

# TGS E-NEWSLETTER

Tulsa Genealogical Society News, Twig-bits

Mar 2012



March 19th, 2012, Genealogy Class

6 P.M. - **“Fun With Scottish, Irish and German Names”**

Instructor, Janet Cottrell, Education Chair



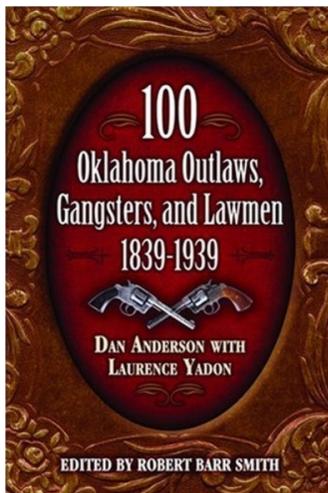
General Meeting

7 P.M. - **“OKLAHOMA OUTLAWS”**

Speaker, Laurence Yadon,

Tulsa Attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator and co-author of  
**100 Oklahoma Outlaws, Gangsters, and Lawmen**

**1839—1939**



“Take[s] readers back to the untamed West when the pistol, the rifle, and the rope provided justice and only the hand-me-down stories divided the lawman from the lawless.”

—Foreword

**New Page on Website! “Mystery Treasures”**

Check it out: [www.tulsagenealogy.org/photo.html](http://www.tulsagenealogy.org/photo.html)

**Elected Officers:**

President: Ron Hardy  
1st VP: Betty Trinkla  
2nd VP: Beverly Weldon  
Sec: Virginia Piper  
Treasurer: Paul Smith

**Chair Persons & Special Assignments:**

Gen. Classes: Janet Cottrell  
Com: Dorothy Becknell  
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Facilities: Bill Graham  
FGS Del: Jeaneen Darnell  
Finance: Jeaneen Darnell  
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Historical: Gloria Fortney  
Honors: Janice Meredith  
Librarian: Janice Meredith  
Membership: Linda Brown  
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Research:  
Jenise Brantley  
Special Programs:  
Terri Walker  
Asst. Special Programs:  
Mary Craig  
Ways & Means:  
Jenise Brantley

We're on the Web!  
Check us out at  
[www.tulsagenealogy.org](http://www.tulsagenealogy.org)

## History is Waiting Join the 1940 U.S. Census Project



Be part of the Historic 1940 U.S. Census Project. It is almost that magic day - April 2, 2012 - when the 1940 Census will be released! Family Search is seeking volunteers to index this census, beginning as soon as it is released. Societies and individuals can provide expert help to index census returns for the areas in which they live, creating a more accurate and long-lasting record. History is waiting. Join the project today.

### Benefits of Participation

- Help provide free, online access to the records of the greatest generation
- Create a very important record set for researchers of ancestors from your area
- Generate excitement and boost participation in your society.

For more information on the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project, visit [www.the1940census.org](http://www.the1940census.org)

“Genealogy is not fatal - but it is a grave disease.”



“If you can’t get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance”

— George Bernard Shaw



April 16, 2012

Genealogy Class, 6pm

“Military Research,  
Court House Records”

Leader: Janet Cottrell

General Meeting, 7pm

“Orphan Trains”

Speaker:

Ron Hardy,  
TGS President

**Carolyn Steele** (Renown author and TGS member) continues her blog, Preserving Legends, concerning all things even remotely touching on genealogy, whether stories, research, or just interesting tidbits of life.

You are invited to visit at:

<http://preservinglegends.blogspot.com/>

If you have moved, changed your contact phone number or your email address, please inform **Linda Brown**, Membership Chair, ([llbrown2000@cox.net](mailto:llbrown2000@cox.net)) You will receive email reminders (or phone calls) of our meetings and other events in your mailbox...that is if we have your correct address. ☺



*Come early to enjoy the fellowship and our hospitality  
Door prize will be awarded at meetings!*



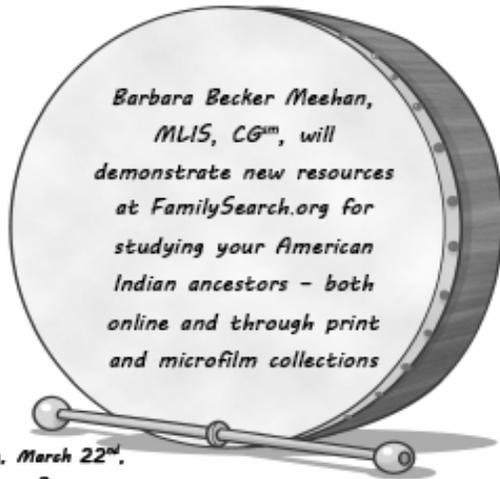
In The "Old Southwest"



**The Tulsa Genealogical Society**

*presents a Mini-Workshop:*

**American Indian Genealogy Research  
Using the FamilySearch Website**



*Barbara Becker Meshan,  
MLIS, CG<sup>sm</sup>, will  
demonstrate new resources  
at FamilySearch.org for  
studying your American  
Indian ancestors - both  
online and through print  
and microfilm collections*

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**7pm - 9pm**

*Doors open at 6:30pm*

**Tulsa Genealogical Society Library**

**9136 East 31st Street,**

**Tulsa, Oklahoma**

(on 1st block east of 1st Ave (Opp. Shopping Center))

*Pre-Registration is requested.*

*The suggested donation is \$10-20.*

## FGS 2012 Conference Registration Now Open

Genealogists from around the country will gather in Birmingham, Alabama, August 29—September 1, 2012.

**Learn:** Nearly 160 educational presentations by leading genealogical experts await you at the conference—all designed for the beginning to expert genealogist! We're sure you'll agree that the presentations being offered cover a wide array of topics and interests.

**Connect:** Networking with other genealogists increases your ability to solve your genealogical problems—everyone knows something and getting them all in the same room generates synergy and enthusiasm to share that knowledge.

**Succeed:** The genealogical resources and knowledge in this area of the country will astound you—discover all that the archives, libraries and experts have to offer—you may even want to spend some extra time before or after the conference to visit the record repositories!

Looking for more information? Visit [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) or email [2012conference@fgs.org](mailto:2012conference@fgs.org) to sign-up for e-updates. We also have the Conference brochure at our library for you to glance through. It contains accommodation information, session listings and many other helpful articles. You are also able to register online and reserve your tickets to special events at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)

For more information see **Jeaneen Darnell**, TGS

Our condolences to **Jae Jaeger, ATGS** whose mother died February 7th, in Binghamton, NY, following a lengthy period of declining health.

Several members have been feeling under the weather these past few weeks.

**Dale Brown** - doing much better now

**John Piper** - recovering from major surgery

There are others who have been ill. Let's keep in touch and let them know we care.

*Prayers and loving thoughts to all these families.*

## 1940 Census—Countdown to 2012

Website: <http://www.1940census.archives.gov>.



The 1940 Census will be available for public inspection beginning Monday, April 2, 2012. The U.S. Census Bureau and National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) have been coordinating closely for many months to prepare for and ensure access to the 1940 census schedules as quickly as possible. NARA has already announced the completion of a digitization project and their plans to place all images online for free browsing via the Internet. Although there will not be an index immediately available to search by name, a little preparation can increase your chances of finding your ancestors in the 1940 census without much trouble.

### Ways to Prepare for Your Research:

1. Make a list of all the people you want to look for. Think broadly — ancestors, their siblings, cousins, etc. — anybody to whom you are related.
2. Collect addresses for these people. Check city directories, the 1930 Census, World War II Draft Records, Naturalization Petitions or Declarations of Intent filed close to 1940.
3. Identify the enumeration district (ED) in which each address was located. Search the 1940 Census Maps for ED numbers.

Search the 1940 Census Enumeration District Descriptions

1. Go to the Online Public Access search (OPA): at <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/>
2. Enter 1940 Census enumeration district descriptions + the county + the state. You can narrow the search by including a town name in the search. In the search results, click on the title of the description to see the full description.

Use the Search Utilities at <http://stevemorse.org/census/>.

These utilities are useful tools to search for 1940 EDs from addresses or locations as well as to convert a 1930 Census ED to a 1940 Census ED.



The census taker introduced himself to a woman working in her yard and asked if he could interview her. She agreed, and he started with a few demographic questions, and then moved on to her family.

“So, how many children do you and your husband have?”

“Four. Eenie, Meenie, Minie and George.”

“What?” the census taker replied, amused. “Why’d you name your fourth child George?”

“Because we didn’t want any Moe.”



*First Day  
of Spring  
March 20*

## Tulsa Genealogical Society

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918 - 627 - 4224  
Library Location  
9136 Briar Village Shopping Center  
(31st & Mingo, behind the stores)



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**Meetings:**  
September - May  
3rd Monday  
Genealogy Class 6 pm  
General Meeting: 7 pm  
Open to public at no charge

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Newsletter Editor: [Dorothy Becknell](#)

## Membership

Can you believe we are almost through another year with TGS? We have two more general meetings and then the summer break. So it's not too early to think about paying our dues for 2012-2013! With the 1940 Census being released in under 31 days, you don't want to miss out on important genealogy updates..

Individual: \$25

Family: \$35



March  
17th

## "Promoting Family History Research...Worth Looking for - Worth Finding!"



**Jim Hartsell**, Speaker

photo courtesy of Dale Brown

## FEBRUARY MEETING

### "Jacob Brown - Wataugua Settler"

Jacob Brown came to the Nolichucky River leading a group of colonists from South Carolina in 1771. He was a blacksmith, gunsmith and trader, and he soon established friendly relations with the Cherokee by providing them with trade goods and fixing their firearms in exchange for their pelts. Brown signed the Nolichucky Settlement purchase with the Indians under a huge oak tree in 1775. They deeded to him the Nolichucky Valley from the mountains to Greeneville for 10 shillings and a wagon of trade goods. The pact also included forgiveness of debts incurred under an earlier lease of the land.

Jim, a direct descendant of Jacob Brown, entertained us with stories from his childhood of growing up in the Brown Homestead built by Jacob Brown's grandson in the 1840s. His stories gave us some idea of how it must have been during those days of settling the land, fishing the creeks and river and living the life of a frontiersman.

**May 21st - David Breed—SW Tulsa Historical Society**