



Kris Roberts, President of TCHS Introduces Herself

I moved to Tonganoxie in 1999 with my husband and two children. John and I, now empty nesters, live north of town about a mile and half east of Jarbalo. I like reading - biographies have always been a favorite and Doris Kearns Goodwin is one of my all time favorite authors. I am enjoying retirement, learning new skills (like spinning), traveling to see old friends and relatives, and having the time to pursue whatever interests me, including cooking, walking, herbs, being with friends, history, and just being available to try out new things.

I am excited about working with the historical society. As I meet members and look at the exhibits, I truly am in awe of all that has been accomplished since the society started in 1981. I hope that we continue to preserve and build on the efforts of those who started this great work and that we can ensure that the society and the museum are sustained for future generations. 2016 will mark the 35th anniversary of TCHS and I would like to see that anniversary really celebrated.

Ed. note--Kris has been educated in the art of jewelry making. Later she became an engineer.

We welcome her smiling face.

IT'S CHILI TIME AGAIN

TCHS is once again having it's annual CHILI FEED at the Methodist Church. This event begins at 11 AM and continues until 7 PM. This is continuous, but of course the mid afternoon does slow down.

The day is FEB 19, 2015.

We are hoping for a warm and sunny day. Not only do we have that wonderful outstanding home made chili, we also have a choice for those who would want something

else. There is VEGETABLE SOUP!!!

T H A T ' S VEGETABLE SOUP - - y a know!!

Here we see members organizing and preparing the Chili and vegetable Soup for those hungry customers.

Why don't you give yourself a treat and come to the CHILI FEED. Bring your friends, bring all of your friends to the TCHS Chili Feed. CELEBRATE and help us have a successful fund raiser, while giving you a meal out.

We have always had tremendous community support with this event and we hope that you can once again help us help you!

Come! meet and talk to the new board of directors and the new officers.

**IT'S FEBRUARY 19TH, 2015
11 AM TO 7 PM**



The Lusitania by Diana Preston, an editor's choice book will be reviewed at the



Tonganoxie Library. The Library is hosting a book discussion at 10 A.M. on Saturday, February 28 as part of the commemoration of World War I, sponsored by the Leavenworth County historical institutions. Please join us for an interesting session and while you are in the library check out the display provided by the Tonganoxie Historical Society about WW I.

This newsletter about WW I veterans is a continuation from the Jan. newsletter. In this section I will provide information about those who were in the military during WW I. Finding Information on these WWI veterans has been the most challenging of this WW I project. I will provide what information I could find about these veterans and their service, what they did, the battles they fought, etc., and also what they did after the war. Only a few people in Tonganoxie can remember some of these veterans. The Kansas National Guard does not keep records prior to 1948, and it goes downhill after that. I will provide all the information that I can find. This history to me is lost.

THESE 21 VETERANS LISTED BELOW DIED DURING WW I.
THEY WERE KIA, DIED FROM WOUNDS OR DIED FROM DISEASE.

Ernest Bagwell--He joined the National Guard in April, 1917. He was a Bugler and transferred to HQ Co. E. 139th infantry of the 35 Div. He saw action in the OS, St. Miheil and Meuse-Argonne. HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION SEPT 28, 1918. He was from Jarbalo.

Donald Baker--He was in the army in 2nd co. 3rd Bat, 164th Inf. He is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery with vital dates----b. 1893- d, 1918.

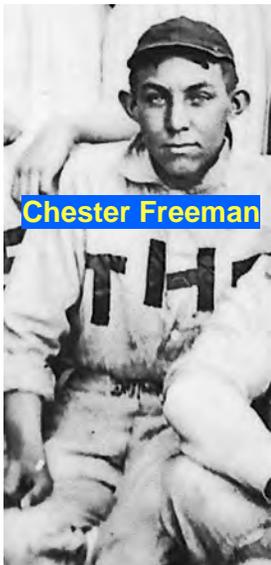
Jess Bridges-- Enlisted in the Navy Apr 15, 1918. He was a carpenter's mate 2nd class. He died Sept 25, 1918. There is a telegram denoting his death.

William Burns --died in the War

Harold A.Cline- He was in Co. D. of the 353rd Infantry of the 89th Div. He saw battle at Aisne, Campaigne, St. Miheil and Meuse-Argonne. He died of wounds he received Oct. 5, 1918. He was being stretcher carried to the hospital due to a wound when he was shot again. His body was returned to Tonganoxie. All of the 3 Clines listed in this article are related to Beth Cline Enloe.

Albert DeFrees-- He was in Co. C of 353rd Infantry. He died of wounds on Sept 13, 1918. I speculate based on the date that this was during the battle of St. Miheil. He was from Ackerland, a town that no longer exists. Albert was wounded in both legs and one leg was removed. He died the next day. The DeFrees family were good friends of the Charles Haines family who lived just across the road west.

William Burns-- Enlisted in the Army Sept 18, 1917. His company was Co. B of the 353rd Infantry. He was killed in action Oct 5, 1918.



Clyde Ford-- He died in the war. His family lived near the Dehoff family SW of Reno. This place would be near Nancy Taylor Pearce. He farmed there and is the father of Loren Ford. His wife was Alice Ford, long time resident of Tonganoxie.

Chester Freeman- Corporal in Co.K of the 140th Infantry of 35th Div. He served at St. Miheil. He was killed t h e r e . Bob Freeman was his brother.

Homer D, Hughey-- He was a Pvt. in Co. C of the 353rd Inf. of the 89th Div. His family owned a good farm that laid flat. He died of his wounds received Oct. 2, 1918. By the date this must have been during the Meuse-Argonne battle.

Frank Hicks-- He joined the Army Oct. 2, 1917. He was in Co. B. of 353rd infantry of the 89th Div. He died of his wounds on Sept. 16, 1918. He Probably was in the Battle of St. Miheil or the Battle of Meuse -Argonne.



HAROLD A. CLINE
Died in the Battle of the Argonne Forest in France on October 5, 1918, age 28. He was wounded and was struck by a shell while being "taken to a hospital". He was in six



Lester Hamil

Lester Hamil-- He joined the army in Oct. 1917. He served in Co.B. of the 353rd infantry of the 89th Div. He was killed in action on Sept 12, 1918. The date suggests this was most likely at St. Miheil. He is buried in St. Miheil Cemetery the American area. The Lester Hamil American Legion Post was mentioned in the 1930 Tonganoxie Mirror.

Ray Mark-- All I have is he died.

Floyd Kelsey-- He joined the army in Oct. 10, 1917. He was in Co. C. 353rd Inf. of the 89th Div. He was killed Sept 12, 1918 at the St. Miheil battle. He is buried in St. Miheil American Cemetery.

.Leslie L. Peters. Corporal in Co. E. of the 139th Inf of the 35th Div. He served in the Meuse- Argonne and died of Disease there. He is buried in the American Cemetery in Argonne. His nickname was "Raw Meat"

Harry Peterson-- At this time all I have on him is that he died in the war.

Floyd Sample-- died from disease.

Merle Steiger-- All I have on him is that he died.

Martin Slomski -- All I have is that he died

Whitney B. Wagner-- He joined July 7, 1918. He died from disease at Great Lakes Naval Base. Died on Sept 25, 1918.

Ray Williams-- Died in army.

D. L. Younger--most likely related to Col. Younger and his grandson was Griff Younger. The Younger family had Quaker ties to this area, but none of the family remains.

* 50,000 dogs were used in this war and 200,000 carrier pigeons were used. Some times the pigeon didn't want to fly.



Purple Heart awarded to John J. Martin.

Evidence of being wounded (Purple Heart) for Ed Klinkenberg



The Roster of Name of WW I Veterans who lived in Tonganoxie, KS

Samuel Adams --He was a Captain in the Army Medical Corp. He served in the Lucey Sector, The St. Miheil sector, and the Meuse-Argonne.

Ray B. Anderson--He was in Co. B; 353 infantry of the 89th Div. He served the Lucey Sector, St.Miheil area, Guivesiev sector, and the Meuse-Argonne. He was tall. He was a "handy-man". He lived next to Joe Sheriff (Chevy Dealership) on Pleasant Street

Ivan Angell--He was in the army and served in the American Expeditionary Force (AEF). He was in the St. Miheil sector, After the war he worked in Tonganoxie as a painter. He was a cousin to Fred and Chaucey Angell

Norvel J. Atkinson--He was in the army, but was not in any battles. After the war he ran a trailer court south of Tonganoxie at the junction of Co. 1 and U. S, 24/40 hwy. Irene, his wife, was related to Jack Evans.

Herbert Baker was a Quaker from Tonganoxie and a Conscientious Objector. He spent most of his time during WW I helping "displaced children" funneled from Belgium through Germany to France. He was a very significant person in the American Friend's Field Service. After WWI he worked for the government in Maryland. He had something to do with the science of domestic animals. He never married and spent his last years in Tonganoxie under the care of his sister,Eva Baker Smith. Mary Smith Ketchum was his niece.

Carl Barnhart-- He was in the Signal Corp of Co. B. of the 8th field Signal Corp. After the war he taught biology in Wichita, Kansas at East High. In the summer (he and his sister owned a farm near Neely) he farmed. Bob McKone worked for him most every summer. He had a telescope and old cars that were well kept.

Walter Bleakley-- He was an apprentice seamen in the Navy reserve. After the war he taught at the Bleakley School. The school was named after his family and located south south west of Reno just west of U.S. 24. His wife was Edith Heiser Bleakley. They lost their only son in WW II.

Daniel L. Bloomhart--He was a Private in the Army unassigned

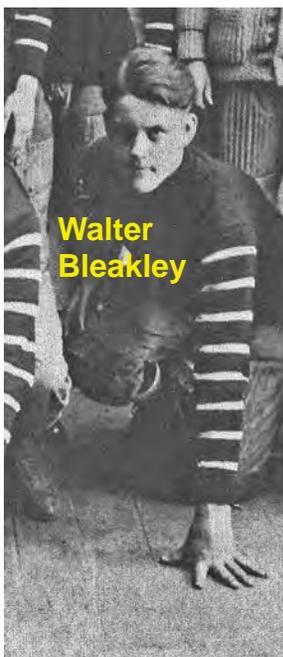
Andy Botts- He was a private first class in the medical corp of 353 infantry. He served in the Lucey sector, St. Miheil, and the Meuse Argonne. He was issued a gold chevron. Tom Laming's wife was a Botts

Frank P Bretz--He was a private 1st class in the AEF. I believe he was in some type of Demobilization unit. After the war his family farmed on Hubble Hill south of the cemetery ca. 1/2 mile. His brother was Otto, and his sister-in-law was Olive Bretz.

Chester Brown--He was a Pvt 3rd Class164th Depot Brigade. He served in the Marbache sector from Oct 19 to Nov. 11, 1918.

Cliff Brown--He was an army cook in Battery D of the 69th field artillery. No battles. He was a brother to Ray Brown.

Duke D. Brown-- He was a Sergeant in 137th Infantry. He saw battle at St. Miheil, Meuse-Argonne, Wasserling. and Somes.



Ray Brown--Unit is unknown to me, but Ray had a very large nose with large roughness to it. The nose was strawberry red. He was Gassed and his nose was the outward effect. After the war he did plumbing, and painting around Tonganoxie. He also was a steel and bridge worker.

Dennis Carter- He was in Co. C. of the 349th Regiment. The 349th was an artillery regiment with 75 mm guns. He was in the 92 Division which mean he was a black soldier who was in a combat force. The 92nd Division fought beside the U.S. army but not with it.

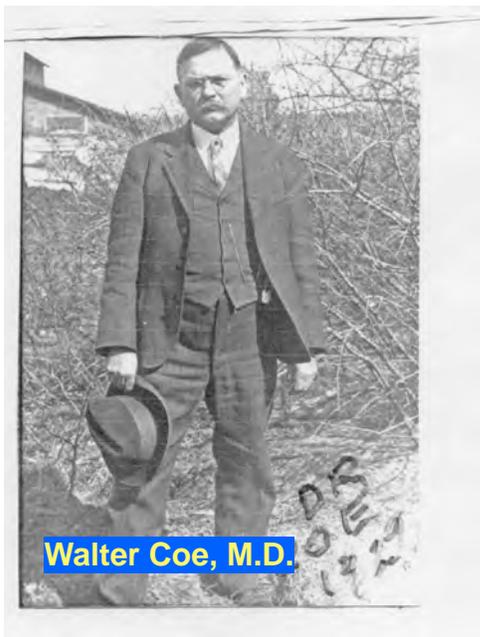
Fred Carter--He was in a Casualty detachment, but unknown to me After the war he was a farmer working for Tom McEnulty, and some for the Denholms. He also worked for a blacksmith near south side of Pleasant Creek and west of Pleasant Street. He was a short man.

Ralph A. Coffman--He was a Pvt. in the provisional wagon train

Harry Clark-- After WWI he worked in Jarbalo as a blacksmith.

Paul G. Clay-- He was a Pvt. 1st class in the 58 mob. battalion a truck driver. He served in the AEF and received one gold chevron. He lived in Jarbalo. He was wounded and received a pension due to the damage to the right side of his face.

Ernest R. Cline-- He was in the army in the ambulance co. of the 139th Sanitrain. He owned a Phillips 66 station on the south side of 4th street where K-16 crosses U. S. 24/40 hwy. He also worked on maintenance for Tonganoxie, and barbered.



Grover C.Cline- He was a Waggoner for HQ Co. 41st Brigade

Walter Coe, M.D. He served in the Army. He was stationed at Ft. Leavenworth and was a physician at Ft. Leavenworth. He was a physician in Tonganoxie for many years. He was well known, respected and liked

Emmett Cook--He was in the Casual Det. 1033 Demo group After the war he was a barber.

Burr Corlett- He was a Sgt. in the Motor Transport Corp and last assigned to Washington D. C. He had an illness or disease from WWI which gave him a pension. He was a member of the Owls Club which played bridge 2 times a month. He never married. His pension allowed him to live at Ft. Dodge, KS where he died. His brother was Charley Corlett.



Addie Cox--She was a Nurse in the army. One of three nurses from Tonganoxie, KS.

Fred Cronemeyer-- Pvt. in 129th Battery. He was in battles at Alsace, St. Miheil, Meuse- Argonne, and Verdun. entitled to victory medal. After the war he was a carpenter. His son was Ray and his grandson was Jack.

Thomas Davoren--After the war he lived on the east side of Stranger Creek across from the Cliffs, NE of Tonganoxie. This may have been near the Hoge area. Ambros Devoren, his son, is a general and was at Ft. Leavenworth.

Eitson Defrees--He enlisted on Dec.13, 1917. He served in an anti-aircraft outfit; 10th Company, as a mechanic. He was mustered out July, 1919.

Joseph Defrees--He enlisted on Dec. 3, 1917. He served in the St. Miheil battle. He was sent to Port Arthur with the heavy artillery. He also was with Anti-aircraft in Europe. He returned home in Dec. 1918.

Vernon A. Dehoff-- He was a Sgt. in the Motor Transport Corp repair unit 324. He farmed and worked at Dale Rawlings helping with dressing the chickens, etc. He lived near Jack Willits and bought a farm west of Reno. Lloyd DeHoff was his son.

Harold E. DeLude-- He was in the Navy, a carpenter's mate 1st class. He was a bridge carpenter working with the Union Pacific before the war. After the war he lived in Booneville, MO. He was brother to Elmer DeLude, a welder in Tonganoxie.

Roland C. DeLude-- He was in the Navy, a carpenter's mate 2nd class. He later lived in Colo. by his son, Clifford.

Jennings R. Dessery-- He was a Sgt. 1st class. He served in the A E F. He is related to the Desserys who owned the large house just across the street north of the city library or just south of Larry Deaton's home.



Albert Cecil DeVoe-- He was in Co. I of the 137th Regiment. He served at St. Miheil and the Meuse-Argonne. He was wounded in the foot by a machine gun.

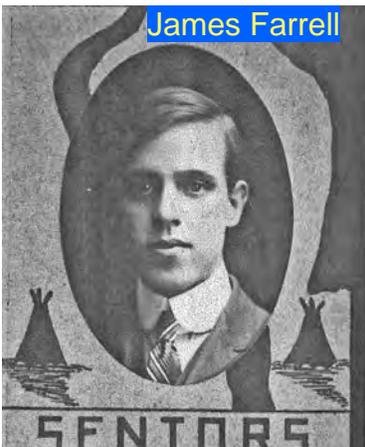
Edward Doyle-- Pct. C0. F. 10th Demo train until Discharged

Daniel Bernard Doyle-- Pvt. in Co. E of 10th ammo train and in Co. 15 of 164th.

Don Ellison Ellis-- Private Washburn University. In the Army. **There were several individuals in this status. I suspect they were in the Reserves until they finished some of their college education. Perhaps ROTC???**

G. A. Emerson-- He operated a florist shop just east of the where George White's Phillips 66 station was. His wife was a sister to Amos Wilson. He had two boys and one daughter.

Earl W. Farrell-- He was a corporal in HQ Co. of 353rd Infantry of the 89th Division. He served in the St. Miheil area, the Lucey sector, and the Meuse-Argonne from August 8 to Nov. 11, 1918. After the war he moved to California Laguna Beach area--(my favorite surfing beach in 1966) for his health. He had some breathing issues. He was a brother to James Farrell.



James Farrell-- Worked at the Farmers and Merchants bank. He was a good friend of George Denholm. After the war he lived in Kansas City, Missouri at the Savoy Hotel and worked at the Rival Manufacturing Co. He was a brother to Larry Deaton's mother. He helped to support his father & mother in their later years. MG Farrell (father) had been mayor of Tonganoxie at one time.

Neal Flom-- Pvt. 1st Class. He saw battle at Voly 18/25/1918 and at Verdun.

George Fowler-- Pvt. in 79th Infantry

Cecil Freeman-- He was a Seaman 1st Class in the Navy. Served in the 9th Naval Dist.

Aurie Freeman-- He was a Seaman 1st Class in the Navy. He was in the 9th Naval Dist. After the war he operated the bakery after Yonally owned it.

Ernst Freienmuth-- He enlisted on May 14, 1917. He was in Co.D of the 16th engineers. He served in the battle of Ly River and Flanders. He was a corporal. After the war he lived in Cleveland, OH and sold refrigerators, worked as a laboratory tester, and sold meat wholesale.



Chris Gallagher-- Lived in Jarbalo and was in the Navy

Bert Gallagher-- He was a Pvt. 1st Class in the casualty detachment of 1119th ambulance group. After the war he worked as a maintenance person for the City of Tonganoxie. He was Calvin Gallagher's dad and Harry Gallagher's brother.

Beth (?This is a man) Gardner-- He was a Pvt. 1st Class in the 3rd Bat. 164th Depot Brigade.

Walter Eldridge Geib-- He was an electrician on 133 CVR. He was Navy. He was Honey Geib's Uncle.

Art Grady-- He operated the Black Cat (Now Granny's Hilltop) for many years. He sold it and then operated Tonganoxie's first Liquor Store. It was across the alley east from the Bakery. Previously this building had been a hotel. He lived near Amos Barton's place by the Fairgrounds. He also speculated in cattle.

Emma Gaff-- She was one of the three nurses from Tonganoxie. The John Gaff farm was ca. 3 miles south on Co. Rd 25 and go west one mile. Paul Mckee owns it now. After the war I believe she lived in Iowa.

Robert Greene-- Musician 2nd class 129th FA band, camp Funston. entitled to one gold chevron. He served in the Voges area, the Meuse-Argonne, and Verdun.

John Grems-- He was in the Naval Reserves; a Seaman 2nd class discharged 9/30/1919. He was Bert Grems' brother.

George E. Grems--He was a private in a Detachment, Medical Corp. Born in Jefferson Co., but lived in Tonganoxie, KS.

William F. Hall-- He was called "Hobe" . He farmed a little, worked at the Tonganoxie Sale Barn, and also worked at Hicks Pool Hall. He farmed east of Denholms. He took some sick kids with Diphtheria to the hospital when other people refused to do this.

Charles C. Hamil--He was in Mechanic Co. 1st Bn 104th D. B. Was not in any battles.

Uriel Harling-- He was in the Army from Oct 1918 to Dec. 1918. He was married to Anna Freienmuth. He did several things, like drive a truck, an electrician, a union promoter, He drove a Jaguar car and his family was very active in the Congregational Church.

H.H. Harris--farmed what is now the Shilling place, north of Tonganoxie and west of the City Service pump station.

Lee Graham Henry--He enlisted Oct. 1918 and was a student in the army training corp at the University of Kansas. He saw no battles. At KU he was in pharmacy school. I assume he was a pharmacist. His father owned and operated Henry's grocery store. Stories about his father are numerous. When he couldn't remember who purchased a charged item, he would charge several people for the item. Those who complained, the item was removed. Those who didn't complain got charged.

Martin Herrstrom- A Farmer west of Charles Miller place. Harvey Herrstrom is his boy.

