseh	1925	King, Paul	15	Norman	1925
Brown, Elva	15	Moore	1925	Knight, Louie	14	Moore	1925
Bruemmer, Marie	17	Norman	1925	Landress, Royce	15	Lexington	1925
Bruehl, Theresa	15	Norman	1925	Markham, Orville	19	Norman	1925
Bruehl, Daniel	14	Norman	1925	Maursha, Millie	12	Moore	1925
Bruehl, Helen	12	Norman	1925	Maursha, Tony	15	Moore	1925
Brunaed, Sylvester	13	Noble	1925	McGinley, Oneita	12	Wheatland	1925
Burnett, Nannie		Lexington	1925	McKenzie, Velma	15	Norman	1925
Bunch, Pearl	15	Norman	1925	McKiddy, Effie	15	Tribbey	1925
Bunch, Lula	17	Norman	1925	Meyer, William	14	Norman	1925
Butler, R. A.	14	Moore	1925	Montgomery, Walter	16	Norman	1925
Cable, Dealia	15	Norman	1925	Musgrove, Harold	13	Noble	1925
Carter, Neomi	14	Choctaw	1925	Myrick, Layfette	17	Noble	1925
Chenoweth, Earnest	19	Lexington	1925	Myrick, Lular	18	Noble	1925
Clark, Lucille	15	Lexington	1925	Nemecek, Luther	16	Noble	1925
Clary, Grover	27	Lexington	1925	Northcutt, Pervie	16	Lexington	1925
Cline, Albert	16	Lexington	1925	Northcutt, Ted	18	Lexington	1925
Coffey, Anna Leigh	18	Noble	1925	Oliphant, Edmond	14	Norman	1925
Couch, Delmar	16	Tribbey	1925	Owen, Thelma	15	Moore	1925
Cox, Virgile	17	Lexington	1925	Parnell, Lester	16	Norman	1925
Craft, Fern	14	Norman	1925	Perry, Helen	15	Lexington	1925
Daglish, Edith	15	Moore	1925	Perry, Ellen	15	Lexington	1925
Darling, Merle	17	Norman	1925	Polk, Esther	15	Norman	1925
Estes, Claud	14	Moore	1925	Reeves, Clarence	15	Newalla	1925
Evans, Tom	17	Trousdale	1925	Reeves, Clyde	13	Newalla	1925
Feuerborn, Willie	16	Lexington	1925	Reynolds, Myrtle	16	Noble	1925
Floyd, Charlie	16	Trousdale	1925	Richardson, Govie	15	Lexington	1925
Fox, Willie	16		1925	Rider, Orvil	16	Norman	1925
Franklin, Loice	16	Noble	1925	Riggs, Alice	14	Noble	1925
Franklin, Lloyd	18	Noble	1925	Raley, Walter	18	Norman	1925
Fry, James	13	Moore	1925	Routon, Walter	12	Moore	1925
Geno, Fern	17	Lexington	1925	Rowland, Edwin	14	Moore	1925
Gill, Bennie	13	Norman	1925	Rushing, Irving		Lexington	1925
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## New Books

57 Little Known Cemetery Locations in Haskell, Latimer, Leflore, Pushmataha Counties, Oklahoma  
 1784 Transcript Tax of Bucks County, Pennsylvania  
 1799 Transcript Tax of Bucks County, Pennsylvania  
 1842 Cherokee Claims, Goingsnake District  
 Abstracts of Cumberland County Wills, 1750-1785  
 Across the Lonely Years: the Story of Jackson County  
 Akers Family of Franklin County, Virginia  
 Berks County Church Records of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, vols. 3 & 4  
 Bryan County, Oklahoma, Cemeteries: 3 vols.  
 Bryan County, Oklahoma Cemeteries  
 Bryan County, Oklahoma Pre-statehood Marriages, July 1902-November 1907  
 Bucks County, Pennsylvania: Church Records of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries, vol. 2  
 Cemeteries of Muskogee County, Oklahoma  
 Cemetery Inscriptions of Johnston County, Oklahoma  
 Cemetery Records, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma  
 Cemetery Relocation Records of Grand and Eucha Lakes  
 Cherokee Nation Births and Deaths, 1884-1901  
 Census Roll of the Old Steeler Party of Creeks, June, 1857: Index to the "Old Settlers Roll"  
 Cherokee Nation Births and Deaths, 1884-1901  
 Cherokee Nation Marriages, 1869-1898: in the CooWeeSooWee and Delaware Districts  
 Cherokee People: the Story of the Cherokees From Earliest Origins to Contemporary Times  
 Cowin Family Tree  
 Craig County, Oklahoma, First Tax List after Statehood: Beginning with 1908, Roll Books I, II, III, IV  
 Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw Land Fraud in Public Land Sales

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
 Daniels-Daniells family  
 Daniels family  
 Durant, 1872-1990  
 Early Families of Lancaster, Lebanon and Dauphin Counties, Pennsylvania  
 Family Histories: a Bibliography of the Collections in the Oklahoma Historical Society  
 Fatalities in the Coal Mines of Indian Territory and Southeastern Oklahoma, 1885-1962  
 Fayetteville, Arkansas, National Cemetery  
 Federal Population Schedule of the United States Census, 1860: Indian Lands West of Arkansas  
 Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma, National Cemetery  
 Ft. Smith, Arkansas, National Cemetery  
 Gazetteer of Indian Territory  
 Genealogical Data Extracted from Muskogee Weekly Phoenix, Indian Territory, 1888-1892  
 Genealogical Data Extracted from Muskogee Weekly Phoenix, Indian Territory, 1893-1897  
 Genealogical Data Extracted from Muskogee Weekly Phoenix, Indian Territory, 1898-1902  
 Grayson County, Texas, Miscellaneous Wills and Probates, 1833-1923  
 Guide to the Carl Albert Congressional Archives  
 Hartshorne, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, Cemetery Records: Elmwood, Holy Rosary, Elmpark  
 History of Beaver County [OK]  
 Pioneer Families, vols. 1-2  
 Houston County, Texas Bride Index, 1882-1917

Houston County, Texas Groom Index, 1882-1917  
 Index of Bucks County, Pennsylvania Wills and Administration Records, 1684-1850  
 Index of Obituaries and Deaths, 1954-1992; 3 vols. [Muskogee Co. OK]  
 Index to Area Indian Cemeteries [Comanche Co. OK]  
 Index to Fifth Census of the United States, 1830: Population Schedules, Territory of Arkansas  
 Inspired to Lead: Governors & First Families of Oklahoma  
 Index to Sam Devenney's Comanche, Kiowa and Apache Obituaries with Death Dates  
 Johnston County Cemeteries  
 Kiowa Agency Indian Schools  
 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Land Records 1729-1750 and Land Warrants 1710-1742  
 Latimer County, Oklahoma Cemeteries  
 Leflore County, Oklahoma, Cemeteries, 7 vols.  
 Life and Art of the North American Indian  
 Manual for Writing Alabama State and Local History  
 Marriage Records: U.S. District Court, Central District, South McAlester, Indian Territory  
 Marriages and Deaths of Montgomery, Pennsylvania 1685-1800  
 McKenney-Hall Portrait Gallery of American Indians  
 Minutes of the County Court of Knox County  
 Muskogee County Cemetery Guide; 2 vols  
 Nevada 1860 Mortality Schedule  
 Norman Transcript: Weddings and Anniversaries, 2009  
 North American Indian Tribes (Excluding Five Civilized Tribes): a Bibliography of the Collections in the Oklahoma Historical Society  
 Oklahoma, a Land and Its People: Early Views and History in Picture Postcards



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Shadrich, Leo	15	Moore	1925
Shelby, Orpha	16	Noble	1925
Smith, Clarence	17	Lexington	1925
Smith, Eula	15	Norman	1925
Smith, Lewis	16	Lexington	1925
Stickney, Ira	21	Tribbey	1925
Stickney, Cleatis	20	Tribbey	1925
Sudik, Herbert	13	Oklahoma City	1925
Sudik, Viola	13	Moore	1925
Sullivan, Ezra	17	Lexington	1925
Tarver, Stella	16	Noble	1925
Thomason, Sarah	16	Noble	1925
Thomblinson, Clyde J.	13	Norman	1925
Tharpe, Opal	16	Lexington	1925
Trimble, Jay	15	Lexington	1925
Tucker, Lenora	13	Newalla	1925
Turbyfill, Marvin	14	Norman	1925
White, Nettie	15	Norman	1925
Williamson, Edna	13	Moore	1925
Willingham, Lula	15	Moore	1925
Witt, John	18	Moore	1925
Whitford, Gladys	15	Lexington	1925
Whitten, Gilbert	16		1925
Whitton, Bertha	13	Moore	1925

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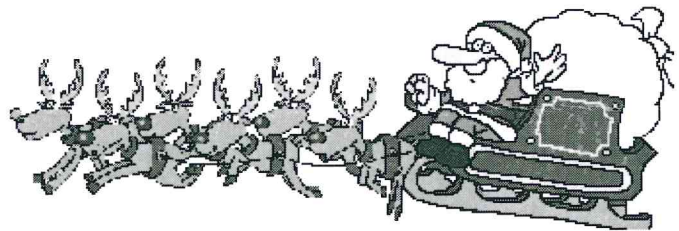
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**Zero in on online census** records with this helpful website. <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/census>

**Add variety and substance to the family history** stories you write, using these online resources. <http://www.genwriters.com>

**The top ten places to find maiden names** of your female ancestors. [http://genealogy.about.com/od/surnames/tp/maiden\\_names.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/surnames/tp/maiden_names.htm)

**Your genealogy filing system** can be easy to use. <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Now-What-File-Organization>



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*Oklahoma Cemeteries: a Bibliography of the Collections in the Oklahoma Historical Society*  
*Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly Subject Index, 1955-1990*  
*Oklahoma Marriages: a Bibliography Oklahoma State Mining Board Registry of Hoisting Engineers, Fire Bosses, Pit Bosses (Foreman), Mine Supervisors*  
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*Payne County, Oklahoma Marriages, 1893-1907*  
*Poteau Valley Genealogical Society Surname Index*  
*Probate Records, Oklahoma Historical Society Microfilm Publications*

*Recollections of Quantrill's Guerrillas*  
*Running Quickbooks 2010 Premier Editions*  
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*Shearer-Akers Family*  
*South Bethel Cemetery, Braggs, Oklahoma*  
*Springfield, Missouri, National Cemetery*  
*Tennessee's Indian Peoples: from White Contact to Removal, 1540-1840*  
*Vital Records of Essex, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*  
*Washington 1850 Mortality Schedule*  
*Westmoreland County Virginia Order Book 1698-1705, vols. 1-4*  
*Westmoreland County, Virginia Order Book 1675/6 - 1688/9, vols. 1-6*

### New Journals

*Journal of Chickasaw History*, 4 vols.  
*Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History*

### In Recent Journals

**Have you visited any of the 50** most popular genealogy websites for 2010? *Greer Frontier*. Greer County Genealogical and Historical Society. Vol. 1, No. 49, Summer 2010.

**Online genealogy sources—fiction or fact?** Follow the five steps in this article to separate the good from the bad. *The Western Plainsman*. Western Plains Genealogical Society. Vol. 26, No. 2, September 2010.



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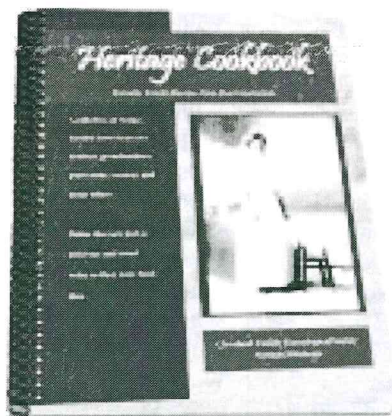
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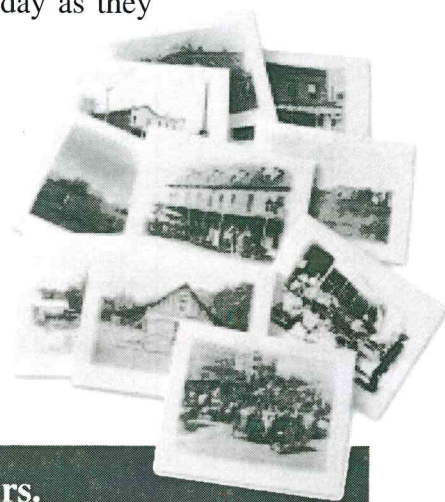
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