

# Preface

This index of the Ashton Gazette covers Feb. 28, 1895 to Dec. 30, 1915. We have also included misc. Ashton Sentinel and Ashton Press newspapers. Ashton Sentinel issues are: 2 Aug 1873, 31 Oct 1879, 16 Jan, 27 Feb 1880, 9 Jun 1882, 16 Feb 1883, 11 Jul 1874, 9 Oct 1885, 22 Jan, 12 Feb, 13 Aug, 20 Aug, 8 Oct, 29 Oct, 5 Nov 1886, 21 Jan, 26 Mar, 23 Apr 1887. The Ashton Press issues are: Jan. 19, 1889 to Dec. 28, 1889.

The Lee County Genealogical Society devotes extensive time and resources to the indexing and preservation of Lee County Newspapers. We recognize that newspapers can aid us in our family history research. Indexes are the key to finding our ancestors in those newspapers, but to use indexes effectively, we need some understanding of what was indexed and why.

The newspapers were indexed for genealogical information, although some historical events and unusual items were also included. Some items, such as obituaries, give much information, but many times a person was only mentioned in a list. Lists were indexed because it establishes the person being in the area at the time.

Because of the style of news reporting in the late 1800's, many important events did not always give complete information. It is not uncommon to see events like births, deaths and marriages, just mentioning individuals.

Some of the types of newspaper entries that were indexed are; vital records, family relationships and lists. Some of the lists were for school attendance, mail at post office, or jury duty. Entries that show relationships were also included: s/o is son of, f/o is father of, d/o daughter of, etc. Please look at the description carefully before asking for copies of the entries.

Non surname index entries are easier to use when separate from the surname index. Located in the back of this volume, it contains business, church and miscellaneous entries. Before you request copies of entries please consider having the name researched. A research request covers this index and much more. See the research policy for more information.

There are forms for requesting copies, research and other publications, in the back of the this book. You can also find us on the internet at: [www.leecoilgen.org](http://www.leecoilgen.org).

The monies generated by the sale of these directories will be used by the society to promote awareness of family history and helping people in their genealogical research. The society does this through its library, the Family Tree Center, monthly meetings, newsletters, websites, and preservation efforts such as indexing, photographing, and scanning, etc.