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## President's Message

BY JEAN McCRACKEN

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Evidence of the coming of fall is all around us with schools now in session, cooler weather and leaves beginning to fall.

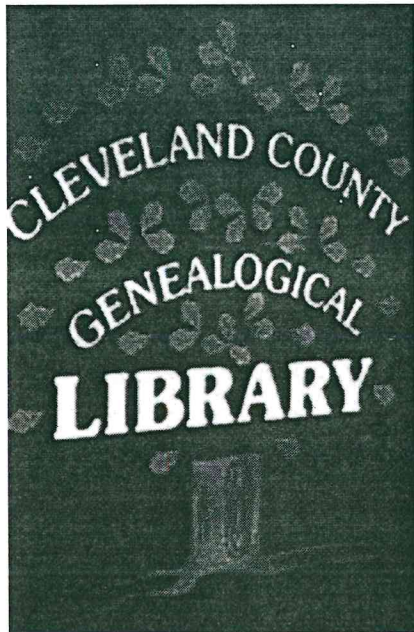
Our Society year runs from July through June, and for years we have held our monthly meetings the third Tuesday evening from September through June. Attendance at these evening meetings is down considerably. In recent years we have been hearing the statement "I don't like to {or I can't} drive at night anymore". This spring our board voted to change our monthly meeting date and time to 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday afternoon, hoping that attendance would improve. We will still be meeting in the area near our library.

At this time, however, we do have the November meeting scheduled in Meeting Rooms A and B at the Norman Central Library. You will find details of the fall meeting programs on page 38.

In October the Society will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our research library. The library was established in 1990 when the public library was unable to find space to devote to a genealogy section. Our society has continued to support and maintain this library, awaiting the time when the City of Norman builds a library with sufficient space to include a family and local history department.

Recently the Norman City Council approved a proposal from a group named *Norman Forward* to call a special election to fund a number of citywide projects with a half-cent increase in sales tax. A new central library and an east side branch library are two of the projects **and the central library has space for a family and local history section.** Getting our collection into the library will be a dream come true for members who have devoted much time and money to the operation of the society's library.

PLEASE VOTE on October 13.



### NEW TIME & DATE FOR CCGS MEETINGS

2:00 p.m. AT CCGS LIBRARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

**Cleveland County  
Genealogical Society**

LIBRARY: 1119 E. Main, Norman OK  
MAIL: P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070  
PHONE: (405)701-2100  
WEB: [www.rootsweb.com/~okccogs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~okccogs)  
E-MAIL: [ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org)

LIBRARY HOURS: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Thursday  
Saturday

MEETINGS: 2:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each  
month except July and August, in south lobby  
of CSBI Building, near CCGS Library

MEMBERSHIP: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31  
Individual \$25  
Family \$30  
Institution \$45

**OFFICERS 2015-2016**

President.....Jean McCracken  
First Vice President ..... Nova Hornback  
Second Vice President ..... Vacant  
Secretary .....Jane Harris  
Treasurer .....Mike McCurtain  
Member at Large ..... Jeffrey Wilhite  
Member at Large.....Carol Jasak  
Member at Large..... Marilyn Henry  
Past President..... Ann Jacobs

**DONATIONS**

Your financial donations help support the  
operations of the CCGS Library facility.

Donations to CCGS are tax deductible to the  
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501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

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CCGS Officers & Committee Chairs

**Annual Reports  
of CCGS Officers & Committees**

**President**

ANN JACOBS

This has been a very busy presidency; many changes  
have occurred.

Last fall we signed a contract with the Pioneer Library  
System to convert our catalog to the current library  
standard. This has been accomplished. A newer computer  
has been added to replace the old cataloging computer.

Our catalog data is now on our CCGS Library computers.  
We are learning how to update this catalog ourselves.  
Eventually our library catalog will be available on the  
Norman Public Library catalog as well as on CCGS  
computers.

We have been quite fortunate to have a very generous  
benefactor who has helped us buy a new microfilm  
scanner/printer for the CCGS Library. From this gift it  
seems the ball started rolling to update everything in the  
Library.

More chairs have been donated, plus two new printers  
and a file cabinet. Everywhere one looks, there are changes.  
We have acquired a new projector to use at our monthly  
meetings. A new laptop computer and scanner are also  
being purchased.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president.

**First Vice-President (Program Chair)**

CAROL JASAK

Three of this year's meetings (September, December and  
June) were social hours, where members brought  
refreshments and visited with one another.

We had seven speakers, including Jim Ike who presented  
*The Other Census*, looking at state, territorial, special and  
non-population census records. Nicholas Wojcik discussed  
the *Native American Languages Collection* at the Sam Noble  
Museum.

In January, Letty Watt regaled us with her story-telling  
skills. Michael Macotte impressed us with his presentation  
on the *Odds of Being Related*. Mahlon Erickson spoke on  
*Deaths in Indian Territory and Early Oklahoma*.

Stephanie Hixon led a tour of the Moore-Lindsay  
Historical House Museum after having told the history of  
the house.



## **Second Vice-President (Education Chair)**

MARY LEWIS

The office of Second Vice-President (Chair of Education Committee) was vacant this past year.

Because I believe it is important that CCGS offer genealogy workshops to the public, I endeavored to promote a minimum number of workshops.

During the fall months, we offered two beginning genealogy workshops: *Basic Genealogy Skills* on September 24, and *Genealogy Research Skills* on November 5, 2014. Jo Mustoe, Mary Lewis, and Nancy Blake were presenters for both events. Sarah Pool also presented in the *Basic Genealogy* course, and Sherry Leafgreen presented in the *Research Skills* event. Twenty-two persons attended these two workshops, with several participating in both.

We also offered a free workshop for potential applicants to the *Registry of Pioneers of Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory* on February 4, 2015. Four persons attended this event.

Marilyn Henry served as registrar for all workshops this year.

## **Treasurer**

MIKE MCCURTAIN

The most recent financial report of May 2015 reflects a \$70.50 net income for the current Fiscal Year. Although this may become a negative amount on June 30, it does mean CCGS has done well with its budget. General donations and membership dues were less than expected but the Bakeless Bake Sale raised much more income than budgeted.

This year's budget did not reflect an increase in purchasing electronic equipment, but a significant donation by a member allowed CCGS to purchase much needed equipment.

Plans are also underway to purchase even more electronic equipment this month, again thanks to a member's thoughtful donation. These meaningful donations will enhance the Society's capacity to provide genealogical information.

## **Library Managers**

JEAN MCCRACKEN & NOVA HORNBAC

Library Managers are responsible for supervising operation of the CCGS Library and Archives, assisting patrons, recommending projects to the Library Committee and recruiting and assigning volunteers to appropriate tasks in the Library. The Library Manager also has a position on the Board of Directors.

The number of visitors to the Library continues to drop. One hundred and seventy visitors signed our guest book in the past 11 ½ months. This is twenty fewer than signed last year. A number of the visitors were members of the Cleveland County Rural Schools group who used our library for their monthly meeting.

Ink cartridge recycling through Office Max continues to provide almost all office supplies needed in the operation of the Library this past year.

## **Finance Committee**

MIKE MCCURTAIN

The Finance Committee developed a budget proposal and presented it to the Board of Directors. The budget, in the amount of \$18,420.00, is presented to the membership tonight for their approval.

This budget for FY 2015-2016 is similar to past budgets but is slightly smaller. There are no drastic increases or decreases in income or expenses. Consideration is given to likely new expenses, such as an improved website.

## **Hospitality Committee**

MARILYN HENRY

The Hospitality committee sets up for Society events, staffs a welcome table, and provides sign in sheets and member name tags for all events, and assists in setting up refreshment tables at events where refreshments are provided.

The Society hosted one special event, CCGS Open House and recognition of *Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T.* in October. Refreshments were served at three Society meetings, in September, December and June.

## Library Committee

JANE HARRIS

Fall activities included the Library Open House, which featured recognizing the first group of nine *Pioneers of Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory*.

Library Committee members participated in the Norman '89er Day Parade in April, riding in a 1976 Cadillac and walking to pass out CCGS pencils and bookmarks along the parade route.

CCGS offered a genealogical writing competition for high school students; however, no entries were received. We plan to try again with junior high students.

Entries were made to the CCGS Facebook page.

Several indexing projects were worked on, including Lexington newspapers 2011-2014, 1890 Territorial Census, and Meyer and Meyer Funeral Home records upgrade and reorganization.

We anticipate a local funeral home records project next year.

## Membership Committee

JEAN MCCRACKEN

CCGS membership continues to decline. We are losing membership much faster than we acquire new members. Paid memberships for 2015 include 64 individual memberships, 13 family memberships, and 1 library membership.

## Newsletter Committee

MARY LEWIS

Four issues of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Newsletter were published in FY 2014/2015. Each issue contains 16 pages, and is distributed about the first of September, December, March and June.

The newsletter is distributed via e-mail to most members.

During the year we mailed 108 issues to members (who have no e-mail service or whose e-mail service is too slow to handle a lengthy file like the newsletter). We also mailed 9 PR copies and 109 exchange copies to libraries and genealogical societies.

Our costs for the newsletter include \$270.04 for printing and \$165.20 for postage, bringing our newsletter cost for the year to \$435.24.

## Publicity Committee

JEFFREY WILHITE

Publicity has been published by *Norman Transcript* every month except one between September 2014 and June 2015.

Three articles highlighted CCGS workshops, and five publicized programs for regular monthly meetings. Three articles featured CCGS special events.

CCGS also provided an entry for the '89er Day Parade in April.

We have prepared a PowerPoint presentation about the collections in the CCGS Library for the *Summer Sizzler Workshop* sponsored by Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma Genealogical Society on July 31. We expect to make this presentation to local clubs and civic groups.

## Research Committee

JEAN MCCRACKEN

Income from Query research for the past year was \$76.56, compared to \$291.95 in 2013-2014. Each year more records become available online, including some of the Cleveland County records filmed in the 1990s by LDS (aided by CCGS members), which are now available on FamilySearch.

Income from the sale of publications this past year was \$222.85, compared to \$231.75 the year before.

Income from past fund-raisers includes \$19.90 for the sale of a Heritage Cookbook from our 2010 fund-raiser and \$10.00 from the sale of a package of our notecards for a total of \$29.90. We also received \$127.25 this past year from used book sales.

## *Don't Forget to Recycle*

Your used printer ink cartridges enable CCGS to purchase most of our office supplies through the Office Max MaxPerks recycling program. Keep bringing them to the library---any size, any brand, except no refills.



## IRON FRONT LIVERY

If you want to swap horses, to buy or to sell,  
There's no place around where you'll do quite  
so well,  
If you come to our stable, we'll take special care  
To attend to your orders at prices quite fair.  
And then we have horses and buggies to let,  
And you will do as well here as you have ever  
done yet.  
If you and your friends desire to ride out  
We have what will please you without any  
doubt.  
And if you want to ride fast we will let you have  
those  
That are quite hard to beat, as everyone knows,  
And this is a matter we would have you all  
know  
We have good steady horses that will travel  
more slow;  
With care there's no danger of losing your life,  
Or the life of your sweetheart or children or  
wife,  
But should you be careless we'll now tell you  
what,  
You'll have a small smashup as likely as not.  
If you ride out for pleasure or have business to  
do,  
We will give you a carriage with one horse or  
two,  
Or if you prefer a good horseback ride,  
We'll see that in this your wants are supplied.  
With horses and buggies we can suit you in  
style,  
To take a short journey or go many a mile.  
When you get through you should take the back  
track,  
And not go so far as to never come back.  
This wholesome advice we give to you all,  
When you want to ride out just give us a call;  
Then when you return you should pay what is  
due,  
Then all will be well between HAYNS and you.  
Oscar Haynes, Prop.

A NOTE FROM JEAN (our research chair): The Iron  
Front Livery advertisement was included in the  
application of a descendant of Oscar Haynes for  
his addition to our *Pioneers of Cleveland County,  
O.T.* register. I have found that the livery stable  
was located on Main Street near the depot, but I  
continue to search for its exact location.

## Bits & Pieces

**Looking for an obscure cemetery in  
Oklahoma?** The Oklahoma Home and  
Community Education Genealogy Group can  
help. Their *Master List of the Oklahoma  
Cemetery Directory* is offered in two  
configurations. Use the *Alphabetical List of  
Oklahoma Cemeteries* if you don't know the  
county where it is located. *The Search  
Oklahoma Counties, by County* list may be a  
little faster, if you know the county. Each list  
indicates alternate names of a cemetery (if  
applicable), the county, latitude and  
longitude, and a brief description of the  
location of each cemetery.  
<http://ohcegenealogy.com/>

## Workshops

### Ozarks Genealogical Society

*Be the Family Sherlock*  
Lisa Louise Cooke  
September 11-12, 2015  
University Plaza Hotel, Springfield MO  
<http://www.ozarksgs.org>

### Arkansas Genealogical Society

*2015 Fall Conference*  
D. Joshua Taylor  
October 2-3, 2015  
Benton Event Ctr., Benton AR  
[www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

### San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society

*Annual Seminar*  
Patti Hobbs, CG  
October 17, 2015  
John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Windcrest TX  
<http://www.txaghs.org/cpage.pp?pt=31>

### Oklahoma Genealogical Society

*Click Your Way to Success: Making the Most of the  
Internet in your Genealogical Research*  
Cyndi Ingle  
October 24, 2015  
Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City  
<http://www.okgensoc.org>

### Texas State Genealogical Society

*2015 Family History Conference*  
October 30 - November 1, 2015  
Crowne Plaza Austin, Austin TX  
[www.TxSGS.org](http://www.TxSGS.org)

## CCGS News

### Introducing Your 2015/2016 CCGS Officers

Jean McCracken, President  
Nova Hornback, First VP (Program chair)  
[Vacant], Second VP (Education chair)  
Jane Harris, Secretary  
Mike McCurtain, Treasurer  
Jeffrey Wilhite, Member-at-Large  
Carol Jasak, Member-at-Large  
Marilyn Henry, Member-at-Large

### Fall Meetings

There's a change in the air for the Fall CCGS meetings—we will meet on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. instead of on Tuesday nights. Most meetings will continue to be held in or near the CCGS Library in the Community Services Building.

On Sunday, September 20, members and guests will tell their summer genealogy adventures. Bring a light snack to share and a personal drink. Cold water will be available.

Sunday, October 18 will be a time of celebration. We celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CCGS Genealogy Library. Ten long-time members of Cleveland County Genealogical Society will be recognized for continuous membership. Finally, we will honor three couples nominated as *Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T.*

For the November 15 meeting, in cooperation with the Norman Central Library, we are bringing back Andre L. Head, CEO of the Coltrane Group, to speak on *Black Towns of Oklahoma*. His previous presentation occurred during a May monsoon, when many interested persons were prevented from attending.

The Sunday, November 15 meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Room A/B at Norman Central Library.

## Help Needed with Library Catalog Project

Our CCGS Library Catalog upgrade is proceeding slowly. Pioneer Library System has completed the technical aspects of updating our ancient catalog database to one based on modern technology. Most of the catalog data transferred as expected. There are, however, some fields that require manual corrections.

Our library catalog will not be available for public viewing until all corrections have been made. Member participation can speed the project along.

A rather simple problem, but large in scope because about 6,000 items must be corrected, involves material call numbers that did not transfer to the correct database field.

We need help from our members to work on this specific problem. If you have ever worked in a database or spreadsheet, you can perform the simple repetitive tasks required to correct this problem in the database.

The work will be done on any of four library computers during regular library hours. Call 701-2100 or e-mail [ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org) to schedule your work time.

A few of our members, including Jean McCracken, Marilyn Henry, Betty Kemp, Ann Jacobs, Sherry Leafgreen, and Mary Lewis have participated in the training sessions offered by Pioneer Library System. They will be qualified to handle the more technical problems in the catalog.

### CCGS Needs You

One vacancy exists on the CCGS Board of Directors—Second Vice-President. The primary responsibility of this office is to plan genealogy workshops from time to time, and to attend Board meetings on the second Monday evening, September through June. An education committee will be recruited to assist with planning and presentations.

Please call 701-2100 or e-mail [ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org) if you are interested in serving the Society in this office.



*Let's Celebrate the History of Cleveland County Genealogical Society!*

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for CCGS**

Thirty-five years ago, in 1980, a group of family history devotees got together and organized the Moore Pioneer Genealogical Society. Only a year later, buttressed by new members across Cleveland County, the society reorganized as the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

We recently discovered a Moore Pioneer Genealogical Society membership list that likely lists the charter members. Members from Moore included Gerald Carter, Mary Sue Churchman, Geneva Coates, John Gordon, Loni Iacovelli, Becky Jeffries, Genivia Jury, Eddie Manley, Myra Manley, Katherine Matthews, Joyce McDonald, Janice Miller, Tina Miller, Rose Mary Rankin, Monti Underwood, and Minnie Walton.

Oklahoma City was represented by Loretta Adams, Louana Bowker, Esther Jones, Virginia McCann, Mollie Moore, and Tressie Weathers.

Members from Norman included Sharron Ashton, Sharon Barton, Pat McFall, Irene Petrick, and Jan Tate.

We browsed the early CCGS newsletters to capture the members' spirit of service. The October, 1982 newsletter reports "Thanks!!! To ten volunteers who put in over 183 hours. We have completed copying the marriage records through 1901. ... Remember, you might not find your own records elsewhere if volunteers have not copied them! Be generous and donate some time to a project."

On another page of the same newsletter, the membership chair stated, "One of the goals is to help each other. You will never know for sure when or where you might find a new relative." He suggested that members list books, periodicals, or material they are willing to lend to others, presaging the Society's efforts a decade later to create a genealogy library in Norman.

*Serving Cleveland County Genealogists 1980-2015*

**CCGS Open House**

2-4 p.m. Sunday, October 18, 2015  
CCGS Library, 1119 E. Main Street  
Community Services Building, South Entrance

*Come celebrate our history with us!*

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
for CCGS Genealogy Library**

We also celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society's Genealogy Library this year.

President Jerry Ruffin reported to members at the 1991 Annual Meeting, "Preparations were made [last summer] to begin a new Genealogy Library for Cleveland County. ... It opened in September. ... This marked the beginning of a major undertaking, which is being done entirely with voluntary staff and donations of materials and funds." Members fully understood that the success and future of their library depended solely on volunteers donating time, typing skills, materials, furnishings and equipment.

The Winter 1990-1991 issue of the CCGS Newsletter offered "special thanks to Celia Morris Phillips who was initially in charge of the technical processing of our accessions. She has compiled and edited a Desk Manual for our volunteers." Celia, and other early volunteers, dedicated to the task they had chosen, laid the framework for the Genealogy Library that continues serving researchers in Cleveland County,

The Genealogy Library, which opened in one room in September, 1990, has seen tremendous growth in its 25-year history. The Library made three major moves before its current location in the Community Services Building. The library collection has grown to over 6,000 items, mostly donations from members and friends. The archives hold a variety of original records that originated in the offices at the Cleveland County courthouse. Just as in 1990, the library continues to be staffed by volunteers.

### Primrose Funeral Home Project

There it is—the information you have been seeking for years—the marriage date ... her maiden name ... the parents' names. You are elated. This breakthrough did not just happen. Someone, somewhere, spent hours working with the data, creating indexes, databases, scanning, digitizing, whatever.

Here is your opportunity to pay it forward to those who helped you in a distant community, by helping to create research resources for those who research their Cleveland County ancestors.

This fall, CCGS plans a project to scan Primrose Funeral Home records, and we need volunteers—many volunteers. Preliminary plans are to work this project during library hours on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons.

Please phone the CCGS Library (701-2100) or e-mail us at [ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org) to indicate your interest in helping with this important project.

### Report from Ralph Wilson

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ralph Wilson is a long-time CCGS member, who once served on the Board of Directors as president, and later as treasurer.

Ralph, a supporter of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society in every way, enclosed this letter in a package containing printer cartridges for the CCGS recycling program.

Cleveland County Genealogical Society:

You can tell by my return address that I don't live in Norman now. My daughter and her son both live in Bixby and as there was no other relative in Norman or the City the family decided that I should move here to be closer to someone.

This is an assisted living retirement home, however I am not listed as needing assistance. I have a nice two room apartment and everything is furnished. My daughter and grandson are about five minutes away and we spend a lot of time together.

I had a great time with the society. Hope someday the city will get a library and include you in it; meantime keep up the good work.

Ralph D. Wilson

### Calendar

**CCGS Board Meetings:** 6:30 p.m. second Monday, CCGS Library

September 14, 2015

October 12, 2015

November 9, 2015

December 14, 2015

**CCGS Society Meetings:** 2:00 p.m. third Sunday (except July & August), South Lobby near CCGS Library

September 20, 2015

October 18, 2015 CCGS Open House

November 15, 2015 at Norman Central Library

December 20, 2015

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

September 16, 2015

October 14, 2015

November 11, 2015

December 9, 2015

**Library Workshop:** 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, CCGS Library

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House:** 2-4 p.m. Sunday,

October 18, 2015. Recognition of long-time

members of CCGS, and nominees to the Registry of

*Pioneers of Cleveland County O.T.*

### 2015 Bakeless Bake Sale

Thanks to the members who volunteered in June to address and stuff envelopes for the 2015 Bakeless Bake Sale: Virgie English, Mary Lewis, Elizabeth Loeffelholz, Jean McCracken, Mike McCurtain, and Jo Mustoe.

At press time CCGS has received \$2,275 in donations to this, our major fund-raiser.

### Deaths

Caylon Coleman died June 6, 2015 in Oklahoma City. Several years ago Caylon served as a valued volunteer in the CCGS Library.

Another of our long-time CCGS members from Moore, Oleta Tolen, died August 3, 2015.

### Your Vote Counts

Norman voters go to the polls October 13 to vote on *Norman Forward*, a half-cent, 15-year sales tax to finance "quality of life" improvements in Norman. If the measure passes, a new Norman Central Library will be one of the first projects built.

The *Norman Forward* project will bring our community closer to the goal of our Society's founders, who believed Norman needed a family and local history collection in the public library.

If you are a registered voter in Norman, we urge you to vote on October 13.



## In the Library

### CCGS Library Catalog Update

Pioneer Library System has upgraded the CCGS catalog and installed it on CCGS computers. Most of the catalog data transferred as expected, but some fields require manual corrections. We welcome members with computer skills who will volunteer to help us finish this project.

Our Library Catalog cannot go online until all the records are corrected. Please call 701-2100 to schedule a time (during regular library hours) when you can help.

### New Books

*Colonial Residents of Virginia's Eastern Shore Whose Ages Were Proved before Court Officials of Accomack and Northampton Counties*  
*Essex County, Virginia Marriage References and Family Relationships, 1626-1800*  
*German Settlers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Territory*  
*History of Fentriss County, Tennessee*  
*Lunenburg County, Virginia Wills*  
*Red Dirt, River and Rails: Early Day Settlers to Southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory*  
*Stories in Stone: a Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography*

### In Recent Journals

**Review the difference between marriage banns, bonds, licenses, and certificates.** *The Tree Tracers*. Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society. Vol. 39, No. 3, Mar. 2015-May 2015.

**Search digital genealogy books** for your ancestors, by name, place, or date on this free site. *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Vol. 60, No. 2, June 2015.

**How tall was your ancestor?** If records are not available, you can try a technique used by historians to estimate height from old photographs. *Delaware County Family Trails*. Delaware County Genealogical Society. Vol. 30, No. 1&2, Jan.-June 2015.

## Since You Asked ...

By Jo Mustoe

**Q:** Do you still keep copies of local high school yearbooks? I remember they can be a lot of fun to look up old friends or learn about earlier times.

**A:** Sometimes the earliest years can be the most fun to note styles of dress and hair or what sports uniforms looked like. Visitors have made copies of local famous people before they became famous, or they have done a little research ahead of a class reunion.

Our library collection includes these yearbooks from high schools in Cleveland County:

*The Trail*, Norman High School, 1903-2006

*The Schooner*, University High School, 1922-1972

*The Timekeeper*, Moore High School, 1968-1987

And, to be clear, we have no yearbooks from Norman North, Noble, or Lexington High Schools.

We also have a sizeable collection of University of Oklahoma *Sooner* yearbooks, from 1920 to 1999. In addition, we have bound issues of the OU *Sooner Magazine* from 1930-1941.

We do not buy yearbooks, although they can sometimes be found in antique stores. We do rely on donations, especially to fill in the gaps.

If you have a particular issue in mind to research, call during library hours: Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. to check on availability.

We also have a copy of the DVD on the history of the Moore School in which a few CCGS members and other alumni were interviewed. To schedule a viewing, call ahead.

## 100 Years Ago

**The Daily Transcript**  
Norman, Oklahoma  
Friday, September 3, 1915

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

### Rented to Young Masons

Mr. Steve Hutchin has rented his big stone house on Asp avenue (formerly the Morgan house) to an association of young members of the A.F.&A.M., who will take possession in a few days. The association is a national one, young Masons at other leading colleges all having branches of it, with headquarters in Washington. There will be about twenty-five in this association, among them some of the leading young men of the University.

—————  
The Linger Longer club met with Mrs. Dr. Walter Capshaw Wednesday afternoon for their first meeting of the year. The roll call was answered by summer reminiscences. After the business meeting, progressive rook was played. Dainty refreshments were served.

Among the "callers" for the square dance tonight will be Dr. C.S. Bobo and Mr. W.N. Rucker, both of whom are said to have been famous in this profession in their early days.

Miss Vera Gorton left this morning for Coalgate, Okla. to resume her duties as teacher in the public schools. She taught there last year and was re-elected at an increased salary.

Dr. G. M. Clifton announces the birth of a fine boy to Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Bowles of Route 2 on Wednesday night. Mrs. Bowles was formerly Miss Grotts, daughter of Mr. John Grotts, and has numerous friends to congratulate her. All parties doing nicely.

Dr. and Mrs. Stratton D. Brooks and family are home from their automobile tour of Texas cities. They got "hung up" at Houston by the big storm and had quite exciting and strenuous experiences.

**The Daily Transcript**  
Norman, Oklahoma  
Saturday, September 4, 1915

### Labor Day Next Monday

Next Monday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day, and the postoffice and banks will be closed. The day will be celebrated in Oklahoma City with a big parade, followed by outings in the parks and numerous entertainments.

Miss Mary Sawyer has left for Claremore, where she will be connected with the state preparatory school.

**Wanted:** A place to work for board while attending school. Address Jim Wilson, Norman, Okla.

Rev. and Mrs. F.M. Alexander are home from their ten weeks' visit in Illinois, which they evidently enjoyed to the utmost limit, for they both look well and happy, and filled with renewed energy for their work.

Charles DeVorss, formerly with the Rucker Stores, has taken a position with the S.K. McCall Co., and is in charge of the clothing department. He knows clothing from the ground up and shines in that department.

Get the youngsters and the little ladies ready for school by purchasing one of those school suits or ready to wear gowns at Rucker's.

Miss Emeline Miller returned last evening from her visit to California and Missouri. Her mother, Mrs. Geo. W. Miller, is expected to return next week.

A new place to room and board. Phone 443 or call at 458 College Ave.

Mrs. John Taylor entertained at luncheon Tuesday, Mrs. C.H. Bessent, Mrs. Moomau, and Mrs. Ed Johnson.

Miss Bess McMillan left Thursday for Collinsville where she will teach this year. She was accompanied as far as Oklahoma City by Miss Mary McMillan.

Mrs. John Taylor entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Thursday, Dr. and Mrs. Bobo, Dr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dudley.

Miss Grace Thacker has gone to Claremore, Okla., where she will be teacher of expression in the state school at that point.



**The Daily Transcript**  
**Norman, Oklahoma**  
**Monday, September 6 1915**

### **Great Adv. For Norman**

The encampment of the Uniform Rank of the Woodman here last week was one of the biggest advertisements for Norman that could be desired. Every visitor went away feeling that Norman was a most desirable place, and will continue to sing her praises and praises for the State University. Hundreds of picture post cards went back from them to the home folks, saying "Prettiest little city in Oklahoma," "Norman is sure a pretty town," "You ought to see this town; mighty pretty," etc. The weather, too, was ideal, which assisted greatly in giving them a good impression.

### **Wolf Drive Tuesday**

Charlie Schirck tells us that all arrangements have been made to have that wolf drive tomorrow (Tuesday) night; that G. Thornhill and January Bills will have their hounds here about 8 o'clock in the evening and the gang of hunters and hounds will go to Frank Colwell's place to start the "drive." Everybody who desires to take part see Charlie Schirck for full particulars. It will be lots of fun, and they expect to get the wolves.

Miss Eunice Denison has gone to Cherokee where she will be teacher of English in the high school this year.

Ben Clay says the county prisoners he had at work on his place east of Noble were not much good; all the work they would do being just about equal to their board.

**Cow for Sale:** A splendid milk cow, part Jersey, with week old calf. Will sell at a bargain. Phone 447, Dr. J.L. Day.

Mrs. Ogden returned to her home at Noble yesterday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. J.M. Hockenberry.

Mrs. Carver, who was here from Canute, Okla., a few days, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Lee, left yesterday for Sulphur, where she will spend the winter.

### **Death of Mrs. Parker**

Mrs. Harriet C. Parker, mother of Mrs. J.W. Sturgis and Editor G.B. Parker of the Oklahoma City News, died at the residence of her daughter in South Norman this morning, after an illness of several weeks' duration. The body will be taken to her old home at Ithaca, N.Y., starting at 6:30 this evening.

Mrs. Parker had made her home with her daughter here at different periods, and made a host of friends who sincerely regret her demise. She was a most estimable lady, of those qualities of mind and heart that endeared her to all. The Transcript joins in extending its earnest sympathies.

### **Independence**

From Thursday's Weekly.

Miss Ethel Marie Monical was a Saturday evening guest of Miss Lillian Dilbeck. They spent a delightful evening together and attended the movies at the University theatre.

Misses Anna and Katherine Martin are busy this week getting ready for school at Norman which starts Monday.

All farmers are busy putting up hay and feed for the winter.

Last Sunday evening a number of young people enjoyed themselves riding on a hay-frame to Dripping Springs revival meeting.

Mr. Pope and son Doyle left Wednesday for Shawnee. They will spend the remainder of the week with Mr. Pope's father.

Mr. Otis Reed, who has been visiting and working in western Oklahoma returned Monday evening. He will leave Tuesday for Stillwater to attend school this fall.

Last Tuesday evening a delightful birthday social was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gill in honor of Mr. Gill and Mr. Murle Delong. The evening was spent in dancing. A large number being present.

Grandpa Larrison is reported very ill. He is ailing with age.

The singing that was held at White Mound Sunday evening was attended by a large number of people, conducted by Mr. Williams. He did not have any success in organizing a class.

## 100 Years Ago

**The Lexington Leader**  
**Friday, September 24, 1915**

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

### Stovall

Mrs. Fannie Agee, of Lexington spent several days this week visiting her daughters, Mesdames Lon Morris and Glenn.

Chas Moses marketed eight bales of 1914 cotton Monday which netted him quite a neat sum. He received 10 cents per pound.

Mal Jarboe and Mac Dodgin assisted Vaughn Glenn in getting his cane to the sorghum mill.

T. Garrison and wife of Helsel, Roy Kielen and wife, Ben Boggs, C.H. Sherman and family were Sunday guests of J.F.Kielen and wife at Lone Star.

A.C. Crader, who has been ill for several years, died Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. R. Rushing. He was laid to rest in the Lexington cemetery. Rev. Myers conducting the funeral services.

Meeting closed at Denton Sunday night with eleven conversions. Nine of the Stovall converts were baptized at the Verge Sudderth tank Sunday by Reverends Bean and Wilkerson.

### Helsel

Several farmers of this district attended the fair at Lexington last Saturday.

The Helsel ball team was defeated at Canada last Saturday by a score of twelve to four. Helsel will play Alamo next Saturday at Willow View.

J.L. Conkling and son Russell of Norman were visitors to Helsel the first of the week. Mr. Conkling found things going nicely on his farm.

Eugene Crane took some nice fruit and vegetables to Lexington last Saturday.

Ray Mosely will teach this winter in the northern part of Oklahoma.

### Walter Harmon Dies

Died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Roy Wilson, Mr. Walter Harmon, aged 75 years. He had been sick for several months with

heart trouble. He left ten children, two daughters and eight sons to mourn his loss. ...

His funeral was preached by Rev. Hough of Moberly, Missouri, and despite the rain there was a large concourse of friends who filled the church of Mt. Tabor, where he was laid to rest.

### Trousdale

E.U. Woods left Friday for Maud with a load of apples.

R.M. Fowler and wife of Red Oak were visiting N.P. Willis and wife Monday.

J.W. Cheatwood and daughter, Mrs. Hart and three daughters are visiting Mrs. Sallie Davis at Maud.

R.W. Potter and W.E. McDonald were pleasant callers at the J.B. Boeck home Thursday.

Born to Frank Quillin and wife twins. All parties doing fine. This is their second pair of twins making fourteen children in all.

### Martin -Bolding

The wedding of two of Union Hill's most popular young people, Ilda Martin and Mr. Earnest Bolding, was solemnized Sunday evening at at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Rev. J.D.Massey of the Methodist Church. ... The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W.Martin, living seven miles east of here, and is a charming and gracious young lady popular amongst all her acquaintances.

### Piano Students

All pupils desiring to take piano lessons will see me Friday, September 24, from 11 o'clock a.m. to 2 o'clock p.m. in the school building; tuition, one thirty mminute lesson a week for a term of eight weeks, \$3.50 Tuition payable strictly in advance. -Mrs. N.H. Edwards.

Have new threshing machine 16 horse engine and 32 inch separator which has finished run here, want a month or more run. If you need a thresher in your community write Jess Chenoweth, Lexington, Oklahoma.

Born on Thursday night, September 16 to Clarence Peery and wife a fine baby girl. All parties doing nicely especially Clarence. Congratulations are being extended the proud parents.



**Cleveland County Probates, 1929-1950**

FILE NO.	NAME	PROBATE FILED		DEATH DATE	PLACE OF DEATH
1252	McCOMB, L. L.	23 Feb 1934	--	16 Feb 1934	Norman, OK
1147	McCOMB, Oma R. male	18 Nov 1931	--		Resident of Cleveland County, OK
1552	McCORMICK, Charles E.	19 Oct 1938	w	11 Oct 1938	Norman, OK
1707	McCOURRY, S. A.	03 Mar 1941		26 Jan 1941	Cleveland County, OK
1915	McCOY, D. C.	15 Apr 1944	--	(30 Jan 1944)	Norman, OK
1582	McCULLOUGH, A. M.	24 May 1939	--	02 May 1939	Cleveland County, OK
2246	McCULLOUGH, Alice H.	06 Mar 1948	w	20 Feb 1948	Norman, OK
2247	McCULLOUGH, Alice H.	20 Mar 1948	w	20 Feb 1948	Norman, OK
1692	McCULLOUGH, W. W.	08 Jan 1941	w	01 Jan 1941	
1694	McDANIEL, Charles O.	20 Jan 1941	--	21 Dec 1940	Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA
1662	McDANIEL, A.	19 Sep 1940	w	03 Sep 1940	Oklahoma City, OK
2117	McDANIEL, George R.	28 Aug 1946	--	22 Aug 1946	Cleveland County, OK
2220	McDANIEL, Grace				<b>FILE MISSING</b>
2072	McDANIEL, Thomas M.	12 Feb 1946	--	07 Nov 1945	
1187	McELHANEY, James				Not received by CCGS
1158	McELHANEY, James Sr.				Not received by CCGS
1317	McEVERS, Theodore L.	03 Apr 1935	--	19 Dec 1918	Ft. Sill, Comanche County, OK
2094	McFARLAND, Cecil Scott	31 May 1946	--	ca Oct 1944	in/near Phillippine Islands in service
1990	McFARLAND, M. F.	12 Feb 1945		04 Feb 1945	Cleveland County, OK
1353	McGINLEY, F. J.	15 Oct 1935	--	09 Oct 1935	Resident of Cleveland County, OK
1676	McGINLEY, Lucille	24 Oct 1940	--	13 Oct 1940	Norman, OK
1482	McGINLEY, M. Nellie	08 Jul 1937		05 Jun 1936	Kansas City, MO
2087	McILROY, Allie V.	18 Apr 1946	--	15 Aug 1945	Cleveland County, OK
1615	McINTIRE, J. A.	30 Oct 1939	--	28 Oct 1939	Oklahoma City, OK
1452	McKAY, Belle	27 Feb 1937	w	11 Feb 1937	Lexington, OK
1451	McKAY, W. W.	27 Feb 1937	w	26 Sep 1926	Lexington, OK
1469	McKINNEY, George P. L.	24 May 1937	--	20 May 1937	Norman, OK
2060	McLAUGHLIN, G. S.	02 Jan 1946	w	23 Dec 1945	Cleveland County, OK
1789	McLENNAN, Frank	23 Dec 1940	--	03 Sep 1935	Oklahoma City, OK
1369	McREE, Alice	20 Jan 1936	--	23 Nov 1935	Oklahoma City, OK

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1182	McREYNOLDS, George W.	06 Oct 1932	--	29 Apr 1932	Cleveland County, OK
1995	MEDER, Sarah	27 Feb 1945		14 Feb 1945	Oklahoma City, OK
1808	MEEKS, Minnie	09 Nov 1942		04 Nov 1942	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1193	MEEKS, Ulyses	30 Nov 1932	--	28 Nov 1932	Cleveland County, OK
2004	MEFFORD, Edgar Joseph	27 Mar 1945		03 Aug 1944	Tuttle, OK
1951	MEFFORD, Susan Alice	11 Oct 1944		13 Aug 1939	Eldorado, OK
2003	MEFFORD, William Oscar	27 Mar 1945		01 Oct 1943	Gilmer, TX
1623	MEISSNER, Adolph Fredrick	19 Dec 1939	w	10 Sep 1939	Near Moore, OK
2102	MELOY, Garland S.	17 Jul 1946	--	15 Jul 1946	Moore, OK
1884	MELTON, S. J.	10 Nov 1943	--	09 Oct 1942	Resident of Cleveland County, OK
1195	MENKE, Anna May Elizabeth	05 Dec 1932	--	07 Nov 1932	Cleveland County, OK
1027	MENKE, Hermann Henry	08 Nov 1929	w	04 Nov 1929	Lexington, OK
1302	MERCHANT, Robert	10 Jan 1935		09 Jan 1935	Cleveland County, OK
1103	MERKLE, Priscilla A.	05 Dec 1930	--	29 Aug 1930	near Norman, OK
1348	METZEL, George V.	08 Oct 1935	--	18 Sep 1935	Oklahoma County, OK
1485	MEYER, Dan	03 Aug 1937	--	27 Jul 1937	Norman, OK
1977	MEYER, H.P. Jr.	16 Jan 1945		04 Jan 1945	Norman, OK
1031	MEYER, Henry P.	25 Nov 1929	w	20 Nov 1929	Norman, OK
1019	MEYERS, Arthur	28 Aug 1929	w	22 May 1929	Norman, OK
2346	MICHAEL, Beda	08 Jun 1949	--	04 Sep 1945	Norman, OK
2294	MIDDENDORF, Marie	11 Aug 1948	--	18 Aug 1947	Norman, OK
977	MILLER, David C.	20 Feb 1929	--	22 Dec 1928	Cleveland County, OK
1872	MILLER, David Clarkson	30 Sep 1943	--	21 Aug 1943	Norman, OK
2326	MILLER, Fannie	03 Mar 1949	--		Cleveland County, OK
1592	MILLER, George F.	10 Jul 1939	--	12 Jun 1939	Cleveland County, OK
2054	MILLER, Katie	12 Dec 1945		17 Oct 1944	Oklahoma City, OK
1430	MILLER, Louis	03 Dec 1936	--	20 Sep 1936	Norman, OK
1300	MILLER, Martha L.	03 Jan 1935		19 Mar 1933	Cleveland County, OK
1591	MILLER, Martha L.	10 Jul 1939	--	14 Mar 1933	Sulphur Springs, TX
2398	MILLER, Nancy J. aka GRAUSE	07 Mar 1950	w	01 Mar 1950	Norman, OK
1750	MILLER, Nora	20 Jan 1942		18 Aug 1939	Cleveland County, OK



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1082	MILLER, R. A. "Andy"	21 Jul 1930	--	17 Jul 1930	Cleveland County, OK
2372	MILLIGAN, Amanda E.	12 Nov 1949	--	04 Nov 1949	
2408	MILLIGAN, Amanda E.	05 Apr 1950	<b>w</b>	04 Nov 1949	Oklahoma City, OK
2101	MILLIGAN, William A.	16 Jul 1946	<b>w</b>	12 Jul 1946	Lexington, OK
1059	MITCHELL, Robert Ritchie	15 Mar 1930	<b>w</b>	13 Mar 1930	Norman, OK
1936	MOBERLY, W. M.	28 Jul 1944	--	08 Jul 1944	Oklahoma City, OK
1420	MONSER, George Sherwood	26 Oct 1936	<b>w</b>	06 Dec 1935	Resident of Marshall County, IL
1474	MONTGOMERY, Nannie	10 Jun 1937	--	12 Apr 1936	Glendale, Ca.
1253	MOODY, Craig A.	21 Apr 1934	--	14 Apr 1934	Cleveland County, OK
1740	MOON, James N.	07 Nov 1941	--	07 Jul 1941	Oklahoma City, OK
1847	MOORE, Charles L.	14 May 1943	--	21 Nov 1938	Norman, OK
1210	MOORE, George M.	13 Apr 1933	<b>w</b>	09 Jul 1932	Xenia, Greene County, OH
1837	MORGAN, Lorena	26 Mar 1943	--	23 Mar 1943	Guthrie, Logan, OK
1599	MORGAN, Nell S.	01 Sep 1939	--	29 Aug 1939	Resident of Cleveland County, OK
1865	MORRIS, May Petty Jepson	24 Aug 1943	<b>w</b>	17 Aug 1943	Cleveland County, OK
1511	MORRIS, Ollie	06 Jan 1938	--	14 Dec 1937	Cleveland County, OK
1036	MORRIS, W. T.	03 Dec 1929	--	01 Apr 1923	Rochester, MN
1760	MORRISON, Sim	27 Feb 1942	--	21 Jan 1942	Cleveland County, OK
1289	MORTER, W. B.	22 Sep 1934	--	18 Sep 1934	Cleveland County, OK
2119	MOSES, Aubrey C.	10 Sep 1946	--	12 Oct 1944	Norman, OK
2134	MOSES, Lillie	09 Nov 1946	--	04 Nov 1946	Lexington, OK
1347	MOSS, Ella	07 Oct 1935	<b>w</b>	25 Sep 1935	Norman, OK
2351	MOTEN, Sarena A.	06 Jul 1949	--	17,989	
2282	MOUNT, James Knox	19 Jul 1948	--	12 Jun 1948	Wichita, Sedgwick, KS
1292	MOUTAW, Amelia E.	25 Oct 1934	--	23 Jul 1923	Oklahoma County, OK
1734	MOUTAW, W. M.	20 Sep 1941	--	25 Jul 1941	Cleveland County, OK
967	MUIR, Harvey M.	04 Jan 1929	--	21 Dec 1928	Cleveland County, OK
1177	MULDROW, Robert	09 Jul 1932	<b>w</b>	24 Jun 1932	Cleveland County, OK
1532	MUNGER, Mabel Barre	20 Jun 1938	<b>w</b>	09 Jun 1938	Norman, OK
1044	MURPHEY, T. J.	31 Dec 1929	--	02 Mar 1929	Cleveland County, OK

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