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# Prohibition in a Small Oklahoma Town

by Mary Wheless

Prohibition in the United States, a national ban on the sale, manufacture, and transportation of alcohol, was in place from 1920 to 1933. The ban was mandated by the Eighteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, popularly known as the Volstead Act.

Every small town had its own bootlegger or bootleggers. It was an occupation accepted by the populace. Even the religious knew that the Bible did not forbid the drinking of liquor—it only cited 'public drunkenness' as a sin. It was an illegal operation. The local sheriff looked the other way, arrested those who overindulged and became intoxicated, and was a customer himself.

Our bootlegger had suffered a paraplegic-like disability, in that he could not walk or stand. He moved about by moving his arms, placing his hands on the underneath surface, and swinging his lower torso forward.

Bootlegging was a business he could operate from his home; it allowed him to support his family. He eventually profited enough from his illegal liquor sales to purchase and operate a service station, buy himself a wheelchair, and move his bootlegging operation away from his home.

The federal government was not concerned with bootleggers because the federal tax had been paid by the liquor distilleries (i.e. 'Bottled and Bonded'). The federal government was concerned with the illegal production of liquor on which no federal tax had been paid—white lightning, or corn liquor, also known as moonshine.

State governments were concerned with both legal and illegal liquors because they wanted state tax revenue.

The only moonshiner we knew was located at the McClain County end of the bridge over the South Canadian River just south of Norman. He was constantly being raided, fined, and/or jailed for his illegal liquor production. As quickly as possible after he was released from jail, he would begin production anew.

You will have to admit he grew the best corn. His corn fields were in the South Canadian River bottom. The annual river flooding deposited silt with nutrients for good corn production.

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# **President's Message**

The Annual Business Meeting of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society (CCGS) took place June 21, 2011 at the CSBI building.

Officers and committee chairs presented annual reports. The budget for 2011-2012 was presented by Treasurer Mike McCurtain, discussed, and adopted.

New officers for CCGS in 2011-2012 were elected and installed. The new officers are: Frank Appl, President; Nova Hornback, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; Jo Mustoe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Jean McCracken, Secretary; Mike McCurtain, Treasurer; Betty Hall, Marilyn Henry, and Sherry Leafgreen, Members-at-Large; Mary Lewis, Past President; and Jean McCracken and Nova Hornback, Library Co-Managers.

CCGS finished the year 2010-2011 with a positive financial balance for the first time in several years. The rent on our library space at CSBI is a large recurring expense for us. Usually our income is not sufficient to cover all CCGS expenses, resulting in an erosion of CCGS financial assets. The CCGS Board is fully aware of this trend and is very careful to keep expenditures to a minimum.

A primary factor resulting in last year's positive balance was the sales of the CCGS Heritage Cookbook. If you have not yet purchased one, please call or write CCGS to arrange for a copy. A second factor resulting in the positive year-end balance was donations to CCGS from members and friends. While not showing directly on the CCGS financial balance, a member's gift of two new computers was a very welcome addition to the CCGS Library.

The CCGS Finance Committee has developed a new dues schedule for 2012 which is presented on page 40 of this newsletter. A primary change is that dues are separated from donations. All donations to CCGS are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Individual dues remain at \$20.00 per year. Family dues were modestly increased to \$25.00 per year. Individual dues and donations are the major sources of income to CCGS. This income allows CCGS to maintain the Library space.

Please renew your 2012 CCGS membership in December or January and make a donation toward the continuation of library services to our members and the public.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Archives reorganization will have progressed to the extent that one storage room will be released for a lesser rent burden.

We plan a calendar fund-raising project for this year. Please loan early Cleveland County photographs to CCGS for use in this project. Identify photographs on the back. You will be asked to sign a release granting CCGS permission to use your photos. Your photographs will be returned to you.

The other CCGS Board members for 2011-2012 join me in our greetings to you as we start a new year at CCGS.

# **Officers' Annual Reports**

#### **President's Report**

By Frank Appl

I am pleased to report to the Cleveland County Genealogical Society at the end of my first term of office as President.

As President, I scheduled, planned, and presided over monthly meetings of the Board of Directors. I also presided over the monthly Society meetings. Some highlights of our CCGS meetings include a very enjoyable potluck dinner in September, a holiday party in December, and a memorable appreciation party for Evelyn Parker in April.

CCGS has enjoyed an excellent financial year, in which we will actually finish the fiscal year with more income than expense—the first such occurrence since I have been on the Board. The primary sources of positive income this year are the Bakeless Bake Sale and the CCGS Cookbook, which currently is in its second printing. Other sources of positive income include the sale of CCGS note cards, contributions made by CCGS members over and above dues payments, and the 2010 Summer Seminar. The seminar produced positive income only because we received a \$400 grant.

I appointed a special Task Force, chaired by Sarah Pool and Jo Mustoe, to consider questions relative to annual summer seminars and local workshops. After extensive discussions, the Task Force recommended to the Board that the annual summer seminar be discontinued, at least for 2011, and that CCGS should concentrate on local workshops. The Board of Directors adopted these recommendations.

I appointed Mike McCurtain to chair the Finance Committee. Marilyn Henry, Mary Lewis, and Frank Appl served on this committee. The Finance Committee has developed a new dues schedule, which will be presented in the September newsletter.

Following extensive discussions within the Board of Directors and presentation by an insurance agent, the Board decided that D & O insurance, which is quite expensive, is not a necessity for our organization. The Board also determined that coverage of the holdings of the CCGS Library should be more complete. Provision for increased coverage has been included in the budget for the next fiscal year.

The Archives storage area has been the focus of much work this past year. Our goal is to consolidate archives holdings sufficiently that one storage room can be released and thereby reduce our expense for rent. To date, we have been able to do all of the moving ourselves. With the donation of shelving and file cabinets, the consolidation is progressing well.

I am chairing a Strategic Planning Committee, composed of the CCGS Board as a whole. We have had three meetings and will continue this effort into the next year. We hope to formulate a five year plan with progressive yearly goals for the continued development of our genealogical society. I wish to thank the CCGS Board of Directors who have served with me this past year for their patience, understanding, good humor, and willingness to volunteer. Finally I thank CCGS for electing me as President and thereby providing me an opportunity to be of service to the Society.

## **Treasurer & Finance Committee**

#### By Mike McCurtain

The fiscal year financial report reflects a net income of \$4,396.55 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. This primarily reflects the positive response to the various fundraising efforts; specifically, the Bakeless Bake Sale and the Cookbook Sales. The Seminar of August 2010 had a profit of \$568.28. In addition, CCGS received an unexpected one-time donation of \$2,000. There were no unexpected expenses to be reported.

The Finance Committee met on May 2, 2011, to propose and discuss changes in the FY 2011-2012 budget. The results of this meeting were discussed and modified by the Board of Directors on May 9, 2011, and then presented to the members present at the Society meeting on May 17, 2011. The new budget is reflected on the enclosed Profit & Loss Budget Overview, July 2011 through June 2012.

Of note is a clarification of membership dues versus donations, which was implemented to comply with IRS regulations. This will be explained in detail in the September Newsletter. Also reflected is a modest increase of \$2.00 in Family Membership Dues.

The budget does not reflect any Seminar income or expenses since the Board decided to focus on local workshops this next fiscal year. The proposed 'New Project' is a calendar project. The proposed budget is essentially the same as last year. There will be an increase in insurance expenses reflecting additional coverage for library materials.

### **First Vice-President**

#### (Program Committee Chair)

#### BY MARY SUE SCHNELL

My goal as Program Chair has been to provide a variety of topics for our monthly meetings.

September was a welcome back potluck at University Lutheran Church, spotlighting the new CCGS Cookbook. Members shared their genealogical adventures of the summer.

October featured Greg Boyd sharing his company's progress with its Family Maps and Texas Land Survey Maps ongoing project. He also shared information on Arphax Publishing's new research tool for viewing historical maps from personal computers.

November guest speaker, Brad Koplowitz, a preservation expert, spoke on preserving old books and documents. Attendees were invited to bring examples for him to examine and offer suggestions appropriate to their repair.

December meeting was the annual holiday social, with members providing a variety of delicious snacks.

January featured the program Journey to My Lithuanian Roots by your program chair. It featured how to research your ancestors in the former Soviet Union republic, a brief historical background of the Baltic nation and the speaker's experiences visiting the land of her maternal grandparents.

February honored speaker was Dr. George Henderson, the first black homeowner in Norman and only the third black faculty member at the University of Oklahoma. He spoke of his family's pioneering experiences bringing cultural diversity to Norman.

March speaker was Darlene Shawn, former genealogy columnist for the Norman Transcript. She presented a program on lineage societies, what they are, who may join, and how to become a member.

April was a special reception honoring long time CCGS member, Evelyn Parker. The Society honored Evelyn's selfless contributions to the society, the library and to family research in Cleveland County.

May concluded the program year with a fascinating presentation by Lisa Westbrook on her mission to preserve historic Knoles Cemetery in eastern Cleveland County. Knoles Cemetery, originally known as Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, is the site of the graves of several Civil War veterans.

June is the Annual Meeting of CCGS, with refreshments served. Elections are held and a budget for 2011/2012 is adopted.

# Second Vice-President (Education Committee Chair) By Jo MUSTOE

President Frank Appl called a Task Force meeting in early November of those interested in seminars and workshops provided by CCGS. Betty Hall, Marilyn Henry, Nova Hornback, Sherry Leafgreen, Mary Lewis, Jo Mustoe, and Sarah Pool attended this meeting.

After considerable discussion of the costs and volunteer effort required to host an all-day seminar, it was decided not to have a Summer Seminar in 2011, to reconsider the idea for a later time, and to concentrate on providing half-day workshops on a variety of subjects. This Task Force has become the Education Committee, chaired jointly by Sherry Leafgreen and Jo Mustoe.

The CCGS Board, meeting the following week, unanimously approved the Task Force's recommendations. Jo Mustoe was named to fill the vacant office of Second Vice-President. She and Sherry Leafgreen, Board memberat-large, serve as co-chairs of the Education Committee.

CCGS hosted a Basic Genealogy Skills workshop in January, with 14 persons attending. Total income for this workshop was \$231.

In April we hosted a workshop on Native American research skills. Betty Kemp organized the workshop. Presenters included Kemp, Sharron Ashton, Mary Lewis, and Dinah Worcestor. Ten people attended this workshop; income from registration was \$153. In addition, \$60 raised by Sharron Ashton with the sale of computer disks, was also presented to the Society.

Plans for fall workshops include a workshop on preservation skills by Brad Koplowitz and a workshop on finding things in the CCGS library.

The Education committee is open to any CCGS member who would like a say in the presentation of workshops by the Society. Naturally, volunteers who are willing to lend a helping hand are also welcome.

# Library and Archives Committee

By Betty Kemp

The Library and Archives Committee reviewed policies concerning the Library and made several revisions which were recommended to the Board for approval. The creation of a fund to support the library was recommended to the Board of Directors.

The Committee approved removal and de-accession of a number of books to make way for more appropriate recent donations.

Members of the Library and Archives Committee include Nova Hornback, Jean McCracken, Jo Mustoe, Sherry Leafgreen, Mary Lewis, and Mary Sue Schnell.

# Newsletter Committee

By Mary Lewis

Electronic delivery of the CCGS Newsletter was initiated with the September 2010 issue. Three issues were delivered electronically. Due to unforeseen circumstances, one issue was delivered only by mail.

Approximately 75% of our members receive their newsletter electronically. Another 25%, who do not have computers or who are unable to download large files, continue to receive newsletters via U.S. mail. We also mail exchange copies of our newsletter to other genealogical societies.

Last year we delivered 661 copies of the newsletter, electronically or by mail. The cost of printing four issues for mail delivery was \$250.85, and mailing cost was \$159.41, for a total cost of \$455.26.

The change to mostly electronic delivery of the CCGS Newsletter resulted in a 54% cost savings compared to last year's final cost of \$990.10.

It cost us \$5.42 to print and mail four issues of the newsletter to a member.

## **Membership Committee**

#### By Jean McCracken

Membership continues to decline. We are losing members much faster than we are gaining new ones. A breakdown of the paid memberships for 2011:

64 Individual memberships

- 22 Family memberships
- 2 Library sponsor memberships
- 8 Sustaining memberships
- 3 Benefactor memberships
- 2 Corporate Sponsor memberships
- 1 Corporate Associate membership

18 individual memberships did not renew

2 family memberships did not renew

5 corporate sponsor memberships did not renew

## **Research & Publications Committee**

#### By JEAN MCCRACKEN

The Research and Publications Committee brought in a total of \$1409.65 for research and sale of publications during the 2010-2011 Society fiscal year.

Income from queries — Income for query research was \$613.80. This is a \$67 increase from the previous year. Our probate and land patent indexes online continue to be responsible for about half of the income. All postage and outside copying is a donation of the committee chair.

Income from publications — Income from the sale of CCGS publications for the past year was \$795.85, an increase of \$186.85 over last year's sales. The major sale was a \$531 invoice to Midwest Library Service of Bridgeton, Missouri. This year we had no outside printing costs because we replenished our inventory using our library copier and comb binder. Our cartridge recycling program accounts continue to pay for all copy paper, cardstock and comb binders. Postage required for publication shipment is donated by the committee chair.

**Income from Cookbook**— Our major fundraiser for this year was the Heritage Cookbook. Board member Mae Cox suggested the cookbook project. She asked for recipes used by a family member, with a picture and story identifying each cook. Mae produced a beautiful cookbook, which has been well received.

We have sold 224 of the 250 cookbooks printed. Our sales to date total \$4,405. We expended \$1,156.00 to produce the 250 copies, giving us a net profit so far of \$3,249.55. One cookbook was damaged by storm water which entered our library and archives last month, leaving 25 books in inventory. We will realize almost \$500 more when we sell the remaining 25 books.

#### Library Manager

#### BY NOVA HORNBACK & JEAN MCCRACKEN

The Library managers supervise the overall operation of the CCGS Library and Archives. They assist researchers in locating appropriate library resources. Together with the Library Committee, the Library managers determine projects to increase accessibility to the library's resources.

The Library managers recruit volunteers and assign them appropriate tasks to complete projects. They also assist the Library Committee in maintenance of the Library's collections and serve as voting members of the CCGS Board.

Jean McCracken and Nova Hornback are the Library Managers who perform these tasks as they go about the daily business of the library.

Mary Lewis has initiated an ongoing weeding of the stacks to make room for new research materials that have been donated and cataloged. Our new volunteer, Jane Harris, is now helping with this and many other tasks. We also appreciate the contributions of long-time volunteers, Mary Sue Schnell, Pat Starzer, and Jo Mustoe.

We are making progress in consolidating the archival materials stored in Room 108 with the materials stored in our original Archives room. In the process we have identified and discarded materials or records which we feel are no longer appropriate for our library.

Several board members have volunteered on work days to move file cabinets and boxes of materials from Room 108 to our Archives Room. Volunteers in this project include Frank Appl, Mike McCurtain, Mary Lewis, Sherry Leafgreen, Marilyn Henry, Betty Hall and Jean McCracken.

Mary Lewis and Jean McCracken continue the Ink Cartridge Recycling Project. CCGS continues to purchase all library supplies from this account. We also purchased a new color printer/scanner through this recycling project to use in addition to our laser printer.

## **Calling** Committee

By Sherri Stansel

As chair of the Calling Committee it is my responsibility to contact most of the local membership regarding upcoming meetings and events via email.

Those who have no email are contacted by a phone call from Marilyn Roberts and Elizabeth Loeffelholz. I would like to thank them for providing this service to those members.

## **Hospitality Committee**

By Nova Hornback

September 2010: We held a Pot-Luck Dinner for our first meeting of the 2010/2011 year. We met at the University Lutheran Church, sharing food, fun and friendship. Stories of interesting trips and research over the summer were shared.

December 2010: Our Christmas party was held in the CSBI Classroom. We arranged the tables in a large U shape so everyone could visit while sharing the goodies, punch and laughs.

April 2011: We gave a going away party for Evelyn Parker in the south lobby of CSBI, next to the CCGS Library. We hated to say goodbye to Evelyn, but know that she will enjoy living near her family and especially her grandchildren.

June 2011: We held the annual business meeting in the south lobby of CSBI. Tonight's punch and snacks concludes the 2010-2011 hospitality schedule.

#### CCGS Heritage Cookbook

\$19.95 each + 8.25% sales tax

405-701-2100 <u>ccgs@csbi.org</u> CCGS, P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070

# In the Library

# **New Books**

Abstracts of Wills of Kings County Recorded at Brooklyn N.Y. Abstracts of Wills of Washington County, New York (2 Vols.) Auglaize Township, Allen Co., Ohio Cemeteries Biographical History of Lancaster County: Being a History of Early Settlers and Eminent Men of the County Chester County Genealogical Society 2004 Surname Book Choctaw National Records Microfilm Series Courthouses of Texas Decisions: a Writer's Handbook For All Time: a Complete Guide to Writing Your Family History History of Washington and Kent Counties, Rhode Island (2 Vols.) Index Probate of Wills, Kings County, New York: 1850-1890 (3 Vols.) Index to Ancestors: of the 1990-1991 Members of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Index to Cleveland County (OK) Marriage Books Register 1891-1897, Marriage Book One 1890-1895 Index to Hidden Lineages in the D.A.R. Lineage Vols. 151 to 166 Index to Lexington Observer 2004-2010 Iowa Infantry of 1861-1865, First thru Fourteenth List of Black Servicemen Compiled from the Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records Lutheran Annual 1993: of the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod Marriages and Anniversaries: the Norman Transcript, Vol. 21 Marriages and Deaths, 1838-1840: Army and Navy Chronicle Marriages, Deaths and Miscellany, 1833-1839: Military and Naval Magazine of the United States and Army and Navy Chronicle McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church Guide Book & Directory, 2004

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church Guide Book & Directory, 2006 MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers The Norman Transcript: Obituaries, January -June 2010 The Norman Transcript Obituaries: July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 On Writing Well A Passing of Time-at Moore, Oklahoma Putnam County (OH) Cemeteries Putnam County, Ohio, Cemeteries: Greensburg Township with St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Glandorf, Ottawa Township Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy U.S. Catholic Ancestors: a Diocesan Research Guide (2 Vols.)

# **New Journals**

Mitteilungsblatt Southeastern Native American Exchange: S.E.N.A.

# In Recent Journals

In which war might your ancestor have served? This list of wars tells when and where. *Greer Frontier*. Greer County Genealogical and Historical Society. Vol. 1, No. 49, Summer 2011.

Learn about the National Atlas, a mapbuilding platform sponsored by the federal government that lets you build your own maps. *GRIVA News & Notes*. Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia. Vol. 31, No. 3, Spring 2011.

Think in Soundex when you cannot find someone in the census or other historical records. This will help you understand and develop potential alternative spellings for a surname. *NGS Magazine*. National Genealogical Society. Vol. 37, No. 2, April-June 2011.

## Murphy's Law of Genealogy

Your great-grandmother's maiden name—for which you've searched for years—was on an old letter, in a box in the attic all the time.

## Using RootsWeb: Finding Our Roots Together with Mailing Lists By JOAN YOUNG

It's summer where I live. The pool parties, picnics, and backyard barbeques are in full swing. Everyone brings some food or beverages to help the host with the party. This reminds me of the way RootsWeb has functioned from its inception. RootsWeb is the host and supplies the Web space, programs, databases, search engines, and forums. We supply our tools, knowledge, and resources (books, family Bibles, obituaries, family trees). RootsWeb's current slogan "Finding our roots together" is about the part we (the researchers) bring to the party. Our ultimate goal is to share with others, find cousins, learn new information, and break down walls

While all features at RootsWeb assist the researcher in some manner, one of the oldest resources, and long among my favorites, are the mailing lists. Recently, a variety of factors has resulted in some of the mailing lists seeing reduced activity. The biggest hurdle for mailing lists over the past few months has been spam and the resulting filtering necessary on RootsWeb's end to protect the servers from the heavy onslaught of spam that must be blocked. Additionally, spam filtering on the receiving end sometimes results in subscribers being unintentionally removed from their lists. These factors have caused some list members to question whether or not lists are still a viable resource.

RootsWeb has recently adjusted its spam filtering tools which should make it easier for list subscribers to get back in the action and not have their legitimate posts blocked in error. Start by checking your current list subscriptions now at My Account, or you can always request a list of your current subscriptions from Password Central. Checking on your subscriptions will ensure that you have not been unsubscribed from any of your favorites. If you've been unsubscribed now is the perfect time to find those lists and resubscribe. While you are checking on your list it is a good time to update brick wall queries, post data you gathered, and stir the pot a little to get fresh discussions started. Others are certain to chime in.

#### FINDING LISTS

Specialized locality, surname, and topic lists are where you will find a dedicated core group of experts in the subject of the lists. These valuable volunteers don't want to miss a beat when it comes to a specific specialty whether it is a locality, surname, occupation, or religion (topics). Researchers most familiar with the subject matter of your queries, and the most likely to have the answers to breaking down your brick walls, are here on the mailing lists. Need to have a German language document translated or find the city ward for a street address? Locality lists are where you need to be (USA and International)! Have a question about woodworker ancestors? Occupation topic lists may have information you want. Your ancestors were Quakers? There is a religion topic list just for you. If your ancestors moved from place to place or you are having difficulty sorting out one John ROBINSON from another and fitting your John into the correct ROBINSON line, the ROBINSON surname list is your best option. Start here to search or browse the index of all lists.

#### LIST MODES:

You may subscribe to lists in either "list/mail" mode or "digest" mode. When you send your subscription request, the confirmation link you receive and respond to allows you to choose which mode you prefer. If a list is a very active one or you don't care to receive individual e-mails, choose digest mode so that you will only receive one email, sometimes two, detailing the daily list activity. If you prefer to receive each list post as an individual e-mail as soon as it is sent, choose "list" mode.

## HANDLING MESSAGES GATEWAYED FROM A MESSAGE BOARD:

Many lists are "gatewayed" to an allied message board. It is a one-way gateway in which the board posts are automatically copied to the list, but board posters won't see replies posted exclusively to the list unless they are subscribed (many are not). You can identify gatewayed posts because they have a sender address of gcgateway@rootsweb.com. This address is not a valid e-mail contact address for sending a reply. When you see a gateway post and want to reply, click the link included in the message which will take you to the message board. Your reply on the board will then be automatically posted to the list.

You can unsubscribe from a mailing list at any time by following the instructions included at the foot of every list message. RootsWeb mailing lists, like every RootsWeb resource, are entirely free. Lists require free subscriptions to guard against non-subscriber spam and malware. List messages are plain text and do not allow attachments for the same reasons. List administrators set a message size limit to ensure you won't be receiving the equivalent of *War and Peace* in your inbox in the form of list posts.

It's time for you to come to the party. Instead of your grandma's famous potato salad, bring along your queries, data, and discussion topics. Before long, you will find we will all be once again "finding our roots together."

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# **CCGS News**

Meetings

# June Annual Meeting

The June meeting, the CCGS Annual Meeting, featured reports from officers and committees, which are published in this issue of the CCGS Newsletter. Members elected officers and voted to adopt the budget for the 2011/2012 year. The meeting closed with installation of officers.

Past president Mary Lewis installed the president, Frank Appl, who then installed the remaining officers. First Vice-President (program chair) is Nova Hornback, and Second Vice-President (education chair) is Jo Mustoe. Jean McCracken, secretary, and Mike McCurtain, treasurer, will serve another year in those offices. At-large members of the Board are Marilyn Henry, Sherry Leafgreen, and Betty Hall.

# 2012 Membership Form Changes

In recent years, a good many members have responded to the continuing need for additional income to operate the CCGS library by voluntarily paying amounts above the \$20 standard membership dues. These higher levels of membership were designated Library Sponsor, Sustaining Member, and Benefactor.

Soon you will see changes in the 2012 Membership Form. These changes are to clarify IRS regulations regarding charitable donations, for taxpayers who itemize deductions.

*Membership dues* are those fees organizations collect to defray operating expenses; these are not considered to be for charitable purposes.

**Donations,** however, are for the overall benefit of the charitable organizations—which includes CCGS—and are tax deductible.

Therefore, the 2012 Membership Form will reflect separating the payment of dues and donations (as well as amounts given by Corporate Donors).

Basic CCGS Membership dues will remain \$20. Family Membership dues will increase \$2 to \$25. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CCGS Treasurer, Mike McCurtain.

CCGS annual membership runs from January through December each year. *Annual dues are payable on January 1 each year and become delinquent March 31.* The new membership form will be distributed with the December 2011 newsletter

# 2012 CCGS Dues Schedule

Individual Membership			
Family Membership	\$25		
Library/Institution Membership	\$40		

### DONATIONS

Angel	\$1000 & above
Benefactor	\$750-\$999
Patron	\$500-\$749
Donor	\$250-\$499
Sponsor	\$100-\$249
Friend	\$50-\$99

#### **CORPORATE DONORS**

Gold Donor	\$1000 & above
Silver Donor	\$500-\$999
Bronze Donor	\$100-\$499

Donations to this 502(c)(3) organization help support the CCGS Genealogy Library and may be tax deductible.

# **Donations to CCGS Library**

The CCGS Genealogy Library continues to grow, thanks to generous donations of several supporters.

Henry Hensel has been a major donor of books recently, having donated at least 250 genealogy titles to our library.

Mr. Hensel's contributions include research materials on Arkansas, Georgia,New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and Virginia, as well as titles pertaining to Dutch, Scotch-Irish, and Native American research.

We cannot thank Henry Hensel enough for his generous donations which have provided major improvement to the CCGS Library collection

Frank Appl, who is closing his business at the time we are consolidating our archival materials into one rental space, will donate ten five-drawer legal filing cabinets to our Archives. These will enable us to make a large number of probate and divorce records more easily accessible for researchers.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Members and researchers are asked to knock to be admitted to the CCGS Library on Saturday afternoons.

CCGS meetings (third Tuesday night) will occur in the South lobby, adjacent to the CCGS Library.

These actions are a security measure, made to insure that unauthorized persons do not enter the CSBI Building during hours when the building is normally closed.

CCGS members and researchers are welcome at all times.

# High School Yearbooks for Sale

The CCGS Library has a number of yearbooks for high schools outside Cleveland County. Our collection guidelines require we focus on Cleveland County schools; therefore, we need to find another home for these yearbooks. We are listing these for sale at \$5 per yearbook. Call 405-701-2100 if you want to own one.

#### <u>Year Yearbook</u>

- 1945 Sophie B. Wright High School (New Orleans)
- 1952 Central High School Tiger (Tahlelquah OK)
- 1956 Cabool High School Bulldog (Cabool MO)
- 1957 Cabool High School Bulldog (Cabool MO)
- 1959 Tonkawa High School *Buccaneer* (Tonkawa OK)
- 1961 Yuma High School Saguaro (Yuma AZ)
- 1962 Tonkawa High School *Buccaneer* (Tonkawa OK)
- 1962 Northern Oklahoma Junior College *Roundup* (Tonkawa OK)
- 1964 Northern Oklahoma Junior College *Roundup* (Tonkawa OK)
- 1965 Holdenville Bulldog (Holdenville OK)
- 1966 Holdenville Bulldog (Holdenville OK)
- 1968 Cordell High School Blue Devil (Cordell OK)
- 1968 Holdenville *Bulldog* (Holdenville OK)
- 1969 Arapaho High School Indian (Arapaho OK)
- 1969 Holdenville Bulldog (Holdenville OK)
- 1970 Washita Heights Junior & Senior High & Corn Elementary
- 1971 Holdenville Bulldog (Holdenville OK)
- 1975 Holdenville *Bulldog* (Holdenville OK)
- 1976 Hydro High School Bobcat (Hydro OK)
- 1977 Holdenville Bulldog (Holdenville OK)

## **Book Sale**

The large number of books that have been donated to the CCGS library the last couple of years have filled our shelves to overflowing. To cope, we have begun a "weeding" project in our library, removing titles from the collection that are not directly related to genealogy. This includes *biographies* and books that are primarily *history* or *travel*. Although a traumatic experience, "weeding" actually strengthens our genealogy collection.

Books removed from the collection are offered for sale to our members and others at very attractive prices. Hard-cover books are \$1 and soft-cover books 50 cents.

Come by the library Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. to find some good reading.

# Calendar

## CCGS Board Meetings

1:30 p.m. second Monday, CCGS Library September 12, 2011 October 10, 2011 November 14, 2011 December 12, 2011

# CCGS Society Meetings

7:00 p.m. third Tuesday, south lobby near CCGS Library September 20, 2011 - Fall Social

October 18, 2011 November 15, 2011

December 20, 2011

## Family History Writers Group

10 a.m. second Wednesday, CCGS Library September 14, 2011 October 12, 2011 November 9, 2011 December 14, 2011

# Genealogy Computer Users Group

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Wednesday Norman Public Library Computer Room (Call 701-2100 to verify date) September 28, 2011 October 26, 2011 November 16, 2011 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) December - no meeting

## Obituaries from Norman Transcript

Beginning July 1, Betty Kemp has assumed responsibility for clipping obituaries from the Norman Transcript and organizing them into books for our library. Evelyn Parker had provided this service for many years. The obituary collections are among the most-used items in our library collection.

During the interim after Evelyn relinquished this duty, Mary Lewis saved the obituary page each day. Several library volunteers worked together with Betty to produce the book and index for January 1 through June 30, 2011.

We are grateful that Betty has volunteered for this important task.

## Deaths

Evanna Esadooah's father, Orville D. Hunt, died June 14, 2011 in Norman at age 92.

Tom Morris, brother of Celia Morris Phillips, died July 19, 2011, at McAllen, Texas.

Imogene Ramay, CCGS member and long-time Norman resident, died July 28, 2011 in Norman.

# Workshops

# Federation of Genealogical Societies

Pathways to the Heartland September 7-10, 2011 Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield, Illinois http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org/

# **Ozarks Genealogical Society**

31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference September 23-24, 2011 Barbara Vines Little Clarion Hotel, Springfield, Missouri http://www.ozarksgs.org

# **Oklahoma Genealogy Society**

Fifth Annual Ancestor Fair October 1, 2011 Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma <u>http://www.okgensoc.org/</u>

# Johnson County Kansas Genealogical Society

2011 Annual Seminar Paula Stewart-Warren October 22, 2011 Lenexa Community Center 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, Kansas http://www.johnsoncountykansasgenealogy.org

# Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International

13<sup>th</sup> 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/

# **Texas State Genealogical Society**

From Allen's Landing to the Moon Landing: Destination Houston! Paula Stuart-Warren November 4-5, 2011 Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport, Houston, Texas http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org/

# CCGS LIBRARY WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 15 10:00 a.m. to noon CCGS Library

A workshop, *Explore the CCGS Genealogy Library*, will be offered especially for CCGS members and friends, on Thursday September 15, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the CCGS Library.

- Explore the many new resource materials in your Genealogy Library.
- View the variety of original Cleveland County records in the CCGS Library Archives.
- Learn about microfilm resources in this library.
- Examine the dozens of indexes created by CCGS volunteers—Cleveland county records, cemeteries, obituaries, funeral home records, and more.
- Discover the methods used to organize the books and files in the Genealogy Library collection.

There is no fee for this workshop. Pre-registration is requested. Call 405-701-2100, e-mail ccgs@csbi.org or mail to CCGS, P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070.

CCGS members—please come, and invite your friends!

# **Bits & Pieces**

Indian Lands west of Arkansas (Indian Territory)on the 1860 census is indexed on the Jefferson County, Arkansas USGenWeb web site. http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arjeffer/indian lands.htm

This site gives direct access to individual state and territory information about where to write for birth, death, marriage, or divorce records. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm

A wealth of American Indian records can be found here. <u>www.accessgenealogy.com</u>

**Images of federal land title records** issued since 1820, plus survey plats and field notes dating to 1810. www.glorecords.blm.gov

**Shifting county lines** in your ancestors' state of origin can be mapped with this free interactive atlas. <u>www.newberry.org/ahcbp/</u>

**Drag your cursor over the 2010 U.S. census map** and it displays demographics for every county. http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map?nl=todaysh

http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map?nl=todaysh eadlines&emc=thab l

# **100 Years Ago**

*Cleveland County Enterprise.* Thursday, September 14, 1911

#### Ladies Will Hold Cake Sale

The Board of the Lady managers of the Norman Library will give a cake sale on Saturday next, September 16 at I. M. Jackson's furniture store. The patronage of all citizens interested in maintaining a free library is solicited. By order of president Mrs. I. M. Jackson

#### **Prohibition Lecture**

There will be a prohibition lecture at the Presbyterian church in Norman, Saturday evening September 16 at eight p.m. by E. A. Thomas of Texas. Mr. Thomas illustrates his lecture with sixty stereopticon views, all showing the evils of the liquor traffic. Every body should hear him. No admission.

#### Mrs. Walker Visiting Here

Mrs. Walker, of Mo., is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Colin McClure, on N. Peters Ave. Mrs. Walker expects to be here three or four weeks.

#### Marriage Licenses

Harry W. Hughes 24 Norman Minnie Lee Edwards 23 Norman

Wm. Williams 42 Oklahoma City Mrs. Nellie Thompson 34 Oklahoma City

Clarence Tullious 22 Norman Lindy Duensey 22 Norman

#### Fisher Lands Big Job

Max Fisher landed the \$600.00 sewerage contract for the Washington school building and work will be started immediately upon it. Max left Tuesday on a short business trip to Choctaw City

Dr. M. J. T. Capshaw reports the birth of 13 pound baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dollmier on Friday night. This is the fourteenth child born to this union; eight of them are boys and all of them Democrats.

#### **Moore News Notes**

Mrs. G. Blevins is spending this month with relatives in Kentucky.

Miss Edna Smith went to Norman Friday to begin her term in the public school.

Fred Percival and W.A. Taylor started about two hundred head of registered cattle to West Texas this week.

School began Monday. Seventeen have been transferred to the High School from the adjoining districts, and prospects are excellent for a successful school this year.

#### Local and Personal

Mrs. D. W. Marquart and daughter Miss Vida, were Oklahoma City visitors Friday.

Mrs. J. F. Belknap returned Thursday night from a three months trip to Portland, Oregon.

Miss Grace Lee has gone to Wapanucka where she will teach in the public schools this year.

Miss Lee Brittain has gone to Sherman, Tex., where she will attend the Kidd Key college the coming year.

R. J. Morgan of Peoria, Ill., was here last week attending to business matters. He is doing well since he left Norman.

E. W. Terry, of Sulphur is a new addition to the Enterprise force. He is an experienced printer so look for results in the paper.

Miss Nina Jones, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jones, is much improved and is on the road to recovery.

The Norman Transcript. Thursday, Sept. 7, 1911

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Headlines appearing on the front page]

NORMAN SHOULD BE ADVERTISED The Best Town in Oklahoma and Its Advantages Should Be Known CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS A Splendid Home Town, With Religious and Educational Environment — Property Reasonable

#### INTERURBAN PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING

Contractors on El Reno Line Through Grading and Will Soon Move Camp SURE TO EXTEND TO NORMAN Oklahoma Railway Company Doing Much and Saying Little So Say Their Friends

#### PROSPECTS GOOD FOR UNIVERSITY

Students Are Now Arriving To Get Location for Board and Room NORMAN'S FINE OUTLOOK Educational Center of Oklahoma — Splendid City for Homes — Investment Substantial

#### HOME TRADING WILL BE FOUND THE CHEAPEST Buying at Home You Deal with Neighbors — Buy with Goods Before You HELP BUILD YOUR HOME TOWN If a Place is Good Enough to Live In It is Good Enough to Spend Your Money In

#### **Old Settlers Reunion**

Every arrangement has been made for the Old Settlers and W.O. W. Picnic and Reunion and it promises to be one of the best ever held in Cleveland county. Senator Gore will certainly be present and make the address of the occasion, and parades, contests, drills, band music, etc., have all been arranged for.

Come, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8th and 9th.

# 100 Years Ago

#### Society News

Dean J. C. Monnet and family moved on Thursday to their handsome new home on DeBarr Avenue. Judge Eagleton purchased the residence on Asp Avenue where the Monnets have recently lived, and his family will move over from Pawnee the latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry and little daughter Helen returned Saturday night after a two weeks absence from town. While Mr. Berry went to St. Louis, Mrs. Berry and Helen visited relatives in Pawnee, Stillwater and Cleveland.

Miss Mae Baily has again accepted her position in the Cherokee schools and will teach there this winter.

Mrs. G. P. Glenn of 312 W. Main, will entertain the Daughters of the Confederacy on Friday afternoon Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Rena Ryan writes from Rocky Ford, Colo., that she has accepted a position there in the city schools for this winter. For the past two years Miss Ryan taught here, the first primary in the Jefferson building.

On Saturday night a few select couples enjoyed a dance at the West Side station. The guest of honor was Miss Edna Hillyer of Austin, Texas.

#### Stella

Miss Mattie Bacon returned from Denver Wednesday after a pleasant visit of three weeks with relatives.

The new room being added to the school house is progressing rapidly. The frame work is up and the siding partly on.

Wallace Puckett and Barnett Rogers made a trip to Shawnee Tuesday to haul materials for the school house.

Mr. Hardesty of Norman was out last Saturday, overhauling the hot water pump at the gin.

The singing class met Monday night to decide about entering the contest at the Old Settlers Picnic.

Ernest Lessly is home having closed a summer term at Robinson School.

Miss Cassie Davis has accepted a position at the state sanitarium at Norman.

Grandma Emery has left for a visit to her children in Illinois and California.

All those who are not picking cotton are helping at the school house under supervision of Mr. Taylor of Shawnee.

#### Local and Personal

Rural carriers Cahall, Alexander and Barrier attended the state rural carriers' convention in Oklahoma City on Monday.

David Dalgely has sold L. A. Wilson the northeast of 21-10-2 west, up near Moore, for \$16,000.

J. F. Amorett has sold Sallie S. James, the southwest of 27-10-2 west for \$8,500.

Mart Loomis has accepted a position in the Stewart Lumber company at Cordell.

Tom Vincent made a business trip to Washington, Okla., Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Burch will have charge of McCall's shoe department until her school begins east of Lexington.

Miss Carrie Martin returned Sunday from a visit to friends and relatives at Washington, Okla.

Mrs. J. L. Bowling returned Friday from Marysville, Mo. Where she has been the past two months visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. E. W. Cox and family left Tuesday for Lexington, where they go to make their future home.

Charlie Martin is now tonsorial artist at the McElroy shop, where he would be glad to meet all his old friends and customers.

J. Henninger, proprietor of the Agnes Hotel, returned Saturday from a weeks' visit to friends and relatives at various points in Arkansas. He reports crops fairly good in the old state.

Mr. E. F. Morgan has rented his fine large residence on Asp avenue to Mr. Asher, son-in-law of J. S. Gibson. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan expect to remove to Oklahoma City, we hear.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Duensing and family have removed to Mission, Tex. We understand that Mr. and Mrs. August Miller expect to remove to the same place in the near future.

#### Local and Personal

Dr. M. T. L. Capshaw reports a fine ten pound girl baby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hopper, born last Saturday. Mother and babe doing nicely.

Park Davis, son of Mrs. J. E. Davis, returned to Sacred Heart academy, yesterday after spending his vacation with his mother. He likes the school and is doing nicely.

O. V. Sinclair, of Wetumka, Okla., is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. M. F. Sinclair, and sister Mrs. R. A. Brigham. He says crops are very short in his section this year. He is on his way to New Mexico to look after his farm near Tucumcari.

#### Lexington Leader Friday, September 1, 1911

#### Young Folks Entertained

At Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Stine's country house one mile east of Lexington last Friday, twenty-three little girls and twentythree little boys enjoyed the afternoon. The affair was in honor of Miss Vestal and Paul Spenge of Paoli, who are visiting at the Stine home. Mrs. Stine was assisted by Mesdames T. B. Peery and Matthew Taylor in serving refreshments. All the young people report a pleasant time.

#### Hopkins - Wade

Ben H. Hopkins and Miss Maggie Wade, of near Wanette, were married Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock, by Rev. J. R. Caskey, at the Caskey restaurant.

#### As Told To Us

Get a big dinner for 20 cents at the Merchant's Café, Saturday.

Harry Brown, teacher of the Banner school, was visiting friends in Lexington Saturday and Sunday.

#### **Trousdale News**

The lovely rain Sunday made everything look better, even the critic's long face.

BORN—To A. Good and wife, a fine girl; also to Jake Goodnight and wife, a fine boy. All parties are getting along nicely.

K. Croft, who moved to McClain county a few years ago, is moving back.

Alva Livvis and family, of near Story, spent several days this week visiting with relatives here.

Nearly all the summer schools have closed for cotton picking.

#### Lone Star Items

Misses Nettie Stevens and Mary Merritt and Messrs. Earl Stevens and Cicero Merritt attended the Singing convention at Mt. Zion last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Birdie Boggs and Cora Abbott, of Norman, came in Tuesday for a short visit with friends and relatives.

A revival meeting began at Willow View Sunday. Quite a few from here are attending. The services are being conducted by Rev's. Monroe and Shubert.

Mr. Monnett, of Valley View, is here visiting with the family of his brother-in-law, J. B. Burk.

J. A. Bilin, optometrist, will be at Abernathy's store next Monday and Tuesday. Call and see him if in need of glasses, and let him examine your eyes.

# Oklahoma State Tourism Launches New Genealogy Tool

The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department has launched a new feature on the agency's website, <u>www.TravelOK.com/genealogy</u>, which assists visitors seeking to connect with their familial ancestry. Home to 39 Federally recognized Indian tribes, countless waves of pioneer settlers and the genesis of the great Okie migration during the Dust Bowl days, Oklahoma holds the keys to unlocking many family histories. The new genealogy section is a user-friendly tool that guides visitors through a wealth of ancestral research destinations and resources throughout Oklahoma.

Searches on the site are broken down by county with quick links and information available on research libraries that contain copies of the Dawes Rolls, as well as county courthouses that house original land patents dating back to the land run. It also directs visitors to genealogical and historical societies, cemeteries, ghost towns and historical school houses, as well as tourism destinations in each county.

You can find the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department's new genealogy web site at http://www.TravelOK.com/genealogy

# Automate Your Google Searches

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Google has become the primary tool for all sorts of online searches. I use Google every day for genealogy and other searches. I perform searches for several ancestors, searches for any information about a small town where my ancestors lived, searches for any information about the small town where I grew up, any mentions of my newsletter, any mention of my cousins with the unusual surname, and a number of other topics. I perform these searches daily, always looking for any new information that appears online.

Of course, logging onto Google every day and manually performing such searches is tedious. Besides, I am forgetful. I don't always remember to perform the searches as often as I should.

Luckily, Google provides a solution for me and for millions of others who wish to perform repetitive searches of Google's billions of links, looking for new information.

In fact, Google will perform a search for me every day or every week and even send any newly-found results to me as email messages. Google remembers these tasks far better than I do. If I forget, Google still remembers and sends me an email message with the results, if any. Even better, Google only sends each new piece of information one time. I never see repeats. Each new email message contains only new results that Google has found since the last email message was sent.

Google Alerts will monitor almost anything on Google that you specify. You choose the search terms in exactly the same manner as a normal search on Google. You specify if you want to search only Google News, only blogs, only videos, only discussions, or the option that I use most of the time: search everything. You can also specify to search once a day, once a week, or "as it happens." However, if you search for popular topics, the "as it happens" option can generate a lot of email messages! I'd suggest starting with the DAILY option at first, then experiment later.

You can enter your search terms and then click on PREVIEW to see an example of the results you'll receive. If you are overwhelmed with too many results, you can change the search terms and click on PREVIEW again to see the modified search. Once you are satisfied with the results, click on CREATE ALERT. From then on, you simply check your email messages occasionally to see the results.

Should you later change your mind, you can modify the search terms at any time or even stop the email messages completely. You remain in control. Google Alerts are great for many purposes, including:

- monitoring a developing news story
- keeping current on a competitor or industry
- keeping current on a company in which you have made an investment
- getting the latest updates on a celebrity or event
- keeping tabs on your favorite sports teams
- searching for newly-posted ancestral information
- and probably a few thousand other uses.

The best feature of Google Alerts? It is available FREE of charge.

Google Alerts is still listed as being available in beta. In fact, it has been in beta for years. It seems to work well, so I'd suggest you pay no attention to the beta label.

Here are some typical Google Alert search terms I use:

"Washington Harvey Eastman" "Eastman family" "Eastman genealogy" "Dexter, Maine" "Red Sox" Ancestry.com "National Genealogical Society" "Family Tree Maker" Eastman newsletter

I'd suggest you use your imagination to create the search terms that interest you. Of course, you can specify all the usual Google search terms, including the minus sign, quotation marks, tildes (meaning "similar to"), wild cards and more. A full explanation of all the Google search terms is beyond the scope of this article but you can find dozens of articles on the web that explain those search terms in detail. I suggest you start at http://goo.gl/9a9Nj to find those articles.

To create your own Google Alerts, go to http://www.google.com/alerts.

Comment: I always enjoy reading the engagement announcements and birth announcements of those cousins with the unusual surname. I also appreciate reading their obituaries, although I guess "enjoy" is not the appropriate word for obits. I often know about family news before the other family members do, thanks to Google Alerts. That even includes arrest records. (You'd have to know my relatives to appreciate that comment.)

Unfortunately, the search for relatives works best for unusual surnames. Don't try it for John Smith!

However, I have had some success by combining common names with towns or occupations, such as:

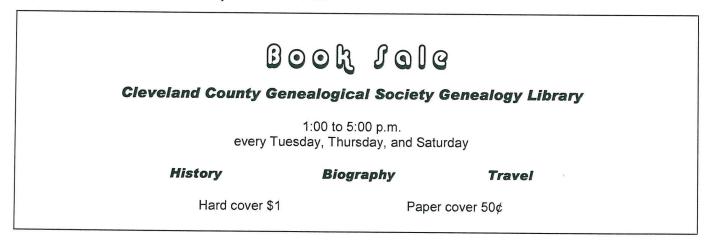
"John Williams" "Fountain Hills" Florida

Or

"Peter Johnson" electrician

I then receive occasional email messages from Google with alerts containing those words. However, many of them are "false hits" about articles containing all of those words but referring to someone other than my relative. Even though I have to throw away some of the references by "eyeball," I still often find mentions of my relatives in the alerts. You can experiment with such searches yourself easily. If it doesn't work out, you can always delete the search.

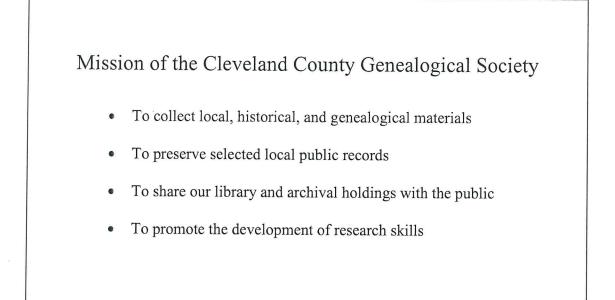
With a few carefully created search phrases, you should be able to save a lot of time and keystrokes by regularly using Google Alerts for genealogy and other topics of interest



# Report of Examination of Successful Candidates for Common School Diploma Eighth Grade Exams - 1929 - Cleveland County, Oklahoma

Name	Age	Post Office	Year	Name	Age	Post Office	Year
Allen, Leo	15	Norman	1929	Madden, Doyle	14	Norman	1929
Argo, Clint	17	Norman	1929	Mahurin, Opal	16	Lexington	1929
Buxton, Henry	14	Norman	1929	Marti, Veta	14	Norman	1929
Breshears, Lavada	14	Moore	1929	Mattox, Ruby	14	Norman	1929
Breshears, Mary	16	Moore	1929	Madden, James Delbert	14	Norman	1929
Burgess, Phillip	13	Moore	1929	Myrick, Louis	14	Noble	1929
Berry, Juanita	13	Moore	1929	Matlock, Cecil	13	Norman	1929 1929
Blair, Mildred	15	Lexington	1929	McKeehen, Zelma	13 13	Trousdale Lexington	1929
Bowling, Lucille		Lexington	1929	Nickels, Alvin Nemecek, Johnie	15	Noble	1929
Bowling, Billie Lee	16	Lexington	1929		15	Norman	1929
Bowman, Vernon	15	Moore	1929	Polk, Verna Patterson, Russell	15	Moore	1929
Bowles, Glen	13	Norman	1929	Patterson, Virgil	15	Moore	1929
Burns, Golda	12	Lexington	1929	Potter, Cordelia	15	Lexington	1929
Burns, Mason	13	Lexington	1929 1929	Percy, Louis	15	Lexington	1929
Busch, Lester	14 14	Oklahoma City Choctaw	1929	Potts, Jean	12	Norman	1929
Bahner, Herschel	14	Norman	1929	Perkins, Alice	14	Noble	1929
Campbell, Lou Campbell, Gladys	14	Lexington	1929	Poley, Clara	15	Norman	1929
Conkling, Mary	13	Lexington	1929	Rowland, Alma	15	Moore	1929
Chesser, Julia	14	Norman	1929	Reynolds, Hazel	14	Norman	1929
Cheatwood, Bessie	15	Lexington	1929	Raynard, Helen	13	Trousdale	1929
Coleman, Virgie	14	Lexington	1929	Rose, Earldon	17	Lexington	1929
Collins, Earnest	12	Lexington	1929	Raymond, Irene	13	Choctaw	1929
Carmon, Jess	14	Norman	1929	Reid, Clarence	17	McComb	1929
Dodson, Jack	15	Lexington	1929	Ragsdale, Lucille	16	Norman	1929
Drake, Minerva	12	Moore	1929	Stone, Rachel	14	Moore	1929
Doss, Virginia	11	Norman	1929	Schultz, Ruby	14	Moore	1929
Dare, George	15	Trousdale	1929	Staats, Dorris Marie	14	Trousdale	1929
Evans, Pauline	17	Lexington	1929	Shaw, Eugene	13	Noble	1929
Feuerborn, Omar	14	Noble	1929	Smith, Vida	15	Newalla	1929 1929
Flsetcher, Charles	14	Norman	1929	Schader, William	14	Norman	1929
Floyd, Iola	13	Norman	1929	Stasek, Mary	13 15	Oklahoma City Moore	1929
Funderburk, Erline	14	Lexington	1929	Shade, Olelta	13	sTrousdale	1929
Feuerborn, George	16	Lexington	1929	Start, Zetta Start, Lavada	13	Trousdale	1929
Followwill, Jewell	15	Lexington	1929	Skinner, Florence	13	Lexington	1929
Fishburn, Sam	17	Noble	1929 1929	Smith, Elowise	13	Lexington	1929
Golden, Leroy	13	Noble	1929	Scott, Dorine	14	Lexington	1929
Gotcher, Homer	18 14	Lexington Norman	1929	Slavin, Willie Lee	19	Lexington	1929
Gross, Zelta Guy, Grace	14	Noble	1929	Smith, Alice	15	Lexington	1929
Grissom, Vernon	13	Noble	1929	Strategier, Lorene	14	Norman	1929
Grissom, Darrell	11	Noble	1929	Sasser, John Henry	18	Lexington	1929
Gooch, Joe	14	Moore	1929	Sneed, Harvey	16	Lexington	1929
Holcomb, Mabel	14	Lexington	1929	Straughan, Ralph	14	Lexington	1929
Heitz, Ronald	14	Norman	1929	Turk, Dorothy		Norman	1929
Hull, Barton	13	Moore	1929	Treat, Mitchell	13	Lexington	1929
Hager, Dora	13	Norman	1929	Taylor, Eugenia	14	Newalla	1929
Holsenbake, Lillie	16	Lexington	1929	Townley, Nettie Mae	16	Lexington	1929
Huffman, Louie	14	Oklahoma City	1929	Veitenheimer, Pauline	16	Lexington	1929
Hobbs, Marion	14	Noble	1929	Whitaker, Adale	14	Noble	1929
Henderson, Eva	14	Noble	1929	Ward, Mertice	14	Moore	1929
Higbee, Louise	16	Lexington	1929	Wood, Watson	15	Lexington	1929 1929
Jefferies, Raphael	18	Lexington	1929	Ward, Pauline	14 15	Lexington Wanette	1929
Ketner, Martha	15	Noble	1929	Waldon, Vera Warren, Muriel	13	Choctaw	1929
Kirby, Merle	15	Moore	1929	Woodard, Avie	13	Choctaw	1929
Keeney, Thersie	14	Lexington	1929	Woodrow, E. C.	15	Norman	1929
Keylon, Gladys	16	Lexington	1929	Waddle, Margie	13	Lexington	1929
Kilpatrick, Edith	13	Trousdale	1929			Norman	1929
Kuhlman, Louise	13	Norman Noble	1929 1929	Wampler, Adelene	12		1929
Kienlen, Fred	14 13	Noble Norman	1929	Winters, Nora	14	Lexington	
Kiesling, James Logan, Avis	15	Noble	1929	Walker, Mabel	15	Lexington	1929
Logan, Avis Lawson, Bill	13	Lexington	1929	Wheelis, Winifred	14	Norman	1929
Lawson, Bill Lewis, Lois	16	Norman	1929	Young, Laura Nell	14	Norman	1929
Murnan, Velva	15	Norman	1929	Gray, Henry		Newalla	1929

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