



# MCGS NEWS

June 2020



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The Muskogee County  
Genealogical Society was  
formed in 1983 for the  
purpose of promoting the  
general study of genealogy  
through workshops,  
seminars, and monthly  
programs; and to discover  
and preserve any material  
that may establish or  
illustrate the history of  
Indian Territory, Muskogee  
County, and its families.

## **“Down Memory Lane” Virtual Meeting Thursday June 25, 2020 6:00 pm**

For security and privacy we ask that you  
[Click here](#) to register for the virtual meeting. Once you  
register you'll receive a link to join the meeting. Please  
don't wait until that last minute to register.



## **“Show and Tell”**

**Share your treasured old family photos and recipes with the  
group and tell us about them. If you need help dating an old  
photo we'll try to help with that too. See instructions on  
how to share on page 4 of this newsletter.**

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## From the President



### Members and Friends

Do you subscribe to any genealogy magazines?

I have subscribed to several through the years. Some of them no longer exist as the market kind of “shook itself out” and their readership declined. Some publishers have sold out to other publishers and still others have started offering both print and digital version.

A few years ago I condensed my subscriptions down to *Family Tree Magazine*, *Internet Genealogy*, and *Your Genealogy*. The latter two are offered both in print and digital versions. The digital copies I download to my computer and add them to Evernote for easy searching.

Why am I bringing this up? Well, because I received the latest issue of *Family Tree Magazine* last week. Every issue of this magazine has a pull-out “State Guide” and the current issue has an Oklahoma State Guide written by Maureen A. Taylor. You'll get a bit of history and a nice timeline. Maureen includes census tips; a brief introduction to the existence of the Dawes Rolls; how to locate military records, land records, and vital records. There's also a half page of Oklahoma related websites to explore.

All in all, it's really a pretty nice state guide, and one any family historian exploring their family's ties to Oklahoma will find useful.

And for good measure the publisher put in a four page center pull-out Cheat Sheet that has 7 census research tips. You'll find the official census dates for 1790-1940, charts about the special census schedules, a timeline, websites and book resources.

This issue of *Family Tree Magazine* is a keeper!

BTW, this is their Annual Guide to the 101 Best Genealogy Websites.

Linda Morgan Clark, President

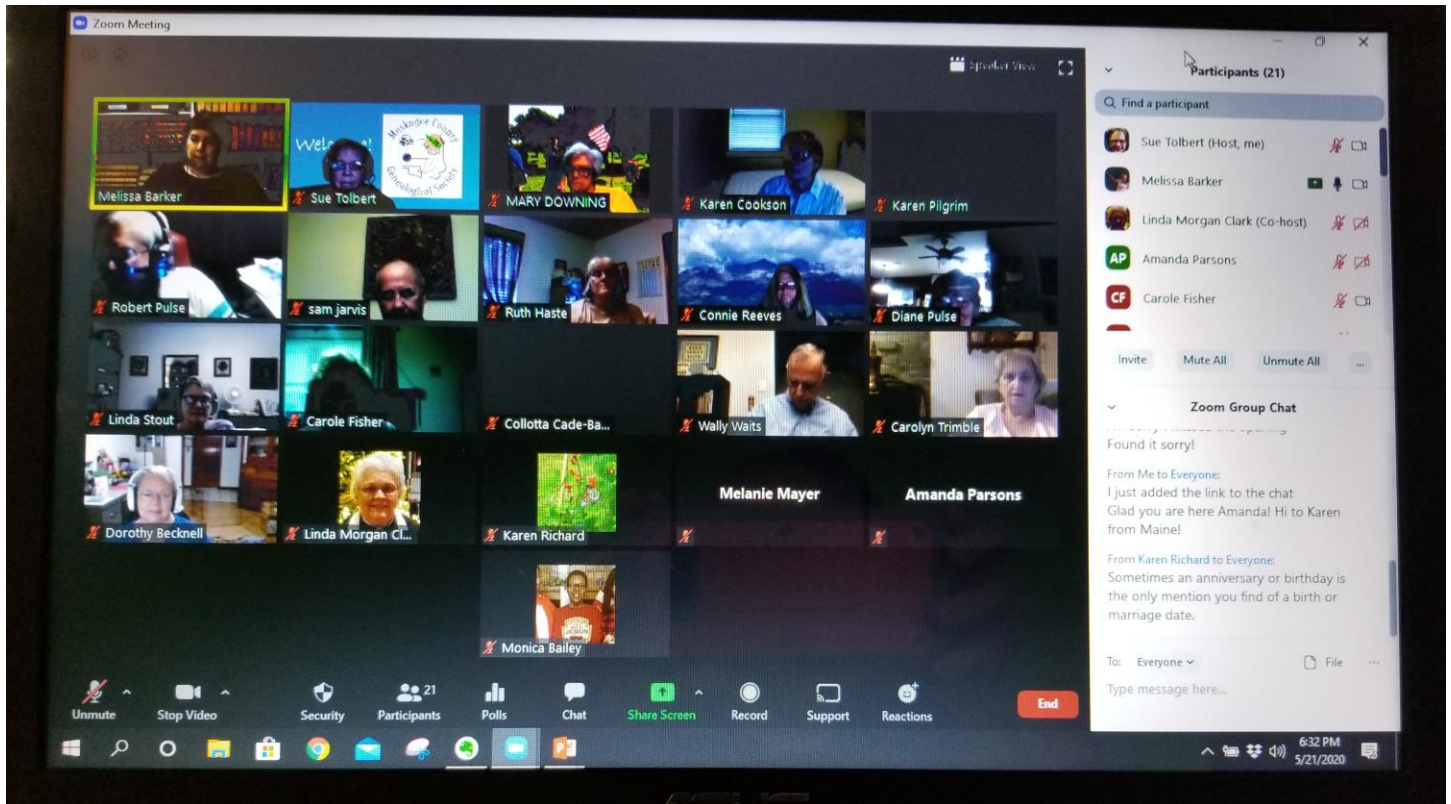
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# *We've Gone Virtual!*



Until it is safe for us to meet at the Muskogee Public Library again, we will be meeting virtually using Zoom meetings.

You can join us from your desktop, laptop, tablet, or phone. A camera or headset is not necessary. Once you register for a meeting, you will receive an email with a link to join the meeting. Are you new to Zoom Meetings? Here's a short [VIDEO](#).

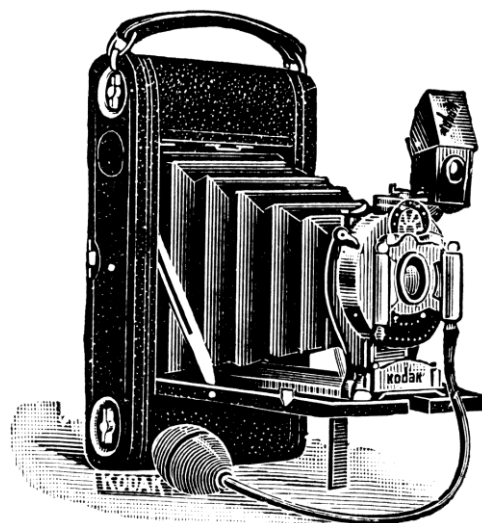
There are benefits to virtual meetings!

- Helps to maintain relationships when physical meetings are difficult or not possible.
- Provides a way for distant members and friends and those with physical limitations to join in and enjoy our programs too.
- Show members that we care about your physical and mental health.
- Provides an opportunity for us to provide a wider range of program topics and speakers.

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## How to Share Your Photos & Recipes for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Send up to 3 old photos to [mucogeso@yahoo.com](mailto:mucogeso@yahoo.com) before June 23 so they can be added to a PowerPoint presentation for sharing viz a Zoom meeting.



You may also send up to 3 family recipes to [mucogeso@yahoo.com](mailto:mucogeso@yahoo.com) before June 23, so they can be compiled into a handout for all attendees.

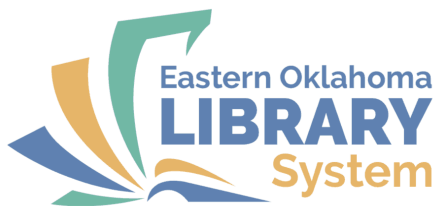
For security and privacy, you'll need to [Register Here](#) attend this meeting via Zoom

### Tip of the Month

Many things don't last nearly as long as we would like them to and they won't preserve themselves on their own. These things, like genealogical evidence, will not last forever and it is up to us to preserve genealogical evidence that we have access to or uncover.

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## *Muskogee Public Library Spotlight*



### **Genealogy and Local History Department has New Director**

Jere K. Harris, graduated from Oklahoma Christian College with a degree in English, and is now a Level III Librarian in Oklahoma with a Lifetime Certificate.

Jere began working in the Genealogy and Local History Department in 1998 and has been teaching beginning Genealogy classes for over 15 years. She now serves as Department Head of the Genealogy & Local History Collection at Muskogee Public Library.

Jere has been a member of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society for 20 years and served as both member and president. She is a past member of Muskogee Indian Territory Chapter, DAR.

Jere and her husband Tim Harris have been married for 42 years and have 2 children Laura and Jeremy.

A Third Generation "Okie from Muskogee," her family roots come from Arkansas, Tennessee, Pennsylvania. Jere says: "My mother had filled out genealogy pages in a family Bible and that is where I started my Genealogy work." She has extensively researched in these areas and have learned on the job about Native American records, Indian Territory history and records and newspaper research.

Jere comments about her new position: "Customer service is always a priority and doing complete research for each person is the main goal. Learning new ways to serve customers is an ongoing process. The way customers do research has evolved greatly in the last 20 years and it's always a challenge to keep learning new ways to present services."

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# Coming Up.....

## Mark Your Calendar!

Monthly Meetings:

July 23<sup>rd</sup> *Restore Your Family History-Connect With Your Family History* with Rick Voight

August 27<sup>th</sup> *Online Legacies and Digital Estate Planning* with Katlin Seagraves

September 24<sup>th</sup> *Beginning German Research* with Michael John Neill

October 22<sup>nd</sup> *Remote Research in the Databases of the Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System* with Rick Sayre

Monthly programs are open to the public, but we encourage you to join! Your membership dues help us to provide more and better resources for the area's genealogical community.

The regular monthly meeting is the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings are virtual until further notice. For security and privacy, you must register to attend each meeting.

You can register for any meeting on our website:

<https://www.muskogee-county-genealogical-society.org/>

## Conversation Tuesdays

July 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. *Meet the Library Director* with Jessica Conley, Director of Muskogee Public Library

July 21<sup>st</sup> –TBA

For other webinars, virtual conferences, videos, events, workshops, and other online genealogy resources, see our calendar at:

<https://www.muskogee-county-genealogical-society.org/virtual-education.html>

MCGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Our members have access to the FGS FORUM in the Members area of our website.



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## Quarantine Special! Memberships \$15 for the remainder of 2020!



*We hope you will join us as an MCGS MEMBER!*

### Member Benefits

- Virtual Meetings
- Virtual Chats and Study Groups
- Member Discounts
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Members Only Area on Our Website
- Research Assistance
- Records Indexes
- FGS FORUM
- And MORE

Check out the Membership Page on Our Website:

<https://www.muskogeecountygenealogicalsociety.org/membership.html>

The screenshot shows the website for the Muskogee County Genealogical Society. At the top, the society's name is in a large, stylized font. Below it is a navigation bar with links: HOME, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP (highlighted), RECORD INDEXES, RESEARCH, SUBSCRIBE TO E-NEWS, ABOUT US, BLOG, VIRTUAL EDUCATION, and MORE... A Facebook icon is also present. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Become a Member or Renew Your Membership' and contains text about membership benefits and a note that all 2020 memberships expire on December 31, 2020. It includes a 'JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE' button and a 'Pay Now' button with a dropdown menu set to '\$20.00 USD'. Below the 'Pay Now' button are logos for VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, and DISCOVER. The right column is titled 'Member Benefits' and lists various perks like access to a members-only area, virtual meetings, and research assistance. It also includes a 'MEMBERS LOGIN' button at the bottom right.

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HOME CALENDAR **MEMBERSHIP** RECORD INDEXES RESEARCH SUBSCRIBE TO E-NEWS ABOUT US BLOG VIRTUAL EDUCATION MORE...

*Become a Member or Renew Your Membership*

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**All 2020 Memberships expire December 31, 2020**

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**Pay Now**

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*Member Benefits*

You must have a password to access the Members Only area. If you are a MCGS member and have not received the password or forgotten it, [send an email](#) and we'll send it.

The Members Only area includes:

- Member Surnames
- Board Meeting Minutes
- Discounted Research Services
- Syllabi and Handouts of Presenters
- Federation of Genealogical Societies Quarterly

All members are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors.

MEMBERS LOGIN

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## *Spotlight on Our VOLUNTEERS!*

Our volunteers have been busy:

- ~ indexing the Lescher-Milsap Funeral Home Records. Some are already on our website but many still left to do.
- ~taking cemetery photos at area cemeteries and adding them to FindAGrave.com
- ~indexing current obituaries for our website
- ~updating our website
- ~brainstorming ideas to help move our society into the future.

A great big **THANK YOU** To:

Mary Downing  
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