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UPDATE

Since the newsletter was printed several things have happened, some good, some bad. I guess, the most important news is, after working two years on the first six volumes of marriage records, the computer has crashed. All BUT the marriage records have been recovered. Every effort is being made to recover them. I will keep you informed. The first marriage record at the courthouse is dated November 21, 1907. Records before statehood (1907) are ALMOST non-existent in Choctaw County.

About our upcoming Seminar in October, I have personally visited on the phone with Mr. Richard Hooverson. He is very knowledgeable about genealogy, his credential are most impressive and I was certainly impressed with him. He told me that he would put about 200 transparencies on the overhead projector during the seminar and will give a set of notes to go with each subject. We are offering societies, who let us know, a FREE table to sell their materials and furnish information about their societies. Begin to make plans to attend now and send in your registration as soon as possible. Societies let us know you need a table.

At the last meeting it was decided to not meet in the months of June and July. Those who are the most active in the society are also involved in the area homecomings and summer activities. We also changed the meeting to the SECOND THURSDAY of each month. The next meeting will be August 14th at 1:00 p.m. at Bacon Hall.

Father Bob Bond has been most generous in selling a computer, which was much needed by the society, for a very reasonable cost. Father Bond had purchased several computers and was willing to check this one out and put several programs on it for us. It is a 286, but it will do for a starter. We have put some marriage records of several states donated by members. We have also had a couple of members donate some microfiche they had purchased. Thanks girls, every little bit to our library is appreciated.

The community of Grant (Choctaw County), Oklahoma has compiled a book of their community called "Grant Then and Now". It is a collection of copies of old pictures, newspaper articles, list of the postmasters who served Grant, some history and a listing of the known graves at the Grant Cemetery. The 75 page book has been compiled and printed by the committee and is a fund raiser for the Velma Wilkins Nutrition Center that is being built. The cost of the book is \$20.00 and \$5.00 for postage and handling. Send any orders to me.

We have several new books added to the library, why don't you come out sometime? I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Janie Knight P.O. Box 114 Sawyer, OK 74756

RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Record Group 75
National Archives - Southwest Region
Indian Agencies and the Tribes They Represent

ALABAMA - COUSHATTA RESERVATION 1926 - 1956

Tribes Represented: Alabama-Coushattas

In 1854 members of the Alabama and Coushatta tribes living in Texas.were granted a reservation in the southwestern portion of the state that is known today as Polk County. This reservation, which was granted by the State of Texas, remained under the sole jurisdiction of the state until 1928. Beginning in that year, the Alabama-Coushatta reservation has been under the joint supervision of the State of Texas and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Prior to the Texas revolution, these tribes moved to Texas from Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi. To reward the tribes for their assistance during the Texas Revolution, the State of Texas established the reservation.

ANADARKO AREA OFFICE / 1932 - 1984 LIOWA AGENCY

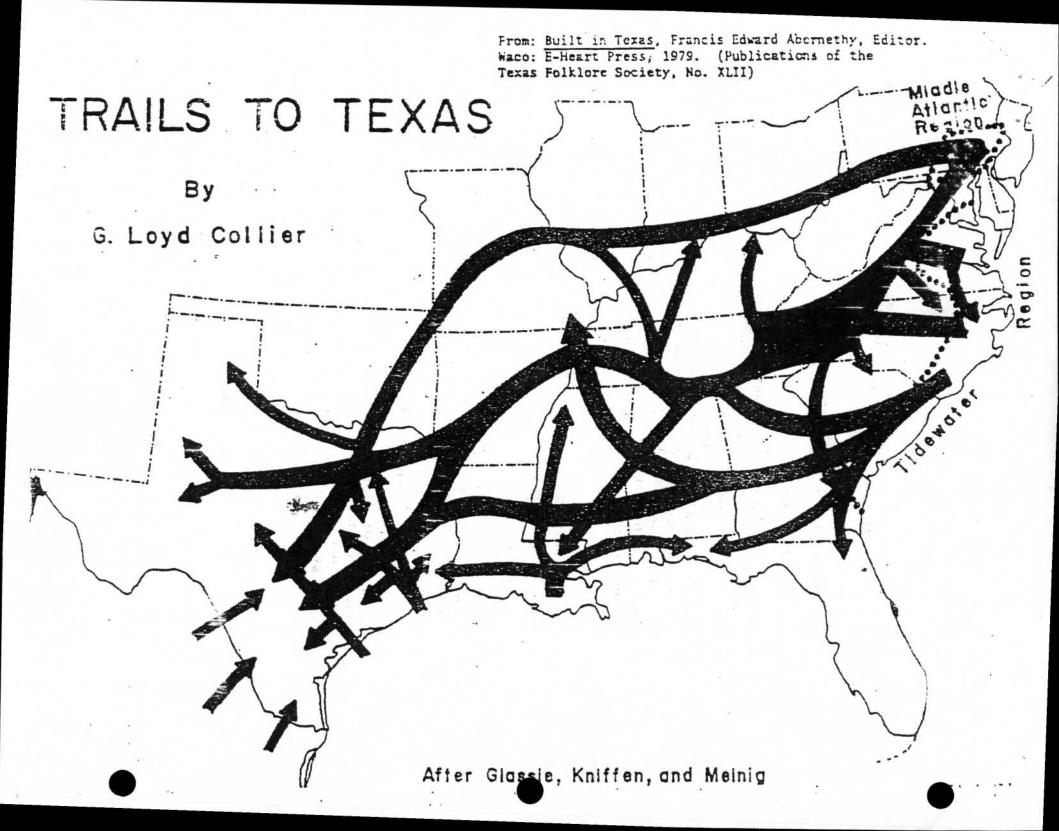
Tribes Represented: Kiowas, Comanches, Apaches, Fort Sill Apaches, Wichitas and Affiliated Bands, Delawares, Cheyennes and Arapahos, Pawnees, Poncas, Kaws, Tonkawas, Otoe-Missourias, Absentee Shawnees, Iowas of Oklahoma, Iowas of Kansas, Kickapoos of Oklahoma, Kickapoos of Kansas, Sac and Fox of Oklahoma, Sac and Fox of Missouri, Citizen Potawatomis, and Prairie Potawatomis.

The Anadarko Area Office is one of twelve Bureau of Indian Affairs area offices found in the United States. Twenty-three tribes with an approximate total Indian population of 47,000 fell under the jurisdiction of this area office. The Office is also responsible for the Kiowa Agency; Fort Sill, Riverside, and Chilocco schools; Concho Agency and School; the Shawnee Agency; the Horton Agency and Haskell Junior College in Kansas. The Fort Sill, Chilocco, Concho, and Pawnee schools have been closed.

CHEYENNE/ARAPAHO AGENCY (CONCHO) 1873 - 1983

Tribes Represented: Cheyennes and Arapahos

This agency is under the jurisdiction of the Anadarko Area Office. Since 1870 the agency's headquarters has been located in Darlington, Oklahoma. In 1903 three separate agencies were created for these Indians; the agency located at Cantonment had jurisdiction over the Cantonment Boarding School; the Seger Agency, located in Colony, supervised the activities of the Seger



SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CHOCTAW COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

D	ist. No.	School	Location	Census Years
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	1	Boswell	Town	1913 - 1967
	2	Ft. Towson	Town	1913 - 1907
	3	Grant	Town	
	4	Soper	Town	
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**	12	Buck Horn	N. W. of Soper	
**		Big Springs	"	
	13	Goodland	S. W. of Hugo	
**	14	Forest Home	W. of Hugo	
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**	19	LeFlore	S. W. of Boswell	
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**	20	Carnes	N. of Boswell	
**	21	Swink	Town	1912, 1915 - 1963
**	22	Shoat Springs	S. E. of Hugo	
**	23	Frogville	S. of Ft. Towson	1921 - 1953
**	24	Hamden	N. W. of Hugo	
**	25	Ervin	S. E. of Hugo	
**	26	Shoals	S. E. of Hugo	
**	27	Bearden Springs	S. E. of Hugo	
**	28	Lone Elm	S. E. of Grant	
**		Shoat Lake	ii	
**		Golden Bluff	0	
**	29	Long Creek	N. W. of Hugo	
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**	30	Maehew	N. W. of Boswell	
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**	33	Spencerville - Range Line	N. W. of Ft. Towson	1912 - 1959
**	34	High Hill	N. W. of Ft. towson	1912 - 1961
**	35	Oak Grove	N. E. of Swink	1912 - 1965
**	35	Mid Way	N. of Swink	
* *	36	Sawyer	Town	1912 - 1968
**	37	Cedar Springs	N. W. of Ft. Towson	1912 - 1958
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	39	Hugo	City	
**	40	Dean	N. W. of Boswell	
**		Graham	II .	
**	41	Compton - Ft. Towson	S. W. of Ft. Towson	1912 - 1949
**	42	Culbertson (Apple)	N. W. of Ft. Towson	1912 - 1958
**	43	Walnut Grove	N. of Ft. Towson	1914 - 1948
**		Fennell	*	"
**	44	Pierce		
**	45	Iron Stob	S. W. of Soper	
**		Good Hill		
**	46	Rosemound	S. of Ft. Towson	1915 - 1949
**	47	Speer	N. of Hugo	
4.4	48	Roebuck	N. W. of Soper	
**	49	Belvin	S. W. of Boswell	
**/	50	McDonald	S. of Boswell	
**	51	Crowder Springs	S. of Boswell	
**	52	Soper Elementary	Town	
**	5	School Closed		

No longer in existence

CHOCTAW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 1997

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS - 3RD SATURDAY, 1 PM. DUES DUE - ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 ANNUALLY.

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Wealth of information available

South Carolina land lists contain many family facts

a s the number of British colonies grew, they had to vie for residents. Some were more enterprising than others in enticing set.

In the south, the colonies founded after Virginia in 1607 conducted campaigns to attract settlers from Great Britain and continental Europe as well as other colonies in North America.

South Carolina waged one of the more vigorous campaigns to increase its population. Initially it offered 50 acres for every person in the household of if the family would locate in the colony. At times, South Carolina na also offered family subsidies to defray the cost of transportation and establishing a household in the new world.

The administrative records for land distribution to the coloniats hold a wealth of some nealogical detail. The head of the household had to petition for his or her land, and the entries for these requests appear in the council journals.

On Jan. 9, 1745, Henry Long, a Protestant Swiss, indicated that he had arrived in the colony about four years before. He served John Cordes for four years. Upon obtaining his freedom, he asked for his 50 acres to be laid out in Orangeburg Township.

In 1742, Thomas Elerbee stated that he and his family of 11 came from Virginia about five years before. By the time he got around to asking for his land, his household had grown to 22 persons. William McCul-



lough said that his father,
John McCullough, had died
before his 500 acres could be
granted and left eight
orphans. John Grossman, a
Protestant Palatine, asked for
150 acres for himself, his wife
and his child.

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Such dated, places of origin, clues to ethnicity and family composition are extremely useful in tracking families not likely to leave many other paper records.

Brent Holcomb has made the early records available in Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Journals, covering the years 1734 to 1748 when the colony established frontier townships at Orangeburg, Amelia, Williamsburg, Purrysburg, the Welch Tract, Saxa Gotha, Kingston, Fredericksburg and Queensboro.

Holcomb has included refer-

ences to the journals so that you can obtain a copy of the complete record. He has indeed inaugurated a superh series

If you ancestry stems from the Georgetown district of South Carolina, the loss of the antebellum records there makes genealogical research extremely difficult, if not impossible.

This is the 275th anniversary of the founding of the Prince George Winyah Parish. Fortunately, the parish registers with records of baptisms, burials, confirmations, marriages and lists of communicants survive. The first known register begins in 1815 and ends in 1916, and the second covers the years 1916 to 1936.

Both routinely mention slaves, Negroes and free persons of color. In a state devoid of civil vital records before the 20th control these records are doubly velocine (Farish Registers of Prince George Winyah Church, Georgetown, South Carolina 1615-1936).

Enjoy your search.

Through the Spyglass appears every first and third Sunday of the month. The column is coordinated by Kathryn McKaig, president of Ancestry Searchers of Texas City.

Ancestry Searchers meets at 1 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Moore Memorial Library, interested parties are welcome to attend. Send questions to Through the Spyglass, P.O. Box 3301, Texas City, Texas 75592-3301.

Genealogy

Seminar



Richard

Hooverson



Saturday

October 4th, 1997 9 am to 4 pm

Choctaw County Genealogical Society
Goodland Children's Home - Bacon Hall

Nationally recognized Genealogist Richard Hooverson, from Dallas will speak on the following subjects; Family relationships & collaterals and how to research them, Using Federal & State Census records, The American State papers 1790-1837, and Using naturalization records. A, I hour Q. & A. session will follow the scheduled topics.

Lunch will be available.

Genealogy Societies are invited to bring materials to sell at *no* charge.

Mount Olivet Cemetery

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Drum Beats ..~...~~...

Big news, we have finally gotten the first Index book of Choctw County marriages ready to print. Janie Knight our Secty/Tres. has worked on this project for many months and persistence has paid off. Its been especially hard since she does not have a computer and had to borrow and use the Public Library one, since she started before we had one in our Library.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hugo with some 7,000 graves is working on putting their records on computer. When they are finished we will get a copy to add to our records. The first burial in Mt. Olivet was Feb. 1907.

We have scheduled a great Seminar for October. Richard Hooverson from Dallas will be speaker. We hope to make a little money for the Society by providing lunch. We need 25 people to just break even, soy'all come, please. Saturday, October 4, 9-4, \$30.00 pre-registration.

We have the promise of a microfilm reader and microfilm of the 5 civilized tribes. Our library is growing book by book. Last but not least, our Vice-President Marlynn O'Keefe has finished her book and it is at the publishers. June 1st it will be for sale. *Ft. Towson, Indian Territory*, hard cover 200 plus pages, \$21.95 Plus 3.95 shipping and handling, P O Box 607 Ft. Towson, OK 74735 A real gem of a book, good illustrations.

Happy Trails, Lila

I want to thank you so much for your response to my request. My husband and I have only been pursuing our family history about five years and little on Harris. Our other lines not only had more unusual names, but I did know a bit more about them to begin with.

Sadly, none of the names on your papers are at all familiar to me.

I found the material from the Archives at Old Washington very interesting. I have ancestors through my Hale line that go back through Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland, etc. However, it appears to be another marriage of Henry's.

I do know that my Harris ancestor George Luton Harris was born near Bowling Green, KY, but the older children apparently in Alabama and Tennessee. From North Carolina where Thomas Harve by Harris was born he made quite an exodus.

I notice you list a Margaret Hale as one of your sources. My Hale family came from Virginia, and into Tennessee prior to statehood. Some of my Hales lived in Arkansas, also, for a time.

Sincerely,

Joyce Self Hammett (Mrs. John P.)