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# CLEVELAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

#### **President's Message**

BY JEAN McCracken

A year ago an anonymous donor provided our library with funds to purchase a Scan-Pro microfilm scanner and a computer to accompany it. Our past president, Ann Jacobs, then provided a new printer capable of printing on up to 11" x 14" paper.

Our library had been without a microfilm reader/printer for a number of years, so these gifts were gratefully accepted. It is now possible for patrons and staff to again take advantage of our microfilm collection, which includes many county records.

For some time our board members, library committee members and library staff have talked about the possibility of obtaining a scanner and beginning the process of scanning some of the many records in our care. Our donor recently stepped forth with an offer to provide funds to obtain a quality scanner.

After we considered several scanners, the Matrix Company representative asked to present a proposal to us. He has serviced our Kyocera copier since we purchased it with Norman City grant funds in 2001.

We learned that Kyocera now produces a copy machine which also scans, prints two-sided pages, collates, can be networked with the computers in our library, and performs other functions that make our work easier.

We were impressed with the capabilities of this machine; the Board of Directors agreed, and the donor provided funds for the purchase.

Our Matrix representative is now training CCGS Library volunteers in various functions of the new copy machine. We will learn digitizing skills while creating PDF files of early Marriage Returns held in the CCGS Archives.

Once this project is completed, we plan to begin the Primrose or Wilson Funeral Home project, originally planned for this past fall.

We will issue a call for volunteers when we are ready to begin this project.

Your 2015 CCGS membership expires December 31, 2015.

Please support the continuing operations of the CCGS Library & Archives by renewing your membership today.

Use the 2016 membership form attached to this newsletter.

Thank you!

# Cleveland County Genealogical Society

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Thursday

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EATURE

# Norman's O'Haver Twins & Their Ties to the Liberty Bell

BY MARY LEWIS

I was intrigued when I spied a rare photograph of two infants in a December 1915 issue of *The Norman Daily Transcript*. The caption indicated a local connection:

Geneva Christine and Oliva Nadine O'Haver, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. O'Haver of Norman, and Great-Great Grand-daughters of Phillip O'Haver, Molder of the Liberty Bell, which rang out Independence in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.

I wondered, could this family story be true?

Researching the Liberty Bell was easy. A letter dated November 1, 1751, signed by Isaac Norris, Thomas Leach, and Edward Warner, and sent to Robert Charles, Colonial Agent of the Province of Pennsylvania (who was then working in London) asked that a bell be purchased for the State House (now Independence Hall) steeple. The bell was cast by Whitechapel Foundry in 1752. The names of the foundry workers involved are unknown.

The bell arrived in Philadelphia on September 1, 1752, but was not hung until March 10, 1753. The bell cracked when it was first rung. It was thought the metal was too brittle, or there were other flaws in its casting.

The cracked bell was given to two local foundry workers, John Pass and John Snow, to be melted down and recast. They added copper to the metal content and charged about 30 pounds for their labor. Nobody was pleased with the tone of the new bell, so it was melted down and recast once again by Pass and Snow. The new bell also was raised and installed in the Statehouse Steeple. But leaders were still displeased with it.

A brand-new bell was ordered again from Whitechapel. When it arrived from England, its sound was no better than the Pass and Snow bell. So the Liberty Bell remained in the steeple, and the new Whitechapel bell was attached to the clock on the roof of the State House to sound the hours.

To which bell does this O'Haver family tradition refer?

- 1752 Whitechapel bell
- 1753 Pass and Snow first recasting of 1752 bell
- 1753 the Pass and Snow second recasting of bell
- 1754 the second Whitechapel bell (installed with the State House clock)

We now look at the O'Haver family. When could a family member and the Liberty Bell have occupied the same time and place?

We began our research with the Surname File in the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library.

There we found in an O'Haver family file a computer-generated genealogy report covering the families of the twins' father, William Thornton O'Haver, and their grandfather, James Allen O'Haver. This provided the basic information we would need to research the ancestors of this family.

A clipping in the Surname File notes an occasion when William Thornton O'Haver was honored at the Oklahoma Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City for his role in pioneering Oklahoma's statehood. His daughter, Mrs. Betty Brown, related her father's history. He came to Oklahoma from Texas in 1889, settling at Denver. In 1890 he brought his wife, Dollie May, and their newborn child, household goods, and stock to Oklahoma. O'Haver plowed his unturned fields with a team of 12 oxen. One man walked in front, directing the oxen, while another manned the plow in back.

Checking indexes to Cleveland County tax records, we found W.T. O'Haver paid tax in 1891, 1893, and 1895 on property located in School District 41 (Rocky Point) in Noble Township, Section 20, 8 North 1 West.

O'Haver moved his family to land northeast of Norman (now 700 block East Robinson Street) in 1899. At this time he began hauling freight, traveling between Norman and Oklahoma City. He made three trips a week, each trip requiring two days to complete.

In 1910 O'Haver began working in construction. He hauled materials for the construction of nine OU buildings, including the Administration Building. He transported the marble stone for McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church in 1921, and materials for four structures on Central State Hospital property.

He started a dairy in 1930, with the help of his son Delbert O'Haver. William Thornton O'Haver died at age 88, in 1955.

Another clipping in the Surname File, probably from a 1926-era newspaper at Rolla, Missouri, refers to the family story. "Allen O'Haver, a grandson of Phillip O'Haver, master mechanic, who in 1752 moulded the Liberty Bell at Philadelphia, ... will, with his

wife, celebrate the golden jubilee of his wedding, which took place here on February 4, 1866."

A final item of interest in the Surname File is an e-mail addressed to the CCGS Research Chair, Jean McCracken. It reads, "P.S. My father was taken with his half-brothers to the 1915 San Francisco World Fair to see the Liberty Bell. I was told it was because an ancestor molded it in 1752 in London."

Next, I turned to Ancestry.com, searching the federal censuses to verify the residences of the twins' father and grandfather cited in the genealogy report. The father, William Thornton O'Haver, was born in Missouri and was living in Phelps County, Missouri in 1880. By 1900 he was living at Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. The grandfather, James Allen O'Haver, was born in Missouri and lived there his entire life. However, neither the twins' father, William Thornton O'Haver (1867-1955) nor their grandfather, James Allen O'Haver (1841-1927) were alive in 1752. They are therefore eliminated as candidates for molder of the Liberty Bell.

My next step was to look to Ancestry Family Trees to discover the generally accepted ancestry of these two O'Haver men. The twins' great-grandfather, Francis O'Haver (1817-1863) spent most of his life in Missouri. Their second-great-grandfather Phillip O'Haver (1770-1837) was born in Tennessee and died in Missouri. We cannot gather as much information about them from the few censuses available. But because neither was living in 1752, neither man can be the fabled ancestor.

Phillip O'Haver is the last in the ancestral line of Norman's O'Haver twins who can be documented with any certainty. Phillip's father, the twins' third-great-grandfather, Joseph Christopher O'Haver (1728-1830) and his father, Christopher O'Haver (1701-1780), fourth great-grandfather of the twins, were both living in 1752, the year the Liberty Bell was first cast. Can either or both be located in London or in Philadelphia in 1752 or 1753?

Ancestry Family Trees remain the most prolific source of information about the O'Haver family. These Trees, however,

provide few solid sources, especially for these earlier generations. After studying perhaps a dozen O'Haver family trees, I find these *hints* to their family history.

Let us begin with the patriarch of the O'Haver family, Christopher O'Haver (1701-1780), the direct-line ancestor of all O'Havers mentioned previously in this report.

The O'Haver family originated in Germany. Christopher O'Haver, the patriarch of this family, is said to have been born at Blackenloch, Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany in 1701. The original German spelling of the O'Haver surname is said to be *Heifer*, or *Hifer*, or perhaps *Hauer*.

At some point, Christopher O'Haver immigrated to Ireland. Meeting with religious persecution there, the family moved to England (no hints of location). Not happy in England, they returned to Germany. Several children were born into Christopher O'Haver's family during these travels. Therefore, there seems to be much confusion about which children were born in Germany and which in Ireland.

The Ancestry Family Trees do not indicate exactly when Christopher O'Haver, the patriarch of this family, arrived in America. Most are in agreement that Christopher died in 1780 at Fredericksburg, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

Somehow, interspersed with all these travels, two of Christopher's sons, including Joseph Christopher O'Haver, attended college in Germany, studying a seven-year course in medicine and surgery. At least one of the brothers graduated this program; Joseph Christopher O'Haver is referred to with "M.D." following his name. A source in one of the trees suggests that during the family's time in Ireland, Joseph Christopher O'Haver, M.D. received honors for his medical skills and the prefix O' was added to the original name *Hifer*.

The third-great-grandfather of Norman's O'Haver twins, Joseph Christopher O'Haver, born 1728 in Germany or Ireland, was in America by 1750, when his first child, Cornelius Conrad O'Haver (1750-1800), was born. Ancestry Family Trees attribute at least

eight more children to Joseph Christopher and his wife, Mary A. Bee, including John (1760-?); George (1765); Joseph Christopher (1766-1833); the twins' ancestor, Phillip (1770-1837); Tom (1775-?); Franklin (1775-?); David (1775-?); and Rachel (1781-1836).

An unnamed "source" in one Ancestry
Tree indicates that Jacob Haver and Christoff
Hever arrived in Philadelphia on the ship
Brothers September 16, 1751. The birthplaces
attributed to Joseph Christopher O'Haver's
childen indicate residences in Frederick
County, Maryland, and Hampshire County
(West) Virginia. These migrations would be
consistent with my theory that Joseph
Christopher O'Haver migrated south from
Hampshire County via the Great Wagon Road
through Virginia to eastern Tennessee, where
the Ancestry Trees indicate he died in 1813.

This timeline could have placed Joseph Christopher O'Haver in the Philadelphia area at the right time for one or both of the recastings of the Liberty Bell, but that does not prove anything.

The mists of time, over two and a half centuries, present obstacles to locating obscure public records regarding specific individuals who lived in that time. I doubt that anyone will be able to prove that either Christopher O'Haver or his son, Joseph Christopher O'Haver, was a direct participant in the molding of any one of the four castings of the Liberty Bell.

The fact is, no records existed, then or now, naming those responsible for casting the Whitechapel bell. John Pass and John Snow were named and hired to recast the Whitechapel bell two different times. If they had helpers—and they probably did—those names were never recorded.

Like all family stories, handed down over several generations, this story may hold a grain of truth. But oral history over the years has diluted and distorted that truth. The only part of the story that I can absolutely refute, based on my admittedly casual research, is this: A man named *Phillip O'Haver* did *not* participate in casting the Liberty Bell now hanging in Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

#### **Around & About**

#### **Genealogy Programs Return to PBS**

The third PBS season of *Finding Your Roots* with host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will begin January 5, 2016. The new season will feature Shonda Rhimes, Neil Patrick Harris and Julianna Margulies.

PBS will premiere the third season of *Genealogy Roadshow* May 17, 2016, with participants from Boston, Providence, Miami, Houston and Los Angeles. Genealogists Kenyatta D. Berry, Joshua Taylor and Mary Tedesco will star in this show featuring participants who have unique claims and storylines.

Check your local TV listings for the date and time that these series will be broadcast on your local PBS station.

#### **Workshops**

#### **Utah Genealogical Association**

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy
January 11-15, 2016
Hilton Salt Lake Center, Salt Lake City UT
www.ugagenealogy.org

#### RootsTech 2016

February 3-6, 2016 Salt Palace Convention Center Salt Lake City, UT www.rootstech.org

## Family History Conference of NW Arkansas

April 16, 2016 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Springdale AR

http://www.familyhistoryconferencenwa.org

#### **National Genealogical Society**

2016 Family History Conference May 4-7, 2016 1950 Eisenhower Rd., Fort Lauderdale, FL www.ngsgenealogy.org

#### Missouri State Genealogical Association

John Phillip Colletta August 5-6, 2016 2601 S. Providence Rd., Columbia, Missouri www://mosga.org

#### **Federation of Genealogical Societies**

2016 National Conference
Time Travel: Centuries of Memories
August 31-September 3, 2016
Springfield IL
www.fgs.org

#### Cleveland County Rural Schools Roundup Project

BY DONNA LYNN ODOM WILHITE

Did you attend a rural school? Or did someone you know attend a rural school? If the answer is "yes" to either question, then you will be interested in the Cleveland County Rural School Committee's latest project. The committee hopes to have a sign placed at each rural school location in Cleveland County. You can help this project be successful by donating money for the making of the historical sign. Each sign, which is a drawing of a little red school house, and the post on which the sign will be mounted, will cost about \$150.

Signs in place are at Little River, Twelve Corners, Denver, Etowah, Highland, Lone Star, Rocky Point, Banner, and Clearbrook. Schools next on the installation schedule are Pleasant Valley, New Hope, Grotts, Union Hill, Buckhead, Rosehill, Blackburn, Red Springs, Meeks, Clothier, Canada, Robinson, Corn and Center Point. Also, Springhill's sign is ready to sink as soon as the land owner is located.

I have family members who attended school at Stovall, Denton, and Valley Grove. I plan to contact family and friends to make donations to those schools. You can do the same by contacting people who attended a Cleveland County rural school. Donations of any amount can be made to the First State Bank, Noble, with a note stating the funds should be deposited to the Rural School Roundup, and indicating which school sign you wish to help fund. Joyce Miller Carle can also be reached at 405-872-5157 for more information.

I did not attend a rural school, but my older brother did. As a first grader, he attended Stovall School and walked almost three miles, each way, across fields, pastures, and Horseshoe Bend Creek. The circumstances were not clear, but one day he could not be found. My mother was at home, without a car, with me, a toddler, and nine months pregnant with my little sister. Momma was scared to death, as would any mother. This scenario probably happened with regularity when young kids were away from home and on their own.

There were seventy rural schools within Cleveland County. There has been a good response, but many more schools are yet to be done. Please join with a family member or friend and give a donation to finish this worthwhile project. Later, there will be a historical book put together. Donors for the school signs will be listed, and hopefully photos of the school signs will be added. Thanks for your help!

#### **CCGS News**

#### **Norman Forward Approved**

The Norman Forward initiative, a package of community improvement issues, was approved by 72.05% of voters in the October 13, 2015, election.

Voters approved a one-half percent sales tax increase for Norman, which will purchase revenue bonds at 3.75% interest. These bonds will earn an estimated 11 to 15 million revenue annually to fund community improvement projects in Norman, including new east-side and central libraries, park improvements, a new pool, and a senior center.

The Central Library project is of special interest to our Genealogical Society, as it will include "a local history and genealogy area in partnership with the Cleveland County Genealogical Society." Public meetings will contribute to decisions about the final look and design of the structure, inside and out.

CCGS and Pioneer Library System have been working cooperatively for the past year. Pioneer has upgraded our woefully outdated library catalog. Our volunteers are now working to clean up problems in the database. Once all entries are corrected, our library catalog will go online. Pioneer also currently provides technical services to CCGS.

It is gratifying to envision the achievement of the CCGS long-time goal—to move our local and family history collection and Cleveland County archival collection into the local public Library—becoming a reality within three to five years.

#### **Parking for CCGS Visitors**

Visitors to the CCGS Library should seek parking in Parking Lot #4, which faces East Main Street on the CSBI Building grounds. Two spaces are reserved for CCGS visitors between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Follow the sidewalk to the South Entrance, between Building A and Building H. The Genealogy Library is just inside this entrance, to the left.

Additional parking can be found in Parking Lots #3 and #5.

Parking for the Genealogy Library is never a problem on Saturday.

#### **Meetings**

#### September

This was our annual Fall social, an informal opportunity for members and guests to meet, greet, and enjoy delicious snacks.

#### **October Open House**

The 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society's Genealogy Library were celebrated at an Open House in the CCGS Library on Sunday, October 18, 2015.

During the afternoon, three pioneer couples were honored as *Pioneers of Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory*. Honorees included:

Aaron David English and Edward Blanche Newby, nominated by their granddaughter, Virgie English;

Luna Faubion and Sarah Amanda Haynes, nominated by their third-great-granddaughter, Nicole Brooke Haynes Lee;

Oscar Haynes and Elmer Faubion, also nominated by Nicole Haynes Lee, their greatgreat granddaughter.

Documents relating to each Pioneer family, submitted by the descendants named above, will be held in perpetuity in the *Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T.* files in the CCGS Library for access to future family researchers.

Finally, those who have maintained continuous membership in CCGS for at least 25 years were honored, including Bessie Bills, Loretta Lynn, Naola Masters, Alan Montgomery, Jean McCracken, Celia Morris Phillips, Darlene Shawn, Marjorie Thomas, and Nina Zapffe.

Open House was planned by the CCGS Library Committee. We thank those who assisted: Registration: Betty Hall, Elizabeth Loeffelholz; Hospitality: Nova Hornback, Virgie English; Presentations: Jean McCracken, Mary Lewis.

#### **November**

In cooperation with Norman Central Library, we hosted Andre L. Head for his presentation of *Black Towns in Oklahoma* in the Lowery Room at Norman Central Library.

Head's goal is to create recognition and economic opportunities for, and to encourage preservation of these historic black towns in Oklahoma.

#### **CCGS Library Holiday Schedule**

The CCGS Library will close at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 19, 2015, and will not reopen until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

Happy Holidays!

#### **CCGS on Facebook**

Have you seen the Facebook page for the Cleveland County Genealogical Society? If you search for Cleveland County Genealogical Society in the "find friends", you can "like" our page. "CCGS Announces" shows the timeline for our society. You can "friend" this page.

There are postings of events, like the Writers Group meetings and the monthly society meetings, as well as photos from the history of CCGS. CCGS has joined several groups about the history of Norman & Oklahoma, groups that are about surrounding states genealogy, and a group that is dedicated to Heirlooms, Lost and Found.

We posted two wedding photos from the 1960s hoping to reconnect those photos with family members. Through information sent by members of one the genealogy groups, we think we have located the man who is in the picture. We sent a copy of the photo to him to see if he or a family member wishes to have the picture. We are anxiously waiting to see if he is the correct person and if he wishes to have the photograph. Keep your fingers crossed.

#### **Norman Forward Focus Groups**

In the near future, Focus Groups will begin meeting to envision what the community wants in the new Norman Central Library plans and other aspects of the recently approved Norman Forward projects.

It is important that several CCGS members be involved in the meetings related to the Norman Central Library, as plans include bringing the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library collections into the new library.

Please let us know if you want to participate in these Focus Groups, so we can keep you informed of meetings as they are scheduled.

#### Calendar

CCGS Board Meetings: 6:30 p.m. second

Monday, CCGS Library December 14, 2015 January 11, 2016

February 8, 2016

March 14, 2016

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

Lobby near CCGS Library

December 20, 2015: Christmas social

January 17, 2016 February 21, 2016 March 20, 2016

Family History Writers Group: 10 a.m.

second Wednesday, CCGS Library

December 9, 2015 January 13, 2016

February 10, 2016

March 9, 2016

#### **Family History Writers Group**

Think you cannot write family stories? If you had met with the CCGS Family History Writers Group at their first meeting on November 7, 2001, and if you had attended their meetings every month since, and had written a story to share at every meeting, you would now have a collection of 168 family stories told in your own words. That is more than enough to create a nice-sized book to share with relatives.

You, too, can be a writer of your family's history. A first-person narrative about your parents' lives, your grade-school years, how you learned to drive, or the pets in your family home can be of great interest to your children or grandchildren. They will not be judging the quality of your writing; they will cherish hearing your voice as they read your words.

Meet with the CCGS Family History Writers Group at 10:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday every month in the CCGS Library.

#### **Deaths**

CCGS member Francis M. Marble, Jr. died Sunday, November 8, 2015, in Houston.

#### In the Library

#### **New Books**

We continue to receive donations of new books. However, cataloging of new books is temporarily postponed while our trained volunteers concentrate on adding necessary updates to our recently converted Library Catalog. Our catalog conversion volunteers, Marilyn Henry and Mary Lewis, are working diligently to complete this project.

#### In Recent Journals

Oral history can give you facts about your family that cannot be found in formal records. Use photographs to start collecting information from your family. Begin by asking these four questions, and see where the conversation leads. *Green Country Quarterly*. Broken Arrow Genealogical Society. Vol. 35, No. 3, Fall 2015.

Where can yesterday's documents be found? Fredrea Gregath Cook provides a sampling of American records by four major jurisdictions of the 1800s—local, county state, and national. *Tree-Searchers Quarterly*. Mayes County Genealogical Society. Vol. 27, No. 3, Fall 2015.

Next time you think about Ancestry, American Ancestors, or FamilySearch, remember there is a lot more available in each of these sites than just records of dead people. You will find a smorgasbord of learning available FREE for the taking—howto guides, webinars, research guides, genealogy courses, and more. *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Vol. 60, No. 3, September 2015.

#### Photographs are conversation starters.

Relatives who are reluctant to talk about themselves are often happy to share stories about an event or individual(s) a photograph is depicting. Pull that box of photographs out of the closet. Everyone has a unique perspective on the family stories. The benefits of searching out these stories will further your genealogy research beyond just names and dates. *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Vol. 60, No. 3, September 2015.

#### Since You Asked ...

- **Q.** I recently learned of an ancestor who may have served in the Civil War from Tennessee. However, there is some confusion as to which side he signed up with, or what unit. Is there a resource for learning more?
- **A.** Once in a while, we learn of a resource a particular state has organized that makes us wish each state had produced the same kind of publication. What you are searching for has been accomplished by The Civil War Centennial Commission. It was published in 1965 in two volumes with the title, *Tennesseans in the Civil War A Military History of Confederate and Union Units with Available Rosters of Personnel.*

In this instance, and against our usual recommendation, it works well to consult volume II ahead of Volume I. Volume II includes a helpful introduction as well as a Glossary of Abbreviations which can be invaluable.

Section 1 in Volume II is a list of Confederate Rosters, and Section 2, a list of Federal Rosters. The men are listed alphabetically, but the researcher must be careful to check all possible—and impossible—spellings. Following the soldier's name is the unit in which he served.

Volume I contains the history of each unit, the battles they engaged in, and the counties from which the men were recruited. Those counties as well as the dates and places listed in the unit's history can be very useful in learning more about your Tennessee military ancestor.

The publishing Commission was very large, encompassing researchers from all parts of the state of Tennessee, as well as many political offices. The Chief of Preparation and Research was Thomas A. Wigginton, who may have been the coordinator of the project.

The introduction to Volume II lists the following sources consulted by these researchers:

- 1. Microfilm from the National Archives
- 2. Local newspapers
- 3. Regimental Histories and other histories
- 4. Personal letters
- 5. Tombstones

This all-encompassing alphabetical listing and the unit histories would be a quick and easy way to learn more.

Come by and see us in the library any Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday between1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Got a question? Call 701-2100 during library hours—1-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

#### 100 Years Ago

# The Lexington Leader Friday, December 3, 1915

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

#### **Union Hill**

Mr. Walls and family were dinner guests at the Bland home Sunday.

Ira Jennings and wife were dinner guests at the Thompson home Sunday.

Pleasant Martin and Lewis Dermid attended preaching at Corbett Sunday night.

Mrs. Stealman returned to her home in Denisen, Texas after a visit with her brother, W.J. Bland.

Mrs. Palmer who has been visiting her father O. Bolding has returned to her home in Oklahoma City.

#### Helsell

Some of the young folks of Willow View attended the Thanksgiving party at the Ed Arnold home Thursday night.

Henry Green and wife were dinner guests at the Nute Clary home Thanksgiving day.

The Science Hill Boys practiced basket ball Saturday.

J.L. Conkling and family of Norman spent Thanksgiving on their farm. They returned home Sunday.

Will Cunning and wife have moved back to this district.

Eugene Crane attended court at Ada, Okla. last week.

The Woodmen lodge of Science Hill will give a supper next Monday night.

T.W. Garrison and wife went to see the movies at Purcell last Thursday night.

Roxy Winters has been sick for the past week from an attack of bronchitis.

#### **Route One**

Misses Augusta and Emma Mathies spent Sunday with Elsie Daniels at Lexington.

H. Blagg and family left Tuesday for San Dieguito, Mexico where Mr. Blagg is owner of a large sugar plantation. They were forced to leave there a year ago because of the revolution. M.L. Reagen and wife returned Tuesday from a months visit in Marie, Texas.

This week will wind up most of the cotton crop. The weather has been ideal for the picking of the fleecy staple and was well taken advantage of.

J.P. Haun of Noble moved to the A.J. Sawyer farm this week which he has leased for the coming year.

Chas. Ellsworth spent the first of the week with his son, Fred, at Oklahoma City.

#### Stovall

Col. T.L. Glenn and son Will of Purcell visited Vaughn Glenn and family last week.

C.H. Sherman and family spent Thanksgiving with Roy Kienien and wife of Lone Star.

Those receiving the greatest number of honor marks at school for this month were: Neal Carter, Dale Clifford, Harry Moses and Burton Harbison. Each received a prize.

Christmas tree is the talk of the day now. The purchasing committee met at W.X. Carter's Monday night and the program committee met at C.H. Sherman's Saturday night.

Miss Lena Phillips drove to Denton early Monday morning where she commenced her school as assistant teacher with Prof. Joe Higbee as principal.

Mal Jarboe is getting to be some corn snapper having snapped five loads one day this week.

Jess Carter and Mood Treat departed the first of the week for a hunting trip in the Kiamich mountains and are anticipating bringing home some bear and deer.

#### **Trousdale**

Joe Harmon, pioneer of this vicinity, who moved to Choctaw county two years ago returned last week.

Ed Spears and Miss Maud Shatley were happily married Thursday. We extend congratulations.

A.P. Baxter hauled a load of wood to Lexington Tuesday.

J.H. Dare and Jessie W. Teeler purchased a grist mill from Doc Cline.

#### The Daily Transcript Norman, Oklahoma Monday, December 6, 1915

#### Married—Reynolds-Teel

News comes from Purcell of the marriage there last Tuesday of two of Norman's well known and poplar young people—Miss Blanche Teel and Mr. Fred Reynolds. They stole a march on friends and relatives, but will nevertheless have earnest good wishes for their happiness and prosperity. Miss Blanche is ... a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Teel, and has been connected with the Oklahoma State Hospital for some months. Fred is a son of Mr. Sam Reynolds, an industrious and reliable young man, and is now with the Frank confectionery at Purcell, in which city they will make their home.

#### Little Girl Badly Burned

Friday the little 3-year old daughter of Mrs. Bumgarner and the little child of Dortis Stegner were playing with matches at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stegner. Little Mary was sitting on some paper, which the other little one set on fire. Mrs. Stegner was not in the room at the time, but arrived very soon, but Mary was quite badly burned on her hip and legs before the fire could be put out. She is resting easy and will soon recover.

#### Miss Alice Polk Hurt

Miss Alice Polk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Polk, was seriously bruised in a runaway, Saturday, but no bones broken and she is able to be out again. The horse she was driving became frightened and got beyond her control. Running over a wheelbarrow, the vehicle was upset, throwing Miss Alice out. The animal was caught before it had gone far, but not until the vehicle was badly damaged. The runaway occurred on West Tonhawa Street.

#### L.J. Edwards in Oklahoman

The Civic Department of Sunday's Oklahoman contained a fine article from the pen of our fellow townsman, Mr. L.J. Edwards, on what had been done, was doing, and contemplated activities concerning Norman's civic improvement. It cleverly put before the people of the state what their "University City" was doing along the line of the uplift, and certainly was a fine advertisement for our city. The article was accompanied by a good portrait of the good looking gentleman.

#### **Last Pool Hall Closed**

Cleveland county is minus all her pool halls, and is probably the only county in the state that hasn't one or more of this sort of institution. The Ferreter Pool hall at Lexington was closed Saturday, County Judge Wolf revoking the license on complaint of Sheriff Pickard that gambling and drinking were allowed on the premises. The officers are insistent that the law must and shall be enforced.

#### **East County News**

Jack Frost is getting in good work. He has undoubtedly failed to catch anything in this vicinity. Many of us planted feterita and other sorghum crops after our oat crop. It looked doubtful for awhile, but the weather man favored us by holding back frost and cold weather until everything had matured.

The cotton is opening better now, since the frost has crimped the leaves so that the hot sun of these pleasant days can get to the bolls and loosen them.

The pie suppers that have been given by the various schools have been the means of raising much money for worthy purposes. We desire to call attention to the work of one district that has been giving two to four suppers annually for the purpose of buying an encyclopedia. The students of this school raised enough money at their first supper to make the initial payment on their encyclopedia. They then got the complete work placed in their room and are now getting a vast amount of help from it, while they are making the payments.

With the opening of school at South Gale and Clear Brook, we believe about all of our schools are now running full blast.

One mile north and a little distance west of the Denver corner is an unique crossing. Instead of trying to build a bridge in the air across a little ever-changing branch, a cement floor has been laid on the bottom of the ditch. Now the main current always holds to the same place and there is no culverts being washed out. We wonder if it would not pay several of our road bosses to take a look at the experiment with view to keeping a number of our branches in their old channels and preventing so many culverts from being stranded far from the stream of water they were built to bridge.

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2074	MURPHY, George T.	13 Feb 1946		09 Apr 1945	Norman, OK
1383	MURPHY, Meriam &	01 Apr 1936		?? May 1926	CA
	Cornell, A.				
1028	MURRY, Mrs. A. E.	12 Nov 1929	W	09 Mar 1929	Plano. Collin County,
					TX
1928	MYERS, E. E.	06 Jun 1944		01 May 1943	Oklahoma City, OK
1598	MYERS, Gladys	23 Aug 1939		20 Jul 1936	Cleveland County, OK
1476	MYRICK, Joel L.	18 Jun 1937		08 Apr 1932	Cleveland County, OK
1429	NAIL, C. C.	01 Dec 1936		26 Sep 1936	Oklahoma City, OK
2349	NEAL, Hobart	23 Jun 1949		18 Jan 1949	Oklahoma City, OK
2129	NEAL, Laura H.	29 Oct 1946	W	30 Jun 1940	•
1426	NEFF, Nettie	23 Nov 1936		19 Nov 1936	Maguire, Cleveland
	,				County, OK
2253	NEILL, Alma J.	13 Apr 1948	W	10 Apr 1948	Norman, OK
1010	NELSON, Cynthia L.	18 Jul 1929		05 Apr 1929	Osage County, OK
2257	NETHERY, F. V.	07 May 1948		08 Jan 1948	Norman, OK
1488	NEUGEBAUER,	25 Aug 1937		16 Aug 1937	Near Lexington, OK
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1243	NEWELL, W. M.	08 Jan 1934	w	02 Jan 1934	Cleveland County, OK
1175	NEWVILLE, Lucy	20 Jun 1932		unknown	No word since Oct
1170	NEW VILLE, Lady	20 0011 1002		ananown	1922
1446	NICKLE, O. D.	27 Jan 1937	w	14 Mar 1936	Near Ardmore, Carter
1440	MICKEL, O. D.	27 3411 1337	vv	14 Mai 1930	County, OK
1015	NOLL, Josef	12 Aug 1929		04 Aug 1929	Cleveland County, OK
2255				02 Nov 1944	•
	NORRIS, W. C.	26 Apr 1948			Norman, OK
1029	NORRIS, Will	12 Nov 1929		?? May 1925	New Albany, Union
4.400	NODTHAM CIHOR E	04 1.14007		00 lun 4007	County, MS
1480	NORTHAM, Clifton F.	01 Jul 1937		28 Jun 1937	Cleveland County, OK
2051	NORTHCUTT,	05 Dec 1945		29 Dec 1943	DeLand, Volusia, FL
4.440	Bernice C.	04.4 4000		00.14 4000	01 1 10 1 016
1412	NOYES, Ocea May	31 Aug 1936		29 May 1936	Cleveland County, OK
1250	OFFENBURGER,	12 Feb 1934		05 Feb 1934	Cleveland County, OK
	Joseph				
1025	OGBORN, Celeste	08 Oct 1929		03 Oct 1929	Cleveland County, OK
1909	O'KEEFE, Markie H.	01 Mar 1944	W	26 Dec 1943	Rt. 3, Norman, OK
1614	OLIPHANT, Rebecca	24 Oct 1939		07 Oct 1939	Cleveland County, OK
1105	OLIPHANT, T. E.	10 Dec 1930	W	11 Aug 1930	Home 8 mi. sw of
					Sudan, Lamb, TX
2138	OLIVER, Fannie D.	20 Nov 1946		02 Jul 1932	Lexington, OK
1181	OLIVER, J. A.	22 Sep 1932		06 Sep 1932	Cleveland County, OK
2139	OLIVER, T. J.	20 Nov 1946		07 Aug 1946	Lexington, OK
1180	OLSON, A. T.	13 Sep 1932	W	06 Sep 1932	Lexington, OK
1827	O'MALEY, Mary	04 Feb 1943		20 Nov 1942	Jackson County, MO
1844	O'MALEY, Michael	03 May 1943		01 Jun 1918	
998	O'MEARA, Michael	17 May 1929	W	12 Oct 1926	Hastings, Adams
		•			County, NE
1537	O'MEARA, William	30 Jul 1938	W	21 May 1938	Tustin, Orange
	•			,	County, CA
1836	OSTERHAUS,	22 Mar 1943		10 Jan 1930	Cleveland County, OK
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2197	PAGE, VINCE	16 Sep 1947	w	10 Sep 1947	Lexington, OK
2028	PANTIER, Guy	05 Sep 1945		25 Oct 1943	Cleveland County, OK
•	Robert				

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2304	PARTAIN, Lura	25 Oct 1948	w	17 Sep 1948	Norman, OK
1774	PAULL, Alice M.	10 Jul 1945	**	17 OCP 1040	???
				24 Apr 1042	
2022	PAULL, Alice M.	09 Jul 1945	W	24 Apr 1942	Moore, OK
1330	PAULL, John W.	27 Jun 1935		12 Mar 1933	Resident of Cleveland
					County, OK
1585	PAXTON, Joseph	13 Jun 1939	W	12 Jun 1939	Norman, OK
	Francis				
1382	PAYNE, Elizabeth A.	01 Apr 1936	W	31 Mar 1936	Moore, OK
1282	PAYNE, John W.	16 Aug 1934		12 Aug 1934	Moore, OK
981	PAYTON, Elizabeth	04 Mar 1929	w	21 Feb 1929	Norman, OK
301	E.	04 Mai 1323	**	211001020	Norman, OK
2131	<del>=</del> :	20 Oct 1046		15 Aug 1046	Norman OK
	PEMBERTON, Wilton	30 Oct 1946		15 Aug 1946	Norman, OK
1644	PERCY, Mary Ann	20 May 1940	W	14 Apr 1940	Lockney, TX
	Mrs. W. H.			_	
1260	PERCY, W. H.	27 Mar 1934		28 Oct 1933	Oklahoma City, OK
1484	PERKINS, David M.	03 Aug 1937		23 Mar 1937	Norman, OK
1407	PEROLD, James J.	30 Jul 1936		31 Dec 1934	Norman, OK
1857	PERRY, Charles M.	06 Jul 1943		11 Jun 1942	Norman, OK
2357	PERRY, Henry	25 Jul 1949		20 Jul 1949	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
1129	PERRY, T. B.	16 Jun 1931		11 Jun 1931	Atoka County, OK
1247	PETERS, Jennie	27 Jan 1934		18 Jan 1934	Cleveland County, OK
	•				
2348	PHILPOT, Walter	21 Jun 1949		12 May 1949	McClain County, OK
	Scott				
1475	PICKARD, Claud (W.)	15 Jun 1937		05 Feb 1931	Resident of Cleveland
					County, OK
1848	PLATT, Leon F.	17 May 1943		12 May 1943	Oklahoma City, OK
1112	PLEDGER, William	28 Jan 1931		29 Dec 1930	Cleveland County, OK
	Henry				<b>,</b> , -
2300	PLUMLEE, William	13 Sep 1948		14 May 1947	Norman, OK
2000	Patrick	10 OOP 1040		14 May 1047	Norman, OK
002		02 May 1020	147	20 Apr 1020	Lovington OK
993	POE, John W.	02 May 1929	W	28 Apr 1929	Lexington, OK
1807	POLK, George W.	05 Nov 1942		01 Nov 1942	Cleveland County, OK
972	POLLAK, Joseph	15 Jan 1929	W	06 Jan 1929	Cleveland County, OK
1727	POPE, A. J.	26 Jul 1941		20 Jul 1941	Oklahoma City, OK
1249	POSTLEWART,	31 Jan 1934		14 Nov 1933	Cleveland County, OK
	Louise				
1093	POWELL, John H.	09 Oct 1930		07 Oct 1930	Cleveland County, OK
2194	POWERS, Jack	08 Sep 1947		19 Aug 1947	Norman, OK
1822	POYNER, Mary	23 Jan 1943		20 Jan 1943	Norman, OK
1022	Emaline	20 0411 10-10		20 0411 10-10	Norman, OK
1835	PREBLE, E. C.	13 Mar 1943		06 Mar 1943	Claveland County, OK
					Cleveland County, OK
1414	PRESNALL, Lottie	10 Sep 1936	W	07 Sep 1936	Cleveland County, OK
1522	PRICE, H. M.	21 May 1938	W	03 Jul 1927	Cleveland County, OK
2199	PRICE, King G.	18 Sep 1947	W	11 Sep 1947	Cleveland County, OK
1123	PRICE, Samuel	01 Jun 1931	W	28 May 1931	Norman, OK
	Cowan				
1142	PRICE, Samuel P.	03 Oct 1931		08 Oct 1918	In France in service of
	•				US Army
1810	PRUEGERT, Frank	03 Dec 1942		00 Nov 1942	Cleveland County, OK
1309	PURYEAR, Henry F.	07 Feb 1935	w	20 Dec 1934	near Lexington, OK
1336	PUTHUFF, J. H.	07 Aug 1935		22 Feb 1935	Homestead, Dade
1330	1 0 11 10 FF, J. 17.	or Aug 1930	W	22 1 CD 1933	
					County, FL

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1735	PUTHUFF, Lula C.	07 Oct 1941		01 Oct 1941	Cleveland County, OK
2184	PYBURN, Marvin Bartley	01 Aug 1947		13 Jun 1947	Yukon, Canadian County, OK
2097	RAAB, F. Henry (Frank Henry)	18 Jun 1946		17 Nov 1939	Kansas City, Johnson County, KS
1963	RADLEY, Clara B.	20 Nov 1944			Washington, D. C.
1379	RAGSDALE, Joe M.	16 Mar 1936		27 Oct 1918	Cleveland County, OK
2271	RAGSDALE, Tom E.	16 Jun 1948		05 Jun 1948	• •
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1573	RAKESTRAW, Ella A.	30 Mar 1939	W	31 Dec 1938	Norman, OK
1972	RAMEY, Andrew Robert	17 Dec 1944		28 Dec 1944	Norman, OK
1340	RATH, J. A.	31 Aug 1935		24 Aug 1935	Norman, OK
1892	RAY, Richard	29 Dec 1943		10 Sep 1943	Norman, OK
2151	READ, Forest (female)	12 Feb 1947		05 Nov 1946	Norman, OK
2152	READ, William R.	12 Feb 1947		20 Nov 1935	Norman, OK
2033	REAVES, Ella B.	18 Sep 1945	W	07 Apr 1945	Cleveland County, OK
2103	REAVES, Henry W.	18 Jul 1946	W	22 May 1945	near Naha, Island of Okinawa
2189	RECTOR, J. P.	18 Aug 1947	W	09 Aug 1947	Norman, OK
1916	REDWINE, Ephraim F.	20 Apr 1944	W	19 Oct 1941	San Bernardino, CA
2297	REED, George W.	19 Aug 1948		15 Nov 1937	Norman, OK
1500	REEDER, Jane B.	20 Oct 1937		22 Dec 1929	Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio
1869	REEDS, A. M.	22 Sep 1943		12 Dec 1942	Norman, OK
2239	REEDS, Lizzie	30 Jan 1948		20 Jul 1947	Norman, OK
1576	REEVES, Epsy Sheba	07 Apr 1939		24 Mar 1939	Cleveland County, OK
2274	REUTEPOHLER, Samuel C.	29 Jun 1948		18 Jun 1948	Norman, OK
1665	REVIS, Florence	24 Sep 1940		?? Oct 1937	Lafayette, Indiana
2099	REYNOLDS, Jack	03 Jul 1946		20 Jun 1944	•
2264	REYNOLDS, Joseph A.	19 May 1948		12 Sep 1947	Moore, OK
2372	RICE, Effie Jane	07 Nov 1949	W	03 Nov 1949	Norman, OK
1483	RICHARDSON, Mary M.	21 Jul 1937		04 Jun 1937	Cleveland County, OK
1968	RICHEY, Mabel A.	05 Dec 1944		1944	Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
1952	RIDGEL, Kate Amelia	11 Oct 1944		10 Jan 1944	Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
1889	RIDGELL, Zellah	10 Dec 1943		14 Oct 1943	Norman, OK
1655	RIEDESEL, Ida	19 Aug 1940		30 Jul 1940	Norman, OK
1894	RIEDESEL, Phillip H.	12 Jan 1944	W	07 Jan 1944	Norman, OK
1895	RIEGER, Alois	13 Jan 1944		18 Sep 1940	Norman, OK
1886	RIFFE, Victor	16 Nov 1943		22 Jul 1943	Ardmore, Carter County, OK
2165	RISINGER, R. L.	03 May 1947		17 May 1947	Cleveland County, OK
2031	Robberson, A.G.	14 Sep 1945		24 Nov 1924	Cleveland County, OK
1223	Robberson, A.G.	18 Jul 1933		24 Nov 1924	Cleveland County, OK

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