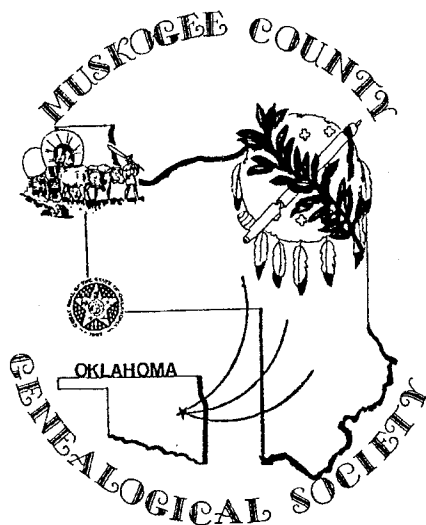


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**MUSKOGEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
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Muskogee, OK 74401

**PURPOSE**

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

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MCGS meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00 p.m. at the Muskogee Public Library, 801 W. Okmulgee, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The Board of Directors' meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the library. All members are invited to attend the Board meetings.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the MCGS is open to any one promoting the purposes of the Society. The membership subscription is \$12.00 for individuals and \$14.00 for families living at the same address. All members receive the yearly quarterlies. Members joining after the January membership month will receive all previously published quarterlies for that year.

**PUBLICATION INFORMATION**

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The Society also publishes books of genealogical interest, focused on Muskogee County and Muskogee Indian Territory. A complete list of these books with prices is available from the Society.

**SEARCH QUESTIONS BY MAIL**

The MCGS will assist with search questions to non-members. Please send your requests with a stamped self-addressed envelope to: The Muskogee Genealogical Society, 801 W. Okmulgee St. Muskogee, OK 74401.

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Members and invited Fort Gibson Genealogical/Historical Society members are invited to submit one free An-Quest (maximum of 75 words) per year. Non-member An-Quests are \$2.00. Further details regarding the An-Quests and the format are in the An-Quest section. Send all An-Quests to Diane Jones at the Society address above.

**BOOK/MEDIA REVIEWS**

Members are invited to submit Book/Media Reviews. Complete bibliographic details should be included as well as the purchase information. Send all book reviews to Patricia Hill at the Society address above.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

April 25, 1998

Hello to the members of MCGS,

Spring has sprung! It is time to cultivate all those seeds that we found during the winter. My great grandmother, known as the "Flower Lady," lived down the lane. All the travelers that came by would pick flowers for her and she would provide them with the information they needed. If anyone needed to know where anyone lived or where they had gone, she would know how to find them. The people would always say, "see Granny White, she will know." They would reward her by bringing her flower seeds.

I hope everyone that received a clue seed during the winter will take advantage of it now, by using the new resources in the Grant Foreman Room, or by car pooling with another member to Oklahoma City and Tahlequah to their library resource centers. Most importantly, pass on that germinated, cultivated flower seed to someone else.

If you have a topic that you would like to hear more about or someone that would like to speak to the group about a topic of interest, please let me know. Don't forget to invite your neighbor and friends to our monthly get-togethers.

Your President and friend,

Stacy Blundell



## **FROM YOUR EDITORS...**

This is the second issue in the newly expanded format which we began this year. The comments that we have received on the new Quarterly publication have all been most favorable. Some of these comments were: "This is the first time that I have read the complete quarterly", "Thank you for an interesting publication", "I liked the whole thing". This format which focuses on happenings and events of our daily genealogical activities, set within a framework, results in a interesting publication and serves as a communication channel for members.

Consistent with our "Centennial" theme, in this issue, we feature an article of Muskogee's First City Manager, R.P. Harrison, written by his granddaughter, Dorothy Harrison Upton, and we have found two more centenarians to feature in this issue. We also look at Education in Muskogee I.T. with articles about the pioneer educators, and of course, Bacone College and its early people. We continue our data on "Deaths in Muskogee, I.T., 1899 to 1900". This section will be concluded in the September issue. Also in the September issue will be an article, about the Phillips family who lived near Council Hill, written by Vada Mae (Phillips) Lady, who is the sister of member Lois J. Foster of Dearborn, Missouri.

Of interest in this issue is, of course, our "Membership Activities" so our members get to know what everyone is up to. Also, we have included here information about the "Certification of Genealogists" which is from brochures produced by the Board for Certification of Genealogists. We also present a synopsis of the talk given to the group at our March meeting by Robert Luttrell, President of the Pioneer Abstract and Title Company. We have three articles about using facilities and resources in this issue, by Diane Jones, Wally Waits, and the second installment of resources available at the LDS Center by Mary Branstetter. Vicki Lang discusses a book which is excellent for understanding of "hillybilly" lives. Many of you have sent ancestor charts. We didn't have space for all of them. We will be including more in the next issues.

Finally, I give a special thank you to Diane Jones, who worked with me through all stages of the Quarterly publications, which included the time consuming task of folding and stapling the publication. I also thank the other members of the team; Wally Waits, and Mary Branstetter for their contributions, Vicki Lang for her assistance in production, Eddie Jeffries for the mailing of the publication, and Mickey Hagan for indexing of the first issue. I also wish to thank all of the members for their enthusiastic contributions and articles. I know that the Quarterly publication will continue to develop in this new format. The new editor will be taking on the responsibilities for the September issue. Diane Jones will continue to help the new editor coordinate the issues, interview new members, and do the "An-Quests".

### **from Diane...**

I am being kept very busy with the work of the Society; helping with the quarterly, as vice president; which has resulted in presiding over the last few meetings, and designing and delivering my spring workshop presentation.

The April 18, MCGS Workshop was held at the Public Library. There were about 50 participants who attended. Deone Penquite gave a session on "How and Where to do Your Genealogical Research", I gave a session on "How to use Census Records," Wally Waits provided a workshop on "How to Research Military and Pension Records." Tom Mooney, curator of the Cherokee Historical Society, presented "How to Research Your Cherokee Ancestry." We also gained several new members.

**MEET OUR NEW  
VICE PRESIDENT**

February 9, 1998

TO THE MEMBERS OF MCGS:

I was very honored to be elected Vice-President of the MCGS. I want to make a difference to the Society. I hope that I can spear-head interest in good public relations. We need to consider every visitor to our meetings as prospective members of our Society. Making visitors feel welcome will increase our membership. Every member of our Society has a special talent, and they want to become involved. Even the smallest of talents make a great contribution. (my special talent is messing up a one car parade)! Please be available to assist when someone asks you to contribute something to MCGS. Talk to members to find out about them and who they are researching. Also talk to anyone who will listen about the activities and benefits of our Genealogical Society. I attended several meetings of the Society before I joined and I know how difficult joining an organization can be.

I hope our members will feel free to attend our Board of Directors' Meetings in order to keep current on what is being decided, and to provide input into the activities in which they are interested. I have attended every board meeting, as a guest, since August 1997. (Oh, the stories I could tell!!) Our Officers- Stacy, Eddie, Mary, Linda, Joanne, and Mary M. need your suggestions. Board Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 6pm, in the conference room, downstairs, in the Muskogee Public Library.

I hope our members were able to attend our Spring Genealogy Workshop, April 18, 1998. The workshop should have been an excellent refresher course for all of us so-called "experts". I always learn from the really "dumb" mistakes I have made.

If you see me in the Library, remind me of your name, and, NO, I do not work for the Library, and I am NOT in charge of the Grant Foreman Room (look out Wally). However, I am happy to assist you in any way that I can. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT I'LL SEND A BILL LATER.

Happy Trails,

Diane Jordan Jones

## MEET OUR OFFICERS

### **Eddie D. Jeffries, Secretary**

Eddie was born on his maternal grandmother's Cherokee Indian land allotment. He attended elementary and secondary school in the Goingsnake District of the Cherokee Nation in Eastern Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education with teaching fields in physical and life sciences and in mathematics. He served four years with the United States Air Force during the Korean War as an electronics and communications technician. He graduated Phi Kappa Phi from Oklahoma State University with a Master of Science Degree in Education with a specialty in Education of the Gifted Student. He earned a Masters Degree from the University of Missouri at the Columbia Campus in physics and chemistry. He served eighteen years as an instructor of physics and mathematics and as an administrator in the Muskogee, Oklahoma Public Schools. He worked for eighteen years for Coburn Optical Industries, the world's largest manufacturer of optical machinery and lenses, as the plant manager of the factory in Muskogee. He directed the Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce as its Executive Vice President for three years, and worked as a volunteer for the Chamber for 34 years before being employed as the CEO. Eddie organized and directed the Muskogee Regional Science and Engineering Fair for 35 years and served for a part of this time on the Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair Board of Directors. He currently teaches mathematics at Connors State College. He has extensive training and experience in TQM (Total Quality Management) and in Accounting for Non-accountant Executives. He is currently treasurer of Muskogee's Five Civilized Tribes Museum. His genealogical interests are in the history of the Jeffries, Bare (Bear), Langley, Daugherty and Woods families.

### **Mary Downing - Treasurer**

Mary's goals for 1998, as the treasurer of the Society, are to work in conjunction with the secretary to keep a more detailed accounting of the income and expenses of the Society.

Mary has been a member of MCGS for several years and has served as President of the Society. She is a life-long resident of Muskogee County, and is employed as a Realty Specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She is married to Charles Downing and has 2 daughters, Diana Downing and DaRhonda Clabaugh.

Mary is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is currently serving as Worthy Matron of Hope Chapter No. 401, having been Past State Officer of the Chapter. She is also serving as Vice President of the Muskogee Masonic Building Association. She volunteers with the Five Civilized Tribes Museum and is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.



### **Linda Shackleford Brooks -Member at Large**

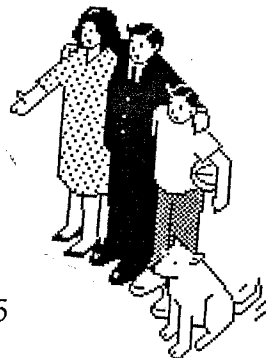
Linda has been actively involved in MCGS for 5 years. and has been a member of the Board of Directors for 3 years. Linda is a registered nurse working as a public health nurse for Cherokee Nation for 14 years. She has been an RN for 25 years. She is one eighth Cherokee Creek. She is doing research specifically on Cherokee Nation,Canadian District.

### **Joanne McDiarmid Thompson - Member at Large**

Most of my life was spent in Oklahoma City, where I attended School and graduated from the old Classen High School. I attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, then Oklahoma City University. I was also employed with Oklahoma Publishing Co. , while attending the University. During my school years, my focus was on Journalism and English. Later, I served as office manager and assistant for Dr. George H. Garrison, the grandfather of Oklahoma Pediatricians, for several years.

I then lived in New England for a few years. Since my husband is a Massachusetts native, I had my personal tour guide while in that area. We spend a great amount of time touring the roots of this country, from the landing of the Pilgrims through the period of the Revolution. In our other travels, we have toured numerous Civil War sites, and other locations of historical significance. This opportunity gave me a great appreciation of our history and the hardships that our ancestors endured.

Perhaps it was from these experiences, that I developed the interest in my own ancestors and heritage. I began attempting to determine when each family line had arrived in America and something of their background. I now know that I am truly American-a blend of Scot, English, German, Swiss, French and Irish-and possibly other nationalities as yet undetermined. I also know that some of my ancestors participated in the struggle for Independence and also in the War between the States. Hopefully, this information gives me a truer appreciation for this country and our values that we treasure.



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Joanne Thompson responded to Myra Gormley's request for assistance in maintaining the website. She reported that Myra will post any announcements that the Society requests. She placed the MCGS Workshop announcement on the Website and asks to be informed as to the number of persons, attending the MCGS Workshop, who came because they saw the announcement on the website. Some of the Newsletters, "Missing Links" have been copied and are in the Grant Foreman Room.

\* The Secretary, Eddie Jeffries, reported that MCGS membership, as of the March 26 meeting totals 77 members.

\* The MCGS Fall Genealogy Workshop was announced at the March meeting by Mary Downing. It will be held October 17. The speaker will be Sammy Tams Lee. She will speak on Court House Records. The registration fee will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non members. More details of the workshop later.

\*New Professional help in the Grant Foreman Room consists of: Penny Chastain, and Marquita Vincent.

\* The MCGS is now affiliated with the Federation of Genealogical Societies. One person from the Society will serve as a delegate and keep us informed of the events.

\* The Tulsa State Fair, scheduled for Oct. 1-11 will have 8-10 classes of Genealogy exhibits. There will be categories for both published and unpublished materials. The entry deadline is August 29, 1998. You can obtain an entry form at the Expo Office in the main lobby, after May 1. You may write to the Tulsa Expo Grounds for a Booklet, \$2.00.

\* **The Oklahoma Historical Society** provides an enormous amount of research services. Currently, plans are underway to provide a new State History Center in McIntosh County if the Society receives the required funding. The new History Center will provide new opportunities with group tours, Internet access to records and in-county seminars to teach about family and community research. A new major research center is planned. The research center will combine the newspapers, census reports, Dawes Indian records, books, maps and all other sources with the latest technology. In the **Research Library** are Oklahoma's Federal Census -Microfilm from central Oklahoma territory in 1890; Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory in 1900; State of Oklahoma 1910 and 1920. Other States' Federal Census- Microfilm includes all continental U. S. states from entry into the Union through 1900, plus some states through 1910 and 1920; Books, more than 62,000 volumes with emphasis on Oklahoma, Native American and western history, some rare and out of print. The **OHS Archives and Manuscripts** section includes oral history interviews; documents, more than 7 million overall; photos, more than 750,000; more than 500 maps; Indian Pioneer interviews, more than 25,000 preserved in 108 volumes; Dawes Records, more than 3.5 million documents, representing 66 tribes; Newspapers, more than 30,000 rolls of microfilm. For information on the Research Library call, (405) 522-5225.

Source: The McIntosh County Democrat, Oklahoma Historical Society provides  
Research Material To McIntosh County Citizens, February 18, 1998, 1, 3

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

\* **The 1998 National Institute on Genealogical Research** will be held Monday, 13 July, through midday on Saturday, 18 July. The Institute, held each summer at the National Archives in Washington, DC, offers a look at federal records of genealogical value. This fast paced-program is designed for experienced researchers( genealogists, historians, librarians, archivists); it is not appropriate for beginning researchers.

The 1998 program will feature lectures on federal land records at the National Archives, records of passenger arrival, immigration and naturalization, and records relating to American Indians, including those of the Five Civilized Tribes located at the National Archives-Southwest Region in Fort Worth, Texas. A trip to Archives II in College Park, Maryland, is scheduled for Thursday. Optional evening sessions will include a visit to the Library of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the local history and genealogy collection at the Library of Congress. The tuition is \$245 for applications postmarked on or before 15 MY 1998, and \$275 thereafter. Brochures are available from The National Institute of Genealogical Research, P. O. Box 14274, Washington, D.C. 20044-4274, or e-mail <NatGenInst@aol.com>.

\***Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research** at Samford University 15-19 June 1998. Courses scheduled for 1998: \*Techniques and Technology, \*Library and Archival Records, \* The old South and Some Border States, \* Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis, \* Writing and Publishing for Genealogists, \* 20th Century Genealogy, \* English Roots: Colonial Times to the Industrial Age. For complete information write to: Jean Thomason, Director, Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University Library, Birmingham, Alabama 35229, or e-mail: mbthomas@samford.edu.

### **Genealogy Studies in England and Scotland -12 July-12 August 1998**

The 1998 Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research trip includes two weeks in London, England and a week in Edinburgh, Scotland. Jean Thomason, Director of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, and Sherry Irvine, Research Leader, will accompany the group on visits with scheduled lectures to libraries and research centers.

\***Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc.** is sponsoring its 29th Annual Jamboree to be held, May 30, 31, 1998, at the Exhibition Building at the Pasadena Center at 300 E. Green St. Pasadena, California.

In addition to guest speakers there are beginner's classes and exhibits relating to every aspect of genealogical research. The JAMBOREE has been called the largest annual genealogical event west of the Mississippi River. Brochures available from the SCGS, Inc. 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA. 91504-2408. Tel. (818) 843-7247. See the information brochure on the bulletin board in the Grant Foreman Room.

\* **The Washington County Historical Society** of Fayetteville, Arkansas, is sponsoring The Four Corners Ancestor Fair, May 23, 24, and 25, at the Holiday Inn, Springdale, Arkansas. The three day workshop program includes 15 workshops for beginners and advanced. Workshop titles include: Beginners Genealogy I and II, Tennessee Research, Native American Research, Using the Internet for Genealogy, Southern Migration

Patterns, Military Records, and History, Migration Patterns of the Old Northwest Territory, and Publishing Family History and Newspaper Research. See the brochure on the bulletin board in the Grant Foreman Room.

\* **The Arkansas Genealogical Society 1998 Fall Seminar and Book Fair** will be held on Friday, September 11 and September 12, 1998 at the Holiday Inn- Airport East in Little Rock, Arkansas . Titles of workshops include: Irish Family History Research, In the Footsteps of the Blue and Gray: Civil War Research, Computers, Genealogy, and the Internet, and Genealogy Research in Arkansas. Register by August 1 for Saturday only, \$30.00, after August 1- \$40.00. Register by August 1 for-Friday and Saturday: \$40.00, after August 1-\$50.00. (Prices include deli buffet lunch and syllabus of all handouts.) See the complete Program and information sheet on the bulletin board in the Grant Foreman Room.

\***Delaware County Genealogical Society, Inc.**, is sponsoring a workshop in Cherokee and Oklahoma Research by Dorothy Tincup Mauldin at the Grove Community Center Sat., Sept. 12, 1998 from 9:30 am to 3pm. The program is posted on the bulletin board in the Grant Foreman Room.

#### **ABSTRACT RECORDS**

**A Talk by Robert Luttrull, President of the Pioneer Abstract and Title Co.  
To MCGS, January 26, 1998**

Mr. Robert Luttrull drew upon his extensive experience and knowledge to present an informative and entertaining talk to the group. The synopsis of his talk is presented below as drawn from his handout.

Abstractors must be able to re-produce all of the documents that have been filed in the County Offices that affect real property and to certify to the accuracy and completeness of those records. Records are obtained from various offices: 1. **County Clerk-** all documents that relate or might relate to ownership of real property; such as deeds, mortgages or any other document that has a legal description on it. It would include Oklahoma Tax Warrants (OTC-OESC) IRS liens and Mechanic or Material liens. All records filed in the County Clerk's Office are either filed under the legal description or in the case of judgments lien, alphabetically under the debtor. 2. **State/County Court Clerk's Office-**all Court cases that might affect the ownership of real property; such as civil cases, divorces, probates and/or rulings signed by Judges. Civil cases are normally filed by legal description while divorces and probates are always filed alphabetically. 3. **Federal Court-**Muskogee has one of three Federal Courts in Oklahoma; these are Western District-Oklahoma City, Eastern District- Muskogee, Northern District-Tulsa. The Informational-Bankruptcy Court for Eastern District is located in Okmulgee. The Records in the County Clerk's Office are of three types: 1. **Filed documents** are filed by legal description, alphabetically by the name of the Grantor, the name of the Grantee, and Mortgages. 2. **Money Judgements** are against people that the creditor wants to be a lien against real property. 3. **IRS liens** or other Federal Government liens. Documents filed in the County Clerk's Office used to be filed in Deed Books, Mortgage Books and Miscellaneous Books. Several years ago they changed to only one book, which is presumed to be the Miscellaneous Book but are now called "Tract Books".

## MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

**Louise Simpson** has been working on her line for the past thirty years. John Cobb went to Eddyville, Kentucky about 1800 with his brother Gideon Dyer Cobb who had married Modena Clark. John was about 14 or 15 years of age at the time. Gideon Dyer Cobb was about 27 years of age. Louise applied to the Mayflower Ancestor Lineage group and was turned down because she couldn't validate the lineage. Her cousin in Montgomery put a query on the Internet and got a reply from 2 people giving her the information that these men were brothers rather than father and son as she first thought.

**Jackie First** of Checotah, a retired nurse, intends to go to Kentucky to check church records of her great grandmother, Eliza Clements. Jackie has been working on her genealogy for the past 50 years. She didn't know anything about her kin and has worked out things primarily by trial and error. Her grandmother started telling stories about her parents when she was a little girl. Jackie became interested in genealogy and asked her aunt and uncle to talk about their childhood days and then got around to ask whether they remembered her grandparents in Hope County and Forest City, Mo. She wrote to the military about a Levi Benjamin Wheeler and found him that way. She continues to write to various people in the family and traces many kin in that manner. Her brother had all of the personal papers in the family. He willed them to Jackie and these have become a storehouse of information related to her family. Jackie, with her medical background is also interested in hereditary ailments.

**Lewis Green** has two projects that he is currently working on. He is trying to get the Green's linkage with his fourth great grandfather in Dorchester Co., Maryland. The problem is that the courthouse records of 1777-1850 were burned. He is also researching the Rich Family, 1885, of Dunklin Co., Missouri. He is trying to find Laura Ann Rich, his great grandmother and her father, John Rich. Laura's father signed her marriage license although she was 18 years of age. There are a number of Riches in the 1880's to 1897. The Riches that Lewis is looking for apparently did not have children under 10 years of age. These Riches came after 1880 and left before 1900. They were not in the area for the 1890 census. Lewis has searched the Soundex of 1880 in the Southeast and the midwestern United States, and some census of 1870 to no avail.

**Mickey Hagan**, Charter member of MCGS, spoke to the Fort Gibson Genealogical and Historical Society about beginning genealogical research on Mar. 9, 1998. The topics included: finding your ancestors in the federal census, how to use the Genealogical Helper Roots Cellar, and how to Soundex code your name. The group also worked on writing their family histories for the soon to be published Fort Gibson Pictorial History Book. Mickey is busy gathering up photos and material to contribute to the soon to-be-published Muskogee Phoenix Centennial Book.

New member, **Bonnie Tiner**, formerly of the Grant Foreman Room is now working at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, John Vaughn Library, in the User's Services section on the second floor. We will miss your enthusiastic help with our genealogy projects, Bonnie! We wish you all the best in your new position and hope that you will be able to join us at a few of our meetings.

**Delores Nickerson** is working on the BURNETTS AND BATES connections which are her maternal ancestors. She has the ancient lineage of the Burnetts in a book titled *BURNETTS AND THEIR CONNECTIONS* by June Baldwin Bork, 1989. June Bork traces the Burnetts, and the origins of the name, back to Scotland in the 1300's and King Robert the Bruce. The American line begins with a John Burnett born in 1611 near Aberdeen, Scotland. He came to Virginia and settled in Rappahannock Co. He died at the age of 75. This family line is traced through 8 generations. Delores has traced the line up to John Burnett and son. John and his son, Jeremiah, both fought in the Revolutionary War. John Burnett died in the war, at Valley Forge. His wife Mary, remarried and they moved to Roan Co. Tenn. A Frances Burnett married a John Bates in 1796, in Patrick, Virginia. Delores is now trying to find these Bates-Barnett descendants.

**Lois Foster**, of Dearborn, Missouri, has been busy working on her annual newsletter. She does one for her Father's family, which includes the families of Phillips, Durham, Perrin, Jordan, Kerby, Jameson and related families. She does another newsletter for her Mother's family which includes the families of Rice, Smith, Taylor, Daniel, Alcorn, and related families. She asks each person to send her a letter letting her know what is going on in their family. She types and prints the letters and mails a copy to each person on her mailing list. She has a few "columns." Such as "Welcome to The Family" is a column for newborns; "Gone Home" honor those who have passed on; "Lost but not Forgotten" includes people whose newsletters were returned by the post office. She also has a column on "Weddings". She includes her mailing list which she hopes will help family members to contact each other. Although she obtains a great deal of genealogy this way, the real purpose is to hold her family together. Lois was born near Albion, Pushmataha County, OK. However, her family lived mostly around Council Hill, Oklahoma where her father and other relatives are buried. In the September issue we have included an article, written by her sister, of memories of their early life in Oklahoma.

## GENEALOGY PROJECTS

### **Odd Fellows Home Project**

Jackie First, of Checotah, tells us about the cemetery at the Odd Fellows Home, which is a retirement, nursing home. Many people from all over the state of Oklahoma end their days at this Home. The Home keeps records for 5 years and afterwards they are destroyed. The Funeral Home Director, Mr. Smith has the records from 1951. A Mr. Powell who had the funeral home before Mrs. Smith also has ambulance records. The ambulance records comprise: where the wreck occurred, when the person was taken to the hospital, and the names of the next of kin.

Here is an excellent project to preserve these data for genealogical researchers before they are destroyed. Talk to Jackie First if you are interested.

### **Census Project**

Do you like to compile and index data? The 1930 Census Reports have not been indexed. There have been only 8 states that have indexed these census. Oklahoma and Arkansas Census have not been indexed. Please step forward to begin the indexing project. See Wally Waits at the Muskogee Public Library, Grant Foreman Room.

## NEW MEMBERS

### MEET OUR FIRST OVERSEAS MEMBER

**Barbara Jones Gaskin\***

My name is Barbara Jones Gaskin (nee Godfrey) and I was born in Bourne, in the county of Lincolnshire, England, on 22 August 1931, to my parents Walter and Alice and three brothers.

After leaving school I worked locally for a few years and then left home to live and work in London. In 1962 I was a Secretary for Granada TV when the Company chartered a plane for employees to visit the States. I took this opportunity and flew to New York City and from there to Oklahoma, to stay with my relatives in Muskogee; Ray Jordan, the late fire chief, and his wife Juanise and family.

Robert Arthur Jones, who lived for many years in Muskogee and was stepfather to Ray Jordan, was my mother's brother. Sadly he had died shortly before my visit so I never met him. I had a wonderful time and everyone was so friendly and hospitable. I was interviewed on "Muskogee Today by Gary? I also took the opportunity to visit friends in Toronto who took us to see Niagara Falls. In 1963 I married my husband, Eric and our son, Andrew, was born in 1967, and our daughter, Caroline, in 1971. Andrew works locally and Caroline is on her second visit to Australia. She "back-packed" around and also stayed in Thailand and Hong Kong.

Eric and I have lived in a small village near Cambridge for the past 30 years and both worked for the University in recent years, until our retirement- he at St. John's College and I, with the Faculty of Classics. Recently, we were asked to return to work, but I am now helping out at the Law Faculty. I am secretary of the Anglican Church Council in the village and I'm a member of two choirs and have sung in King's College Chapel and Ely Cathedral.

Best Wishes to all the members of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society.

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\* letter written to Diane Jordan Jones, February 24, 1998.

Explanatory notes by Diane Jones

The interview referred to in her letter above was a radio interview on KBIX radio. The Gary she referred to was Gary Clark who was the step son in law of Tams Bixby III. Tams Bixby III was married to the former Oleta Swicegood, and he was the owner of the Muskogee Daily Phoenix. Tammie and Oleta were dear friends of my parents. Tams Bixby passed away in 1993 and Oleta in 1994.



## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Members! We hope your membership will be of benefit to you!

### **Wayne and Doris Cooper**

Wayne and Doris Cooper live in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Wayne was formerly superintendent of the hydro electric power plant, at Webber Falls, Robert S. Kerr Plant at Sallisaw and Fort Gibson Dam. His hobbies are woodworking and working on his 1938 Chevrolet.

Doris Cooper was formerly a home economist with Oklahoma Natural Gas in Muskogee. Her hobbies are sewing, designing and flower gardening.

They have three grown children and 1 grandson age, 4. Their children live in Louisiana, Texas and Kansas. They both enjoy traveling and are currently writing a book on the Civil War. They are using letters written by Doris' great-grandfather and his friend and neighbor from the battlefield. They became interested in genealogy through this project. They are happy to be members of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society.

### **Jerrold and Kathy Dentis**

Jerrold and Kathy Dentis of Tulsa, have been researching their family history for a little over seven years. They have many family members who live or have lived in Muskogee and surrounding areas. Some of the names they are researching are: **DENTIS, SMITH, CULVER, FISHERO, BENGE, EVANS, JOHNS, and LEE.** Their ancestor charts will be published in the September Quarterly.

### **David and Vicki Barnett**

David and Vicki Barnett joined the group in January of this year. They also belong to The Van Buren County, and Yell Co. Ark. Genealogical Societies. They enjoy traveling to craft shows during the summer in their RV rig. The surname research of David Barnett includes, **BARNETT** of Ark. and Miss.; **JONES**, of Ark./Tenn.; and **BYRD/BIRD** of Vir., S. Car., Tenn.; and Newton and Frank Counties, Ark.

Vicky Barnett belongs to the clan **HENDERSON SOCIETY** of the U.S. and Canada. She is researching the names: **WILLIAMS** of Okla., Ark., Tenn., Ala.; **PEAVLER-TALBERT, LAWSON,WEBB, RAINS, VAIL, HEAD, DYKES, SIMPKINS.**

**Golda Grissom and sister Julia Byrd**, both of Porum, Oklahoma, have been given a gift membership to the society by their brother, Albert L. Woods of Porum, OK

**Jo Anne Hoyal Cook** of Houston, Texas has joined the Society.

### **Ann Layman**

Ann attended our April 23rd meeting. She has rejoined the Society. She grew up in Muskogee and has just returned from a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

### **Ann Arfstrom Gardner**

Ann Gardner of Tucker, Georgia, attended our April meeting. All of her ancestors were from Muskogee.



Meet  
**MICKEY HOOPER HAGAN**  
Charter Member of MCGS



Mickey Hooper Hagan and a book of memorabilia

When I began talking to Mickey about her genealogy work, her eyes lighted up and she became very animated, surely, the sign of a long term genealogy addict. Her interest in genealogy began with a curiosity about her Indian heritage. Her great grandfather came to Muskogee in 1879 and tried to get on the Dawes Rolls for the Cherokees. However, he was not successful and his number was taken from the list. He was a Choctaw, not a Cherokee, Mickey found the information she wanted at Northeastern State University library, on the Guion-Miller Rolls. Eleven other family members were also on the list.

Mickey Hagan, a charter member of the MCGS, since 1983, has been doing genealogy for 20 years. She has 15 binders full of documents, photos and memorabilia of her, and her husband's ancestors. Her husband, Pete, is also a Charter member and was the first treasurer of the MCGS in 1985-86. Pete's ancestors are Quakers from Philadelphia. He likes to do Civil War research. Mickey, Pete, and their sons operate their family business in Broken Arrow.

Through her research in genealogy Mickey has learned a great deal. She learned about her grandfather's unsuccessful court battles to be recognized as a native American, which would have made him eligible for land or cash from the government. However, "by the time he had proven it, it was too late." She also learned that Lewis Masquerier, her fifth great grandfather's son, invented the Homestead Act and the phonics system. The Hagan family tree also includes cowboys, a photographer, and a family that lived in a covered wagon for 16 years.

Mickey has her future projects all planned out. She intends to validate 100 grandparents, and already has 86 completed. She has approximately 64 of Pete's ancestors documented. She also plans to write up sagas and traditions of her family. Her parents are her only living ancestors and she wants to obtain as much information from them as possible about who they knew, and what information they have about their families.

She also plans to make a booklet about the Hall family, which was featured in the last issue of the Quarterly, for the Hale Center, Canyon, and Palo Duro, Texas museums. She believes the MCGS helps members a great deal as the guest speakers bring in new and useful information about doing genealogical research. Also, new members infuse the Society with new ideas and make it more interesting. Mickey's years of experience in doing genealogy and her travels around have provided her with many helpful tips that she will share with us.

### **Tips For Working on your Family History.**

1. Don't dismiss an incredible story as fantasy or muddled recollection. Take note of it, because you may be able to verify it later.

2. When traveling to other cities go to the library and look through the indexes of any and all family histories and pedigree charts in genealogical collections, anywhere. You never know who you might find. I have located many kin by looking through indexes of family histories in various public libraries.

3. When making copies of old photos, make black and white copies, as they last longer. Colored copies only last approximately 30 years.

4. There are generally three to four generations to 100 years. In the space of 350 years, you can expect 12 generations.

5. Practice the golden rule of genealogy: Always share your information with others. Some day, they may return the favor with a helpful tip.

6. When searching for Native American ancestry always ask for the application packet because it contains the ancestors and gives their testimony as to blood lines, ancestors, and locations. These application packets may contain up to 50 pages of genealogical information. My father did not believe that his father married twice. I found the second wife's name on the Dawes application.

7. When conducting an interview, be a patient listener. Ask about names, places of birth and death, race, religious or ethnic names, surnames and name changes and the reason for the changes. Get information about your ancestor's occupations, military service, political affiliations and fraternal activities, along with medical and legal history. These can be verified later through legal documents and newspaper clippings.

Sources: Interview with Mickey Hooper Hagan, Jan. 9, 1998;  
Susan Thacker, Genealogy in her Blood. MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX, June 18, 1987.

## AN-QUEST

Members and Fort Gibson Genealogical Historical Society members are invited to send one free AN -QUEST per year. A \$2.00 fee for non members. Members are invited to send in their AN-QUEST with their dues. The Editors reserve the right to refuse to publish any AN-QUEST submitted.

A maximum of 75 words is acceptable. Surnames should be capitalized. Give names of interest, location and a time period. At least one full name date and location should be included in each An-Quest.

Please send to Diane Jones, by July 10, for the September, 1998 Quarterly.

### **\*GOODNER \* VANDIVER**

I would like to hear from anyone in the Porum area who might have a tie to my GOODNER Family in Polk and Montgomery, AR. My GOODNER family came to AR via Tennessee, and Georgia. I am also interested in knowing of a possible relationship to the VANDIVERS in McIntosh County. My VANDIVER, originated from Georgia and North and South Carolina. Please write to: Diane Jordan Jones, 310 No. Edmond, Muskogee, OK 74403-3613.

### **\* WILSON**

I need information on family of Charlie WILSON. Zacheus Charles "Charlie" WILSON was born about 1857 in Wright County, Missouri. He was the son of Zack and Eliza (ADAMSON) WILSON. Family stories say that Charlie's family was crossing a rain swollen river, somewhere near Wagoner County, Oklahoma and all of the family drowned, except for Charlie and daughter. We believe her name was Lela Belle. Charlie is buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Hulbert, Oklahoma. I do not know the date he drowned. Charlie was living with his Father in Laclede County, Missouri and the next record I have is a death certificate. Charlie's brother, George Alexander WILSON went to Wagoner County, Oklahoma, died there in 1928, and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery. George A. was my great-grandfather.

Virginia Lawson Long, 2852 Highway MM, Mtn Grove, MO, 65711, (417) 926-3455.

### **\*CULVER \*WILKEY**

I wish to contact anyone with information on the death of John CULVER, who lived in the Muskogee area early 1900's. John CULVER was born in 1878 in Mississippi. He married Minnie WILKEY, June 17, 1898 in Muskogee I.T. John CULVER and Minnie WILKEY divorced before her death in 1936 in Muskogee.

Kathy Dentis, 6214 East King Place, Tulsa, OK 74115

### **\*JACKSON \* JOHNSON \* BLACKSTONE \* PHEASANT \* ROBERTSON**

Seeking information on Mary V. JACKSON, daughter of George Washington JOHNSON and Betsy PHEASANT, M. Robert Estell BLACKSTONE, William H. JACKSON. Mary died after 1910. She is buried at Fields Cemetery, Porum, Oklahoma. Mary's daughter, Honor Lee m. Milus T. ROBERTSON. They are also buried at Fields Cemetery. Any information will be appreciated and would like to hear from anyone researching the same. Russ C. Pritchett, 617 Bloomingfield Lane, Las Vegas NV 89128-6045 e-mail RCPritchett@ael.com

**THE COUSINS CONNECTION**  
By Lou Ann Ruark, special features writer  
Tulsa World

At our January meeting Barbara Dye drew our attention to this article which was published in the Tulsa World on July 25, 1993. This article, and the diagram, are reproduced here with written permission of Joe Worley, Executive Editor of the Tulsa World.

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It's said that if you trace your family tree back far enough, you're likely to unearth a horse-thief or two, as well as a genius.

And no wonder. After just 10 generations, you have a thousand grandparents- that's great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great. The number of cousins we would have in that many generations, is uncalculable," says Earl Griffith, librarian of the Tulsa Genealogical Society.

Most of us, if we don't understand our direct relationship with another family member, simply call the relative a cousin, and let it go at that. "That's really the easiest thing to do," Griffith said. Many other curious family members would really like to figure out just how they're related to "Cousin" Bill or "Cousin" Jane. Cousins are the key to understanding who's who in a crazy quilt of family connections, Griffiths says.

"The more remotely related they are, the more likely it is our relatives can be identified as cousins," says Griffith. The confusion lies in determining when they are our first,second, third cousins, and when to add the "removed." The same is true with aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, great-and grand-designations. Members of the genealogical society thrive on unscrambling and tracing family "lines" that seem too complicated for many people to figure out on their own. In fact, Griffith said, "A lot of people can't get past their own grandparents."

Said society researcher Ron Frame, "Some people can't even go that far on both sides of their family. And that's a shame."

Griffith says because the number of our ancestors doubles with each generation, that at 10 generations back- or about 300 years- the number of our ancestors passes the thousand mark. "After only 20 generations (600) years) each of us had a million grandparents." Genealogists reckon generations as about 30 years apart.

Tracing back a "family tree,"-that is, descendants in a direct line-may be frustrating and time-consuming, but it is child's play to many as they try to weave a family fabric with threads interwoven with blood relatives. And that doesn't count untangling knots that represent remarriages, half-brothers and half-sisters and other kith and kin.

Just ask yourself this: Your half-cousin once removed is what relationship to your second cousin's grandchild...?

When you figure out a direct descent line, Griffith says, you can relate everybody to yourself. When you begin to unravel a family relationship, you have to start with one common ancestor to the family. Griffith suggests beginning with your paternal grandfather- if that is the side of the family web you wish to disentangle first. Let the cousin relationship guide you, he says. It helps if you can think of generations as "levels." Direct cousins would be in the same generational level as the number in order- "first," "second," and "third" refers to the number of generations each one is apart from the other on a flat imaginary line.

Picturing that same flat imaginary line, your aunts and uncles are the children of the grandparents on the same generational level as your own parents. The children ( you are one) of these aunts and uncles are first cousins to each other on the same level. But their children ( your children) are second cousins to each other. You are now on the second level. So the "second" refers to the relationship between the children of first cousins.

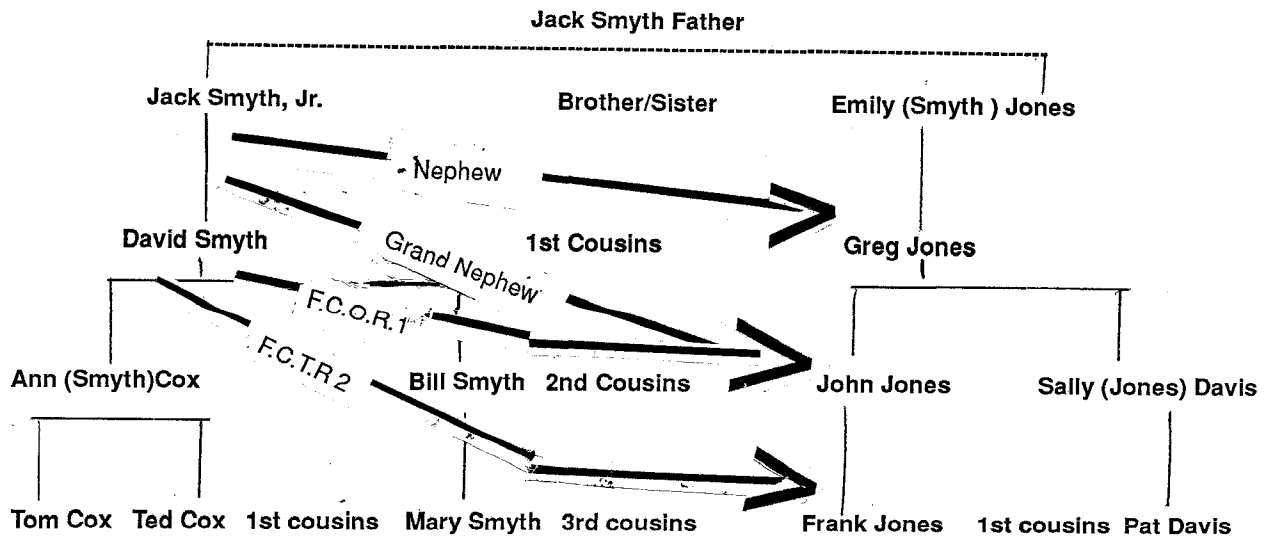
Your first cousin's children are your first cousins once removed; these children to each other are second cousins. Your grandchildren (your children's children ) and your first cousin's grandchildren (their children's children) are third cousins to each other. Your first cousins' grandchildren are your first cousins twice removed. "That is the formula to use no matter how many generations forward you go," Griffith said. You can apply the same reasoning going backward in your family connections. If your grandparents had brothers and sisters, they are your grand aunts and uncles.

Their children (your grand aunts and uncles) are your parents' first cousins , and are first cousins once removed to you; their children are second cousins to each other, and second cousins once removed to you Griffith said.

The "grand" designation indicates the grandparent level (the second generation from you); "great-grand" indicates the third generation from you. Your grandparents' brothers and sisters are your great aunts and uncles, and you are their grand niece or nephew. Your children are their great-grand niece or nephew.

"When you get back to the relationship between the great-grand nieces and nephews to each other, you are back in cousin connections again, but you have to be careful to remember which generational level you're on." For more information, call 742-3893 or write to P.O. Box, 585, Tulsa, OK 74101. The Tulsa Genealogical Society meets monthly from September through May.

### FAMILY TIES



The above diagram shows relationships stemming from the same origin (the father, Jack Smyth.) To simplify these relationships, the family was limited to two children, Jack, Jr. and his sister, Emily. The yellow bands crossing corresponding generations show those relationships. The red arrows show the names of relationships across generations. All names, incidentally, are fictitious. 1. First cousin once removed. 2. First cousin twice removed.

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## USING FACILITIES/ RESOURCES

### How To Find Things in the Muskogee Public Library

A Talk to MCGS Members, February 26, 1998

by Wally Waits

Wally's talk focused on the questions asked by patrons in the library. Here is his talk in brief based on the questions and the resources to use to resolve the questions.

How do I find out if a county history has been published on a certain county?

*United States Local Histories in the Library of Congress*, 5v. GF 016.973 Lib

How do I find out if a family history has been published on my family?

*Genealogies in the Library of Congress*, 2v. GF929.1 Lib

*Complement to Genealogies in the Library of Congress*, , GF 929.1 Kam

*American and English Genealogies in the Library of Congress*, GF 929.1 Lib

How do I find out where a town was located, but which no longer exists?

*Collier's World Atlas and Gazetteer*, GF 912 Col

*New International Atlas of the World*, GF 912 Smi

*New Census Atlas of the World*, GF 912 Smi

How do I find whether an article has been written about my family?

PERSI CD-ROM (on order)

*Genealogical Periodical Annual Index*, v. 14, 16-31 GF 929. 1 Gen

Where do I find if there is a state census for the county I am researching?

*State Census Records*, GF 929.2973 Lai

Where can I find out what resources other libraries have that I want to use?

MPL's Public Access Catalog (Dynix terminals)

*DAR Library Catalog*, 2v. GF 929.2 Dau

Printed catalogs, e.g., from the Texas State Library

How can I get research material from other libraries?

InterLibrary Loan (ILL) from public and educational libraries

Rental from lending libraries, e.g., AGLL/Heritage Quest

Where do I find the requirements for joining a lineage society?

*Hereditary Society Blue Book*, GF 369. 1025 Her

Where can I find how old style writing can be misinterpreted?

*The Handwriting of American Records for a Period of 300 Years*, GF 652.1 Kir

*Index to the 1850 Census of the State of California*, GF 929.374 Bow

How can I find the soundex code for a name without creating it myself?

*Marriage Records: Southern States*, v.1 (Early to 1850) CD #D003

Where can I find a perpetual calendar?

*Encyclopedia Americana*. "Calendar" R 031 Enc

**USING FACILITIES/RESOURCES**  
**Using the Computerized Nationwide Telephone Directory**  
**In The Muskogee Public Library**  
by Diane Jordan Jones

Did you ever want to find an old love? Find relatives of someone you are researching in a certain part of the country? Do you just like to read telephone directories? Here's your chance!

The Muskogee Public library provides a computer with a nationwide telephone directory installed. This directory is from American Business Information, Inc. This directory is situated behind the reference desk. The directories are divided by sections of the country.

Business Name/Type

Phone Disc Power Finder-West

Phone Disc Power Finder-South East

Phone Disc Power Finder-Midwest

Phone Disc Power Finder-North East

Phone Disc Power Finder-Central (Oklahoma is in this one)

Phone Disc Power Finder-Mid Atlantic

The sections of the United States are represented on a map, by color. You can determine the Phone Disc to look in by looking at a map on the side of the computer.

Names, addresses, and telephone numbers are listed in alphabetical order and individually on a smaller screen area in the right bottom corner as you hit the arrow keys.

The directory has businesses listed by subject index. The F4 key will take you to that index. There is also a type of organization with the number of listings available.

The residences listed, can be limited to City, State, Street, Zip code, or area Code, by using the Tab Key. The F2 key limits by City, State Codes, Streets, Zip Code and Area Code within specific name, and house number.

In case you want to print a list, F9 will count the names in the database, by marking the first and last entry. Don't try to print 485 names with one sheet of paper. F8 key will print. You may supply your own paper, or the Reference Desk, just behind the computer, will sell paper for .05 a sheet. The directory will also print labels in first or last name order.

I have used this computer many times in my research. Before I answer a query, I verify the name and address of the person to whom I am writing., This is helpful when you are answering a query from some time ago. Also I searched the directory for names I am researching in certain areas of the country. This gives me a good idea as to the frequency of names in a particular area.

I decided to find an "Old Love" in this directory. I scanned the directory in each section of the country, and I could not locate him, because he had been in the military. The last I knew he was stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. However, I do know he was a native of Newark, New Jersey, so I decided to locate his parents address in Newark.

(I still have that address to verify that information). The prompt on the computer gave me the Phone Disc Power Finder for North East (blue on the map); I put the name in - last name first: Byrne, Wm. After I got the listings for this name in the area (there were many), I hit the Tab Key to limit to Newark, New Jersey. Like magic there was the name, address, and telephone listing for the parents. I decided to print out the listing, and something wasn't quite right, it printed out several businesses, so I had to start over. Finally, I got back on track, and printed the 6 telephone listings under that same last name in Newark, New Jersey. I still don't know where the son is, but I don't care.

This computer is user easy to work, if you pay attention to what you are doing. I do use this computer a lot. The reason it is so useful for those doing genealogical research, is because you might not know where a particular person might be located, and you could get a listing printed for everyone in a certain area with a surname you might be interested in. One draw back is that someone in the listings might be deceased. This directory is for 1997.

## USING FACILITIES/RESOURCES AT LDS FAMILY CENTER (No. 2)

### The "Grazing Drawer"

Contributed by Mary Branstetter

In our March issue, we listed the various facilities and resources available at the LDS Center in Muskogee, and Mary gave us a demonstration of how to use PERSI.

A little used resource at the Center is the "grazing drawer." Mary stated that this is a resource that few people know about, but it may have the genealogical information that may not be available elsewhere in this locality. Let us have a look at what is in this storehouse of information which is all on microfiche. Everyone should go through this drawer and "graze". You never know what you can find to help you in your research.

For those of you tracing your European ancestors we find *Tanquay's Dictionnaire Genealogique*, Vols. I-II, and for data on your German ancestors, there is *Genealogical Handbook of German Research*. There is also a *Gazeteer of Poland*. Are you looking for immigrant ancestors? You should look at, *A Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists 1538-1825*; *Search for the Passengers of the Mary and John, 1630*, 10 vols., along with *Immigration Indexes*, and *Lovell's Gazeteer of British North America*, edited by P.A. Crosley. We also see, *A Genealogical Dictionary of The First Settlers of New England before May 1692*, 4 vols. If you are trying to make out the handwriting of some of your ancestors have a look at *American Handwriting*, available on two fiches. We also find another helpful book for geographical locations by Jedidiah Morse, *The American Gazeteer 1797*.



There are various county histories which include but not limited to: Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford, and Gascombe Counties of Missouri; and Cumberland County Virginia. I also found *Missouri Obituaries -1880--1882.*, and *A Comprehensive Index to State Wide Missouri Obituaries*, and *Obituaries of Giles County, Tennessee* . Included in the drawer were other Death and Obituary collections as: *Pope County Arkansas- Obituaries and Death Notices Feb. 1887-Dec. 1893*; *Cook County Illinois-Death Index 1871-1916*, and *Birth Index- Cook County IL 1871-1916*. I also found *Abstracts of North Carolina Wills*, and *Indexes to Copy Wills Episcopal Consistory Court St. David's Diocese, Wales, 1854-1855*; and *Land Lottery of Georgia 1827*.

For those studying their Indian ancestry I glimpsed *The Indian Pioneer Papers- Western History Collection of The University of Oklahoma* . I also found *Marriage Records of Grant County, Indiana*, 5 vols.

There are also many family histories on fiche in the drawer which include but are not limited to:

Rowley, King and Allied Families  
 George Huntress of Newsington, N.H.  
 Dr. Jongh and Allied Families  
 Thomas Bland of Pendleton County, WVA  
 Highland Scots Pattersons of N. Carolina  
 The Bruces of Choctow Co. Miss. and their Ancestry  
 The First Womple Family of the U.S.  
 Colonial Holbrook  
 History of the Cox Family  
 Killian Family of North Carolina  
 Hempills of North Carolina  
 Kinfolk of Granville County NC  
 James Porshall and His Descendants  
 Greenes, Hedges, Brunfield-Eneland Genealogies  
 Eight Branches of Descendants of Thomas Empey  
 Alexander Kin  
 Arthur Parker of Pennsylvania  
 Joseph Smith Family...The James Dye Family

Cheek and Related Family Charts  
 Ephraim Knight, McPike Family Notes  
 Scammon Family in Maine  
 Thomas Paine and Rebecca Hooper of Gargreave Genealogy of Kenneth Perry  
 The Eastern North Carolina Hardy-Hardee Family in The South and Southwest  
 Robert Jack and John Jack and Their Families  
 Flournays of France From England to America, 1699  
 Hinshaw-Barnard 1877, Antecedents, Descendants and Allied Lines, inc, Nantucket Families, 1631-1733  
 Trout Family of Blair and Bedford Counties of PA  
 Wertemberger and Wattenbarger Families  
 Genealogy of Fendon

The above are only some examples of what you might find in the "Grazing Drawer" of Microfiche at the LDS Center. Spend a morning, afternoon or evening "grazing" at the LDS Center.

The Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays, 8:30 to 3:30 and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

## **CERTIFICATION OF GENEALOGISTS**

Various members have expressed an interest in the certification of genealogists.

This information is from the brochures produced by the BCG.

The Board for the Certification of Genealogists was founded in 1964 and is an independent organization. It stands for the highest standards of competence and ethics. This board views genealogical practice as a profession or hobby that requires training and advanced skills. Persons who wish to be certified, similar to those of any profession, are required to pass qualifying examinations. At the end of each five year certification period, they are required to be reevaluated to ensure that they have updated their skills and the work they produce for clients, readers, or family members maintains the standards expected.

Certification provides the consumer with the assurance of competence, standards, and ethical work done, as they request help in their genealogical research.

The Board for Certification of Genealogists administers the qualifying examinations and maintains a register of qualified person, which is provided to libraries, archives, and individuals who request it.

### **Categories of Certification**

#### **\*Certified Genealogical Record Specialist (CGRS)**

This is a person who can competently search original and published records, and understands all sources of a genealogical nature relating to the chosen areas of specialization. This person provides accurately detailed information concerning the contents of the records examined. This category of certification is for those who... Compile record abstracts or repository guides for publication, assist library patrons who seek their roots, edit a society's newsletter or magazine, publish a family periodical or single-surname magazine, write a genealogical column for the newspaper, and enjoy helping clients who wish to conduct their own research.

#### **\* Certified Genealogist (CG)**

This is a person who is competent in all areas of genealogical research and analysis. He is qualified to resolve various pedigree problems and is experienced in the compilation of well-crafted family histories. This category of certification is right for those who... Compile multibranch genealogies of their family or for clients, work with genetic research projects, and resolve difficult lineage problems for persons who do not wish conduct their own searches.

#### **\* Certified American Indian Lineage Specialist (CAILS)**

This is a person who conducts research to determine descent from a historical Indian tribe indigenous to North America, and is well versed in the pertinent material resources as well as the applicable standards within this specialized field.

This category of certification is right for those who...

Specialize in documenting Native American lineages, assist "unrecognized" Native American communities with their petitions for federal recognition.

**\* Certified American Lineage Specialist (CALs)**

This is one who reconstructs a single line of descent and prepares hereditary-society applications. The work of CALs is based upon a sound knowledge of pertinent resources and a skilled appraisal of authenticity and acceptability of both original source records and compiled printed material.

This category of certification is right for those who...

Participate actively in lineage societies, help others prepare lineage applications, focus primarily on your direct line of ascent.

**\* Certified Genealogical Instructor (CGI)**

This is a person who plans and conducts a full course of genealogical instruction, covering all aspects of genealogical methodology and sources. This CGI must have passed all requirements for the CG. This category of certification is right for those who...teach a full-scale, structured genealogical course for an educational institution, library, or similar facility.

**\* Certified Genealogical Lecturer (CGL)**

This is a person who gives public addresses of an educational nature on specific genealogical topics or on related subjects pertinent to the tracing of family relationships. The CGL must pass all requirements for CGRS. This category is right for those who....

Enjoy speaking to genealogical societies, lineage organizations, and civic groups on topics relating to genealogy.

**Application**

Potential candidates should request and complete a preliminary application indicating their category of interest. BCG will supply a copy of the Applications Guide and testing materials.

To make the formal application, of demonstrating ability and knowledge, candidates prepare a portfolio in which they complete testing materials furnished by the Board, and discuss the merits and shortcomings of resources frequently used in their specialties, and submit samples of their research reports and other works.

Successful applicants demonstrate excellence in research and communication, including the ability to express thoughts clearly and grammatically, to follow instructions, to abstract and transcribe materials properly, to read the handwriting of earlier eras, and to interpret terms and information found in historical documents. They are knowledgeable of the records available within their specialties and meet the standards of documentation and evidence analysis set by the Board. Some categories require additional submissions, as:

\*CALs applicants present reconstructed American Indian lineages, each proving an ancestor's pre-1850 birth into a specific tribe.

\* CALS applicants provide examples of successful lineage -society applications they have prepared for others.

\*CG candidates submit compiled genealogies tracing all lines of descent from a historical couple to the fourth generation.

\*CALS, CAILS and CG candidates also provide a case study in which they have resolved a difficult problem on the basis of the preponderance of the evidence.

CHGL and CGI candidates submit audiocassette recordings of lectures- with corresponding outlines, visual aids, and handout materials- to demonstrate their ability to communicate and their knowledge of subject matter.

### **How to Prepare for Certification**

There is no specific program of education required for a successful applications. Candidates can pursue one or more of the suggestions set forward in the materials of the BCG. These suggestions are:

#### **Independent Study Courses**

##### **1. American Genealogy: A Basic Course**

National Genealogical Society; 4527 17th St. North; Arlington, VA 22207-2399. This course is designed in 16 lessons, with instruction and hands-on experience with major resources and record analysis.

##### **2. Independent Study (Varied programs)**

Brigham Young University; 206 HCEB; Provo, UT 84602. Students can select various specialized courses.

#### **Institutes**

1. National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR); P.O. Box 1427; Washington, DC 20044-4274. This institute is held each July at the National Archives. It is an intense 5-day program.

2. Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR); 800 Lakeshore Drive; Birmingham, AL 35229. This is held each June on the Samford Campus. It is a 5 day program and offers 6 structured courses, including beginning, intermediate, advanced, professional, and specialized tracks.

#### **Major Conferences**

1. Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Annual Conference; P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220. Held in late summer or early fall at various sites nationwide. About 150 hours of widely varied instruction.

2. National Genealogical Society (NGS) Annual Conference; 4527 17th St. North; Arlington, VA 22207-2399. Held in late spring at various sites nationwide. About 150-200 hours of widely varied instruction.

## Study Major Journals

Learn new methodology and resources by regularly and thoroughly reading journals that offer well-crafted, well-documented case studies of difficult problems that have been resolved. Recommended publications:

- \*National Genealogical Society Quarterly
- \*New England Historical and Genealogical Register
- \*The American Genealogist

## \* Study major guide books

Successful applicants have absorbed the contents of these volumes:

1. Greenwood, Val D. *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*. 2d. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Col, 1990.
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More information can be supplied by the Board for Certification of Genealogists, see the address below. Also see Helen F. M. Leary, "Certification of Genealogists: A Consumer Report", NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, Vol 79, 1, (March), 1991, 5-18.

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## MEET TWO MORE CENTENARIANS

In this issue we feature two more Centenarians; Nina McCormick of Muskogee, and "Granny Dutch" Walls of Checotah. The members of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society Congratulate both of you!

### Nina McCormick\*

Congratulations to Nina McCormick, a Muskogean, of 101 years! When I called Nina, she was summoned to the phone by her nurse. I inquired whether I could ask her a few questions at that time. Nina said, "Why don't you ask me what you called me for?" Nina was born in Muskogee in a family of 1 sister and 4 brothers. She has lived all of her life in the house on South Second Street, which is a land mark. In her house she has many pictures and things of the Indian Territory days. She was married to Edward Joseph McCormick, and during the course of her life she cared for over 25 foster children. She has many photos of these children in her home. She told me the secret of her long life is "not to worry about problems and to eat healthy." Nina is a member of the Historical Society of Muskogee. She does feel well but needs help in her daily living tasks. Congratulations Nina McCormick!

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\* Telephone interview with Nina McCormick and her nurse, February 9, 1998.

### "Granny Dutch" Walls \*

Mary Jane (Houston) Walls, a petite, blue eyed lady called "Granny Dutch", was born December 18, 1897 at Hollytree, Alabama. She lived on a farm with her parents Will and Mary and one sister and three brothers. "Granny Dutch" married Bush Walls from Arkansas. They had one daughter.

Granny Dutch remembers her grand parents very well. They were Bill and Jane (Clay) Roberson of Alabama. In their family were eight boys and four girls. Granny Dutch remembers starting school at about age 6. The one room school was two miles from home and she walked all of the way. All of the girls hung their coats on the wall on one side of the door, the boys hung theirs on the other side of the door. All of the kids grouped together and played games.

Granny Dutch doesn't remember the year she moved to Checotah. She worked at 1.0.0 F. Home in Checotah around 1931 to 1947. She is now a resident of 1.0.0. F. Home of Checotah. Granny Dutch and her grandson, Jimmy Cannon, had their photos in the McIntosh County Democrat on December 11, 1997, in commemoration of her birthday. She invited all of her relatives and friends to come and share a piece of birthday cake with her. Congratulations to you Granny Dutch!

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\*Interview by Carol Lamascus, March, 12, 1998.

## THE HONORABLE R.P. HARRISON

First City Manager of Muskogee, 1920

By Dorothy Harrison Upton



HON. R. P. HARRISON.



Myrtle Buckingham Harrison



Granddaughter Dorothy Harrison Upton

Robert Paris Harrison was born June 6, 1867 in Oakwood, Illinois. He married Myrtle Buckingham in 1897. After coming to Muskogee they had one son, Gordon B. Harrison, born in 1905.

R. P. was joint owner and editor of the newspaper called "The Evening Commercial" in Danville, Illinois. After working there for seven years he sold his part of the ownership and brought his family to Muskogee and settled here for the remaining years of his life.

R.P. Harrison was United States District Court Clerk in Muskogee from 1902-1920. He was appointed and served under four different judges, during his eighteen years there. The judges were Raymond, Lawrence, Campbell, and Williams. He resigned his position of Court Clerk in 1920 to become Muskogee's first city manager. Harrison filled this position for almost four years. People of the community wanted to build a building or bridge as a landmark to honor the the first city manager. R. P. appreciated the idea, but he had one of his own. R.P. Harrison loved nature and all of its beauty, so he suggested a park be constructed. He felt it would be better to have a park that would grow more beautiful every year than to maintain the upkeep of a building or bridge. He wanted a park as a memorial for those who served in World War I. The city accepted this idea. Harrison brought a man in from Chicago to construct the work of the plans Harrison suggested. Harrison supervised the construction of this park project. This is how Honor Heights Memorial Park was started. Because of the park and the donations by the city, the State of Oklahoma built the Veterans Hospital beside the park's entrance. Later, the United States government took over the hospital and it is still in operation today.

Harrison resigned as city manager in 1924 to become president of Exchange National Bank. Later, he developed the Victor Building and Loan Association. While operating this, he was elected president of the Oklahoma State Building and Loan Association.

Harrison was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church serving for sometime as Senior Warden. During World War I, he served as president of Muskogee County Red Cross and was a member of the Oklahoma Free State Fair Board. He was director of the Fine Arts Department. He was also active in civic affairs, president of the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce and president of the Rotary Club.

When Harrison moved to Muskogee he lived in a house on 216 S. Sixth Street and in 1932 he traded his place for a house and 10 acres adjoining the Muskogee Country Club. He, his wife, and son lived at this residence for the rest of their lives.

Harrison had one grand-daughter, Dorothy Harrison Upton, three great grandsons, with two of them now living in Muskogee, and one lives in Fort Gibson; six great-great grandchildren, who currently range in ages from 4 to 18 years; their names are: Travis, Jeff, Tyler, Angela, Tracy, and Kelsey. He was a very devout family man, although he led a very busy life.

As his granddaughter I have many fond memories of R.P. He was a very kind and compassionate man. He loved animals about as much as he loved nature's beauty. I grew up in the same house as my grandparents at the house in Country Club. He had a peach orchard and he did all the landscaping on our place.

Most of my birthdays, I was given an animal of some kind from a neighbor. Every animal I received my grandfather would take care of for me. He would take me on picnics and I'll never forget the time he surprised me with a Milky Way candy bar. As I grew older, he was always keeping me out of trouble with my parents. The one thing he was not able to do was to attend my high school graduation in May 1948. My beloved grandfather passed away on June 26, 1949 at the age of 82.

The house we grew up in is still standing and is occupied. I lived there as long as I could before I gave it up in 1994. The place was just too big for me to keep maintained as my grandfather would have wanted.

I just wanted to share with you a little about a man whom words cannot express. I know R.P. would be very happy to see how Honor Heights Park has been maintained and I would like to take a moment and "thank" each and every person who over the many years of very hard work and endless hours has made a dream come true for a city such as Muskogee. A very special man who will always have a special place in my heart- my grandfather - R.P. Harrison.

Your loving granddaughter

Dorothy Harrison Upton



## PIONEERS IN EDUCATION MUSKOGEE INDIAN TERRITORY

### Schools in Indian Territory

The End of the Century Edition of the Muskogee Daily Phoenix, dated November 2, 1899, discussed how proud Indian Territory, especially Muskogee, was of its schools. Evidently no expense was being spared in providing buildings and all the modern conveniences for educational purposes. It was only within the past year that there was provision made for whites to attend a school. About fifty thousand white school children resided in the Indian Territory of eligible school age. That figure applied only to the cities and town, for no provision had been made for a general public school system for the non-citizen element of the Territory. The Indians and the freedmen were more fortunate, as there were close to four hundred neighborhood schools in the Territory which were sustained at a cost of \$150,000 a year to the people of the different Nations of the Territory. Those schools accommodated close to ten thousand scholars. Many neighborhood schools were owned by the different Nations, and cost close to a million dollars.

The first school in Muskogee was a small private school taught by Miss Robb, then Mrs. Paxson, of St. Louis. She started her school in a small house. Soon after a Sunday School was started in connection with this school and in this small building the first sermon was preached by the Rev. Timothy Hill, of Kansas City, sent out by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions (End of Century Edition, Muskogee Daily Phoenix 1899, 46).

The first school for white children in Muskogee during Territorial days was taught by Mrs. Burk in 1885 and continued until 1888. A tuition of \$2 per month was charged for each student. This school was taught in the back room of a three-room house located on the northwest corner of Court and Main Streets. Mrs. Burk came to the Indian Territory with her first husband, Mr. Burk, in 1883 and left shortly after his death in 1900. She went to Kansas City where she married C. W. Eggleston in 1902. Fred V. Maddin, of Muskogee, her nephew attended the school. Mrs. Eggleston passed away in 1935. These events were stated in the Muskogee Phoenix on Jan. 7, 1935.

West (1990) indicated that subscription schools appeared from time to time in the early territorial days. On September 1, 1887, the Muskogee Phoenix announced that the Muskogee Institute for Young Ladies would open on Sept. 5, with M. Perryman in charge. Sadie Burns, a cousin of W. A. Maddin opened a school on the site of the C. N. Haskell building. A Miss Phoebe Raddell, had a school in the 1890's. Also, the Women's Christian Temperance Union at C. Street and Okmulgee Ave. operated a school for boys (West 1990).

In 1897 Miss Laura A. Rowland opened a school for the blind in Fort Gibson. It was sustained through generosity of friends and her efforts, until statehood when the legislature appropriated \$5000 for its support in 1908. In 1913 the school was moved to Muskogee and \$85,000 was appropriated by the legislature for buildings (West 1972, 52). The School is known today as Parkview (Deegan, , 1998, 14).

## **Muskogee Public School**

The first public school was established in July of 1898, with 250 scholars . It was located on Second Street at the site of the Central Fire Station. F. M. Butler was Superintendent of Schools. The first school board consisted of : W. C. Trent, Pleasant Porter, William T. Hutchings, John B. Torrance, and Oscar Beebe. (West 1972, 55) Members of the faculty were F. M. Butler, superintendant, taught the sixth and seventh grades; Miss Isadore Andrews, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Edna Allen, second and third grades; and Miss Betty Hardin, first grade. Dr. F. Wilson of Fayetteville, Arkansas became superintendent in 1900 (West 1982).

## **Denominational Schools**

The End of the Century Edition of the Muskogee Daily Phoenix Newspaper "Indian Territory Schools" (Nov. 2, 1899) stated that Muskogee was proud of the fact that she possesses five of the denominational institutions of the Territory, which are sustained by Mission Boards, and the scholars in attendance. These institutions are: The Bacone University (Baptist), Henry Kendall College (Presbyterian), Spaulding Institute (Methodist), Nazareth Institute (Catholic), and Edwards Baptist College (colored). It was stated that these buildings accommodate close to a thousand scholars during the school year.

## **Spaulding Institute**

Reverend Brewer is credited for started the successful operation of Spaulding Institute, one of the first schools in the Indian Territory. The School began in the Methodist Church in 1881. The Reverend T. F. Brewer was elected first president of the school. The Board of Trustees consisted of: Chief Samuel Checote, president; Dr. Chas. Harris, vice-president; Joshua Ross, secretary, Rev. T. F. Thompson, W. N. Martin, Capt. G. B. Hester, S. S. Sanger, Rev. Jas. McHenry and Rev. F. Fulsom. Temporary buildings were used at first and after five years a brick building was erected. The failing health of Rev. T. F. Brewer resulted in his resignation in June of 1891. The Rev. W. R. Thornton was elected as his successor. After two years Mr. Thornton was succeeded by Prof. R. E. Crockett; and one year later Rev. C. E. Coppedge was elected president. The school was burned. With donations, money collected on insurance and the donation from Mr. H. B. Spaulding a three story brick building was constructed. It had one hundred rooms and lighted with electricity. Nearly two hundred and fifty students were attending the school in 1902. After the building was completed and students enrolled, President Coppedge resigned and the Rev. T. F. Brewer was again elected president. The school was co-educational and the curriculum was comprised of these departments: LIterary, elocution, commercial, music and art. In 1899 the Board of Missions changed the name from Harrell International Institute to Spaulding Institute (Twin Territories 1902, 22-23). The Muskogee Phoenix, End of the Century Edition, (Nov. 2, 1899) Indicates the faculty of the Spaulding Institute during 1899: Mrs. Delia Dinsley, M. A. of Manchester College; Miss Anna Hoss Prince, Ph.B of Hendrix; Miss Fannie Locke, with several years experience, held a position in her alma mater and directs the class of instrumental music; Miss Sadie Dove, a two year student in New York City, and one year director of music at Fort Smith, is in charge of the music department; Miss Lelia Jones, trained at the Boston School of Expression, presides over art and elocution and is a specialist in portrait painting.

### **Nazareth Academy**

In August, 1899, the periodical "Twin Territories", stated, "One of the best schools in Indian Territory is Nazareth Institute, located at Muskogee". Catholic education began in Muskogee Indian Territory in 1891, with the founding of Nazareth Academy by the Rev. William Ketcham, who was the first pastor of the Catholic church in Muskogee. In 1892 the Sisters of St. Joseph, conducted the school, which had boarding facilities and was open to girls. In 1900 the school was reorganized by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondolet. During that time the mission consisted of a day school for boys and a boarding and day school for girls. In 1903 St. Joseph School was set to be established. Rev. Joseph Van Hulse, pastor of Assumption Parish, persuaded the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Orleans to open a college and day school for boys. Nazareth Academy then consisted of a boarding and day school for girls only. In 1906 the Academy began to include a high school curriculum. Edna Hafner was awarded the first high school diploma in 1909. The increasing popularity of the school demanded a new building and the building was constructed in Alamo Heights addition. St. Joseph's College enrollments increased during the 1940's and it became a military school during World War II. In 1932 the academy closed because of the depression resulting in financial difficulties. In 1932 Sacred Heart School opened and it would continue until May of 1968 when it consolidated with St. Joseph. In 1955 S. Joseph was closed because of the deteriorating physical plants. In 1968 the Sisters of St. Joseph instructed all Muskogee's Catholic Children in a consolidated school known as Muskogee Christian Learning Center. - a name it maintained until 1975 when it again held its original name of St. Joseph Catholic School. At the time of the consolidation Rev. Elmer Schwartz was pastor at the Church of the Assumption and Reverend William Swift served as pastor of Sacred Heart Church. In 1980 the last Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondolet departed, after serving 80 years in Muskogee Catholic Education. In 1992 and 1993 additions and renovations were made. A seventh grade was added in 1992 and an eighth grade in 1993. (Weakland 1997).

### **Henry Kendall College**

Henry Kendall College, is one of the youngest of the educational institutions of Indian Territory. It was established in 1894 when three small Indian mission schools, were consolidated by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. The Indian Girls Boarding School in Muskogee, whose property became Henry Kendall College, grew out of the small school for Indian girls in Muskogee, Minerva Home, which Alice Robertson conducted (Harris 1975). It was established in memory of Rev. Henry Kendall, who was a Secretary of the organization. The purpose for the establishment of the college was to give its students a Christian education. Henry Kendall College had its roots in 1883 in a small wooden building that was built to be used as a home for a limited number of Indian girls. Larger accommodations were soon required and in 1894 five, large buildings were erected and the course of study was lengthened to include college work, with a co-educational curriculum. The academic courses were of two: a business course intended for those who did not expect to enter the College department and a pre-preparatory course for those who intended to graduate (Twin Territories 1903, 215, 216). President A. Grant Evans was the first President of the College, having been

educated in England. Kendall college had its first graduating class in June of 1898 with Miss Lucille Waldron as Valedictorian. Benjamin McCurtain and Norman Laird were also graduates. These were the first college graduates of Indian Territory (West 1972, 55). The faculty of Kendall College as stated in the Muskogee Phoenix, End of the Century Edition: Rev. A. Grant Evans, President, Professor of Philosophy, Church History, Apologetics and Sociology; James G. McMurtrey, Ph.D., Professor of Mental Science, Biblical Instruction and Greek; Miss Alice M. Crosby, B. S., Professor of Mathematics; Frederick J. Taylor, A. B., Professor of Latin and German; Miss Alice Mary Robertson, A. M., Professor of History; Miss Edytha F. Taylor, A. B., Professor of Biology and Physical Science; Miss Mary Juliet Kuhn, A.B., Professor of English; Miss Lucy House Sanson, Teacher of Piano; Miss Grace C. Keam, Teacher of Vocal Music; William Thomas Conway, A. B. Principal Preparatory Department; Miss Laura Virginia Parish, Assistant in Preparatory Department; Miss Anise Sanford, A. B.; Assistant in Preparatory Department; Miss Blanche B. Borine, Physical Culture, Art and Elocution; Miss Eva M. Huey, Mrs. McMartry, Miss Mattison, Matrons; Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson, Ph. D., Professor Emeritus. In 1902 Captain Ira L. Reeves, retired of U. S. Army, offered his services as military instructor (Twin Territories 1903, 215, 216). In 1907 Indian Territory became the State of Oklahoma and the college was moved to Tulsa, where it became the largest Presbyterian-related college or university in the nation (Harris 1975).

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# PIONEERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

at

## BACONE COLLEGE

### Introduction

Bacone College is where higher education in Oklahoma began in 1880, with three students. The founder of the College, Professor Almon C. Bacon, of New Jersey, along with the visionary Creek Minister, William McCombs, was able to convince the Creek Chief Samuel Chekote, to open a school, originally for the education of Indians of the territory (Watts 1939, 26). Thus, Bacone College is a continuing legacy to American Indian Education and to higher education in Oklahoma today.

### The Beginnings

Professor Almon C. Bacon, taught his first classes to a total of three students in the Cherokee Baptist Mission Building in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. During that initial year, Dr. E. J. Allen and his wife were associated with Bacone College. Dr. Allen taught the lower grades and Mrs. Allen ran the boarding facilities. Apparently the word traveled fast for Bacone College enrolled 59 students that first year (Williams and Meredith 1980, 10).

At the end of the first year of the School, the faculty and staff consisted of Professor Bacon, President and the faculty of Collegiate department; Carry V. Armstrong teacher of academy subjects; Lydia V. Sixkiller, a sophomore of the University, teacher of the primary level, and M. L. Moore, matron of the institution. The curriculum included all the primary grades to 4 years of college. The first Bachelor's Degrees were awarded in 1883 (Williams and Meredith 1980, 15).

In 1882 President Bacon brought his bride, Harriet L. Tripp, to Bacone. She taught at the school during 1882-83. In 1888 she was named post master at Bacone Creek Nation. The Basons had two children, Mabel and Arthur (Williams and Meredith 1980, 15).

A Committee comprising J.S. Murrow, Daniel Rogers, and A.C. Bacon, was appointed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to select a site near Muskogee. Thus, the present Bacone College opened as "Indian University" on June 9, 1885. There were 109 students at the time the college moved from Tahlequah to Muskogee (Williams and Meredith, 1980, 18). The college originally consisted of Rockefeller Hall, which was the first building and was made possible by a grant of \$10,000 donated toward the building by John D. Rockefeller. The Creeks granted one hundred and sixty acres of land on the present site and American Baptist Home Mission Society added another one hundred and sixty acres. The college has always been coeducational and has focused on the education of the Indian and preservation of the arts of the Indian. However, all students, regardless of race, creed, age, sex, or religion are welcome at Bacone.

In 1910 the College was renamed for its great visionary founder. Almon C. Bacon was considered one of the exceptional leaders of Indian Territory. His tombstone is in the cemetery north of the Bacone Campus and on it is his philosophy: "A Christian Schoollanted in the midst of people becomes the most powerful of agencies in the work of civilization" (West 1972, 24)

West (1972, 29) cites The Muskogee Phoenix Newspaper of February 16, 1888, listing the Faculty of Bacone College as: A.C. Bacone, President, Reverend David Crosby, Mrs. Crosby and Misses Aida Baker, Anna I. Moore, Ada J. Bonham, and Saide Bonham. The student population continued to grow and by the mid 1890's the college numbered 703 students from primary, preparatory and University courses. (Williams and Meredith 1980, 18).

On November 21, 1898, the the *Muskogee Phoenix*, reported that Bacone was sponsoring an "evening of entertainment at the Turner Opera House". This program is reprinted below.

#### BACONE ENTERTAINMENT

The students and faculty of Bacone have arranged for an entertainment next Monday evening the 5th inst., at the Turner Opera House, and the following is the program. A small fee will be charged.

##### Part I

Piano Trio (Selected), Misses Pratt, Jacobus Rollins  
Kings of the Road, (F. Bevan) J. A. Cowling  
Reading ("Aunt Melissa on Boys") Miss Emma Smith  
Second Mazurka (J. M. Echervaria)  
Miss Hattie Rogers  
Heavenly Song (Hamilton Gray) Mr. C. L. Goodwin  
Largo Appassionato (Beethoven) Miss Louise Rollins

##### Part II

A Dream of Paradise (Hamilton Gray)  
Mr. F. C. Fisk Violin Obligato, L. Garland  
Reading (Selected) Mr. C. L. Goodwin  
Mona (Stephen Adams) Miss Louise Rollins  
Violin Obligato, L. Garland  
Reading ("How Ruby Played") Mr. E. C. Fisk  
On Meadows Green, L. F. Brackett, Mr. Fisk, and  
Miss Rollins  
Quartette (Selected) Mssrs. Fisk, Goodwin, Garland,  
Cowling.

Williams and Meredith (1980, 23) report of the students who became leaders of their respective nations during these early years. Some of the famous graduates were: Joseph M. Thompson, a Cherokee who graduated in 1883. He went on to become a physician and Medical Superintendent of the Cherokee Schools and Seminaries in Tahlequah. Bascom P. Rasmus, a Cherokee who graduated in 1884, became a prominent attorney in Tahlequah. Frank Boudinout, a Cherokee, graduating in 1886, became a lawyer and helped obtain many Cherokee land claims in the 20th century. Lee Folsom, a Choctaw graduate, worked on the first newspaper at Atoka. Joseph Bartles, a Delaware, worked in business in Bartlesville, a town named for his family. Pleasant Porter became a prominent Creek leader after his education ended in 1891. Alexander Posey, served as Librarian for The Indian University in the 1890's and then became Superintendent of the Creek National Schools, and later a renowned poet and political commentator.

In 1896, Bacone became ill after his return from a trip on behalf of the College. He died within a few days. In 1897 Reverend John Heart Scott became President until 1905. The End of the Century Edition of the Muskogee Phoenix, November 2, 1899, lists the faculty of Bacone 1899-1900: J. H. Scott, A. B., president, (Rochester University), Biblical Instruction and Philosophy; Florence M. Scott, A. B. (Kalamazoo College), Latin and History; Elizabeth B. Jacobus, B.L. (Ottawa University), English and Modern Language; Raymond A. Schwegler, A. B. (Brown University), Greek and Latin; Otto F. Dubach, Ph.B. . (Ottawa University), Mathematics and Natural Sciences; Minnie M. Pratt, M. S. (Indian University), Commercial Studies and Elocution; Harriett Blackstone, B. L. (Ottawa University), Intermediate Department; Annie B. Clapperton (New England Conservatory), Instrumental and Vocal Music; Mina B. Morford, matron.

At the turn of the century, sports began to assume more attention in college life. Football, was on the campus as early as 1895 and The Indian University played Henry Kendall College in two games. In 1898 an athletic association to support team sports was created ( Williams and Meredith 1980, 31).

During World War I the college was converted in a high school, and expanded into a Junior College in 1927 (Ruth 1956, 541).

### **The Middle Years**

In 1932 the Atalooa Museum was constructed on the college campus. The building began as an art lodge and named after Mary Stone McLendon "Atalooa" who provided the vision and efforts to build the lodge. The Atalooa Museum has one of the finest privately owned collections of traditional and contemporary Native American arts and crafts in the United States. Many of the items have been donated by faculty members, students and friends of the museum. The museum is open Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 P.M. and by appointment (Southwestern Bell, 1996-97, 2).

Ruth (1956, 541) cites Bacone College as marching into the national spotlight when its choir appeared on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of The Town" in the 1950's. Indeed, Bacone can boast of celebrated alumni. These alumni include: Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson who was the first Indian President of the Federated Women's Club of the United States; General Patrick J. Hurley, former Secretary of War and Ambassador to China; Acee Blue Eagle, Creek artist and lecturer; Alex Posey, poet and author; Willard Stone, wood sculptor; Richard West, artist; and Jack Kilpatrick, composer. A Congressional Medal of Honor went to a Bacone College graduate, Jack Montgomery, the Cherokee who went to the European theater with the 45th Division during World War II. Montgomery singlehanded killed 11 German and captured 33 to win the Medal of Honor (Martindale 1968, 1, 2, ).

When the great athlete, Jim Thorpe's life story was filmed with Burt Lancaster, Bacone College was the setting for the filming. Several students played roles in the movie. The world premiere of the film was shown in Muskogee in 1951(Martindale 1968, 1,2) Again, Bacone made a first, when in 1963, it established the first two-year registered nurse program in the State of Oklahoma.

## **Bacone Centennial**

On February 9, 1980 Bacone scheduled a day-long "Founder's Day Observance", marking the 100th anniversary of the date that classes first commenced at Indian University. There was a special art exhibit, and a photographic display depicting the history of Bacone College. Special Events were scheduled for faculty alumni, guests and visitors followed by a special service at the Bacone Memorial Chapel. (Bacone News Release N.D. 1980).

On May 5, 1986, *The Muskogee Phoenix* reported that State Representative, (D) Enoch Kelly Haney and the late Alman C. Bacone, founder were to be inducted into the Bacone College Alumni Hall of Fame at the Annual Banquet. Haney was a 1962 Bacone College Graduate and was serving his third term in the House and was Vice Chairman of the Appropriations and Budget Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education Appropriations Committee. He also is the owner of Kelly Haney Art Gallery in Seminole.

On December 29, 1990, the *The Muskogee Phoenix* reported a fire at Bacone, "while faculty members and alumni, looked on in disbelief" the historic landmark chapel was gutted by fire with its beautiful stained glass windows and the storehouse for the masterpieces and campus historical documents. While the structure was rebuilt, the paintings and stained glass windows were treasures lost forever. (Smith 1990, 1, 3A). The damage was estimated at \$550,000 (McMahon 1991, 3A). The beautiful Memorial Chapel was rebuilt after a \$2.1m. goal as part of the Bacone Vision Campaign (Muskogee Phoenix, 1, Mar. , 1998, 8).

## **Today at Bacone**

In 1998, Muskogee's Centennial year, Bacone will celebrate its 118th year. Its current academic areas include music, art, religion, speech, English, journalism, biological and physical science, mathematics, humanities, business education, computer science, secretarial science, health and physical education, history, political science, sociology, psychology, nursing, radiologic technology, and American Indian Studies. (Bacone Catalog 1995-96).

The current president of the College is Dr. Dennis Tanner. Anne Marie Shackelford, Bacone College, "Smoke Signals" of Fall of 1997 reports on another new program "first" with "Rapid Transit"- an adult centered Associate Degree Program in Business Management . The Muskogee Phoenix, January 25, 1998 reported that with "Rapid Transit, Bacone is the only two year college in Oklahoma to offer a business degree in as few as 61 weeks. Ms. Shackelford stated it "is not unusual for Bacone to set the pace with new academic programs; nursing, radiography, and the recent prison program." So again Bacone, launches ahead as a pioneer in higher education. Then on April 2, 1997, the new Palmer Center, a \$2.8m. student center was built, as a result of the \$9.5m. raised in the Bacone Vision Campaign (Muskogee Phoenix, 1 Mar., 1998, 8).



Last year I was invited to present a seminar/workshop at Bacone College. Its historical environment surrounded me as I walked through the halls, The students of this college also impressed me with their respect and studious manner. All of us in Muskogee are proud to claim this historical landmark, built as a result of its visionary founders, at 2299 Old Bacone Road, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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**DEATHS**  
**MUSKOGEE INDIAN TERRITORY**  
**1899**

(continued from Vol 15, No. 1, "Deaths , Muskogee I.T. 1898" ).

5 January

Mrs. Cora Tucker, colored teacher in Checotah, whose home was across the river from Muskogee, died last Sunday morning while crossing the railroad track near Wybark.

5 January

Mr. Will BALDRIDGE, died at St. Mary's Sanitarium last Thursday from an incurable attack of meningitis. His remains were taken to Texas for interment. He was a cattleman.

12 January

Three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry MURPHEY, who died last Tuesday on the east part of the city.

12 January

Mrs. DORSEY, wife of Robert Dorsey, an employee of Maddin Hardware, died last Thursday of pneumonia. Will be interred in city cemetery.

12 January

Mr. D.D. PITTS, who has been sick of spinal meningitis, died Saturday morning on the west side.

12 January

Mr. J. M. MOORE died of pneumonia Monday morning. He was a member of Woodmen of the World. (See Jan. 26th article)

12 January

L. MITCHELL, who lately moved from Tekahoma, Nebraska with his family and were guests of his cousin, L. L. Mitchell, died with spinal meningitis Saturday evening last. The remains were shipped back to Nebraska.

12 January

James COLBERT died last Monday evening on west side.

19 January

Mr. F. A. CORNEILSON, who has been ill for sometime, died last Monday in his home 18 miles west of Muskogee. Mr. Corneilson was an Odd Fellow and a member of the G. A. R.

19 January

Mrs. William HARNAGE, died at her home 10 miles west of the city last Monday after a long illness of consumption... she was a member of the Methodist Church. . .leaving a husband and two children; a sister, Mrs. Robertson of Muskogee.

26 January

Memoriam- James A. Moore, born at Charleston, ILL. January 27, 1854 and died January 9, 1899, 44 years 11 mo. 12 days. Married to Miss Annie A. Archer, at Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 31, 1885, who with five children survive. He resided in Muskogee about four years.

26 January

Memoriam- William Thomas SUMMERLIN, who has been sick with spinal meningitis, died last Thursday, at his residence. He was born August 22, 1850...he had moved to Muskogee from Texas several years ago and had built up a good business as a contractor. His funeral was held at the Baptist Church and was interred at the city cemetery.

2 February

Dr. PORTER, veterinary surgeon, died at the residence of Geo. MERRIMAN yesterday evening from heart failure. His wife, at Iola, Kansas, was telegraphed and will arrive today. Mr. Porter had been living here two or three months.

2 February

Mr. John ESTES, died at the home of his brother, Monday morning of pneumonia. He was the brother of Ed Estes, manager of Gavigan Drug store, and Ben Estes, of Muskogee Drug Co. He came to the city three months ago. . . about 36 years old, a widower of eight years at Texarkana, Texas.

2 February

Mrs. Jesse OWEN, died Sunday morning after an operation on her neck. Member of the Methodist Church. Her husband worked for M.K. & T. She left a husband and three children, the last being only a few months old.

2 February

Mrs. WHIDDEN, an old citizen of Indian Territory, who has resided here for the past twelve years, died at home last Tuesday. Mrs. Whidden was Cherokee and had lived at Webbers Fall a number of years. She had been married twice, losing both husbands.

16 February

John TURLEY, who was the janitor at the court house, died of the grippe last Saturday. He leaves several children, his wife having died several years ago.

23 February

Woodson B. HUBBARD, father of J.W., F.C. & E.H. Hubbard, of Muskogee, died Friday at Afton, I.T. He was 59 years old. . .

2 March

Sam LIGHT, age 30 yrs. from Denison, Texas, was killed when the switch engine hit him. He was a switchman for the M.K. T. Will be buried at Denison.

16 March

Mr. Robert BAUGH has discovered someone had buried their dead child in his lot without his knowledge or consent. Written on the headboard was "Artie O'BRIAN" Whoever buried the child there better come forward and have his remains removed so they will know his last resting place, as they will be taken up and buried in the Potters field by the city authorities.

30 March

"At Rest" - Sister Sarah Ann HOLLINGSWORTH, (nee CARPENTER), Wife of Joseph Benton Hollingsworth, born September 2, 1835, and departed this life March 24, 1899, at her home near Brushy Mt. Campground. She was born in Lincoln Co. N.C.; her parents moved with her while quite young to Jacksonville, Ala. at which time she gave her heart to the Lord and joined the Presbyterian Church. On January 13, 1859 she married Joseph in Alabama. They lived in Texas until about eight years ago when they moved their large family to Indian Territory. She was the mother of nine children, one preceeding her in death. . . J.D. EDWARDS, Pastor.

30 March

Judge PASCO, of Wagoner, but well known to Muskogee, died Saturday and was buried at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery . . . Served with the Wisconsin Reg. in the Civil War, moving to Kansas and serving as County Clerk in Washington County; after which he moved to Texas and formed a partnership with his cousin, Judge GILBERT and practiced at Denison and Dallas. He came to the Territory in 1892. He leaves a wife and son.

13 April

Miss HANNAN, received news last Tuesday of her father's death, M.B. F. Hannan, of Carrolton, Mo. with Brights Disease. He was 75 years old, a Civil War veteran and was even stationed at Ft. Gibson and Tahlequah. He leaves three daughters.

27 April

Engineer Walter D. STAFFORD, died in tragic train accident. Burial will be in Denison, Texas. His wife was brought to him before he died. He leaves two little children.

4 May

Mr. Albert DOBSON, brother of O. Dobson, of this place, died at his home at Carterville, Choctaw Nation, on the 16th of April. Mr. Dobson was a prominent citizen of his town.

11 May

Sam STRATTON, one time resident of Muskogee, but now of Tahlequah, while at work at his blacksmithshop last Friday was struck and killed by lightning. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Red Men.

18 May

Mrs. Nina BROOK, daughter of Mrs. S.E. SANDERS and niece of Mrs. C.W. TURNER, died this morning . . . She was the wife of Mr. E.E. Brook, her name being PORTER before her marriage two years ago. She leaves one child. . . (See June 1, 1899.)

25 May

Dewey BROWN, 3 yr. old son of Mr. & Mrs. Mark BROWN, died Tuesday morning of pneumonia and nasal catarrh.

25 May

Rev. WEBB, died at Frozen Rock last Friday and was buried at that place.

1 June

Monday evening the tired but patient spirit of Mrs. Nina Porter BROOK received it's release from the trials of earth and joined the host of friends and kindred in the better land. Two weeks ago it was announced that she was dead, indeed the thread of life so nearly snapped that very near relatives were informed that she had died. . . she is buried at Greenhill.

29 June

Miss Minnie TOLLESON, sister of Mrs. W.H. BROWN, died last Fri. . Miss Tolleson was formerly of Charleston, Ark. where she had been experiencing bad health and had come here with hopes of improvement. . .

6 July

Little Nina Tookah BROOK, infant daughter of Mr. Ecke E. BROOK died last Sunday. The funeral services being held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. EDMONDSON. Mr. Brook just lost his wife a few weeks ago. . .

20 July

Mrs. Lillan McCOMBS, wife of U. S. Commissioner McCOMBS and daughter of Col. & Mrs. Thomas MARCUM, died at Sallisaw last week, the body being brought here Saturday and interred in Greenhill Cemetery. Mrs. McCombs had been in frail health for some years. . She was one of the acknowledged belles of Ft. Smith before her marriage. About 15 years ago she married Mr. McCombs. She leaves two children, a boy & girl.

20 July

Maj. John A. FOREMAN, at El Reno. Maj. Foreman was an early pioneer and helped lay the foundations of Muskogee. He went into the war in Kansas as a captain, and in 1864 was commander at the fort at Ft. Gibson. An early paper of 1875 speaks of him starting a cotton gin and grist mill at that time when such enterprises were hundred miles apart.

20 July

Engineer McCUNE died in a train accident at Wybark.

27 July

John LIEBER, city salesman for Reynolds, Davis & Co. of Fort Smith, was run over by a beer cart and died this afternoon in Ft. Smith. He was a brother to Frank Lieber, the well known traveling man, and John G. Lieber, of Muskogee. He leaves a wife and two children.

27 July

Mrs. E.M. SWITZER died at their home at Brushy Mt. last Saturday after a brief illness. The Switzers are well known all over this country because of the hospitality at that local summer resort (natural springs). and they are well to do people. Mr. Switzer himself is afflicted with approaching total blindness.

27 July

Mrs. BARKER, wife of Judge W.H. Barker, one of the deputy marshals of the Muskogee court, died Tuesday at her home a few miles east of the city and was buried yesterday from the residence of Mr. T. H. McDANIEL of the city.

10 August

Ethel BRINN, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brinn, died Saturday evening after an illness of several weeks, was only 10 years old. She had been troubled with heart disease for 2 or 3 years. She was the oldest of three children. The body was embalmed and shipped to New York.

17 August

Miss Amanda DAVIS, sister of Dr. J. L. Davis and Mrs. Thomas OWEN, died last Tuesday from spinal meningitis. Services were held at the Catholic Church. Miss Davis was a popular young lady here and in Ft. Smith. She had come over only a few weeks ago to visit her relatives. She is buried at Greenhill.

17 August

James MALONY, a well known stock man of Hymer, Kan., died last Friday at the Commercial Hotel. He suffered from neuralgia and was attended by doctors. . . His family arrived Tuesday and his remains were buried at Greenhill Cemetery.

24 August

John Lafayette DAVIS M.D., died one week after his sister-- apparently from one of the intensely malarial diseases of this climate. He received attention from both his wife and father, both doctors. He came here eight years ago. He was born in Hempstead Co. Ark. August 16, 1861. He received his medical education at Memphis, Tenn. First practiced at Braggs, I. T. In the fall of 1897 he married Grace Von STAUFFER. He was a Mason and is buried at Greenhill.

24 August

N. A. WEBB, a well known teacher of the Creek schools died last Saturday of some malarial fever. He wanted his body embalmed with alcohol and shipped to Heflan, Alabama. Mrs. LYNCH, also a school teacher in the Creek Nation, and who was engaged to be married to Mr. Webb, was notified.

31 August

W. J. MCMAKIN, a well known citizen in this country, living near Frozen Rock, died at his home Monday last.

7 September

Mr. J. George WRIGHT learned of his mother's death while he was vacationing at Salt Lake City. From the Chicago Tribune (Aug. 31)- Mrs. Almira Van Osdel Wright, Chicago, wife of James G. Wright, died yesterday at 36 Woodland Park in her 77th year, from malaria and the effects of a severe attack of grippe. She was born in Baltimore, MD, came to Chicago in 1838 with her brother, John M. Van Osdel, Chicago's first architect. She was married to Mr. Wright in Chicago, January 1845, and they celebrated their golden anniversary in 1895. She is survived by her husband; seven children and five grandchildren.

7 September

Little Lucille COPPEDGE, only child of Rev. and Mrs. COPPEDGE, of Spaulding Institute, died last Saturday. She was about one year old and is buried at Greenhill.

7 September

Death last Sunday of little Preston Edwin DEMING, six month old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Deming, due to heart failure.

26 October

Last evening, Miss Lottie BALLARD, 15 yr. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, of the city, after a short attack of typhoid fever. They have only lived here for the past six months.

26 October

Thomas WREN, a lad of 15, well known in Muskogee, was accidentally killed by his horse falling with him in Braggs and fracturing the skull.

26 October

Died- two month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. STRANKS, last Saturday.

9 November

Obituary- Col. William ROBISON, prominent Creek, born in Alabama about the time of the removal of the Creeks; his father being a prominent member of the nation... he learned the blacksmith trade, but later took a position in the store of G. F. McLISH, on Little River, and later married Adiline, daughter of Mr. McClish, who was the first judge of the Chickasaws. Col. Robison leaves four children: Josephine, George, Amos and Will. He served in the Confederacy. Remarrying in 1891, after the death of his first wife, to widow of Washington BARNETT.. he had a farm at Vann's Lake. Mr. Robison was not a full blood; his mother being half.

23 November

Dr. G. W. DAWSON, who was sick for two weeks with malarial fever and other ailments, died last Tuesday. It was impossible to learn about his people and the remains were interred at Greenhill. The doctor came here about eight months ago and told many strange stories regarding himself and his people.

23 November

Mrs. E. T. HENSLEY, an old resident of Muskogee, died last Friday at her home in the northeast part of town.

30 November

Obituary- John H. TULK, father of J. C. Tulk, of this place, died last Tuesday after a brief illness. He was 77 yrs. old. . . He was born in Washington Co. Ark. in 1822, a pioneer of I. T. having been government blacksmith at Ft. Gibson and Old Agency for 14 years. He moved to Texas shortly before the Rebellion and lived at Austin for sometime, but of late made his home with his son. Was a Mason and will be buried at Austin, TX. His wife, son and daughter remain.

30 November

Ex-chief Hotulke EMARTHLER, one of the oldest Indians in Creek Nation, died yesterday at his home out near Wetumka. He was nearly 100 years old, a veteran of the Redstick War; with Jackson in Alabama, a Confederate soldier in the Civil War, and a veteran of the ISPARHECHER War in the early eighties. He was second chief at the time council impeached L. C. PERRYMAN, and he acted until Isparhecher was inaugurated chief. He always carried his tomahawk and dignity with him on public occasions.. Checotah Enquirer.

14 December John S. MEAGHER,

died at the home of his father on Okmulgee Ave. Tuesday, of meningitis. He is buried at Greenhil Cemetery.

14 December

Charles S. PALMER, about 75 yrs. old, of Sallisaw, died here at the OK Wagonyard. He was here attending court as a witness. His body was taken by his family to Sallisaw.

Source: Sheri Siebold, comp., *GENEALOGICAL DATA EXTRACTED FROM THE MUSKOGEE WEEKLY PHOENIX INDIAN TERRITORY, 1898-1902*. Muskogee: Muskogee Genealogical Society, Vol, III 1987, 102-153.

Notes of S. Siebold: missing information is indicated with an ellipsis(...) information in parentheses by S. Siebold.



## BOOK/MEDIA REVIEW

### HILLBILLY WOMEN

by Kathy Kahn, New York: Doubleday and Co., Inc., 1973

Reviewed by Vicki Lang.

Sometimes in our genealogical searches and researches we get so busy looking up names and dates, we don't take time to see how lifestyles and surroundings influenced our ancestors' lives. Looking at what I call "background" books we can find out much about our ancestors and the ones they left behind. Little House on The Prairie by Laura Ingles tells us of growing upon the plains in the 1800's. My grandmother said she didn't have to read it- she lived it!

Hillbilly Women by Kathy Kahn printed in 1973 gives self-portraits of nineteen women of coal-mine camps, mill towns and city ghettos of Southern Appalachia. This is the story of the descendants of the hardy English, Scotch, and Irish pioneers who settled the area during the late 1700's and early 1800's. This book tells of the folks "left behind" when our ancestors left the region. The book mentions three brother, sons of the same parents, who all went by different last names. Why? Because they could not decide how the name should be pronounced. They finally agreed on how to pronounce it and now go by one name and spelling. One chapter is titled "What ain't called Melungeons is called "Hillbillies." The Appendix lists regional publications and newspapers. This book answered my question "What happened to the lives of the people who didn't get "Western Fever".

When you see books like this and Snake Handlers of the South, or Baptists in Kentucky don't pass them by. Check out the bibliographies. They are a gold mine of information. You may just find a book about a family member.

## EVIDENCE, CITATION AND ANALYSIS

### For The Family Historian

By Elizabeth Shown Mills, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co.: Baltimore, 1997.  
\$16.95 plus \$3.50 p/h.

If you buy only one book for your genealogical library this has to be the one! This book sets the standard for the documentation of family histories. It also reflects the increasing sophistication of the field of genealogy as needing a more complete style manual than those previously published. The author's premise is that as genealogists ask questions of where ancestors came from and who produced them, so too, we must ask of information where did it come from and who produced it. The answers to these questions will justify whether or not the information that we uncover will be accepted or unaccepted as the truth. Most importantly, she discusses the use of original and derivative material as the gauge in genealogical research rather than thinking of primary and secondary sources. The author goes on to enumerate basic guidelines for documenting family histories, and then discusses each of these guidelines. She also provides examples of how to use the numbering system and where to place the generational number as to distinguish it from the note number. She provides us with an example of a numbered family history, a documented ancestor chart, and a family group sheet. This book is available in the Grant Foreman Room of the Muskogee Public Library. Yes, I bought the book. (LLB) 45

**Jack Miller**  
**1809 S. E. Arbor Drive**  
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<u>Thomas Albert Miller</u>	Born 28 Jun 1862 260 in Forseyth Co., GA Marr 17 Jun 1888 in Fishcreek Chur. Johnson S Died 18 Apr 1915 in Texarkana, , Arkansas ??	<u>Thomas Jefferson Miller</u>	Born 26 Oct 1824 262 in NC Marr 10 Jul 1845 in Surry County, NC Died 2 Mar 1897 in Muskogee, Indian Territo	<u>Henry Miller</u>	Born C1785 5681 Died 9 Aug 1841
<u>Neihmer Jackson (Jack) Miller</u>	Born 11 Apr 1901 257 in I.T., Muskogee Co., OK Marr 19 Oct 1934 in Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK Died 14 Oct 1977 in Claremore, Rogers Co., OK	<u>Elizabeth (Betsey) Paul</u>	Born 27 Mar 1826 263 in , , Tennesee USA Died 8 Jul 1904 in Muskogee, Muskogee, Okla	<u>Paul or Bear Paw or Bear</u>	Born C1800 369
<u>Mary Addie McCurry</u>	Born 7 Feb 1870 261 in Quitman, Wood Co., TX Died 15 Mar 1911 in Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK	<u>William (Billy Jack) McCurry</u>	Born ___ 1817? 311 in SC Marr before 1842 Died before 1880 in Coryell Co., TX	<u>UNKNOWN Angel</u>	Born C1801 370 Died 1830-1840
<u>Jack Milton Miller</u>	Born 24 Oct 1936 3 in Claremore, Rogers Co., OK	<u>Caroline J</u>	Born 28-___- ??? 312 in Miss.	<u>William Carey McCurry</u>	Born ___ 1792? 329 Died ___ 1873-75?
<u>Felix Marion Whittenberg</u>	Born 21 Jun 1871 264 in Cave Springs, Greene Co. Marr 21 Jul 1909 in Muskogee, Muskogee Co., O Died 7 Dec 1924 in Muskogee Co., OK	<u>William Patton Whittenberg</u>	Born 30 Aug 1830 273 in Chuckey, Greene Co., TN Marr 27 Jun 1854 in Greene Co., MO, by G.W. Win Died 8 Jun 1890 in Cave Springs, Greene, Mi	<u>Mary Polly Ernest</u>	Born 6 Nov 1793 276 Died 27 Dec 1861
<u>Lillie Ree Whittenberg</u>	Born 7 Sep 1911 258 in Pearl, Greene Co., MO Died 26 Sep 1996 in Bartlesville, Washington	<u>Elizabeth Ann (Betsy) Best</u>	Born 15 Sep 1835 274 in Blount Co. Tenn Died 18 Mar 1906 in Greene Co., MO	<u>Martin Best</u>	Born 1804 1054 Died 28 Dec 1883
<u>May Belle Spaulding</u>	Born 23 Jun 1884 265 in Little Rock, , Arkansas Died 26 Nov 1959 in Broken Arrow, Tulsa Co., O	<u>Mary Polly Morton</u>	Born 1814 1055 Died C1850	<u>Mary Polly Morton</u>	Born 1814 1055 Died C1850
<u>Mary Jane Fewell</u>	Born 21 Nov 1860 278 in Arkansas Died 12 Aug 1921 in Muskogee Co., OK	<u>Robert Fayette Spaulding</u>	Born 24 Jan 1854 277 in Wildersville, Henderson C Marr 28 Feb 1878 in Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Died 28 Jan 1930 in Wagoner Co., OK	<u>Joseph (Joe) Spaulding</u>	Born 1822 452 Died 1885
		<u>Susan Dabbs</u>	Born 1822 453 Died 1862-1870	<u>William (Bill) A. Fewell</u>	Born 10 Feb 1832 1318 Died before 1900
		<u>Martha J. Jones</u>	Born 20 Apr 1830 1319 Died 15 Nov 1909		0