

## CCGS Continues Cemetery Projects

HUGO – As the heat of summer turns into the cool weather of fall, the Choctaw County Genealogical Society (CCGS) is slowly getting back into action.

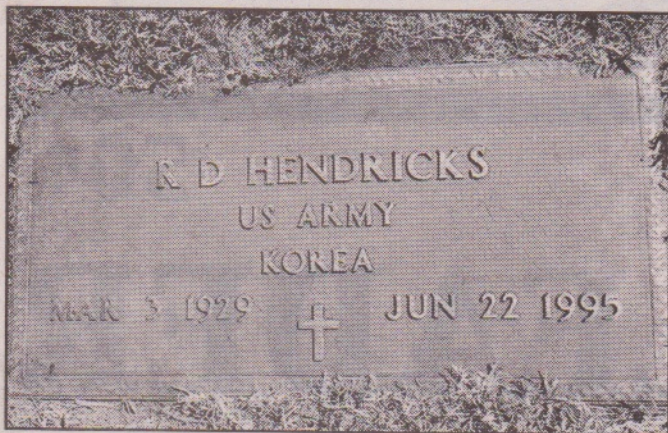
Each summer the CCGS stops its outdoor projects and concentrates on indoor projects. Members have spent the summer providing research

help and reorganizing the society's research library located in the Heritage room at the Hugo Public Library. The group has had several inquiries this summer and has enjoyed finding information for these requests. Anyone who has not been to the Heritage room at the Hugo Library should make plans to visit.

The genealogy material has been sorted and organized so it is easier to use. The shelves are getting full. Located in one corner is the Joe Wilkins Collection, which was recently donated to the Hugo Library and CCGS. Currently, the collection consists of about 20 notebooks filled with material Mr. Wilkins collected during his life. As time allows, this material is being digitized. As the weather cools off, CCGS members are anxious to return to their outdoor projects: enumerating cemeteries and identifying Choctaw County Veterans. Each cemetery enumeration helps in identifying additional Veterans for the Veteran Tribute. Each month CCGS members have a cemetery workday where they go to a chosen cemetery and photograph the headstones. These photos are added to the website [findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com) and donated to the Choctaw County OKGenWeb site, OKCHOCTA, where they can be viewed by anyone anywhere in the world. These are very helpful resources for people searching for relatives who are not able to travel to Choctaw County. CCGS is dedicated to helping put all Choctaw County burials on these free websites. On Oct. 9 around 10 a.m., members will meet at Restland Cemetery in Boswell. Those attending will need to provide their own cameras.

The group's next program and business meeting will be Oct. 3 in the Hugo Public Library meeting room. The program will be on military records research. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. A business meeting will follow and all are welcome to attend.

"Come see how the nuts and bolts of the society work," stated a spokesman for CCGS.



The Choctaw County Genealogical Society (CCGS) is currently enumerating cemeteries and identifying Choctaw County veterans who are buried at each location. At each cemetery CCGS identifies additional veterans for its Veteran Tribute. Each month, members go to a chosen cemetery and photograph the headstones. The photos are uploaded to the Internet so they can be viewed anywhere in the world. This resource aids people in finding where their relatives are buried.