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“Trick, Turkeys and Trees”

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Recently, the quarterlies of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society have tended to take on “themes”. So far it has seemed to be the natural order of things for contributors to have something to present for each publication that have been both interesting, entertaining and left some information that might help us in our own personal genealogy searches. Touching on the holiday seasons of October, November and December your editor wasn’t quite sure how this particularly title, “Tricks, Turkeys and Trees,” was going to get the response needed in the creation and enjoyable final issue of 2009. She need not have worried.

As usual, our members came through with their stories, hints and articles that have once again made it possible to bring yet another successful issue to press. Inside you will find “Tricks” to be full of helpful hints, using member suggestions, media extractions and personal histories. “Turkeys”, of course first comes to mind with Thanksgiving, but could include stories of snafus or brick walls in our research. Or it could carry over into the more festive Christmas season, which completes the issue trio with “Trees” and no genealogist would be complete without one. Included in all sections will be stories and personal memories that we all remember. I just hope yours is among them.

May the reading of this issue take you back in time of a precious memory with family or friends and a sense of joy and peace for those opportunity to create new ones in the coming year.

From the members and board of the society, we wish you happiness and successful searching in the upcoming year, 2010 and beyond.

Muskogee County Genealogical Society



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Check out the website for Lots of New Things Going On

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Historical Timeline of the Five Civilized Tribes

1803 Oklahoma was a part of Louisiana Purchase

1808-1817 Negotiations result in some Cherokee migration to Arkansas settling between Arkansas and White Rivers

1824 Ft. Gibson established

Termination point of the Trail of Tears

Plays an important role in tribal history in Indian Territory

1830 Removal act authorizes creation of Indian Territory; tribes began removal culminating with the Trail of Tears in 1838/1839

1840's-1860 Tribes prosper in Indian Territory

1860 US Army stationed at Ft. Gibson leaves Indian Territory as beginning of war approaches

1861 Tribes "courted" by representatives of Confederacy to gain their support

1866 New treaties with US after tribes support Confederacy

1870's Railroads come to Indian Territory

1872 Western Arkansas District Court established at Fort Smith with jurisdiction over Indian Territory

1880's Boomer movement pressures government to open land for settlement in Indian Territory

1887 Dawes General Allotment Act forms reservations in Oklahoma Territory (Act does not include lands in Indian Territory)

1889 Unassigned Land Run

1890 Organic Act establishes Oklahoma Territory

1893 Opening of the Cherokee Outlet

Congress forms Dawes Commission to allot land in Indian Territory

1895 Congress orders land survey of Indian Territory

1896 Dawes Commission attempts to gain tribal cooperation without success

1898 Curtis Act gives authority to Dawes Commission to allot lands without the tribal nations' consent

1898-1906 Final Enrollment (Dawes Rolls) and allotment of land

November 16, 1907 Oklahoma statehood day

"Tricks"

Helpful Hints in Research.



NICKNAMES

From Linda Stout

Jay's dad's nickname was Baker but his name was Von.

His brother's nickname was Whitey but his name was Ralph.

My mom and her brother were both called Pat at various times but her name is Rosemary and his is Al (I still call him Uncle Pat). He also went by Bud.

One of my grandmother's brothers was Martin Hylmar Thronndson but his obituary has him as James Elmer Thronndson.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1950

MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX, Muskogee, Okla. PAGE FIVE

Census Enumerators Must Be Alert About Waggoners And Wagners In City Of Wagoner

By WILLIAM J. CONWAY
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Census takers are now making their rounds asking all of us our names. Sounds like a simple job. But it really isn't.

Those who collect names as a hobby know that the census enumerators work in a field filled with pitfalls. So, it seems in order to give these enumerators some gratuitous advice.

Wagners in Wagoner, Okla.

You'll learn that it's the little things that count. A relatively small number of citizens, Vera Ellen Rohe among them, insist upon a hyphen.

You can print eden ahbez in small letters from start to finish. He prefers it that way.

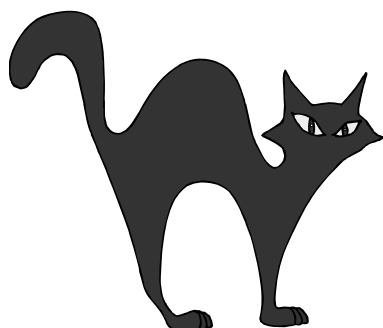
Names are something like clothing. People can wear any combination they wish. Edward

will balance. For every Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar there is a Casper Ooms. And for every Rexal Fearneyhough there is a Hugh Blue.

If you encounter Last Gale First, don't go into a routine that starts: "Give me your last name first." It's been done before. Just keep in mind that the First comes last.

The best way to avoid confusion is to take names one at a time.

And Just Spooky



13 HER DISH

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Ruth Ann Kramer has just celebrated her 13th birthday. She is the 13th member of her family and was born on Jan. 13. She took her first baby steps 13 days before her first birthday. There are 13 letters in her name.

PUMPKIN PATCH TIPS & TRICKS

2009

From the October Muskogee Genealogical Society Meeting.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

If your ancestors attended a college or university, be sure to check the archives of those institutions. Also, college and university libraries or archives collected information on surrounding communities. I just recently received many pages of photos and biographical information for a distant cousin from Pittsburg State University. Part of the material was from the college, but there was quite a lot from local high school too.

-Anon

Family Search Pilot Site is now adding Arkansas Marriages to their selection.

Calhoun

-Nancy



Using the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, I think I found the harness and shoe repair shop of my great grandfather, Peter Leininger in Ft. Gibson! Very Cool!

-Jere Harris

INTERNET AND OTHER MEDIA RESOURCES

If searching the county doesn't work, look in the region. The New River website covers the area of western North Carolina and southwestern Virginia, where the New River flowed. It has lots of information, including church records. I found how my great great grandparents met. Their families attended the same church.

-Nancy Calhoun

Texas Death records and certificates can be found on both Footnotes AND Family Search Pilot Site. YAHOO!!!

-Nancy Calhoun

Circuit riding ministers didn't always file their marriage records in the county where they performed the ceremony. They may have filed them all from several counties in the same county when they finally paused long enough to do so, sometimes where their home was located.



Lowe lecture)

-Nancy Calhoun (thanks to a Mark

THE WRITTEN WORD

<http://groups.digo.com/group/gensource>

Genealogy Research Resources: Share links to online research resources for family historians and include review, tips and comments. Anyone is welcome to participate in this effort to build a dynamic resource available to all.

Linda Stout

www.newberry.org/ahcbp/

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

This is a great map site I stumbled upon that is interactive and shows changing county boundaries!! While you are at it, check out their genealogy site – there is a link.

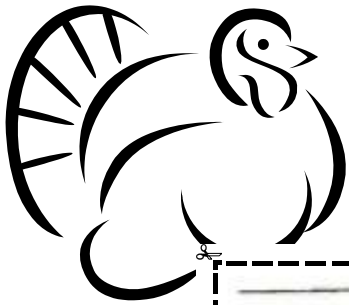
-Janie Teague-Urbach



www.okgenweb.org/okprojects/terr-counties.html

This site provides a list of Indian Territory counties PLUS it tells what present day counties cover the same area.

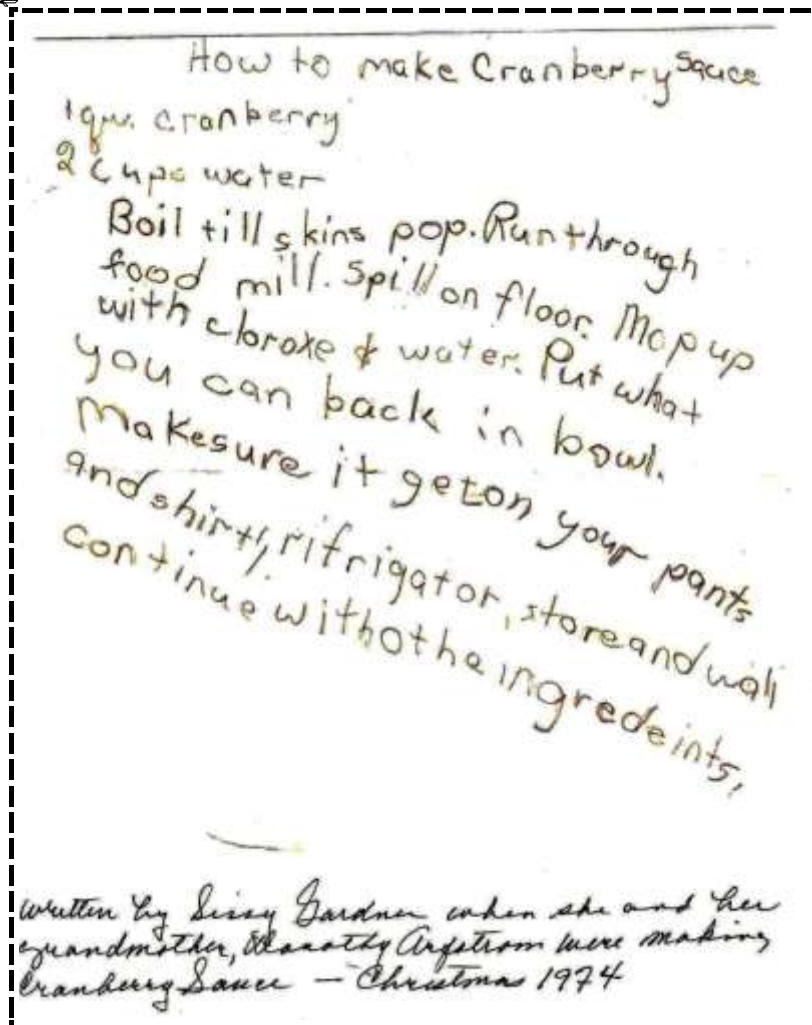
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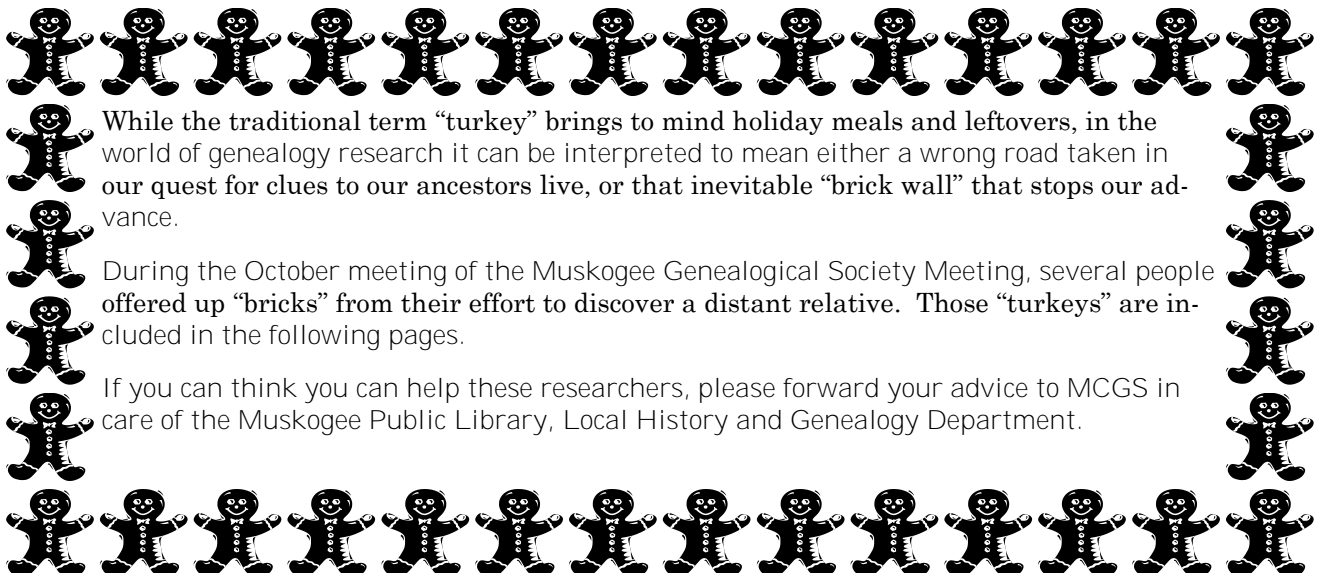
"Turkeys"

No self-respecting holiday feast would be complete without a dish that has come to be a tradition on most family tables.

"CRANBERRY SAUCE"



Submitted by Ann Gardner



While the traditional term "turkey" brings to mind holiday meals and leftovers, in the world of genealogy research it can be interpreted to mean either a wrong road taken in our quest for clues to our ancestors live, or that inevitable "brick wall" that stops our advance.

During the October meeting of the Muskogee Genealogical Society Meeting, several people offered up "bricks" from their effort to discover a distant relative. Those "turkeys" are included in the following pages.

If you can think you can help these researchers, please forward your advice to MCGS in care of the Muskogee Public Library, Local History and Genealogy Department.

My Brick Wall

Name: Nancy Calhoun

Brick Wall: I need to tie Phillip Rushing Sr. to Phillip Rushing Jr. for a DAR application. The senior Phillip outlived the son by at least 30 years. They came to Perry County, Tennessee from Anson County, North Carolina, in approximately 1815 according to the father's pension application. He says that his brother, also a Revolutionary War soldier, had the family Bible, but no one knows what happened to it. There is a guardianship record for the son that names his wife and young children.

Name: Mozeal Jones

Brick Wall:

I cannot find The maiden Name
of my Great - Great Grand mother
her Name is Sarah Jones - married To James
Jones - and John Couch

Name: MaLeve Leahy

Brick Wall:

my g. g. g. grandfather Ephraim Henry moved to Dade Co.
Missouri 1849/1850. He was from Henderson Co.
North Carolina. His father was Joseph Henry.
Ephraim's wife was Elizabeth, born in NC.
I would love to learn her Maiden name.
Their children were born in North Carolina.
Names and Suggestions: They were Rachel, Nancy, Noah, Pinkney,
and Elijah all born in NC. The last child
Josephine was born in Missouri.

Name: Sharon Murphy

Brick Wall:

Robert Murphy b. 1825 Marion Co TN. I can not prove
his parentage. Believe his father was Samuel b 1885 SC. There
are not any records I can find linking him to his parents. When his
mother died, father remarried & left everything to his minor children.
Found him in church records (Samuels' church) being excommunicated
because of drinking. No mention of being his son.

My Brick Wall

Name: Stacy B

Brick Wall:

Lost grand father
Found in Tulsa, OK 1920 to present
Born 1898 Cumby, TX
Can't find trail from Cumby to Tulsa

Name: Linda Stout

Brick Wall:

Mr Stout married 3 times + I have the marriage
Records. I cannot find where he divorced these women
or they died. All Washoe County. Paulina Pitts
16 Feb 02, Lizzie Dugan 30 Jul 05, Mollie Woody
08 Mar 08. He died 13 Jan 1915 + is buried in
Elm Grove Cemetery

Name: Melba Ranks

Brick Wall:

My grandmother was orphaned at a young age and
raised by an uncle. Cannot determine her parents
(last name Pettit) from Spartanburg, South Carolina
area.

Names and Suggestions:

Nancy C.: There may be a guardianship record in court records.

Name: Nancy Calhoun

Brick Wall: My Great Great Grandfather Hendrix was shot in Titus County, Texas, in the 1850's. I do not have a date of death nor information on the death. Of course, the court house burned so there's no trial records or probate. I'm unable to find a marked grave for him in Titus County. A cousin once found a reference to the shooting of a Hendrix in Titus County in a Texas newspaper, but I've been unable to find the book in which it was published. Finding newspapers in Texas is uncertain and there is no main place to go. I've been to Titus County and have contacted someone there to do research.

My Brick Wall

Name: Carol Rice

Brick Wall:

My Great Grandfather all I have for a name is A.S. Green - from Oklahoma - Marriage Lic. states A.S. Green and Rhoda Gosnell.

Name: Marlene Leakey

Brick Wall:

James Redman Haskins migrated from North Carolina to Tennessee, ~~where~~ however in 1830 he was in Hallitin Co, Illinois. His two daughters were born there. His wife was Susan Woodruff. I don't know whether she was from Tennessee or Illinois. I don't find their marriage record.

Names and Suggestions:

I would love to know who Susan's father and mother were, Susan died young and James Redman Haskins moved back to Tennessee and married again.

Name: Sherry Jackson

Brick Wall:

John Younger - In 1880, Owen Saline Arkansas in 1870 - John "Yunker" is found in Sonora, Hancock, Illinois Born 1820 in Hesse Darmstadt Germany.

Name: Estelle Hughes

Brick Wall:

Mollie Strickland
B abt 1850 Georgia
md. Allen (AW) Love abt 1868
Children William, Cynthia Richard
D. abt ?



"Trees"

A Christmas Memory



Harry Arfstrom around 1950

Christmas Eve 1939

My parents with my little sister and I had gone to Muskogee for Christmas. My grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins all lived in Muskogee where my parents had grown up and Christmas there was wonderful. My small family was living in Cushing, Oklahoma, at that time. My sister was only a year old and I was allowed to go down town with my daddy. As Daddy and I were walking down Okmulgee Street in front of the Roxy Theater Daddy met an old friend. The old friend was Moscow Evens who had worked at my great-grandfather's Lumbard Tire Store on Broadway Street. Moscow was an African-American and very kind to me, a small child of five years. And he had a very distinctive voice that impressed me even then.

Many years later after I was grown and had children of my own I was again in Muskogee. My parents had retired and returned to Muskogee. In 1966 I had taken a job with the Muskogee City-County Health Department as a Public Health Nurse. When Home Health Care was first becoming established it began at the Health Dept. in Muskogee. My first assignment was to make a house call to a man who had surgery and needed a dressing change. I dutifully went to his home where I was ushered in to my patient and I introduced myself; then he opened his mouth and spoke and I was instantly brought back to 1939. It was Moscow Evens. When I told him who I was he was as thrilled as I was. The next day I drove my father to see Moscow and the two had many happy hours reliving a time and place they both remembered and loved.

Ann Arfstrom Gardner



*Moscow Evans
1938 or 1939
Muskogee, Ok*

MOSCOW EVANS

Funeral services for Moscow Evans, 68, of 647 North 13th, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Ragsdale's Mortuary Chapel with Reverend J. A. Reed officiating. Burial will follow in Booker T. Washington Cemetery.

A member of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Evans died December 8 following a sudden illness.

He is survived by an uncle, Milton Smith of Okmulgee; and three cousins, Wyatt and Solomon Leflore, both of Los Angeles, California, and David Leflore of Summit.

MDP 15 Dec 1967

No Section on Trees Would be Complete Without

FAMILY TREES

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Alice Elizabeth New

Julius Lester Clark

Jonnell Fuller Clark

Nancy Stanton Lasater



A Christmas Coin under the Tree

My grandmother, Alice Henry, kept an old Indian head nickel in her trinket box for years. Her father had given it to her for Christmas in 1913, when she was a young wife and mother in Mustang, OK. Her father, Frank New, was a blacksmith, and he had hammered the initial "A" for Alice into the face of the coin to make it her own special coin.

Twelve years later, In Chickasha, as a young mother of five, she badly needed money for her youngest son's school lunch. So after rummaging through the house for change she dug out the Indian head nickel. She turned it over in her hand, warming it for a moment, then she tied it into a handkerchief and sent it off with Sonny to school.

As the years went by, World War II, weddings, grandbabies, anniversaries, holidays, all occupied her mind, she seldom thought about the Indian head nickel her father had engraved and given to her so many years ago.

Then, one Saturday in December 1955, while she was Christmas shopping in downtown Chickasha, she stopped in at Liberty Drug to rest and have a Coke. She paid the soda jerk with a dollar and slipped the change into her coat pocket. While she sat and sipped her Coke she transferred the change into her coin purse. One of the nickels caught her eye because it had an "A" engraved on the front. Of course she was amazed to see the old Indian head nickel her father had given her so many years ago.

The coin had apparently circulated around Chickasha for 30 years. Or maybe it had been all the way to New York or San Francisco and back. Her grandkids enjoyed imagining where it had traveled. I would love to say that the old Indian head nickel is still treasured by one of those 16 grandchildren but that is not the case.

On another December day in another year, the Widow Henry planned to do a little Christmas baking. She again needed a change to pay for a pound of butter that a local Mennonite farmer delivered to her door. She always said the local Mennonite farmers made the best butter.

So she spent her nickel again. I am sure she missed that old nickel but she was a pioneer Oklahoman and from necessity she was a woman of a practical nature. This is a true story. I would love to have that Indian head nickel. I would gladly buy it from her today for much more than a nickel if I could also get one of her Grandmother hugs again.

Marlene Leahey

Pedigree Chart for Alice Elizabeth New

Alice Elizabeth New

b: 01 Jul 1885 in Field Creek,
Llano, Texas
m: 01 Mar 1903 in Comanche,
Stephens Co., Oklahoma
d: 19 Dec 1970 in Chickasha,
Grady, Oklahoma

Amos Frank New

b: 15 Mar 1861 in Llano, Llano,
Texas
m: 25 Dec 1881 in San Saba Co.,
Texas
d: 16 Nov 1936 in Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma, Oklahoma

William Harris New

b: 04 May 1835 in Mayfield,
Graves, Kentucky,
m: 13 Nov 1855 in Mayfield,
Graves Co. Ky
d: 27 Mar 1907 in Comanche,
Stephens Oklahoma

Mary Elizabeth Eaker

b: 04 Feb 1838 in Mayfield,
Graves, Kentucky
d: 03 Dec 1914 in Thomas, Custer,
Oklahoma

James Bert New

b: 22 Jun 1805 in North Carolina
m: 26 Mar 1829 in Boone Co. KY
d: 04 Jun 1851 in Graves Co. KY

Frances Elizabeth Spencer

b: 1805 in Kentucky
d: Nov 1895 in Llano Co TX

William Armstrong Eaker

b: 04 Sep 1813 in Christian Co.
Kentucky
m: Bef. 1838 in Kentucky
d: 13 Mar 1884 in Llano Co. Texas

Elizabeth Wilford

b: 04 Nov 1811 in South Carolina
d:

William McGehee or McGee Hoy

b: 05 Jan 1783 in Kentucky
m: 01 Jun 1805 in Madison Co.
Kentucky
d: 05 Mar 1856 in Henderson
Tennessee

Mildred Threet DeJarnette

b: 10 Apr 1787 in Cumberland
Parish, Lunenburg Co, VA
d: 27 Dec 1887 in Henderson,
Tennessee

Daniel Brown

b: Bet. 1801–1802 in North
Carolina
m: Bef. 1831 in North Carolina
d: Texas

Cherokee

b: North Carolina
d:

James Kindred Hoy

b: 25 Apr 1820 in Tennessee
m: 01 Jul 1845 in Tennessee
d: 23 Aug 1905 in Mason, Texas

Sarah (Sally) Brown

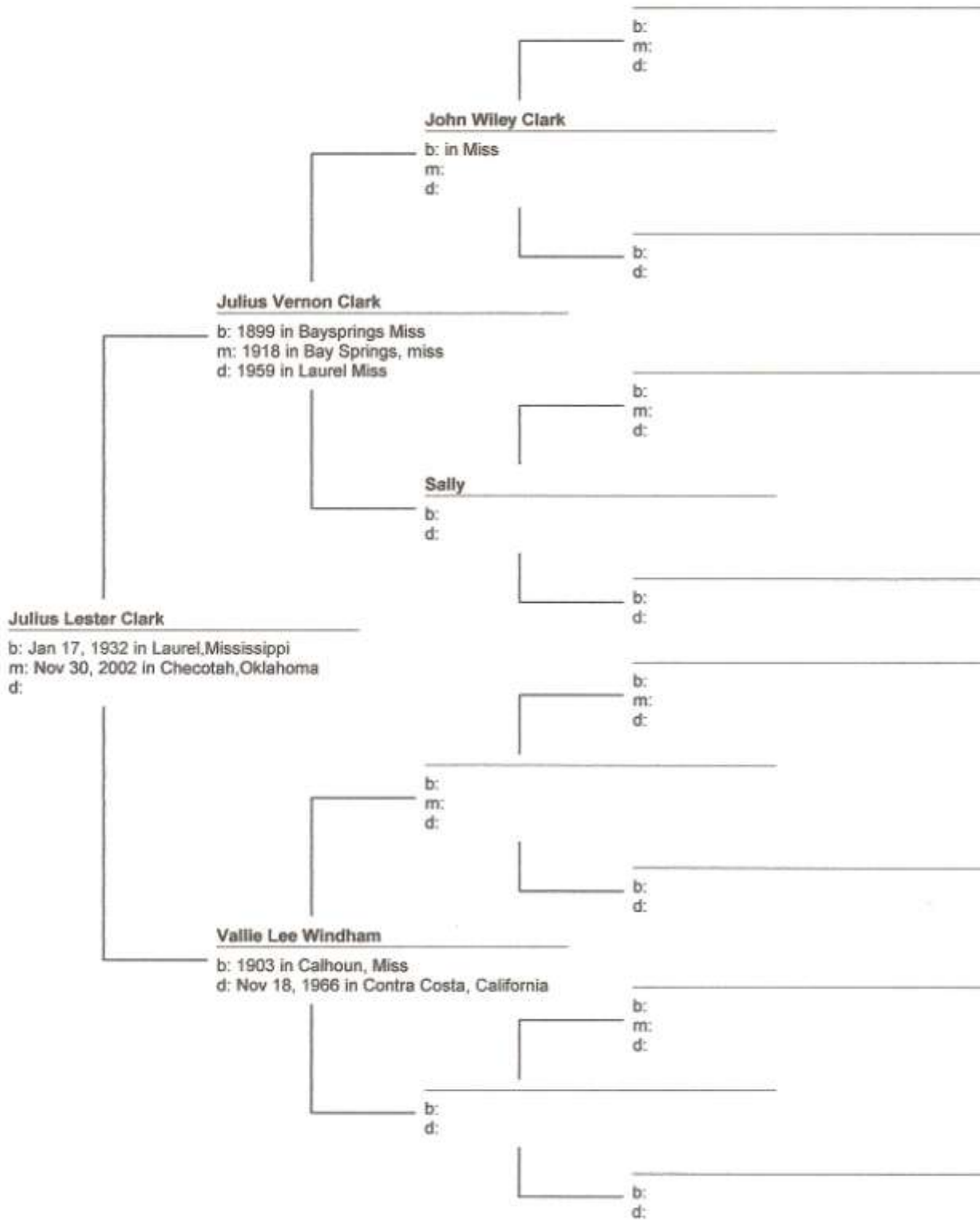
b: 16 Feb 1831 in North Carolina
d: 24 Jan 1912 in Mason, Texas

Laura May Hoy

b: 05 Jun 1862 in Pontotoc, Mason
Texas
d: 11 Apr 1927 in Mustang,
Canadian Oklahoma

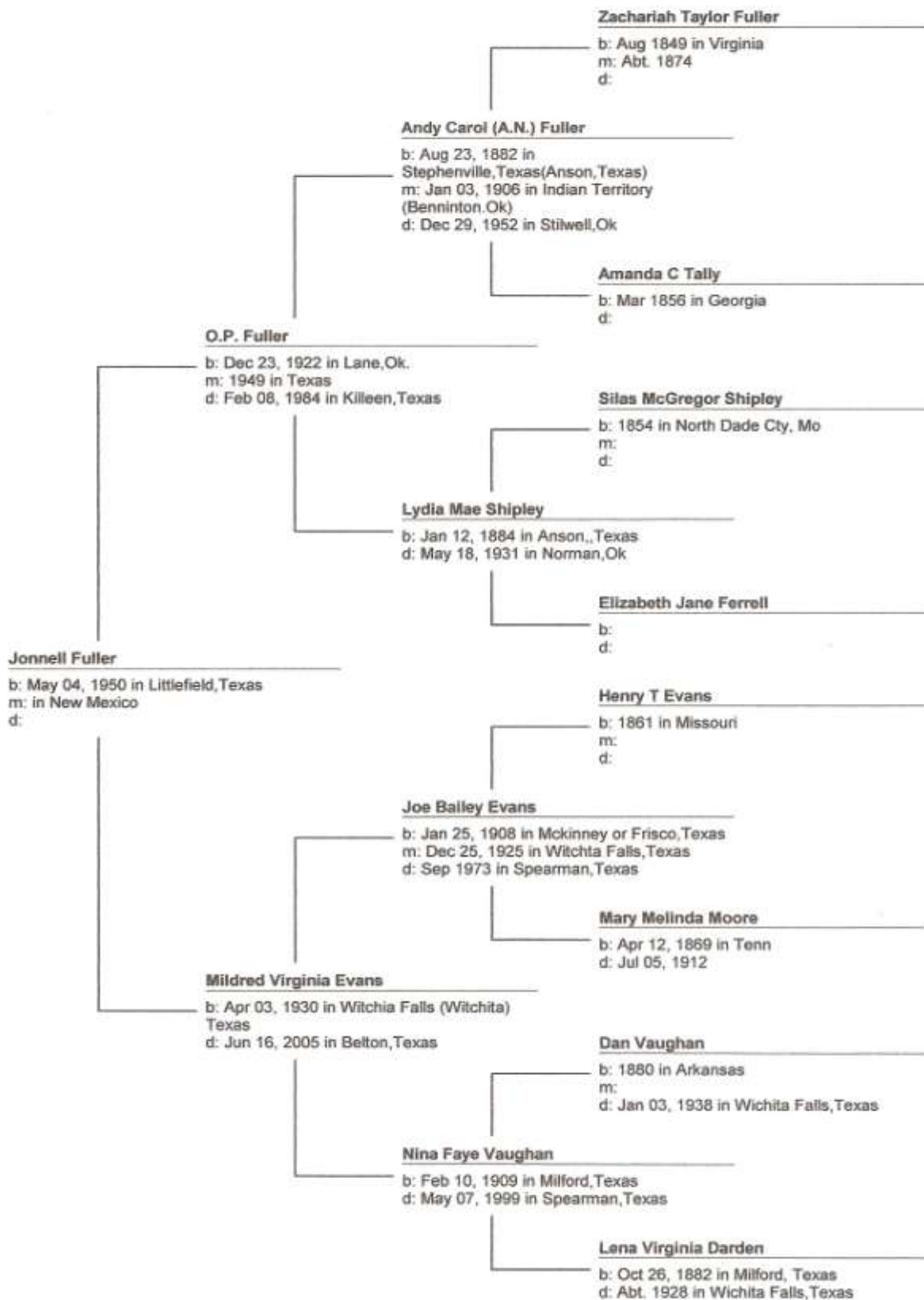
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Standard Pedigree Tree



Notes: Submitted by Member Les Clark

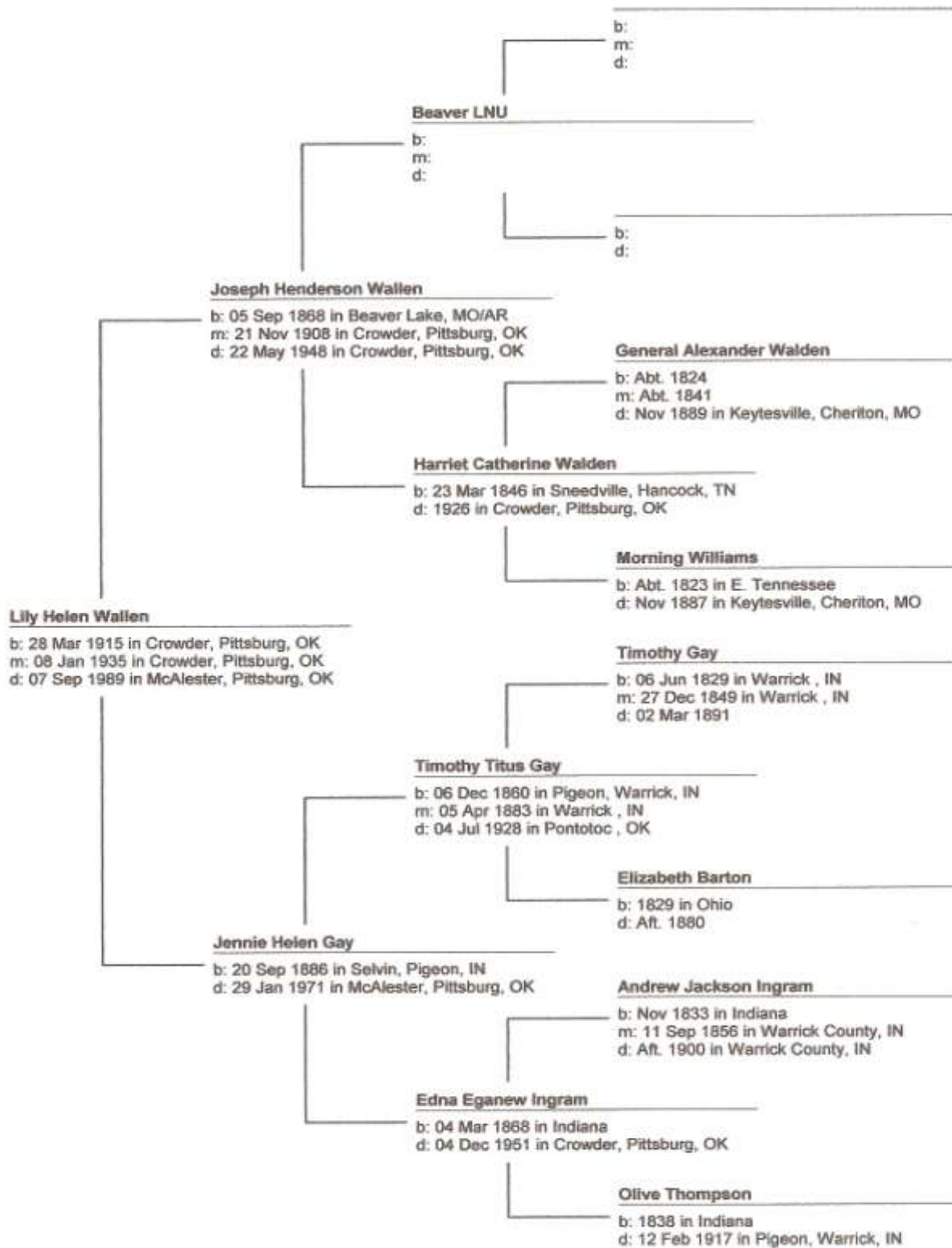
Standard Pedigree Tree



Notes:

Submitted by Member Jonnell Fuller

Standard Pedigree Tree



Notes:

Submitted by Member Nancy Stanton Lasater



COMING SOON!

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For having the vision to start this project.

Jan Bryant and Nancy Calhoun of the Muskogee Public Library,
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On Our Schedule of Events

All She Wants For Christmas Is Mathilda, A Hippopotamus

NEW YORK (AP)—Dear Gayla: The hippopotamus you are getting for Christmas is named Mathilda.

She is just a little girl as hippopotamuses go. She weighs only 700 pounds and is a year and a half old.

Henry Trefflich, who imports animals and is Mathilda's owner, said Friday he's ready to send her off by air freight to Oklahoma City on short notice.

So it looks like your plea of "I want a hippopotamus for Christmas," made in your fast selling phonograph record, will come true any day now.

Trefflich has been in touch with Julian Frazier, director of the Lincoln Park Zoo in Oklahoma City.

Trefflich said Frazier reports your friends have raised enough money to give you your Christmas wish.

A big crate, addressed to Miss Gayla Peevey, Oklahoma City, is all ready for Mathilda's air trip.

Trefflich reported he was selling Mathilda for \$3,500 and estimated air freight to Oklahoma City could cost \$500 or more.

Mathilda's change may help her forget a sad experience here the
(Please see HIPPO on Page 2)

Mathilda The Hippopotamus En Route To Oklahoma City

NEW YORK (AP) Mathilda the fifted hippopotamus leaves by air Wednesday for a newer and brighter life in Oklahoma City.

The 700-pound lovelorn Christmas hippo was to be packed in a wooden crate with a supply of oats, hay and chopped vegetables, placed aboard an American Airlines cargo plane, scheduled to leave at 8:30 p.m.

I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas

No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses
I only like hippopotamuses
And hippopotamuses like me too

Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then
Teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian

There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage
I'd feed him there and wash him there and give him his massage

I can see me now on Christmas morning, creeping down the stairs

Oh what joy and what surprise when I open up my eyes
To see a hippo hero standing there

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
No crocodiles or rhinoceroses
I only like hippopotamuses
And hippopotamuses like me too!

Mathilda has been purchased by Gayla Peevey, the 10-year-old girl singer of "I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas." However, Mathilda will go to the zoo, not Gayla's home.

Mathilda was imported several months ago as a bride for Pete, the Bronx zoo's 380-pound boy hippo. However, Pete scorned his massive sweetheart, apparently apprehensive because she was almost twice his size.

The Daily Oklahoman and Times and radio-television stations WKY and WKY-TV sponsored the 12-day drive for funds in Oklahoma City to raise the \$3,000 needed to buy Mathilda for Gayla.

John Galm, director of New York's Central Park Zoo, said Mathilda's crate will be covered with canvas, and her body heat will be enough to keep her warm. She is scheduled to reach Oklahoma City at 5:55 a.m. Thursday morning, after a brief stopover in Chicago.

sort of thing that sometimes happens to girls too fat.

The Bronx Zoo bought her last September as a playmate for Little Pete. Pete weighed only 350 pounds.

When zoo officials saw all 700 pounds of Mathilda, they sent her right back. Little Pete later got a playmate nearer his size, Phoebe, who weighed in at 315 pounds.

You'll probably want to know something more about Mathilda.

She originally came from Kenya. Trefflich found her in Cologne, Germany. She shipped her to Italy and then to New York.

Mathilda now is in Central Park Zoo, sort of at liberty, waiting a new and permanent home.

When she is full grown she will weigh four to five thousand pounds. And just because she was too fat for Little Pete didn't cause her to diet one bit.

She puts away each day about 100 pounds of hay and another 25 pounds of a mixture of oats and vegetables.

So, it's probably a good thing your mom talked you into turning Mathilda over to the Lincoln Park Zoo at Oklahoma City.

You wouldn't want Mathilda to eat up all your hippo record royalties, would you?

The Story Behind the Song and Wish

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas is a Christmas novelty song written by John Coctoasten and performed by Gayla Peevey in 1953. It is a Dr. Demento Christmas staple, and is currently available on Dr. Demento's The Greatest Novelty Records of All Time Vol. 6: Christmas.

Here's an interesting fact about the popular Christmas hippopotamus song - in 1953 a ten-year-old girl from Oklahoma, Gayla Peevey sang the song as a way to raise money for the Oklahoma City Zoo's first hippopotamus. It became a nationwide hit after that, although John Rox wrote the song "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" in 1950! The song was not written specifically for the Oklahoma zoo, its just that when they needed the hippo the song came out so the Christmas hippopotamus song just fitted in.

Lyrics Research Source: www.christmas-lyrics.org

Pictures and News Articles from the
Muskogee Daily Phoenix: 21-24 December 1953.
Submitted by Jere Harris

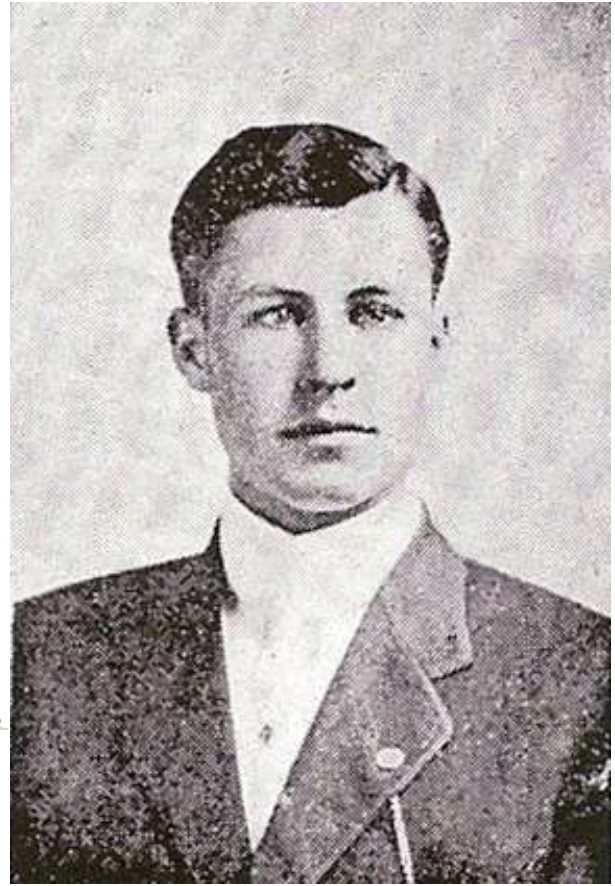
Why Mathilda Was Jilted



Pete, standing, is the Bronx zoos pint-sized Hippo who was shocked beyond words when Mathilda, a svelte 700-pounder, was introduced as his new playmate. Mathilda was rapidly taken away, and Phoebe, reclining, a petite 315 pounds, substituted. The two are happy, apparently, and Mathilda will soon be on her way to Oklahoma City



Fred Borum



Fred Borum 1912

Major General Fred S. Borum

Fred Sidney “Fritz” Borum was born in Winchester, Illinois April 25, 1892. His family moved to Muskogee, Indian Territory, in 1904 where his father opened a general store. Fred played the end position for Muskogee Central High School’s football team in the fall of 1910 and 1911. Those teams were very successful. In 1910 they scored 96 points to their opponents’ 46, and in 1911 they scored 102 points to their opponents’ 6. After graduating from Central High School, Borum enrolled in Muskogee’s Kendall College. After a short time he quit to go to work full time. He worked with his brother-in-law in Dewey, Oklahoma on the state’s first sewage system. He also worked in the oil fields near Chelsea and ran an auto repair shop.

In 1914, just as World War I began in Europe, Katherine Stinson, sister of the founder of the Stinson Aircraft Company, brought her plane to Muskogee on a barnstorming tour. She made a good landing on a small race track but the ground was too soft to take off. Borum and his partner were hired to take the plane apart so it could be shipped out by rail. This first contact with aviation sparked a life-long interest. In 1917, Fred enlisted in the army and joined the aviation section of the Army’s Signal Corps. He was sent to Kelly Field in San Antonio for training. Six months later he qualified as a cadet, completed flight training, and received a commission as a second lieutenant. He remained at Kelly Field as a flight instructor for the duration of World War II.

Fred Borum had a long and illustrious career in the military. For three years after World War I he was the procurement planning representative for the air service at Buffalo, NY. He served a three year tour in Hawaii and later was chief of the equipment laboratory, material division at Wright Field, Dayton, OH. During his time at Wright Field he was instrumental in the development of many items of equipment which proved valuable during World War II including the first oxygen mask for Army fliers. The original is on display at the Air Force Museum at Dayton.



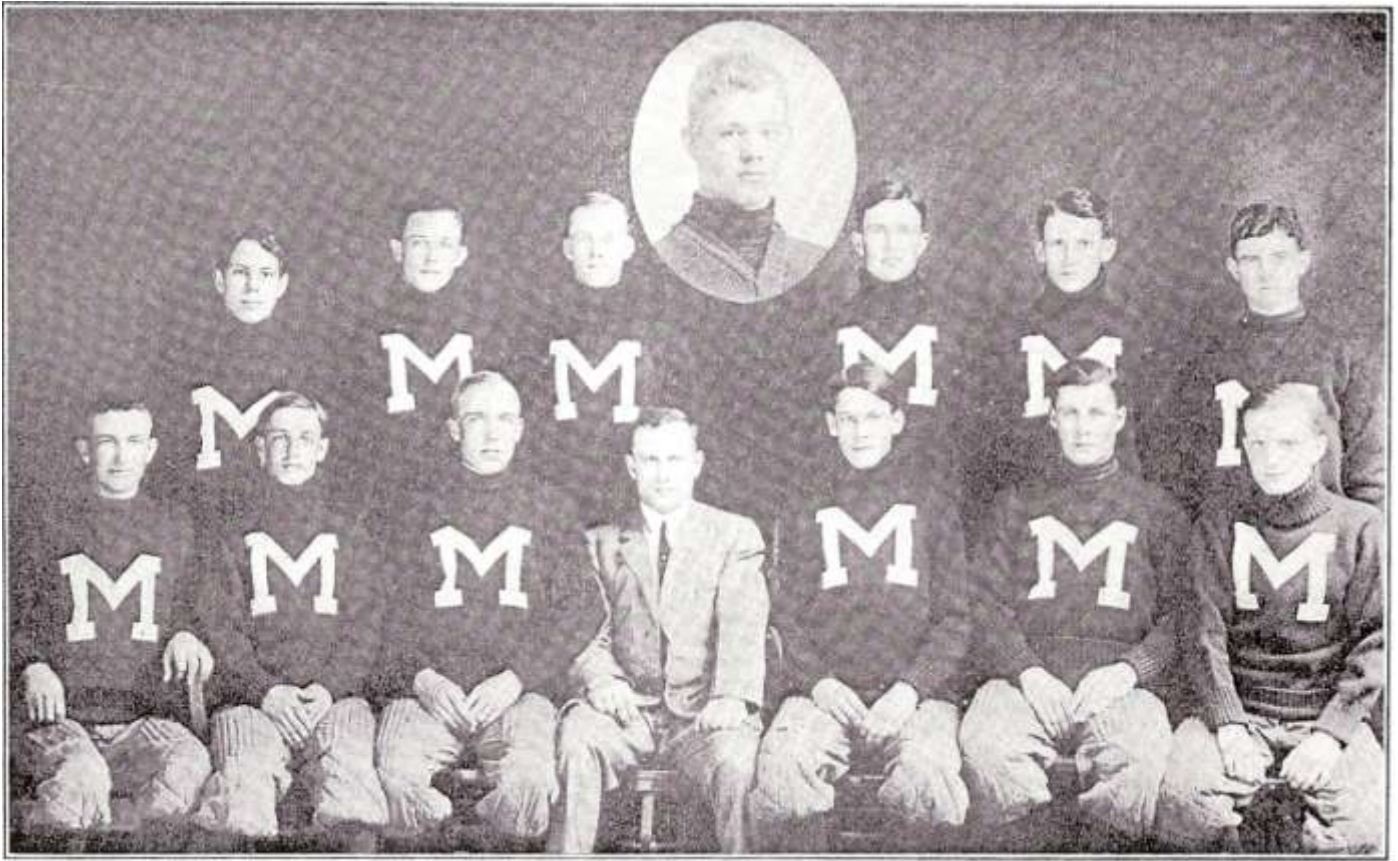
FOOT BALL TEAM, '10

In January, 1940, he became Chief of Field Services Section, Material Division, Wright Field. This section had the responsibility for the operation of four continental depots at the outbreak of the Second World War. To meet the needs of the time, the depot structure had to be enlarged and he was tasked to establish a new depot in the middle west. Oklahoma Senator Elmer Thomas suggested Oklahoma City which was ultimately chosen as the site for the new depot.

During World War II General Borum organized and began training the First Troop Carrier command at Stout field, Indianapolis. He was Commanding General of the First Fighter Division in the European Theater, and later was appointed Deputy Commander and Chief of Supply in the Mediterranean Theater. In 1943, as commanding general of the First Troop Carrier Command, he pinned the first Air Medal ever awarded to a woman to Lieutenant Elsie Ott who was instrumental in organizing the first air evacuations of injured servicemen.

When General Borum returned home in 1944, he was assigned as Commanding General of the Miami Air Technical Service in Miami, FL, and then in 1945 he was given command of the Oklahoma City depot and Tinker Field.

In Oklahoma we depend on good weather forecasts, particularly during the spring when tornadoes might develop. In March of 1948 during General Borum's tenure at Tinker, a tornado ripped through the base causing millions of dollars in damage. Captain Robert C. Miller and Major Ernest Fawbush were responsible for the weather forecasts at Tinker and they had failed to notice the signs that a tornado could form. An investigation followed but the Air Force decided that the storm wasn't forecastable. However, it was agreed that the Air Force Weather Service should begin working toward the goal of forecasting thunderstorms that might produce tornadoes.



1911 Football Team

Five days later, on March 25, Miller and Fawbush realized that the day's expected weather conditions were very similar to those of March 20. General Borum asked them if they were going to issue a tornado forecast. They hesitated since no one had ever before issued an operational tornado forecast. **Borum told them that "you are about to set a precedent." They were right on the money. That evening a second tornado struck Tinker causing millions more in damage. Their success caused the Air Force to eventually establish what has now become the Storm Prediction Center.**

General Borum remained at Tinker Field until his retirement in April, 1954. He was a member of **the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce for 30 years and served as the chamber's aviation consultant.** He was given a great deal of credit for the development and expansion of Will Rogers World Airport. During his career, General Borum received the Legion of Merit, the Army Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Clusters, Victory Medals for World War I and World War II, Grand Officer Order of the Crown of Italy, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

General Fred Borum died October 25, 1978, and is buried in Cocoa Beach, Florida, where he maintained a second home. He was survived by his wife, Marjorie, who he married in 1918, daughter Marie Reed, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Submitted by Linda Stout

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Right foreground: Marlene Leahey, Melba Ranks;

Manning the registration desk: Linda Stout.

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The Teachers



Above: Nancy Calhoun; Below, Stacy Blundell



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INTERVIEW WITH DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON GULLEDGE
BRIARTOWN OKLAHOMA

As given to James S. Buchanan, Field Worker

Submitted by Jean Vann

I was born September 27, 1860, in Henry County, Tennessee. My father was William Gulledge, of Irish descent, and my mother was Sarah Lax Gulledge, of German descent, both natives of North Carolina.

Due to the conditions brought on by the Civil War I was deprived of the opportunity of an education in the early part of my life. The limited education I obtained was in the short term common rural schools of West Tennessee, finishing in what was called McGuffeys fifth reader, later attending normal school at Murray, Kentucky, when I was twenty-two years of age. In 1883, I went to Marion County, Arkansas, where I obtained a position teaching in a rural school. I taught this school one term, during which time I studied medicine, being assisted in this study by two of my brothers-in-law who were practicing physicians in the district. Leaving there in the fall of 1884 I went to Nashville, Tennessee, where I attended the Vanderbilt University from which I graduated in medicine in 1885. In December, 1885, I went to Washington County, Arkansas, where I worked as an understudy in the practice of medicine under my brother-in-law, Dr. Robert Riddley at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, until June, 1886, when I decided to embark on a career for myself and started for the Indian Territory. I rode horseback from Washington County, Arkansas, via Tahlequah, over the old stage road through Ft. Gibson to Muskogee, crossing the Arkansas River on a ferry at the mouth of Grand River. Leaving Muskogee I started south with Briartown as my intended destination. When I had ridden a distance over the open country which I thought should be near my destination, I saw a cabin near the trail so I decided I would inquire as to the distance to Briartown. I rode up to the house and saw a man lying on a pallet by the door of the cabin. I asked him if he could tell me how far it was to Briartown and he raised up and looked at me in amazement and said "Mister you are right in the middle of Briartown." To my surprise I then learned that Briartown was a community instead of a village as I had visualized it. This man, Lacy Crane, was my first acquaintance at Briartown. The Briartown post office at that time was in the home of Isaac Mooney who was postmaster. Mooney's place was situated about three quarters of a mile northeast of the present site of Briartown. I was fortunate on my arrival in the community in finding lodging and board in the home of Jim McClure, about two and one-half miles east of the present site of Briartown.

The country at that time was very sparsely settled and I was the only practicing physician in the territory between Texanna, Muskogee and Webbers Falls. The few roads through the country were nothing more than trails and many of my calls were of several miles over which there was not even a trail. After I had practiced medicine here two years, I returned to Arkansas and was

married to Martha Williams, the daughter of Fred and Rebecca Williams. Immediately after our marriage we started back to the Indian Territory in a two-horse wagon. We were thirteen days making the trip of two hundred miles which we enjoyed as our honeymoon. On my return to Briartown we boarded in the home of a Cherokee Indian by the name of Bill Phillips a short time, then moved to the home of Jeff Surrence where we boarded for three years. I continued my practice here until 1894, then returned to the Vanderbilt University where I studied one year, returning then to the Indian Territory and stopping at Whitefield, across the river from Briartown. I stayed one year in this community, then moved to the little town of Starvilla which was situated about three miles east of where Porum now stands. I lived there and took care of my medical practice until 1901, then moved to the present site of Briartown and continued my practice until 1919, when I discontinued medical practice and moved to the Rio Grande Valley where I engaged in farming until 1931. I came back to Oklahoma in that year, returning a year later to Briartown where I resumed my medical practice and where I have remained until the present time.

TOM STARR

Tom Starr was one of my closest friends and I have made many professional calls to the home of "Uncle Tom" as he was familiarly known. Dr. Lindsey, who was for many years a practicing physician at Texanna, was Uncle Tom's family doctor for years. During the time I was located at Whitefield I remember I made many calls at his home. There has been many exaggerated stories of the early life of Tom Starr. My reason for branding as false any story that gives any impression that Tom Starr was an outlaw at heart or had any criminal or cruel characteristics is because I knew him so well; furthermore, I never knew Tom Starr to make a false statement and he told me of his early life and much of his trouble, and I am confident that what he related was the truth.

James Starr, the father of Tom, with his family, moved from the old Cherokee Nation east of the Mississippi River to the Indian Territory in 1833 when Tom was a small boy. James Starr was a member of the Ridge party, and after Elias Boudinot and the Ridges were murdered, many other members of the party were threatened, including James Starr. Until that time James Starr and his family had lived lives of good law-abiding citizenry in the Goingsnake district near the town of Westville, where they settled when they came to the Cherokee Nation. Soon after the murder of Boudinot and the Ridges, the opposing party carried out these threats and brutally murdered James Starr and a brother of Tom. Tom's mother witnessed this brutal act and calmly told the murderers of her husband and son, "when Tom hears of this he will settle with you." I think he did a very fair job of making his mother's statement good. Tom Starr was never guilty of any act that was not executed with a clear conscience in avenging the death of his father and brother.

Tom Starr was a very clever character, also had a great sense of

humor. He seemed to have a great influence over the superstitious element of the Indians.

On one occasion one of Uncle Tom's fat hogs that he was intending to kill for meat suddenly disappeared. He waited three or four days, in his characteristic way of silently figuring things out, and yet the hog did not show up. Finally Uncle Tom strolled over to the cabin of an Indian, who lived a short distance from him, and when he came in view of the Indian's cabin where he was sure he could be seen, he stopped and stood erect in the trail, looking towards the sky, taking long draws at his pipe and blowing the smoke up into the air. The wind being in the direction of the cabin, the smoke naturally drifted towards the cabin. He repeated this performance several times before he finally reached the cabin door. The Indian had been watching him in amazement and wondering just what he was doing. When Uncle Tom reached the door the Indian asked him in and Tom entered the cabin in a slow and mysterious manner, took a seat near the cellar door in the floor of the cabin. He continued to take an occasional draw at his pipe. Finally he broke the silence by saying "the medicine I make through my smoke say to me my hog is in cellar." The Indian, in a state of superstitious fear confessed to killing the hog and begged to be permitted to pay for it. Uncle Tom at that time was fencing some land and let the Indian make one thousand fence rails at \$1.00 per hundred and everything was forgiven, but Tom never lost anymore hogs.

One of the many peculiar traits in Tom Starr that I admired was that he would never speak slander of any woman, nor would he engage in conversation with anyone who was doing so. If he was talking to his closest friend and the friend happened to make any ill remark of a woman, Tom would immediately walk away from him. I remember one day when a bunch had been standing around in idle conversation, and someone had made a remark about some woman, Tom said to me "No man should speak evil of any woman, our mothers were women."

The above material was an interview in the "Pioneer Papers" prepared by the Federal Writer's Project of the Work Projects Administration for the State of Oklahoma. Found in the Special Collections of the John Vaughn Library, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

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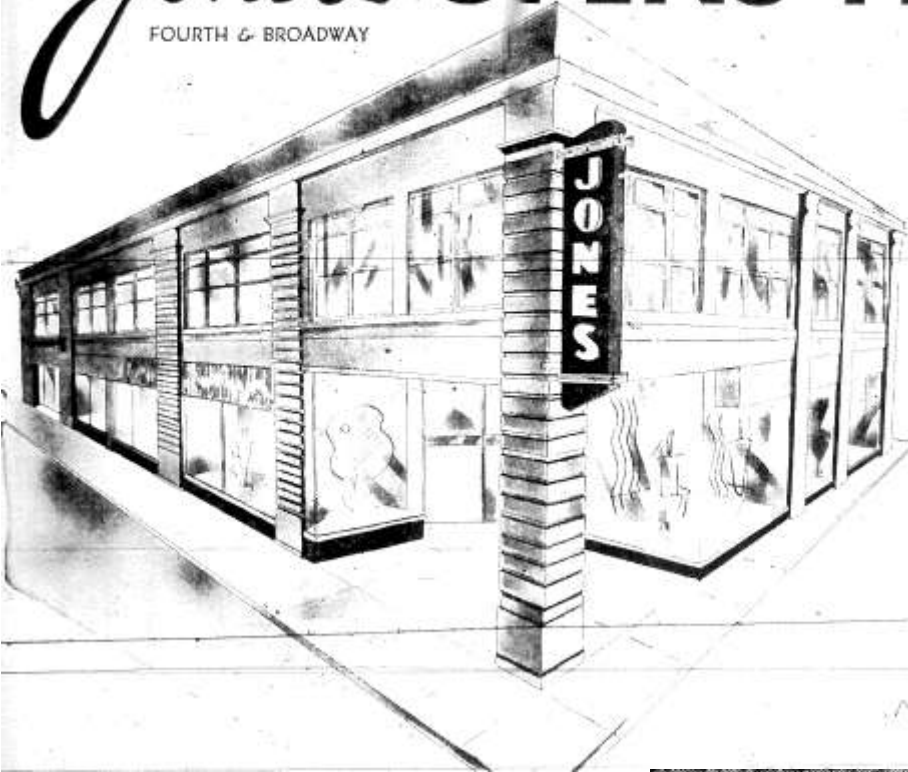
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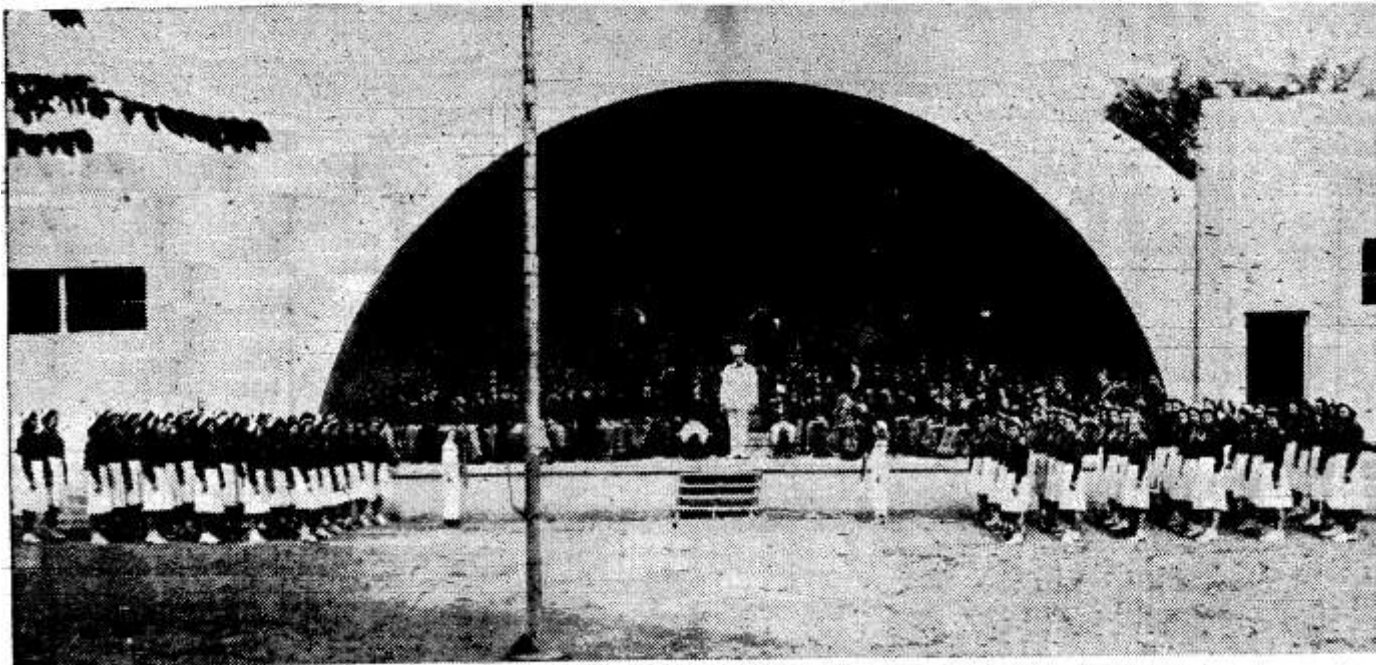
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Impressive Dedication Ceremony of 'Goetz Odeon' at Spaulding Park Bandshell



The picture above is of the Central High school band, its director and the Green Peppers, high school girls' pep organization, at the Spaulding park bandshell when the structure was dedicated and named "Goetz Odeon."

"Goetz Odeon", Muskogee Daily Phoenix 17 January 1945



Tony Goetz, 18 January 1945



The Prisoner of War and a Wolf

Near the end of WWII, we had a German Prisoner of War come live at our house to help my father with the farm since my brother's and younger neighbor men were serving in the Armed Forces making farm help very scarce to nil. The man could not speak English but he could understand it. I was home one day when my mother saw a large wolf in the pasture across the road and she yelled for the man to come to the house and she ran in and got the Winchester from the closet and pointed to the wolf. The prisoner dropped the gun on a fence post and shot the wolf. It turned a somersault and got up and ran off into the woods. He handed the rifle back to my mother and went back to his chores. When my dad arrived home, he rode on his horse off into the woods in the direction the wolf had ran and found it dead. After it was all over I think my mother wondered what had she been thinking.

Submitted by

Geneva Taylor

CONSOLIDATED LEDGER RECORDS OF BULLITT FOREMAN

Contributed by Virginia Vann Perry

The following death dates were on ledger sheets found in the attic of the old Bullitt Foreman home near the Carlile community east of Gore, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. Bullitt Foreman was a Judge in Illinois District, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory in 1889 and 1891. He was the great-grandfather of Ed Henshaw, Rte. 7, Box 76, Vian, Oklahoma. Mr. Henshaw and his wife, Gwen, now live in the original home. According to Mr. Henshaw, George Bullitt Foreman, Jr. was an undertaker from 1875 to 1924 and the ledgers most probably were from Bullitt Foreman, Jr.'s store.

The original ledger sheets are in Mr. Henshaw's possession and are thought to have come from the source above or from a Foreman store in either Gore or Webbers Falls. Many lists were duplicated. When more than one date or name is given, it is the result of consolidation of those lists on which conflicting dates were recorded. In the interest of history and genealogy, all dates are included thus remaining to be authenticated by further research. The names were left as they were spelled on the ledger sheets. Mr. Henshaw has kindly given permission for these sheets to be transcribed and published.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE of DEATH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE of DEATH</u>
Baby ROGERS	30 Aug 1895	Mamie STARR	22 Oct 1901
Frank ROMEO	1 Dec 1904	Peachie STARR	28 Jun 1899
May ROMINE	22 May 1907	Mr. _____ STEWARD	26 Feb 1905
Baby (Jim and Rosa's) ROSS	30 Aug 1901	Adline STILL	8 Mar 1885
Baby (Jim's) ROSS	15 Jul 1915	Noah STILL	7 Dec 1893
Mrs. Johnnie ROSS	26 Nov 1909	Robin STILL	25 or 26 Nov 1893
Pansie ROSS	12 Jun 1911	George STONE	25 Apr 1903 or 1908
Rosa ROSS	9 Aug 1915	Jack STONE	11 Oct 1899
Sam SANDERS	6 or 9 Apr 1910	Joe STONE	15 or 18 Feb 1896
Baby SAUNDERS	23 May 1901	Ella STOUT	1 Jan 1911
Frank SAUNDERS	21 Feb 1904	Mrs. _____ STOVALL	20 Aug 1912
Jessie SAUNDERS	11 Mar 1897	John SWIMMER	31 Jan 1902
Pocohontas SAUNDERS	9 May 1900	Watie SWIMMER	16 Feb 1901
Joab SCALES	16 Oct 1901	Bel TAPP	8 or 13 Feb 1883
Rosa SCALES	12 Jan 1894	Joe TAPP	18 Dec 1890
Baby SCOTT	7 Feb 1911	Mrs. Laura TATE	1 Jul 1909
B. H. SCOTT	7 Jul 1912	Villa TATE	14 Jul 1909
Mrs. Minnie SCOTT	19 Jan 1918	_____ (Mr. Tate's mother) TATE	27 Jun 1909
Peggie SEABOLT	19 Aug 1899	Cornelius TAYLOR	18 Feb 1912
Frank SEBASTIAN	17 Jul 1897	Sam TAYLOR	12 Mar 1883 or 1888
Jim SEVIER	24 May 1907	Edward TERRILL	26 Feb 1899
Jim SHANKS (killed)	4 May 1896	Pearl TERRILL	1 Mar 1910
Bill SHEPPARD	23 Jan 1890	Dulie THOMPSON	27 Jun 1909
Jack SHEPPARD	1 Mar 1905	Grover THOMPSON	1 Aug 1890
Nancy SHEPPARD	28 Mar 1891	Jack THOMPSON	22 Jan 1901
Tub (?) SHEPPARD	29 Nov 1888	Mickie THOMPSON	15 Feb 1910
Millie SHOEMAKE	1 Nov 1921	Myrtle THOMPSON	30 Sep 1888
Eaf SIZEMORE	11 Jun 1904	Nannie THOMPSON	26 Oct 1914
Baby SMITH	19 Oct 1901	Arch THORNTON	17 Jul 1910
Baby (Winnie's) SMITH	17 Jun 1898	Maud THORNTON	11 Sep 1885
Famous SMITH	1 Jan 1912	Nannie THORNTON	28 Jan or Jun 1890
Mr. _____ SMITH	18 Nov 1907	Will THRASHER	14 Nov 1900
Nellie SMITH	29 Nov 1909	Minnie TIMMONS	8 Mar 1910
Redbird SMITH	8 Nov 1918	Tom TONY	28 Jul 1901
Rocky SMITH	12 Jul 1890	Tennie TURNER	9 Oct 1895
Rosa SMITH	28 Feb 1899	Martha VANCE	25 Apr 1897
Sallie SMITH	26 Oct 1918	Ada VANN	10 Apr 1921
Mrs. Dr. _____ SPENCER	1 Jan 1895	Annie VANN	20 Aug 1903
Mrs. _____ SPENCER	17 Dec 1905	Bob VANN (killed)	12 Sep 1918
Carl STARR	3 Sep 1899	Dewey VANN	13 Jul 1900
Charley STARR	29 Mar 1897	Dick VANN	26 Oct 1918
Guggie STARR	17 Mar 1916	Gunny VANN	10 Sep 1897
Henry STARR (killed)	22 Feb 1921	Herman VANN	23 Aug 1912

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Lizzie VANN 2 Apr 1907
 Mrs. Dick VANN 25 Sep 1915
 Mrs. Lottie VANN 23 Nov 1915
 Nancy VANN 29 Feb 1879
 Irving VORE 15 Nov 1895
 Sallie VORE 24 Aug 1890
 Mr. _____ WALKDIN 14 Jan 1911
 Bill WARNAKA 21 Oct 1918
 George WATERS 19 Sep 1912
 Bud WEEMS 14 Sep 1900
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 Bessie WELLS 22 Mar 1902
 Connie WELLS 8 Aug 1903
 Ella WELLS 19 July 1911
 John WELLS 6 or 26 Dec 1895
 Lillie WELLS 18 Feb 1894
 Lorena WELLS 21 Jul 1908
 Mamie WELLS 6 Sep 1906
 Mr. _____ WELLS 10 Mar 1905
 Eliza WEST 25 May 1900
 Eliza WEST 4 Feb 1904
 Mrs. _____ WEST 1 Mar 1910
 Perry WEST 24 Mar 1906 or 1909
 Willie WEST 7 Jun 1900
 George WHITMIRE 8 Dec 1893
 Joe WICKET (OR WICKED) 3 Feb 1885
 W. W. WILKERSON 11 May 1899
 Albert WILSON 27 or 29 Sep 1915
 Blue WILSON 11 Mar 1893
 Bob WILSON 16 Apr 1900
 Fannie WILSON 30 Sep 1915
 Gilbert WILSON 6 Dec 1892 or 1893
 Gip WILSON 25 Oct 1918
 Blue WILSON, JR. 31 Jul 1905
 Mamie WILSON 20 May 1889
 Margret WILSON 13 Sep 1918
 Baby (Mrs. Emma's) WRIGHT 28 Jul 1901
 Nannie WRIGHT 16 Dec 1890
 Thurza WRIGHT 25 Oct 1895
 Mrs. Dick YORK 15 Nov 1912
 Roach YOUNG 10 Jun 1907
 Mrs. _____ ZOLL 13 Oct 1899

Mrs. Hennie _____
 _____ (Mrs. Tate's mother)
 Mrs. Elizabeth _____
 Jacob _____

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Prepared and submitted for publication by
 Linda Shackelford Brooks and Virginia Vann Perry.

In Muskogee Hospitals

MUSKOGEE GENERAL

Birth: Boy, to Mrs. T. E. Hesler, 2204 Robinson avenue.

Admitted to hospital: Mrs. P. H. Simmons, route 5, Muskogee; Gerald Dixon, 1617 Dorchester avenue; Dorothy Long, Warner.

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST

Births: Boy, to Mrs. Everett Culver, Stigler; girl, to Mrs. Elmer Langham, 228 North K street.

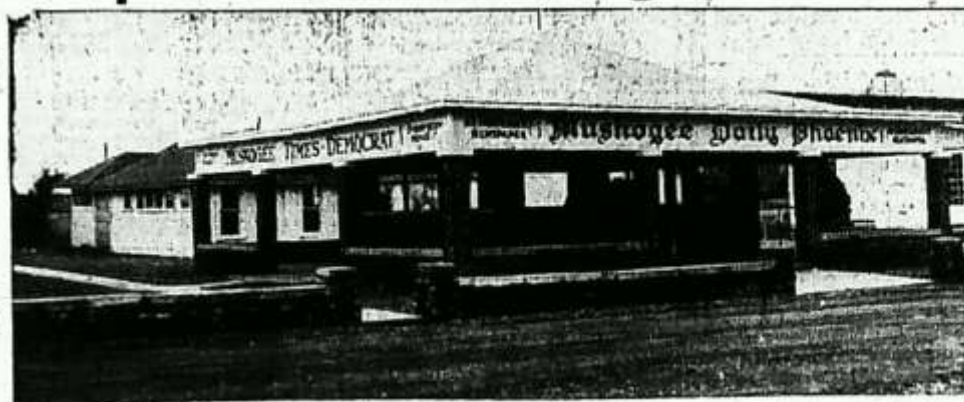
Admitted to hospital: Mrs. Corrinne Chestnut, 1620 Boston avenue, Muskogee; Neff Conley, route 3, Muskogee; John Goodpaster, Riverside; Mrs. David Martin, Jr., Checotah; R. H. Reed, route 1, Haskell; Kay Kizzire, 1704 West Okmulgee avenue; Robert Eugene Edge, 916 Callahan street; Mrs. Linn Duncan, 607 South Second street; J. C. Griffith, Welling.

EASTERN OKLAHOMA

Births: Girl, to Mrs. R. L. England, route 2, Tahlequah; boy, to Mrs. O. R. Moore, 1511 Summit street.

Admitted to hospital: Roy Hodges, 2215 Chandler street; Mrs. Thurman Branchcomb, 1202 Jefferson street.

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Oil & Lard Producers, and
Soybean Producers.

Now you pay in reduced income. Last year the Oklahoma Legislature voted to repeal this tax on oleomargarine. Now comes your chance to make repeal real.

To protect yourself, your family, your own living... VOTE YES on State Question No. 236 in the general election Tuesday, November 5th!

THE CONSUMERS OF OKLAHOMA
ASK YOU TO VOTE YES

"They want to buy oleomargarine made from the products of Oklahoma farms. They need this wholesome food product for their physical well-being. The tax has unnecessarily raised the cost of living in their homes. A YES VOTE will repeal this unjust tax—will make it possible for people to buy the needed food. Help bring needed relief to the consumers of Oklahoma!"

VOTE YES ON STATE QUESTION "236
(THIRD ON BALLOT)

SENATE BILL NO. 217 removing the tax on oleomargarine made from Southern farm products.

SHALL IT
BE APPROVED?

YES ☒
NO ☐

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Carol Rice

ANCESTRY CHARTS

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The Muskogee County Genealogical Society would like to extend our warmest welcome to our new members and appreciation to all of those who have renewed their memberships.

Each new member and renewal member is encouraged to submit an ancestry chart.

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