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# CHS Bio

## Barbara Herndon Genealogicist



Barbara Ansley Herndon was born September 18, 1938. She was married in 1957 and divorced in 1961. Her daughter Deborah (age 48), son-in-law Lester (age 48), and granddaughters Lindsey (age 20) and Amy (age 18) live in Arkansas. Barbara kept her married name following her divorce, and returned to her maiden name after her daughter married in 1977.

Today, her favorite pastime is family history research, and has spent many long hours going through dusty courthouse records and searching through cemeteries for a family member. Barbara enjoys writing, and has published over 50 family history books.

Barbara served as President of the Tulsa Genealogical Society, President of the Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa, winning a national AIMEE award for a seminar on communications. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, served as State Chairman National Defense to the NSDAR in Washington DC, and supports the Old Greer County Museum in Mangum OK, the Shiloh Museum in Springdale AR and the Wise County Museum in Decatur TX.

When she was 14, Barbara knew she wanted to be a draftsman, and she enrolled in a basic drafting class. She took technical drafting her junior year, followed by a four-hour vocational drafting course her senior year. Barbara owes a great deal to her CHS Drafting Instructor **Dr. Joe Lemley**, who opened the door to her successful career as a petroleum engineering draftsman, and geological and geophysical graphic artist serving the corporate offices in New York City NY. She is now enjoying retirement after 37 years of service with Amerada Hess Corporation.

Barbara says, "Our family is a gift that God gives to us, and our friends are a gift that we give to ourselves. Here's wishing all of my old school friends the best of health and happiness in the golden years ahead."