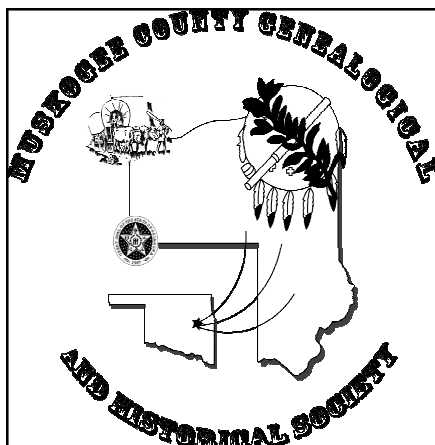


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"Centenarians" 100 Years of Living

At one time living to be the ripe old age of 100 years was a rare achievement. For these Centenarians life was much harder and medicine and technology was rare, if not non-existent.

Those who came before us were exposed to all sorts of dangers, during their journeys into the wilderness. We are all familiar with the Trail of Tears and the plight of the Native American during their history in the settlement of Indian Territory. Pioneers from all parts of the eastern part of the country, as well as other countries were also faced with the circumstances that challenged them. The weather, terrain, and the labor required just to make it through a single day would be daunting to any of us living in modern times.

During the recent project of extracting obituaries and death notices from the microfilmed copies of the Muskogee Daily Phoenix, it was noted there were more than a few who had lived beyond a "normal" span of life to reach the honorable age of 100 years or more. We would like to show our respect for these Centenarians by including them in this and future issues. The following is a list of only a few of those we found: ..

**	Carrie T. Borovetz	Age 100
**	Lee Porter	Age 100
	George F. Miller	Age 101
	Nancy Ryder	Age 102
	Henrietta Wilson	Age 102
**	Edward Van Duyne	Age 103
**	Greenville G. Preston	Age 103
**	Jessie Noble Stout	Age 103
	Russell Franklin	Age 105
	"Uncle" Thornton Allen	Age 108
**	Millie Steveson	Age 116
	Edna McCuan	Age 117
	Sarah Green	Age 122

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Christmas 2009



Marlene Leahey

Rose Beads

I decided to bring a necklace to the Christmas party that had been in my Mother's jewelry box for as long as I can remember. The necklace is made of rose beads. Each bead is shaped like a little round rose bud and is actually made from roses. Surely everyone knows what rose beads are so why bring them to the party? Sometimes we take for granted that everyone has the same memories we have experienced. This is not the case with the younger generation. Their memories started only 20 or 30 years ago. So I brought the rose beads to show. Today the beads have no smell but when I was a child these rose beads had a light fragrance of roses. They are faded now but when I played with them as a child they were a pretty shade of pink. Rose beads have been around since the middle ages. They were often made to be used in rosaries. Because of the rose beads that is where the rosary got its name.

Christmas Rock

I brought a rock to show at the Christmas party because it is a curious rock. I suspect it is very old. When my husband was in the U. S. Air Force and my children were toddlers, we were stationed in Europe. We took a vacation trip to Spain and camped south of Barcelona on the beach. As I walked across the sand, my eye was drawn to a flat wet dark grey rock. Because it had a curious shape I reached down and picked it up. I brushed the sand off and turned it over to find that it had a man made design on the face of it. The rock appears to actually be an old tile, roughly pear shaped. The back side is made of a dark aggregate about 3/8" inch thick. The face is made of a 1/8 inch layer which is much smoother and is bonded to the aggregate. A positive negative design has been worked into the face of the tile. I often wonder about the origin of its design. Is it Spanish, Moorish, or from somewhere across the Mediterranean Sea? It is a sturdy little rock, its design is sharp and clear with just a few edges rounded off by its time in the sea and on the beach.

Stocking Stuffer Stories

Civil War Papers



Melba Hardin Ranks

The items for show and tell that I brought were the catalyst for my interest in genealogy. My husband knew very little about his ancestry. When his mother passed away, we found these items among her things. They belonged to her grandfather (my husband's great grandfather). Among the items found were the original civil war discharge paper for Levi Leverett Carr (1841-1900).

He served with Company B, 64th Regiment of New York.. He was captured by the Confederates at Petersburg VA and served 10 months and 20 days in the prison at Andersonville, surviving the ordeal. Along with the discharge paper was a ring engraved with his name, regiment, and battles he was engaged in, as well as a confederate \$50 and \$20 bill. A copy of his obituary related his civil war service, imprisonment and release. He was survived by his wife and four sons.

Linda Stout:

The map I brought for show and tell was a World War II era German map of France. My dad served in the Signal Corps in Europe during the war and must have brought it home with him. We found it along with his radio school books and some other things when we cleaned out mother's house this year.



Carol Rice:

The doll she is holding has hair made from her own hair as a child..



Sharon Murphy:
School Book



Sue Tolbert—Christmas Stocking

For several years mom, Conne Ramsey, made one of a kind stockings. The Santa face is porcelain. She created the mold, poured, fired, cleaned and painted. Porcelain work was her hobby for many years. She made many, many Santas, dressed to represent the Santa of different countries. I have five of them. She also made porcelain dolls, mostly miniature, and fully detailed and decorated Victorian era doll houses.



Rosa Lee James: Progressive Music Series #2



l to r: Al Cheeseman, Virginia Perry, Ann Gardner

Virginia Perry, sharing her picture album.



Wanda Dyer:



l to r: Linda Stout, Mary Downing, Tim Harris, Pete Hagan, Jere Harris, Helen Lemley, Mickey Hagan, Rosa Lee James, Bud and Melba Ranks.

New Year 2010



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presided over the swearing in of
the new board members

Lower Right:

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Below: Randy Painter, Publicity
was busy taking these photos, so
with apologies, we used a stand-in
for his photo.



All the Christmas photographs are courtesy of
Randy Painter.

New Year's Resolutions

Submitted by Mary Downing

It is New Year's Eve, 1852 and John Smith sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to writes his New Year's resolutions:

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church -- either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all, or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every 10 years -- just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer.
11. I resolve to not clutter up the good farm pasture with headstones, that will just get broken or fade with time anyway.

12. I resolve to protect my family and friends privacy, by giving false names and places for events.
13. I resolve to never give the correct accounts of misdeeds in the family, so when Uncle Lem shot that guy and was tried for murder, my kids will be told he stole a cow.
14. I resolve to never trim the family cemetery of brush and tangle weed, to keep out any one doing that silly Genealogical work.
15. I resolve to always alternate my kid's and wife's first and middle names when the census taker comes around, just to give him practice with his spelling.
16. I resolve to come from Ireland (where there are no records, or, if there are, they can only be examined by visiting the exact village, pleading with the local clergy (who is hostile to anyone not of his belief which of course you are) and/or handing over a fee equal to or exceeding your yearly income for one hour's research which may not find anything.)
17. I resolve that not only shall I NOT die in my country of birth, but that nor shall my children (yea verily) unto the sixth generation.
18. I resolve that I shall call my children by odd names which the enumerator shall spell incorrectly.
19. I resolve that I shall be absent on the night of the census.
20. I resolve that if unable to be absent on census night I shall endeavor to be enumerated twice.
21. I resolve that when I die my children/wife are instructed to give the wrong details for my death certificate.
22. I resolve that I and most of my family shall die suddenly just before death certifications started to be used, in a parish where easy access to the records ceased the previous year.



Muskogee DAILY Phoenix



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THE RECORD OF 1909 AS TAKEN FROM PHOENIX FILES

JANUARY

- January 4 Safe blowers entered the freight depot of the Frisco railroad and cracked the safe, securing about \$2,000.
- January 12 Six inches of snow fell within a radius of fifty miles of Muskogee.
The committee of Methodist ministers appointed to select a permanent college site visited Muskogee was in the midst of a sugar famine.
- January 14 The German and Carolina buildings were destroyed by fire, the loss reaching \$125,000.
- January 15 Miss Alice Robertson was confirmed as postmaster.
- January 21 Three hundred thousand dollars school bonds were voted.
- January 31 The trained nurses of Muskogee formed an organization.

FEBRUARY

- February 4 The federal grand jury at Muskogee indicted Governor Haskell and a number of prominent citizens on a charge of being implicated in the Muskogee town site land frauds. The men indicted were Clarence W. Turner, Walter R. Eaton, W. T. Hutchings, A. Z. English, Frederick B. Severs and Jesse Hill.
- February 7 A deal was closed by President Keneflick to extend the M. O. & G. to Denison.
- February 9 Traction company and city officials clashed over right of way at C and Lawrence streets.
- February 10 One man was killed, one fatally injured and two more received serious injuries in a Katy freight wreck south of the city.
- February 12 Republicans held a banquet at Turner celebrating Lincoln centennial.
- February 18 Wagester sisters, whose millinery store burned several months previous, were tried on charge of arson and acquitted.
- February 20 The sundry civil bill carried an appropriation of \$25,000 for a federal building at Muskogee.
- February 23 Ethel Gray, the young Indian girl who was the sweetheart of John Ciehola, convicted of the murder of David Conway, the Frisco Bridgeman was found guilty of perjury. The girl swore to a false statement in the effort to save her lover's life.
- February 23 The Kansas Natural Gas company filed suit asking injunction restraining state officials from interfering with piping gas out of the state.
- February 24 Muskogee celebrated the tenth anniversary of the fire that swept the business portion of the city nearly

out of existence.

MARCH

- March 1 Work was begun on the new Christian church at Fourth and Court streets.
- March 4 Captain Ira L. Reeves announced as a candidate for mayor.
- March 10 The commission form of government was brought up by the Commercial Club.
- March 12 The body of Mrs. Nancy Holt was found in a pasture near Hyde Park car line
- March 14 Paving bonds to the amount of \$31,163 were cancelled by the mayor who issued them.
- March 25 Senator Owen argued government land suits in the United States court.
- March 26 The first skirmish of the Crazy Snake uprising occurred at Hickory Grounds and three men were reported killed.
- March 28 The republicans mandamus the county election board.

APRIL

- April 1 David Hartness, who was shot in front of the Ruby café, died at city hospital.
- April 2 Contract for the Baptist hospital was let.
- Members of Company I, state militia, returned from Snake uprising.
- April 6 Primary election for city officials was held.
- April 11 Indictments against Governor Haskell and others returned Feb. 4, quashed at Tulsa.
- April 14 Mrs. Grant Huddleston shot and killed Beulah Cox, the alleged wrecker of her home.
- M. L. Boyles committed suicide at the Vendome hotel.
- April 17 City national banks were named as reserve agents for Oklahoma national banks.
- April 27 Democratic ticket headed by McGarr for mayor is elected.
- April 30 Judge Campbell ordered that a new grand jury be drawn for further investigation of alleged town lot frauds.

MAY

- May 4 Tony Matney voluntarily surrenders himself on charge of defecation.
- Grand jury drawn to investigate town lot cases.
- May 16 G. A. Murphey and A. C. Trumbo paid \$20,000 for a lot adjoining the Colorado building.
- The Mid-Continent Life Insurance Co. opened offices here.
- Muskogee Phoenix published special industrial edition.
- May 18 City council threatened to revoke the Traction company's franchise.
- Annual state encampment of the G. A. R. was held in Muskogee.
- Annual convention of state druggists held here.
- May 26 Harry Mead, 6 years old, fell into a pool of oil at Parker Washington company's plant and died later.

JUNE

- June 3 Muskogee Retailers' Association and Credit Bureau was organized.
- June 8 The Dominion Oil company brought in a 1,000 barrel well on the Sam Spaulding allotment, just outside the corporate limits of the city.
- June 15 County commissioners let contract for 30 schools without advertising for bids.
- June 25 Office of commissioner of public work is abolished.
- June 29 Henry Clover was prostrated with heat, the first victim of the summer.
- June 30 C. W. Briles went to Ada, Okla., to take charge of the state normal.

JULY

- July 2 Vann Smith and Camp brought in a big oil well on the Martha Washington allotment in 12-14-17.
- July 4 Judges Pollock and Campbell in opinion held that gas can be piped outside the state.
All theaters in the city opened on Sunday and the performers were arrested.
- July 18 Members of two baseball teams were arrested at Pioneer park for playing Sunday ball.
- July 30 Mayor McGarr and Alderman Davis clash. Mayor assigns Davis to cemetery committee.

AUGUST

- August 1 Mike Haynes, an oil operator of Bartlesville, died here of heat prostration.
- August 3 A new lighting franchise was asked for by R. H. McHenry.
- August 5 W. G. McCarthy, of Beloit, Wis., bought the lease and furniture of the Turner hotel from Amos Gipson.
- August 7 Land title suits knocked out by decision of Federal Judge Campbell.
- August 8 Squad of city police under mayor's orders tore down part of Pioneer ball park at 3 in the morning.
- August 17 Ralph Leftwich and associated brought in a 300 barrel oil well on the Adam Brady allotment.
- August 18 The thermometer registered 115 degrees.
- August 21 Concrete and steel frame work of the Flynn-Ames building completed at 2 o'clock in the morning. Phoenix newsboys nail flag on top story.
- August 22 Wagester sisters sued the Oklahoma Fire Insurance company for \$54,000 for malicious prosecution.

SEPTEMBER

- September 8 Shoenfelt & Co. brought in a big oil well on Timber Ridge, proving a new field.
Judge James M. Shackleford died at Port Huron, Mich.
- September 11 Cornerstone of new \$225,000 High school building was laid.
- September 14 Commission form of government approved by city council and election set for November 9.
- September 18 The government offers to sell to the city Agency Hill for \$4,500.
- September 20 Public schools of the city open.

OCTOBER

- October 5 Rufus Conella shot and killed on street car by Gilbert Smalley.
- October 8 Five Muskogee citizens were seriously injured in auto wreck near Spaulding College.

- October 10 Oil well brought in on the Blackstone lease in the first sand at 400 feet.
- October 19 Oklahoma Sheriff association held second annual convention here.
- October 29 H. B. Spaulding elected president of Commercial club.

NOVEMBER

- November 2 Southern Methodist conference of Oklahoma opened four day's session in Muskogee.
- November 3 Southwestern Kennel association was organized.
- November 5 C. B. Douglass elected secretary of the Muskogee Commercial club.
- November 9 McHenry light franchise withdrawn by promoters.
- November 14 Oklahoma Pipe Line company with capital of \$2,500,000 makes Muskogee its headquarters.
- November 18 Former District Clerk Tony Matney found guilty of embezzlement, fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one year in penitentiary.
- November 24 Charity ball given for benefit of Muskogee hospital netted \$1,000.

DECEMBER

- December 5 The Texas Construction company moved its headquarters from Guthrie to Muskogee.
- December 14 Muskogee Medical society gave banquet at Turner.
Governor names D. H. Linebaugh of Atoka, as special attorney to probe into affairs of officials in Muskogee county.
- December 25 More donations for the poor than could be used.
- December 27 Merchants report greatest holiday trade in years.
- December 29 Parker-Washington asphalt plant burned, loss \$10,000.
- December 30 Graham-Sykes company moves into new store.
- December 31 Carolina and German buildings rebuilt and nearing completion.

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MY GENEALOGY BEGINNINGS

By Sharon Murphy

I grew up hating the words genealogy, court house and graveyard. They inspired the same dread as finding out we were having brussel sprouts for dinner. My mother loved researching genealogy, and we all learned very early that what mom loved, we not only tolerated, but participated in.

I grew up in Arlington Virginia, a suburb of Washington D.C., a place where you could go to the National Archives and find all the censuses and the Library of Congress where you could find almost everything. By the time I was ten years old, I could read the old script on deeds, wills and censuses. Fatal mistake on my part. I do excuse myself, being ten you seem to be proud of your accomplishments but not quite old enough to know when to keep your mouth shut. So every other Saturday, mom and I catch the bus and she would drag me to the National Archives. At first, I was proud to be sitting at my microfilm reader and going page by page looking for the list of surnames mom had given me. Then it got old. Very, very old. I was naive enough to think that it would end soon; it seemed that all the names known in North America we had looked up. But, my mom had a reputation for helping others look up a problem area in their family. It was amazing how fast that word of mouth let everyone in the country know that my mother was a sucker for a brick wall. It did not seem that a week went by that she did not get a letter or two from someone who was researching a book or had run into a roadblock that would ask her to look something up for them the next time she went to the Archives or the Library of Congress. . We did. Everything in this life ends, school, summer vacation, playing outside and definitely television watching. But, I can tell you from experience, researching at the Archives, never ends.

My brother and I always looked forward to our family vacations. Each year we would go to Muskogee Oklahoma to see our grandparents, and we always had fun excursions to places like Disneyland, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, County Courthouses and numerous graveyards. Yes, mom planned the vacations, and where we went each year depended upon what state and county mom wanted to go to. It never failed that we would take a northern route to go to Oklahoma, and a southern route to return home. I bet most people did not leave Virginia, go to Albany NY and head to Oklahoma by way of Canada. We did. My mother was looking for a graveyard outside of Ontario, so we saw Ontario Canada.

My father did not ever step foot into a courthouse. He would drive mom there, and head for coffee at the café that you could always find across the street from the courthouse. I, on the other hand, was the large ledger mover. Mom had a list and I would take the ledger to the stand, she would look for what she wanted while I pulled the next big book. I had arm muscles that could match any boy in school. Not exactly what a pre-teen is looking for in her life. This went on for a few hours. If she found anything, it went on for many hours. I can only remember one time we left early. It was not because of my behavior, but my fathers. He decided that he needed a nap and decided to take it in the back of the station wagon. He was snoring so loud, that people were coming in the courthouse and getting their co-workers to come see the guy snoring in the yellow station wagon. There were not many vehicles that were yellow in the 1950's, so when mom heard the words 'snore' and 'yellow', we packed up and got out of town. Mom made some comment to me about 'let's get out of here before the cops come and arrest your father'. We left with mom driving toward the nearest highway.

Graveyards were mom's favorite find. We could count on at least six to ten graveyards a vacation. As usual, dad did not participate in the fun. He would drink some coffee from his thermos, and take a nap. Mom made a game of us kids running through the graveyard to find the name she was looking for. Who ever found the name, got to pick where we ate dinner that night. We worked really hard to beat mom. She always picked baloney sandwiches and milk out of the cooler with a piece of fruit for desert. My brother and I wanted hamburgers and milk shakes or root beer floats.

We went to one graveyard in Illinois to look for my great great grandmother's grave. We were heading back to the old section and I kept hearing the grass rustling. I stopped and looked around to see what kind of little animals were in the overgrown grass. Just about the time mom caught up with me, the hissing started. We looked at each other and said 'snakes' at the same time. Some of the graves had sunk in and the snakes were heading to them. Mom said to make as much noise as I could while standing real still. In a few moments we didn't hear any movement or sounds, and mom yelled to turn around and run back to the car as fast as I could. I did. To this day, I have not been back to that graveyard, even though I have been within 30 miles of it. I am not sure my knees would let me walk around.

Another time, after my father had passed away, we stopped at in Kentucky to look for an old graveyard. After asking around, an old man in a gas station told us how to get there. It was early in the morning, about eight o'clock and we have found the people mom was looking for. She was taking pictures of the graves while I wrote down the information. We heard the sound of a shotgun being set. We looked up on the hill and the oldest woman I have ever seen had her gun on her shoulder looking at us. Mom yelled good morning, and that we were looking for some of our relatives graves. She informed us that she was related to everyone in that graveyard, and we weren't, so we needed to get. We got. As mom

raced away in the car, she was smiling. I asked her what was so funny, and she said while the woman was talking she snapped the final two pictures she needed. She was so tickled with herself.

On one trip to Missouri, we were looking for a graveyard that no one seemed to know how to find. While we ate breakfast, mom was going through her notes and decided she could get us within a few miles of it. We drove around for about an hour, when mom noticed a patch of trees and brush. I got out to check it out, and unfortunately I spotted a few gravestones. After checking it out, mom told us that this was the one she was looking for. The brush included blackberry vines and most of the graves we could see were buried half under the ground. Mom suggested we go back to town and have a soda pop and fill up with gas. She had my brother fill up the water jugs we kept in the trunk for emergencies. We should have known that when mom said buy a soda pop that something was up. Mom never spent money on soda, said they were too expensive and she wasn't made of money etc. We soon found out why. Next stop was the hardware store, where she bought a sickle, a shovel and a rake. She justified it by saying her sister always need tools, and after we use it, she would give them to her when we got to Oklahoma. We spent the entire day, cleaning up this small graveyard. We pulled sunken gravestones out and reset them, we even washed them down so mom could get her pictures. We ate lunch out of the cooler, but believe me, my brother and I had big plans for dinner. It cost mom that evening. We ate at a regular restaurant that night, and had a second soda pop that evening.

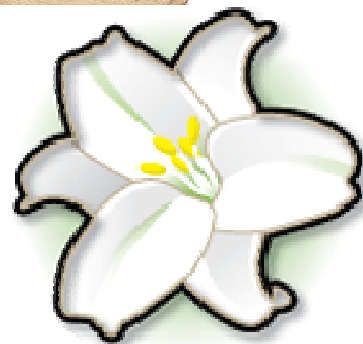
Next time you want to go to a county courthouse or a graveyard, take your children or grandchildren along. Do something fun for them, and then put them to work on the family genealogy. They will roll their eyes, think you are nuts, ask a hundred times when are we leaving, but think of the memories it creates and they can look back in thirty or forty years and laugh about how they were dragged around the county in search of those elusive ancestors.

Sharon Murphy



Submitted
by
Linda
Stout

Easter



Pedigree Chart for Ruby Leona Barber

Orho Raymond Barber

B: 19 Feb 1894 in
Yukon Canadian Co.,
OK
M: 14 Dec 1913 in
Muskogee, OK
D: 29 Oct 1957 in
Wichita KS

Ruby Leona Barber

B: 15 Jul 1914 in
Henrietta, OK
M: 01 Sep 1937 in
Sebastian Ark
D: 25 Jul 1986 in
Muskogee, OK

Geneva Irene McBride

B: 11 Apr 1895 in
Dearborn, Platte Co.,
MO
D: Apr 1970 in
Wichita KS

George Albert Barber

B: 10 Jan 1849 in
Canada
M: 30 Sep 1874 in
Franklin Co., KS
D: 25 Jun 1915 in
Muskogee, OK

Sarah Violetta (Lettie) Booth

B: 18 Mar 1854 in
Iowa
D: 30 Nov 1941 in
Muskogee, OK

William Harmon McBride

B: 01 Jan 1864 in
Dearborn., Platte Co
Mo
M: 25 Dec 1888 in
Dearborn, Platte Co.,
MO
D: 1928 in Tulsa, OK

Catherine Asberine Tays

B: 02 Apr 1867 in
Dearborn, Platte Co.,
MO
D: 05 Sep 1906 in
Dearborn, Platte Co.,
MO

William VanKirk Barber

B: 29 Sep 1815 in...
M: 15 Feb 1844 in...
D: 27 Oct 1893 in...

Jane Anderson

B: 22 Feb 1817 in
Scotland
D: 03 Dec 1872 in
Cutler Twsp, Franklin
Co., KS

William (Wilson) Booth

B: 1820 in Indiana
M:
D: Abt. 1903 in
Oklahoma

Mary Burns

B: 1826 in VA
D: Abt. 1868 in Iowa

John Wesley McBride

B: 22 Feb 1840 in...
M: 28 Dec 1862 in...
D: 18 Jun 1904 in...

Lurany Hurst

B:
D:

John Campbell Tays

B: 22 Nov 1846 in...
M: 31 May 1866 in...
D: 26 Feb 1889 in...

Susan Ann Maupin

B: 17 Feb 1851 in
Daviess, Missouri,
D: 27 Oct 1915 in
Green Twp, Platte Co.
MO

George Barber, Jr.

B: 02 Sep 1793 in...

Margaret Ashton

B: 26 Jul 1795 in...

Name:

B:

Name:

B:

John Booth

B: 1778

Verletta

B: 1783

Name:

B:

Name:

B:

William McBride

B: Bet. 1811-1812...

Diadema Oder

B: 1821

Harmon Hurst

B: 23 Aug 1785 in...

Francis Haddix

B: 10 Feb 1800 in KY

William C. Tays

B: 01 Sep 1817 in...

Dorcus Caroline Campbell

David Gentry Maupin

Mary Elizabeth Herring

Pedigree Chart for Floyd Miller Moore

Floyd Miller Moore

B: 06 Jan 1912 in
Muskogee, OK
M: 01 Sep 1937 in
Sebastian Ark
D: 23 Jun 1963 in Talequah
Ok

Robert Lee Moore

B: 15 Mar 1877 in Meredian,
Bosque Co TX
M: 21 Apr 1907 in
Muskogee, OK
D: 19 Feb 1944 in
Muskogee, OK

Gertrude Ethel Lowrey

B: 03 Nov 1888 in Anna,
Union Co. IL
D: 02 Oct 1969 in
Muskogee, OK

John Thomas Moore

B: Jan 1842 in Tishamingo
Co. MS
M: 11 Feb 1870 in Falls, Co.
Tx
D: Mar 1903 in Bruceville,
McLennan Co. TX

Jennie A. Williams

B: 1850 in Seymour TX
D: Dec 1883 in Meridian,
Bosque Co. TX

James Washington Lowrey

B: May 1851 in NC
M: 04 Jul 1872 in Illinois
D: 07 Apr 1907 in Anna,
Union Co. IL

Sarah Elizabeth Davis

B: 20 Dec 1849 in Marion
Co. TN
D: 25 Apr 1899 in Anna,
Union Co. IL

Robert M. Moore

B: Abt. 1812 in Ireland
M: Abt. 1835 in SC
D: 1880 in Mooreville, Tx

Margaret K Wiley

B: Abt. 1812 in SC
D: 1901 in Bruceville,
McLennan Co. TX

William Williams

B: Abt. 1798 in TN
M:
D:

Gerrilla(Cinderella) _____ Williams

B: Abt. 1809 in Georgia
D:

James (Lowry) Lowrey

B: Abt. 1818 in NC
M: Abt. 1833 in Wake Co.
NC
D: Bef. 1870 in IL

Margaret _____ Lowrey

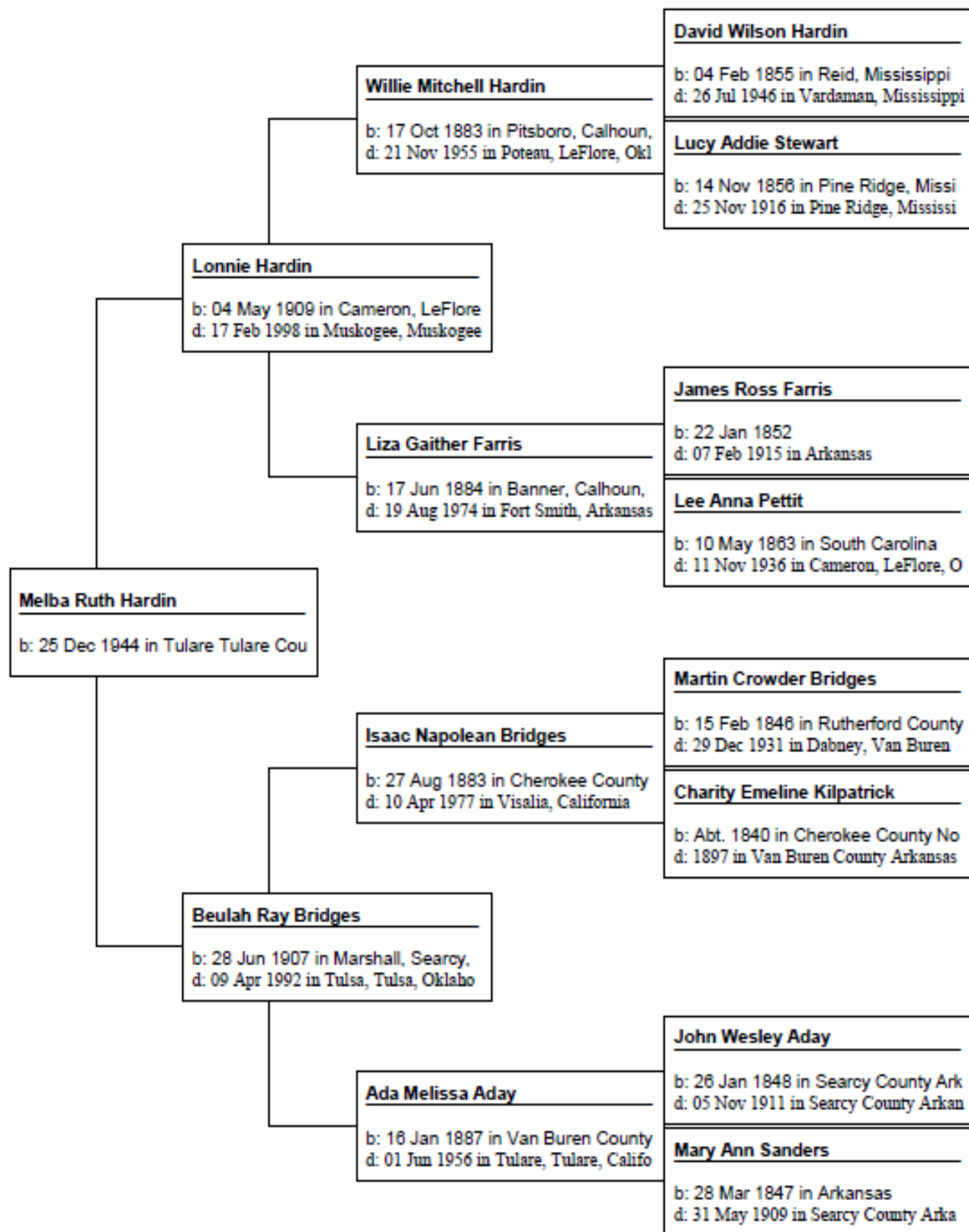
B: Abt. 1818 in NC
D: Abt. 1852

Robert Green Davis

B: Abt. 1810 in NC
M: 1844 in Marion Co. TN
D: Bef. 1880

Sarah Jaminah Rodden

B: 13 Dec 1811 in
Mecklenburg, NC
D: 17 Dec 1909 in Anna,
Union Co. IL



Notes: Prepared by Melba Hardin Ranks

**Pedigree Chart for
Julia Ann Orr
wife of George Washington Osteen II**

Julia Ann Orr

b: 14 Aug 1872 in Bedford,
Tennessee
m: 27 May 1893 in Bedford Co.,
TN
d: 24 Feb 1929 in Chickasha,
Grady, Oklahoma

John Rufus Orr

b: 02 Mar 1838 in Bedford Co., TN
m: Bef. 1858 in Bedford Co., TN
d: 30 Sep 1908 in Bedford Co.,
Tennessee

Mary Lucendia Shaw

b: 09 Oct 1836 in TN
d: 10 Feb 1906

William Newton Orr

b: 14 Aug 1814 in Sumner Co. TN
m: 1834 in Crowels Chapel,
Bedford Co, Tennessee
d: 15 Nov 1905 in Bedford Co. TN

Annie Christine Thompson

b: 05 Apr 1817 in Bedford Co. TN
d: 04 May 1853 in Bedford Co. TN

William Moore Shaw

b: 05 Jul 1806 in Orange, North
Carolina
m: Feb 1827 in Bedford Co., TN
d: 06 Nov 1886 in Unionville,
Bedford, Tennessee

Mahala Anne Wilson

b: 15 Jan 1809 in Orange, North
Carolina
d: 31 Jul 1885 in Unionville,
Tennessee

David Orr

b: 1774 in Virginia
m: 21 Feb 1800 in Sumner Co. TN
d: Bef. 1854 in Unionville, Poplins
Crossroads, Bedford Co. TN

Jenny McElwrath

b: 1782 in Rowan Co. NC
d: Bef. 1850 in Not on 1820
census

John Thompson

b:
m:
d:

Mary "Polly" Snell

b:
d:

John Shaw

b: 05 Nov 1771 in SC
m: 17 Aug 1805 in Orange Co. NC
d: 04 Nov 1845 in Bedford,
Tennessee

Elizabeth Scott

b: 1778 in Maryland
d: 26 Feb 1842 in Bedford,
Tennessee

John D. Wilson

b: 1779
m: 12 Aug 1802
d: Abt. 1815 in Orange, North
Carolina

Nancy Louize Wortham

b: Orange, North Carolina
d: Abt. 1849

Ancestral Chart



Chart No. _____

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

On Chart No. _____

James I. Hammersley
BORN 09 May 1884
PLACE District of Columbia
MARRIED 27 Nov 1905
PLACE Rockville, MD
DIED
PLACE Unknown

John Hammersley
BORN 25 Dec 1850
PLACE District of Columbia
MARRIED Unknown
PLACE Unknown
DIED 13 Jan 1889
PLACE District of Columbia

CONT. ON CHART _____

CONT. ON CHART _____

Catherine Ryan
BORN - Dec 1855
PLACE Baltimore, MD
DIED - 1930
PLACE District of Columbia

CONT. ON CHART _____

CONT. ON CHART _____

Charles Everett Hammersley
BORN 20 Dec 1908
PLACE Mt. Rainier, MD
MARRIED 11 Jan 1939
PLACE Muskogee, OK
DIED 03 Jan 1944
PLACE Muskogee, OK

Johann Zeidler
CONT. ON CHART _____

Maria Heenan
CONT. ON CHART _____

Bessie Beatrice Zeidler
BORN 02 Apr 1883
PLACE Painsutauney, PA
DIED 04 May 1958
PLACE Muskogee, OK

Charles William Hickox
CONT. ON CHART _____

Evelyn Elvira Zeidler
BORN 10 Feb 1855
PLACE Coalspring, PA
DIED 20 Jun 1939
PLACE Indiana, PA

Mary Catherine Mlakee
CONT. ON CHART _____

Ancestral Chart



Chart No. _____

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the same person as No. _____

On Chart No. _____

Sybil Leona Woolverton
BORN 16 Nov 1917
PLACE Muskogee, OK
MARRIED 11 Jun 1939
PLACE Muskogee, OK
DIED 29 Dec 1999
PLACE Muskogee, OK
Charles Everett Hammersley
NAME OF SPOUSE

William Albro Woolverton
BORN 11 Feb 1887
PLACE Washington Co., AR
MARRIED 14 Mar 1910
PLACE Muskogee, OK
DIED 21 Sep 1967
PLACE Muskogee, OK

Elsie Jane Denton
BORN 16 Sep 1888
PLACE Monroe Co, TN
DIED 24 Nov 1976
PLACE Muskogee, OK

Joseph Campbell Woolverton
BORN 13 Feb 1861
PLACE Cass Co, TX
MARRIED 14 Sep 1882
PLACE Fayetteville, AR
DIED 17 Oct 1940
PLACE Muskogee, OK

Amanda Salama Darrow
BORN 30 Sep 1861
PLACE Lin Co., MO (?)
DIED 11 Apr 1935
PLACE Muskogee, OK

William Atkins Denton
BORN 06 Mar 1861
PLACE Monroe Co, TN
MARRIED 21 Oct 1885
PLACE Monroe Co., TN
DIED 22 Jun 1931
PLACE Texas Co, MO

Martha Leona Harris
BORN 01 Jan 1865
PLACE Monroe Co, TN
DIED 28 Aug 1943
PLACE Muskogee, OK

William Woolverton
CONT. ON CHART _____

Hannah E. Nyles (Nyles)
CONT. ON CHART _____

William B. Darrow
CONT. ON CHART _____

Mary McElmans
CONT. ON CHART _____

Alfred (Alfred) Denton
CONT. ON CHART _____

Dorcas Click
CONT. ON CHART _____

J. Harris
CONT. ON CHART _____

Jane Harris
CONT. ON CHART _____

Ancestral Chart



Chart No. _____

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On Chart No. _____

Martha Jane Foster
BORN 15 Oct 1839
PLACE Chautford Co, AR
MARRIED 03 Jul 1851
PLACE Grayson Co, TX
DIED 03 Sep 1914
PLACE Castle, OKfuskee Co, OK

Silas Houston Martin
NAME OF SPOUSE

Lee J. Foster
BORN ca. 1799
PLACE NC
MARRIED ca. 1819
PLACE ?
DIED 1860-1870
PLACE Lamar Co, TX

Anna Clark
BORN ca. 1805
PLACE Unknown
DIED Unknown
PLACE AR (?)

BORN
PLACE
MARRIED
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _____

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103 Years

Greenville G. Preston

Greenville G. Preston, longtime Muskogee resident, died Sunday evening at Muskogee Regional Medical Center. He was 103.



Mr. Preston was born December 22, 1886 in River, Kentucky, where he grew up and lived before coming to Muskogee in 1908. He has continued to make his home here since that time. During his early years he was in government service with the Post Office, but spent most of his productive years as a public accountant. He retired in 1949. His wife, Grace, preceded him in death in 1972. Following his retirement, he has remained very active in Masonic work.

Mr. Preston was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. He was a member of Oriental Masonic Lodge No. 430 A F & A M for 72 years. He also belong to York Rite Bodies, the Bedouin Shrine, and the Tulsa Scottish Rite.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. in Fosters' Ivory Chapel of Petering Funeral Home with Dr. Glenn E. Millard officiating. Burial and Masonic services will be conducted in Greenhill Cemetery. Members of Oriental Masonic Lodge No. 430 will serve as pallbearers.

Mr. Preston was preceded in death by his brother, Elbert J., on January 31, 1983.

Survivors include three nieces, Grace Queen of Callettsburg, KY, Kathleen Nethencutt of Ashland, KY and Fern Cunningham of Beaver, Ohio.

The below is posted on Mr. Preston's findagrave memorial at Greenhill Cemetery. I've also include his obit from the Phoenix.

From C.W. "Dub" West

(Pgs 145-147) Green Preston - An Extraordinary Person [photo of Green Preston] When I told Green Preston that I wanted to interview him in order to write an article about him for this column, he said that he was just an ordinary person and did not merit such an article. I told him that he was an extraordinary person, and the world should know about him. I believe you will agree with me.

Green was born Dec. 22, 1886, in Johnson County Ky., in the eastern foothills of the Cumberland Mountains.

The principal occupations were coal mining and logging. Green as a boy dug shallow coal on the Preston property for family consumption and later worked in the commercial mines.

The only work available for Green and his brother, Elbert, as boys was working for farmers at 25 cents a day.

Green came to Muskogee in 1908. A sister and her husband had come here earlier and urged her brother to come to this new state.

... Elbert joined his brother and sister in Muskogee in 1909. ...

... Green began working in the post office under Alice Robertson, serving successively under the O.H.P. Brewer, Belulah H. Cureton, and Robert V. Anderson. [following is a list of Green's activities and achievements.]

...The most extraordinary thing about Green is that at 97 he takes care of his I brother, Elbert, a double amputee, who will be 94 this month.

... Elbert, who had been in the construction business in California, came to live with Green in 1973 when the latter's wife died. Elbert's wife had died the month before.

... Green is looking forward to his 98th birthday and still insists that he is "just an ordinary person." I maintain he is extraordinary.

116 Years

Mrs. Millie Steveson, 116, Dies; Resident Of City For 40 Years

Mrs. Millie Steveson, 116-year-old Cherokee of 1914 South Cherokee, who moved to Muskogee with her husband and family from Alabama in 1908 died Tuesday morning in a local hospital.

She is survived by her 112-year-old husband Martin Steveson to whom she had been married for 85 years. They had lived in Muskogee all of their 40 years in the state.

Mrs. Steveson was born August 16, 1831 in Alabama and came to Oklahoma at the age of 76, when she was already a great-grandmother. At the time of her death she was the oldest of a six-generation family, having a number of great-great-great-grandchildren.

Survivors, in addition to the husband, include three daughters, Mrs. Jack Thompson, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Rosie Starr, Wapanucka, and Mrs. Julie Morgan of Michigan; two sons, L. S. Steveson, Lufkin, Texas, and Nathan Steveson of Lancaster, Ohio; 56 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 21 great-great-grandchildren and a number of great-great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Walker-Neargarten Funeral Home.

Lee Porter

Lee Porter, longtime resident of Muskogee, died Sunday afternoon at the V.A. Regional Medical Center. He was 100.

A native of St. Joseph, Missouri, he was born June 13, 1839 and grew up in Oklahoma, where he moved with his family in 1902. He attended Muskogee public schools and Henry Kendall College, and later finished his higher education at Berkley, Calif.

A veteran of World War I, he served in the Naval Air Service from 1918-1919. He also worked for Ringling Brothers-Barnum-Bailey Circus during his early years and held many fond memories of this time in his life. During his later active years, he worked for the Ice Capades in

Florida. Mr. Porter returned to Muskogee in the 1930's after living in California. He was employed for many years at the YMCA in Muskogee, and also was associated with Crew-Porter Wholesale.

Mr. Porter was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church for 84 years. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge No. 430.

He is survived by a nephew, Franklin Porter III of Tulsa.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. in Greenhill Cemetery with Rev. B. Richard Dennis officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Foster-Petering Funeral Home.

100 Years

OBITUARIES

The items here are paid obituaries as received from Muskogee-area funeral homes.

Carrie T. Borovetz

Carrie T. Borovetz, 100, died Thursday night at her home in Muskogee. She was born April 21, 1898 to Guy and Nancy (Proctor) Thornton in Fort Gibson, Indian Territory. Carrie grew up and attended school at Whitaker Orphanage in Pryor before moving to Muskogee where she furthered her education at Bacone College. She then went to work at the School for the Blind. Carrie and Joseph Borovetz, Jr. were married September 4, 1926 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The couple made their home in Muskogee where they owned and operated the family greenhouses. Since 1926 she had been a faithful member of the First Lutheran Church and belonged to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.



Mrs. Borovetz was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Lucille Thornton Hogan and Flora Mae Pierce Leigh and two brothers, Thomas Thornton and Lewis Thornton. She is survived by her husband, Joe, of the home; two daughters, Betty Ann Borovetz Houston and Virginia Jo Borovetz Hart; grandchildren, Robert Dudley Carson, Joel Eugene Carson, Suzanne Kaye Houston Huebner, Michele Jo Lynn Houston Goodman, Jack Joseph Houston, Samuel James Houston and Lisa Carrie Alice Houston May; great-grand children, George Oliver Huebner, Jr., Ross Andrew Huebner, Brent Joseph Huebner, Kaylyn Suzanne Huebner, Carrie Jo Goodman, Kacie Linn Goodman, Courtney Michele Goodman, Jeana Ann Houston, Samuel James Houston, Jr., Jack Nicklaus Houston, Jacob Michael Houston, Joseph Robert May and Melissa Catherine May; step great-grandchildren, Santina Stemmley, Shawn Buckley and Mallory Krump; two step great-great-grandchildren, Haley Stemmley and Hannah Stemmley.

Funeral services will be 2:00

103 Years

103-Year-Old Denies Banister Slide For Fun

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (AP)—Edward Van Duyne, 103 years old, explained from a hospital bed Saturday he suffered a back injury when he slid down a banister "like an express train" but, he hastened to add, he wasn't playing.

"I want you to get this straight," told a reporter, "I wasn't straddling that banister and sliding down as I did when a kid."

Van Duyne said he grabbed the banister when he lost his balance on a circular stairway. He added:

"I went down like an express train until I struck a pillar on the curve at the bottom."

"One gets used to these things in the course of 103 years, he remarked.



Virginia Perry, submitted this information. She said Ms. Chasteen was known by some of the older members of the Society.

Obituaries

Jerri Gearldine Chasteen

Graveside funeral services for Jerri Gearldine (Rogers) Chasteen, 81, Claremore, are Friday, July 24, 10 a.m., at Fairview Cemetery in Pryor. Services are under the direction of Key Funeral Home of Pryor.

She was born May 28, 1928 in Pryor, to Earl Jessie Rogers and Olga Nancy Williams. She died July 21, in Claremore. She attended the first eight years of school in Pryor and completed her education in California, where she achieved an associates degree in Business Administration and Accounting. She enjoyed several occupations in her professional life. She worked for American Airlines and Douglas Aircraft. She became a licensed private investigator and worked for the Fletcher detective agency in Tulsa. She and her husband later ran the CB shop and Truckers store in the Cherokee Truck Stop at Big Cabin. They became known from coast to coast by the truckers as "Copperhead and Deacon." "Deacon," Cloys Dwight Chasteen preceded her in death in 1984. She retired from the truck stop after Dwight died and decided to focus her passion on Cherokee Tribal history and became a certified professional genealogist. She worked closely with Lee Fleming HR, and the Cherokee Nation to promote accurate research practices. She also worked with the National Archives and the Mormons library in Salt Lake as she established the Cherokee Archival Project, collecting and translation of historical

records relating to all of the 5 civilized tribes. She became the first Head Registrar for the Cherokee Elders Society, and worked as Vice President of the Twin Territory Historical Society for several terms. She was a board member of the Native American Arts Council. During the 80s and 90s, the Oklahoma Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court considered her qualified to give "expert testimony" on Cherokee History and Cherokee Citizenship Rights.

Her dedication to the creation of accurate records for valid tribal citizenship was her passion. Until her death, she maintained the leadership of several online group sites such as on ancestor.com and Cherokee.net.

Much of her considerable research archives will be donated to the Pryor Library in hopes that everyone will be able to research their ancestors locally.

She is survived by one daughter Gloria Murray, Owasso; three grandchildren, Freeman Bull, Claremore, Nancy Neal, Claremore and Debra Mouse, Chouteau; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Pauline Rundell, and many nieces and nephews in the Pryor area.

Family will greet friends Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., at Key Funeral Home in Pryor.

KEY
FUNERAL HOME

THE BILL COOK GANG

By Linda Stout

It was 1894 and Indian Territory was lawless. All of its citizens were at the mercy of outlaws and gangs. The Indian police were mostly ineffective and couldn't begin to cover the entire territory. Local officials put together posses, but many of the "bad guys" got away before a posse could be formed. If someone was caught, they were taken to Fort Smith and Judge Parker for justice. The situation was so bad that territorial officials asked for help from the U.S. government., however, their pleas were largely ignored in Washington.

Into this mix came William Tuttle "Bill" Cook. He was the son of solid farming people. His father moved into the Territory from Tennessee after the Civil War and married a part-Cherokee widow with a small daughter (Louella). They had two sons, Bill in 1873 and Jim in 1877. Their father died when Jim was barely 1 year old and both boys were orphaned in their teens and placed in the Cherokee Orphan Asylum at Tahlequah. Bill ran away about the age of 14 and began working on various Cherokee farms and ranches. He needed money so he began to smuggle whiskey to the Indians. Unfortunately for Bill, he fell into the hands of revenue agents and was sent to jail in Fort Smith for six months.

Before his stint in the Fort Smith jail, he met and fell in love with Martha Pittman who lived near Sapulpa. When he was released, he vowed to start over and become an upstanding citizen, and was even a deputy sheriff for a time. Martha's father first agreed to the marriage but withdrew his permission when he found out Bill had spent time in jail. Bill was only 22 and Martha 19, but Martha vowed to marry him in secret. A friend of Bill's, Deputy Marshal Bill Smith, even obtained a marriage license for the couple but the ceremony never took place. Bill had already run afoul of the law again and was being pursued by lawmen.



Even though the Bill Cook gang's life was brief, it was spectacular. Bill began his career in a small way with only a few men, including his brother, Jim. He knew the Territory well from his days growing up and then as a deputy. They successfully committed many stagecoach, store, bank and railroad holdups, in a number unmatched by the James-Younger Gang or any other. They worked in the cane bottoms where the vegetation would hide them until they could rob some unsuspecting rider or stage. They even robbed entire towns, not bothering to hide their identities, and went from store to store taking money, clothing, arms, ammunition, etc. The gang camped openly and taunted the authorities by writing notes on the wanted posters. By October, 1894, 5000 "Wanted, Dead or Alive" posters had been distributed in Indian Territory offering \$250.00 for the bodies, payable by the U. S. Attorney General.

In June of 1894 E. C. Starr, treasurer of the Cherokee Nation, was at Tahlequah to handle the payout of government funds to Cherokee citizens. Since Bill and Jim Cook were entitled to a share they headed to Tahlequah. Along the way they picked up Cherokee Bill, a vicious outlaw. They knew they couldn't appear in person to collect so they asked a family friend, Effie Crittenden, to pick up the money for them. When she gave their names the authorities took notice. Marshals were sent to her home hoping to find the gang. The Cooks were caught off guard. There was a shootout and one of the marshals, Sequoyah Houston, was killed. Jim Cook was also wounded but the gang got away.

Bill realized he had to reorganize and strengthen his band, so he picked up some additional outlaws. His word was law and anyone breaking their oath to the gang would be killed. Identified as members of the Cook Gang were the Cook brothers, Crawford Goldsby (alias Cherokee Bill), Sam McWilliams (alias the Verdigris Kid), Lon Gordon, Thurman Baldwin (alias Skeeter Baldwin), Elmer Lucas (alias Chicken Lucas), Curt Dayson, Hank Munson, Jim French, George Sanders, Will Farris, Henry Starr and Jess Snyder.



Bill was finally run to ground by Deputy Marshal C. C. Perry near Roswell, New Mexico in January, 1895. He was taken back to Fort Smith and tried by Judge Isaac Parker February 12, 1895, and was sentenced to 45 years in the federal penitentiary at Albany, New York. He died there on February 7, 1900, and his body was returned to Oklahoma. He was buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Hulbert, Cherokee County. His brother, Jim, was shot and killed March 2, 1900 and is buried in the same cemetery. Other gang members met similar fates. Curtis Dayson, Thurman Baldwin, Jess Snyder and William Farris were all sent to prison for long terms. Jim French, George Sanders and the Verdigris Kid were shot to death by lawmen while resisting arrest. Cherokee Bill was hanged by Judge Parker in Fort Smith.

In retrospect, the Cook gang helped Oklahoma's bid for statehood. The surrounding states were so concerned about the ongoing lawlessness that they advocated statehood for Indian Territory. Federal troops could then be called in to keep the peace, thus protecting their borders and citizens.

Sources:

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103 Years

JESSIE NOBLE STOUT



Three sisters from the Stout family, Muskogee, OK, circa 1906. Standing is Sarah Lyona Stout, married Caleb H. Milliga. In chair is Mary Estelle Stout, who married Alton E. Bracken. In the dark dress is Jessie Noble Stout, who taught school and lived to be 103 years old. *Photo courtesy of Marilyn Reese.*

Did you ever complete a task that throughout all its accomplishing had been a great joy to you and then wonder whether those for whom the work was designed would respond to your spirit of pleasure? If you have, you will appreciate my condition of mind at the time of this writing, when the story is ready to go to the one for whom it was written.

This little story of my father and mother was written at the request of my niece, Mrs. Jack Florence (Charlotte Helen Milligan) and is intended solely for her pleasure as there could scarcely be any benefit to her or anyone else derived from it, but if there is the least enjoyment to her in reading it, I shall feel amply rewarded for the small amount of time, thought and effort I have put into it.

Most of the dates are fairly authentic, as I have obtained them from my mother, whose memory is more clear and reliable than anyone I have ever known of her age, or a good many years younger.

I have tried to put into this story some of the amusing side of the happenings of our lives. Some of them happened long ago before I came into this world, but they were repeated so often that it seems that I can remember living the experiences myself. Some of the incidents may seem small and trivial to the reader, but at the time of their occurrence they seemed very important to us. I have put some of them in, just in order to lead up to other events, and some I have put in to try to make the little story more interesting and lifelike. But they all happened, and are not just make-believe.

We were always a poor family – had no money half the time for necessities, let alone for recreation or amusement. Consequently, repeatedly relating stories of these little incidents was we children's chief form of amusement on days that we could not be out at work. I think this must be the cause of my remarkable memory of my childhood days, and so I have depended on it for most of the latter part of my story.

But I give no warranty, either expressed or implied, that anything in this story is strictly "according to Hoyle", and some of the dates are subject to change without notice. This story must be accepted under those terms.

If my story is rambling and disconnected, it is because I don't know how to connect a story in the approved way. So please be patient with the old lady "me", for I have done the best I know how at the present time.

Jessie Noble Stout
Muskogee, Oklahoma
March, 1943

MY FATHER – William Robert Stout was born March 30, 1852 at Center Valley, Arkansas. He was the second son of James Allen Stout and Matilda Strickland Stout. James Allen Stout was a native of Tennessee, born November 28, 1822, and came to Arkansas with his parents, James Stout and Elizabeth Rackliff Stout, when he was a small child. This overland journey of my great-grandparents was made in ox wagons loaded with all they possessed and hundreds of Negro slaves, some of whom would never leave "Ol Mars Jim" and "Mis Lizzy" even after they were free. James Allen grew up to be quite a military man. He enlisted in the Mexican War when quite young and fought through the war without a scratch. Most of the time he was under the command of General Zachary Taylor. When the Civil War broke out, he being the most efficient man in military affairs organized the first company of soldiers in that community. He was the captain of his company and also came through that war without a scratch. When the Spanish-American War broke out he tried to enlist but was turned down on account of his age. He spent most of his life in Arkansas and was considered one of the most informed men and the best farmer of his time. He died at Atkins, Arkansas in November, 1908.

Matilda Strickland Stout died at the birth of her third child (the child also died) when my father was about two and one-half years old. My father's oldest brother was John James Stout (deceased). About one year after the death of my father's mother, my grandfather married Cathrine Phue Stout. They had two boys, Wessley Phue Stout, now living somewhere, I think, in Colorado or Arkansas,

and Thomas Jefferson Stout (deceased). After the death of my father's mother, his grandmother on his father's side, Elizabeth Rackliff Stout, mostly took care of John and "Dock", as my father was nick-named from trying to imitate a "horse doctor" to all the children of his neighborhood as he grew older.

My father's childhood was a series of "ups and downs", mostly "downs", if all the stories I have heard are true, for his father and grandfather were both in the Army during the Civil War. His grandmother lost everything she had from "Bushwhacker" raids and battle casualties. During one battle at Dardenelle, Arkansas, the women and children were driven under the river bank for protection while the battle raged and when they were allowed to come out the town was in ashes. The women and children, including my father, his brother and grandmother had to go with the Army and draw rations just like the soldiers until other arrangements could be made. John and "Dock" lived the rest of the time with their grandmother until they were married, and then she lived with them. She lived until I was about two and one-half years old. She gave the "Jessie" part of my name to me. For the honor of naming me, she gave me a gray cashmere dress, which my mother made and trimmed with maroon velvet. I can remember as well as if it had been yesterday how that dress looked. My sister, just younger than I, was buried in it, as I had outgrown it and it had been handed down to her. She was so foolish about it for it was a beautiful dress. At the close of the Civil War there were no free schools in Arkansas. All the schooling children got was when some stray "professor", from nobody knew where, drifted into the community and taught a few weeks "subscription" school during the summer months, or a ten nights "writing school." But in spite of difficulties, my father managed to pick up what would be considered above the average education at that time. Also at the close of the Civil War, my father was old enough to work at odd jobs to support himself. He joined what was known as the Militia and helped reorganize the affairs of his state. Then he and John bought a farm, built and furnished a house, took in their grandmother for their housekeeper (and how she did love her two boys) and turned to farming. John soon married and moved out, but "Dock" and grandmother were living here when he met my mother.

MY MOTHER – Martha Ellen Taylor Stout was born January 4, 1854 at Anderson, South Carolina. She was the sixth child of Toliver Taylor and Anne McAlister Taylor. Toliver Taylor was also born at Anderson, South Carolina about the year 1821. He spent most of his early life as an overseer on the big plantations owned by his father, Elijah Taylor, and his grandfather, William Levert. These plantations were in both South Carolina and Georgia. They were both considered wealthy as far as land and Negro slaves were concerned. He was counted the best overseer in South Caroling. He never "whipped a negro" in all his work as overseer, and was "Marse Toliver" to all the Negroes in the neighborhood. They all loved him. The old family record has been lost, so I have no positive proof of the claim, but it has always been handed down in the family tradition that Elijah Taylor was a first cousin to General Zachary Taylor, who became the twelfth president of the United States. That would make him related to the wife of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States, and to Davis's daughter, Varina Anne Davis, "The Daughter of the Confederacy." Anne McAlister Taylor was the daughter of Alexander McAlister and Leanah Campbell McAlister. She was born in Abboville County, South Carolina in 1822. Her parents were also Negro slave and plantation owners. About the year my mother was born, her father bought a farm and settled down to farming. The family lived on this farm until they left South Carolina in 1871. Toliver and Anne Taylor had nine children, Mary Ann Taylor (Mrs. Frank Cook – deceased), William and John Taylor (twins – deceased), Jane Elizabeth Taylor (Mrs. Jack Cook – deceased), Obediah Johnston Taylor (deceased), Jane Ellen Taylor (my mother), James Toliver Taylor (deceased), Bethiah Georgiana Taylor (Mrs. Seabe Mullins, now living at Dover, Arkansas), and Sarah Frances Taylor (deceased). Grandfather Taylor was conscripted into the Southern Army in 1863. He was killed in battle during the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864. He was under General John Bell Hood. He was wrapped in his blanket and buried by his comrades in a shallow grave on the battlefield. The twin boys, William and John, were conscripted and taken into the Southern Army when only sixteen years of age. They contracted measles and being so young and unused to the hardships and exposures of army life at that time, drifted into pneumonia and died in Columbia, South Carolina in 1864. The catholic people would visit and care for the sick and wounded soldiers and before he died, William was converted to the Catholic faith and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Columbia, South Carolina. I have heard that they placed a marker at his head and it can still be found. John was buried in a Southern Army battleground cemetery somewhere near Columbia. At the closed of the Civil War, Grandmother Taylor and the children had to make their living as best they could. Grandfather Elijah Taylor's slaves remained with him and would come and help "Mis Anne" and the children with the heavy work. The government required all persons in the Southern States over twenty-one to take the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States. They also required that all the property of such persons, even Southern War widows, be sold to the highest bidder at public auction to help pay off the war debt. So everything Grandmother Taylor had, even the beds and quilts and the crops she and the children had worked and made after Grandfather Taylor had been killed was sold at public auction. Everything she got to keep she had to pay for in good United States money. At the close of the Civil War, South Carolina had a pretty good system for free schools, but orphan children had to work too hard to get much benefit from them. But Grandmother Taylor kept the children in school more than most widowed mothers could. The oldest daughter, Mary Anne, got a pretty fair academic education and taught several terms of school in her home district. After three oldest living children married, the sons and sons-in-law got the "Arkansas Fever", as Arkansas was then considered a promising western country for farmers. As Grandmother Taylor didn't want to be left alone in South Carolina with the younger children, she sold her farm and came with the whole family to Arkansas in 1871. She settled in what is now Pope County, Arkansas. She lived here until she died in 1875.

THE MEETING – Grandmother Taylor and her family came to Arkansas on the train, the first one most of them had ever ridden on and the first one some of them had ever seen. The first railroad to be built in Arkansas was then under construction and was only built to what was then known as Perry's Station. This was the station the family came to. They knew some folks living near this

station that had lived neighbors to them in South Carolina. They had to get someone to take them to this friend's house. It happened that Cap Smith, an uncle of my father, was at the station that day. He had hauled some cotton here to sell. Grandmother Taylor got him to take them to the friend's house. When Uncle Cap got home, my father was there for a visit. Uncle Cap said to him, "Well, Dock, I hauled you out a girl from South Carolina today." A few weeks later my mother was visiting at a girl friend's house (Kit McKee) and, as my imagination pictured it, my father found out that she was there. He came there pretending to look for some hogs he had heard were for sale, but mostly, I think, just to see what the "new girl" looked like. Evidently she "looked pretty good" to him, for they were married the next summer, July 27, 1872.

I think the most important events in my father's and mother's lives must have been having children, for they had nine. The oldest one (daughter) died at birth. The next was Leanah Gertrude Stout (Mrs. William N. Scott), born at Atkins, Arkansas, December 10, 1876.

The rest of them came along at intervals of about two and one-half years. Some few closer together and others wider apart, but that would be about the average. Doctors were pretty scarce in their community at that time, so they had to depend mostly on the services of a "midwife" at the birth of the children. If the parents of the child would name it after her or let her name it, she would deduct five dollars from her regular charge. And as five dollars was more important to my father at that time than the name of a child, one can account for some of the peculiar names in our family. The next child was James Malichi Stout (five dollars saved), born May 25, 1880 [1880]. Sarah Lyvona Stout (Mrs. Caleb H. Milligan) born, January 16, 1883. Harriet Clementine Stout (another five dollars saved) born January 7, and died at the age of nine or ten years. Mary Estelle Stout (Mrs. Alton E. Bracken), born November 27, 1887 and died at the age of thirty-seven. Jessie Noble Stout (Yours truly – the Noble for the Methodist Circuit Rider) born July 4, 1890 (and has lived ever after). Marilla Ellen Stout, born January 5, and died at the age of two. And William Oscar Stout, born September 21, and died at the age of six.

My father was a great Bible student. He believed every word in the bible. He especially believed in the text, "Bring up a child in the way it should go." And he seemed to think the way it should go was to be strictly honest, tell the truth under all circumstances and "speak when you are spoke to and come when you are called." I think the older we children grow, the more we appreciate the early training my father gave us. My father also seemed to like changes, and as he could not make big and important changes, he made small ones by moving from place to place in the same community. We lived in so many different places, some of them owned for a few years by my father and some of them rented. We had each place named and always referred to them by name. For example, we lived on "Grandma Stout's old place." "the Fendly Place." "Uncle Seabe's Little House.", "The Middy Place." "Uncle John's Little House." "The Uncle Jack Place" (where I was born). "Uncle Seabe's Big House." "Grandpa Stout's House at Atkins." And a lot of others that I can't think of right now. At each place my father always tried to make better crops and keep the place up just a little bit better than the person that had lived there the year before. My father's chief avocation seemed to be attending each public auction sale he could hear of and out-bidding everyone on the sorriest old horse that was put up for sale. He would bring the old horse home and get lots of "kick" in feeding and currying him until he would get so fat and slick he would get so mean my father could not handle him and would have to sell him. My mother's chief delight, outside of keeping the family clothed and fed, seemed to be making quilts. I think if there was any way of keeping count of them, she has made several thousand. She gave many and many of them away to people who had been unfortunate and needy. The last one she made was about two years ago. She got lots of pleasure out of making it, although her hands were so shaky she could not cut her pieces nor thread her needle.

This history from Jessie Noble Stout will conclude in the next issue, June, 2010.

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Miss Jessie Noble Stout

Miss Jessie Noble Stout, 103, Muskogee resident died Friday at Eastgate Village Retirement Center. She was the daughter of William and Martha Stout, born July 4, 1890 in Atkins, Ark.

Jessie, along with her family, arrived in a covered wagon in Oklahoma's Indian Territory in 1893. They made their home in the McLain area where Jessie received her early schooling. She continued her education at N.E.O.S.U. where she received a degree in education. Jessie began a teaching career which spanned many years. She taught in many schools in the Muskogee area retiring from the McLain School where she taught subjects in a one-room school.

Because of her love for knowledge and history, Jessie completed a biography of the Stout family with information dating back to daily accounts of the final battles of the civil War. She was a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church. Jessie was given the honor of being a member of the Golden Okies, a group of Oklahomans who surpassed the age of 100. She was a former member and past chaplain of the Rebekah Lodge in McLain. Jessie loved to sew and make doll clothes and also loved to grow flowers and vegetables well into her later years. She had been a resident at Eastgate Village for the past seven years.

Survivors include a niece, Sue Rayls, of Pensacola, Fla.; great-niece, Marilyn Reese, of Muskogee; great-nephew, Buddy Reese, of Muskogee; great-great-niece, Tina Reese, of Muskogee; and a great-great-nephew, Scott Godwin, of Muskogee.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Greenhill Cemetery with the Rev. Ann Lamar Ravda officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Funeral arrangements are under direction of Petering Funeral Home.

Obituary information extracted from:
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1993, Page 3C
Submitted by Linda Stout

GHOST OF WOMEN (sic) SCARES MR. BRIGGS

Watcher Says Face Peared (sic) Out Window at Raymond Home at Midnight Hour

Ollie Briggs, hearing tales of “hants” and ghosts hovering around the old C. W. Raymond home, 504 Columbus street, went out there the other night to sleep on the porch and wait for the “critters”

He had a brick in each hand and was going to slay anything that showed up with a ghostly appearance.

Just as the hand of the clock showed the hour of midnight, Briggs declares that the face of a woman looked at him from a dark window. The woman’s face was white and she appeared to be in distress,

He grabbed a brick in each hand and started toward the window. The woman disappeared. Then he looked again, and for the second time the face appeared. The hair on Briggs’ head then began to straighten like the ruff on an a angry dog and he could not keep it down.

Dropping the bricks he “beat it” for town.

“I am not afraid of a living man” said Briggs. “but I don’t feel equal to grappling with a ghost.”

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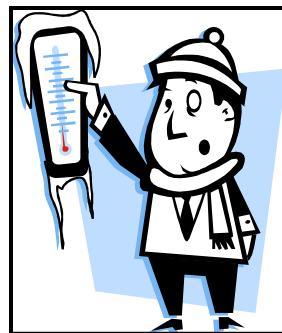
WINTER POEM

Its winter in Oklahoma
and the gentle breezes blow
seventy miles an hour
at thirty-five below.

Oh, how I love Oklahoma
when the snow's up to your butt.
You take a breath of winter
and your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful.
So I guess I'll hang around.
I could never leave Oklahoma
cuz I'm frozen to the ground

Submitted by Ann Gardner



Oklahoma's Largest Family

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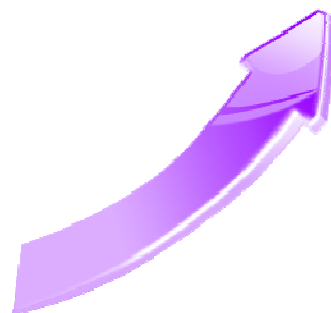


Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Andrews, 1635 Summit, shown at right, claim to have the largest family in Oklahoma. And, pushed, they might extend their claim further. They have 17 children, 10 boys and seven girls, all of whom were in Muskogee recently at a family reunion occasioned by the serious illness of Mrs. Andrews. Ten of those shown in the picture above are sons and daughters of Mrs. Andrews, and the remainder children of two previous wives of Andrews, who was born in Woodruff County Ark., and was married first at Ozark, Ark., November 28, 1893, at the age of 23. He was married to the present Mrs. Andrews, the former Clema Baker, in St. Paul, Ark., in 1911. The family moved from Dyer, Ark., to Checotah, in 1933 when Andrews retired as a farmer, and they moved to Muskogee in 1941. Seven of those children shown are sons and daughters of the first Mrs. Andrews. Andrews, who says it is just as easy to raise a large family as a small one, has fathered 21 children, four of whom are now deceased. And in addition he boasts 29 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In the above picture, left to right, the children are: Front row, Elsie (Brown), oldest child, Flossy (Burton), Mildred (Edwards), second row, Clema Lee (Dreibelbis), Jack, Alma Ruth (Pierce), Franklin D., youngest son, Janie (Milam), Glenn D., Josephine (Smith); back row, Henry, James Baker, Floyd, Howard, Orville, Woodrow, and Will. They came from points in the far west, middlewest and the south to visit their parents here.



Looking over the supply of clothing destined for the destitute at the Gospel Rescue Mission are Mrs. John Fletcher, Mrs. Hobert Cox and Reverend Hobert Cox, superintendent of the mission. Reverend Cox is showing the two women where a pair of children's coveralls needs patching. The Mission renovates clothing to be given to transients, needy local families and school children. It is a Red Feather Agency. (Staff Photo)

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Black History Month

Negro Hospital Fund Approved

City Council Recesses Until Election Night

By NOEL D. BALLARD

A resolution that \$6935.42 worth of equipment be purchased for the Muskogee Provident Hospital for the Muskogee Provident Hospital for negroes, from money left over from a hospital bond issue voted some time ago, and that three nurses and a supervisor for the hospital be employed, was approved by the city council at its regular meeting in the city hall Monday night.

After other matters of a general routine nature were passed on, the meeting was recessed until Tuesday night, August 5, when it will meet again to count the votes on the proposal to change the form of city government.

Planning Board Named

Mayor J. Ollie Lee appointed a new city planning board, which was approved by the council. The appointments were George C. Lynde, Gene Doke, W. J. "Bill" Rea, Gordon Harper, Hugh M. Marsh, Dr. Halsell Fite and John King.

William Nichols, an old member of the board, was not renamed, at his own request, stating his business affairs prevent him from attending to the board meetings regularly. Practically the same reasons were given for the board, was not renamed, at his own request, stating his business affairs prevent him from attending to the board meetings regularly. Practically the same reasons were given for the failure to reappoint Tams Bixby, Jr., another old member. They were the only two not renamed.

Equipment Needed

It was pointed out by the council committee appointed two weeks ago to investigate conditions at the negro hospital that \$9664.89 is left from the bond issue voted a few years ago to improve and enlarge the hospitals. The sum of almost \$3000 left will be used to complete the top floor of the Provident Hospital, it was explained.

W. E. "Bill" Apperson, chairman of the committee to make the investigation, reported that it was the consensus of opinion of the committee, the hospital board, the committee of negroes backing the plan, and Edna Rockefeller, general superintendent of the Muskogee General Hospital, that the purchases should be made.

Simmons Praises Council

"Investigating conditions at the Provident Hospital," Apperson said, "we found everything as clean and neat as it could be, but that they need some equipment, such as beds, mattresses, ice boxes, a microscope, etc."

After the resolution was passed, Jake Simmons, representing the negro Chamber of Commerce, said, "I think this council and this city administration should be commended on what it has done. Your committee met with us, the hospital board, and all concerned, and we had a very harmonious meeting. This is the first council that has ever really tried to
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do something for us in regard to the Provident Hospital."

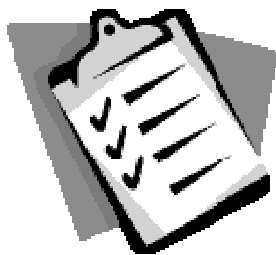
At a recent meeting it had been suggested that at the next city general election the proposal be put to the voters that a hospital board of three negro members be provided for the purpose of supervising the negro hospital.

May Get Nurses' School

In regard to the establishment of a nurses' training school at the negro hospital, Apperson said there is a state law that the average daily number of patients must be at least 75 for a hospital to qualify, whereas the Provident Hospital has a daily average of only 14.

J. E. Johnson, a former business manager of the hospital, said that with the purchase of needed equipment the hospital could draw upon three surrounding counties for patients and that the number of patients probably would soon increase to 75 daily.

A recommendation that the alley in block two of the Bowlin Heights addition be closed was accepted and an ordinance to that effect directed to be prepared.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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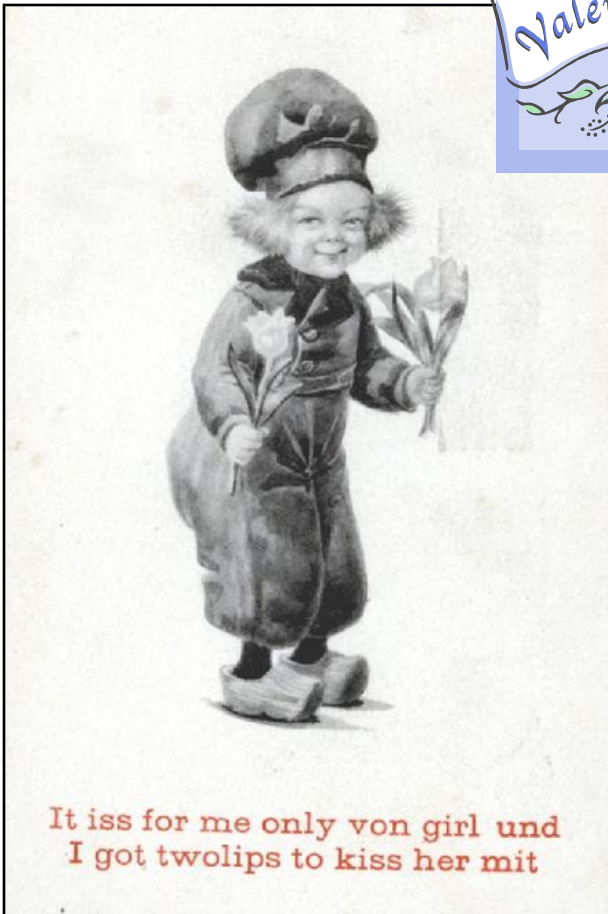
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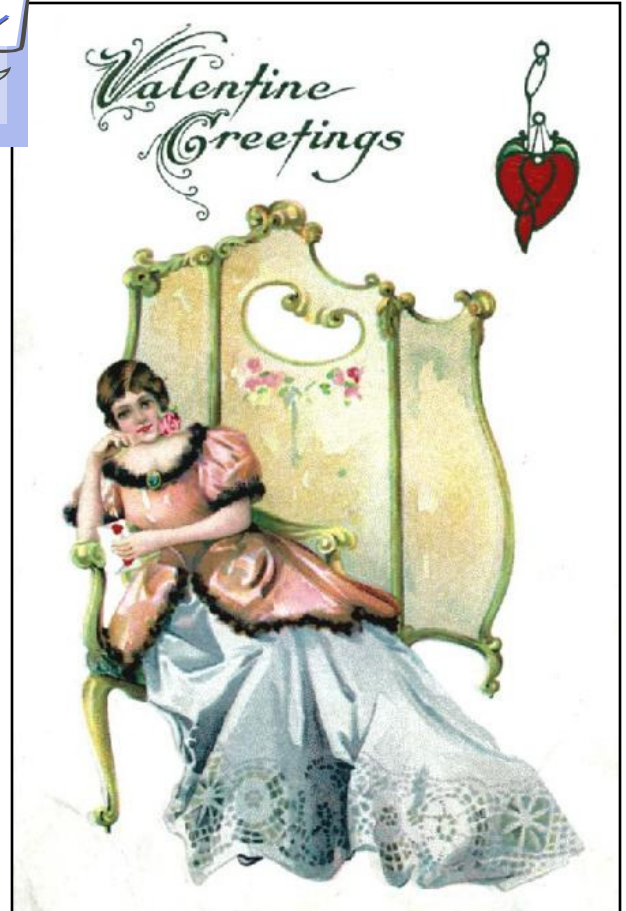
Each new member and renewal member is asked to submit an ancestry chart.



Submitted
by

Karen

Wagner



CHICKEN ENJOYS RIDING FORD ON LONG MOTOR TRIP

A. Edensen, his wife and baby boy of San Antonio, Texas, rode into Muskogee yesterday on a long motor trip from San Antonio to Chicago.

A young barred rock rooster was perched on the back of the front seat between Edensen and his wife. When the car was brought to a stop, the rooster was tied to the running board with a light piece of rope.

"We closed our home for the summer", said Mrs. Edensen, "and sold our chickens. This one was the pet of our little boy. He cried so that we took the chick along."

"You know we had him tied at first, but now he likes and won't leave the car. He rides back on the seat unguarded and is just as proud as a peacock. We intended to eat him on the trip, but we have become so attached to the thing that we are going to take him north and bring him back with us in the fall."

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Arbor Day Honoree

Each year, the Muskogee County Genealogical Society members have chosen one of their own to honor with the planting of a tree in the Arboretum at Honor Heights Park. This year we have chosen as our honoree:

Lulu Boggs

Lulu is a long-time member of our society and is an ardent preserver of her family heritage. She will be joined by family and friends at the ceremony to be held:

Saturday March 27, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Honor Heights Arboretum
(Lower parking lot)

Following the dedication, a reception will be held for Ms. Lulu to visit with those who wish to drop by:

Genealogy Department
Muskogee Public Library
801 W. Okmulgee

Watch the June Issue of our Quarterly for more about the Arbor Day ceremony and reception.