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Thank you !!

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

New officers were elected in May and this is my first report as President. We had a successful year under the leadership of Sheri Siebold, topped off with the publication of the Complete Marriage Records, Muskogee, I.T. (see ad). Sheri will continue on the Board of Directors as member-at-large, and has volunteered to be editor of the M.C.G.S. Quarterly. Rae Lindsey, having done an outstanding job as editor is now a member-at-large. Maxine Harris was also elected member-at-large and has consented to serve as acquisitions chairperson for society purchases. Be sure to give Maxine your suggestions for purchase, along with your reason for believing the magazine/book/film would benefit our members in research. Deone Penquite is still chairperson of cemetery recording. If you have knowledge of family and/or abandoned cemeteries in Muskogee County that perhaps may not have been read, please let Deone know.

Without the support of past and present officers, members of the Board of Director and volunteers, the responsibility of the office of President would be overwhelming. Board meetings are the first Friday of each month (except in July and August), at the Muskogee Public Library, upstairs conference room. They are for the purpose of discussing/conducting business of our chapter, planning programs, etc. and are open to all members. In fact, this year, to bring more members into active participation in the chapter business we welcome the attendance of one or two members at each meeting, other than the elected Board. This would acquaint everyone with the running of the chapter and remove the reluctance some have of holding office.

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SAVE SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, for a seminar by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, noted genealogist. Mrs. Gormley writes a weekly newspaper column, "Shaking Your Family Tree," distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. She is a former Muskogean and has generously offered to do this seminar for us.

A morning workshop for beginners, and another of special interest for persons of Cherokee ancestry, will be presented by our Society. Mrs. Gormley will follow with a three 45 minute sessions on: (1) "Lesser Known Sources - Looking in Strange Places for Ordinary Folks", (2) "Citing Sources and Arranging your Genealogy", and (3) "Tips to Make You a Successful Researcher".

Cost of the seminar is \$5.00 per person. To give us an early indication of how many participants to expect, we would appreciate early enrollment with the \$5.00 registration fee. This is an entirely new seminar for this area and we believe everyone attending will benefit.

About thirty of Mrs. Gormley's columns were displayed at the May meeting. They are well written and informative. It may be worthwhile for several local members to request that her columns be run in the Phoenix, our local newspaper. It would certainly stimulate an interest in genealogy!

*Virginia*

## NEW MEMBERS

Sue K. Parham, 733 Lee Drive, Las Vegas, NM 87701: John Ellis "Red Cloud" DUNCAN, Bredtown, IT, 1860-1947; Rev. Walter Duncan, Dahlanegah, GA, 1823-1907; James Madison Carselowey, Westville, IT, 1848-1900.

Doris Taylor, 407 Washington St., Montpelier, ID 83254: Albert Hoover & Etiz HOOVER, 1901-1904.

Albert L. & Noma L. Woods, Rt 2 Box 9250, Porum, OK 74455: WOODS, SIMS, KEITH, GAYLOR, LANE, KILGORE, CARTER, NIX.

Ms Deanna M. Slappey, P.O. Box 1653, Anniston, AL 36202: Wm. and John POWELL, Muskogee, I.T., 1800's; Lucy & Martha POWELL, Creek Nation, AL, 1800; Leeder (Homarty) HEPSY, Creek Nation, AL, 1823.

Spencer Gilliland, 2310 Arroyo Lane, Alamogordo, NM 88310: Geo. Cloud GILLILAND, resided around Webbers Falls, 1904.

Doris Brayan Smith, 705 Woodmont Pl., Shreveport, LA 71108: George BRYANT, 1855-1865, TN; Frank & Florence (Bryant) STALEY, resided in Muskogee 1911-1917.

## ? QUERIES ?

HOOVER

I am seeking burial place & death date/place for Naomi Keeney Hoover, wife of Sanford Hoover. Family believed she was buried at old Keokuk Falls. Also, seeking marriage record of Lucy Hoover who married Albert Hoover (her cousin). They were recorded in the 1910 Oklahoma Pott. Co., Shawnee Census with daughter - married 6 yrs. at that time - married ca 1904, supposedly in Indian Territory.

Doris L. Taylor, 407 Washington St., Montpelier, ID 83254

CRAWFORD  
COLLINS  
HARVEY  
DRISKILL  
MILLIKEN

Want to contact descendants of Benjamin & Rebecca Crawford, of Hickory CO. MO, who went to Muskogee, I.T. in the late 1800s or early 1900s. - Edward & Mary (Crawford) Collins, Wm. & Sarah (Crawford) Harvey, David & Marg. (Crawford) Driskill, Rebecca Milliken, and Harve & Victoria (Rains) Crawford. Victoria later marr. a Dykes. Ed. Collins d. Jan. 1925, buried in McClain Cemetery.

Jack L. Crawford, Rt. 3 Box 118, Buffalo, MO 65622

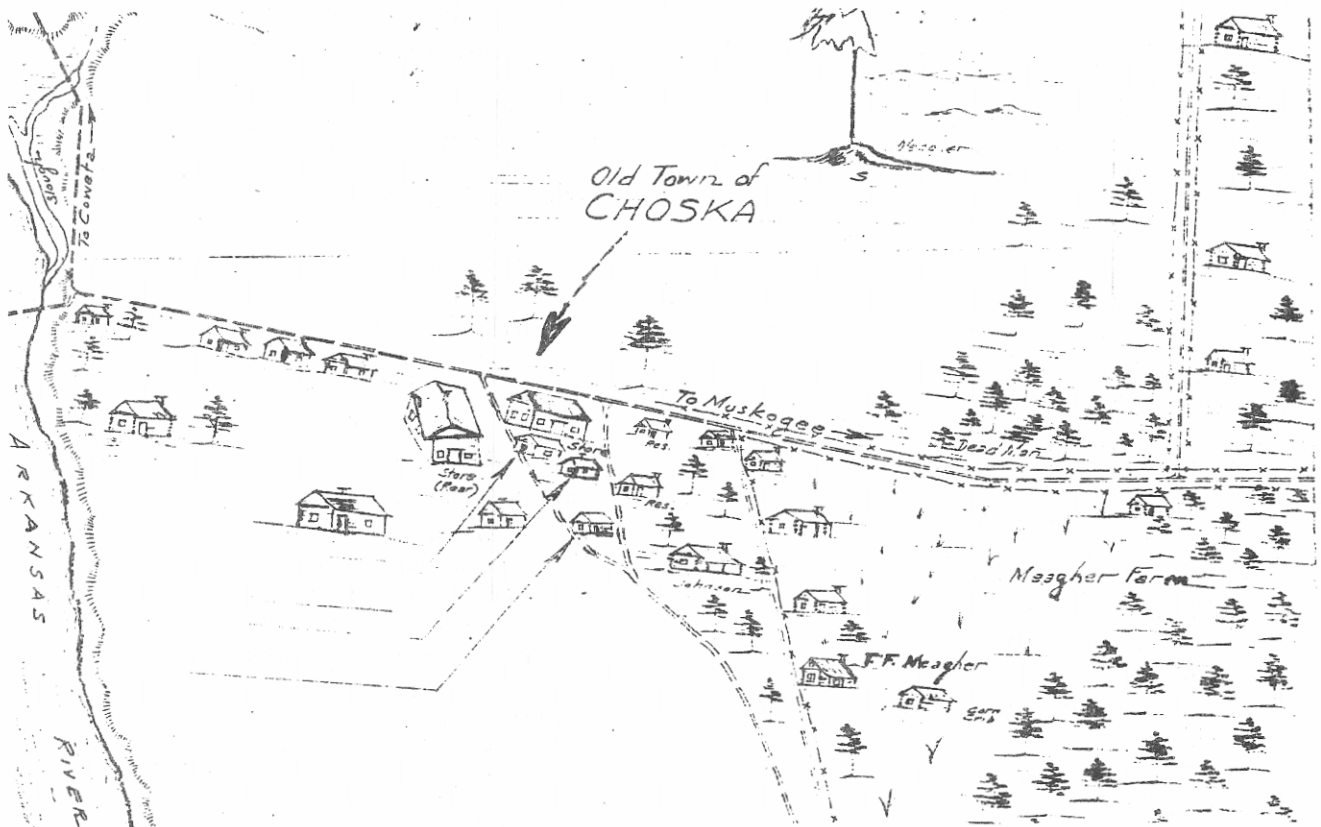
## CHOSKA, I.T.

Choska, according to the 1905 Gazetteer of Indian Territory, was a post village in the Creek Nation. Choska, however, was always recognized as an early trading area along the Arkansas River since the 1830's. It's rich bottom lands afforded the Creeks bountiful crops.

The 1890 Muskogee Weekly Phoenix mentioned Choska as having "1000 souls and is the second city in the Creek Nation...this is a great pleasure resort where deer and turkey abound, and for chicken (prairie) hunting there is none like it."

Though Choska is placed in Wagoner County, it is included here because so many of its inhabitants were Muskogee-connected, both by trade and families. T.F. Meagher, wealthy Choska and Muskogee cattleman and farmer, drew the map of Choska bottoms.

The Sand Hill Cemetery, which lies in the hills east of the bottoms is where many of it's inhabitants "rest in peace." This is an old cemetery with hundreds buried within, but many with no written tombstone.



SAND HILL CEMETERY  
Choska

Choska, Oklahoma  
Wagoner County  
No passable roads;  
in pasture, fenced,  
poor condition, briar  
infested

Main gate, beginning on West side  
Non-existent rows

McCALL, Verney Addie  
b. December 5, 1902  
d. February 23, 1906

EVANS, Ear<sup>?</sup>l

CARTER, Charles  
son of C. & E.J. Carter  
b. February 14, 1879  
d. January 16, 1899

BELL, W.F.  
1897

GRIFFITH, baby of  
T.W. & Inie Griffith  
1901

LEDBETTER, Addie  
daughter of G.W. & S.A. Ledbetter  
b. May 6, 1900  
d. January 17, 1906

LEDBETTER, L.L.  
b. 1886  
d. 190(4)?

O'NEAL, Beatrice  
daughter of J.M. & S.A. O'Neal  
b. October 18, 1896  
d. May 26, 1899

COLE, Sena  
wife of E.C. Cole  
b. June 20, 1894  
d. June 15, 1915

MORRISON, Roxie  
wife of J. Morrison  
b. August 12, 1881  
d. January 30, 1905

GRIFFITH, W.F.  
1897

NEWMAN, Ruth Louise  
b. December 17, 1930  
d. August 2, 1931

SINKLER, infant  
daughter of C.A. & A. Sinkler  
b. & d. June 2, 1900

ARNOLD, Jesse Wilson  
b. June 30, 1930  
d. September 9, 1936

AGREE, George H.  
aged 65 yrs. 1 m. 1 d.  
b. April 22, 1844  
d. May 23, 1909

POINTS, Eulus Otto  
b. May 25, 1927  
d. November 28, 1930

THOMAS, Lewis  
d. August 21, 1925

DAVIS, Carl D.  
b. 1920  
d. 1956

BANNING, J.C.  
b. February 27, 1850  
d. April 11, 1903

On one stone:

ARNOLD, Ellen M.  
b. February 10, 1872  
d. May 8, 1930

ARNOLD, James E.  
b. January 14, 1873  
d. October 7, 1953

ARNOLD, Elle  
wife of J.E. Arnold  
b. 1891  
d. May 8, 1930

ARNOLD, Lucy Francis  
52 years old  
b. 1914  
d. April 24, 1967

ARNOLD, Noma Darlene  
18 years old  
b. 1949  
d. February 22, 1968

Family Plot:

TRAIL, Lena  
wife of Ben Trail  
b. October 27, 1885  
d. August 27, 1907

TRAIL, Mary  
b. January 15, 1840  
d. July 23, 1900

TRAIL, Infant  
of J.M. & Nora Trail

TRAIL, Nora  
wife of J.M. Trail  
b. October 11, 1877  
d. August 10, 1904

TRAIL, John M.  
Father  
b. 1863  
d. 1920

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SLOAN, Reathie B.  
daughter of J.W. & W.E. Sloan  
b. September 6, 1898  
d. August 2, 1899

POTTER, Jane

BEA(?)LEY, Jane

PHEARA, James

STERLING, Antnett  
wife of F.L. Sterling  
age 26 yrs. 17 dys  
d. December 30, 1890

BRYANT, Josiah  
b. January 11, 1865  
d. February 22, 1905

MARA(?)M, Willie  
son of C.W. & L.B.  
b. October 25, 1889  
d. July 23, 1890

WILSON, Infant

WILSON, Charlie

MITH, Dora May  
wife of J.W. Mith  
b. August 21, 1880  
d. January 7, 1902

SMITH, T.E.  
b. December 19, 1891  
d. January 22, 1895

EUBANKS, Louise E.

BAILEY, E.

Back fence:

SHAVER, W.D.  
Father  
b. March 7, 1855  
d. March 26, 1917

BEAN, Elizabeth  
b. June 27, 1865  
d. December 6, 1907

HUDSON

Family Plot:

TERRY, James R.  
b. August 31, 1884  
d. July 1, 1900

TERRY, Ida E.  
b. October 31, 1896  
d. May 23, 1900

TERRY, Leo E.  
b. December 25, 1898  
d. February 21, 1899

TERRY, Walter E.  
b. November 25, 1894  
d. September 15, 1895

TERRY, Dora F.  
b. February 25, 1893  
d. September 15, 1893

TERRY, Noma F.  
b. August 28, 1861  
d. February 9, 1900

TERRY, John F.  
b. May 9, 1880  
D. August 22, 1902

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Private fence:

CAINES, Josiah B.  
son of T.W. & E.D.  
b. May 3, 1890  
d. December 22, 1890

GOODBILL, Charlie M.  
son of F.M. & N. Goodbill  
b. October 11, 1900  
d. April 25, 1902

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Main gate, East side:

SAMS, Lee  
son of A.W. & C.  
b. August 17, 1893  
d. March 30, 1894

One stone:

VANDERMARK,  
Julia  
b. December 16, 1806  
d. March 1, 1886  
David  
b. September 1, 1806  
d. November 3, 1885

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SULLER, A.J.

ASKQUE, Clona  
b. September 18, 1899  
d. October 18, 1904

DARP, Walter H.  
son of W.H. & M.G. Darp  
b. March 16, 1884  
d. April 2, 1898

BOLES, Jennie P.  
wife of F.C. Boles  
b. December 24, 1872  
d. April 2, 1899

GOAT, H.R.  
man

FLEETWOOD, Ader  
b. September 27, 1900  
d. February 18, 1901

JOHNSON, Charles M.  
b. September 2, 1879  
d. July 14, 1897

L.G.

TIPTON, Quincy  
b. April 21, 1873  
d. June 9, 1899

- ROBNETT, M.L.  
b. July 2, 1852  
d. February 11, 1897

JOHNSON, Matthew  
son of J. & S.C. Johnson  
b. May 8, 1877  
d. January 2, 1897

H.R.  
1918

M.A.H.  
E.S.H.

McCALL, Cleo W.  
son of Abe & Z. McCall  
b. June 13, 1903  
d. December 26, 1903

HART, Albert

LEMONS, Joe A.

KINES, Betsy  
daughter of J.L. & Julia Kines  
b. November 20, 1911  
d. December 28, 1911

DILBECK, Grace  
daughter of W.H. ?  
b. July 16, 1898  
d. August 5, 1899

C.E.A.

WO(LEH?), Mr. J.  
b. December 4, 1865  
d. October 11, 1895

HENSLEY, Hunter Blaine  
son of J.W. & G.  
b. August 5, 1897  
d. October 14, 1899

DRAKE, Joanna  
wife of W.J. Drake  
b. July 19, 1864  
d. February 12, 1903

BRANION, G.W.  
Co. A.  
40 IA. Inf.

Family Plot:

McBURNETTE, E.A.  
b. May 3, 1905  
d. July 18, 1905

McBURNETTE, L.A.  
b. December 29, 1890  
d. November 2, 1898

McBURNETTE, A.M.  
b. May 16, 1895  
d. July 2, 1898

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LAUDET, Elsworth  
b. November 27, 1876  
d. January 5, 1899

LAUDET, Josephine  
b. January 16, 1879  
d. November 4, 1900

McBURNETTE, J.C.  
b. October 18, 1869  
d. March 4, 1925

WOOD, Dora  
b. April 22, 1904  
d. August 4, 1905

W.A.M.

GREEN, M.C.

ROBERTSON, S.V.  
wife of W.C. Robertson  
b. September 22, 1876  
d. November 1, 1913

ROBERTSON, Lewis C.  
son of W.C. & Viola  
b. November 27, 1908  
d. August 7, 1909

GRABEEL, Isaac  
son of T.E. & Susan J.  
b. September 20, 1879  
d. October 15, 1898

VANMETER, Bert  
age 20 yrs  
d. August 11, 1906

One stone:  
CHAPMAN

Buford L., son of L.W. & T.B.  
b. October 31, 1898  
d. November 28, 1900

Leonard W., son of L.W. & T.B.  
b. January 28, 1900  
d. November 14, 1900

HOOVER, William C.  
b. October 14, 1873  
d. October 6, 1906

HOOVER, Margaret A.  
b. January 24, 1838  
d. October 7, 1906

\* HARRIS, (main stone missing)  
H.J.H. & H.G.H. - footstone

TUTTLE, Georgie E.  
son of C.G. & Alice T ttle  
b. January 1, 1902  
d. November 20, 1902

WARD, Mrs. Ruth  
31 yrs. 9 mo. 2 dys  
d. January 16, 1943  
Thornton Funeral Home, Muskogee, OK  
(no stone, just metal funeral  
marker)

McCLAIN

TAYLOR, W.E.

MORGAN, Edith A.  
b. 1879  
d. 1926

WILSON, W.O.

WILSON, W.W.

Family Plot:

NEEL, Mary M.  
wife of W.F. Neel  
b. December 8, 1853  
d. March 31, 1909

NEEL, N.F.  
b. September 1, 1852  
d. June 30, 1906



NEEL, Vivian A.  
daughter of W.W. & E.A. Neel  
b. July 19, 1905  
d. October 7, 1908

BREWER, J.W.

Footstones:  
M.A.H.  
G.R.H.

MORGAN, Bonnie  
daughter of J.C. & S.E.  
b. January 11, 1911  
d. February 18, 1911

HOWELL, Lisa A.  
b. December 1895  
d. 1908

TYE, J.H.

PATTERSON, F.M.O.P.

HUGHES, Baby  
HUGHES, Baby  
HUGHES, U.E.

V.M.T.

TODD, Ida  
b. January 15, 1879  
d. October 24, 1901

Cemetery read March 1986 by John and  
Sheri Siebold

TODD, Ethel  
August 24, 1901  
November 3, 1901

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\* Additions

From Tyner's "Our People and Where They Rest", Vol 3 - stones which were not present when read this year:

Jennie P. Bales	1872-1899
Arthur E. Davis	1890-1941
Arizona Sinkler	1874-1900 (next to Infant Sinkler)
Huwely Wallins	Mar. 2-16 1905
Mary Trail	1880-1968
John Lawrence	1905-1908
Bradford -	born in Holland, d. 1901
Oral E. Morgan	1912-1916 (next to Bonnie Morgan)
Georgette Stimmes	1894-1894
Ethel & Esther S.	July 13, 1908 (next to Stimmes)
Josiah B. Guines	1897-1899
Axie Sams	1886-1891 (next to Lee Sams)
W.W. Nelson	no dates

Found only footstones - "HJH" & "HGH", Tyner has:

Hugh G. Harris	1907-1907
Hubert J. Harris	1907-1916

We have listed 44 more tombstones; with the last burial there being in 1968. Some of our dates and names did not match up with Tyner's listing, but this is typical of cemetery readings. PLEASE read the following article about the unreliability of cemetery readings!



## OUR FUTURE ??

The following article appeared in the 16 Mar. 1986 edition of the Columbus Dispatch and was written by Jim McGavran. We thought it had a lot of merit so have re-printed it here.

It seems that when I am not worrying about one thing I am worrying about another. I can't help it.

Right now I lie awake worrying about the future of genealogy. The way we are carrying on, no one will be able to find his or her roots a hundred years from now. They might not be able to find me.

I think that's too bad. Genealogy is a hobby that everyone can enjoy. It is fun, and it doesn't cost a lot of money or require special equipment, such as golf and skiing do. It beats collecting things, such as salt and pepper shakers which have to be kept dusted.

Up until now, it has been fairly simple. All you had to do was check old census records or hunt for wills, deeds, marriages, and births. Or you could spend a pleasant vacation tramping through old graveyards.

ALL THIS is changing. Old cemeteries won't help if people choose cremation over burial. Where will you look for information about an ancestor whose ashes were scattered over the Pacific Ocean?

Census records are becoming worthless. People don't stay in one place more than a year or two, let alone from one census to the next.

Forget the courthouse too. Why look for an ancestors' will if he or she bought a book on how to avoid probate and succeeded in doing so?

Current lifestyles render courthouse records obsolete. What will be the point of looking for birth or marriage records if ones' great-grandmother insisted on having all her children out of wedlock? What if she did get married but kept her maiden name? Or suppose she had children by three legal husbands so that all her offspring had different last names?

I can envision someone searching for roots in the year 2086. I see this individual entering the Bureau of Vital Statistics, approaching the computer and pushing the "on" button.

"May I help you?" the screen will respond.

"I am looking for my grandfather's birth certificate," the latter-day genealogist asks, one letter at a time.

"Name please?"

"Harley Solo. Mother, Mary Solo. He was born 4 April 1992."

Lights flash; clicking and humming noises are heard as the computer conducts its search. A green light appears on the screen.

"Mary Solo gave birth on 4 April 1992. The rest is classified. Please consult headquarters."

The future genealogist goes to headquarters and weeks later returns with the access code. He punches it in. More lights flash. Bells ring. This time the computer has the decency to blush.

"Mary Solo, spinster, was impregnated with material from a sperm bank. Donor's name unknown. Hair and eyes brown. Medium height and build. Tendency to early baldness. No congenital deformities. Said to be musical."

And there goes someone's search for roots. I know it's silly of me to worry about it, but it's things such as that which keep me awake nights.

What are we doing to our future genealogists, our own descendants?

LETTERS TO MA

Submitted by  
Amelia Baum Pivernetz

The following excerpts are taken from the original letters written by my great-grandparents in 1899-1901 in Indian Territory. "Ma", or Mary Elizabeth (Christian) Agee, from her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Joshua Agee and Ella (Martin/Martain) Agee. T.J. Agee moved his wife and four sons to Webbers Falls in late July 1899.

Mary Elizabeth (Christian) Agee  
born: 26 Mar 1824/5, Todd Co., Kentucky  
died: 10 Apr 1901, Fayetteville, Arkansas  
Widow of: William Glenn Agee (1818-1896)

Thomas Joshua Agee  
born: 11 Aug 1862, nr. Dresden, Pettis Co. Missouri  
died: 9 May 1922, Porter, Oklahoma

Ella (Martin/Martain) Agee  
Born: 27 Mar 1870 (or 1875), Ohio  
Died: 21 Sep 1937, San Francisco, California

Their children: Frank Glenn Agee (1889-1960)  
Thomas Clark Agee (1891-1892)  
Leslie Charles Agee (1894-1951)  
Ernest Blackburn Agee (1895-1943)  
William Percy Agee (1899-1954)

Dear Ma,

Webbers Falls, I.T.  
Sept. 4th 1899

I guess you will be a little surprised to get a letter from us at this point. We landed here last Tuesday Aug 29th left Maguire Monday stayed at Bell's (Belle [Agee] Reagan) Monday night. Tom commenced work in Mr. Hayes Drug Store Sept. 1st. We now have rooms upstairs but will not stay any longer than we can get a house. There is not a vacant house here now business is lively. I think we are going to like to live here splendid. We did not ship near all of our things just what we thought we could get along with. We intend to have the rest shipped after while. We sold our hogs and our calf and chickens. We left Daisy at Edgar Williams in pasture. He is going to milk and take care of her. We did not know rather you would like for us have her brought down here. As you still claimed her. I was very sorry to leave her and we miss her so much. But however she is at your disposal and Edgar understands that she is yours and will give her up at any time. We left our things with Joe Wrights folks. I washed a big washing today. Glen is going to try cotton picking. School begins here Sept. 11th. Joe Oliver came with us. Mrs. Williams was very low when we left. Ma write me as soon as you get this I will send you a paper from here and write you about the town next time. We did not know were were coming in time to write you and get our answers before we started.

Yours Kindly,

Ella

Webbers Falls, I.T.  
Oct 28th 1899

Dear Ma,

Your letter rec'd was good to hear from you we had looked and looked for a letter while you was in Mo. We came here right into the measles. We thought perhaps we could escape but no such good luck for us. Four weeks ago today Ernest broke out. He was very bad we thought for several days he would not get well. But he has got up and looks well but he is bloated. In a little over a week Glenn broke out. He was real sick but we did not have to have a Dr. for him. He improved fast after he got up. A week ago last Tuesday Leslie broke out. He was very sick also had a Dr. for him. He is better but improving very slow not able to sit up any. He is very thin and weak but is beginning to eat a little. We think he is out of danger but the bowels have been the trouble in all the cases which proved fatal and he has had that trouble. The Baby is well and just as fat as he can be. Don't look as though he is going to take it at all. We moved four weeks ago have a nice location a short distance from the business part of town. We did not get that parsonage. We have a 4 room house. Two upstairs and two down. A big barn smoke house wood and coal house a fenced chicken yard a big garden pig pens lot for all kinds of stock a nice big yard. Also a pump and cistern. We have to pay \$8½ per mo and now use for any other improvements, but houses are so hard to get that we had to take it. One of Jim Olivers children died with measles and two more that are about to die. Joe and Bula have gone back to Maguire. We have never sent for our things yet. Would have sent long ago if all had been well. I think we will send now soon. The children all wanted to go back when they were sick. But I think they will get satisfied. Ernest cried for us to send for his Aunt Belle to come and get him when he was so sick we thought he could not possibly get well. We have to burn coal here. We bought a stove today and put it up. Have a fire tonight. Use wood for cooking. The neighbors have been very good to me since I moved here. We live in one of the very best neighborhoods in town. I left my carpet rags there where we lived. Joe Wright's folks live in the house and after we send for our furniture we left the rags will be the most important thing there. I don't know what to have done with china only I want them taken care of but I will not need a carpet until next summer anyway. There is a good many Arkansas people here. I have not seen any of them but Tom has. Dave Dickey, Blackwells, and Jus. Towler. Yes and he saw Bugar Reynolds. He does not live here just passing through. Ma we do not know about the cow for certain when she will be fresh but I think she will in the spring some time. If you do not want her there Tom says he will send for her. I buy a pint of sweet milk a day do without butter we cannot get it. I cannot think of anything else to write now so will close write us soon.

Ella

Webbers Falls, I.T.  
Sept 9th 1899

Dear Grandma,

We got your letter today and was glad to hear from you there was 42 loads of cotton come in yesterday it is a nice place. There is two churches here, a Methodist and Babtist meeting at both churches. Union Sunday School at the Babtist. They have a big wind pump here. Papa gets \$30 dollars a month.

We had a big mess of fish out of the arkansas river. we can see the river from our window it runs along the east side of town.

There is more business here than any place that I ever saw and I don't know how many business houses ther is. Grandma we got shed of the dogs, cats, Guns and Birds when we left arkansas and we left Daisy and miss her most of all. I want to try to work some and go to school.

Your grandson, Glen

(Frank Glenn Agee Sr. was 10 years old in 1899)

Webbers Falls, I.T.  
Dec 2nd 1899

Dear Ma,

....I was surprised to hear of so much sickness in Fayetteville. There is a great deal here mostly measles. There has been a great number of deaths from measles a Mrs. Hayes died this eve. Her Baby a month old died Thanksgiving. John Hampton's wife was dying last account late this eve. She is Lewis Olivers daughter. The children all go to Sunday School. The people all treat them so nice they like to go. I have a neighbor Mrs. Dr. Darnele that is well acquainted with the Agee family at Camden Ark. She lived neighbor to them before coming here two years ago. If we just keep well I will never regret coming here. I never have been so well satisfied. There is just as good people here as any where. ...

Ella

Feb 8th 1900

Dear Ma,

....We have rented the "Pollard Hotel" will take charge the 1st of March. It is the leading house here a nice location. Tom's place of business will be just across the street from Hotel. I have been busy sewing this week. I ironed today. Tom will write when he can. He is so busy he don't have time for anything. Sunday or any other day. He so seldom gets to come at meal times that he most always has to eat by himself...

Love to all, Ella

Dear Ma,

Mar 11th 1900

...I am not liking the Hotel business. I hire my cooking and washing done. I try to do the rest myself but I find it is more than I can do. I have 7 regular boarders a good many drummers for dinner not many to stay overnight. I am thinking about giving it up and move to a place and make a garden. It is too cramped a position to suit me....

Lovingly, Ella A.

May 8th 1900

Dear Ma,

As Tom has not wrote you for some time I will write tonight. I have been very sick. Am able to be up now and cook a little is all I can do. I have a very hard chill Sunday three weeks ago and Monday I had a congestive chill then had fever nine days and was very sick had to be set up with all the time. The neighbors was very kind and good. They had a time with the baby but we did not wean him. I think I will soon be strong enough to do all my work again. Glenn had a chill today. It looks like we can't keep them from chilling and we give medicine nearly all the time. Tom wants me to take the children and go to Ark. and stay this summer when I was sick I thought as soon as I was able I would. He wants me to go out in the country about Maguire and get a room or two and get the cow and keep house which I could do without much expense.... I don't want to go and leave him here.

love to all, Ella

Dear Bell

Dec 30th 1900

....Sorry Mas's health is so bad I wish she could come to see us.... We had a nice tree at the K of P Hall. We send you a paper which will tell you all about it. We were invited out to dinner Christmas day to Mr. and Mrs. Colesmans. He is in the grocery business here. We were also invited to dine Thanksgiving at Mr. and Mrs. Reeds. Both dinners we enjoyed very much. We lived next door neighbor to Reeds last winter. His first wife was a neice of Mr. Mose Lewis. He is now living with his second wife. ....Our Daisy cow is just doing fine. I have all the butter and milk we can use and some to sell. Butter is 25 cts per lb. We have a nice sow and seven pigs. Had a big hog killed last Wed. So I have plenty of fresh lard and sausage....

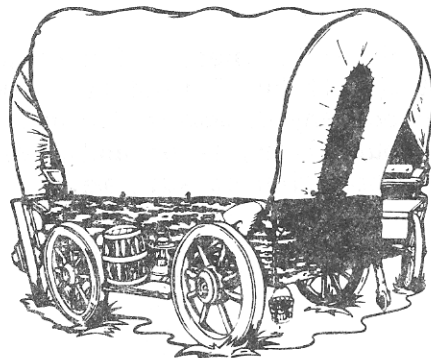
Ella

Feb. 15th 1901

Dear Bell,

....Tell Ma I am going to have a carpet wove there is a woman that weaves lives in town. I am going to make garden just as soon as the weather will permit. We are thinking of buying a lot and building a house. Tom has been a member of Guarantee Loan and Banking Co. long enough to borrow money to build but we must first own a lot so we must save enough to buy a lot. We pay \$6.25 a month and we have a nice place but if we was paying that on a home of our own it would be much better....

Ella



FORD FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

Submitted by Reba Plumb  
801 W. Roseburg Ave. #348  
Modesto, CA 95350

Marriages:

Eliazbeth Jane Henderson and Joseph A. Ford were married in Wright County,  
Missouri on the -----day of December 1873.

Births:

Mary C. Ford was born Feb. 12th A.D. 1875  
Samuel D. Ford was born Aug. 25th 1877.  
James B. Ford was born Nov. 29th 1880  
John A. Ford was born Dec. 15th 1883  
Maude B. Ford was born September 17th 1886.  
Walter Jay Ford was born Nov 10 1889.  
Nelia J. Ford was born March the 10 1891

Deaths:

Walter Jay Ford died Feb 17th 1890  
Elizabeth J. Ford (Mother) died Oct 11 AD 1893  
Joseph A. Ford died April 20 1894

United States of America  
Indian Territory  
Northern District

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Family Record as it appears  
this day deposited with me by Zachary T. Walrond Guardian of the minor children  
of the said Josph A. Ford and wife deceased.

Witness my hand and of filial seal this  
25th day of January 1896.



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Wilson vs Owens

Yocum vs Carey  
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## RED BIRD HARRIS

Red Bird Harris, son of William Harris, a white man, and Susan Collins, daughter of Parker Collins, a half Cherokee; was born July 1839 near Alanta, Georgia.

In 1858, at age nineteen, he came out to Indian Territory by steamboat. He settled some land in the Cherokee Nation just above the bottom lands of the Arkansas River. On this land was an old Indian mound used as a lookout. It was this site that he made available to the Confederates to build Fort Davis, himself a loyal confederate soldier. He later was a member of the G.A.R.

Red Bird married Sarah Ellen Rogers, daughter of Dr. Robert Rogers. She taught school at the old Tullahassee Mission.

Red Bird's brothers and sisters: Emily Harris, James S. Harris, Joseph B.N, William G., Charles, Parker Collins (1845-1920), Eliz. Jane Savannah Harris, Philo (1848-1933), John, and Johnson Harris (b. 1856). Johnson Harris became Cherokee Principal Chief at the death of Joel Mayes in 1891. Most of Red Bird's family resided at Brushy Mountain and are buried at the Brushy Mt. Cemetery.

Red Bird's son, Cheasquah Bird Harris, helped build the Harris-Jobe School in 1906, which is still being used and added on-to today.

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HARRIS FAMILY CEMETERY

Off of Harris Rd.  
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HILL, Wm. McKinley  
b. October 31, 1897  
d. November 5, 1980

HILL, Winnie Davis Harris  
b. June 18, 1901  
d. February 21, 1983

HARRIS, Johnson E.  
b. November 22, 1891  
d. May 25, 1959

HARRIS, Charley W.  
b. 1902  
d. 1944

HARRIS, Spy  
son of W.R. & L.C. Harris  
b. February 28, 1900  
d. March 31, 1905

HARRIS, William R.  
b. March 25, 1863  
d. April 19, 1934

HARRIS, Cheasquah Bird  
b. 1873  
d. 1944

HARRIS, R.B.  
b. 1839  
d. 1902

HARRIS, Thomas Tip  
b. Feb. 18, 1872  
d. February 28, 1872

THOMSON, Willela Harris  
b. 1908  
d. 1944

Infants of J.E. & Maggie Harris  
b. 1915  
d. 1919

HARRIS, Lela C.  
b. October 23, 1871  
d. November 18, 1956

HARRIS, Nellie Ann  
b. 1876  
d. 1941

HARRIS, Ellen  
wife of R.B. Harris  
b. February 28, 1840  
d. March 9, 1910

HARRIS, John P.  
b. April 13, 1870  
d. March 22, 1894

HARRIS, Mary Susan  
b. August 9, 1867  
d. July 12, 1871

\*THURMAN, Lewis  
d. November 20, 1868  
age 72 years

E.H. C.H.

\*Thurman was an old friend of  
Red Bird Harris, and the only  
yankee buried in the cemetery.

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