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Please attach your 5 generation ancestor chart for our membership register. You may also send us index cards with your Surnames for our card file. Dues are due Aug 1 of each year

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Memorial Scroll

Indian Home Guard

1862-1865

First, Second and Third Regiments

To the Patriotic Officers and Privates from the Indian Territory who remained Loyal to the Union and served in the United States Army during the Civil War.

Officers

Robert W. Furnas	Ho pi ye marlar	George W. Huston	George Scrapper	Talalah
Stephen M. Wattles	Francis J. Fox	Andrew J. Ritchie	Stand Whirlwind	John E. Blunt
George Dole	Willis Ya Hol loh	M. A. Campdoras	Joel Moody	Jack Downing
William A. Phillips	So nuk mik ko	D. V. Hitchcock	Andrew J. Waterhouse	William Webber
A. C. Ellithorpe	Pas co wa	John B. Jones	Luther Rice	Thomas Pegg
James A. Phillips	Yo lo hup ha jo	Lewis Bowers	Dirthrower Tiger	John S. Manway
J. Howard Gilpatrick	Solomon C. Hall	Samuel F. Movey	Silas Hunter	Bear Brown
John Bliss	Albert Flanders	James McDaniel	Jesse Henry	Muckleberry Downing
Salmon S. Bonty	No co so lo chee	John F. Cox	Spring Frog	Andrew W. Kobb
Marquis D. Salisbury	Tus Ti nuk ki	Theophilus McElain	D. A. Painter	Jumper Duck
Evan Jones	George W. Dabler	Wat Stop	Charles Wickliff	Eli Smith
Legus C. Perryman	Benjamin F. Mysek	Mc Coy	William A. Phillips	Henry S. Anderson
A. F. Bicking	Coto si ko keh	John Cochran	Lewis Downing	Eugene H. Fly
Pa hose mah lah	Ah ti ya gi ya hol la	Moses Price	John A. Foreman	Carselawi Proctor
Ah ho la tus ta nuk ke	Oche ye ho la	Charles Lenhart	William Gallaher	Simon Snell
Auk kee fra ke	Alfred Saxey	John M. Hunter	Alfred Sangalere	Marmon Scott
E. M. Wright	M. J. Burlingame	Wheeler Tiger	George Wolgamott	Josh Tanner
Ferd R. Jacobs	Hotal ke ah	Alick Hawk	Charles Kinney	Basil G. McCrea
Yus to nak ke chee	Tul si fic si co	Eli Tadpole	Jesse Bushyhead	White Catcher
Thompson Overton	Absolem Konel	James M. Bruce	Addison Baker	Charles A. Howard
Tuc a bach a ha jo	Fred Crafts	Timothy S. Conner	John Shannon	Charles Brown
Ya hol la dy	Atam meh	Eli Spears	Daniel E. Chandler	James Simpson
Edwin C. Manning	Jon neh	Arch Scrapper	Smith Christy	James Vann
Robert J. Thompson	Tat ne sha	J. C. Palmer	Maxwell Phillips	Benjamin W. Whitman
Ya ho lo chee	Eli C. Lowe	Joseph Chu wee	Samuel Houston Fenge	Tommi Walkingstick
William Roberts	Kaf fessah	William M. Kendall	Spencer S. Stephens	William McCullough
Ta ma tus ta nuk ka	John D. Young	Ahleecher	Feeling	Solomon Kaufman
Konos sot teh	John Ritchie	John Moffit	Alexander C. Spillman	Red Bird Sixkiller
Caswell B. Watts	David B. Corwin	Andrew Rabbit	Isaac Tyner	Jules C. Cayot
Charles M. Kix	Fred W. Schaurte	Budd Gritts	William Sunday	Daniel Grasshopper
Tats ca ha jo	Moses B. C. Wright	E. P. Gilpatrick	Nathaniel Fish	William G. Crafts
Carts che her mic co	George Dole	Samuel A. Downing	Luke F. Parsons	John Butler
	E. W. Robinson		Flute Foxskin	

This list was compiled through the courtesy of the National Archives, Washington, D.C. from the "Muster-Out" rolls of the First, Second and Third Regiments of the Indian Home Guards

Opothleyahola, gallant elderly leader of the Loyal Creeks, died in 1862 shortly after the First Indian Home Guard was organized from his followers

Indian Staff and Line Officers who Commanded the Troops from the Nations of the Indian Territory, Serving in the Indian Home Guard Regiments, United States Army.

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West Choctaw County Research Contacts

Museums

Hugo Frisco Depot Museum & Heritage Train
1-888-773-3768

Museum of the Red River
Hwy. 70 bypass
Idabel, Ok
580-286-3616

Ft. Towson Historical Society Museum
Hwy. 70 - East end of the City Hall bldg.
580-873-2628

Boswell Heritage Foundation
P O Box 600
Boswell, OK 74727

Sherri Cheek 580-345-2752
Rt 1 Box 455
Boswell, OK 74727

Phil Foreman
Rt 1 Box 80
Boswell, OK 74727

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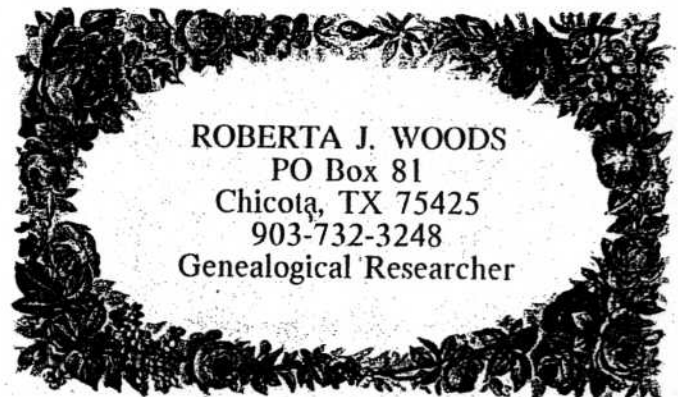
State of Oklahoma Vital Records - Birth & Death Certificate (\$10.00ea)
P O Box 53551
Oklahoma City, OK 73152
405-271-4040

State of Texas Vital Statistics - Birth & Death Certificates (\$9.00ea)
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756-3191
214-670-3092

Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS)
2100 N. Lincoln Blvd. (across from the Capitol bldg.)
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
1 405-521-2491

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74702- 1210
1-800-522-6170 (in Oklahoma)
1-580-924-8280

National Archives - Southwest Regional
P O Box 6216
Felix St. - just off I 30 south
Ft. Worth, TX 76115
\$6.00 per enrollee records.
All existing Dawes Commission records. Original records and microfilm.
All census records on microfilm.
Ship lists, land records, etc.



Where to Research

Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain, & Pushmataha Counties, Oklahoma Texas & Arkansas

Choctaw County Genealogical Society
Research Library - Goodland Presbyterian
Children's Home - Bacon Hall
580-326-7568

Cemetery & funeral home records in Computer
Microfiche readers
AGLL & National Archives rental
Family Genealogies & general research

Choctaw County Public Library
208 E. Jefferson St.
Hugo, OK
580-326-5591

Hugo Newspapers on Microfilm
Microfilm/Microfiche readers
Local History books, etc.

Idabel Public Library
2 SE Avenue D.
Idabel, OK
580-286-6404

Genealogical Society & DAR
Microfilm & Microfiche readers
Microfilm Copy machine
Local & General Books & microfilm

Brian County Heritage Association
Main St.
Calera, OK
580-434-5848

Indian, County & General material
Microfilm and microfiche readers
Mormon Microfiche

Pushmataha County Historical Society
117 W. Main St. (PO Box 285)
Old Frisco Depot
Antlers, OK 74523

Tuesdays Only 9 am - 12 noon.
Microfilm and County records.

Lamar County Genealogical Society
Paris Jr. College - Book Store bldg.
Clarksville St.
Paris, TX
903-784-9448

County Cemetery records on computer
General Research
Also Microfilm in main College Library
Microfilm copy machine
Archives in Library building
903-784-9415

Mormon Family History Center
Mormon Church
3060 Pine Mill Rd
Paris, TX
903-784-2445

Records on CD Rom
Call for Reservations
Mr. & Mrs. Richardson

Red River County Genealogical Society
On the square - Clarksville, TX

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives
Old Washington State Park - near Hope, AR
501-983-2633

Microfilm and Miller Co records.
open 7 days - 8 to 4.



QUERIES FROM A FEW OF OUR FRIENDS !!

CAMPBELL
LYNN
LADD
FREE
KITCHENS
CORN
BEALL

F.D. REDDING 22420 Ocean Ave. #26 Torrance, CA 90505-2432 is a member of our Society and he is interested in Martha A. (Mattie) CAMPBELL and John W. LYNN, who married between 1910 and 1920. Ora Lee (Orie) CAMPBELL and Ben LADD, who married 1909 to 1912. Ora Lee (Orie) LADD and Oscar F. FREE, who married 1912 to 1914. And Lois Virgil (Virgil) KITCHENS and Katie Sue CORN who married 1924 to 1934. Emery Sampson BEALL is a great uncle who had multiple marriages, at least five, and might he have married between the years 1903 to 1948. His first wife's name was Callie.

HARKINS
RAWLINS
MURRAY
GARLAND
CROWDER

Lila SWINK P.O. Box 55 Swink, OK 74761 is looking for James H. (Harris) HARKINS, born 5 May 1862. Jim gives his father as Richard HARKINS of Red River County, Texas and his mother name is Silbie HARKINS of Towson County, IT, his blood quantrum was 3/4. Jim HARKINS married Nannie RAWLINS, who died before August 1890, then he married Lavinia (Viney) MURRAY at Doaksville, IT. J. H. HARKINS was an orphan, his Mother is said to have been a GARLAND. He was raised by Dick CROWDER who lived below Garvin, IT, and around Soper, Kiamichi County, IT. I would like to share my genealogy with the HARKINS or GARLAND family researchers to find the parents of James H. HARKINS.

SHAWHART
BELLFLOWER
STELL

Darla SHAWHART 403 W. Duke Hugo, Oklahoma 74743 is searching for information on Oscar S. THOMAS who lived around Boswell, Oklahoma. Oscar died around 1959 and was married to Sarah Ellen Clara (Sallie) STELL and they had one daughter, Geneva Charlene, born around 1927 and adopted one daughter Pauline BELLFLOWER, who was thought to have been kin somehow. Oscar is thought to have been born around 1880 in Louisiana or Alabama and is buried at the Crowder Springs Cemetery, south of Boswell.

QUERIES FROM A FEW OF OUR FRIENDS !!

MALLORY
KNUTSON
KNOTSON
HOFFMAN
BESHEERS

Paul BICKFORD 119 E. Garfield Hazel Park, Michigan 48030 is looking for the MALLORY and KNUTSON families. William Robert MALLORY whose possible birth date is 26 March 1881. Died possible date 1943 or 1944 in Spencerville, Oklahoma. Leler KNUTSON or KNOTSON possible birth date 1 November 1890 and died 28 March 1960 in the hospital in Hugo. My wife remember stories when she was young that her grandmother, Leler was Indian and that she was adopted by the KNUTSON family when she was young and was a native of Ennis, Texas. Verta MALLORY was born 15 August 1909 and died October 1980 in Bagwell, Red River, Texas. Verta married Burt HOFFMAN and they owned a ranch in Bagwell, Texas. They had one son Leslie HOFFMAN born 19 July 1930 and he was murdered by his wife or girlfriend in Bagwell, Texas in August, 1988. Albert MALLORY was born 10 August 1911 and died 29 August 1920, it was said he choked to death on some kind of nut. Also, William MALLORY was born 15 August 1917 at Spencerville, Oklahoma and died 27 June 1966. He is believed to be buried in Hugo. Rosa Mae Mallory was born 4 September 1920 at Spencerville, Oklahoma and died 12 April 1979 at Detroit, Michigan. Henry MALLORY was born 19 October 1923 at Spencerville, Oklahoma and died 18 November 1960 in a house fire at Spencerville. Delbert MALLORY was born 18 November 1925 at Spencerville, Oklahoma and died 18 November 1960 in the same house fire as Henry at Spencerville. Need any information on any of these people. It is also believed that the HOFFMAN family is kin to the BESHEERS.

SHAWHART
EDGE
KNIGHT

Janie KNIGHT Box 114 Sawyer, Oklahoma 74756 74743 is seeking any information on the Orie EDGE. Orie married Dorsey Lee SHAWHART 5 August 1900. They had one son Clemmie SHAWHART and one daughter, Wanda SHAWHART. Orie might be buried in Crowder Springs Cemetery. Family history says that Orie's father first name was Doug. Who were Orie's parents and where was she born?

QUERIES FROM A FEW OF OUR FRIENDS !!

LINNEAR Mary DaSILVA 11322 Hill Rd Marysville, CA 95901 is seeking any on Iona F. Linnear who may Choctaw, born October, 1890 at Mill Creek, IT.

RITCHEY Bertha RITCHEY HALL 3313 Sara Drive Rowlett, Texas is searching for any information on her grandfather, William (Bill) Melton RITCHEY, especially his death. The last thing found was that his sister Rhoda PEDEN thought her was in Hugo in a home or rooming house and that he was raising a granddaughter, and that he was loosing his mind. Then there was talk of a fire and she never heard from him again. William was born in 1860 in Arkansas and she has no date on the Hugo information.

BOHANAN Juanita MATTHEWS 1350 Columbia Road Westlake Ohio 44145-2413 is seeking information including death dates H. Bohanan born 8 January 1902 and died April 1979. Also, Jesse Bohanan born 15 January 1906 and died April 1968. Juanita says that her mother is a member of our society.

ARNOLD Beverly O. SPRAGGINS P.O. Box 639 Bloomington, Texas 77951 is searching for the place and date of my great great grandfather's death. She believes he died in Oklahoma, maybe Choctaw County and possibly sometime around 1922. The last place I know he was in Choctaw County. His name was William B(ailey) ARNOLD, and he was born in 1853 in Mississippi. I also have information that some other members of the ARNOLD family lived in Hugo and would love to find and contact any family members of the ARNOLD family if any are still around Hugo area. I am willing to share anything I have, and I do have a few pictures left I know are of ARNOLD family members.

If you are unable to determine the legal description of the land, the Southwest Genealogical Society at Lawton (Oklahoma) has surname index to the Oklahoma tract books. Society members will provide the receipt number, certificate of purchase number and land description from the entry for a nominal fee.

After obtaining the required information, you should request the individual's case file and/or patent from the federal government.

To request the case file, send known information to: Archives 1 Textual Reference Branch (NWDT1), National Archives and Record Administration, 7th & Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20408. You will be advised when the records have been located and how much money to send to obtain copies.

Information contained in case files may include cash entry, land office record of purchase and location, homestead application, testimony regarding citizenship, testimony of witnesses, the applicant's birth date and his time spent on the land.

The patent, a document similar to a land deed, conveys legal title of public land to the patentee. To obtain a copy of an individual's patent, send a copy of information to: Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Sante Fe, NM 87502-0115. You will be advised about the fee, which is \$1.10 per page postage.

The Bureau of Land Management maintains the original land records on its Web page at www.blm.gov. The site provides image access to more than 2 million federal land title records issued between 1820 and 1908 for the Eastern Public Land States. Records are available for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

To use the Web site, select the word "browse" on the main page. This word links to an alphabetical subject index. Click on "land patent records", which links to the official land patent records site of the Bureau of Land Management - Eastern States, General Land Office.

A search requires entry of a ZIP code for demographic purposes. Next, click on the words "search land patents" to select the state where an ancestor received his patent. This page links to a blank form requesting the individual's name and other known information. Then click the bar, "Genealogical Search Results", to obtain a surname alphabetical list that includes the record signature date, document number and record number.

If you use the information in either of these articles, let me hear from you, please. That's all the news for this time!! Happy Hunting!!

The first permanent Choctaw settlements in the Indian Territory were in northeast, along the Poteau River, along the Arkansas in present Haskell County and finally along the Red River in present McCurtain and Choctaw Counties.

Blacks were brought into this area as slaves of the Choctaw Indians. They did much of the heavy work on the trail. Slaves loaded freight wagons and cared for livestock. Black workers opened roads for the overland march. They arrived early in Oklahoma and they rank among the first pioneer settlers of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Gooding were the first residents in Grant. They settled and reared there children whose names were: Fanny, Jesse, Neva, Theodore, Basil, Stiopia, W.B.(Jiggs), and Odis here.

The post office of Grant, IT was built in 1889, and Mr. Basil Gooding was the first Postmaster. He was followed on November 12, 1896 by James Kirkpatrick, then in James H. Miller became Postmaster on January 24, 1899. Ida B. Bleini was appointed as Grant's first woman Postmaster on October 24, 1901. Edgar M. Durland was appointed as Postmaster on January 2, 1904 and was serving as Postmaster as Indian Territory became as became part of the State of Oklahoma.

Grant, Choctaw Mation, Indian Territory was surveyed and approved by the Department of Interior on June 4, 1901. The Town of Grant was named after, and to honor, Ulysses S. Grant.

For the 100th Anniversary of Grant on January 31, 1989, Mrs. Etta Manes of Grant prepared a Synopsis of Grant. Below are the facts as she gave them, then:

The first church was built in 1902, which was a Methodist Church. The Baptist was built in 1905. The members of these churches were white people. The black folks had a Baptist and Methodist Church. The black and whites had separate churches and schools. The black people later had a beautiful Presbyterian Church with stained glass windows, which was later a Senior Citizen Center.

Grant had an Indian School which was the first school house built in Grant. It was built of plank structure, only a one-room building. The white children had to pay to attend classes. Until 1964 the black and whites had separate churches and schools. Later Grant had a large red brick school house built. The grades were taught from the first grade through the tenth grade.

There was a large hall where on Monday mornings all the children attended assembly. The superintendent would say a prayer and the whole group sang songs. There was a Grand Piano and the impressive song "Red Wing" was sung each time.

THE MAKINGS OF GRANT (CHOCTAW COUNTY), OKLAHOMA

The Postal Records at the National Archives in Washington D.C., show that the post office at Grant (Indian Territory) Choctaw County, Oklahoma was established on January 31, 1889.

But, the signs of the first people who lived in 'Oklahoma' and what is now known as Grant, is the Paleo People, according to archaeologists. The unwritten signs of Prehistoric Age are weapons, tools, pottery and stone carvings found in various parts of Oklahoma.

In 1541 explorers arrived in Oklahoma from Spain. Although there is no record of any Spanish being in the Grant area, Oklahoma was part of the land claimed for Spain by Coronado.

The first Frenchman to set foot in Oklahoma was Juchereau de St. Denis, in 1714. In 1719 Oklahoma was claimed by France. At this time Wichitas and Caddoes Indians were living around this area. In 1762 a treaty was signed by French and Spanish leaders returning Oklahoma to Spain. At this time Oklahoma was part of what was called Louisiana.

In 1800 yet another treaty between the French and Spanish requiring the return of Louisiana, including Oklahoma, to France. Because of the lack of interest by France in the colony of Louisiana, there was little control from the French government, at that time.

In 1803 ownership of Oklahoma, as part of Louisiana Purchase, changed for the last time. The young United States owned the territory, not by a treaty but by purchasing it.

Soon after the purchase of Oklahoma, as a territory, by the United States, the Quapaws were reported to be living in villages in southeastern Oklahoma. They were claiming land north of the Arkansas River and all the region on the side, including southern Arkansas, southern Oklahoma and northern Louisiana. There were then two treaties with the Quapaws to move them to Louisiana.

The treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek provided for the cession of all Choctaws lands in Mississippi to the United States. In turn, all the country in southern Oklahoma from east to west, assigned by the terms of the treaty of Doak's Stand was granted "in fee simple to the Choctaw Nation". The treaty of 1830 secured to the "Choctaw Nation of Red People" the jurisdiction and government of all the persons and property that may be within their limits west, so that no Territory or State shall ever have a right to pass laws for the government of the Choctaw Nation of Red People and their descendants; and that no part of the land granted them shall ever be in any Territory or State.

Hello from Choctaw County Genealogical Society! I am sorry you haven't heard from us via a newsletter for months. Many things have happened in this area in the last months (which I won't bore you with), but I will try to make up to you by sending a newsletter a month for the next several months.

I have several interesting pieces of information to share with you and I hope you can use all of the information I send. I received a couple of articles from Sharon Burns, who writes a genealogical article for the Daily Oklahoman. The first one: Heirs of Union soldiers from West Virginia may be eligible to claim medals struck to honor their ancestors. More than 4,000 of the original 26,00 medals, authorized by West Virginia Legislature Joint Resolution No. 11 in 1866, remain unclaimed.

A. Demarest of New York produced the medals in 1867 at a cost not to exceed \$1 per medal. Each medal is bronze-covered copper with the name and regiment of the Civil War veteran inscribed in the milled edge. They remain stored in the original cardboard boxes with the soldier's name and unit of service written on the outside in longhand.

Claimants must prove their line of descent from the veteran on family group charts with documentation. To establish the line of descent, claimants must include copies of available primary sources: birth, death, marriage, will, deed, military, census, and Bible records.

Any person whose ancestor served in a West Virginia Union regiment may visit the online Medal List at <http://www.wvlc.wvnet.edu/history/medalhow.html>. Claimants must send the veteran's name, rank, unit of service, date of enlistment and age, if known, with a self addressed, stamped envelope to Archives and History, 300 Cultural Center, 1900 nawha Blvd. E, Charleston WV 25305-0300.

And the second one by Sharon Burns is: Genealogists seeking information about an ancestor who claimed land in Oklahoma Territory should attempt to locate the individual on the 1890 Oklahoma Territorial Census and 1900 U.S. Census Population Schedule. This information will provide an approximate location of the ancestor's residence.

The legal description of the land is necessary to obtain a copy of the ancestor's land entry from the Oklahoma tract books.

This information can be obtained from the county clerk's office of the county where the ancestor lived. Oklahoma tract books are available at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Oklahoma Historical Society Library, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or the Lawton (Oklahoma) Public Library.

We finally got a logo for drum beats, we like it better than the old
..... We have put in for a grant to buy reader/printer and just plain reader so
keep your fingers crossed for us. We are getting a lot of mail from the Web site, but
much of it gives us credit for more than we are able to do. The long awaited Marriage
Volumes are going to take a little longer. Somehow we lost the names on the disc and
have to start again. I have the feeling that I missed recording someone's dues recently, if
you get a note on your newsletter let us know if its you. Also someone was waiting for
Crowder Springs and Crowder Cemetery records, we have then now. Ft. Towson
Cemetery has been published it a big Vol. #4, \$20.00 plus postage. Marlynn's book all
about Doaksville is going like hot cakes, get your copy soon. Lakeside Printing \$22.50
plus \$3.00 postage. New Choctaw Enrollees Book is still available fro m Wesley
Samuels, but the price has gone up, its *well* worth it though, we have one in our library.
"The Gilded Age, Swink, Choctaw County, Oklahoma" is still available \$15.00 plus
\$3.00 postage, all about Swink and the District Choctaw Chief's House, make check
payable to SHPA. Any questions, send SASE.

Happy Trails
Lila

GIVE GENEALOGY ITEMS
FOR CHRISTMAS FROM CHOCTAW
COUNTY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS