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Letter From The President

Our "Family Tree Climbing Can Be Fun" workshop, co-sponsored by the Muskogee Public Library was a success, but due to the fact we had a torrential rain storm that morning, I'm sure it kept our attendance from being what it could have been. Mr. George B. Everton, Jr., president of the Everton Publishers, Inc. was our speaker and I'm sure we gained a great deal of knowledge from him. There were 61 in attendance. In addition to Muskogee, there were participants from Ft. Gibson, Tahlequah, Henryetta, Warner, Mc Alester, Tulsa, Wagoner, Hulbert, Okmulgee, Braggs, Boynton, Broken Arrow, Checotah, Council Hill, Coweta, Eufaula, Haskell, Kiowa, Park Hill, and Stilwell, plus 3 from Arkansas.

We want to give special thanks to the Muskogee Daily Phoenix for the article they printed; and to the Muskogee Public Library for all their time and effort in assisting to get the room ready for the workshop; to our society members, Debra Shamblin, Delores Nickerson, Virginia Perry, Vonda Painter, Lillie Weidel, Deone and Walt Penquite. All your help was greatly appreciated. The proceeds from our workshop will go to the purchase of books for the Grant Foreman Room.

We're getting great results through the mail and from society members for the family file cabinet. Your ancestor charts, family articles, copies of family photographs, and marriage records are going into a folder in the file cabinet. If you wish to send family group sheets on your family, that's great also. This is a great way to reach out and help other family members that are tracing the same family you are and be able to share information.

Lee Fleming, Registrar at the Cherokee Nations in Tahlequah will be our guest speaker September 28. The program will be on tracing Indian ancestors.

Shirley

NEW MEMBERS

June EASON, 210 Kendall Blvd., Muskogee, OK 74401. BRADFORD, PA; WILLIS, NC; SNOWBALL, England.

Mary J. Cutler PIETCH, 201 S. 33rd St. #809, Muskogee, OK 74401. CUTLER, MN, MI, WI, 1875.

Vera T. ERSKINE, 201 S. 33rd St., Muskogee, OK 74401. ERSKINE, Ford, KS, 1880-1916; ERECKSON, Rock, WI; BOGUE, Wayne, IN; BUCHANNAN, IA, 1840: TAYLOR, Scott, AR; LYNCH, Scott, AR & TN.

Barbara Carol Grant JONES, Rt. 1, Box 332-A, Sasakwa, OK 74867. John SUMPTER, son E.E. SUMPTER b. MO; Jasper Newton GRANT b. 12/31/1882, AR; Wm. J. BAKER, dau Martha b. 1889, AR; Charles DUNCAN, GA 1811; Judie DUNCAN (maiden name unknown) GA, 1809.

Heidi SMITH, 4965 Ross Dr., Reno, NV 89509. HOPWOOD, Muskogee, OK, Ft. Smith, AR 1865-1900; SMITH, Muskogee and Wagoner Counties, OK, 1860-1960; LOOMAN/LUMAN, Ft. Smith, AR 1860; BYRAM/BYRUM, Sebastian Co., AR 1860.

Eva Lee Minear WENTWORTH, 2161 - B 36th St., Los Alamos, NM 87544. MINEAR, John Young, McIntosh, OK 1885-1894; MINEAR, Mary Ann Cram, d. 3/3/1894, McIntosh, OK

Rebecca Suiter, 302 N.W. 1st, Checotah, OK 74426. OSMOND, Augusta, GA, Wilmington, DE 1850-1890; CAUMIANT, IL (France); DOCK, KS (France); YANCY, Rev. War, TN; WREN, VA; HAWKEN, Rev. War, MD.

Renella ISBELL, P.O. Box 258, Braggs, OK 74423. John Maridy ASHLOCK, Johnston Co., OK; Ruth Eviline WHEELER, Marble City, OK, ca 1857; Anderson and Mary WHEELER, parents of Ruth, Marble City, OK; George Washington SMILER, KS 1800's; Martha Alice CAMPLIN, La Rue, KY 1800's.

Mary Lois HUDSON, 201 S. 33rd. St. #516, Muskogee, OK 74401. Walter Columbus ETCHISON, IN; William Stephen ETCHISON and 1st wife Charity Jane EYTCHISON, 2nd wife Mary Ann (maiden name unknown).

????? QUERIES ?????

MEADOWS

Need information on Pinkney Barton MEADOWS who died 16 Sept 1900 in Haskell, OK. His wife, Nancy Ann and his mother Mary Miranda Lee lived in Haskell until 1914 when Mary died. They came to Muskogee County around 1892 and raised 8 children there. The children were Lizabeth, Ethel, Montie, Flossie, Nora, Jim, Jess and George. Any information on this family would be appreciated.

Charlene Meadows, 14821 Clement Dr., Clearlake, CA 95422.

TWIN TERRITORIES.

THE 23d of February, 1899, will long be a vivid memory with the people of Muskogee, for on that day occurred the greatest fire that has ever visited this prosperous city. On the opposite page we reproduce a picture of the smoking ruins, photographed by Palmer Bros., managers of Robertson Art Photo Gallery, and engraved by the Teachenor-Bartberger engraving company, which excellent house has the contract for illustrating Twin Territories. Through a misunderstanding, the cut was made smaller than it should have been, and when it arrived, time was then too limited to have a larger one made; yet it was through no fault of the engraving house.

The fire which wrought such havoe broke out at 5:30 a.m. Almost a hurrjeane of icy wind was at that time sweeping from the northwest. It was bitter cold—so cold, indeed, that even those who madly 'rantically, fought the recling mass of flames were almost frozen while they worked. The fire is supposed to have originated in a colored shoemaker's establishment, near Mann's hotel, opposite the U.S. court-house-but how, no one knows. Suffice to say, that before the shrill notes of alarm whistles had waked a dozen people in the suburbs of the city to a realization of the fact that a fire was raging, it was beyond control. Parties engaged, in business next to the building in which the fire started, had no time to save anything. A negro barber-shop stood next to Lieber's office; this was in flames in two minates from the time it started, and then Lieber's office fell a victim. The Evening Times building, the law offices of Cravens, DeGrafenried & von Weise, Chapman, Dawes and T. S. Osborne, the tailoring establishment of Frank Masck and the law-office of Marcum & Owen, all went like a flash of powder. The Times office was a total loss. The lawyers occupying the second floor of this and the next building also, Marcum & Owens losing about \$2000 worth of books and valuable papers. By this time the fire had eaten its way to the north extremity of the block -sweeping out of existence the Mann hotel and several law offices.

The eastern side of this block, whose buildings

fronted on Main street, were soon wrapped in flame, as was also the Maddin Hardware building. The west side of Main street was composed entirely of frame buildings, and in twenty minutes sheets of flame were rolling over the fronts of every building in the block. The gale still continued, and in a few moments the east side was all ablaze. And here the heavy losses began. J. B. Brown's dry goods establishment, the Boston Store, W. F. Mills' "Grand Leader," C. W. Turner's magnificent brick block; together with the opera house and numerous law offices—all were immediately enveloped in smoke and flame.

At this juncture it looked as though the entire business portion of the city was doomed. English block, opposite the postoffice, was burning, and the wind was carrying the fire straight across the street to some frame buildings in the rear of the First National bank; but strenuous efforts, and hard work prevented this catastrophe. In the meantime the Turner building was a seething mass of fire and forked tongues of flame were reaching out hungrily toward the roof of the Hotel Adams—the big hotel which for years had been the pride of Muskogee. The firemen fought like demons, but it was no use; the great frame building was soon past rescue, and in a half-hour only the tall chimneys were left as silent monuments to its beauty. Capt. Shadbolt, now of Hillsboso, Texas, was manger of the hotel at the time of the fire.

When the south-bound passenger train came in at 6:30 she merely slowed up, deposited her mail below the depot and pulled on through. The engineer dared not stop, as the Hotel was then burning, and, as the train-erew afterwards said, "it was like running a train through the infernal regions." Passengers aboard that morning, instead of stopping for a nice breakfast, caught only a passing glimpse of a burning town, half-hidden by dense volumes of sooty smoke, pierced here and there with brilliant flame-jets.

Attracted by the glare, which brought to them the knowledge that Muskogee was burning, hundreds of country people flocked to town—some to satisfy

^{*}Photographs of fire shown elsewhere.

idle curiosity and others to lend a hand at helping to save the property of friends. But these latter came too late, many a poor man having lost his all, without a dollar's worth of insurance thereon.

As before stated, the Evening Times was a total loss, and to this is due the fact that Twin Territories is ten days late this month. The Times' loss is estimated at \$1300—the actual cost of the material—the books being saved. Five hundred dollars of this loss was covered by insurance. Attorney Lieber, whose office was next to the Times, lost none of his books, as J. B. Neely was sleeping in a rear room, and managed to save most of Mr. Lieber's valuables. Masek, the tailor, saved most of his goods.

The principal losers were: C. W. Turner, \$200,-000; insurance \$80,000. A. Z. English, \$40,000; insurance \$14,000. W. F. Mills, \$28,000; insurance \$10,000. J. B. Brown, \$22,000; insurance \$15,000. Boston Store, \$15,000; insurance, \$8,000. C. C. Ayers, \$12,000; insurance \$4,000. Maddin Hardware company, \$50,000; insurance \$16,000. Chandler's grocery store, \$4,000; insurance \$1500. F. B. Severs, \$12,000; insurance \$5,000. Muskogee Drug Co., \$5,000; insurance \$1500. Woodward & Co., \$11,000; insurance \$3,000. Commercial bank, \$1000; Milo Adams \$4000. Electric light plant, \$18,000; insurance \$5,000. Hotel Adams, \$40,000; insurance \$18,000. Express office \$5,000. M. K. & T. freight office and goods, \$10,000. Guest hotel, \$3,000.

There were twenty-five or thirty others, whose losses are estimated at from one hundred to one thousand dollars. Among them were: The Indian office, S. M. Rutherford, Will Linton, Levi Ackley, W. C. Jackson, Foster House, Telephone exchange, the Masonic hall, Indian inspector's office, Dr. Moran, S. S. Foster, Mann Hotel, Manager Shadbolt of the Hotel Adams, Judge Thomas, K. C. Chop House, and probably a dozen others.

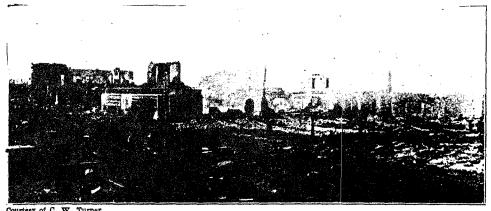
C. W. Turner, the heaviest loser of all, has a force of men at work cleaning off his lots, and it is understood will at once begin the erection of a handsome four-story brick or stone building. A. Z. English, who lost the fine block of newly finished stone buildings already has a large force of men at work on the walls of a new building which will be a dupli-

cate of the one burned. Turner, for the present is occupying the building vacated by Mr. Severs, on South Main street, the latter having removed his stock of goods to Okmulgee. The Commercial bank occupies the western portion of the First National block. W. F. Mills, the energetic, irrepressible Mills, who has been one of the most prominent mercantile figures in the Territory for years, has, at this writing, a nice stock of goods on the road, and will soon be ready for business. A new Katy depot and hotel will soon be in course of construction. It will be of brick and a much handsomer building than the former building. Mr. Sharum will again open the Boston Store as soon as he can secure a building. Mr. Ayers talks of building, while J. B. Brown will open a millinery and ladies' furnishing store. Woodward will open a stock of goods in the room vacated by Munn & McDonald, restaurant Chandler will also engage in business again.

A peculiar state of affairs exists among the unfortunates. With one or two exceptions, all are in the best of spirits, and not in the least downcast or "blue." This is by far the wisest course, and all seem to realize it. If the people of Muskogee are blessed with any one thing in abundance, it is the article called nerve. Five years ago almost the whole of Main street-or rather the buildings on this street—went up in smoke. The street was rebuilt, but the structures were not of the best, and Muskogee was in nowise benefitted. We had no city laws then, and a man could build any sort of house he Now, we have a city government, a fire limit has been established, compelling builders to put' up stone, brick or iron structures within the prescribed limit. So, when the burnt district is again rebuit, it will be with houses that are not only a credit to the town, but will also possess the additional virtue of comparative safety. The burn will of course "set us back" in the matter of a spring trade, but Twin Territories predicts that when September comes around again it will see Court and Main streets lined with substantial stone and brick buildings, and "rat rows" will be a thing of the past in the City of the Muskogees.



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MUSKOGEE AFTER THE FIRE, FEBRUARY 23, 1899



Courtesy of C. W. Turner
MAIN AND BROADWAY, MUSKOGEE, AFTER THE FIRE OF FEBRUARY 23, 1899

(From the Muskoges Phoenix, February 23, 1899)
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(Mrs. Porter, Library)

AGAIN IN ASHRS!

MUSKOGEE'S PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS IN RUINS! COMPLETE DESTRUCTION

OF THE MAIN PART OF THE CITY
A DESOLATE SIGHT -

Brick, stone, scrapinon, smouldering embers - all that remains of splendid stores, shops, hotels, opera house and offices of yesterday. One of the greatest elements that yields obedience to man slipped its bonds and became an all-devouring enemy, while puny humanity stands idly by and jokes at his own loss, or hysterically weeps at the melting of the substance of years of toil.

About 5:30 this morning a feeble wail of "Fire" was heard, followed by the popping of firearms and the hoarse bellowing of the engines in the yard, and then all Muskogee assembled to make a most unequal effort to stay the destruction.

shacks on the east side of Court Street and nearly opposite the United States court building, from which it immediately spread to William Mann's Hotel and south to the Times Building, and the fierce, biting wind drove it easterly to the rear of the buildings on the west side of Main Street. That was the center from which it spread north to and including the splendid two-story building of the Maddin Hardware Co., southward including the splendid new English stone building, and all the property directly east of these to the railroad yaris. This is better understood by people who have been here by naming the Maddin two-story building, the Garrett one-story and two-story buildings, Chandler's store, Downing and K. C. Hotels, Times block, English block.

Cwl Saloon, and across the street the splendid Turner block, opera house.

light plant, Shackelford building, Shunkey building, and a row of small

buildings nearly to Maddin's Mill, and the splendid Depot Hotel and small buildings, and the railroad office. The fire crossed Railroad Street south long enough to destroy the M. E. & T. freight house, the telegraph office, and scorch the grocery of the Patterson Mercantile Co., and was brought under control. It was the brick building of First National Bank and Patterson Mercantile Co. on the corners which held the fire in check and prevented the loss of the remainder of the business portion of the town. The U. S. Court building was saved by the most heroic work of the officials and help secured, for several times the front rooms were a roaring furnace.

From all these places there was a certain amount of movables saved in a more or less damaged condition. The greatest loss from a money point was from the splendid buildings of Turner Hardware Co., the Depot Hotel, and the fine new English block, a portion of which was yet incomplete, but of course many smaller losses mean all to the owners. Medest tradesmen of yesterday are but day laborers today. The greatest public loss is the priceless records of the Union Agency and Inspector Wright, and the gorgeously furnished halls of the different Masonic societies, and Turner opera house.

Many of the younger portion of this city never before saw anything larger than a big haystack burn, and to them is left a picture
which will last to the end of their days. At first a small reddish
light guided those near the spot, but soon it began to swell and grow,
and then there was that vicious snap and crackle which told of the
demon's glee and the fierce, cold north wind seemed but the choicest
fuel. Soon the snap and crackle turned to a roar and swirl, and then
began the sharp punctuation of cartridges, firearms and explosive oils
with accompanisent of heavy boom and the crash of falling walls and

timbers. A feverish rush and hurry of a few trying to save something from the awful wreck made a curious sidelight to the general apathy, and the great multitude who braved the biting wind to watch in idleness the magnificent spectacle of a million dollar fireworks display.

A few who were losing all they possessed were also losing selfcontrol in useless hysterical display, but the brawn and brain that
has made the town in the past was saying, "There is more to be got
where this came from." C. ". Turner said to a sympathizing friend,
"I've made it before and can do it again;" and a rough-handed workman
ran his hand down his disheveled clothing and said, "This is all."
And then he held up those vigorous muscles to view and said, "I can
make some more." This is the stuff that wrests fortune from the
dreariest outlook.

On all sides there is talk of rebuilding newer and greater business, and the dying sighs of the devouring flames hear the swelling notes of "yekce-vtotketv" (to the work).

Rebuilding will begin just as soon as it is possible to arrange the details and get material. Under the contract of the hotel company, the Depot Hotel must be rebuilt by the railroad company, and it will doubtless be a brick this time. The unfinished portion of the English block will be rushed now, and where stood some of the cheap structures will be good brick and stone buildings.

It is impossible to begin to enumerate the deeds of heroism of many. The fire company did their best with the limited appliances, and helped to hold the fire in its bounds, some of the boys working away while their substance was turning to ashes.

So far as known, there was no loss of life, but many were exposed to the cold and the water who will feel the effects after the excitement is over.

The loss of the telegraph office will soon be repaired. It will be some time before the electric light plant can be rebuilt and repaired, and the telephone excharge will be a considerably longer time. The railroad people will soon rebuild. The fire began in or at the rear of rooms occupied by several negroes, and almost that identical spot is where the last serious fire began about five years ago which burned over a part of the same ground now laid waste.

NOTES OF FIRE

Commercial Bank will be opened in English Insurance office today.

The fire department did heroic work in fighting the flames.

Attorney Osborn fell down steps of his office, severaly injuring his back.

- C. W. Turner, the heaviest loser, was one of the coolest men in the crowd.
- A. Z. English says that he will rebuild, and that the telephone exchange will soon be/ithning order.

All of the big merchants state that they will rebuild and open up again.

Muskogee will prove itself a second Phoenix.

John Lieber had his neck and face socrched.

The Indian Office saved no records.

Great praise is due the citizens for the manner in which they displayed themselves.

C. W. Turner opened for business in Capt. Severs' store.

Phoenix is late today because of demoralization, but we got there just the same.

LOSSES

C. d. Turner, loss, \$200,000; insurance, \$80,000.

A. Z. English, loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$14,000.

Mills, loss, \$28,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Brown's, loss, \$22,000; insurance, \$15,000.

A. S. Sharum, Boston Store, loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$8,000.

C. C. Ayres, loss, \$12,000; insurance, \$4,000.

Hetherington, loss, \$2,000; no insurance.

Maddin Hardware Co., loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$16,000.

Cohn & Foster, loss, \$3,000; no insurance.

Chardler's Grocery, loss, \$4,000; insurance, \$1500.

Dr. Sims, loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000.

F. B. Severs, loss, \$12,000; insurance, \$5,000.

L. J. Baker, loss, \$1,200; insurance, \$400.

Muskogee Drug Co., loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$1,500.

Woodward & Co., loss, \$11,000; insurance, \$8,000.

Commercial Bank, loss, \$1,000.

Milo Adams, loss, \$4,000; no insurance.

S. M. Rutherford, loss, \$1,200; insurance, \$300.

Levi Ackley, loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$700.

Court House, damage, \$1,000.

Electric Light Co., loss, \$18,000; insurance, \$5,000.

W. C. Jackson, loss, \$1,500; no insurance.

Foster House, loss, \$1,200; no insurance.

E. E. Skelton, loss, \$600; no insurance.

Eelley's Hestaurant, loss, \$500; no insurance.

TOSSES

Jim Richardson, loss, \$1,500:.no insurance.

deGraffenreid & Von Weise. loss. \$1,000: no insurance.

Attorney Osborne, loss, \$1,000: no insurance.

Attorney Chapman, loss, \$700; no insurance.

Marcam & Owen, loss, \$1,000; no insurence.

John Lieber, loss, \$150; no insurance.

Entel Adams, loss \$40,000; insurance, \$18,000.

Telephone Exchange, loss, \$500; no insurance.

Indian and Inspector's office, loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

J. M. Givens, loss, \$2,000; no insurance.

Dr. J. A. Moran. loss. \$1,000: no insurance.

M. K. & T. Freight office and goods, loss, \$10,000; no insurance.

Express office. loss, \$5,000; no insurance.

Dr. J. W. Winsborough, loss, \$200; no insurance.

Roomers in Turner Block, loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

P. J. Byrne, loss, \$500; no insurance.

Masonic Hall, loss \$3,000; no insurance.

H. C. Bossser, loss, \$500; no insurance.

Shackelforf & Shackelford, loss, \$1,500; no insurance.

Western Union Tel. Co., loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

Russell Wiggins, loss, \$1.500: no insurance.

- S. S. Fears, loss, \$1,500; no insurance.
- W. Linton, loss, \$1.000; no insurance.
- W. S. Wolfinberger, loss, \$500; no insurance.

Attorney Gross, loss, \$100; no insurance.

Mann's Rotel, loss, \$2,500; partly insured.

Times Publishing Co., loss, \$1,000; insurance, \$500.

Dr. M. F. Flynn, loss, \$50; no insurance.

Patterson Mercantile Co., damage, \$500; fully insured.

Hatchings and West, loss \$25: no insurance.

Cashier Kirkland, Commercial Bank, furniture, loss \$500: no insurance

Manager Shadboldt, Depot Hotel, loss, \$500; no insurance.

Guest Hotel, loss, \$3,000; no insurance.

Judge Thomas, loss, \$500.

Downing Hotel, loss, \$2,000; no insurance.

M. D. Harchas, loss, \$100; no insurance.

M. R. Moore, loss, \$200; no insurance.

Kavarro Barber Shop, loss, \$100; no insurance.

M. K. & T. ticket office, loss, \$400; no insurance.

Mills' K. C. Hotel, loss, \$700; no insurance.

Delmonico Restaurant, loss, \$500; no insurance.

Owl Billiard Hall, loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

A. Jackson, loss, \$200; no insurance.

John Hollenbery, loss, \$100; no insurance.

Dill & Kinney, loss, \$100; no insurance.

Mesesk Taylor, lons, \$300; no insurance.

EXCERPTS from the MUSKOGEE PHOENIX January 21, 1909

GERMAN AND CAROLINA BUILDINGS ARE DESTROYED BY RAGING FLAMES

Loss of \$125,000 Entailed

Fire Breatks Out In Kitchen Of Restaurant

Conflagration Most Spectacular. Many Narrow Escapes from Death. Low Water Pressure Handicaps Firemen. New Buildings will be Erected.

From Thursday's Daily

Starting from the explosion of a pan of grease heating on the range in the kitchen of the Saratoga Restaurant, owned by A.R. Hadley, at 115 North Third Street, a sheet of flame swept up the side of the grease soaked walls at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning and within four hours the German Building in which the restaurant was located, and the Carolina Building adjoining, both three story brick structures, had been completely consumed. From Broadway on the north to Okmulgee on the south, the flames swept a clean path and only the smoldering ruins and portion of tottering brick walls remain. (Note: James Brown was cooking breakfast when the grease exploded.)

Fire Wall Prevents Spread

The flames were prevented from spreading west of the German Building by the heavy brick fire-wall. West of the Carolina Building the space intervening between it and the Carolina Building was covered with small shacks and these were hastily emptied of contents and razed to the ground to prevent the fire demon from communicating to the Colorado Building.

The ground floors of the two buildings were occupied as business rooms by various concerns; the second floors were filled with office rooms and the top floors were occupied by roomers. So far as was known last night, no fatalities occurred.

While the fire was getting underway George Cramer, a lineman employed by the Pioneer Telephone and Telegraph Company, was severely cut by falling glass on the first floor of the German Building and was removed to the City Hospital.

C.W. Harris a lineman for the traction company, was badly shocked by a live wire while on top of the Barnes Building. He was severing wires to prevent possible accident from the wires dropping into the street among the crowds and was thrown about four feet by the electrical force and was rendered unconscious for a few moments. He soon recovered and was able to continue his work.

The German Building was owned by O.D. Revel and J.L. Wagner residing in Asheville, N.C. and the Carolina Building was owned by Jacob Spangenberg of Muskogee and O.D. Revel.

The German and Carolina Buildings were erected about four years ago, the cost of the German Building approximately \$32,000 and the Carolina Building approximately \$40,000. Two weeks ago \$80,000 was offered for the German Building and the site it occupied and was refused.

Women Carried Down Ladders

Mrs. Georgia Brown of San Francisco, who had lately arrived to visit her brother, David Hall, with quarters on the top floor of the German Building, was carried down a ladder by Fireman Bourland Winford of Station No. 2, screaming and hysterical. Hall and Harry Gwinnup also escaped down the ladder. Mrs. Brown was taken to the home of G.T. Bigelow on North Twelfth street. She was suffering acutely from exposure and the extreme nervous shock and last night was in a state of almost complete collapse.

The fire marks the most destructive conflagration that has occurred in Muskogee since the memorable fire of Feb. 22, 1899 when the greater portion of the growing frontier town was swept by flames.

Engine Breaks Down

The fire engine served to confine the flames to the German Building but after working steadily for about two hours, the ramshackled old machine suddenly broke down and the fire demon was henceforth unchecked. The water supply which had held up fairly well under the pumping force of the engine was of such meagre force that fire hoses attached to street plugs were of no use.

The flames had mounted to the top of the German Building and were rapidly spreading towards Broadway through the connecting floors between the German Building and the Carolina Building constructed over the passageway between the two buildings that has long been a bone of contention between the owners of the buildings and the city council.

There were numerous instances of narrow escapes of lodgers living in the Carolina Building.

Girls Rescue Roommates

Mattie Hightower and Amanda Summers, night operators at the Pioneer Telephone company exchange had retired after their night's labor and Mrs. Lula Weatherford, Olive York, and Anthon York and John Wise, day shift telephone operators, who had rooms in the building, had gone to the exchange to work. When the alarm of fire was given they rushed from the exchange and up the stairs of the Carolina Building which was rapidly being eaten into by the flames, and dragged out two sleeping comrades to safety.

W.L. Hewitt, district deputy for the National Council, Knights and Ladies of Security, and his wife occupied room No. 31 in the Carolina Building. They were awakened by the flames and barely had time to don clothing and run to the street. They lost all their belongings.

Saves Life of Strangers

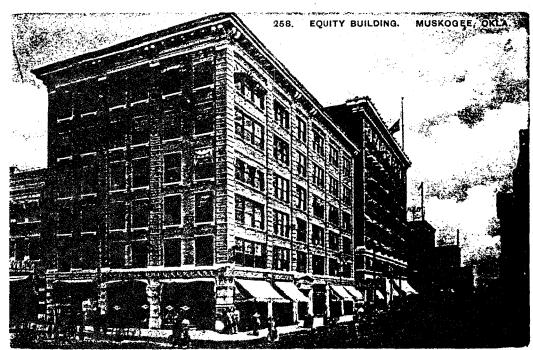
Thomas Reed, standing on the sidewalk on Okmulgee avenue, Heard somebody say that a man was in the third story of the building. Without a moment's hestitation he dashed up the stairway and began groping around the dense pall of smoke. Suddenly the smoke lifted in the hallway for an instant, and Reed almost strangled and with his coat around his head to prevent suffocation, saw a man, scantily clothed, crouching on the floor and beating his head against a wall. Apparently the man was crazed with fear. Reed fought his way through the smoke and siezed the man, endeavoring to drag him to the stairway. With a scream the fear crazed stranger siezed Reed's left coat sleeve in his teeth and bit and tore in the delirium of his panic. Reed fought with his antagonist to free himself, and together they wrestled in the burning hallway, with the pall of smoke growing more dense each instant and both half suffocated. As often as Reed would wrench free, the man would sieze him by the arm with his teeth. Finally Reed gave him two staggering blows with his fist and rendered the fellow semiconscious.

Fighting for his own life and still determined to save the half-conscious stranger, Reed made his way through the smoke, groping blindly for the stairway with the flames crackling through the partitions at the end of the hallway. Reaching the stairway, Reed dragged the man down two flights to the street and placed him in a sitting posture on the sidewalk curbing. Then he walked away and spent the next few minutes filling his lungs with fresh air to revive himself. Coming back to the man who remained with his head between his hands and eyes fixed on the ground, Reed inquired "How are you feeling now?" With a cry the stranger sprang to his feet and began running west on Okmulgee. Reed does not know his name nor what became of him.

On the third floor of the Carolina Building Mrs. M.E. Hunt conducted a rooming house. She had seventeen rooms which she rented and by dint of faithful work and economy had almost finished paying for the furniture which she bought in installments when she opened the house. She had no insurance.



Carolina Building , 302-304 W. Okmulgee German Building (to the rear) 301 - 303 W. Broadway (Moore's City Directory 1909)



Equity Building, NW Corner Okmulgee & Third Built on site of Carolina Building Surety Building, SW Corner Broadway & Third Built on site of German Building (Moore's City Directory 1910)

MUSKOGEE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

The first real fire department in the city was organized about 1893, and while it received some support from the young city, its services for several years were largely voluntary. Charles Seekings was chief and Frank Swift and John G. Lieber were foremen of the two hose brigades. The members who volunteered their services were John Cobb, Charles Seekings, Frank Swift, R. Aldredge, E. E. Skelton, Clark Compton, John G. Lieber, O. M. Sholl, Andrew Moore, Tom Doyle, Charley Kimsey, Ben Berry, George Irvin, A. W. Banks, L. T. Parnell, George Dyer, Dan Bonnell, Porter Spaulding, Luther Ward and Preston Ellis. The old-time merchants purchased and presented to the department its first hook and ladder outfit.

By the beginning of the present century Muskogee was beginning to assume the appearance of a real city. It recovered speedily from the effects of its most destructive fire, that of February, 1899, and as the debris was cleared away, more imposing and more substantial business houses replaced those destroyed by fire. The pioneer merchants continued in business and controlled the bulk of the trade. The business methods which they had followed gave them a kind of monopoly of the trade with the Indians and Freedmen and it was difficult for a newcomer to get a foothold. For many years the custom had prevailed among merchants of furnishing provisions and other necessaries to the farmers during the spring and summer months to be paid for during the following autumn or winter, the merchants holding a lien on the growing crops. In some instances, scrip was issued by the merchants to the farmers to be returned in exchange for goods. Captain Severs issued little books of scrip which, on account of the variegated colors, was known as "Severs' Streaks and Stripes." Spaulding's scrip resembled paper money and as his photograph was stamped on all of his shinplasters, his scrip was called "Spaulding Heads."

> Taken from Muskogee and Northeastern Oklahoma

> > by

John D. Benedict Volume I - 1922

THE NEW HOTEL FORMALLY OPENED

One of The Most Successful Social Functions of The Season (Muskogee Phoenix - April 6, 1905)

With all the pomp and grace possible, Muskogee's new hotel, built at a cost of more than \$100,000, was formally opened to the public yesterday*and the affair will go down in history as one of the greatest functions of the city. As a social event it rivaled anything ever given in the territory.

It is estimated one thousand ladies and gentlemen participated in the reception from 2 until 5 in the afternoon, and probably twice that number visited the hotel between the closing hour of the reception and the hour for the banquet.

Each of the many reception parlors was a bower of lovliness. Fresh Southern smilax, palms and ferns and roses were used in profusion in the decorations, and everywhere an air of profound splendor prevailed. Not even the smallest detail in the arrangement had been overlooked and each feature of the program was carried out with the perfect order of a model military post.

The Third Street entrance was used for carriages, which for three hours took their turn and deposited their loads of beautifully gowned women under the balcony. The guests were met at the door by a butler and escorted to the elevator, where they were taken to the third floor and maids assisted them to remove their wraps. They were then taken to the second floor where the reception proper was held.

The reception lasted from 2 until 5 o'clock and the strains of dreamy waltzes and popular selections floated through the spacious halls and drowned the gay talk of the visitors.

Light refreshments and punch were served and the following young ladies presided over the punch bowl most charmingly: Miss Caroline Thomas, Miss Sussane Bell of Chicago, Miss Annie Owens, Miss Myrtle Baker, Miss Susanne Maxey, Miss Nevermore Trainor, Miss Ellen Burden and Miss Lucy Haskell.

The following ladies mingled with the crowd and assisted in receiving: Mesdames Ira L. Reeves, John A. Adams, Milo E. Adams, M. R. Williams, Marshall L. Bragdon, S. A. Douglas, Masterson Peyton, Deroos Bailey, Beyinghaus, Walter R. Eaton, J. R. Campbell, H. B. Spaulding. Theodore F. Brewer, J. E. Chapman. O. T. Letcher, G. A. Murphey, A. P. Murphy, P. B. Hopkins, D. N. Fink, D. H. Middleton, Theodore W. Gulick, M. F. Early, Lyman K. Lane, D. W. Hogan, C. M. Bradley, Thomas H. Owen. W. A. Lubbes, William J. Cook, W. C. Jackson, B. A. Randle, J. Blair Shoenfelt, J. Hutchings White, Charles Madison, J. K. Edmonds, W. O. Beall, Thomas A. Sanson, C. B. Douglas, E. F. Merriam, Bert Greer, W. E. Decker, Charles E. Reid, J. B. O'Neill, W. W. Bennett, Clark J. Tisdell, J. D. Benedict, Dana H. Kelsey, N. S. Young, C. N. Haskell, J. S. Weeks, Thomas P. Smith, Robert L. Owen, A. Z. English, J. Lee Dabbs, C. W. Turner, A. C. Trumbo, F. R. Coss, Leo E. Bennett, Tams Bixby, N. F. Hancock, P. L. Soper of Vinita, R. P. Harrison, W. N. Patterson, C. L. Jackson, P. E. Heckman, N. A. Gibson, F. B. Mittong, O'Kane, W. A. Downing, P. M. Ford, H. Van Smith, A. L. Aylesworth, P. C. West: Mssrs. Beauregard Torrans, Louis L. Miller, C. A. Looney, Frank F. Nerriam, O. D. Hall, J. L. Blakemore, D. M. Wisdom, J. G. Joyce, Jr., J. M. Givens, C. W. Reid, G. W. Barnes, Jr., J. W. Zevely, C. B. Douglas and Homer Needles.

^{*}The Turner Hotel opened March 29, 1905. This article was apparently written too late for printing in the March 30, 1905 issue of the weekly Phoenix.

Martin's full orchestra and Miller's string orchestra played throughout the reception. The halls on the second floor were lavishly decorated with American beauty roses, potted plants, ferns and palms. The parlors on the second floor were converted into a veritable fairyland. The rooms upon the third floor were used as cloak rooms and the whole affair was one of the greatest society events Muskogee has ever known.

Miss Virginia Hancock touched the electric button at the new hotel that caused the incandescent lights to burst forth on the top of the building in a flood of light, proclaiming the name of the \$100,000 hotel.

The banquet in the evening surpassed anything of the kind ever given in the territory. When the doors of the brilliantely lighted dining room were thrown open at eight o'clock, 300 guests marched into the room and took seats assigned them. Large bouquets of cut flowers on each table and the dreamy music of the orchestras diffused the air of peace and contentment.

Not until after 11 o'clock was the menu disposed of and toastmaster Honorable J. W. Zevely introduced Honorable S. M. Rutherford, who deli yered the address of welcome. When the toastmaster announced the next speaker, Honorable C. N. Haskell and stated his subject, "What shall we name the hotel?" the buzz of voices instantly ceased. When he began speaking all eyes were centered on him and his every word was listened to attentively. When he announced the name, and simultaneously a curtain on the north wall of the room dropped, disclosing in electric lights the words just spoken, a great demonstration followed.

Other toasts responded to were as follows; "Reminiscences" - Honorable James F. Reed

"Political Secrets of A Hotel" - Honorable P. L. Soper

"How The Hotel Should Be Run" - Honorable John R. Thomas

One of the many pretty arrangements of the banquet was the presence of Troop A, Indian Territory Volunteer Calvary, in full uniform. The Cavalrymen were arranged in two lines on the second floor and the guests marched in the aisles between the soldiers.

Although the banquet was not finished until after 12'o'clock, dancing commenced in the new opera house at 11:30. The stage was reserved for dancing while spectators occupied the main part of the building. The floor had been prepared for the occasion and was in fine condition and until the small hours of the morning the stage was thronged with youth and beauty, tripping the light fantastic to inspiring two-steps and dreamy waltzes.

The menu was as follows:

Cedra Cocktail Salted Almonds Celery Hearts

Shrewsbury's Migonnette

Clear Green Turtle Epicure Stuffed Lobster a la Luculius Hot House Cucumbers 1

· Punch Cream of Wild Roses Nabisco

Roast Quail a la Turner Stuffed Potatoes, Gastronome New Asparagus Tips

Tomato, Farcie fin de Sicle

Artistic Ice Cream with Fresh Strawberries Petite Fours Varies

Neufchatel Cheese Cafe Noir Waters



The Muskogee Phoenix of March 30, 1905 reported the Turner Hotel was built by the Muskogee Hotel Company with officers as follows: C. N. Haskell, President; C. T. Letcher, Vice-President; F. R. Letcher, Secretary; Ira I. Reeves, Treasurer. Directors in addition to the officers: A. Z. English, C. W. Turner, Thomas P. Smith.

Hotel Staff: Lessees - Shernbel-Letcher Co.

Housekeeper - Mrs. Sharp, St. Louis

Day clerk - J. Charles Smith, Kansas City

Night clerk - Mr. Brown, formerly of the Katy here

Stewart - George Mills from California

Chef - Jacob Diedrichs, St. Louis

Charge of dining room - Miss Lena Chowning

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The Turner Hotel was located at Third and Court Streets. It was torn down in 1962.

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QUERIES

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Shipley Jestes Need information on Charles Wesley SHIPLEY and his wife, Mary Elizabeth JESTES who lived in Keefton, OK. Mary Elizabeth JESTES SHIPLEY died in 1947.

Charlene Meadows, 14821 Clement Dr., Clearlake,

CA 95422.

KEEL

I would like to hear from anyone with information on William A. KEEL, son of Philip E. and Otelia MONNINGER KEEL. William was born in 1870 in Illinois. He married Bertha? from Kansas. They had three daughters, Merris, Florence and Pauline. He was a linotype operator for the Times Democrat in 1910. I will share all information and answer all correspondence.

Betty (KEEL) WILKEN, 1124 W. Seminole,

Springfield, MO 65807.

The following news items were recorded from the BOYNTON INDEX, a newspaper in Boynton, Oklahoma. These articles were contributed by Lillie Weidel, who read the newpaper from microfilm.

Boynton Index, Friday, March 9, 1923.

D.A. Lee, aged 57 years, one of the most widely known colored men in Eastern Oklahoma, died at his home in this city Monday evening and was buried Wednesday afternoon. He was the founder of the old town of Lee and has been a citizen of Boynton since it was founded in 1902. He was a member of the colored Masonic and K.P. lodges.

Boynton Index, Friday, April 24, 1925

Vol. 15, No. 52

With this issue the Index ends the fifteenth year of its existence.

The paper was founded by Edgar A. Pollock May 1, 1910, at the earnest solicitation of a number of the business men, after there had been some four newspaper failures. Mr. Pollock guided the paper through a stormy fifteen months, and then sold it to the present editor who took charge August 1, 1911, although we had been there several weeks prior to that date.

In 1910 Boynton was not much of a town. The Francis Vitric Brick Co. was just building the plant which today ranks among the largest of its kind in the United States and is turning out a product that has come into universal use throughout the southwest where good paving is desired.

In 1910 there were eight brick business buildings in the town including the two bank buildings. All the rest were frame shacks of various kinds.

1910 there was just one auto in town. A Hup roadster owned by the late Frank Miller.

In 1910 the telephone directory was printed on one side of a small card with room to spare.

In 1910 the school building consisted of four rooms and only upto the eighth grade was taught.

In 1910 it was said oil could be found somewhere around Boynton, but nobody had the nerve to go after it.

In 1910 coal and wood was the fuel and oil furnished the lights.

In 1910 water was bought by the bucket and barrel from a wagon.

In 1910 the physicians were Drs. Settle, Carson and Flamm.

In 1910 the elevator and gin were owned by P.B. Wolfinger and his son, Frank.

In 1910 Powers & Ogle and W.E. Dunham were the hard-ware dealers.

In 1910 C.N. Fluke, J.W. Crawford, the White Mercantile Co. (J.E., J.P. and H.F. White) and W.E. Clare were the general merchandise dealers.

In 1910 Iva Wright was the postmaster.

In 1910 the town board was composed of J.H. Ogle, President; P.B. Wolfinger, Junia Williams, Sam Siegenthaler, Lee Perkins, "Dad" Harris, "Dad" Lyne and Bill Alcorn.

In 1910 the druggist were Junia Williams and Dr. J.A. Settle.

As a mater(sic) of fact, in 1910 Boynton was but a wide place in the road and it wasn't much more than that in 1911.

When the Index was founded it consisted of four pages, 7 columns to the page and had about 6 columns of advertising, professional cards and all.

In 1916 it was increased to a five column quarto, and in 1924 it was increased to its present size.

In the fifteen years of its existence the Index has seen many changes in the town of Boynton.

It has seen the population increase from 600 to 1600. It has seen a four-room school building increased to 26 room with a gymnasium and auditorium.

It has seen a small oil refinery grow to one of the largest in the Mid-Continent field.

It has seen the Francis Vitric Brick Co. grow from a small plant, shut down during the winter, grow to one of the biggest and it operates 24 hours a day with a full crew.

What it will see in the next fifteen years is a problem. But whoever presides over its destinies in 1940 can tell what happened in the previous fifteen years.

PHOTO HINTS

Have you been reading all the publicity recently that has been given concerning the care of your photographs?

Many newpaper and magazine articles are reporting that the popular mass-marketed vinyl pages of photograph albums can actually speed up the deterioration of photos. That is because vinyl sticks so well that it can lift the emulsion off the top of your photos.

The "old shoe box" might not be such a bad idea for storage after all. Mainly, your pictures should be stored at room temperature.

Attics and cedar chests in the garage are a "No-No".

Ideally, storing photos vertically in acid-free envelopes or boxes is the answer. If you purchase pages for your album, look for those made of Mylar, polypropylene or polyethylene. The backing paper and photo corners should be acid-free because acids in regular paper will slowly eat away your photographs.

Also, in displaying photos in frames, keep them away from direct sunlight and fluorescent lights so they don't fade, and they should not

be hung in a steamy bathroom where they will mildew.

NOW THAT WE HAVE THE WORD FROM THE EXPERTS....SHALL WE ALL START OVER WITH OUR PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS?

STARNES CEMETERY

Location: From Junction of Highway 62 and 80, 5.1 miles east.

Cemetery is on the north side of highway.

T15N R20E Section 2.

Condition: Many grave markers are without names. The cemetery

is contained in a chain link fence.

Row 1

VAN WINKLE, Alma Loyce

b. 1934

d. 1935

VAN WINKLE, Charles N.

b. April 8, 1895

d. June 23, 1966

(OSSW)

VAN WINKLE, Ada B.

b. February 17, 1896

d. December 25, 1966

JOHNSON, R. Paul

b. September 10, 1926

d. February 27, 1929

JOHNSON, M.H.

b. May 7, 1884

d. December 4, 1921

JOHNSON, M. Hullett

b. December 10, 1874

d. April 11, 1945

JOHNSON, Carrie

Mother

b. December 21, 1844

d. February 6, 1935

JOHNSON, Wade

b. February 8, 1870

d. April 29, 1953

(OSSW)

JOHNSON, Lou

b. October 13, 1870

d. February 1, 1938

CRAIG, Ovel Johnson

Mother

b. April 19, 1896

d. July 10, 1983

Row 2

GILLIAM, Robert Hershell

b. April 23, 1905

d. July 28, 1921

RALEY, Ronnie Loy

infant of Mr. &

Mrs. Loy

July 15, 1943

GILLIAM, Sarah

b. October 12, 1886

d. November 11, 1951

GILLIAM, Rev. Lloyd E.

b. December 21, 1880

d. February 18, 1957

RALEY, Nellie Gilliam

b. October 7, 1914

d. November 30, 1962

RALEY, Loy C.

b. December 8, 1921

d. June 5, 1977

MULL, Jess L.

b. October 15, 1905

d. March 14, 1969

MULL, Sarah A.

b. 1866

d. 1951

(OSSW)

MULL, Dock A.

b. 1866

d. 19

MULL, Ed. L.

b. May 21, 1896

d. October 26, 1962

Continued Starnes Cemetery

GLASS, Nettie M.

b. August 13, 1893

d. January 25, 1981

Row 3

JOHNSON, Viola

b. October 10, 1910

d. July 7, 1911

JOHNSON, Orville S.

b. August 28, 1906

d. November 8, 1908

JOHNSON, Thomas Leslie

Father

b. February 3, 1872

d. March 5, 1965

JOHNSON, Cora E.

b. June 15, 1887

d. November 15, 1968

Row 4

1897

Row 5

STARNES, Elizabeth L.

b. September 2, 1869

d. August 27, 1897

STARNES, Mary

d. April 1893

age 68 yrs.

Row 6

HUBBARD, Carlton L.

Pvt. U.S. Army

World War II

b. 1922

d. 1984

GOTT, Laura M.

b. 1885

d. 1975

GOTT, Lawrence J.

1905

McELHANEY, Baby

GOTT, Mamie B.

b. 1896

d. 1907

GOTT, Susan E.

b. 1857

d. 1945

(OSSW)

GOTT, Jackson B.

b. 1847

d. 1910

Row 8

GOTT, Effie

b. 1888

d. 1890

GOTT, Mary

b. 1884

d. 1890

RILEY, Nancy I.

b. 1844

d. 1900

LINDER, Richard T.

b. 1876

d. 1920

DYE, Jane

Mother

d. March 9, 1917

age 72 yrs.

DYE, Richard E.

b. December 17, 1873

d. June 3, 1961

(OSSW)

DYE, Minnie K.

b. February 23, 1879

d. June 25, 1956

HUBBARD, Mary L.

b. March 26, 1891

d. October 31, 1967

PATTON, Ewel

Oklahoma

Pvt. 142 Inf.

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October 9, 1918

Continued Starnes Cemetery

PATTON, Simpson Hugh b. April 19, 1854

d. July 18, 1922

PATTON, Mary V.

b. August 3, 1856

d. July 30, 1917

PATTON, girl

BRYAN, girl

HARPER, Margret

PATTON, baby girl

COOK, Edward Cleveland

b. March 15, 1884

d. January 15, 1922

COOK, M.C.

b. (July 27, 1899)d. (January 11, 1979)

age 80

Row 10

HUBBARD, Wesley Elzie

b. August 6, 1914

d. December 29, 1980

HUBBARD, Arthur Lee

b. November 15, 1924

d.December 8, 1976

HUBBARD, Diane R.

June 29, 1951

(OSSW)

HUBBARD, Larry R.

b. January 23, 1950

d. May 12, 1981

wed July 19, 1969

RYALS, Alyeen

b. January 22, 1922

d. April 23, 1971

COOK, Lucy E.

b. August 11, 1889

d. May 30, 1949

(OSSW)

COOK, George T.

b. August 4, 1888

d. December 25, 1971

COOK, W.H.

May 11, 1925

Age 76 yrs.

COOK, M.T.

d. May 29, 1934

FORD, Elliott C.

b. May 30, 1912

d. October 19, 1962

FORD, Mary

b. February 12, 1875

d. July 9, 1955

(OSSW)

FORD, Dave

b. March 7,1875

d. June 4, 1956

FORD, John W.

b. December 15, 1902

d. October 24, 1946

FORD, Andy

d. December 6, 1949

FORD, baby

d. 1952

Row 11

THOMPSON, Darlene I.

January 2, 1926

(OSSW)

THOMPSON, Leon B.

b. July 16, 1920

d. June 11, 1979

FORD, Ida Mae

b. August 19, 1898

d. December 5, 1964

(OSSW)

FORD, Walter D.

July 19, 1901

SHIRLEY, Martha E.

b. 1871

d. 1954

(OSSW)

SHIRLEY, William H.

b. 1863

d. 1954

Continued Starnes Cemetery

WATSON, Ada Belle

b. January 14, 1903

d. June 27, 1982

Row 12

SMITHSON, Esther M.

1917

(OSSW)

SMITHSON, Stanley S.

b. 1915

d. 1973

(OSSW)

SMITHSON, Donald W.

1939

WATSON, Charley

b. June 5, 1913

d. May 22, 1985

SNOOK, Frances

b. 1890

d. 1927

Row 13

MATTHEWS, Scott Kent

b. April 7, 1964

d. March 5, 1982

Row 14

JOHNSON, Polley A.

b. December 20, 1858

d. April 8, 1921

JOHNSON, J.B.

March 21, 1905

RALEY, Leonia V.

b. December 24, 1908

d. November 11, 1909

RALEY, Polley S.

b. February 21, 1916

d. August 6, 1917

RALEY, John S.

b. January 31, 1886

d. November 6, 1959

(OSSW)

RALEY, Cora L.

b. September 17, 1890

d. August 17, 1937

Row 15

(No stones legible)

TAYLOR, babies (one stone)

TAYLOR, Minnie Lee

b. September 26, 1903

d. August 6, 1905

(OSSW)

TAYLOR, Sarah Nancy

b. March 15, 1905

d. August 26, 1905

(OSSW)

TAYLOR, Billy Frank

b. March 6, 1921

d. June 6, 1922

(OSSW)

TAYLOR, Sammie Jack

b. June 7, 1923

d. January 31, 1925

SWIM, Susie E.

Mother

b. July 20, 1903

d. September 28, 1928

HOLLAND, Stella M. Swim

b. October 7, 1877

d. May 7, 1953

HUFF, Nathan

HUFF, Tina

RAYNOR, Etta F.

b. September 30, 1888

d. January 7, 1961

(OSSW)

RAYNOR, H. Newt

b. March 24, 1888

d. December 12, 1940

Read by Bonnie Delores Nickerson, 1986

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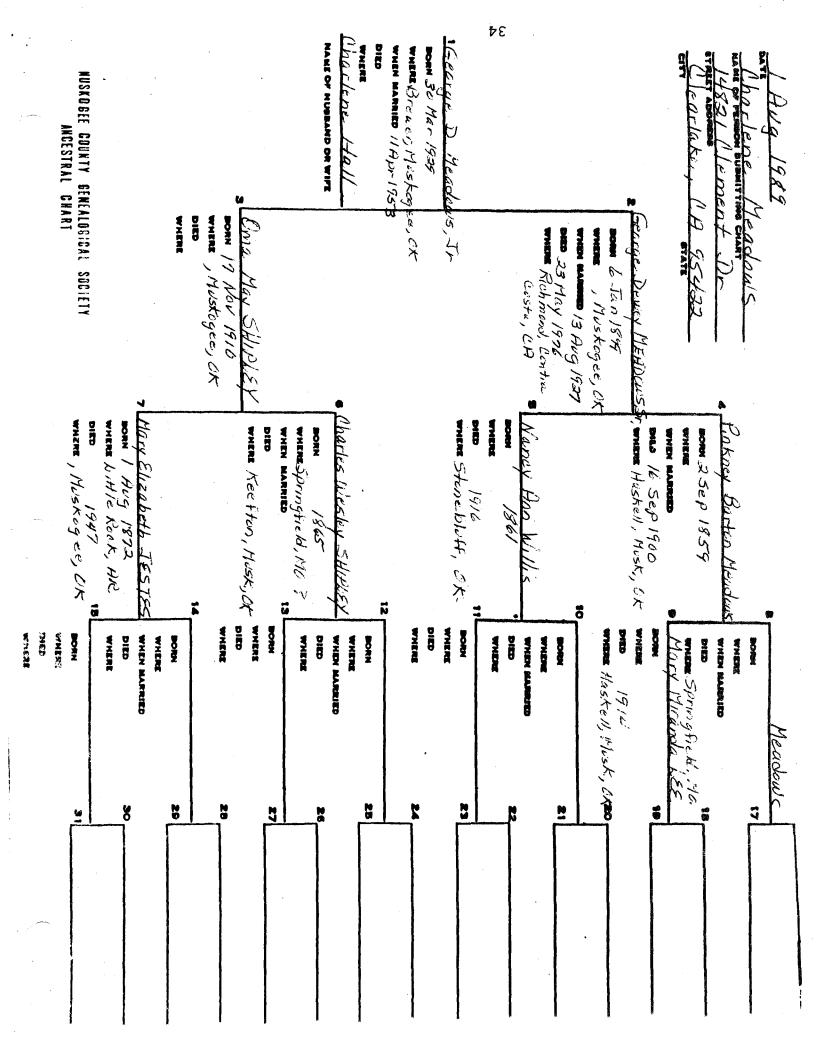
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