

Genealogical society expands website

The members of Choctaw County Genealogical Society have been working for months on updating and expanding the website known to the world as Okchocta. The website is the place for free Choctaw County genealogy.

Okchocta was started in 2001 by Ron Henson. He collected photos, documents, death certificates, birth certificates, newspaper articles, maps, obituaries and numerous other items that tell the story of Choctaw County, its families and communities.

Okchocta also contains information on schools, cemeteries, burials, churches, communities, pioneers, veterans and so much more. It has been visited by people from the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Israel and other places.

April Makerney is the new webmaster

behind the revamped Okchocta. She has spent months giving the old website a new, modern look. Currently there is information on 125 county cemeteries with more than 21,000 burials recorded, many of which will have headstone photos available online. There are more than 10,000 images and documents including maps of the county and of the Choctaw Nation. Coming soon is a brand new searchable obituary database to house the collection of more than 6,000 obituaries.

The site is made possible because of the contributions of many people. The Choctaw County Genealogical Society is working in partnership with Makerney and Okchocta. They have plans for expansion of the site that goes through 2020! So if you are looking for information on a family member, try searching Okchocta. The web address for the site is

<http://okgenweb.net/~okchocta/index.html>.

Anyone who has family information they want to see become part of the Okchocta collection should contact Okchocta at the email address okchocta@outlook.com.