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* EDITOR: VIRGINIA VANN PERRY *

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** Letter From The President **

Floyd M. Foster of the Lescher Funeral Home in Muskogee was our guest speaker for our January meeting. He explained to us the proper procedures to use to gain information from funeral homes. They can give you the date of death, cause of death and the name and location of the cemetery that was used.

Our February guest speaker will be Adaina Riley, Chief Deputy of Muskogee County Court Clerk Office. She will be giving information on researching Probate and Marriage records.

David and Dorothy Swaney will show slides and speak on their visits to the L.D.S. Library in Utah. It will be very helpful and interesting to those who have never been there. This will be our March monthly meeting.

Our April meeting will be "Sharing Books" and we ask you to bring any books you have so that we may look through them and share information. This is a good time again for me to remind you that when you have a birthday, if you can donate a book or microfilm to the Grant Foreman Room in the Muskogee Public Library, it would be greatly appreciated.

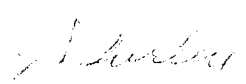
This is my last letter to you as your president. It has been a very rewarding year for me. I've learned a lot from the society on doing family research. It takes team work to make it successful. The board members and volunteers have been so helpful and supportive. I sincerely hope you give my successor the same support I received. Being a board member can be fun and exciting and we urge anyone who is interested to attend our meetings. They are held the first Friday of the month at 9:30 in the Muskogee Public Library.

I want to say "Thank You" to the Muskogee Public Library for all their help and support they have given the society. We really appreciate all the help they have given us in making our society a success.

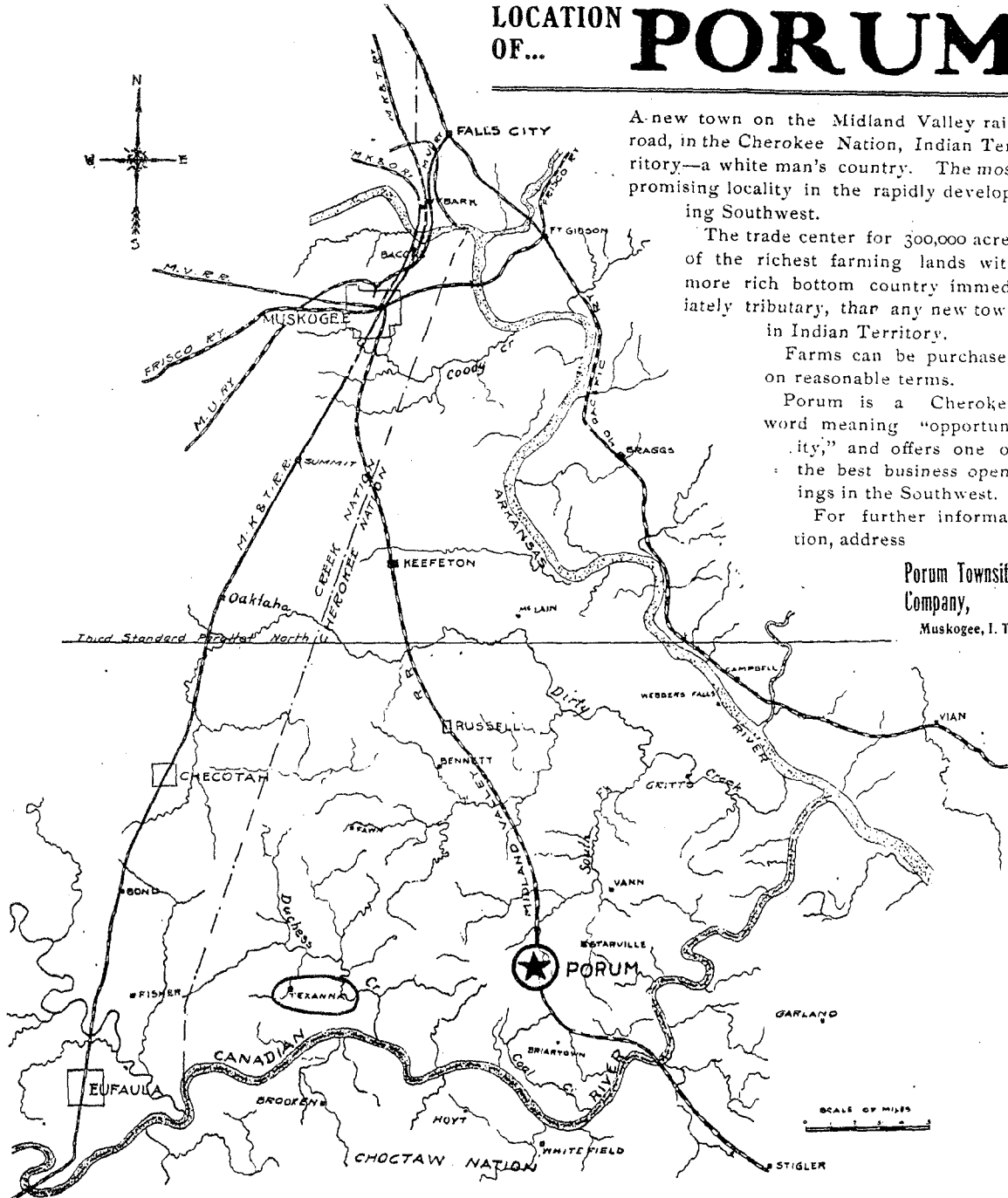
I also want to say "Thank You" to Debra Shamblin, Dolores Nickerson, Mickey Hagan, Virginia Perry, Deone Penquite, Jean Vann and Vonda Painter. This will be Virginia's last year as our editor and we want her to know how much we appreciated her time and hard work putting our Quarterly together. We're asking you to give our next editor all the help and support you can, and you can do this by giving her your family stories and searching for articles that would be interesting to put in to the Quarterly and by volunteering your help.

I also want to say "Thank You" to John Higbee. He has agreed to be our committee chairman to see what can be done about preserving our county records and seeing that they are not destroyed.

Memberships are due in May. Due to rising costs in the printing and mailing of our Quarterly, our dues will be \$12.00 for individuals and \$14.00 for a family membership.



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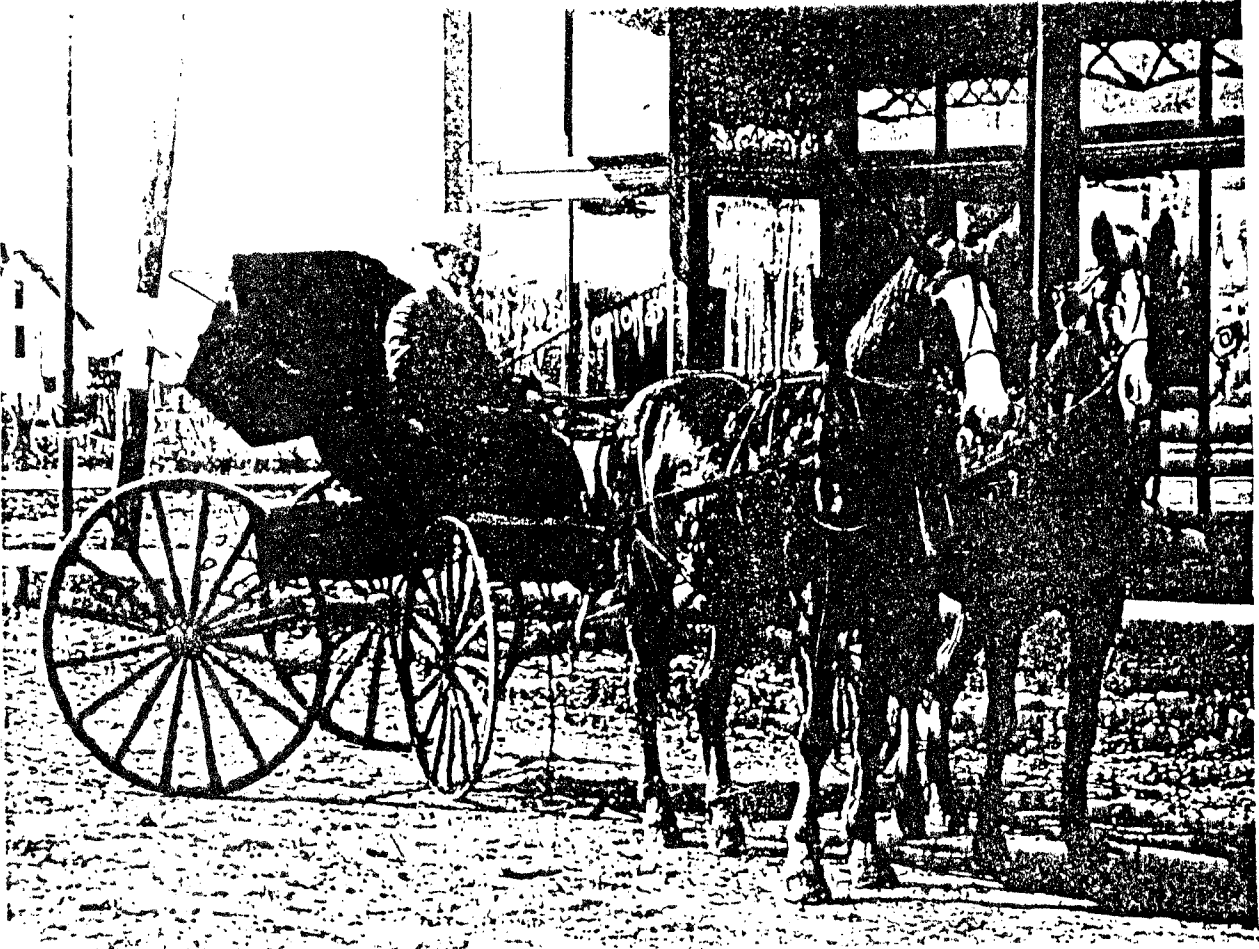
CHARLES W. VOWELL, M. D.

Dr. Charles W. Vowell, a leading representative of the medical fraternity of Washington county, has followed his profession in Porum since 1906 and his pronounced ability has won for him an extensive practice. He was born in Collinsville, Grayson county, Texas, in January, 1870, and is a son of James J. and Josephine (Choate) Vowell, both of whom were natives of Missouri. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, serving for three years with a Missouri regiment as a member of the Confederate army under General Robert E. Lee. He devoted his life to the occupation of farming and in 1865, following the close of the war, he went to Texas, where he purchased land, on which he engaged in the raising of cattle until 1916, when he retired from active business pursuits and is now residing at Temple, Oklahoma. The mother passed away in December, 1874.

Dr. Vowell obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Collinsville, Texas, and then became a student in the Memphis Hospital Medical College at Memphis, Tennessee, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. He at once entered upon the work of his profession, going to Belcher, Texas, where for two years he maintained an office, and then came to Oklahoma, first locating at Wynne Wood, near Oklahoma City, there residing for four years, or until 1898. He next went to Webbers Falls, Muskogee county, where he remained until 1906, and then came to Porum, which had been founded the previous year. He has since remained a resident of the town and in the intervening period has built up a large practice, his professional services being in constant demand. He has never regarded his professional education as completed with the termination of his college course but has remained throughout his life a close and discriminating student of the science of medicine, and that his knowledge is broad and his judgment sound is indicated by the excellent results which follow his ministrations to the sick. He also has agricultural interests, being the owner of three good farms near Porum, in Muskogee county, which he rents at a profitable figure.

In March, 1901, Dr. Vowell was united in marriage to Miss Lena Carlisle, and they have become the parents of two sons: Carlisle, who was born February 17, 1904; and S. Owen, born July 18, 1906. The Doctor gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while his fraternal

connections are with the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World and the Yeomen. He keeps in touch with the onward march of the profession through his membership in the Muskogee County and Oklahoma State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. Progress has ever been his watchword, and he utilizes every possible opportunity to promote his knowledge and increase his efficiency, gaining the skill that brings to his work the utmost possibility of accuracy in results.



Dr. Vowell in his buggy with his horses, Fox and Bill. Refer to the story entitled, "Bandits Die at Hands of Posse" in our September 1988 quarterly, Vol. 5, No. 2, page 45. What happened to "old Bill" is related by Carlile Vowell in his recollection below.

Remember the two sorrel horses my dad drove to the buggy? Old Bill and Fox. Fox was a little horse with a white blaze. Bill was a Montana horse from a bunch someone brought in from Montana to sell. The only time my daddy would try to ride that horse was when he was too drunk to know what he's doing. He'd get on a tear and decide to ride old Bill. Bill was broke to the buggy, but he wouldn't be rode. Pa sold him to Bill Gibson down at Webbers Falls, and Gibson sold him to the Smith boys. One of them was riding old Bill - had a hound across his lap 'cause they were going hunting - when he was shot over at Braggs. They just waylaid those boys as they came down the road. They didn't try to arrest them -- they just killed them. When Pa heard about it he said, "Well, somebody rode old Bill."

TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH CARLILE VOWELL
by Virginia Vann Perry, November 1989

Dr. Vowell died 11/26/38, Mrs. Vowell 4/15/68, and their son, Owen 3/1/70. Their older son, Carlile, lives in Muskogee, Oklahoma and has almost total recall of early events in Porum. The following is his recollection of two occasions when he accompanied his father. These were recorded by Virginia Vann Perry in November 1989 during his conversation with Hazel Vann. They were remembering when Dr. Vowell was called to the "old Jim Cash home" south of Briartown, Oklahoma when Charlie Bryant's arm was shot off. Mrs. Vann had observed, "You didn't think about taking people to the hospital. You did what you could for them right there, you had to."

They claimed he was out bird hunting and stuck his gun through the wire fence. He then was crawling through, when the gun went off and shot his arm. He just half-shot it off. He walked a mile with it in that kind of shape -- it bleeding. He'd nearly bled to death when we got there. My daddy took it off, or I helped him. I did the sawing. I had to. I wanted to run and get another doctor. Pa said, "You haven't got time to get anybody--he's bleeding to death." Charlie was unconscious on the bed -- blood was just everywhere. Papa told me to take his saw -- he had a bone saw in his grip. I washed that off with alcohol. He made me wash my hand in alcohol. Then he said, "Now cut the skin about 2 1/2 inches below where we're going to cut it off -- cut the bone off. Then split it and roll that skin back out of the way where you won't mess it up." And ever' once in a while Pa would say "Now don't get sick on me. This is nothing to do -- we gotta do it." I said, "Let's get him to the hospital." He said, "He wouldn't get to Porum, he'd be dead. We have to do it right here."

Pa gave him an anesthetic. But he was unconscious. I guess he was nearly dead when we got there. But Pa gave him the anesthetic and he told me, "I can't risk you giving him this anesthetic, but I can watch you cut this arm off." Pa was hard to work for. He said, "Now don't get nervous and get to doing it like this. Hold that saw down tight against that bone all the time and take long strokes with it - real drags with it." Pa had to hold the artery. You see, blood was just spurtin' everywhere. Charlie was as white as a sheet. Mrs. Bryant and them were all crying. It was a devil of a mess.

Well, I cut it off and we got through and Pa says, "All right now, take this scapel and cut strips. Make about 4 strips out of all that skin around the arm. When you get that done, pull them back over each one of them -- pull it well over. Then pull that other over. Then, I'm, going to tape what's sticking up there a little bit and it'll grow onto his arm."

That old Charlie, after he got well, came down town one day and came in the store -- had his short sleeve on -- and said, "I want to show you what a surgeon old Carlile is."

The other occasion was when Carlile drove Dr. Vowell to deliver a baby. Carlile and his wife, Esther, had not been married long and were living with Doctor. Mrs. Vowell had stayed up and "kept a big old coal stove going." She and Doctor were talking about the visit they had just made. Esther woke up in the upstairs bedroom and asked, "What in the world is the matter with your mother and father?" Carlile's recorded conversation:

"Oh, he's mad at me." Esther asked "What's he mad at you for?" And I told her I'd had to get out and put the chains on that car before we started and the garage didn't have any lights in it. I'd had me quite a night. Driving over there, that car just slid down that mountain, snow everywhere, about six inches. We had to go over the mountain to Texanna. I told him, "Now, Papa, I don't mind anyone hurtin' me, but you're about half dead, and I said that S.O.B. owes you for two babies now and now he's going to owe you for three." Pa says, "Yeah, that's right."

I get reared back and he says, "Now let me tell you something. I know I'm gonna' live but a little while -- I know that. When I die, I don't want the Lord holdin' it against me that girl dying. I can save her if I get there. I know I can save her life and save her baby's life. If I don't -- both of them's gonna' die." Well, I never said any more. Then he said, "Besides that he told me he's gonna' pay me \$20." I never said anything, but I aimed to get that \$20. (I don't remember his name, but he'd lived there a long time).

I'd been over that mountain once on horseback to try to collect for Pa. When we got there, the husband had been carrying wood from a woodpile in the yard. I nearly froze to death for 2 1/2 hours walking around that woodpile - built me a little fire from paper in the car and that wood. Pa finally came out and said, "I just wish you could see what a beautiful baby girl they've got." I said, "Did you get the \$20?" Pa said, "No, I haven't seen him for the last 10 minutes. He must have disappeared someplace." I just drove a circle around that woodpile with the engine real loud and he came out from wherever he was hiding. I told him, "My father is waiting in the car for you to give him that \$20." He began feeling in his pockets - had on a new pair of overalls - and finally said, "I've lost that" Well, I was just plain mad - I'd picked up a stick from the pile and I hit him and knocked him down. He began hollaring for Pa to get me off. Pa got out of the car and

he said, "What are you doing?" "I'm hunting \$20 from this S.O.B. and you just get back in the car and I'll damn sure find it." Pa said, "Would you go to the penitentiary for \$20?" I said, "I don't know, but I'm going to get this \$20." The old boy got up and said, I'll see if I can find it." He found the \$20 and then we left and drove home, and I got a lecture. Now, Pa didn't appreciate me getting that \$20. He lectured me all the way home and was still talking to mama about it when I went upstairs.

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RESEARCH

HELP

I would like to have the name(s) of researchers who could do research for me in this county - namely copies of newspaper obit notices, newspaper articles, etc. Also, I would be willing to exchange research - California for Oklahoma - for any member who might be interested.

Joy FLINT HUSKEY, 3537 Rosemont Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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At this time, the Muskogee Public Library Genealogical Room needs your help in helping others. If you feel you can spare a few hours a week, please let your president know of your willingness to volunteer some of your time.

PEDIGREE CHART

DATE 5/12/69
 NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART Cleo L. Shamblin
 STREET ADDRESS 413 Jefferson St.
 CITY Muskogee, Okla. STATE 74401

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. _____ ON CHART NO. _____

2 Elmer Wm. Shamblin
 BORN Sept. 17-1909
 WHERE Long- Okla.
 WHEN MARRIED Sept. 8- 1929
 DIED Dec. 22, 78
 WHERE Stigler Hospital
 Buried at Gum Springs-
 Cementary-Webber Falls
 Okla.

Cleo Shamblin
 BORN June 5/39
 WHERE Gritts Hill/Okla.
 WHEN MARRIED June 29/59
 DIED _____
 WHERE _____

Wilma D. Scarbrough
 NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

3 Gardner
Flora may Gardener
 BORN May 27/1909
 WHERE Greenwood, Ark.
 DIED _____
 WHERE _____

4 Henry Lee Shamblin
 BORN 2/20/1885 A twin
 WHERE Benton Co. Ark.
 WHEN MARRIED 5/27/04
 DIED 7/4/38
 WHERE 1147 Mill St.
 Muskogee, Okla.

5 Sarah (Emma) Daws
 BORN 1883 Ark.
 DIED 1917
 WHERE Long, Okla.

6 Wm. Gardner

BORN 1868 @
 WHERE MO.
 WHEN MARRIED 12/23/1901
 DIED 1/13/48
 WHERE Rye Hill, Ark.
 South of Fort Smith, Ark.

7 Amy Cecil Houston
 BORN 4/5/1830
 WHERE Crawford Co. Ark.
 DIED 11/2/1963
 WHERE Rye Hill, Ark

8 Andrew (Jack) Shamblin
 BORN 1843
 WHERE McMinn Co. Tenn.
 WHEN MARRIED 1867- Tenn.
 DIED 8 Jan. 1911
 WHERE Remy, Okla.
 Mary M. Womac. (Womock)

BORN 7/July/1845
 WHERE McMinn Co. Tenn.
 DIED Remy/Roland/Okla.
 #Sept. 1918

10 Joel B. Daws
 BORN 1837-1/18/1837
 WHERE Tenn.
 WHEN MARRIED Margrete Turner
 DIED 8/8/1917
 WHERE Long, Okla.
 Margrete Turner

11 Joel B. Daws
 BORN 6/8/1854
 WHERE Tenn.
 DIED 12/20/1916
 WHERE Long, Okla.

12 BORN _____
 WHERE _____
 WHEN MARRIED _____
 DIED _____
 WHERE _____

13 BORN _____
 WHERE _____
 WHEN MARRIED _____
 DIED _____
 WHERE _____

14 E.W. Houston
 BORN 1837
 WHERE Tenn.
 WHEN MARRIED 1860-Ark.
 DIED _____
 WHERE _____

15 Sarah E. Couch
 BORN 1/20/1842
 WHERE Ark.
 DIED 2/17/192
 WHERE Greenwood, Ark.

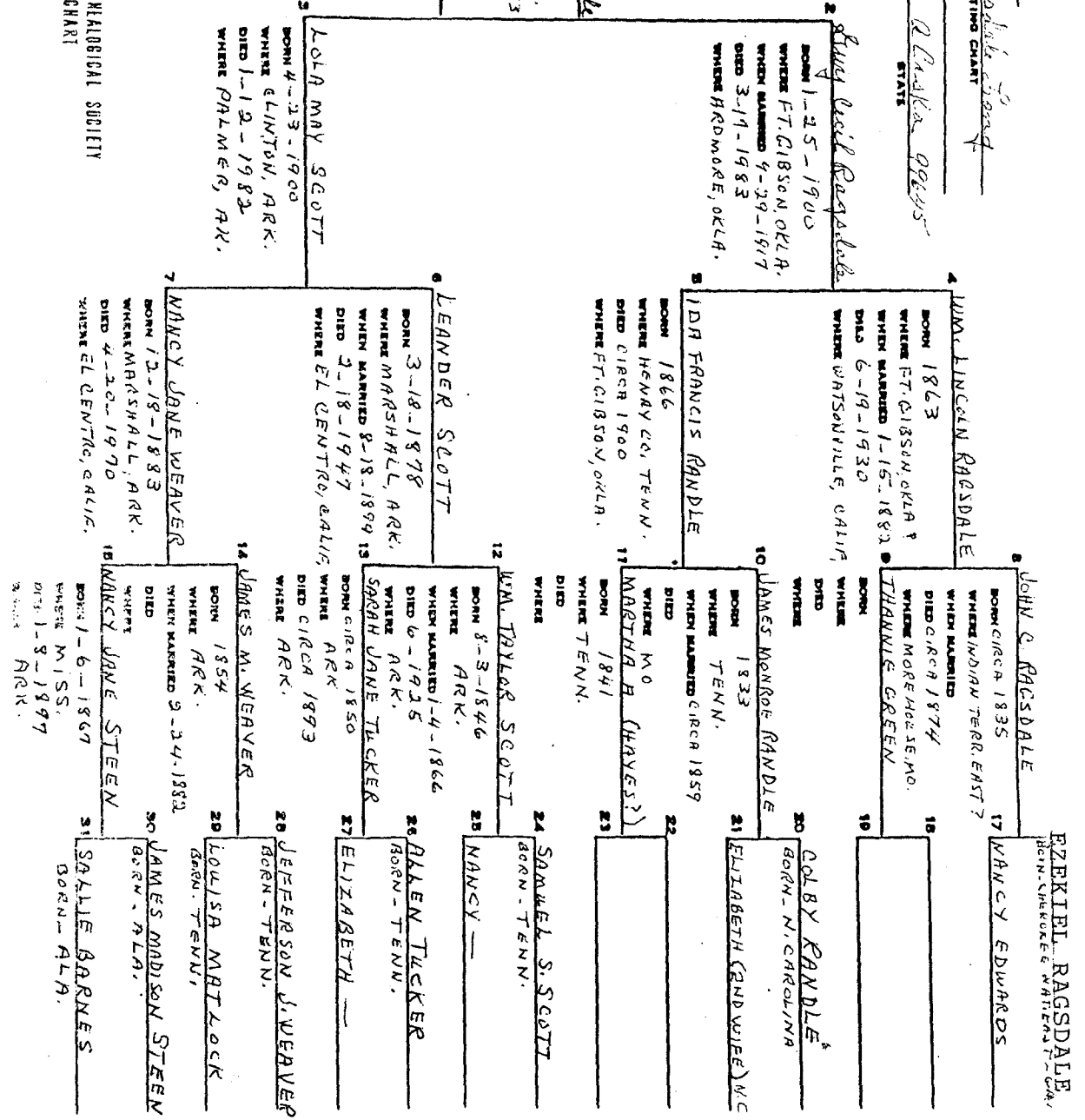
16 Wm. Shamblin

17 Jane

8-22-1984
 Mable A. Ragdale
 644 801
 A. Chaska 99295
 STATE CITY

Mable A. Ragdale
 BORN 9-8-1918
 WHERE Kiefer, OKLA.
 WHEN MARRIED 10-4-1953
 DIED
 WHERE
 NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

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ACQUISITIONS AND DONATIONS

CHARACTER CERTIFICATES IN THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF TEXAS
Gifford White

1885 TERRITORY OF KANSAS CENSUS. VOLS. 1 & 2. Two books.
Kansas Statistical Publications Co.

INDEX TO THE FEDERAL CENSUS OF MISSOURI FOR 1840.
VOL. 1 - A through F; VOL. 2 - G through M; VOL. 3 - N
through Z. Joyce I. Brawley

TENNESSEE COUSINS. Worth S. Ray

1890 TEXAS VETERANS CENSUS INDEX. Comp. by Bryan Lee Dilts

DONATIONS BY MEMBERS

INDEX TO CIVIL WAR SERVICE RECORDS - WAITIE'S CHEROKEE REGI-
MENTS. Transcribed by Marybelle W. Chase. Birthday book, donated
by Virginia Perry.

As the society president, Shirley Griffith, remarked previously, members are encouraged to pass along their genealogical books to the society. She is hoping that each member will celebrate their birthday with a gift of a book to our genealogical room. If you have gleaned all your family information from a book you have purchased, the library collection would benefit from that book.

The society will be happy to pay postage for the donated books.

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Complete Marriage Records, Muskogee, Indian Territory, First U.S. Court - Northern District. Books A,B. & B -1, July 1890 to March 1893.....	\$11.00 ppd
Index of Deaths extracted from Muskogee Daily Phoenix, January 16, 1930 - May 4, 1935. Muskogee, OK Vol. I.....	\$ 7.50 ppd
Cemeteries of Muskogee County, Oklahoma Volume I...	\$11.50 ppd
Tips on Cherokee Indian Research (pamphlet).....	\$ 1.50 ppd
Beginner's Packet.....	\$ 1.50 ppd
Back Issues of Quarterly.....	\$ 3.00 ppd

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