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President's Message

BY JEAN MCCrackEN

This issue of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Newsletter is devoted to the history of our society, including both the opening and closing of our research library. We will soon accomplish the goal our Society officers envisioned in 1989. They asked the public library administration to provide a space for genealogy research, but were informed there was no space in the current library

History: It only took twenty-nine years, two voter-rejected library initiatives, and eventually voter approval of a wide-ranging improvement package that included space for a dedicated genealogy collection in the local library. Most of our early members did not live to see their dream finally realized when the brand-new Norman Central Library opens later this fall.

CCGS Office: The CCGS Board is leasing a two-room office space in Wing G, on the east side of the Community Services Building, opposite to the entrance to CSBI grounds from 12th Street Northeast. Parking is in Parking Lot #1. Follow the red brick wall to the Envision Success garden, then enter the garden and follow the ramp to our outside door, which is marked with our name, Cleveland County Genealogical Society. Signs will lead you to our quarters inside.

Meetings: Please expect interruptions to the usual schedule of meetings between now and the time the new Norman Central Library opens to the public. Watch your e-mail for the latest announcements.

Board Meetings:

Second Monday every month, 1:30 p.m. CSBI Conference Room, just inside main entrance of CSBI Building. Park in Parking Lot #1.

Society Meetings:

September 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Come and Go Open House at CCGS Office, G Wing, CSBI Building. See CALENDAR, page 39.

October 22, 2019 (*Please note: this is fourth Tuesday, NOT usual third Tuesday*) 6:30 p.m. For location and speaker, see CALENDAR, page 39

November 2019, Date, location and program to be announced.

Disposition of CCGS assets: We sold or donated almost all of the furnishings in the CCGS Library, as well as duplicate books and books that were not moved to the PLS book collection. Recipients of these materials include Oklahoma Genealogical Society Library, Oklahoma Historical Society Library, Le Monde charter school and teachers, Western History Collection at OU, Friends of the Norman Library, Dimensions Academy, some CCGS members and workers at agencies in the CSBI Building.

We were especially pleased when Cleveland County Treasurer Jim Reynolds requested the historic photographs of Main Street in Norman, Reynolds plans to hang the collection on courthouse walls, where they can be viewed by many more people.



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OFFICE HOURS: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Thursday

MEETINGS: 6:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of each
month except January, February, July and
August, in Room A/B, Norman Central Library

MEMBERSHIP: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019
Individual \$25
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A Journey of Twenty-Nine Years

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society's
Genealogy Collection Will Soon Be Included
in the New Norman Central Library

Thirty-nine years ago, a group of women in Moore, while discussing their common interest, determined to organize a club dedicated to the study of family history and genealogy. They invited others to an official meeting on April 15, 1980, with 22 persons attending. Officers were elected, including Katherine Matthews, president, and Louanna Bowker, secretary. The group selected the name for their club, *Moore Pioneer Genealogical Society*.

Most early meetings of the Society were held in the homes of members. A newsletter in October, 1980, was the first of many to be distributed to members during the intervening years. Norman and other Cleveland County communities saw more representation as the organization grew. In May, 1981, the Society was reorganized as *the Cleveland County Genealogical Society*.

In those times, genealogical data was not easily accessed. It involved long hours in the courthouse, moving heavy ledgers, visually scanning every page to find the relative one hoped to find. Indexes to the ledgers did not exist. So the early members went to work creating indexes to marriages in Cleveland County.

The Society's first publication, *Marriages 1891-1897, Cleveland County, Territory of Oklahoma*, was published in January, 1983—the product produced by ten volunteers during 183 hours' work. A second book, *Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory, Marriage Record Book One, 1890-1895*, was published in the summer of 1985. This was only the beginning of the list of publications by the Cleveland County Genealogical Society, which now number 72.

The Society Grows

Beginning in June, 1983, all Society meetings were held in Norman. In the fall of 1984, membership dues were set at \$5 per year. Also in 1984, newsletter editors began publishing extracts from the July 30, 1889 issue of the *Norman Transcript* in the CCGS Newsletter. These newspaper abstracts have been a continuing feature of the Newsletter ever since.

In 1981, members turned their interest to genealogy education. They offered a half-day workshop in April and held their first beginners workshop the following September. The Society hosted their first full-day seminar in August 1987. These seminars featured nationally-known speakers and continued for 24 years, with the last seminar held in 2010.

In the early years, the CCGS Board of Directors spent much time drafting and revising a Constitution and By-Laws. In 1990, the Cleveland County Genealogical Society incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency.

President Agnes Brooks suggested the First Families of Cleveland County project in June 1988. By 1993 the committee had completed its work and published a book, *First Families of Cleveland County*, which included the records of 161 Charter Members. The First Families of Cleveland County later disbanded and no longer exists.

Several years ago the CCGS Board of Directors approved a similar project, *Pioneers of Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory*. Instead of the focus on an organization, this project invites individuals to submit records and materials related to their ancestors, the Pioneers who settled in Oklahoma in the years before statehood—April 22, 1889 to November 15, 1907. These Pioneer Files will be available to researchers in perpetuity.

During the 1980s, CCGS members were encouraged to share their genealogy books and resources with other members, and the Society began to acquire the beginnings of a library collection. In the summer of 1987, Ollier Valliere was named chair of a search committee formed to find a location for a library.

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library

North Flood Street (1990-1999)

A temporary location for a library, at Park Plaza, 927 North Flood Street, was announced in the summer of 1990, followed by a call for volunteers and for donation of materials. The original CCGS Genealogy Library opened in September, 1990 at 1004 N. Flood in the Park Plaza building.

After the library was filled and staffed, 43 individuals were publicly thanked in the CCGS Newsletter for donation of goods and/or services. The original staff for the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library included: Agnes Brooks, Celia Phillips, Mabel Ritzman, VaRue Douglas, Oleta Tolen, and Rachel Hanley. Alan Montgomery built bookcases in 1990, and built even more as the library expanded over the years. As the library grew, more rooms were added in various locations on North Flood Street.

In the North Flood years, CCGS began receiving original county records from the Cleveland County Courthouse. Because the Society could not afford storage space, CCGS members Charles and Evelyn Parker offered their barn, which had been their residence while they built their house east of Norman. Tax books, probate and divorce files were among the records stored there. When Evelyn retired, she spent much time in the barn, creating indexes of these records.

205 West Main Street, 1999-2004

Eventually the CCGS Library had outgrown the properties on Flood Street. The CCGS Board of Directors named a committee to seek both a more commodious location and financial support in the community. They obtained a grant from the City of Norman, which provided funds to create a computer network and to produce a digital catalog of the growing genealogy collection. They secured another grant from Sarkeys Foundation, which was used to purchase shelving, tables, carts, stools, file cabinets, and chairs to furnish the new space they found at 205 West Main Street in Norman. For several years in this period, they also received funding from the Kirkpatrick Foundation

to support the operating expense of providing archival space for Cleveland County records.

This was a good time for the CCGS Library. Visitors were attracted to the highly visible Main Street location. Our membership increased accordingly, as did the donation of genealogy materials. Soon it became evident that we needed even more space,

**First City of Norman Library Initiative:
*Libraries for the Future***

In **2004**,—fourteen years after the CCGS genealogy library initially opened to the public—a community initiative, *Libraries for the Future*, proposed building a new central library in Norman, which would be committed to include space for the CCGS genealogy collection. However, there was a down side to this news. It was made quite clear that, even if the proposal was supported by the voters, it would be 2008 before the structure would be available for occupancy. We were in the market for a larger library now, so our leaders began looking for space that would meet our current needs. (And it was just as well, because the *Libraries for the Future* initiative failed.)

About this time several CCGS Board members attended a Sarkeys Foundation workshop. Fortuitously, our Ann Jacobs was seated at a table that included the director of the Community Services building, who strongly pitched its features.

Community Services Building 2004-2019

Our Board of Directors investigated further. We were committed to preserve and store paper records from the courthouse after they were filmed; then we index them. Moving to the Community Services Building was an easy decision. Our new rooms, expanded from 1,200 sq. ft. to 1700 sq. ft., would be less expensive to rent than the Main Street location. More importantly, this space made it possible to accept even more county records. And so the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library moved to the Community Services Building in July, 2004.

The property tax records, which had been moved to town when the Genealogy Library

moved to the Main Street location, now were housed in their own special room in the area we call the CCGS Archives.

In July, 2005, once we were settled into our more commodious location, we were able to relocate some of the earliest courthouse records from the Parker barn. CCGS finally moved the last of the records from the barn in the spring of 2006. For the very first time, all original courthouse records in our possession were now stored under one roof.

**Second City of Norman Library Initiative:
*Citizen's Committee
for a New Norman Library***

In the spring of 2005, a public vote was scheduled to determine if the City of Norman was prepared to finance a new public library facility which would also include a local history and family history area. While CCGS members waited for results of the project, we continued to have a negative bank balance every year. We did have a financial cushion to draw on, but it has never been our intent to spend down this fund.

Citizen's Committee for a New Norman Library meetings began in **August 2007**. A public vote was held on a bond issue to fund a new library and other issues in May 2008. Plans included an area for local history and family history.

Another ballot item was a request from Pioneer Library system to increase library funding to provide for purchase of books and materials, more staffing and programs, and more computers and technology support.

In the **May 13, 2008 vote**, the bond issue for the new library was defeated by a less than 300 vote margin. However, the millage increase did pass in this election, enabling the Norman Public Library to begin searching for a genealogy librarian. Genealogy librarian Kathryn Ramsay was hired March 1, 2009 and began planning and purchasing materials for the PLS genealogy collection.

Our Board recognized that we were in for a long wait for a new library, and began a drive to promote membership, as well as creating sources of income to support the rent. In the next couple of years, we promoted special events through our

website, produced a best-seller cookbook and initiated the Bakeless Bake Sale, a funding initiative.

CCGS Archives

Meanwhile, the CCGS Board of Directors embarked on a reorganization of the Archives. Our goal was to reduce the space we rented and at the same time to make it easier to access the records. The project eventually led to destruction of all the original wood shelving in the main Archives room, which had stored bankers' boxes of documents, stacked three boxes high.

This shelving was replaced with filing cabinets. One Board member donated ten 5-drawer files; several others donated ten additional 4-drawer files. Probate files, divorce files, and civil court files were stored in these easily accessible spaces. Board members provided all the labor, and they donated all items required to complete the project. Four years later, in June, 2013, the Board marked the completion of this project.

About this time, CCGS consulted the public library, seeking help in updating our aging computer's library catalog. The two organizations began working together in an informal dialog.

Third City of Norman Library Initiative: *Norman Forward*

In the early months of 2015, the Norman City Council approved a proposal from a group named *Norman Forward* to call a special election to fund a variety of citywide projects with a half-cent increase in sales tax. Norman Forward was Norman's version of the very successful MAPS initiatives used in Oklahoma City in recent years. They package together a number of desirable projects—

COMING
SOON!

Achievement
of the CCGS
long-time
goal—to move
our Library
and Archives
collections into
the local public
library

Researchers
will be able to
access
Norman
Central
Library's
genealogy
collection
seven days
weekly,
every hour
the library
is open

something for everyone—making it more difficult for opposing voters to kill a single project.

A new central library and an east side branch library were two of the proposed projects. The central library would have space for a family and local history section. CCGS members were encouraged to vote on October 13, 2015, when the Norman Forward initiative—the third new library proposal presented to Norman voters in the past eleven years—was finally approved by 72.05% of voters.

Partnering with Pioneer Library System

Within six months, CCGS was working in partnership with the Genealogy Librarian, Kathryn Ramsay, who was beginning the lengthy task of selecting titles from our collection to include in the collection to be moved to the new library. These books are temporarily removed from the shelves, taken to PLS for cataloging and new labeling, then returned to our shelves until moving day. It has been gratifying to envision the achievement of the CCGS long-term goal—to move our local and family history collection and our Cleveland County Archival collection into the local public library—and to see it become a reality within months today.

Ground breaking for the new library was in July 2017. Estimated completion date at that time was expected to be summer or fall of 2019.

When the new library opens, researchers will be able to access Norman Central Library's genealogy collection seven days a week, at all hours the library is open, compared to recent access to the CCGS Library only eight hours weekly, on two weekday afternoons. We expect the genealogy department will see a radical increase in usage.

CCGS NEWS

Introducing Your 2019/2020 CCGS Officers

Jean McCracken, President
Sarah Pool, First VP (Program chair)
Mae Cox, Second VP (Education chair)
Jane Harris, Secretary
Mike McCurtain, Treasurer
Marilyn Henry, Member-at-Large
Betty Hall, Member-at-Large
Mary Lewis, Member-at-Large
Frank Appl, Past President

Thanks to Our Volunteers

The CCGS Genealogy Library closed to the public June 1. Since then, our library volunteers and our Board members have provided labor in preparation for the transition of our library and archival materials to the Pioneer Library System.

In early July, CCGS volunteers assisted PLS Genealogy Librarian Kathryn Ramsay in packing archival materials that will be moved to the new library upon its completion this summer. Assistants in this project included Frank Appl, Tricia Carleton, Jane Harris, Betty Hall, Marilyn Henry, Diane Lewis, Mary Lewis, Jean McCracken, Mike McCurtain, and Sarah Pool. Later, Pioneer Library System employees packed the genealogy book collection. In late July, both books and archival materials were moved into temporary storage, as the CCGS lease would expire July 31.

Early on, we also spoke to county officials about archival materials that were not being accepted by PLS. The County Clerk's office was glad to receive the Tax Book collection, as well as the historic photographs of downtown Norman. Later, the same office accepted the Rural School records.

Once the heart of the CCGS Library and Archives materials were removed, it was time to concentrate on selling, donating, and just plain allowing people to pay a mite to carry away items many people would not want.

We sold the metal library shelving to the Oklahoma Genealogical Society, who are developing a genealogy library in Oklahoma City. We also donated to OGS a large number of duplicate books which we had accumulated. They accepted titles they did not have into their collection. They offered the remainder in sales at large events they sponsored at the History Center, and returned that income to us. We also donated books directly to the Oklahoma History Center.

We sold file cabinets from the Archives area to several CCGS members, and to representatives from other agencies housed in the CSBI Building. We sold wooden book shelves to teachers from the neighboring Le Monde School.

As we got down to the specialty, hard-to-sell items, our time was running out. So we resorted to donating. Dimensions Academy, another CSBI neighbor, accepted our sound system. We offered a collection of early local high-school annuals to the Moore-Lindsay Historical House.

An Angel appeared when we were down to the least-attractive items—two microfilm cabinets, all the specially-built shelving from the Tax Room, and a metal desk. We thought these might go the path of metal recycling. Victoria Garcia, from Community Action, appeared, and was willing to take on the project.

At last, only a few boxes remained, to be disposed in the trash. At 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2019, the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library closed, for the last time, to become an important portion of CCGS history.

A Big Find during the Move

One never knows what special items may be found during a move.

As volunteer Mary Lewis began the task of refiling folders in file cabinets, she discovered an exclusive item, titled *Trustee Deeds to Norman Townsite Lots, 1890-1893*, authored by John Womack.

The first page informed the reader that this was a 6-copy original printing—the *first and final printing*—of this booklet.

It then listed the names of entities who were to receive this unique publication: Western History collection at University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma State Archives, one for [author's] personal files, and two for potential prospects.

Signed, John Womack, Noble, Okla., June 1983.

How to Find the New CCGS Office

The CCGS Office vacated the Library and Archives space on July 31, 2019. We have signed a lease for space in the G Wing of the CSBI Building. We have two rooms, an office and a workroom. The G Wing is on the east side of the CSBI Building, opposite to the entrance from 12th Street NE. We are just north of *Envision Success*. Parking is available in Parking Lot #1.

Follow the red brick fence to the *Envision Success* garden, then enter the garden and take the ramp to our outside door, which is marked with our name, *Cleveland County Genealogical Society*. There will be signs leading you to our quarters inside.

Writers Group Meetings

Until the new Norman Central Library opens, the CCGS Writers Group plans to continue meeting at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. The meeting place, however, may vary from month to month, depending on what space is available.

Writers Group members will be notified by e-mail a few days before each meeting.

Calendar

CCGS Board Meetings: 1:30 p.m. second Monday, CSBI Conference Room
September 9, 2019
October 14, 2019
November 11, 2019

CCGS Society Meetings: 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday each month (except January, February, July & August. Meeting places and times may change from month to month until the new library opens. Watch your e-mail for the latest news.

September 17, 2019, *Come & Go Open House* at new CCGS office in G Wing, CSBI Building. Park in Parking Lot #1. Refreshments; no program.

October 22, 2019 (*Please note date change to 4th Tuesday*) 6:30 p.m. Park in Parking Lot #1; meet in CSBI Conference Room, just inside CSBI main entrance. Margaret Barbour speaks on *History of Norman*.

November 19, 2019 to be announced

Family History Writers Group: 10 a.m. second Wednesday. Meeting place to be announced, unless otherwise stated.

September 11, 2019, 2801 Chelsea Drive.

October 9, 2019

November 13, 2019

Oklahoma Genealogical Society: 6:00 p.m., Chesapeake Room, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City.

September 9, 2019 Melissa Johnson will present *Newspapers for Genealogical Research*.

October 7, 2019 Deborah Spindle will present *The Gap: 1880-1800*.

November 4, 2019 Billie Fogarty, Mike Birdsong and La Nell Shores will explore *Who Helped Settle and Build Oklahoma after Statehood*.

Cleveland County Genealogical Society Will Live On, but Its Mission Will Change

Although the CCGS *Genealogy Library* is closing, as the collection moves to the new Norman Central Library, the Cleveland County *Genealogical Society* will live on—but its mission will change. We will move away from creating and sustaining a library collection, and toward providing services for family history researchers. As we work toward the move, we continue discovering future projects we can accomplish.

We need help from many of our members to lead our projects into the 21st century and the digital world.

If you have worked with computers in your job, you most likely have the skills we need the most. If you are nearing retirement, we need both your leadership and your effort.

A New Day is Coming

What will be the new focus for the Cleveland County Genealogical Society?

How can we influence the study of genealogy in the future, in the three-county area of Pioneer Library System (Cleveland, McClain, and Pottawatomie counties)?

How can our Society be relevant in the 21st Century?

What will be included in our new Mission Statement?

These are a few of the questions we will ask ourselves—and our members—as we recover from the stress of moving and shift toward a new era for the pursuit of genealogy in Cleveland, McClain, and Pottawatomie counties.

We need to hear from our members. *How can we better serve you? How can you contribute to help us better serve the Genealogy community?*

Write, call, or visit us. Contact information can be found at the top of the Masthead, on page 34 of this newsletter.

Workshops

Wichita Genealogical Society

Preserving the Past for the Future

Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist

October 5, 2019

Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex
5015 E. 29th St. N., Wichita KS

<https://wichitagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=67>

Oklahoma Genealogical Society & Oklahoma Historical Society

Discovering DNA Secrets

(In-Person or Webinar)

Blaine Bettinger & Melissa A. Johnson

October 11-12, 2019

Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nahzi Zuhdi
Drive, Oklahoma City

<https://okgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=56>

Texas State Genealogical Society

2019 Family History Conference

Blazing Family Trails

October 11-13, 2019

Omni Houston Hotel Westside, Houston TX

<https://www.txsgs.org/2019-conference>

Arkansas Genealogical Society

2019 Fall Seminar

October 18-19, 2019

Benton Event Center, Benton AR

<http://www.agsgenealogy.org/events/default.html>

Topeka Genealogical Society

2020 Annual Conference

John Phillip Colletta

April 3-4, 2020

Maner Conference Center, Topeka KS

<https://tgstopeka.org/cpage.php?pt=9>

National Genealogical Society

2020 Family History Conference

May 20-23, 2020

Salt Lake City, Utah

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Officer and Committee Reports

President

Ira Jean McCracken

Finally we are nearing the end of the journey CCGS members began almost 30 years ago. Completion of the new Norman Central Library is just around the corner. Exact date is unknown to us, but hopefully it will be before fall arrives.

In the late 1980s genealogy research was on the rise. At that time our society was almost ten years old and had a number of experienced researchers who saw much value in having a genealogy department in the public library.

When the Pioneer Library System administration pleaded they had insufficient space to devote a specific section to genealogy, our Board rented space in a small strip mall. We then began collecting family history books, county records and other material used by researchers. We were told by PLS that when the citizens of Norman voted a bond issue to build a new central library, space would be included for a genealogy department.

It took three attempts to pass a bond issue that included a new library. After the passage of the 2015 Norman Forward bond issue, which provided funds for a new Central Library building, Kathryn Ramsay, genealogy librarian at Norman Central Library began the process of choosing books from our CCGS collection to be placed in the new space. The Public Library catalogers have been cataloging and labeling the chosen books to Pioneer Library System's specifications. At this time we are waiting for the public library employees to box the material up for delivery to the new building upon its completion.

We are busy finding homes for all books not taken. Many of these books have gone to the Oklahoma History Center and the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Library. Some have been sent to the Friends of the Library for their next book sale.

Those of us who have worked to keep the library open until the city provided a new library, owe Jeffrey Wilhite a heartfelt "Thank you" for organizing the contents of the five rooms in the Archives area. We have found the road map he created to be just what we needed to get us started. We have been busy locating future homes for a great amount of the material stored in the Archives and have been happily checking off each task as it is completed.

We are offering for sale at very reasonable prices the fixtures, bookcases, tables, file cabinets, etc. as we identify what we will need in our plans for the coming year. Oklahoma Genealogical Society has purchased the library quality metal shelving. Teachers for the La Monde charter school next door have spoken for all the board bookcases built by our late member, Alan Montgomery.

The CCGS Genealogy Library opened in 1990, using cement blocks and unfinished wood planks for library shelves, but almost immediately began construction of the eleven units we have used for twenty-five years. After completing this project, Alan went on to build special shelving for the more than two hundred county tax books released to us about 1994 by County Treasurer Carol Lowery.

In the closing of our library, the tax books have been the most difficult problem we faced. The public library was uninterested in maintaining this bulky collection. Recently, I contacted Cleveland County Treasurer Jim Reynolds and informed him that we had possession of tax books dating from

Cleveland County's first tax book in 1891 to 1974.

He was interested in seeing the books. He and County Clerk Tammy Belinson visited the library later that day. They were thrilled with the idea of getting the books back to their original home. The tax books are now returned to the courthouse. They will be housed in the office of the County Clerk and will be available for research.

The Board of Directors believes the Cleveland County Genealogical Society still has work to do. We have signed a one year lease for two small rooms in G wing of the community Services Building to accommodate an office and work area.

Our future plans include digitizing our indexes and publications to place on the public library's web site. We will be calling for members' help with this worthy project.

With the closing of the library, our Society will be sailing unfamiliar waters. The Board will need input from the membership in an effort to determine how we proceed.

Treasurer's Report

Mike McCurtain

The May 2019 Profit & Loss Budget by Month shows an almost \$4,000 income loss for this fiscal year. While this reflects a lower income from membership dues, donations, Bakeless Bake Sale, investments and other society income, expenses have also been lower than expected.

There were no unexpected society expenses like replacing or repairing electronic equipment. The policy of having a year's expenses available in the Edward Jones cash account and Republic Bank & Trust checking account was maintained by an Edward Jones investment withdrawal.

As CCGS moves into a new era of functioning it will be important for us to focus on increasing membership and donations, as

well as supporting fund raising functions such as Bakeless Bake Sale. It will continue to be very important to maintain our functioning as an important resource for the community and all those interested in genealogy.

Finance Committee

Mike McCurtain

The Finance Committee, comprised of Marilyn Henry, Mary Lewis, Frank Appl, Jean McCracken and Chair Mike McCurtain, met on May 30, 2019 to discuss and prepare a budget proposal for FY 2019-2020. Given the upcoming changes of closing the current library and moving the CCGS program to a new location, it was anticipated there would be a significantly lower budget than the previous years. The proposed budget, compiled and presented to the Board, is almost 56% lower than last year's budget. They discussed and approved this budget on June 10, 2019, for presentation to the annual membership meeting for their approval on June 18, 2019.

The Board of Directors therefore presents to the membership a budget for FY 2019-2020 of \$7,038.

CCGS members may request a copy of the CCGS FY 2019-2020 budget by e-mail (ccgs@csbi.org), or by phoning the CCGS Library, 405/701-2100.

Bakeless Bake Sale

Mary Lewis

A total of \$2,100.00 was contributed to the most recent Bakeless Bake Sale, which was mailed in July, 2018.

We did not conduct a fund-raiser in 2019, due to the stress of closing and moving the CCGS library in July of the current year.

Project Report

Mary Lewis

My assignment, during the transition to moving the CCGS genealogy collection, has been to search CCGS files specifically for materials that *will not go to Norman Central Library* during the move. This process has

produced a list of future projects that will keep us both focused and busy following the move.

- We discovered penciled indexes to four early **tax books** (1892, 1894, 1896 and 1897) that are ready to be entered on computer and prepared for publication. We have people working on this task at this moment.
- We began creating searchable PDF files of the Master Copy of the **Cemetery Indexes** created by CCGS. (We paid extra for our copy machine in order to have the capability of searchable files, and began this project just to verify that capability) We hope to complete these files and to make them available online soon after the move.
- We selected the best of a group of **tombstone rubbings** in a group of cemetery files. These may be used with future exhibitions in the new Norman Central Library.
- Two drawers of one file cabinet hold **First Families of Cleveland County** applications and supporting documents, as well as other materials relating to the applications. These will go to the new library.
- Two drawers of the same file cabinet hold the **records of Col. Charles S. Standley, Jr.**, which cover his career in the armed service. At a critical time in our history, The Cleveland County Genealogical Society was recipient of a sum of money from Col. Standley's estate, which enabled us to continue operating the CCGS Library for a number of years after voters turned down previous plans for a new library in Norman. These Standley materials have been successfully moved to the Western History Collection at the University of Oklahoma.
 - One cabinet holds the original files for the **Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher trial** in Cleveland County district court in 1946. We also hold files for four similar cases held in 1947 on behalf of four additional individuals. We must contact the Cleveland County Court Clerk's

office, seeking a more appropriate home for these historic documents.

Newsletter Report 2019

Mary Lewis

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society Newsletter is published quarterly, with distribution in March, June, September, and December.

Newsletters are normally distributed to members via e-mail. Others are distributed by U.S. mail. This includes members who have no e-mail or whose e-mail does not reliably receive items as large as our newsletter.

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We now publish the newsletter in-house, using the Society's copy machine. We mailed a total of 194 copies in the past year. Cost for postage was \$141.35.

CCGS HISTORY—PRESIDENTS—1980 TO 2020		
NAME	TERMS	YEARS
Kathryn Matthews	1	1980
Sharon Ashton	1	1981
Becky Jeffries	1	1982
Genivia Jury	1	1983
Geneva Coates	1	1984
Mabel Ritzman	3	1985-87
Agnes Brooks	1	1988
Jerry Ruffin	2	1988-90
Clifton Brooks	1	1991
Gwen Woods	1	1992-93
Joyce Grisham	2	1993-95
Ralph Wilson	2	1995-97
Alan Montgomery	2	1997-99
Jo Mustoe	9	1999-2008
Mary Lewis	2	2008-10
Frank Appl	4	2010-14
Ann Jacobs	1	2014-15
Jean McCracken	5	2015-20

100 Years Ago

**The Daily Transcript
Wednesday, September 3, 1919**

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

Norman Must Show Proper Spirit to Incoming Students

(Editorial)

The time is not over one week away when Norman will be filled with students to attend the University, and it is the duty of Norman merchants to show them all the courtesies and convenience that it is possible for them to.

The enrollment at the University is estimated to be a minimum of 2,000. Each of these students will spend something like \$300 in Norman during the nine months ...

Are you going to permit a large amount of this to be spent in Oklahoma City or other places, when it could as easily be spent here?

Sanitary Sewer Bonds Carried

Very little interest was taken in the city election on Tuesday and a very light vote was polled. There was no opposition to the Democratic candidates for Mayor and commissioners, so their election was certain.

On the \$6000 sanitary sewer bond proposition, which will cause the extension of the sewers to the property on the west end of Main and result in the paving of that part of town, there was little opposition.

Totals—for the bonds, 198; against, 27.

Ideal Laundry

Mr. Floyd E. Westervelt, the new proprietor of the Ideal Laundry, tells the Transcript that it was misinformed when it stated that he intended to move the plant to Cement, Okla. He has no intention of doing so, intending to still keep it at Norman, where he thinks there is plenty of room for two laundries. ... He solicits your business.

Going to Have Another Big Clean-Up Day Sept 10th

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night it was unanimously decided to have another Clean-Up Day in Norman ... Dr. J.L. Day has consented to be the manager, Wednesday, Sept. 10th, has been fixed upon as the date.

The idea is to give the city a thorough cleaning, to have the trash gathered into the alleys by the householders and hauled away, to have the weeds and grass cut, the old dilapidated shacks (if any such, there be) put out of business, and the whole city put in good sanitary condition.

City Marshall Sanderson and Mayor Hutchin will cooperate with Dr. Day and his captains and committees, and interview those citizens who decline to clean up.

Profiteering

The story in Sunday's Transcript concerning complaints made to the State Board of Affairs that "profiteering" was being indulged in by some citizens of Norman in the matter of charging students "exorbitant" prices for rooms and board, attracted considerable attention, and the unanimous opinion was that the charges, except in a few isolated cases, were unfounded. It is true that rates are somewhat higher than in former years, but the fact that rents are much higher and everything the boarding house people have to buy are "out of sight," accounts for the higher prices. ...

Miss Alice Belknap has gone to Wynnewood to visit for a week with her friend, Miss Rella Campbell.

H.G. Lindsay has gone to Colorado Springs, and is expected back in a few days with Mrs. Lindsay and their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Wantland, and children, who have been spending the summer there.

Hog Creek Items

Rev. Houck filled his regular appointment at Center Point, Sunday.

There was a large attendance at the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams on Thursday night and everybody reported a fine time.

Will Steward hasn't been to Sunday school for some time. What is the matter, girls?

Mr. and Mrs. Lin Diffibaugh and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams the past week.

Mrs. Gadberry has returned from Texas, where she has been visiting her mother and brother for the past month.

Miss Janey Harvey has been visiting her brother, Geo. Harvey, for the past week. She returned to her home in Dallas, Texas, Thursday.

Earn Church was a business visitor to Blanchard last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Roberts, who have been spending a few weeks with relatives at Wartrace, Tenn., returned home on Saturday.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county court since the last report.

August 3th: Clinton M. Shaw, 22, Enid, and Miss Irma Louther, 22, of Norman.

August 31st: Ralph Burson, 25, and Miss Mary Boydston, 22, both of Chickasha. Frank Howell, 37, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Emma Russell, 38, of Springfield, Mo.: married by Judge Allen.

September 2nd: J.P. Harrison, 54, and Miss Verna Smith, 35, both of Oklahoma City.

September 3rd: B.F. Jackson, 19, and Miss Josie L. Bunch, both of Tecumseh; married by Judge Allen.

Phone 309, Jones Produce company for prices on feed. 129-4t.

St. Joseph's School

This school, which is conducted by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, began its fall term on Tuesday, September 2nd with a promise of a most excellent school year. This institution imparts an education that is most thorough and practical, and the Sisters in charge are recognized as among the best teachers in their lines in the southwest.

Students attending this school may depend upon getting the very best service possible. ... A letter to the Sisters in charge will bring full particulars.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brasted of 3225 West 20th street left today for Norman where they will make their home this winter, while their daughter, Miss Helene, and son Fred, jr., attend the University.—Oklahoma City Times.

Miss Mary Hughes, who has been M.F. McFarland's "right hand man" in the Cleveland County Abstract company's office for a number of years has severed her connection with that office to take a position as assistant of Financial Agent J.L. Lindsay at the University. Miss Mary is a most efficient little lady, and Mr. McFarland parts with her with greatest regret. ...

Professor Fred E. Tarman, of the School of Journalism, was in Norman Wednesday attending to business. He has been city editor of the Oklahoma News during the summer, but will resume his duties at the University on September 11th.

The Barbour-Parker Peach company had good success with their ventures during the past peach season. They shipped eight carloads of Elbertas, besides many baskets by express. ... Two carloads were shipped to Indiana, but the most ... went to St. Louis and points in Kansas.

1890 Federal Census, County Three, Oklahoma Territory

Township 8 N, 1 W — James M. Bishop, Enumerator

LINE NO.	PAGE	FAMILY	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	COLOR	SEX	AGE	BIRTH	YRS IN US	IN O.T.	CITIZEN	MILITARY, & SPELL CORRECT
9	616	4-5	Jasper, Anna M.	Daug	W	F	5	TX	5	05	mo	
10	616	4-6	Jasper, Charles C.	Son	W	M	1	I.T.	1	05	mo	
11	616	5	Richardson, Jane	Head	W	F	53	KY	53	05	mo	
12	616	5-1	Richardson, Robert	Son	W	M	21	KY	21	05	mo	
13	616	6	Hobbs, Milford V.	Head	W	M	32	MS	32	06	mo	
14	616	6-1	Hobbs, Ella	Wie	W	F	23	MS	23	06	mo	
15	616	6-2	Hobbs, Bertha	Daug	W	F	4	TX	4	06	mo	
16	616	6-3	Hobbs, Lennard	Son	W	M	2	TX	2	06	mo	
17	616	7	Madox, Lucy	Sister	W	F	19	AR	19	06	mo	
18	616	8	Dailey, Erasthmus	Head	W	M	32	AL	32	11	mo	
19	616	8-1	Dailey, Mary M.	Wife	W	F	30	KY	30	11	mo	
20	616	8-2	Dailey, Ida	Daug	W	F	13	TX	13	11	mo	
21	616	8-3	Dailey, Lidy	Daug	W	F	8	TX	8	11	mo	
22	616	8-4	Dailey, Ollie	Daug	W	F	6	TX	6	11	mo	
23	616	8-5	Dailey, James I.	Son	W	M	3	TX	3	11	mo	
24	616	9	Sharp, Henry	Head	W	M	24	TN	24	06	mo	
25	616	9-1	Sharp, Anna	Wife	W	F	23	TN	23	06	mo	
26	616	9-2	Sharp, William	Son	W	M	1	TX	1	06	mo	
27	616	9-3	Sharp, Susie	Sister	W	F	12	AR	12	06	mo	
28	616	9-4	Sharp, George	Broth	W	M	8	AR	8	06	mo	
29	616	9-5	Sharp, Peter S.	Broth	W	M	3	TX	3	06	mo	
30	616	10	Stewart, Elizabeth	Head	W	F	78	TN	78	10	mo	
31	616	11	Stewart, John P.	Head	W	M	35	TX	35	10	mo	
32	616	11-1	Stewart, Mary A.	Wife	W	F	29	MS	29	10	mo	
33	616	11-2	Stewart, Thomas B.	Son	W	M	11	TX	11	10	mo	
34	616	11-3	Stewart, James L.	Son	W	M	6	TX	6	10	mo	
35	616	11-4	Stewart, William N.	Son	W	M	4	TX	4	10	mo	
36	616	11-5	Stewart, May	Daug	W	F	2	I.T.	2	10	mo	
37	616	12	Stewart, Larkin R.	Head	W	M	42	TX	42	10	mo	
38	616	13	Stewart, Hugh F.	Head	W	M	53	TN	53	10	mo	
39	616	13-1	Stewart, Mary M.	Sister	W	F	46	TX	46	10	mo	
40	616	14	Sadler, Lewis F.	Head	W	M	62	TN	62	10	mo	
41	616	15	Douglas, Seigle M.	Head	W	M	27	MO	27	10	mo	
42	616	16	Ring, John A.	Head	W	M	45	TN	45	04	mo	Co K 18th? MO
43	616	16-1	Ring, Minnie	Wife	W	F	41	MO	41	04	mo	
44	616	16-2	Ring, Hallie P.	Daug	W	F	11	TX	11	04	mo	
45	616	16-3	Ring, Ella	Daug	W	F	5	TX	5	04	mo	
46	616	16-4	Ring, Arre	Daug	W	F	3	I.T.	3	04	mo	
47	616	17	Stout, Thomas	Head	W	M	33	TN	33	05	mo	
48	616	17-1	Stout, Ida	Wife	W	F	25	TX	25	05	mo	
49	616	17-2	Stout, Marvin E.	Son	W	M	5	TX	5	05	mo	
50	616	17-3	Stout, Edith E.	Daug	W	F	3	TX	3	05	mo	

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1	617	1	Hoover, John A.	Head	W	M	35	NC	35	13	mo	
2	617	2	Roberts, Edwin W.	Head	W	M	51	TN	51	05	mo	
3	617	2-1	Roberts, Francis A.	Wife	W	F	27	TX	27	05	mo	
4	617	2-2	Roberts, Elizabeth J.	Daug	W	F	7	TX	7	05	mo	
5	617	2-3	Roberts, Cordelia V.	Daug	W	F	5	TX	5	05	mo	
6	617	2-4	Roberts, Edwin D. O.	Son	W	M	3	TX	3	05	mo	
7	617	2-5	Roberts, Jasper L.	Son	W	M	1	TX	1	05	mo	
8	617	3	Hodam, Francis T.	Head	W	M	40	VA	40	07	mo	
9	617	3-1	Hodam, Mahala	Wife	W	F	36	VA	36	07	mo	
10	617	3-2	Hodam, Sarah R.	Daug	W	F	14	VA	14	07	mo	
11	617	3-3	Hodam, William E.	Son	W	M	12	MO	12	07	mo	
12	617	3-4	Hodam, Alis M.	Daug	W	F	10	MO	10	07	mo	
13	617	3-5	Hodam, Nora E.	Daug	W	F	7	TX	7	07	mo	
14	617	3-6	Hodam, Samuel M.	Son	W	M	5	TX	5	07	mo	
15	617	3-7	Hodam, George F.	Son	W	M	1	TX	1	07	mo	
16	617	4	Carver, John F.	Head	W	M	28	TN	28	07	mo	
17	617	4-1	Carver, Mary J.	Wife	W	F	32	KY	32	07	mo	
18	617	4-2	Carver, Carl F.	Son	W	M	1	I.T.	1	07	mo	
19	617	5	Carver, Philip	Head	W	M	82	NC	82	07	mo	
20	617	6	Ball, James W.	Head	W	M	37	GA	37	07	mo	
21	617	6-1	Ball, Minnie	Wife	W	F	24	GA	24	07	mo	
22	617	6-2	Ball, Velma	Daug	W	F	2	GA	2	07	mo	
23	617	6-3	Ball, Ella	Daug	W	F	06 mo	I.T.	06 mo	06 mo		
24	617	7	McCellan, Richard	Head	W	M	25	PA	25	06 mo		
25	617	8	Morris, William O.	Head	W	M	31	MO	31	06 mo		
26	617	8-1	Morris, Dora E.	Wife	W	F	18	AR	18	06 mo		
27	617	8-2	Morris, Laura O.	Daug	W	F	1	I.T.	1	06 mo		
28	617	9	Nix, Thomas	Head	W	M	37	MO	37	06 mo		
29	617	10	Miller, David C.	Head	W	M	39	TX	39	13 mo		
30	617	10-1	Miller, Kissar	Wife	W	F	30	AR	30	13 mo		
31	617	10-2	Miller, James C.	Son	W	M	12	TX	12	13 mo		
32	617	10-3	Miller, Ely	Son	W	M	9	TX	9	13 mo		
33	617	10-4	Miller, Joseph	Son	W	M	7	TX	7	13 mo		
34	617	10-5	Miller, Mary A.	Daug	W	F	06 mo	O.T.	06 mo	06 mo		
35	617	11	Wall, Thofalus	Head	W	M	40	MS	40	11 mo		
36	617	11-1	Wall, Susan	Wife	W	F	45	MO	45	11 mo		
37	617	11-2	Wall, Walter	Son	W	M	10	TX	10	11 mo		
38	617	11-3	Wall, Theofalus N.	Son	W	M	6	TX	6	11 mo		
39	617	12	Miller, Jacob	Head	W	M	32	IN	32	12 mo		
40	617	12-1	Miller, Louisa	Wife	W	F	25	KS	25	12 mo		
41	617	12-2	Miller, Phebe J.	Daug	W	F	2	I.T.	2	12 mo		
42	617	12-3	Miller, Laura A.	Daug	W	F	1	O.T.	1	12 mo		
43	617	12-4	Howery, Thomas	Head	W	M	33	IL	33	13 mo		

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