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President's Message

BY JEAN MCCrackEN

CHANGE OF JUNE BUSINESS MEETING DATE

A couple of weeks ago it was called to our attention that, with the change of our society's monthly meeting date to the third Sunday afternoon, our Annual Business Meeting will fall on Father's Day. In order not to conflict with this important occasion, we have changed our June meeting to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 12, 2016, in the South Entrance lobby of the CSBI Building.

This meeting is the CCGS Annual Business Meeting. Our treasurer will present the 2016-2017 budget to the membership for approval. Officers for the coming year will be elected and installed. Current officers and committee chairs will present oral reports of society accomplishments during the past year.

For several years now, attendance at our yearly business meeting seems to consist primarily of those who have agreed to serve as officers for the coming year.

Members, please plan to attend the CCGS Annual Business Meeting. You will learn more about the activities of your local genealogical society. Your fellow members, who will be representing you and leading the society for the coming year, need your encouragement and support.

Please remember that the Cleveland County Genealogical Society does not hold Society meetings in July and August. We will be back in September for our Fall Social, when we gather to talk about our genealogical adventures during the summer and to share goodies from the refreshment table.

Here's wishing everyone a pleasant summer and good fortune in hunting those elusive ancestors.



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FEATURE

**From Railroad Station Agent to Entrepreneur:
The Story of Andrew Kingkade**

BY MARY LEWIS

On the night of April 21, 1889, two families slept in railroad-supplied housing inside the borders of the Unassigned Lands of Indian Territory. As A.T. & S.F. Railroad employees, Andrew Kingkade, J.L. Hefley, and their families were among the few legal residents of the Territory that night.

The next day, at the stroke of noon, thousands of men, women, and some children, raced from the four borders of the Unassigned Lands to claim land in the historic Oklahoma land run. By nightfall, a new town was born—Norman. The town was named for Abner Norman, a railroad surveyor whose crew, years earlier, had carved his name on a tree where they camped, about a mile south of Norman's first railroad depot.

The Hefley family remains in Norman to this day. The Kingkade family moved on to greener pastures in a few years. Andrew Kingkade was, however, influential in the early days of Norman, and it is he whom we will visit today.

Andrew Kingkade was born December 21, 1857 at Avoca, in Steuben County, New York, one of the younger children in the large family of John Kingkade and his wife Elizabeth. John Kingkade, a fairly prosperous farmer, died in 1864. In the spring of 1873, the mother, Elizabeth Kingkade, moved west with several of their youngest children, including Andrew. The family settled near Hutchinson, Kansas.

In 1875, the Kansas state census counted the Kingkade family in Reno County, Kansas. The Kingkade boys were engaged in farming, the girls in housekeeping for the family. As Andrew achieved maturity, he sought work outside the home, trying a variety of occupations, including bakers' assistant and sewing machine salesman. For some time he worked at a book store owned by Nolan C. Boles in Hutchinson. In 1877 he moved to Kinsley, Edwards County, Kansas, to serve as night telegraph operator and assistant agent for the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company station there. By January, 1880, Andrew was working in Spearville, Kansas, as a railway station agent.

Wedding bells rang for Andrew Kingkade and his bride, Lucy T. Martin, on October 27, 1881, in Kinsley, Kansas. Lucy was the daughter of a Kinsley lumber man. Her parents moved to Las Vegas, New Mexico, not too long after the marriage. Kingkade remained in the Kinsley area and pursued several business ventures on the side, including a lumber business which failed, owning and selling a small herd of cattle, a partnership in a hardware store, and other ventures. In the spring of 1885, Andrew Kingkade resigned his position as station agent. He and his family left Kinsley and moved to Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he went into the cattle business.

Kingkade's experience in the railroad business bode well for him as events moved toward the opening of former Indian lands in the Indian Territory to white settlers.

The A.T.&S.F. Railroad laid tracks across the Unassigned Lands in Indian Territory in 1886. A station site was designated near an area that several years earlier had been marked *Norman's Camp* by a survey crew headed by a Kentuckian named Abner Norman. In 1887, the railway company plotted a town site at this point, which they registered with the U.S. Department of the Interior and named Norman.

On June 13, 1887, the first train traveled through Norman on the new tracks. The railroad built a section house just north of the present Duffy Street crossing, where the section foreman, J.L. Hefley, lived with his family. On April 17, 1889, just five days before the government opened the area for settlement, the first station agent, Andrew Kingkade, moved into a cottage on the railroad right-of-way next to the Hefleys.

The two men undoubtedly had many tasks to perform in the few days remaining before the pending land run. It is possible they marked the potential streets and town lots indicated in the earlier railroad survey of the Norman town site.

Kingkade's son Martin, who was less than 4½ years old on the day of the run, once recalled watching the settlers rushing into the country to secure a plot of land for themselves.

"We saw it come from the south. The South Canadian River was only three miles away. They were lined up on the banks. Some were hidden in the brush on this side. I remember standing on a high board fence and watching them come, in a big cloud of dust."

As station agent for the railroad, Andrew Kingkade likely occupied a unique position of authority in that time and place. Although the United States government had opened the land and was granting it to settlers, no infrastructure of any kind was provided. No roads. No buildings, except on railroad properties. No officials. No laws. No governing body. Absolutely nothing.

Within less than two weeks, on May 4, 1889, a group of men in Norman called a meeting to organize a provisional government. Those elected included Thomas R. Waggoner as mayor, George Blake as clerk/recorder, and Pryor Adkins, E.C. Hall, Andrew Kingkade, and Delbert Larsh as councilmen. Fred Sevier was elected City Marshal.

Local historian John Womack notes that, for the first five weeks after the Run, there was not even a post office in Norman or in Cleveland County. Mail clerks aboard the Santa Fe trains that went through this country dropped the mail for points on the railroad with the railroad agents at the various stops.

At first, Kingkade tried to offer protection for the mail dropped in Norman. However, this interfered with his many other duties. He finally settled by placing a large heavy cardboard box containing the settlers' mail on the floor in the waiting room area, with the expectation that it would be picked up by the addressees or others who were acquainted with them.

A city charter proposal went to voters in November, 1889, but failed. New provisional officers were elected (this time Kingkade was not included). This group administered city affairs until July 4, 1890. Womack notes that their authority was based on nothing more than popular support and approval.

Kingkade was undoubtedly too busy with other affairs to secure land for himself after the Run. His 75-year-old mother came to Norman, and on November 25, 1889, she secured land in the southwest quarter of section 32, 9N-2W, which is bounded by current-day 12th Avenue SE, Lindsay Street, Oklahoma Avenue, and Boyd Street. The Kingkade family lived with her on this claim.

An act of the Territorial legislature on December 19, 1890, provided for the establishment of the University of Oklahoma at Norman. To secure the University for Norman, residents were required first to make a \$5,000 bond within 30 days, assuring a deed to 40 acres of land within a half mile of Norman. Voters were also required to

provide, within one year, \$10,000 in cash for the regents to begin construction of a university building.

The Board of Trade held a strategy meeting to encourage a favorable county vote on this matter. Kingkade was one of 29 members in attendance. Both newspapers supported the proposal. The vote, on May 19, 1891, carried, 804 to 463.

Commissioners were prohibited from selling bonds at a discount or contributing county money to fund any deficit. The Board of Trade therefore created a plan to create a deficit fund. Andrew Kingkade is recorded as having contributed \$80 to the deficiency fund. He was one of the seven largest donors to guarantee that the University be located in Norman.

Kingkade continued as Santa Fe station agent for several years, as a larger depot was built and Norman became a transportation center for the area. It was a shipping point for construction materials for Cleveland County as well as Pottawatomie and Shawnee lands to the east. Norman also became a shipping center for agricultural produce and cattle in Cleveland and northern McClain counties.

Early in 1895, H.T. Miller, who had recently moved his newspaper from Purcell to Norman, began advocating the establishment of a building and loan association. At a January 16 meeting a nine member board of directors was named, including Andrew Kingkade. The group was selling shares at \$100 per share. Two hundred fifty shares had been sold at the time the charter application was made; they hoped to subscribe 1000 shares by the time the charter arrived. In February, officers of the Norman Building and Loan Association were elected: President: D.W. Marquart; vice president: H.T. Miller; secretary: Andrew Kingkade; and treasurer: E.F. Taylor.

Andrew Kingkade resigned from the Santa Fe in the spring of 1895, and set up business with W.T. Tate. They sold insurance and made farm loans on commission. The Norman Building and Loan Association made their first three loans between June and November

of 1895, with the paperwork being handled by the office of Kingkade and Tate.

In the fall of 1896, Andrew Kingkade became assistant cashier at the Citizens Bank. He continued his partnership with Tate, and they moved into offices in the Norman State Bank building. Kingkade's son, Martin, began working menial jobs in his father's business about 1900. After his high school graduation, he entered the University and graduated in 1906 with a B.A. degree.

By this time, Andrew Kingkade apparently was sole owner of a thriving business and he invested in advertising. The November 2, 1900 issue of the *Norman Democrat-Topic* featured a banner ad running across the entire top of an inside page: "Andrew Kingkade, Farm and Chattel Loans, Collections, Insurance, Bonded Abstractor. Real Estate, Notary Public, Norman."

Andrew Kingkade was now ready for bigger pastures. It was evident that Oklahoma City would be the principal city of the state; therefore, he moved his loan and abstract business there, about 1907. They leased the ground floor of property that later became Liberty Bank. Kingkade's son, Martin Kingkade, spent five years traveling by horse and buggy in western Oklahoma, presumably seeking business for their farm mortgage company.

The 1907 city directory for Oklahoma City lists Andrew Kingkade (president, Oklahoma Farm Mortgage Co.) with his wife Lucy and the business location, Grand Ave. Hotel. Their son, Martin Kingkade (Assistant Secretary, Oklahoma Farm Mortgage Co.) resides at 117 W. 9th.

About 1910, Andrew Kingkade decided to go into the hotel business. He was a people person; he liked mixing with people, and a hotel was a good place to find such contacts. He wanted his hotel to cater to business men, county officers, and professionals who wanted comfortable, but moderately priced quarters when they were in town. He sold his real estate holdings and built an eight-story hotel on two lots in the 100 block of West Grand Avenue. The Kingkade Hotel opened in

1912, advertised as “a quiet refined place to stop when in the Capitol City.”

The Kingkade family took up residence in the Kingkade Hotel, living the remainder of their lives there. Andrew continued the farm mortgage company until sometime in 1923, when he devoted his time exclusively to the hotel. He must have been something of a workaholic. The 1940 census reveals that, at age 82, Andrew Kingkade reported working 84 hours in the week prior to the census. He reported working 52 weeks during 1939.

After the close of the second World War, the Kingkade Hotel gradually declined, as happened in many cities around the nation. In 1947, Martin Kingkade took over the hotel business from his father. The Kingkade Hotel was razed in 1968, shortly after a final Thanksgiving dinner was served in the hotel coffee shop. The Myriad Convention Center (now Cox Center) occupies that property today.

Until the late 1940s, Andrew Kingkade actively participated in projects in Oklahoma City. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and once represented the Synod of Oklahoma at the General Synod in Saratoga Springs, New York. He belonged to the Men’s Dinner Club, the Shrine, and the Oklahoma Club and was a fervent supporter of the local YMCA.

Andrew Kingkade died at age 91 on January 16, 1949 in Oklahoma City. His wife, Lucy Kingkade, died less than three weeks later. They had been married 68 years. Both are buried at Rose Hill mausoleum.

Andrew Kingkade—station agent, postman, city official, University booster, mortgage entrepreneur, banker, hotelier—drew on all his life experiences prior to coming to Oklahoma. Once here, he devoted his considerable skills to make his community better, first in Norman, later in Oklahoma City. He was a true Oklahoman.

Workshops

The Butler Center

2016 Genealogy Workshop

Ketina Taylor

July 23, 2016

CALS Ron Robison Theater, 100 River Market

Little Rock AR

<http://www.butlercenter.org/workshop>

Dallas Genealogical Society

Preserving & Sharing Our Family Treasures

Denise May Levenick

Jul 29-30, 2016

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., Dallas TX

www.dallasgenealogy.com

Missouri State Genealogical Association

Our Ancestors: Discovering Each One’s Unique Story

John Philip Colleta

August 5-6, 2016

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Columbia MO

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

Village Genealogical Society

2016 Fall Family History Workshop

Carl Taplin

September 17, 2016

Coronado Center, Hot Springs Village AR

<http://www.hsvgs.org>

Old Mill Museum

Discover Your Swedish Roots

October 1-2, 2016

Lindsborg KS

oldmillmuseum@gmail.com

Gregath Company, Inc.

Retreat 2016

October 3-4, 2016

Downstream Casino Resort, near Joplin MO

1-800-955-5232

Johnson County Genealogical Society & Library

2016 Annual Seminar

Lisa Louise Cooke

October 22, 2016

Ritz Charles Event Center, Overland Park KS

1-913-685-2600

Texas State Genealogical Society

2016 Family History Conference

Judy Russell & Cyndi Ingle

October 28-30, 2016

Dallas TX

<http://www.txsgs.org/conference/>

CCGS News

CCGS Annual Business Meeting

The final meeting of the CCGS Fiscal Year is at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 12, 2016, which will be our Annual Business Meeting.

Members, please note that this meeting date has been changed, because the usual meeting date falls on Father's Day.

Our officers and committee chairs will present their annual reports, reviewing accomplishments of the past year.

The Society's Treasurer will present the annual budget for review and adoption.

A new Board of Directors will be elected by the membership and installed in office.

Nominees to offices in 2016-2017 include:

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 Marilyn Henry
Member-at-Large Vicki Thompson
Past President Ann Jacobs

Honor Your Cleveland County O.T. Pioneer

Help CCGS honor the Pioneers who settled in Cleveland County before statehood by nominating your pioneer ancestor to our Registry of *Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T.*

Applications for recognition of *Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T.* received in the CCGS Library on or before August 2, 2016 will be honored at our October, 2016 meeting.

You can pick up the application and explanatory materials at the CCGS Library. Applicants are required to provide documents to support major events in the pioneer's life. Photographs and stories about the pioneer and his family are welcomed. All the materials submitted in the application will become property of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society and will be available to future researchers, in the files of *Pioneers of Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory.*

Materials and files in the CCGS Library & Archives will be a major resource for documentation. Library volunteers can help you find relevant materials, suggest possible proofs, and answer questions about the application.

The CCGS Library is open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Try a Story Starter

The CCGS Family History Writers Group encourages everyone to share some of their life experiences with family members through writing. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Sit quietly and think about some of your memories.

Think about ...

Family
Celebrations
Special treats
School days
Friends
Pets
Discoveries
Quiet times
Sickness
Frights
Triumphs
Summer vacations
Sad times
Carefree times

Select one of these ideas, or another memory. Remember several details of this incident. Take pencil and paper and begin writing.

When you finish, share your writing with someone. Then file your writing in a three-ring binder.

(Adapted from *The Family Circus* comic by Bil Keane, Oct. 11, 2015.)

Family History Writers Group Cleveland County Genealogical Society

Meetings: 10 a.m. second Wednesday, monthly

Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library
1119 E. Main Street, Norman
South Entrance, Community Services Building

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee, composed of present, past and future Board of Directors members, meets at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in the CCGS Library.

The major goals of the Five-Year plan involve Policies & Procedures, Finance, Membership, Publicity, and Preservation.

The meeting agenda includes a review of the accomplishments of Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Members will also set new goals for the final year of the Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Meetings

March

A good crowd of about 40 attended the April CCGS meeting, most of them non-members.

Brandt G. Cassidy spoke on the topic, *Decoding Your DNA*.

Whether it is plant, animal, or human, the DNA in all cells of an organism is exactly the same. Human DNA is about 99.5% identical, but scientists still don't know exactly how it all works. DNA is packaged in chromosomes. The more markers used in a test, the better the DNA match that can be produced.

Ancestry DNA testing is for the Y chromosome in males, or for mitochondrial DNA in females, which is passed down from mothers to their children, both male and female.

April

Michael Marcotte presented a history of the French influence in Oklahoma, from explorers to traders to settlers.

Although the French were not the first to explore North America, they were active beginning in the early 1600s. Before the end of that century, France had the largest European claim to land in the Americas.

French exploration of the Arkansas River basin began in the early 1700s. French traders established posts among the native tribes and some intermarried. French explorers were responsible for the naming of the Canadian River, which forms the south and west borders of Cleveland County.

In 1796 the first French settlement in Oklahoma, the Choteau Trading Post in Mayes County was established.

Marcotte's heritage is traced to French speakers who migrated from Quebec to Illinois and Kansas, and finally in 1889 to Purcell in Indian Territory.

Prior to Marcotte's presentation, members elected Betty Hall, Jo Mustoe, and Mary Lewis to the nominating committee.

May

Planning a Genealogy Research Trip was the topic of a panel discussion led by Sherry Leafgreen, Marilyn Henry, and Jo Mustoe.

Panel leaders relied on input from Ann Jacobs and others, on internet help columns, and on personal experience in making their

presentations. They offered advice on preparing for the research trip, using time and resources wisely while on the road, and the importance of carefully reviewing the research results afterward. Members in attendance contributed from their own experiences. The 23-page syllabus is available in the CCGS Library as long as the supply lasts.

Board Vacancy Filled

In their May meeting, the CCGS Board of Directors elected Jan Fendley to complete the term of Carol Jasak, member-at-large. Carol resigned because job responsibilities prevented her from attending Board meetings.

Deaths

CCGS member and former Norman resident Maxine Eugenia Franklin Johnson died March 15, 2016 in Thousand Oaks, California.

Calendar

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

June 13, 2016

July 11, 2016

August 8, 2016

September 12, 2016

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

June 12, 2016 – Annual Business

Meeting (Note change of date)

September 18, 2016

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

June 8, 2016

July 13, 2016

August 10, 2016

September 14, 2016

Strategic Planning Committee: 2:00 p.m. June 1, 2016, CCGS Library

In the Library

New Books

Although we stopped cataloging books as we began the catalog update project over a year ago, donations of new materials have continued to come in.

We recently sent a large selection of donated books to Pioneer Library System to be cataloged, processed, and added to our collection. We anticipate we can announce these new titles in the September newsletter.

In Recent Journals

It ain't no fun getting old. Laugh your way through this poem. *T.L. & M. Genealogy*. Talbot Library & Museum. Vol. 23, No. 2, 2015.

To truly understand the contents of a military pension file, the researcher must be familiar with the laws that caused the record to be created. When studying a pension file, take note of "Acts of Congress" and then locate the text of that legislation to learn the requirements the applicant needed to meet in order to be successful. *NGS Magazine*. National Genealogical Society. Vol. 42, No. 1, January-March 2016.

Do our kids know what an apron is? This essay on *The History of Aprons* will inform them of the many uses of the 'old-time apron' in the good old days. *Die Zeitung*. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Central Oklahoma Chapter. Vol. 40, No. 2, March 2016.

An Evening at the Madill Drive In Movie will take you back a few years. *Marshall County Genealogical Society Newsletter*. Vol. 21, No. 1, April 2016.

Family lore makes family history interesting. Researchers must verify the historical context of the story and reliability of the person telling the tale. Then use genealogical methods and principles to prove or disprove the facts surrounding the tale. *NGS Magazine*. National Genealogical Society. Vol. 42, No. 2, April-June 2016.

Since You Asked ...

BY JO MUSTOE

Q: I understand there are many empty shelves in the CCGS library. What's going on?

A: Yes, things are happening. What you hear and see is Progress—progress toward our long-stated CCGS goal of getting the CCGS genealogy collection into the Norman Central Library.

Anne Masters, Director of Pioneer Library System, has informed us unofficially that plans are that the new Norman Central Library will be ready to open in the spring of 2019. Our job is to work cooperatively with Pioneer to prepare for the move.

Norman Forward made the difference. Once funds were designated to design and build a new central library branch, Pioneer Library System and CCGS moved from the pre-election phase (updating the CCGS library catalog).

The new initiative, led by PLS genealogy librarian Kathryn Ramsay, is preparation of CCGS library materials to Pioneer protocols prior to the actual move.

The process has already begun. Pioneer Library System workers remove a few books at a time from our shelves, take them to PLS for processing according to their standards. When the work is completed, the books are returned and shelved in our library until moving day arrives. And this rotating cycle will continue, until all items have been processed by PLS.

This means that some shelves will be lean while books are being processed. Until moving day in 2019, our library will hold some items that have PLS markings; while others retain CCGS labels. The two groups will be shelved separately. The entire CCGS library collection will always be available to visitors, except for the items currently being processed.

Pioneer protocols are similar to those of CCGS. Books are classified in the Dewey Decimal System; Pioneer extends numbers after the decimal to indicate counties within a state.

The second line of the call number places similar subjects adjacent to one another on the shelves, aiding browsing. Pioneer has adapted our complicated subject classification system to a two-letter designation. Items that were shelved together under CCGS cataloging will likely be neighbors after PLS processing.

Please visit often and watch our progress.

Around & About

Local Historical Newspapers Online

The Gateway to Oklahoma History News is a free, word-searchable online repository of Oklahoma history. Among the many holdings are early issues of several Cleveland County newspapers.

Readers can search this site for Cleveland County newspapers by going to www.gateway.okhistory.org and click on "recent Additions." Select "More" under "County" on the left navigation pane to see a list of counties. Click on Cleveland County, then on the decade you wish to search. Scroll through the offerings.

This editor was delighted to find issues of the *Norman Transcript* from 1916 on the Gateway site. In this June 2016 issue of the CCGS Newsletter, the entire *100 Years Ago* article features items from the June 8, 1916 issue.

Bits and Pieces

The Grave Database of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War can be searched by first or last name; rank; state; units; branch of service; and place of burial. Even entries with limited data can give you a cemetery location, date of death, and other information, providing a starting point for more research. www.suvcwdb.org/home/search.php?action=search

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies has created an index to *The Forgotten Settlers of Kansas*, 28 volumes containing certificate applications and pedigree charts of descendants applying for Territorial, Pioneer, and Early Settler recognition for their ancestors who lived in Kansas before 1900. View the index to these volumes online. www.kcs.us.forgot.htm

Find digitized local record indexes, genealogies, family histories, county and local histories, gazetteers, school yearbooks and more on the FamilySearch website. Look under the Search menu and choose Books. www.familysearch.org

CCGS HISTORY

Organizational Meeting

CCGS library volunteers recently discovered in our files a copy of the agenda for the organizational meeting for what eventually became the Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

*Moore Pioneer Genealogical Association
Formation Meeting
April 15, 1980
Agenda*

1. *Welcome*
2. *Discussion:*
 - a. *Name*
 - b. *Officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and public information officer)*
 - c. *Committees (membership, education, car pool to branch libraries/historical Society, other?)*
 - d. *Dues*
 - e. *Format of meetings*
 - f. *Anything else*
3. *Adjournment*

Handwritten notes suggest "make a list of books and magazines people already have." The handwritten date May 20 3rd Tuesday possibly indicates the next meeting date. The page also includes handwritten names, addresses and phone numbers for Sharron Ashton, Pat McFall, and Janet Tate, three known early members of our Society.

Student Conduct Rules 1894

Students will not speak unless spoken to by the teacher.

When speaking, proper language will be used at all times.

We will all abide by the Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have done to you."

Female students will conduct themselves as ladies, males as gentlemen. Good manners will be expected.

Male students will remove all head gear before entering any building.

Good posture will be assumed by all students.

When you wish to speak, you must raise your hand, wait to be recognized and then stand beside your desk before speaking.

Borrowed from *The Green Country Quarterly*, Broken Arrow Genealogical Society. Vol. 35, No. 2, Summer 2015.

100 Years Ago

The Transcript

Norman, Oklahoma
Thursday, June 8, 1916

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

University Commencement

Thursday, June 8, 1916, is an ideal day, a real Oklahoma June day, and attracted a large audience to the University campus this morning to attend the 1916 Commencement exercises of the University of Oklahoma. ...

The address of the day was delivered by Dr. Reuben Post Halleck, A.M., of Nashville, Tenn., on "Growth" and was a very fine one. ... Beautiful music by the University orchestra was an especially pleasing feature of the exercise.

The graduates in the several departments numbered over 200, and the diplomas were awarded by President Brooks. ...

A large number of the alumni, graduates of the institution from away back in the '90s, are in attendance. They are widely scattered, some of them coming many hundreds of miles to attend the exercise and renew old college acquaintance and friendship. ...

EDITOR'S NOTE: Go to www.gateway.okhistory.org to view in its entirety this (and other) articles in the June 8, 1916 issue of the *Norman Transcript*.

Saturday is the Last Day

If you pay your subscription this week, by Saturday night, you can get it for \$1.00 per year, and subscribe for as many years as you like. After that date, subscription will be \$1.50 per annum. Those in arrears will be expected to pay at the rate of \$1.00 per year up to June 1, 1916, and \$1.50 after that date.

Those who have paid the last week are: H.H. Foster, Norman; A.K. Loomis, Fresno, Cali.; J.F. Perry, Wynnewood, Okla.; I.B. Nice, Norman, ...

Married—Kimball-Griffin

The marriage of Mr. Abner M. Kimball and Miss Elsie Griffin was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McIlhaney, 320 West Main Street, this morning (June 7, 1916) ...

Back From Kansas City

W.N. Rucker returned yesterday from a visit to the wholesale houses of Kansas City, where he replenished the stocks of his stores by extensive buying. He reports that the business of all his stores is excellent, with promise of fine summer and fall trade.

Bolt Hits Criswell Barn

During the shower on Sunday, a bolt of lightning struck the barn of W.F. Criswell, north of the city park, knocking out the north end, but doing no further damage. Close call, however; certainly too close for comfort.

Delightful Remembrance

Our valued friend, Mrs. M.E. Dorrance, remembered the Transcript today with her annual contribution to our pleasure—a beautiful bouquet of beautiful flowers, grown in her own beautiful flower garden on North Santa Fe. ... Flowers grow for Mrs. Dorrance in great profusion and to great perfection, for she mothers them so completely and lovingly. ...

Death of R.J. Chaney

Mr. R.J. Chaney, familiarly known as "Jack" Chaney, and regarded as one of the best young men of the county, died at his home on the L.J. Edwards' farm, north of the Grotts school house yesterday evening ... from appendicitis. He was some thirty years of age and leaves a wife and one child. The funeral services were held at I.O.O.F. cemetery this afternoon. ...

New Baptist Minister

Rev. Gayer, the new pastor of the Norman Baptist Church, will move his family here from BartZiesville, Okla., this week and begin his pastorate, preaching his initial sermon next Sunday. The congregation and membership are still thoroughly in favor of a new church edifice and plans to that end are being formulated.

Prof. Chas. T. Kirk, '04, is here from Albuquerque, N. Mex. Attending the Commencement exercises. He is now head of the geological department of the University of New Mexico.

Dinner at Poor Farm

From Tuesday's Daily

The three county commissioners, J.A. Fox, Sol Ward and J.J. Ward; County Clerk Ben Wheelis and County Attorney J.D. Grigsby were taken to the poor farm yesterday by Chauffeurs McIntire and McIlhany, and there treated to the finest meal they ever ate, prepared by Mrs. Hill from the produce raised upon the farm. The "boys" say the potatoes, meat, cabbage, peas, milk and butter, and other delicacies and substantial of the season were served in great profusion and with an art that could not be excelled.

Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Hill are making a great success in their management of the poor farm, and their nine "guests" do all they can to assist in the work, and are well treated, kindly and humanely. The board was highly pleased at the manner in which the farm was being conducted.

Commissioner Fox says the poor are kept at about one-half the expense of the old way of "farming" them out and much more satisfactorily. He also says the board is seriously considering adding the 160-acre Jepson farm to the present 80-acre county farm, and farming more extensively, believing it can be made self-supporting and prove a good investment. For instance, the eight cows now kept on the farm brought in \$51.80 per month the past season on the 80 acres, and if a larger farm with good pasturage was secured there is no reason why a big herd could not be profitable handled.

All the party were well pleased with their visit to the "Poor Farm" and declare it is anything but a poor farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Prickett and children arrived last night from Albuquerque, N. Mex., to attend the Commencement exercises and visit with relatives a few days. They look well and prosperous, and are being given the glad hand by old friend and acquaintances. ... Mr. Prickett is superintendent of grounds at the University of New Mexico.

Pleasant Valley Items

Wheat cutting will begin this week if weather is favorable.

I guess everybody knows about the fine little son at Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glantz's home.

Mrs. Burkett's mother, Mrs. A.L. Lewis of Noble, and her aunt and three cousins of Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Ketner, also of Noble, motored up to spend the day last Friday.

Mr. Jess Hale is treating his house to a new coat of paint. Wish we could all do likewise.

Mr. Button, who has been in poor health for some time, went to the city Monday and underwent an X-ray examination of the stomach.

Mr. Boggs drug our roads again last week. Wish everybody would do as much road work as he does and then the fellows with autos would not complain about "the farmers not keeping the roads up."

Frank Burkett says tell you he has his pig pen fixed so it will hold his new hog.

Married: In the presence of J.J. Ward and W.W. Brogan in the county court room Thursday at high noon, Mr. Claude Hopkins, 26 and Miss Fannie Ratliff, 24, were joined in marriage by Rev. R.A. Brigham. The contracting parties are prominent young people of the Little Ax community. ...

Independence Items

The farmers are rejoicing over the rain which fell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Sabin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kunkel.

Mr. Jasper Barto of Kansas is here visiting his relatives.

Miss Lilliam Dilbeck was seen back in this neighborhood visiting friends the latter part of last week.

Mr. Doyle Pope is very busy this week chopping his cotton.

Mr. John Moten of Enterprise district, was a Norman visitor Monday.

Mrs. A.M. Champeau is on the sick list this week.

The items are cut short on account of the lack of visiting and traveling now.

Franklin Circuit

By R.A. Brigham

E.E. Gill and boys made a trip to Norman on Saturday.

Dr. S.A. Gallier, of Norman, spent a few days last week looking after his farm.

The farmers have so much work to do that many of them are advertising for hands.

Fred Briggs has cut the weeds in front of his premises. That reminds us. The weeds are about to take this country.

During the heavy wind storm Monday night W.E. Barnard's barn was blown over and somewhat demolished, however, it was not damaged seriously.

Miss Jennie Roberts is proving herself a very experienced and accommodating clerk in the W.C. Smith store.

Notes from Noble Sun

Mrs. Geo. Inglis and son of Norman and Mrs. John Ewing of Drumright visited in Noble this week, the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. C.W. Inglis.

Miss Northcutt, teacher in the Noble schools, has returned to her home in Edmond, where she will spend her vacation. A pleasant surprise was given her on Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Hobaugh.

Rev. A.B. Carson is confined to his home with malarial fever.

A.R. Ellis was thrown from a mule one day last week, causing injuries that made him unconscious for an hour. A severe twist to his spinal column was the most severe injury. He is resting easy with every hope of complete recovery.

On Saturday, May 27, 1916, a charming little 8-pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ramsey.

Macadam Road Planned

Norman-Oklahoma City

Oklahoman:

Plans for the construction of one mile of macadam road south of Capitol Hill as a part of the Texas-Oklahoma Gulf Highway are being worked out by Governor Williams and Mayor Ed Overholser. ...

The governor and the mayor believe that if the first mile can be built it will serve as an incentive for the people along the road and the county commissioners of Oklahoma and Cleveland counties to build a macadam road from Oklahoma City to Norman.

Society

By Ruth Newell

Mrs. Shippey, who for the past month has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C.P. Landt, left Sunday night for her home in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Martin Botsford of Portland, Oregon, left Wednesday evening for her home, after a six weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Hines.

Mr. Tom Boyd entertained at dinner Thursday noon, at his home, Messrs. Francis DeMand, Duke Vincent, and Edward Huston of Oklahoma City. It was a most delightful affair and a lovely four-course dinner was served.

Mrs. Alice Bradway gave a lovely dinner Thursday evening at her home on the Boulevard to the young men rooming in her home and to a number of her friends, there being in all thirty guests. The table was beautiful in its large bouquets of roses and an elegant five-course dinner was served. After dinner music was enjoyed.

Announcements

Prof. and Mrs. L.W. Morrow will be at home to the Auction Bridge club this evening.

Miss Anne McCall will entertain a number of her friends at cards on Friday afternoon of this week.

The University Alumni will be given a buffet luncheon at the gymnasium at 12:00 o'clock on Thursday.

The Theta Alumni club will be entertained this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bennie Owen on Elm street.

The Social Hour club will meet on Thursday afternoon, June 15th at the home of Mrs. J.H. Voss, 131 University place.

Recent Marriage Licenses

Glen Clark, 28, Ada, Okla, and Miss Vera Gorton, 24, of Norman.

Wm. M. Palmer, 42, and Miss Maude E. Caplor, 24, both of the Stella neighborhood.

J.A. Smith, 20, and Miss Hattie McClure, 17, both of the Stella neighborhood.

The two last-named couples were married at Stella by Judge John Studholme, the "marrying justice" of that locality.

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2184	SMITH, Martha Bell	04 Aug 1947	--	09 Jul 1945	Norman, OK
1099	SMITH, Maurice Greer	17 Nov 1930	--	22 Oct 1930	Cleveland County, OK
2267	SMITH, Micah P.	05 Jun 1948	--	10 May 1948	Norman, OK
2396	SMITH, Nannie (Nancie Annie Eads)	03 Mar 1950	w	26 Feb 1950	Norman, OK
2232	SMITH, Robert O., Sr.	07 Jan 1948	--	04 Jan 1948	
1290	SMITH, Thos. E.	22 Sep 1934	--	17 Sep 1934	Norman, OK
1020	SMYTH, G. W.	27 Aug 1929	--	13 Dec 1927	Cleveland County, OK
2073	SMYTH, George C.	13 Feb 1946	--	09 Feb 1946	Cleveland County, OK
1116	SNEED, Martha B.	21 Mar 1931	--	15 Mar 1931	Oklahoma County, OK
1069	SOUTHARD, D. F.	07 Apr 1930	--	22 Mar 1930	Cleveland County, OK
2089	SOUTHERN, James M.	20 May 1946	--	17 Sep 1945	Grady County, OK
2181	SPALDING, Ethel Pearson	22 Jul 1947	w	14 Jul 1947	Cleveland County, OK
1342	SPENCER, Maude	12 Sep 1935	--	10 Jan 1935	Norman, OK
1157	SPROWLS, Clyde W.	23 Feb 1932	--	11 Feb 1932	Cleveland County, OK
1219	SPYBUCK, George see #1775	13 Jun 1933	--	19 Mar 1933	near Norman, OK See #1775
1775	SPYBUCK, George see #1219	07 May 1942	--	19 Mar 1935	
2307	STAATS, J. V.	10 Nov 1948	--	23 Oct 1948	
1438	STALDER, John	14 Jan 1937	--	16 Feb 1923	Norman, OK
1439	STALDER, Sarah C.	14 Jan 1937	--	17 Apr 1934	Norman, OK
1684	STANDRIDGE, Leora	29 Nov 1940	w	23 Nov 1940	Lexington, OK
1887	STANFORD, Margaret L.	03 Dec 1943	--	25 Nov 1943	Cleveland County, OK
2262	STANISH, August	15 May 1948	w	05 May 1948	Oklahoma City, OK
1401	STARNES, Rebecca	12 Jun 1936	--	11 Nov 1935	Cleveland County, OK
1728	STEPHENS, Glenn E.	28 Jul 1941	--	09 Oct 1940	Norman, OK
1278	STEPHENS, Kate E.	25 Jul 1934	--	00 Jan 1934	Cleveland County, OK
1110	STEVENS, James J.	09 Jan 1931	--	18 Dec 1930	Lexington, OK
1851	STEWART, M. M. (female)	03 Jun 1943	--	27 May 1943	
1125	STEWART, Edward M.	05 Jun 1931	--	15 Jun 1931	Cleveland County, OK
1124	STEWART, Walter C.	05 Jun 1931	--	10 Jun 1929	Cleveland County, OK
2233	STINE, Elmer	08 Jan 1948	w	01 Jan 1948	Norman, OK
2344	STINE, Ezra	19 May 1949	w	14 May 1949	Vernon, TX
2395	STINSON, Fannie B.	02 Mar 1950	--	21 Feb 1950	Norman, OK
1014	STINSON, George T.	09 Aug 1929	--	30 Jul 1929	Cleveland County, OK
1688	STINSON, J. W.	17 Dec 1940	w	01 Dec 1940	Norman, OK
1603	STOGNER, J. R.	05 Sep 1939	--	29 Aug 1939	Resident of Cleveland County, OK

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1602	STOGNER, Martha L.	05 Sep 1939	--	04 Mar 1939	Norman, OK
1092	STONE, Samuel C.	07 Oct 1930	--	16 Mar 1930	Cleveland County, OK
1584	STONER, Rosie A.	27 May 1939	--	12 May 1937	Norman, OK
1882	STOUT, Norbert F.	03 Nov 1943	--	24 Sep 1943	Ft. Meade, MD
1564	STOUT, Thomas	22 Dec 1938	w	12 Dec 1938	Norman, OK
1218	STOWE, Mary Etta	12 Jun 1933	--	05 Dec 1930	Cleveland County, OK
1698	STRAKA, Anna	01 Feb 1941	--	18 Dec 1940	Cleveland County, OK
1955	STRAKA, Jerry	02 Nov 1944	--	22 Oct 1944	Cleveland County, OK
2293	STRATEGIER, R. H.	11 Aug 1948	--	06 Jul 1948	Cleveland County, OK
2301	STRATEGIER, Raymond H.	28 Sep 1948	--	16 Jul 1948	Norman, OK
2365	STRATTON, S. G.	21 Sep 1949	--	16 Sep 1949	
1345	STRIEGEL, Carrie May	03 Oct 1935	--	?? Sep 1935	Resident of State of Oklahoma
1595	STRONG, H. B.	05 Aug 1939	w	31 Jul 1939	Lexington, OK
2357	STUCK, G. W.	01 Aug 1949	--	22 Jun 1949	Tulsa, Tulsa County, OK
1512	STUFFLEBEAN, Anglener	22 Jan 1938	--	28 Feb 1934	Cleveland County, OK
2093	STUFFLEBEAN, Earl M.	29 May 1946	--	11 Jan 1946	Norman, Cleveland County, OK
1776	STUFFLEBEAN, Thomas J.	13 May 1942	--	08 May 1942	Norman, OK
2250	STURGIS, James W.	30 May 1948	w	22 Mar 1948	Norman, OK
1350	SUCHY, John	08 Oct 1935	--	15 Aug 1935	Murray County, OK
1262	SUCHY, Mary	11 Apr 1934	--	07 Apr 1934	Cleveland County, OK
1769	SUDDERTH, A.	24 Apr 1942	--	09 Apr 1942	Lexington, OK
1269	SUDIK, Katie	22 May 1934	--	16 May 1934	Cleveland County, OK
1254	SUDIK, William	23 Apr 1934	--	31 Mar 1934	Cleveland County, OK
1551	SULLIVANT, Mary E.	15 Oct 1938	--	18 Sep 1938	New York City, NY
1087	SUMMERS, Sarah L. (Winchester)	20 Aug 1930	--	31 Jul 1930	Cleveland County, OK See #1088
2201	SVATOS, James	07 Oct 1947	--	02 Oct 1947	Norman, OK
2321	SWAILES, J. L.	17 Feb 1949	w	15 Mar 1928	Cleveland County, OK
1736	SWIHART, Mary Gertrude	16 Oct 1941	--	03 Jan 1941	Cleveland County, OK
1824	SWINNEY, L. A.	26 Jan 1943	--	09 Jan 1943	Norman, OK
1508	SWISHER, Fred C.	20 Dec 1937	--	17 Dec 1937	Norman, OK
1687	SYKES, Sarah J.	16 Dec 1940	--	?? Dec 1940	Cleveland County, OK
1956	SYMPSON, J. W.	03 Nov 1944	--	09 Sep 1940	Cleveland County, OK
1804	TAFT, Minnie V.	21 Oct 1942	--	15 Oct 1942	Norman, OK
1255	TARKINGTON, Mrs. E. R.	08 Mar 1934	--	03 Mar 1934	Cleveland County, OK
1001	TAYLOR, Anna L.	10,745	--	08 Jun 1929	Lexington, OK file incomplete
2248	TAYLOR, Benjamin L.	22 Mar 1948	w	14 Mar 1948	Hawthorne, CA
2142	TAYLOR, Beulah A.	09 Dec 1946	--	25 Nov 1946	Oklahoma City, OK
2222	TAYLOR, Catherine B.	11 Dec 1947	--	07 Dec 1947	Norman, OK
1013	TAYLOR, Charles H.	27 Jul 1929	--	25 Jul 1929	Cleveland County, OK
2009	TAYLOR, Elizabeth E.	25 Apr 1945	--	18 Apr 1945	near Moore, OK

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1196	TAYLOR, Jennie & John H.	14 Dec 1932	--	30 Nov 1932	Cleveland County, OK
1196	TAYLOR, John H. & Jennie	14 Dec 1932	--	01 Mar 1931	Cleveland County, OK
2133	TAYLOR, Sam W.	06 Nov 1946	--	05 May 1944	Cleveland County, OK
1632	TAYLOR, Stone	23 Jan 1940	w	14 Jan 1940	Cleveland County, OK
2171	TEAGUE, Jessie H.	10 Jun 1947	--	01 May 1938	Lexington, OK
2005	TEAGUE, Mary A.	02 Apr 1945	--	05 Sep 1943	Cleveland County, OK
1394	TEAGUE, W. L.	06 May 1936	--	18 Feb 1936	Cleveland County, OK
1530	TEEL, Emma J.	13 Jun 1938	--	11 Mar 1937	Cleveland County, OK
1544	TEEL, Jess C.	14 Sep 1938	--	28 Sep 1937	Norman, OK
2016	TEEL, John C.				
1194	TEEL, Richard	01 Dec 1932	w	17 Jul 1930	Cleveland County, OK
2297	TERRELL, J. C.	28 Aug 1948	--	18 Sep 1947	Byers, CO
2045	TERRELL, W. H.	07 Nov 1945	--	06 Jul 1942	Cleveland County, OK
1543	TETER, Susie	12 Sep 1938	--	30 Jul 1938	Moore, OK
1674	THACKER, Robert E.	11 Oct 1940	--	11 Jul 1940	Oklahoma City, OK
2182	THILL, Albert, Sr.	24 Jul 1947	--	28 May 1947	Moore, OK
2036	THOES, Carrie E.	22 Sep 1945	w	16 Sep 1945	Norman, OK
2363	THOES, Earl A.	17 Sep 1949	w	14 Jul 1949	Depoe Bay, OR
1679	THOMAS, L. N.	06 Nov 1940	--	13 Oct 1940	Cleveland County, OK
1531	THOMPSON, Allen Jewel	15 Jun 1938	--	26 Apr 1938	Lexington, OK
1118	THOMPSON, Maud	15 Apr 1931	w	31 Mar 1931	Oklahoma City, OK
1305	THREET, C. B.	29 Jan 1935	--	23 Jan 1935	Lexington, OK
1322	THREET, K. Jennie	30 Apr 1935	w	21 Apr 1935	near Lexington, OK
1964	TILFORD, Mamie E.	21 Nov 1944	--	17 Aug 1943	Norman, OK
2269	TINKER, Louise M.	20 Jun 1948	--	01 Jun 1948	Norman, OK
1377	TIPTON, Ida A.	13 Mar 1936	w	09 Mar 1936	Ponca City, Kay County, OK
1850	TOBERMAN, Albert W.	25 May 1943	--	15 Dec 1939	Norman, OK
1849	TOBERMAN, Nora E.	19 May 1943	--	14 Apr 1943	Norman, OK
1493	TODD, C. B.	13 Sep 1937	--	08 Sep 1937	
2139	TODD, Carl B.	29 Nov 1946	--	13 Nov 1946	Norman, OK
1505	TOMLIN, Walter M.	16 Nov 1937	--	07 Nov 1937	Norman, OK
1273	TOPPEN, John	05 Jul 1934	--	27 Apr 1939	Inwood, Lyon County, Iowa
1227	TRACY, Mary E.	05 Sep 1933	--	18 Jul 1933	Portland, , Oregon
1337	TRAMMEL, Ethel C.	08 Aug 1935	--	08 Dec 1932	Resident of Cleveland County, OK
1766	TRAUTMAN, Donald Eugene	26 Mar 1942	--	06 Jul 1941	Norman, OK
1780	TREAT, Mary nee WILLIAMS	30 Jun 1942	--	15 Jul 1930	McClain County, OK
1648	TRIPPEER, Bert	15 Jul 1940	w	07 Jun 1940	Chicago, Cook County, IL
2116	TROW, O. B.	28 Aug 1946	--	31 Jul 1946	Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK
1656	TRUBY, Frank M.	23 Aug 1940	w	14 Aug 1940	Norman, OK

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