

Men Who Left Their Names on the Streets of Norman

BY MARY LEWIS

On my first Sunday in Norman in 1950, I recall walking down Asp Avenue, toward my college dorm, with fellow students I had met in the morning service at First Baptist Church.

That day, and for many years thereafter, I supposed that Asp—just like Elm Avenue on the west side of campus—was named for a tree.

Only recently did I learn that Asp Avenue was named for a person.

Henry E. Asp, born in Illinois in 1856 and orphaned in childhood, lived with his guardian in Iowa and Illinois. As a young man, he went to Kansas where he received training as a lawyer. He came to Oklahoma in 1890, hanging his shingle in Guthrie, and later, Oklahoma City.

In 1893, following three Oklahoma land openings to homesteaders, Henry Asp teamed up with David Ross Boyd, the president of the State University of Oklahoma, in a campaign to have the federal government set aside certain lands (section 13 in each township) as a source of support for higher education.

At statehood, Henry E. Asp was one of only two Republicans elected to serve as delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

Although Henry Asp never lived in Norman, his efforts to provide financial support for the state University located here earned him the honor of having Asp Avenue, which runs through the University of Oklahoma campus and north to Main Street, named for him.

Then I began to wonder what other Norman streets had been named for people connected to the University. One of the best lists of Norman street names was produced by Josie V. Henkel Hoskinson and published in the Cleveland County Historical Society publication, *Pioneers and Early Settlers of Cleveland County, Oklahoma 1889-1925*. These street names I found in Ms. Hoskinson's article derive their names from University personnel.

Boyd Street runs east and west across a good part of Norman, bordering the campus on the north. It is not surprising that this street was named in honor of David Ross Boyd, first president of the University of Oklahoma.

Boyd came to the University when there was nothing and saw the possibilities of a great university. During his long tenure, from 1893 to 1908, he guided the fledgling school of higher education and planted trees on the prairie to create an oasis on the developing campus.

Born in Ohio in 1853, Boyd was superintendent of Arkansas City, Kansas, schools when he was hired at the University of Oklahoma. After statehood, Governor Charles N. Haskell chose to replace many of the original faculty at the University, including Boyd. After leaving Oklahoma, Boyd became president of the University of New Mexico in 1912. He died in Pasadena, California on November 17, 1936.

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Brooks Street bisects the campus, running east-west generally between Highway I-35 and 12th Avenue SE.

Dr. Stratton Duluth Brooks (1870-1949) was the third president of the University of Oklahoma from 1912 to 1923. Previously he had been superintendent of Boston Public Schools. During his tenure at the University, Brooks acquired land around the University campus, and many buildings were constructed. When he left the University in 1923, Dr. Brooks became president of the University of Missouri.

Buchanan Avenue is a short street running north from Boyd Street to Linn Street in the area of Campus Corner.

Dr. James Shannon Buchanan (1864-1930) served as interim president of OU from 1923 through 1925, between the administrations of Dr. Brooks and Dr. William Bennett Bizzell. Dr. Buchanan came to the University in 1895 as professor of History. In 1908 he became Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and held that post until he was appointed interim president in 1923. Upon the naming of Dr. Bizzell as president, Dr. Buchanan served as a Vice-President of the University until his death in 1930.

DeBarr Avenue is another short street running north between Boyd and Duffy Streets, and parallel to Asp and Jenkins Avenues.

Dr. Edwin DeBarr (1859-1950) was one of the four original faculty members. He was hired in 1892 to teach higher math, chemistry and physics. He headed the chemistry department from 1892 through 1923, and also was head of the department of Pharmacy from 1893 to 1904. In 1916 the new Chemistry Building was named DeBarr Hall in his honor. In 1988, following revelations about DeBarr's earlier involvement with the Ku Klux Klan, the building's name was changed to Chemistry Building. DeBarr had been dismissed from the University in 1923 because of his association with the Klan.

Felgar Street runs east between Asp and Jenkins Avenues, one block south of Boyd Street.

Dr. James Huston Felgar (1874-1946) came to the University in 1906 as Instructor of Mechanical Engineering. In 1907 he was named head of the School of Applied Science. In 1908 he became Dean of the College of Engineering and continued in that department until he was named Dean Emeritus in 1937. Dr. Felgar was very involved with the students and personally enrolled all engineering students until 1935.

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Lindsey Street is the main street through campus between the South Oval and the housing areas. Lindsey extends from 36th Street SW eastward to Thunderbird Lake and beyond.

Josiah Lawrence Lindsey (1882-1962) came to the University in 1912. He served the University many years as financial officer, comptroller, and bursar, retiring in 1951.

Monnett Avenue runs north between Boyd and Duffy Streets between Jenkins Avenue and the railroad.

The only connection of Ira Monnett (1853-1929), for whom this street is named, to the University is that he was father of Dr. Victor E. Monnett, head of the School of Geology from 1934 to 1955.

University Boulevard extends north from Boyd Street, beginning at the North Oval, almost to Robinson Street on the north.

Thomas R. Waggoner and Delbert L. Larsh, were '89ers and town boosters who each donated a strip of land, for street purposes, off the edges of their abutting claims, which were located between Main Street and the northern border of the University campus. They named this passage between town and gown University Boulevard.

George Cross Drive and George Cross Court are located on the east side of 24th Avenue SW, south of Main Street.

Developer E. Frank Foreman recognized the long tenure of Dr. George L. Cross, University president from 1944 to 1968, by giving his name to these streets.

Do you know something about the naming of other streets in Norman? Jo Hoskinson wrote her article in 1972. Many streets have been added since that time. We will welcome the stories you can tell us about Norman street names. E-mail ccgs@csbi.org or call 701-2100

Unrecorded Early Cleveland County Marriage Returns

Jean McCracken, Chair of the CCGS Research Committee, informs us that several marriage returns which were not recorded in the Cleveland County marriage books have been found in the CCGS Archives. Names of each couple and the year of their marriage are listed below.

Cambron, George D. and Walker, Mary E. (1892)

Darbro, John E. and Hisel, Maggie (1892)

Delzell, H. C. and Brosseau, Artie (1892)

Dobbs, John T. and Courtney, Lillie (1897)

Fay, Edwin D. and Walker, Mrs. Izzie (1892)

Johnson, Samuell and Reeves, Dora (1892)

Morgan, James M. and Franklin, Mary Isbell (1892)

Stanley, Asa Fletcher and Page, Bertha (1892)

Thomas, Henry W. and Rowntree, Mettie P. (1892)

Trammell, Chas. B. and Greenhaw, Pearl (1892)

Walker, Chas. Marion and Cobble, Lillie Eliza (1892)

Cleveland County Genealogical Society can provide a copy of the marriage returns listed above.

Go to the CCGS web site at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~okccogs/> for more information. Or you can e-mail the CCGS Research Committee at ccgs@csbi.org

President's Message

BY FRANK APPL

The holiday Season has come and gone, the New Year is well underway, Christmas candy is a faint memory, and the dieting season is upon us.

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Cleveland County Genealogical Society, if you have not already done so.

When you pay your membership dues, please consider becoming a Library Sponsor, a Sustaining Member, or a Benefactor of CCGS.

Any amount greater than the \$20 Individual Membership can be considered a donation and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about CCGS. Encourage them to become members and to become active in Society activities.

Invite them to visit the CCGS Library. Our library holdings include irreplaceable original records from the Cleveland County Courthouse, as well as indexes of Cleveland County cemeteries and funeral home records created by our members. Our genealogy library also holds extensive Cleveland County history and genealogical sources. Volunteers are available in the library to assist in your search.

The CCGS Heritage Cookbook has been available for purchase for several months. The original printing sold out, and sales of the second printing are well underway. The CCGS cookbook is a worthy addition to any library.

The tried and true recipes from the extended families of our members are excellent as a cookbook. But the Heritage Cookbook is so much more. Each recipe is attributed to a family member, along with photographs and brief biographies, thus providing a fascinating collection of family histories.

If you have not purchased a CCGS cookbook, we hope that you will order one or more copies today from the CCGS website, or call or visit the

CCGS Library. This cookbook is well worth the purchase price of \$19.95 plus tax.

Cleveland County Genealogical Society presented *Genealogy 101: Basic Genealogy Skills*, a beginners' workshop, on January 16, 2011, under the direction of the Education Committee. Thirteen people attended the workshop. The Society volunteers who staffed the workshop deserve a large "THANK YOU".

Presenters at the workshop were Sarah Pool, Jo Mustoe, and Mary Lewis. Marilyn Henry assisted with registration and Sherry Leafgreen helped with the Question session at the end of the workshop.

Finally, consolidation of materials in the library and in the storage areas continues. At some point in the future, we hope to be able to release some of the storage area and thereby reduce the Society's monthly rent.

To Be or To Wanabe — Documenting Native American Ancestry

A Genealogy Workshop sponsored by
Cleveland County Genealogical Society

Sunday, April 3, 2011

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Classroom in CSBI Building

1119 E. Main Street (South Entrance)

Norman OK

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

\$15 paid before March 25, 2011

\$18 paid after March 25, 2011

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CCGS News

December Meeting

Twelve members and one guest attended the CCGS annual Christmas party. A variety of good food was provided by attendees. President Frank Appl amused the group by testing their knowledge of Christmas music, entertainment and customs.

January Meeting

Mary Sue Schnell, CCGS program chair, told her story about searching for her Lithuanian ancestors. She showed slides illustrating the trip she and her husband took to Lithuania, as they visited friends and perhaps-relatives she had found while conducting her search via mail and the internet. Twelve members and one visitor enjoyed this interesting presentation.

February Meeting

Dr. George Henderson spoke to 17 members and guests on February 15.

Dr. Henderson, brought to the University by the Sociology and Education Departments, was the third black professor hired at the University. During his tenure, he achieved many notable achievements, including four distinguished professorships and fifty University and community awards and honors.

The Henderson family was the first black family to purchase a home in Norman, which historically had been a “sundown town” for blacks.

Arriving in Norman in 1967, the Henderson family were pioneers in the racial integration of the community. Dr. Henderson describes himself as the spokesperson for the family. But the real pioneer was his wife Barbara, who fielded the obscene phone calls and cleaned up the “trash” that regularly showed up in their yard.

While he and his family experienced many incidents of incivility and hate, Henderson prefers to dwell on the good that came with their move from Detroit to Oklahoma—the friends they made over the years, and the many good kind people who wanted the Henderson family to understand that they were here, ready to help them at any time.

Norman, Henderson vows, is a different place now than it was when they came here in the 1960s. He points out that you cannot judge a community by its negative labels. The good people in the community outweigh the bad ones.

CCGS Membership Classes Explained

Recently one of our members revealed that, when she pays her dues, she does not understand the purpose of the several CCGS membership classes. Perhaps an explanation is in order.

Several years ago, the CCGS Board determined that membership dues alone were insufficient to pay the rent and keep our library doors open. While beginning an outreach campaign to increase membership, the Board also expanded the classes of membership. Each level of membership offers our members the opportunity to contribute funds over and above the basic membership (\$20) or family membership (\$23) dues.

Because CCGS is a 501(c)(3) organization, any amount paid above the basic membership dues is generally considered a charitable donation and, for those who itemize deductions, may be deductible on your income tax form.

The CCGS Budget for 2010/2011 is \$19,650.00. About two-thirds of that amount (\$12,994.00) is allocated to rent for our Library and Archives.

Generally speaking, those who choose a Library Sponsor (\$40), Sustaining Member (\$100), or Benefactor (\$1000) membership level are supporting the CCGS Library by helping us keep the rent paid and the year-end CCGS Income Report in the black.

We encourage those members who are financially able to select one of the higher membership levels when they pay membership dues.

“To forget one’s ancestors
is to be a brook without a source,
a tree without a root.”
...Chinese Proverb

Native American Workshop on April 3

Education Committee Chair Jo Mustoe announces the first in a series of genealogy workshops to be hosted by Cleveland County Genealogical Society this spring.

Those interested in Native American research will want to attend the workshop, *To Be or To Wanabe: Documenting Native American Ancestry*. Betty Kemp will lead this workshop, assisted by others whose names will be announced later.

Topics covered in the workshop include a brief history of the Native American tribes, discussion of the creation of Indian Territory and tribal relocation, finding tribal records, and presentations concerning genealogical research for the Chickasaw and Comanche tribes.

This workshop will be held Sunday, April 3, 2011, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the CSBI Classroom near the CCGS Library.

Registration fee of \$15 (before March 25) or \$18 (after March 25) may be mailed to CCGS, P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070.

Additional genealogy workshops will be announced in the near future.

Library Managers Appointed

CCGS President Frank Appl appointed Jean McCracken and Nova Hornback to serve another term as co-managers of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library. These ladies perform many behind-the-scenes tasks that contribute to the research experience of the library's users.

Jean's encyclopedic knowledge of the history of Cleveland County and its people and places is honed as she maintains the surname file and collects items for several clippings files in our collection. She also organizes the Cleveland County probate and divorce files in our Archives rooms.

Nova is our go-to person for filing, binding, and mending materials in the library collection. She also copies and collates items as needed, provides topical bulletin boards and generally keeps the library neat.

Jean and Nova are assisted by additional helpers in the library. Mary Lewis catalogs additions to the collection and prepares items for shelving. For

several years, Mary Sue Schnell and Pat Starzer have volunteered in the library on designated afternoons monthly that fit their schedules.

All library personnel fill in as needed with such tasks as answering the phone, greeting visitors, shelving books, performing computer tasks, and assisting researchers.

CCGS Book Sales

Scheduled Last Week of Every Month

The CCGS Library Committee recently authorized the release of a number of books currently in the library collection. These titles represent history and biography titles that have minimal value in a genealogy collection. They are being removed from the collection to make room for recent donations that have much greater genealogical value.

The Library Committee and CCGS Board of Directors have authorized the sale of these books, with proceeds directed to purchases of new materials for the CCGS Library collection. Duplicate genealogy books, which we recently have sold at our annual summer seminar, will also be added to the sale.

These books—a mix of history, biography, and genealogy—will be aggregated on a library cart and offered for sale during CCGS Library hours on the last week of each month. Most hardback books will sell for \$1.00 and paperbacks for 50¢. Genealogy titles will be individually priced.

Books will be sold at the CCGS Library between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the following dates.

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
March 22	March 24	March 26
April 19	April 21	April 23
May 24	May 26	May 28

We urge members and townspeople to come by and get some good reading at a great price!

In a London, England cemetery:

Ann Mann
Here lies Ann Mann,
Who lived an old maid
But died an old Mann.
Dec. 8, 1767

New CCGS Project to Honor Early Settlers

The CCGS Board of Directors recently authorized a committee to create a new project to honor the early settlers of Cleveland County. CCGS president Frank Appl named Mae Cox, Jean McCracken, Marilyn Henry, and Mary Lewis to this committee.

A previous project, *First Families of Cleveland County*, was organized and incorporated as a separate organization in 1990. One hundred sixty-one individuals nominated 155 ancestors as First Families and were inducted into the organization. Shortly thereafter, the organization closed nominations and formally disbanded.

From time to time we have received inquiries about First Families membership. The Board decided that, although the FFCC organization is defunct, there is sufficient reason to offer a similar program.

The new project will be a permanent registry of early residents, rather than a spin-off organization. The purpose of the project will be to honor the earliest settlers of Cleveland County and to collect a body of research materials relating to those who first settled the county. The committee will write up requirements for the project, the application and the proofs.

When the committee work is completed and the CCGS Board has approved the project, information and application forms for this project will be displayed on the CCGS web site, www.rootsweb.com/~okccogs

In a decision related to the above story, the CCGS Board has authorized offering the publication, *First Families of Cleveland County*, at a reduced price of \$20 plus sales tax, and shipping and handling if required.

CCGS Calendar

CCGS Board Meetings - 1:30 p.m. second Monday,
CCGS Library

March 14, 2011

April 11, 2011

May 9, 2011

June 13, 2011

CCGS Society Meetings - 7:00 p.m. third Tuesday,
CSBI classroom near CCGS Library

March 15, 2011

April 19, 2011

May 17, 2011

June 21, 2011

Family History Writers Group - 10 a.m. second
Wednesday, CCGS Library

March 9, 2011

April 13, 2011

May 11, 2011

Genealogy Computer Users Group - 9:30 a.m. to
1:00 p.m. fourth Wednesday - Norman Public
Library Computer Room

March 23, 2011

April 27, 2011

May 25, 2011

Deaths

Virgil Emmett Eskridge died September 5, 2010. His wife, Descygne Eskridge, who is one of our out-of-state members, lives in Red Bluff, California.

Tommy Karns' brother, Theron Karns, died November 18, 2010 at his home in Stillwater.

CCGS member Deborah Daniels died November 25, 2010 in Norman.

Joyce Hetherington, a former CCGS member, died Friday, February 4, 2011, in Oklahoma City.

Things We Need

Volunteers to assist with CCGS Book Sales the third week of March, April, and May.

Sign up for a Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday afternoon during one of those weeks.

Early volunteers get their choice of time slots.

In the Library

New Books

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Marriages, 1761-1800
Dallasearch: a Guide to Genealogical Resources in Dallas County, Texas
Early Church Records of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1745-1800
European Origins: a Selective Guide to Genealogical Aids in the Cleveland Public Library
Family Tales, Family Wisdom: How to Gather the Stories of a Lifetime and Share Them with Your Family
Genealogical Records in Texas
Georgia Genealogy and Local History: a Bibliography
Guide to Local Government Records in the South Carolina Archives
Hanover County Chancery Wills and Notes
Highland Pioneer Sketches and Family Genealogies
How to Become a Professional Genealogist
How to Find Almost Anyone, Anywhere
Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives
Latimer County Cemeteries: Southwest Latimer County Area
Latimer County, Oklahoma Cemeteries: Red Oak Area
Life Story Essays
Master Index of Cherokee Nation Marriages in Indian Territory
Muskogee County Cemetery Guide, Vol. 1
New Homes in a Good Land: German Immigration to Texas 1847-1861
Newspaper Genealogical Column Directory
Norman Transcript Obituaries, January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010
Not a Stoplight in the County
Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas
Passengers to America
Pittsburg County, Oklahoma Cemetery Records: McAlester Area Cemetery Records

Pittsburg County, Oklahoma Cemetery Records: Northeast Section
Pittsburg County, Oklahoma Cemetery Records: Northwest Section
Pittsburg County, Oklahoma Cemetery Records: Southwest Section
Republic of Texas: Poll Lists for 1846
Scotch-Irish and Their First Settlements on the Tyger River and Other Neighboring Precincts in South Carolina
Ship Passenger Lists: the South, 1538-1825
Sketches of Western North Carolina, Historical and Biographical
Texas Scholastics, 1854-1855: a State Census of School Children
Vital Records of the First Independent Church (Now First Unitarian Church), Baltimore, Maryland, 1818-1921
Women of Oklahoma: a Century of Change
Writing Family Histories and Memoirs

New Journals

Abner: Stories from Our Community, Norman, Oklahoma
Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History

In Recent Journals

The top information websites for genealogists are listed, state by state. *Kiowa County Genealogical Society Newsletter*. Volume 17, No. 4, November 2010.

Those who search for Indian ancestry can view samples of Dawes applications in this issue. *T.L.&M. Genealogy*. Talbot Library & Museum. Volume 18, No. 3, 2010.

This handy cousin finder can help you determine your relationship to anyone who shares an ancestor with you. *Kiowa County Genealogical Society Newsletter*. Volume 17, No. 4, November 2010.

Postcards, city directories, yearbooks—it is possible to find items that relate to your family or to the localities where they lived, by viewing auctions on the Internet. *GRIVA News & Notes*. Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia, Volume 31, No. 1, Fall 2010.

100 Years Ago

Norman Democrat-Topic. Cleveland County, Oklahoma.
Friday, March 3, 1911.

EDITOR'S NOTE: All Newspaper abstracts are typed as
originally printed.

County School Notes

Prof. J. E. Luttrell, principal of the Lexington City schools, was in Norman last Saturday and Sunday to visit with his parents.

Miss Winnie Way, teacher at Red Hill district, was in Norman last Saturday shopping.

Chas. Bowling, teacher of Clearbrook, spent Saturday and Sunday in Norman with his parents.

Robert Ramsey of the northeast part of the county, made Norman and his many friends a visit last Saturday and reports that the schools in his part of the county are doing fine.

There will be a box supper at the Sunshine district Friday night. The proceeds are for a library.

E. L. Castile, teacher of the Banner school, was in Norman last Saturday and reported that two of his pupils and two of Prof. Luttrell's pupils of Lexington will hold a joint debate at the Star school house Friday night, March 3rd. Profs. Luttrell and Castile are certainly two of Cleveland county's most progressive teachers.

The following reports have been sent to the Superintendent's office lately. G. F. Bullock, enrollment 62; Merle Austin, 33; J. B. Higbee, 52; Etta Stephens, 47; Elzy Brown, 47; Ruth V. Sadler, 21; Mary Taylor, 32; Rosa Thompson, 60; Anna Harris, 22; Clyde Amerine, 49; F. C. Folk, 52; Winnie Reed, 44; Pearl Paterson, 79; A. R. Castile, 47; Etta Alexander, 55; Anna Oliphant, 40; Nealye Ashford, 40; and Clara Black, 26.

Death of Mrs. Inglis

Mrs. Sarah F. Inglis died at the home of her son, C. W. Inglis, in West Norman, Thursday, February 23, 1911 at 10:30 o'clock p.m. at the age of 77 years, 9 months and 2 days....

Death of Mrs. Mary Akins

On the evening of February 10, 1911, the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Walker, Norman, R.F.D Route No. 6, was saddened by the death of their youngest child, and the wife of Mr. Wood Akin.

Mary Walker Akin was married to Wood Akin January 6, 1909. Mary was eighteen years old the 16th of October and these were years of sunshine to friends and home....

EDITOR'S NOTE: Contrary to the usual brief death announcements in early-day local newspapers, each of the preceding death notices (not copied here in their entirety) resemble present-day obituaries by including many details of survivors, funeral and burial.

Big Banks Consolidate

The talk of the town yesterday was the consolidation of the First State Bank and the First National Bank, one of the largest and most conservative banking institutions in Oklahoma....

Mr. J. C. Jones, president and Mr. John Hardie, cashier of the First State Bank, retires from the banking business. The consolidation and details were completed on the 28th of February.

The officers of the First National are:

E. B. Johnson, president

C. H. Bessent, First Vice President

John G. Butler, Second Vice President

John G. Lindsay, Third Vice President

Arch W. Anderson, Cashier.

...The consolidation of these two institutions makes the First National Bank one of the big banks of Oklahoma with deposits amounting to nearly \$700,000.

\$725,000 Appropriated

For the next two years Norman and Cleveland County will be benefitted by the sum of \$725,000 appropriated by the present legislature which amount is divided as follows: Maintenance of University \$300,000; Sanitorium \$300,000; and the construction of the law building \$125,000. These appropriations are far in excess of the amount appropriated for any other city in Oklahoma.

Union Point

A good many of our young people took part in the program given at Franklin Saturday night at which they had a penny social. All report a good time.

Rev. Dilbeck filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning.

Mr. Bullock says he delights to see rainy weather so he can walk to school. In dry weather he has to ride his bicycle.

Messrs. Frank Alsup, Henry Johnson and Misses Pearl Patterson and Vinie Fox attended the spelling here last Friday night.

Last Monday the community was saddened by the death of Mrs. Bernard caused by heart trouble. She was buried Wednesday at Blackburn, one mile east of Franklin. The deceased leaves three sons, all of whom are grown up men.

Local News

Rev. J. B. Shackelford who is critically ill was reported some better yesterday.

Mr. J. B. Williams who was stricken with paralysis a couple of weeks ago is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Baker returned last Thursday from a ten weeks' visit in Southern Texas.

Mrs. Jack Carder returned last Thursday from a two weeks visit with relatives in Rocky, Okla.

Mr. J. M. Glenn and Mr. Henry Duensing and daughter, Miss Minnie, left yesterday for Mission, Texas.

J. S. Mount yesterday purchased the Rachel Tate property on North Peters Avenue. Consideration \$1,800.

Prof. L. L. Hutchison, formerly assistant director of the State Geological Survey, is now residing in Tulsa where he occupies the position as head of the department of science in the Tulsa schools.

Innis Corn was here from Hobart Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Corn. Innis is conducting a garage and a real estate business in the western metropolis.

Leonard Chism has recently purchased the barber shop west of R. D. Lindsay's drug store where he will be pleased to see his old friends and

many new ones. Leonard is one of the best tonsorial artists in Oklahoma.

Mr. D. S. Parker, aged 70 years, died Monday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Sturgis in West Norman. Death was caused by apoplexy. The body was shipped last Tuesday evening to Ithaca, Mich. for interment.

R. L. Curtice was arrested last Saturday by Deputy Sheriff W. H. Abbott for transporting booze. He plead guilty before County Judge Swank and was fined \$50 and sentenced to jail for thirty days.

Clearbrook

A fine girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gilliam Saturday.

Misses Maud Hopper and Hortense Russell of Norman are visiting home folks this week.

Mrs. Meltabarger is able to be up after three weeks sickness of typhoid and malaria.

Prof. Charles Bowling visited home folks at Norman Saturday and Sunday.

The literary society met Friday night. The society will meet only twice a month from this on.

Mr. Ed Moore and Mr. Everett Striegel were pleasant callers at Dave Miller's last Monday night.

Stella

Mrs. Ruby Degraffenreid and children are visiting relatives at Tuttle this week.

Mrs. Ida Doolin and sister, Mrs. Bessie Ross, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Williams at this writing.

Mr. Bud Jennings says he will ride ten miles against the southeast wind any Sunday night to hear a phonograph.

Mr. Deffinbaugh and family recently moved on the Orrick farm. We welcome them in our midst.

Elm Grove

Two of our bright young scholars, the Misses Blanche and Eunice Higgins have left this school recently, much to their regret and moved with their family to a farm east of Norman.

It is reported that Irving Jameson has sold his 80-acre farm last week and is preparing to move almost immediately to the Panhandle of Texas.

100 Years Ago

Lexington Leader. Friday, March 17, 1911.

Early Settlers Visiting Here

Jodie Gum and wife of Ft. Cobb, early settlers of Cleveland county, came in last Friday and visited for several days with relatives and friends here. They were among the earliest settlers of Lexington and Jodie even now remembers where the best fishing holes used to be.

Thanks School Mates and Friends

Miss Thelma Marcum thanks her school mates and friends who have been visiting and sending her flowers since she has been confined to her bed with a broken leg which she got in the runaway on the school grounds last Thursday. The bone is knitting back rapidly and she will soon be out again, though she will probably not get to attend school any more this term.

Trousdale Items

Chas. Cunningham spent Sunday with J. B. Boeck.

L.L. Sanders is attending court in Tecumseh this week.

N.B. Cheatwood was in attendance at court at Norman Saturday.

A.P. Baxter of Lexington route 3, was caller at J.B. Boeck's Sunday.

J.H. Stiles, who has been at the bedside of his father at Kiowa returned home Sunday.

T.J. Thompson of Wanette, was sowing oats in this vicinity last week and a few days this week.

Red Oak matched the Davis school at spelling Friday night at Red Oak, where a close contest opened. Much interest was manifested.

J.H. Norwood returned from Darlington Wednesday. He took two of his children over to the Masonic Orphan's Home at that place. He says the home is in splendid condition and that nothing but praise can be said of it.

Banner Items

Geo. Butler has been very sick for a week but is convalescing now.

Rev. Monroe failed to make his appointment at Banner Sunday. The large crowd had to content themselves with singing.

Union Hill Items

A large number of the Union Hill people attended the Rose Hill literary society last Thursday night. The program was short, but much interest was manifested.

Roscoe Jones visited relatives near Romulus from Thursday to Sunday.

The school boys of Union Hill received a nice sum of money from their pie social last Saturday night. They will invest it in a base ball outfit.

– As Told to Us –

For plain and fancy sewing, see Mrs. Elkin.

Cress Whorton and Monroe Burkett were business callers in Norman last Friday.

Miss Allie Breeding and Minnie Greemore were down from the University Saturday and Sunday, visiting home folks.

Leslie Stovall, the Leader's two year old devil, spent last Sunday in Purcell.

There will be a Jack Show in Lexington, March 18th. Bring your jacks.

R. A. Isom is getting new furniture nearly every day. Only yesterday he got a lot of those Sanidown mattresses. They are the best on the market.

Workshops

Colorado Genealogical Society

Annual Seminar

Rev. Dr. David McDonald

March 18-19, 2011

Denver Public Library, Denver, Colorado

www.cogensoc.us

Hot Springs Village Genealogical Society

2011 Spring Family History Workshop

Billie Stone Fogarty

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Coronado Center, 150 Ponderosa Lane

Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

<http://pages.suddenlink.net/hsvgs/resources/workshop.pdf>

Oklahoma Genealogical Society

Google Your Family Tree: Unlock the Hidden Power of Google

Daniel M. Lynch

April 2, 2011

Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

www.okgensoc.org

Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas

Ridge Roots 2011

Leslie Smith McConachie

April 8-10, 2011

Craighead County Library, Jonesboro, Arkansas

www.gscca.net

Topeka Genealogical Society

39th Annual Genealogy Conference

Barbara Vines Little

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Kansas State History Center, 6425 SW Sixth St., Topeka

<http://www.tgstopeka.org/conference.html>

National Genealogical Society

Where the Past is Still Present

May 11-14, 2011

Charleston, South Carolina

www.ngsgenealogy.org

15th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference

Family Myths and Realities

July 14-16, 2011

3500 South First Street, Lufkin, Texas

<http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html>

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Pathways to the Heartland

September 7-10, 2011

Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield, Illinois

<http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org/>

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International

13th Genealogical/Cultural Conference

October 26-29, 2011

Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

<http://www.cgsi.org/>

Gregath Company

Genealogy in the Woods 2011

October 29-30, 2011

Sky Ranch at Cave Springs

<http://www.gregathcompany.com/workshop/2011/>

Bits & Pieces

The Illinois State Archives offers information on over 285,000 Illinois Union troops, with detailed information on each soldier.

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/dacivil.html

Online Civil War databases are offered by Kansas Historical Society.

www.kshs.org/p/databases-indexes-at-skhs/10982

Some listings for Union and Confederate soldiers yield pdf images of file cards encapsulating the soldier's career.

www.sos.mo.gov/archives/soldiers

All about clans—clan maps, links to clan societies and clan histories.

www.electricscotland.com/webclans

Looking for live distant relatives? Use one of these people search sites.

www.pipl.com

www.zabasearch.com

Translate foreign-language web sites to English with Google's website translator.

www.google.com/language_tools

**Report of Examination of Successful Candidates for Common School Diploma
Eighth Grade Exams • 1926 • 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>
Askew, Archie	16	Norman	1926	Hamilton, Felix	13	Lexington	1926
Adair, Robert	14	Norman	1926	Hamilton, Jasper	15	Lexington	1926
Allen, Herman	14	Norman	1926	Hardin, Jewel	17	Trousdale	1926
Boles, Minnie	18	Lexington	1926	Harding, Thomas	17	Noble	1926
Ball, Ila Minnie	14	Norman	1926	Harmon, Margaret	15	Norman	1926
Barrett, Nell	13	Norman	1926	Harris, Garland	15	Noble	1926
Bennett, Elizabeth	16	Lexington	1926	Helm, Jessie	17	Moore	1926
Black, Adalene	13	Lexington	1926	Hellman, Gertrude	15	Norman	1926
Black, Carlene	14	Lexington	1926	Helms, Herman	18	Norman	1926
Black, Jim	16	Lexington	1926	Hendrix, Johny	13	Norman	1926
Blackburn, Lucille	12	Norman	1926	Henson, Harry	16	Norman	1926
Blair, Agnes	13	Lexington	1926	Hill, Emily	16	Lexington	1926
Breedlove, Irene	17	Norman	1926	Hill, Emmett	15	Tribbey	1926
Burke, Beatrice	13	Norman	1926	Hopson, Roberta	16	Lexington	1926
Burkett, Arline	13	Noble	1926	James, Frank	14	Trousdale	1926
Burleson, Vera	15	Trousdale	1926	Johnson, George	16	Norman	1926
Barto, Allie	13	Norman	1926	Jones, Jack	12	Lexington	1926
Burns, Lee	15	Lexington	1926	King, Mary E.	14	Norman	1926
Cain, Virginia	13	Moore	1926	Kirby, Dannie Mae	18	Noble	1926
Clay, Rosa	24	Trousdale	1926	Kuhlman, John Henry	13	Norman	1926
Coleman, Ruby	14	Lexington	1926	Kuykendall, Mattie Lou	15	Lexington	1926
Coles, Andrew	16	Norman	1926	Limke, Beulah	14	Trousdale	1926
Couch, Estelene	15	Tribbey	1926	Martin, Addie Mae	14	Lexington	1926
Craft, Exie	15	Lexington	1926	Martin, Nettie Lu	13	Lexington	1926
Dillard, Lou Eva	15	Lexington	1926	Matlock, Herbert	13	Norman	1926
Dillard, Tezzie	14	Lexington	1926	McCormick, Ellis	14	Norman	1926
Duncan, Ava	14	Noble	1926	McDonald, Jack	15	Lexington	1926
Duncan, Myrtle	16	Noble	1926	McMullen, Orville	13	Lexington	1926
Dragoo, Laura	15	Lexington	1926	Meador, Evelyn	13	Norman	1926
Elliott, Gladys	14	Noble	1926	Medaris, Bessie	16	Lexington	1926
Fitzgerald, Israel	14	Lexington	1926	Medaris, Hazel	14	Lexington	1926
Flanagan, Lennis	15	Moore	1926	Melton, Beatrice	16	Norman	1926
Floyd, Zelpha	16	Trousdale	1926	Merritt, Ray	11	Lexington	1926
Gallager, J. T.	14	Lexington	1926	Mock, Mae	13	Lexington	1926
Garner, Lou	16	Lexington	1926	Nemecek, Annie	14	Noble	1926
Gill, Ethel	16	Norman	1926	Nibblet, Virginia	16	Norman	1926
Glover, Rachel	12	Noble	1926	Novak, Bessie	14	Moore	1926
Glover, Mabel	14	Norman	1926	Owens, Opal	15	Lexington	1926
Greenway, Wyman	15	Lexington	1926	Popejoy, Gladys	15	Norman	1926
Hames, Claudie	14	Norman	1926	Ray, Hazel	15	Norman	1926

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Richardson, Lovie	13	Norman	1926
Robertson, Elzy	14	Lexington	1926
Rose, Alfie	23	Lexington	1926
Ross, Clara	13	Lexington	1926
Schader, Dorothy	14	Norman	1926
Schmitz, Frank	17	Lexington	1926
Scott, Leo	14	Lexington	1926
Shriver, Audry		Moore	1926
Smith, Edith	15	Lexington	1926
Spencer, Alvin	12	Norman	1926
Stokes, Jesse	17	Noble	1926
Shultz, Lennie Mae	15	Moore	1926
Stone, Ruby		Moore	1926
Schwartz, Leila	15	Moore	1926
Struhol, Helen	13	Moore	1926
Tarbet, Franklin	15	Norman	1926
Tate, Georgia	15	Lexington	1926
Trimble, J. T.	14	Lexington	1926
Turk, Simon	12	Norman	1926
Turk, Viola	13	Norman	1926
Thompson, James	15	Lexington	1926
Umphries, Marie	13	Lexington	1926
Valouch, Ray	13	Norman	1926
Waddle, Clark	13	Lexington	1926
Waddle, Ophelia	17	Lexington	1926
Wallace, Ruby	15	Moore	1926
Walton, Leila Mae	15	Lexington	1926
Ward, Eual	13	Lexington	1926
Ward, Eunice	15	Lexington	1926
Ward, Orien	17	Norman	1926
Webber, Clyde	15	Noble	1926
Whitford, Juanita	14	Lexington	1926
Willingham, Ila Mae	16	Norman	1926
Willis, Rex	15	Noble	1926
Winters, Edna	16	Lexington	1926
Winters, Luster	15	Lexington	1926
Witt, Dovie	16	Norman	1926
Wolf, Thelma	16	Noble	1926
Woodman, Marie	13	Noble	1926
Woodring, Ruth	16	Noble	1926
Woodring, Florence	14	Noble	1926
Watkins, Gwendolyn	12	Lexington	1926
Yoachum, Elsie	14	Moore	1926

A Genealogy Intro

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Do you have a curiosity about your family tree? Many people do. Some may have their interest piqued because of an heirloom, an old picture, or perhaps an unresolved family mystery. The reasons people get hooked on genealogy are many and varied, but each person's search is unique. After all, the search for your ancestors really is a search for yourself.

If you think that family history research requires hours of rummaging through libraries, trekking through cemeteries, and writing letters to government bureaus, you're in for a pleasant surprise. Finding your family tree is simpler than what many people imagine. To be sure, you may encounter some intriguing obstacles. However, most of them can be overcome.

As with so many hobbies today, using a computer can simplify some of the tasks of searching and recording. However, a computer is not necessary. Americans have been recording their ancestry for two centuries or more without digital tools, and you can do the same. All you need is a starting point and a direction, and maybe a few tips.

In the beginning ... there's you!

Starting a family tree search is very simple: begin with what you know about yourself, and then work backwards, one generation at a time. Linking back from yourself through the generations helps to ensure that the people you research actually belong in your family tree and don't simply have the same name as one of your ancestors. The unfortunate souls who try to skip a generation may well find themselves perched in the wrong family tree.

Write down the information that you already know. A basic pedigree chart will help. You can find these at genealogy societies and at most libraries, as well as on a number of Web sites. You can find such charts at <http://www.ancestry.com/trees/charts/ancchart.aspx> and at <http://www.io.com/~jhaller/forms/forms.html>

Place yourself in the first position on the chart, and fill in the vital information: your name, the date and place of your birth, as well as the date and place of any marriages you have had. Next, move back one generation, and fill in the same information for both of

your parents: name, date and place of birth, date and place of marriage, and date and place of death, if deceased.

Continue working back even further, to grandparents and great-grandparents, if possible. Very few beginning genealogists can fill in the basic facts on even three generations, let alone four. Simply fill in what you already know, and leave the remaining facts as blank spaces. You can fill them in later as you uncover clues.

Once you exhaust your own memory, a family fact-finding expedition is a great way to gather more information. Pick the brains of your family members, especially older family members. Take along a notebook, and write down the events they remember. Ask around for photos, letters, newspaper clippings, and so on. The memorabilia you find will surprise and delight you.

So far, you've relied on people's recollections to add to your history. We all know, however, that memories are not always exact. Next, you will need to confirm the date and place of birth, date and place of marriage, name of spouse, date and place of death, names of parents and children, for as many individuals as possible. You will be surprised how easy it is to find birth certificates and marriage records, especially in the United States. Our country has a long tradition of recording and preserving these vital records.

Now you are ready to set an achievable target from the myriad facts you have accumulated. Pick an ancestor, perhaps one with a few blanks on the chart. Next, choose a question you would like to answer, such as the town where he or she was born. Then decide where you will start hunting.

A birth certificate is an obvious objective. However, you may also need to look in a wide range of places to find out more about that person's life. When the location of birth is not easily found, you can look for other records that will help identify the person's origins. Some of the places you can look are census records, military records and pensions, land records, schooling, occupation, electoral rolls, sporting clubs, newspaper reports - in fact, the list of places where you may find clues is almost endless.

Generally speaking, it's easier to search through indexes and compiled records that are available on the internet at the beginning of your family tree discovery tour. Even if you don't own a computer, many libraries today provide computers with internet access for just such purposes. One of the greatest resources available is that of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

usually referred to as the Mormons. This church has microfilmed millions of records from all over the world, and indexes to these microfilms are available on their Web site, www.familysearch.org. The Mormons gather records from all faiths and all ethnic groups and make these records available to everyone, regardless of religious orientation.

Best of all, you can reserve and view the microfilms at a local Mormon Family History Center near where you live. The films ship straight from Salt Lake City to your local Center, where volunteers can help you with the microfilm readers. While there, you will not be given any religious materials or lectures (unless you ask). You can find the Family History Center closest to your location if you start at

http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhc/frameset_fhc.asp

Wherever you turn up information about your ancestors, always check the "facts" that you find. Many times you will obtain a piece of information that later turns out to be inaccurate. Never believe anything until you can verify it! You need to treat all verbal information -- as well as most of the genealogy information on the internet -- as "clues to what might be true." Then, armed with this newly-found information, seek out an original record of the event that corroborates what you found earlier.

Once your tree starts bearing fruit, you will probably find that a computer can be a tremendous help in keeping track of all your people, events, and dates. Today's computers and software are priced to fit most any budget, and they can save weeks and even months of work. If you decide to use a computer, it's a good idea to choose a genealogy program sooner rather than later -- even if you have collected only a few family details. These programs help to organize information about individual ancestors, as well as their relationships to others in the family tree. These programs will make it much easier for you to visualize the connections between people through their capability to automatically generate charts and even point out potential discrepancies.

A list of genealogy programs for Windows computers may be found at

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/06/genealogy-programs-for-windows.html while a similar list for

Macintosh systems may be found at

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/06/genealogy-programs-for-macintosh.html

A search for your family tree can be one of the most fascinating and rewarding pursuits of your life. Who knows what you will find? Nobility? Heroes? Or horse thieves? Most of us can find all three in our ancestry. Who is lurking in your family tree?

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