

Muskogee County Genealogical & Historical Society

Our Purpose:

The MCGHS was formed in 1983 for the purpose of promoting the general study of genealogy through workshops, seminars, and monthly programs; and to discover and preserve any material that may establish or illustrate the history of Indian Territory and Muskogee County and its families.



Meetings

MCGHS meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 6:00 PM at the Muskogee Public Library, 801 West Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK. The Board of Directors meetings are held the third Tuesday at 5:30 PM at the library. All members are invited to attend the Board meetings.

Membership

Membership in MCGHS is open to anyone promoting the purpose of the Society. Individual or family membership is \$21 per year and includes the Quarterly publication. An \$11 per year membership is available for those that do not wish to receive the Quarterly.

To defray the cost of postage, we ask that members pick up their Quarterly at the March, June, September and December meetings whenever possible.

Members may also choose to have an electronic version (.pdf) sent to them via email.

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Publications & Research Requests

BOOKS

MCGHS publishes books of genealogical interest focused on Muskogee County and Muskogee Indian Territory. A current price list of our publications is provided on our website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~okmuscgs/index.htm> or write or email us for a list.

QUARTERLY

The MCGHS Quarterly is published four times a year: March, June, September, and December.

Back issues of the Quarterly are available for \$5 each plus \$1.50 for postage.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Our research policy is outlined on our website or you may write to us for a Research Request Form at:

Muskogee County Genealogical & Historical Society
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15 December 2013

From the desk of the Editor.....

I feel sure the Muskogee County Genealogical and Historical Society Board of Directors joins me in wishing the best for all of our members, readers and associates in the upcoming holidays. Whatever your faith or observation, it's a time to reflect and gather together with those you love, or to simply enjoy your own particular way to spend this time.

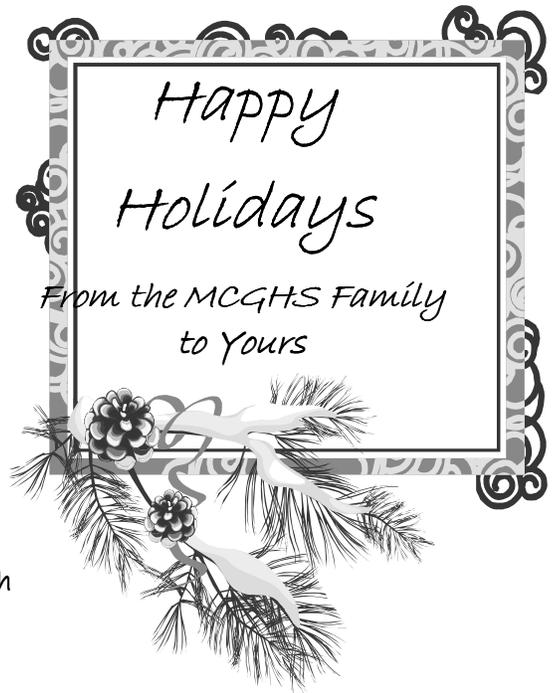
In many ways we are still feeling the nostalgia of the recently celebrated Oklahoma Centennial and most of this issue is dedicated to that time 100 years ago. As we continue to honor the transition from Indian Territory to that of statehood, I hope you will take the time to read the many articles provided by our dedicated contributors. Perhaps you may be inspired to share the thoughts and memories of your families who were a part of that era in our state's history.

The members of the society board of directors are busy with many projects in effort to become a more useful tool to Muskogee, the surrounding area towns and genealogy researchers across the nation. Each month, more information is processed, more projects developed, too numerous for this letter and the web site is constantly reflecting these changes. Think of what we could do if more of the members would get involved.

Finally, I must acknowledge the wonderful on-going association our society has with the Muskogee Public Library, their personnel, and the beautiful new facility they have afforded the Local History and Genealogy Department this year. It is with their assistance and cooperation that our organization become such an asset to the Muskogee community.

Enjoy a happy and successful 2008,

Nancy Lasater, Editor





EXIT, INDIAN TERRITORY: ENTER, OKLAHOMA
HASKELL HAS HOT SHOT FOR "TEDDY" | **TAX LEVY OF 16 MILLS IS VOTED** | **UTES GROW PEACEFUL** | **STROKE OF EAGLE'S QUILL WILL ADMIT GREAT STATE**

Indians May Agree to Work on the Railroad.
 WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Advises received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the

SUPPLEMENT TO
THE MUSKOGEE PHOENIX
Statehood and Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress Edition
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA.
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1907.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
Who Yesterday Signed the Proclamation Admitting Oklahoma as the 46th State of the Union.



Above: Theodore Roosevelt; Upper Right, current State Bird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher; Lower Right: current State Flower, Mistletoe. Current State Seal and Flag: See Pg. 114

The headlines, pictures and articles copied or transcribed for this quarter are taken from the microfilmed newspapers which are housed at the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Muskogee Public Library.

Muskogee—The Queen City of the Southwest

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Supplement to The Muskogee Phoenix
17 Nov 1907, Pages 7 & 8

What Muskogee Has

Population -- 22,000.
 Two modern hotels.
 U. S. Government depository.
 Five railroads — M.K.&T.; Frisco; M.K.&O.;
 Midland Valley; Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf.
 Thirty passenger trains leave daily.
 One hundred cars of Muskogee freight received daily.
 Brick paving on all business streets.
 Division Headquarters -- M.K.&T. Ry.; Midland Val-
 ley Ry.; Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Ry
 Thirty manufacturing plants of different kinds.
 Broom Factory.
 Low rate of insurance.
 Free mail deliveries in city.
 Splendid water and sewage system built by city.
 Paid fire department.
 Commercial Club — 359 members.
 Real Estate Exchange – 30 members.
 Unlimited supply of building stone in corporate limits.
 Oil and gas in abundance within city limits.
 An entire new telephone system was completed last
 year at a cost of \$250,000, with a complete long dis-
 tance connection.
 Over \$500,000, was spent the past few years in oil
 Tanks, oil refineries and developing the local oil field.
 One cotton compress.
 Two mattress factories.
 One excelsior and box factory – capital \$100,000.
 Four cotton gins.
 Two grist mills.
 One vitrified brick plant.
 Three brick plants.
 One concrete block plant.
 One artificial stone factory.
 One soap factory – capacity 1,000 pounds daily.
 Two machine shops.
 Two daily newspapers.
 Seven weekly newspapers.
 Ten monthly publications.
 Fifteen wholesale houses –sales last year \$4,500,000.
 Three colleges –one thousand students.
 Six public school buildings – costs \$240,000.

Eleven churches.

All secret societies represented by thriving lodges.

Eleven hotels – 3,000 guests each month.

Openings in all lines of business.

Ten railway outlets.

Five railroads running into mineral and coal fields within a few miles of the city.

Growth of Muskogee

The following comparisons will give an idea of the growth of Muskogee:

Bank Deposits in 1900, \$210,000.00

Bank Deposits in 1907, (over) \$4,000,000.00

Freight Shipments 1900, 2,000 cars.

Freight Shipments 1906, 22,000 cars.

Passenger Receipts in 1900, \$50,000.00.

Passenger Receipts in 1906, \$310,000.00.

An idea of the more recent growth of Muskogee can be had from comparison of postals receipts at the Muskogee Post Office:

First four months of 1906, \$15,405.20.

First four months of 1907, \$19,757.09.

A total increase for the four months of \$4,351.89, or twenty-one percent.

The receipts at the Muskogee Telegraph and express offices are larger than any other town between Kansas City, Mo., and Dallas, Texas.

A Desirable Place to Live

Muskogee, a wide-awake, up-to-date city of 22,000 inhabitants, as cosmopolitan as New York, as hustling as Chicago; destined to become the greatest city of the Southwest, is indeed a desirable place to live, being in a latitude that affords the same genial and balmy climate of South California, with the best social, religious and educational opportunities; her people being noted for the culture and refinement that predominates at all educational centers.

Situated on the eastern border of the new state of Oklahoma, midway between Kansas City on the north, and Dallas, Texas on the south, one night's ride from St. Louis, circled by the very best country on the face

of the earth, leaving no better place to be found to build a home or raise a family.

Muskogee, being located in the center of the agricultural, oil and mineral region of the State, with low freight rates and its railroad distribution, presents an attractive picture to the capitalist. Its future prosperity and predominance is assured by the undoubted fertility of the soil by the activity of its people and by the invincible determination of every citizen to use every means to build a city of 50,000 people by 1910. Water, freight rates and electric power that can be increased to any capacity, are the sure foundations that will add in bringing industries to Muskogee that will increase and maintain its prosperity. The basis for individual success in all lines is here.

Town Builders

Through the efforts of the citizens of Muskogee, by their uniting energy, by their snap and enterprise, they have built Muskogee from a town of less than 5,000 in 1900 to a city with a population of 22,000 in 1907. There is no reason why the Muskogee Builders should not live to see 200,000 people within the present limits of the city.

Muskogee The City

The location of Muskogee will make her a city. Cities must be something more than mere agricultural towns. They must be either distributing points or manufacturing centers. There is hardly any doubt but that Muskogee will represent both of these requisites to cityhood. She is already the capital, the official city of the old Indian Territory section of Oklahoma. The Dawes Commission, the most marvelous probate court in the world, makes Muskogee the headquarters of Indian officialdom. All business done with the native tribes, individually or collectively, must be done in Muskogee. Muskogee is the railroad center of the new state and will be more and more the center as the years roll by. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas, the great north and south line, brings the product of all climates to her gates. The Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf connects her with the Iron Mountain. The Frisco puts Kansas City and St. Louis and all the great fruit regions of Arkansas at her command. The Midland Valley, destined at no distant day to be a splendid railroad system, runs from Arkansas City on the north to Fort Smith on the southeast. A branch of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, runs to Tulsa, through the

most fertile territory in the new state. All of the country penetrated by these roads will ultimately be within the trade field of Muskogee. Within a year or two there will be still other roads coming into the big Creek town. The Harriman Line will unquestionably be extended to Denison, Texas, and the Indian Central will run from Kay county, Oklahoma, through Muskogee into the coal fields round South McAlester.

Muskogee's Natural Asset

Muskogee has what no other town in the new state possesses a great waterway which will be rendered perfectly navigable ere two years go by. Seventy-five years ago the mouth of Grand River, opposite Muskogee's pleasure resort, Hyde Park, was considered the head of navigation. Two miles up the Grand River is old Fort Gibson, the government army post at which hundreds of thousands of tons of freight were landed for the use of the soldiers.

There are men now living in Muskogee and Fort Gibson who have made the trip from Fort Gibson to St. Louis, New Orleans and Pittsburg without ever changing boats. At present the improvement of the Arkansas is occupying the attention of a board of government engineers who will soon make a report on the condition of the river. It is estimated that the river could be improved and a six foot channel maintained between Muskogee and Fort Smith for the comparatively small sum of \$5,000,000.

But the development of the territory contiguous or tributary to the Arkansas River since the report of 1890, has been phenomenal. A careful estimate places the total tonnage at near the hundred million mark. From the nature of things the largest increase has been in the Indian Territory and yet her resources have scarcely been touched.

Along the reach between Muskogee and Fort Smith on each side of the river extending back for miles the diamond drills have told the story of the hidden wealth of coal. Veins, seemingly inexhaustible, have been located, and from the semi-anthracite to the bituminous coal that has no equal for excellence, there are vast areas that have never been opened to the miner. The coal output of the Choctaw nation for the fiscal year ending June 1906, 3,000,000 tons and yet this amount could scarcely be missed from the mines from which it was taken. In many places coal strata is found jutting

up to the river banks and these veins have been traced for miles away from the river, and in many instances the only possible outlet for this abundant supply is the river.

The northern edge of the segregated coal land in the Indian Territory is 1000 miles nearer New Orleans than the coal fields of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The supply to the Gulf ports would be constant and regular as ice is an unheard of impediment to navigation on the Arkansas River, nor would there be, as is often the case with the Kanawha River, delays on account of scarcity of water.

Only one-fifth of the arable land of the Indian Territory is now in actual cultivation. With the great development that is coming it is a safe proposition that with the next five years there will be five active energetic farmers in the valley of the Arkansas where there is at present one.

Between Muskogee and Fort Smith there were raised last year 1,984,000 bushels of potatoes. The cotton amounted to 80,000 bales, and according to government reports last year there were produced within twelve hours' freight distance of Muskogee 3,838,155 bales of cotton and 1,251,357 hogs. The corn crop in the territory above mentioned on a conservative estimate, reached 1,418,000 bushels. Timber experts who have made personal investigation, state that there is enough ash timber along this reach to give employment to 100 men for fifteen years. The hillsides are covered with oak, ash, in some instances pine, and the alluvial bottoms and terraces have an abundant supply of cottonwood, elm and sycamore, extensive forests of which have not yet felt the ax. Shoals of sand and gravel line the river. The gravel is of the best quality for road construction and is an important factor in a country where road material is scarce. Along within ten miles of the river vast mountains of splendid marble have been discovered. Almost unlimitable are the resources in building stone of the first quality.

These are some of the resources found up to the mouth of the Grand River. They do not contemplate these which are found in the valleys of the Arkansas, the Verdigris and the Grand above Hyde Park landing.

The limitless resources of the country north, northeast and northwest of the mouth of Grand River cannot be estimated on any known basis. The valleys of the Ar-

kansas, the Grand and the Verdigris rivers are inconceivably rich and fertile. The banks with good, rich soil from three to eleven feet deep give some idea of what they may be made to produce when tilled by up-to-date farmers, 11 is estimated, conservatively, that the yield this year of corn in these bottoms will be 80 bushels per acre. All other agricultural products will be of equal importance.

But this promising development is only a small part of the tonnage when it is understood that the Creek and Cherokee nations are now conceded to be the most productive oil field in the world, when it is known that it has almost an equal in the Kansas oil field, when it is believed that with the Arkansas River from its mouth to the Mississippi will in a few years be covered with oil barges, taking the vast product from pipe lines converging at Hyde Park, the Muskogee landing opposite the mouth of Grand River, when it is known that this method of transportation will insure to oil refiners the great desideratum of cheap transportation, it is then that an approximate idea of the immensity of this traffic dawns upon the mind which is incapable of grasping the results in their entirety. Millions of gallons of oil that now come gushing from the earth will here start on their way to the cities of the south and to Gulf ports.

Public Buildings

For the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1906, there was a sum of money, approximately \$625,000, spent for public buildings in Muskogee. This sum, including the improvements completed by June 30th, 1907, swelled the total for the two years to the princely sum of over one million dollars.

The City of The Future

The contemplation of the immense power dam on the Grand River will solve the question of the future of Muskogee as a manufacturing center.

A perpetual source of power is better than all the natural gas in the world; it is more economical than coal and it is as permanent as the very operations of nature. The Grand River Power Dam is a certainty. The Trans-Mississippi Congress will meet in Muskogee November 19th and to house it properly the citizens built a hall which unquestionably makes this city the convention city of the new state.

This article submitted by Joyce Street

Muskogee Electric Traction Company (METC)

Photos courtesy of Jere Harris



Marshall E. Pennington, Street Car Driver

This article and the accompanying pictures are courtesy of Jere Harris. The history of both was told to her by her mother, Edith Maxine Pennington Leininger, 93 years old, who has been a Muskogee citizen since 1922 in Sep. 2007.

Muskogee Electric Traction Co. was a streetcar system built in Muskogee, OK. In 1905, it began providing service in town. One line went out to an amusement park called Hyde Park.

About 1922, my mother's family moved from Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas to Muskogee, Oklahoma. Her father, Marshall E. Pennington got his first job as a street car driver for the Muskogee Electric Traction Company. Mother's uncle, Monroe Word, told her dad that if they would move to Muskogee, "Uncle Mon" would get him a job driving the street car. Mother said they sold their farm in Arkansas and came to Muskogee on the train. She was 9 years old, the middle child of M.E. and Laura M. Pennington. On arriving at the Muskogee depot, she looked out and saw "the most lights she had ever seen in her life."

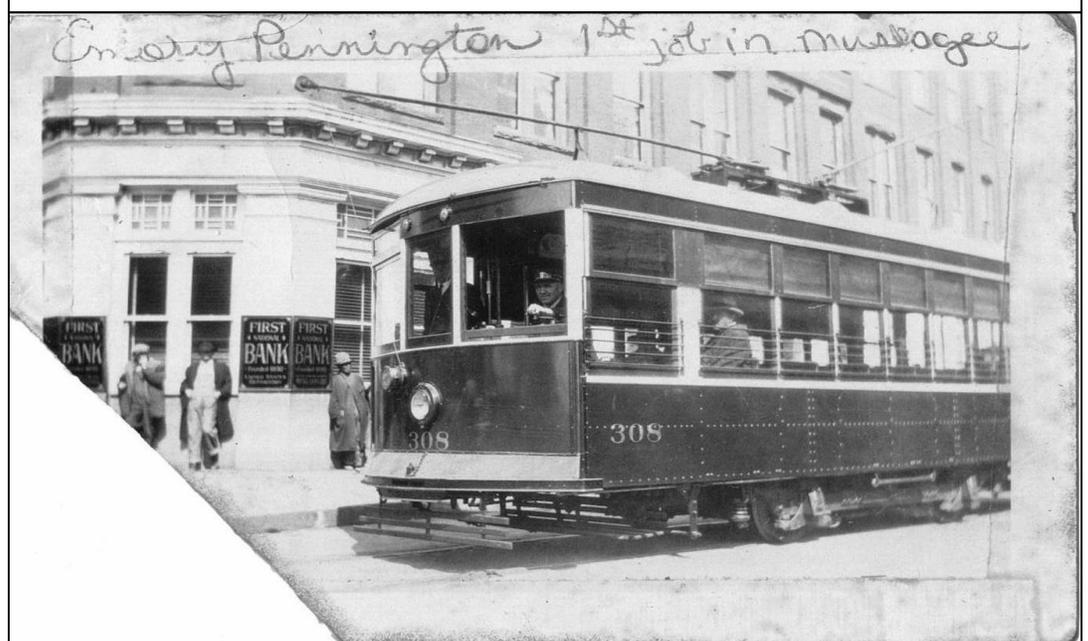
They lived with her aunt and uncle, Nora and Monroe Word, on Cherry Street until they could rent a house of their own. As her dad drove the street car through town, he came home one day and said he had found a church for them to attend, the "C" Street Church of Christ.

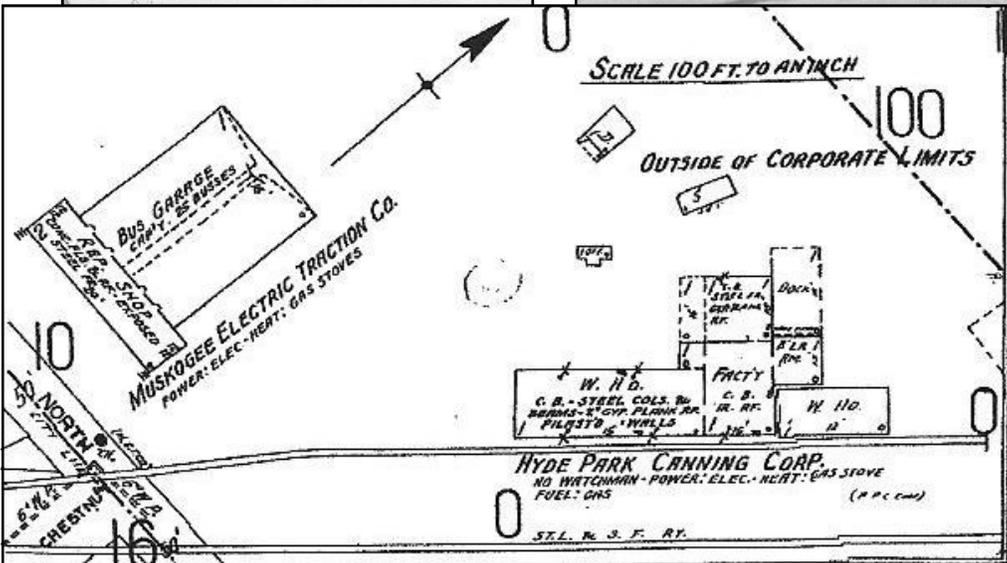
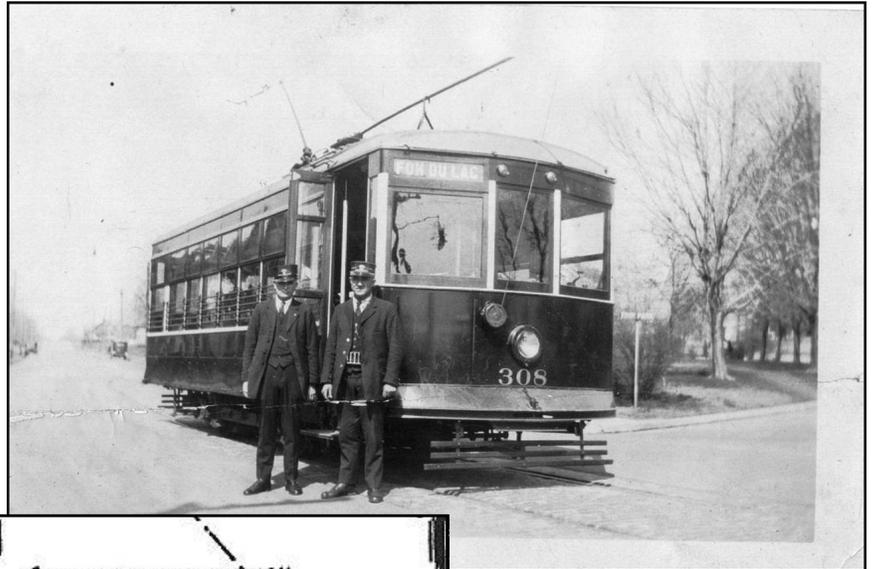
The car barn was located on the north side of town off North C Steet.

Grampa Pennington, his cousin, Herbert and his brother-in law, Monroe Word, all worked for the company. Uncle Mon eventually became a superintendent. Grampa changed jobs in 1925, going to work for the Muskogee Fire Department.

Pictures and article courtesy of Jere Harris

Top: Marshall Emory Pennington; Lower: Marshall Pennington driving Trolley 308.





Clockwise from top left: Marshall Emory Pennington; METC Token; Marshall Pennington, right; Herbert Pennington; METC Token; METC Trolley stuck in snow; Sanborn map showing the location of the Bus Barn 1938.



JOYCE's News on the STREET

Muskogee's Beau Brummel

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16 September 1901
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Chief Clerk Jacobs of the Katy hotel has gained a reputation from one end of the Katy to the other as being the "real thing" in hotel hospitality, and there are but few people who travel up and down this road but who know him and have a pleasant smile with which to greet him.

Chief Clerk Jacobs is the acknowledged Beau Brummel of Muskogee and never appears except in the latest thing in fashion's realm. The ladies dote on "Jakey," and the men like him, and the managers of the hotel intimate that he has a "steady job".

Jacobs were to look in the glass and find one hair awry upon his well balanced cranium he would consider himself disgraced forever. He appears every morning looking as neat as a female graduate of sweet sixteen with her glad rags on.

Carrie Nation Here.

Muskogee Daily Phoenix
15 February 1906
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Carrie Nation, the well known joint smasher, arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 with a rush. A curious crowd was at the M.K.&T. depot to meet her.

When she got off the train she was met by J. G. Adams, her manager. A large crowd, including newspaper reporters, followed her to the ticket office.

After transacting some private business at the ticket office she talked to the reporters. "There is no truth in the report that I have sold my property at Guthrie and it has fallen into the hands of the brewers. I still hold it and will continue to hold it. I have instituted suit against them for libel.

"It was reported that young Gugenheimer had possession of your Guthrie property," ventured one of the reporters.

"Its not so, not a word of it. Thank God it is not the Americans who are ruining our country. It's

the beer-guzzling Dutch and foreigners who are manufacturing whisky, beer and other vile stuff."

As she walked from the ticket office towards a cab, she arraigned the liquor men and manufacturers severely.

"This is a live town," she paused long enough to say. When she reached the wide walk on Broadway the crowd was so large she could make but little progress. She was asked if she would like to meet Deputy Marshal Bud Ledbetter, the man who has perhaps destroyed more whisky than any other man in the United States. "Indeed, I do," she replied, "I have a hatchet for him."

"How many reporters are there here?" she asked. "I'm going to give each of you a hatchet; a little defender. Do you know I have a great deal of sympathy for reporters, that is one kind. I don't like the men who write the head lines." She opened a satchel and distributed a number of miniature hatchets to the crowd.

It was the same Carrie of years ago; dressed in plain black with a little black bonnet on the back of her head.

Deputy Marshal Bud Ledbetter was at the depot when the train arrived, but hid himself back to the court house without meeting Mrs. Nation.

Mrs. Nation lectured last night at St. Paul's church, corner Fourth and Court streets. Before the lecture was finished there was no standing room and crowds went to the church after the lecture was over. She made a general talk on temperance.

She declared the Anti-Saloon League of Oklahoma and Indian Territory was headed by a republican preacher. She severely arraigned both the republican and democratic parties. She scored President Roosevelt for becoming a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, characterizing the members of that order as the chief cork pullers of the country. To illustrate her argument she produced a large flask on which was the picture of the president on one side and a painting of an eagle on the other.

Mrs. Nation stated that she had been in jail twenty-five times in different parts of the country. Indian Territory, she said, under prohibition laws, would be a fit place to live, otherwise, it would not. The noted joint smasher will leave today for Paul's

Valley where she will appear before the grand jury in connection with an alleged riot which occurred in that town a month ago. She will return to Muskogee Friday and lecture on the streets. Saturday night she will talk to men only in the opera house or one of the churches.

Her souvenir hatchets sold like hot-cakes last night. She is also soliciting subscriptions for "The Hatchet."

Ancestors For Millionaires.

Muskogee Daily Phoenix

25 October 1901

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Those persons who are looking for "noble ancestors" and can afford to pay for them can easily be accommodated. There are genealogists who, if given money enough, will promptly supply a customer with the stateliest of family trees.

William Waldorf Astor had dealings with one of them, who forged a pedigree showing that the Astor family did not begin with obscure German peasants, but with the noble D'Astorgas.

John D. Rockefeller's first American ancestor was a German, who settled in Pennsylvania. A New York genealogist alleges that he has found in Languedoc, in southeastern France, the "ancestral castle" of the Rockefellers, whose name was originally Roquefeuille, which is a high sounding name, reminding one of Roquefort cheese. The coat of arms which, it is alleged, Mr. Rockefeller has a right to use has a gold rock on a field of red and a hunter's horn on a silver field.

Doubtless Mr. Rockefeller has too much sense to take any stock in this alleged pedigree and too little vanity to use a coat of arms that does not belong to him. If, however, he feels that it is necessary to have something emblazoned on his note paper, book plates or carriages, an oil refinery in full blast, with a tank ship in distance sailing the blue green waters of the ocean, would be much more appropriate and descriptive than a gold rock on a red field.

First Postmark

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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

After Nine O'clock Today Letters Will Be stamped Thus.

Save a few envelopes of the letters you get before 9 a.m., today. In a few years they will be a curiosity. For after the clock in the post office building strikes nine, the post mark, "Muskogee, Ind. T." will never again be used.

Yesterday the postmaster received from the government and hereafter all letters cancelled will bear the imprint, "Muskogee, Oklahoma Muskogee Daily Phoenix.

Loaded with Fat

Muskogee Daily Phoenix

30 October 1901

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In the good old days when we were greatly pestered by a neighbor's sow, or mule, or bull, or dog, invading our premises and taking unwarranted liberties we loaded the old shot gun with powder and fat meat and, after serving due notice upon said neighbor and said notice being ignored, set out to uphold the first law of nature, self defense.

The amount of execution that can be done by a wad of fat meat on top of a good charge of powder is amazing. Wherever it strikes hair and hide disappear. It seldom if ever kills, but leaves scars that time does not obliterate. The fat being salty, causes excruciating pain, which lingers long in memory, and the stricken animal does not offend again.

A tallow candle can be shot through a two inch oak board without injury to the candle. In the manner a tallow bullet if driven by a sufficient charge of powder would penetrate a man's body and grease him so well internally that he would not care to go dueling again. A glancing show would plow ugly furrows in the skin.--New York Press.

These Articles submitted by Joyce Street

The Oklahoma State Song and Anthem

Oklahoma

words by Oscar Hammerstein and music by Richard Rodgers

Brand new state, Brand new state, gonna treat you great!

Gonna give you barley, carrots and pertaters,

Pasture fer the cattle, Spinach and Termayters!

Flowers on the prairie where the June bugs zoom,

Plen'y of air and plen'y of room,

Plen'y of room to swing a rope!

Plen'y of heart and plen'y of hope!

Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweepin' down the plain,

And the wavin' wheat can sure smell sweet

When the wind comes right behind the rain.

Oklahoma, ev'ry night my honey lamb and I

Sit alone and talk and watch a hawk makin' lazy circles in the sky.

We know we belong to the land

And the land we belong to is grand!

And when we say - Yeeow] A-yip-i-o-ee ay!

We're only sayin' You're doin' fine, Oklahoma! Oklahoma - O.K.

Adoption of State Song and Anthem The song, "Oklahoma", with words by Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960) and music by Richard Rodgers (1902-1979), was adopted by the Oklahoma Legislature as the official state song of Oklahoma on May 11, 1953. The song was adopted as both an official song and anthem.





Many times the mention of the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma brings to mind the equally beautiful emblem on our Oklahoma State Flag.

Both are beautiful symbols of our wonderful state, including the people who made it what it is today, our Native American history and the diversity of all our land offers in all the various industries.

"Yes, we're doin' fine, Oklahoma...."



Indian Journal, "Local News,"

14 Feb 1884, p. 5, c. 1-3

Fred Turner returned from his school [missing]e north on Friday last.

The steamer Peerless, sunk by ice at [Fort] Smith, is a total wreck.

W. M. Miller, of Elk Creek, register[ed at] the Mitchell House last Friday.

[A] car load of Iowa potatoes have [been] received by J. A. Patterson & Co.

W. P. Ross, of Vinita, spent some [time] in our city on Monday and Tuesday.

I. W. Cowart, the Presiding Elder of [the] district came up from Okmulgee last [wee]k.

Frank Manahan cleared \$250 on one [car]load of hogs, shipped to St. Louis last [wee]k.

Fred M. Lyon has been taking his [missing] this week, with fever and a bilous [missing]k.

Mrs. Mannie Batler came up from [missing]a, Tuesday, to meet her sister-in-[law], Mrs. Clarence Turner.

The *Advocate* [sic] reports thirty persons [missing]yed into the M. E. Church, at Tahle[qua]h, on last Sundry week.

Miss Mattie Scott has moved to Mr. [missing] and her customers and friends [will fin]d her there in the future.

Farmer & McQuarie have pat [sic] anoth[er] b]uilding in their yard, north of the ho[tel] to accommodate their boarders.

Main street is now fenced north to [the] pond and good building lots are rap[idly] raising in price at Muskogee.

Mrs. I. D. Higleyman returned Mon[day], to her home at Chetopa, after a [wee]ks visit with Mrs. M. P. Roberts.

J. A. Patterson & Co. have a ca[ses] of winter boots left over, and if you [wa]nt a genuine bargain call on them.

Three car loads of U. S. troops [missing]sed down the road by special train, on [Sat]urday last for the frontier of Texas.

Joe Sondheimer took a run to Red [Fo]rk the first of the week looking after [th]e unused seal skins worn by deceased [co]ws.

The *Advocate* is advertising for bids [for] the building of a court house in each [missing] the nine districts of the Cherokee Na[tio]n.

Your cold can positively be cured [w]ith Sparks' Indian Cough Syrup. No [missing] taste or effect. Sold in 25 cent bot[tles.]

Dr. Leo Bennett, of Eufaula, took a [run] up Monday on business at this place [an]d of course called at the Journal [of]fice.

We see C. A. Conrade, of Hideman---

[missing]enoist Saddlery Co., are selling O. E. [missing]des his saddlery hardware for his [missing]ring trade.

Two of Atoka's bells, Miss Blanch [B]rown and Miss Russell, have been visit[in]g the former's sister, Mrs. W. H. Mil[le]r, at this place.

Seed potatoes, the Rose Goodrich [an]d Peach Blows, a whole car load of [th]e best every brought to the territory at [J.] A. Patterson & Co.'s

Dr. Leo Bennett, of Eufaula, has [b]een appointed U. S. Commissioner at [missing] place, for the purpose of taking de[po]sition in civil cases.

The sleet of Tuesday morning broke the wires between here and Parsons and we were without telegraphic communi[c]ation from the north for some hours.

The mails have all been more or less delayed by the high water, and the Arkansaw was at such a stage the fore part of the week the ferry boat did not venture to cross.

Prof. Waugh closes his course of instruct in vocal music to his class on the west side of this evening. His class at the M. E. church will take his time for some days yet.

R. L. Owens and Mrs. Narissa Owens, his mother, were at the Mitchell House, Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Owens was hers on business connected with the Fair Association.

Mrs. Sarah J. Miller, of Bartlesville, Indian territory, was in the city "Wednesday in search of thieves, some one having appropriated to themselves three mules, one wagon and a set of harness belonging to her.—*Independence Star*.

Blossom, a convict at Tahlequah, escaped while out with his guards cutting wood. Another person named Walker escaped at the same time, but returned the same evening and gave himself up.

J. A. Patterson & Co. have received their stock of plows and harrows, a whole car load of the celebrated Buford make, and are ready to fit the farmers out for their Spring work in good shape.

Among our callers Tuesday were W. H. H. Chapman and Mr. Cramer, two of the best conductors on the Cherokee Division. They dropped in to see our new press run and wanted to buy our Acme engine to keep their indicator and milage running.

W. P. Ross has resigned the position of postmaster at Vinita, and we understand will return to Fort Gibson to reside in the future. Whether he severs his connection with the *Chieftain* of not we do not know.

J. N. Scrimsher has branded a steer with a circle S on the right side and hip this week and turned him loose in our herd. He doesn't want any of his cattle stolen, consequently advertises it where all can see it.

The Fort Smith papers reports the wreck of the steamer Fort Smith, still lying at the wharf where it was sunk by the ice. It will not be raised intact but the hull will be used in the construction of another steamer.

J. M. Perryman has purchased the store of G. W. Stidham, at Eufaula, and will turn his attention to merchandising at that place. He intends building and will reside there in the future. The Journal wishes him every success in his new venture.

Geo. Yates, the business manager of one of our exchanges, the Gainsville [sic] *Register*, paid his parents, at this place, a visit on Sunday last. He was compelled to prolong his stay a little on account of the washing away of the bridge at Checota.

Mr. A. F. Cowling, of Cache, C. N., was in on Tuesday. He is just recovering from severe injuries caused by his team running away, and bruising him up generally. He is getting up a petition for a mail route from Oak Lodge to Pheasant Bluff. It is badly needed. — *Elecator*.

Harper's Weekly offered a prize of \$2,00 for the best picture by an American artist. Now if he would allow photographs to compete, J. Brasel, at this place, would stand a good show of walking off with the prize for he takes first class photographs of any style and guarantees artistic work.

Mr. David Robb, brother of our merchant, and himself one of the heaviest merchandisers at Atoka, paid his brother a visit, while on his return from a trip to Tahlequah, where he had be pursuant to the announcement made in the Journal some time ago, in his capacity as Grand Lecturer, to instruct his brother Masons.

On Monday afternoon, a culvert at Checote, [sic] about twenty miles below this place, washed out, compelling the south bound passenger train to lay over Tuesday morning, when temporary repairs were finished. The north bound train the same evening was delayed nearly twelve hours by the high water and did not reach here until 5 a. m., Tuesday.

Invitations are out for a dance and supper at the Mitchell house tomorrow evening, to be given by the Muskogee Social Club, and it promises to be the affair of the year. Invitations have been sent to all the neighboring towns and the young folks here are anxious to show what they can do and expect to have a royal time. Tickets including supper \$2.

The heaviest snow of the season fell on Tuesday night, fully three inches covering oyster cans, barrel hoops, old shoes and other rubbish on our streets as with a coat of whitewash and giving our town the appearance of a Manitoba city. The driving snow added to the cold rains and the freeze of Tuesday was the finishing touch for cattle and many deaths will occur.

Henry Persenger, sheriff of Pickins county, Chickasaw Nation, was killed a few nights ago at a dance in that county, so it is rumored here, minus particulars. — *Elecator*.

A concert will be given on Saturday evening at the Presbyterian Church by the young people of Muskogee, under instructions by Prof. Waugh and Miss Fulton, for the purpose of raising a fund for Rev. Mr. Stoddard, the former

pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Give them a full house for on better way of using the proceeds could be found.

The cold rains which commenced Saturday last and lasted until Tuesday were terrible on cattle, and many have already and will shed their hide and finish their existence in another world in consequence. The cold rains are nearly the worst weather cattle are called upon to stand during the winter as it wets and chills them to the center and draws down the faces of the cattle men.

The Presbytery of the Indian Territory will meet at this place on March 20th. During the day business will be transacted, but in the evening arrangements are being made for a series of popular meetings and different speakers will conduct their services each evening. There are about thirteen ordained ministers beside the licentiates belonging to the Presbytery and these with the elders who will be in attendance will make a large and no doubt interesting meeting.

The dance to be given by the Muskogee Social Club, to-morrow, (Friday) night, has been indefinitely postponed.

Water Bound in the B. I. T.

The continuous rains by Tuesday had raised the creeks along the railroad, delaying all trains. At Pryors Creek four feet of water covered the track, preventing trains from passing and the swift current precluded the possibility of a transfer. All passenger trains ran up to the flood, and then returned south, leaving the passengers at this place, where some were compelled to lay [over] 36 hours. We give a partial list of those delayed here:

J. W. Dana, C. C. Taylor, L. C. Bogart, St. Louis; W. H. Bickwell, H. S. Gunn, John Bull, New York; F. Schulte, Fredrickstown, Mo.; G. Seymour, Milwaukee, Wis.; J. J. Slack, Fort Worth, Texas; L. H. Goldstein, Taylor, Texas; A. Friedlander, Waco, Texas; S. Meyer, Dallas, Texas; C. E. Dunbar, J. D. Budd, W. S. Wintermate, Parsons, Kansas; J. F. Harris, C. W. Dowback, Iowa; S. B. Severs, Leavenworth, Kansas.; Thos. S. Booker, Kansas City, Mo.; Fred Malloy, Chicago; W. A. Brown, Cincinnati; J. Marriman, St. Joseph, Mo.; S. F. Mack, Arazona [sic]; Sam E. Kellerman, St. Paul, Minn.

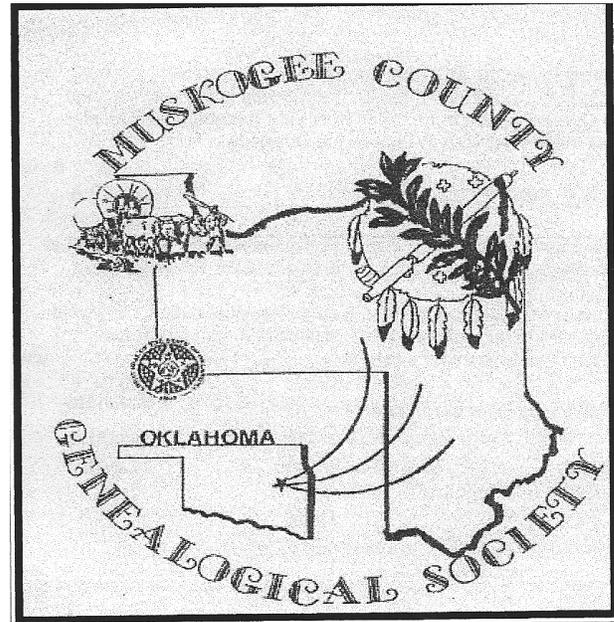
The south bound passenger [train] fared worse. They got as far as Pryors Creek when an overflow behind them prevented them from getting back to a hotel, and provisions and fire were scarce articles for a while. No mail has been received from the north for forty eight hours, but we suppose the world wags on as usual.

The Fire at Red Fork.

On Wednesday evening last one of the most disastrous fires in the Territory during the year occurred at Red Fork. James Parkinson's new store, with its contents, being almost completely destroyed. The building was a new one,

only having been completed a few weeks, and Mr. Parkinson had been in good running order only for a couple of weeks. The main store building was 30x75 feet and 14 feet high, making a splendid sales room. On one side was a ware room 14x75 feet and on the other but detached from the main building was a warehouse about 20x60 for storing corn, hides, &c. The fire occurred between seven and nine in the evening catching from the flue and in less than twenty minutes the store and storehouse were wrapped in flames. About \$500 worth of hides were saved from the warehouse and about \$1,000 worth of goods from the store, all the rest were consumed. The stock was valued at from \$12,000 to \$16,000 and the building about \$3,000. Whistler, Pickett & Co. also lost about \$1,500 worth of goods stored in the ware room awaiting transportation to the Sac and Fox and \$500 worth belonging to parties at Shawneetown were lost. We have not heard whether Mr. Parkinson intends rebuilding or not, but hope for the town that he does and that better luck will attend him.

Article submitted by Wally Waits



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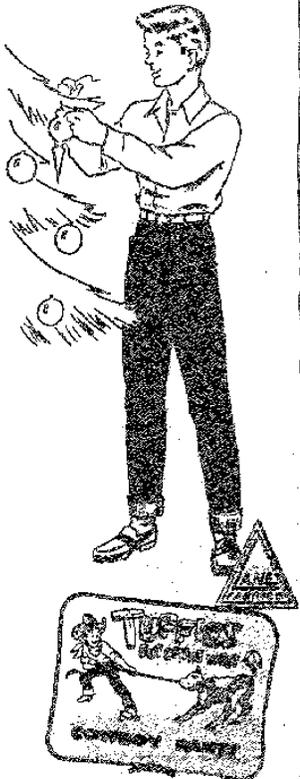
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Miss Ella Robinson
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BRUSHY MOUNTAIN SPRINGS

Among the well known springs in the Cherokee Nation during Indian Territory days was the Brushy Mountain Springs. They are located eight miles southeast of Muskogee. The large content of iron in the water rendered it health giving properties and made it a popular resort to those in need of a change of water.

Situated on the side of a hill with plenty of shade and drainage rendered it an ideal camping place. Prior to the Civil War, the Cherokees within a radius of fifty miles, came to camp and stayed during the entire summer. After crops were finished there was time for rest and relaxation. Particularly those who lived in the low lands where the water supply became polluted. Families came bringing with them such furniture needed to live in some degree of comfort. Live chickens and the family cow, which were quite necessary to the children of the families, were often brought. They erected substantial camps, stayed all summer and went home improved in health due, they thought, to the fine water.

The "Springs" was also an ideal place for public meetings, religious and political. They were conveniently located being nearly half way between the settlement of Frozen Rock, Gooseneck and the Spaniard Creek and Webbers Falls. During a political campaign it was the scene of many gatherings, two days' picnics including a barbecue, were popular. That furnished an opportunity for each candidate to tell the citizens just why he should be elected to office and of the deplorable condition into which the country would collapse should they fail to elect him.

The land on which the "Springs" are located was public domain in early Territory days. Then an improvement was made at the foot of the hill, near the main "Springs" and a log house was erected by a man named Pettit, who afterwards sold the claim to Dr. Charles Harris, a young Cherokee physician who came with his family to Indian Territory in the early 70's. He built a substantial four-room residence on the side of the hill where he lived, using the log house for an office for many years. As there was no telephone system in those days, a doctor could live in the country as conveniently as he could live in the town. One did not "call" for a doctor, they went for him.

The "Springs" also furnished an ideal setting for camp meetings. The Methodist Church was the predominating church at that time and the meetings were always held under the auspices of that church. Conducted by the circuit rider with the assistance of the pastor of the Methodist Church of Muskogee. The meetings were held for a two weeks duration the latter part of August. To a colony of people who were already there, there came those to attend the meeting. Substantial camps were erected. Some had tents and brought a cooking stove, bedsteads, dishes, in fact, a complete equipment for house keeping. Others built camps of small poles with a wagon shed for a roof and a brush shed made a porch. A generous supply of food including live chickens and fresh vegetables from home, made it possible to serve well balanced meals every day.

As Muskogee was a dusty little village with no paved streets and a water supply from wagons, many families who could not go away for a summer vacation, did the next best thing and went to Brushy Mountain and camped for the entire summer. The men who could not leave their businesses in town, drove back and forth daily. Among the prominent families that were annual campers at the "Springs" was Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Spaulding and children, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Callahan. Time did not hang heavy for the ladies of the colony as they took their sewing machines and made the children's school clothes. Caught up on their reading and fancy work and resting as well.

Nothing delighted their friends more than to be asked to spend the day with them. ON Sunday morning, Sunday school was held under the arbor erected at the beginning of each summer for all religious services. Mrs. Spaulding who taught a class in the Methodist Church in town, always had a class there. After the

death of Dr. Harris, the property passed out of the family. The Harris cemetery is in sight of the house of Dr. Charles Harris with his mother, one sister and several brothers lie buried there.

The "Springs" which were so popular in those days has been allowed to fall into disuse and one a mil's distance from the original "Springs" on land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Will Evans is (in) condition and furnishes drinking water for many Muskogee people. The water is delivered to their homes by Mr. Charles Jobe of Muskogee.

Submitted by Barbara Downs

Gerry Dreger Interview

Geraldine "Gerry" Dreger was born in a log cabin near Paris, Texas, on November 5th, 1922. She came to Muskogee when her husband was transferred to Camp Gruber during World War II.

She lived in an apartment that was located near a park and a Church of Christ. The apartment was a "four-plex" located on Okmulgee Street. The church was located near the intersection of Cincinnati and Okmulgee. The park was Spaulding Park.

Her husband was Wilbur "Bud" Dreger. Born in Michigan, he liked the Roasted Pecan pies Gerry baked for him.

Gerry was pregnant at the time with her first child. It was a son she named "Billy." He was born in the Baptist Hospital on Sixth Street.

She refused to go out to Camp Gruber. She hated riding "on the rickety bus." Since she and Bud could not afford a car, Gerry walked almost everywhere.

One of her walking trips into the downtown area was to hear a preacher from her hometown of Paris. She recalled meeting a young woman at the "show." Gladys McClellan became Gerry's life-long friend.

Gerry had another friend who was also pregnant. Anita Newberry went to a local doctor in preparation for her upcoming delivery. The doctor advised Anita to drink three beers a day in order for her to produce enough milk afterwards. Anita did what she was told, but hated drinking the beer.

Gerry regularly walked into downtown Muskogee. One day while passing a bar, she stopped to hear the music. An African American boy was playing a piano in the bar. There were many people standing around watching the boy play.

Gerry Dreger and her son left Muskogee after living here about a year to follow her husband. She never returned. She died June 13th, 2007 in Plano, Texas.

Submitted by Wally Waits



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MUSKOGEE PHOENIX, DECEMBER 24, 1924

Letters to Santa Claus

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 22, 1925

Dear St. Nicholas—

I will drop you a letter so you will know I want you to come to visit me Christmas night. I have two sisters, one 14 years old and one 7 years old. I have a little brother 5 months old. I have a little niece and a little nephew living with me. She is 3 years old and he is 12 months old.

I am 13 years old. We all like Mr. St. Nick. We have been awful good children for you. They all want dolls and other toys. But I am not very fond of toys. I'd rather have a nice little dress and coat from Peabody's. But if you rather bring me toys that's all right. I will be thankful for what you bring me. I remember you coming to my house last Christmas. We all thought you were wonderful. My little niece says she wants a doll. My little nephew wants a rattle to play with. My sisters want anything you will bring them. I am very queer, I guess, because I don't like dolls and other toys. I rather have some candy and other little Christmas eatings or something I could use at school. Oh, I know what I want. I want a pencil box and nice stationary from Stewart's Stationery Shop. I sure am fond of writing. But I can't write very well. I guess I live a long way off but probably you won't freeze getting down here. I hope not anyway. Good-bye.



Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 21, 1924.

Dearest Santa—As it is nearing Christmas I think I should be writing you. For mother bring her a diamond ring and a three-pound box of candy from McEntee's and Cotton Pharmacy. For dad a watch and some cuff links from H. L. Stern, for myself an electric train, a suit, a wagon and a bathrobe, from the Muskogee Electric Shop, O.-R. Clothing Co., Stem's Sport Shop and the O.-R. Clothing company for the bathrobe, for my big cousin a pair of skates and a fountain pen from Stem's Sport Shop and the Purity. For my uncle a pipe from Clark's. For my aunt a corset from the Ideal Corset Co. For grandma an easy rocking chair and for my little cousin a saxophone from Kroh's Music Co. Your old friend,

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Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 12, 1924.

Dear Santa—I am 6 years old today and I will go to school after Christmas. Now I will tell what I want you to bring me for Christmas. First thing I want you to bring is a doll, a buggy, a pair of house shoes for my mother from Durnil's and a lady's black suit, a rocky horse, red car, two sweaters for my cousin, my baby brother a fur coat. Mr. White some shoes, Cousin Mamie some underwear. Don't forget the poor. From

HELEN JOHNSON.

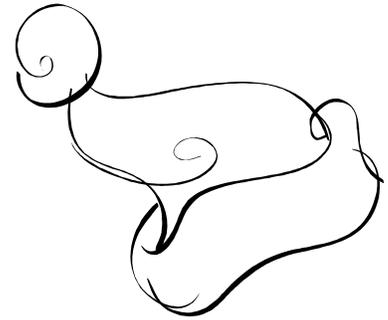


Gore, Okla., Dec. 18, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus—I am going to write and tell you what I want for Christmas.

I am five years old and I want a wagon, and air rifle. Some candy and nuts, two oranges and an apple.

I'm a little orphan boy but I have a new home now. I live in Linder Bend. Don't forget the baby she wants something too.

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Letters to Santa Claus

1 504 Eastside boulevard
Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 19, 1924.

Dear Old Santa—Your name is music to my ears, Santa dear.

First of all I want to thank you for the presents you brought me last year.

Honey it would be needless to tell you what I want for I know you already knows what I want.

There is a dashing little bird that sits just outside my window and it tells my mother everything and I know the dear has told you what I want by this time. But I will tell you for fear something dreadful has happened to the darling 'cause I haven't seen it for some time.

My daddy wants a new suit, now Santa, don't forget to get it at the O. R. Clothing store. My mother wants a set of silver ware.

Dear Santa my big sis has a big red nose just like yours and please bring her a big box of powder from the Cotton's pharmacy.

Last but not least honey, bring me one of those darling little violins at Kroh's Music store, as I am a little girl ten years old and love music.

ANNIE RUTH GARRETT.

P. S. Now Santa I almost forgot the most important part, don't you think it would be nice if you would give every family a years subscription to the Times-Democrat paper. I do enjoy the funny section.

A. R. G.

General delivery.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 18, 1924.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl 8 years old. I have 2 little sisters and a brother would you please bring each of us a doll and my brother a football and a knife.

Your friend,

FANSHION ROBINSON.

322 North Third street.



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 d. _____
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 b. _____
 p.b. OK
 d. _____
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 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. _____
 p.b. TX
 d. _____
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(Spouse of No. 1)
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 b. _____
 p.b. VA
 m. _____
 d. _____
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 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. _____
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 d. _____
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10 Wiley Granville SCOTT
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. _____
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 p.d. VA

11 Mary Virginia NELSON
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. _____
 p.b. VA
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 p.d. VA

12 James Lycurgus D. SMITH
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 b. _____
 p.b. TN
 m. _____
 d. _____
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13 Rachel MILRANEY
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b. _____
 p.b. TN
 d. _____
 p.d. OK

14 Samuel R. B. HENDRIX
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. _____
 p.b. KY
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. OK

15 Mary Caroline RUSHING
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b. _____
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 b. VA
 d. VA

18 Joseph William BLANKENBECKLER
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 b. VA
 m. _____
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19 Martha Jane PATTERSON
 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
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26 _____
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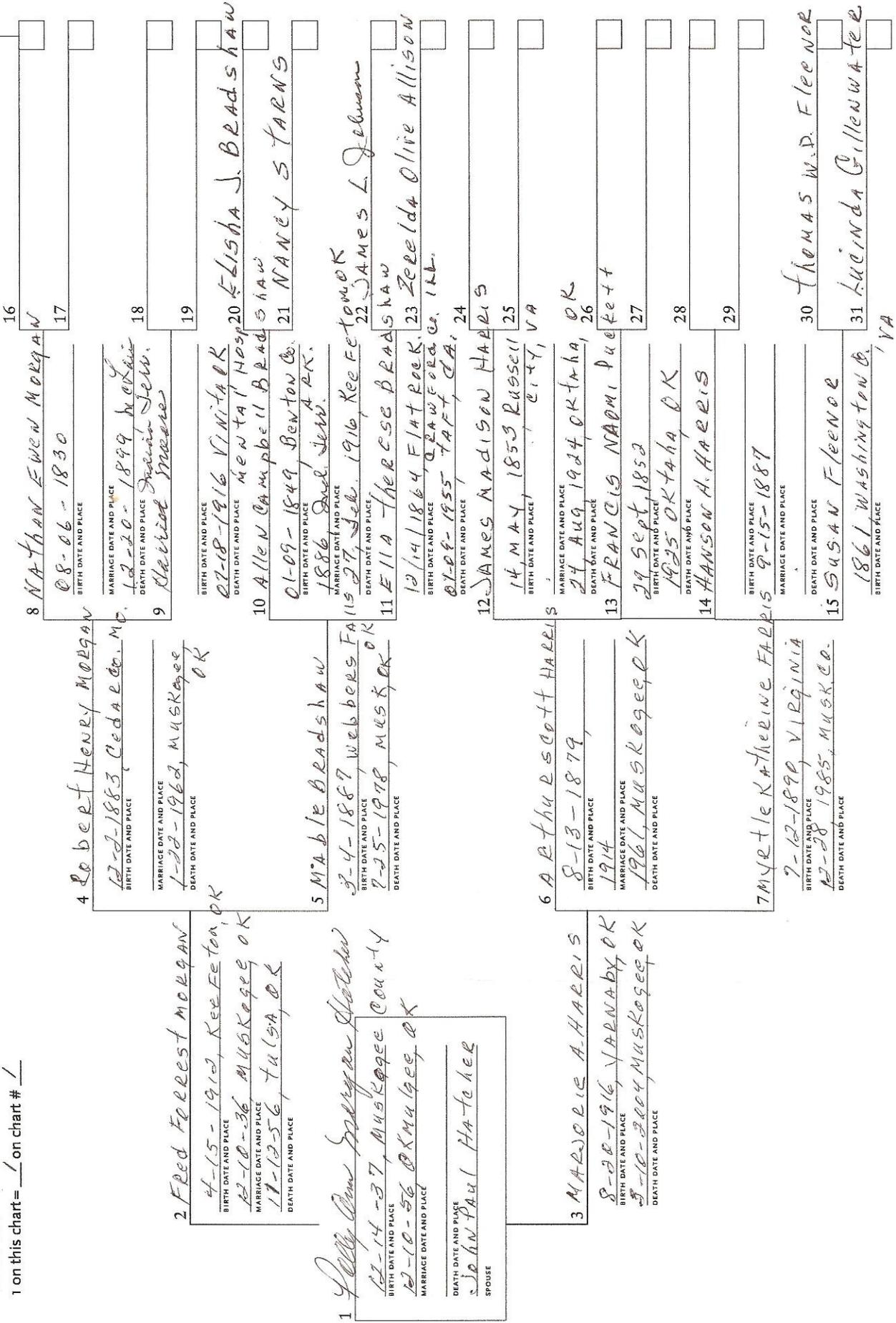
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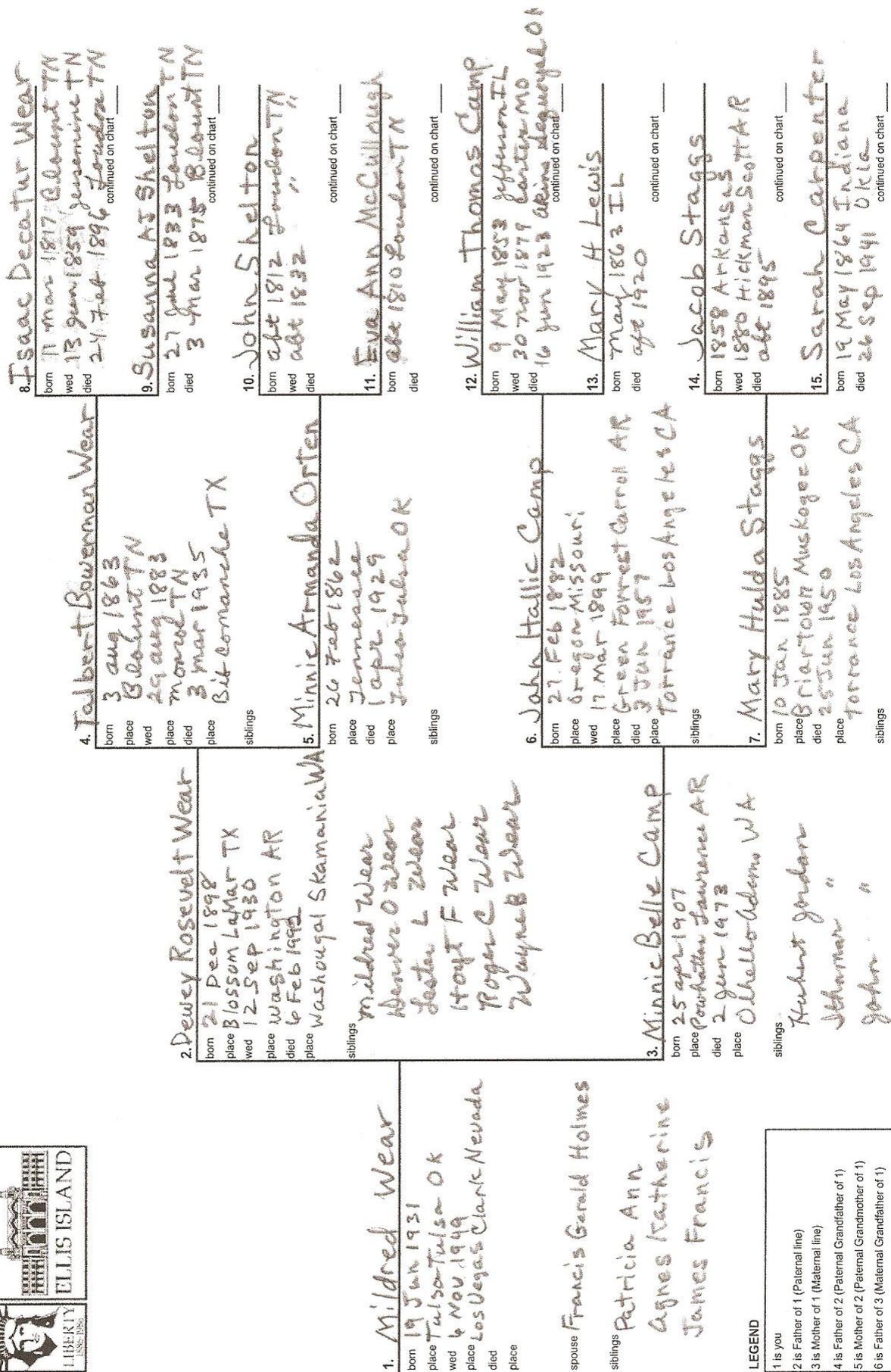
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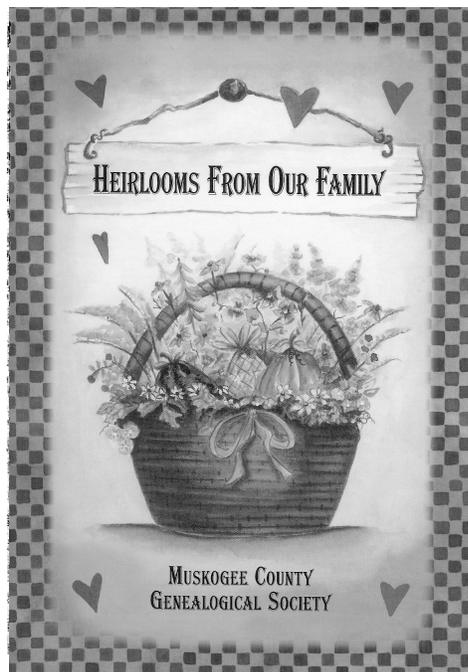
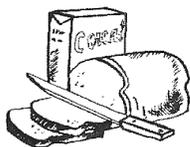


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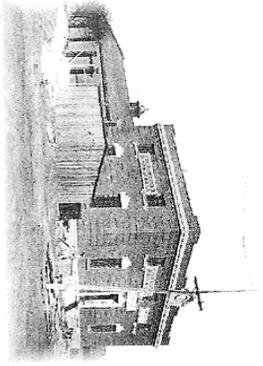


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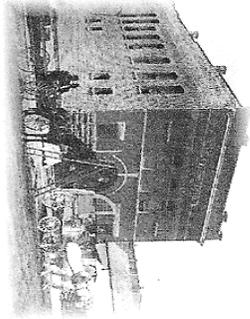
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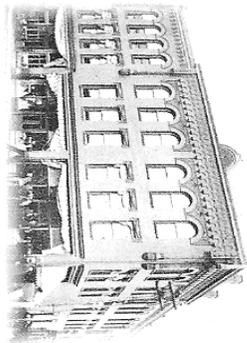
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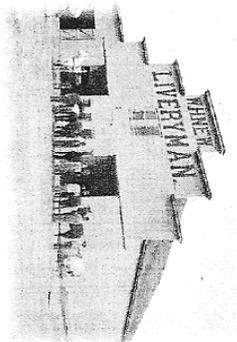
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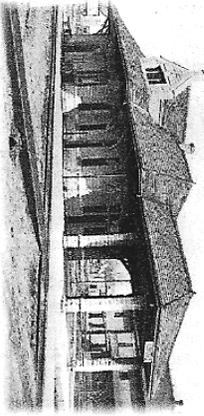
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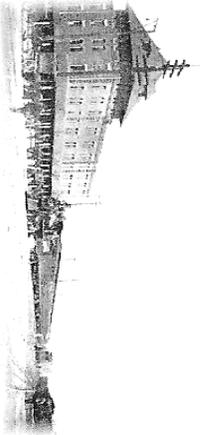
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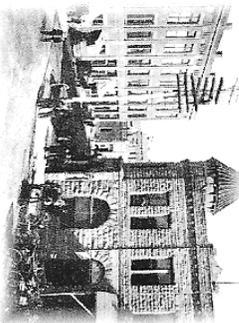
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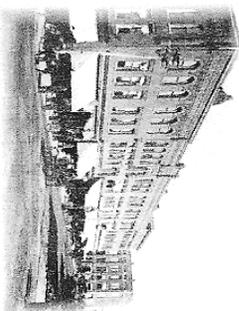
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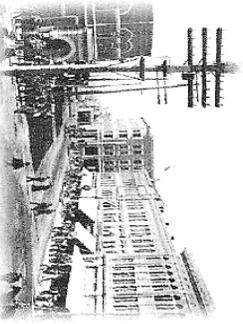
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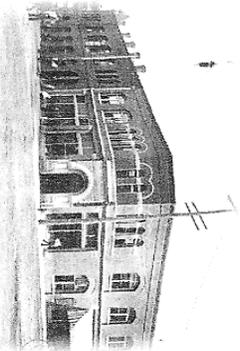
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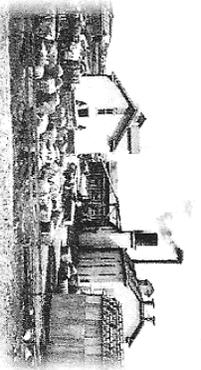
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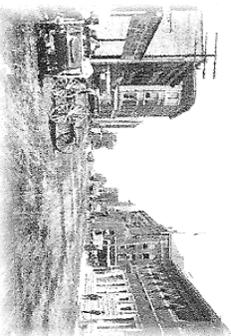
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