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## President's Message

BY JEAN MCCRACKEN

Hello, again. The new year is already two months underway, and membership renewals have been slowly coming in. If you have not paid dues for 2017, please take a few minutes and do so. As almost everyone is aware, CCGS has no financial support other than the efforts of our society members. For 27 years our society, through membership dues, donations and the board's diligent oversight of an invested bequest, has managed to maintain our research library. We need your continued support as we near our long-time goal of moving our genealogy, local and family history collection into the Norman Library.

Kathryn Ramsay, genealogy librarian for Pioneer Library System, recently hosted an event, *Around the Table*, in the café area of the West Branch Library. Attendees, seated at the café tables, shared questions concerning a hard to find ancestor, or other research questions; participants had the opportunity to offer suggestions. Kathryn announced she is working toward offering some type of genealogy/family history workshop or program monthly. Notices of these workshops may be found in news from the public library in the Norman Transcript. CCGS will also inform our membership of these events.

In the December 2016 issue of the *CCGS Newsletter* we completed the serial presentation of the index to Cleveland County probates to the end of December, 1949. I am now working on the probate index for 1950 through 1972. This project will complete the indexing of all Cleveland County probates held in the CCGS Archives. We will print the 1950-1972 index when it is ready. This publication will be placed on our shelves and will also be available for sale to the public.

We remind our members that CCGS holds, in our Archives, the original probate files from the office of the Cleveland County Court Clerk, from the very beginning in 1890 through 1972. Probates offer a wealth of information about the deceased and their family members. Indexes are available to researchers in the CCGS Library. Any probate file listed in the index can be viewed during CCGS Library hours, 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. If you wish to learn whether an individual had a probate in Cleveland County between 1890-1972, please call the CCGS Library (405-701-2100) or send an e-mail ([ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org)), and we will check our indexes.

With this issue of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Newsletter, we begin serial printing of the 1890 census of Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory. The first installment begins on page 13 of this Newsletter. You can read more about the 1890 territorial census on page 4 of this newsletter.



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# Millions Spent in Norman

This headline in the Norman Transcript on March 15, 1917 reported expenditures by the State of Oklahoma for the University of Oklahoma in Norman. However, in the early days following the 1889 Oklahoma Land Run, the settlers had to invest their own labor and their scarce cash in the future of their community.

It was a full year after the Run before the Territory of Oklahoma was established by the federal government. Only then could the appointed governor, George W. Steele, define county boundaries, set up county governments, and take a census in order to apportion representation to the first legislature.

The first legislators were elected in August, 1890. It was their responsibility to enact a code of laws. But legislators, looking beyond the need for law and order, were also interested in educating their children. Norman and Cleveland County boosters lobbied to locate the state university at Norman. Their campaign was successful on December 19, 1890, when the legislature chose Norman as the location of the University of Oklahoma.

This act required that Cleveland County would provide \$10,000 within one year, to be used by the Board of Regents to build a building. It also required that Norman and Cleveland County provide 40 acres for a campus within a half-mile of Norman.

These bonds were approved by county voters on May 19, 1891. There was difficulty, however, in selling them. The bonds were sold at discount, realizing only \$7,200. Norman residents had to make up the \$2,800 difference, as well as paying the \$1,500 cost of the 40-acre campus.

Community leaders organized a fund-raising drive. On December 14, 1891, local officials finally delivered the sum of \$10,000 to the state treasurer, only five days before the legislature's deadline.

The contract for construction of the first University building on the campus was awarded March 29, 1892. David Ross Boyd was named first president of the University of Oklahoma July 6, 1892.

Boyd went to work hiring the first faculty, which consisted of William N. Rice, professor of ancient languages and literature; Edwin C. DeBarr, professor of chemistry and physics; and French S.E. Amos, instructor in English, history, and civics. Boyd himself took the title of professor of mental and moral science.

The University opened three and a half years after the Run. Classes began Thursday, September 15, 1892, in the Rock Building in the 200 block of West Main Street, because the construction of the University building was not completed.

Fast forward now to the year 1917. Oklahoma has been a state for ten years. The University of Oklahoma celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The State of Oklahoma now appropriates funds to support and expand the University. Read more in the newspaper!

**The Norman Weekly Transcript**  
**Thursday, March 15 1917**

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

**Millions Spent in Norman**

**Appropriations Are Going Through for University and Oklahoma State Hospital—Big Building Boom Promised.**

Mr. J. William Cordell writes the Oklahoma Daily from Oklahoma City as follows:

Indications that every appropriation asked for by the university from the present session of the state legislature will be passed are exceptionally good judging from the lack of opposition met by the bills. The maintenance appropriations of \$764,000 for the next two years have already passed both houses, received the signatures of the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, and were Thursday transmitted to the governor for his signature.

House Bill number 505 for a \$150,000 auditorium and house bill number 109 for a \$75,000 library building was Thursday reported by the senate appropriations committee, passed its third reading, and is now ready for final roll call vote.

House bill number 387, appropriating \$100,000 for a geology building is ready for final roll call in the house. Senate bill number 430, an appropriation for maintenance of the geological survey was passed by the senate Thursday.

The \$200,000 hospital bill, house bill number 366, Thursday passed the house and its first reading in the senate. This institution will be located in Oklahoma City, but will be a department of the University of Oklahoma.

A bill was passed by the house Thursday creating a state bureau of weights and measures with an appropriation of several thousand dollars. This bureau will be established at the university in conjunction with the college of engineering.

Something like \$100,000 has been appropriated for a fine new administration building for the Oklahoma State Hospital, besides several hundred thousand dollars for maintenance, and \$20,000 for the purchase of the E.B. Johnson farm to be added to the

landholdings of the state in connection with that institution. A bill has been put through designating the Oklahoma State Hospital as the "Central Hospital of Oklahoma," which means it will always be the principal institution of its kind in Oklahoma. Great improvements on grounds and buildings are being contemplated, and in time it will be one of the largest and most complete Institutions of its class in the Southwest.

These appropriations and the large amounts of money they will bring to Norman will greatly encourage erection of new residence and store buildings, a large number of which are already in course of construction, with many more projected. The building boom in residences and private buildings promises to be very large during the coming year. Altogether, no small city in Oklahoma has a more promising future than Norman, and its excellencies have only to be investigated to be recognized. In every way "The University City" is coming to the front.

**Geology Bill Passed**

The bill appropriating \$100,000 for a new Geology building at the University is now in the hands of the governor, as is also the \$200,000 bill for the state hospital. The bills for \$250,000 for auditorium and \$75,000 for library buildings will be in the hands of the governor this (Thursday) afternoon. Thus \$525,000 for new buildings in connection with the University is assured, \$325,000 of which comes directly to Norman.

Securing the state university in Norman was a good move for the pioneer settlers of Cleveland County. Much progress came to Norman in the University's first quarter-century.

In the fall of 1917, the University campus had grown to 120 acres, with thirteen buildings. The faculty in Norman numbered 107, and there were 47 teaching at the medical campus in Oklahoma City. The previous year, 1,669 students had been enrolled, including 56 graduate students, and 214 degrees had been conferred.

# CCGS News

## Meetings

Icy roads and threat of winter storms forced us to cancel the December and January meetings.

### February Meeting

Our February meeting was held in Room C of Norman Central Library. Sharon Cargill was our speaker. She told about *Germans from Russia: My Mennonite Heritage*. Her great grandparents and other family members immigrated in 1892 from Kleefeld, South Russia (now Ukraine) to Baltimore, Maryland; to areas around Newton, Kansas; and finally to Corn, Oklahoma. Sharon, who also had family ties in Cleveland County, shared ancestral family highlights from the Norman area.

### Future Society Programs

Some CCGS meetings, identified with asterisk (\*), have been rescheduled from the regular third Sunday because of conflicts with holidays.

All meetings will be held in Room A/B at Norman Central Library, unless otherwise noted.

**March 19, 2017:** Diane Thompson, *Every Family Has a Story*

**\*April 23, 2017:** Debra Osborne Spindle, *Beginning DNA*

**May 21, 2017:** Rachael Mosmon, *Identifying Old Family Photos*

**\*June 11, 2017:** Annual CCGS Business Meeting

### Wanted: Library Volunteers

The CCGS Library needs volunteers who are willing to substitute occasionally for regular library volunteer staff. We are down to only four volunteers. We welcome more help.

Beginning library volunteers will initially perform simple tasks, including greeting visitors, answering the phone, shelving books, straightening the library, and making copies. After the staff becomes acquainted with your interests and skills, you may be assigned specific library tasks to carry out on your own.

We encourage new volunteers to browse the shelves for materials that may pertain to their ancestry. This is a very good way to learn about the riches the CCGS Library offers to researchers.

If you are interested, please e-mail [cgs@csbi.org](mailto:cgs@csbi.org), or call 701-2100 or visit the library during library hours on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday.

## 1890 Census

In this issue of the CCGS Newsletter we begin serial presentation of the 1890 federal census of Third County of Oklahoma Territory.

Third County?

In the beginning, counties in the Unassigned Lands were designated only by numbers. As the territories were organized, citizens selected names for their county, and Third County eventually became Cleveland County.

Township 6 north 1 west, in the southernmost tip of Cleveland County is where we begin our presentation of this original census of the population of Cleveland County. We will proceed north and west over the next few years. You will find the first entries on pages 13-15 in this issue.

This transcription was produced by our veteran researcher, Jean McCracken. Jean knows the families of Cleveland County like no one else. She points out that the census enumerator seemingly did not list families in the order of their residence. Therefore, one cannot assume that the family numbers adjacent to your family on the census list are actually their neighbors. Jean also notes that those who say they lived in O.T. 13 months are those who made the Run.

The header line briefly describes the content in each column. The column on the far right needs a little explanation, as it contains two kinds of information. First, the enumerator entered the state, company, and regiment of men who had served in the military. Second, Jean offers corrections to the enumerator's spelling of some family surnames.

CCGS has previously published transcriptions of other portions of the 1890 territorial census of Cleveland County. Both *Noble First Territorial Census 1890*, and *Moore Little River Township First Territorial Census 1890*, can be found in the CCGS Library. These titles are also available for sale at the CCGS Library.

### Have You Paid Your Membership Dues?

On January 1 every year we turn to a new page in our CCGS membership rolls. Membership dues are payable any time in December and January, and become delinquent on March 31.

We need the support of every member more than ever, both financial and physical, in these transition years, as we near our long-time goal of transferring our genealogy and archives collections to the Norman Public Library.

Won't you pay your dues today, and call or visit the library to learn how you can help.

### **Five-Year Strategic Plan II (2017-2022)**

This year, CCGS is completing the fifth year of its current Five-Year Strategic Plan. CCGS Board members have been working several months on a second Five-Year Plan. Guidelines for this plan are nearing completion, and will be submitted to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting on June 11.

Following approval of the new plan, a committee consisting of board members and others will meet to set specific first-year goals related to each major objective of the plan. This committee will meet sometime during the last two weeks of June.

We need member input to this process. The Board invites interested members who would like to help set direction for the work of the Society for the next year to phone the CCGS Library (701-2100) or e-mail us at [ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org) to indicate your interest. We welcome your help.

### **New Oklahoma Vital Records Website**

Genealogists seeking birth and death records in Oklahoma recently found that process simplified, as the Oklahoma State Department of Health opened its new website, OK2Explore, at [www.ok2explore.health.ok.gov](http://www.ok2explore.health.ok.gov)

Here users can search Oklahoma's vital records and purchase copies. Oklahoma birth records more than twenty years ago and death records occurring more than five years ago can be ordered.

Proof of eligibility is not necessary to request these records, however, applications, payment and identification are required.

This reporter's experience has been that you are most likely to get a hit on a desired record if your search includes only first and last names

### **Our Readers Write ...**

Cindy Cochran wonders if anyone has information about the Napoleon B. Anderson family who homesteaded just south of Norman in 1889. Send information to [ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org) and we'll pass it on to Cindy.

Michael Stone is looking for the date and place of burial of his great-grandfather, James P. Stone, sometime after August 4, 1910. Michael thinks he may be buried in the Corbett or Martin Hill Cemeteries. Contact [ccgs@csbi.org](mailto:ccgs@csbi.org) if you have information that might help him break this brick wall.

## **Calendar**

### **CCGS Board Meetings:** 2:00 p.m. second

Monday, CCGS Library

March 13, 2017

April 10, 2017

May 8, 2017

June 12, 2017

### **CCGS Society Meetings:** 2:00 p.m. third

Sunday (except July & August), Room A/B,

Norman Library Central

March 19, 2017

\*April 23, 2017

May 21, 2017

\*June 11, 2017 – Annual Meeting

[Dates marked with asterisk (\*) have been changed because of holiday on third Sunday.]

### **Family History Writers Group:** 10 a.m.

second Wednesday, CCGS Library

March 8, 2017

April 12, 2017

May 10, 2017

June 14, 2017

### **Library Happenings**

Mary Lewis recently completed an inventory of archival materials in the Tax Room.

Jean McCracken is currently working on an index of probates, 1950-1972.

We have sent two boxes of excess materials to the Friends of Norman Library.

We have a selection of current genealogy titles and better books for sale on our rolling book cart in the CCGS Library. Come in and check our stock. Maybe you'll find something you can't live without.

Funds derived from the book sale will be used to purchase new titles related to Norman and Cleveland County.

### **Deaths**

Celia Morris Phillips, a long-time member of CCGS, died in Norman January 11, 2017..

Rick L. Miller, husband of CCGS member Debbie Miller, died in Oklahoma City February 3, 2017.



## In The Library

### New Books

*Craft of Bookbinding*

*Encyclopedia of Indian Wars: Western Battles and Skirmishes, 1850-1890*

*Images of America: Norman's Navy Years, 1942-1959*

*Indian Frontier of the American West, 1846-1959*

*McClain County, Oklahoma History and Heritage, Book 1*

*Ounce of Prevention: A guide to the care of Papers and Photographs*

*Prairie Pioneers of Illinois, Vol. II*

### Library User Catalog Again Available

CCGS recently lost our library's User Catalog when our ancient server finally died. However, the tech team at Pioneer Library System has created a work-around, and the catalog is again available to library users. We no longer have the ability to add or delete catalog items, but we appreciate being able to determine whether we have an item and where to find it on the shelf. We certainly appreciate the IT crew's determination to make our catalog available again.

### In Recent Journals

**To genealogists who hope to stimulate discussion about place**, a picture is indeed worth more than a thousand words. You can ask narrators to map their personal spaces and to talk about their drawings. Often this elicits detailed information about the physical places in which our families lived. *NGS Magazine*. Vol. 42, No. 4.

**What records can help us find out where our ancestors were buried?** This article suggests that death certificates, funeral homes, and church records may help. The internet offers helpful data on several levels. *NGS Magazine*, Vol. 42, No. 4.

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Recycle Ink Cartridges with CCGS

## Since You Asked ...

BY JO MUSTOE

**Q.** What should one consider in choosing a national genealogical conference to attend?

**A.** Thanks for asking. We do have some experience and a few opinions to offer.

### Consider these factors:

**1. The host.** National conferences are hosted each year by the National Genealogical Society, and by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, with local organizations assisting. NGS focuses on maintaining, teaching, and promoting high standards of research practices, including proper sourcing of research materials. FGS focuses on supporting genealogical societies such as our own with ideas for programs, fundraisers, and business. Which do you prefer?

**2. The date.** This year, the NGS conference is May 10-13 and FGS is August 30 – September 2. Which date fits your schedule?

**3. The location.** Is Raleigh NC or Pittsburgh PA closer to friends, family, research opportunities or tourist options that interest you?

**4. The area.** Each conference will have at least one session focusing on research options in that particular city, the area, the state and the surrounding states. Would any of these help you?

**5. The schedule.** Study the schedule for each conference online. Note the speakers, the topics, and the sponsored luncheons. Do any of these spark your interest?

NGS: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

FGS: <http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43>

**6. Other options.** State or regional organizations offer two or three day conferences with many sessions and sometimes several speakers. They are cheaper but may focus on your research interests. Would one of these options be helpful?

### Think about these helpful hints:

**1. The conference hotel** will be more expensive than nearby options, but will save time and trouble in parking and traffic issues over a few days.

**2. The luncheons** are expensive, but you will make new, possibly helpful, connections with others of the same interest which can be invaluable.

**3. Spend time with the exhibitors.** You'll learn what's available for genealogy and what's new.

**4. Study the syllabus material.** Some sessions are better than others, but most have a lot of useful information. This can also help you choose one session over another when there is a conflict.

**5. Take a travel buddy.** For safety and for a good time, a friend is a good idea, especially when it comes to talking out some of these choices.

**6. Tell us all about your trip.** We'd like to benefit from your experience.

#### HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article, describing the campus and operations of the state mental hospital located in Norman, appeared in the March 15, 1917 issue of the *Norman Transcript*.

## Oklahoma State Hospital

The legislature is giving the Oklahoma State Hospital everything it asked for in the way of appropriations. These are: \$51,000 to finish the power house and heating apparatus, \$85,000 for new building, \$20,000 for the purchasing of E.B. Johnson's 340 acres, and \$173 per year for maintenance for each of the 1,000 inmates—or a total of \$173,000 per annum for the next two years to carry on the work of the institution.

The high cost of living problem is being solved at this institution in every way possible, every inmate who can possibly be pressed into the services being required to work in the garden, the poultry house, on the Jersey ranch, and in other activities. It is a well recognized fact that persons afflicted as these patients are should be kept busy. It takes their mind off their troubles, puts them into the open air, greatly benefits their physical condition, and in many instances effects a permanent cure. A very considerable garden, large potato acreage, hogs and cattle ranch, large fields of corn and other cereal products will be put in this year.

Mr. M.B. Shives, who superintends the farm work for the institution, takes great pride in the farming activities, and in the fine chickens, hogs, Jerseys, and in the results obtained, keeping a close record on those results. For instance, he figures that his 140 10-months old hens have laid 7,000 eggs in their short life, and a large number are being produced every day. He is starting his incubators this week and expects to have hundreds of young chicks before the season closes.

## Workshops

### Midwest Genealogy Center

*Annual Spring Seminar*

Judy Russell, "The Legal Genealogist"

March 4, 2017

Adam's Pointe Conference Center

Blue Springs MO

[mcotton@mymcpl.org](mailto:mcotton@mymcpl.org)

### Dallas Genealogical Society

*Research Methods for Family Historians*

Thomas W. Jones

March 18, 2017

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas TX

[http://dallasgenealogy.com/DGS\\_Docs/Events/2017\\_Spring\\_Seminar/](http://dallasgenealogy.com/DGS_Docs/Events/2017_Spring_Seminar/)

### Brigham Young University

*Conference on Family History & Genealogy*

March 24-28, 2017

BYU Conference Center, Provo UT

<https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu/>

### Topeka Genealogical Society

*Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogy*

Joshua Taylor

April 7-8, 2017

Kansas Historical Society, 6425 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka KS

<http://tgstopeka.org/>

### National Genealogical Society

*Family History Lives Here*

May 10-13, 2017

Raleigh Convention Ctr., Raleigh NC

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

### Federation of Genealogical Societies

*FGS 2017 National Conference*

August 30-September 2, 2017

Pittsburgh PA

<http://www.fgs.org/>

### Texas State Genealogical Society

*2017 TxSGS Family History Conference*

Michael Lacopo & J. Mark Lowe

October 20-22, 2017

Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, Houston TX

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

# Guidelines for Sound Genealogical Research

Recommended by the  
National Genealogical Society

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*Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, genealogists and family history researchers consistently*

- recognize that information relevant to answering genealogical questions can come from various types of sources, including but not limited to documents, artifacts, and genetic test-reports.
- record the source for each item of information they collect;
- test every hypothesis against credible evidence, and reject those that the evidence shows are incorrect;
- seek original records as the basis for their research conclusions or reproduced images of original records when there is reasonable assurance the records have not been altered in their reproduction;
- use compilations and published works primarily for their value as guides to locating original records and for analysis of the evidence discussed in them;
- state something as a fact or as a proven conclusion only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact or conclusion to others;
- limit with words such as "probably" or "possibly" any conclusion not based on convincing evidence, and explain their reasoning;
- avoid distributing or publishing inaccurate information and unsupported conclusions in a way that may mislead other researchers;
- state carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work;
- recognize the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others

through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment;

- consider with open minds new evidence and others' comments on their work; and
- become familiar with research and ethical standards set by other genealogical organizations, such as the Board for Certification of Genealogists, the Association of Professional Genealogists, the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists, the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, and the Genetic Genealogy Standards Committee.

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## Bits & Pieces

Have you tried all of these free genealogy-oriented websites?

[www.chroniclingamerica.com.loc.gov](http://www.chroniclingamerica.com.loc.gov)

Find historical newspapers, both online and offline. Search for libraries that hold an obscure newspaper.

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Features holdings of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City: A wiki offers learning opportunities, indexes reference records held in their library. The online catalog allows users to search for titles to access, either at a local Family History Center, or when you plan to research there.

[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

Find ancestors' burial information here.

[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)

A learning center for budding genealogists.

[www.genealogy.about.com](http://www.genealogy.about.com)

This site is filled with how-to articles,

[www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)

Access General Land Office land patent records that go back to 1820.

### Heritage Quest Online

Access this website through your local Pioneer Library System library or many other libraries. Features U.S. census, city directories, Revolutionary War records, how-to articles and much more.



# 100 Years Ago

**The Lexington Leader  
Friday, March 2, 1917**

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

## **Church Council Accepts Plans for New Building**

At a meeting of the building council of the Methodist church, ... plans and specification for the new church building were received and approved. ... The estimated cost of the new building is \$2,750.00. The council plans to at once start a campaign for funds and expects to have building material on the ground and to start actual work not later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. ... The church will seat four hundred or more people.

## **An Exciting Night Sport**

Shooting jackrabbits and cottontails on a dark night by aid of automobile lights is a sport that promises to become common in this section. John Smith and A.D. Harmoning and their boys were the first to give the new sport a trial here, so far as we know. One night recently they killed 28 of the pests in Mr. Smith's alfalfa patch. ... A neighborhood can be ridden of the rabbits by several of the neighbors using this method of hunting for a short period of time.

## **Big Snow Falling**

March first, 1917, came in like the proverbial lion and is treating this section of Oklahoma to a heavy snow, the flakes starting just before noon. As we go to press the snow is deeper than it has been at any other time this winter and indications that the fall will continue well into the afternoon, and probably into the night. The snow will be a great help to growing wheat which has had insufficient moisture this winter.

## **Miss Oregon Lausin**

Miss Oregon Lausin, a sister of Mrs. Eugene Mallow, died at her home here Saturday, February 24, 1917, after an illness of two weeks. The young lady's mother, Mrs. L.O. Lausin died February 19. Miss Lausin's death was caused pneumonia which developed from a severe case of measles. ...

## **More Fine Dairy Stock**

This week T.J. Watkins received four fine Holstein calves from Wisconsin, a bull and four heifers. The male is a registered animal and the females are 15/16 pure. The little animals are very pretty and of the approved Holstein type. They will be a splendid start for Mr. Watkin's dairy herd.

## **More Holsteins**

Uncle Jay Sherman and his sons, J.M. and C.H. attended the Schmitt Holstein sale near Norman Tuesday where each purchased a Holstein, Uncle Jay buying a two year old heifer and each of the younger gentlemen getting young calves. Holsteins are fast getting a hold in southern Cleveland county and it will not be long until every farmer will be able to boast the ownership of one of these fine dairy animals.

## **Mrs. L.O. Lausin**

Mrs. L.O. Lausin died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Mallow, in Lexington, February 19, 1917, after an illness of several years. Interment was made at the Box cemetery, thirteen miles east of Lexington, February 21, she having formerly been a resident of the Box community. ... Mrs. Lausin was born at Greenville, Ark., March 1, 1859. ... Mrs. Lausin had suffered for years with cancer and it was this disease that finally caused her death. ...

## **Building New Squirrel House**

Mayor Ed Low finished a new squirrel house at the city park this week to provide quarters for the little pets recently given to the park by John Massey. The new home contains part of a large hollow cottonwood tree which was donated by E.J. Keller. The house was paid for with a part of the park fund which was derived from the picnic last summer.

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Miss Ina Marsee, night operator for the Pioneer company, is quite ill at the home of her parents, with a severe case of measles.

## **Local Happenings**

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Robt. L. Stogner was down from Norman Monday on business.

Mr. E.J. Keller spent Sunday in Norman, visiting his family.

Prof. N.H. Edwards of Norman visited the Lexington schools Tuesday.

County Judge George C. Burke was visiting friends in Lexington Tuesday.

John Luttrell, a Norman attorney, was here looking after legal matters Tuesday.

Miss Willie Mae Tuggle, who is teaching at Washington, Okla., visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Tuggle, over the weekend.

Mrs. G.B. Hester of Muskogee, Okla. spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting the Ed Low and W.F. Farris families. Mrs. Hester is an aunt of Mr. Low and Mrs. Farris.

James Gray, student in the Norman high school, spent the week end vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Gray.

Miss Maud Northcutt, teacher in the Noble schools, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Northcutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Galt of Ardmore were here Friday visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Breeding.

N.P. Roberts moved this week to the second story of the restaurant which has just been fixed up by Leonard Kahler.

#### **Helsel**

Emmit Clary left Friday for Dibble, Okla., for a short visit.

Frank Brown returned to Norman Saturday, after about a month's stop on the Conkling farm

J.W. York and wife accompanied their son, Ed York and wife to the latter's home in Hastings, Okla., Friday.

Floyd Williams and wife of Purcell are visiting Willis Sutterfield and wife this week.

#### **Stovall**

Harry Bridwell and wife had as their dinner guests Sunday Messrs. And Mms. J. McCready of Noble [and] Sam Bridwell of Purcell.

John Graham is enjoying some spins in his new Ford car.

Scott Whorton has been busy this past week sowing oats on his farm.

Mr. D. Russian had the misfortune to lose one of his horses.

Rev. Johnson visited his son Homer and wife of Norman Tuesday.

The young folks of Denton have prepared quite an interesting program for literary Friday night March 2.

#### **Trousdale**

The Rose Hill and Jumper Basket ball teams played their third game Friday which resulted in a victory for Rose Hill.

Preaching at Chappel Hill Sunday night was well attended.

The musical given at the Shields home Saturday night was well attended and all report a nice time.

Quite a number of the Rose Hill young people attended the spelling at Jumper Friday. Among them were Prof. Rush, Morgan Ham, Willie Baxter, Roy Treat, Myrth and Hester Greene, Velma Treat and Alice Canin.

The Jumper school closed Friday.

Frank Cheatwood is very ill with the measles this week.

The Chappel Hill Sunday school was reorganized Sunday with M.A. Baxter as superintendent and J.A. Mosely as assistant. The following teachers were appointed. Nora Puckett, Mrs. Pearl Rogers, Mrs. Eliza Hart, Edd French, J.A. Mosely. Sunday school every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Prayer meeting every Sunday night. All are invited.

The Davis school which has been closed the past two weeks on account of the measles started again Monday.

#### **Corbett**

Miss Ada Smith who has been visiting relatives in Texas for the past two months returned home Friday.

Pearl Corbett and Ruth Hill spent the week end with home folks.

A good crowd attended church at Corbett Sunday.

J.B. Smith and family motored to Denton, Sunday afternoon, in their new Ford.

J.P. Corbett and family were dinner guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lula Gault, Sunday.

Singing at Corbett every Sunday evening. Everyone invited.

Ever Ward was a guest of Nettie Dermid Sunday.

**The Norman Democrat-Topic  
Friday, March 30, 1917**

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

**Death of J.S. Adair**

Mr. J.S. Adair, aged 77 year and 15 days, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. A. Richards on North Crawford Tuesday, March 21, 1917, at 2:45 a.m. Brights disease and general debility was the cause of his death. ...

Mr. Adair and family moved to Oklahoma from Texas in 1889 and located on a claim four miles northeast of Norman where they resided for a number of years. The deceased was one of Cleveland county's most estimable and upright citizens who played his part in helping to develop our splendid county. He was born in Missouri and served in the Confederate army. The sympathies of the friends of the deceased go out to the relatives in their hour of affliction.

**A Live Teacher**

J.D. Motsenbocker, district 2, is one of the real live school teachers of the county and is making good. The board has offered him the school for another year at an increase in salary. In the way of amusements he has a volley ball court and basketball court. Besides a number of cloth bound books in the library, can be found one hundred volumes of the five cent classics.

**ASSESSOR'S NOTICE**

The county assessor's books will close on April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have not listed your property with the assessor by that date a penalty will be added.

W.E. Barnard,  
County Assessor

**Real Estate Deals**

Vincent & Weir made the following real estate deals this week:

R.E. Clement to N. Mellor, lots 1 to 8, block 12, Larsh's first addition, \$1,350.

J.P. Rector to J.W. Whitwell, lots 5, 6, 7, in block 64, Norman, \$1,200.

**Every School Visited**

County Superintendent Kate Barbour has a record for visiting schools told by few in Oklahoma. Once or oftener each year of the four she has held the office she has visited every rural school in the county.

**A Big Banquet**

The Norman Chamber of Commerce gave a most successful banquet at the Christian Church Tuesday night. One hundred local citizens and state officials and members of the legislature were in attendance.

Dr. A.H. VanVleet presided and Dr. Edwin DeBarr acted as toastmaster. The visitors were given a royal welcome and the speakers spoke in the highest appreciation for the splendid support given both the University and the Oklahoma State Hospital.

State Superintendent R.H. Wilson who has always been a loyal and steadfast friend of the University, made a splendid talk.

Speaker Paul Nesbitt spoke of the work done by the recent legislature which brought forth much applause.

Speaker Nesbitt has conclusively proven his ability as a statesman and one of Oklahoma's biggest men.

H.O. Miller, who has so ably represented every interest in Cleveland county, made a strong hit in a short talk.

Splendid talks were made by Senator Warren Snyder of Oklahoma City; Representatives Robertson, Butterfield and the following University graduates who were members of the recent legislature: Burt Meacham, Wilber Cartwright, Thad Baker, Roy Hinds, Fletcher Riley and E.O. Northcutt.

The last and perhaps the most appreciated talk was made by Dr. D.R. Boyd who had laid the foundation for the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Boyd, who was the University's first president, gave a short history of the University's formation and the trials and tribulations that it encountered. Dr. Boyd is now president of the University of New Mexico.

**Marriage Licenses**

Donald D. Wyman, 21, and Leona M. Williams, 18, both of Purcell.

S.C. McCarley, 27, Newalla route 2, and Etta Yandell, 19, Norman route 6.

H.B. Webster, 25, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. M.F. Webster, 25, Poplar Bluff, Iowa.

A.A. Spivey, 39, and Evelyn Griffith, 20, both of Oklahoma City.

### **Local and Personal News Items**

Mrs. Alice Bradway left last Saturday for Drumright to visit friends.

E.A. Foster and C.J. Carey visited a number of their lumber yards Tuesday.

Dr. D.W. Ohern left for the Heldton oil fields Wednesday on a prospecting tour.

J.W. Linton attended a conference of the Free Methodists in Oklahoma City last Sunday.

Mr. W.R. Rains an experienced dry goods man has accepted a position with F.J. McGinley.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Larkin motored over from Tulsa last Saturday to visit a few hours with friends.

W.N. Rucker received this week a thoroughbred Tamworth male hog from Yukon. The animal cost him \$175.

Mrs. Dr. Paden arrived last Saturday from Hugo, Oklahoma, to visit her sister, Mrs. G.W. McMakin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Born moved in last Saturday from their farm near Denver and are domiciled at 426 East Symmes street.

Mrs. J.B. Thoburn and Mrs. E.J. Keller attended the state conference of the Daughters of the Revolution at Sapulpa this week.

David R. Boyd, president at the University of New Mexico, arrived last Saturday from Albuquerque to look after his property interests.

Work on the Masonic temple on South Peters is progressing nicely and it is thought that it will be ready for occupancy some time in April.

E.B. Johnson and Court Clerk J.M. Stogner left Tuesday for Amarillo, Texas, where Mr. Johnson has a case in court. Mr. Stogner took some of the records in his office.

### **Stella**

Mr. Sam Barton was in Newalla Friday on business.

Mr. Asia Hendrickson and family visited Sunday at Mr. Bud Jennings.

Mr. L. Daffibaugh and family visited at Mr. John Studholmes Sunday.

Miss Nina Winegarner was a pleasant visitor at Miss Mattie Sprowls Sunday.

Mr. Sam Galoob, merchant of Stella, has been back east past week on business.

Mrs. John Harder of Franklin is visiting at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Wilson.

Miss Osa Mayes, Miss Hattie, Myrtle Derrick visited at Miss Rillia Reaves Sunday.

Mr. Lucian Wilson has just finished his term of teaching at Knoles last Friday.

Rev. Perry spoke to the men alone Sunday afternoon. There was a large crowd in attendance.

Mr. P.W. Barton who has been teaching at Log School house has finished his term and is moving back to his farm.

Miss Bertha Barton, Miss Etta Henson, Mr. Willie McClure, Mr. Iman Williams were visiting in Oklahoma City Saturday and Yukon Sunday.

### **Grand View**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Goffe a girl.

Mr. Raleigh Marvel is building an addition to his house.

A series of meetings began last Monday night at Bethel.

Mr. John Keck made a business trip to Oklahoma City last Monday.

Many of the farmers in this community are very busy planting corn.

Mr. Robt. Lessly bought three fine Holstein heifers at Frank Boggs' sale.

Mrs. Balch from Oklahoma City visited her son Ernest and family last week.

The Clothier school is planning to have an exhibition the last night of school.

Mr. William Harris from Oklahoma City visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Harris last Sunday.

Miss Ruby Calvert celebrated her birthday last Sunday by giving a dinner for several of her friends.

### **Holds Court at Lexington**

County Judge Burke and County Attorney Cheatwood held court at Lexington last Monday. Henry Coley charged with selling liquor to minors was bound over to await the action of the district court.

# 1890 Federal Census, County Three, Oklahoma Territory

Township 6 N, 1 W — — Ziba Beldin, Enumerator

LINE NO.	PAGE	FAMILY	NAME	RELATION	COLOR	SEX	AGE	BIRTH	YRS IN US	IN O.T.	CITIZEN	MILITARY & SPELL CORRECT
1	1/618	1	Ludwick, Bilan	Head	W	M	43	Bohemia	20	13m	Y	
2	1/618	1.1	Ludwick, Josephine	Wife	W	F	37	Bohemia	20	13m		
3	1/618	1.2	Ludwick, Mary	Daug	W	F	16	IA	16	13m		
4	1/618	1.3	Ludwick, Lizzie	Daug	W	F	14	IA	14	13m		
5	1/618	1.4	Ludwick, John	Son	W	M	13	IA	13	13m		
6	1/618	2	Morton, Jas. D.	Head	W	M	38	TN	38	12m		
7	1/618	2.1	Morton, Mary A.	Wife	W	F	37	TN	37	12m		
8	1/618	2.2	Morton, John G.	Son	W	M	16	TN	16	12m		
9	1/618	2.3	Morton, M. Adelia	Daug	W	F	14	TX	14	12m		
10	1/618	2.4	Morton, Mary P.	Daug	W	F	12	TX	12	12m		
11	1/618	2.5	Morton, Jettie	Daug	W	F	6	TX	6	12m		
12	1/618	2.6	Morton, Jeffrey L.	Son	W	M	4	TX	4	12m		
13	1/618	2.7	Morton, Willie P.	Son	W	M	2	TX	2	12m		
14	1/618	2.8	Morton, Lillie A.	Daug	W	F	2	TX	2	12m		
15	1/618	2.9	Blayer, John R.	Head	W	M	34	TN	34	13m		
16	1/618	3	Blake, Nick	Head	W	M	36	MO	36	13m		
17	1/618	3.1	Blake, Sonia	Wife	W	F	31	TX	31	13m		
18	1/618	4	Gossett, Louis C.	Head	W	M	39	OH	39	06m		
19	1/618	4.1	Gossett, Clara V.	Wife	W	F	33	VT	33	06m		
20	1/618	4.2	Gossett, Maud M.	Daug	W	F	13	IL	13	06m		
21	1/618	4.3	Gossett, Fredrick B.	Son	W	M	11	IL	11	06m		
22	1/618	5	Andrew, Mollie	Head	W	F	28	IL	28	13m		
23	1/618	6	Loofborrow, James	Head	W	M	28	IA	28			
24	1/618	7	Smith, Alex N.?	Head	W	M	56	OH	56	03m		
25	1/618	7.1	Smith, Julia	Wife	W	F	53	VA	53	03m		
26	1/618	7.2	Smith, Edward	Son	W	M	20	MO	20	03m		
27	1/618	7.3	Smith, Bird	Son	W	M	18	MO	18	03m		
28	1/618	7.4	Smith, Frank	Son	W	M	15	KS	15	03m		
29	1/618	8	Farmer, Thos. L.	Head	W	M	52	MO	52	13m		



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30	1/618	9	Hooper, Agness	Head	W	F	22	CA	22	13m		
31	1/618	9.1	Hooper, Margaret	Daug	W	F	4	MO	4	13m		
32	1/618	10	Farmer, Albert P.	Head	W	M	42	MO	42	13m		
33	1/618	10.1	Farmer, Fannie M.	Wife	W	F	39	KY	39	13m		
34	1/618	10.2	Farmer, Ticie M.	Son	W	M	16	MO	16	13m		
35	1/618	10.3	Farmer, Minnie? L.	Daug	W	F	13	MO	13	13m		
36	1/618	10.4	Farmer, Rida??	Daug	W	F	8	MO	8	13m		
37	1/618	10.5	Farmer, Rubin W.	Son	W	M	6	MO	6	13m		
38	1/618	11	Carnahan, Stephen	Head	W	M	53	PA	53	13m		Co L 1st IA
39	1/618	11.1	Carnahan, George A.	Son	W	M	16	KS	16	13m		
40	1/618	12	Allison, Kenner P.	Head	W	M	45	IN	45	13m		Co D 117th IN
41	1/618	12.1	Allison, Mary	Wife	W	F	44	IN	44	13m		
42	1/618	12.2	Allison, Wm.	Serv.	W	M	17	KY	17			
43	1/618	13	McDonald, Jake	Head	W	M	26	WV	26	13m		
44	1/618	13.1	McDonald, Maggie	Wife	W	F	19	IN	19	13m		
45	1/618	13.2	McDonald, Roy	Son	W	M	10m	O.T.	10m	10m		
46	1/618	13.3	Tockensh?, Lafe	Serv.	W	M	23	MO	23	02m		Tackett, Lafayette
47	1/618	14	Scalloon?, Edward	Head	W	M	29	MS	29	13m		Scallon
48	1/618	14.1	Scalloon?, Dentie	Wife	W	F	22	NC	22	13m		Scallon
49	1/618	14.2	Curtis, Richard	Serv.	W	M	11	KS	11	09m		
50	1/618	14.3	Smith, Francis	Serv.	W	M	22	MO	22	02m		
1	2/619	15	Jones, Charles R.	Head	W	M	33	TX	33	05m		
2	2/619	15.1	Jones, Mary	Wife		F	34	TX	34	05m		
3	2/619	15.2	Jones, Felix A.	Son	W	M	13	TX	13	05m		
4	2/619	15.3	Jones, Amos M.	Son	W	M	11	TX	11	05m		
5	2/619	15.4	Jones, Thodocia	Daug	W	F	10	TX	10	05m		Theodocia
6	2/619	15.5	Jones, Russel A.	Son	W	M	6	TX	6	05m		
7	2/619	15.6	Jones, Bulah	Daug	W	F	4	TX	4	05m		
8	2/619	15.7	Jones, Mamie	Daug	W	F	3	TX	3	05m		
9	2/619	16	Harris, John W.	Head	W	M	51	NC	51	13m		

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10	2/619	16.1	Harris, Roxie	Daug	W	F	24	NC	24	13m		
11	2/619	16.2	Harris, Cora L.	Daug	W	F	12	NC	12	13m		
12	2/619	17	Smith, John H.	Head	W	M	32	TN	32	13m		
13	2/619	17.1	Smith, Barbra	Wife	W	F	34	Bohemia	30	13m	N	
14	2/619	17.2	Smith, John L.	Son	W	M	07m	O.T.	07m	07m		
15	2/619	18	Grow, William J.	Head	W	M	42	MO	42	13m		Co A 6th M S M.
16	2/619	19	Agee, Francis M.	Head	W	M	44	MO	44	13m		Co L 6th M S M
17	2/619	19.1	Agee, Sarah F.	Wife	W	F	41	MO	41	13m		
18	2/619	19.2	Agee, Brunetta J.	Daug	W	F	18	MO	18	13m		
19	2/619	19.3	Agee, Allie	Daug	W	F	10	MO	10	13m		
20	2/619	19.4	Agee, Stella	Daug	W	F	6	MO	6	13m		
21	2/619	20	Stovall, Wylie W.	Head	W	M	29	MO	29	13m		
22	2/619	21	Barker, Harry C.	Head	W	M	50	OH	50	13m		Co A 8th IN
23	2/619	21.1	Barker, Permelia	Wife	W	F	47	IN	47	13m		
24	2/619	21.2	Barker, William	Son	W	M	33	IN	33	13m		
25	2/619	22	Shoptaugh, John	Head	W	M	53		53	08m		
26	2/619	23	Martell, Timothy	Head	W	M	38		38	07m		
27	2/619	23.1	Martell, Victoria	Wife	W	F	25	IL	25	07m		
28	2/619	23.2	Martell, Albert	Son	W	M	10		10	07m		
29	2/619	23.3	Martell, Josie	Daug	W	F	5	KS	5	07m		
30	2/619	23.4	Martell, Edward T.	Son	W	M	4	KS	4	07m		
31	2/619	23.5	Martell, Florence	Daug	W	F	1	KS	1	07m		
32	2/619	24	Woodmen?, Nicholas B.	Head	W	M	37	MO	37	13m		
33	2/619	24.1	Woodmen, Garrett	Wife	W	F	35	AR	35	13m		
34	2/619	24.2	Woodmen, John	Son	W	M	17	AR	17	13m		
35	2/619	24.3	Woodmen, William	Son	W	M	15	TX	15	13m		
36	2/619	24.4	Woodmen, Belle	Daug	W	F	10	TX	10	13m		
37	2/619	24.5	Woodmen, Etta	Daug	W	F	8	TX	8	13m		
38	2/619	25	Ezell, S. Lafayett	Head	W	M	29	MO	29	13m		
39	2/619	25.1	Ezell, Norah	Wife	W	F	19	MO	19	13m		

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