

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 29, 1943

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was held in the Historical building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 29, 1943, with Judge Robert L. Williams, President, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll which showed the following members present: Judge Robert L. Williams, Judge Thomas H. Doyle, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mrs. Jessie E. Moore, Gen. Charles F. Barrett, Mr. Jim Biggerstaff, Hon. George L. Bowman, Judge Harry Campbell, Dr. Grant Foreman, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mrs. Blanche Lucas, Hon. J. B. Milam, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Judge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams and James W. Moffitt, the Secretary.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board held January 28, 1943, and upon motion duly seconded, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with except as same may later at a subsequent meeting be called up for special consideration.

The President read a statement concerning the framed architectural drawings of the Capitol Building, the Historical Society Building and a study for the proposed Supreme Court Building, stating that it was the wish of the late Mr. Sol. Layton to present these to the Historical Society for preservation.

Hon. George L. Bowman moved that these drawings be accepted and that Mr. George Forsyth, his former partner, who conveyed these to the Historical Society, be thanked for his services in the matter. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Rebecca Finch presented a group picture of the First Convention of War Mothers Association in Oklahoma City, 1918, and upon motion of Dr. Emma Estill-

Harbour, duly seconded, it was accepted and Mrs. Finch thanked for her part in the donation.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore presented the citation of honor given Dr. Grant Foreman and his wife Carolyn Thomas Foreman for their research and writing in Oklahoma and southwestern history, as follows:

"The faculties of the University of Oklahoma hereby record their deep appreciation of Grant Foreman and his wife and co-worker, Carolyn Thomas Foreman, for their research and writing in Oklahoma and southwestern history during a period of more than thirty-five years.

By their scholarly investigations, their unflagging zeal for historical truth, and their imaginative grasp of the presentation of history, they have placed the citizens of their time and of the times to come under a lasting debt of gratitude. From their long association with the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians and their devotion to the story of those great and gifted peoples, they have developed among Americans a new appreciation of an interesting and often tragic history which had hitherto been neglected. To the record of the westward passage of the trail-maker, the hunter, the explorer, and the pioneer they have brought new and arresting interpretations. And by their collaboration in research they have established an inspiring example.

For all of these things the University of Oklahoma, through its faculties, expresses its gratitude and its admiration. April 17, 1943."

Mrs. Moore moved that it be accepted and framed. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. James R. Armstrong presented a book entitled *History of the Confederate Memorial Association of the South* and requested that it be placed in the Confederate Memorial room in the Historical Society Building.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore moved that this book be accepted with thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Armstrong and accordingly placed. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow presented to the Society a document by Albert Pike, and also books as follows:

- A. F. & A. M. Indian Ter. Grand Lodge*
Proceedings of the 1st to 35th, 1874-1908. Bound in 8 Vols.
- A. F. & A. M. Oklahoma Ter. Grand Lodge*
Proceedings of the 1st to 16th, 1892-1908. Bound in 17 Vols.
- A. F. & A. M. State of Oklahoma, Grand Lodge*
Proceedings . . . 1st to 34th, 1909-1942. Bound in 34 Vols.
- Royal Arch Masons. Indian Ter.*
Proceedings . . . 1st to 19th, 1890-1908. Bound in 2 Vols.
- Royal Arch Masons. Oklahoma*
Proceedings . . . 20th to 53rd, 1909-1942. Bound in 5 Vols.
- Knights Templar. Indian Ter. Grand Commandery*
Proceedings . . . 1st to 17th, 1895-1911. Bound in 2 Vols.
- Knights Templar. Oklahoma Grand Commandery.*
Proceedings . . . 1st to 47th, 1896-1942. Bound in 6 Vols.
- Royal and Select Masters. Indian Ter. Grand Council*
Proceedings . . . 1st to 14th, 1894-1908. Bound in 1 Vol.
- Royal and Select Masters. Oklahoma. Grand Council*
Proceedings . . . 15th to 43th, 1909-1942. Bound in 3 Vols.

(The above material gathered and presented to the Society by:

Claude A. Sturgeon, Grand Secretary of Masons,
Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Past Grand Master,
James A. Lathim, Grand Secretary, York Bodies,
Muskogee, Oklahoma, and
Clarence Brain, Masonic Student,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and
H. L. Muldrow, Past Grand Master and Secretary of
Masonic Charity Foundation,
Norman, Oklahoma.)

Dr. Grant Foreman moved that those be accepted with expressions of appreciation to all parties gathering same, and Mr. Muldrow thanked for his services in securing this contribution to the library. Motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that a committee of three consisting of the President, the Secretary and Mr. H. L. Muldrow prepare a list of persons to recommend for honorary membership in the Society. The motion was seconded and Dr. Harbour, Vice President, put the motion which carried.

Judge Baxter Taylor moved that Judge Oric L. Phillips, of the Tenth District United States Court of Appeals, Denver, Colorado, be elected as an honorary life member of the Society. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. John R. Williams transmitted a copy of the *House Journal of the First Legislature of Oklahoma, 1907*, autographed by Bill Cross, Secretary of State at that time; and *The History of the Packing Industry*, by Armour, gifts of Mrs. Mabel Stert from the library of her father, John R. Rose, deceased.

Judge R. A. Hefner moved that these gifts be accepted and Mrs. Stert thanked for this contribution to the Historical Library. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary reported that Mrs. Hazel Lloyd had presented to the Society for the Virginia shelf a record of Marriage Bonds of Amelia County, Virginia, copied from original records for the *D.A.R. Magazine* by J. D. Eggleston; and a list of Seventy-five Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Monongalia County, W. Va., copied from the *National Historical Magazine*, Volume 74.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that they be accepted and that Mrs. Lloyd be thanked for these gifts to the library. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary reported the gift of five autographed copies of plays written by Tom McGee of Bison, Oklahoma.

Hon. George Bowman moved that they be accepted and Mr. McGee be thanked for this contribution to the library. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary reported the gift of seven scrapbooks relating to Oklahoma in the Global War, December 1, 1942 to January 1, 1943, from the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Frank Lucas moved that they be accepted with an expression of appreciation. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore called attention to the omission of an expression of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Vera Wignall Bare, of Pauls Valley, for the gift of a collection of California sea weeds mounted in 1875, and the Secretary was instructed to make an acknowledgment of this gift.

Mrs. Frank Korn, committee on miniatures of the "First Ladies of Oklahoma," presented the miniature of Mrs. William M. Jenkins, gift of the family, and the miniature of Mrs. Paul A. Walker, sister and official hostess of former Governor Robert L. Williams.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that they be accepted with an expression of thanks and appreciation. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President presented the following list of applicants for membership in the Oklahoma Historical Society:

LIFE: Benjamin Thomas Childers, Oklahoma City; William Edward Grisso, Seminole; Elmer Hale, McAlester; Thomas Justin Horsley, Wewoka.

ANNUAL: Dr. Elizabeth Borden, Oklahoma City; H. C. Canon, Calumet; Mrs. Andre B. Carney, Tulsa; Virgil Carter, Fairfax; Roy Brown Clark, Grandview, Washington; Edward Gibson Cornett, Oklahoma City; Norman A. Craebner, Chickasha; George Childers Crump, Wewoka; Samuel Hughey Davis, Davis; James Clarence Denton, Jr., West Point, N. Y.; Allen Y. Dunn, Reno, Nevada; William A. Dunn, Richmon Beach, Washington; Mrs. J. L. Edgecomb, Sayre; Ira Eppler, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Edgar H. Glasecock, Seminole; M. J. Glass, Tulsa; Nelson N. Hayward, Oklahoma City; Mrs. M. Hendricks, Hominy; Charles F. Hewett, Tulsa; Ronald Edgar Hubbard, Frederick; Mrs. Frankie M. Igo, Chandler; Robert Melvin Jones, Oklahoma City; Alice M. Lagan, Enid; James Alexander Lathim, Muskogee; Mrs. H. T. Leach, Tonkawa; Mrs. Archie Lindsey, Guthrie; Lucius Walter Long, Jr., Lawton; Mrs. Lila Hayne Piper, Oklahoma City; Wayne Ellsworth Rowe, Lawton; John King Speck, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Otis C. Thomp-

son, Oklahoma City; Bessie Belle Truett, Enid; William E. Wann, Fairfax and Harold Franklin Winters, Broken Arrow.

Mrs. Blanche Lucas moved that they be elected and accepted for membership in the class indicated on the list. Motion was seconded and carried.

Hon. George Bowman moved that the Board go into executive session. Motion was seconded and carried.

Robert L. Williams, President.

James W. Moffitt, Secretary
