



# MCGS E-News

## Muskogee County Genealogical Society

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The Muskogee County Genealogical Society 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, Muskogee County, and its families.

The Society meetings are now virtual via Zoom at 6:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month until further notice, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you wish to join the online society meeting in listen only mode, [send us an email](#)

### From Our President

I recently skimmed an article that suggested there were 10 "Must-Do" genealogy projects for August. Ten? Whew! That's quite a lot to accomplish in 30 days! But there are a few things I hope you have put on your August calendar other than sunning yourself on a sunny beach somewhere. Have you checked out any of the new records being added by many online repositories? Are you aware of how Ancestry.com is causing a stir over its new policies and that you may need to make a decision about your online tree that you never thought you'd need to make? Maybe you can find a date to visit a genealogy collection before the COVID statistics cause them to impose restrictions again. What about catching up on some scanning of family photos to take to a family reunion?



I'm sure you've thought of something by now, and I hope you find some time to keep chipping away at some of those unfinished (or may not even have started yet) tasks before another year's Dog Days of Summer are in the record books.

Keep yourself and your loved ones safe! I look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

Linda Morgan Clark, President

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# REFocus New 2021

## Join Our Zoom Meetings!

MCGS uses the Zoom platform for our meetings.

The link below will connect you to the Zoom download that we use for our meetings. To participate in a meeting or other event, download the free version of Zoom This will allow you to connect to a meeting smoothly.

Download FREE Zoom Client for Meetings [HERE](#)

For help with connecting and using Zoom, try [this short video clip](#).

We want everyone to feel comfortable and welcome in our Zoom meetings. A camera is not required and you are welcome to just listen if you prefer. But for security reasons as well as courtesy to the other attendees, please let us know who you are when you join the meeting. We do encourage you to interact with us during open sessions and/or through the meeting chat window but doing so is up to you.

***Want to see  
first-hand how  
to break  
through that  
persistent  
“brick wall” in  
genealogy?***



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### **Brick Wall Breakthroughs With Thomas MacEntee Saturday September 25th 10:00 a.m.**

Using actual research problems submitted by webinar attendees, professional genealogist Thomas MacEntee will walk participants through a step-by-step research methodology process to find clues and possible solutions. Participants will have access to research logs, digital images and more during and after the webinar. Also included is a “habit recipe” to implement the same techniques used in the webinar on your own genealogy research.

Thomas MacEntee is a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community.

For safety and security we ask that you pre-register for this Zoom meeting. When you register, you will receive an email with the link to join the meeting.

[Register Here](#)

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## Here's What's Coming in October and November

### Thursday October 28, 2021

A visit with author Nathan Dylan Goodwin author of “The Chester Creek Murders” (available on amazon [here](#))

Nathan Dylan Goodwin is a writer, genealogist and educator. He was born and raised in Hastings, East Sussex. Schooled in the town, he then completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio, Film and Television Studies, followed by a Master of Arts degree in Creative Writing at Canterbury Christ Church University. A member of the Society of Authors, he has completed a number of successful local history books about Hastings, as well as several works of fiction, including the acclaimed Forensic Genealogist series and Venator Cold Case series.

His other interests include theatre, reading, photography, running, skiing, travelling and, of course, genealogy. He is a qualified teacher, member of the Guild of One-Name Studies and the Society of Genealogists, as well as being a member of the Sussex Family History Group, the Norfolk Family History Society and the Kent Family History Society. He lives in Kent with his husband, son, dog and chickens. Bio and Photo from amazon.com

More information on registration and time will be available on our website soon. This program is a joint project of MCGS and the Muskogee Public Library.



**You'll want to read *The Chester Creek Murders* before this meeting with the author!!**

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### Thursday November 18, 2021 6:00 p.m.

#### **Buns, Beards, Bodices, and Bustles: Understanding Ancestors Through Clothing with Maureen Taylor Photo Detective**



Maureen Taylor is an internationally recognized expert on historic photograph identification, photo preservation and family history research.

Sought out by clients all over the world from as far away as New Zealand, her pioneering work in historic photo research is unprecedented, evidenced by her success in solving photo mysteries. The author of several books, scholarly articles and online columns, she appeared on the View and The Today Show for completing Meredith Viera's family tree. She has been featured in numerous publications including The Boston Globe, The New York Times, Better Homes and Gardens, and was dubbed “the nation's foremost historical photo detective” by the Wall Street Journal.

Her focus is on helping people rediscover their family history one picture at a time, and is passionate about getting folks to dig deep into their family history to tell the story of their ancestors.

More information on registration will be available on our website soon.

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## MCGS Special Interest Groups

*\*MCGS Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. If you'd like to attend, email us at [mucogeso@yahoo.com](mailto:mucogeso@yahoo.com) and we will send you an invitation.*

*\*MCGS Roots&Magic Users Group meets the 2nd Thursday each month at 2:00 p.m. You'll need to REGISTER HERE.*

*Everyone is welcome!!*

## **Fun With Other Genealogical Societies!!!**

Tulsa Genealogical Society—Check for dates, times, and registration information on the TGS [website](#).

- ◆ TGS Water Cooler!! Join us while we catch up with everyone or just hang out with other genealogists and family historians.
- ◆ Virtual Research Desk with Annette. Annette Corbell, TGS Researcher

Oklahoma Genealogical Society—Check for dates, time, and registration information on the OGS [website](#)

- ◆ Saturday August 21st 9:00 a.m.-Publishing Your Genealogy Project with Debbie Warner Anderson

Ozarks Genealogical Society—Check for events, dates, time, and registration information on the OGS [website](#)

Okmulgee County Genealogical Society—Check for events, dates, time, and registration information on the OCGS [website](#)

Bartlesville Genealogical Society—Check for events, dates, time, and registration information on the BGS [website](#)

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