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# Special points of interest:

- Check out our new publications. Information in the What's New section
- We currently have space for queries. Queries are free to members and just \$3 for non-members.
- We need donated material for our Featured Family series.

# What's New at CCGS!

Spring is in the air and with it a new issue of our Quarterly Newsletter! We have many new things to report to you this quarter.

First and foremost, The Choctaw County Genealogical Society would like to thank Dwight Kos and John M. Brewer of the Lions Club who presented the Choctaw County Genealogical Society with a very generous donation of \$250 for the use of buying new research materials and microfilm.

We have launched a brand new website! The website features up to date information about our Society including many genealogical research forms for you to download and/or print. The website also features quick link categories for you to easily access many of your favorite online genealogical resources, educational information and helpful tools. If you have a favorite resource that is not currently listed on the website, send me the link in an email and I will add it. Be sure to visit the website at http:// www.okgenweb.org/~ccgs2

More exciting news! We have several brand new obituary books ready for purchase. A big thank you to Norm Pence for all his hard work. Indexes can be viewed for free under the



Starting at left is Amy Burkhalter, Peggy Maeger, April Makerney, Dwight Kos, Donna Head, John M. Brewer, Norm Pence, Cindy Burkhalter, and Sue Roebuck

publications tab on our website. A list of all our current publications are listed on page 9 of this issue. More publications are on the way!

The Choctaw County Genealogical Society recently received a new copier in the Heritage Society Room at the Hugo Public Library. The copier cost is ten cents per side (2 sided, twenty cents). Society President Donna Willison Head invites everyone is to use the copier for genealogy or personal use. The money collected will help with the purchase of new research books and microfilm.

April Makerney, Editor





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# **New Members & Member Birthdays**

The Choctaw County Genealogical Society would like to welcome the following new members.

Sue Roebuck, Grant, OK Amber Upton, Grant, OK Sunny Rae Muncrief, Madill, OK Peggy Maegar - Ft. Towson, OK Sherri Cheek - Boswell, OK Sue Wall - Messer, OK John Brewer - Hugo, OK Sim Morgan, Piedmont, OK

Brent Shain, Hugo, OK



We would also like to wish the following members a Happy Birthday!!

Sue Roebuck, Jan 8th John Brewer, Jan 24th Cindy Burkhalter, Feb 19th Sim Morgan, Mar. 3rd Peggy Maeger, Mar 29th Donna Head, April 13th Sue Wall, May 4th Lila Swink, May 22nd Norm Pence, May 26th Amber Upton, Jun 27th

# **CCGS Bookshelf**

# Available in our research library (inventory)...

- Jackson County Chronicles (Newsletter), Scottsboro, AL 1986-1991
- Northeast AL Settlers (Newsletter), Gadsden, AL 1980-1988
- Sketches of AL by Mary Gordon Duffees: An Account of a journey from Tuscaloosa to Blount Springs through Jefferson Co, AL, on the old gravel stage roads, 1850s
- Those Who Cried: Cherokee In AL, The 16000, The Cherokee Census of 1835
- Last Name Davis: AL marriages in the 1800s
- 1910 AL Soundex for the name Brandon
- 1850 U.S, Census, Madison Co, Al
- History of Clark Co, AL
- The Very Worst Road, complied by Jeffrey C. Benton, traveler's account of crossing AL's Old Creek Indian Territory, 1820 -1847

#### New on the bookshelf...

- Muldrow Newsletter, Vol. 7 Issue 1, April 2014, Muldrow, OK, Genealogical Society serving Muldrow and Sequoyah County, OK
- The Melting Pot Genealogy Society, Hot Springs, AR, Jan 2014 Vol. 4 Issue 1; Feb 2014 Vol.4 Issue 2; March 2014 Vol. 4 Issue 3



President Donna Head showing off our new copier.

### Donations

- 6 Hugo Buffalos Annuals, Hugo, OK
- 10 Choctaw County Original Marriages licenses, Sue Dale, Blossom, TX
- \$250 Hugo, Ok, Lions Club
- \$200 Anonymous cash donations

#### Newsletter Exchange

- The Melting Pot Genealogy Society, Hot Springs, AR
- Cushing Genealogical Society, Cushing, OK
- Ft. Worth Genealogical Society, Ft. Worth, TX
- Greene County Historical Society, Paragould, AR
- Muldrow Genealogy Society, Muldrow, OK
- Pittsburg County Genealogical, McAlester, OK
- Pushmataha County Historical Society, Antlers, OK
- Lamar County Genealogy Society, Paris, TX
- Muldrow Genealogy Society, Muldrow, OK
- Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Periodicals, Ft. Wayne, IN

S. A. S. C. LAND

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# **Featured Family**

Parents of Arnie Hamilton Brandon Thomas Jefferson Brandon & Amanda Sue Gilmore

## Arnie Hamilton Brandon

B. 7 Oct 1878 Centerpoint, Howard, ARBap. 3 Apr 1949, FBC, Ft. Towson, OKD. 15 Jul 1956 Ft. Towson, Choctaw, OK

Parents of Eva Funderburg Peter Charles Funderburg & Mary Catherine Gantt

## **Eva Funderburg**

B. 21 Oct 1880, MSBap. 3 Apr 1949, FBC, Ft. Towson, OKD. 9 May 1955 Ft. Towson, Choctaw, OK

Both Buried: Ft. Towson Cemetery, Ft. Towson, Choctaw, OK Married: 2 Mar 1901 Centerpoint, Howard, AR

### Children:

1.Annie Crystabell BrandonB. 12 Mar 1902 ARD. Feb 1937 Valliant, McCurtain, OKSpouse: William Joshua Spence

#### 2. Hugh Vinson Brandon

B. 7 Feb 1904 Clarksville, Red River, TXD. 1 May 1967 Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, LASpouse: Hazel Salter

## 3. Thomas Herbert Brandon

B. 21 Aug 1906 Stephenville, Erath, TXD. 21 Sep 1908 Clarksville, Red River, TX

#### 4. Ballard Alvin Brandon

B. 7 Jul 1908 Clarksville, Red River, TXD. 28 Jun 1979 San Bernadino, San Bernadino, CASpouse: Tressie Lee Haworth

5. Minnie B. Brandon

B. 15 Sep 1910 Clarksville, Red River, TXD. 28 Feb 1994 Hugo, Choctaw, OKSpouse: Elige Greg Maeger

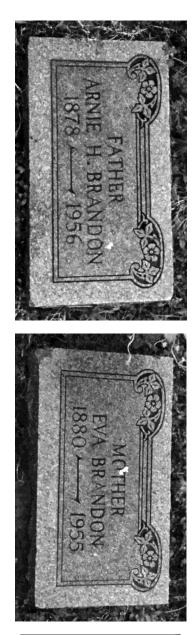
- 6. William Rufus BrandonB. 19 Oct 1912D. 28 Sep 1913 , Love County, OK
  - 7. Lawrence L. Brandon
    B. 17 Jan 1915 Coalgate, Coal, OK
    D. 14 Aug 1991 Dallas, Dallas, TX
    Spouse: Laurrence Luttrull

#### 8. Irene Brandon

B. 5 May 1917 Swink, Choctaw, OKD. 11 Aug 1994 Hugo, Choctaw, OKSpouse: D. Fred Standfier

#### 9. Inez Brandon

B. 17 Nov 1919 Swink, Choctaw, OKD. 18 Jun 2007 Hugo, Choctaw, OKSpouse: Wilfred "Bill" Gervais



Arnie Brandon & Eva (Funderburg) Brandon Headstone Photos Ft. Towson Cemetery Ft. Towson, Choctaw, OK

# **Featured Family Cont'd**

## A. H. Brandon died

Funeral services for Arnie H. Brandon, 77, of Fort Towson, will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Fort Towson Baptist Church. Rev. Herman Highfill will officiate and burial will be in the Fort Towson cemetery. Mr. Brandon died Sunday at 1:30 a.m. at his home. He was born Oct. 7, 1878, in Certerpoint, Ark. A retired farmer, he had lived at Fort Towson 36 years. Survivors include three sons, Hugh of Wright City, Ballard of Twenty Palms, Calif., and Lawrence of Fort Towson; three daughters, Mrs. Elige Maeger of Fort Towson, Mrs. Irene Standfier of Fort Towson, and Mrs. Wilford Gervais of Spencerville: these brothers and sisters: John Brandon of Watsonville, Calif., Sim Brandon of Coalgate, Okla., and Mrs. Grace Taylor of Wichita Falls, Tx.; 23 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arnie & Eva (Funderburg) Brandon

# Eva (Funderburg) Brandon

Hugo Daily News, unknown issue Transcribed by Peggy Maeger

# Mrs. Brandon died

Mrs. Eva Brandon of Fort Towson died at her home at 6 a.m. today at the age of 74. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Coffee Funeral Home. Mrs. Brandon was born Oct. 21, 1880, in Mississippi. She had been a resident of Fort Towson 35 years. Survivors include her husband Arnie: three sons, Hugh Vinson of Wright City, Ballard Brandon of Twenty Palms, Calif., and Lawrence Brandon of Fort Towson; three daughters, Minnie B. Maeger of Fort Towson, Irene Standfier of Fort Towson, and Inez Gervais of Spencerville; two sisters, Annie Walker of Mineral Springs, Ark., two brothers, John and Dan Funderburg, both of Mineral Springs, Ark.,; 22 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren.



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# What Choctaw County Family would you like to see featured? To have your family featured in an upcoming issue of our **Quarterly Newsletter contact April Makerney**





# **Marriages**

CHOCTAW STATE OF COUNTY OKLAHOMA IN COUNTY COURT TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PERFORM AND SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY. GREETING: You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Noy Peruous Kugo, county of Chockaw of State of Okla Rouia 25 \_, aged\_\_\_ vears, and Minnie Lave M\_\_\_\_\_ Chocken Hugo \_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ Operahoma, aged\_\_\_\_ vears. State of \_\_\_\_\_ And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date. Witness my hand and official seal, at Mug in in said county this 17 day of Quer (A. D., 1921 alltice \_Court Clerk. \_Deputy Bv\_ Aug , 192 ] Recorded this 17 \_day of\_ althur \_\_Court Clerk. Deputy. By CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE State of Oklahoma, Choctaw County, ss. UU OFFICIAL DESIGNATION of <u>Hugg</u> in <u>Chockaw</u> County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that Fjoined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married on the 17 day of ling A. D. 192/, at Hung O in Chretan County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Mr. Tonce Dotron and Mis Ansie Jane MY CREDENTIALS ARE RECORDED IN MINISTERS CREDENTIALS methodiet piscopa DACE OF Choctan \_COUNTY, OKLA. Waters minister Ser 12t \_day of\_\_\_ 192 1 Returned and recorded this\_\_\_\_\_ (PII) Court Clor . J. Cenice \_Deputy.

286 No ... MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE Jog Lemons Minnie Pare Chockaus County, Okla. lig17. 19/ ISSUED .... g. 17, . 1921 MARRIED CL LICENSE RECORDER LIG. 17, 19.21 ON PAGE 16 OF MARRIAGE RECORD 10 Court Clerk. By The News-Dispatch Print & Audit Co., Shawnee Okla.,

These unclaimed original marriage licenses were donated to CCGS by Sue Dale of Blossom, Texas.





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# Marriages

Choctaw County Marriage Records are held at the M N Choctaw County Courthouse Court Clerk's Office 300 E. Duke Street Marcal . Choctaw Hugo, OK 74743 State of County Oklahoma IN COUNTY COURT TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PERFORM AND SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY-GREETING: Yoware herely authorized to join in marriage Mr. Asthews hant Country Choctor State of Richars ayed 22 years, and M. Katherine Lane, of Paris Country of Lamar, State of Jugar, uged 19 years. And of this Seconse you will make due return to my office within the regions from this date. MARRIAGE LICENSE Witness my hand and pofficial seal, at Sluge in AND CERTIFICATE 173 said County this 20 th A.D. 1931 dava arthur Wade Court Clerk. Deputy. Recorded this dayof thurine a Court Clerk. Deputy. RI clour COUNTY, OKLAHOMA **CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE** ler 20- 103/ ISSUED State of Oklahoma, Choctaw County, ss. Wmm mc & raw nume LICENSE RECORDED Yourt or Congregation ON PAGE OF MARRIAGE RECORD Grant in Chata County State of Oklahoma deherely certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this Suense tole married on the 12 20 day of Cherc. A.D. 19 193 COURT CLERK in my non County State of Oklahoma in the presence al 14 DEPUTY and My Credentials are recorded in Ministers Credentials Book Page 373 OFFICIAL DESIGNATION Returned and recorded this 20 dayof Orco 19 31 \_Court Clerk. Deputy. 1000 K (2000 K

# Queries

Be advised, all queries are submitted as received. We do not correct spelling, dates, grammar, punctuation, etc.

My name is Tim Henley. I am working on a project where I'm doing research into the W.D. Lyons case. He was the man from Hugo who was convicted of killing three people during the late 1930s. But it turned out he was innocent, and the only reason he confessed was because law enforcement beat him up until he confessed. And he was eventually pardoned during the 1960s. Thurgood Marshall was his attorney. Since W.D. Lyons was from Hugo, I'm trying to find out if he has any relatives in the area. I would like to track them down and speak to them, if I can find out who they are and where they are, like cousins, nieces, nephews, etc.

Does this case sound familiar to you? If so, do you happen to know who I can contact to try to reach any of his family members, or do you have old newspaper clippings about W.D. Lyons or relatives? Sincerely, Tim Henley 405-503-8206

Rachel Humphrey 7908 Sawgrass Dr. McKinney, TX 75070 816-803-5773 recewen@jcp.com

Ella B. Harris (b. 3 Mar 1898) married John Melvin McDaniel in 1913 in Hugo, OK. They had a child, Hazel McDaniel, on 3 Dec 1913 in Ft. Towson. By 1915, Hazel was at St. Annes Convent of Mercy in Ft. Smith, AR. Her mother, Ella, lived at 215 N 1st St., Ft. Smith at the time. By 1916, Hazel was moved to Good Shephard's home in Hot Springs, AR. Ella was still in Ft. Smith. John Melvin McDaniel says he is a millhand from Louisiana, living in Ft. Towson on Hazel's birth certificate.

Carrie Harris/Dorothy Swartz (same person that changed her name?) b. 2 Apr 1877 is the mother of Ella B. Harris. She and Ella were in the 1900 census in St. Louis. They were then together in a picture in Sherman, TX in 1908. By 1913, Carrie/ Dorothy's daughter, Ella is married to John Melvin McDaniel in Hugo and having Hazel.

If you have any information about this family, please contact me.

Shalah H. - Catwomansha@yahoo.com

I am looking for family of Maggie J. Gray. I am her 2nd great grand daughter. If you have any information on her or her family please send me an email. I am trying to do family history, but am stuck with her. Thank you.

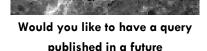
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Cynthia Goldston Gound - cgoundrn@yahoo.com

Looking for any information about my husband's grandfather and family. William J "Dave" Johns. He is thought to be buried in Sugar Creek Cemetery. We would like to know any information about him and his family.

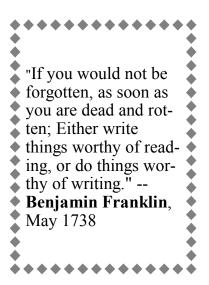




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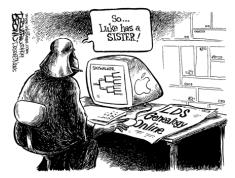
Queries are free for members and only \$3 each for nonmembers.

Click here for our <u>query form</u>.





# Queries



# You Know That You Are An Addicted Genealogist

## When...

You brake for libraries.

If you get locked in a library overnight and you never even notice.

When you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.

If you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.

When you think every home should have a microfilm reader.

If you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.

When you know every town clerk in your state by name.

If town clerks lock the doors when they see you coming.

When you are more interested in what happened in 1695 than 1995.

If you store your clothes under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.

When Savage, Torrey, and Pope are household names, but you can't remember what you call your dog.

When all your correspondence begins "Dear Cousin."

If you've traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it fully documented, and still don't want to quit.

--Author Unknown

Linda Joplin Bramlett - me2you57@yahoo.com

Seeking information regarding the names of the parents of Serilda Bass Joplin (my great grandmother) and Dollie Estelle Bass Howell Joplin (said to be sisters) both married to James Jefferson Joplin of Cove Arkansas: Serilda born 1852 Hogan, Arkansas married Joplin in 1877 in Logan County, Arkansas and died abt. 1901-1908 in Ft. Towson; Dollie born in 1882 married Joplin at Ft. Towson in 1908. All lived in Ft. Towson. Unable to trace the Serilda Bass line without her parents names. Appreciate any help.

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Nicole Asphy (Johnson) - nicole\_asphy@hotmail.com

I'm wondering if anyone has any information on the Johnson family. My father Phillip E. Johnson,(uncle) Clarence B. Johnson & Edward M. Johnson (uncle) were all born in Boswell, Ok to Emily Johnson who shown to be widowed in 1930 according to the Boswell census.

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#### Mark Whatley - mlwhatley@hotmail.com

I've recently been told that I (a/o my family) may be related to Todd Whatley, the rodeo cowboy, who was born in Rufe, Oklahoma in December 1920. He's buried in Mt. Olive (Olivet?) Cemetery in Hugo, Oklahoma.

I've never tried tracking something like this before, so any specific or general information providing some direction for me would be appreciated.

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Donald L. Robinson - sassafrastea@hotmail.com

My family ties extend to Choctaw County, Oklahoma. Some of my family still lives there but I'm trying to verify where my uncles family now lives. I'm the grandson of William Biggers Robinson who is buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Hugo, Oklahoma. I'm the only son of Herman Erskine Robinson. He told me about his brother Baxter Robinson and a Hydrid Robinson who died several years ago and buried at Choat Springs Cemetary told me that Baxter married Beulah Brazell a resident of Jeter in about 1922 at the Harvey House where she worked. My dad and Baxter worked in oil for awhile. Baxter moved to New Mexico and did in an accident supposedly having to sons my first cousin who I've never met. Baxter Wayne and Billy Rae. My goal is to trace them down if I can.

After the accident Aunt Beulah brought her family back to Oklahoma. This is all I know. Any help would be appreciated.

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Lizabeth Fry - Yeller50@Yahoo.com

I am researching my mom's family W.P.Hillhouse and John R. Chandler. Hillhouse dates back to 1873 in choctaw county . John R. Chandler had a dairy in Hugo around the same time. thank you for your help.



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## **Choctaw County Genealogical Society**

Publication List	
Cemetery Records	Price
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book A-B	\$25.00
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book C-D	\$25.00
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book E-G	\$25.00
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book H-J	\$25.00
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book K-L	\$25.00
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book M-N	\$25.00
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book O-R	\$25.00
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book S-T	\$25.00
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book U-Z	\$25.00
Funeral Home Records	
Snow/Coffey/Soper Funeral Home Records, 1913-1939	\$25.00
Obituary Books	
Choctaw County, Oklahoma Obituaries 2009A (Jan-Jun)	\$30.00
Choctaw County, Oklahoma Obituaries 2009B (Jul-Dec)	\$30.00
Choctaw County, Oklahoma Obituaries 2010A (Jan-Jun)	\$30.00
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Marriage Records	
Marriage Records, Volume I, 1907-1910	\$25.00
School Records	
Teacher Enrollment Books - District 27 - Bearden Springs	\$35.00
Court Records	
Order Full Blood Deeds, 1908	\$30.00
Order Full Blood Deeds, 1909	\$30.00
Order Full Blood Deeds, 1910	\$30.00
Order Full Blood Deeds, 1911	\$30.00
Choctaw-Chickasaw Court Index, 1902-1903 (Index Only)	\$20.00
Church Records	
Frazier Chapel Church Records, 1896-1951 - Pushmataha County	\$30.00
Local History	
Fort Towson, Indian Territory 'A Link to the West' by Marlynn Ann Fleck-O'Keefe	\$30.00
Miscellaneous	
The Soper Democrat of Choctaw County, OK, Birth, Marriage & Death Dates Index	\$25.00
1930 Hugo, OK City Directory	\$20.00



#### CHOCTAW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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#### 2014 Officers

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# We're on the web! www.okgenweb.org/~ccgs2



Available for use in our Research Library

- Our collection of books, family histories, publications, and newsletters from newsletter exchanges.
- A microfilm reader to access our collection of various microfilm including the Hugo Daily News.
- Our new photocopy machine

Available on our computer...

- Ancestry Library Edition
- Heritage Quest
- ♦ GenealogyBank.com
- NewspaperArchives.com

## **Society Information**

The Choctaw County Genealogy Association DBA The Choctaw County Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the collection and preservation of genealogical and historical information as well as genealogical and historical education of Choctaw County, Oklahoma.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Donald W. Reynolds Library 703 E. Jackson, Hugo, OK.

Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy. Annual dues are \$20 for all members which includes a quarterly newsletter. Member dues are due one year from membership date. Click here for a <u>Membership Application</u> or visit our website.

Queries published in the newsletter are free to members and will be printed when space is available. Non-member queries are \$3. Click here for a <u>Query Form</u> or visit our website.

Please be advised that we are not able to provide personal research services. We will however perform look-up and copy requests for the following...obituaries, marriages, divorces and probate. We are no longer accepting look-up copy requests through email. Click here for our <u>Research Re-</u> <u>quest Form</u> and fee schedule or visit our website.

We gladly accept donations both monetary and non-monetary. If you have genealogical or history related books or materials, photographs, documents, bibles, old phone books, newspapers, obituaries, memorial folders, postcards, etc., we will gladly add them to our research library for preservation. Click here for our <u>Donation Form</u> or visit our website.

The Choctaw County Genealogical Society maintains a Research Library in the Heritage Room of the Donald W. Reynolds Library. The Heritage Room is available during library house of Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am - 7pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am - 6pm, Saturday 9am - 2pm, Sunday closed. We do ask that you sign in at the library front desk as well as sign our guestbook located on the Society desk. No food or drink is allowed. Children under the age of 12 who enter the Heritage room must be under constant supervision of an adult. Children are not allowed to handle any genealogical materials or equipment in the Heritage room. Children are required to be respectful of other researchers by not being loud or otherwise disruptive. Any child being loud, using Heritage room research materials or equipment, or disruptive in any way will be asked to leave the Heritage room.