

OKLAHOMA WELL LOG LIBRARY

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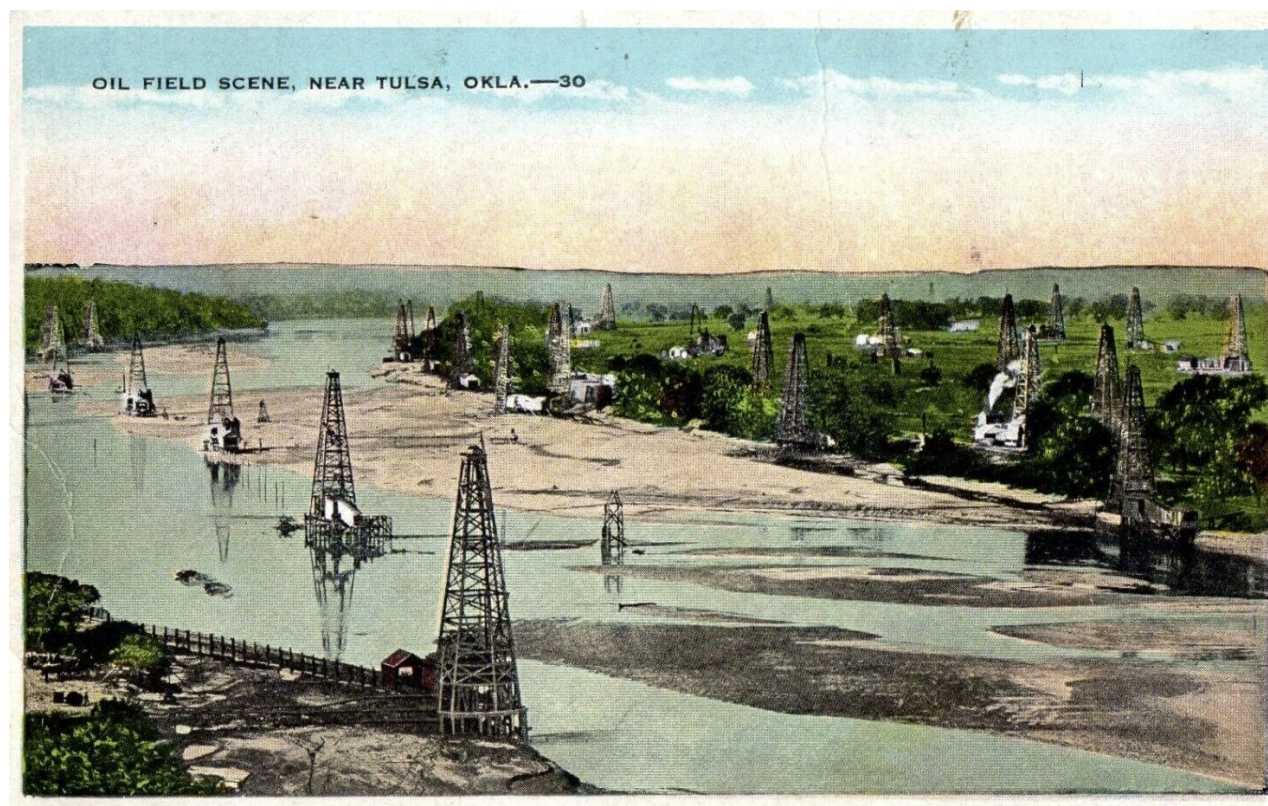
The library will move out of our current space by the end of October! Don't panic: we are only moving one floor up in the same building.

The new space is currently being built out for our needs. It will be smaller, since we don't have to accommodate all of the western Oklahoma paper logs, but it will be nicer. Lighting will be better and the work tables will all be near electrical outlets, as requested.

Access to western Oklahoma logs will be through our multiple MCGL machines, connected to the geologic library in Edmond. Members who have used the online system say that it makes looking through deep western OK wells much easier. You no longer have to carry around stacks of paper logs. The MCGL portal has information for the rest of the state too, with scans of sample logs and multiple versions of scout tickets. Try it!

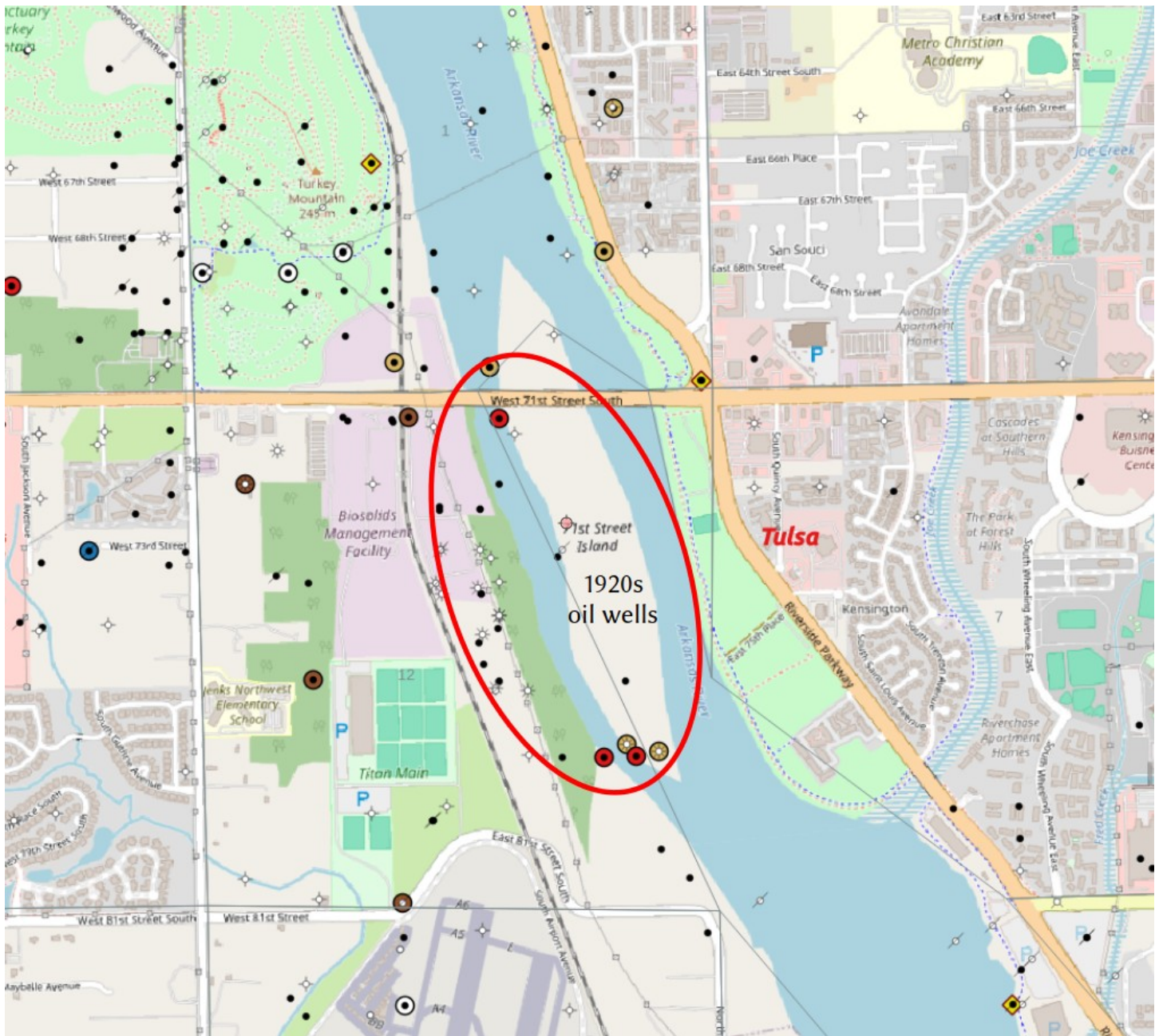
The downsizing of the library and the upcoming move are necessary to keep us solvent. Our membership declines due to age-related attrition. Activity in the oil patch is at a low. Those of us who have plied this trade for a while know that activity always comes back. Geologic information remains useful outside of oil and gas exploration too. We've had new users seeking well information for environmental, groundwater, and geothermal studies.

I ran across this picture of drilling activity in 1920s Tulsa:



It's a good argument for horizontal drilling! The picture appears to have been taken near where the 71st bridge currently crosses the Arkansas river.

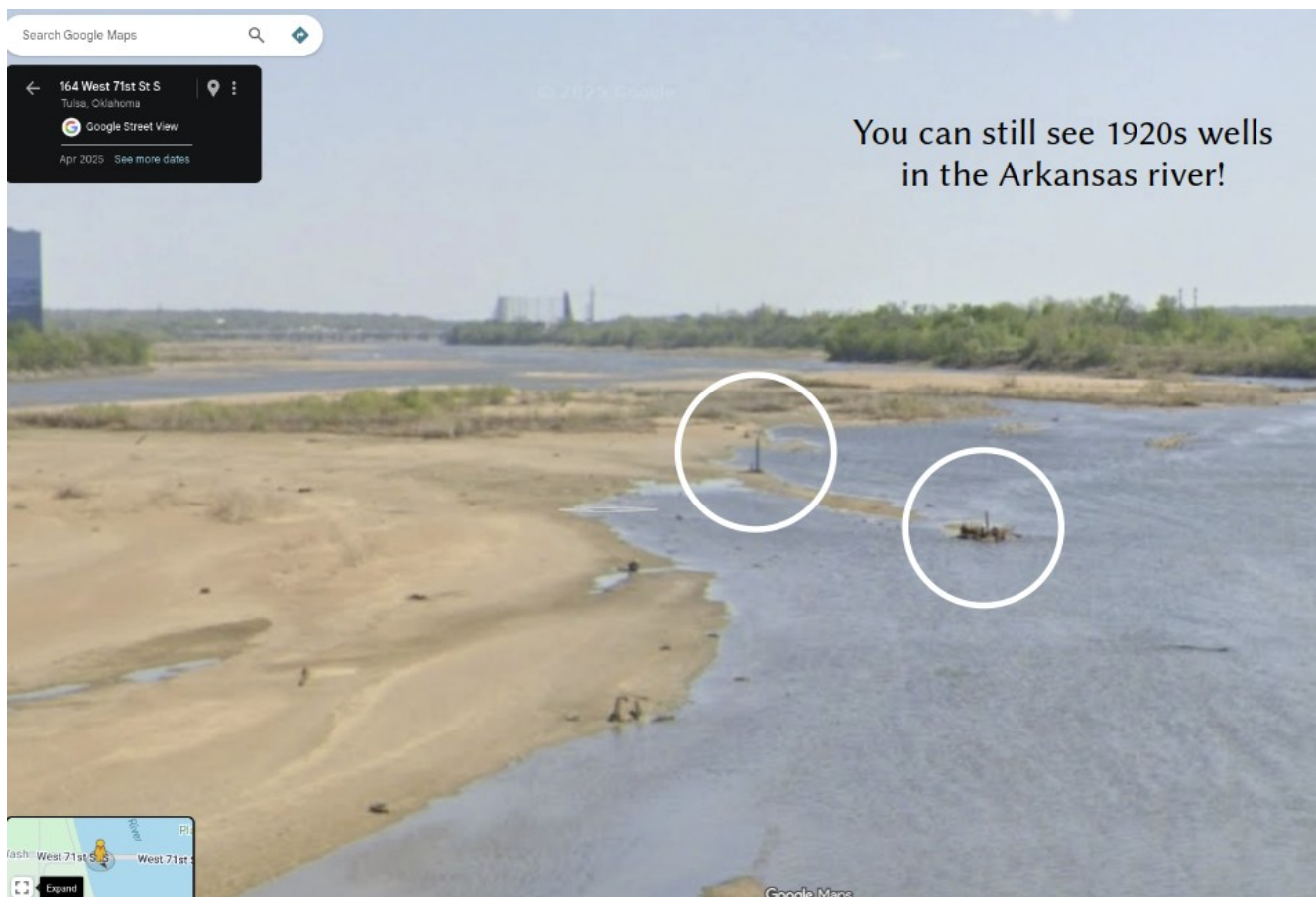
Are those old wells still there? Here is what my mapping system shows:



Let's try looking through Google Streetview. from the 71st Street bridge, looking south:



It's hard to see the old well casings, so let's zoom-in a bit:



You can still see 1920s wells
in the Arkansas river!

If you are researching old wells like these the Oklahoma Well Log Library is the place you need to go!

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