

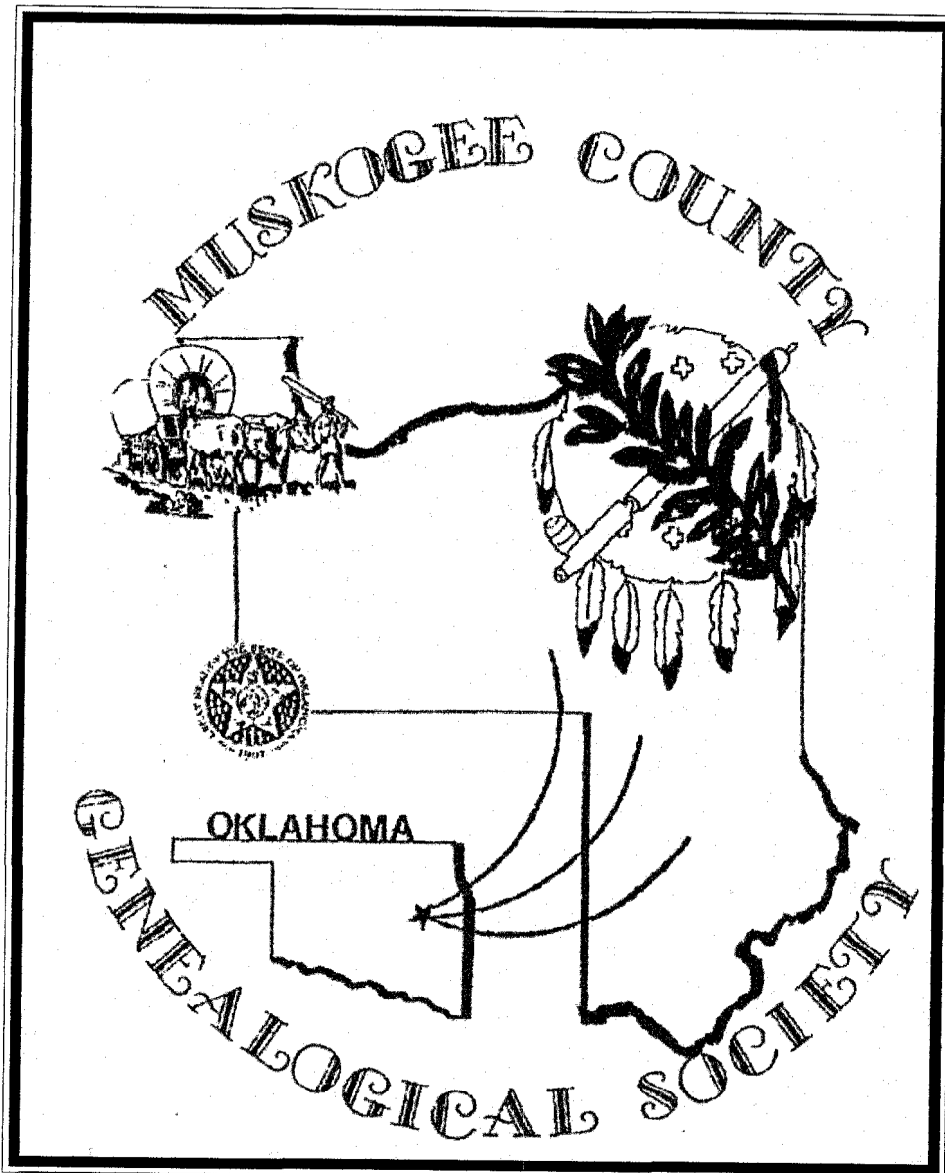
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I am sorry if I missed anyone.

Muskogee County Genealogical Society General Information

To defray the cost of postage for mailing your issue of the quarterly we are asking that you please pick up your issues at the monthly meetings in March, June,

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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Dear Muskogee County Genealogical Society Members,

I hope everyone has had a prosperous year of research so far. If you haven't, then let your Society help you!

The MCGS Board has many great speakers lined up for the fall of '05 and spring of '06. Also the 6:00 p.m. How To Sessions are especially for you and your research problems. Please feel free to let any of the Board know of any area of research you would like to be discussed. That is how we learn - from each others headaches and the steps to solve them.

Summer is almost here and we hope you can spend some time in the Grant Foreman Room. Remember everything you find on the internet in your research you still need to prove, so do not rely a 110% on its value!

The Grant Foreman Collection has grown considerably with the addition of the first five of the twenty plus map guides to German Parish Registers purchased with the Louise Simpson Fund, and the Texas Death/Birth Indexes on microfiche purchased by the Jean Yadon with Andrew Jackson Vaughn & Jennie Vessie Jackson Vaughn Trust Fund monies.

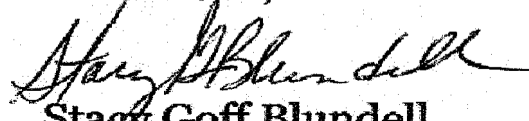
Don't forget the Genealogy Courses offered the first Monday night at the Library at 7:00 p.m. . Internet Research Courses require pre-registration.

There are many volunteer projects that you can participate in that will further your research skills and will also supplement the Society's holdings. Also we have formed a Grant Writing Committee that is busy at work on future programs for funding and preservation of our records here locally.

Coming up in September of '05 we have our Annual Ancestor Fair and in March of '06 George Morgan is returning. Our monthly meetings are the fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m. with the How To Sessions beginning at 6:00 p.m.

These are just a few of the exciting and enriching programs and opportunities we have to help you with your genealogy. I hope you've enjoyed the year so far and are as excited about the future as we are !!

Good Luck,


Stacy Goff Blundell
President MCGS

**Muskogee County Genealogical
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Karen Wagner



**Monthly Genealogy Workshops
At the Cherokee Heritage Center**

The first Saturday of every month experienced genealogists, Gene Norris and Roy Hamilton, will be offering instruction on the numerous resources available for tracing one's family history.

These one-hour workshops are held at the Cherokee Family Research Center a 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and are open to persons age 10 and older. Workshop fees are \$5 for students 14 and younger and \$10 for students older than 15. Payment may be made in advance or at the time of the workshop. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is recommended. Students should bring paper and pencil to take notes.

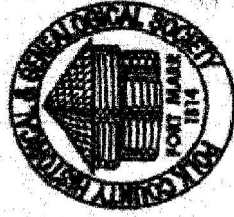
For more information or to pre-register, please call the Cherokee Family Research Center at (918) 456-6007, Ext. 27, toll free at (888) 999-6007, Ext. 27, or email Norris and Hamilton at Genealogy@CherokeeHeritage.org.

Polk County Historical & Genealogical Society
*Confers membership in the
 First Families of Polk County*

To
 Susan J. Christenson
direct descendant of

William Abraham Hester

Who settled in Polk County prior to November 28, 1839



Certificate # 166, issued in Benton, Tennessee
 this 21st day of April, in the year Two Thousand and Five

Marian Raymond *Evelyn Craven*
 President Chairman of the Board

Dear Fellow Genealogist,

I thought this would be a great time for us to hear about the children, of our members, who were graduating this year.



Jeremy H. Harris, graduation from Muskogee High School, May 28, 2005. He is the son of Jere and Tim Harris. He is a four year member of the Pride of Muskogee Marching Band. A four year member of Oklahoma Honor Society, three year member of National Honor Society. He has been in the high school musicals, Peter Pan, West Side Story, Honk, and Pajama Game. He was a member of the Latin Club. He has been accepted at OSU for the fall semester and awarded their valedictorian scholarship for four years.

Christopher Martin Gibson, will be graduating from Carl Junction, MO. On Sunday May 8, 2005. He played football all four years and was an outstanding receiver of Carl Junction High School. He also participated in basketball, wrestling, and track at Carl Junction. He was born on Nov. 14, 1986 at Miami, Oklahoma. He started his school years at Hilldale. Christopher is the grandson of Faye and Les Gibson.

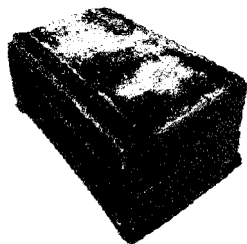
Olyvia Allison Hill is graduation from the 8th grade at Hilldale Middle School on Friday, May 13, 2005. She is on the Principal's Honor Roll and a member of the Science club. She was born July 17, 1990, in Tahlequah, Cherokee County, OK She has attended Hilldale Schools her whole life. She is the daughter of Mark and Alissa Hill.

Russell "Jarrod" McCall, is graduating this month from Hilldale High School. He has been active in sports in the past, as well as acted in the school play/musicals the past three years. He has three years of study in each the German language and the Spanish language, which he currently teaches to the elementary children. Jarrod was recognized this year in the field of Foreign Language by the Muskogee Noon Optimists Club. He has attended Connors State College classes while attending his last year in high school.

Jonathan T. McCall, is graduating from the 8th grade from Oktaha Public Schools. He is on the principal's honor roll. Last year, he was on the Oktaha Academic Team which took fourth in state.

Both Russell and Jonathan are the sons of Russell G. & Ginger McCall, and the proud grandsons of George & Dorothy Gipson, William & Jewel Page and Bob Stewart, all of Muskogee; Bill & Mary Sue Tedder of Porter; Col. Robert E. & Billie Clark of Norman; and Robert Stewart Oolagah.





Grab Your Dictionary

By Stacy Blundell

Did you know that "stepmothers" were sometimes called "mother-n-laws" in colonial times? That a "housekeeper" once meant "property owner"? If you were a "domestic" you were really a "housewife"?

The meanings of words have changed through the times and we have to remember that in our research. Many times that newspaper article, letter, or listing in a record will make more sense to us when we remember the "talk" of that time being researched.

"Tithings" once meant towns, and the word "mister" in the early 1800's was applied only to men of wealth or education, I thought it was because of good manners. And I can remember complaining about having to go see the doctor at the children's clinic when I was in high school but it used to be that "infant" meant anyone under 21! And our parents say slang makes no sense!



Census Dates to Remember

By Stacy Blundell

Census enumerators were instructed to take the census as of the census date, regardless of the visit date. Babies born after the census date were not to be included, but deaths were. All enumerators didn't apply this rule, but in your research you need to be aware of which dates should have shown.

The census days of 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1820 were the first Monday in August; for 1830 through 1900, it was the first of June. 1910 was April 15th, for 1920 no date was given and for 1930 through 1990, it was April 1st.

Births & Deaths on the High Seas

By Stacy Blundell

When a baby was born or when someone died on the high seas, no matter what kind of vessel, the place where the records are filed is decided in terms of the direction in which the craft was headed at the time of the event.

If the craft was outbound or docked at a foreign post write to U.S. Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. 20520 for copies of the record.

If the craft was in bound and the port of entry was in the U.S., then you will need to write to the registration offices in the city where the craft landed in the U.S. And if the vessel was of U.S. Registry, contact the U. S. Coast Guard at the port of entry.



How far would you walk

For a date?

Stacy Blundell



Now don't misunderstand me, I'm not asking you out on a date. I just want you to think about how far your ancestor might have walked to go to courtin!

We've all heard stories about our folks having to walk more than two miles just to go to school, but how far did they walk just to sneak a kiss? A young man couldn't go courting at night-time much further than 5 miles or he wouldn't make it back home before morning, in time to do chores. Even in a buggy or on horse back, 5 miles is still a ways to travel. Young men often married young ladies within that 5 mile radius, so look at the tax lists to see who lived within that radius. You might find the maiden name of your female ancestor! This little research tip is called the 5 mile rule in genealogy. Now if your fella should ever ask you how far you'd walk for a date, just say that for him, you'd walk clean around the world!

The Severs and Ballards of Cincinnati, Arkansas

Ann Gardner

My mother often told me about our family, her siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents but like most young people what she told me went right over my head. After I grew up and had children of my own I started asking questions; "tell me again, who were they?" Then she decided to write down all she knew for my daughter in particular who was getting interested in family origins also. Mother and her remembrances of people and places of times past never cease to amaze me. I have used her account of the family history almost daily as I have gone into family genealogy since I retired. Most of Mother's family lived in Benton and Washington Counties in Arkansas before coming to Oklahoma.

My ancestor, Charles Jackson Severs, came to Washington County, Arkansas, and settled in 1833 where Cincinnati was established. He was born 16 Nov 1811 near Knoxville, Tennessee, and came to Arkansas as a young man. About a year later he married Basima Thurmathis Ballard and they made their home at Pleasant Retreat Plantation south of Cincinnati. Thanks to Glenita Guthrie, I learned he was a Charter Member of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Ancient York Masons. Unfortunately his application for membership has been lost, due to fire; his application would have given us much information regarding his origins that I have not yet found. Basima Ballard was the daughter of Thomas Ballard and Martha White. She was born 14 Dec 1811 in South Carolina.

Charles Jackson and Basima had six children: Frederick Ballard born 13 Aug 1835, Mary L. born 29 April 1839, Basima T. born 18 Oct 1841, Helen C. born 23 Sept 1844, Ellen E. born 1847 and Emma J. born 14 Nov 1862. They reared another girl, Betty Wickett, who came to them just after the Civil War because she had lost her parents during that conflict.

Frederick Ballard Severs went to school at Cane Hill College and from there he went to Ft. Gibson in Indian Territory. He worked with a friend of his father's, W. C. Dickson, in the mercantile business several years. After this he went to Conchartry Town in the Creek Nation, near what is now Tulsa to teach school. He met and married Annie Anderson, daughter of George Anderson who was second chief of the Creek Nation. Dur-

ing this time of his life he became friends with Hagerman Shields who later married his sister, Mary Severs.

During the Civil War F. B. Severs signed up with Captain Checote and fought with the First Creek Regiment. He spent most of the war with the rank of Captain although he was promoted to Major later. For the rest of his life he was known as "Capitan Severs". After the war he established a mercantile business in Okmulgee, I.T. He was one of very few white men adopted into the Creek Nation. He was also considered the "Father of Okmulgee". He continued to prosper in Okmulgee with businesses that included ranching, farming and banking. As his family of three girls grew, the family spent more and more time in Muskogee. The education and business opportunities made the move reasonable. About the time he died in 1918 he realized a long time dream of completing the Severs Hotel. The Severs Hotel had a world wide reputation for excellence many years. It is today the Severs Building in Muskogee which houses a bank and other businesses, after being restored in 1989.

Mary L. Severs married Hagerman Shields on 29 Jan 1861 in Cincinnati and they are buried in Cincinnati's Old Union Cemetery. They had six children:

Ellen T. Shields was born 28 May 1862 in Cincinnati, Washington County, AR

Saddie M. Shields was born 5 April 1865 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO

Charles Jackson Shields was born 13 Jan 1865 in Cincinnati

Frederca D. Shields was born 14 Aug 1871 in Cincinnati

William H. Shields was born 8 Feb 1873 in Cincinnati

Mary Gertrude Shields was born 4 Sept 1877 in Cincinnati

Basima T. (Simmie) Severs married Wesley Clarke Trent in Cincinnati 18 Aug 1859 and they had six children. Their first child was my great-grandmother.

Mary Helen Trent was born 30 June 1860 in Cincinnati

Emma Eveline Trent was born 14 Nov 1862 in Cincinnati

Sarah Basima (Bessie) Trent was born 24 Aug 1866 in Cincinnati

Martha Ellen (Pat) born 25 Sept 1871 in Cincinnati

Laura Sultanna was born 4 Feb 1874 in Cincinnati

Charles Josiah was born 20 Nov 1868 in Cincinnati

Helen C. Severs married Andrew W. Robb in Muskogee after his first wife died in 1898 and they had no children. Before her marriage she owned a millinery shop in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Ellen E. Severs married James Oates in Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri, and they had one child who died along with Ellen in 1868.

Emma Severs married Albert Stark in Cincinnati and they had four children.

The Basima Severs and Wesley Clarke Trent union produced some children who led interesting lives. Mary Helen Trent married Charles H. Thomas and they had eight children; one dying in infancy. Six were boys leaving only one girl. Charles H. Thomas' father, Jacob Thomas, fought with the Illinois 103 Infantry and marched with Sherman through Georgia. His northern military service did not go over very well with the rest of the family, all being in the Confederacy. Jacob Thomas is buried in Siloam Springs, AR. My mother always said her grandmother must have been hard up for a husband when they married in 1858.

Bessie Trent was an educator; teacher in Okmulgee, Superintendent of Muskogee schools, professor at Southeastern State Teachers College in Durant, OK, where she met Miss Ella Hockaday and later the two of them started Hockaday School for Girls in Dallas, TX, where it is still in operation.

Laura Sultanna Trent married Fred A. Parkinson who became an Oklahoma business man and well known politician. Emma E. married King Roscoe Cutler, Charles Josiah married Mary Simpson and Martha Ellen (Pat) never married but became the private secretary of the Mayor of Chicago.

The parents of Basima T. Ballard Severs were Thomas and Martha White Ballard. Thomas was born in Virginia and Martha in South Carolina. They are both buried in Old Union Cemetery in Cincinnati. I don't know much about the Ballards but according to Sarah Basima Trent of Hockaday School, "Sir John Ballard, one of William the Conqueror's Knights in Normandy, came with William on his invasion of England in 1066. He was an Englishman ever afterwards. A descendent came to the United States in Colonial days and settled in South Carolina." Thomas and Martha had twelve children: Walter, Thomas B., Lewis, Alexander, Basima Thermuthis, Frederick, Nancy, Martha, Mary, Amelia, William and John.

The name Basima Thermuthis has interesting origins. Basima is an Iraqi name. Thermuthis was the name of the Pharaoh's daughter who rescued Moses from the rushes.

Recently I learned that Thomas Ballard's father was one Devereaux Ballard who fought in the American Revolution. He died intestate in August 1837 in Louisiana. He had in 1834 applied for a pension for volunteering in the Revolution. At this time he was seventy eight years of age and answered several interesting questions for the application. He was born on Nottaway River in Virginia 1756; he "entered service under Col. John Broush, I lived in Halifax County, North Carolina." Shortly after he volunteered he hired a substitute "one Sterling McLemore to whom I paid eight hundred dollars for twelve months service that being the term for which the same had volunteered his services". Then after the fall of Charleston, South Carolina in May 1780 he volunteered again and went himself. Later records say that Devereaux Ballard fought in the battle of King's Mountain in South Carolina but in the application he says he did not; he was in the outfit which did but he did not fight that day. My mother told the story handed down in her family of the old grandfather walking down by the river on their plantation frightening the slaves by screaming "The Red Coats are coming, the Red Coats are coming!"

Cincinnati, Arkansas, has loomed large as life in the family stories I was reared on for many years. Every time I am in Cincinnati or the cemetery I feel these old family members close. Charles Jackson "Uncle Charley" Severs and his wife Basima began their life here in 1834; he died 4 Sept 1888 at almost age of 77 years and she died 4 Sept 1881 at almost 70 years. After their deaths the Plantation was put up for sale by Helen C. Severs. Thomas Ballard died in 1854 and Martha in 1872.

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INTERVIEW WITH ELLA ROBINSON**INDIAN PIONEER PAPERS # 12953**

Ella Robinson, Investigator, February 15, 1938

History of the First Methodist Church, South Muskogee, Oklahoma

The First Methodist Church, South, was organized at the meeting of the Annual Conference in Muskogee, October 17, 1878. The sessions of the Conference were held in the Presbyterian Church which had been so graciously offered by the pastor, Reverend John Elliott, Bishop Holland Mc Tyere, presiding. Prior to that time, looking forward to an organization being effected, loyal Methodists in the little village and surrounding country has erected a one room stone building to be used as a church. The stone was taken from nearby quarries. During the summer the farmers in the country had some leisure time and gave their own time and the use of their wagons and teams to haul the stone to the building site.

Through the influence of Honorable Sam Checote, a full-blood Creek Indian, who was a Methodist Minister, the Creek Government donated three acres of land lying just east of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, to the Methodist Church, to be used for school and church purposes.

The building was located on the corner of the lot on what is now Cherokee Street and East Okmulgee Avenue. Cherokee Street, at that time, was the "Texas Road" and Okmulgee was just a road leading to the country. On Sunday morning during the Conference the services were held in the unfinished building, the window sashes were not in but the openings were covered with canvas. As there were no seats, friends near by sent chairs and a table, loaned by them, served as a pulpit.

Bishop Mc Tyere delivered the sermon. The next morning the Conference was called to order at nine o'clock and the appointments read. Reverend Theo. F. Brewer was assigned to First Church, Muskogee, giving part time to Vinita. Reverend Brewer had been connected with Asbury Manuel Labor School, at Eufaula, a Methodist school for Creek Indians. After the Conference adjourned Mr. Ella Robinson, who was present, spoke to Mr. Brewer and said, "Here is my church letter from First Church, Paris, Texas, I think I am your first member."

The question for a place for the preacher to live at once presented itself. After having arranged for a three room box home, to be erected on the south side of the church, Mr. Brewer returned home to return the following Sunday to begin his work. When the little home was ready Mrs. Brewer and two children, Robert and Reba, came to make their home in the little village.

The following Sunday, after Conference, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Ross joined by letter, making a membership of three with which to start. A few weeks later Mr. and Mrs. Jon Cunningham came in and then Mr. Coleman Roberson and family joined. As there were not enough men available to serve as Stewards, Mrs. Robinson served on the Board of Stewards, and also taught a Sunday school class.

When Mr. Brewer resigned his position at Asbury Mission his duties were assumed by Mr. W. M. Martin, who was also connected with the institution. Some two years later Mr. Martin, too, moved to Muskogee and engaged in the mercantile business.

He built his little home beside the parsonage and entered into the life and work of the church. A Sunday school as organized at once. The first meeting to arrange for an organization was called by Mrs. Brewer and held at the parsonage. Mr. Steven S. Sanger was chosen to act as superintendent, serving some two years, when Mr. W. M. Martin was elected and served for seventeen years most efficiently. On his retirement he was succeeded by Dr. Albert E. Bonnell, a young dentist who had

located in Muskogee in 1890.

During the early life of the infant church no one had much money and every legitimate means of earning a dollar was resorted to. Chicken dinners, oyster suppers, were always well attended. Often a hundred dollars was made. Everyone in the little town who could attend, and all were interested and wanted to help. Strawberry festivals were quite popular in their season. The oysters had to be ordered from Parsons, Kansas as no market carried fresh oysters. The strawberries were gotten from Texas. Musical concerts were given when all the talent in the church and out would be called upon to give their services. A spirit of friendliness and personal interest characterized the little town and everyone was anxious to have the church prosper. Magic Lantern shows were held in the church and were of special interest to the children. The congregation increased rapidly and new members were added each Sunday.

In 1881, Mr. Brewer, by authority of the church, opened a day school; classes were taught in the church. Side rooms were added to the parsonage and several teachers were employed and boarded at the parsonage. Miss Alice Boardman, from St. Louis, was the first music teacher. Music classes were taught on Mrs. Brewer's piano in the parlor. There had been subscription schools for white children in Muskogee from time to time but were not permanent. People in the surrounding country boarded their older children with friends in town and they, too, attended school at the "Rock Church" as it was familiarly known.

Mrs. M. E. Locke, a sister of Mr. Brewer, came to Muskogee from northern Arkansas and taught the primary classes; she also taught a Sunday School class. To Mrs. Locke and her two boys fell the task of keeping the church clean. The boys attended to making the fires and she saw to it that the floors and coal oil lamps were clean and in order, each week. When she gave up the job it was taken by Will Martin, son of Mr. W. M. Martin, who did it efficiently.

In 1881 the Muskogee church was raised to be a station with Mr. Brewer as pastor with a salary of \$800. The Conference of '81, also, by order of the church, formulated plans for erecting suitable buildings in which to open a girl's boarding school. A petition for a charter had been filed with the Creek Council which was to meet in November. Anticipating favorable action on the part of the council, Mr. Brewer was appointed president of the new school which was named Harrell Institute in honor of Reverend John Harrell, a pioneer itinerant minister of early Indian Territory days. It was the first Methodist Educational Institution in the Indian Territory. The history of the church is inseparable from the school as it was from the school that the church drew some of its best resources. As the teachers were young ladies from the best Methodist families of the east and south, they contributed largely to the growth of the church, not only in a religious sense but in a social and cultural way as well. The music teachers had charge of the choir and each teacher had a Sunday school class. Miss Bessie (), of Starkville, Mississippi, (now Mrs. A. E. Bonnell) was one of the piano teachers, as was Miss Kate Williams, (Mrs. C. L. Jackson) both now living in Muskogee.

A Ladies Aid Society was organized that was helpful with the local work of the early church. A Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in the parlor of Harrell Institute in June, 1886. The meeting was called by Mrs. Brewer. Mrs. Ida Bolander was elected treasurer of the Missionary Society and served for seventeen years.

Each Christmas a huge tree was placed in the church and an appropriate program was given. Mr. Martin, the efficient superintendent of the Sunday School, saw to it that no child whose name could be secured went without a treat and a present.

In 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding moved to Muskogee and were among the most prominent members, not only giving their time but contributed generously to the finances. Mr. Spaulding was a member of the Board of Stewards and a trustee of the church and school until his death. Mrs. Spaulding served in numerous offices of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Callahan were other members who made it possible for the church to prosper. T. Dr. Bonnell is due much credit for the growth of the church through the Sunday School.

In 1899, Miss Maud Bonnell, a sister of Dr. Bonnell went as a missionary to Japan. She was supported entirely by the Sunday School of First Church, the first, and perhaps the only Sunday School in the Conference, to assume the support of a missionary. She was placed at Kobe, Japan, in charge of a girls' school, a position she held until her death in 1917.

In 1900, the three story brick building and a large frame dormitory that housed the school were burned. As that was considered rather close in at that time for a college, a tract of land a few blocks east that had been the "Fair Grounds" and race track was secured and a much larger, more up-to-date building was erected. More students were accommodated and the faculty enlarged.

In May of 1893, the comfortable little church on the corner of Cherokee Street and East Okmulgee Avenue was burned and all records were lost. Reverend M. L. Butler was serving his second appointment as pastor. The building had been enlarged and modified to meet the needs of the fast growing congregation. After the church burned services were held in the chapel of the college. The members were undaunted by the disaster and set to work to build a more modern and larger church.

As it was thought that the church should be located near the school, a lot was secured at the corner of "F" and East Okmulgee Avenue and was purchased from J.R. Joshua Ross. The congregation went to work with all the enthusiasm that characterized all of their efforts and the church was rushed to completion in 1904. As the style of church architecture at that time was that all churches had a tall spire, so the new church was adorned with one, tall, reaching high toward the sky. But for some unknown reason it seemed to attract lightning and was repeatedly struck by lightning doing heavy damage to the roof. The spire was taken off and no more trouble occurred.

As the "Katy" Railroad had always been a dividing line through the town, and somewhat of a hindrance to traffic, the church members residing on the west side thought it would be a good time for the membership to divide and have an organization on each side of town. After much discussion, some misunderstanding and a little hard feeling, the division was effected and St. Paul's Church was started. Reverend L. M. Sweet, of Washington, D. C., came as the first pastor. However, all the members living on the west side did not favor the division and some retained their membership in the First Church, even to the present time.

The Sunday School had been divided into departments and each had a separate room in the new building. In the Primary room the teacher thought an organ was needed. A plan was put before the children to buy a little portable organ (known as the Bilkon Organ) and pay for it with their pennies and nickels to which they heartily responded. A fine pipe organ was installed in the new church, the first in the town and, perhaps the first in the Conference. Miss Bess Brewer was the organist.

First Church was a pioneer in many things. In 1914 the "White Christmas" was celebrated for the first time in the Conference. Dr. Bonnell, the most outstanding Sunday School Superintendent in the Conference, was ever on the alert for something that would make for the betterment of the Sunday School. Contrary to the custom of each child receiving a gift or treat, they gave one. The plan was presented to the school by Dr. Bonnell and was unanimously responded to. The custom has been followed each year up to the present time. Each class contributes a different thing in the line of things to eat, and each gift is wrapped in white, and with an appropriate program, are presented at the date just prior to the 25th of December. Baskets are then arranged and sent to the less fortunate ones in the community.

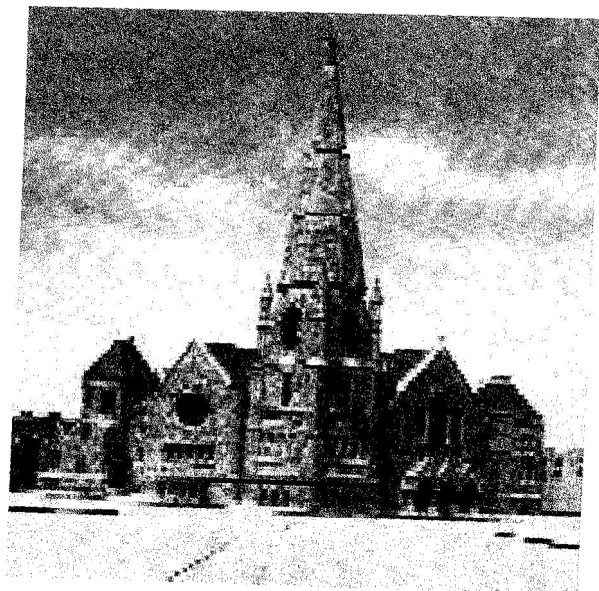
In the entire history of the church there has been only four Sunday School superintendents, namely, Mr. S. S. Sanger, Mr. W M. Martin, Dr. A. E. Bonnell and Mr. James Egan, the present incumbent.

Mrs. Ella F. Robinson, age ninety, is the only living member of the early church, who is also a charter member. From a membership of three, with a pastor serving at a salary of \$800.00, to a membership of twelve hundred, with a pastor serving at a salary of \$3,000.00, a paid choir director, organist, secretary and custodian, has been the growth of First church. And St. Paul's Church, which was an outgrowth of First Church, carries a membership of some twelve hundred. First Church has been by no means asleep to its opportunities and responsibilities. The Sunday School enrollment is approximately five hundred. First Church had had a steady development during the sixty years of its existence and has contributed more to the upbuilding of the religious and educational growth, not only to the city of Muskogee but to the entire state of Oklahoma as well.

Following is a list of pastors who have served the church and the time the served.

Rev. Theo. F. Brewer	1878 -1886	Rev. C. H. Mc Ghee	1910-1914
" J. O. Shanks	1886 -1887	" Cornelius Pugslely	1912-1914
" James Y. Bryce	1887-1889	" C. B. Cross	1914-1918
" J. L. Futrell	1889-1890	" L. L. Evens	1918-1921
" M. L. Butler	1890-1894	" J. W. Isreal	1921-1922
" W. A. Freeman	1894-1895	" R. B. Moreland	1922-1923
" W. R. Thornton	1895-1896	" C. M. Hawkins	1923-1925
" E. D. Cameron	1896-1898	" R. S. Satterfield	1925-1926
" S. G. Thompson	1898-1900	" W. L. Broome	1925-1929
" M. L. Butler	1900-1904	" W. B. Vanderpool	1929-1930
" T. L. Lallance	1904-1905	" R. S. Satterfield	1930-1932
" O. E. Goddard	1905-1908	" Albert N. Averyt Jr.	1932-1933
" S. G. Babcock	1908-1909	" R. O. Callahan	1933-1935
" A. L. Scales	1909-1910	" C. A. German	1935-1938

Thanks Barbara Downs for
this interesting article.



100 YEARS AGO

Items extracted from the Muskogee Phoenix, 1905

APRIL 1, 1905 TERMINAL PARK BEING LOCATED

Electric Cars Will Be Running to the Arkansas River by the First of May.

General Ira L. Reeves, president of the Muskogee Electric Traction Company, in company with Mr. N. A. Gibson, attorney for the company spent most of yesterday investigating sites along the Arkansas River that would be suitable for terminal grounds. The graders have commenced work on the river extension from the car barn and the terminal grounds must be selected within the next few days so as to make any necessary changes in the survey.

The terminal grounds are to be highly improved, \$20,000 have been appropriated for this work. No less than forty acres are necessary and the plans for the different buildings to be placed there were approved yesterday.

An immense pavilion and waiting room will have been built before the line is in operation to the river. Refreshment counters are to be provided so people desiring to spend a day on the river may not be bothered with the troublesome lunch question.

"With reasonably fair weather" said General Reeves, "we will be running cars to the river by the first of May. The material is all here and the grading is well started. We will commence laying track to Bacone next week.

DEEDS RECORDED

Aylesworth, Allison L. to Mary Andy, \$800.00, N ½ E1/2 lot 5 block 70, Muskogee

Bucher, Geo, to L. R. Kershaw, \$2,125.00 E ½ SW and SW SW 20-14-14.

Jefferson, M. R., to H. L. Wineland, \$1,000.00, W ½ NE 32-14-15.

Longston, Will, to Howard E. Bell, \$225.00, part lots 7 and 8 block 453 Muskogee.

McKellop, Albert, to H. G. Hamlin, \$75.00 lot 5 block 14, McKelleop's addition to Muskogee.

Palmer, T. R., to David A. Fulsom, \$1.00 SW SE 15-15-10.

Pioneer Trust CO., to A. S. McCay, \$100.00 kits 11 and 12, block 14, Morris, I. T.

Parks, O. F., to Thomas Luckey, \$1.00, SW NE and S ½ SE NE and S ½ N ½ SE NE 33-19-16.

Parks, O. F., to N. R. Williams, \$425.00, NW NE 33-19-16.

Reeves Realty Co. to Lillie B. Liggett, \$285.00, lot 2, block 330, Muskogee.

Rector, Alfred, to Oklahoma Land Co., \$300.00, part lot 2, block 330, Muskogee.

Smith, Mrs. M. E. to Fannie B. Elzey, \$150.00, lot 23, block 6, Muskogee.

Smith, Isabell, to m. b. Robe, \$1,750.00, part lot 12, block 33, Muskogee.

Ter. Trust & Surety Co., to Ira L. Reeves, \$1.00 block 28 and W ½ block 28, Garrett Heights addition to Muskogee.

Trumbo, A. C. to Geo. F. Bucher, \$1.00, S ½ SW and NE SW 20-14-14

100 YEARS AGO

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April, 4, 1905 FIRST ACCIDENT REPORT

Electric Car no. 17 Bumps into a Cab – No one Hurt.

The first accident report was turned into the office of the Muskogee Electric Traction company last night and now nothing remains to be done but kill some one by an automobile and this city will truly be metropolitan. Car No. 17 claims the medal for the first accident, which occurred about ten o'clock yesterday morning. The car was west bound and was just getting up speed after leaving Third Street, when a cab belonging to the depot carriage company was driven across the tracks at Fourth Street. The motorman reversed his power, but the car slipped and struck the cab with sufficient force to break one of the front wheels of the cab. No one was injured.

STREET CAR TICKETS Street car tickets are on sale at the following places: 22 rides for \$1.00 for all persons over 12 years of age, for sale at the Fair store. 40 rides for \$1.00, children between 5 and 12 years of age, and school children between 12 and 15 years of age for sale at R. M. Jones, corn Second and Okmulgee.

6 April, 1905 Headline –

ROOSEVELT DAY IN MUSKOGEE. FIFTENN THOUSAND PEOPLE SEE AND HEARD.

Day Will Ever Be Memorable One - - - Expressed Surprise at Progress and Development of the Country

TELEPHONE TO TAFT

Special to The Phoenix

Taft, I. T., April 3. – The Pioneer Telephone to string the wires through Taft from Tulsa to Muskogee. There will be one or more stations in Taft to accommodate the public.

April, 13, 1905 DEEDS RECORDED

Compiled by the Pioneer Abstract and Trust Company

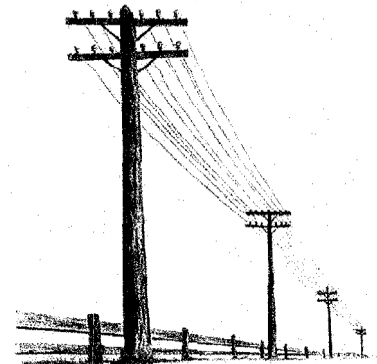
Alec, Ben. To Harry L. Stevens, \$750.00, E 1/2 NW 13-15-17

Carter, Rina, to W. Smith, \$1440.00, E 1/2 NW and SW NW 20-14-14

Davis, Rhoda, to W. M. Goodwin, \$200.00, NW 2 acres 3-14-18

Elliot, Geo. W., to M. R. Williams, \$1.00 E 1/2 SW and SW; SW 22-14-17

Estes, Julius, to Miranda Van Voorhees, \$800.00, lot 7 and part lot 8, block 60, Checotah.



100 YEARS AGO

Items extracted from the Muskogee Phoenix, 1905

23 April 1905 COLONY FOR PORUM

Said that Fifty Families from Iowa Will Locate There Soon

G. T. Letcher, manager of the Cherokee Town site Company recently organized with a capital of \$30,000, announced Saturday that fifty families from Iowa would locate there in a short time.

These people will buy and lease agricultural lands around the town of Porum, build homes and prepare the lands for cultivation. In addition to these people, H. A. Love, a jeweler from Quincy, Ill. is to open a jewelry store there, while two men are considering a proposition for starting a newspaper. Mr. Letcher says there is a good demand for lands, with numerous inquiries and predicts much activity there during the season.

2 May 1905 PORUM COMMERCIAL CLUB

Special to the Phoenix

Porum I. T. May 1. – Porum's Commercial club is panning many moves in the future for the good of Porum, among which is good roads leading into the town. The club consists of the following members: President, Charles O'Keefe; vice president, S. T. Davis; secretary, T. H. Williams, Members: J. E. Gill, Juss Anthony; Chas. McClure, T. B. Matthews, F. R. Letcher, A. J. Counts, V. C. Miles, R. A. Finklea, H. P. Olteger, W. P. Candle, T. H. Williams, R. W. Williams, Wm. C. L. V. Cory, Wm. Miles, J. J. Goss, Geo. F. Howard, B. F. Hilliard, S. J. Ward, J. H. Plake, Chas J. O'Keefe, S. J. Taylor, H. Plunkett, S. J. Davis, H. J. Plunkett, M. C. Jordon, A. E. Stephens, J. A. Castleman, Geo W. Blackstone.

Thanks for extracting these from the old newspapers Barbara Downs.

Newspaper Research Tips

By Stacy Blundell

- If the place you are researching doesn't have a newspaper for the time period you need that has survived, try the neighboring county paper for the event you're looking for. Many times "news" was republished in other papers as much as 6 months to a year later.
- "Archival Mist" made by Collage can be sprayed on paper to make it acid-free. It will not affect the ink, colors, or adhesives and works on newspaper clippings and scrapbooks. For more information, call 1-800-926-5524.
- Copy the newspaper clipping onto acid-free and lignin-free paper or 100% cotton rag paper. The image will be clearer and more permanent than newsprint, and won't yellow over time.
- Place the clipping into a photo mounting sleeve and then mount the sleeve in your scrapbook page.



Members of the Senior Class – 1933-34

An industrious member of this years senior class is Mary Adelaide Snider, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand P. Snider who resides at 549 North 12 street.

Mary Adelaide came to Central in eleventh grade from West High School. In West High she was a member of the Eagle Staff, Scribblers Club, Page, Knight and Squire in "W" Service club, and in the pep squad.

Since entering Central she has been in the "M" Service club, Gunaike, Scout Staff, and Senior Girl Scouts.

Mary Adelaide is enrolled in a college preparatory course and expects to attend Rockford College and the University of Illinois. Her greatest ambitions are to be a Librarian, or a Girl Scout regional director. Her favorite hobbies are post card and flower collecting.

One of Central's most popular brunets is Lee Cameron Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scott of 708 Emporia. Lee Cameron is enrolled in a Home Economics course. After finishing Central she plans to attend A. and M. at Stillwater.

She entered Central from West High in the eleventh grade. While at West High she was a member of the Chess and Checker Club, and the Swimming Club. At Central she has been an active member of the Senior Girls' Glee Club, '33, and Senior Girls' Chorus, '34.

Lee Cameron is very fond of office work, and her hobbies are horseback riding and motor boat racing.

In order that he may become an electrical engineer, Howard Tozer is taking a general industrial course. Howard resides at 2416 Elgin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Duncan.

Before entering Central in his Junior year, Howard attended West High. There he was associated with the Eagle, a member of the track team and in the athletic club.

He is undecided at the present just where he will attend college. His hobbies are fishing, swimming, and basketball.

Well known and liked for his continual smile and good nature is Paul L. Patton, better known as "Nip." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Patton, 402 Callahan.

Paul entered Central in the seventh grade from Washington and played on the Tennis team in 1928. He was a Representative in 1928 and played football in 1930 and 1931. He plans to enter Purdue and become a civil engineer.

His hobbies are ice skating and horseback riding.



Coming to Central from Pryor in her senior year is Virginia Lee, who lives at 406 ½ East Broadway. Virginia is taking a college preparatory course.

During her three years at Pryor Virginia was a member of the Glee Club.

She plans to attend Junior College and then Oklahoma A & M at Stillwater.

Her hobbies are, swimming and tennis.

Since coming to Central last year, Mary Elizabeth Lively, member of the senior class of '34, has been well liked by her fellow classmates. Mary Elizabeth lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lively, at 1008 North "F". Last year was her first year in a public school as she had up to that time attended the Nazareth Academy for girls.

She has not definitely made up her mind as to the school she will attend next year. She plans to become a stenographer.

Her hobbies are: reading, hiking and swimming.



Attractive though rather quiet are the two best descriptive adjectives of Audrey Roe, a member of Central's 1934 senior class. Audrey resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roe, at 701 South Twenty-first street.

Coming from West High in her junior year, she has followed a general business course, planning to become a secretary after graduation.

At West High Audrey was editor of the Fun Supplement of the Eagle for two semesters; a member of the Pep squad, the Scribblers, and Dramatics Club; and a member of the "W" Service Club for three years.

While at Central she has been a prominent member of the Green Peppers.

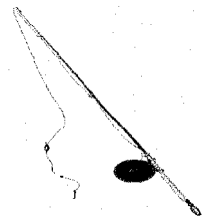
Ruby June Harris one of Central's quiet seniors is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Harris who lives at 506 Elmira.

She is enrolled in the pre-secretarial course. After graduating this spring Ruby intends to be a secretary.

Ruby came to Central from Washington School and was representative in '28.

A quiet member of the senior class is Joe Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Smith who reside at 106 south "L".

Joe is enrolled in a general business and bookkeeping course but does not plan to attend college. He is undecided as to what he will take up as a career. His favorite hobbies are fishing and hunting.



Planning to be a printer, Homer Keith is graduating from an industrial course. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Howard, at 1227 North "F" street.

He is undecided as to whether he will further attend school. His hobbies include swimming, baseball, and tennis.

Source: "Members of the Senior Class – 1933-34." The Scout, volume XIV, no. 21 (March 15, 1934), Newspaper in possession of Ginger McCall [Note: Errors typed as printed].

Alumni

Harvey Meeks, graduate of the class of '33, is now in the employ of J. C. Penny and Company.

Fred Williams, '33 graduate, is a freshman in Junior College.

Herbert Kroh, graduate of '30, is now employed at Kroh Music Company.

Mary Grey Cornelius, class of '32, will graduate from Junior College this spring.

Bill Barbara, '31 graduate, is now a junior at Oklahoma University at Norman.

Ellen Fullenwider, '32, is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma and a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority.

Edwin Llwyd, class of '31, is a sophomore at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

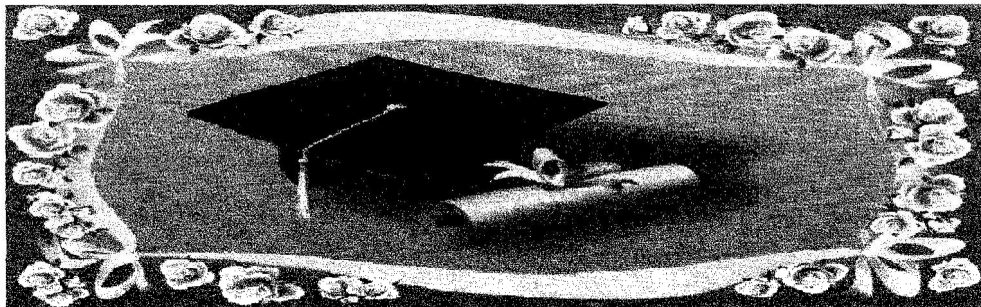
Mary Jo Farquhar, '32 graduate, is a sophomore in Junior College.

John Edward Cooper, '30, will graduate from Oklahoma University this semester.

George Wamble, class of '33, is now attending Washington University at St. Louis.

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Ginger McCall, thank you.



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ALBRIGHT

Carl

Husband of Hazel Horney; resided at Muskogee; worked in the Post Office; son of Sylvester "Ves" Marvin Albright & Rena Johnston.

Albright, Eula.

A history of the Albright family, unknown: unknown, 1970, Pg. 82.

Ruby

Wife of Richard Moore; moved to Muskogee in 1927; worked for Midland Valley Railroad; resided & retired at Muskogee; daughter of Sylvester "Ves" Marvin Albright & Rena Johnston.

Albright, Eula.

A history of the Albright family, unknown: unknown, 1970, Pg. 81-82.

ALDRIDGE

Dorothy Lillis

Moved to Muskogee in 1916; child of Hervy A. Aldridge & Bessie May Clift.

Shobe, Franklin Dilling.

A genealogy of the Shobe, Kirkpatrick, and Dilling families, Chicago: unknown, 1950, Pg. 10 & Pg. 34.

Hervy A.

Husband of Bessie M. Clift; moved to Muskogee in 1916; built/operated a (glass products) plant in 1917; resided at 1118 Ash St. at Muskogee; son of Benjamin F. & Mary J. Aldridge.

Shobe, Franklin Dilling.

A genealogy of the Shobe, Kirkpatrick, and Dilling families, Chicago: unknown, 1950, Pg. 10.

Russell Clift

Moved to Muskogee in 1916; child of Hervy A. Aldridge & Bessie May Clift.

Shobe, Franklin Dilling.

A genealogy of the Shobe, Kirkpatrick, and Dilling families, Chicago: unknown, 1950, Pg. 10.

ALLEN

Burl Reed

1919-1959; of Muskogee; husband of Margene Floyd; son of Hiram Nicholas Allen & Sadie Bell Mount.

Sterck, Marie Trent.

Many footprints, Fort Worth, Tex.?: unknown, 1973, Pg. 56.

Margerie Ruth

Born 1906; of Muskogee; daughter of Hiram Nicholas Allen & Sadie Bell Mount.

Sterck, Marie Trent.

Many footprints, Fort Worth, Tex.?: unknown, 1973, Pg. 56.

ANDERSON

Donald Felix

Born 1916 at Muskogee to Clarence F. Anderson & Ida Ruth McCreery.

Elston, James Stode.

The Elston family in America, Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle Pub. Co., 1942, Pg. 169.

Etta (Courtney)

Working at Muskogee; former wife of John Hill; present wife of John Anderson; mother of Granville Hill.

Corley, Dewitt C.

A genealogy of Corleys : beginning with Caniel Corley of Bedford County, Virginia, tracing all lineal descendants of his son, Jonathan Cheathem Corley, Decatur, ill.: unknown, 1927, Pg. 191.

ARCHER, Mabelle

Wife of Dr. Emmett A. Fagin; resided at Muskogee; daughter of James S. Archer & Rosella Tone.

Goss, Charles Frederic. *Cincinnati, the Queen City : 1788-1912*, Chicago: S.J. Clarke Pub. Co., 1912, Vol. III, Biographical sketch of Benjamin T. Archer, Pg. 41 (Pg. 3_41).

ARNOLD

Carrie Jane

Wife of John Jackson Moore, who died at Muskogee in 1910; born 1861; daughter of John H. Arnold, Sr.

Arnold, W. H.

The Arnold family, Texarkana, Ark.: West Pub. Co., 1935, Pg. 37.

Francis Mae

Wife of Floyd Walter Ellison; resided at Oktaha; daughter of Valentine J. Arnold & Jennie McCann..

Canfield, Clifford R.

The Rosenbaum, Rosenbalm family of southwest Virginia, Frankfurt, Germany: C.R. Canfield?, 1963, Pg. 198.

ASQUITH

Marcus

Husband of Mildred Wrigley; resided at 312 North 14th St. at Muskogee; died 1955 at Muskogee & is buried at Greenhill Cemetery; son of Robert Asquith & Lillie May Scott.

Scott, Walter T.

The descendants of John Scott from 1777, Warner Robins, Ga.: Printed by the H. Young Corp., 1965, Pg. 25.

Robert

Husband of Lillie May Scott; born 1866; died 1921 at Muskogee & is buried at Greenhill Cemetery.

Scott, Walter T.

The descendants of John Scott from 1777, Warner Robins, Ga.: Printed by the H. Young Corp., 1965, Pg. 21 & Pg. 25.

ATLAS SUPPLY COMPANY

Incorporated in 1908; system of jobbing houses in OK, KS & TX; marketing of Mark Manufacturing Company products.

Anonymous.

Illinois and its builders : a work for newspaper and library reference, Chicago?: Illinois Biographical Association, 1925, Biographical sketch of Clayton Mark, Pg. 117 & 170.

AUD, Richard Y.

Resided at Muskogee; listed in address directory.

Ford, Georgie Hopkins.

Kentucky Brights and their kin : including the Crabb, Drane, Ford, Hopkins and King families, Berkeley, Calif.?: unknown, 1929, Pg. 193.

BARRICKLOW**Charles A.**

Husband of Hattie B. Kirkpatrick; moved to Muskogee in 1908 until about 1913; son of J. T. Barricklow & Phoebe Jane Hudson.

Shobe, Franklin Dilling,

A genealogy of the Shobe, Kirkpatrick, and Dilling families, Chicago: unknown, 1950, Pg. 13.

Cora

Moved to Muskogee in 1908 to about 1913; married Arthur Barker at Muskogee in 1909; adopted child of Charles A. Barricklow & Hattie B. Kilpatrick.

Shobe, Franklin Dilling,

A genealogy of the Shobe, Kirkpatrick, and Dilling families, Chicago: unknown, 1950, Pg. 13.

Elmer

Husband of (1) Frances Mack & (2) Jessie Collins; moved to Muskogee in 1908; son of Charles A. Barricklow & Hattie B. Kilpatrick.

Shobe, Franklin Dilling.

A genealogy of the Shobe, Kirkpatrick, and Dilling families, Chicago: unknown, 1950, Pg. 13

Ross C.

Husband of Marion Marshall; moved to Muskogee in 1908 to about 1913.

Shobe, Franklin Dilling.

A genealogy of the Shobe, Kirkpatrick, and Dilling families, Chicago: unknown, 1950, Pg. 122-123.

BAYLOR**Fanny Neosho**

Wife of Lt. James Belger; born 1834 at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory to John Walker Baylor & Sophie Marie Weidner.

Baylor, Orval W.

Baylor's history of the Baylors : a collection of records and important family data, Le Roy, Ill.: LeRoy Journal Print. Co., 1914, Pg. 31.

George Wythe

Husband of Sallie Garland Sydnor; born 1832 at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory to John Walker

Baylor & Sophie Marie Weidner.

Baylor, Orval W.

Baylor's history of the Baylors : a collection of records and important family data, Le Roy, Ill.: LeRoy Journal Print. Co., 1914, Pg. 31-32.

BEALS, Charles H.

Husband of Ruth Eliza Smith; resided at Muskogee; born 1851 to Elisha H. Beals & Ruth J. Kinney.

Hazen, Tracy Elliot.

The Hazen family in America : a genealogy, Thomaston, Conn.: R. Hazen, 1947, Pg. 892.

BEBB

Forrest

Husband of Mary F. Payne; born 1894; flower business at Muskogee formerly conducted by father; son of Robert Bebb; father of Katherine Florence, Anna Marion & Charlotte Louise Bebb born at Muskogee.

Bebb, Herbert.

Bebb genealogy : the descendants of William Bebb and Martha Hughes of Llanbrynmair, Wales, Chicago, Ill.: H. Bebb, 1944, Pg. 45.

Maurice Robert

Husband of Helen Susan Van Arsdale; born 1891; flower business at Muskogee formerly conducted by father; former president of Muskogee Rotary Club; son of Robert Bebb.

Bebb, Herbert.

Bebb genealogy : the descendants of William Bebb and Martha Hughes of Llanbrynmair, Wales, Chicago, Ill.: H. Bebb, 1944, Pg. 43.

Robert

Husband of Florence Pine; 1863-1942; bought floral business at Muskogee in 1910 which carries his name; retired in 1936; son of Michael Shuck Bebb & Catherine Hancock.

Bebb, Herbert.

Bebb genealogy : the descendants of William Bebb and Martha Hughes of Llanbrynmair, Wales, Chicago, Ill.: H. Bebb, 1944, Pg. 32.

Robert Van Arsdale

Husband of Margaret Lillian Holcomb; born 1921 at Muskogee to Maurice Robert Bebb & Helen Susan Van Arsdale; father of Alice Ann & Helen Susan Bebb.

Bebb, Herbert.

Bebb genealogy : the descendants of William Bebb and Martha Hughes of Llanbrynmair, Wales, Chicago, Ill.: H. Bebb, 1944, Pg. 44-45.

BERRY, Jane Louise

Married Herbert J. Evans in 1894; former resident of Muskogee; mother of Edward Arthur & Caroline Margot Evans.

Wiley, John L.

History of Monrovia, Pasadena, Calif.: Press of Pasadena Star-News, 1927, Pg. 253.

BERRYHILL, Isobenda

Wife of Waldo Franklin Toliver; resided at 324 North 11th St. at Muskogee; daughter of Poke & Cora Berryhill.

Weaver, Edwin L.

Holdeman descendants : a compilation of the genealogical and biographical record of the descendants of Christian Holdeman, 1788-1846, Nappanee, Ind.: E.V. Pub. House, 1937, Pg. 68.

BLAKE, Aldridge

Attorney; member of State Speaker's Bureau; resided in Muskogee.

Welch, W. E.

The Oklahoma spirit of '17 : biographical volume, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Historical Pub. Co., 1920, Pg. 411.

BOYNTON, Alice

Widow; resided at Muskogee, Creek Nation; Milliner.

Boynton, John Farnham,.

American, Boynton directory : containing the address of all known Boyntons, Boyingtons and Byingtons in the United States and British dominions, Syracuse, N.Y.: Smith & Bruce, engravers, printers and book binders, 1884, Pg. 34.

BRADEN**Collier**

Husband of Lottie Heaton; moved to Muskogee in 1906; son of Richard Braden & Nancy Donnell.

Donnell, Camilla.

The Donnell family : a history and genealogy of the descendants of Thomas Donnell of Scotland, Greenfield, Ind.: W. Mitchell Print. Co., 1912, Pg. 26.

Helen

Resided at Muskogee; accomplished vocalist; daughter of Collier Braden & Lottie Heaton.

Donnell, Camilla.

The Donnell family : a history and genealogy of the descendants of Thomas Donnell of Scotland, Greenfield, Ind.: W. Mitchell Print. Co., 1912, Pg. 26.

Lora

Resided at Muskogee; daughter of Collier Braden & Lottie Heaton.

Donnell, Camilla.

The Donnell family : a history and genealogy of the descendants of Thomas Donnell of Scotland, Greenfield, Ind.: W. Mitchell Print. Co., 1912, Pg. 26.

BRANT, Harlan H.

Resided at Haskell in 1912; son of George Brant & Julia Ann Harlan.

Harlan, Alpheus H.

History and genealogy of the Harlan family : and particularly of the descendants of George and Michael Harlan who settled in Chester County, Pa., 1687, Baltimore, Md.: Lord Baltimore Press, 1914, Pg. 818.

BRASEL, John

Husband of Jane Malvina Catherine of Muskogee; artist.

Hinds, Albert Henry.

History and genealogy of the Hinds family, Portland, Me.: A.H. Hinds, 1899, Pg. 302.

BRECHEISEN, Evelyn

Wife of De Thurston Mosier; coloratura soprano; resided at Muskogee.

Weaver, Edwin L.

Holdeman descendants : a compilation of the genealogical and biographical record of the descendants of Christian Holdeman, 1788-1846, Nappanee, Ind.: E.V. Pub. House, 1937, Pg. 292.

BREWER, Chauncey M.

Resided at Muskogee; business management for H. M. Byllesby Co.

Anonymous.

The History of Contra Costa County, California, Berkeley, Calif.: Elms Pub. Co., 1917, Pg. 469.

BRIERLY, Anne

Wife of Joel Ernest Fischer; teacher's aide at Franklin Elementary School at Muskogee; resided at 812 Branson Park Drive at Muskogee in 1975; child of Marion Eugene Brierly & Aileen Neilson.

Fischer, Carl W.

Descendants of Thomas Horton of Springfield : and including some descendants of Phineas Pratt, Bayside, N.Y.: C.W. Fischer, 1976, Pg. 412.

BROWER, Chancellor J.

Appointed professor of mathematics & natural sciences at Muskogee, Indian Territory, 1891-1894.

Anonymous.

Biographical and genealogical history of Appanoose and Monroe Counties, Iowa, New York: Lewis Pub. Co., 1903, Pg. 435.

BROWN**Belle L. (Mrs.)**

Removed to Muskogee from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Anonymous.

R. L. Polk & Co.'s Ann Arbor city directory, 1909 : containing an alphabetically arranged list of business firms and private citizens in Ann Arbor, a classified list of all trades, professions and pursuits, a miscellaneous directory of city and county officers, public and private schools, banks, incorporated institutions, secret and benevolent societies, etc., Detroit, Mich.: R.L. Polk & Co., 1909, Pg. 138.

Charles Gordon

Born 1885; resided at Muskogee; son of John Brown & Annie Susan McGee.

Dicken, Emma.

Our Burnley ancestors and allied families, New York, N.Y. : The Hobson Book Press, : unknown, 1946, Pg. 127.

George W. (Rev.)

Husband of Flora Henrietta McMahan; resided at Muskogee.

Zug, Richard Seth.

A genealogical record of the Zug and Haist families, Aberdeen, Md.: unknown, 1961, Pg. 64-65.

Helen Louise

Born 1926 at Muskogee to Sam J. & Sally Brown; wife of James Hershel Vanzant Jr.

Pomeroy, Edwin Moore.

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BUCHANAN**Charles H. (Rev.)**

Husband of Margaret Gwin Baskette; Methodist minister at Fort Gibson.

Buchanan, Margaret Gwin.

DuVals of Kentucky from Virginia, 1794-1935 : descendants and allied families, Lynchburgh, Va.: J.P. Bell Co., 1937?, Pg. 71.

Martha

Married ___ Buchanan; former widow of William Root; resided at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory in 1871.

Anonymous.

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BUCK, Callie (Mrs.)

Married James William Guthrie in 1898; resided at Muskogee; died 1922 at Muskogee.

Guthrie, Laurence Rawlin.

American Guthrie and allied families : lineal representations of the colonial Guthries of Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North and South Carolina, some post-revolutionary emigrants and of some allied families, Chambersburg, Pa.: Kerr Print. Co., c1933, Pg. 214.

BUCKINGHAM**Myrtle B.**

Wife of R. P. Harrison; resided in Muskogee; daughter of T. W. Buckingham & Helen A. Clark.

Jones, Lottie E. *History of Vermilion County, Illinois : a tale of its evolution, settlement, and progress for nearly a century*, Chicago: Pioneer Pub. Co., 1911, Vol. II, Biographical sketch of T. W. Buckingham, Pg. 362 (Pg. 2_326).

Myrtie Maud

Married Robert Paris Harrison; resided at Muskogee; daughter of Tracy Wilson Buckingham & Helen Asenath Clark.

Buckingham, George Tracy.

Buckingham colonial ancestors, Chicago, Ill.: Published for private distribution by G.T. Buckingham, 1920, Pg. 59.

Buckingham, George Tracy.

A partial list of the descendants of Dan and Philena (Guernsey) Buckingham, Chicago, Ill: Published for private distribution by G.T. Buckingham, 1920, Pg. 9.

BULLARD, Johnny Jr.

Husband of Edith Anne Haynes; born 1938 at Porum.

Welsheimer, Edith L.

A history of the Welsheimer family, Las Cruces, N.M.: Bronson Print. Co., 1969, Pg. 79.

BUNKER, Jeanette Mary

Born 1904 at Muskogee to Stephen Sans Bunker & Euna Rich Sanford; wife of Leon Carol Raiford.

Moran, Edward Carleton.

Bunker genealogy : descendants of James Bunker of Dover, N.H., Rockland, Me.?: unknown, 1961?, Pg. 200.

BURFORD, G. E.

Husband of Harriet Weedman; resided at Muskogee.

Anonymous. *History of De Witt County, Illinois : with biographical sketches of prominent representative citizens of the county*, Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co, 1910, Vol. II, Biographical sketch of Amos Weedman, Pg. 185 (Pg. 2_185).

BURGESS, Elsie

Wife of Ralph Landis Mosier; resided at Muskogee.

Weaver, Edwin L.

Holdeman descendants : a compilation of the genealogical and biographical record of the descendants of Christian Holdeman, 1788-1846, Nappanee, Ind.: E.V. Pub. House, 1937, Pg. 293.

BURK, Hobert E.

Resided at Muskogee; private; died of wounds in 1918.

Buck, Samuel.

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BURLESON, Worth Moore

Resided at Muskogee; son of Leigh Burleson & Bidy Anna Moore.

Wallace, George Selden..

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BUSH, Zina

Wife of Hannibal Peterson; resided at Haskell; mother of Carr & Cleat Peterson.

Paterson, W. H.

Historical and genealogical account of the Peterson family, Barnard, Mo.: Rush Print. Co., 1926, Pg. 103.

BYLLESBY, Henry M.

Officer of Muskogee Gas & Electric Company.

Currey, J. Seymour.

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CAGLE, Peggy Jean

Wife of Charles Phelps; born in 1940 at Muskogee.

Canfield, Clifford R.

The Rosenbaum, Rosenbalm family of southwest Virginia

Frankfurt, Germany: C.R. Canfield?, 1963, Pg. 615.

CALDWELL, Charles Richard

Married Rosalee Estes in 1956 at Muskogee; son of John F. Caldwell & Rita W. Mitchell.

Forrester, Wallace Redmond.

House of Forrester : a chronological listing of Forrester genealogy of Caucasian descent,

Leesburg, Ga.: Forrester Genealogical Association, 1966, Pg. 99.

CAMPBELL, Boyd

Husband of Forest McLemore; resided at Warner.

Anonymous.

Montana, its story and biography : a history of aboriginal and territorial Montana and three decades of statehood, Chicago: American Historical Society, 1921, Vol. III, Pg. 1366 (Pg. 3_1366).

CANTERBERRY, Carrie

Wife of Jefferson Davis Ellis; resided at 721 S. 11th at Muskogee.

Darby, R. C.

Genealogy of the Darby Family : George Darby, 1726-1788, of Montgomery Co., Md. : data for this work gathered in 1912, 1913 and 1914, Atlanta, Ga.: unknown, 1914?, Pg. 64

CARLOCK

Maggie

Resided at 567 South 6th St. at Muskogee.

Carlock, Marion Pomeroy.

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T. G.

U. S. Veterans Hospital at Muskogee.

Carlock, Marion Pomeroy.

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CARNES, B. M.

Married Mary Jacqueline Whaley in 1957 at Muskogee.

Thomas, Ethel.

The story of a family, Manhattan, Kan.: unknown, 1970?, Pg. 46.

CARROLL, John (Hon., Colonel)

Born 1828 to John Carroll (Sr.); settled in Feb. 1838 in the Indian Territory, near Fort Gibson, on

the Arkansas River until 1853; married educated, full-blooded Cherokee woman in 1851.

Hallum, John.

Biographical and pictorial history of Arkansas., Albany: Weed, Parsons and Co., printers, 1887, Pg. 512.

CARSE, Lucille Elizabeth

Wife of Eugene M. Doke; daughter of William Harper Carse & Alice Grace Skaggs.

Teagarden, Earl H.

Family record of James Carse, Sr., 1793-1846, and his descendants, Manhattan, Kan.: unknown, 1972, Pg. 47.

CASS, Bruce H.

U.S. licensed trader 1878-88 in Indian Territory at Muskogee; son of P. C. & Amanda Cass.

Anonymous.

Who's who in the Pacific Southwest : a compilation of authentic biographical sketches of citizens of Southern California and Arizona., Los Angeles: Times-Mirror Print. & Binding House, 1913, Pg. 80.

CHE-NU-QUE

Father of Chu-cor-na-tah (also spelled Chee-cor-ner-tah); resided about three miles from Webbers Falls, Cherokee Nation as of 1871.

Anonymous.

Alleged frauds against certain Indian soldiers : June 8, 1872 : laid on the table and ordered to be printed, Washington, D.C.: The House, 1872, Pg. 91-92.

CHENOWETH, Albert Austin

Married Helen Ruth Wentworth at Muskogee in 1916; son of John Chenoweth.

Hiatt, Cora Chenoweth.

History of the Chenoweth family : beginning 449 A.D., Winchester, Ind.: Winchester Pub. Co., c1925, Pg. 61.

CHIPMAN, Charles Benson

Husband of Linda Anna Hurley; born 1864; resided at Boyton, Okla.; oldest son of Walter B. Chipman.

Chipman, Alberto Lee.

The Chipman family : a genealogy of the Chipmans in America, 1631-1920, Winston-Salem, N.C.: B.L. Chipman, c1920, Pg. 268.

CHURCH, Charles B.

Husband of Maria L. Dowds; resided at Haskell; born 1875 to Amos R. Church & Ione A. Brawley.

Church, Charles Washburn.

Simeon Church of Chester, Connecticut, 1708-1792, and his descendants, Waterbury, Conn.: Mattatuck Press, 1914, Pg. 165.

CLARK, Minnie Coredlia

Married Fred Augustus Powell in 1903 at Muskogee.

Clark, A. W.

The Clark family genealogy in the United States : a genealogical record showing sources of the English ancestors, Stamford, N.Y.: Press of the Mirror-Recorder, L. H. DeSilva, 1907, Pg. 106.

CLIFT, Bessie May

Married to Hervy. A. Aldridge; moved to Muskogee in 1916; resided at 1118 Ash St. at Muskogee; daughter of Charles A. Clift & Lillis Jane Roe.

Shobe, Franklin Dilling. *A genealogy of the Shobe, Kirkpatrick, and Dilling families*, Chicago: unknown, 1950, Pg. 34.

CLIFTON, Dalta Odes

Wife of __ Martin; born 1890 at Muskogee to Susan Stroud.

Carlock, Marion Pomeroy.

History of the Carlock family and adventures of pioneer Americans : including the Kimbrough, Goodpasture, Hoyl, Fite, Fancher, Lee, Wells, Judy, Tracy, Settles, Gaddis, Rowell, Moore, Cornelison, Harrold, Brown and other connecting families, Los Angeles, Calif.: M.P. Carlock, 1929, Pg. 577.

CLIPPINGER, Amelia Belinda

1853-1928; married C. H. Raitt of Muskogee; daughter of Humphrey Clippinger.

Kleppinger, Stanley J.

Kleppinger-Clippinger Klepinger family history, Allentown, Pa.: George P. Schlicher & Son, 1956, Pg. 287.

COLE, Elsie Irene

Wife of Frank Edgar Blackledge; born 1862; died 1924 at Muskogee; daughter of Christian Cole & Anne Bogart.

Fischer, Carl W.

Descendants of Thomas Horton of Springfield : and including some descendants of Phineas Pratt, Bayside, N.Y.: C.W. Fischer, 1976, Pg. 365.

COLLINS, Margaret (Mrs. Theodore)

Resided at Muskogee; mother of Arthur, Ruth (Mrs. Albert Lammars), Ruby (Mrs. Bert Carter), Hattie (Mrs. H. Little), Howard, Berneice (Mrs. S. C. Jones), and Robert.

Clague, Yolande Templeton.

The Templeton and allied families : a genealogical history and family record, South Bend, Ind.: Y.T. Clague, 1936, Pg. 73.

CONEY, George Raymond

Married Maud Lillian Moore in 1926 at Muskogee; son of George Coney & Cozette Stratton Singhurst.

Holman, Mary Lovering,

Ancestors and descendants of John Coney of Boston, England and Boston, Massachusetts, Concord Mass.: Rumford Press, 1928, Pg. 256.

COOK**Charles Alston**

Husband of Marina Williams Jones; removed to Muskogee in 1903; member of first legislature of Oklahoma.

Smyth, Samuel Gordon.

A genealogy of the Duke-Shepherd-Van Metre family : from civil, military, church, and family records and documents, Lancaster, Pa.: New Era Print Co., 1909, Pg. 284.

Marshall Edward

Assistant postmaster at Muskogee; child of Branch Alston Cook & Pearl Stuart.

Smyth, Samuel Gordon.

A genealogy of the Duke-Shepherd-Van Metre family : from civil, military, church, and family records and documents, Lancaster, Pa.: New Era Print Co., 1909, Pg. 284.

COOPER, William T.

Employed by the Council Hill High School ca. 1909-1912.

Carter, W. A.

McCurtain County and southeast Oklahoma : history, biography, statistics : a complete church, lodge, school, professional, business and trade directory of the county, Idabel, Okla.: unknown, 1923, Pg. 223.

CORLISS, Earl D.

Married Nettie Estelle Ledbetter in 1924 at Muskogee Co.; born 1906.

Ledbetter, Roy C.

Ledbetters from Virginia, Dallas, Tex.: Wilkinson Print. Co., 1964?, Pg. 228.

CORY, Charles F.

Resided near Haskell, Okla; born 1868 to Nathan D. Cory & Louisa Hoover; father of Hazel, Grace & Fern Cory.

Cory, Harry Harmon.

The Cory family : a genealogy, Minneapolis, Minn.: Argus Pub. Co., 1941, Pg. 56.

COWAN, Wm. P.

Husband of Laura J. Raitt; resided at Muskogee.

Kleppinger, Stanley J.

Kleppinger-Clippinger Klepinger family history, Allentown, Pa.: George P. Schlicher & Son, 1956, Pg. 287.

CRANE**Clifford S.**

Stabbed by Charles C. Smith in 1939 & died in Baptist Hospital at Muskogee; buried at Muskogee; son of James Thomas Crane & Nervie Roberts.

Craine, Lloyd Bascombe.

The first of the Roberts and Crane families who settled in western North Carolina and some of their descendants, St. Paul, Minn.: Ramaley Print. Co., 1955, Pg. 84.

Richard

Drowned in Grand River near Fort Gibson 1913-1914; son of James Thomas Crane & Nervie Roberts.

Craine, Lloyd Bascombe.

The first of the Roberts and Crane families who settled in western North Carolina and some of their descendants, St. Paul, Minn.: Ramaley Print. Co., 1955, Pg. 84.

CROMWELL, Ray Risley

Head of mathematical department of high school at Muskogee for two years, ca. 1912; son of Nicholas M. Cromwell & Hulda Risley.

Smith, George Washington.

History of Illinois and her people, Chicago: American Historical Society, 1927, Vol. IV, Biographical sketch of Ray Risley Cromwell, Pg. 29 (Pg. 4_29).

CULBERTSON, Jesse Carrol

Resided at Muskogee; born 1882; oil producer; unmarried; child of Griffith James Culbertson & Lydia Peeper.

Culbertson, Lewis R.

Genealogy of the Culbertson and Culberson families : who came to America before the year 1800, and several families that have come over since then, containing biographical sketches of some of the more prominent members of the various families, Zanesville, Ohio: The Courier Co., Printers and Binders, 1923, Pg. 186-187 & Pg. 190.

CUSAC, John

Husband of Mary Hiltbrand; died in 1923 at Muskogee; son of William Cusac & Amand Axline.

Thoesen, Edythe Wilson.

Genealogy of the Exline and Axline family, Dallas, Tex.: unknown, 1952, Pg. 229.

CUSTER, Blanche

Daughter of John Lebbeus Custer; Veteran's Administration, Muskogee, 1940.

Custer, Milo.

Custer genealogies, Bloomington, Ill.: M. Custer, printer, 1944, Pg. 36.

DAILEY**Smelker Cree**

Married Della Marie Warren in 1923 at Muskogee; resided at Muskogee until 1927; son of Phillip Benjamin Dailey & Josie Smelker.

Scheffel, Iva.

Genealogy of the Stansbury family : 1658-1938., Mountain View, Calif.: Printed by J.L. Stansbury, 1942, Pg. 88-89.

Smelker Cree Jr.

Born 1925 at Muskogee to Smelker Cree Dailey & Della Marie Warren.

Scheffel, Iva.

Genealogy of the Stansbury family : 1658-1938., Mountain View, Calif.: Printed by J.L. Stansbury, 1942, Pg. 89.

DANA, Bessie Rebecca

Wife of Franklin Housholder; resided at Muskogee; born 1860 to Luther Dale Dana & Susan Rebecca Greene.

Dana, Elizabeth Ellery.

The Dana family in America, Cambridge, Mass.: unknown, 1956, Pg. 375.

DAVIS**Ava**

Resided at Muskogee; married Starkey Norfleet.

Anonymous.

Biographical and reminiscent history of Richland, Clay and Marion Counties, Illinois, Indianapolis, Ind.: B.F. Bowen & Co., 1909, Biographical sketch of Benjamin F. Norfleet, Pg. 333.

Dorothy Virginia

Wife of Thomas Warner Buell; born 1927 at Fort Gibson to Thomas Davis & Verdina M. Smith.

Curtis, Harlow Dunham.

The descendants of Thomas (5) Buell : pioneer in Madison County, New York : a new experiment in consanguinity, Portland, Or.: N.D. Buell, 1956, Pg. 182.

Frank

Married Lizzie Templeton in 1910 at Muskogee; contractor.

Clague, Yolande Templeton.

The Templeton and allied families : a genealogical history and family record, South Bend, Ind.: Y.T. Clague, 1936, Pg. 32-33.

Jewell

Wife of Richard Jarvis Ward; born 1921 at Braggs.

McCain, William David.

Eight generations of the family of Henry Fox (1768-1852) and his wife, Sarah Harrell Fox (1772-1848), of South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.: unknown, 1975, Vol. I., Pg. 280 (Pg. 1_280).

Joe

Husband of Ruby Smith; adopted 2 children; resided at Muskogee; architect; son of Jack & Jennie Davis.

Alvord, Idress Head,.

Head, descent of Henry Head (1695-1770) in America, unknown: unknown, 1948, Pg. 347.

Maud Helen

1899 Bachelor of Arts; resided at Muskogee; teacher of mathematics, High School.

Anonymous.

[Register of graduates of Indiana University], Bloomington, Ind.: The University, 1911?, Pg. 73.

De ARMOND, James Orville

Husband of Marian Mae Mathers; born in 1938 at Muskogee.

Smith, Lois Remington. *Moses Stanford, minuteman : a Stanford family history with connections to other colonial Massachusetts families*, San Jose, Calif.: unknown, 1978, Pg. 73.

De WITT, Hoy Sanford

Born at Muskogee in 1925 to Jesse Alfred DeWitt & Mabel Smith; husband of Annette Kite.

Anonymous.

The Sharples-Sharpless family, West Chester, Pa. : s.n.,: unknown, 1966-1971, Vol. II, Biographical sketch of Annette Kite, Pg. 711 (Pg. 2_711).

DECKARD, Isham Ephriam

Husband of Esther Burwell; born 1893 at Braggs Station, Okla. to Jacob Deckard & Laura Brown.

Deckard, Percy Edward.

Genealogy of the Deckard family : showing also those descended from Decker, Deckert, Decher, Dechert, Decherd, etc., Richfield, Pa.: unknown, 1932, Pg. 600 & 674.

DENTON, Tobe

Husband of Cora Bell London; resided & died at Muskogee.

Cox, Opal London.

200 years of London family in America, Enid, Okla.: O.L. Cox, 1976, Pg. 53.

DILLS

Charles E.

Lives near Muskogee, son of William Dills & Serena Wood.

Weik, Jesse William.

Weik's history of Putnam County, Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind.: B.F. Bowen & Co., 1910, Biographical sketch of William Dills, Pg. 560.

Walter S.

Farming near Muskogee; Real estate & sand dealer; son of William Dills & Serena Wood.

Weik, Jesse William.

Weik's history of Putnam County, Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind.: B.F. Bowen & Co., 1910, Biographical sketch of William Dills, Pg. 560.

DOD, Edwin C.

Husband of Mary Stevens (first white woman in the "Cherokee Strip"); born 1849; clerk, US Quartermaster's office, Fort Gibson, Okla 1868-1870.

Dodd, Allison.

Genealogy and history of the Daniel Dod family in America, 1646-1940, Bloomfield, N.J.: unknown, 1940, Pg. 172.

DOKE

Dorothy Carse

Married James Hargrave Meredith at Muskogee in 1937; daughter of Eugene Doke & Lucille E. Carse.

Teagarden, Earl H.

Family record of James Carse, Sr., 1793-1846, and his descendants, Manhattan, Kan.: unknown, 1972, Pg. 47.

Eugene Milton

Husband of Lucille E. Carse; resided at 414 North 14th St. at Muskogee; wholesale hardware; died 1960 at Muskogee; son of William Doke & Fannie M.

Teagarden, Earl H.

Family record of James Carse, Sr., 1793-1846, and his descendants, Manhattan, Kan.: unknown, 1972, Pg. 47.

Eugene Milton

5 yr. old son of William James Doke II & Mary Frances Friedman; born in 1946 at Muskogee; buried at Muskogee in 1951.

Teagarden, Earl H.

Family record of James Carse, Sr., 1793-1846, and his descendants, Manhattan, Kan.: unknown, 1972, Pg. 47.

George Carse

Born at Muskogee in 1949; son of William James Doke II & Mary Frances Friedman.

Teagarden, Earl H.

Family record of James Carse, Sr., 1793-1846, and his descendants, Manhattan, Kan.: unknown, 1972, Pg. 47.

William James II

Husband of (1) Mary Frances Friedman & (2) Helen Joy Abernathy Hamby; resided at 414 North 14th St. at Muskogee; Real Estate Broker; son of Eugene Doke & Lucille E. Carse.

Teagarden, Earl H.

Family record of James Carse, Sr., 1793-1846, and his descendants, Manhattan, Kan.: unknown, 1972, Pg. 47-48.

DONOVAN, Irwin

Husband of Laura V. Edwards; resided in Muskogee.

Anonymous.

Social register, St. Louis, 1914 : vol. XXVIII, no. 7, November, 1913, New York: Social Register Association, c1913, Pg. 31.

DOUGLAS, Genevieve

Married at Muskogee in 1921 to Charles E. Taliaferro.

Armstrong, William Clinton.

The Kerr clan of New Jersey : beginning with Walter Ker of Freehold and including other related lines, Morrison, Ill.: Shawver Pub. Co., 1931, Pg. 35.

DOWDS, Maria L.

Wife of Charles B. Church; resided at Haskell; born 1878 to Robert E. Dowds.

Church, Charles Washburn.

Simeon Church of Chester, Connecticut, 1708-1792, and his descendants, Waterbury, Conn.: Mattatuck Press, 1914, Pg. 16

Avery Fewell & Mollie Crow.

Reynolds, John Fewell.

Genealogical sketches of Reynolds, Fewells, Walls and kindred families, Winston-Salem, N.C.: Press of the Commercial Printers, 1923, Pg. 24.

FINNELL

Gilbert Montgomery

Born 1934 at Muskogee to Longin White Finnell & Grace Arvilla Robertson.

McCain, William David. *Eight generations of the family of Henry Fox (1768-1852) and his wife, Sarah Harrell Fox (1772-1848), of South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi*, Hattiesburg, Miss.: unknown, 1975, Vol. I. Pg. 720 (1_720).

John Jess

Born 1923 at Muskogee to Longino White Finnell & Grace Arvilla Robertson.

McCain, William David. *Eight generations of the family of Henry Fox (1768-1852) and his wife, Sarah Harrell Fox (1772-1848), of South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi*, Hattiesburg, Miss.: unknown, 1975, Vol. I. Pg. 717 (1_717).

Lucille Arvilla

Born 1931 at Muskogee to Longino White Finnell & Grace Arvilla Robertson.

McCain, William David. *Eight generations of the family of Henry Fox (1768-1852) and his wife, Sarah Harrell Fox (1772-1848), of South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi*, Hattiesburg, Miss.: unknown, 1975, Vol. I. Pg. 719 (1_719).

FISCHER

Benjamin Blackledge

Married Joyce Patricia Morgan in 1967 at Muskogee.

Fischer, Carl W.

Descendants of Thomas Horton of Springfield : and including some descendants of Phineas Pratt, Bayside, N.Y.: C.W. Fischer, 1976, Pg. 412.

Ernst Frederick

Husband of Dorothy Jean Blackledge; member of St. Pauls Methodist Church at Muskogee; President of Blackledge & Fischer Orchards at Porter.

Fischer, Carl W.

Descendants of Thomas Horton of Springfield : and including some descendants of Phineas Pratt, Bayside, N.Y.: C.W. Fischer, 1976, Pg. 364.

Joel Ernest

Husband of Anne Brierly; born 1951 at Muskogee; resided and taught at Muskogee.

Fischer, Carl W.

Descendants of Thomas Horton of Springfield : and including some descendants of Phineas Pratt, Bayside, N.Y.: C.W. Fischer, 1976, Pg. 412.

FITE

Edward Halsell

Husband of Elizabeth Coleman Williams; born 1898; resided at Muskogee; son of Francis Bartow Fite.

Carlock, Marion Pomeroy.

History of the Carlock family and adventures of pioneer Americans : including the Kimbrough, Goodpasture, Hoyl, Fite, Fancher, Lee, Wells, Judy, Tracy, Settles, Gaddis, Rowell, Moore, Cornelison, Harrold, Brown and other connecting families, Los Angeles, Calif.: M.P. Carlock, 1929, Pg. 256, 519, 523 & 649.

F. Bartow

Husband of Mary Eulalia Patterson; born at Muskogee in 1895; lawyer; son of Francis Bartow Fite.

Carlock, Marion Pomeroy.

History of the Carlock family and adventures of pioneer Americans : including the Kimbrough, Goodpasture, Hoyl, Fite, Fancher, Lee, Wells, Judy, Tracy, Settles, Gaddis, Rowell, Moore, Cornelison, Harrold, Brown and other connecting families, Los Angeles, Calif.: M.P. Carlock, 1929, Pg. 519 & Pg. 523.

Francis Bartow

Husband of Julia Patton; born 1861; physician/surgeon; resided at Muskogee; mayor of Muskogee twice; son of Henderson Wesley Bartow & Sarah Turner Denman.

Carlock, Marion Pomeroy.

History of the Carlock family and adventures of pioneer Americans : including the Kimbrough, Goodpasture, Hoyl, Fite, Fancher, Lee, Wells, Judy, Tracy, Settles, Gaddis, Rowell, Moore, Cornelison, Harrold, Brown and other connecting families, Los Angeles, Calif.: M.P. Carlock, 1929, Pg. 519 & Pg. 649.

Fite, Elizabeth Mitchell Stephenson.

The biographical and genealogical records of the Fite families in the United States, New York: E.M.S. Fite, 1907, Pg. 20.

William Patton

Husband of Maurine Mitchell; born 1890; resided at Muskogee; son of Francis Bartow Fite Carlock, Marion Pomeroy.

History of the Carlock family and adventures of pioneer Americans : including the Kimbrough, Goodpasture, Hoyl, Fite, Fancher, Lee, Wells, Judy, Tracy, Settles, Gaddis, Rowell, Moore, Cornelison, Harrold, Brown and other connecting families, Los Angeles, Calif.: M.P. Carlock, 1929, Pg. 253, 519, 523 & 649.

FOREMAN, Grant

Attorney at Muskogee; son of Abner W. Foreman, M.D., & Elizabeth Rebecca Hayden.

Smith, George Washington.

History of Illinois and her people, Chicago: American Historical Society, 1927, Vol. VI, Biographical sketch of Abner W. Foreman, M.D., Pg. 150 (Pg. 6_150).

FORRESTER, Minnie

Wife of Samuel E. Mitchell; 1878-1944; buried Green Hill Cemetery at Muskogee; daughter of Willis Penny Forrester & Jennie Eugenia Dennis.

Forrester, Wallace Redmond.

House of Forrester : a chronological listing of Forrester genealogy of Caucasian descent, Leesburg, Ga.: Forrester Genealogical Association, 1966, Pg. 99.

FORT DAVIS In August 1862, near where Muskogee stands.

Wood, Charles Fox.

Genealogy of the descendants of Abraham Wood, Oklahoma City, Okla.?: unknown, 1963?, Pg. 46.

FOSTER, Harry

Husband of Cora Rowley; resided at Muskogee.

Mooney, Vol. P.

History of Butler County, Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.: Standard Pub. Co., 1916, Pg. 514.

FRIEND, Thomas

Died 1873 at Muskogee; unmarried; child of Samuel Edgar Friend & Mrs. Sicily (Wafer) Leggett.

Friend, Carter Watkins.

The descendants of Captain Thomas Friend, 1700-1760, Chesterfield County, Virginia, Alexandria, Va.: unknown, 1961, Pg. 9.

GARNETT, Ruth Ellen

Wife of Louis Kerr Sharpe III; President of the Women's Golf Association of the Muskogee Country Club; daughter of Elmer & Lela Garnett.

Hobble, Harriet Elizabeth Garnett-Shaw.

The genealogy and story of the family of Robert Kirtley Garnett, Oklahoma City, Okla.?: unknown, 1955, Pg. 13 & Pg. 73-74.

GARRETT, Letta

Wife of William R. Thomas; born 1898 at Muskogee to Charles & Viola Garrett.

Comly, George Norwood.

Comly family in America : descendants of Henry and Joan Comly who came to America in 1682 from Bedminster, Somersetshire, England : with short accounts of the ancestors of Charles and Debby Ann (Newbold) Comly, Philadelphia, Pa.: Privately published under supervision of J.B. Lippincott, 1939, Pg. 704.

GEARHART, Hallie

Married E. H. Kuykendall at Muskogee in 1912; daughter, Ruth, born 1918.

Anonymous. *Montana, its story and biography : a history of aboriginal and territorial Montana and three decades of statehood*, Chicago: American Historical Society, 1921, Vol. II, Biographical sketch of E. H. Kuykendall, Pg. 242 (Pg. 2_242).

GEORGE E.

Husband of (1) deceased & (2) ___Nakey (Nakey E. George); private in Indian Home Guards; died at Fort Gibson in summer of 1863.

Anonymous.

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By Stacy Blundell

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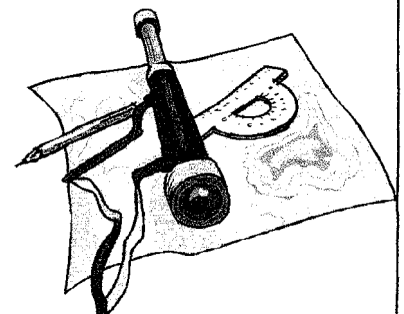
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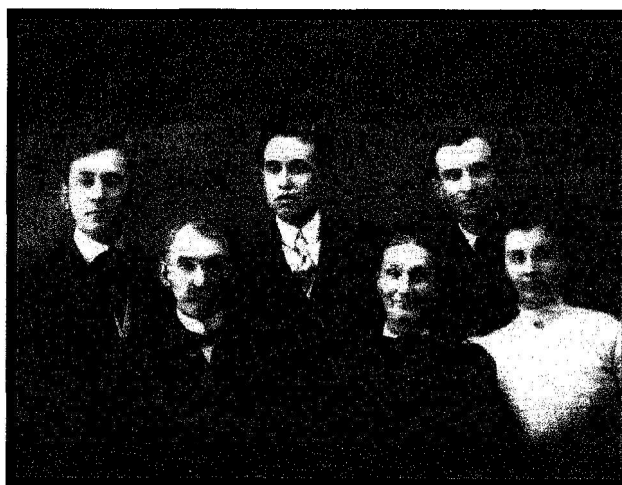
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By Stacy Blundell

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Abbreviations Can Be A Good Thing in Research

By Stacy Blundell

If you find abbreviations after your ancestors name in a document, especially in wills, they may provide useful information. Use the chart below as a reference and have fun deciphering !

Abbreviations	Latin Words	Meaning
a. a. s.	<i>anna aetitus suae</i>	Died in the year of his/her age i.e. 88 years old
d. s. p.	<i>Decessit sine prole</i>	Died without issue
d. s. p. l.	<i>Decessit sine prole mascula supersita</i>	Died without legitimate issue
d. s. p. m. s.	<i>Decessit sine prole mascula supersita</i>	Died without surviving male issue
d. s. p. s.	<i>Decessit prole supersita</i>	Died without surviving issue
d. un m		Died unmarried
d. v. p.	<i>Decessit vita patris</i>	Died in the lifetime of his father
d. v. m.	<i>Decessit vita matris</i>	Died in the lifetime of his mother
et al	<i>Et alia</i>	And others
inst	<i>instans</i>	Present month
liber		Book or volume
nepos		grandson
nunc		Nuncupative will and oral will written by a witness

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Trent, Sarah B.

Interview

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Full worker's name: Amelia F. Harris

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1. Name: Miss Sarah B. Trent

2. Post Office Address: Dallas, Texas

3. Residence address (or location): Hockaday School

4. Date of birth: Month – August, Day – 24, Year – 1866

5. Place of birth: Cincinnati, Arkansas

6. Name of father: Wesley Clark Trent Place of birth: Fort Hampton

Other information about father: Came to Indian Territory 1877

7. Name of Mother: Basima T. Trent Place of birth: Arkansas

Other information about mother: Came to Indian Territory in 1878,

Brought with her six children

An Interview with Miss Sarah B. Trent,

Pioneer School Teacher, Okmulgee

My father came from Kansas to Indian Territory in 1876 to manage a store for my uncle, Frederick B. Severs. In 1877 mother and we children came to Okmulgee as father intended to make our future home in Indian Territory. My Uncle Fred hired a governess for his children and I was permitted to stay at the ranch and attend school under this governess. The next year, however, I went back to Cincinnati, Ark., our old home. The next year I attended Harrell Institute; Reverend Theodore Brewer was Superintendent of this institute. H. B. Spaulding was a big contributor to Harrell and he was very proud of the school and wanted to see the institution grow and make good. I then finished my school work at Texas University of Austin, Texas, and returned to Okmulgee and got a position as teacher in the National Creek School held in this, the Creek capital. I taught here two years, and was elected to be principal teacher at the Creek orphanage in Okmulgee. This was a new school house just being completed and I was so elated because of the high position offered me, but no sooner was the new school house finished than it burned down. I then was solicited to teach a small subscription school at Eufaula until the orphan school was rebuilt. This new school was for Creek Indian children and it was finished by January 1, 1889, and I took the position as Principal. The Superintendent was Moty Tiger, Creek Indian, who took charge of the farm work and taught the boys how to farm, also taught them to do blacksmith and carpenter work.

Mrs. Tiger was equally as efficient in the home work. She taught those girls to cook and can and dry all kinds of vegetables and fruit, also to sew, make all of their clothes and embroider too. She belonged to the old regime and didn't believe in idle hands. These children were bright as could be but were slow in learning to speak English. More often they would start speaking in English and finish in Creek language.

Our schools were built of hewn logs with a chimney. The Government furnished all of the wood, etc.

One snowy day in December we were without wood, and the trustee notified us we would have to close school for a few days until they could get wood to us, but the children protested saying, "No, no mahani (no, no teacher) big boys cut wood, little boys bring him in". I said, "all right", so the older boys cut wood sufficient to last until the trustees sent us some.

As time drew near for the closing of the school, I decided to try and have some kind of closing exercises. On rainy and bad days when they couldn't go out and play I would read some simple book, especially Mother Goose Rhymes with pictures. The pictures seemed to impress them more than anything else. They seemed to absorb a very little character so I decided to have "Mother Goose" Rhymes in tableau. I kept the children in one afternoon and explained as best I could what I was going to do. I went over the pictures and picked out the characters for each on who was to be in the tableau, and I told them I was going to have them represent each little picture, with pretty lights all around them. They all seemed eager to try. I selected Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf, See-saw, Margery Daw, Little Jack Horner, Three Pigs, Little Miss Muffet, Simple Simon, in fact every character was represented. I impressed upon them they were to look just like the pictures and not told. I would ask them, "Does the picture talk?" They answered "No maha-ni" (no teacher), "Just look". "Well", I said, "pictures don't talk. You don't talk". Each day we practiced in silence. One of the boys who wasn't in the tableau came to me and said, "Me want speech to say". He was almost a full blood but spoke fairly good English. I said "Silas, I'm afraid you can't say a speech, but he insisted until I gave him one to learn, which he did and each day I would stand in front of him and coach him. Then the children learned to sing simple little ballads; father was on the school board and he had a meeting of the board to assist me in getting the assembly room at the Creek capital. We got the room, had a stage built and sewed sheets together for a curtain. I ordered two colors in calcium lights ready for the tableau. Mother cautioned me about the lights that, they might not be what I wanted, to try one out first. By that time we had the costumes all made ready for the final rehearsal. Each one put on their little costumes and went to their places and I said, "Now what do you do?" "No speak mahani – look". Well, I coached two of the boys how and when to draw the curtains and how to set the calcium lights a fire; that night we tested one of the lights – the effect was beautiful and everything was perfect. When I first thought about the entertainment I told Uncle Fred, who was very much enthused with the idea and he said he would have a fat beef and a hog barbecued and he would donate bread, pickles, sugar, coffee, potatoes and canned corn, and we would have a big supper on the lawn, then the entertainment that night. Well, the Indians came in from all over the country and they seemed more concerned about the entertainment, anxious to see it as very few of them ever saw any kind of entertainment.

Everything moved along fine; children all dressed in costume; the house was full, besides the Indians there were about twenty cowboys from uncle's ranch there. I had asked Reverend Isaac Jones to open with a prayer. Then I explained each character and what they represented and about the light, and I had an interpreter to explain in Creek.

The first scene was Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf, Tom, Tom, the Pipers Son, Little Jack Horner, See-saw, Margary Daw, Little Miss Muffet and the Three Pigs. The curtains were drawn back and the boys lighted the calcium lights (they thought) The tragic part was ; it was not calcium but some "fourth of July" gadget that boomed and shot sparks all over the stage and caught the curtains afire; some

of the cowboys smothered out the fire. Margary Daw and companion ran off the stage but the rest of those dear little children stood as pathetic and erect as if they were carved of stone, with perfect faith in mahani. They never made a sound. They were drilled not to move until the curtains were pulled together. The devoted little things stood still. I ran back and saw that the next light was true. Then I came out in front and explained the druggist's mistake and Allan interpreted what I said in Creek.

The next light was a bright red, the tableau was beautiful, the cowboys cheered and clapped and the Indians said, "umph!"

The next was a song which pleased everybody, and the next was

Silas' speech. I put him at the front of the stage, the boys drew the curtain. There stood Silas, "stage struck". He had never appeared before a crowd before. I prompted him from back stage. A smile lit up his face, he heard mahani's voice and he knew all was well. He turned his back on the audience and began saying his speech to me. I saw that I would have to creep towards the front and yet be concealed by the curtains. That made him partially face the audience but he didn't make a mistake after he knew I was near. When he had finished he made a big bow and walked off as though nothing had happened. This tickled the cowboys and the Indians gave another big grunt of approval.

Then we had more songs and a speech by a little girl and the final act was another "Mother Goose" tableau, but this time it went off perfectly. The lighting effect was beautiful. After it was all over, the cowboys rushed up and thanked me for the "most brilliant entertainment" they had been to in years. The Indians grunted and looked so pleased, but I rushed back stage and put my arms around my little pupils and breathed a prayer of thankfulness that they were all unhurt. Their devotion and perfect faith in mahani touched me more than I can express.

I taught in this school two years. I resigned and taught in the public school in Muskogee and I was elected Superintendent of the public school system there for eight years. I resigned and went to Fayetteville, Arkansas University, as teacher of History for one year. Then Superintendent Cameron wrote me, offering a position as teacher of English at Durant Normal for two years. In 1910 I was transferred to Chickasha Industrial School. That was before it was identified as a college.

As chairman of Classification, I stayed one year, but my health was so bad that I went to south Texas to my farm with my friend Miss Hockaday and we spent eighteen months there. Then in 1913 we organized a girl's Preparatory school in Dallas, called The Hockaday School for Girl's. I am now Dean of the Junior College.

I spent fifty years of service in the Indian schools of Indian Territory and public school of Oklahoma.

I will continue this manuscript with a short story of my uncle Frederick B. Severs.

Frederick B. Severs

Adopted by Creek Indians

I want to close my history as teacher and give a bit of interesting history of my Uncle Fred, who came to Okmulgee, Indian Territory in 1855 and established a general merchandise store. In this business he made the acquaintance of the Chiefs and leading Creek men and extended them many favors, which forced an everlasting friendship. In 1857 he was adopted by the Creek tribe – he was their beloved white brother. In 1860 he married Anna Anderson, a beautiful half blood Creek Indian, she was educated in Tallahassee, Mississippi.

Uncle Fred had taken up 500 acres of land after he was adopted into the tribe and in connection with his general merchandise store he went into the stock business, in a big way.

He had a beautiful Colonial home built on the ranch for his bride and they went out there to live.

He then fenced more land and went to raising fine blooded stock. He introduced the Angus and short horn cattle and fine Duroc hogs into the Indian Territory. He built quarters for his cowhands. His herds of cattle were being increased monthly by young calves so that in 1875 his herd had increased to 10,000 head, besides his horses and hogs.

He was very liberal to charity. Whenever the Indians had any of their ceremonial dances at the payment, he donated several beef and hogs for them to barbecue during their stay. He loved the Indians and was very generous towards them.

He had a foreman on the ranch, but his business grew so fast and the ranch demanded so much of his time, that he sent for father to come and take charge of the store. This is why we came to Indian Territory. Uncle had three girls and he employed a governess for my schooling.

He was called the "cattle king" and he was one of the largest stockholders in the Severs Hotel in Muskogee (which was named for him).

He contributed to Harrell Institute and liberally to all of the churches and he always gave beef and hogs to every public gathering.

When the Creek Indians were forced to leave Alabama, 90% of the tribesmen protested at this drastic change which the Government proposed, but the tribal leaders were finally persuaded that it was the best thing for their people that they sign the agreement whereby the Government would pay so much cash for their land and improvements and transportation to Indian Territory, McIntosh, a Creek Indian Chief, was one of the signers of this treaty. Later, he was put to death by his people for signing same. Uncle Fred was made Indian Agent for this payment (for their lands). It was called the "Orphan Payment", I can't remember why so named unless it was because so many of the children were made orphans by the death of their parents en route to Indian Territory, as so many died of the cholera.

This payment was a tremendous event as there were wagon loads of gold and silver guarded by soldiers until the last dollar was paid. The Creek Indians started to come to Okmulgee a month ahead of the payment. They would pitch their tents and there they camped until each one got his payment. This money was placed in one room of the capitol and the Indians would trek up to capitol with tow sacks, baskets, tubs and buckets. One old lady took a tin water bucket to get her money. The gold and silver was so heavy that it burst the bottom out and her money scattered everywhere. The Indians all stopped and aided her in finding every dollar. In many cases the Indians became the prey of conniving white people.

I was well acquainted with Pleasant Porter, Chief of the Creek Nation, and I taught public school in Muskogee the same years Miss Alice Robertson taught. We were childhood friends and in 1920, when she ran for Congress she came to father, a hot headed democrat, for a letter of recommendation, and he wrote a good one. This was the first time Father ever split his ticket – he voted for Miss Alice for Congress.



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