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Virginia Vann Perry

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Virginia Vann Perry, 96, was born to Hazel (McClure) and Clem Vann on Nov. 30, 1919, near Porum, OK. They were both enrolled Cherokees. The family moved to Muskogee in 1928 where Virginia attended elementary school. She later went to high school and graduated from Central High at the age of 16. She continued her education at Connors College and University of Illinois.

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She worked at various government agencies including an atomic bomb plant, Veterans Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs (During the 1962 Cherokee payment) and retired from the Social Security Administration as a Grade 14.

She began extensive research in Cherokee family histories when Troy Poteet, director of the Cherokee Heritage Center, requested that she answer a two-year backlog of requests for Cherokee genealogy. She served for a number of years on their Board and researched weekly at the Ballenger Room at NSU on Trail of Tears survivors. Her work has enabled the Association to document, find and honor the graves of many survivors. In addition to Cherokee volunteer activities, Virginia was a Board member of the Muskogee Public Library and was in charge of their annual fundraising book sale for many years.

As a Board member of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society, she researched and answered requests for Indian genealogy from all over the world. Other active memberships include: United Daughters of the Confederacy board member; Goingsnake District Association; Webbers Falls Historical Society; Muskogee County Historical Society; Oklahoma Historical Society; and Cherokee Honor Society, founding member. Virginia is survived by her sister Imogene Vann, daughter Karen Coker, son Frank Vann Perry, and grandson Christopher Thomas Velona, grandson Theodore Vann Perry, and numerous cousins and extended family.

Services were held at York Street Christian Church Friday July 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Burial followed in Greenhill Cemetery.

Funeral service arrangements were under the direction of Foster-Petering Funeral Home. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.foster-petering.com.

TAHLEQUAH AND THE CHEROKEE NATION

Deborah L. Duval

The Porum Range War

Four Davis brothers came to Indian Territory in the early 1900s. Jack Davis and a man named Pony Starr were running cattle together near Porum. Another rancher in the area by the name of Hester accused Davis and Starr of stealing some of his cattle, and began making threats on their lives. Hazel McClure's uncle, Charlie, was one of two deputies who were sent to the Hester home with an arrest warrant.

A group of men from the Hester ranch disarmed the lawmen and locked them up in the smokehouse. Then the band of men headed for Pony Starr's ranch with intentions of killing both Starr and Davis. A shootout followed between the two sides. Starr's men were unharmed, but two of Hester's were killed, one of them his own son. Afterward, Davis and Starr turned themselves in to authorities in Eufaula. A train was sent from Muskogee to pick up the dead and the wounded. Davis and Starr were released, but Hester's men were charged with intent to kill. It was interesting to note that the range war made headlines in the Muskogee newspapers, but the sinking of the Titanic, which occurred at the same time, did not.

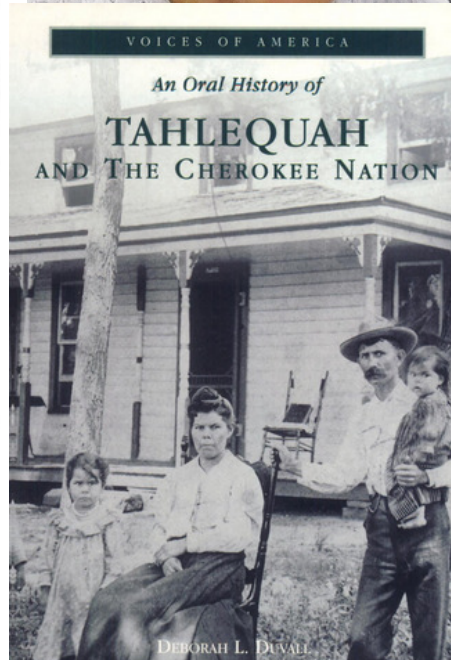
Time passed, but Hester was still thirsty for revenge over the death of his son. Hazel McClure's uncle, the deputy who sided with Starr and Davis, was assassinated. Hazel went to sit with the body, which was being kept iced down in a casket. Molten ice water dripped from the coffin. After that, Hazel could not stand the sound of dripping water.

Virginia Vann Perry

Miss Parthenia Gregory

Miss Parthenia Gregory, a spinster her entire life, was Virginia Vann's Oklahoma History teacher at Muskogee Central High School in the 1930s. As soon as Parthenia heard Virginia's name, she asked if she was related to "Chief" Joe Vann, or Rich Joe. Well, Virginia went home to ask her father Clem about it. Sure enough, Rich Joe was his great-grandfather. Rich Joe Vann had a son named William Vann, who had a son named Herman Johnson Vann, who was Clem's father.

Miss Gregory was hot on history, and especially liked the Native Americans of Oklahoma. She made a habit of asking the students in her history classes, "And who in this school is the direct descendant of Chief Joe Vann?" The



students would chime out "Virginia Vann!" Like it or not, this became Virginia's claim to fame. Her younger sister Jean, not wanting that kind of attention, refused to take Oklahoma History.

Virginia Vann Perry

The Old Hen

After Virginia Vann had grown up and was working in Oklahoma City, her parents had a house in Muskogee, right next to Miss Parthenia Gregory's house, Virginia's old Oklahoma history teacher. Miss Gregory liked to bring people's attention to Virginia's father Clem, just as she had done to Virginia in her history classes. She described Clem as a "typical" Indian, who looked stern and

would never smile. She once said that people might even find him frightening. Virginia couldn't imagine anyone being afraid of her Dad, and said as much to her friend Hazel. Hazel then told her that the first time she ever saw Clem he "scared her half to death."

One day, Clem had been injured as a load of pipe fell from a truck, crushing his foot. He was at home recuperating with his wife and his younger daughter, Jean. On that day his wife had brought home two live chicken hens that she planned to cook for Thanksgiving dinner. One of the hens wandered over to Miss Parthenia Gregory's yard, and was pecking around in her garden. Clem answered the phone when Miss Parthenia called to complain, and told his daughter, "Go over next door and get that old hen." Jean ran out and quickly came back, not with a chicken, but with Miss Gregory, the Old Hen!

Virginia Vann Perry

These are some of the articles by Virginia in the book shown. If you would like to read more, go to Google Books and enter "Virginia Vann Perry". The site will give you information on how to obtain the book and other readable pages.

In Loving Memory

Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum

10:00 AM 4 June 2016

Albert Victor Cheeseman Jr was born 7 March 1923 in Duquesne, Pennsylvania. He grew up in neighboring West Mifflin and graduated from Duquesne High School in 1941. Al enlisted with the US Army Air Forces in 1943.

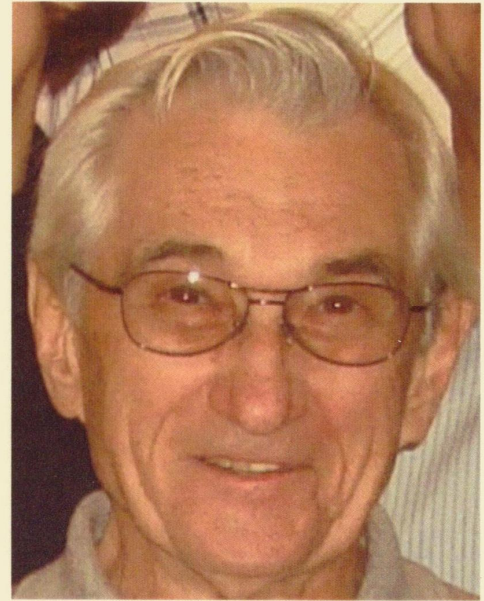
While a Cadet training at W & B Flying School at Chickasha, Al met his first wife, Mary Tyree (now Smith). He also trained at bases in Texas and was a Flight Officer and instructor at the time he was discharged from military service in the fall of 1945.

He apprenticed under the GI Bill as a carpenter, and worked for R.J. Tyree Construction Co and later for H.T. Roark. Al went into business for himself in 1970 and continued to serve his customers as a carpenter and cabinetmaker until he was 91.

Al traveled to the British Isles three times, and especially enjoyed the the times he spent with his wife Peggy in the Irish countryside and listening to local musicians there.

In later years Al volunteered at the Muskogee Public Library to be near the genealogical records and to seek the kind assistance of library staff in researching his own family history. Please consider a donation to the Genealogy Department of the Muskogee Public Library, in remembrance of Al Cheeseman.

Al Cheeseman



1923 - 2016

From the staff of the Genealogy Department: Al was truly our good friend. He was always willing to do anything we needed and did it with a smile on his face. He was very special to us and will be truly missed, but always have a place in our hearts. He was also a very faithful to attend the meetings of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society. Our thoughts are with his family in their loss.



Al at the January 2015 MCGS meeting.



Marjorie Jo Barton

Oct 19, 1928 - May 10, 2016

Marjorie's Story

Journalist, author, and educator Marjorie Jo Barton leaves a legacy of love and faith to all those she has touched in her life and work. A native of Muskogee, she spent her early years in Okmulgee and Oklahoma City. Graduating from Northeastern High, she went on to college, eventually to earn a Master's Degree in Mass Communications from Texas Woman's University. She worked as a free-lance journalist, taught high school English, theater, speech, and special education, and authored four published books. Her "Leaning on a Legacy" captured her love for the works of the WPA and was named Oklahoma Heritage Association Book of the Year in 2008. She was named Oklahoma Heritage Woman of the year for her work.

A tireless volunteer, Marge gave countless hours to the Civitan Club. She served as president, wrote a newsletter, and organized events. She was most proud of the club's successful efforts to fund and build the playground at Civitan Park. She experienced a special joy in her work with the special needs community of Muskogee. She cherished travelling and camping, always returning with new friendships and additions to her rock collection. She loved people and their stories, and has left us with a completed manuscript about the Amish in Oklahoma.

Daughter of Ronald Frederick Barton and Winnifred Ash La Pelle, sister of Ronald F. "Jack" Barton, Jr., and mother of Cynthia Lea Barton, Mark David Garrison, Rhett Goode Simmons, Jr., Dana Jo Simmons, and Krystal Melody Hatfield, she has eight grandchildren, Erik Peter Garrison, Astrid Linnea Garrison, Nels Stephen Garrison, Sarah Elizabeth Simmons, Lauren Marie Simmons, Heather Leann Simmons, Ashley Jean Woodman, Chelby Gabrielle Vogt, and two great-grandchildren, Kylee Jean and Greyson Carter.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Dana Jo Simmons; first husband, William Floyd Garrison; and second husband, Rhett Goode Simmons Sr.

Memorial services honoring Marjorie Jo will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Billy Parker officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of Muskogee Civitan and Joy Class of Muskogee First Baptist Church.

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DEAR ANCESTOR

Your tombstone stands among the rest;
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.

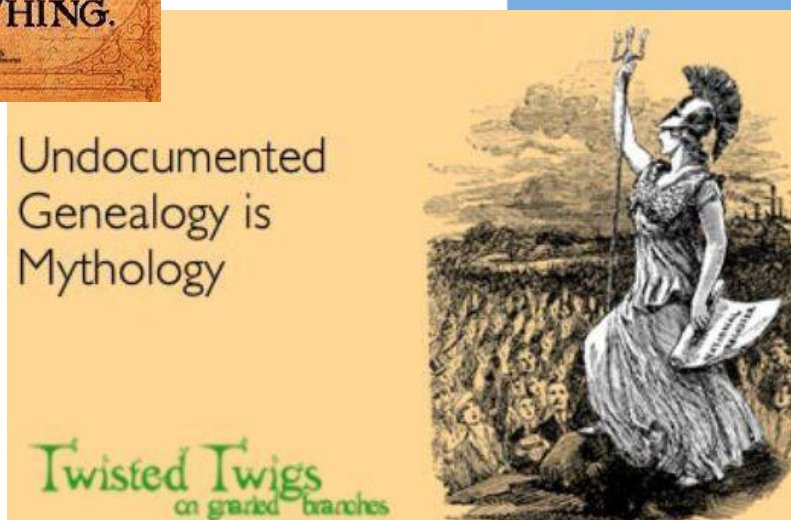
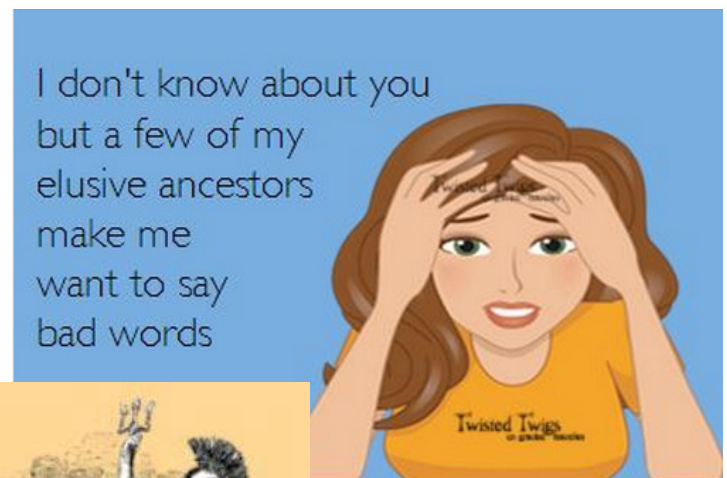
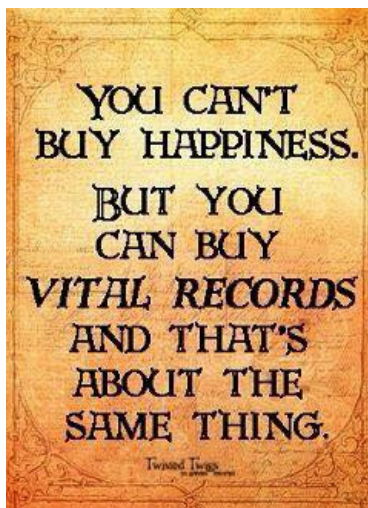
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.

Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches

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LESCHER FUNERAL HOME RECORDS

A new project being developed in the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Muskogee Public Library is the creation of an index of these records, extracting basic information such as surname, maiden name for women, date and place of birth, where given. Included in this issue is an example of the list, but due to limited space here, you only find those names and dates of death for the first part of records on microfilm roll OKM 33 (covering 27 May 1927 thru 18 Feb 1934).

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Date of Death
Acord	William O.		4-Jan-1929
Actkinson	D. L.		28-May-1930
Adair	John E.		10-Nov-1928
Adams	James Edwards		10-Nov-1930
Adams	Alice	Raynes	12-May-1931
Adamson	Janie	Emons	30-Apr-1933
Adamson	S. W.		21-Jan-1933
Adamson, C.	Infant Daughter of		6-Feb-1932
Addy	Mollie G.	Holland	20-Aug-1927
Adkins	David Martin		22-Sep-1927
Adkins	Fred D.		30-Oct-1930
Agnew	Walter S.		22-Jun-1930
Agnew	Robert M.		30-Apr-1933
Aldridge	William C.		9-Jan-1934
Alexander	John G.		8-Nov-1933
Allen	Young R.		11-Nov-1930
Allen	Sammy Joe		15-Jan-1933
Allen	Nellie	Mathews	22-Jan-1933
Allen	James Edward		10-Sep-1933
Allred	Alafrocile	Allred	14-May-1933
Anderson	Axel R.		4-Dec-1932
Andrews	James		10-Nov-1929
Andrews	Anna	NR	2-Aug-1930
Andrews	William E.		1-Jan-1932
Applegarth	Elvie L.	Applegarth	10-Mar-1933
Applegarth	Elsie Irene	Applegarth	17-Mar-1933
Applegarth	Roy Lee		5-Feb-1934
Arbogast	Ira C.		27-Nov-1929
Archer	Leroy		21-Dec-1930
Armstrong	L. C.		23-Oct-1933
Arnett	Daniel W.		29-Oct-1933
Arnwine	Clinton J.		30-Jul-1931
Arthur	Chester Howard		27-Oct-1930

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Ashley	William A.		7-Feb-1932
Ashley	William A.	Record 662 Dup	7-Feb-1932
Atkins	Ella May	Atkins	23-Jul-1928
Aud	Mattie	Caffey	2-Aug-1928
Bach	Charles James		25-Feb-1929
Badgley	Flo	Fleak	11-May-1929
Bailey	Robert Alexander		9-Feb-1934
Baker	Erastus F.		27-Mar-1928
Baker	Annie	NR	2-Dec-1933
Baldwin	James A.		16-Nov-1929
Bales	Mary Alice	Whiteker	12-Jul-1927
Bales	Williard J.		22-Mar-1930
Bales	John Wesley		3-Oct-1932
Barger	Dollie	Hicks	1-Jan-1928
Barger	George Melvin		24-Sep-1928
Barger	Cornelia Jane	Sipes	7-Jan-1929
Barger	Evelyn	Barger (Mother)	23-Oct-1931
Barnes, Glendon	Infant Daughter of		7-May-1933
Bartell	Luella	Bartell	7-Jan-1934
Bartholet	Peter V.		15-Feb-1931
Bartholett	John D.		13-Feb-1934
Barton	William B.		2-Sep-1930
Bates	Almeda L.	Bates	16-Jan-1933
Batson	Harle L.		22-Aug-1927
Baxter	Oscar K.		21-Oct-1933
Beasley	Tressie	Williams	11-Nov-1933
Bebbee	Helen	NR	4-Aug-1931
Beckett	Pauline	Beckett	9-Jan-1934
Bedgood	Jack Edwin		27-Feb-1929
Belcher	Bruce C.		24-Jun-1933
Belky	George R.		17-Dec-1931
Bensing	Allie	Lester	29-Aug-1931
Benson	Marion	Barton	23-Jul-1933
Bernie	S. A. (Mrs.)	Wilson	22-Mar-1932
Berry	Mary F.	Doyle	8-Dec-1933

New Genealogy Titles: Last issue, March 2016, we highlighted the influx of new books for the Grant Foreman Collection. The list we included there was for Oklahoma. This issue presents a list of those for Arkansas and Missouri.

ARKANSAS

Stone Co., AR Marriage Records, 1873-1964—Stone Co., Hist. Soc.

Van Buren Co. Hist. Soc. Journal Index, 1984-2005—Van Buren Co. Hist. Soc.

AR Community & Bus. Dir. 1905—Mountain Press

100 years of Treasured Recipes Celebrating De Queen Centennial 1897-1997—Sevier Co. Museum—Van Buren Co.

Democrat-Birth, Death Selected Index, 1928-1943—Donnie Eades Pickard

Madison Co. AR Tax Lists, 1837-69—Madison Co. Gen. & Hist. Soc.

Birth, Death & Selected Item Index—Van Buren Co., 1909-1928—Wilda E. Wolford

Research in Arkansas—NGS Series, Kay Haviland Freilich

Paraclifts: Four Decades Glimpsed—Mary C. McCrory

Searcy Co., AR Estate Records, 1886-1908—Jim G. Ferguson

Arkansas Land Patents: Conway, Faulkner & Perry Counties granted through 30 Jun 1908—Desmond Walls Allen & Bobbie Jones McLane

Little Rock, AR National Cemetery Burial Roster—Arkansas Research

One Hundred Years of Treasured Recipes Celebrating DeQueen's Centennial, 1897-1997—Sevier County Museum

Tomahawk Tales—Beth Herrington

Dear Ann—Mary C. McCrory

Avon: The Town and Community—Margaret J. Clements

25 Years of Marriage Records for Washington Co., AR, 1845-69—Deane G. Carter

Veterans Discharge Papers—Greene Co. Hist. & Gen. Soc.

“Old Rocky Comfort”—Mary Taaffe Board

Civilian Conservation Corps—Judy King

1912 City Directory of DeQueen, AR—L.G. Ferrel

History of Van Buren County-Surname Index, 1833-1983—Van Buren Co. Hist. Soc.

Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1886-1903—Margie Garr

Marriage Records of Sharp Co., 1880-1910—Joyce Hambleton Whitten

Crestview Memorial Park Cemetery, Hot Springs, AR—Patti Vance Hays

Early Huntsville History & Cemetery Enumeration—Madison Co. Gen. & Hist. Soc.

Index of Early Settlers of Cane Hill, AR—Ellen E. Richardson

Searcy Co., AR Cemeteries, v. 1—Bobby Mays

Sevier Co. Families: “The Descriptive List”, 1863—Mary McCrory

MISSOURI

Greene Co., MO Fed. Census 1870—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Paxson Funeral Home Records, Springfield, MO 1900-1926—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Paxson Funeral Home Records, Springfield, MO 1871-1900—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Polk Co. MO Federal Census 1880—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Polk Co. MO Federal Census 1860—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Deaths Reported by MO Confederate Regiments & Co.—Kenneth E. Weant
Greene Co., MO Fed. Census 1850—Ozarks Genealogical Society
Johnson Co., MO Fed. Census 1860 with Mortality Schedule—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Polk Co., MO Fed. Census, 1900 v. 1-v. 7—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Records of Mt. Lebanon Church of Thornfield, Ozark Co., MO—Margie F. Garr
Polk Co., MO Federal Census, 2 vols., 1900—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Pulaski, Camden Co., MO-1890 Special Census Civil War Veterans & Their Widows—Ozark Gen. Soc.
Greene Co., MO Federal Census, 5 vols., 1900—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Growth of a City Springfield Capital of the Great Ozark Empire—Greene Co. Archives
Cemeteries of Pope Co., AR—James & Alta Ballard
Hortense/Geneva Community in Early Sevier Co., AR—Leo H. Flippo
Sevier Co. History of Early Doctors—Bobbie Hunter
“Of Grave Importance” Cemeteries of Baxter Co., AR—Baxter Co., Hist. Soc.
Stone Co., MO Fed. Census/Mortality Schedules, 1860
William Butler Hickok, Harper’s Monthly Mag., 1867—Greene Co. Archives & Records Center
Marriage Records, McDonald Co., MO BK A, 1865-78 & 1861 Tax List—Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff
Webster Co. MO Federal Census, 1880—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
St. Louis Gen. Soc. Surname Index, 1980—Mary Guyon & Kevin T. Kelly
History & Directory of Springfield & North Springfield, MO, 1878—George S. Escott
Greene Co., MO Federal Census, 1840—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Register of Interments in Hazelwood Cemetery—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Greene Co., MO Federal Census, 1860—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Lohmeyer-Windle Funeral Home Records, Springfield, MO, 2 Vols. 1904-18, 1932-1935
Death Notices and Cemetery Inscriptions, Cedar Co., MO, 1888-1900—Marsha Hoffman Rising
Historical Atlas of Caldwell Co. MO, 1876—Edwards Brothers
Original Land Entries of Jackson Co., MO—Mrs. John Vineyard
Polk Co., MO Federal Census & Slave Schedules, 1850 & 1860—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Dallas Co., MO Fed. Census, 1900, v. 2—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Johnson Co., MO Fed Census/Mortality Schedule, 1850—Ozarks Gen. Soc.

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Original Land Entries of Jackson Co., MO—John Vineyard
Death Notices From Bolivar, Polk Co., MO, 1870-93—Marsha Hoffman Rising
Republic Funeral Home Records, Greene Co., MO, 1908-1978—Ozarks Gen. Soc.
Pulaski Co., MO Fed. Census 1850—Ozarks Gen. Soc., Inc.
Pulaski Co., MO Fed. Census 1880—Ozarks Gen. Soc., Inc.
Pulaski Co., MO Fed. Census 1860—Ozarks Gen. Soc., Inc.
Lohmeyer-Windle Funeral Home Records, Springfield, MO 1932-38—Ozarks Gen. Soc., Inc.
Lohmeyer-Windle Funeral Home Records, Springfield, MO 1935-39—Ozarks Gen. Soc., Inc.
Deaths Reported in Taney Co., MO Newspapers, 3 vols., 1887-1929—Forsyth Lib. Gen. Group
Springfield Smallpox, 1899-1900—Judy Reustle, Greene Co. Archives & Record
Pulaski Co., MO Fed. Census 1870—Ozarks Gen. Soc., Inc.
The First 100 Years in Exeter—Gladys Hargis

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Muskogee Public Library

The Local History & Genealogy Department has one of the largest genealogical collections in Northeastern Oklahoma. The friendly and knowledgeable staff is experienced in all areas of research including Native American and Freedman research. The department has the Dawes Rolls, enrollment cards, applications and other rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes as well as local newspapers, and court records, including county marriages on microfilm. Please note that the Society and the Muskogee Public Library use the same resources. Please only submit a research request to one or the other, not both. Thanks!