



Day in the life of a Metadata Student:

The Chronicles of Oklahoma

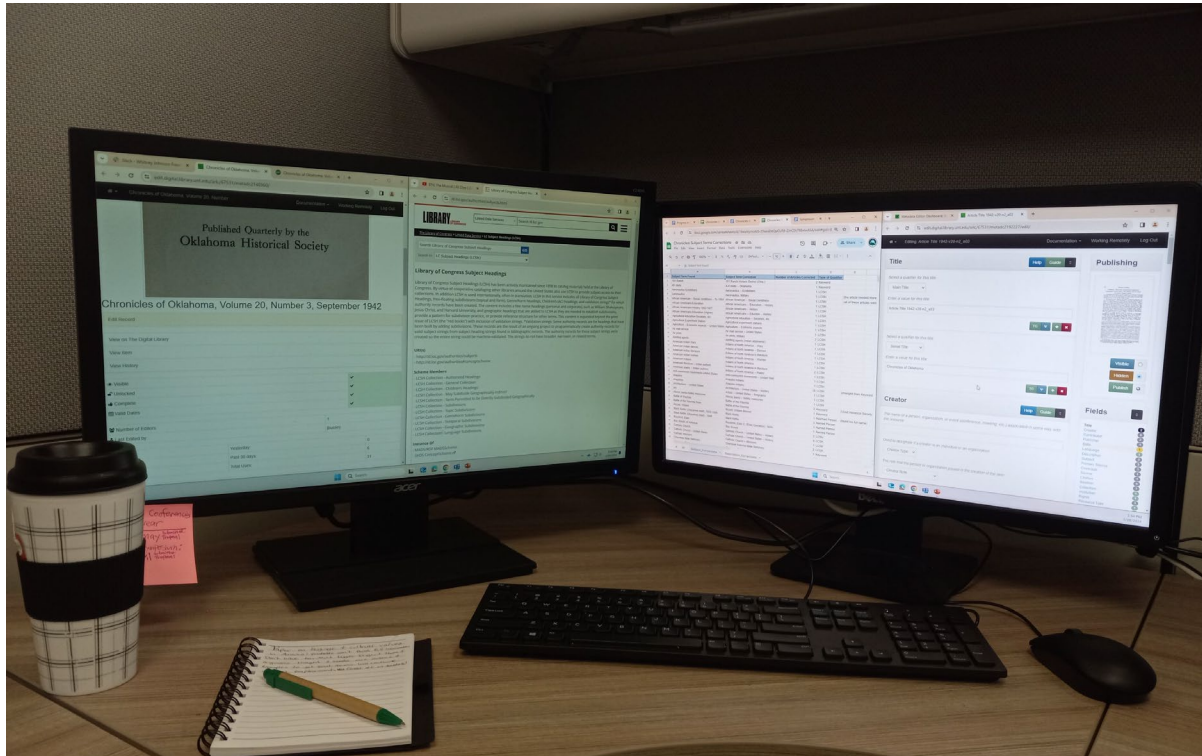
Presented by Jennifer Bussey

Job Description

Department: Digital Curation Unit
Job title: Student Assistant

Assist in processing and describing works from *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

- Track files to ensure all workflows are correctly completed
- Process and prepare digital files for ingest into the digital repository infrastructure
- Create metadata that describes content and physical attributes of digital library objects
- Proofread, compare, and correct metadata records to ensure that they are consistent and conform to UNT's metadata guidelines



The The CHRONICLES of OKLAHOMA

Autumn, 1964



FIRST THEATRE AT GUTHRIE IN 1889

The Collection

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The Chronicles of Oklahoma

AL JENNINGS, THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

By Duane Gage

Since statehood, gubernatorial campaigns in Oklahoma have been characterized by the candidacies of large numbers of ambitious men, each of whom is apparently motivated by the Jacksonian idea that he is as capable of filling the governor's chair as is anyone else. An average of nine Democrats have entered each governor's race, and in every campaign at least one candidate has resorted to mud-slinging and character assassination tactics in an attempt to destroy the reputation of his opponents and attract voter attention to himself. The 1914 Democratic primary was no exception.

Of the six Democratic candidates in 1914, the two leading contenders were J. B. A. Robertson, a Chandler attorney, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert L. Williams, a crusty pugnacious bachelor who had played a prominent role in the 1906 Constitutional Convention and had strong party support throughout the state. Judge Williams opened his campaign by promising to bring harmony to the Democratic Party and establish confidence in government; then he charged Robertson with being a stooge of Governor Lee Cruce. Supporting Williams, the influential *Daily Oklahoman* suggested that a deal had been made four years earlier when Robertson withdrew from the governor's race and endorsed Cruce. Governor Cruce then published a long letter in which he attacked Judge Williams, insisting that Williams was morally unfit to govern. In an obvious attempt to confuse the voters, two additional R. L. Williamses filed for governor, but were denied a place on the ticket. Williams charged that the Cruce administration was attempting to steal the election.¹

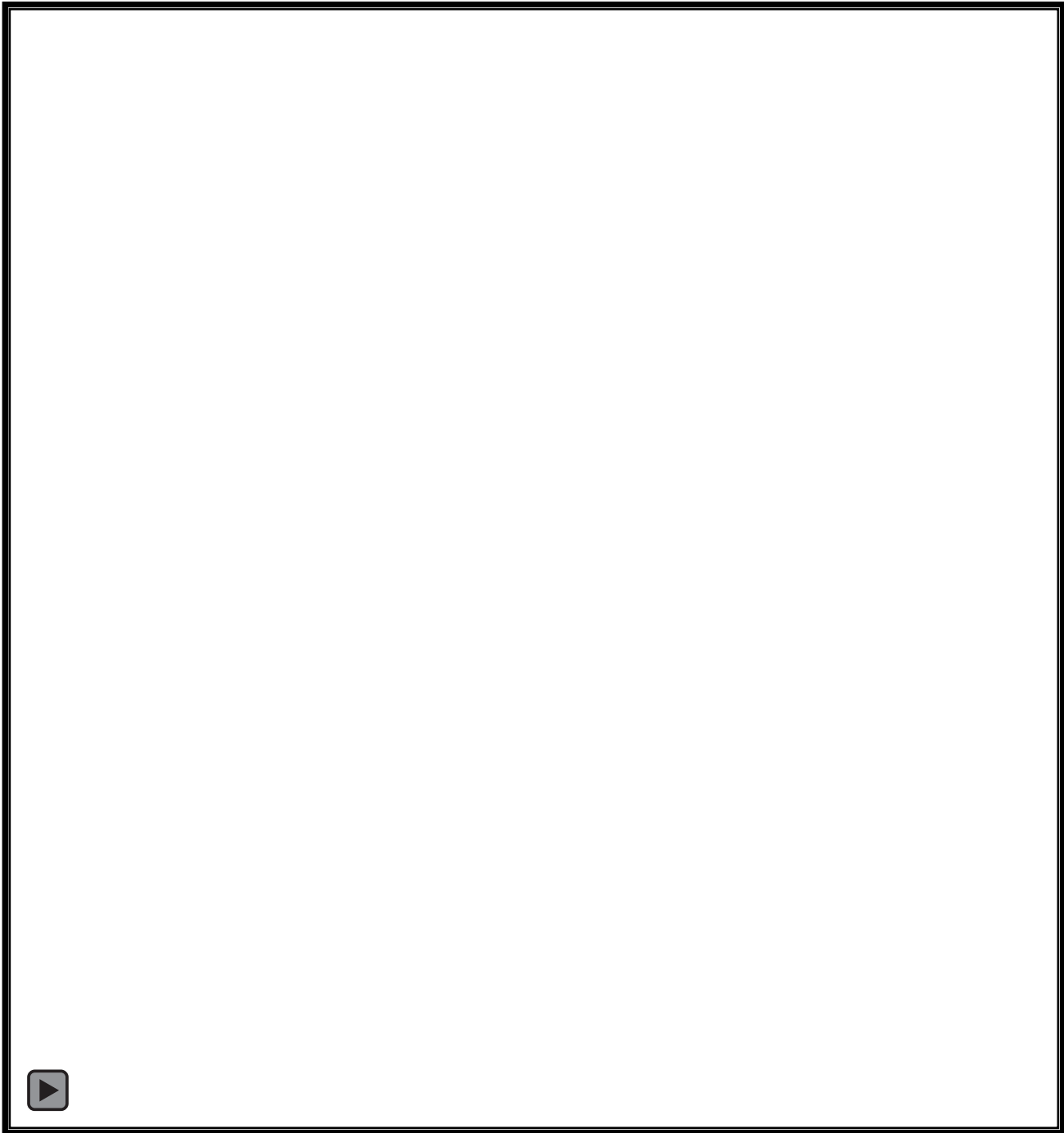
Bringing national attention to the campaign was the candidacy of a convicted train robber, Al Jennings. Late in 1913 Jennings became a national figure through publication of his biography in the *Saturday Evening Post*, the *Kansas City Star*, and other leading publications. Jennings' life story sounds much like a plot from one of the dime novels he allegedly enjoyed reading. Born in Virginia in 1863, he studied law there, then in 1889 came to practice law in Oklahoma, where his father had been appointed probate judge at Woodward. Al settled at El Reno, took part in frontier politics, and in 1892 was elected county attorney of Canadian County. Following his defeat for re-election in 1894, Jennings went to Woodward to practice law with his

¹ *Daily Oklahoman* (Oklahoma City), July 13-20, 1914.

Cultural Heritage

- Definition: “Cultural heritage is an expression of the ways of living developed by a community and passed on from generation to generation” (Heritage for Peace, 2002).
- Importance: impacts how terms and phrases are used to describe communities and historical events
- Examples: Tribal names, War versus Rebellion, Military status, etc.

Metadata: First Look



Research



Resources Commonly Used:

- The content of articles
- Portal to Texas History
- Library of Congress Subject Headings
- Library of Congress Name Authority Files
- Oklahoma Historical Society website
- Other articles
- Old Faithful: Google

Consider:

- Proper Names
- Historical event titles
- Author's bias
- Article structure



Sensitive Information

When handling historical sources, inevitably, there will be events discussed that are triggering for most readers.

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- Breathe!
 - Research for context.
 - Identify key organizations within the metadata to warn potential readers.
 - Watch a fun video afterwards.

- Week 29**
- Wednesday: February 21 🟢
 - Updated Digicurs Wiki for department
 - Metadata Creation: Volume 18, Number 4, December 1940
 - ["Colonel William Whistler"](#)
 - ["The Missionary Work of the Reformed \(Dutch\) Church in America, in Oklahoma: Part 2"](#)
 - ["Governor Daugherty \(Winchester\) Colbert"](#)
 - ["Official Seals of the Five Civilized Tribes"](#)
 - ["Notes and Documents"](#) 🍷 (narratives from pioneer days)
 - ["Necrology: William Claudius McAlister, Lillian Gallup Haskell, Charles Robinson Hume, and Samuel Emmet Swinney"](#)
 - Metadata Creation: Volume 19, Number 1, March 1941
 - ["Judge William Pressley Thompson"](#)
 - ["Governor William Malcolm Guy"](#)
 - ["General Richard Barnes Mason"](#)
 - ["Miller County, Arkansas Territory: The Frontier that Men Forgot: Part 3"](#)
 - ["The Civil War in the Indian Territory, 1862: Part 1 & 2"](#)
 - Thursday: February 22 🟢
 - Started writing proposal for Student Symposium
 - Metadata Creation: continue from previous volume
 - ["History of the Osage Blanket Lease"](#)
 - ["Notes and Documents"](#)
 - ["Necrology: Joel Mason Sandlin, John Henry Wright, and William Duncan Ford"](#)
 - Metadata Creation: Volume 19, Number 2, June 1941
 - ["John Jasper Methvin"](#)
 - ["Colonel James B. Many: Commandant at Fort Gibson, Fort Towson, and Fort Smith"](#)
 - ["Historical Background of the Kiowa-Comanche Reservation"](#)
 - ["The Newspapers of the Panhandle of Oklahoma, 1886-1940"](#)
 - ["Townsite Promotion in Early Oklahoma"](#)

Chronicles: Subject Terms Corrections

A1	Subject Term Found	Subject Term Correction	Number of Articles Corrected	Type of Qualifier
1	Subject Term Found	Subject Term Correction	Number of Articles Corrected	Type of Qualifier
2	101 Ranch	101 Ranch Historic District (Okla.)	2	Keyword
3	4H clubs	4-H clubs -- Oklahoma	1	Keyword
4	Aeronautics-Exhibitions	Aeronautics -- Exhibitions	1	LCSH
5	Aeronautics	Aeronautics, Military	1	LCSH
6	African American -- Social conditions -- To 1964	African Americans -- Social Conditions	1	LCSH
7	African Americans-Education	African Americans -- Education -- History	1	LCSH
8	African Americans-History-1863-1877	African Americans -- History	1	LCSH
9	African Americans-Education (Higher)	African Americans -- Education -- History	1	LCSH
10	Agricultural education-Societies, etc.	Agricultural education -- Societies, etc.	1	LCSH
11	Agricultural Experiment Station	Agricultural experiment stations	1	LCSH
12	Agriculture -- Economic aspects -- United States	Agriculture -- Economic aspects	1	LCSH
13	Air mail service	Air mail service -- United States	1	LCSH
14	Air pilots	Air pilots, Military	2	LCSH
15	Allotting agents	Allotting agents (Indian allotments)	1	LCSH
16	American Indian Wars	Indians of North America -- Wars	1	LCSH
17	American Indian dances	Indians of North America -- Dances	1	LCSH
18	American Indian literature	Indians of North America in literature	1	LCSH
19	American Indian women	Indians of North America -- Women	1	LCSH
20	American Indians	Indians of North America	1	LCSH
21	American literature -- Indian authors	Indians of North America in literature	2	LCSH
22	American poetry -- Indian authors	Indians of North America -- Poetry	1	LCSH
23	Anti-communist movements-United States	Anti-communist movements -- United States	1	LCSH
24	Arapaho	Arapaho Indians	1	LCSH
25	Arapahos	Arapaho Indians	18	LCSH
26	Architecture - - United States	Architecture -- United States -- History	1	LCSH
27	Art	Artists -- United States -- Biography	1	LCSH
28	Atomic bomb-Safety measures	Atomic bomb -- Safety measures	1	LCSH
29	Battle of Washita	Battle of the Washita	2	Keyword
30	Battle of the Washita River	Battle of the Washita	1	Keyword
31	Bizzell, William	Bizzell, William Bennet	1	Named Person
32	Black Kettle (Cheyenne chief), 1803-1868	Black Kettle	3	Named Person
33	Black Kettle (Cheyenne chief) - 1868	Black Kettle	3	Named Person
34	Boudinot, Elias	Boudinot, Elias C. (Elias Cornelius), 1835-	1	Named Person
35	Boy Scouts of America	Boy Scouts	2	LCSH

Personal Notes

Keep track of the names and phrases used as a reference for future articles (right).

Keep track of the progression of articles for departmental reports and for quick links for to previous articles. Add fun emojis for articles that are impactful for me (left).

References:

<https://www.heritageforpeace.org/heritage-for-peace/what-is-cultural-heritage/>

Conclusion:

- The Chronicles of Oklahoma provides a glimpse into how the past was shaped.
- Cultural heritage helps connect the past to the present.
- What does this say about the importance of archives?
- What does this mean for me?



Thank you

