

Choctaw County Genealogical Society to meet Jan. 9

Choctaw County Genealogical Society (CCGS) will hold its monthly program and meeting on Jan. 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choctaw County Library. This month's program is titled "Are you descended from a German Mercenary? Hessians who stayed in

America after the American Revolution." We are excited to have Danny Groat, a local historian and genealogist present this program for us. As the program implies, come listen to how the Hessians contribute to our early history and genealogy. Could you be a descendent of

the Hessians?

After the program there will be a society meeting.

Following is a quick update on what local genealogy CCGS has been working on since November:

We continue to answer email search requests and work with people in the Heritage Room at the Choctaw County Library. If you need some help, let us know.

The enumeration of the Sawyer Cemetery is complete, with Find-a-Grave updated and the pictures moved into the CCGS inventory.

The Doaksville/Ft. Towson Cemetery has been enumerated. The pictures are being added to Find-a-Grave and prepared for the CCGS inventory. There were between 3,000 to 4,000 headstone pictures taken. It will take a couple of months before this work is completed. But in the meantime, we will move on to the next cemetery — Swink. The CCGS website has the date and times of our cemetery work. If we have schedule changes, such as rain outs, it is posted on the CCGS Facebook immediately then the CCGS website will be updated.

As you know, in October, the revamped Okchocta site went live. The Okchocta website will contain Choctaw County information that we uncover in our searches. It is hard to separate history from

genealogy so you will find both on this site.

In December, Okchocta website was updated with the following new information: Goodland Cemetery Listing, Mt. Olive Cemetery Headstone Photos, Milton Alberta Portrait, Goodland Cemetery Veterans added to Veteran Tribute and Territorial Incorporation Records, 1890-1907.

The latest rollouts to the Okchocta website include information on the Dean School located northwest of Boswell, Directories and Phone Books and the launching of the Obituary Data Base. The website was also updated to allow easy access for phone and mobile devices.

Don't forget, each month there will be updates to the Okchocta website. So check back and see what new information has been added.

Here are the various ways you can keep up with what we are doing through out the month:

- On Facebook search OK-CHOCTA and/or Choctaw County Genealogical Society (Hugo, OK).

- Websites at CCGS at <http://okgenweb.net/~ccgs2/> and/or OKCHOCTA at <http://okgenweb.net/~okchocta/>.

Enjoy hunting for your family.