



*Choctaw County Genealogy Society*  
703 East Jackson Street  
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*Jan-Mar 2005*

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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 the First of  
January each year.

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## 2005 OFFICERS:

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**MEETINGS: ARE CURRENTLY HELD MONTHLY ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, AT 1:00 PM IN THE HERITAGE ROOM AT THE CHOCTAW COUNTY LIBRARY.**

**MEMBERSHIP: DUES ARE \$15.00 YEARLY.**



### Secretary's Report

Hi all,

It's been a great few months here at CCGS.

We have really come up with some new and exciting ideas to promote and improve our organization this year.

First of all, we have elected new officers.

President – Jim Blankenship

Vice President – JoLynn Self

Secretary/Treasurer – April Makerney

Public Relations/ Editor – Doris Dykes

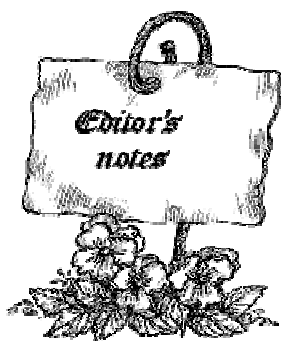
New committees have been created to update our current publications and create new ones, as well as to generate activities and fundraisers to promote our organization and increase our membership rolls.

We are adding to our microfilm collection with several rolls of the Antlers American newspaper and have had several really nice books donated.

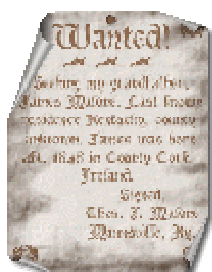
Remember our monthly meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 1:00pm in the Heritage room at our wonderful new library.

Hope to see you there!

April Makerney, Secretary, CCGS



**Hello Choctaw County Genealogy Society Members! I would like to thank all of you who have helped me compile this newsletter. I hope you will find something useful in these pages to assist with your research. I would appreciate any information or comments to aid in the coming newsletters, with special focus on what you would like to see in the newsletters. The newsletter has been a quarterly newsletter with special additions as needed in the past. We are currently meeting monthly and hope to become more active. We would appreciate the participation of all members and hope to see you at the next meeting! Bring a friend!**  
**Doris Dykes, Editor, CCGS**



## **Queries**

**ARE FREE TO MEMBERS, AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER AS SPACE ALLOWS. HERE ARE A FEW HINTS TO WRITING A QUERY, REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER.**

How to write a Successful Query

by Maura Petzolt

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlwat/instruct.htm>

The 3 basic things a good query should cover are:

- (1) Tell us what you know -- that includes what you have searched, where you got your information from, dates, locations. This way people won't tell you to search a certain census or other resource if you have already done so.
- (2) Tell us what you don't know -- I don't know his parents names, I don't know when he came to the US, I don't know if he was naturalized.

(3) Tell us what you WANT to know -- otherwise it's a stab in the dark. Probably the worst thing you can say is "looking for information on ...." WHAT information? Be specific, do you want to know how to get naturalization papers for them, how to find them on a ship list, how to find their parents?

Here are some other hints ...

\*\* Use your subject line wisely. Put surnames and locations in subject lines. Especially on large lists, and in digest form, many people only scan the subject line. Putting something like "Help" in a subject line probably won't get you much of it.

\*\* Put surnames in all caps in subject lines and the first time you write them in the body of a query.

\*\* DON'T WRITE IN ALL CAPS. Besides being bad netiquette, its hard to read.

\*\* Seperate information into paragraphs. Don't send one big blob of information and expect people to sift through it. The neater it is the more likely someone will read it.

\*\* Sending too much information is as bad as sending too little. Don't send your entire gedcom file in an email. Don't write the entire history of your family in an email. Just pick one aspect and deal with one thing at a time.

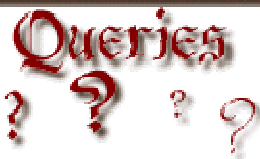
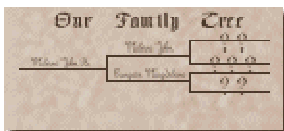
\*\* Don't get "cutesy" with adding smiley faces and exclamation marks. Think of writing a query as a letter to someone you don't know.

A Note about Surnames in your signature line -

Many lists won't allow surnames below your signature line on postings. That is for technical reasons. But surname lines can be a blessing and a curse. The good part is you may get a lot of interest in your surnames, which is also the bad part. When I had my surnames on my signature line I got more emails on McCarthy's and Ryan's that were not even geographically near mine than I could handle. If you do put surnames on your signature line, pick your main ones (I have seen some signature lines go on for twenty lines, way too much), and clarify where they are located, especially if it is a common surname.

For additional information - 6 Steps to Writing a Successful Genealogy Query <http://www.firstct.com/fv/query.html>

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlwat/instruct.htm>



## Query # 1

**I would like to share and exchange information on William H. SMITH. He was born March 31, 1867. He married Susan Margaret EDDLEMON. She was born Feb. 22, 1870 in Logan County Arkansas. Susan Eddlemon SMITH'S father was Felix James**

**Grundy EDDLEMON, born about 1824. Mother was Lucy A. Chitwood Coleman EDDLEMON.**

**Glenda Hazelett**

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**Query # 2**

**I would like to share and exchange information on Josephine HARTHORNE and Kate HAWTHORNE. Could she be Nancy C. WOOD? She would be a Gr-Gr-Aunt to me. I have a copy of a 1910 census in Hot Springs County Arkansas; Henderson Township- listed is Joseph D. HAWTHORNE age 23 born Arkansas, his father born Alabama and his mother born Mississippi. Nancy C. HAWTHORNE wife age 25. Married 6 years 4 children 2 living Ura A. and Archie.**

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**Query # 3**

**I am looking for any information about my great-grandfather James Leonard CLARK, B. 1843 GA – D. 1932 Hugo, Choctaw Co. OK. He was living at 606 N. G. at the time of his death. I have heard that he had an office above the old Peoples Store. He married Arena Rebecca FOWLER. I have a few documents with his signature, one photo of him, and some probate papers from the courthouse. He is buried at Springs Chapel Cemetery, Hugo, Choctaw Co. OK.**

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**Query # 4**

**I am also looking for information on my great-grandfather John Jackson BROWN B. 1845 Ireland- D. 1910 Hugo, Choctaw Co. OK He came to the US at the age of 19 without his family. He married Eliza Jane DYE in 1875 and they came to Choctaw Co. Ok to live, he is buried in Springs Chapel CM. I do not know any**

**of his ancestor's names or where they lived. He hid on a ship to come to the US.**

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**Query # 5**

**I am looking for information on Judith (BELVIN) OAKES. I know that she is Choctaw Indian, but I don't know who her parents are. I believe that she went to the Goodwater Mission School in 1860, and that she has a sister named Sarah that went to the school as well. I also know that she and Charles had more children than this. Charles had many more children with his second wife, Margaret, but I am looking for information on those children by Judie OAKES. I have been told (don't know if it's true) that former Choctaw Chief Harry J. W. BELVIN was her nephew. Any information would be appreciated.**

1 Judith E. Belvin 15 Oct 1846 - 30 Aug 1887  
.. +Charles Dosenburg Oakes 15 Apr 1841 - 14 Jan 1925  
..... 2 John E. Oakes 2 Mar 1872 - 6 Jul 1922  
..... +Annie Rennels 1872 - Jan 1931  
..... 2 Sue M. Oakes Feb 1878 -  
..... + Benjamin L. Denison 1874 -  
..... 2 Christopher C. Oakes 1884 - 1947  
..... 2 Annie M. Oakes Nov 1886 -

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**Query # 6**

**Sarah Josephine "Josie" GARDNER married Franklin ERVIN, James "Jimmie" HICKMAN, J. J. TERRY and possible Crocket WRIGHT. She was born abt. 1880- died 1919 in Antlers OK. I am looking for her burial place. Sarah was the daughter of Agnes BOHANAN and James "Jimmie" GARDNER. She had 5 known children. Any information would be appreciated.**

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## **Query # 7**

**I am looking for information on two cemeteries, BENCH and ELLIS. I've seen Ellis mentioned in an obit and some wrote me that Bench was mentioned in some to their family papers. BENCH was located NE of Boswell. Lot of Bench's had property in that area and there was a BENCH school there at one time. Have no idea about ELLIS, only mention of it in an obit., and it's possible they weren't even referring to a cemetery in this county.**

**Ron Henson**

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Family Story Writing Contest  
sponsored by the  
Oklahoma Genealogical Society

**Many family reunions and visits to areas where ancestors lived where made by families this summer. We hope you have considered writing a family story to preserve these memories that can vanish like dust in the wind.**

**Creating a story can be rewarding yet demanding and time consuming. Helpful hints offered here, especially for the first time writer, can also be of help to the experienced writer.**

- 1. Begin the writing project with an introduction to place your family in historical context. What is the time period? What else was happening in the world? How did the family come to be at the location where you first introduce them?**
- 2. Present details of the event in the body of the story. You may want to enhance the story by adding anecdotes found in personal diaries or letters or related to you by a relative.**
- 3. Write a conclusion.**

**A helpful resource is Rita Binkley Worthy's book, "Write Your Family History." Watch for more details about the contest. We look forward to receiving and reading your entry in the 2005 Family History Writing Contest!**

**For additional information about Family Story Writing Contest please contact:**  
**[Sharon Burns](#)**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~okgs/familystory.htm>

Volume 2 of the "Pioneers of Kingfisher County" is being produced as a centennial project for Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher, OK. If you have Kingfisher County ancestors that were not included in the first volume, please consider submitting them for Volume 2.

Chisholm Trail Museum (405) 375-5176.  
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The Choctaw County Arts Council proudly presents the 5th annual Art Show April 30th at the Hugo Depot and Frisco Museum. Open to all residents deadline for entry is April 4th. Call Wanda at 326-8835.

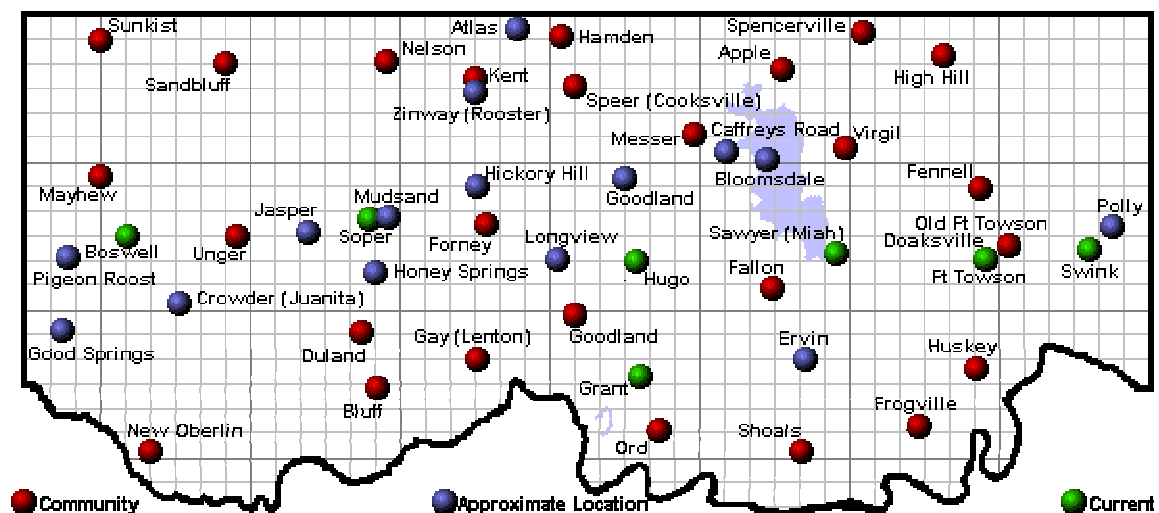
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Contest Pow Wow  
April 2, 2005

McCurtain County Sports Complex  
Broken Bow, Ok.

For more information contact Sarah Davis at 580-584-2876 or Sandra Frazier at 580-584-2767

**Map and location of pre-statehood towns of Choctaw County – map by Ron Henson –Choctaw County Website**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~okchocta/towns.htm>





## List of City's per Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce

### *Towns in Choctaw County, present day(\*) & historical*

**Apple.** 5 miles W of Spencerville; post office from July 11, 1919 to January 31, 1924.

**Atlas.** 11 miles NW of Hugo, post office from December 12, 1902 to April 30, 1909.

**Bluff.** 6 miles S of Soper, post office from April 23, 1901 to February 28, 1934. Took its name from a nearby bluff adjoining the south side of Muddy Boggy River immediately north of its mouth.

**Boswell.\*** Formerly Mayhew; 20 miles W of Hugo; post office name changed to Boswell, 9/30/1902; named for S. C. Boswell, local merchant.

**Cooksville.** 9 miles NW of Hugo. On January 28, 1910, a post office named Speer was established at this site, and thereafter, the name Cooksville fell into disuse. Named for Albert Cook, a Choctaw, townsite owner.

**Crowder.** 8 miles SE Boswell; post office from 1/18/1898 to 1/15/1904; named for Richard C. Crowder, local rancher

**Doaksville.** Early-day settlement, adjoining Ft. Towson. Ft. Towson post office operated under the name of Doaksville from 11/11/1847 to 6/12/1903. Named for Judge Josiah Doaks, early-day resident.

**Duland.** 9 miles SE Boswell; post office from 11/20/1919 to 12/30/1922.

**Ervin.** 7 miles SE Hugo; post office from 3/8/1904 to 7/31/1922. Named for Edwin E. Ervin, first postmaster.

**Fennell.** 3 miles N of Ft. Towson; post office from 9/15/1911 to 4/15/1916; named for Thomas Fennell, Ft. Towson postmaster

**Forney.** 5 miles W of Hugo; post office from 9/11/1903 to 3/31/1904; named for Forney, Tx. as both communities produced much prairie hay.

**Fort Towson.\*** Established as a military post in 1824 & permanent site selected in 1831. Military post was 2 miles NE of present Ft. Towson. Abandoned by U.S. Army in 1854; was used as the Confederate military headquarters for Indian Territory in 1864-65 & was site where Brigadier General Stand Watie, last regularly commissioned Confederate general officer to surrender, laid his arms June 23, 1865. Post office established 9/7/1832. Name changed to Doaksville, 11/11/1847; post office was moved to present site & name changed to Fort Towson 6/12/1903.

**Frogville.** 9 miles SW of Ft. Towson; post office from 10/29/1897 to 8/15/1933. Took name from great number of frogs so large they reputedly ate "young ducks".

**Gay.** Formerly Lenton. 6 miles SW of Hugo. Name changed to Gay, 4/28/1908; post office discontinued 12/31/1932.

**Goodland.** 4 miles north of Hugo; post office from 8/21/1871 to 2/28/1902.

**Goodland.** 3 miles S of Hugo; post office from 4/5/1915 to 7/31/1944, located at Goodland Indian Orphanage. The institution was founded in 1848 & has been in continuous service since that date.

**Grant.\*** In southern Choctaw County, Post office established 1/31/1889. Named for President Ulysses S. Grant. Post office now closed.

**Hamden.** In northern Choctaw Co., 7 miles SE of Antlers; post office from 3/31/1894 to 5/15/1924.

**Hugo.\*** County seat of Choctaw County. Post office established 11/01/1901. Named by Mrs. W. H. Darrough, wife of townsite developer, for Victor Hugo, French novelist.

**Juanita.** 8 miles SE of Boswell. Post office established 3/21/1902 & name changed to Crowder, 6/04/1904. Named for Juanita Harlan Crowder, wife of Dr. W. E. Crowder, early-day physician.

**Kent.** 7 miles NW of Hugo; post office from 2/9/1905 to 11/15/1915.

**Mayhew.** 2 miles N of present-day Boswell; post office established 2/05/1845; name changed to Boswell & moved to new site 9/30/02. Name comes from Mayhew Presbyterian Mission in Mississippi.

**Messer.\*** 6 miles NE of Hugo; post office from 1/4/1907 to 2/29/1916. Named for Columbus G. Messer, first postmaster.

**Miah.** Present day Sawyer; post office established ;6/27/1902 & name changed to Sawyer, 4/1/1903. Named for Miah Cravens, son of William E. Cravens, first postmaster.

**Mudsand.** Adjoining Soper; post office from 6/9/1923 to 4/30/1935.

**Nelson.** 6 miles N of Soper. Spencer Academy was moved here from Spencerville. A post office from 3/10/1881 to 11/30/54; until 9/15/1881, official name of post office was Nelsons. Named for Cole Nelson, prominent Choctaw.

**Ord.** 6 miles S of Hugo; a rural community named for Ord, Nebraska.

**Rooster.** 7 miles NE of Soper; post office established 5/19/1920; name changed to Zinville

1/18/1921.

**Sandbluff.** 9 miles NE of Boswell. Post office from 6/23/1919 to 12/15/1934. Took name from a sandy bluff along east bank of Muddy Boggy River.

**Sawyer\*.** Formerly Miah. 8 miles E of Hugo. Post office name changed to Sawyer, 4/1/1903. Named for Charles H. Sawyer, attorney for the Dawes Commission.

**Shoals.** 8 miles SE of Grant; post office from 7/2/1904 to 8/31/1916. Took name from shoals along the Red River.

**Soper.\*** 11 miles W of Hugo; post office established 4/2/1903; named for P.L. Soper, U.S. attorney

**Speer.** 9 miles NW of Hugo; post office from 1/20/1910 to 4/30/1959. First known locally as Cooksville.

**Spencerville.** 12 miles NE of Hugo; located at first site of Spencer Academy; post office established 5/17/1902 & took name from Spencer Academy.

**Swink.\*** 4 miles E of Ft. Towson; post office established 7/14/1902; named for D.R. Swink, local merchant. One mile NE of Swink stands Oklahoma's oldest house known as the Chief's House.

**Sunkist.** 8 miles N of Boswell; post office from 2/14/1925 to 9/30/1953. Name is coined word made popular by the California orange industry.

**Unger.** 5 miles E of Boswell; post office from 12/8/1910 to 10/18/1922; named for Mike Unger, deputy U.S. marshall.

**Virgil.** 7 miles N of Sawyer; post office from 7/10/1914 to 9/14/1940.

## A LITTLE GENEALOGY HUMOR

Found! Ancient Rules for Ancestors!

And they were SO good at following them!

(1) Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.

(2) Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.

(3) Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.

(4) Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey.---making them difficult to trace.

(5) Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.

(6) Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks or Robinson, Robertson, Robison, Roberson, Robuson, Robson, Dobson.

(7) Thou shalt, after no more then 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a court house fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.

(8) Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, and vague innuendo regarding your place of origin:

(A) you may have come from : England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.... or Iran.

(B) you may have American Indian ancestry of the \_\_\_\_\_ tribe.....

(C) You may have descended from one of three brothers that came over from \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records, or headstones with legible names.

(10) Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or deaths.

(11) Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Alfred.

(12) Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.

(13) Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males and dozens of their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.

Author unknown.

**HAPPY RESEARCHING!**



**Our new home is located in the Heritage Room of the new Library.**

**Note: Photo by Ron Henson.**