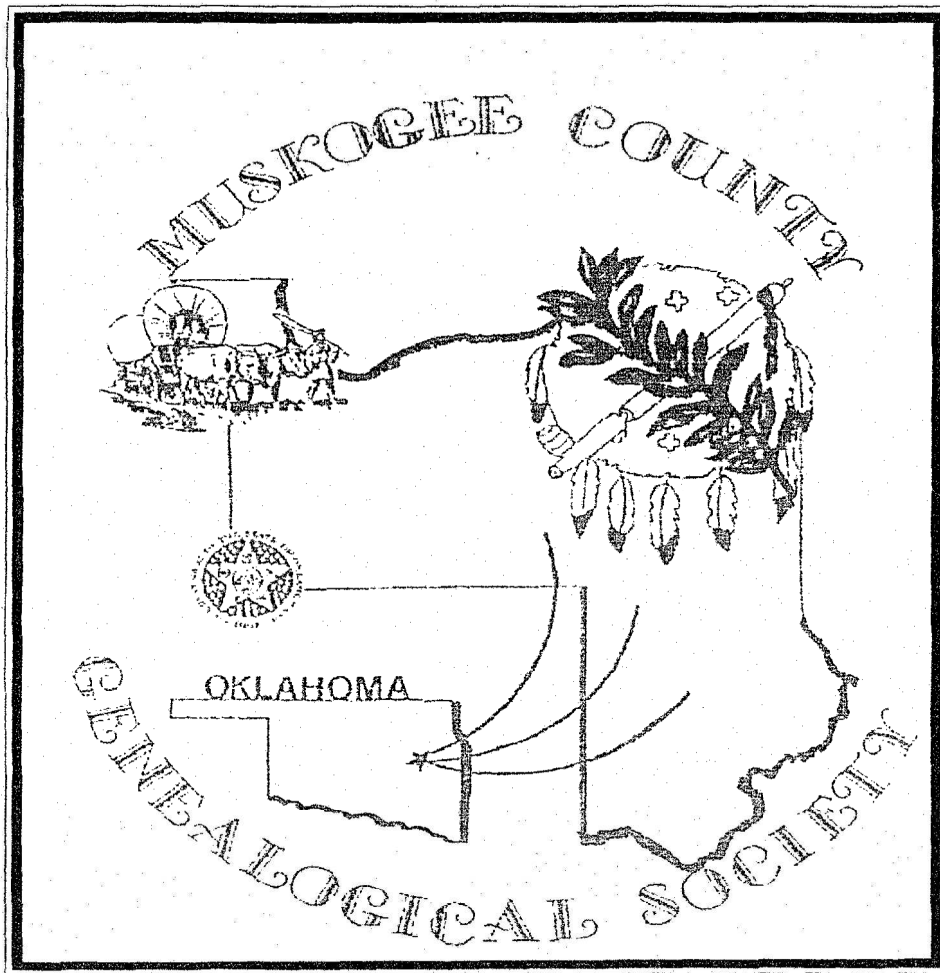


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Purpose:

The MCGS 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 and Membership:

MCGS meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00 PM at the Muskogee Public Library, 801 West Okmulgee, Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Board of Directors meetings are held the third Monday at 6:00 PM at the library. All members are invited to attend the Board meetings.

Membership in the MCGS is open to anyone promoting the purpose of the Society. Individual or family membership is \$20 per year and includes the Quarterly publication. A \$10 per year membership is available for those that do not wish to receive the Quarterly.

Publication and Query Information:

The MCGS Quarterly is published four times a year: March, June, September, and December. Back issues of the Quarterlies are available for \$5.00 each, plus \$1.50 for shipping and handling.

The Society also publishes books of genealogical interest, focused on Muskogee County and Muskogee Indian Territory. A complete listing and price list is available on page of this quarterly.

MCGS will assist with search questions from members and non-members at no charge, but a donation is appreciated. Please send your requests with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to"

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A BIG THANK YOU!!!

To those who submitted articles for the quarterly.

Stacy Blundell
Wally Waits
Jere Harris
Barbara Downs

Sue Tolbert
Alissa Hill

*Without you I would not
be able to put the quarterly
together.*

Don't Throw Away That Envelope!

By Stacy Blundell

Have family letters in your collection of family papers that you are not sure of their date? The envelope can help you determine that. The postage stamp as well as an estimation of the approximate age of the writer, may help in dating that letter.

Before 1847 stamps were not used on letters delivered by the U.S. Postal Services.

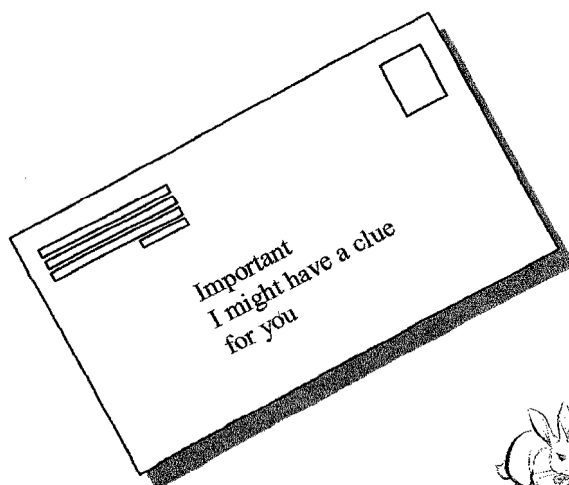
First Class postage rates per ounce were:

01 July 1882 \$.02	31 Dec. 1975 \$.13
03 Nov. 1917 \$.03	29 May 1979 \$.15
01 July 1919 \$.02	22 Mar. 1981 \$.19
06 July 1932 \$.03	01 Nov. 1981 \$.20
01 Aug. 1958 \$.04	03 April 1988 \$.25
07 Jan. 1968 \$.06	03 Feb. 1991 \$.29
16 May 1971 \$.08	01 Jan. 1995 \$.32
02 Mar. 1974 \$.10	10 Jan 1999 \$.33

And since 2000 to the present we've increased to the current \$.37.

And search the envelope for other clues. The weight of the paper has gotten lighter since the 50's and recycled envelopes always have added ink in the paper. The adhesive on the envelopes will yellow and disintegrate with time also. And don't forget the stamps themselves—many of them are also dated on the front and sometimes in crypt on the back or side.

Good luck in dating that old letter—but don't let the family history stop there - Write to a family researcher and share your findings!!



Boynton Index—10 December 1926

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Advertisements:

Allred Hardware Company, Furniture-Hardware-Harness-Implements
Williams Drug Co., Boynton, OK
 First National Bank, Boynton, OK
 American State Bank
 Creek Land & Loan Office, Haskell, OK, Howard H. **Hart**, Special Agent

Personals:

All members of Boynton lodge No. 595, I.O.O.F, business meeting, Clyde **Playter**, D.D. G.M.

Boynton Lodge No. 370, A.F. & A. M. officers were elected: F.E. **Bushnell**, W.M.; H. E. **Kirkpatrick**, S.W.; J. E. **Foust**, J.W.; C. O. **Davis**, Sec; T.A. **Woods**, Treas., C.O. **Davis**, Sec.

Mesdames L.H. **Smith** and W. J. **Allen** were in Muskogee, Wednesday.

Mrs. Edith **Lusk**, dau. of Mr. & Mrs. O. O. **Hampton**, was married Wednesday afternoon of last week at 3 o'clock to Mr. Charles **Lusk** of Chickasha. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. **Broome** of the First Methodist church, Muskogee. Mrs. E.E. **Freetly**, Mrs. Lavon **Hopkins**, Mrs. O.O. **Hampton**, Mr. & Mrs. E.C. **Hampton**, Mrs. F.A. **Croman** were all mentioned. Mr. **Lusk** has been cashier of Boynton Gas & Electric Co. and is a prominent farmer of Chickasha.

The Public Speaking Class, Boynton High School will host the Adamson-Jones Lyceum Troupe, Friday evening at the High School Auditorium.

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Advertisements:

Gaither Motor Co., Phone 134
Wisdom's
 J.W. **Pickens** Market
Bowles Motor Co., Inc. The Garage of Personal Service
G.F. Stone's Grocery
Pearce's Pharmacy
 Boynton Hotel, C.G. **Haley**, Proprietor.
 Mack's Café
 Surety Barber Shop, H. G. **Boler**, Proprietor.

Personals:

The S. S. S. club attended basketball games and then went to home of Wm. **Harris**. The following officers were elected: President, Wilma **Hyer**; vice-president, Marie **Webb**; secretary, Evelyn **Harris**; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. **Harris**. Miss Josephine **Plemons**, guest.

A party honoring Miss Neva **Greer**, who leaves this week for Oilton, included these guests: Opal **Drake**, Gladys **Drake**, Alice **Yadon**, Martha **Murphy**, Marion

Boynton Index continued

Sutton, Velma Eads, Opal Eads, Bessie Adams, Mary Edna Granfield, Woodrow Grandfield, Herbert Dean Wineland, Rosemary Green, Truman Roy Guinn, Charles Drake, Myrtle Moynhier and Norman Eads.

Also attending were: Mrs. H.T. Lyne, Mesdames Lyne, Drake, Hawley, Cummings, Guinn, Naumann, Hann, Schnaible, Junia Williams, Kelly, Minor, Moynhier, Ead, Mitchell, Grandfield, Murphy, Foust, Green, Adams and Greer, Messrs. Drake, Lyne, Green and Greer.

Prof & Mrs. J. Mack Oyler and children of Keifer, visited Mrs. Grace M. Clare over the week-end.

Prof. & Mrs. Paul S. Wheeler, of Bartlesville, and Robert L. Cherry of Tulsa, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Cherry and family.

C.L. Cochran is putting on big Christmas sale.

Mrs. I. D. Allred and daughter, Alafroncille, spent last week-end visiting relatives in Wagoner.

Mrs. Geo. M. Wisdom was hostess to the Pollyanna club at her home last Friday.

Mrs. Edna Chipman, of Muskogee, spent the week-end with Mrs. Bessie Lorrey in this city.

Mrs. & Mrs. W.J. Allen were called to Tulsa Friday by the serious illness of Mrs. Allen's brother, Mr. Roy Camden.

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Advertisements:

Sutton's Markets, phone 115

Lockridge & Watley, phone 176, Boynton, OK

White Grocery Co., phone 102

The Long-Bell Lumber Co., J.L. **Garrett**, Manager, phone 86, Boynton, OK

Boynton Theatre

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., W. H. **Crutcher**, Manager.

Dearmore's Grocery Store, phone 162.

Personals:

A Musical Play will be presented by the choir of the First Christian Church. Members of the cast include: Clyde **Playter**, W.A. **Calkins**, C.O. **Davis**, W. I. **Markley**, Roy P. **Fields**, Otto S. **Allred**, F.C. **Smith**, Lillian **Allred**, Wilma **Hyer**, Addie **Rakestraw**, Mrs. C.E. **Allred**, Mrs. W. A. **Calkins**, Mrs. Bessie **Lorrey**, and Ellen **Markley**.

Dr. W.E. **Pearce**, Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat, Office in City Drug Store.

Dr. S.W. **Minor**, Physician and Surgeon, Boynton, OK

J.R. **Graves**, M.D., Physician and Surgeon, Office with Boynton Drug Co.

*Barbara Downs furnished this
article for the quarterly.*

Thank you, Barbara

100 YEARS AGO

Items extracted from the Muskogee Phoenix, 1905

THE HASKELL NATIONAL.

Special to the Phoenix

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31. – The Comptroller of the Currency has approved the application to establish the following national bank:

The First National Bank of Haskell, Indian Territory, capital \$25,000. Phillip B. Hopkins, Muskogee, Indian Territory, J. C. Scully, J. Way, C. H. Chandler, and S. C. Beshur and given as the incorporators.

PERSONALS Muskogee Phoenix Sunday, January 1, 1905

Mr. And Mrs. Walter Howard are expected home the latter part of next week.

Miss Hattie Gore of Bartlesville, is the guest of the Misses Hubbard, 629 West Broadway

Miss Irene Wilson, who has been the guest of Mrs. Lieber for the past few days, returned last evening to her home at Wagoner.

Miss Lula Robertson, daughter of Judge Robertson, has accepted a position in the Choctaw-Chickasaw division of the Dawes Commission

Mr. C. N. Haskell and daughter, Miss Frances, and their guest, Miss Harmon, returned to Fayetteville yesterday, to spend New Year's Day.

Mr. R. L. Gordon, of Bartlesville, visited friends in the city yesterday, and was a guest at the leap year dance given last evening at the Elk's Club

Mrs. C.E. Strouvelle and her little son and daughter Alice Strouvelle, arrived yester afternoon and will be guests of Miss Alice Robertson for a few days.

W. H. Statham will return to his home in Tennessee tomorrow. Mrs. Statham will remain in Muskogee several weeks, the guest of her parents, Mr. And Mrs. Leo E. Bennett.

Muskogee Phoenix, January 3, 1905

TO WORK FOR STATEHOOD

Oklahoma City will send a Committee to Washington.

Oklahoma City, I. T., Jan 2 – The Chamber of Commerce of this city has selected the following committee of Oklahoma City citizens to go to Washington January 7, to work for the passage of the Hamilton statehood bill; c. G. Jones, chairman, A. H. Classen, Sidney Clark, D. C. Lewis, R. E. Stafford, Henry Seles, H. Antisoel; M. L. Turner, J. H. Ingwersen- Frank Masek, n, Jim Wilkin. D. A. Duncan, C. F. Colcord, B. F. Zeigler, Dennis Flynn, I. M. Putnam, Fred Sutton, George Graces, Jim Wheeler, C. B. Stone, George Encock, Henry Overholser, Mac Owen, E. E. Brown, George M. Flick, Lee Vanwinkle, J. F. Warren and Dr. Neas.

Muskogee Phoenix January 3, 1905

THE MUSKOGEE BAND

The Muskogee band, a new musical organization of the city, made its appearance on the streets yesterday and serenaded a number of the business houses, and included the newspaper offices. This is an excellent

organization, composed of first class musicians and deserve support for it's efforts. Muskogee has two first class bands besides a number of juvenile bands who are practicing regularly and will soon make an appearance in public.

Following is the instrumentation of the new organization:

R. B Eisenberg, director, B flat cornet Frank Macek, Jr. Cornet – Frank Macek, B flat cornet, Roy Hoffinan, E flat clarinet, J. W. Wadem trombone, M. A. Lewis melophone, Geo. Swartster, melophone, JCK Logan, euphonium, Henry Larsen, euphonium, Chas. Huffman, tuba, E. Rosebrough, drums, J. F. Swift, drums

Muskogee Phoenix Jan., 4, 1904

A New School

A new school has been established on the east side in the building on the corner of Broadway and C streets with Miss Ethel Shoults in charge. This became necessary on account of the crowded condition of the Washington school. The new school has two grades of seventeen scholars each.

Muskogee Phoenix, Thursday morning, January 5, 1905

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were granted at the clerk's office yesterday:

Andrew Jackson and Miss Pearl Ethel Harrison, Checotah; J. H. Burchart and Miss Quela E. Morrow, Checotah; Harry Cotton and Miss Hattie McIntosh, Muskogee, Newton Taylor and Miss Nellie Coe, Muskogee; Eugene E. Overmeyer and Miss Zenobi Settle.

Muskogee Phoenix, Jan 10, 1905

COURT OPENED YESTERDAY

Very little business is transacted the first Day

Almost 500 Criminal Cases on

Nine men are charged with murder – Jury composed of best material-Insane case disposed of yesterday.

The January term of the U. S. court opened here yesterday morning, the preliminary work of the preparing and instruction the grand and petit juries has been finished and today the court will start on its grind of some 500 criminal cases. The majority of these are whiskey cases. Nine men charged with murder will face the judge and jury and endeavor to prove their innocence.

The juries are composed of prominent men "good and true" and the instructions given them will cause careful deliberation in each and every case before them. Three ministers of the gospel are on the grand jury; one of them, Rev. K. Thompson, foreman. It is expected they will return several hundred indictments, many of which may bring out some startling facts and cause no small surprise. The following is the list of grand jurors: Abney, W. E., Muskogee, Cramer, O. E., Muskogee, Cutcher, J, Muskogee, Fizer, M. B., Okmulgee, Griffin, George, N., Okmulgee, Hicks, Percy, Ft. Gibson, Kneeland, Erbert, Fort Gibson. Menifee, J., Scott., J. H. Bacone, I. T. Spangenberg, Jacob, Muskogee., Woodward, William H., Muskogee, Allen, D. A., Fort Gibson, Eniseley, J. L., Muskogee, Thompson, J. K., Rev., Muskogee, foreman.

The Petit jurors who will serve this term of court are as follows: Ahrens, F. W., Eufaula, Brown, Sherman, Okmulgee, Brown, William, Haskell, Butler, M. G., Muskogee, Haryison, George D., Okema, Hodge, David M. Fry, Holloway, C. A., Checotah, Kelley, Ferdinand, Haskell, Kelly, John Muskogee, Lusk, A.N., Brushy Mountain, Muskogee, McNad, Alex, Wewoka., Montgomery, Sam P., Muskogee, Nelson, John E., Wewoka, Parkinson, Fred, Wagoner, Riser, E. W., Muskogee, Robe, W. R., Muskogee, Zink Rev. D. H., Bacone, . Jones, A. D. , Mound, Marshall, J. S., Muskogee, McGee, John, Eufaula, Moore, Rev. W. E., Boynton, Pierson, Henry ., Muskogee, Rowe, Joseph, Muskogee, Spradling, Grant, Muskogee, Warren, Don, Muskogee, Young, Thomas, Rex, Ten miles northeast of Muskogee.

The charge to the grand jury by Judge C. W. Raymond was long and interesting.

There was very little done by the grand jury yesterday. Elna Nelson, a woman of near Boynton, was brought before the grand jury to determine whether or not she was insane. It did not take long to do this as the woman was a raving maniac.

The woman was turned over to the federal authorities and will leave for St Vincent's hospital with the other Territory insane on January 17.

Jan 12, 1905

THE STEAM FERRY MOVING

S. C. Owens, the steam ferry man, was in town Monday making further arrangement toward the new ferry soon to be in operation to cross the Arkansas connecting Haskell with the rich, Choska bottoms. He informed the Journal representative that he already started the steam ferry down the river from Bixby, but the water being so shallow, they could get no farther, and are now lying up in the river awaiting a rise when it will come on down.

The boat is propelled by a 16-horse power engine and can make good speed. It was started from Bixby December 27, and her crew expected to take dinner on the river that day opposite Haskell. A smaller boat will be used temporarily and will be here next week.

Mr. Owens is constructing the same kind of boat for use at Bixby and will run a ferry there and at this place -Haskell Journal

13 Jan, 1905

BOYNTON TOWNSITE

The Dawes Commission yesterday received the first official notice of the cancellation of the allotment situation on the townsite of Boynton. The United States Indian Inspector has also been advised. The tract of land formerly in dispute is the east half of the northwest quarter and lots 1 and 2, section , 31, township 14, range 16 east, Creek Nation, containing 160 acres

17 Jan 1905

MORGUE FOR Muskogee

Undertaker G. H. Bloom Has Ordered the Material

G. H. Bloom, the undertaker, has ordered the Material

G, H, Bloom, the undertaker, has just ordered the material with which to construct a morgue. Mr. Bloom said to a Phoenix reporter that Muskogee has reached a population where it is an utter impossibility to get along without a morgue. The morgue will be erected in the rear of Mr. Bloom's present establishment on Main street. It will not be large to start with, but will accommodate six bodies. It will be finished with como-board and have a large skylight. The material is expected to arrive in a few weeks when the morgue will be immediately constructed.

This will be the only morgue in Indian Territory and the second one in Oklahoma and Indian Territory, there being one already at Oklahoma City.

19 Jan 1905

BOAT LINE ON THE ARKANSAS

Commercial Club Will Close a Contract With Capt. Blakely.

IMPORTANT MOVE OF THE YEAR

Muskogee Electric Traction Co. Will Be Asked to Extend Its Line to the Boat Landing for transportation of freight.

A conference was held yesterday afternoon between members of the Commercial club, and B. S. Blakely, captain of the "Mary D.," the season plies the Arkansas river between Fort Smith and Webbers Falls.

A COMMITTEE COMPOSED of C. N. Haskell, W. A. Lubbes and E. W. McClure, known as the committee on waterways was instructed to enter into a contract with Capt. Blakely to run a line of boats from Fort Smith to Muskogee on the Arkansas river.

The Muskogee Electric Traction Co. will be asked to extend its line from the eastern terminus of the road to the boat landing for the transportation of passengers and freight.

Next to building the big dam, this is the most important move made by the Commercial club of the year.

Capt. Blakely's boat is capable of carrying a cargo of eighty tons. If the captain is successful in operating the line, it will give Muskogee the benefit of water rates, which will prove valuable to the upbuilding of the city.

20 Jan 1905

Trial Trip of Capt. Blakely

Will Be Made Immediately – Service in a Few Weeks

W. A. Lubbes, C. N. Haskell and E. McClure, members of the committee appointed to make a contract with Capt. Blakely, made the following announcement today: "Captain Blakely met with the committee on waterways yesterday morning and it was decided that the river steamboat service would be arranged to begin in a few weeks as soon as the traction company has its track laid to the river."

In the meantime Captain Blakely will make a trial trip to Muskogee with his steamboat, the "Mary D.". The committee on waterways will designate a committee of Muskogee citizens to meet the boat at Webbers Falls and make the trip with Captain Blakely to Muskogee. If this service proves as practical as Captain Blakely believes it will, an additional new boat will be added to the line.

21 January 1905

A PARK FOR MUSKOGEE

Traction Company to Beautify a site on Arkansas River

Lewis K. Hyde The Promoter

Vaudeville Theater and Bath Houses will be some of the pleasures Offered – To Be Ready For Summer

"Twenty-five thousands dollars will be a small amount for us to expend in building a park for Muskogee on the Arkansas river, Yes, we will have it ready for the coming summer and it will eclipse anything like it in the Territory."

The above statement was made yesterday morning by Mr. Louis K. Hyde of Titusville, Pa., one of the large stockholders in the Muskogee Traction company. Mr. Hyde has been considering the building of a park for some time, but only yesterday decided definitely to push the matter. He made the statement after driving over the company's line and inspecting the park site on the river

The park will contain boating and bathing accommodations, pavilions of every description, such as dance hall, band stand, vaudeville theatre etc. The car line will run to it and the cars will make regular (trips) each day and evening.

Mr. Hyde left last night for Hot Springs Ark.; and Natchez, Miss., where he has large holdings in railroads and other high class investments. He will return to Muskogee in a few weeks and complete plans for the Muskogee park.

Mr. Hyde is a very successful eastern investor and expresses himself as well pleased with his Muskogee investments. Within the past few weeks he has invested more than one hundred thousand dollar of his personal money in Muskogee enterprises in addition to being a stockholder in the Traction company.



Muskogee County Genealogical Society Publications

Cherokee Indian Rolls-Doubtful and Rejected - \$31.25

An alphabetical listing of Cherokee names classified as "Doubtful and Rejected" by the Dawes Commission. Transcribed by Betty Taylor Harris. 263 pages

Cemeteries of Muskogee County, Oklahoma, Volume 1 - \$18.75

Includes Agency, Bemo, Boynton, Brewer, Briartown, Brushy Mountain, Butler Creek, Council Hill, Doyle, Ft. Gibson/Anderson Bottoms, Frozen Rock, Grayson, Plainview, Rock Grove, Starnes, Starr, Taylor, Walker, 2 Unidentified. Compiled by Deone Duncan Penquite. 155 pages including index

Cemeteries of Muskogee County, Oklahoma, Volume 2 - \$31.25

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

Index to Divorce Cases, Muskogee County, Oklahoma--1914-1920 - \$20

Compiled by Jimmie D. Benson and Loretta Dillon Benson. 103 pages including index

Index to Probates and Guardianships, Muskogee County Oklahoma--1907-1930 - \$22.50

Compiled by Deone Duncan Penquite. 160 pages including index

Index of Obituaries and Deaths Extracted from the Muskogee Daily Phoenix 1954-1992 - \$25 per volume

Compiled by Deone Duncan Penquite.

Volume I-Surnames A-D (11,073 names, 201 pages)

Volume II-Surnames E-K (11,086 names, 203 pages)

Volume III-Surnames L-R (11,648 names, 210 pages)

Volume IV-Surnames S-Z (9,908 names, 180 pages)

Marriage Records-Muskogee Indian Territory First U. S. Court, Northern District, Books A, B & B-1. July 1890-March 1893 - \$13.75

Compiled by Rae Lindsey & Mickey Hooper Hagan. 108 pages including index

U. S Deputy Marshals, Indian Territory & Oklahoma Territory-1893-1896 - \$12

Compiled by Walter Heck Penquite. 66 pages

Genealogical Data Extracted from the Muskogee Weekly Phoenix, Indian Territory, 1888-1902 - \$25

Compiled by Sheri Sharpnack Siebold, 198 pages

Genealogical Data Extracted from the Boynton Index-Newspaper Boynton, Muskogee County Oklahoma, April 8, 1921-November 26, 1926 - \$12.50

Compiled by Lillie Hodge Wiedel. 100 pages

Index of Deaths Extracted From Muskogee Daily Phoenix-January 16, 1930-May 4, 1935 - \$7.50

Compiled by Deone Duncan Penquite. 49 pages

Widow's Records 1919-1924 Court Records, -\$12.50

54 pages including index.

Index of Oklahoma Deaths in the Muskogee Daily Phoenix 1924-1930 - \$25

All obituaries published between 1924 and 1930 are included in this index. However, many of the citations are for deaths outside the immediate area where the newspaper was published. 124 pages. Softbound.

The Pioneer Newspaper, circa 1898-1905 - \$22.50

A blend of abstracts and extractions from an early Oklahoma newspaper. Indexed, 136 pages.

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Please add \$3.00 each book for Shipping and Handling

Oklahoma residents please include sales tax.

*Don't forget that we have back issues of MCGS Quarterlies

Place names for Muskogee County and area

(Cherokee and Creek Nations) extracted from:

A GAZETEER OF INDIAN TERRITORY

By Henry Gannett,

Washington D. C., Government Printing Office, 1905

58th Congress, 3rd Session, House of Representatives,
Document # 389 Bulletin No. 248, Series F. Geography, 44

Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey
Charles D. Walcott, Director

BAYOU MANARD; a creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Arkansas River.

BENKILLER'S; ferry across Illinois River, a tributary to Arkansas River in Cherokee Nation

BILLY; creek in Creek Nation, a left-hand branch of Verdigris River.

BIRDS; ferry across Illinois River, a tributary to Arkansas River in Cherokee Nation.

BOBTAIL; creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Bayou Manard

BOUDINOT; creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Arkansas River

BRAGGS; post village in Cherokee Nation on Arkansas Valley division of St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway.

BOYNTON; post village in Creek Nation on St. Louis & San Francisco Railway

BRIARTOWN; post village in Cherokee Nation

BUTLER; creek in Creek Nation, a left-hand branch of Dirty Creek a tributary Of Arkansas River

CAMPBELL; post village in Cherokee Nation on Kansas & Arkansas division of St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway

CANADIAN; river of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory, a large right-hand branch of Arkansas River which heads in Raton Pass, in northern New Mexico and flows at first south and then east down the slopes of the plains, joining Arkansas River in the eastern part of Indian Territory; length, 758 miles

CEDAR; creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Arkansas River

CHEROKEE NATION: reservation occupying the northern part of the Territory with an area of 7,861 miles. West of Neosho River the surface consists mostly of a rolling prairie, but slightly timbered. East of Neosho and Arkansas rivers the Ozark Plateau extends into the Territory from Arkansas, and the country is well timbered

COAL; creek in the Creek Nation, a left-hand branch of Verdigris River

COATA; creek in Creek and Cherokee Nations, a right-hand branch of Arkansas River

CORRETA; village in Cherokee Nation, on St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Elevation 537 feet

CRITTENDEN; village in Cherokee Nation

DEEP; creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Arkansas River

DIRTY; creek, a right-hand branch of the Arkansas River

DOUBLE SPRING; creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Fourteenmile creek, a branch of Neosho River

ELK; creek in Creek Nation, a right-hand branch of Dirt Creek, tributary of the Arkansas River

FLOWER; creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Neosho River, tributary of The Arkansas River

nearly down to the rivers. The capital is Tahlequah. Population, white, 66,951, Indian, 25,639, Negro, 9,162; total 101,754

FORT GIBSON; post village in Cherokee Nation on St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad; population, 617, elevation, 536 feet.

FOUR MILE; branch in Cherokee Nation, a right-hand branch of Bayou Manard, a tributary to Neosho River.

FOURTEEN MILE; creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Neosho River.

FRENCH'S; ferry (two, upper and lower) across the Neosho River in Cherokee Nation.

GARFIELD; village in Cherokee Nation

GIBSON STATION; post village in Creek Nation on Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway; elevation 532 feet

GREENLEAF; creek in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Arkansas River,

HARRIS; ferry across Verdigris River in Creek Nation.

HORSESHOE; lake in Cherokee Nation, cut-off from Neosho River

ILLINOIS; river, a left-hand branch of Neosho River. It heads in the Ozark Hills in northwestern Arkansas and flows southwest to its mouth in Cherokee Nation

LARUE; branch in Cherokee Nation, a left-hand branch of Illinois River, a tributary to Arkansas River

LITTLE GREENLEAF; creek in Cherokee Nation, a right-hand branch of Greenleaf Creek, a tributary to Arkansas River,

MCLAIN; post village in Cherokee Nation

MANARD; Post village in Cherokee Nation

MELVIN; Post village in Cherokee nation, on St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad

MINGO; ferry across Verdigris River in Creek Nation

MUSCOGEE; town in Creek Nation on Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railway. The Agency for the Five Civilized Tribes is located here; population, 4,254; elevation 600 ft.

MUSCOGEE JUNCTION; station on St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad

NIGGER; creek in Creek and Cherokee nations, a right-hand branch of Neosho River

NORTH GEORGES FORK; right-hand branch of Dirty Creek, a tributary to Arkansas River

OKTAHA; post village in Creek Nation on Missouri, Kansas, an Texas Railroad

PECAN; creek in Creek Nation, a right-hand branch of Arkansas River

RATTLESNAKE; mountains ridge in Cherokee Nation

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD; an extensive system with several lines traversing the Territory in various direction; one crosses the Territory in a southwestern direction from Pierre City Mo., to Lawton, Okla.; another from Sapulpa on this line southward to Denison, Tex., Another from Fort Smith, Ark., southward to Paris, Tex., Crossing the southeastern part of the Territory; another from Fayetteville, Ark., to Okmulgee; and finally, a line in the southern part of the Territory from Hope Ark., to Ardmore.

SAM; creek in Cherokee Nation, a right-hand branch of Coata Creek, a tributary to Arkansas River

SPANIARD; creek in Cherokee Nation, a right-hand branch of Arkansas River.

STRAWBERRY; creek in Creek Nation, a right-hand branch of Verdigris River, a tributary to Arkansas River

SUMMIT; post village in Creek Nation on Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railway; elevation 595 feet.

TAYLOR; ferry across Neosho River in Cherokee Nation.

TIMBER; post village in Creek Nation

TIMBERLAND; post village in Cherokee Nation

TIMBERLEY; creek in Creek and Cherokee nations, a right-hand branch of Dirty Creek, a tributary to Arkansas River.

TULLAHASSEE; post village in Creek Nation

TWINE; post village in Creek Nation

VERDIGRIS; river of Kansas and Indian Territory. A large left-hand branch of Arkansas River heading in south-east Kansas and flowing with a general southward course through the northern part of Indian Territory to its mouth. The mouth is half a mile above that of the Neosho River and indications are that in former times the Verdigris joined the Neosho River just above the mouth of the latter in the bottom lands of the Arkansas. Its length is 275 miles. It is in Creek and Cherokee nations.

WAGONER; town in Creek Nation on St. Louis and San Francisco and Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroads; population, 2,372; elevation, 578 feet

WEBBERS FALLS; post village in Cherokee Nation, population, 211

WHISKEY; for across Neosho River in Cherokee Nation

WYBARK; Post village in Creek Nation on Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway.

*Thanks Barbara
for another great
Article!!!!!!*

CENSUS MAN DUE TOMORROW

MWP, 31 May 1900

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Will Ask Many Blunt Questions. But you Needn't Get Angry.

Some time after tomorrow (June 1) a man will call at your house and ask you questions. It may be that the questions he will ask will strike you as being very personal in nature. You will find him possessed of a raging curiosity as to your age, condition, business status, family relations and financial capabilities. He will even go so far as to inquire earnestly of you whether you are white or black. Perhaps he may exasperate you, but you must remember that he is a man and a brother, and refrain from hitting him with the furniture, for he is employed by the government to get you down on paper and make you a part of the census for 1900. If you refrain from replying to any of his queries perhaps he'll put you down as a deaf mute, for there is a special catalogue of persons thus afflicted, and also of the blind. But if you turn him out of your house by force or commit any assault upon him, you will have your Uncle Sam to reckon with, and the next time your name appears on a list it may be on the roster of a jail.

Officially the census begins on June 1. As there aren't enough census enumerators to make the entire rounds in one day, or for many days following, in all probability the process will be stretched out a good deal, but all questions will be asked and answered with reference to that day. For instance, the enumerator may arrive at your house on the seventh and find that you were married on the 2nd of June. Down you go on the list as a bachelor: your wife as a spinster living at the residence of her parents. The census won't recognize your marriage after June 1. Similar, you may be dead since the first of the month, but if the enumerator finds it out and that you were alive, down you go as part of the population of Muskogee or wherever you live, and will eke out a fictitious existence in the sum total. Should a baby be born at your house after June 1st, the child is non-existence so far as the census goes, nothing, absolutely nothing can happen to you between the first of June and the time the enumerator comes around to you, the says so and the law goes. (Ever: if it isn't the Curtis bill.)

When the enumerator comes around to you he will ask you many questions, some of which may seem ridiculous, and the fact that you may have a white skin and wear trousers will not exempt you from answering so treat him gently while he's with us, for he comes but every ten years, and then when he has finished his labors you will know more about the world than you ever did before. He is sworn to secrecy and every answer you give him that he ever divulges will lay him liable to a five hundred dollar fine and imprisonment.

Thanks Sue Tolbert!! This was really funny!

NEW DEAL RECORDS
Sharon Rhodes Editor
From the USGENWEB Project NEWS

The New Deal program was created in the 1930s by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Several federal agencies were formed as part of the New Deal that provided work for many Americans during the Great Depression.

Emergency Conservation Work was created by congress in April 1933. Congress extended this program in June 1937 and the name Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC, became the official agency title. In 1939 it became part of the Federal Security Agency. The program was designed to conserve timber, soil and water and offer jobs and training to unemployed young men.

The Tennessee Valley Authority, TVA, was created in May 1933 to improve conditions in the Tennessee River Basin.

The National Industrial Recovery Act, NIRA, provided the Public Works Administration and the National Recovery Administration, NRA.

The Public Works Administration (PWA), Works Progress Administration (renamed Works Projects Administration in 1939) (WPA), Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) and National Youth Administration (NYA) are explained below.

The Social Security Act contained the retirement fund, unemployment insurance and aid for dependent children.

For information about the records from these programs I contacted NARA Reference Specialist Eugene Morris.

Here is what he said:

"TVA records are kept at our Southeast Regional Archive in Eastpoint Georgia. <http://www.archives.gov/facilities/ga/atlanta.html> Anyone looking for TVA records should just contact them straight away.

The PWA... known originally as the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works ..was created in 1933. The WPA was created by the merging of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (May, 1933) and the Civil Works Administration (November 1933) by Executive Order in May of 1935. The PWA and the WPA (along with the CCC and a few others) were placed under the control of the Federal Works Agency in July of 1939. The National Youth Administration began as a WPA program in 1935. In July of 1939, it was transferred to the newly-created Federal Security Agency. In September of 1942, it was transferred again to War Manpower Commission. Its functions were absorbed by that agency.

Social Security records (Record Group 47) are considered part of the Health/Human Services cluster and are not under the New Deal Era cluster.

...Indexes of locality-specific records ... would still be somewhere in the local area. Indexes of cemeteries, birth and death records, census records, court records, church archives and many more were done by the WPA but those indexes remained with the records they indexed. The local records were not copied and there are not copies of them at the National Archives. The bulk of the administrative files of the WPA are at the National Archives at College Park.

stillpix@nara.gov is the e-mail address for our Still Pictures unit, online photos can be found at http://www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/index.html or by searching our Archival Research Catalog (ARC) at http://www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/index.html

CCC, WPA, PWA, NYA, and NRA records are all part of the New Deal cluster of records and (researchers) can write to the inquire address (inquire@nara.gov) or call us at (301) 837-3480.

Personnel information for persons employed by the NYA, NRA, and PWA is non-existent. For WPA workers, at The National Personnel Records Center there is a tiny, fragmentary file listing a portion of those individuals who received employment through the United States Employment Service on WPA projects. It will list only the name of the person and the Official Project (O.P.) number of the project. For CCC enrollees, their Discharge Certificates are on file at the National Personnel Records Center. Their address is National Personnel Records Center, Civilian Personnel Records, 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4199. You'll generally have to supply the person's name, date of birth, and there also may be privacy issues that require signed releases or proof of death and proof of relation."

Morris specializes in New Deal records and records of WWI Civilian agencies; to contact him with questions call 301-837-1993. To contact the NARA about holdings email inquire@nara.gov.

This was passed in by Wally Waits and Jere Harris.

Thanks for your help!!!!!!

Census Enumerators

MWP, 17 May 1900

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Furnished by Sue Tolbert

Following are the names of the census enumerators appointed by Supervisor Darrough and made public today for the first time.

CHEROKEE AND QUAPAW.

Chas. E. **Geboe**, Jesse L. **Drago**, Jas. L. **Fortner**, C.E. **Holderman**, Edgar A. **Brewer**, Lemuel D. **Long**, Jos. **De Muskrat**, Louis T. **Brown**, Thos. **Maginnis**, Fed B. **Woodard**, Jos. C. **Mitchell**, L.T. **Kinhead**, Wm. **Nichols**, L.W. **Marks**, O.F. **Mason**, A. **Chamberlin**, Jeff D. **Sexton**, John **Butler**, Shadrach **Nye**, Jno. R. **McIntosh**, David M. **Burton**, Ed. P. **White**, N.S. **Sanders**, E.N. **Washbourne**, Walter F. **Smith**, Geo. O. **Butler**, Wm. **Eubanks**, Arch **Spears**, Isaac **Bledsoe**, Jas. A. **Williams**, Benj. F. **Pulman**, R.M. **Dannenberg**, R.M. **Wolfe**, Mark L. **Paden**, Luther **Kyle**, Jas. H. **Henderson**, Levi B. **Gritts**, Wm. W. **Ross, Sr.**, Martin V. **Benge**, Chas. E. **Vann**, Samuel S. **Sanders**, Moses F. **Sanders**, Edward M. **Frye**, Wm. M. **Brown**, Thos. J. **Payne**, Edmund J. **Sapper**, Thos. **Downing**, Wm. R. **Harper**.

CREEK AND SEMINOLE.

James T. **HALL**, Alex G. **MURPHY**, Jesse **HUFFMAN**, Ira R. **DODDS**, Chas. O. **CRANE**, Absolom B. **ALLEN**, Matt. R. **STRICKLIN**, A.R. **PERRYMAN**, F.J. **TAYLOR**, A.J. **MERRIWETHOR**, SP.P. **MATTHEWS**, Cyrus B. **GILMORE**, John M. **RILEY**, John T. **TURPIN**, Robt. S. **BROWN**, Robt. **BAGBY**, Geo. M. **HARRISON**, Lee **McNEVINS**, Arthur **Milan**, T.F. **MEAGHER, Jr.**, Elisha J. **BROWN**, Watty J. **PALMER**, John R. **SMOOT**, M.F. **MANVILLE**, Henry J. **FOWLER**, Lucian C. **TIREY**, James M. **WHITE**, John J. **COTTON**, Chas. M. **SMITH**, Henry **STEPHENS**, Douglas **ALLEN**. — Vinita Chieftain.

Saline Preservation Association

Receives grant

Cherokee Phoenix

November 2004

By Will Chavez

- The Saline Courthouse was recently named to the 2004 Oklahoma Endangered List, placed on Preservation Oklahoma Inc.'s annual list of endangered sites in the state and nominated for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 most endangered places.

ROSE, Okla. - During a membership meeting Oct. 9, Saline Preservation Association members learned they will receive \$50,000 to begin restoring and preserving the Saline courthouse.

A \$50,000 grant from the Cherokee Nation's new Community Works Grant Program will be used to erect an ornamental iron-look fence, replace the porch, replace rotten and missing clapboards, and scrape and paint the former tribal courthouse said Lisa Melchior, president of the SPA. Volunteer labor will make up the matching portion of the grant, she said.

The SPA was formed in 2003 to save the tribe's last remaining district courthouse built in Indian Territory in 1884. the courthouse is located one mile southeast of Rose, on the Delaware-Mayes county line.

The building, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, continues to deteriorate Melchior said, but she believes it has been saved up to this point because the building was privately owned for many years after the CN government was dissolved upon Oklahoma statehood. The tribe regained ownership of the courthouse in 1988. tribal employees have boarded the windows and doors of the building to keep out the elements and intruders.

Dan Littlefield, director of the Native

Press Archives at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, and his assistant Fuller Bumpers, gave a presentation on the research they compiled on the Saline Courthouse. The research covered the period between 1884 and 1902.

Through his research, Bumpers discounted some stories about the courthouse and the surrounding area. He said he had heard there was a "rough place" and "hangings and whippings" took place often at the courthouse, but he found no evidence these activities took place.

Some voting occurred at the courthouse, but it was used mainly for conducting court. During court proceedings, Bumpers said, people would camp out on the courthouse grounds to sell their wares or put on shows hoping to earn some of the money being paid to the people temporarily working for the court. The court hired jurors, interpreters and guards, and all the money paid to them was written in script.

The script was written into the court's books and sent to Tahlequah. Bumpers said it was not worthwhile to travel to Tahlequah to cash in small amounts of script, so a person living in the Rose area would usually wait until enough script was gathered before making a trip to the Cherokee capital.

Littlefield said various dates are given about when the courthouse was built, but he and Bumpers found tribal documents that show it was built between March and July 1884. court cases immediately began being heard in the courthouse that July, and the courthouse was used until July 1898. the federal Dawes Commission, which was charged with enrolling Cherokee citizens and giving them land

Saline Preservation continued

Allotments, declared all tribal court procedures stopped in 1898. Tribal court cases were either transferred to the federal court in Muskogee or dropped entirely. Bumpers and Littlefield also determined a federal government study of the Cherokee Nation in the late 1800's that said there was "lawlessness" within the nation was wrong.

"Our studies show the Cherokee Nation, and certainly the Saline District, wasn't as lawless as Arkansas in the same time," Littlefield said. "It (Cherokee Nation) wasn't that lawless at all considering most people had arms in that period. If you go through the court dockets you'd be surprised how few cases of violence you'd find.

Littlefield and Bumpers also found a 1902 map of the property around the courthouse that shows a blacksmith shop, two residences, a store, and a cemetery.

Earlier, Richard Keck, an environmental specialist for Cherokee Nation Environmental Services, used Ground Penetrating Radar to determine the exact locations of graves in the cemetery. He said he found 23 or 24 grave sited in the cemetery, and there are no gravesites underneath the road in front of the courthouse, which was a concern of SPA

members. He said older graves are more dense and compressed and sometimes easier to find using radar, and there were no signs any part of the road was built over some graves.

The courthouse grounds will also soon benefit from a CN Learn and Serve grant provided to the Pryor Junior High School, the Boys and Girls Clubs in Locust Grove and Pryor and the Locust Grove Middle School. The grant will allow students to interview local residents to gather stories about the Saline Courthouse and the surrounding area. Students will also beautify the courthouse grounds and conduct scientific plant identifications.

"It's one thing children can do to preserve the history of the property," said Darleen Denny, program outreach coordinator for CN Learn and Serve.

Denny said residents in the area who wish to share stories should contact her at (918) 456-0671 Ext, 2638.

Melchior said anyone wishing to join the SPA should call (918) 825-7868 or email her melchior@fullnet.net. People may also write to Saline Preservation Ass. P.O. Box 53, Pryor, OK 74362.

Thanks Stacy Blundell for passing this on to us.

Welcome New Members

Geneva Dugger Taylor , we want to welcome you to the Society.

Geneva is researching:

Walker in Indiana
Dugger in Kentucky
James Smith in Arkansas

Wells in Kentucky
Owen, Edward in Kentucky

HAPPY HUNTING!!!

New Publication

Oklahoma Biographical Index

By
Helen Lemley

An index of biographies of residents of Oklahoma from twenty five different sources covering a time period from 1889 – 1957. This is a great resource for those looking for material on specific Oklahomans.

274 pages, 15,308 names.
\$40 – book form
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801 W. Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

New Publication

The Pioneer Newspaper
1898-1905
by
Helen Lemley

This book is designed to show life in Oklahoma and Indian Territories as given in an African American newspaper.

Here you will find births, deaths, weddings, openings of businesses, humor and many other types of articles. There are many discussions, pro and con, about the inclusion of Oklahoma as a state and a strong discussion about the state's name. Also included is information about the early railroads and some about the trolley system in Muskogee.

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INDIAN PIONEER PAPERS

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Interview with John Stroup Breeland Adams Field Worker

I was born in Cherokee County, Georgia, on July 15, 1868. My mother (Linda Nation) and my father (John D. Stroup) were also born in Cherokee County, Georgia.

Father and Mother moved to Madison County, Arkansas, in 1869, and remained there until I was about six years old. (Mother's brother, John Nation, helped to bring the Cherokee Indian west. I don't know in what capacity, whether private, officer or what but I know that he came with them). They moved, then, to Crawford County, Arkansas, and my mother died there. My father moved to Indian Territory in 1892. He farmed most of the time and died in my home in 1926.

I moved to Oklahoma on September 2, 1894, and was married in Harrell Institute in 1895 to Ella Thompson, She was an Indian, however she was never able to prove up her claim.

For three years previous of coming to Oklahoma I worked for the Government on river and harbour work.

I started farming when I came to Muskogee, locating on a farm on Coody Creek, where the Pure Refinery is. I was there three years then moved to the bottom north of town, on the Severs place. After living on the Severs farm three years I moved on a farm close to Hyde Park and lived there three years. At that time there was a cemetery with seventeen graves, all marked with stones on the Seekings place, close to the line of the Garland farm (about three eighths of a mile east of the present Muskogee Town and Country Club). The Evans and Garlands were buried in the cemetery. I was next on the Joe Bailey place for three years, and was there when Statehood came in. My next move was to a farm just east of the old Negro Creek Indian cemetery north of Muskogee, (9-15-18), I was there just one year.

One morning, while living on this farm, we had a very heavy rain and after the rain my little girl found some beads just back of the house. Our house was on a rise and just back of it was the bottoms. I believe these beads were washed out of some Indian's grave. A half mile east of us was some graves (they have been plowed over now) and it is my belief that at one time there was a cemetery from the east side of section 9, township 15, range 18 (about on the half mile line on the rise) to the present Negro and Creek Indian cemetery. After living there I moved on south twenty-fourth street to the old Keco place where I lived from 1908 to 1924 then I moved to my present home north of Helmar School (9-15-18). I had married Addie Smith in 1919. She was not of Indian blood.

The stores here in the old days were Captain Severs, Patterson's and Turners. Most of the farmers traded with these stores on credit. They gave notes and mortgages but their credit was not limited if they had any reputation at all. John Cobb ran a Drug Store here at that time.

Some time in the early days, I don't remember the date, we had the Snake Uprising. I don't know much about it but the soldiers camped at the Fair Grounds, located where Spaulding Park now is. It was at the time that I lived on the Severs place

Interview with John Stroup continued

n the bottoms, and I gave the soldiers lots of dead wood, I was glad to get rid of the wood, and the soldiers needed it badly, as it was quite a sever winter.

We used to have a race tract at the fair grounds (now Spaulding Park) and had lots of racing during the fair. We also had fire works and sometimes balloon ascensions. We would have live stock exhibitions and exhibitions of farm produce. Also I remember at some of the fairs we had a merry go round, but we did not have the amusements that they have today.

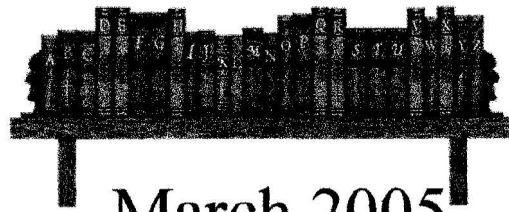
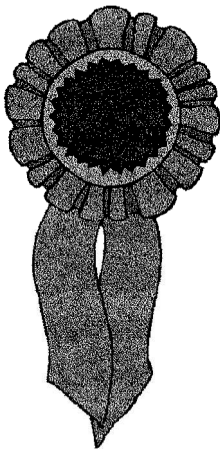
My step-mother was one of the first people buried in the Green Hill Cemetery. We did not mark her grave at the time, and have never been able to find it since. John Cobb had charge of moving the old cemetery from sixth and Fon du Lac streets to Green Hill Cemetery.

In the old days there were only two churches in the country close around Muskogee: one at Frozen Rock and the other (Gum Springs Church) on the Showwalter place north of town (9-15-18). Old lady Bemo was Sunday School superintendent there.

The only mounds that I know of were on the Bird Harris place.

Muskogee County Genealogical Society Library Volunteer of the Quarter

Nancy Lasater



March 2005

Averages Aren't Only Used in Math!!

By Stacy Blundell

At a dead end trying to trace early pre—1850 ancestors, here are a few clues that may lead you to finding that elusive documentation:

- Traditionally there are three generations per century.
- The average age for men to marry was about 24—seldom before 20.
- The average age for women to marry was 20—seldom before 14.
- First marriages were usually between couples near the same age.
- Women usually outlived their husbands, but older widowers many times married much younger women who had never been married.
- Births usually occurred at 2 year intervals.
- Traditionally the first child was born a year after the marriage.
- Child bearing usually ended about age 45.
- Men usually married women from their neighborhood, but if a 'non-local' woman shows up in Census, check the man's former home. Often men returned to their former residence to find a wife.
- Families and neighbors usually migrated from their old homes together, and women rarely traveled alone.
- Can't find an older parent, chances are he/she 'went west' with a son or daughter and son-in-law.
- If you find an ancestor with a 'virtue' name—Patience, Hope, Charity, etc.—consider a New England Heritage.
- Children were often named for grandparents both male and female.

Now, interesting enough, when you take these 'averages' into consideration in your research they will help you get past your obstacle.

Thanks for these two articles Stacy.

Searching for Foster Children

By Stacy Blundell

There are many cases of children being raised by relatives and non-relatives without legal records of adoption or guardianship. If you've searched court records without much success, here are some other areas to search:

* Check the census listings paying close attention to the census taker's description of the relationship to the head of the house.

* Check the will and/or probate file of both the man and his wife who raised the child. Many times you'll find a maternal ancestor who was designated in a will as 'my foster daughter', which is also a clue that there won't be a legal record in the courts.

* If the child came from a family of substance and was orphaned, there would need to have been a court-appointed guardian to manage the child's money.

Guardianship records would then exist in the Circuit Court, in the county of the child's former residence rather than in that of the guardian.

Rootdigginana's Internet Tips and Tricks



Looking for cousins online? Do you need help with research lookups in a distant state or county? Do you have a genealogy question that you don't have an answer for? Are you missing out on local and state and national genealogy events? **Mailing Lists** are your answer!

What Are They?

Mailing lists are discussion groups based on e-mail messages. There are mailing lists for countries, states, counties, towns, surnames, cemeteries, ghost towns, lawmen and outlaws (no you don't have to be one), German research, Scottish research and on and on. If you can think of a research topic, there is probably a mailing list for it. Think of it as a never ending conversation where newbies, experts and everyone in between exchange information, ideas, help and sometimes gossip. This conversation is through e-mail so you won't miss anything, or, if you do, there is a mail list archives where you can read the previous mail all at once.

How It Works:

You "subscribe" to a mail list or sometimes it is called "joining the group".

All subscribers/members can send e-mail to the list.

All subscribers/members receive e-mail from the list.

Messages sent to the mail list get forwarded to everyone who subscribes to it.

Replies to messages from the list get sent to the list where they are forwarded to everyone on the list.

Subscribing To A List:

First, if you don't already, you need to know how to use the e-mail program in your computer or the e-mail account you have with Yahoo!, Hotmail or some other e-mail service. Some people like to set up an e-mail account exclusively for their mailing lists. To find a mailing list that you'd like to join, look at the Mailing List Index at: <http://rootsweb.com/> or go to the Yahoo! website at: <http://www.yahoo.com/> and click on "Groups". (Or go to the end of this article for other suggestions). MCGS has a member's mailing list through Yahoo! Groups (31 members so far) and there is a Muskogee County Mailing List through Roots Web. Following are the directions for subscribing/joining each of them.

Muskogee County Mail List:

Open your e-mail program and click on "compose mail" or "create mail" or whatever icon you use to create an e-mail message.

In the "TO" box type: OKMUSKOG-L-request@rootsweb.com.

In the "SUBJECT" box type: "subscribe" (without the quotes) and nothing else.

In the message box type "subscribe" (without the quotes) and nothing else.

If you use an automatic signature in your e-mail, turn it off or remove it.

Send the message.

Usually within a few minutes you will receive an automatic welcome message from the list. File the welcome message where you can find it again because it will tell you how to manage your subscription in order to get off the list (unsubscribe) or temporarily suspend it. If at some point you want to change e-mail addresses, you will need to "unsubscribe" from your first address and "subscribe" to your new one.

Most mailing lists have two e-mail addresses, one for subscribing and managing your use, and one for posting messages. Once you've subscribed to the Muskogee County Mail List using:

OKMUSKOG-L-request@rootsweb.com.

then you will use:

OKMUSKOG-L@rootsweb.com to post messages.

Internet Tips and Tricks continued**Muskogee County Genealogical Society Members Mail List:**

This mailing list is managed through Yahoo! Groups so you'll need a Yahoo! ID and password to join this list.

Go to yahoo.com

Click on "Groups"

On the left you either register as a new user or sign in if you are already registered.

If you are registering as a new user, you don't have to use your real name (and I wouldn't). Choose a "screen name" or nick name instead. (Mine is rootdigginana.....don't laugh!). Also be sure to use a password that you can remember!!

In the search box under "Join a Group" type: mcgs_members and click "Search"

The next window that comes up will show:

Groups

mcgs_members

Members of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society.

Click on "mcgs_members"

This takes you to the MCGS Members page. In the center near the top it says: "Join This Group" in a blue box.

Click on "Join This Group" and follow the directions. You can add as little or as much information about yourself as you want to but you MUST (obviously) give your e-mail address.

If you have problems joining by this method, send me an e-mail (tolbert6@cox.net) and I will send you an e-mail invitation to join the group. You will still have to follow the directions though.

Mailing List RULES to follow.

Be sure to post your messages to the right address. For example: Muskogee County Mail List:

OKMUSKOG-L@rootsweb.com; MCGS Members Mail List: mcgs_members@yahoo.com.

Post short messages. Don't ask for "anything you have on Tom Jones". Make simple, specific requests. Don't post anything longer than 150 lines or so unless you are sure the whole list will be interested.

Be sure to put something in the "Subject" line that reflects what your message is about.

If you are responding to a previous message, quote only enough of that message to be clear about what the discussion is about.

Advertising or selling is not acceptable. New product announcements are sometimes acceptable. If in doubt, check with the mail list administrator first.

Do not discuss religion or politics.

Do not post copyrighted material.

Learn to spell "genealogy" correctly.

Use proper grammar and punctuation so that your message can be easily understood. Do not post messages in all caps or all lower case.

Never be rude or make derogatory comments.. Remember we all are new researchers to start with and none of us know it all.

Another Type of Mailing List

There are mailing lists that you do not post messages to, rather simply receive them, like a newsletter. These are "read-only" or "announcement-only" lists. A couple that I enjoy and that are good to get started with are: Ancestry Daily News and Missing Links & RootsWeb Review. Remember that you can always try them out and then unsubscribe if you don't find them useful.

To subscribe to Ancestry Daily News:

Go to: <http://ancestry.com/>

Click on "Learning Center"

On the right side of the page (top) type in your e-mail address to sign up free to Ancestry Daily News.

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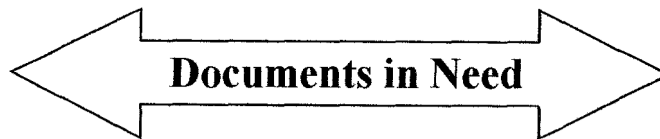
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Type in your e-mail address and click “continue”
Follow the directions to select the newsletter/s you want to subscribe to.

Have Fun!

To find other lists that you might like to subscribe to, you can use a search engine like Google and search for “genealogy mailing lists” or go to <http://www.cyndislist.com/> and search cyndi’s list for “mailing lists”

Mailing Lists are fun, educational, helpful and a great research tool. Give them a try and let me know what you think.

If you have suggestions for other topics for this column (or questions/comments about this one) send me an e-mail at: tolbert6@cox.net.



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The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) documents our past with its nearly 1.5 million cubic feet of records. Only a fraction of these records have been micro formed for research and preservation. This leaves millions of priceless and fragile documents that need our immediate attention.

The Funds

The Malcolm H. Stern NARA Gift Fund, established in 1983,¹ is a nationally supported program to finance the creation of finding aids and the microfilming of valuable research material from the holdings of NARA in Washinton, D.C. These microform copies, produced without government funding, are distributed to all National Archives Regional Archives for use by researchers. The films are also available through any LDS (Mormon) Family History Center worldwide.

Through the generous donations of genealogists nationwide since 1983, man records have been preserved (see Sidebar for a full list).

The fund is named to honor Rabbi

Malcolm H. Stern (1915-1994), who contributed to genealogy over a 44-year period as an author, speaker, and active member of many influential national boards, including the Federation of Genealogical Societies. The Federation administers the fund and accepts suggestions from anyone in the genealogical community for items to be considered for preservation on microform.

Million Dollar Project

In 1998, FORUM(10:1 Spring 98) announced “A Million Dollar Project” to raise funds to microfilm two major collections of the National Archives. The first project is the War of 1812, a number of Revolutionary War veterans appear in these records. The second project is to fund microfilming of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) Compiled Service Records.

How to Donate

Donations can be designated for one or both of these projects, or given to the general fund. Individual

contributions are always welcome. But FGS encourages you to work through your local society. An ongoing collection is taken by FGS-member (and several non—member) organizations to secure one dollar per year from each of their members, then forward the total amount in one check to the Federation.

To donate, send your contribution marked “NARA Gift Fund” and designate its placement.² Mail to FGS Business Office, NARA Gift Fund, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, Texas 789720-0940; or donate online at <www.fgs.org>

Prior Projects

Contributions to the Stern NARA Gift Fund have been used for the following projects:

*Microfiche of Street Indexes to the 39 larger cities for the 1910 census.

*Galveston Passenger Arrival Records, 1896-1948

*Canadian Border Crossings (1895-1954) indexes

Documents in Need continued

- *1920 Census Enumeration Districts
- *Index and War of 1812 Prisoners of War Records
- *Burial Registers for Posts, Camps, and Stations, 1768-1921 (Records of the Quartermaster General)
- *Card Records of Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca.1879-1903 (Records of the Quartermaster General)
- *Registers of Applications for the Release of Impressed Seamen, 1793-

1802, and Related Indexes (Records of the department of State)

*Proofs of Citizenship Used to Apply for Seaman's Protection Certificates for New Orleans, Louisiana, ca. 1800-1947.

*Record of Appointment of Substitute Clerks in First and Second-Class Post Offices, 1899-1905.

*Index and Registers of Substitute Mail Carriers in First and Second-class post Offices, 1885-1903

*Record Cards of Carriers Separated from the Postal Service, 1863-1899

Notes

1. The NARA Gift Fund was established in 1983 as the Genealogical Coordinating Committee NARA Gift Fund.
2. Designate as War of 1812, Colored Troops, or General. Non-designated funds are placed in the General Fund.

Sue Tolbert,
Thanks for passing this
along to us all.

Ancient Rules for Ancestors!

And they were SO good at following them!

(1) Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.

(2) Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.

(3) Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.

(4) Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey.---making them difficult to trace.

(5) Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.

(6) Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks or Robinson, Robertson, Robison, Roberson, Robuson, Robson, Dobson.

(7) Thou shalt, after no more than 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a court house fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.

(8) Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, and vague innuendo regard

A) you may have come from : England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.... Or Iran.

(B) you may have American Indian ancestry of the _____ tribe.....

(C) You may have descended from one of three brothers that came over from _____

(9) Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records, or headstones with legible names.

(10) Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or deaths.

(11) Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Alfred

(12) Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative



(13) Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males and dozens of their cousins with identical name in order to totally confuse researchers.

Author unknown.



Society Notes

April/May/June Calendar

April Meeting

7:00 p.m. Author Ron Morgan

6:00 p.m. "How To": "Genealogy Relationships and Numbering Systems"

May Meeting

7:00 p.m. Dr. Jerry Thompson

6:00 p.m. "How To": Civil War Resources

June Meeting

7:00 p.m. TBA

6:00 p.m. TBA

Board Meetings

6:30 p.m. – Grant Foreman Room – Muskogee Public Library

April 18

May 16

June 20

Society members are always welcome.

Research Night

6:30 p.m. – Grant Foreman Room – Muskogee Public Library

April 11

May 9

June 13

Bring your own research problems (help is available) or work on MCGS indexing and research projects.



Ancestor Fair

September 24

Vendors, Exhibits, Workshops

Free mini workshops all day

"Picturing Our Ancestors"

Cook Book

The theme for our upcoming cookbook is "Picturing Our Ancestors". We hope to have it finished and available by the Ancestor Fair on September 24. We hope that you will contribute your favorite recipes, especially those enjoyed and passed down through your family. It would be nice to include a short description...whose recipe it was, when it was used and/or any memories you have related to it.



You can e-mail recipes to the Society's e-mail: mucogeso@yahoo.com, leave them with the staff in the Grant Foreman Room, bring them to a Society meeting or event.

George G. Morgan will be returning to Muskogee for three days in March 2006. Mark the dates on your calendar now!

March 9 – Writer's Workshop

March 10 – Librarian's Day Seminar

March 11 – Genealogy Seminar

Volunteer of the Quarter

Nancy Lasater has been chosen as the what Nancy has to say about herself:

"My name is Nancy Lasater and I have two grown children, William and Laura and who live with their families in Tulsa. I am retired after working 28 years at the old Phoenix Federal Savings and Loan and since it closed, I have worked as a medical transcriptionist and office manager for a medical lab and a nursing home. I began volunteering in the Grant Foreman section of the MPL sometime in September, 2004. I came in as an innocent family researcher, was very soon recruited as a volunteer and life as I knew it has never been the same. I certainly enjoy trying to help the people who come in with the same lost look I remember feeling my first day. Everyone on the staff is pleasant to work with and I look forward to learning more about the process of research in the future."

Nancy contributes many hours to the Grant Foreman Room doing transcription projects, putting away books and microfilm, answering the phone and helping patrons with their research. The library staff very much appreciates the time Nancy contributes and enjoys her sense of humor and the twinkle in her eye.

THANK YOU NANCY!



MCGS "Library Volunteer Of the Quarter". Here's

two grown children, William and Laura and who live

Other volunteers who have contributed greatly to the Grant Foreman Room this quarter are:

Janet Baker

Karen Wagner

Ann Gardner

Barbara Downs

Helen Lemley

Al Cheesman

Jere Chiepo

Stella Elder



Beginning Genealogy Classes

If you would like to learn or brush up on the basics of beginning genealogy research or have a friend or relative that would, then sign up for the classes at the Muskogee Public Library.

When: 1st Monday each month (April 4, May 2, June 6) 7:00 p.m.

Where: Beginning Genealogy – Grant Foreman Room (10 people only)

Basic Internet Genealogy – Computer Lab (10 people only)

Please register in advance by calling 682-6657 ex. 257 (or press 5 when the menu starts).

Welcome New Members - Jan-March

Carol Burris

Linda Stout



Members

Susan & Les Christenson

Ann Gardner

Faye & Wally Waits

Jan Bryant

Jerrel & Aldena Powell

Carol Rice

Alissa Hill
 Geneva Taylor
 Jeff & Stacy Blundell
 Gil & Mary Stockton
 Rosanne Nunley
 Nancy Lasater
 Jere Harris
 Ginger McCall
 Harry Todd
 Lulu Boggs
 Richard & Karen Hobbs
 Sue Tolbert
 Deborah Gray

Lisa Harbison
 Cindy Miller
 R. W. Grider
 Pete & Mickey Hagan
 James & Wanda Maher
 Diana & son Caleb Reaser
 Charles & Mary Downing
 Virginia Perry
 Loretta Benson
 Barbara Downs
 Jenney Fleming
 Faye Gibson
 Kathryn Swearingen

Mail List: To receive announcements and reminders about MCGS meetings and events, subscribe to the MCGS members mailing list. (see the article on mailing lists in this issue of the Quarterly)

Society E-mail: Questions or comments to the Society e-mail address: mucogeso@yahoo.com

Website: Be sure to visit the MCGS website: <http://rootsweb.com/~okmuscgs/index.htm>

2005 Genealogy Events Calendar

9 April

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with registration from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Cherokee Heritage Center's Spring Seminar: "Genealogy of Hope: How the Cherokee Family Survived."

Speakers are: Jack D. Baker, David K. Hampton, Marybelle Chase, Wyman Kirk, and Tom Mooney.

Held in the Tsa-la-gi Community Room and the O-si-yo classroom.

Costs: \$35 for non-members of the Cherokee National Historical Society and \$30 for members if they pre-register before March 20.

After March 20, fees are \$50 for non-members of CNHS and \$45 for members.

Seating is limited to 70.

30 April Saturday

Oklahoma Genealogical Society

2005 Spring Seminar and

First Families of the Twin Territories Luncheon

Oklahoma City Community College

7777 South May Avenue, Oklahoma City

Featuring:

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

Seminar Topics include:

Managing a DNA Surname Project

Beyond DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options

Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding the Living

Remembering Our Ancestors

For more information: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~okgs/>

8 Day Research Trip**Where: Salt Lake City, Utah (leaving from Tulsa, OK)****When: Sunday, April 24-Sunday, May 1, 2005**

\$\$ - \$800.00

****Deposit Deadline: February 15, 2005 to hold seat at quoted price****

Why: One of the largest research repositories of world-wide research materials that can not fully be used long-distance. The Internet and State/Branch Libraries do not allow a researcher quick access to the entire collection that an intensive research trip to Salt Lake offers.

Who: The Gregath Publishing Company: <http://www.gregathcompany.com/tours/slc.html>

14 May**Grand Lake Ancestor Fair****Grove Community Center, Grove,****Oklahoma****9 a.m. -3 p.m.****1-4 June 2005****The National Genealogical Society's 27th Annual Conference in the States and NGS GENTECH 2005**

Nashville, Tennessee

For information : <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>**12-17 June 2005****Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research**

Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.

For information: <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html>**8 & 9 July 2005****Tulsa Genealogical Society's 17th Annual July Workshop****Featuring: Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG, professional genealogist and author.**

Workshop Topics:

County Land Records in Depth

Using Little Known and Neglected Sources: A Potpourri

Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case

Avoid the Crooked Path! Genealogical Problem Solving

For information: <http://www.tulsagenealogy.org/workshopnext.asp>**22 October****10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with registration from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Cherokee Heritage Center's Fall****Seminar: "In the Cherokee Nation: A Guide to Research."**

Location to be announced. Prices are the same as the Spring Seminar.

21-23 October 2005**Genealogy In the Woods Retreat at Cave Springs**For information: <http://www.gregathcompany.com/workshop/2005/index.htm>



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