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100 YEARS AGO

Muskogee Daily Phoenix May 2, 1905

The following marriage licenses were issued at the clerk's office Monday: Carl Smith and Miss Fannie Sanders, Fort Gibson; Sidney Chapple and Miss Nellie Tyson, Haskell; Henry P. Sager and R. Eliza N. Walker, Muskogee.

May 6, 1905

WYBARK MERCANTILE CO

Articles of agreement and incorporation were filed at the office of the United States clerk Thursday by the Mybark Mercantile Company. The capital stock is \$5,000.

May 7, 1905

- CITY LOCALS

The Swain Dramatic Company closed a weeks engagement in this city last night with Rip Van Winkle. The management says Muskogee is one of the best show towns in the two territories.

A marriage license was granted at the office of the U. S. clerk Saturday to I. I. Vance and Mrs. Mattie Hardin of Muskogee.

Meet me at Johnson's Billard Parlors for a quiet game. Everything first class.

May 9, 1905

- PAVING TO BEGIN ON MAIN STREET.

Excavation Begun Monday - Street Will Be Paved in Front of the Turner Block.

Excavation was begun Monday afternoon on Main Street from Broadway north. As soon as the street is put in readiness the work of paving will begin. C. W. Turner stated to a Phoenix representative that the Turner Hardware Company would pave the East side of the street 249 feet north on Main from Broadway and that the K. E. T. Company had agreed to pave their portion between the rails of the street care line's track.

It is understood the property owners on the west side of the street will take the matter up and probably pave the west side of the street also.

Muskogee Democrat July 1, 1905

- QUARTERLY

Licenses are Due the City Today for Second Quarter.

Licenses of all kinds are due today, this being the first of the quarter. Licenses are due on the following: Drays, fruit and confectionery strands, billiard halls, real estate men, employment agencies, pawn brokers, bowling alleys and soda fountains.

July 5, 1905

Who said that Muskogee was not metropolitan? There were five streetcar collisions in one day and yet there are obscure villages that are much given to making fun of this town.

DEEDS RECORDED - Compiled by the Pioneer Abstract and Trust Company.

Brown, Charles to J. J. Patrick, \$20.00, sw se sw 35-1-19

Bradley, R. B. & T. Co., to Scott Yearman, \$400.00 sw nw 23-14-15

Davis, J. Walter to E. L. Thurman, \$450.00, part lot 1, block 233, Muskogee.

Dean, Elias to Hagar Bean, \$40.00 2 1/2 sw se sw; s 1/2 nw se sw 27-15-18

Hawkins, James to Canadian al. Tr. Co., \$1400.00, n 1/2 sw 20-12-14

Lee, Clarence to Walter Scott \$400.00, part lot 5, 2-15-19; lot 9 2-15-19

Peters, Wm. To Illinois Land Co. \$175.00, s 1/2 ne; n 1/2 nw se; ne se 11; n 1/2 sw nw 13-14-15



Pioneer tr. Co. to Forest Starkey, \$200.00, lot 1 to 8, block 3, Morris
Sang, Martha to P. E. Heckman, \$600.00, ½ ne and nw ne 30-15-17
Ter. Abst. And Surety Co. to Z. Pinnell, \$450.00, lot 8 block 24 Martin-Miller-Reid Addition.
White, Walter, to Muskogee Dev. Co., \$200.00, ne 10-18-18
Wallace Andrew to Louisa Brown, #400.00 part block 16, Loves addition Muskogee.
Williams, Lewis to Walter Scott, \$400.00, sw nw sw 2-15-19; s ½ ne se 3-15-19
Williams, S. K. to A. L. Spectle, \$25,00, lot 18, block 9, lot 23, block 39, Konomis.
Williams, S. K. to T. B. Glasser, #12.50, lot 8 block 30,, Konomis
July 8, 1905

- MARRIAGE LICENSES

Elmer E. Powell, 27, Pearl Robertson, 16, Muskogee.
J. L. Fountain, 41, Mrs. Valerin E. Madison, 34, Webbers Falls
Dan Bailey, 23, Mrs. Maude Franklin 20, Falls City
O. L. Oliver 30, Lizzie Miller, Oktaha

Muskogee Daily Phoenix

July 8, 1905

- MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage Licenses were issued at the office of the U. S. clerk Friday: Charlie Harris and Miss Lulu Meeks, Stone Bluff, Elmer E. Powell and Miss Pearl Robertson, Muskogee, James C. Fountain and Mrs. Valeria E. Madison, Webbers Falls, Dan Bailey and Mrs. Maude Franklin, Falls City; O. D. Oliver and Miss Lizzie Miller, Oktaha, Opher Jones and Mrs. Bell Keys, Checotah

July 23, 1905

- PASS EXAMINATION

The following have passed the civil service examination which has held in this city recently: For carrier clerks, Smith Jackson, Claud T. Hume, Theo. D. Jones, August D. Keller, Frank Wood, Charles Masek, Polk Taylor, George W. Echols, Geo. E. Bradshaw, Amos Marlin, and for clerk, Miss Annie I. James.

KEEFETON AMERICAN

September 8, 1905

Last week the Oktaha Land Co. sold 160 acres west of town to Hastings Bros., Quincy, Ill., and R. C. Summers, Muskogee for \$31 an acre. This is the best price obtained for farm lands only a hint of what ground is worth in this vicinity and how land values are increasing. Prospective buyers should get in now before prizes soar again.

Mrs. N. W. Herrington is confined to her bed.

Jas. Evans' baby has suffered a relapse and is very sick again.

Thoe. Jories, Pine Bluff, Ark., has been appointed bookkeeper for LaFayette & Bros., assuming his position Friday.

Clark & Thompson are drawing plans for residences for N. W. Herrington and Dr. Howell, and will shortly begin the erection of same Fletcher's addition, Watch us grow.

Miss Ruth Sheldon, Tabor, Ia., who has been visiting her former playmate, Mrs. A. M. Darling, purchased a fine large farm south of town. She will return to her home this week to prepare for moving to God's country. In the meantime the American will keep her in touch with the doings in her future home.

An old settlers reunion in commemoration of the opening of Pottawatomie county to settlement will be held at Tecumseh, September 22 and 23.

The Chickasaw legislature is in session at Tishomingo. This is the last meeting of this body, on account of tribal dissolution, and will continue about two months.

Ten Indian couples were married at the "Red Store" two miles north of Lawton last week, while the agent was making the quarterly payment at that place.

September 15, 1905

Dr Sparrow went to Muskogee on business Friday.

C. M. Hicks and family left last week for Bokoshe. He will work on the bridge gang for the Midland Valley.

*Barbara Downs furnished this
article for the quarterly.*

Thank you, Barbara

100 YEARS AGO

Items extracted from the Muskogee Phoenix, 1905

THE HASKELL NATIONAL.

Special to the Phoenix

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31. – The Comptroller of the Currency has approved the application to establish the following national bank:

The First National Bank of Haskell, Indian Territory, capital \$25,000. Phillip B. Hopkins, Muskogee, Indian Territory, J. C. Scully, J. Way, C. H. Chandler, and S. C. Beshur and given as the incorporators.

PERSONALS Muskogee Phoenix Sunday, January 1, 1905

Mr. And Mrs. Walter Howard are expected home the latter part of next week.

Miss Hattie Gore of Bartlesville, is the guest of the Misses Hubbard, 629 West Broadway

Miss Irene Wilson, who has been the guest of Mrs. Lieber for the past few days, returned last evening to her home at Wagoner.

Miss Lula Robertson, daughter of Judge Robertson, has accepted a position in the Choctaw-Chickasaw division of the Dawes Commission

Mr. C. N. Haskell and daughter, Miss Frances, and their guest, Miss Harmon, returned to Fayetteville yesterday, to spend New Year's Day.

Mr. R. L. Gordon, of Bartlesville, visited friends in the city yesterday, and was a guest at the leap year dance given last evening at the Elk's Club

Mrs. C.E. Strouvelle and her little son and daughter Alice Strouvelle, arrived yester afternoon and will be guests of Miss Alice Robertson for a few days.

W. H. Statham will return to his home in Tennessee tomorrow. Mrs. Statham will remain in Muskogee several weeks, the guest of her parents, Mr. And Mrs. Leo E. Bennett.

Muskogee Phoenix, January 3, 1905

TO WORK FOR STATEHOOD

Oklahoma City will send a Committee to Washington.

Oklahoma City, I. T., Jan 2 – The Chamber of Commerce of this city has selected the following committee of Oklahoma City citizens to go to Washington January 7, to work for the passage of the Hamilton statehood bill; c. G. Jones, chairman, A. H. Classen, Sidney Clark, D. C. Lewis, R. E. Stafford, Henry Scles, H. Antisoel; M. L. Turner, J. H. Ingwerse- Frank Masek, n, Jim Wilkin. D. A. Duncan, C. F. Colcord, B. F. Zeigler, Dennis Flynn, I. M. Putnam, Fred Sutton, George Graces, Jim Wheeler, C. B. Stone, George Encock, Henry Overholser, Mac Owen, E. E. Brown, George M. Flick, Lee Vanwinkle, J. F. Warren and Dr. Neas.

Muskogee Phoenix January 3, 1905

THE MUSKOGEE BAND

The Muskogee band, a new musical organization of the city, made its appearance on the streets yesterday and serenaded a number of the business houses, and included the newspaper offices. This is an excellent

organization, composed of first class musicians and deserve support for it's efforts. Muskogee has two first class bands besides a number of juvenile bands who are practicing regularly and will soon make an appearance in public.

Following is the instrumentation of the new organization:

R. B Eisenberg, director, B flat cornet Frank Macek, Jr. Cornet – Frank Macek, B flat cornet, Roy Hoffman, E flat clarinet, J. W. Wadem trombone, M. A. Lewis melophone, Geo. Swartster, melophone, JCK Logan, euphonium, Henry Larsen, euphonium, Chas. Huffman, tuba, E. Rosebrough, drums, J. F. Swift, drums

Muskogee Phoenix Jan., 4, 1904

A New School

A new school has been established on the east side in the building on the corner of Broadway and C streets with Miss Ethel Shoults in charge. This became necessary on account of the crowded condition of the Washington school. The new school has two grades of seventeen scholars each.

Muskogee Phoenix, Thursday morning, January 5, 1905

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were granted at the clerk's office yesterday:

Andrew Jackson and Miss Pearl Ethel Harrison, Checotah; J. H. Burchart and Miss Quela E. Morrow, Checotah; Harry Cotton and Miss Hattie McIntosh, Muskogee, Newton Taylor and Miss Nellie Coe, Muskogee; Eugee E. Overmeyer and Miss Zenobi Settle.

Muskogee Phoenix, Jan 10, 1905

COURT OPENED YESTERDAY

Very little business is transacted the first Day

Almost 500 Criminal Cases on

Nine men are charged with murder – Jury composed of best material-Insane case disposed of yesterday.

The January term of the U. S. court opened here yesterday morning, the preliminary work of the preparing and instruction the grand and petit juries has been finished and today the court will start on its grind of some 500 criminal cases. The majority of these are whiskey cases. Nine men charged with murder will face the judge and jury and endeavor to prove their innocence.

The juries are composed of prominent men "good and true" and the instructions given them will cause careful deliberation in each and every case before them. Three ministers of the gospel are on the grand jury; one of them, Rev. K. Thompson, foreman. It is expected they will return several hundred indictments, many of which may bring out some startling facts and cause no small surprise. The following is the list of grand jurors: Abney, W. E., Muskogee, Cramer, O. E., Muskogee, Cutcher, J, Muskogee, Fizer, M. B., Okmulgee, Griffin, George, N., Okmulgee, Hicks, Percy, Ft. Gibson, Kneeland, Erbert, Fort Gibson. Menifee, J., Scott., J. H. Bacone, I. T. Spangenberg, Jacob, Muskogee., Woodward, William H., Muskogee, Allen, D. A., Fort Gibson, Eniseley, J. L., Muskogee, Thompson, J. K., Rev., Muskogee, foreman.

The Petit jurors who will serve this term of court are as follows: Ahrens, F. W., Eufaula, Brown, Sherman, Okmulgee, Brown, William, Haskell, Butler, M. G., Muskogee, Haryison, George D., Okema, Hodge, David M. Fry, Holloway, C. A., Checotah, Kelley, Ferdinand, Haskell, Kelly, John Muskogee, Lusk, A.N., Brushy Mountain, Muskogee, McNad, Alex, Wewoka., Montgomery, Sam P., Muskogee, Nelson, John E., Wewoka, Parkinson, Fred, Wagoner, Riser, E. W., Muskogee, Robe, W. R., Muskogee, Zink Rev. D. H., Bacone, . Jones, A. D. , Mound, Marshall, J. S., Muskogee, McGee, John, Eufaula, Moore, Rev. W. E., Boynton, Pierson, Henry ., Muskogee, Rowe, Joseph, Muskogee, Spradling, Grant, Muskogee, Warren, Don, Muskogee, Young, Thomas, Rex, Ten miles northeast of Muskogee.

The charge to the grand jury by Judge C. W. Raymond was long and interesting.

There was very little done by the grand jury yesterday. Elna Nelson, a woman of near Boynton, was brought before the grand jury to determine whether or not she was insane. It did not take long to do this as the woman was a raving maniac.

The woman was turned over to the federal authorities and will leave for St Vincent's hospital with the other Territory insane on January 17.

Jan 12, 1905

THE STEAM FERRY MOVING

S. C. Owens, the steam ferry man, was in town Monday making further arrangement toward the new ferry soon to be in operation to cross the Arkansas connecting Haskell with the rich, Choska bottoms. He informed the Journal representative that he already started the steam ferry down the river from Bixby, but the water being so shallow, they could get no farther, and are now lying up in the river awaiting a rise when it will come on down.

The boat is propelled by a 16-horse power engine and can make good speed. It was started from Bixby December 27, and her crew expected to take dinner on the river that day opposite Haskell. A smaller boat will be used temporarily and will be here next week.

Mr. Owens is constructing the same kind of boat for use at Bixby and will run a ferry there and at this place -Haskell Journal

13 Jan, 1905

BOYNTON TOWNSITE

The Dawes Commission yesterday received the first official notice of the cancellation of the allotment situation on the townsite of Boynton. The United States Indian Inspector has also been advised. The tract of land formerly in dispute is the east half of the northwest quarter and lots 1 and 2, section, 31, township 14, range 16 east, Creek Nation, containing 160 acres

17 Jan 1905

MORGUE FOR Muskogee

Undertaker G. H. Bloom Has Ordered the Material

G. H. Bloom, the undertaker, has ordered the Material

G. H. Bloom, the undertaker, has just ordered the material with which to construct a morgue. Mr. Bloom said to a Phoenix reporter that Muskogee has reached a population where it is an utter impossibility to get along without a morgue. The morgue will be erected in the rear of Mr. Bloom's present establishment on Main street. It will not be large to start with, but will accommodate six bodies. It will be finished with como-board and have a large skylight. The material is expected to arrive in a few weeks when the morgue will be immediately constructed.

This will be the only morgue in Indian Territory and the second one in Oklahoma and Indian Territory, there being one already at Oklahoma City.

19 Jan 1905

BOAT LINE ON THE ARKANSAS

Commercial Club Will Close a Contract With Capt. Blakely.

IMPORTANT MOVE OF THE YEAR

Muskogee Electric Traction Co. Will Be Asked to Extend Its Line to the Boat Landing for transportation of freight.

A conference was held yesterday afternoon between members of the Commercial club, and B. S. Blakely, captain of the "Mary D.," the season plies the Arkansas river between Fort Smith and Webbers Falls.

A COMMITTEE COMPOSED of C. N. Haskell, W. A. Lubbes and E. W. McClure, known as the committee on waterways was instructed to enter into a contract with Capt. Blakely to run a line of boats from Fort Smith to Muskogee on the Arkansas river.

The Muskogee Electric Traction Co. will be asked to extend its line from the eastern terminus of the road to the boat landing for the transportation of passengers and freight.

Next to building the big dam, this is the most important move made by the Commercial club of the year.

Capt. Blakely's boat is capable of carrying a cargo of eighty tons. If the captain is successful in operating the line, it will give Muskogee the benefit of water rates, which will prove valuable to the upbuilding of the city.

20 Jan 1905

Trial Trip of Capt. Blakely

Will Be Made Immediately – Service in a Few Weeks

W. A. Lubbes, C. N. Haskell and E. McClure, members of the committee appointed to make a contract with Capt. Blakely, made the following announcement today: "Captain Blakely met with the committee on waterways yesterday morning and it was decided that the river steamboat service would be arranged to begin in a few weeks as soon as the traction company has its track laid to the river."

In the meantime Captain Blakely will make a trial trip to Muskogee with his steamboat, the "Mary D.". The committee on waterways will designate a committee of Muskogee citizens to meet the boat at Webbers Falls and make the trip with Captain Blakely to Muskogee. If this service proves as practical as Captain Blakely believes it will, an additional new boat will be added to the line.

21 January 1905

A PARK FOR MUSKOGEE

Traction Company to Beautify a site on Arkansas River

Lewis K. Hyde The Promoter

Vaudeville Theater and Bath Houses will be some of the pleasures Offered – To Be Ready For Summer

"Twenty-five thousands dollars will be a small amount for us to expend in building a park for Muskogee on the Arkansas river, Yes, we will have it ready for the coming summer and it will eclipse anything like it in the Territory."

The above statement was made yesterday morning by Mr. Louis K. Hyde of Titusville, Pa., one of the large stockholders in the Muskogee Traction company. Mr. Hyde has been considering the building of a park for some time, but only yesterday decided definitely to push the matter. He made the statement after driving over the company's line and inspecting the park site on the river

The park will contain boating and bathing accommodations, pavilions of every description, such as dance hall, band stand, vaudeville theatre etc. The car line will run to it and the cars will make regular (trips) each day and evening.

Mr. Hyde left last night for Hot Springs Ark.; and Natchez, Miss., where he has large holdings in railroads and other high class investments. He will return to Muskogee in a few weeks and complete plans for the Muskogee park.

Mr. Hyde is a very successful eastern investor and expresses himself as well pleased with his Muskogee investments. Within the past few weeks he has invested more than one hundred thousand dollar of his personal money in Muskogee enterprises in addition to being a stockholder in the Traction company.



100 YEARS AGO

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APRIL 1, 1905 TERMINAL PARK BEING LOCATED

Electric Cars Will Be Running to the Arkansas River by the First of May.

General Ira L. Reeves, president of the Muskogee Electric Traction Company, in company with Mr. N. A. Gibson, attorney for the company spent most of yesterday investigating sites along the Arkansas River that would be suitable for terminal grounds. The graders have commenced work on the river extension from the car barn and the terminal grounds must be selected within the next few days so as to make any necessary changes in the survey.

The terminal grounds are to be highly improved, \$20,000 have been appropriated for this work. No less than forty acres are necessary and the plans for the different buildings to be placed there were approved yesterday.

An immense pavilion and waiting room will have been built before the line is in operation to the river. Refreshment counters are to be provided so people desiring to spend a day on the river may not be bothered with the troublesome lunch question.

"With reasonably fair weather" said General Reeves, "we will be running cars to the river by the first of May. The material is all here and the grading is well started. We will commence laying track to Bacone next week.

DEEDS RECORDED

Aylesworth, Allison L. to Mary Andy, \$800.00, N ½ E1/2 lot 5 block 70, Muskogee

Bucher, Geo, to L. R. Kershaw, \$2,125.00 E ½ SW and SW SW 20-14-14.

Jefferson, M. R., to H. L. Wineland, \$1,000.00, W ½ NE 32-14-15.

Longston, Will, to Howard E. Bell, \$225.00, part lots 7 and 8 block 453 Muskogee.

McKellop, Albert, to H. G. Hamlin, \$75.00 lot 5 block 14, McKelleop's addition to Muskogee.

Palmer, T. R., to David A. Fulsom, \$1.00 SW SE 15-15-10.

Pioneer Trust CO., to A. S. McCay, \$100.00 kits 11 and 12, block 14, Morris, I. T.

Parks, O. F., to Thomas Luckey, \$1.00, SW NE and S ½ SE NE and S ½ N ½ SE NE 33-19-16.

Parks, O. F., to N. R. Williams, \$425.00, NW NE 33-19-16.

Reeves Realty Co. to Lillie B. Liggett, \$285.00, lot 2, block 330, Muskogee.

Rector, Alfred, to Oklahoma Land Co., \$300.00, part lot 2, block 330, Muskogee.

Smith, Mrs. M. E. to Fannie B. Elzey, \$150.00, lot 23, block 6, Muskogee.

Smith, Isabell, to m. b. Robe, \$1,750.00, part lot 12, block 33, Muskogee.

Ter. Trust & Surety Co., to Ira L. Reeves, \$1.00 block 28 and W ½ block 28, Garrett Heights addition to Muskogee.

Trumbo, A. C. to Geo. F. Bucher, \$1.00, S ½ SW and NE SW 20-14-14

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April, 4, 1905 FIRST ACCIDENT REPORT

Electric Car no. 17 Bumps into a Cab – No one Hurt.

The first accident report was turned into the office of the Muskogee Electric Traction company last night and now nothing remains to be done but kill some one by an automobile and this city will truly be metropolitan. Car No. 17 claims the medal for the first accident, which occurred about ten o'clock yesterday morning. The car was west bound and was just getting up speed after leaving Third Street, when a cab belonging to the depot carriage company was driven across the tracks at Fourth Street. The motorman reversed his power, but the car slipped and struck the cab with sufficient force to break one of the front wheels of the cab. No one was injured.

STREET CAR TICKETS Street car tickets are on sale at the following places: 22 rides for \$1.00 for all persons over 12 years of age, for sale at the Fair store. 40 rides for \$1.00, children between 5 and 12 years of age, and school children between 12 and 15 years of age for sale at R. M. Jones, corn Second and Okmulgee.

6 April, 1905 Headline –

ROOSEVELT DAY IN MUSKOGEE. FIFTENN THOUSAND PEOPLE SEE AND HEARD.

Day Will Ever Be Memorable One - - - Expressed Surprise at Progress and Development of the Country

TELEPHONE TO TAFT

Special to The Phoenix

Taft, I. T., April 3. – The Pioneer Telephone to string the wires through Taft from Tulsa to Muskogee. There will be one or more stations in Taft to accommodate the public.

April, 13, 1905 DEEDS RECORDED

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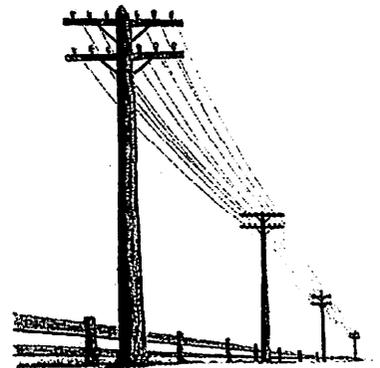
Alec, Ben. To Harry L. Stevens, \$750.00, E1/2 NW 13-15-17

Carter, Rina, to W. Smith, \$1440.00, E ½ NW and SW NW 20-14-14

Davis, Rhoda, to W. M. Goodwin, \$200.00, NW 2 acres 3-14-18

Elliot, Geo. W., to M. R. Williams, \$1.00 E ½ SW and SW; SW 22-14-17

Estes, Julius, to Miranda Van Voorhees, \$800.00, lot 7 and part lot 8, block 60, Checotah.



100 YEARS AGO

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23 April 1905 COLONY FOR PORUM

Said that Fifty Families from Iowa Will Locate There Soon

G. T. Letcher, manager of the Cherokee Town site Company recently organized with a capital of \$30,000, announced Saturday that fifty families from Iowa would locate there in a short time.

These people will buy and lease agricultural lands around the town of Porum, build homes and prepare the lands for cultivation. In addition to these people, H. A. Love, a jeweler from Quincy, Ill. is to open a jewelry store there, while two men are considering a proposition for starting a newspaper. Mr. Letcher says there is a good demand for lands, with numerous inquiries and predicts much activity there during the season.

2 May 1905 PORUM COMMERCIAL CLUB

Special to the Phoenix

Porum I. T. May 1. – Porum's Commercial club is panning many moves in the future for the good of Porum, among which is good roads leading into the town. The club consists of the following members: President, Charles O'Keefe; vice president, S. T. Davis; secretary, T. H. Williams, Members: J. E. Gill, Juss Anthony; Chas. McClure, T. B. Matthews, F. R. Letcher, A. J. Counts, V. C. Miles, R. A. Finklea, H. P. Olteger, W. P. Candle, T. H. Williams, R. W. Williams, Wm. C. L. V. Cory, Wm. Miles, J. J. Goss, Geo. F. Howard, B. F. Hilliard, S. J. Ward, J. H. Plake, Chas J. O'Keefe, S. J. Taylor, H. Plunkett, S. J. Davis, H. J. Plunkett, M. C. Jordon, A. E. Stephens, J. A. Castleman, Geo W. Blackstone.

Thanks for extracting these from the old newspapers Barbara Downs.

Newspaper Research Tips

By Stacy Blundell

- If the place you are researching doesn't have a newspaper for the time period you need that has survived, try the neighboring county paper for the event you're looking for. Many times "news" was republished in other papers as much as 6 months to a year later.
- "Archival Mist" made by Collage can be sprayed on paper to make it acid-free. It will not affect the ink, colors, or adhesives and works on newspaper clippings and scrapbooks. For more information, call 1-800-926-5524.
- Copy the newspaper clipping onto acid-free and lignin-free paper or 100% cotton rag paper. The image will be clearer and more permanent than newsprint, and won't yellow over time.
- Place the clipping into a photo mounting sleeve and then mount the sleeve in your scrapbook page.



Members of the Senior Class – 1933-34

An industrious member of this years senior class is Mary Adelaide Snider, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand P. Snider who resides at 549 North 12 street.

Mary Adelaide came to Central in eleventh grade from West High School. In West High she was a member of the Eagle Staff, Scribblers Club, Page, Knight and Squire in "W" Service club, and in the pep squad.

Since entering Central she has been in the "M" Service club, Gunaike, Scout Staff, and Senior Girl Scouts.

Mary Adelaide is enrolled in a college preparatory course and expects to attend Rockford College and the University of Illinois. Her greatest ambitions are to be a Librarian, or a Girl Scout regional director. Her favorite hobbies are post card and flower collecting.

One of Central's most popular brunets is Lee Cameron Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scott of 708 Emporia. Lee Cameron is enrolled in a Home Economics course. After finishing Central she plans to attend A. and M. at Stillwater.

She entered Central from West High in the eleventh grade. While at West High she was a member of the Chess and Checker Club, and the Swimming Club. At Central she has been an active member of the Senior Girls' Glee Club, '33, and Senior Girls' Chorus, '34.

Lee Cameron is very fond of office work, and her hobbies are horseback riding and motor boat racing.

In order that he may become an electrical engineer, Howard Tozer is taking a general industrial course. Howard resides at 2416 Elgin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Duncan.

Before entering Central in his Junior year, Howard attended West High. There he was associated with the Eagle, a member of the track team and in the athletic club.

He is undecided at the present just where he will attend college. His hobbies are fishing, swimming, and basketball.

Well known and liked for his continual smile and good nature is Paul L. Patton, better known as "Nip." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Patton, 402 Callahan.

Paul entered Central in the seventh grade from Washington and played on the Tennis team in 1928. He was a Representative in 1928 and played football in 1930 and 1931. He plans to enter Purdue and become a civil engineer.



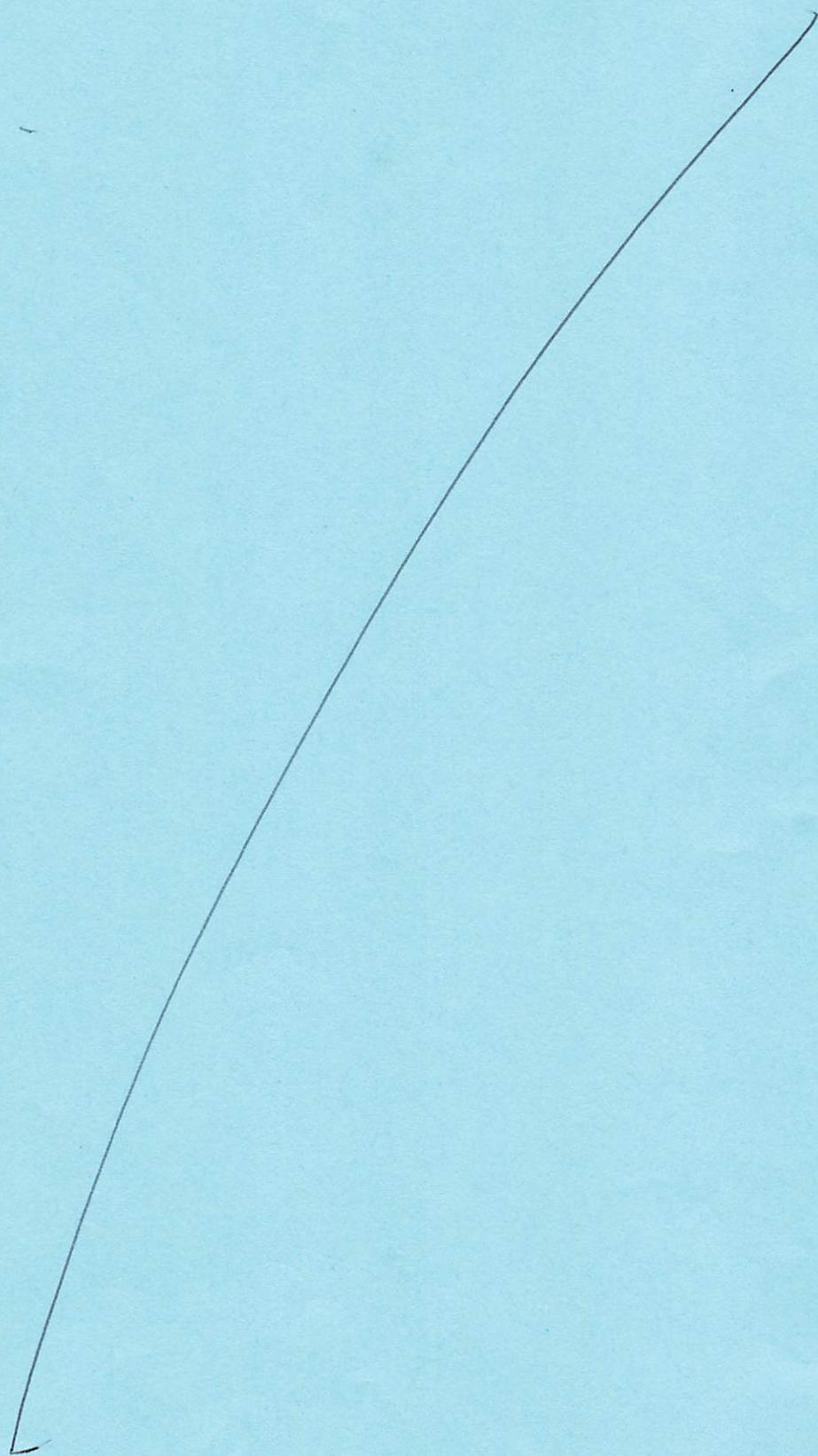
His hobbies are ice skating and horseback riding.

Coming to Central from Pryor in her senior year is Virginia Lee, who lives at 406 ½ East Broadway. Virginia is taking a college preparatory course.

During her three years at Pryor Virginia was a member of the Glee Club.

She plans to attend Junior College and then Oklahoma A & M at Stillwater.

Her hobbies are, swimming and tennis.



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100 YEARS AGO

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Muskogee Phoenix, January 2, 1906

CITY LOCALS

Vest Reynolds, a merchant of Yahola, spent Sunday and Monday in the city the guest of friends.

Miss Edith Marsh has returned from Denison and Sherman, Texas, where she spent the holidays with her sisters.

Clarence J. Marshall left Sunday for Tulsa to take a position with the Armour Packing Co.'s branch office in that city.

Rev. O. E. Goddard, pastor of the First Methodist church, has returned from a visit to his brother at South McAlester and to friends at Fort Smith.

The M. E. T. company is putting in a switch near the car barns for the Burns lumber company, a new institution which ships lumber in over the Mary D route.

Excavation has begun on each side of Court street viaduct and concrete sidewalks will be put down.

Muskogee Phoenix January 5, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the clerk's office on Thursday: Tally Manuel and Miss Mollie Rector, Taft; Perry Dykes and Miss Mabel Bridgeford, Bristow; Pike Bolding and Miss Jay Richardson, Warner; Walter Leonard McAlee and Miss Grace Peral Redman, Wealaka; Louis D. Waring and Miss Mary Alice Orcutt.

CITY LOCALS

There is at present six men at work in the shops of the Muskogee Electric Traction Company at the car barns. It is now the plan of the company to enlarge this plant in the spring.

J. C. Dyer has moved from his farm north of town to Muskogee, where he will make his home.

Get your meals at Jim and Joe's place if you want satisfaction, 210 North Cherokee Street.

TO WORK FOR WATER POWER

H. G. Baker departed Wednesday night for Washington where he will work for legislation in behalf of the Grand River Power Company.

Muskogee Phoenix January 6, 1905

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS

Muskogee Aerie No 537, Fraternal Order of Eagles, met in their lodge rooms on Wall street Thursday evening and elected the following officers: Charles H. Sudhoelter, W. P., W. W. Momyer, W. V. P., Joe Schiberl, W. C., W. B. Shoenhair, W. S., H. A. Veale, W. T., H. R. Blake, W. C., J. H. Koehler, inside guard, I. W. Russell, outside guard. Trustees, W. D. Brewer, R. H. Scofield, and J. B. Dudding. P. P. Nesbitt, Aerie physician.

The application for membership from ten persons were favorably voted upon. The officers will be installed at the next meeting.

MUSKOGEE POENIX January 7, 1906

A. O. U. W. OFFICERS

The A. O. U. W. Lodge of this city installed officers Friday night as follows:

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Dr. J. W. Hains, Master Workman, Louis Griffin, Foreman, J. A. Ward, Overseer, Frank Crawford, Recorder, Sid Flanigan, Guide, George Brown, Financier, C. E. Hart, Receiver, C. Pierson, I. G. Mr.s Haggwert, O. G.

Muskogee Phoenix February 21, 1906
MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the office of the U. S. clerk
Tuesday: J. L. Skrivin, Kansas City and Miss Mary Brenda, Oklahoma City,; Jas. R. Lawson and Miss Margaret Whitaker, Muskogee; Albert Clark and Miss Della Fdaily, Warner.

NEW LIGHTS IN CITY HALL

The city hall has lately been equipped with additional lights, encased in what is known as the Meridian globes, which are of a frosted glass effect, making a soft light. It was not thought these lights were needed until they were put in by the light company, but it has been found that it made a decided improvement.

Muskogee Times-Democrat February 24, 1906
HYDE Park to be Formally Opened for the Season on Easter Sunday

The formal opening of Hyde Park this season has been postponed from Easter Sunday to Saturday April 21 by Manager Kinney who has acceded to the wishes of the church people of the city.

On learning that the park was to be opened on Easter Sunday the ministers of the various churches got together and protested against it to Mr. Kinney, and he decided to postpone it.

The carpenters have been busy at the skating rink this week putting in the new hard wood floor, but it will not be finished for use tomorrow. It will be finished some time next week and will be opened with a grand masquerade skate and prizes will be given to the person wearing the best masque. On the opening night a good orchestra will furnish music. The masquerade skate will probably be held Thursday night and later on a dance will be given. The floor of the new rink will be the largest and best for dancing to which the people of Muskogee will have access.

About the only amusement at the park tomorrow will be the two hour excursions on the Chap-perel on the river, for which they charge twenty-five cents.

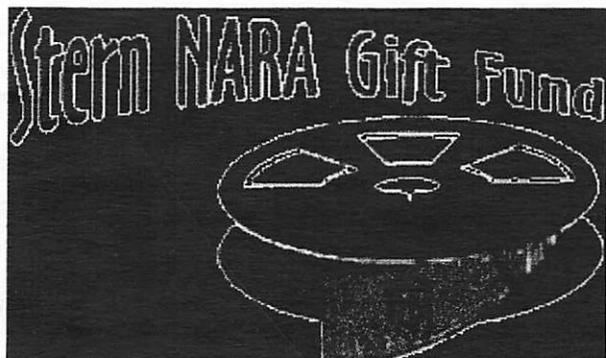
Muskogee Phoenix March 2, 1906
"MARY D" LEAVES TODAY.

The "Mary D" will probably leave port today for the regular trip down the river to Fort Smith. The boat was due to go out yesterday, but owing to the high wind and the fact that more cargo could be secured by waiting until today it was decided to lay over. The boat is heavily laden and will return here with the biggest cargo that she has ever carried.

Muskogee Phoenix March 3, 1906
MASQUE SKATE TONIGHT

There will be great things doing at Hyde Park tonight, as the masque skate is on the program. The new hardwood floor at the hall is completed, an orchestra has been engaged and the Electric Traction company will run cars every 15 minutes. It's a settled fact that all who go to the park tonight will have a good time. The park management will give a prize for the best costume or makeup and there will be other features to make the evening interesting.

"Dollars for Documents"



Genealogists may have noticed in recent years a fund drive to collect money for microfilming National Archives records, called the Genealogical Coordinating Committee (GCC)-NARA Gift Fund.

The gift fund has been renamed the Malcolm H. Stern NARA Gift Fund, in memory of the prime mover in establishing the GCC. The fund drive is known as "Dollars for Documents."

Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern (1915-1994) was the founder and first president of the GCC, and the creator of the Gift Fund. Rabbi Stern's contributions to genealogy over a 44-year period are monumental. He wrote many articles for genealogical and historical publications. He was best known for *Americans of Jewish Descent: 600 Genealogies (1654-1838)*, which documents the genealogies of Jewish families that arrived during the American colonial and federal periods. He held Fellowships in the National Genealogical Society, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and the American Society of Genealogists. He was the 1988 recipient of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) George Williams Award "for outstanding contributions to the FGS and to the genealogical community."



A Million Dollar Project

A dramatic goal

Raise \$1.25 million to microfilm two major collections of the National Archives:

- **War of 1812 pension and bounty-land warrant records**
- **United States Colored Troops (USCT) compiled service records**

The Federation invites the genealogical community, private donors, corporate sponsors, lineage societies and other interested parties to help make it happen!

The GCC, formed in 1980 to create an umbrella organization for the growing number of national genealogical groups, was disbanded at the genealogical society conference in San Diego in May 1995. The primary aims of the

organization were to coordinate conferences, to develop standards for genealogical research, to assist records preservation efforts, and to allow for better communication among genealogists. The consensus reached at the meeting of the group in San Diego was that these aims have been achieved and the group had served its purpose. However, one of the most important efforts of the GCC has been the GCC-NARA Gift Fund,

100 YEARS AGO

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Muskogee Phoenix April 6, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the U. S. Clerk's office in this city Thursday. P. W. Edwards and Mrs. Nannie Brownson, Muskogee; G. B. Heath and Miss Minerva Clark, Muskogee; George Ash and Miss Maud Foreman, Webbers Falls.

Muskogee Phoenix, April, 11, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the clerk's office Tuesday; Wm. Heytz and Miss Leino Kerby, Muskogee; Ray W. Pottinger and Mrs. Mattie B. McCall, Muskogee; Dan Williams and Mrs. Rena Gibson, Muskogee.

Muskogee Phoenix, April 14, 1906

SIDEWALK ON BROADWAY PIKE

Brick were unloaded last night on Broadway and workmen will begin at once to build a sidewalk on the Broadway Pike, between the Fair store and the Barnes building on the north side of the street. C. W. Raymond, owner of the abutting property, asked W. A. Lubbes Friday afternoon to instruct Joe McCusker, with whom a contract was closed six months ago, to begin work this morning.

Muskogee Phoenix, April 15, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued by the clerk of the United State court Saturday; Robert M. Burton and Miss Edell Kirby, of Muskogee; Daniel Alkins and Miss Susie White, Coweta P. B. Townsend and Miss Jennie McMaken, Muskogee.

Muskogee Phoenix, April 17, 1906

ANOTHER CONTRACT FOR FREIGHT ON ARKANSAS

A. R. Peyinghause, president of the Muskogee Navigation Company, will leave for Tamaha the latter part of the week where he will make a contract for the Mary D to haul 6,000,000 feet of walnut, ash and cottonwood logs. The present river freighter is taxed to its capacity now and a new boat will probably be purchased by the company at once.

CRIMINAL TERM OF COURT OPENS

Grand Jury Organized And Sworn In – Real Work Will Begin Today.

The criminal term of court convened in Muskogee Monday morning. Very little headway was made and the real work of the court will begin this morning. Assistant District Attorney H. A. Leekly has charge of the grand jury, which was organized and sworn in in the forenoon.

The grand jury is composed of the following:

Grand Jury. J. B. Morrow, Checotah; foreman; McCoy Smith, Braggs, G. W. Phippin, Coweta; W. A. Woodward, Boynton; L. R. Nash, Ft. Gibson; H. M. Rogers, Fort Gibson, G. D. Sleeper, Wagoner, J. D. Hazler, Tulsa; W. S. Harsha, Muskogee, C.C. Ayers, Muskogee, J. R. Kennon, Porter; W. H. Wainwright, Wainwright; Perry McKay; Haskell; W. M. Evarts, Bixby, Guy Bowman, Broken Arrow, B. H. Reddick, Council Hill, C. W. Thrash, Muskogee, Morgan Caraway, Muskogee, W. W. Harnage, Muskogee, Pat Foley, Porum

Muskogee Phoenix, April 18, 1906

CITY LOCALS

- --The Funny Man at the Opera House tonight.
- -- Don't forget the Grand Ball by Merchants' Ban tonight at Hyde Park
- -- We will be pleased to have our wagon go your way regardless of the amount of your purchase. TURNER HDW. CO.
- -- T. J. Way of Haskell is in the city attending court.
- -- H, F, Shepard and wife of Warner are visitor in the city.
- -- R, Brownbridge of Webbers Falls is a business visitor in the city.

Muskogee Daily Phoenix, April 19, 1906

HEADLINE

Over 750 Killed, Thousands Injured in Earthquake, San Francisco in Flames

Relatives of Muskogee People in San Francisco

A partial list of Muskogee people who are in California, and relatives of same are as follows: Will Ralls, formerly an employe of the Indian agency here, is now located in San Francisco. Clinton Tullis. Jack Evans and family. Mrs. A. L. Aylesworth. Ex-Mayor Pat Byrne. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elliott. Judge and Mrs. Porter. George C. Butte of this city, has a mother and two sisters who reside in Frisco. David P. Hall of the Viavi company, located in the Iowa Building.

Muskogee Daily Phoenix April 26, 1906

NEW STATE NEWS

The Post Office Department has taken notice of Marble City at last. The postmaster, J. E. Hotchkiss, has been notified that the name of this office has been changed from Marble to Marble City and that from and after July 1st it will be a money order office.

Muskogee Phoenix, May 8, 1906

DAM BUILDER HERE MAY 14

Sam Brown will co-operate with Home Company on Power Plant

A Telegram received Monday by W. D> Ford of this city from Sam Brown, the well known capitalist and largest stock holder and builder of the Lowell dam and power plant, says he will arrive in the city about May 14 for the purpose of closing a deal with the local power company, and work on the Grand river dam will begin at once.

At least a million dollars will be expended on the plant, which will be not less than 12-000 horse power. This will insure Muskogee of the cheapest power in the world, and as a manufacturing center it will outrank any city in the twin territories.

Muskogee Daily Phoenix, May 9, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the office of the United States clerk Tuesday; Rufus Mackey and Miss Mary Mackey; Braggs; John Freeman and Miss Pate Bennett, Boynton; William Cloe and Miss Josie E. Eoof, Grits.

Muskogee Phoenix, June 17, 1906

CITY LOCALS

- J. M. McKeloy was here yesterday from his home at Roff. I. T.
- A. H. Wear is in the city from is home in Springfield, Mo
- Try Alley Bros. & Co.'s pure leaf lard. Every pail guaranteed.
- Prompt and reliable service; that's us. Muskogee Tansfer Co.
- F. G. Gillipsie, of Tulsa, was here Saturday transacting business at the court house.
- Jos. S. Eaton and wife from Okmulgee, spent Saturday in the city shopping and transacting business.
- A regular 20 cent ruled or unruled tablet for 10 cents at the Orton & Howe's , Barnes bldg.
- Frank A. Kemp, of Tahlequah, arrived yesterday and will remain in the city over Sunday visiting with friends.
- R, C, Martin, a well known Okmulgee man was here yesterday looking after business at the court house and commission.
- Absolutely pure distilled water used in all our sodas waters, Muskogee Bottling Works, phone 318.
- I. H. Swofford, from Dustin, the city of destiny, was here yesterday spending the day transacting business at the departments.
- We will be please to have our wagon go your way regardless of the amount of your purchase. Turner Hardware Co.
- The Helen May Butler ladies' band closed its engagement at the park last evening and will depart this morning for Fort Scott, where they have a week's engagement.
- The Mary D. arrived in port late Friday evening, after having been delayed on account of being unable to go beneath a bridge located down the river. The boat had a good cargo. On the return trip the boat will be equipped with the new life boats which recently arrived.

Muskogee Phoenix, June 17, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued a the office of the United States clerk Saturday: J. L. Gassett and Miss Josie Putnam, Webbers Falls; Dorie W. Wallace and Miss Grace N. Andrews, Muskgoee.

Muskogee Phoenix, June 30, 1906

SOCIETY

- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Longston and Mr. and Mrs. Price will leave the city Sunday for the Jungles on a few days' fishing and hunting.
- Miss Shingo Rector has returned home after quite an extended visit in Paris, Texas and Fort Smith, most of the time absent having been spent in the later.
- Miss Kate Kenyon, of Kansas City, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bellis, of Garrett Heights, ahs departed for Chicago, where she will enter a conservatory of music for instruction.

Old Agency Cemetery

LOCATION: T15N R18E Sec. 9
LAT/LONG: 354726N 0952402W
SURVEY DATE: 1937, 1988, 1985, 1987

SURVEY LOCATION: Indian Pioneer History Collection,
55:337;

Cemeteries of Muskogee County Oklahoma, 1:1;

Our People & Where They Rest, 12:48;

Muskogee County Genealogical Society Quarterly, 4:1;

O n l i n e :

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ok/county/muskogee/>



FURTHER INFORMATION: Predominantly Creek Freedmen.

Located 1 1/2 miles East of Fern Mountain just East of US69 in Muskogee. According to the *Indian Pioneer History*, volume 55, pages 338, 339: "Soon after the Creek agency was established at Fern Mountain in 1857, the Agency burial ground was started on the hill one and a half miles east of the agency on the first road between the Agency and Ft. Gibson, and the old deeply worn road that winds its way through the old cemetery today is a part of that same old Agency-Ft. Gibson trail.--Fannie Renty, Creek Freedman, born and reared in the vicinity gave the information contained in the preceding paragraph. It would be difficult to estimate the

number or graves in this old cemetery with any degree of accuracy as none of the older graves have markers with inscriptions and many of them have a heavy growth of brush and briars over

them indicating many years of neglect. Some of the later graves have expensive and beautiful monuments and tombs, but sadly neglected and several have fallen down."

Burial place of Rev. Sugar George prominent Creek and Harry Island, interpreter for the Creek Nation.



Restoration of this cemetery began in the Spring of 2005. For information or to help with restoration and clean up work contact Sue Tolbert: tolbert6@cox.net

100 YEARS AGO

Items extracted

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By Barbara Downs

July 1, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the office of the United States clerk's office Friday: Oliver Sewell and Miss Alaska Williams, Coweta: Bob Morgan and Miss Mabel Bradshaw, Keefton.

STAR MAIL ROUTE

WEBBER'S FALLS I. T. June 30

Charles Smith has been awarded to contract to carry the mails from Illinois station to Webbers Falls and Gritts. He will begin July 1.

July 6, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued Thursday at the office of the United States clerk to the following persons: A. J. Blackstone and Miss Florence Evans, Oktaha: Eugene Cobb and Miss Gertrude Jones, Muskogee: Charles Goodell and Miss Millie Dallee, Taft: William Cully and Miss Georgia Carter, Haskell: Louis Mitchell and Miss Mamie Francis Bragg, Broken Arrow: Charlie Jessie and Miss Minnie Heast Campbell.

July 7, 1906

GAS MAN IS HERE

H. F. Martin and A. W. Leonard, representatives of the Caney River Gas Company, are in the city looking over the situation and getting next to about what will be needed in the way of gas mains, etc. This is the company which will pipe gas to the corporate limits of the city. The company which will have control of the gas inside the city will be known as the Muskogee Gas company. Blue prints of the proposed line are now in Washington for the approval of the secretary of the interior and it is expected that by fall the line will be laid from Ramona held to Muskogee, a distance of about 65 miles.

July 8, 1906

FIRST 99 YEAR LEASE ON MUSKOGEE PROPERTY

BOSTIC & COMPANY SECURE THE LEASE ON THIRD STREET LOCATION SATURDAY

The first 99 year lease for city property in Indian Territory was recorded yesterday in the United States clerk's office. The lease is for 25 feet on North Third street which was bought last week by W. D. Crow of Kansas City from Wm. S. Baur. The lease is from W. D. Crow to P. B. Bostic and J. B. Bostic. They are to put up a three story building by the first of the year, they have several applications for the ground floor and the two upper stories will be for offices.

July 28, 1906

HOW SHALL WE SPELL MUSKOGEE QUESTION WHICH NOW CONFRONTS BOARD OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

WILL IT BE WITH "K" OR "C"

Later it is Decided Upon But May be Changed on Recommendation of Secretary C. F. Sloan – Harrison Gives Facts.

Shall Muskogee be spelled with a K or a C? This is the question which has been giving trouble to the Board of Geographic names at Washington.

Recently C. F. Sloan, secretary of the board wrote a letter to R. P. Harrison, clerk of the United States court, asking how the name of the Queen city was spelled in the original charter. A difference of opinion has arisen before the board and Mr. Sloan wanted to settle it.

Mr. Harrison looked up the matter and found that in the original charter the name was spelled with a () sign of the depot, indication that the first railroad to build through this city adopted that name. The postoffice has also used the K and in all the legal documents of the city the K is used. It is also used by all the business men and the people in general. At one time the C was used by the postoffice department and many of the old government reports designate this point as "Muscogee."

In reply to the facts submitted by Mr. Harrison, Mr. Sloan writes that the board had formally adopted the spelling of the name with the letter C, but as the K was the most popular, he would recommend that the board change it. This change, however, may not be made.

There are yet a number of people who use the letter C. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat in printing the word Muskogee always spells it with the C. All other newspapers use the K.

The First National Bank of this city still spells it with a C. At the time the bank received its charter the C was used by the postoffice department and the treasure department has never changed it.

August 1, 1906

SKATING RINK OPENING

The new skating rink on the east side will be opened to the public tonight for the first time. The owners have not yet secured a name for the rink and all those who attend tonight will be allowed to suggest a name and the fortunate one whose suggestion will be adopted will be made a present of a fine pair of \$6. Skates. The rink is conceded to be the largest in the territory and the floor is smooth as glass, while the ventilation is perfect.

August 4, 1906

SMALLEY'S NEW JOB.

Fire Chief A. W. Smalley has a new vocation that of manager of the Acme skating rink, the new one on the east side. This rink is one of the finest in the Territory, having a skating surface of 60X130 feet, the floor made of highly polished maple lumber. Men and women's dressing rooms, the women's equipped with mirrors, and the men's containing hooks for the reception of coats and hats. A piano has been placed in the hall and music will be furnished every evening. The rink is also open in the mornings and afternoons.

August 14, 1906

A BLOCK OF LAWYERS

All Live on Fourteenth Street and All Are Republicans.

Fourteenth street in Muskogee is noted for several things, one of which is that it is the residence street of perhaps more lawyers than any other street in Muskogee.

In one block there are seven lawyers and all are republicans. On the west side of Fourteenth street between Broadway and Court, all in one block. Live the following lawyers: Clark J. Tisdell, Harry D. Levy, J. Carter Cook, Ezra Brainerd, W. H. H. Clayton, Jr. and Gordon J. Murray. Just across the street lives another lawyer, A. R. Taylor. On the same side lives W. A. Downing and Dr. Fagin, all republicans.

It has been decided that the next () who live in this block will march to the polls in a body and cast their votes for the progressive party..

"In a few years I believe we can convert all those who live on the street," said one of the lawyers Monday.

"If we can't, we are very poor lawyers." Retorted another.

August 16, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following were issued marriage licenses Wednesday: Robert E. McGuire, 32, Wagoner, Miss Lynn M. O'Brien, 21, Wagoner. Jas .S. Pulliam, 26, Webbers Falls, Pearl A. Stevenson, 18, Webbers Falls

August 19, 1906

WANTED SEALED PROPOSALS

Sealed bids will be received on or before August 28, 1906, for the erection of a four room brick and stone school building in the town of Braggs, I. T., as per plans and specifications now on file in office of the clerk.

Right to reject any or all bids.

H. GEORGE, Pres.

Fred Comstock, Clerk.

September 11, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the office of the United State clerk Monday: Elmer M. Mullens and Miss Cora A. Foy, of Checotah; Oscar Berryhill of Okmulgee and Miss Carrie Hall, of Muskogee. The latter couple was married by Deputy Clerk Carrol S. Bucher in the clerk's office.

Social Security Record Research

By Stacy Goff Blundell

The Social Security Act was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935, creating the Social Security System to provide income for people who held "regular" jobs before they retired. Private industry jobs such as factory workers, office personnel, construction workers, and those in food and retail, were first guaranteed income. By 1965 the coverage extended to farm laborers, self - employed, domestic help, medical professions and government employees.

The program has never been "voluntary" except for some government employees and the clergy. While the Security Act was providing aid to Americans over 65, railroad employees were clamoring for a program that would provide credit for prior service and an employment compensation program. Legislation passed in 1934, 1935, and 1937 established the Railroad Retirement program for employees of the United States Railroad. Railroad workers never have been covered by Social Security and still are not. For RRB records visit <http://www.rrb.gov/geneal.html>.

People who have never worked under Social Security because of their age or their jobs not being covered by Social Security, obtained Social Security numbers in the 1960s in order to receive Medicare coverage. Now, every United States citizen or legal alien must have a Social Security number to file or be claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes.

The Social Security Administration [SSA] first used the 1890 U.S. Federal Census as a reference to help verify the age of recipients. The SSA formed a special branch called the Age Search Group to handle this function. This group still exists today. To assist in the search process the SSA commissioned the creation of an indexing system. The Soundex coding [indexing] system was developed for this program and the first index was of the 1880 census, followed by 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930. The indexes were prepared by employees of the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression.

Soundex is a coding system that uses the first letter of the surname, followed by three numbers to represent the next three remaining consonants [no vowels are used in the numeric portion of the code] in the surname. This # is used to group similar sounding names together for ease of location. Examples of Soundex : GOFF = G110 and BLUNDELL = B453.

Mandy Lee, a cousin of Bill's, and I mentioned seeing him shoot Kenny. A few days after that evening, Kinch drove up to our place and called to me to come there. I was scared but I went and then he asked me to tell him what I had seen and heard. When I told him he said, "That is just what Bill told me. You will not be hurt and I will see you again soon." As soon as he could get in contact with Bill, they began to plan for him to give himself up and stand trial but before the arrangements could be made, a Federal officer came across West asleep in the hills about twenty-five miles east of Eureka Springs and killed him.

Our laws in those days were very different from the present ones. When we first came here we had the Indian Police and when any one of the Indians would complain against a white settler, he would be taken by the Indian Police across the state line either into Kansas or Missouri and told not to return.

Fairland had its characters, too, in those days; among them Ted Donalds, Jerry Tell and some others jumped him up in Fairland one day and followed him to the Jake Samples place some seven or eight miles but he turned on them as he reached the timber they went back to town without him. At another time, then a group of men were drinking, Ted Donalds and Bill West held up the operator of a shooting gallery at Fairland and one held him while the other shot notches in his hair.

When they were building the first old steel bridge here shortly after 1900, Mort Canday and I were the first persons to cross it. The bridge was finished and the approach was completed on the south side and they were several feet from the bridge on this side. We rode on from the other side and across the bridge and then jumped our horses across the uncompleted approach here. The contractor swore at us but we only laughed and told him that we wanted to be the first to cross the new bridge.

The old white two-story school building here that was built in the summer of 1900 was the first free school in the Indian Territory. When it was torn down to be replaced by the large brick building, the lumber was bought by George Nicely, the elevator man, and he built the east part of his mill and elevator out of it on Third Street southeast.

I had little schooling except in the few subscription schools but, some way, I have managed to pick up quite a bit of music and can play several instruments. My favorite instrument is the guitar and I used to go eighteen and twenty miles to play for a dance but after Farther died and Mother did not have good health I found that I could not farm, look after her and attend all of the dances so one morning after I had been out all night I called my hand and told him that we were parting company and that I was settling up with him. I told him I could not keep on as we were going as we had always gone together and then I turned to the girl who helped in house and asked her if she wanted the old guitar, that if she didn't that I was going to hang it over a post.

As Mother's health grew worse I left the farm and brought her to Miami and took care of her until her death in about 1910, after which I returned to farming and this time I purchased a building that stood about one hundred fifty yards northwest of the Hudson Creek Schoolhouse and moved it across the road east on some land allotted by Doyle Nideffer.

It was a three-room house and built of white pine boards and some of these were two feet wide. The house is still used but it has been weather boarded since. I was told that it was an old home of the Dalton Family. After living here five years I returned to Miami where I have continued to live since.

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By Barbara Downs

MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX, October 5, 1906

Y.M.C.A. MEETING

Mr. Bruno Hobbs, of Denver, field secretary of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. met with a number of young men interested in Y.M.C.A. work last night at the Presbyterian church for the purpose of discussing plans for the organization of a local Y.M.C.A.

Born, September 29, to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diederich, 549 S. Sixth street, a ten pound boy.

ESTABLISHED FIRST SCHOOL

Prof. H. M. Butler who in 1898 established the public school system in Muskogee is in the city after an absence of six years, during which time he has been in the government service in the Philippines has returned to the city.

MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX, October 6, 1906

Y.M.C.A. MEETS

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Thursday evening the association decided to erect a large building in the spring. The structure will be the home of the association and will be equipped with a reading room, library, gymnasium and baths. A committee was appointed to secure as large a membership as possible for next year.

MUSKOGEE DAILY PHOENIX, October 7, 1906

MARRIAGE LICENCES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the office of the United States clerk Saturday: Lennis Tatro, 26, Porter, and Miss Dora Murphy, 23, Morris; Jess K. Wadley 22, and Miss Ethel Morgan, 17, Webbers Falls; Frank Kirby 25, and Miss Myrtle Elizabeth Crossland, Keifton. The father of the girl accompanied the groom to be in the latter case.

WEST SIDE RINK

A new electric piano, 100 pairs new Richardson skates, the floor kept in perfect condition and just one block west of the Turner hotel. Spend an evening at the rink with your friends.

MUSKOGREE TIMES-DEMOCRAT, November 14, 1906

There are now about sixty persons employed in making the Muskogee Times-Democrat the leading newspaper of Indian Territory.

The new race track which will soon be built in Muskogee will be one of the fastest in the southwest.

MUSKOGEE TIMES-DEMOCRAT, November 14, 1906

PORUM

Votes Bonds for New \$8000 School Building ...More Improvements

Porum, I. T., Nov. 14, - This town has voted \$8,000 in school bonds for the construction of a two-story brick school house. The townsite company has donated a full block in the residence portion of the town as a site for the school building.

O. D. Revel has begun excavation for a three story brick block to cost \$20,000.

There will be a box supper sociable in the Labor Temple, Friday, Nov. 16, beginning at 8 P. M. This sociable will be given under the auspices of the Union Bible School and the proceeds will go toward the library now being built up there. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in the work. By order of COMMITTEE

INCORPORATIONS

The articles of incorporation of the Hulbert Townsite Co., were filed at the clerks office this morning. The company is capitalized at \$6,000. The incorporators are R. F. Kind, W. A. Parker and B. A. Randle.

MUSKOGEE TIMES-DEMOCRAT, December 10, 1906

STORE NEWS

The paving on West Okmulgee is going to be a great thing for that street. The property holders on West Broadway from Third out to Fifth could do nothing that would enhance the value of their property more than to pave the streets. If the property holders are alive to the situation they will not delay paving much longer

Mr. Evans, of the Fair Store, deserves the thanks of every woman in Muskogee for having taken the initiative in providing a full line of holiday toys, from which they may select Christmas gifts for the kids. What the women in Muskogee have needed at Christmas time most for years has been a place to buy toys for children of all ages, and the Fair Store this year is providing it.

Streets Furniture Company is making a specialty of Christmas goods this Month and keeping the store open nights to accommodate their trade. A piece of furniture as a Christmas present is a constant reminder of the donor.

Melsch, the jeweler, has a most attractive line of Christmas goods this year, among which are to be found a great many little articles which are not only inexpensive but very elegant.

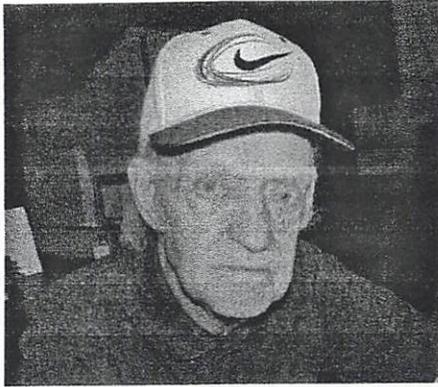
MUSKOGEEEE TIMES-DEMOCRAT, December 31, 1906

SOCIETY NOTES

The annual New Year's dance will be given by the Elks at their club rooms this evening. All the Muskogee Elks and visiting Elks are invited to this dance.

Invitations have been received by a large number of Muskogee people to attend a dance to be given in Tahlequah Friday night of this week.

James Ford's Life Before WWII



Interviewee: James H. Ford, Jr.
Interviewer: Wally Waits
Location: Muskogee Public Library
Date: October 6, 2006

JAMES: I was born in Muskogee.
WALLY: When?
JAMES: I was born in 1926 but my birth wasn't registered until 1927.
WALLY: OK, why was that?
JAMES: We lived way out in the country so things like that were done when you got the time.
WALLY: Where did you live out in the country?
JAMES: We lived southwest of Muskogee towards Wainwright.
WALLY: Who were your parents?
JAMES: My parents were James H. Ford and Margaret Colela Ford. Colela Ford. She was Cherokee Indian.
WALLY: Where did you start school?
JAMES: I started to school at Fairview School, a country school, southwest of Muskogee.
WALLY: What was the school like?
JAMES: It was a two-room schoolhouse country school and Mr. and Mrs. Eland Rainwater were teachers.
WALLY: How do you spell their last name? Rainwater?
JAMES: Right.
WALLY: And what do you remember about them? You remember their names really well.
JAMES: They were very good people. He was not only a teacher but coached our ball teams, our basketball teams, softball teams. He was a small man but very athletic. He was a wrestler in college so he was very athletic. And they were very good people. Everybody liked them.
WALLY: What grades did he teach?
JAMES: He taught the primary grades, the upper grades to the 8th grade.
WALLY: Through the 8th grade?
JAMES: Through the 8th grade, yes.
WALLY: Describe the schoolhouse.
JAMES: It was a two-room schoolhouse. White frame, faced south. I think it's where a church is now.
WALLY: Which church?
JAMES: I don't know which church but I think they made a church out of the building or on the property where the building was. It was the old Fairview schoolhouse.
WALLY: OK. Did they have blackboards in the classrooms?
JAMES: Oh yeah. They had blackboards.
It was a small country school with a very strong athletic program. Mr. Rainwater instated a tumbling team and we traveled over the country putting on shows.
WALLY: Did you really?

