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Chahta Anumpa (Choctaw Language)

Choctaw Language Rules

Rule 3

Some words are accented. Although they are not accented in the traditional spelling, the accented vowels will be accented to show that it will have a higher pitch than the unaccented vowels. Clink the links below, and listen closely to the accented vowels as opposed to the unaccented vowels.

<u>Chahta</u> = Choctaw	<u>ishi</u> = to grasp
<u>hishi</u> = fur	shinuk = sand
shukcha = bag, pocket	<u>shakba</u> = arm
oka = water	<u>okti</u> = ice
<u>nuni</u> = fish	<u>báhta</u> = sack
<u>fóni</u> = bone	<u>shukha</u> = hog
<u>okchi</u> = juice	<u>ópa</u> = owl

Minor Rule

The letter e is written for long i. As in English e says its name. Click to listen to the pronunciation of these words. Listen to the sound of e.

tuchena/tuchchena = three	ahe = potato
<u>weki</u> = heavy	<u>tek</u> = female
<u>sheki</u> = buzzard	Me = May

Click on any of the Choctaw words in red above to hear an audio clip from ChoctawSchool.com

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From the President

Relatives Are Closer Than You Think

Genealogy is a hobby that takes over your life. If you have done genealogy of your grandparents and beyond it just seems that all of your family always live in another state or across the state from where you are. You are always looking away from where you live.

In the beginning we used to write letters with an attached Family Group Sheet, or every vacation travel to where there is an old farm place or cemetery. Now, you just turn on a computer and most everything we want is right there.

The year was 2006 when my husband Wayne and I moved from Idabel, OK, to Hugo, OK. We had children that lived in Paris, TX and Colbert, OK so Hugo was in the middle....sort of. I turned one small bedroom into a genealogy room with a half bed. I set up my desk, organizers, 3 ring binders, you know the stuff that I'm talking about, and started where I left off before the move.

One night about 2am I saw where a Grand Uncle was buried here in Hugo. I couldn't believe it. A relative this close to where I live. I was so excited so the next day I wanted to go to the cemetery to take a picture of the headstone. Thank goodness it was a small cemetery because I did not know where the grave was at and it was raining. I found his grave plus a couple of others. As a genealogist you know how excited I was in my findings.

I noticed that a genealogy society was not active in Hugo. I had met a man that was a member of that society at the library one day. We started talking and within a couple of months we held our first genealogy meeting and formed a society.

At one of the meetings, we were talking about indexing the cemeteries and I said that I had a Grand Uncle buried here locally. Someone spoke up and asked what the last name was

L to R: Blayne Willison, Alexis Willison, Donna Willison Head, Cindy Gateley Burkhalter, Amy Burkhalter

and after I told them Gately they wanted to know how I was related to the Gately name. I said that my Grand-mother was a Gately and she is buried in the Antlers City Cemetery along with the rest of my Paternal family and that the Gately buried at Shoal Springs is Felix B. Gately who is my Grand Uncle.

Low and behold, if this woman didn't stand up and say, "Felix B. Gately is my Grandfather". Can you believe this? Two people who did not know each other, in the same room, in the same town at the same time. Boy, we were two excited people. Later in comparing research, we found that Cindy Gateley Burkhalter's side of the family spelled the name Gateley and my side spelled it Gately.

Recently, we introduced her daughter Amy to my grandchildren Blayne and Alexis Willison. Come to find out the two girls were so much alike it was unreal.

Cindy and I have now joined the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and in the process of getting the two girls into the CAR (Children of the American Revolution).

It just shows that you never know who you are related to no matter where you live.

Donna Willison Head, President

Upcoming Events

July

4th - Independence Day

6th - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m.

August

3rd - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m. Class: Citing Sources

September

3rd - 7th - Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival, Tvshka Homma, OK

7th - Labor Day

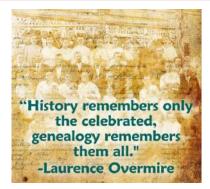
9-12th - CCGS Booth at Choctaw County Fair

12th - CCGS Booth at the Choctaw Electric meeting

14th - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m. Class: OneNote for Beginners

18th - Native American Workshop, sponsored by CCGS, 10-4

Click here to access our online event calendar for more detailed information about upcoming events.



CCGS Membership



We would like to wish a warm welcome to our New Society Members!

Evelyn June Kirk - Antlers, OK Sandra Gregg - Hugo, OK Charles Gregg - Hugo, OK Billie Heath - Garland, TX Carol Winters - Boswell, OK

Member Birthdays

We would like to wish a very

happy birthday to the following members...
April Makerney - Jul 23rd
Betty Rowland - Aug 3rd
Amy Burkhalter - Aug 5th
Stella Jefferson - Aug 19th
Janie Allensworth - Sep 8th
Danny Groat - Sep 10th
Jimmy Watson - Sep 11th
Rita Davis - Sep 18th
Charles Gregg - Sep 19th

Thank you to our current members for renewing your membership for 2015...

Sim Morgan - Piedmont, OK
Sunny Rae Muncrief - Madill, OK
Lila Swink - Swink, OK
Donna Head - Hugo, OK
Norm Pence - Hugo, OK
April Makerney - Hugo, OK
Cindy Burkhalter - Hugo, OK
Amy Burkhalter - Hugo, OK
Donna Callaway - Hugo, OK
John Brewer - Hugo, OK
Peggy Maeger - Ft. Towson, OK
Sue Wall - Messer, OK
Sherrie Cheek - Boswell, OK
Sydney Groat - Hugo, OK

Thank You For Your Support!

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

The Membership Director will be sending out email or postal mail reminders to each member at the beginning of their membership renewal month.



Research Library

The Choctaw County Genealogical Society maintains a Research Library in the Heritage Room of the Donald W. Reynolds Library at 703 E. Jackson Street, Hugo, Oklahoma. The Heritage Room is available during library hours. 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.

Library Hours					
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	9am - 7pm				
Wednesday & Friday	9am – 6pm				
Saturday	9am – 2pm				
Sunday	Closed				

April

Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Bill Wickland, Ringold, OK - Etchicson

Billie Priddy, Ft. Towson - Johnson

Amanda Boger, Sandpoint, ID - Ashford

Colleen Clark, Kewanee, IL - Clark

Sally Hildebran, Hugo

Deborah Osage, Hugo

Sam Kelley, Sherman, TX

Karen Blair - Hamilton, Blair

Veronica Leurd, Valliant

May

Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Gail & Jack Sturgess - Childers, Gardner

Susan & Chris Noble, Utah - Riddle

Sherri Cheek, Boswell - Maxwell

Gail Sturgess, Paris, TX - Childers, Gardner

Jack Sturgess, Paris, TX - Garrett, Aven

Ruth Meyer

Bill Wicklund, Ringold, OK - Etchison

Pat Baker, Hugo - Bohanon, Colbert

Sally Hildebran, Hugo - Sawyer

Sam Kelley, TX - Baggs

June

Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Sharon Smith - Stapleton

Bill Wicklund, Ringold, OK - Etchison, Dorathy

Darrell Collins - Mixon

Kim Norce

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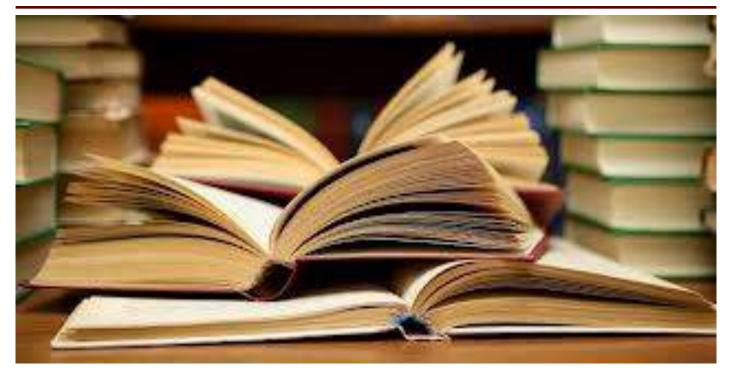
Billie Heath

Beverly King, Abilene, TX - Johnson

Alexis Willison, Paris, TX - Gately/Gateley

Visitors are only listed once each month even if they have visited numerous times. Visitors that did not sign the guestbook are not listed.

CCGS Bookshelf



New on the bookshelf (bookshelf items received in the mail, or purchased this quarter...

Mistletoe Leaves, Vol. 46, No. 4, Apr 2015; Vol. 46 # 6, June 2015

Muldrow Newsletter, Vol. 8, Issue 1, April 2015

Tom News, The Tom Baptist Church, Tom, OK, Jan-Feb 2015, May-Jun 2014

CGS Newsletter, Cushing, Payne Co, OK, Vol. 18, Issue 2, June, Sep, & Dec 2014

The Arkansas Archivist, March, 2015, April 2015, May 2015

Greene County Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter (Paragould, AR) Vol. 28, Issue 1, Spring 2015, Vol. 28, Issue 2, Feb 2015, Vol. 28, Issue 4, May-Jun 2015, Vol. 28, Issue 2, Summer 2015

Bishinik, Jan 2015, Feb 2015, Mar 2015, Apr 2015, May 2015, June 2015

Hopkins County Heritage Newsletter, Sulphur Springs, TX, Vol. 31 # 4, Dec 2014, Vol. 32 #1, Mar 2015 Stirrin' the Pot, Hot Springs, AR, Vol. 5, Issue 5, May 2015

Love County Historical Society Newsletter, Marietta, OK, Apr 2015

Bryan County, OK Genealogy Library & Archives Quarterly, May 2015

Bond County, Greenville, IL, Genealogical Society News, Vol. 29, Issue 1 Winter, Jan 2014, Vol. 29, Issue 2 Summer, Jul 2014, Vol. 30, Issue 1 Winter, Jan 2015

Charles DeMorse - Pioneer Statesman & Father of Texas Journalism

Kiowa County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 22 #1, Feb 2015, Vol. 22 #2, May 2015

Lamar County, TX Genealogy & History, Vol. 32, 2014

Cass County Connection, TX, Vol. 41 #1 Spring-Summer 2015

The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. XCIII #1 Spring 2015

New Microfilm

Ft. Towson Sentinel, 6 Jan 1939 - 26 Dec 1941

County News (Warner, Muskogee, OK), 4 Jan 2000 - 29 Oct 2000

Choctaw County News, 5 Jul 2000 - 7 Feb 2001

Medicine Park Journal (Medicine Park, Comanche, OK), 20 Apr 1998 - Feb 2000

Indian Orphan (Goodland, OK), 1 Oct 1925 - Dec 1927

Indian Arrow (Goodland, OK), 3 Jan 1928 - May 1941

Choctaw County, OK Weekly, 25 Jun 1944 - 6 Jun 1963; 2 Jul 1964 -29 Dec 1966; 5 Jan 1967 - 9 May 1968

Hugo Democrat, 3 Jan 1963 - 30 May 1963

New Newsletter Exchanges

Red River County, TX Genealogical Society

Bryan County, OK Heritage Association

Kiamichi Country Genealogical Society, Broken Bow, OK

Cass County, TX Genealogy

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Second Quarter Donations

- Choctaw County Genealogical Society Banner
- \$10 per month for a maintenance person Anonymous
- Hard Roller Case for SV600 scanner & computer -Sherri Cheek, Boswell.
- ◆ Ft. Towson, OK School Year Books, 1976-1978, 1980-1989, 1991 Jane Carpenter of Sapulpa
- Computer Mouse Danny & Sydney Groat of Hugo

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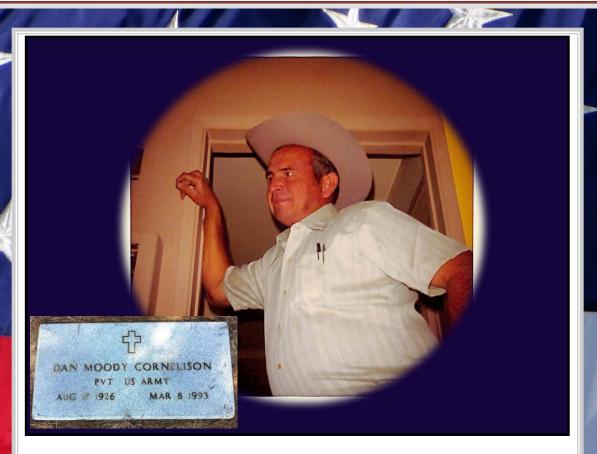
DONATIONS

Donations are always welcome and will be preserved in our research library.

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Veteran Spotlight



Dan Moody Cornelison submitted by granddaughter, April Makerney

The Hugo Daily News, Hugo, Choctaw, OK; Issue: 8 Mar 1993

Funeral Services for Dan Moody Cornelison will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Chapel. Mr. Cornelison died Monday in Paris, Texas. He was 66. He was a United States Army veteran and a retired worker from Campbell Soup Company.

He was born in Hugo Aug. 17, 1926, to Goodman Cicero and Susan (Oakes) Cornelison. He married Estelle (Haislip) Cornelison in Hugo Dec. 12, 1948. He lived in the Riverside and Los Angeles, Calif, areas for 25 years and returned to Hugo in 1973.

Mr. Cornelison is survived by his wife, Estelle (Haislip) Cornelison of Hugo; two sons: Danny Cornelison of Paris, Texas, and Joe Cornelison of Lumberton, Texas; one daughter, Linda Jones of Hugo; one brother, Everette Cornelison of Amarillo, Texas; four sisters: Faye Maxey of Amarillo, Texas, Bobby Johnson of Hugo, Leona Brantley and Marie Brantley, both of Crossett, Ark.; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Rev. Mutt Wallace will officiate the services.

Mr. Cornelison will be buried in Shoat Springs Cemetery under the direction of Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home .

Note: Corrections: Death date, 7 Mar 1993 (death certificate) & Marriage date, 4 Dec 1948 (marriage license) ~ per granddaughter, April Makerney

Linda Deloris (Cornelison) Jones



Linda Deloris Cornelison Age 5



Linda Deloris Cornelison Senior Picture (1969) Rubidoux High School Riverside, California



Linda (Cornelison) Lilla daughter Lisa, & Roy Rogers c. 1972 California

Linda Deloris Cornelison was born 4 Jul 1950 in Hugo to Dan Moody & Estelle (Haislip) Cornelison. Linda was the first of their three children and their only daughter.

The family moved to Amarillo, Texas in the early 1950's then moved to California where they stayed until moving back to Hugo in 1973.

Linda graduated from Rubidoux High School in Riverside, California in May 1969.

She was married three times and had four children. A daughter in 1969 with her first husband (Lilla), a daughter in 1974 and a son in 1975 with her second husband (Wharton), and a daughter in 1987 with her last husband (Jones).

Linda was the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild before she passed away on 1 Mar 2013 in Hugo.

She was laid to rest next to her parents in the Shoat Springs cemetery.



Linda (Cornelison) Jones & granddaughter, Alyssa Makerney Alyssa's first birthday - 23 Dec 1996

Submitted by daughter, April Makerney, CCGS Member You are missed! - RIP

Choctaw County Recollections



Goodland Band, 1939-1940

Can you identify anyone in this photo?

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Enoch Needham, First Postmaster

S. D. / S. P. King First Merchant

If you can identify the other men in this photo, please contact CCGS at choctawcountyokgensoc@live.com



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Featured Family of John Brewer, Second Great Grandson

Oliver / Pilgreen / Arnold Family

<u>Parents of Bryan Hoyet Oliver</u> William Oliver & Mary A. //

Bryan Hoyet Oliver

B. 14 Dec 1879 Hope, Hempstead, Arkansas

D. 30 Aug 1954

Buried: Denison Cemetery Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma

Marriage 1: Dolly Pilgreen Marriage 2: Agnes Arnold First wife:

Parents of Dolly Pilgreen

Lemuel Pilgreen & Fredonia Thomason

Dolly Pilgreen

B. 1883, , Arkansas

D. Abt. 1902

Buried:

Married: 28 May 1899 , Miller, Arkansas Second wife:

Parents of Agnes Arnold

James Arnold & Mary Caroline Brookshire

Agnes Arnold

B. 13 Mar 1884 , White, Arkansas

D. 8 Feb 1975 Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma

Buried: Denison Cemetery

Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma

Married Agnes: Abt. 1906

Child of Bryan & Dolly (Pilgreen) Oliver:

Kelly Hoyet Oliver

B. 15 May 1902 Magnolia, Columbia, Arkansas D. 29 Mar 1980 De Queen, Sevier, Arkansas Buried: Redmen Cemetery, De Queen, Sevier, Arkansas Married: Willye Bertha Long, 7 Jun 1922 Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana



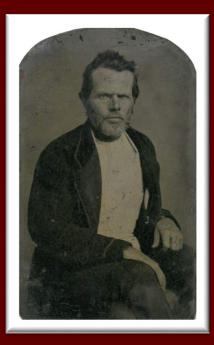
L to R: Arnold Sisters - Bill Arnold, Nora (Arnold) Johnson, Bryan Hoyet Oliver, Agnes Arnold , 1906 Ft. Towson. (Taken two months before Bryan & Agnes married).



This is a picture of my great-grandfather, Kelly Hoyet Oliver, Sr., taken circa 1918 outside the family home near Ft. Towson. You can see that he's in his football uniform, so Ft. Towson must've had a football team at one time!

Bryan Hoyet Oliver Timeline

- **1879 -** born 14 Dec 1879 in Hope, Hempstead, Arkansas to William M. & Mary Oliver.
- **1880** lived in De Roane, Hempstead, Arkansas with parents and siblings
- **1899** married Dolly Pilgreen on 28 May 1899 in Miller County, Arkansas; resident of Boggy, AR
- **1900** lived in Plain Dealing, Bossier, Louisiana with wife Dolly working as a fireman
- **1902** son Kelly Hoyet Oliver was born 15 May 1902 in Magnolia, Columbia, Arkansas; wife Dolly passed away
- **1906 -** living near Ft. Towson, Oklahoma; married Agnes Arnold
- **1916** owned the Palace Theatre in Ft. Towson, Oklahoma
- **1918** registered for the WWI Draft; lived in Ft. Towson, Choctaw, Oklahoma
- 1920 lived in Wilson, Choctaw, Oklahoma
- 1930 lived in Okolona, Chickasaw, Oklahoma
- 1935 lived in Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma
- 1940 lived in Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma
- **1942** registered for the WWII Draft; lived in Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma.
- 1954 died 30 Aug 1954 Buried in Denison Cemetery, Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma



William M. Oliver father of Bryan Hoyet Oliver taken near Doakesville, OK



Mary Oliver mother of Bryan Hoyet Oliver taken near Doakesville, OK circa 1848 (tin type)

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Featured Family - cont'd



The man pictured on far right is my great-great-grandfather, Bryan Hoyet Oliver, who owned the Palace Theatre in Ft. Towson, as well as a sawmill on the old Tram Trail....the picture is c. 1916 according to research of the shown "Patria" movie posters...Patria was a pro-war series produced by William Randolph Hearst to stir patriotism and get young men to enlist and draw America in World War I.

Family of John Brewer, CCGS Member

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John Brewer, second great-grandson of Bryan Hoyet Oliver.

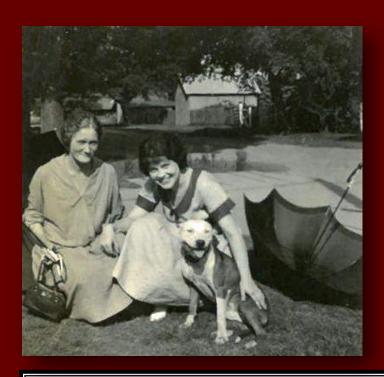
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Featured Family - cont'd





The photo on left shows my great-grandmother Agnes Arnold Oliver and my great-grandmother, Willye Long Oliver.

The picture on the right shows my great-grandfather, Kelly Hoyet Oliver, Sr.

Both photos are marked "Ft. Towson 1922."





The pictures on the left shows a young Kate Oliver (Bryan Hoyet Oliver's sister) and Henry Coffey before their marriage on 31 Oct 1896 in Lafayette County, Arkansas

The photo on the right shows Kate (Oliver) Coffey, Henry Coffey, and Willye (Long) Oliver (my great grandmother who was married to Kelly Hoyet Oliver, Sr.).

"Uncle Henry" was a U.S. Marshal for Indian Territory and this picture was taken in front of his home near Garvin.

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Featured Family - cont'd



Bryan Hoyet & Agnes (Arnold) Oliver Denison Cemetery, Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma



Miss Willie Long and Mr. K. H. Oliver surprised their friends by slipping off to Alexandria on Tuesday of last week and marrying at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. G. W. Bradley performing the ceremony. Mrs. Oliver is the beautiful daughter of Mr. J. Q. Long, of this place, and is known for her lovely disposition. Mr. Oliver is from Ft. Powson, Okla., and is at present employed by the Big Pine Lumber

Photos to the left and article above posted on findagrave.com
Unknown newspaper
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Kelly Hoyet & Willye (Long) Oliver Both buried: Redmen Cemetery De Queen, Sevier, Arkansas

FamilySearch

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If you give up that easily your are missing out!

How do you access unindexed records?

By using the FamilySearch catalog.

Using the catalog, you can search by place, surname, title, author, subject and keyword.

You can also select to search in all family history centers, a specific center, or only records that are available online.

I'm going to show you how to find <u>online</u> records for just Choctaw county.

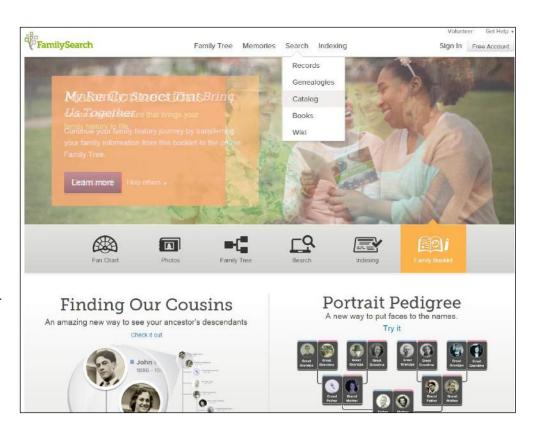
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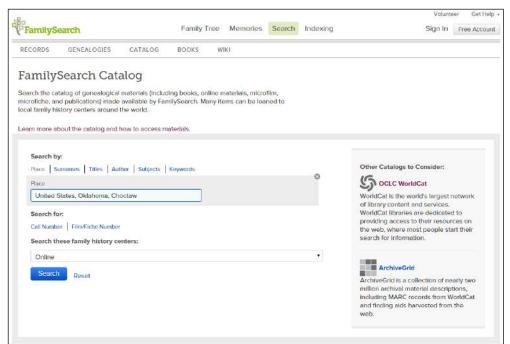
The top photo shows you what the FamilySearch home page looks like.

In the top menu bar, hover over "Search" then select "Catalog" (as shown).

Once the catalog page loads (bottom photo), select "Place" and type in the place you want to research from largest location to smallest. (ie: United States, Oklahoma, Choctaw)

Then select online in the drop down menu under "search these family history centers" and click search.





FamilySearch

This top photo shows you the results of the search. As you can see there are two different record sets available online for Choctaw county. (It looks like three, but the Probate records are listed twice under different categories).

I selected the bottom option "Probate Records (Choctaw County, Oklahoma), 1853-1952. (Middle photo)

Under "Notes" it says "Oklahoma Probate Records are available online, click here. Click here.

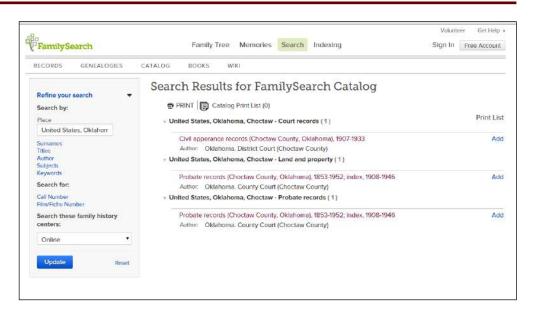
The bottom photo brings up the page to access the records. Click on "browse through 6,044,798 images".

I can hear it now, 6,044,798 images!

Yes, because these images are not yet indexed, you have to scroll through these images page by page to find what you are looking for.

I know it seems daunting and it can be very monotonous, but when you find a record for your ancestor whether you were looking for something specific or just looking to see if anything is there it is so worth the time and effort.

Sometimes, if your lucky the records are broken down a little further.







FamilySearch

After clicking, "browse images" these particular records are in fact categorized by county. I selected Choctaw.

Now you see the categories of Probate records available online for just Choctaw County, Oklahoma.

I selected the fifth category down, "Probate Packets, 1905-1908 no 131-213.

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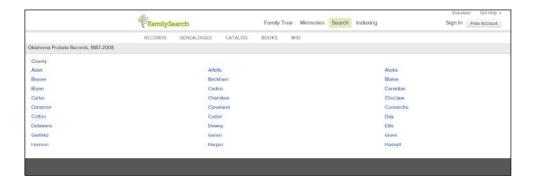
Much more manageable, and how exciting to be able to access these from the comfort of home, download to my computer to access anytime I like with no wait time or copy fees.

Thank you FamilySearch!!

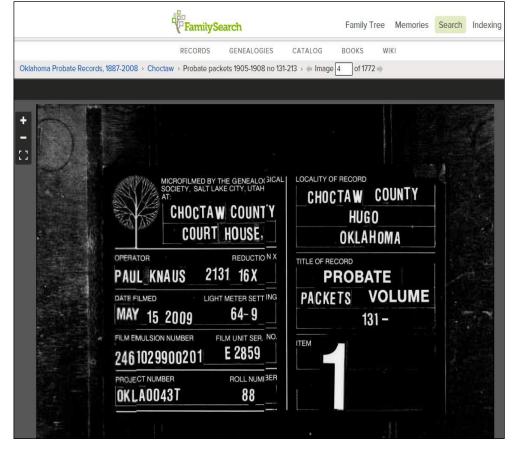
If you still need more help here is the link to the Introduction to the FamilySearch Catalog

On a side note...these are only a fraction of the Choctaw County court house records FamilySearch digitized in May 2009 with the help of CCGS volunteers.

It is nice to see that some of these records are now online, maybe someday they will also be indexed.







PIERCE CEMETERY

Located 6 miles north of Soper, Choctaw County, Oklahoma. 6 miles north of Soper (6 mile corner) turn left go 4 miles and turn left go about 2 miles, cemetery on left.

SUSAN COLBERT D.O.B. 1784 D.O.D. 1864

(Wife of Major James Colbert md. prior to 1799. She was a Choctaw Indian and her father was Benjamin James, Agent.)

MOLSEY COLBERT D.O.B. 1817 D.O.D. 1867

(Daughter of Major James Colbert & Susan (James) Colbert)

ROBERT PIERCE D.O.B. JUNE 15, 1834 D.O.D. MARCH 3, 1879

(Husband of Susan Jane Pierce, Father of Ed, Robert and Electra Pierce)

ELECTRA MYRTLE PIERCE D.O.B. NOVEMBER 9, 1872 D.O.D. OCTOBER 30, 1874

(Daughter of Robert and Susan Pierce)

JAMES EDWARD ALDER D.O.B. SEPTEMBER 5, 1920 D.O.D. JUNE 17, 1922

(Son of Hubert A. Alder & Alice (Pierce) Alder)

SUBMITTED BY: Sunny Rae (Pierce) Muncrief P.O. Box 561 Madill, Oklahoma 73446 Matilda Stewart D.O.B. June 10, 1820 D.O.D. Dec. 1880

(Daughter of Major James Colbert & Susan (James) Colbert, wife of Wiliiam Stewart)

SUSAN JANE (STEWART) PIERCE D.O.B. JANUARY 26, 1845 D.O.D. SEPTEMBER 11, 1911

(Daughter of Matilda (Colbert) Stewart and William Stewart, Wife of Robert Pierce)

ED PIERCE D.O.B. JULY 11, 1870 D.O.D. NOVEMBER 16, 1921

(Husband of Isabelle "Belle"(Thompson)
Pierce-Father of Hattie, Alice, Sina, Clay,
Ella Mary, Douglas Johnston, & Evelyn.)

ELLA MARY PIERCE D.O.B. MAY 23, 1902 D.O.D. SEPTEMBER 9, 1906

(Daughter of Ed and Belle Pierce)

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, (
: SS. IN THE COUNTY COURT.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ora Wallace, Deceased.

No. 2092.

ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL.

Veretta Holman, having on the 7th day of May, 1923, filed in this court an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Ora Wallace, deceased, with a petition that the same be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon issue to B.B. Holman, the person named in said will as executor.

And it appering to the court that said petitioner is interested in said estate, she being the sole legatee and devisee named in said will;

It is therefore ordered that the 24th day of May, 1923, at the hour of two o'clock P.M., at the county court room in the city of Hego, in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, be and the same hereby are appointed as the time and place for hearing of said petition and for proving said will, and any person interested may then and there appear and contest said will and file objections to the granting of letters testamentary to the said petitioner as prayed for.

It is further ordered that notice of said hearing be given by posting, at least ten days before the day set for said hearing as provided by law, and that notice of said hearing also be given by publication not less than ten days before the 24th day of May, 1923, in the Choctaw County Democrat, a newspaper printed and published at Hugo, in Choctaw County, State of Oklahoma, such publication to be made in two successive issues of said newspaper, and the first publication of which shall betnot less than ten days before the date of said hearing, and that written or printed copies of the notice of the time and place appointed for said hearing be given by mail to all persons interested in said estate, who are residents of this State, and to all the heirs, devisees and legatees of said testator, resident in this State, addressed to them at their places of residence, if known to the petitioner, and deposited in the post office at Hugo, Oklamoma, with postage thereon fully prepaid by the petitioner, at least ten days before the date set for said hearing.

WITNESSmy hand and the seal of said court at Hugo, in Choctaw County, State of Oklahoma, this 7th day of May, 1923.

(SEAL (

Choice D. Holden County Judge.

Endorsed: Filed May 7, 1923, H. C. Holt, Court Clerk, by E. F. Admire, Deputy.

Source for the following 7 documents:

"Oklahoma Probate Records, 1887-2008," images, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/: accessed 8 July 2015), Choctaw > Minutes 1923-1924 vol 8; county courthouses, Oklahoma.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CHOCTAW COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Pearlie May Johns, a Minor.

No. 2098

ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN.

Now, on this llth day of June, 1923, came Linda Brown and filed in this Court her petition showing that it is necessary that a guardian should be appointed for the person and estate of Pearlie May Johns, a minor, and praying that letters of guardianship issue to her, the said Linda Brown.

It is therefore ordered that said petition be and is hereby set for hearing on the 22nd day of June, 1923, at 10 o'clock A.M., and that notice thereof be given by postingtrue correct copies of the Notice of the Application for Appointment of Guardian in three of the mostpublic places in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, one of which notices to be posted at the front door of the Court House of said County, where hearing herein is to be had.

(SEAL)

Choice D. Holden, County Judge.

Endorsed: Filed in County Court June 11, 1923, H. C. Holt, Court Clerk.

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State of Oklahoma (

Choctaw

In the matter of the petition of Basil Leflore for the appointment of himself guardian of above named minors.

No. 1440.

Now on the 12 day of July 1923 on motion made by petitioner this cause is continued to July 19 at 2 o'clock P.M.

(SEAL)

Choice D. Holden, Co. Judge.

Endorsed: Filed July 19, 1923, H. C. Holt, Court Clerk, by E. F. Admire, Deputy.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, (
: SS. IN THE COUNTY COURT.

In the Matter of the Estate of Fannie I.Nelson, Deceased.

No. 2091.

ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL.

B.A.Nelson, having on the 7th day of May, 1923, filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Fannie L.Nelson, deceased, with a petition that the same be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon issue to him, the said B.A.Nelson, the person named in said will as executor.

And it appearing to the court that said petitioner is one of the next of kin and a legatee named in said will, and is interested in said estate;

It is therefore ordered that the 24th day of May, 1923, at the hour of two o'clock P.M. at the county court room in the City of Hugo, in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, be and the same hereby are appointed as the time and place for the hearing of said petition and for proving said will, and any person interested may then and there appear and contest said will and file objections to the granting of letters testamentary to the said petitioner, as prayed for.

It is further ordered that notice of said hearing be given by posting, at least ten days before theday set for said hearing, as provided by law, and that notice of said hearing be also given by publication in the Choctaw County Democrat, a newspaper printed and published at Hugo, in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, and that written or printed copies of the notice of time and place appointed for hearing said petition be given by mail to all persons interested in said estate, who are residents of this State, and to all the heirs, devisees, and legatees of said testator, resident in this State, addressed to them at their places of residence if known to the petitioner, and deposited in the post office at Hugo, Oklahoma, with postage thereon fully prepaid by the petitioner, at least ten days before the date set for said hearing.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at Hugo, in Choctaw County, State of Oklahoma, this 7th day of May, 1923.

(SEAL)

CHOICE D. HOLDEN COUNTY JUDGE.

Endorsed: Filed May 7, 1923, H.C. Holt, Court Clerk, by E.F. Admire, Deputy.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA (
: SS. IN THE COUNTY COURT.

In the Matter of the Estate of Hulda Gilbert, Deceased.

No. 2105.

ORDER APPOINTING ADMINISTRATOR.

Now, on this 20th day of July, 1923, there coming on for hearing the petition of C.E.Gilbert for the appointment of R.A.Downing as Administrator of the Estate of Hulda Gilbert, deceased, and said petitioner appearing in person and by attorneys, Jordan & Burke, and no person appearing to contest said petition.

Waivers of right to appointment as administrator and nominations of R.A.Downing from each of the heirs at law of the said Hulda Gilbert, being duly submitted, the Court finds that no Notice of Hearing Petition for Administrator is necessary.

And the Court, having heard the evidence, upon consideration thereof, being well and sufficiently advised in the premises, finds that the facts alleged in said petition are true; that the said Hulda Gilbert, deceased, died on or about the 6th day of July, 1923, at Dallas, Texas, being at the time of her death a resident of Choctaw County, Oklahoma, and leaving property and estate, both real and personal, located in Choctaw County, Oklahoma; that decedent left no will but died intestate; and it further appearing that the petitioner, C.E.Gilbert, is the surviving husband of the said Hulda Gilbert, deceased, and that said petitioner and all other heirs at law of the said Hulda Gilbert have waived their right to appointment as administrator and have nominated and requested the appointment of R.A.Downing as administrator of the estate of the said Hulda Gilbert, deceased. The court further finds that the probable value of the personal property and the probable winual income from the real property left by decedent is the sum of \$2400.00.

It is therefore by the court considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said R.A. Downing be and hereby is appointed Administrator of the estate of the said Hulda Gilbert, deceased, and that Letters of Administration issue to the said R.A. Downing, upon his taking and subscribing the oath required by law and executing a bond to the State of Oklahoma in the sum of Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars, (\$5,000.00), with sureties approved by the Judge of said Court as required by law.

CHOICE D. HOLDEN,
COUNTY JUDGE OF CHOCTAW COUNTY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA. (SEAL)

Endorsed: Filed July 20, 1923, H.C.Holt, Court Clerk, by E.F.Admire, Deputy.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA , (SS. IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR COUNTY OF CHOCTAW. (SAID COUNTY AND STATE.

In the Matter of the Judicial Determination of the Heirship of Sweny Jefferson, Deceased, Case No. 2045 Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 1258.

Susan A.Pitman, S.M.Holland, Griff Denton, Mrs. Griff Denton, Byce Stevens, Paul Stevens, T.Sanford, J.T.Sanford, J.T. Crittenden, Catherine E.M. Donald, George W. Cole, Trustee, Guy P. Cobb, J.R. Dexter, H. T. Crittenden, Lillian S. Cobb, H. E. Draughon, J. A. Trice and C. S. Mauphin, The Unknown Heirs, Administrators, Executors, Trustees, Assigns

Now, on this 7th day of March, 1923, Robert E.Lee, of the firm of Daney & Lee, Attorney for the petitioner in the above entitled cause, having filed an affidavit for continuance of the hearing of thetrial of said cause for the reasons set out in said affidavit, therefore it is ordered by the court that the hearing of said petition be and is hereby continued to the 19th day of April, 1923, at 10 o'clock AM.

(SEAT.) CHOICE D. HOLDEN, COUNTY JUDGE.

Endorsed: Filed Mar. 7, 1923, A.W.Trice, Court Clerk, by E.F.Admire, Deputy.

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State of Oklahoma (ss. IN THE COUNTY COURT. CHOCTAW COINTY

In the Matter of the Estate of John James, deceased.

No. 1937.

ORDER APPOINTING APPRAISER TO DETERMINE INHERITANCE TAX.

Now on this 16th day of March, 1923, the motion of Katie James as administratrix of the estate of John James, deceased, to proceed to determine the amount of inheritance tax, if any, due the State of Oklahoma, coming on to be heard, and the Court being of the opinion that said motion should be granted;

It is therefore ordered that J.O.McClary a competent and disinterested person, resident of Choctaw County, Oklahoma, be and he is hereby appointed appraiser to fix the fair market value of said estate at the time of the transfer thereof.

It is further ordered that he proceed to determine said value of all of the property of the said John James, deceased,

and give such notice as is required by law.

SEAL) . CHOICE D. HOLDEN, COUNTY JUDGE.

Endorsed: Filed March 16, 1923, A.W. Trice, Court Clerk, by E.F. Admire, Deputy.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA (
: SS. IN THE COUNTY COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF EVART BURNEY ARCHERD AND WILLIAM DALIE ARCHERD, MINORS. Jennie Allen, Guardian.

No. 2069.

PETITION TO SELL REAL ESTATE.

Comes now Jennie Allen, as the guardian of the estate of Evart Burney Archerd and William Dalie Archerd, minors, and shows to the court that the condition of the estate of the above named wards is as follows;

That said wards have no personal property or estate whatsoever, and no income from personal property or estate; that the only property of any kind, nature or description owned by the said wards is an undivided interest in eighty acres of real estate situated in Marshall County, in the State of Oklahoma; the the interest of each of said minors in said real estate is an undivided oneeighteenth interest of the approximate value of Two Hundred Dollars; that said real estate is described as follows, to-wit;

The North West quarter of the North East quarter of the South East quarter; and the North East quarter of the North West quarter of the South East quarter; and the East half of the South West quarter of the South East quarter; and the South East quarter; and the South East quarter of Section One, (1), in Township Five, (5), South, Range Six, (6), East, of the Indian Meridian, containing, in all, eighty acres, be the same more or less, according to the Government survey thereof, and situated in said Marshall County, State of Oklahoma.

That the interest of each of said wards in said real estate is a very small interest, to-wit: an undivided one-eighteenth of said real estate; that said real estate is rented out and farmed by tenants, and that the saidwards have derived no income therefrom.

That the interest of said wards in said real estate is not incumbered.

That the amount charged against the estate of each of the said wards, annually, for care, maintenance andeducation is approximately the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

That it is necessary and for the best interest of the said wards that the said undivided one-eighteenth interest of each of said wards in and to all of the said real estate herein above described, be sold, for the following reasons;

That said wards have been driving no income from said real estate; that the value of the said interest of each of said wards therein is small, that said real estate is located in another county and a long distance from the home of the said wards and of

their guardian, and that the necessary care and attention which should be given to the said real estate would be a matter of considerable expense to the estate of said wards, and that it will be for thebest interest of the estate of the said wards that their said interest in the saidreal estate be sold, and the proceeds thereof put out at interest or invested in some productive stock.

That the next of kin and the only person interested in the estate of the said wards is Jennie Allen, their mother, the petitioner herein, andthat her place of residence and post office address is Hugo, in Choctaw County, Oklahoma.

Wherefore petitioner prays that upon hearing had hereon, she be authorized to sell all the undivided interest of the said minors, Evart Burney Archerd and William Dalie Archerd, in and to the said real estate, to-wit:

The North West quarter of the North East quarter of the South East quarter; and the North East quarter of the North West quarter of the South East quarter; and the East half of the South West Quarter of the South East quarter; and the South East quarter of the South East quarter; and the South In Township Five, (5), South, Range Six, (6), East of the Indian Meridian, in said Marshall County, Oklahoma,

at public or private sale, as shall be deemed most beneficial and for the best interest of her said wards.

Jennie Allen Guardian of Evart Burney Archerd and William Dalie Archerd, minors.

State of Oklahoma :

Choctaw County. :

Jennie Allen, being first duly sworn, says that she is the guardian of the estate of Evart Burney Archerd and William Dalie Archerd; that she has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof and that the facts therein stated are true.

Jennie Allen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of March, 1923.

A.W.Trice, Court Clerk, in and for the County of Choctaw, in the State of Oklahoma.

(SEAL)

By E. F. Admire, Deputy.

Endorsed: Filed Mar. 23, 1923, A.W. Trice, Court Clerk, by E.F. Admire, Deputy.

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Publication List

Choctaw County Genealogical Society					
Publication List	Potes				
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Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book C-D	\$25.00				
Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book E-G	\$25.00				
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Cemetery Records, Volume I, Book U-Z	\$25.00				
Funeral Home Records					
Snow/Coffey/Soper Funeral Home Records, 1913-1939	\$25.00				
Obituary Books & Newspaper Extractions					
Choctaw County, Oklahoma Obituaries 1999A (Jan-Jun)	\$30.00				
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Second Quarter 2015

July - none due to heat

Aug - none due to heat

Sep - TBD

All cemetery gatherings are weather permitting. Cancellation notices will be emailed (to members), posted on our facebook page, and updated on our event calendar.

If we finish the designated cemeteries and there is enough time left in the day, we will go to Mt. Olivet cemetery.



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Society members provide these services through volunteer work. The Society maintains a research library to aid those researching their family genealogy. We also serve the community through projects such as our Cemetery Project and our Veteran Tribute Project.

Please visit our website for more Society information. Click here to download our membership application.

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