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This publication depends upon literary contributions from its members. Please send us copies of any local records that you have transcribed or genealogy charts you have compiled.

#### Join Us!

Upcoming 1999 MCGS Members Meetings

Muskogee Public Library

June 24
6:30 PM
"Show and Tell"
With a Bring Your
Own Salad dinner
(any type of salad ...
hot or cold ... we
provide the drinks)

September 23 October 28

#### **Growing an Organization Takes Resources**

Dear Members:

At the May 27, 1999 Muskogee County Genealogical Society Board meeting, a discussion was held concerning the need to increase our yearly membership dues upwards to the \$18 to \$20 range. An action item was recorded for Wally Waits to compile a list showing the membership dues of other genealogical societies that produce some form of publication equal to ours. This list will be circulated to the members when it is compiled.

Why a membership due increase? The primary reason is that the new format of our MCGS Quarterly publication has a per copy printing cost of \$3.25 each and the postage for each Quarterly is \$1.45. Thus, the annual cost to produce and distribute four Quarterlies to each member is \$18.80. Compare this cost to our current membership level of \$12 to \$14. We are currently only able to meet the increased cost due to the revenue we have generated over the past year from our workshops.

How else can we generate funds? Donations from the general membership above and beyond their normal dues is one way. Another is to allow advertising to be placed in the Quarterly in the form of business cards. The benefit of raising dues, however, is that the Board of Directors will

know from the beginning of a calendar year whether or not there are sufficient dues to cover the annual Quarterly Publication costs.

Can we count on you? We took a straw poll from among the members at the last meeting and roughly 80% of the members were willing to support a dues increase after they understood why the increase was warranted. From the comments we have received, members are very pleased with the quality and content of the new Quarterly.

Growing an organization takes resources in the form of money, volunteer time and new member recruitment. We, the Board, challenge our fellow members to support our organization in whatever way you can.

A formal vote on the increase in membership dues will be performed at the September 23, 1999 Regular Meeting. Please plan on attending so your vote can be counted.

Regards,

The Muskogee County Genealogical Society Board of Directors

Welcome to our New Members:

Dana R. Leeds, Spring, TX Emma Breshears, Coweta, OK Tim & Jere Harris, Muskogee, OK Billy Eugene Crabtree Paul M. Wise, Muskogee, OK

#### **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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#### **Meetings and Membership**

"The greater the obstacle the more glory in overcoming it."

- Moliere

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

The Board of Directors meetings are held prior to each monthly meeting beginning at 5:45pm at the library. All members are invited to attend the Board meetings.

Membership in the MCGS is open to anyone 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 January membership month will receive all previous quarterlies for that year.

#### **Publication and Query Information**



The Muskogee County Genealogical Society Quarterly is published 4 times a year: March, June, September and December. Back issues of the Quarterlies are available at \$3.25 each, plus \$1.50 for postage.

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.

The MCGS will assist with search questions from non-members. Please send your requests with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

The Muskogee County Genealogical Society

C/O The Muskogee Public Library

801 West Okmulgee Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Queries may also be sent via email to:

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#### Book Review: The Story of Oklahoma

If you're new to the Muskogee area or to Oklahoma, I invite you to read <u>The Story of Oklahoma</u>, by W. David Beard and Danney Goble, The University of Oklahoma Press, 1994.

I received a copy of this book as a gift from my parents, Lowell and Wanda Betow. The ISBN number is 0-8061-2650-7.

It has a 20 page index of place names and surnames concerning Oklahoma. Muskogee is well represented with over 22 page references. A greater amount of page references is included for the Cherokee and Creek Indians.

In this issue of the Quarterly, we feature a History of the Bemo family which is mentioned in this book. I also found the chapter on Lifestyles in Indian Territory to be very interesting as it discusses eyewitness accounts about their homelife, the food they eat, the clothing they wear and the type of work performed by women and men.

Get to the library today to read about Oklahoma.

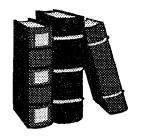
#### Thanks to our Contributors

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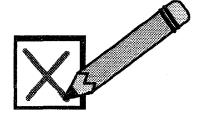


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An alphabetical listing of Cherokee names classified as "Doubtful" and "Rejected" by	
Dawes Commission. 263 pages	\$25.00
INDEX OF OBITUARIES AND DEATHS EXTRACTED FROM	
THE MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX, 1954-1992.	007.00
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Grayson, Plainview, Rock Grove, Starnes, Starr, Taylor, Walker, 2 Unidentified.	
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Middleton Chapel, Oktaha Community, Park, South Bethel, Summitt, 1 Unidentified.	
291 pages including index.	
MARRIAGE RECORDS, MUSKOGEE INDIAN TERRITORY	
FIRST U.S. COURT – NORTHERN DISTRICT, Books A, B, and B-1	

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> - William E. Channing



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INDEX of DEATHS EXTRACTED FROM MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX

January 16, 1930 - May 4, 1935, 49 pages \_

Please add \$3.00, each book, for postage and handling. All books are softbound.

### The History of the Bemo Family, Part I

Donated to the MCGS by Virginia Perry

Introduction: I, Alan Bemo, am writing this edition on November 15, 1995 It is my desire to be as factual as possible and list the sources of information so that those interested can get an overall picture of the Bemo history and then do further research if they are so inclined. I hope to be able to add to this history or revise it as more information is found. If you have any data at your disposal, be it written or oral, please feel free to share it. It will be greatly appreciated.

#### I Early History

The first "American" to wear the name "Bemo" claimed to be a fullblood Seminole. His Indian name was Tal-a-mas-Micco which means "King of the Forest." He was a nephew of the famous indian warrior Osceola of Florida.

Bemo was a nephew because he was the son of Osceola's stepsister. Tal-a-Mas-Micco and Osceola both claimed to be full blooded Creek but actually neither were. Both are decendents of a Scottsman who immigrated to the United States. He lived to be over 120 years old (1683-1811) and married a Tallassee indian woman. One of his daughters, Ann Copinger, had a daughter, Polly, who married a British trader named William Powell. They were the parents of Osceola. William Powell also married a full-blood indian woman who was the grandmother of Tal-a-Mas-Micco. Refer to the attached genealogy chart (figure 1) for more clarity.

I would like to clear up the confusion about the relationship of Creeks and Seminoles. "Shocked and humiliated, Some Creeks traveled south in small bands to Spanish Florida. As early as 1750, other Creeks had decided to settle there, the native Florida Indian tribes being nearly extinct. Together with bands of Yuchi Indians, they had joined with remnants of the original natives to form a tribe known as the Seminole, or Seminoles, taken from a Creek word meaning "outlanders." Often the Seminole number were increased by the arrival of runaway Negro slaves from Carolina and Georgia plantations. It was natural that they should head for Florida where Spanish law decreed that all slaves from foreign states became free upon arrival. These Negroes often attained important positions as counselors and interpreters among the Seminoles. The Creek mother tongue was known as "Muskogee." (2)

Tal-a-mas-Micco (Bemo) was born in 1825 or 26 in Florida. In 1825 the Creeks, along with the then young warrior Osceola had had to leave the Peas Creek settlement to live on the reservation in the center of the Florida peniunsular, designated them under the terms of the 1823 Treaty of

Moultrie Creek. The head chief at that time was the fat frightened Micanopy. He lived in fear of the American troops. He was genuinely concerned for the safety of his people, so that at times he even professed great friendship for the whites. He appointed Indian gaurds to arrest fellow Indians who strayed off the reservation to steal food from that same white man who had decreed his people should be confined to land often so barren that it could not sustain them. Men could not grow food in sand or swamp.

It was on these injustices that Osceola always brooded. Even William P. Duval, Territorial Governor of Florida, was appalled by the conditions he found while touring the Seminoles' new reservation. "Unhealthy and wholly unfit," he reported to the authorities in Washington. In addition he called the land "entirely too wet for cultivation," and "worth but little, nineteen-twentieths of their whole country within the present boundary is by far the poorest and most miserable region I ever beheld."

Nevertheless, his official report did not deter him from withholding desperately needed rations and annuities from the Seminoles. With strong words he warned them that "mighty evils will soon fall on the whole of your nation."

The objects of his wrath were those same Indians who, starving, strayed outside of their boundaries in search of sustenance.

In 1831 the Indian Removal Rill was passed which stated that during 1833, 1834, and 1835 the Seminoles/Creeks were to leave for the West in three groups. Though Indian chiefs signed this agreement and some even went to Fort Gibson to inspect the land they were to be removed to there was great disagreement among the Indians. The Indians, led by Osceola, rebelled and the second Indian War of Florida began all out in 1835.

Then an incident happened that took Tal-a-mas-Micco, a lad of only eight or nine, out of this very turbulent and explosive situation.

#### Orphan to Preacher

Following is the repeating of Tal-a-mas-Micco's own account as heard in Cincinnati, Ohio. "We had the pleasure of hearing, in Cincinnati, in 1846, from this young man (Tal-a-mas-Micco) a sketch of his life. He is a Seminole Indian, and was born in the year 1825, in Florida. When quite young, his father took him to St. Augustine, where his tribe were accustomed to sell their furs. (incorrect grammar and spelling in quoted texts are left unaltered) In the streets of that city his father met with an old and familiar friend

of the same tribe -- King Philip. After exchanging salutations, these attached acquaintances repaired to a grog shop, or, as John describes it, "a poison shop, where they hang the red curtain behind the door." After drinking freely, they quarreled, and were pushed fighting into the street, where, for a long time, they were the sport of a crowd of white men, who gathered around them. Having fought to exhaustion, they sank down, gory with wounds, upon the pavement slippery with their blood. When they had somewhat recovered from their fatigue, the whites, by signs and taunts, provoked them again to combat. The second engagement was more protracted and bloody than the first. At length John's father fell, and King Philip, after staggering a few paces, fell also. The crowd now dispersed, and John took a seat by the head of his father upon the bloody pavement, weeping and begging to go home; but the father made no response. Toward evening, however, he arose, and silent and staggering, led his son to a deserted house on the shore, where he lay down, and placed by his side his boy, who was still begging to return home. In the morning the child arose and found his father dead. He remained seated by his side, weeping, till some persons came with a wagon, dragged the corpse into the woods and buried it. Upon the grave John seated himself to weep over his father, and think of his mother. But soon, becoming alarmed, he started to look for King Philip, to take him home. He found that the chief had gone. What was he to do? He had heard that all white men, except the William Penn men, were enemies to the Indians. He walked the streets, and looked into every lane, and habitation, and store, but could see no broad hats. In several windows, as he walked through the town, he saw cakes and loaves; but, though pinched with hunger, he dare not ask for them. As he walked down to the beach in despair, a sailor met him, invited him on board a vessel, and gave him a biscuit. At this he was astonished. "Why," thought he, "here is one good white man who is not a 'broad-hat.'" Presently, others came around him, and treated him with equal kindness. He counted them and found there were eight. "Now," said he, within himself, "if ever I get home, I will tell my nation that there are eight good white men beside the William Penn men, and that I have seen them all." An interpreter was brought on board, through who he was informed that if he would stay in the vessel he might go round to Key West, and afterward return home. To this he assented. Next morning he woke up and saw nothing but sea and sky. "Ah?" thought he, "this may be the way to go home, but it does not look like it." He sailed from port to port for many years, and visited Europe, Asia, and Africa. At length he became much distressed on account of his sins. Day by day his agony increased, till he became unable to do anything but mourn. An old pious sailor inquired into his case, and found that he was convicted. "Don't grieve so," said he, "your Saviour has died for you -- for all. You are young, and have had no opportunities of doing much

I committed many and grievous sins, but when I wickedness. went to Jesus He forgave them all. He will forgive yours." After much reflection he went into the hold of the ship to seek his Saviour. "When I sank down upon my knees," said he, "there was a great world of light. In the distance was a very beautiful, smiling image, and I called to it, but it would not come. It pointed to my feet. On looking down I saw all my sins--- every little boy that I had fought with. every bad word I had said, every thing, all around me. I wept and prayed for forgiveness. I took up one sin and held it up, and said, 'Jesus, I did this, will you forgive me?' and another, and said likewise, and so on, till I felt that all were forgiven. Then my Savior made a door in my bosom and entered in. I then went on deck and told what the Lord had done for me. The sailors gathered around me and wept at my words; and I wanted to open the door in my breast to let them peep in and see my Jesus. God has been my Father from that time." He would have returned to his mother long since, but for the Florida War. After sailing several years, he met, in Philadelphia, with a mariner's preacher. who persuaded him to attend a school amoung the Friends. Here he remained a year, and learned to read. He then proceeded to rejoin his people, who had been removed to their new home in the west, when he found them in great want and distress. Upon inquiring for his relatives, he ascertained that they had been killed in the war. He commenced laboring in the Sabbath school, the day school. and the pulpit, but found it necessary to quit these labors of love, for the purpose of going east to make an appeal to the whites, that he might obtain food and raiment to preserve the Seminoles from starvation. He succeeded in raising four thousand dollars for this object, which was converted, chiefly, into goods, and shipped. The vessel in which they were sent was sunk, the goods being uninsured. Thus he was compeled to renew his appeals." (3)

At the same time that John Bemo was becoming aware of a spiritual calling, God was stirring the hearts of Indians of different tribes. One of the most moving of these accounts is of the Nez Perce tribe in the mid 1800s. (See figure # 2)

Where did he get the name Bemo? "A French ship-captain, named Jean Bemeau adopted him and took him to sea. The Captain Anglicized his own name in order to christen his cabin boy, John Bemo. The youth became a firt-class sailor, learned something of ship's carpentry and visted many ports and saw much of the world." (4)

Later his full name became John Douglas Bemo. The name "Douglas" was taken from "the Reverand Orson Douglas who was the pastor of the Presbyterian Mariners' Church of Philadelphia in the late 1830s and 1840s. One of several houses of worship ministering to the many sailors passing

through that city. One of Douglas's visitors was a teenaged Seminole Indian named John Bemo, who availed himself of Douglas's open invitation to address the congregation on Wednesday or Sunday evenings. He later became a protege of Reverend Douglas." (5)

An interesting side comment right here is that when Tal-a-Mas-Micco was orphane,d so was his half brother, Oceola Nikkanochee, born in 1930. He was adopted by a British doctor named Andrew Welch, and taken to England. Welch wrote a book about this boy, A Narrative of the Early Days and Remembrances of Oceola Nikkanochee, Prince of Econchatti. (1841) I have read this book, and believe it gives a very accurate account of Tal-a-Mas-Micco's early life too, since they were contemporaries.

It was after studying in Philadelphia for a time that he returned to Florida in search of his relatives. He was present at Fort Moultrie when his uncle, Osceola, died. He sent word by the warriors that as soon at they ceased fighting he would return and be their Chief. (6)

#### 3 Missionary In Indian Territories

As has been stated the second Indian War broke out in Florida the year after John Douglas Bemo began his sea-going adventures. After he had become a Christian and studied in Philadelphia, he returned to Florida to find his relatives. Not being able to find them and presuming them dead, he turned his attention to those who had been forcibly removed over the "Trail of Tears" to Oklahoma. Some of the Seminoles had been forced to leave Florica. They were actually taken by steam boat accross the Gulf, up the Mississippi, and then up the Arkansas river and taken off at Fort Gibson in Oklahoma. He became convinced that he ought to devote his life to the education of his own people. The United States Government also became interested in Bemo. A document states, "It was here that he was instructed in letters and duty. . . being sent to Indian Territory, under the patronage of the Department." (8) "In November. 1842, Bemo contracted with the United States Indian Office and the Seminole Council to establish a government school for the tribe, and on November 1, 1843, Bemo reported to Seminole Sub-agent Thomas L. Judge to begin his work." (9)

"Bemo became acquainted with Harriet Lewis, a young Creek woman who had interests similar to his own, and they were married. Perhaps no Indian teacher had a greater influence for the adjustment of native people to white men's culture than Orson Douglas's protege, John Bemo." (10)

The situation that John Bemo entered to help his people was unique. The Seminoles had been removed from their native land after their struggle with the United States Army. Their forced submission to the control of their relatives, the Creeks, and their close relationship to their black freedmen, also made them easy prey for unscrupulous agents, administrators, and representatives of the other, more accultureated tribes in Indian Territory. With role models such as these, the Seminole dislike for the outside world in the nineteenth century was understandable." (11)

"On March 15, 1844, forty pupils met John Bemo at the Prospect Hill school in the western part of the Creek Nation, where the majority of Seminoles resided. (This location is near Fern mountain just northwest of Muskogee where some of John Bemo's decendents still reside) Seminole parents thought that the school would board the students, but when they were informed that Prospect Hill was a day school, they began removing their children until only fifteen remained, all male. John Bemo's progress report had "eight of them (students) in two syllables, one in three, and six are in their AB's." Sub-agent Judge wrote to Major William Armstrong, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Western Territory, that Bemo's course of action had corraborated the good opinions his friends had formed of him. Judge noted also that a marked change in the habits and manners of the Seminoles in the immediate vicinity of the school had taken place since Bemo's arrival." (12)

It was during his ministry that some traits of Bemo's character were noted. W.A. Evans recalled Bemo as "a man of culture who used good English and was a great orator." When Reverend Lilley cut and hewed logs to construct a two-story building measuring sixteen by twenty feet he noted that, John Bemo's carpentry skills provided a decorative touch." Mrs. Lilly recalled that "we were very high-toned as we had panel doors in our house." (13) I am very sure these skills were learned when a ship's carpenter during his sailing days.

The Oak Ridge mission, located three miles south of present-day Holdenville, in Hughes County, opened in the summer of 1849. John Bemo served as a teacher along with the Lilleys. On October 10, 1854, Reverend Lilley informed the Seminole Subagent that all but three of his pupils could read and "some could write a fair hand and knew some of arithmetic." (14) It is interesting to note that my mother, Doris Mildred Whailey was born and buried in Holdenville.

In 1859, a Baptist missionary by the name of Joseph S. Murrow started working with the Seminoles. At some point John Bemo himself became a Baptist. We see this in an account in an article called "The Missionary Spirit:"
"Murrow, a slightly-built individual, took Chief Jumper to a

local stream for a baptismal ceremony, but found his frailty a hindrance to the immersion of the six-feet-four inch, two-hundred-twenty-five pound convert. Murrow then deferred to the strength of the Reverend John Bemo, the former Presbyterian minister and educator, now also turned Baptist, who completed the task." (15)

John Bemo and Harriet Lewis located near the Creek agency northwest of Muskogee where he lived until his death. He had three sons and one daughter whom he named Iona in rememrance of the beautiful Ionian Islands among which he had sailed. His sons were, Alex Orson, Alan Douglas (after whom I am named), and John Douglas. A neighbor of his wrote of him in January 22, 1937, "He was a very industrious man and had a well improved farm for this country in those days, and had the best orchard in this section. It was situated on the first shelf, or raise, about one half mile south of the Arkansas River, between the river and Agency Hill. Every winter he would have his cellar well stocked with fruit and vegetables and I never knew him to sell anything to a neighbor, but he was always giving to those who were in need. Mr. Bemo (Tal-a-mas-micco) died at his home north of Agency hill about 1890. John and Douglas are also dead, and I don't know what became of the girl. Alex was living in the Seminole country the last I knew of him, and Lonnie Bemo, a son of Douglas Bemo, is living in Muskogee." (16)

Tal-a-mas-Micco is buried somewhere on the property of the Agency near where he lived, worked, and died. A old map shows its location, which is on, I believe, land presently still held by Bemos.

We "white" Bemos are decendents of Alan Douglas Bemo. At this time I still not sure of the family tree which branches out to those Bemos who are full-bloods. I have met some of them. There are some in Supulpa and several in the Wewoka and Seminole Oklahoma area. You can find Talamasmicco's picture in the Seminole museum in Wewoka, and find the curator will be happy to meet anyone kin to Bemos.

If you run onto any Indians with the surname of Wise they are most likly kinfolks too. The Indians thought of John Douglas as such a wise man that they often refered to him as "Wise." He was sometimes refered to as Talamsey Wise. Some of his decendents took "Wisse" as a surname.

#### 4 Alan Douglas & Katie E.Bemo,

Alan Douglas, one of John Douglas's sons stayed at the Creek agency Indian allotment and inherited the estate.

He attended the Tullahassee Manual Labor Boarding School. It was during this time that he met a beautiful teacher named Katie Edwards, whom he eventually married.

Katie left Xenia, Ohio on March 29, 1870 for an appointment from the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board to the Creek Nation, Indian Territory. She traveled by train and stage. She was a teacher when she met Alan Douglas, who was one of her students. At that time there was some sort of a scandal about them that haunted Alan and Katie for many years. Katie was twenty-two years old at the time of arrival at Tullahassee but I do not know Alan's age.

Katie left Tullahassee and taught in several day-schools in the Nation for about eight years. During the first few months after leaving Tullahassee, she arranged for Douglas to complete his schooling at Howard University in Washington, D.C. His father, John Bemo, was in accord with this plan.

After Douglas returned to the Territory, he and Katie were married on September 6, 1874 and both taught school. His was in Sugar Creek and he was away from home during the week, coming home on Fridays. Alan and Katie are listed as charter members of the First Presbyterian Church of Muskogee, organized in 1875.

In 1876 the first baby was born, Stella. She lived eleven months. In 1877 Eddie was born and also lived eleven months. In 1879 Minnie was born, and died at ten months. These were all healthy infants who succumbed to childhood diseases. As you can imagine, Katie suffered terribly at the loss of her babies. She believed she was being made to suffer for an unfortunate marriage. Her Ohio family was distraught over her marriage to an American Indian and the estrangement was seen by her as proof of her punishment. It is disturbing that there is evidence of Alan's infidelities, and at least one son outside of the marriage. There is even another "marriage" to a Louise of Ft. Smith, though this episode is unclear. Nevertheless, Alan and Katie had a fourth child, Leon (Lon), on May 23, 1884 and appear to have settled into a relationship under one roof.

The section of Katie's diary of 1897 to 1901 are missing. These were destroyed by a Mrs. Forman into whose hands the diary fell. She said, "She (Katie Bemo) was the most unhappy woman I ever knew and her son and grandchildren are still living here and I am sure it would make them distressed to have the story made public." (17)

I have in my possession a letter written by Alan Douglas to Katie on November 26, 1890. She had been away on a trip for an extended time to Anacortia, District of Columbia, to visit relatives, I suppose. He gives some local news and

tells her how Leon is doing. He is quite put out with her recent letter to him and the letter generally has a sour mood. In one section he says, "I do not know that I am fond of running things my own sweet way, especially when I know there will be someone to growl about it if it happens not to be just exactly right. I am doing the best I can, and if you growl, which I know you will, why I can't help it. I never could do anything to suit you no how."

I also have her handwitten reply to that letter written on December 12, 1890. She seems to bend over backwards with kindness to placate him. However she does say, "I am not so hard to please as you think, so you need not hurt yourself to think about every word you write, but you did send two pretty tart letters. Were the cans of fruit sour that you opened? If they are you had better throw them, not eat them."

My father, John Douglas Bemo told me in February of 1995 that he remembers Katie and her little hack (one horse small wagon) and her taking her foot pump organ around when she went to teaching stations. He remembers pumping it and playing it after she had passed away. She taught at a mission and had a bell. This bell and other artifacts can be seen at the historical display at the First Presbyterian Church in Muskogee.

I also have in my possession a handwritten will of Alan Douglas Bemo. By comparing the handwritting I am sure the will was written by Katie and signed by A.D. Bemo along with several witnesses. It is interesting:

#### Creek Agency, Ind. Terr. December 3rd 1897

"Be it known to all men by these presents, that I, Douglas Bemo, had a certain field cleared of for my son Leon Bemo. Said field is situated across Pecan creek near Fern Hill. It is bounded on the North by the Arkansas river, on the East by Dave McMacks farm, on the South by Morris Sango's farm, and on the West by a strip of uncultivated land.

This field is to be held by his mother, Katie E. Bemo as his guardian until he is of age.

Be it also known that all of the cattle bearing the single diamond brand on the left hip, and marked with a crof and under bit in the left ear, and a split in the right, belong to my wife Katie E. Bemo and all of the cattle with the diamond brand on the hip and thigh with the same mark belong to my son, Leon Bemo.

Be it also known that one grey horse, one bay mare, one roan horse, one sorrel horse, one dark iron grey mare colt,

belong to my wife, Katie E. Bemo and bay ponies belong to my son, Leon Bemo.

Be it also known that Leon's mother, Katie E. Bemo, is to be his guardian until he become of age and is also executor of all the money belonging to the property in any way.

I do herby sign this, A. D. Bemo.

Witnesses M.J. Sangs, H.C. Weddel, J H Hogan, A Morton."

This will is interesting to me, because as a boy, my cousin, Fred Finley, and myself, literally hunted every square inch of the land around there with bows, air rifles, and fire arms. I knew Fern mountain, Pecan creek, and the Arkansas river basin like the back of my hand. I fished and shot everything that moved (and some things that didn't move). I climbed cliffs, swung on vines and camped there.

My father, John Douglas Bemo, also told me that Alan Douglas Bemo is buried on the Bemo homestead southeast of the barn about 50 feet. There is no marker but it used to be marked by an outline of bricks. There used to be a Black Locust tree just south of the grave. The locust tree is gone now but there is a Hackberry tree there now. The grave is just southeast of the Hackberry tree. His brothers decided to dig the grave up one day. They dug to the casket and just then their parents returned home and made them cover it up again.

After A.D.'s death, Katie was married to W. Scott Mitchell which took place in 1904. He was a bee-keeper from Ft. Gibson, and Katie, oddly enough, had know him briefly at Tullahassee, thirty years before. She was fifty-six at the time of this marriage. He died in 1929.

Katie died on February 11, 1933 and her grave is at the Greenhill cemetary in Muskogee.

She was survived by only one child, Leon Bemo.

We hope you have enjoyed Part I of the History of the Bemo Family. We will print the remainder of this article in the September 1999 issue of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society

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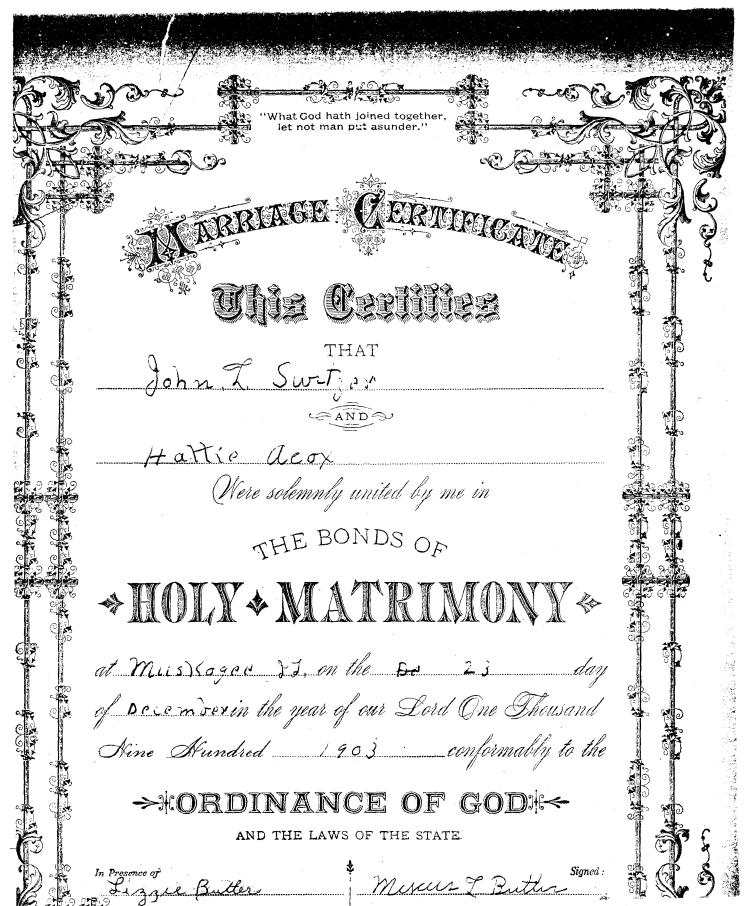
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#### Ancestral History of Delores Nickerson, MCGS Member

FROM CAMLET, HOLLAND, & LEIDEN, ENGLAND TO PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS & MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

The book "The England & Holland of the Pilgrims (Henry Martyn Dexter, D.D. LL.D, 1978) states on Page 629: William Ring, June 7,1619. William stood as a guarrente for Alexander Price, Say Draper, for William seemed to have money.

National Society Daughters of the American Colonists, "Book Two" Supplementals, 1945-1949, page 14, under Miss Rose Wyeth Lewis states "Mary Ring is listed as an ancester". Lineage book, page 15, shows Mary Ring, Widow of William died 1631 and Mary Ring (dl631) of Plymouth, Mass came as a widow in 1629 and was an original land owner.

Seventeenth Century Colonial Ancestors, Page 213, shows Andrew Ring "land owner" Married Deborah Hopkins, daughter of Stephen Hopkins . (c1618-1692/93, Mass)

Compendium of American Genealogy by F. A. Virkus; First Families of America, page 95, Vol VII, 1942, states Stephen Hopkins, Mayflower Pilgrim married Deborah 1646; Andrew Ring, 1629-1692; William Married Mary who came from England in "Anne" 1630, settled in Plymouth, Mass.

Ring Family compiled by C. VanHinkle, 1118 Lancaster Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska, states William Ring born 21 May----Petistrey, Suffolk, England, died----1620-31. May have died in Holland or at sea. William married to Mary Durant, born Ufford, England, died July, --1631, Plymouth Colony, Mass.

Daughter Elizabeth Ring born 23 Feb 1602/3 Petistrey, Suffolk, England, died May--1687at Eastham, Mass. She was married to William Twining. After his death, she married Josiah Cooke.

Sephen Deane was aPilgrim. He arrived Nov. 19, 1621 on the "Fortune". He built the first corn mill in the colony. This is noted in Plymouth Court Order I, 1632. Listed in "Mayflower Descendants, Vol VI and Vol I, 1899. Plymouth Colony Wills and Inventories, Page 29-34 gives Mary Ring's will, listing sonne Andrew, daughter Susan Clark and Stephen Deanes child and daughter Elizabeth Deane.

"Our German, Pilgrim & Quaker Ancestors" by May Belle Lontz states that Mary died 15 or 19 July, 1631. Mary's will being proved in Public Court 28 Oct in the 9th year of the raigne of Sov. Lord Charles (1633).

A copy of the Portland Board of Trade Journal, June 1892 (Newspaper) gives the Ring Family history showing a picture of the Homestead.

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Elizabeth Deane, daughter of Stephen Deane and Elizabeth Ring was born 1628-30 in Eastham, Barnstable, Mass. She married about 1650 to William Twining, Jr. She had seven children.

Second Child Ann Twining born ? married 3 Oct 1672 to Thomas Bills. She had 2 children and died 1 Sept 1675. Thomas then married her sister Joanna Twining on 2 May 1676. Joanna had six children.

Joanna's son Gersham Bills married twice. First to Sarah Gardiner on 4 June 1736, and second to Margaret Chamberline. Sarah had 5 children.

Sarah's son Daniel Bills born 28 Sept 1740 at Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co, New Jersey married 7 March 1764 to Deborah Denman. He died 18 March 1829 in Maury Co. Tenn. Part of Maury Co was changed to Marshall Co. They had 12 children.

Daniel & Deborah's son first son.William Bills born 13 May 1765 in New Jersey married 4 May 1786 at Deep River Monthy Meeting Surry Co., North Carolina. (They were Quakers). to Susanna Hutchins. He died 12 May 1835 in Tenn. They had 8 children.

William and Susanna 's seventh child Gersham Bills born 10 Nov 1799 at Dobson, Yadkin/Surry Co., North Carolina married 1818 at Bedford, Tenn. to Elthana Allison Balch. They had 8 children. He died 13 Jan 1898 at Cloud Chief, Washita Co, Indian Territory. Gersham and Elthana (Althania)'s first son William Hezekiah Bills born 23 May 1819 in Marshall Co., Tenn married 22 April 1841 at Lewisburg, Marshall Co., Tenn to Sarah Graham Hardin. They had 12 children.

W. H. and Elthans's4th child L. Elizabeth (Betty) born 28 Jan 1848 in Mississippi married 29 Oct 1865 in Tippah Co. Miss.. to Hugh A. Street. She had 7 children. She died 30 June 1925 at Cleburne, Johnson Co., Texas listed as a widow. Nothing has been found on Hugh's death. I met two of their children. Oda (Aunt Dee) and Aunt Evalener. (For some reason an r was sounded on the end of names)

Eliza (Betty's) first Sarah I or J Street born 1867 in Mississippi married 19 Sept 1880, age 14, to Joseph Marion Davis. She is said to have died in childbirth. No record found yet. Sarah and Joseph had 4 children.

Sarah's fourth child Alson D. Davis called Altie D. born 30 June 1887, Cleburne, Johnson Co., Texas married 2 Jan 1910 in Cleburne to Dixie Elmanda Martin. She was Called Dixie Elmer. That r again. The Martin's family were from Georgia. Altie died 15 July 1935 in Claremore, Oklahoma. Dixie had 9 children. One died at age 7 Mo. at Sallisaw, Ok.

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Bonnie Sarah, the eldest born March 11, 1911 in Cleburne, Texas, married 3 Jan 1929 in Claremore, Rogers Co., Ok. to Paul E. Ogle. They had 4 children, the eldest child, Paul E.Jr. died Dec. 1, 1932 at age of 3 years. Bonnie Delores Ogle the 3rd child born Dec. 3, 1932 at Foyil, Rogers Co., Ok. Bonnie Sarah died 2 June 1988 in Antlers, Ok hospital. Paul died in 1973, Same Place.
Delores married 27 Jan 1951 to Bobby David Nickerson in Claremore She had one daughter, Nila Denise Nickerson.

Nila Denise was twice married. She had 4 four children. Stephanie Raylyn, William, Kimberly Michelle, David Arthur. Stephanie has 3 children, two marriages; Jarreth Andrew, Holly Machelle, and Hailey Dawn, the youngest. William -none

Kimberly had 3 children; Nicholas Avean; Ariel Raquel; and Dalton Matthew.

David has one daughter, Kasha Brooke.

That makes 15 generations in America.

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Virginia Perry has provided the following article from Carole Richmond. Carole owns an original copy of the book, <u>The Rough Riders</u>, and has donated copies of the pages concerning Troop L which includes surnames from the Muscogee, Indian Territory. We thank Carole for allowing us to reproduce this information. The following letter accompanied the copies that she provided us:

Teddy Roosevelt describes the men of Company L and M from New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma as the men who made up the bulk of the regiment—"a splendid set of men, these Southwesterners-tall and sinewy, with resolute, weather-beaten faces, and eyes that looked a man straight in the face without flinching. The three types of occupations were those of cowboy, the hunter and the mining prospector. These were men who wandered hither and thither, killing game for a living, and spending his life in the quest for metal wealth. "They were accustomed to handling wild and savage horses: they were accustomed to following the chase with the rifle, both for sport and as a means of livelihood. Varied though their Occupations had been, almost all had at one time or another herded cattle and hunted big game. They were hardened to life in the open, and to shifting for themselves under adverse circumstances. They were used, for all their lawless freedom, to the rough discipline of the round-up and the mining company."

"From the Indian Territory there came a number of Indians-Cherokees, Chickasaws, Choctaws, and Creeks. Only a few were of pure blood. There was a Cherokees named Adair, who upon inquiry, I found to be descended from the man who, a century and a half ago. Wrote a ponderous folio, to this day of great interest, about the Cherokees, with whom he had spent the best years of his life as a trader and agent. I don't know that I ever came across a man with a sweeter nature than another Cherokee named Holderman. He was an excellent soldier, and for a long time acted as cook for the headquarters mess. He was a half-breed and came of a soldier stock on both sides and through both races. He explained to me once why he had come to the war, that it was because his people always had fought when there was a war, and he could not feel happy to stay at home when the flag was going into battle."

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# CAPTAIN SCHUYLER A. MCGINNIS.

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Geiger, Percy A., Durango, Col. Gooch, John R., Sante Fé, N. M. Groves, Oscar W., Raton, N. M. Goodrich, Ben Hedric.
Giller, Alfied C. Topeka, Kan. Hermeyer, Ernest H., Roswell, N. M.

Tait, John H.
Temple, Frank, Lafayette, Ind.
Torbett, John T., Yale, Kan.
Tritz, William H., Windsor, Conn.
Townsend, Charles M., Faribault,
Minn.

Hickey, Walter, Wishua, N. H. Higgan, Michael, Lopings, William H., Raton, N. M. Joping, Cal, La Luz, N. M. King, Harry B., Raton, N. M.

Twyman, John L., Raton, N. M.
Thompson, George.
Williams, Thomas C.
Wiley, Harry B., Santa Fé, N. M.
Wisenberg, Roy O., Raton, N. M.
Zeigler, Daniel J., Como, Mont.

arsen, Lous. .ove, William J., Jersey City, N. J.

Hayes Donnelly.
Leo G. Rogers
Liverett E. Holt

Trumpeter . Dona Ana, N. M.
Trumpeter . Colorado Springs, Col.
Blacksmith . Chicago, Ill.
Farrier . . . . Jefferson, O. T.
Saddler . . . . Bogart, Mo.
Wagoner . . . Coffeyville, Kan.

Orleans, McGoy, John, Montovia, Cal. McGowan, Alexander, Gallup, N. M. M. M. Miller, Ldwin H., Junction City, Miller, David R. Miller, David R. Miller, Jacob H., Needles, Cal. Morris, Ben F. T., Raton, N. M. Morris, Ben F. T., Raton, N. M. Morris, Roscoe E., Raton, N. M. Morris, Roscoe E., Raton, N. M. Morris, Pen F. T., Raton, N. M. Morris, Pen F. T., Raton, N. M. M	Denny, Robert W., Raton, Mex. Duke, Henry K., Lipscomb, Tex. Evans, Evan, Gallup, N. M. Fennel, William A., Reunion, Md. Flynn, Joseph F., Albuquerque, N. M. M. Geiger, Percy A., Durango, Col. Gooch, John R., Sante Fé, N. M. Groves, Oscar W. Raton, N. M.	Crockett, Joseph B., Topeka, Kan. Crockett, Joseph B., Albuquerque, N. M. Co., George M., Albuquerque, N. Clark, Frank M., Hiawatha, Kan. Davis, Henry C., Santa Fé, N. M. Dolan, Thomas P., Pinos Altos, N. M.	Bawcom, Joseph L., Bisbee, Ariz Bennett, Horton A., Tularosa, N. M. M. Frank C., Pinos Altos, N. M. Brito, Jose, Los Angeles, Cal. Brush, Charles A., Hanford, Cal. Bassage, Albert C., Coming, N. Y. Casad, Charles D., Mesilla, N. M.	Alexis, George D., New Orleans, La. Arendt, Henry J., Hoboken, N. J. Armstrong, Charles M. Adkins, Joseph R. Bates, William H. Bates, William H.
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# DISCHARGED.

Commander. Killed in battle, June 24, 1898.
Transferred to Troop L 1st U. S. Vol. Cav., June 7, 1898, per verbal order Reg.
Fish, Hamilton JrSergeant
Reg. Commander.
Transferred to Troop L 1st U. S. Vol. Cav., to date June 7, 1808, per verbal order
Cowdin, Elliot C
tions A. G. O., Washington, D. C.
Transferred, July 18, 1898, to 2d Army Corps, Camp Alger, per telegraphic instrue-
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# Bailey, Harry C......Private.....Private. Commander, Transferred back to Troop G, Sept. 1, 1898, per verbal order Reg. Commander,

# Tiffany, William ....... 2d Lieutenant .... Died Aug. 26, 1898.

# DESERTED.

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## TROOP K.

# CAPTAIN WOODBURY KANE.

Clagett, Jesse C., Moters Station, Frederick Co., Md. Frederick Co., Md. Corbe. Max C., El Paso, Tex. Coville, Allen M., Topeka, Kan. Crowninshield, Francis B., Marble-

McKoy, William J., Oshkosh, Wis, Mitchell, Mason, Lambs' Club, New York City. Wounded at El Poso, July 1st; left arm, slight; shrapuel.

Wounded at El Poso, July 1st; left forearm; shrapnel,	Samuel G. DevoreSergeantWheeling, W. Va.	Reginald RonaldsSergeantKnickerbocker Club, N. Y. City.	Thaddeus Higgins Sergeant 210 W. 104th St., New York City.	Frederik K. Lierst SergeantOrgun P. O., N. M.	Wounded at San Juan, July 1, 1898; forearm and arm; Mauser rifle.	Horace K. Devereux2d Lieutenant. Colorado Springs, Col.	Joseph A. Carr	Woodbury Kane Captain 319 Fifth Ave., New York City.
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Col. Wounded, July 1st; arm, slight; Mauser rifle. Ser rifle. Cooke, Henry B. Carroll, John F., Hillsbore, Tex. Cartmell, Nathaniel M., Lexington, Va. Va.	Col.  Col.	Armstrong, James T.  Adams, John H., Selma, Ala.  Eber Wounded, July 1st.  Rell Sherman Colorado Springs.  No
Jordan, Andrew M., Rossa, Tex. Kania, Frank, Jamestown, N. D. Langdon, Jesse D., Fargo, N. D. Marshall, Creighton, 1807 G St. N. W., Washington, D. C. Maverick, Lewis, San Antonio, Tex. McGinty, William, Stillwater, O.	Fletcher, Henry P., Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. Franklin Co., Pa. Folk, Theodore, Oklahoma City, O. T. Freeman, Elisha L., Burden, Kan. Holden, Prince A., Grayson Co., Tex. Hulme, Robert A., El Reno, O. T. Humes, William F., San Antonio, Tex.	Easton, Stephen, Santa Fé, N. M. Eberman, Edwin, Emerson, Edwin, Collier's Weekly, New York City.

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Davis, John, care W. S. Dickinson, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Mitchell, William H., Salem, Mass. Montgomery, Lawrence N., Hemp-stead, Tex. Nicholson, Charles P., 1617 John St., Baltimore, Md.

Channing, Roscoe A., 34 Park Place, New York City. Paniels, Benjamin F., Colorado Springs, Col.

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Reed, Colton, San Antonio, Tex.
Smith, Frederick, Guthrie, O. T.
Smith, George L., Frankfort, Mich.
Smith, Joseph S., 1322 Brown St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Smith, Clarke T., 2008 Wallace St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Stockton. Richard, 218 W. Jersey
St., Elizabeth, N. J.
Stephens, Oregon, Purdy, I. T. Pocy, Alfred Pollak, Albin J.

Pound, William, Newberg, N. Y.

Robinson, Kenneth D., 55 Liberty

St., New York City.

Wounded on July, 1st; right side, seis, Oregon, Purdy, I. T. Henry, Southampton, L. led on july r. Mauser rufe. Edmund S., Guthrie, O. Weitzel, John F., care Windsor Hotel, Newkirk, O. T. Wilson, Frank M., Guthrie, O. T. Woodward, John A., Taylor, Tex. Wright, Grant, Cold Springs, N. Y. Young, James E., 628 W. 37th St., Los Angeles, Cal. Tudor, M Test, Clarence L., Austia, Tex.
Transferred from 3d Penn. Inf. and reported for duty with troop at Montauk Point, Aug. 25th. Venable, Warner M., Stephenville, Tex. Wiberg, Axel E. Weitzel, John Toy, J. Frederick, 602 S. 42d St., Philadelphia, Pa. Transferred from 3d Penn. Inf. and reported for duty with troops at Montauk Point, Aug. 25th. ton, William, 37 Brimer St., Bos-

# DISCHARGED.

Worden, John L.......Private ......27 W. 43d St., New York City. Discharged per S. O. No. 178, A. G. O. Dated July 30th, Washington, D. C. Ferguson, Robert M......Sergeant......55 Liberty St., New York City. Madoon, Winthrap L.....Private ......

Discharged per S. O. No. 141, A. G. O. Dated June 6th.

McMasters, Frederick D. Private ...... Discharged, Aug. 10th, 1898.

TRANSFERRED.

Duran, Joseph L.......Private......Santa Fé, N. M.

David M. Goodrich ..... st Lieutenant Akron, O. Tamasferred from Troop D, this regiment, Aug. 11th. Tregiment, Sept. 5th. Brandon, Perry H... Transferred to Troop D, this regiment, July 29th Transferred to Troop H, this regiment, July 15th. Private..... Douglass, Kal. Transferred to Troop D, this

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Tiffany, William.....Lieutenant....New York City. Died of fever.

## DESERTED.

### TROOP

# CAPTAIN RICHARD C. DAY

James McKay.......Sergeant......Vinita, I. T.

Dillwyn M. Bell......Sergeant......Guthrie, O. T.

Hurt in back by fragment of shell at El Paso, July 1st. Contusion back William W. Carpenter......Sergeant......Vinita, I. T. Wounded at San Juan, July 1st, in line of duty. Left thigh; Mauser rife. ames E. McGuire.....Sergeant......Chelsea, I. T. Contusion back, slight:

# MUSTER-OUT ROLL

Haywood, Henry .......Sergeant ......Police Department, New York City.
Abdomen; Mauser rific; killedt, July ad. Wounded, July arts; died in Division Hospital, Cuba, July art 1998, from bullet wound received July 1st.

Ives, Gerard M.........Private......New York

Died at his home, 338 W. 71st St., New York City (date not known), from typhoid

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Parker, Ora E., Dickins, Ia,
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shrapnel.

Bert, Vinita, I. T. Sylvester S., Vinita, I. T. J. Luke B., Rio Vista, I. T.

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Jones, Levi, Vinita, I. T.
Jones, Levi, Vinita, I. T.
Johns, William S., Muscogee, I. T.
Kinkade, Elyah S., Muscogee, I. T.
Knox, Robert G., Clinton, La.
Lawrence, Richard, La Porte, Ind.
Lanc, Edward K., Chetopa, Kan.
Lanc, Sanford J., Saupulpa, I. T.
Lent, Edward, Bowing Green, O.

Sharp, Watter L., Chicago, III. Skelton, James W., Trinity Mills, Tex. Price, Benjamin W., Eufhula, I. T. Rich, Allen K., Fort Gibson, I. T. Robertson, George W., Muscogoe, Pulley, William O., Marion, Ill.
Philpot, Leigh T., Bryson, Ky.
Poe, Nathaniel M., Adair, L. T.
Wounded at Las Guasimas, June 24th cobey, Arthur E., Willis Point, rounded at San Juan Hill, June 1, 1898. Right hand; Mauser rife.

Enyart, Silas R......Private.....

Morfally wounded at San Juan, July 1st; died in hespital, July 6, 1898.

Mortally wounded at battle of San Juan, July 1st; died in hospital, July 6, 1898.
Mauser riffe. 

Hendricks, Milo A...

Haley, Robert M., Wagoner, I. T.
Awkins, Charles D., Vinita, I. T.
Heagert, Rudolph, Vinita, I. T.
Holderman, Bert. T., Artopa, Kan,
Hughes, Frank, Vinita, I. T.
Hughes, William E., Vinita, I. T.
Isbell, Thomas J., Vinita, I. T.
Wounded at Las Gensimas, June 19th.
G. S. neck, hip, and thomb.

Ennis, Richard L., Cornell, Ill. Evans, James R., Baldwin, Ark. Gilmore, Maurico E., Muscogee, L.

Dennis, David C., Nelson, Mo. Dobson, William H., Musco, L.T.

Muscogee

Transferred to Troop M, June 7, 1898, by order Col. Wood.

Byrne, John......Vinita, L. T.

Transferred to Troop F, July 10, 1898, by order Col. Wood.

Discharged, June 24, 1898, to enable him to accept commission as ad Lieut. in set U. S. Vol. Cav. TRANSFERRED.

Hutchinson, Charles A......Private.....

Price, Walter W.......Private.....

Hayes, Frank P......si Sergeant..... DISCHARGED,

Whitney, Schuyler C., Pryor Creek, I. T. Wounded at Las Guasimas, June 24th G. S. neck.

Stidham, Theodore E., Eufaula, I. T. Swearinger, George, Maysville, Mo. Taylor, Warren P., Hillsboro, Tex. Thompson, Sylvester V.
Wounded at San Juan, July 1, 1898.
Left leg and arm; Mauser rife.

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Wetmore, Robert C., Montclair, N. J.

Wilkins, George W., Vinita, I. T. Wilson, James E., Madrid, Mo. Winn, Arthur N., Muscogee, 1

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<u>Dana R. Leeds</u>, a new member is researching the following names: Leeds, Trammell, Yates, Bean, Payton, Points, Hunter

Dana can be contacted at 9110 Cypress Square Drive, Spring, Texas, 77379 or via internet mail at rsleeds@worldnet.att.net

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Raymond, Muskogee County, OK, 1890
Hallum, Arkansas
Breshears, Muskogee County, OK, Missouri

#### Emma also writes:

I am seeking information on Jim Morton, born Missouri – wife Jane (possibly Quinn). Came to Webbers Falls-Braggs area from Arkansas. Both died before 1900. Also William Edward Raymond from Arkansas who married Mary Rosilla Smith – oldest child: William Edward, born 1881. Mary married Wm. Redington later and died at Gore, Oklahoma, 1963.

Emma can be contacted at (918) 486-5061

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