

## Genealogical society to continue identifying Choctaw County veterans

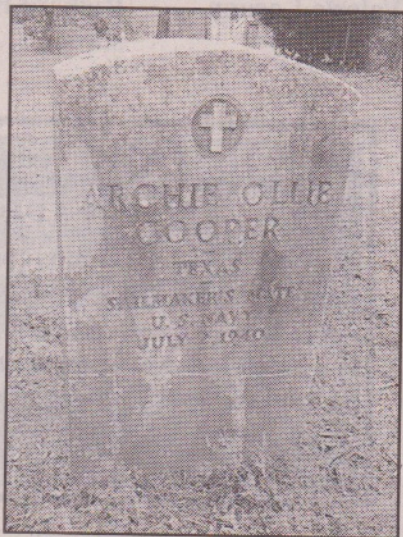
As the heat of summer turns into the cool weather of fall, the Choctaw County Genealogical Society (CCGS) is slowly beginning to move around again. Each summer we stop our outside projects and concentrate on indoor projects. We have spent the summer providing research help and reorganizing our research library located in the Heritage room at the Choctaw County Library. We have had several inquiries this summer and have enjoyed finding information for these requests.

If you have not been to the Heritage room at the Choctaw County Library you need 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. It was recently donated to the Library and CCGS. Currently, it consists of about 20 notebooks filled with material Mr. Wilkins collected during his life. As time allows, this material is being digitized and uploaded to the web. We will let you know when a launch date for the Joe Wilkins collection has been determined.

As the weather cools off, we are anxious to return to our outdoor projects: enumerating cemeteries

and identifying Choctaw County veterans. Each cemetery enumeration aids us in identifying additional veterans for our Veteran Tribute.

Each month we have a cemetery workday where we go to a chosen cemetery and photograph the headstones. These photos are added to the website 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. We are dedicated to helping put all Choctaw County burials on these free websites. On Oct. 9 around 10 a.m., we will meet at Restland Cemetery in Boswell. If you would like to help, come join us. You will need to provide your own camera.

Our next program and business meeting will be Oct. 3, in the Choctaw County Library meeting room. This month our program will be on military record research. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour. A business meeting will follow and all are welcome to attend. Come see how the nuts and bolts of the society work.