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Grandma True's Dining Room Table

BY MARY WHELESS

Elizabeth Almeda Jones, 1835-1866, at age 21 married Randolph "Rand" Wilkinson about 1854 near Bentonville, Arkansas.

An uncle of Rand's offered them a "start in farming" if they would move to Missouri to farm one of his farms. The newlyweds moved to McDonald County, Missouri—the most southwest county of that state.

The family story is that Elizabeth Almeda's dining table was a wedding gift from her father-in-law, John Randolph Wilkinson.

And the table moved to Missouri with them.

Elizabeth Almeda, age 31, died at childbirth of her fifth child December 30, 1866. Her widowed husband, Rand, married widow Nancy Bolinda Lawrence Barbee, March 7, 1867 at Newton County, Missouri. Four children were born to this second marriage.

Rand died July 5, 1872, at age 37, leaving his second wife Nancy, age 35, with Rand's nine children, ages 17 years to 2 ½ months—and Nancy's four children, ages 15 years to 10 years, from her first marriage to Japtha Barbee.

With Rand's death, the decision was made

to take Rand's nine children to Bentonville, Arkansas, to live with Rand's father, John Randolph Wilkinson.

John Randolph Wilkinson and his second wife, Mary Gonce, had two children, sons ages 13 years and 9 years. When the four Barbee children and their mother, Nancy Barbee, also moved in with her father-in-law, this made a total of fifteen

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children in the household, ranging in ages from 17 years to $2\frac{1}{2}$ months.

And the table moved back to Bentonville, Arkansas.

In the course of time, Nancy Barbee Wilkinson and the Barbee children moved back to Missouri, where Nancy married her third husband, Gilbert James Stinson on April 20, 1877, in Newton County, Missouri. The Barbee/Wilkinson children stayed with their grandfather in Arkansas.

The table did not move. It stayed in Bentonville, Arkansas.

In 1883, Elizabeth Price Wilkinson, daughter of Elizabeth Almeda Jones and Rand Wilkinson (and my maternal grandmother), at age 21 married Benjamin Franklin True at Hazel Valley, Benton County, Arkansas.

Somehow it was decided that the table should be hers and should move with her to her new home. Perhaps the reason was that Elizabeth had the name of her mother Elizabeth Almeda, the original owner of the table.

Sometime between 1885 and 1890, Elizabeth Price and her husband, Frank True, moved to Springfield, Missouri. Frank was a

> building contractor and breeder of horses. Frank died in November, 1890, at age 30, of a ruptured appendix, leaving my Grandma True, age 28, with three children ages 6 years, 5 years, and 6 months.

In 1890 Grandma moved to Mason Valley, Benton County, Arkansas, to live with her father-in-law, Wallis True.

And the table moved with her to Arkansas.

In 1896, Grandma Elizabeth True, widowed five years, married my grandpa, Jim True, who was the first cousin of Elizabeth's first husband, Frank True.

And the table moved with her to her new home.

Grandma and husband Jim True, with children ages 19, 18, 13, 6 and 3 years, moved by covered wagon from Benton County, Arkansas, to Goldsby, Indian Territory, in 1903.

And the table moved with them.

The family moved back to Benton County, Arkansas, in 1904.

And the table moved with them.

The True family, with a new baby girl, moved in 1906 to Newcastle, Indian Territory.

And the table moved with them.

In 1914, Grandma and Grandpa and the three youngest children, son Irvie, daughter Marie (my Mama), and daughter Mary, moved to Blanchard. Oklahoma.

And the table moved with them.

Grandma True died in 1936 at age 74, and the table moved to my Mama's home in Blanchard until Mama died in 1965. Before Mama died, she decided the table should be handed down to the eldest daughter of the family.

So in 1965, the table moved with me to my

home in Pampa, Texas.

In 1974 the table moved with me to Norman, Oklahoma.

In 1988, I moved to North Carolina, and the table moved to my daughter Denise's home in Norman, Oklahoma.

In 2006, Denise and I built a new home. The table moved to my oldest granddaughter Kristen's home in Norman.

The table is made of red oak with a 12-inch diameter pedestal supporting a 42-inch diameter dining surface, with two 12-inch wide leafs to expand the dining surface to an oval 42" by 66". The four legs at the bottom of the pedestal originally had four glass ball feet held by brass eagle claws.

The table is now a Danish Walnut color. It had always been dark, dark walnut, almost black in color. Upon receiving the table, I decided to refinish it and replace the ball feet. During my lifetime, I knew that Mama had applied many new coats of dark varnish, but she never removed the old finish. As a result the dining surface was "soft".

By the time I had removed all of the many layers of old varnish, I'm sure the table was shorter by half an inch—and it was a red table. I did not want a red table. The table had always been walnut. So, I stained the wood Danish Walnut. I installed four rolling brown metal ball feet. I also decided to use the table

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Newsletter Editor.....Mary Lewis

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Frank Appl Jo Mustoe Mary Wheless CCGS Officers & Committee Chairs as a coffee table. My cabinet-maker husband carefully cut a 12-inch section out of the round pedestal, the cuts being made in grooves of the pedestal, the section removed, and the two parts carefully glued together, matching the grain of the wood.

In 1974, before I moved to Norman from Texas, my husband unglued the sections of the table, re-inserted the 12-inch removed section, re-glued the section, matching the grain of the wood—thus restoring the table to a dining table status.

And no one can tell where the cuts had been made.

This well-traveled table, moved so many times to family homes in four states, is at least 158 years old.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story is typical of the family stories shared in the Family History Writers Group, which meets in the CCGS Library at 10:00 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Genealogy Special Interest Groups

CCGS members who cannot attend evening meetings might want to participate in a special interest group.

The Family History Writers Group meets the second Wednesday monthly at 10:00 a.m. in the CCGS Library to share their family-related writing (and lunch afterwards at a local restaurant).

The Genealogy Research Group meets the third Wednesday each month at 1:30 p.m. in the CCGS Library. This group outlines their personal brick-wall problems, with participants offering research and possible solutions.

The Genealogy Computer User Group meets on the fourth Wednesday each month from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Computer Room of the Norman Public Library with leader Jimmy Baker. This group works primarily with the computer genealogy program *The Master Genealogist*, but also covers other subjects, including working with photographs and internet genealogy.

For more information, call 701-2100.

Around & About

1940 Census Indexing

On August 3, the very last batch of the 1940 U.S. Census was arbitrated and submitted for publication. The indexing portion of the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project was officially done.

The project was supposed to take at least six months, yet it was completed in just 124 days, two full months ahead of schedule.

An "army" of more than 160,000 volunteers participated in the indexing, including six volunteers representing the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

It will take a few more weeks to complete the quality audit and publish the final states online for searching.

However, the majority of 1940 U.S. Census records are already searchable online at the sites of the consortium members, Archives.com, familysearch.org, findmypast.com, and ProQuest.

Ancestry.com has also had fully searchable 1940 census records online for every state since early August.

You can now search for your parents or grandparents in every state. What surprises will you find in your family?

Trail of Tears Conference

The 17th Annual Trail of Tears Association Conference & Symposium will be held October 22-25, 2012, at the Riverwind Casino & Hotel in Norman.

Additional information, the conference schedule, and registration form can be found at http://www.nationaltota.org/general-info/conf-info.

Tombstone Epitaph

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:

Here lies Ezekial Aikle

Age 102

The Good Die Young

Officers' Annual Reports

President

BY FRANK APPL

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society has seen several areas of success and progress in the past year.

Various chairpersons will give more extensive reports on their committee activities, but I want to focus on some highlights.

CCGS has enjoyed a good financial year, although not as good as last year. Income sources this year include membership dues, the Bakeless Bake Sale fund-raiser, several educational workshops, the CCGS Heritage Cookbook (currently in its second printing), and contributions of CCGS members over and above their dues payments.

I appointed Mike McCurtain to chair the Finance Committee. Committee members included Marilyn Henry, Mary Lewis, and Frank Appl.

The Finance Committee developed a new dues schedule which was presented in the September 2011 newsletter. These changes make it easier for our members to document any amount paid, above the actual dues, as a charitable donation.

I chaired, through the initial stage, a Strategic Planning Committee, composed of the CCGS Board as a whole and Mary Sue Schnell (a former Board member).

Sherry Leafgreen then chaired the committee and prepared the final formulation of a five-year plan, with progressive yearly goals, for the continued development of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society. We bring that plan to this meeting for approval of the membership.

The Archives storage area has been the focus of much work this past year. We have sufficiently realized our goal of consolidation of the archives that one storage room has been released, thereby reducing our rent expense. We have been able to do all of the moving ourselves. With the donation of shelving and file cabinets, the Archives consolidation continues to progress well.

The CCGS Research Interest Group was initiated this year and has met several times this spring. Sherry Leafgreen leads the informal group who meet to to talk about their personal genealogical research and their "brick walls."

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Directors who have served with me this past year for their patience, understanding, good humor, and willingness to volunteer.

Finally, I thank the members of CCGS for electing me as President for 2011-2012 and thereby providing me an opportunity to be of service to the Society.

Treasurer

By MIKE McCurtain

The Statement of Financial Income and Expense for the period July 1, 2011 to June 18, 2012 shows a net income of a negative \$2,200.14.

There were no unexpected expenses, but a significant reduction in income. This is reflected by fewer donations than budgeted, as well as fewer membership renewals. The Society did not have a Seminar this year, nor was there a new fund-raising activity.

Another factor was the low rate of return on our investments. This is being gradually rectified by new investments with Edward Jones—investments that, while still conservative, should result in an increased return.

The Bakeless Bake Sale did well, as usual. All of these issues are being discussed by the Board, with greater efforts being made to increase corporate and individual donations and pursuing other fund-raising activities.

First Vice-President (Program Committee Chair)

By Nova Hornback

Our programs this year featured a variety of speakers.

The speakers in the fall of 2011 included Professor Robert B. Smith, who talked about his book, *When Bank Robbery Was in Flower*, and Professor David Dary, former head of the Gaylord College of Journalism, who shared stories from his recent book, *Stories of Old-Time Oklahoma*.

In the winter months, Andy Rieger, executive editor and general manager of the Norman Transcript, shared interesting stories about running newspapers in the past and the present. Professor David Durica presented information on Huntington's disease and Woody Guthrie, whose family has the Huntington's gene.

Our spring speakers included Chester Cowan, sharing facts about old photographs; Mary Lewis, presenting information about using the recently-released 1940 census; and our new CCGS member Pat Braswell, telling how her ancestors seem to guide her in her genealogy research.

We always look forward to the meetings that feature talk and food.

In September everyone shared the new family information we had found and the summer research trips we had made.

Our annual Christmas party in December featured fun, fellowship and snacks.

We sipped and tasted our way through the CCGS Annual Business Meeting in June. Officers and Committee chairs gave their annual reports; members approved our Five-Year Strategic Plan; and officers were elected and installed.

Second Vice-President (Education Committee Chair)

BY JO MUSTOE

Last fall the Education Committee presented a two-session Beginning Genealogy workshop. The same workshop was presented on consecutive Thursdays, then again on consecutive Saturdays, with the week-day morning session being particularly well received. We plan to offer this workshop about twice a year.

This spring, CCGS members were presenters for a workshop on Researching Military Records. It has been agreed in committee to repeat this workshop about every other year.

We are looking for ways to present during the next program year a workshop on researching native American ancestry, as well as one on preserving memories and family treasures. The committee has discussed and agreed on guidelines for planning, presenting, and evaluating workshops. Nine steps cover the first discussions of a topic to the final evaluation.

Thanks especially to committee members Sherry Leafgreen, Marilyn Henry, Mary Lewis, and Betty Hall, who have been a strong support to the work of this committee.

Finance Committee

By MIKE McCurtain

On April 20, 2012 the Finance Committee met to discuss and plan a budget for FY 2012-2013.

The proposed budget (\$16,398.00) was presented to and approved by the Board of Directors at their May 14, 2012 meeting. A copy of this budget (Profit & Loss Budget Overview) was distributed at Annual Meeting.

With this fiscal year's budget net income being a negative \$1,651.99, consideration was given to the current year's lower levels of donations, memberships, and fund raising activities, as well as no known additional expenses. This led to a budget being presented to the Board of Directors for the next Fiscal Year that is \$1062 lower than last year.

The Finance Committee also met on May 21, 2012 to discuss and plan on ways to present the various investments on the monthly Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget Performance Sheet in such a way that each board member would know the performance of each investment. The planned changes will be implemented.

Library Managers

BY NOVA HORNBACK & JEAN MCCRACKEN

The Library Managers supervise the overall operation of the CCGS Library and Archives, assist researchers to locate library resources to answer questions and, with the Library Committee, determine projects to increase the accessibility of the Library's resources.

The Library Managers also recruit and assign volunteers appropriate tasks to complete projects, assist the Library Committee in maintaining the Library's collections, and serve

as a voting member of the CCGS Board of Directors.

Jean and Nova, along with cataloger Mary Lewis, perform all of these tasks as they go about the daily business of the library.

We have had only two regular library volunteers during the past Society year. Jane Harris is our Tuesday volunteer and Mary Sue Schnell has been in the library two Thursdays a month. Mary Sue's husband, Gary, is retiring from his position at OU, and the Schnells will soon be moving to Pennsylvania. Recently Carolyn Jackson has been volunteering on Thursday.

We still need to add some volunteers who can fill in when our regulars must be absent.

During the past year two hundred eightyfive visitors came for research in our library. These included researchers from California, Kansas, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas. Oklahoma visitors came from Ada, Broken Arrow, Jenks, Moore, Noble, Lexington, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Yukon.

Last year we reported that Mary had been weeding our collection. This was just in time to provide space for the 233 books which were added by donation this past year.

Work continues in the Archives. We have now dismantled all of the wood shelving in the main Archives room.

Frank Appl donated ten five-drawer file cabinets, which allowed us to complete filing the remaining probate files. Betty Hall has donated three four-drawer file cabinets, which will be used to continue filing the divorce files.

We have space for seven or eight more cabinets, which would then allow us to finish filing all of the divorce files.

During the past year we have indexed probate files for 1951 through 1972. This completes the indexing of these files. We are hoping to have a printed version of the index ready for the library shelves by fall. We also plan to have the complete index on our website. The current probate index on the website covers through 1950.

We continue the Ink Cartridge Recycling Project. Again this year we have purchased almost all library supplies from this account. We also were able to use recycling funds to obtain a new heavy-duty shredder and a flat-panel monitor for the cataloger's computer.

Your donations of used ink cartridges are appreciated.

Membership Committee

By Jean McCracken

CCGS membership continues to decline. We are losing members much faster than we gain new ones.

Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31 each year. Dues are payable on January 1 and become delinquent on March 31.

Our paid memberships for 2012, as of June 17, 2012, include:

64 individual memberships (including 7 new)

15 family memberships (including 2 new)

1 library membership

1 corporate sponsor membership

Twenty-five individuals have not renewed, and one each family, corporate sponsor, and library membership have not renewed.

Calling Committee Report

BY SHERRI STANSEL

I contact most local members via e-mail, with information regarding upcoming meetings, events and activities of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

There are still some members who are contacted via phone. Marilyn Roberts and Elizabeth Loeffelholz have provided this service and I would like to thank them.

Newsletter Committee

BY MARY LEWIS

We publish a 16-page newsletter four times a year, in March, June, September, and December.

We distribute the newsletter via e-mail to most of our members. We also mail a print version to those members who have no e-mail, or whose internet connection is too slow to receive the electronic version. The print version is also mailed to our institutional and corporate members and to our genealogical society exchanges

We mailed an average of 56 newsletters each issue, or a total of 224 newsletters,

during this fiscal year. I do not have an exact record of the number of newsletters sent electronically.

Total cost for printing and distributing the newsletter during this fiscal year was \$376.60.

Thanks to the members who have provided material for the newsletter this year: Frank Appl, Sherry Leafgreen, Mike McCurtain, Pam Moser, Jo Mustoe, Mary Sue Schnell, and Mary Wheless. Some were given a byline; others were not. I appreciate each contribution to the finished product.

And if there is anyone out there who is interested in contributing to any facet of the newsletter, please give me a call. We can use your help.

Research & Publications Committee

BY JEAN MCCRACKEN

This committee brought in a total of \$467.95 for research and sale of publications for the 2011-2012 Society year.

Income for Query Research was \$443.00, a decrease of \$170.00 from last year. Our probate and land patent indexes online continue to provide about half of the income. The cost of postage is donated by the committee chair.

Income from the sale of our publications for this past year was \$24.95, a major decrease. We had no orders this year from libraries, as we have had the past five years.

We have not sold any CCGS Heritage Cookbooks since last year's report. We have 24 books in stock and will realize approximately \$480.00 if and when we sell them.

Bits & Pieces

Find maps showing enumeration districts for the 1940 census on the national Archives Open Public Access website. www.1940census.archives.gov

Find passenger lists and immigration records 1820-1940s in the indexes listed on Joe Beine's webpage.

http://www.germanroots.com/passengers.ht ml

Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T. Registry

CCGS members whose ancestors lived in Cleveland County prior to statehood are invited to nominate those ancestors to the *Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T.* registry.

The purpose of this registry is to recognize individuals who settled in Cleveland County during Territorial days and to compile a body of records and family information relating to those pioneers, which can be made available in the CCGS Library for future researchers.

Requirements for entry into the registry include:

- 1. Make an application for each eligible ancestor into the registry. To secure the application form, call the CCGS Library (405-701-2100), or e-mail ccgs@csbi.org.
- 2. Provide documentation proving your pioneer ancestor's residence in Cleveland County between 22 April 1889 and 15 November 1907. Proof documents may include territorial, state, or U.S. census; a copy of a land patent or tax list, or other document.
- 3. Provide documentation proving the generational links for each generation between the applicant and the pioneer ancestor. This proof may include Bible records, birth or death records, or territorial, state, or U.S. Census records.
- 4. Provide additional materials to personalize the pioneer. This may include photographs; family stories; a biography or any first-person account made by or about the pioneer; or other records.

All applications received by May 15, 2013, will be evaluated by the Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T. committee. Pioneers whose applications are approved will be honored at a Pioneers Award Ceremony in September 2013.

How many ways can that surname be spelled? Check the Name Variants Project if you can't seem to find your family. http://www.werelate.org/wiki/WeRelate:Variant_names_project

CCGS News

Meetings

May

Pat Braswell's topic was *My Ancestors Guide Me.*

There was the time she and her husband followed a funeral home billboard bearing a family name, Kyker, to that place of business, where they found a distant cousin who knew the history back to the original immigrant.

Once she and her sisters searched a remote cemetery where their family should have lived, finding no family members. One sister insisted they drive just a few more miles down this lonely road. Soon they came upon a church and an even older cemetery. That's where they found the family graves they were seeking.

Makes you wonder, doesn't it?

June - CCGS Annual Meeting

The CCGS Annual Business meeting was held an hour earlier than usual, at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2012, so members could be home in time to watch the Oklahoma City Thunder and Miami Heat game.

Officers and Committee chairs presented their annual reports, which are published in this issue of the newsletter.

The membership approved a \$16,398.00 budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, as well as a Five-Year Strategic Plan for CCGS.

Officers for 2012-2013 were elected and installed. Your new officers are:

President Frank Appl First Vice-President Jo Mustoe

Second Vice-President Sherry Leafgreen
Treasurer Mike McCurtain
Secretary Jean McCracken
Member-at-Large Marilyn Henry
Member-at-Large Betty Hall
Member-at-Large Jane Harris

Deaths

James Henry Pickard died June 6, 2012. Longtime CCGS members will remember it was Jim and his wife who conducted the initial canvassing of Cleveland County cemeteries.

Eddie L. Schimelpfening, 91, died August 4, 2012, in Claremore. He and his wife, June, were early members of CCGS and served on the Board of Directors several years.

Five-Year Strategic Plan for CCGS

The CCGS Board of Directors presented a five-year strategic plan to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting in June. The broad goals of this Strategic Plan are listed below.

Goal 1: Produce a written policy book that includes standard procedures and operating rules for the library and for the other functions of the Society.

<u>Goal</u> <u>2</u>: Ensure the perpetuation of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society and the CCGS Library through financial planning.

Goal 3: Ensure the continuation of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society through new members and the continued participation of existing members.

Goal 4: Raise community awareness of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society services and activities.

Goal 5: Evolve, expand and preserve the Cleveland County Genealogical Society sources of local and family history.

The Board of Directors will determine specific actions to move toward meeting these goals.

Members who wish to learn more about the Strategic Plan may request a copy of the plan. E-mail ccgs@csbi.org, call 405-701-2100, or write to CCGS, P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070.

Mary Sue Schnell Moving to PA

CCGS is losing a valued member this month. Mary Sue Schnell and her husband Gary, now retired from the University, are moving to Pennsylvania to live closer to their grandchildren.

Mary Sue served on the CCGS Board of Directors six years. Although retired from the Board, she worked last year with the current Board on our Strategic Planning Committee. Mary Sue's experience working with non-profits has been a decided asset to our Board of Directors and to the Society.

Mary Sue volunteered in the CCGS Library for a number of years and will certainly be missed.

Our best wishes go with the Schnells.

Library Volunteer Training Offered in September

The CCGS Library still has a need for volunteers to staff the library on some Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons.

A training session for anyone who thinks they might be interested in volunteering occasionally in our library will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, September 24, 2012 in the CCGS Library.

The training agenda will include

- Principles of arranging and shelving books
- Introduction to Cleveland County records held in the CCGS Library
- Other genealogy materials in our library
- A brief tour of the CCGS Archives
- Survey of tasks the library volunteer may be asked to perform
- Time for questions

Those who wish to participate in this training session may enroll by calling 701-2100 (leave a message if necessary) or by e-mailing ccgs@csbi.org (indicate *Library Volunteer Training* in subject line). Give us your name, phone number, and e-mail address.

Attending this workshop does not commit you to volunteering in the library.

There is no charge for this workshop.

Beginning Genealogy Workshop Series In October

Our two-session Beginning Genealogy Workshop is offered again this fall. It will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012, and on Thursday, October 25, 2012. Both sessions will be held in the CCGS Genealogy Library and will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m.

Registration fee is \$15 per session. Preregistration is encouraged, as space is limited.

The first session, *Smart Start---Before You Surf the Internet*, emphasizes how to discover and organize the facts you know about your family right now.

The second session, *Finding Grandparents & Their Tracks in Public Records*, focuses on the public records which can be used to gain information about family members.

A brochure and registration form for the Beginner Workshop Series can be picked up at the CCGS Library or at branches of the Pioneer Library System.

Calendar

CCGS Board Meetings - 1:30 p.m. second

Monday, CCGS Library

September 10, 2012

October 8, 2012

November 12, 2012

CCGS Society Meetings - 7:00 p.m. third

Tuesday (except July & August), CSBI South

Lobby near CCGS Library

September 18, 2012

October 16, 2012

November 20, 2012

Family History Writers Group - 10 a.m.

second Wednesday, CCGS Library

September 12, 2012

October 10, 2012

November 14, 2012

Research Interest Group - 1:30 p.m. third

Wednesday, CCGS Library

September 19, 2012

October 17, 2012

November 21, 2012

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 26, 2012

October 24, 2012

November 28, 2012

Fall Programs Announced

Jo Mustoe, Program chair, announces the programs scheduled for our fall meetings.

In September, members traditionally report on summer genealogical adventures and discoveries. Illustrations are encouraged. Bring snacks to share at this meeting. Punch and place settings will be provided.

The October meeting will feature *If These Walls Could Talk*, the recent DVD on the history of Moore School, with introductions and comments by Betty Hall, Oleta Tolen, and Jeannie January. The DVD features interviews of several CCGS members who attended Moore Schools.

Mary Phillips, archivist for the Oklahoma Publishing Company, will share at the November meeting interesting tidbits of history she has researched.

President's Message

Ry Frank Appi

Many of us are products of the "melting pot which is America". We are left to wonder about the mixing of cultures, languages, and religions of our forebearers.

I do not need to trace very many generations to illustrate the mixing in my various family branches of Germanic, English, Scotch, and Irish. I know a great deal about some of these family branches and next to nothing about others. Some areas are ripe for further exploration while others are most probably forever erased by time and the destruction of war and enemy occupations in Europe.

My paternal grandfather's parents were Franz Appl and his wife, Victoria Miller. Victoria Miller died in Europe sometime between 1870 and 1885 after bearing several children, including my grandfather, Alois Appl. Franz Appl, his second wife, and several children from his first wife, including my grandfather, came to America in 1885 from a small town in the northern part of the present day Czech Republic.

My paternal grandmother's parents were Karl Fredrich Sette and his wife, Wilhelmine "Minnie" Koehler. Karl Sette was born in Prussia, which is in the eastern part of Germany. Minnie Koehler was born in Maysville, WI and was first generation American born and of Germanic descent. Karl and Minnie had fourteen children, of whom my paternal grandmother, Emma Sette, was the oldest.

My paternal grandparents met in central Kansas and began their married life in a sod house on a 160 acre homestead near Bison, KS, where my father, Frederick Karl Appl was born in 1901.

My maternal grandfather's parents were Martin Winslow Gates and his wife, Lucy Rosella Cook. Both Martin W. Gates and his wife Rosella Cook were born in Dummerston, VT. The forebears of both were English, although they had been in America for many generations. The Martin W. Gates family, including my maternal grandfather, Ralph Cook Gates, moved from VT to central Kansas in 1875.

My maternal grandmother's parents were John Smith and his wife, Hannah Elizabeth

Bruce. Both John Smith and Hannah Bruce were born near Corydon, IN. John Smith's father of SC was of English descent while his mother of NC was of German descent. Hannah Bruce's father of VA and KY was of Scotch descent while his mother was from Ireland. John Smith died in IN in 1869.

Some of the rest of the family, including my great grandmother and grandmother, Martha Elizabeth Smith, moved to a farm in central Kansas after 1880 and were located a few miles from the Gates farm. My grandparents were married and lived in Stafford County KS where my mother, Vida Jane Gates was born in 1901.

My parents met and married while they were teachers in Pretty Prairie, KS.

I have traced some parts of my family as far back as 1632, while I know very little about others, i.e. Victoria Miller. Such a lot is left to do.

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society has just embarked on our major fundraiser of the year, the Bakeless Bake Sale. The other major sources of funds for our Society are the dues and donations of members and friends of CCGS.

You may ask why I always must write about money in this column. The CCGS library space is the primary expense of the CCGS. Rent for our library space is \$11,470 per year. For FY 2011-2012, the CCGS budget was \$17,460. Actual income was \$12,649, and actual expenditures were \$14,301. So for the fiscal year 2011-2012, which ended June 30, 2012, Cleveland County Genealogical Society had a loss of \$1,652.

We need your dues and donations to help pay the rent for our library space, so the CCGS library can continue to be an excellent primary source of genealogical information about Cleveland County, Oklahoma, as well as about genealogy in general.

Thank you so much for your continued interest and support of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society and our Genealogy Library and Archives.

"Why waste your time looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you."

-Will Rogers

In the Library

New Books

1810 Botetourt County, Virginia Census 1840 Augusta County, Virginia, Census Abstracts of Cumberland County Wills, 1750-1785

Abstracts of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Botetourt Co., Va., Will Book A, 1770-1801 Cow Country

Genealogical and Historical Notes on Culpeper County, Virginia

The Goddards of DeKalb County, Georgia Historical Collection of Virginia: Shenandoah Valley

History of Hancock County, Illinois, together with an Outline History of the State, and a Digest of State Laws

History of Scituate, Massachusetts, from Its First Settlement to 1831

History of Washington County, Ohio with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches

If These Walls Could Talk: the History of Moore's Old School (DVD)

The Official State Atlas of Kansas

Old Gravestones of Dutchess County, New York: Nineteen Thousand Inscriptions

Our Heritage: the Henson, Hethcock, Lovell, Matthews, Jarrett Families

Paws and Remember 1997-2007

Pennsylvania Genealogies: Scotch-Irish and German

The Pension Roll of 1835 (4 vols.)

The Quiet Comfort of Quilts: Stitches of Love Record of Marriages in Shelby County, Kentucky, for the Period of Years 1792 to 1851 (2 vols.) Reminisce Life in America: Celebrating the Spirit

Reminisce Lije in America: Celebrating the Spirii of Our Country

Renew the Spirit, India Temple 1997

Revolutionary War Pensions of Soldiers Who Settled in Fayette County, Kentucky

Roadside History of Oklahoma

Turning Memories into Memoirs: a Handbook for Writing Life Stories

Vital Records of Dudley, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849

Vital Records of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850

Washington Township Cemeteries, Nodaway County, Missouri

Weik's History of Putnam County, Indiana Wishbone: Oklahoma Football, 1959-1985

Since You Asked ...

BY JO MUSTOE

Featuring some of the questions that come into the CCGS Library

Q: I'm trying to find an article from a recent issue of Family Chronicle Magazine. Do you keep back issues?

A: Back issues of *Family Chronicle, Family Tree Magazine*, and *Internet Genealogy* are kept on our library shelves. We do not have every issue, since we rely on donated materials rather than subscribing. Just ask where to find these issues.

Q: Do you have anything about the early Spring Hill community east of Lexington in Cleveland County?

A: You're in luck! Inez Thompson Simmons has compiled 372 pages of materials on the school, churches, and newspaper clippings reporting on the Spring Hill community. This work, *Spring Hill: A Place to Call Home*, published in 1989 by Cornerstone Press in Lexington, is indexed.

Q: I want to learn more about my Tennessee ancestor who served in the Civil War. Can you direct me to a helpful resource?

A: In 1965 the Civil War Centennial Commission published a two-volume work, *Tennesseans in the Civil War: a Military History of Confederate and Union Units with Available Rosters of Personnel.*

Volume 2 is an index of men and the unit in which they served. Volume 1 gives a short history of each unit and usually mentions the county where the men were recruited. Since the data covers both Union and Confederate, it is a valuable resource. We wish the same had been done for every state.

In Recent Journals

These genealogy blogs are worth reading. *The Western Plainsman*. Western Plains Genealogical Society. Vol. 27, No. 5, Spring 2012.

Check these top ten ways to tell you are a genealogist. Do you measure up? *Greer Frontier*. Greer County Genealogical Society. Vol. 1, No. 56, Spring 2012.

The Devil's Canyon sheltered early day outlaws from both the weather and the eyes of civilization. *Love County Historical Society Newsletter*. April 2012.

100 Years Ago

The Norman Transcript Thursday, September 5, 1912

EDITOR'S NOTE: All newspaper abstracts are typed as originally printed. Occasionally ellipsis (...) is used to indicate omission of content.

THE NORMAN CITY SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT 9

The Norman public schools will open for the fall and winter term Monday, Sept. 9th. With Prof. A. R. Wolfe as city superintendent and an excellent corps of teachers. The prospects are favorable for the best schools we have ever had in Norman. ...

There are over 1200 children of school age in this district, and nearly all of them will enroll. ...

The following is the list of teachers together with their salaries for 1912-13:

A.R. Wolfe, superintendent, salary, \$1500.

HIGH SCHOOL

Myrtle Montgomery, principal, Latin, \$85. Mrs. M.L. Ray, Science, \$75. G.E. Meador, Mathematics, \$75. Lida I. White, History, \$75. Bennie Dunnaway, English, \$75. Wm. Schmidt, German and other subjects, \$75.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Fred Close, (resigned), now John Harris, principal, eighth grade, \$80.

Yetta Alden, seventh, \$57.50.

Ruth Burch, sixth, \$50.

Nora Dennison, fifth, \$57.50.

Ada Blake, fourth, \$57.50

Elizabeth Bell, third, \$57.50

Mrs. L.A. Turley, second, \$60.

Mrs. H. Winton, (resigned, vacancy not filled) first grade \$65.

Foy Runyan, second grade, half time, \$25.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

Charles Bowling, principal, eighth grade, \$80.

Bernice Taylor, eighth \$65. Dora Brown, seventh, \$57.50 Nola Helms, sixth, \$57.50. Avo Berry, fifth, \$50. Susie Taylor, fifth and sixth, \$57.50. Tine Webster, fourth, \$57.50. Calla Webster, third, division 2, \$50. Tersa Donnelly, third, division 1, \$57.50. Lottie Taylor, second, \$50. Bessie Ewing, first, \$60. Josephine Brown, first, \$65.

Eva Lee, Music, salary, \$50.

Local and Personal

Miss Myrtle Ellenberger left today for Snyder where she has a position in the city schools

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. J.W. McKinney last Thursday night a fine 12-pound boy. All parties doing well.

Miss Mage Mays, bookkeeper at Holland's, returned Monday from an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. R. R. Green, at Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mrs. Floyd Bright (nee Miss Myrtle Britt) left Monday for Little Rock, Ark., to join her husband where they will make their future home.

W.H. Crittenden, the west side grocer and butcher, sports one of the swellest delivery wagons we have seen. His rapidly increasing business makes it a necessity.

Miss Mae Shingledecker has taken a position as stenographer in the office of Tom Vincent, real estate. She is a capable little lady and will do most satisfactory work.

John Rush, an employee at the Santa Fe freight depot who accidentally got his leg broke last Thursday while moving a piano, was carried to the Santa Fe hospital at Topeka Saturday. Dr. Walter Capshaw accompanied him on the trip.

News comes of the death at Wichita Falls, Texas, on Sunday, of Claude Brannon, brother of Tom Brannon of this city, caused by injuries received by being kicked by a horse. No particulars of the accident have been learned. Tom went to Texas on Monday.

Mr. James McDaniel and his niece, Miss Ida Slemp, returned Tuesday from a visit to "the boys"—Mitch, Job, Clint and Will—out in Cimarron co. and report them and families all well and doing well. They have had good rains and crops and cattle are prospering.

The Norman Democrat-Topic Friday, September 13, 1912

Five Generations

For the first time in Cleveland County H.E. Smythe's photo gallery took a group picture of five generations last Saturday. The oldest was 79 years and the youngest four months. The group consists of Mrs. Sarah Jane Young aged 79, the great great grand mother, Mrs. Wm. Robertson, 59, great grand mother, Mrs. Samantha Grotts, 42, grand mother, Gertrude Symcox, 18, mother, and baby, Loretta, age four months.

All the parties reside within a radius of six miles of Norman except Mrs. Robinson who lives at Okmulgee.

New Bank at Noble

A charter was granted this week to the Farmers State Bank of Noble with a capital stock of \$10,000.

The officers are W.D. Milam, president; Chas. Greemore, vice-president and J.R. Stogner, cashier. The bank will open for business next week.

Mr. Milam, the president, is one of Cleveland county's most substantial and progressive farmers.

Chas. Greemore is president of the Farmers Guaranty Bank at Lexington and J.R. Stogner was until recently cashier of the Tribbey State Bank and one of the best known men in Cleveland county.

To Our Customers

After Saturday, September 28, 1912, we will discontinue our delivery services. Our city business is not sufficient to pay the expense, but any one who wishes to trade with us and do their own delivering we will allow a discount of 5 per cent at end of month.

Respectfully, Runyan & Son

Lexington

Mr. Finis Blackwell will leave soon for Ft. Smith where he will enlist in the army.

Mrs. Perry Kugle is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Greemore.

Mr. Thomas Glenn was here from Needmore Tuesday visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. W.E. Walker and children after a weeks visit at Sulphur returned home Thursday.

Miss Ruby Griffin left Thursday for Kingfisher where she is going to attend college.

Mr. Bennett Griffin who has been working for some time in Oklahoma City arrived here Sunday. He will attend high school here.

Mrs. Oscar Monnett, after visiting several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Elkin, returned to her home in Nowata Tuesday.

Mrs. W.C. Kemp left for the home of Sam Ashton who lives west of Purcell. She will help nurse Mr. Ashton's child who is very ill at present.

Messrs. R.V. Downing, Clyde Pickard, and John G. Lindsay were down from Norman Saturday attending to business matters. They made the trip in Mr. Downing's car.

Mr. Floyd Abshier was here Saturday enroute to Norman. He closed his school at Science Hill Friday. Mr. Abshier is an able teacher and has done much to further the progress of education in this county.

Stella

Miss Patsy Prescott visited with Mrs. Stevens Sunday.

Will and Maude Jennings visited with Fay Winegarner Sunday.

Mr. Howard Oliphant was in this part of the community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hendrickson of Newalla spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister in Stella.

A large crowd attended the band concert here Saturday. Stella should be proud of their intelligent boys and girls. One month of instruction and the many pieces which they played was a surprise to the people that came out to hear their last exercise with Mr. Dorr Roberts, their instructor.

Marriage Licenses

C.C. Wilson, 28, Noble, and Ruby Crabtree, 21, Noble.

Norman City Teachers - 1927-28

EDITOR'S NOTE: This list was discovered as loose papers within the pages of the County Teachers' Association Record book from the County Superintendent's Office.

Mr. Elman Canahayy	330 E. Daws		
Mr. Elmer Capshaw Mr. M.M. Churchwell	E. Frank		
Mrs. M.M. Churchwell			
	E. Frank		
Miss Pauline Scott	203 N. Porter		
Miss Helen Vincent	702 Jenkins		
Mrs. Lula Fairchild	810 Classen		
Miss Florence Rohrbaugh	455 College		
Mr. C.C. Parkhurse	613 E. Comanche		
Mr. J.D. Hodges	130 W. Lynn		
Miss Mary E. Simpson	743 DeBarr		
Mrs. R.C. Mills	931 Pickard		
Mrs. Edna Muldrow	744 Jenkins		
Mrs. Mariad Ward	Lexington Okla.		
Mrs. W.C. Richards	Classen Blvd.		
Miss Blanche Turner	716 N. Crawford		
Mr. W.L. Conner	722 Asp		
Mr. Stanley Cunningham	Pi K.A. House		
Mr. J.D. Garrison	416 E. Johnson		
Miss Pauline Fisher	325 S. Crawford		
Miss Pearl Luttrell	521 W. Eufaula		
Miss Reland Britt	121 W. Eufaula		
Miss Mary Beckham	318 E. Gray		
Mrs. Sibyl Alexander	208 E. Eufaula		
Miss Jessie Clarkson	Chi Omega House		
Miss Helen Olander	834 DeBarr		
Miss Foy Runyan	115 S. Porter		
Miss Bernice Taylor	401 E. Keith		
Mrs. B.T. Fleming	820 Classen		
Mrs. Kate Nelson	307 E. Hughbert		
Mrs. Lottie Johnson	567 W. Main		
Mrs. Dora Knox	814 E. Main		
Miss Vivian Mattox	904 N. Peters		
Mrs. Golda Trudgeon	503 E. Tulsa		
Mrs. Iola Martin	223 McCullough		
Miss Evalynne Powell	414 E. Daws		
Mrs. D.R. Stogner	419 N. Finley		
Miss Xyla Pendleton	116 E. Daws		
Miss Frances Leer	319 W. Gray		
Mis Bess Sitlington	616 N. Peters		
Mrs. A.C. Traweek	Norman		
Mrs. J.C. Powell	203 S. Blvd.		
Miss Irma Neill	415 W. Comanche		
Miss Anna Laura	211 S. Flood		
Reutepohler			
Miss Lucille Robberson	912 Jenkins		
Miss Crethie Smith	110 S. Flood		
Miss Birdie Hicks	Box 722, Norman		
Mrs. Ruth Clark	702 DeBarr		

Mrs. C.M. Smith	304 E. Keith
Miss Gladys Floyd	735 Asp
Mrs. John Shed	842 S. Flood
Miss Jony Sims	317 W. Main
Mrs. C.J. Bollinger	324 E. Emelyn
Miss Anna Mae Simpson	114 S. Blvd.
Mrs. A.H. Huggins	614 Lahoma
Miss Grace Baker	414 Park Drive
Mrs. L.E. Swearengen	711 Jenkins
Mrs. R.E. Clement	630 S. Peters
Mrs. Bertha Downing	Norman
Mrs. Grace Krulish	Norman
Mrs. Gene Gentry	724 Monnett
Mrs. Laura Powelson	Norman
Mrs. C.L. Reeves	Norman
Mrs. J.L. Porch	416 Chautauqua
Mrs. Irene Huey	1012 Monnett

Moore City Teachers - 1927-28

Mrs. Pearl Durham	Moore
Miss La Verne Stepp	Moore
Miss Marceline Smith	Moore
Mrs. Ethel Platt	Moore
Mrs. R.H. Akin	Moore
Miss Leva Miller	Moore
Miss Ruby Grant	Moore
Mrs. C.R. Bridgewater	Moore
Mrs. Perry R. Jeter	Moore
Miss Ruth Roan	Moore
Mrs. Lorene K. Covert	Moore
C.R. Bridgewater,	Moore
Superintendent	

Noble City Teachers - 1927-28

George R. Ransom,	Noble
Superintendent	
Miss Verle Northcutt	Noble
Mrs. S.O. Cartwright	Noble
Mrs. Minnie Chilcote	Noble
Mrs. Lewis Burkett	Noble
Miss Merle Austin	Noble

Lexington City Teachers - 1927-28

R.H. Boyer, Superintendent	Lexington
Mr. Everett	Lexington
Miss Mills	Lexington
Miss Smith	Lexington
Mrs. Cora Hall-Burkett	Lexington
Mrs. Janette Hardwick	Lexington
Mr. Alfred Franks	Lexington
Miss Letrice Puryear	Lexington
Miss Thelma Gardner	Lexington
Mrs. Ray Greenway	Lexington
Miss Birdie Polk	Lexington

REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES		
FOR COMMON SCHOOL DIPLOMA		

Eighth Grade Exams 1935

Cleveland County, Oklahoma

Cieveland Ci	Junty, Oktanoma		Sallee, Billie	Norman	1935
<u>Name</u>	Post Office	<u>Year</u>	Slavin, Robert	Lexington	1935
Akin, Harold	Norman	1935	Smith, Mark Van	Newalla	1935
Anderson, Otis	Norman	1935	Smith, Mayme Jo	Lexington	1935
Baker, Ruby	Moore	1935	Southern, Jerrel	Noble	1935
Banning, Lester	Norman	1935	Stokes, William	Noble	1935
Barton, Billie	Newalla	1935	Sudik, Emily	Moore	1935
Bennett, Dallas	Newalla	1935	Turk, Pauline	Norman	1935
Bennett, Frank	Norman	1935	Upchurch, Edna	Lexington	1935
Bivens, Dink	Trousdale	1935	Upchurch, William	Lexington	1935
Blackburn, Dessie	Lexington	1935	Valouch, Martha	Norman	1935
Brendle, Ralph	Norman	1935	Walden, Ira	Trousdale	1935
Bullard, Alanzo	Lexington	1935	Webb, Robert	Trousdale	1935
Burnett, Geneive	Lexington	1935	Webb, Roberta	Trousdale	1935
Burns, Bernice	Norman	1935	Williams, Sherman	Newalla	1935
Carothers, J.C.	Trousdale	1935	Wilson, Leroy	Newalla	1935
Caskey, Vida Mae	Lexington	1935	Wilson, Ecroy	rewana	1700
Cheatwood, Velda	Moore	1935			
Cleveland, Terry	Norman	1935	Wor	kshops	
Coles, Charles	Norman	1935		-	
Cox, Damas	Norman	1935	Dallas Genealogical So	ociety	
Curren, George	Norman	1935	Military Records		
Edwards, Robert	Noble	1935	Craig R. Scott		
Essary, Dale Ovid	Norman	1935	September 29, 2012		
Ferguson, Lucile	Norman	1935	J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas, Texas		
Ferguson, Nancy	Norman	1935	www.dallasgenealogy.org		
Goodin, Wayne	Norman	1935	Kansas Genealogical S	ociety	
Gross, Mary Sue	Norman	1935	Billie Stone Fogarty	•	
Guy, Jack	Newalla	1935	October 9, 2012		
Harrison, Virginia L.	Lexington	1935	The Learning Center, Dodge City, Kansas		3
Hensley, LaVerne	Norman	1935	http://www.kgs-genlibrary.com/meetings.html		
Henson, Hazel	Newalla	1935	San Antonio Genealogy & Historical Society		
Higbee, Carrie Lou	Lexington	1935	All Day Seminar	y a mistoricar s	ocicty
Higbee, Delma	Lexington	1935	Christine Rose		
Huckabee, Helen	Lexington	1935	October 20, 2012		
Jackson, James	Oklahoma City	1935	John Calvin Presbyterian Church, San Antonio		
Lamberth, Thelma	Norman	1935	Call 210-342-5242	in Girarein, Sairrin	
Lambeth, Dorothy	Norman	1935		aal Caalater	
Lee, Reba	Norman	1935	Texas State Genealogi		
Lemons, Helen	Newalla	1935	TSGS Annual Conference	2	
Mantooth, Buck	Trousdale	1935	November 1-3, 2012		
Mantooth, Yolanda	Trousdale	1935	Riley Conference Center, Fort Worth, Texas		
Marrs, Esther	Newalla	1935	http://www.txsgs.org/		
Masters, Hazel	Norman	1935	Houston Genealogical		
Mattock, Rudy	Norman	1935	Researching Your Germo	an Ancestry	
McCarley, Geneva	Newalla	1935	Warren Bittner		
McCarther, Ray	Lexington	1935	November 3, 2012		
McNutt, Fannie	Lexington	1935	Bayland Park Community Center, Houston TX		
Moten, Emogene	Norman	1935	http://www.hgftx.org/		
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Name

Myers, Lawrence

Preble, Quintin

Pringle, Lorene

Ragsdale, Duane

Roberts, Lucy E.

Post Office

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Mission of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society

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

Bakeless Bake Sale

Cleveland County Genealogical Society's annual funds drive, the Bakeless Bake Sale, is underway, with a mailing on Monday, August 13, 2012.

We welcome donations of any amount. Bakeless Bake Sale funds are dedicated solely to supporting the operations of the CCGS Genealogy Library and Archives. envelopes for the Bakeless Bake Sale fund drive include Mary Wheless, Sarah Pool, Jo Mustoe, Mary Lewis, Nova Hornback, Pat Braswell, and Frank Appl. We appreciate these helping hands.

Those who addressed and stuffed

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