

Muskogee County Genealogical Society

Quarterly Publication – March 2000

Letter from the President

Once again we start a new year with great expectation. Last year was another good year for our Muskogee Count Genealogical Society. As usual, the board members and the president did an excellent job.

With the help of former and present board members, I hope to continue the good work that Diane did last year.

I cannot praise enough the members, past and present, who spend tireless hours doing the task of running the society's business. How could we start the year 2000 without mentioning the fact that this is a historic year. Lets remember that what we accomplish this year will become a part of history for generations to come.

Remember, WE are YOUR board members. Board Members for this year: President, Cleo Shamblin; Vice-President, Mary Downing; Secretary, Joanne Thompson; Treasurer, B.J.Brooks; Past President, Diane Jordan Jones. Members at Large, Aldena Powell, Linda Brooks; Quarterly Editor, Paul Betow.

Have a good Year,
President Cleo L. Shamblin

Fun, Fun, Fun ...

Now that the Y2K frenzy has come to a close, we are asking all of our current and past members to renew a pledge to become more active in our local society. If you have forgotten or missed your annual dues, we've included one of our new membership forms in this publication.

Genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States thanks in part to the internet and to the development of computer imaging equipment and compact disc technology. The Muskogee Public Library has one of the finest collections of genealogical information which has been contributed largely by private benefactors and by the Muskogee County Genealogical Society.

Within this publication, we once again include a listing of all the New Titles which have been submitted to the Grant Foreman Room for your use. A big thank-you to Wally Waits for compiling this information each quarter.

Fun, fun, fun and lots of shared learning is what our genealogy society is about. Just a short few years ago, our society was hosting Spring and Fall workshops which raised money which we in turn donated to help purchase additional resources for the Grant Foreman Room. Some of our monthly meetings during that timeframe attracted upwards of 50 members each. The more members that attended, the more fun we all had.

We are looking to you, our members, to increase your active participation in our society so that we can return to meetings with at least 50 members in attendance.

We meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Muskogee Public Library. We always have refreshments and a lot of fun, fun, fun.

You might even win a neat door prize!

We're compiling a list of internet users for distribution to our membership so send your email address to PBetow@aol.com and put the word Muskogee in the Subject Line

South Bethel Cemetery

B. J. Brooks is compiling one final book on the South Bethel Cemetery in Bragg, Oklahoma. She is needing articles for inclusion in the book about people buried in the cemetery. The book will include a listing of the people buried there. If you have ancestors buried there but they do not have a stone marker, she is looking for that information, as well. You can call B.J. at 918-478-2338 or write to her at:

B. J. Brooks
1106 E. Poplar Avenue
Ft. Gibson, OK 74434



Purpose

The Muskegee 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 and Muskegee County and its families.

2000 OFFICERS:

Cleo Shamblin, President
 Mary Downing, Vice President
 Joanne Thompson, Secretary
 B. J. Brooks, Treasurer
 Aldena Powell, Board Member
 Linda Brooks, Board Member
 Paul Betow, MCGS Editor
 Diane Jordan Jones, Past President

Meetings and Membership

*"I don't think much
 of a man who is not
 wiser today than he
 was yesterday."*

- Abraham Lincoln

MCGS meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00pm at the Muskegee Public Library, 801 West Okmulgee, Muskegee, Oklahoma.

The Board of Directors meetings are held prior to each monthly meeting beginning at 5:45pm at the library. All members are invited to attend the Board meetings.

Membership in the MCGS is open to anyone promoting the purposes of the Society.

The membership subscription is \$20.00 for both individuals and families.

All members receive the yearly quarterlies. Members joining after January membership month will receive all previous quarterlies for that year. To defray the cost of postage, members living within Muskegee County are encouraged to pickup their Quarterly at the March, June, September and December meetings.

Publication and Query Information

The Muskegee County Genealogical Society Quarterly is published 4 times a year: March, June, September and December. Back issues of the Quarterlies are available at \$3.25 each, plus \$1.50 for postage.

The Society also publishes books of genealogical interest. MUSKEEGE COUNTY AND MUSKEEGE INDIAN TERRITORY. A complete list of these books with prices is available from the Society.

The MCGS will assist with search questions from non-members. Please send your requests with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

The Muskegee County Genealogical Society

C/O The Muskegee Public Library

801 WEST OKMULGEE STREET

Muskegee, OK 74401

Queries may also be sent via email to:

mucogesoso@yahoo.com

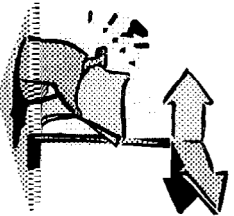


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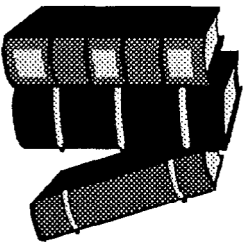
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 John Ernest, Diane Jordan Jones, B.J. Brooks, Ann Woodward Sterling, Norman Vandiver, Wally Waits, and Susie Stout.

Welcome our Newest Members:

Ann Sterling - Ann Arbor, Michigan
 Norman Vandiver – Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma
 Lee Ann Langston – Muskogee, Oklahoma
 Marshall Green – Muskogee, Oklahoma



Muskogee County Genealogical Society Publications for Sale

CHEROKEE INDIAN ROLLS: Doubtful & Rejected

An alphabetical listing of Cherokee names classified as "Doubtful" and "Rejected" by the Dawes Commission. 263 pages _____ \$25.00

INDEX OF OBITUARIES AND DEATHS EXTRACTED FROM

THE MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX, 1954-1992.

Volume I – Surnames A-D (11,073 names, 201 pages) _____ \$25.00
 Volume II – Surnames E-K (11,086 names, 203 pages) _____ \$25.00
 Volume III – Surnames L-R (11,648 names, 210 pages) _____ \$25.00
 Volume IV – Surnames S-Z (9,908 names – 180 pages) _____ \$25.00

INDEX TO PROBATES AND GUARDIANSHIPS, MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OK

1907 – 1930, 106 pages _____ \$18.00

INDEX TO DIVORCE CASES, MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OK

1914 – 1930, 103 pages _____ \$15.00

U.S. DEPUTY MARSHALS, INDIAN & OKLAHOMA TERRITORIES

1893 – 1896, 66 pages _____ \$10.00

CEMETERIES OF MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OK, Volume I

Includes Agency, Bemmo, Boynton, Brewer, Briartown, Brushy Mountain, Butler Creek, Council Hill, Doyle, Ft. Gibson/Anderson Bottom, Frozen Rock, Graves, Grayson, Plainview, Rock Grove, Starnes, Starr, Taylor, Walker, 2 Unidentified, 155 pages including index.

CEMETERIES OF MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OK, Volume II

Includes Harnage, Harris, Harris Family, Haskell, Jennings, Jobe Family, McClure, Middleton Chapel, Oktaha Community, Park, South Bethel, Summit, 1 Unidentified, 291 pages including index.

— Addison

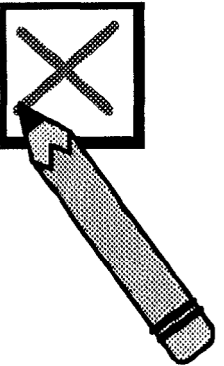
"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. As by the one, health is preserved, strengthened and invigorated; by the other, virtue (which is the health of the mind) is kept alive, cherished and confirmed."

MARRIAGE RECORDS, MUSKOGEE INDIAN TERRITORY
FIRST U.S. COURT – NORTHERN DISTRICT, Books A, B, and B-1
 July 1890 – March 1893, 108 pages including index _____ \$11.00

INDEX of DEATHS EXTRACTED FROM MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX
 January 16, 1930 – May 4, 1935, 49 pages _____ \$5.00

Order from Muskogee County Genealogical Society
 801 West Okmulgee
 Muskogee, OK 74401

Please add \$3.00, each book, for postage and handling. All books are softbound.



Twelve New Members Admitted to the Muskogee Kiwanis Club, 20 April 1926:

James Faulkner, the Reverend Hugh E. Kelso, Judge O.H. Searcy, George Myers, V.E. Anderson, Robert Emmert, A.O. Fuller, A.C. Brenis, Lewis West, C.V. Rudd, K.C. Love, Claude Williford.
Muskogee Phoenix, 21 April 1926, p. 7.

Transcribed by Diane Jordan Jones

Muskogee Phoenix, 21 April 1912

Only Living Masons In Oklahoma Who Attended First Meeting of Grand Chapter In Feb. 1890

Joseph Samuel Murrow, Atoka; Edmond H. Doyle, McAlester; Dr. Leo Bennett, Muskogee; Zachary T. Walrond, Napoleon B. Maxey, William H. Essex, James A. Scott, Muskogee.

For the first time in the last decade and perhaps for the last time, the seven pioneer Masons who attended the first meeting of the Grand Chapter in Oklahoma held in Muskogee Feb. 15, 1890 assembled together during Masonic week here.

All of these men excepting one or two, have received practically every honor within the gift of members of the Masonic Order. By successive steps they have risen in Masonry in this state and upon them largely belongs the credit for the remarkable growth of the lodge in Oklahoma.

Joseph S. Murrow of Atoka is regarded as the father of Oklahoma Masons. He has been highly honored in national Masonic circles as well as in Oklahoma. He has been active in missionary work among the Indians in this state since 1841, and was one of the founders of Bacone College of this city.

The other pioneers have been equally active in their fraternal obligations. Special mention is due Dr. Leo E. Bennett of this city for his efforts in making Masonic Week a success. Dr. Bennett is the only grand master in the state elected for the fourth consecutive time.

James A. Scott, Napoleon Maxey and Z.T. Walrond of this city share in the honors due them. all were grateful for their cordial treatment by the Muskogee Masonry.

Membership Registration for the Muskogee County Genealogical Society
— Photocopy this Form —

MUSKOGEE CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Muskogee Public Library
801 W. Okmulgee Muskogee, Ok. 74401
Ph: 682-6657, ex. 5
or 888-291-8152, ex. 5
e-mail: mucogeso@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Ph: _____ E-mail: _____ Office _____

Dues are \$20.00 per year for individual or family.
Payable at the beginning of each year to Muskogee Co. Genealogical Society.

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, at the Muskogee Public Library. Meetings are suspended, however, in July and August. The Quarterly is free for all members and distributed at meetings or may be picked up in the Grant Foreman room. Out of town members or anyone who is unable to pick up will receive their copy in the mail. Queries, articles or any contributions should be sent to the above address. Individual copies are available for \$3.00, plus postage.

Please list 4 or more surnames that you are researching and submit an ancestor chart to be published in the next Quarterly.

Surname	Event	County	State	Year
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I authorize release of this information for exchange or publication by MCGS.

Signed _____

Ancestor Chart - Susie Leona Fivekiller

Name of Compiler Susie Stout
 Address Rt 1, Box 186A
 City & State Vian, OK 74962

Ancestor Chart

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. _____ on chart No. _____.

4 Frost Star Fivekiller
 b. 1-29-1877 Father of No. 2
 p.b.
 m. 3-14-1905
 d. 11-17-1955
 p.d. Porum, OK

2 Leonard Davis Fivekiller
 b. 6-16-1908 Father of No. 1
 p.b. Porum, OK
 m. Eufaula, OK
 d. 1978
 p.d. Lawton, OK

5 Susie Chewey aka Wilkerson & Joseph
 b. 1880 - Mother of No. 2
 p.b.
 d. 12-1-1917
 p.d. Gap Prairie(Porum)

1 Susie Leona Fivekiller
 b. 1-19-1939
 p.b. Tahlequah, OK
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

6 William Henry Potter
 b. 4-21-1863-Father of No. 3
 p.b. Sagerstown, PA, Crawford County
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

3 Lonà Belzora Potter
 b. 3-23-1911-Mother of No. 1
 p.b. Hickory Ridge, OK
 d.
 p.d.

7 Lochie Paralee Carr (Kerr)
 b. 9-20-1879 Mother of No.3
 p.b. St. Clair, Alabama
 d. 4-4-79
 p.d. Warner, OK

8 Samuel Fivekiller
 b. 1853 Father of No. 4
 p.b.
 m.
 d. 1881
 p.d. Goodin
 9 Martha Goody or Gooden or Even
 Mother of No. 4
 b. 1857
 p.b.
 d. 3-20-1887
 p.d. Gap Prairie, OK

10 Eli Chewey or Chuwee/Joseph Wilkerson
 p.b. Father of No. 5
 m.
 d. 1896
 p.d.
 11 Jennie Blackhaw
 b. 1858/1860 ? Mother of No. 5
 p.b.
 d. 1883
 p.d.

12 Daniel N. Potter
 b. 1828 Father of No. 6
 p.b. Steuben Co. New York
 m. Spring Corners, Crawford Co. PA 9-10-1857
 d. 8-4-1906
 p.d. Porum, Ind. Terr.
 13 Mary Jane Hitis
 Mother of No. 6
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

14 Lafayette Logan Carr
 Father of No. 7
 b. 11-9-1852
 p.b. St. Clair, Al
 m. 11-12-1874
 d. 8-26-1894
 p.d.
 15 Balzora Jane Lawly
 b. 12-2-1857 Mother of No. 7
 p.b. Shelby Co. AL
 d. 7-12-1930
 p.d. Checotah, OK

16 Jackson Fivekiller
 Father of No. 8
 b. 1835 Cont. on Chart No. _____
 m.
 d. 1872-1874 ?
 17 Jennie Beaver
 b. Mother of No. 8
 d. Cont. on Chart No. _____
 18 John Goodey-Gooden/Goodin or Evan
 b. Mother of No. 9
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.
 19 Lizzie Frye-Youngpuppy or Puppy
 b. Mother of No. 9
 d. Cont. on Chart No. _____
 20 Chewey or Chuwee-Tsu-ee
 b. Father of No. 10
 m. Cont. on Chart No. _____
 d.
 21 Lizzie Tahnooyah or Tanoowah/Tahnoowee
 b. Mother of No. 10.
 d. 1883 Cont. on Chart No. _____
 22 Nick Blackhaw
 b. 1824 Father of No. 11.
 m. Cont. on Chart No. _____
 d. 3-18-1883
 23 Sarah Ann Halfbreed
 b. 1834 Mother of No. 11.
 d. 2-4-1894 Cont. on Chart No. _____
 24 _____
 b. Father of No. 12.
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.
 25 _____
 b. Mother of No. 12
 d. Cont. on Chart No. _____
 26 _____
 b. Father of No. 13.
 m. Cont. on Chart No. _____
 d.
 27 _____
 b. Mother of No. 13.
 d. Cont. on Chart No. _____
 28 John Kerr
 b. 6-23-1810 Father of No. 14.
 m. 10-4-1832 Cont. on chart No. _____
 d. 10-21-1882
 29 Sintha Kerr
 b. 3-25-1814 Mother of No. 14
 d. 3-15-1884 Cont. on Chart No. _____
 30 John Lawly (Lawley)
 b. Cr. 1797 Father of No. 15
 m. 12-8-1834 Born N. C.
 d.
 31 Mahalia Seals
 b. SC Mother of No. 15
 d. Cont. on Chart _____

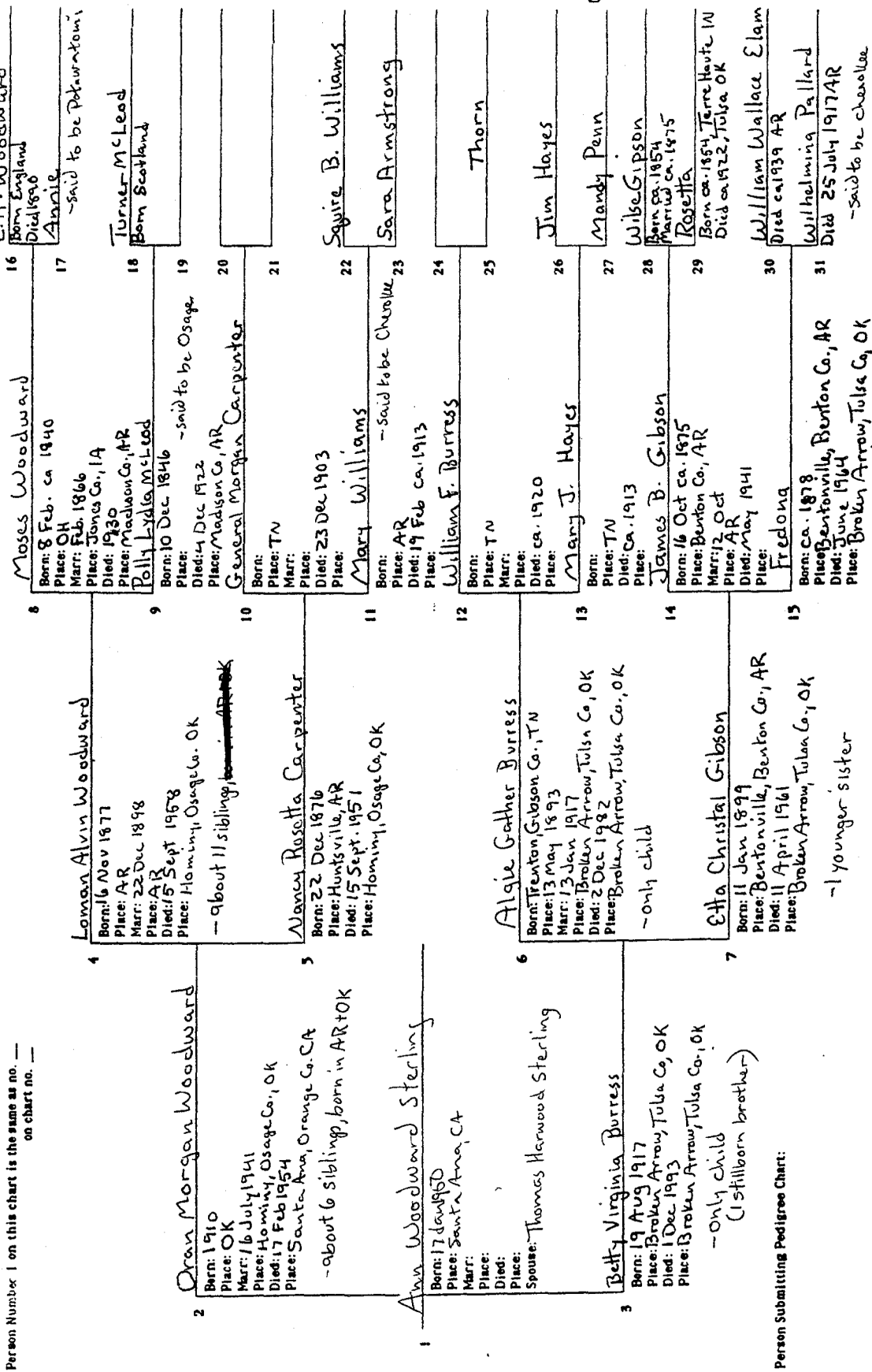
Clyde W. Stout
 Spouse of No. 1
 b. 6-7-1934 d.
 p.b. Porum, OK

Pedigree Chart - Ann Woodward Sterling

PEDIGREE CHART

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. — on chart no. —

Chart



Person Submitting Pedigree Chart:

New Teacher's Staff in City is Announced
7 May 1926 - Muskogee Daily Phoenix

Reelections of the teachers in Muskogee Schools were announced by Superintendent C.K. Reiff. Elections announced:

EDISON SCHOOL:

Mrs. A.E. Miller, Principal, Mrs. Geo Beck, May Bradford, Sue Duffield, Agnes Hall, Stella Mose, Mrs. F. Moyers.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL:

Mrs. Hallie D. Morton, Principal, Addie Bob Bowles, Mrs. Lola Bronaugh, Melda Haynes, Mary Anna Moore, Marjorie Oliver, Harriette Reisberg, Bernice Tucker Mrs. Verna Vance, Mae D. Smith.

HOUSTON SCHOOL:

T.E. Peters, Principal, Mrs. John B. Kingham, Phabrice Montgomery, Clytie Ogden, Dorothy Pugh, Nell Reed, Marine Robinson, Janet Thompson.

IRVING SCHOOL:

T.E. Jones, Principal, Jennie Adamson, Bessie Mitchell, Opal Pogue, Ruby Potts, Cleo Pritchett, Vesta Rippee, Margeane Ruble, Martha Scales, Mrs. Jessie Schafer, Mary Shirley, Marigold Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL:

Mrs. Esther Harris, Principal, Mrs. Ona Baldwin, Lola Black, Mrs. Florena Guthrie, Alleen Joblin, Nellie McGee, Evelyn Musick, Mrs. Catherine Rutherford, Janice Womack.

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL:

Birney Herrin, Principal, Amber Chandler, Anne Croom, Mrs. H.J. Erickson, Lucy Forrester, Mrs. Pauline Keaton, Martha Henry, Maybelle McCarty, Mrs. Thearle Price, Fay Probst, Gertrude Rundle, Annetta Smith, Ethel Tissington, Mary Clyde Walker.

SEQUOYAH SCHOOL:

Mayme Goodin, Principal, Ethel Beck, Mrs. Rita Caldwell, Jose Lamkin, Mrs. Arnelle Lane, Julia Lawless, LaVenia Reece, Mrs. Nellie Sellars, Adelia Yankee, Josephine Young.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL:

Laura Hardin, Principal, Mary Belle Anderson, Lonie Brewer, Nina Ruth Cain, Cordia Callahan, Mary Speed Cook, Mrs. Mary David, Emma Gray, Mrs. Anna Hellans, Mrs. Irma Palmour, Mrs. Nora Smith, Mrs. L.M. Speaker, Glenna Walker.

WHITTER SCHOOL:

Corinne Chestnut, Lillian Kinkaid, Carrie Follen, Bess Nicodemus, Grace Selfridge, Mrs. H.P. Yelverton, Adelaide Taylor, Lois Wiley.

WEST HIGH SCHOOL:

G.C. Williams, Principal, Maude Barton, Edna J. Buchanan, Mrs. R.B. Butts, Marjora Carey, Marie Crew, Viola Diehnel, Thelma Ferguson, E.A. Hillhouse, Laura V. Meyer, J.P. Morton, Grace Munch, J.E. Pace, Opal Scale, Gladys Scott, Dorothy Sterling, Olivia Teague, K.R. Warne, Mrs. M.C. Watson, Mrs. R.O. Windsor.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL:

L.M. Speaker, Principal, Harriette Beyer, Emma Boardman, R.E. Belles, Elizabeth Bonnell, W.M. Bradley, Sibyl Callahan, Fern Clark, J.D. Clay, Ruby Cochran, May

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Coffey, Mrs. W.S. Collings, Eva Curtis, Edith Curtis, Norma Jo Dougherty, Hassie Evatt, Reyburn Fernside, Kate Frank, Katherine Gibson, Mrs. Gilbertson, Anton Goetz, Parthenia Gregory, George Halder, Ethel Henson, J.T. Huckstep, Bessie Huff, Mary Huffaker, Anne Hunter, Emily Hunter, M.E. Hurst, Goldie Lemon, Elizabeth Little, W.V. Martin, Henrietta Michael, Bonna Miller, Mrs. T.H. Moore, Mrs. Joe Nettles, Allen Palmer, Kathryn Parker, C.E. Paul, Thelma Peters, W.J. Bennie, Mrs. D.O. Bondenberger, Louise Scales, Nola Jean Sharp, Byrd Shelton, Della Sherman, W.D. Shinn, Catherine Sterling, L.F. Stewart, J.E. Sullivan, C. Oscar Swain, Sarah Thornton, M.C. Watson, Faith Way, B.L. Wertz, Buena V. White, Mrs. J.C. Winders, L.E. Worley, Mrs. Lina N. Reed, who has been principal at Whittier, left because of illness several weeks ago, and probably will be unable to return next year. No successor has been elected as yet.

New Members - Muskogee County Genealogical Society

Norman Vandiver - Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma

Surnames Researching:

Vandiver, Southard, Wisdom

Ann Sterling - Ann Arbor, Michigan

Surnames Researching:

Woodward, Burress, Gibson/Gipson

Marshall Lewis Green - Muskogee, Oklahoma

Surnames Researching:

Pelley, Fambrough, Green, Hutton, Rich, Stevens, Byrd, Moake, Mills, Stewart, Weakley, Cabell, Dowden, Clarke, Mann, Allen, Jones, Rafferty, Doss, Manlove, Bland, Carpenter, Cathey, Given(s), Rosson

Lee Ann Langston - Muskogee, Oklahoma

Surnames Researching:

Latimer, Johnson, Langston, Pralle

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Family Genealogies

Manning Family. Donated by Rae Lindsey.

Eula Yvonne (Shobe) Jones. Brokaw Long-Lewis and Related Families. Donated by author.

Perry, Octavia Jordan. A Saga of Strouds & Strodes. Donated by Deone Penquite and the Muskogee Indian Territory Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Wood Family Newsletter, v.9-11, v. 12-17, & v. 13-26, 1981-98. Donated by Jim Voss.

Armstrong, William C. The Kerr Clan of New Jersey.

Owens, Carlos R. Scarboroughs and Scarbroughs of Stewart County, Tennessee, A Family History. Donated by the Oklahoma Society, John Plumb Chapter, National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century.

Harris, Shirley D. Addendum No. 1, Dated June 9, 1998 To The Chenowith Family In America.

Friendly, Natalie Brooks. The Friendly Family. The Descendants of the Freundlichs of Bavaria.

Foreign Resources

Journal of the Clan Campbell, v. 20 (1993). Donated by Joanne Thompson.

Journal of the Clan Campbell, v. 21 (1994). Donated by Joanne Thompson.

Journal of the Clan Campbell, v. 22 (1995). Donated by Joanne Thompson.

Journal of the Clan Campbell, v. 23 (1996). Donated by Joanne Thompson.

Highlander, v. 31 (1993). Donated by Joanne Thompson.

Highlander, v. 32 (1994). Donated by Joanne Thompson.

The Search For Missing Friends, v. 7. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Wright, Esther Clark. The Loyalists of New Brunswick.

Lontz, Mary Belle. Our German, Pilgrim and Quaker Ancestors. Donated by Georgia Perkins.

Hall, Charles M. The Palatine Pamphlet.

Masterson, Josephine. Ireland: 1841/1851 Census Abstracts (Republic of Ireland). Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Ireland: 1841/1851 Census Abstracts (Northern Ireland). Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Farmer, John. A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Barnes, Robert W. British Roots of Maryland Families. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Johnson, Keith A. and Malcolm R. Sainty. Genealogical Research Directory. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Oliver, Reginald L. Your Ancient Canadian Family Ties.

Yurdan, Marilyn. Irish Family History.

Weiner, Miriam. Jewish Roots In Poland.

Ryan, James G. Irish Records.

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- Von Moos, Mario. Bibliography of Swiss Genealogies.
 De Zayas, Alfred M. Nemesis at Potsdam.
 Mitchell, Brian. A Guide to Irish Churches and Graveyards.
 Byers, Paula K. Hispanic American Genealogical Sourcebook.
 The American Network of Italian Genealogy. POINT, The Italian Surname Data Base Annual Directory #9, 1997. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.
 The American Network of Italian Genealogy. POINT, The Italian Surname Data Base Annual Directory #10, 1998. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.
POINTERS. The American Journal of Italian Genealogy. v. 10. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.
Irish Immigrants To North America, 1803-71. 1 CD. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.
Genealogist's All-in-One Address Book 1 CD. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.
 Weis, Frederick L. The Magna Charta Sureties, 1215.
 Mitchell, Brian. A Guide to Irish Parish Registers.
 Thode, Ernest. German-English Genealogical Dictionary.
 Chorzempa, Rosemary A. Polish Roots.
 Grenham, John. Tracing Your Irish Ancestors.
 Cook, A.M. Lincolnshire Links With The U.S.A. Donated by Barbara Godfrey Gaskin, Foxton, England.

Native American Resources

- Leeds, Georgia Rae. The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.
 Snow Flower. My Family Tells This Story.

United States: General

- Mayflower Quarterly*, v. 64 (1998).
 Loyalists in the American Revolution. 1 CD. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.
Muster and Pay Rolls of the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783.
 Bockstruck, Lloyd D. Revolutionary Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments.
Directory of Family "One-Name" Periodicals, 1991-1992.
 Scott, Craig R. The "Lost" Pensions Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838.
 Wisdom, Emma J. Planning a Family Reunion.
 Smith, Clifford Neal. Federal Land Series, Vol. 1: 1788-1810. Donated by Georgia Perkins.
 Smith, Clifford Neal. Federal Land Series, Vol. 2: 1799-1835. Donated by Georgia Perkins.
 Clark, Murtie June. Loyalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War, 2 v.
 Berry, Ellen Thomas and David Allen. Our Quaker Ancestors.
 Matthews, Tony. Paper Trees Genealogical Clip-art.
Prologue, v. 29, 1997. Donated by Wally Waits.

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Prologue, v. 30, 1998. Donated by Wally Waits.

Register of the General Society of the War of 1812: 1972 & 1976 Bicentennial Supplement to the 1972 Register.

The Roster of the General Society of the War of 1812. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Holmes, Frank R. Directory of the Ancestral Heads of New England Families: 1620-1700. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Crowther, III, George Rodney. Surname Index to Sixty-Five Volumes of Colonial and Revolutionary Pedigrees. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Coleman, Terry. Going to America. Donated by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Forum, v.7, 1995

Forum, v. 10, 1998

Consumer Guide. Tracing Your Roots.

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“GENEALOGICAL DATA extracted from Muskogee Weekly Phoenix Indian Territory 1888 - 1902”

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This compilation of 3 books previously printed contains information of births, deaths, marriages, murders, suicides, social events and other facts that occurred in the above period in the Muskogee County area. Contrary to many publications, these are events pertaining to the everyday citizen, along with the prominent, who appeared in the newspaper. It contains 198 pages with complete name index.

Samples taken from the book are as follows:

July 17, 1888 - Obituary - Elbert S. Cobb died in this city at G.N. Elliot's residence Monday morning. He was the brother of John Cobb. Came from Louisville, Texas.

May 8, 1890 - Estate settlement of Robert Rawson, who died in the Creek Nation.

May 12, 1892 - Mr. Hailey, a stockman was run over by an engine at Braggs Saturday last and instantly killed.

July 21, 1892 - Married at the residence of Mr. A.P. McKellop on Sunday evening last, Mr. A.E. McKellop and Miss Hattie Smith, both of Sapulpa, I.T. Mr. McKellop is the National Tax Collector for the Creek Nation they will honeymoon in Texas.

June 20, 1901 - Died - Trooper John F. Martin, of the 8th U.S. Cavalry, located at Ft. Gibson, was drowned in Grand River while watering his horse.

December 25, 1902 - Boynton's First baby - December 16th a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ezell of Boynton, who became the first child born in the busy, hustling little town on the Ozark and Cherokee-Central Railroad.

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Bacone Cemetery – Bacone College Muskogee, Oklahoma

Row 1:

1. Abel Archibald
d. Mar. 3, 1921 age 23 yrs.
2. Maribelle McCrea West
Nov. 10, 1911- Mar. 20, 1969
3. Lovina Wallace
died Feb. 25, 1918 age 9 years
Erected by students and Teachers of Bacone College, 1920
4. Solomon Folsom died May 1915 age 16 years
Erected by students and teachers of Bacone, 1920

Row 2:

5. Mrs. S.A. Carey 1836-----1913

Row 3:

6. WLT
7. LW

Row 4:

8. Grace Berger Weeks Jan 23, 1886
Dec 28, 1962
9. Benjamin D. Weeks, D.D. PRESIDENT BACONE
Sept. 27, 1881
Oct. 4, 1950
10. Bessie Lee Daughter of C.I. & J.L. Cowan
Feb/ 2. 1906 Apr 22, 1907
11. *Rock: No Inscription
12. Mary Prosser Jayne 1867-----1937
Thirty-Sitx Years a Missionary To The Indians of Oklahoma
Faith-Service Immortality
13. *Rock: No Inscription

Row 5:

14. Roy Lee Spinks
Dec 15, 1902 Dec 26 1990
IN GOD'S CARE
A KIND AND GENTLE MAN
15. Alice Bent Spinks

Bacone Cemetery – Bacone College Muskogee, Oklahoma

16. June 6, 1908
Mar 10, 1996
IN GOD'S CARE
A GIVING CARING PERSON
17. BACONE
April 25, 1830
April 22, 1896
Almon C. Bacone
"In Memory of Almon C. Bacone President and Founder of Indian University, Indian Territory. Born April 25, 1830, died April 22, 1896 Erected by his wife, children, pupils, and friends"
"No Man In Indian Territory was more greatly esteemed and loved than President Bacone who rests from his Labors but his works follow him"
"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his"
Numbers 23:10
"A Christian school planted in the midst of a people, becomes one of the most powerful agencies in the work of civilization" A.C.B.
"Hundreds of Indian youth were inspired to a higher life by him, who was actuated by the above and like principles"
18. Albert J. Shoemaker
Prof. Of Humanities and Physical Science in Indian University
Born in *Alshoney Co. Pen
April 26, 1854
Died Nov. 10, 1887
"Students: hear his last words to you. Life is but a shadow; It lasts only an hour only an hour."
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19. M.P. Sleeper June 15, 1846
Aug 20, 1891
20. M.P. (rock-engraving not readable)

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Diane Jordan Jones, Norman Vandiver
21 October 1999.

January 4, 2000

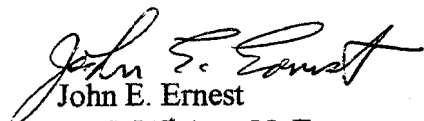
Muskogee County Genealogical Society
801 West Okmulgee
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is an article I recently wrote concerning my Earnest ancestors in Oklahoma. I have been in the process for several years recording and publishing stories about my family in Oklahoma since they arrived in Indian Territory in 1872. I have prepared another article which is enclosed. Because the incident happened in your area I think it would be appropriate for a local genealogical society to publish it. I can furnish original pictures and the text on disk in either Word or WordPerfect format.

I hope you find the story interesting and can publish it. I am sure your readers can relate to the area described. I have also written an article titled "We Are Cherokee", published here locally but not as yet in Oklahoma. I can send you a copy for your consideration. It is fully documented as the one enclosed.

Sincerely,


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A Murder in Lenna¹

Then and now . . .

There must have been some excitement and dismay when the residents living in and near this small rural farming town read in the Eufaula Republican that their neighbor Lewis Ernest had been murdered.² His wife Ada Belle was suspected of having been involved. Lewis Ernest, who lived a mile south of Lenna, was killed on Wednesday night, May 17, 1911. The suspected killer, William Moore (whose real name was Charles Favro) and Mrs. Ernest had been arrested for the crime.³ (Charles Favro was born Charles Favor. All Prison and Court records relate to Charles Favro.)

Today the town of Lenna, in McIntosh County, in the former Creek Nation in eastern Oklahoma, has all but disappeared. Two churches, a well cared for cemetery and several houses remain. There is no longer a road sign indicating the location of the town. However, the gas station in Stidham about four miles away provided the necessary directions. The only life that greeted us in Lenna was a dog sitting in an otherwise empty dirt road.⁴ The Post Office which had opened in 1902⁵ had long since closed.

What happened . . .

The Indian Journal dated May 26, 1911, page 1, gave the following account.⁶ "Lewis Ernest, a farmer, living a mile south east of Lenna was shot in killed at his home Wednesday night of last week. Will Moore (an alias used by Charles Favro), a neighbor, and Mrs. Ernest, wife of the deceased, have been arrested and are now in the County jail. Moore had been boarding with the Ernests and is thought to have been on friendly terms with Mrs. Ernest. Moore was driven from the place, but returned a few days later. Mrs. Ernest first claimed that it was an accident and then later claimed it was a suicide, but later in a signed statement says William Moore is the man that committed the crime. Moore says he knows nothing about the affair further than Mrs. Ernest telling him that if he did not kill her husband she was going to. Both William Moore (Charles Favro) and Mrs. Ernest were held in the County jail without bail. Moore came to the Lenna neighborhood in the winter. Nothing has been learned about his places of residences, and he is very secretive concerning his past life."

The Earnest family from Virginia . . .

Lewis Ernest's father James Edwin (Ed) Earnest and his brother Henry Clay Earnest, both confederate Civil War veterans,⁷ sons of John Hundley Earnest, Esq. and Lucy Ann (Whitlock) of Hanover Co., Virginia.⁸ They left Virginia sometime after 1869⁹ and were in Indian Territory Oklahoma by 1872. Ed Earnest had received permission from the Principal chief of the Creek Nation to reside there as an "intruder."¹⁰ In 1874 Ed Earnest married Amanda Williams Goodow, the widow of Charles A. Goodow.¹¹ They settled in Fame¹² about five miles from Lenna.¹³ Lewis Edward, their fifth child was born there 21 May 1888.¹⁴ Ed Earnest died of pneumonia in 1887.¹⁵

In 1892 Lewis' mother Amanda Earnest married Chatman Riley, a Creek Indian¹⁶ and her third husband. Chatman Riley did not like the Earnest children.¹⁷ When Lewis' brother Thomas Henry was about 11, Chatman hit Thomas with a stick of wood, permanently damaging the sight of one eye. Sometime after that Lewis Edward and his brother Thomas Henry Earnest went to live with Thomas E. Moore, a Creek Indian¹⁸ and the stepson of their grandmother Lizzie Williams Moore, mother of Amanda Williams.¹⁹ Their sisters, Nettie, Betty and Myrtle Earnest went to live with their grandmother Lizzie Moore in Tecumseh, Pottawatomie Co., Oklahoma.^{20 21}

On 23 July 1907, Lewis Ernest married²² Ada Belle Kannada in Stidham, Oklahoma and they lived next-door to Ada Belle's parents, Wiley and Cella Colvord Kannada.²³ Lewis was 19 and Ada Belle was only 15 years old. On 11 August 1910, their first child Audie Augusta Ernest was born.²⁴ At the time of the murder Ada Belle was pregnant with their second child Lewis Edward, Jr., who was born on 4 December 1911.²⁵



Ada Belle Kannada Ernest (right) with her sister Agnes Kennedy (1913). Printed by permission of Susie Kannada Mohr, Novato, California.

The Kannada family from Arkansas . . .

William Wylie Kannada, son of Isham Kannada, a Civil War veteran, and Celetee Northam Kannada, was born in Arkansas 29 April 1867. William Wylie and his wife Cella Columbia Colvord were married in Charleston, Franklin Co., Arkansas on 26 December 1889. Their first child, a daughter named Ada Belle was born 22 December 1891. William and Cella and daughter Ada Belle, left Franklin Co., Arkansas about 1893 and settled in the Creek Nation on a farm near Lenna, Oklahoma.²⁶

Charles Favor/Favro from Texas . . .

Charles Favor was born in Sedalia, Missouri on 8 February 1870, the son of William Favor and Mary Street.²⁷ By 1880, Mary, a widow age 29, was living in Navarro Co., Texas with her three children, Charles, Samuel and William.²⁸ Charles left his mother's household sometime around 1886, when Charles was just 16.²⁹ Charles could not read or write and never attended school. He was 5' 9", weighed 135 lbs., had blue eyes, black hair and was mexican in appearance.³⁰ On 19 November 1892, Charles married Miss. Pamila Vinton of Pearsall, Texas.³¹ On 23 February 1893, a daughter Ida Vinton Favor was born in Pearsall.³²

On 10 June 1887, at age 17, Charles was convicted in Frio County



Charles Favro
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Carmen Luna of Pearsall,
Texas

Court of being a horse thief and was sentenced to four years in the State Prison at Rusk, Texas. During his prison term, Charles(No. 2807) was punished twice, having received 15 lashes the first time for laziness and 17 lashes the second time for refusing to work. His sentence was due to expire on 21 June 1892 but was discharged on 9 March 1892.³³

On 5 December 1896, Charles was charged in Frio County Court with "carrying on or about his person a pistol." Charles was arrested but posted bail in the amount of \$200. Trial was set for April 1897. Charges were dismissed due to the conviction in April 1897 for theft for which Charles received ten years in prison.³⁴

On 22 December 1896, Charles was indicted in Frio County Court for assault. The indictment stated that Charles Favro "did then and there unlawfully in an upon Demetio Sanches, with a pistol, the same being then and there a deadly weapon, commit an aggravated assault and did then and there strike the said Demetio Sanches with said pistol." Trial was set for 19 April 1897. Charges were dismissed due to the conviction in April 1897 for theft for which Charles received ten years in prison.³⁵

On 23 April 1897, Charles pled guilty in Frio County Court to a charge of theft of a mule for which he was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas State Prison.³⁶ During his time in prison he escaped and was gone for one year, two months and eight days. Charles(No.15104) was recaptured on 3 January 1899. Charles was discharged on April 5, 1906.³⁷ During his time in prison, a son, Charlie Favor was born on 11 Dec. 1900.³⁸

On 24 August 1908, Charles was again in Frio County Court charged with violation of the Local Option Law. He was found guilty and was fined \$20 and sentenced to 20 days in jail.³⁹

In September 1908, Charles was charged by the State of Texas in Frio County Court with assault to murder. The indictment states that Charles Favro on August 16, 1908 "did then and there unlawfully in and upon Jesus Gonzalez with malice aforethought make an assault with the intent then and there to murder the said Jesus Gonzalez." Charles claimed self defense and that Jesus Gonzales had advanced upon him in a threatening manner with a club or stick which was capable of producing great bodily harm on him and that he(Charles) had the right to repel such an attack and act on his right of self defense and was not bound to retreat. The jury found Charles not guilty as charged in the indictment.⁴⁰

Sometime after that, Charles was charged in Bexar County with a felony(perjury) and jumped bond. A warrant was issued for his arrest.⁴¹

Charles Favro escapes to Oklahoma Indian Territory . . .

One could understand why Charles Favro might change his name(to William Moore) and hide in the former Creek Nation in Oklahoma. It is approximately 473 miles from San Antonio to Lenna, Oklahoma.⁴² Charles may have come by train as the Katy(Missouri, Kansas & Texas) which

originated in Katy, Texas, east of San Antonio in Bexar County, passed through Eufaula, Oklahoma about 18 miles east of Lenna.⁴³

Indian Territory in eastern Oklahoma had a long history of lawlessness which increased during and after the Civil War. While the war raged, the Federal Government "withdrew all restraint, vacated all military posts and abandoned all governmental functions; the country was given over to such criminal elements as chose to seek sanctuary there from the lawful restraints that prevailed elsewhere." After the Civil War the Indians were very much left to shift for themselves. Lawlessness in the Territory derived in large part from the introduction of whisky from Texas and Arkansas.⁴⁴

Many famous outlaws came to Oklahoma Indian Territory. After the Civil War, Jesse and Frank James and the Younger brothers came to Indian Territory on their way to robbing the First National Bank in Northfield, Minnesota in 1876.⁴⁵ Belle Starr known as the Outlaw Queen and the most notorious women of all Indian Territory lived about 35 miles east of Lenna at Hoyt in the Choctaw Nation. She attracted many outlaws to the area including the Younger Gang. Cole Younger was the father of Bell's first child, Pearl.⁴⁶ The Dalton Gang, Bill, Grat and Emmett operated in Indian Territory from which they committed crimes in Kansas, Texas and Missouri. Bill Dalton was killed near Ardmore, in the Chickasaw Nation in 1894.⁴⁷

Even as late as 1911, the lawlessness continued. The Indian Journal dated Friday, June 2, 1911, contained the following on the front page:

"DAVIS AND STARR PUT UP FIGHT. One member of posse is killed and five wounded. Pony Starr and Joe Davis stand off armed men. Standing in the doorway of his home, his wife by his side loading the guns, Pony Starr cousin to Henry Starr the famous train robber and bandit, with his friend Joe Davis, killed one man and dangerously wounded five more of a masked and disguised posse yesterday morning. During the battle which lasted almost a half hour, more than 200 shots were exchanged. Both men made their escape."

In the fall of 1912, the Katy(MK & T) was held up south of Crowder, Oklahoma on the south side of the Canadian River, about 20 miles south of Lenna. The three train robbers got away with nearly \$100,000. ⁴⁸

The full story . . .

On September 15, 1911, the front page of the Indian Journal contained the following headline:

"WILLIAM MOORE FOUND GUILTY FOR MURDER OF LEWIS ERNEST
MRS. ERNEST DISMISSED"

"About 9:00 Wednesday night, May 17, 1911, Lewis Ernest was shot in killed at his home south

east of Lenna, a small town about 18 miles west of Eufaula. Ernest came to his death from a discharge of his own shotgun. Shortly after the shot was heard by neighbors, Mrs. Ernest gave the alarm. The neighbors who reached the house found Ernest reclining halfway inside the door of his home. Blood and brains were scattered over the floor, and a frightful hole above his left ear. William Moore and the wife of the dead man were both arrested by Deputy Sheriff John Turney and Constable Bearden.

Mrs. Ernest at first claimed that it was a suicide, but she made a statement later in which she claims that William Moore(Charles Favro)is the man who fired the shot. Before her confession she is said to have told several different stories as to how it happened. Moore's unsatisfactory accounts as to his whereabouts at the time of the killing, which were disputed by others, together with other suspicious circumstances, convinced the officers that they had the right party, even before the confession of Mrs. Ernest. William Moore denied his guilt, but claims that Mrs. Ernest tried to get him to kill (her husband Lewis) Ernest the Sunday before the crime, and Moore claims she said then if he did not kill her husband she would kill him herself."

The criminal charge . . .

A document titled "INFORMATION" concerning both Ada Belle Ernest and William Moore filed with the District Court in Macintosh County, read as follows:

"The said Ada Earnest did then and there purposely, willfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought and without authority of law and with a premeditated design then and there to effect the death of one Lewis Earnest did then and there make an assault on the said Lewis Earnest with a certain gun which said gun was then and there loaded and charged with gun powder and leaden bullets and by her the said Ada Earnest then and there held in her hand and she the said Ada Earnest did then and there unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought and without authority of law and with the premeditated design to then and there effect the death of the said Lewis Earnest, discharge and shoot off the said gun at, upon and against the said Lewis Earnest thereby shooting said leaden bullets into the and through the body of him the said Lewis Earnest and thereby inflicting upon the body of the said Lewis Earnest mortal wound of which said wound so inflicted the said Lewis Earnest did then and there immediately die and so in manner and form charged the said Ada B. Earnest did then and there murder and kill said Lewis Earnest."⁴⁹

The Trial . . .

The trial began on the 12th day of September 1911. The defendant Charles Favro(alias William Moore) was represented by his attorney C. H. Tully, Esq. and the State of Oklahoma was represented by John W. Robertson and McIntosh County by Horace B. Reubelt. A petit jury of 12 men were selected and duly sworn to try this case. At that point trial was recessed.⁵⁰

On Wednesday the 13th day of September 1911, the trial was resumed. While there were no eye

witnesses to the shooting, circumstantial evidence pointed strongly to the man's guilt. Attorney C. H. Tully represented the prisoner and made a strong plea in his behalf. Having heard all of the sworn testimony of the witnesses and the argument of counsel, the jury retired in the custody of the bailiff to consider the evidence. The jury reported at 10:00 Wednesday night that they had found him guilty. The jury was unable to agree on the punishment to be inflicted.⁵¹ They left the punishment to be fixed by the court.

A Sheriff from Texas . . .

During the trial, Deputy Sheriff J. W. Galbreath came from San Antonio, Texas, to take Moore(Charles Favro) back with him in the event that he(Moore) had been released. Moore is wanted in Texas for jumping his bond on some felony charges. Deputy Galbreath said that "Moore, or Favro, as his real name is, has served fourteen years in the penitentiary on a charge of murder before, and has been out about two years. He is of Mexican descent, and an all-around bad character." Mr. Galbreath left immediately after the conviction without his man.⁵²

Now for some oral family history . . .

Maggie Moore Tatum, daughter of Thomas E. Moore⁵³ recounted the following story to her daughter-in-law Mildred Tatum. "Lewis was killed by a mexican man, who worked for some folks by the name of McClain, a neighbor of the Ernests. He (Moore/Favro) and Lewis's wife got involved with each other. He went over to the Ernest's place to ask(Lewis) if he could borrow his gun, probably to go hunting. Lewis loaned it to him, he(Moore/Favro) went out the front door, the wife stepped out the back door, the man stepped back in and shot him(Lewis) in the head with his own gun. Lewis had a small girl, not walking yet, named Audie. She was sitting on the floor and when he (Lewis) fell he hit her or fell on her."

"During the trial Henry (Lewis's brother Thomas Henry) went back several times with a gun, he was going to kill him(Favro), but they took the guns from him. They found the man guilty, and he was hung there in Eufaula on a tree, called the hanging tree. She said that part of a rope was left hanging, and she could remember seeing it as a small girl, when they went into town. The women of the Town were so up in the air with the woman(Ada Belle), that some of them went to her place tied her to a tree or something, had put something around it and doused her with kerosene to burn her up, when someone came and made them stop."⁵⁴

However, the Eufaula Republican of September 22, 1911 stated that Charles Favro, alias William Moore, had been sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary for the murder of Lewis Ernest on the night of May 17, 1911. On October 10, 1911, Charles Favro was admitted to the



Audie Augusta Ernest
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Oklahoma State Prison.⁵⁵ (Well, so much for oral family history) While in prison, Charles' wife Pamila Favor died in Pearsall, Texas on 7 May 1915.⁵⁶ During his imprisonment, Charles Favro escaped once on October 12, 1920 and was recaptured and returned on January 21, 1921. On June 20, 1926, he was granted parole for six months to December 18, 1926. Parole was revoked and he was returned to prison on September 29, 1927. Charles Favro, now 60 years of age was paroled on January 1, 1930.⁵⁷ Charles died at age 72 on 30 March 1942 in Miguel, Frio Co., Texas.⁵⁸

Ada Belle Ernest . . .

On 21 October 1913, Ada Belle Ernest married Tom Haley.⁵⁹ They had a son William Richard who died in infancy. Tom Haley and Ada Belle's father William Kannada helped Ada Belle raise her two children. On 14 October 1926, Ada Belle died from the bite of a black widow spider. She is buried in the Lenna Cemetery.⁶⁰ Tom Haley died in November 1952 in Dewar, Oklahoma.⁶¹

Audie Augusta Ernest . . .

Audie's mother Ada Belle told her very little about the circumstances of her father's death. Audie and her brother Lewis, Jr. had a very hard life while growing up, especially after their mother's death in 1926. There was not a good relationship between them and their step-father, Tom Haley. One time when her grandmother Amanda (Earnest) Riley and her daughter Minnie were in a grocery store, they would not speak to her. No one would speak to her concerning the Ernest Family.⁶² In 1931, Audie married Tom Walker who was killed in a mine accident in 1944 and she had to raise her five children by herself.⁶³ Her brother Lewis Edward Ernest, Jr. died 24 January 1979.⁶⁴ Audie Ernest Walker died on 31 March 1989 and is buried in the City Cemetery in Henryetta, Oklahoma.⁶⁵

1. Named for Lenna Moore, a local Creek Indian. Lenna, Oklahoma is in McIntosh Co. about 13 miles north west of Eufaula. George H. Shirk, Oklahoma Place Names (Norman, Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma Press, 1965).

2. The Oklahoma Historical Society does not have a copy of the Eufaula Republican newspaper for the week of the murder but the Indian Journal dated May 26, 1911 made reference to the to the story of the crime being told in full "in last week's Republican."

3. The Indian Journal dated May 26, 1911, page 1. Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

4. My wife and I made a trip there in April 1999.

5. George H. Shirk, Oklahoma Place Names.

6. The Eufaula Indian Journal and later the Indian Journal was established in 1876 and is the oldest newspaper in Oklahoma. Source; C. W. "Dub" West, Editor, McIntosh County

Memories(Thomason Printing Company, 1993), page 98.

7. Confederate Military Record for James E. Earnest. Enlisted December 13, 1864 in Richmond, Virginia. M324, Roll 315, card # 51019637. Confederate Military Record for Henry Clay Earnest, Virginia Confederate Rosters, Reel 3, Vol. 6, page 252. Source; Virginia State Library & Archives, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

8. John H. Earnest household, 1850 U. S. Census, Hanover Co., Virginia, population schedule, South Eastern Dist., page 410, family # 30; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 949.

9. Deed executed between H. C. Earnest and J. E. Earnest dated 14 September 1869. H. C. Earnest deeds land located in Hanover Co. formally owned by Charles Whitlock, to J. E. Earnest. Pulaski County, Virginia Court records. Pulaski, Virginia 24301. (It is thought that the two brothers were living with their married sister Harriet Jane Cloyd in Dublin, Virginia.)

10. Letter dated 8 November 1876 from G. W. Stidham to Lucian Harjo, Principal Chief, supporting Ed Earnest's continued residence in the Creek Nation. Document #31289. Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

11. Ibid.

12. Fame is five miles northwest of Eufaula. A post office from June 9, 1894 to July 2, 1965. The name was selected by local residents for the surrounding "famous bottom land" of the valley of the North Canadian river. Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

13. Oral family history. Thomas Henry Earnest(1884-1970) said that he and his brother Lewis were born in Fame. (Thomas H. Ernest is the Author's grandfather.)

14. Lewis Ernest death certificate. Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

15. Oral family history. Lewis's brother Thomas Henry said that his father Ed died when he(Thomas) was 2 ½ years old.

16. Enrollment Card #3074, Dawes Roll No. 8714, National Archives Publication M1186, roll #81.

17. Oral family history. An often told story by my Aunts and Uncles in Oklahoma.

18. Enrollment Card #478, Dawes Roll No. 1574, National Archives Publication M1186, roll #78.

19. Oral family history.

20. John E. Ernest, "We Are Cherokee, A Case study", Seattle Genealogical Bulletin, Autumn 1998, Vol. 48, Number 1. Reprinted in the FORUM, Fall 1999, Volume 11, Number 3.

21. Lizzie Moore purchased three lots in Tecumseh on 5 march 1892. Lots 21 and 22 in Block 24 and lot 24 in Block 26. Deed Book A, pages 76, 254 and 409. Pottawatomie Co., Court House, 325 North Broadway, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74901.
 22. Ernest-Kannada marriage, 23 July 1907, Marriage License # 1467. Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.
 23. Wiley W. Kannada household, 1910 U.S. Census, Simpson Twp., McIntosh County, Oklahoma, population schedule, enumeration district(ED) 77, sheet 2B, line 80, family #25; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 1260.
 24. Audie (Ernest) Walker, death certificate No. 06702(1989), State of Oklahoma, Department of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152.
 25. Louis E. Ernest, death certificate No. 01353. State of Oklahoma, Department of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152.
 26. Family Group Sheets and oral family history provided by Rich and Susie Mohr, 1340 Yukon Way #37, Novato, California 94947.
 27. Family Group Sheets and oral family history provided by Velma Vinton Onstott, 3939 W. LaVida Ct., Visalia, California 93277.
 28. Mary Favor household, 1880 U. S. Census, Navarro Co., Texas, population schedule, enumeration district(Ed) 133, sheet 1, family # 7; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 1321.
 29. Oklahoma State Prison record for Charles Favro, #2919. State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, 3400 Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73136.
 30. Convict Record Ledger, Convict # 2807. Texas State Library, P. O. Box 12927, Austin, Texas 78711.
 31. Favro-Vinton marriage, 19 November 1892, Book 2, page 149. Certificate issued by Frio County, Texas.
 32. Oral family history information provided by Velma Vinton Onstott.
 33. Convict Record Ledger, Convict # 2807.
 34. Frio County Court Record provided by Carmen G. Luna, 222 S. Puente St., Pearsall, Texas 78061.
 35. Frio County Court Record provided by Carmen G. Luna.
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36. Charles Favro, 1900 U. S. Census, Colorado Co., Texas, population schedule, enumeration district(ED) 26, sheet 2A, family #25. (Prisoner)
 37. Convict Record Ledger, Convict # 15104. Texas State Library, P. O. Box 12927, Austin, Texas 78711.
 38. Oral family history provided by Velma Vinton Onstott.
 39. Frio County Court Minutes, Volume 2, page 59, Frio County Court House, Pearsall, Texas 78061
 40. Frio County Court Records, Case # 1297, provided by Carmen G. Luna.
 41. The Indian Journal dated September 15, 1911, page 1.
 42. Microsoft Expedia Trip Planner 98, Version 6.0, CD-ROM.
 43. National Railway Historical Society, North Texas Chapter, P.O. Box 700773, Dallas, Texas 75370.
 44. C. W. "Dub" West, Outlaws and Peace Officers of Indian Territory (Muscogee, Oklahoma, Muscogee Publishing Company, 1987), page 26.
 45. September 7, 1876. The town citizens ambushed the James-Younger gang. Several people were killed, the Younger brothers were captured and the James brothers escaped back to Missouri. Source; web page <http://www.islandnet.com/~the-gang/first.htm> Also movie titled "Great Northfield, Minnesota Raid", 1972, starring Robert Duval and Cliff Robertson. Source; Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide, 1994, page 502.
 46. C. W. "Dub" West, Outlaws and Peace Officers of Indian Territory, page 42-44.
 47. C. W. "Dub" West, Outlaws and Peace Officers of Indian Territory, page 83.
 48. C. W. "Dub" West, Outlaws and Peace Officers of Indian Territory, page 148.
 49. McIntosh County Court record #209 dated 7 August 1911. McIntosh County Courthouse, Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432. (copied by Jane Johnson, Deputy)
 50. McIntosh County Court record, page 475, Case # 209 dated September 12, 1911. McIntosh County Courthouse, Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432.
 51. McIntosh County Court record, Case # 209 dated September 13, 1911. McIntosh County Courthouse, Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432.
 52. The Indian Journal dated September 15, 1911, page 1.
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53. Maggie Moore Tatum was born in Fame, McIntosh Co., Oklahoma, 22 August 1906. Oral family history.
 54. Letter from Mildred Tatum to John E. Ernest dated 1 November 1989. Mildred Tatum, 2228 S. Real Rd., Bakersfield, California 93309.
 55. Oklahoma State Prison record for Charles Favro, #2919. State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, 3400 Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73136.
 56. Oral family history provided by Velma Vinton Onstott.
 57. Oklahoma State Prison record for Charles Favro, #2919. State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, 3400 Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73136.
 58. Charlie C. Favor, death certificate(1942), Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin, Texas 78756
 59. Haley-Ernest marriage certificate, 21 October 1913, McIntosh County Court House, Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432.
 60. Family Group Sheets and oral family history provided by Rich and Susie Mohr.
 61. James Tom Haley obituary, Henryetta Daily Free-Lance, Henryetta, Oklahoma, 24 November 1952. Henryetta Public Library, 518 West Main, Henryetta, Oklahoma 74437.
 62. Letter from Audie Ernest Walker(1910-1989) to John E. Ernest dated 23 November 1988.
 63. Oral family history provided by Rich and Susie Mohr.
 64. Lewis E. Ernest, death certificate(1979) #01353.
 65. Audie (Ernest) Walker, death certificate No. 06702(1989).
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Muskogee County, Oklahoma History

What is now Muskogee County received its first public mention in 1805 when then President Thomas Jefferson addressed Congress seconding the recommendation of Meriwether Lewis that a trading post be established in this locality. French fur traders had trafficked in the area for some time and Joseph Bogy is reputed to have established a trading post in the Three Forks area in 1806, but the first real settlement was established in 1817 at Three Forks on the south bank of the Verdigris River at the lower falls opposite the town of Coretta (now called Okay). Three Forks was so named because it was the junction of the Arkansas, Verdigris and Grand rivers. This property was acquired in 1819 by Bozier and Pryor, who had accompanied Lewis and Clark on their expedition. Colonel August Pierre Chouteau acquired it in 1825, establishing an Osage Agency and in 1829, approximately 1,200 Creeks were located nearby, but when it was found that they were occupying property of the Cherokee Nation, they removed west into the Choska Bottoms.

Muskogee, Indian Territory

Prior to the statehood of Oklahoma in 1907, what is now Muskogee County was part of the Creek and Cherokee Nations. No county records exist prior to 1907. Genealogical records for some ancestors who lived in this area before 1907 may be found in records of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency at Muskogee, the Oklahoma Historical Society in Oklahoma City and the federal archives in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1889 a federal court was established at Muskogee. These records are held partly in the National Archives in Fort Worth and at Oklahoma Historical Society. The 26 recording districts of the federal court accepted land records, marriages and other legal proceedings. It was not until 1898 that a non-citizen of Indian Territory, generally a white person, could legally own land in this area. It was at time that town sites were laid out and sold. Upon statehood, most of these land records were retained by the local county governments. Early court records for what is now Muskogee County will be found at Muskogee County Courthouse, Oklahoma Historical Society or the National Archives in Fort Worth. The U.S. federal court, which once included most of Indian Territory, later was divided into four districts and 26 substations with the Central District, established in 1895, covering the area of the Creek and Seminole Nations and Muskogee was its court seat.

MARRIAGE RECORDS -- Prior to 1907 the marriage records of white citizens in Indian Territory were recorded in the various recording districts of the U.S. federal court. Most of these records have been transcribed and can be found at the Oklahoma Historical Society Library and/or on microfilm at the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Marriage Records for Muskogee prior to statehood are in 28 volumes and they cover the time frame of July 1890 to November 1907.

1900 CENSUS RECORDS -- To find ancestors who were in Muskogee County area in 1900, which was then in the Creek and Cherokee Nations, use the Indian Territory Soundex – National Archives Publication T-1082 - which is on 42 rolls.

For More Information, Visit the Following Internet Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~okmuskog/okmusk2.htm>

A little history about the Creeks . . .

The Creek Indians, of Muskogean linguistic stock, had adopted fragment groups into the tribe since early times. The Creek Nation in Oklahoma contained Indians from the Koasati, Hitchiti, Natchez, Apalachicola, Alabama, Tuskegee and Yuchi (Euchee) tribes. All of these, with the exception of the Yuchis, belonged to the Muskogean language group.

The Creeks had begun arriving in Indian Territory since the early 1830s, mostly from Alabama. The 1867 Creek constitution divided the Creek Nation into six districts -- Okmulgee, Coweta, Muskogee, Deep Fork, Eufaula and Wewoka. Its National Council elected a judge for each district, the principal chief appointed six district attorneys with the approval of the council, and the voters of each district elected a captain and four privates to serve as a light-horse police force. Trial by jury was provided for civil and criminal cases. All suits at law in which the amount in dispute was more than \$100 were tried by the Supreme Court, composed of five justices named by the National Council for terms of four years.

The earliest Creek settlements in what is now Oklahoma had been determined by the Texas Road and fertile land that attracted wild game and farmers to the Three Forks area (near what is now Muskogee) and the forks of the Canadian River (near what is now Eufaula). At the forks of the Canadian River, Asbury Mission had been established in 1847 and several towns grew up and flourished in that vicinity. North Fork Town grew and was important until the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad was built through the area in 1871. After a station was built at Eufaula, the older towns moved to the railroad. The towns of North Fork Town and Micco Post Office vanished, while Eufaula grew. The St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad (a successor of the Atlantic and Pacific) extended its line to Tulsa in 1882 and to Sapulpa in 1886. The Arkansas Valley Railroad crossed the Missouri, Kansas and Texas at Wagoner.

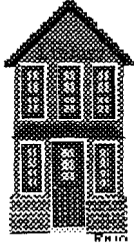
From the close of the Civil War in 1865 to the admission of Oklahoma to the Union as a state in 1907, the history of the eastern half of the present-state of Oklahoma is quite different from that of the western half. When the Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes -- Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole -- ceded their western lands as a home for friendly tribes of the Plains, they really divided Oklahoma into two nearly equal parts.

After 1890, the western portion became known as Oklahoma Territory and the eastern part was called Indian Territory. These Twin Territories, as they came to be known, were nearly the same size, but were quite unlike geographically and politically. The Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes did not pay taxes in the ordinary sense of the word. Money to support the government and tribal schools came from annuities, from the license fees, coal royalties from the Outlet lands in the case of the Cherokees, and from some other sources.

The number of whites in Indian Territory steadily increased. In 1880 it was estimated that there were 6,000 whites in the area of the Five Civilized Tribes, not including railway workers and certain other laborers, whom the tribal officers had allowed to remain. The U.S. government tried to remove those who had no permits, but they usually came back again. By 1884, the number of whites in this area was estimated at 25,000. In 1890, between 120,000 and 140,000. As new railroads were built into the Indian Territory, more whites arrived. By 1895, the whites were estimated at 300,000 and by the census of 1900 there was a population of whites of nearly 400,000 and only 70,000 Indians.

Muskogee Public Library offers research service

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