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Bride and Groom



Spring is for Weddings

Society's art section is devoted today to Muskogee's most prominent social function in several seasons the wedding of Miss Joyce Colburn Haskell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Sweeney, Sixteenth and Court streets and Mr. Edward Hopkins Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Alderson Bailey of Boston. The bride and groom are pictured at the upper left and in the lower right is shown Miss Katherine Haskell of Boston, who acted as her sister's honor attendant. Members of the bridal party shown at the bottom of page 39 are, reading from left to right: Mr. Edmund Mudge of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Tyler, Texas, Miss Arline Hutchinson, Mr. W. Parker Wood of Boston, Miss Joanna Van Smith, Mr. James S. Todd, Jr. of Fort Worth, Miss Eunice Brook, Mr. Pomeroy Haskell, Miss Lucile Swindler, Mr. Gage Bailey of Boston, who was his brother's best man, Miss Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Charles Haskell, brother of the bride who gave her in marriage, Miss Anna Hullquist, Mr. John L. Gray, Jr. of New York City, Miss Betsy Barnes, Mr. Richard Davis of Boston, Miss Roberta Bailey of Boston, Mr. Richard Morey, Jr. of St. Louis; Miss Nellie Philor Bostic and Mr. Lloyd Vander Horst of Baltimore.



Honor Attendant



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DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS BUILDING?





May 4, 2008

In May our society presented an all-day *beginners' workshop on genealogy research*. However, thanks to the very hard work and organization of all of many people, it could be considered nothing less than a total success. If anyone left the building without learning something, they only came for the fun and food. Congratulations on a good job well done all. The presentation by Stacy Blundell and Linda Stout inspired me to try *once more to become more organized, beginning with the editor's desk*.

Also in May, MCGS honored charter member, Virginia Vann Perry with the second annual recipient of an Arbor Day Honorarium. Well deserved, Virginia. You encourage us all to work harder as a group.

If you haven't taken the time to check out our new website, please do so as soon as possible. Sue Tolbert has done a great job in setting this up and is much more user friendly. Thanks Sue, and thanks to all the people who contributed to this issue. NOTE: Our new website is: <http://www.okgenweb.org/~mcgs/>

Enjoy the read,
Nancy Lasater, Editor



Story on Pg. 37

Wilcoxen-Howard Marriage Vows Read By Dr. C. W. Lipsey

The mellow glow of candlelight in tall candelabra, against a background of gladioli, stock and ferns, set the wedding scene last evening when Miss Cherry Wilcoxen, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Wilcoxen, 1223 Fremont avenue, became the bride of Mr. John Noxon Howard, ensign U.S.N.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Howard of Maple Hill, New Britain, Conn.

The ceremony, at the First Presbyterian church, was performed by Dr. C. W. Lipsey, pastor of the First Christian church. Mrs. Harry W. Potts, at the console of the organ played a program of nuptial music with the traditional marches for the entrance of the bridal party and the recessional.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white silk marquisette, fashioned with square neckline, bracelet length sleeves and banded with lace to the hip line. The softly draped skirt was styled with a short train. A finger tip veil was attached to a fluted-lace coronet.

The bridal bouquet was of white orchids circled with white carnations and sweet peas.

As maid of honor to the bride, Miss Helen Dodson was gowned in pink net and taffeta, the latter forming a fitted bodice with the bouffant skirt shirred at the hip line. Miss Dodson wore a Juliet cap of pink flowers and carried white carnations.

Miss Lucile Wilcoxen, younger sister of the bride, served as candle-lighter and her gown was of honey-beige taffeta. She carried a colonial bouquet of pastel flowers.

Ensign George Blaufuss was best man and ushers were Ensigns Frazier Poole and John Francis Pascal, all three stationed with the bridegroom at the naval base at Norman.

Mrs. Wilcoxen, mother of the bride, wore a floor length black crepe gown



and gardenias.

Immediately following the ceremony the marriage reception was held at the Wilcoxen home. Here the wedding cake centered the bride's table decorated with white flowers and smilax. It was three-tiered and topped with a miniature naval officer and his bride. The bride and bridegroom cut the first slice, and Mrs. C. R. Morgan served it to the guests.

Mrs. Edward Russell Koch of Checotah and Mrs. Robert Looney presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Frank Schaller, Jr., presented the bride's book.

Others assisting included the Misses Mary Kathleen Brown of Texarkana, Ark., Marjorie Asquith, Dorothy Duncan, Jeanne Bixby, Carolyn Cave, Nellie Clontz, Mrs. Claude Sledd, Jr., and Mrs. George Frye.

The bride wore for traveling a blue wool crepe tailored suit with tweed top coat, hat and blouse, of chalk white and snakeskin accessories. Her corsage was orchids.

After March 7 they will be at home in Norman.

The new Mrs. Howard, important member of Muskogee's younger set, attended schools here and was graduated from the University of Oklahoma at Norman, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Ensign Howard received his A. B. from Dartmouth college at Hanover, N. H., and his L. I. B. at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar association.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, Miss Lylith Medbery of Norman and Miss Helen Marie Robertson of Tulsa.

Miss Mary Franklin, Corp. William Dyer Are Married Here

At 7:30 o'clock last evening Miss Mary Catherine Franklin, second daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Franklin, 1211 West Broadway, became the bride of Mr. William G. Dyer, corporal 337th field artillery regiment at Camp Gruber, son of Mrs. Irene Dyer of Los Angeles, Calif.

The marriage was solemnized at the First Methodist church with the bride's father performing the ceremony. Given in marriage by her uncle, Dr. W. A. Franklin of Ponca City, she wore a bridal gown of white crepe romaine, banded with lace and a veil of lace-edged marquisette. The bridal bouquet was of pale pink roses.

Miss Maude Franklin older sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore aqua marquisette and carried pink roses. Her two younger sisters, Miss Eleanor Franklin and Miss Lois Evelyn Franklin, were bridesmaids and wore pale pink gowns and carried garland bouquets of delphinium. Brother soldiers of the bridegroom served as best man and ushers.

Miss Geneva Alberty was at the console of the organ and played the traditional wedding marches for the entrance of the bridal party and for the recessional. Preceding the ceremony Miss Caroline Egan, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Egan, sang "O Perfect Love."

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Franklin were hosts at the marriage reception at their home. Here the bride's table was decorated with mock orange and magnolia blooms.

Assisting at the reception were Mrs. Fred Houck, and the Misses Betty Jo Turner, Naomi Snoddy, Mary Featherstone, Margaret Elizabeth Newton, Minnie Lee Devero and Iva Mae Holloway.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma at Norman where she was a member of Mu Phi, honorary music fraternity, the university symphony orchestra and also of Mortar Board. For the past year she has been official secretary of the eastern Oklahoma conference board of education of the Methodist church.

Corporal Dyer is a graduate of Hamlin university at St. Paul, Minn.

An out-of-town guest at the wedding and reception was Corporal Dyer's aunt, Miss Elaine Dyer of St. Paul, Minn.



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One of the prettiest June weddings was that of Miss Mildred Elizabeth Borum to Mr. Edward J. Franklin which occurred last evening at eight-thirty o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Borum of West Okmulgee avenue. The house was beautifully decorated with greenery and cut flowers. The archway between the east rooms was converted into a perfect bower of greenery and white roses. Beneath this the bridal party stood. The bride entered on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage. The Rev. Scales read the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony. The bride was gowned in an exquisite creation of white Irish crochet over white silk with pearl trimmings and carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses. After the ceremony an ice course in green and white was served. There were many beautiful gifts, among which was a handsome chest of silver, a gift from friends of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin went immediately to their new home which had been furnished and ready for them.



First Silver Wedding

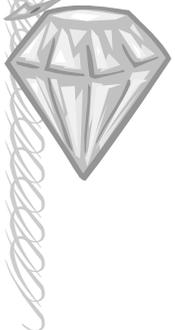
According to a historian, this is the way the first silver wedding came about. It was in the time of Hugues Caput. Two of his most faithful servants, a man and a woman, had grown gray in his employ. How could he reward them.

Calling on the woman, he said "Your service is great, greater than the man's, whose service is great enough, for the woman always finds work harder than a man, and therefore I will give you a reward. At your age I know of none better than a dowry and a husband. The dowry is here. This farm from this time forth belongs to you. If this man who has worked with you for five and twenty years is willing to marry you, then the husband is ready."

Your majesty," said the old peasant, "how is it possible that we should marry, having already silver hairs?" "Then it shall be a silver wedding." And the king gave the couple silver enough to keep them in plenty.

Such was the origin of the silver wedding, a custom which, spreading all through France, subsequently became known to the world.

Muskogee Daily Phoenix, 7 September 1901, Page 2, Submitted by Joyce Street

50th

 Anniversary
 Celebrations

Parkers Observe 50th Anniversary



With a family reunion attended by as many of their children as can solve the gasoline rationing and other travel problems scheduled for Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. "Andy" Parker of Webbers Falls will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary today. Actually, their anniversary is on Monday, for they were married March 15, 1893, in Sebastian county, Arkansas. They moved to Muskogee county in 1908 and Parker early started on a career as a peace officer which made him one of the most widely known law enforcement officers in the county and in the city of Muskogee. He has served both as a deputy sheriff and town marshal at Webbers Falls and for 13 consecutive years was a member of the Muskogee police department, retiring only last year. Children expected to attend today's reunion and celebration are two sons, Robert F. of Oklahoma City and Frank V. of Muskogee, and six daughters, Mrs. Sam Goodrich of Vera, Texas; Mrs. J. A. Scales of Webbers Falls; Mrs. Charles Thomas of Benton, Ark.; Mrs. Marie Redman and Mrs. R. B. Hunt, both of Oklahoma City; and Mrs. E. W. Canterbury, 421 North J street.

Addingtons Celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Addington, 118 Eastside boulevard, who will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Wednesday, are shown above. The couple were married January 17, 1884, in Johnson county, Ark., and in 1889 moved to Sallisaw, making the 100-mile trip in an ox cart. They have lived in Muskogee since 1893 and in the house they now reside since 1909. Their three children, Mrs. Leona Allee, W. M. Addington, and Hobart Addington, all of Muskogee, will attend a dinner to be

Yesterday



● ● On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Reed of Strang celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary with a family reunion at their home. Their four living children; 18 of their 25 grandchildren, and seven of their 14 great-grandchildren were present.

Mr. Reed, who is 95, came to Indian Territory from his native Georgia over the Trail of Tears when he was only 11. A white man, he made the journey with the Cherokees, and on May 25, 1878, married Emily Miller, now 80, who is one-half Cherokee.

Three daughters, Mrs. W. B. Bryant, Mrs. C. W. Bell, both of Strang, and Mrs. John Day, Pryor, and their husbands, and one son, Rufus Reed, Eucha, and Mrs. Reed, were at the reunion. A second son, Joe Reed, died four years ago, but his wife was at the family party.

When it came to grandchildren and great-grandchildren, there were Mrs. Hazel Gardener, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Robert Jackson of Muskogee; Mrs. Ward Bryant, Jr., Strang, and their husbands, and Ruth Anna, Jack and 10-month old Carol Sue Bryant, the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant.

In the Bell family were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sherrick and son, Billy, of Wolco.

The Days were represented by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Day, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Day and Douglas, Jr., all of Kansas City, Mo.

Joe Reed's children, and their families, were Mr. and Mrs. Tex Kinnison, and son, John Reed Kinnison, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker and two children, Billy and Sally Lou, Strang; J. D. and Roger Reed, Strang, and the Misses McThevah Reed, Tulsa; Lena Reed, Tulsa; Billy Louise, Susie, Jolene, and Dbreoma Reed, all of Strang.

To Mrs. Bob Jackson, (Gladys Bryant), 1105 Walnut street, went the honor of making the big wedding cake, which was cut by her grandmother. Gladys and Bob had a wonderful time at the family

gathering, renewing acquaintances with aunts and uncles and cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reed both are active, interested in everything, and had a better time than anyone else at the party.

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MARRIED FOR 60 YEARS



Don't fuss... and be happy.

Sixty years ago yesterday, on April 7, 1872, Barbara Markert and Samuel Burchart, shown above, were wed in East St. Louis, Ill. Each day of each of the 60 years has been a happy one, both say, and their expressions prove it. "Be content and satisfied in your everyday doings," is Mr. Burchart's advice to those who ask his recipe, and Mrs. Burchart adds, "Agree with each other. Don't argue and fuss."

Mrs. Burchart, who is 78 years old, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany.

When she was 9 years old, she came to the United States with her parents, living in Chicago. Later they moved to Fort Dodge, Ia., where she met Mr. Burchart. He is 81 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Burchart have three children, John H., 718 Hamilton avenue; Samuel W., 720 Hamilton avenue, and Mrs. Emma Nabers, who lives with her parents, and two grandchildren, Shelton and Samuel.

Both are members of the First Lutheran church.

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Submitted by Joyce Street

The Last Days of Jack Davis

By Wally Waits

The United States Army promoted Captain Jack C. Davis to the rank of Major posthumously. The year after his death the Muskogee Army Air Field became Davis Field in his honor.

The federal government activated the 345th Bombardment Group on 11 Nov 1942 at Columbia, South Carolina. It consisted of the 498th, 499th, 500th and 501st Bomb Squadrons.

The 345th Group served thirty months in the Southwest Pacific Theater during World War II. It fought all the way from Port Moresby in New Guinea, to the Philippine Islands, up the China coast to the southern islands of Japan.

The squadrons flew B-25 Mitchell twin-engine medium bombers. This was the same plane Jimmy Doolittle flew in attacking Japan. Doolittle's plane was a "B" version. The 345th flew later versions of the Mitchell.

The plane's original design had a Plexiglas nose so a bombardier could guide the plane to a target. During later years of the war, the Army mechanics removed the Plexiglas nose. An all-metal nose replaced it. This allowed the addition of eight .50 cal. machine guns.

The change in the airplane's design allowed the "J" version of the B-25 to carry as many as eighteen machine guns at one time. This solid-nosed B-25J was the most heavily-armed attack aircraft in the American arsenal.

While the bomber still carried bombs, the role of the plane evolved into an anti-shipping weapon ideal for the Pacific Theater. The Mitchell could bomb larger ships from higher altitudes. It could also machine gun the smaller vessels in strafing runs made at low levels.

Of the four squadrons, the 500th was more aggressive in driving home an attack. As a consequence, there were more losses in this squadron. The unit lost a total of thirty-three planes from combat operations. This figure was fifty percent higher than the losses of the 499th Squadron, the next highest. This might explain why the 500th was nicknamed the "Suicide Squadron."

Capt. Jack C. Davis usually flew as a pilot in the 500th Squadron. The day he failed to return, however, he was flying as a co-pilot in a B-25J Mitchell. It was unusual the pilot that day was also a Captain. Some Second Lieutenants piloted Mitchell bombers. In a couple of cases where planes were lost in the Bombardment Group, Captains were piloting planes that were lost during the war.

The loss of Davis' plane was the only time the group lost a plane where captains served as both the pilot and co-pilot. In all probability, Capt. Davis was substituting for the usual co-pilot on this flight.

The manufacturer built Davis' B-25J Mitchell, Serial Number 44-31297, in 1944. This Mitchell was assigned to the 500th Squadron in July, 1945. Therefore, it flew in combat six weeks at most. It was not in service long enough to have been considered a "worn out" plane unless it might have suffered some damage in combat.

The US Army transferred Davis' Bomber Group to a base at Ie Shima on Okinawa Island at the end of the war. From here Capt. Davis reportedly attacked the Japanese island of Kyushu in the first flight on July 29th. For this raid the commanding officer elected to send the "strafers" to attack targets on the southern tip of Kyushu. Strafing were B-25's that conducted low-level attacks with their machine guns. That day the planes of the

500th Squadron set a radar station afire and knocked down a radio tower on the raid.

The next day the 500th went back to the same area off Kyushu. They attacked and sank a 100-ton wooden merchant ship. It is not clear whether Capt. Davis participated in the attack.

On August 6th, the aircraft from the 500th Squadron flew to the southeast coast of Korea in search of Japanese shipping. They sunk one gunboat and two small freighters. The cost was one B-25 being shot down by ack-ack fire.

After returning to Ie Shima pilots and crew began to wonder about Japan's possible surrender. The news about the dropping of a nuclear bomb on Hiroshima that morning was spreading throughout all commands.

Late in the war, the 345th Bomb Group covered an operational area that included the Sea of Japan. By August, 1945, Japanese vessels were usually not caught sailing during daylight hours. The threat of Allied aerial attack caused Japanese shipping to seek the protection of heavily defended ports.

Late in the war, as targets became fewer, Bombardment Group changed its strategy. The lack of daylight targets meant the American effort was succeeding in destroying both war and commercial shipping.

The change caused the launching of B-25's at night in order to be over the Sea of Japan just as the sun was coming up. This enabled the aircraft to attack laggard shipping that was late getting into port.

The Fifth Bomber Command on August 8th ordered that henceforth aircraft searching for Japanese shipping should begin take-offs at 0300 and 0400 hours in the morning in order to catch vessels still at sea. Since heavily defended harbors protected ships and ports, it was safer to locate and attack military and merchant vessels at sea.

That day, the attacking aircraft caught a Japanese Corvette at first light off the Korean coast. Planes from the 499th and the 500th made numerous strafing and bombing runs. A larger vessel was later deemed to have been sunk on the 8th. Several small freighters suffered the same fate.

The next day planes of the 500th Bomb Squadron were in the air when other planes dropped the second nuclear bomb. However, cloud cover prevented the pilots and crew from seeing the mushroom cloud. They learned about the explosion only after their return to Okinawa.

On August 10th, bombers of the 345th searched the Sea of Japan and the Tsu Shima Strait off of Honshu Island. Ten planes of the 500th sank two small vessels and a lugger. A lugger was a small sailing vessel with two or three masts.

The 345th Bombardier Group lost its last three planes of the war on August 12th. Twenty-two planes of the Group launched early that morning. Capt. Davis from the 500th took off first at 0255 hours. The planes of the 499th launched five minutes later. The 498th launched its planes at 0310. Because of the darkness of the hour, there was no formation flying until sunup. Each plane set a separate course to reach the assigned sector over the Sea of Japan it was to patrol.

The 499th Squadron's plane was the first loss of the day. The plane took off at 0300 hours. While still night time, the plane lost altitude without the pilot's knowledge. It skipped off the surface of the sea and then crashed. The fuselage broke open flinging the radio operator out into the water. He was the only survivor.

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Muskogee City Fireman, Marshall E. Pennington

Pennington and Leininger Family information submitted by Jere Harris

After coming to Muskogee from Yell County, Arkansas, and working for the Muskogee Electric Traction Co., Marshall E. Pennington, my grandfather, went to work for the Muskogee Fire Department.



In 1930, they lived at 1008 Eastside Boulevard,(1.) and he is listed as a pipe man then, in 1938, when the family lived at 631 North J Street, he is listed as a driver. The main station was downtown on South 2nd Street. Another station was at 2001 W. Okmulgee and another at 825 E. Okmulgee (by Spaulding Park).

In the late 1940's and early 50's, he worked at the Spaulding Park station. In 1950, he is listed as captain of the fire department. (2.)

He suffered a heart attack about 1952. When he was able to come back to work, they put him on the switchboard. My sister remembers going there to visit him. When he would let her sit on his lap while he worked the switchboard, she would hope a call would come in so she could hear the alarms go off. (3.)

My mother says he worked nights, so my grandmother would fix supper at 4:00p.m. My sister was a toddler and they lived one block down the street from my grandparents. So when my mother took my sister down to their house, she would eat an early supper with Grampa and then go home and eat supper again with Mom and Dad. (4.)

In 1953, M.E. Pennington suffered another heart attack from which he never recovered. He passed away 3 March 1954. His obituary says he was a retired captain of the Muskogee Fire Department. (5.)

1. 1930 Oklahoma Census, Muskogee Co., Muskogee City, Porter Twp., E.D. 51-27, Sheet 7A.
2. **Polk's Muskogee City Directory, 1930, 1938, 1950**
3. Lynda Leininger Van Brunt, sister
4. Edith Maxine Pennington Leininger, 94 years old, January, 2008
5. Muskogee Daily Phoenix, 3 March 1954, p.2

Hood of the fire truck is marked with "Muskogee Fire Dept."

M. E. Pennington is second from the right in the picture (in the light-colored overcoat).

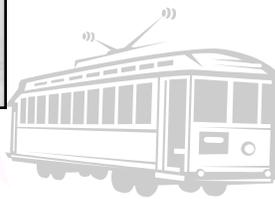




M. E. Pennington is on the far right with three other unidentified firemen. On the engine hood are the words "Muskogee Fire Dept. Written in the lower right corner of the picture is "Powhatan Brothers' Photo, Muskogee 3-6-30"



Marshall E. Pennington

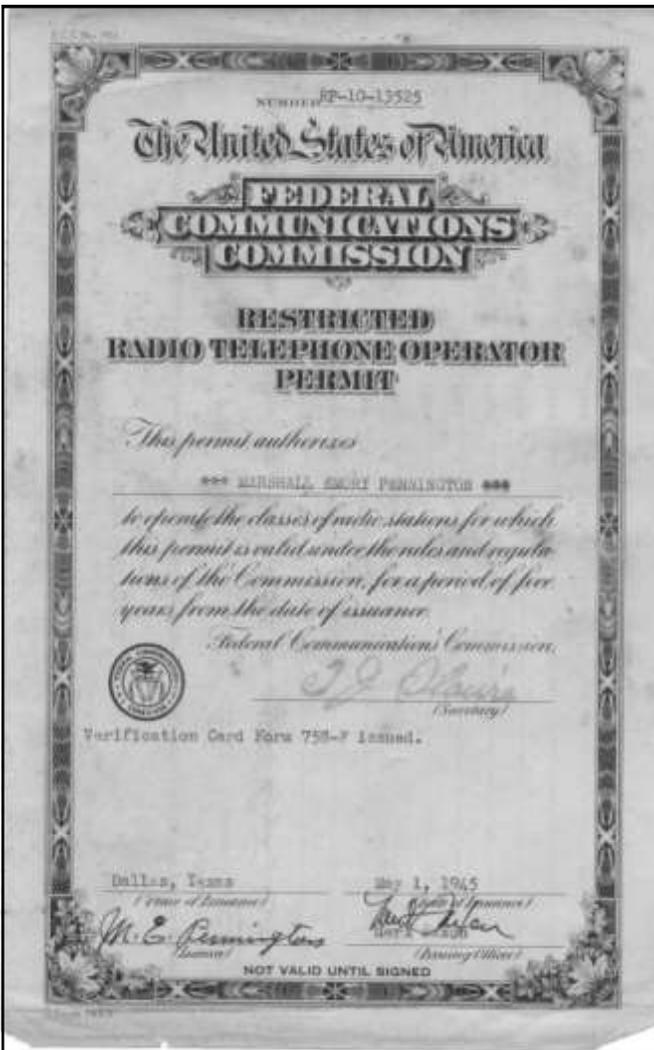


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THE PETER LEININGER FAMILY

OBITUARY OF PETER LEININGER

Taken from the MADISON COUNTY RECORD Th 17 May 1923
"Peter Leininger, a former well known citizen of this county who resided near McConnell Chapel, died Wednesday night of last week at his home at Fort Gibson, Okla. The following account of his death & funeral, together with a general history of his life is taken from the Friday 27 Apr 1923 issue of the MUSKOGEE TIMES DEMOCRAT.

Death was hovering in the shadows of early evening as Peter Leininger, eighty two years old, sent for his daughter Ida and her fiance, Floyd Patterson, early Wednesday night. He had long been ill in his home in historic Fort Gibson. With his mental faculties fully alert, he had made his will and otherwise placed his house in order before the final summons. Only one wish remained unfilled--and he spoke frankly to his daughter and the young man by her side. 'I know you children have delayed marrying because you wanted me to be there,' he said. 'Well, there isn't time to wait any longer. I will never arise from this bed. If you want me to give you my blessing, send for the minister and have the ceremony performed now. Otherwise I might not be here.'

And so Ida Leininger and Floyd Patterson were married. James P. Leininger, a son, supported his father in a sitting position while the minister read the simple service. Three hours later, Peter Leininger was dead. And Thurs afternoon, Old Glory flew from a hundred staffs in the old garrison town, while most of the citizens formed a funeral procession that wound its way through the National Cemetery to a newly opened grave. While the body of Peter Leininger was lowered to his last bivouac, most of Fort Gibson looked on, tears dimming the eyes of young & old, a void in many hearts that through seventeen long years, had learned to love him, as a patriot, friend and neighbor.

Peter Leininger was the self-appointed guardian of Fort Gibson's ancient traditions. On Independence day, Memorial day and other occasions of patriotic observance, the flag so dear to his heart, was always flying first from his staff on the Leininger home. When Peter Leininger died, it was Fort Gibson's fitting tribute that every flag in the village should be half-masted in his honor.

Fort Gibson knew Peter Leininger well. The story of the marriage of Floyd Patterson and Ida Leininger in the death chamber became known but it occasioned no surprise. It was just like Peter Leininger, Fort Gibson thought, that he should consider others--and their happiness and desires and their future--before he should have passed on to his final rendezvous with other comrades of the Grand Army who had gone before. Peter Leininger, since the death of J.S. Holden also had been Fort Gibson's historian. No other inhabitant

of the once proud army post could remember old Fort Gibson as Peter Leininger remembered it. He went there in 1867, a young soldier in the national service who had fought with distinction through the Civil War. He was later transferred to Fayetteville, Ark & lived many years in Arkansas. But to Fort Gibson he returned to pass the final years that should elapse before the sounding of the last tattoo.

Peter Leininger had other children, but recently he had been most interested in the romance of his daughter Ida and Floyd Patterson. A discharged marine, much damaged by Hun bullets, Patterson went to Fort Gibson 3 yrs ago to visit a brother. He had been two years overseas & served with the 6th marines through all the fray receiving wounds at Chateau Thierry, St Mihiel and in the Argonne. He liked Fort Gibson & its people--particularly Ida Leininger and he stayed after obtaining employment in the stereotyping dept of a newspaper in Muskogee. The couple had planned their wedding several times, but postponed it each time because of the illness of the girl's father. Their consideration of his feelings so impressed the father that his last request was that the ceremony be performed before he died.

Peter Leininger plied his trade of leather-worker during his years at Fort Gibson. He conducted a shoe & harness repair shop and his place of business was the scene of many lively discussions of battles of old & modern wars and other topics dear to the hearts of men who love their country while in its service and continued to love it with growing intensity during their declining years.

Born in Lebanon, Penn March 13, 1841, He enlisted in the Union forces at the outbreak of the Civil War. He served through the entire conflict & then re-enlisted for 3 yrs. He was sent to Fort Gibson in 1867, being transferred a short time later to Fayetteville. He was married on Sept 10, 1868 to Blanche Harris, and the following year left the service. He continued to live in Madison county, Ark and after the death of his first wife, he married again Feb 21, 1899. His bride was Susie Lee Bates and the ceremony was performed in the same house where thirty yrs before, his first marriage had been solemnized. Mrs Susie Leininger survives, as do four children, a son & a daughter having been born of each marriage. The surviving children are Mrs (Blanche) Salsman, James P. & Lee of Muskogee & Mrs Floyd Patterson, Ft Gibson"

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Blanche HARRIS was born in Missouri 27 June 1847. She evidently came to Madison county Arkansas with her brother Peter who, with his wife Charity Jane ROSS Harris, is listed on the 1870 War Eagle Twp #148. Peter and Blanche married in 1868 & they are on the 1870 War Eagle #114 census with their first child Mary Jane. By 1880 (War Eagle #29), Mary Jane & two other daughters were born & died. On the 1900 Bowen #90 Peter is listed with his 2nd wf Susan Lee JOHNSON with a ch Lee G. Leininger. "Susie" is the widow of William Bates.

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The 498th Squadron's was the last plane to go down. This plane was lost about 0600 hours after having made rendezvous with other Mitchells. It spotted a small coastal freighter in the Sea of Japan and attacked. Plane wreckage near the wrecked ship suggested it crashed suddenly without survivors. It may have been shot down.

Capt. Davis' plane was among the first planes launched that night. Capt. Eugene J. Parker sat in the pilot's seat with Jack Davis beside him. The plane failed to make a rendezvous point over the Sea of Japan. Planes were to assemble before commencing a search for targets to attack.

The rest of the aircraft of the 345th Bomb Group proceeded to clear their assigned area of straggling vessels. Ten small ships were sunk on the 12th.

Aircraft and personnel losses of August 12th, in context of the news of imminent end of hostilities, seem unwarranted to the commanding officer of the 345th Bombardment

Full-Blood Indian Champion Speller Muskogee County

Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 30 - Henry Landers, a full-blood Indian boy fifteen years old, is the champion speller of Muskogee County and will represent his county in the state spelling contest at Oklahoma City in May. Landers has been in a country school six months of each year for the past six years, but he beat all comers in the contest in the county. Robert Criswell, who was county champion last year, was second in the contest this year.

A peculiar feature of this contest was the fact that all of the girls who entered were the first to drop out and when it narrowed down to three all of them were boys. Generally speaking, teachers say, girls are better spellers than boys. Landers will be the only full-blood Indian boy in the state spelling contest.

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THE PHOENIX PLATFORM

The Phoenix stands for civic freedom and civic pride in city, state and nation; for the fewest and simplest laws—rigorously enforced; for honesty and economy in public affairs; for right principles, right men, right causes—under whatever banner they appear.

A SYMBOL

Muskogee has an official flower.

Henceforth and forever, so the city council decrees, the Crape Myrtle is to be the symbol of Muskogee's purity, beauty and youth. The council's action was at the behest of the city beautiful committee of the chamber of commerce and the members of the federated women's clubs.

It is fitting and proper that the city select such a symbol. There are traditions to be upheld now and if the city does not fulfil the self imposed conditions in the adoption of this flower the city council would do well to wipe off the records its action of Thursday night.

Delving into the past we find something of interest concerning the Myrtle, of which the Crape is a single species. Muskogee's particular flower was cultivated along the shores of the Mediterranean because of its ability to withstand heat and drouth. It came from Macedonia, one of its resting places on its way out of western Asia.

The Myrtle is known throughout the world for its foliage and flowers. It was used in festivals of ancient Greece as sacred to Venus and as the symbol of beauty and youth.

Now, the Crape Myrtle is Muskogee's flower.

Birthdays 101 Yrs.

Page 8—Section A—Friday, August 24, 1979 MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX & TIMES-DEMOCRAT

'Bill' Smith To Observe 101st Birthday

W. M. "Bill" Smith will close the first year of his second century this month.

Although his 101st birthday actually is Thursday, the big celebration will be Saturday when his family gathers at 2 p.m. for dinner in Civitan Park. Friends are invited to drop by after 3 p.m.

Smith came to Muskogee as a five-year-old from Leslie, Ark., and grew up here and in Braggs. He married Lona Barnes on Sept. 25, 1907, and they will observe their 72nd wedding anniversary next month.

He worked for the City of Mus-

kogee street department when Okmulgee and Broadway were dirt and gravel. He worked at Honor Heights when the park had buffalo grazing on the hills. He retired from the MKT Railroad on Oct. 31, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have nine children. (The Smiths' first...

Smith, Wanda Reece, Marie Kinser, Minnie Reynolds, Leona Page, Alice Florence and Nancy Campbell, all of Muskogee—and Helen Knight of Okmulgee. They have 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Family Reunion Today

Today at the home of Mrs. Pearl Baker and her mother, Mrs. Lida A. Chapman, who has recently celebrated her 92nd birthday anniversary, members of the family are here for a reunion. Among these are two other daughters of Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Paul A. Jerrue of Cranford, N. J., and Mrs. George Pomeroy of Rockford, Ill. Others here are Mrs. Baker's daughter, Mrs. Barron Creager, and Mr. Creager of Tulsa, and a son, Mr. Fletcher C. Baker, and Mrs. Baker, also of Tulsa. Mrs. Chapman's son, Mr. Roy Chapman, and Mrs. Chapman of Oklahoma City are also here.

Mrs. Jarrue and Mrs. Pomeroy are enroute to Dallas to visit Mrs. Jarrue's daughter.



92 Yrs.

Articles on Pgs. 44/45 were Submitted by Joyce Street and extracted from the Muskogee Daily Phoenix.

Muskogee Couple, 75, Born in Small Missouri Town, Plan Quiet Birthdays

Neighbors at Ashton Married in 1895; Came Here in March, 1913

The life-story of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howell, 422 East street, is tinged with more romance than is usually concerned in a newspaper story, unless you are a reader of the serial romances.

Back in 1868, 75 years ago—Charles Howell was born on June 9 at Ashton, Mo., which is in the northern part of the state. Just a few doors from his home in the same small village on June 14 of that year a baby girl was born.

Charles and that girl grew up together, played together and went to school together. Then at the ages of 27 they were married at Ashton on Jan. 21, 1895. They lived in that neighborhood until 1910, when they came to Oklahoma to make their home, settling first at Atoka, and coming to Muskogee March 26, 1913.

'Nothing Extra'

Ordinarily it might be expected they would plan some big celebration and have all their seven children and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren present for a dinner in observance of one of their birthday anniversaries, or select a date in between.

But Howell said yesterday, "Nope, we haven't planned anything extra. We'll both just enjoy the two days as we always have. Besides there is

a war on and such celebrations should sort of be cut out until we whip the axis powers—then we can celebrate in a great way."

Both are healthy and active despite their years and spend much of their time walking around over Muskogee. Just the other day they took a five-mile walk over the city, visiting parks.

Worked for Railroads

Howell is a retired employe of the K. O. and G. railroad for which he worked as a lineman. But back in 1888 he was working for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad and helped string the telegraph wires for that line through Muskogee.

"At that time, he said, "the main part of Muskogee was along about where South C and South Cherokee streets now are. The remainder of what is now the city was nothing but an open pasture."

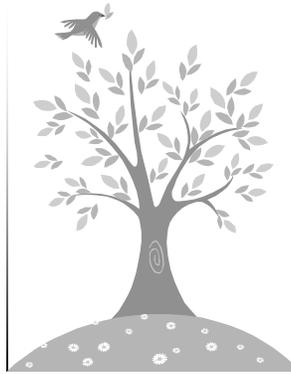
Their children are Mrs. Eula Dowty, 201 Lawrence street; Mrs. Velma Rotten, 812 North H street; Ashton Howell, 1212 Holden street; Beda Howell and Corolin Howell both of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Almira Chisler and Nello Howell, both of Tulsa.

They have 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

75 Yrs.



Photo courtesy of Nancy Calhoun



Virginia Vann Perry, Charter Member
Is honored with the
Second Annual
Muskogee County Genealogical Society
Arbor Day Honorarium.

A tree was planted in the C. Clay Harrell Arboretum in Honor Heights Park on Saturday March 29, 2008 in honor of Virginia Vann Perry.

Each year the Muskogee County Genealogical Society honors a Charter member by planting a tree in the park as a symbol of **the recipient's contributions to promoting Family History research.** Virginia has served the Society in many capacities as a Board member and volunteer researcher. She has contributed many hours of her time collecting material for the Society book publications and served as editor of the MCGS Quarterly.

Born in Porum, Oklahoma, a descendant of the Davis, Vann, and McClure families, all enrolled Cherokees, Virginia is proud of her heritage. She retired from the Central Office of the Social Security Administration in 1982 and immediately became involved in volunteer work, first at the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah and the NSU Library.

She has been involved with the Oklahoma Chapter of the Trail of Tears, the Muskogee Library Board, and is a member of the General Nathan Bedford Forrest Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Virginia just recently completed the restoration of a house in Muskogee that was built before 1903 and was once owned by O.H.P. Brewer. Currently she is working on a collection of information on the Davis, Vann, and McClure families for a new book to be published this year by Don Shadburn.

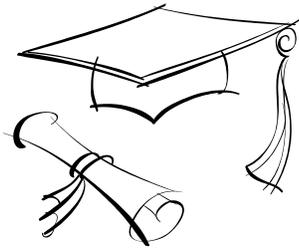
A reception honoring Virginia was held at the Muskogee Public Library immediately following the Arbor Day ceremony. Family and friends were invited to attend.



Photo courtesy of Nancy Calhoun

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More Pictures from Arbor Day Honorarium for Charter Member, Virginia Vann Perry



Congratulations!

TO THE **Class of 2008**

Daniel R. Stout

Son of Jay and Linda Stout
Graduating May, 2008
Fort Gibson High School

Will be attending Northeastern State University in the fall

Hannah Alise Hill

Daughter of Mark A. and Alissa A. Hill
Graduating Monday, 19 May 2008
Eighth Grade
Hilldale Middle School

She has attended Hilldale Public Schools all her life and is currently a member of the Hilldale Middle School Track Team. She will attend Hilldale High School next year and will graduate with the class of 2012.

MCGS Member Information

NEW MEMBERS

Patsy A. Miracle-Pickens—March
Melba Ranks—March

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Carol Payne—March
Wandy Dyer—April
Floretta Leatherman—April
Rosanne Nunley—April
Jerrel and Aldena Powell—April

ANCESTRAL CHARTS

(Guess No One Had Ancestors)



The Muskogee County Genealogical Society would like to welcome our new members and thank those of you who have chosen to renew your membership. The next step? Please submit a copy of your ancestor chart. You never know when someone might read the information and help you **move another "brick wall"**.

The Anti-Horse Thief Association
“Protect the Innocent; Bring the Guilty to Justice”

Submitted by Linda Stout

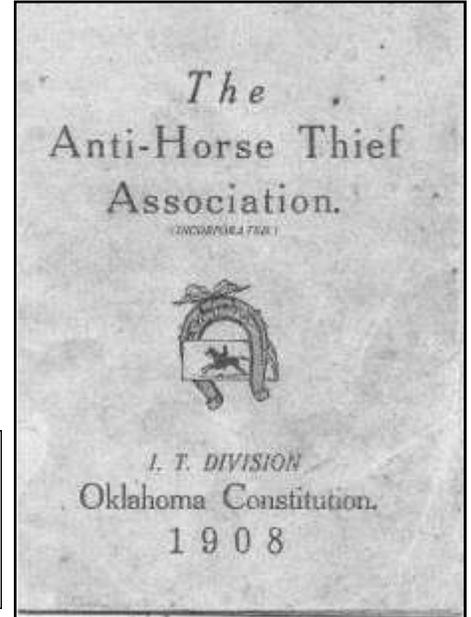


Major David McKee



AHTA Logo

AHTA Constitution original document housed at the Three Rivers Museum. Picture courtesy of TRM, from the Melvin & Edith Bass Collection.



Before the advent of the automobile, horse theft was a serious offense. Horses were sources of both transportation and income. A thief could steal a horse and take it across state lines or into the Indian territories where authorities could not easily follow. It was a particular problem in Clark County, Missouri. Major David McKee of Clark County and a group of his friends formed the Anti-Horse Theft Association in 1853 to combat the problem. Unfortunately, with the beginning of the Civil War, most of the members enlisted in the army. Thievery became even worse during the war. When Major McKee was discharged from service in 1863 the need to curtail horse theft was greater than ever. He reinstated the group with great success and the AHTA grew and spread to many other states. Membership reached a peak in 1916 of 50,000.

The A.H.T.A. was not a group of vigilantes. Members believed in supporting and upholding the law. They worked hand in hand with law enforcement, gathered evidence and testified in court to punish horse thieves and other criminals. To become a member, it was necessary to be a citizen in good standing, male, over 18 years old, and vouched for by another member. Everything was done on a voluntary basis with only expenses paid. Annual dues ranged from 5 to 20 cents.

Once you were a member, if you had a horse or other property stolen you would report the theft to the president of the group. The telegraph (and later, the telephone) was used to warn authorities and other chapters of the A.H.T.A. with a description of the horse and, if known, the thief. Ten or more members would be assigned to hunt for the trail of the thief. Once it was discovered, at least two of the members and the owner of the horse would be assigned to pursue the thief for as long as there was a trail to be followed, regardless of time or expense. The value of the horse didn't matter. It was the principle.

Once the thief was caught, he would be turned over to the authorities and members of the A.H.T.A. would personally assist in his prosecution. If you were picked to pursue the thief and refused without a reasonable excuse, you had to pay a fine of \$5.00. If you agreed to join the chase, all your expenses would be paid. If you weren't a member and you needed help to recover a horse, the A.H.T.A. would help but you had to pay for the service.

The A.H.T.A.'s publication was called the A.H.T.A. Weekly News where missing horses and property were listed. It was devoted exclusively to items concerning the organization, horse thieves and other livestock and property theft. It was circulated throughout Indian Territory and at its peak had a circulation of over 20,000.

One of the reasons the A.H.T.A. was so successful was because the members didn't need to worry about crossing state lines. If the thief was chased into a neighboring state, part of the group would stay behind, close to the state line. When bringing the thief back, they would take him to the state line and tell him to get out. The thief would oblige and cross the state line, only to be picked up by the AHTA members waiting on the other side. Numerous gangs of outlaws hid in Indian Territory, preying on the livestock of neighboring states. The

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URNS TO REMINISCING ON NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Mr. William Haynes Notes Striking Contrast Between These Days and His

The ninetieth birthday of William Haynes, who for the past several years has spent the greater part of his time in Muskogee, was celebrated with a family reunion and birthday diner-party at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. E. Worley, 1119 Summit street, yesterday.

Among the guests present for the occasion were Charles E. Haynes, of Normal, Ill., and Mrs. Annie H. Hart of El Paso, Ill., **a son and daughter who came to celebrate their father's birthday and spend a few days visiting Muskogee.** Other members of the party were Mrs. J. M. Cholson, a daughter, and Charles Hodgson, a grandson, both of Muskogee.

Mr. Haynes spent some time yesterday in reminiscence, and reminded the younger members of his family of the many changes which have taken place within his memory, which reaches back to his childhood and boyhood days in the home near Nottingham, England.

Contrasts Roadbuilding

He commented on the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on roadwork out from Muskogee, and contrasted the making of the new roads hereabouts with conditions in his boyhood, when he used to watch the men who were permanently employed in keeping the old Roman road which passed his father's home in good condition.

Today, he pointed out, busy people in every walk of life find it possible to take time out for hunting, fishing, camping, and recreation, while in the old days in England only the favored few came occasionally to see the noted Quorn hounds kept and trained for the Duke of Rutland to use in hunting and the entertainment of guests at famous old Belvoir castle, near whose walls young Haynes used to work during he harvest.

Mr. Haynes also recalled the many changes in invention and transportation since the days of '59 when as a young man he brought his bride in a sailing vessel on a six-weeks' voyage to America, where they founded a new home on the prairies of northern Illinois.

Many friends and neighbors sent remembrances, and called on Mr. Haynes during the day, making it an enjoyable occasion.

Muskogee Daily Phoenix, 1 June 1926, Page 5, Submitted by Joyce Street

Show and Tell December, 2007

By Linda Stout



Mine wasn't Oklahoma related. It was the story of my grandfather's sister (Katie Ryan) from a small town in Missouri. She stayed home to take care of her parents and never married. When the last one passed away, she wanted to become a nun. An older sister had become one much earlier with an order in Kentucky. Katie was a grown woman and was apparently too old for the normal procedures for entering a convent and she couldn't find an order who would accept her. She was finally able to connect with a group in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and became Sister St. Paul of the Cross. This was a cloistered order. My grandfather's twin brother wanted to see her and made the trip from Missouri. The mother superior told him that a visit wasn't allowed even though he'd come all that way. Eventually she relented but her way of setting up the meeting had to circumvent the rules. When she left their meeting she told Uncle Philip that the garden gate might be open around noon if he cared to see them. Sister St. Paul was waiting. I have a copy of the photo they took that day and a letter from a member of the order who still remembered her. Special



thanks go to the archivist at the Roman Catholic diocese in Edmonton who contacted the convent for me.

Philip Ryan was born in Saline County, MO September 6, 1892 and died in Slater, MO April 13, 1956.

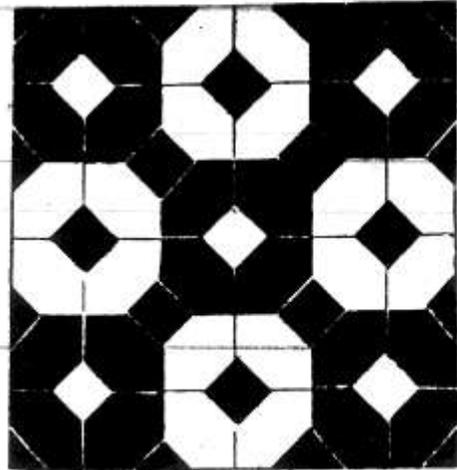
Sister St. Paul (Catherine Ryan) was born in Dardenne, MO January 7, 1884 and died October 11, 1973 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

This photo must have been taken in the late 1940's or very early 1950's

KANSAS DUG-OUT QUILT PATTERN



KANSAS
DUG-OUT



The numbers given are for a quilt 78x90, using a 6-inch border—or two 3-inch strips. Here is shown a piece about 12 inches square—it will take 42 such pieces for a quilt. This will require about 5 1/4 yards color, 4 yards white and 3/4 yard of each 3-inch border. Sew a six sided piece to each side of a square of a different color. Join these sections as shown in the sketch.

Submitted by Barbara Downs

From Page 38:
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COVER PAGE: Pictures and article submitted by Joyce Street, from the Muskogee Daily Phoenix, 8May32Wed

CENSUS OF MUSKOGÉE.

It Is Being Taken to Pave the Way for an Issue of Bonds.

Muskogee, I. T., April 10.—A census of Muskogee is now being taken under the supervision of the United States court. Some time ago the city voted \$50,000 in bonds to build two new school houses. Under the law governing a territory a census must be taken first to show that the town has more than 2,000 population before the bonds can be issued. While the town is much larger than that, the census must be taken. Local newspapers claim the town has a population of over 6,000. They declare the census now being taken will show this.

Submitted by Wally Waits



Or a Bridge to the Past

© Stacy Goff Blundell

“Granny always told that story, so it must be true!” Family stories aren’t always full of truth, but they can recreate your family history. They can also offer details about relationships, insights into personalities and environments, clues about undiscovered lines, and even potential corrections to official records.

To use a family story, however, you need to know how to evaluate it. Interviews with three top genealogists, Desmond Walls Allen, Elizabeth Kerstens, and Kay Freilich, explain how to do just that. These genealogists offer advice on gathering, writing, and validating legends in family history.

One must approach legends with an open mind. All three genealogists interviewed agree that legends **seldom prove totally false. Approach them with an open, not a cynical, attitude. “Don’t dismiss out-of-hand legends you hear, they could be true,”** advises Elizabeth Kerstens, CGRS, and editor of the APG Quarterly. In an article recently published by Ancestry Magazine (March/April 1999), Kerstens presents an example of the validity of family legends or stories. She illustrates how records largely substantiated a generations-long story **of her husband’s Irish forebears. The account came down nearly intact with several lines initially not knowing** about each other.

Kay Freilich, director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies stated that, **“In most cases there has been at least an element of truth in family stories. Dates and timelines get garbled the most, but relationships and stories involving them tend to be accurate. Usually, not a fact in the story can be documented, but when we hear it from two different sources in different times and different places *that is significant.*”**

Desmond Walls Allen, owner of Arkansas Research, warns that in a story involving distant generations, **confusion will intrude over the characters involved. “Pay attention to the overall story. Don’t zero in on the specifics. You have to think of family legends in these terms: If it’s not literally true, where did it come from and what might be true?”** advises Allen.

Allen also points out that if records can correct legends, sometimes legends can trump records. This is **particularly true if the story is based on firsthand information. “In my research, there is a record on a collateral line where someone is listed as the father on record, and he isn’t, and the family story describes why he isn’t and couldn’t be.”**

Freilich says, **“In family stories it’s easy to say ‘three years later’ that something happened, and really it was five years later. But often you can get into a deed or census record to prove it’s just off by that much.”**

Legends can also point the way to even bigger discoveries - **data on undiscovered lines. “That’s the value of family legends - they’re a bridge to the past. You may not be able to cross that bridge with any other piece of evidence,”** notes Kerstens.

Kerstens advises family historians not to reject legends simply because they are oral. “People can stretch the truth with a pencil as well as they can with their mouth,” adds Freilich.

Kerstens explains that Ireland then and even today, possesses two kinds of story tellers - one type told local histories, the other told myths. “In the people’s minds, they were completely separate types of people. There was an expectation that when the myth type of storyteller would start talking, it would be a long story and they’d have all these pictures painted in their minds. But when the other type of storyteller began, they would be reminiscing on local tradition and it would be more factual and shorter. They distinguished between the factual and the mythical in their oral traditions,” says Kersterns.

“If a legend had been written down a century ago, I would tend to give a little more validity to that. It doesn’t mean it was a true story when it was written, but it means it hasn’t been filtered through as many generations,” says Allen. While speculating that oral legends can be reliable, Allen further warns that some kinds of family stories beg to be exaggerated. “When someone starts telling about how old someone was, every time the story gets told, they were older.” And adventure stories also tend to expand in the telling.

Family stories are still beneficial because ‘it helps put meat on the bones of our ancestors’. “We can’t get to know our ancestors if we can’t understand the kind of environment they lived in,” Kersten says. “These days, if you go to conferences or you read articles on genealogy, the speakers and writers are trying to encourage people to put meat on the bones of their ancestors.”

Both Freilich and Kerstens recommend using local histories to flesh out thin legends. Freilich gives a lecture entitled “Grandma Told Me” in which she advises her listeners to go beyond genealogy departments and investigate local histories and old pamphlets and newspapers to support their stories. “If you read a history of an area that somebody lived in who might have had something to do with a legend,” says Kersten, “you might find some part of the story in that history.”

Allen observes, however, that if an unrelated person wrote up your family history, the account of the family legend could prove less reliable than your own family sources. “When the story is about your family, I think you pay more attention.”

While all these assorted legends furnish both color and flair for your family book, the occasional story does prove false. Can it still have value? Kersten states that, “Disproving family stories is just as important as proving them.”

You can, however, include even fictitious legends in your family history, provided you explain that’s what they are. Concerning your family legends, explain what’s true and what’s false, what’s proven and unproven, and then *write down how you arrived at your conclusions*. Don’t mislead your readers or a future family historian.

In the case that legends can’t be proved or disproved, Allen recommends writing a disclaimer. At minimum tell the story, list who told the story, and what your research was about. She recommends that if you have different renditions of the same family story, record all of them and list the comparisons and contrasts. “In order to do this, you have to first write down your version so it’s not contaminated by the hearing of another version. After you hear the other version and write it down, start comparing specifics about the stories.”

With sound information, you can include all sorts of legends in your research. The experts advise not to include stories that could hurt living persons. Allen also recommends to omit sermonizing when writing up family stories. Just tell the story. “In a lot of the personal reminiscences or narratives I’ve seen that people have sent me, they’ll try to write in some kind of moral to the story. And with family legends, a lot of times there just isn’t one.”

Once you have selected and composed your family stories, what’s the best way to organize them into your research or your final project - a family book? If the story involves extensive lines and numbers of people, write it up as a separate chapter, says Kerstens. Give references to the separate chapter in the narratives about the people involved, Allen suggests. When a story revolves around just one family, however, you can include it with that family’s information. To make the presentation of these more inviting, Freilich suggests including photos of related artifacts or photos of the ancestor involved.

By presenting and preserving your family stories in book form, you insure their accuracy and survival.

Legends can disappear in no time and be totally forgotten if they are not saved by the pen !

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Show and Tell, December 2007

By Marlene Leahey



At the party I had an old life insurance policy my Dad purchased in Dec. 1925 from Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. It has a lot of family history in the document. It lists his mother as beneficiary, then it lists his father, after his mother died and then when he married, it lists his wife, my Mom, as his beneficiary. Attached to the policy is a "statement of the insured to the medical examiner". This lists where he was born and his address, occupation, number of siblings, ages when his grandparents died, etc. A great genealogy document that I found in my parents' home after they died.

I also brought a metal bank in the form of a Santa asleep in a chair. It was a gift from the Capitol Hill Savings and Loan, Oklahoma City. (An incentive award for opening a savings account. It is post WWII era, (late 1940s). It is a family heirloom from my Mom who always used it as a decoration at Christmas.

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More Pictures from Arbor Day Honorarium for Charter Member, Virginia Vann Perry



Photos courtesy of Nancy Calhoun



Above: Fryar Family Braggs ca 1914

Right: Legend for photo.

Submitted by Linda Stout

Top Row: Left to Right
 Jerdie Kirk, Ocie Kirk (baby) Calvert Kirk
 Nig Kirk, Vornie Fryar, Minnie Fryar
 Daisy Dean Lewis, Jettie Fryar,
 Jack Fryar, Maude Fryar, Joe Fryar
 Ruby Brewer (baby) Marie McClain,
 Corbie McClain, Jim McClain

Front Row: Left to Right
 Alice Fryar, Mary Fryar, Herben McClain
 Vardie Kirk, Andy Fryar, Venice Fryar,
 Gladys Lewis, Ocie Lewis, Archie Fryar,
 ← Bill Lewis, James Fryar (baby) Bruce
 Fryar, Mary Fryar, Vernon Fryar
 Connie and Carl McClain

Taken in Braggs, OK ca 1914

MOORE'S MUSKOGEE
 DIRECTORY—1907
 Classified Business
 Directory

LOANS, PERSONAL
 City Loan Office
 Miller, T.
 Oklahoma Loan Office
 Orton Loan Co.
 Stinnett, P. B.
 Territorial Loan Office

LUMBER, BUILD. MA-
 TERIAL
 Ark. Sand & Gravel CO.
 Chpman Lumber CO.
 Fay Todd Lumber Co.
 Gloyd Lumber Co.
 Hope Lumber CO.
 Minnetonka Lumber Co.
 Muskogee Lumber Co.
 Perry Lumber Co.
 Rogers, T. H. Lumber Co.
 Taylor, Oscar P.

MARBLE WORKERS
 Hockmeyer, Edward H.
 Ray, G. T.

MATTRESSES
 Burk, John M.
 Muskogee Excelsior & Box
 Mfg. Co.
 Star Mattress Fact.

MEAT MARKET
 Alley Bros.
 Bailey & Ligon M. Market.
 Brown & Grant
 California Meat Market
 Daniels & Lowery
 Emporia Meat Market
Everybody's Groc. and
 Meat M.
 Hafners Meat Market
 Irvin, C. W. & Son
 Muskogee Meat & Supply
 Patton, E. M.
 Parlor Meat Market
 Peterman J. A.
 Central Market
 Samuels, S., c
 Smith, George, c
 Tanner & Sons
 Texas Groc. & Meat Mkt

MEATS, PROV.
 (Wholesale)
 Armour Packing Co.
 National Packing Co.

MEN'S BURNISHINGS
 The Fair
 Graham-Sykes & Co.
 McClure, E. W.
 Oliver-Rothgeb
 Patterson Merc. Co.
 Phoenix Clothing Co.
 Tyson Merc. Co.
 Welch, J. C. & Co.

MILLINERS
 Boyle, M.
 Elite Millinery Co.
 The Fair
 Glass, Mrs. R. Y.
 Knight Dry Goods CO.
 Lyon, M. E. & Co.
 Model Millinery
 Nonparelle Millinery
 Patterson Merc. Co.

MILLERS, ELEVATORS
 Creek Mill & Gin Co.
 Davidson Mill & Elevator
 Midland Mill & El. Co.
 Muskogee Roller Mill Co.
 Wright, Thomas M., Mill &
 Elev

MERCHANT TAILORS
 Beutelspacher, Jacob
 Gilbert, W. F.
 Gilbert, W. C.
 Matjasic, N.
 Masek, Frank
 Nicholson, W. A.
 Lindsay, A. J.
 Jeary, A. L.
 Kanning, Henry, Sr.
 Schieberl, Joe M.
 Star Tailor Shop, c
 Stewart, James A., c
 Zallee, B. W. & Co.
 Wiseman, John M. G. (Ph.
 Colo. Co.)

NEWSPAPERS,
 PUBLICATIONS
 Baconian (College)
 Cimeter, c
 City Directory
 Kendall Collegian (College)
 Muck Rake

Muskogee News
 Muskogee Phoenix, d. & w.
 Muskogee Press
 Muskogee Times-
 Democrat, d
 New State Tribune, w.
People's Blade
 Searchlight, c
 Southwestern Development
 News
 Voice of Labor

NOTARY PUBLIC
 Yancey, David M, office 303
 Iowa Bld., Phone
 200; res. 220NorthChero-
 kee, phone 64

NEWSDEALERS
 Brett, S. B.
 Cumberledge & English
 Jones, R. M. & Co.
 Lewis Bros.

NURSERIES
 Muskogee Nursery Co.
 Spencer S. Apple Co.

OILS, GASOLINE
 Muskogee Oil Refining Co.
 Waters Pierce Oil Co.

OPTICIANS
 Mantell, Joseph F.
 Orton, Lester B.
 Thompson, H. W.

PAINTING, DECORAT.,
 P. HANG.
 Aton, t. p.
 Barthel, Frank
 Bockenheuser, C.
 Brewer, H. J., Jr.
 Davis, S. M.
 Douthitt, H.
 Farrell, E. L.
 Green, Ralph
 Griffith, Earl D.
 Griffith, Wm. H.
 Grad, C. A.
 Hollman, W. H.
 Hollman, C. E.
 Marriott, H. H.
 Norris Carriage Co.
 Prindle, George E.
 Reed, R. E.
 Smith, Ed S.
 Stevens, B. P.

Whitley Cg. Pt. Shop.
 Wingfield, Thomas
 Taylor W. P.

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS
 Huber Hardware Co.
 Maddin-Merchant Hard-
 ware Co.
 Turner Hardware Co.

PHYSICIANS
 Adams, Wm. M., c
 Battles, O. P., c
 Beasley, A
 Brewer, A. J.
 Bryant, C. Eugene
 Butler, E. T., c
 Calfee, W. Harrison
 Callahan & Rogers
 DeVasher, Lela H.
 Crockwell, J. W. (Osteop.)
 Daily, Charles E.
 Davis, John, c
 Dickerson, Jessie C., c
 Evans, G. C.
 Fagin, E. A.
 Fite, Blackemore, Thomp-
 son & Hoss.
 Fry, D. L.
 Gregory, A. L.
 Hains, John W.
 Harris, Charles
 Hart, J. E., c
 Heitzman, Charles W.
 Hill & Teague, c
 Hughes, Hugh J.
 Klass, O. C.
 Lightfoot, J. B.
 Lillie, W. T..
 Montague, H. C. (Osteop.)
 Nesbitt, P. P.
 Nichola, J. T.
 Noble, Joseph G.
 Norvell, B. P.
 Oldham, I. B.
 Pierce, L. B.
 Pope, F. E.
 Reynold, John.
 Sims, W. H., c
 Todd, Louis, C. P., c
 Waring, A. T., c
 Waterford, R.H., c
 White, C. A.
 White, J. Hutchings
 William, George
 Williams & DeGroot
 Winn, Josiah, c
 Williams S. K.

Worden, D. D. Woodcock, J. H.	REAL ESTATE Argraves, E. G. Ayers, C. C. Barnes Investment Co. Bateman, W. H. Black, S. Blackford, J. S. Boone, Imy R. Bostic, J. B. & Co. Brucker, J. M. Bragdon-Lain Realty CO. Bucher, Geroge F. Burford, G. E. Canadian Midland Town- site Co. Cash, Thomas M., c Cherokee Townsite & Loan Co. City Realty Co. Commonwelth Land Co. Corn Belt Trust Co. Correy, W. C. V. L. Croom, T. L. Culler, L. M. Davis, F. M. & CO. Davis, Fred W. Souglass, S. A. Eades, R. M. Edmonds, J. K. Fast, Judson C. Fields, W. P. Firth, J. P. Flenner, J. R. Freedmen's Land & Trust Co. George, ohn B. Givens & Owen Gordon, Jack F. Gwinnup, F. M. & Son Harris, Mike A. Hart, James Hellinghausen, F. J. Hines, Floyd t. Holcomb, E. Holderman, C. E. Holmes & Hibbard Home Investment Co. Hoover, J. A. Houck & Dills Indian Land & Tr. CO. International Land CO. I.T. Land Co. Iowa Land & Trust Co. Jackson, U. L. Jones, Aurellus H. Jones, Wiley J., c Jordan, Wyeth H. Kee, J. H.	Kennedy, J. H. Ketcham, T. F. Kinney, A. A. Kinney & Stevens Lanning, S. A. Lee, Alva C. Letcher, Fred R. Lyon, Moses P. McCulloch, J. B., c McDonald-Webber Land Co. McIntosh, Wiley, c McRoberts, J. N. McWilliams, Hugh L. Mann, S. P. Markham & Johnson Marshall, Benjamin Martin, T. H. Martin, Wm. T., Jr. Martin & Brown Meagher, T. F. Mertz, I. H. Midland Townsite Co. Midland Invest. Co. Miller, Franklin Mullens, Ambrose Myers, C. H., c Muskogee Development Co. Mus. R. & Loan Co. Mus. Title & Trust Co. Nance, Deo. A. National Trust CO. Nay, R. L. Neal, J. Frank Needles & Walter Nelson, Elijah M. Newhouse, Albert New State Land Exchange Ohio Real Estate & Loan CO. Oklahoma Land Co. Olentine, Charles Overland Realty CO. Padgett, J. E. Palmer, T. R. Parks, O. F. Pierson, H. R., c Porter, Connell W. Price, O. B. Purvine, Albert S. Queen City Investment Co. Reeves Realty Co. Reeves Abstract & Trust Co. Reid, Charles W. Rentie, W. A., c Rentiesvill Promoting CO. Reynolds, W. W. A.	Rhea, W. B. Robb, Realty CO. Russell, WM. C. Sayer, V. N. Scott, James A. Seibold, G. W. Seney, R. L. Shantz, N. M. & Co. Sharman, A. H. Shoenhair, W. B. SHoults, Abraham Sizer, Frank S. Smith, Chas, B. Smith, Ewell L. Sousthern Land & O. CO. Southwestern Towns. Co. Spangenberg, J. Spence, Alex Spencer, P. J. Steele, C. L. Stettler, W. A. Stevens, Harry L. Stewart, James W. Stewart, Thomas B. Stewart W. W. Stone & Leftwich Taylor, Cash M. Tipton, W. B. Tomm, L. E. Trimble, J. T.,c Union Townsite Co. Utsey, S. F. U. S. Loan & Tr. Co. Wells, W. F. Wilson, Albert B. Wilson, J. N. (Q. C. Inc. Co) Withrow, Cameron D. Wood Ben F. Wood, Tim Wright, James B. Wright, Homer R.
PHOTOGRAPHERS Green Studio Murdock, W. E., c Pierson & Son Oyler, David H. Robertson Studio			
PLUMBERS Barry, M. & CO. Bellis, A. B. Eastside Hardware Co. Griffith & McManus Hamilton, J. C. Muskogee Plumbing Co., H. F. Martin Turner Plumbing & Heat- ing Worrell Plumbing Co.			
PLANING MILLS City Planing Mill Co. National Mill & Mfg. Co. Muskogee Sash & Door Mfg. Co.			
PIANOS, MUS. INSTS. Arnold Music Co. Bollinger Music House Milam Music House Rambo Music Co. Riehn, Otto Wood, Mrs. M.			
PRODUCE Ark. Valley Ship. Assoc. Muskogee Produce Co.			
PRINTERS Blade Printing Co., c Democrat Pub. Co. Cimeter Printing Co. Jones, C. S., c Lyon, George W. Model Printing CO. Muskogee Printing Co. Phoenix Printing Co. Searchlight, c			
PRINTED NEWS SHEETS Western Newspaper Union			
RACING Muskogee Turf & Fair As- soc.			RESTAURANTS Alcazar Rest.. Brown, Jesse J. Chance, H. Court Restaurant Corcoran, W. H. Crutes, Mrs. L. Delmonico Restaurant Doyle's Cafeteria Four Story Café Grintead, Mrs. J. E., c Guinn, Henry Home Restaurant Joe's No. 2 Kelly, L. A., c Kelly, W. M., c

Martin Felix., c
 Martin, J. H., c
 Miller Christopher
 Midway Café
 Murphy, C., c
 New Busy Bee Rest.
 Noxall Restaurant
 Owl Restaurant
 Oxford Café
 Richardson, Con., c
 Royal Café
 Ruby Café
 Saddle Rock
 Stafford, c.,
 Wall, Henry D.

ROOFING

Morgan, W. E., Roofing Co.

SECOND HAND GOODS

Ark. Sec. Hand Store
 Bracken, E. L.
 Davis, C. H. & F. L.
 Dykes, Frank, c
 McEntee, Jesse M.
 Has, George
 Kirpatrick, R. C.
 Richardson, B. D. & B. F.
 Rowe, Joseph
 Spurgeon, Charles
 Stinnett, P. B.

SEWING MACHINES

McFarren, Frank
 Rankin Bros.
 Singer Sew. M. Co.

SHOEMAKERS

Carson, W. M., c
 Corey, A. S.
 Dunbar, John N.
 Heckenkemper, Joseph
 Hollander, J. F.
 Holpert, J. E.

Jansen, F. E.
 Murphy, J.
 Robertson, Mat.. c
 Samuels, E. L., c
 Tatum, David., c

SKATING RINKS

Acme Skating Rink
 Westside Skating Rink

SPECIALISTS

Brown & Randel
 Evans, G. C.
 Thompson, M. K.

SPORTING GOODS

Durfey Hardware Co.
 Eastside Hardware Co.
 Huber Hardware Co.
 Maddin-Merchant Hardware Co.
 Turner Hardware Co.

SOAP MAKERS

Muskogee Soap Co.
 Huzza, M. C.

STREET RAILWAYS

Muskogee Electric Traction Co.

SURETIES

Hilligoss, S. M.
 Muskogee Title & Trust Co.
 Nation Surety Co.
 Territorial Trust & Surety Co.
 Territorial Abst & Surety Co.

STOVES, ETC

Durfey Hardware Co.
 Maddin-Merchant Hardware Co.
 Muskogee Furniture Co.
 Shaw Furniture Co.
 Turner Hardware Co.

TEA, COFFEE, SPICES
 Consumers Coffee Co.
 Muskogee Tea & Coffee Co.
 Western Pacific Tea Co.

TELEGRAPHERS

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.
 Western Union Telegraph Cable Co.

TELEPHONES

Pioneer Telephone & Telegraph Co.

TENTS, AWNINGS

Henderson, C. C.

THEATRES

Hinton Theatre
 Lyric Theatre

TINNERS, CORNICES

Crescent Cornice Fact.
 Davis-Hill Mfg. Co.
 Eastside Hardware Co.
 Pioneer Tin Shop

TITLE GUARANTY

Hilligoss, S. M.

TRANSFER

Muskogee Transfer Co.
 O. K. Transfer Co.
 Phoenix Transfer Co.

TRAINED NURSE

Alley, Miss Lou.
 Bowles, Miss Lillian
 Carney, Miss Mary
 Ferguson, Mrs. Effie
 Forrest, Miss Minnie
 Kiser, Miss Julia
 Neelly, Miss Alabama
 Russell, Miss E. Louise

Spencer, Miss Ellen

UNDERTAKERS

Bloom, George H.
 Creek Undertaking Co., c
 Home Undertaking Co., c
 Muskogee Furniture Co.
 Street Fur. & Und. Co.

VEHICLES

Hammer & Co.
 Huber Hardware CO.
 Maddin-Merchant Hdw. Co.
 Norris, W. L. Carriage & Har. Co.
 Turner Hardware Co.
 Western Sales Co.

VETERNARIANS

Borum, S. D.
 Gunnells, J. D., c
 Snyder, W. W.

WAGON YARDS

Cherry, Solomon, c
 Creel, J. T.
 Main Street W. Yard
 Rector Grocery & W. Yard
 Wicks, Sam G.

WELL DRILLERS

Lane, Chas. E.
 Holeman, James W.
 Moore, Ben, D. W. Drilling Co.

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Indian Journal, "Local News," 28 Feb 1884, p. 5, c. 1-3

The roll at Hanell Institute now number 140 scholars.

W. H. Guy, Internal Revenue Collector[,] was in town Monday.

Dress goods of all kinds at A. B. Cass. Get ready for Summer.

Mr. Ragland, of Kiowa, registered at the Mitchell House, Monday.

E. Laupheimer is in town from Sedal[ia, Missouri] getting ready for spring crops.

T. R. Madden, Garfield's merchant, passed through town on Friday last.

A. B. Cass has clothing enough for the whole Creek Nation and at low prices.

Capt. Sims was in Monday and went south we understand to look for Texas cattle.

The Cherokee stockmen hold their next meeting on March 3d—Monday next.

Henry Chamber, the guardian of the Cherokee's money passed through town on Monday.

The new organ for the Presbyterian Church has come and will be in its place next Sabbath.

The *Advocate* reports fifty deer in the bunch at Park Hill near Tahlequah a short time ago.

C. E. Foley spent Sunday in town and his numerous friends nearly shook his arm off.

Mrs. Mitchell made Muskogee a short visit last week from Denison, her home in the future.

Give A. B. Cass a chance to supply you with groceries. You will have good eating if you do.

Hon. J. M. Perryman left Friday for Washington, D. C. on business connected with the Chieftancy.

Kiowa Station, and by the way one of the prettiest located towns on the road, is having a new depot.

Potatoes, eating potatoes, seed potatoes. Patatoes [sic] at J. A. Patterson & Co. a car load of the best grades.

We acknowledge an invitation to a dance and supper at Lehigh, Friday evening. Thanks, will try and be there.

Charlie Clinton, of Last Chance Ranch came in Monday evening and took the train to look after purchases in Texas.

F. M. Lyon has been enjoying a vacation at points in Kansas recuperating his shattered frame after a weeks spell of sickness.

Bruce Yates will leave Monday next to accept a position with J. M. Perryman. We wish him lots of good times in his new location.

Rev. S. S. Paxon spent last Friday with Mr. A. W. Robb. On Saturday he went to Atoka, holding services there Sunday morning.

Mr. A. B. Cass has a full stock of goods in every line and is the place to go for bargains. See him before you do your spring trading.

Wanted By W. H. Morris, Pauls Valley, a first class saw mill man. A young man. preferred. Good wages paid. Address as above.

Maj. I. G. Vore was in town Monday from Levering Mission. Maj. Vore is the superintendent and is making a

success of the school.

Fresh garden seeds at J. A. Patterson & Co's. IT is about time to commence work on gardens and don't forget them when you want seeds.

The St. Louis party last week to hear Guerster and Patti, consisting of the Misses Annie and Emily Tufts, Mrs. Clarence Turner, Mr. Ed Tufts and A. B. Cass, have returned and report a very pleasant trip.

Tom Hutton, one of the jolly Territory cow men passed through town Monday on his way from Webbers Falls to Skeleton Ranch, on the strip.

The Lord's Supper will be administered in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning. Preparatory services Friday evening 7 1-2 o'clock.

Patterson & Co. will have a good stock of plows and cultivators all ready for the spring trade. Farmers take a look at them and get prices before buying.

Mr. A. A. Engart, our insurance man took in Tulsa last week and while there indulged in quite a fit of sickness that makes him walk slow and look weak.

J. Q. Tufts has been spending this week at his old hame at Wilton, iowa. Connell Rogers, his clerk, is successfully running the Agency during his absence.

Get your harness for spring work of O. E. Hindes. He has a splendid line made up, all at home, and of good material, which insures a good lasting harness.

Robert Bros. with O. E. Hindes intend starting a branch of their business at Chetopa, Kansas. We hope they will succeed with their new venture and reap a fortune.

We will inform the many friends of Mr. E. T. Pecor, formerly with the Star Store, that he is now with J. Weisman & Co's. Dry good house just opened near Raff's Hotel.

Messrs. E. E. Starr & Bros., are feeding about 200 head of Arkansas cattle in Flint District, Cherokee Nation, preparitory to putting them on the ranch in the spring.

Mr. H. L. Sanger has returned from his ranch and says his loses are fully ten per cent. Many of his dead ones were improved stock, worth fully \$50 apiece, making the loss count up fast.

Now is the time to send in your orders or come to the Muskogee Nursery if you want any of those fine fruit trees. They will be closed out during the open weather in February and March.

The year and a half old child of Mr. Riggs, at Childers Station, managed to get hold of and drink some strong lye, but the prompt use of remedies brought it through all right.

Our B. M. always stops at the McDougal Hotel, at Denison, because it is near the depot and convenient for trains. Their rooms are furnished better than any in North Texas and they set the best table.

Thomas L. Thompson has been convicted at Fort Smith for the murder of Jas. O'Holerand, near Stonewall and mike Parmley of the Cherokee Nation has been convicted of assault with intent to kill by the same court.

Blossom, whose death sentence was commuted to nine years imprisonment, and not liking to stay in one location that long[,] walked away from his guards [and] has returned and given himself up to the authorities at Tahlequah.

Jas. Parkinson is in from Red Fork and reports cattle faring badly in that vicinity. He says that among native cattle the death rate will be fully ten per cent and reports the mortality among Arkansas stock at from twenty to fifty per cent.

There is no question but the Muskogee Nursery has the best lot of two year old apple trees, for sale this February and March, at \$15 per 100 ever in the Territory. And those who miss the chance will not likely meet with another such again soon.

While in Denison last week, our business manager says he went into Henry T. Walker's jewelry establishment and found that he had the largest and best selected stock in the city. If you want anything in that line send to him, and when in town give him a call.

Cattlemen are hoping that this pleasant weather will continue as it is the only thing that will save the cattle. There are fully four weeks still that are liable to see cold weather and the stockmen are checking off the days as they go by.

Maj. Jno. A. Foreman has returned from a months trip to Washington. He reports the prevailing opinion that their [there] will be no legislation affecting the Territory this session as both parties were afraid to take any steps that might be used against them in the coming presidential election.

Rev. Mr. Sanson received quite a pleasant surprise last week by the arrival of Mr. Abram Smeannie and Mr. John Wiltsie neighbors at his old home in Schenectady county, N. Y. Mr. Smeannie is an invalid and is traveling through the south for the benefit of his health.

Capt. Tandy Walker, Hill Phillips, Mike Jones, Andy Vaughn and W. L. Byers, all prominent citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, arrived there on Sunday evening's train and reported at the U. S. Court Monday morning as witnesses in a murder case pending before the court.—*Elevator*.

Jas. Parkinson came in by train from Red Fork on Monday evening and spent a day in town. He has risen from the ashes and is already selling goods from a box house, which will answer until he can get his new building completed. We are glad to state that he will get his insurance, the company having written him that the change permitting him to run the pipe through the roof was mad in the policy before the fire.

The report of a trip made by S. c. Armstrong on behalf of the Indian rights Association to some of the South-western Indian reservations has been received. He has considerable to say about the tribes in the Territory and the JOURNAL will at a future day extract from the report.

Spring has arrived young man and you will have to tussel for a summer girl. To start with you should lan in a dozen of J. rBasel's [sic] best photographs and with these, they are such beauties, you can win your way to any girl's heart. He take any kinds, cards, panels or cabinets.

Messrs. J. T. & J. A. Thompson came in from Tahlequah Monday evening and took the train for St. Louis. They have discovered a way of successfully treating the opium habit, have made several almost miraculous cures in the Territory, and are now on their way to St. Louis to test their method before prominent medical gentlemen.

Tandy Walker went through town on Friday last on his return from Fort Smith. He was a witness in the case of Thomas L. Thompson for the murder of James O'Holerand, the found covered with ashes in a well near Stonewall.

The body of a young man named John Vann was found on Friday last drowned in Bayou Creek near Manard between Ft. Gibson and Tahlequah. He was raised by James Muskrat in Canadian District. We have no particulars as to the manner of drowning.

The "coons" around town have been regailing themselves with the ardent ever since Christmas, getting about as much as they wanted to pay for. About three weeks ago Capt. Sixkiller got a hint of what was going on and finally on Saturday night he arrested Geo. Davis for bringing in the stuff. One night alone in the cooler was as Davis wanted so he squealed on Joe Welch, Mose Thompson, and two other parties, one a woman, and they were promptly taken in charge by the Captain. A large number of bottles and kegs were found and the police

think they have positive proof against them that will send them all to Detroit.

Later—Jim Gooden and Smith have been arrested to go with the balance.

MARRIED.

McQuarie—Atkins—In Muskogee, at the Presbyterian parsonage, February 24th inst., by Rev. Thomas A. Sanson, John H. McQuarie, one of the proprietors of the Mitchell House, and Alice E. Atkins, daughter of Mr. James Atkins, of the Creek nation.

The proprietors of the JOURNAL wish Mr. McQuarie and his bride all the wedded bliss possible and that no sorrow but plenty of joys will be their lot.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Annie Andre, wife of David Andred was born April 26th, 1858, and died at her home in Muskogee, I. T., February 28th, 1884, aged 25 years, 9 months, and 22 days.

Her disease was pulmonary consumption. She was a great sufferer for months before her death, but she bore her afflictions with great patience. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Theo. F. Brewer

To Rent.

A blacksmith shop at Eufaula, with a complete set of tools, has a good run of work. Or I will run the shops on shares to a good smith. This is a good chance to make money. Rent cheap. Apply or address, Jos. McCalvey,

Eufaula, N. N.

NOTICE.

The following described houses advertised for sale February 18th, 1884, are postponed until the 15th of March, 1884. All persons claiming the houses herein mentioned and occupying the same are hereby notified to vacate thereon or before the 13th of March, or appear before me on that day, March 13th, and show cause why they sound not vacate the houses or why the houses should not be sold.

1. House, pasture and outbuildings situated on Coody's Creek about one mile south of Muskogee.
2. House occupied by Mark Whinnery situated northeast of depot.
3. One house occupied by Mr. Stephens north of J. A. Foreman's mill.
4. House north of J. A. Foreman's mill and occupied by J. A. Wilkey.
5. One house seven miles southeast of Muskogee occupied by Frank Carson.

Jas. Harland,

Inspector General, M. N.

Muskogee County Genealogical Society

801 W. Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK 74401

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Telephone (____) _____ Email Address: _____

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Make check payable to: MUSKOGEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY or MCGS.

Quarterly back issues are available at \$5.00 each. Queries are free to members and \$1.00 for non-members. Articles and contributions for the quarterly should be sent to the above mailing address.

MCGS meetings are held on the 4th **Thursday of each month at 7:00 p. m.** There is also a “How-to” session at 6:00 p. m. which focuses on instructions for genealogy research.

SURNAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING: _____

I hereby release this information for a surname exchange or publication by the MCGS.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit an ancestor chart with your application.



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Schedule of Meetings and Events

September 25	6:00 pm	How-To Session	To Be Announced
	7:00 pm	MCGS Members Mtg.	Marjorie Barton Book Review/Signing
October 23	6:00 pm	How-To Session	To Be Announced
	7:00 pm	Member Meeting	

September: Fall Workshop (tentatively set)

Fall Workshop:

In an email dated 01 Jun 2008 to the members, our President, Wally Waits posted the advisory, in part: **“The Muskogee County Genealogical Society is planning a fall workshop. It is designated as “intermediate” in scope. The society seeks your input regarding the sessions you would like the society to present. Below are some ideas. If you have different ideas, or want to present a program yourself, please email us back.”**

You can submit your ideas, or contact us in general by mail at the Muskogee Public Library, or on our website:

<http://www.okgenweb.org/~mcgs/>