

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

July 29, 1943.

The regularly quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was held in the Historical Society building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 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, Mrs. Jessie E. Moore, Gen. Charles F. Barrett, Hon. George L. Bowman, Mrs. J. Garfield Buell, Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Hon. W. J. Peterson, Judge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams and James W. Moffitt, the Secretary.

The Secretary presented the Minutes of the Board meeting held April 29, 1943, and upon motion of Hon. George L. Bowman, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with except as same may be called up for special consideration at a subsequent meeting.

The President presented the following from Mr. John B. Fink, Oklahoma City, relative to the Diamond Oil Jubilee Celebration of the discovery of crude oil through the Drake well "drilled in" August, 1859, near Titusville, Penna.:

The Titusville, Pennsylvania, *Herald* for August 24, 25, 27 and 28, 1934, and for February 11, 1942 (the issue for August 27, 1934, containing a reprint of the *Herald* for June 14, 1865). The *Herald* was the first daily paper in the oil region, Titusville being the birthplace of the oil and gas industry.

The Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, *Press* (Illustrated) for August 25, 1934; also, a sheet from the *Press* (Feature Section) for March 31, 1935.

Franklin and Oil City, Pennsylvania, *News-Herald* for March 11, 1935.

Pictures of the Old North Side residential Section in Allegheny City, Ridge Avenue.

*The Oklahoma City News* for December 20, 1936.

Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that these be accepted and Mr. Fink thanked for this contribution to our collection of material on the oil industry. Motion was seconded and carried.

The following papers were also given to the Society by Mr. Fink:

The Clinton, Oklahoma, *Daily News*, Sunday, April 13, 1941, The Pioneer Achievement Section Edition.

*The Daily Leader*, Okemah, Oklahoma, Special Pioneer Edition, May 17, 1940,

*The Daily Leader*, Guthrie, Oklahoma, Sunday, April 20, 1941, The Eleventh '89ers Annual Celebration Edition.

*The San Francisco News*, Feb. 15, 1939, World's Fair Edition.

*The United States News*, May 29, 1939, Washington, D. C.

*The Daily Oklahoman*, April 23, 1939, Golden Anniversary Edition.

*The Daily Oklahoman*, State Fair Edition, Sept. 25, 1939.

*The New York Times*, April 30, 1939, on the World's Fair.

The Dallas, Texas, *Morning News*, Sunday, June 13, 1937. Souvenir Edition, Greater Texas Pan American Exposition, 2d Year, 1937.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, *Tribune*, Sunday morning, Oct. 8, 1939. 20th Anniversary Greater Oklahoma Feature Edition.

*Southwest Times Review*, Fort Smith, Arkansas, July 19, 1936, Special Lake Fort Smith Dam Completion.

*The Daily Oklahoman*, State Fair Edition, September 24, 1939.

Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that these be accepted and Mr. Fink thanked for this donation to our newspaper collection. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President announced that Mrs. Lutie Hailey Walcott, retiring Confederate Pension Commissioner, had given to the Society a file of back numbers of *Chronicles of Oklahoma*; also the Minutes of the Board of Confederate Pension Commissioners; a picture of the Confederate Pension Commissioners, and a picture of the Confederate Home at Ardmore; and that

Mr. R. R. Owens, State Budget Officer had presented six volumes of *The Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies* and a box of Confederate Pension records.

Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that these be accepted and Mrs. Walcott and Mr. Owens be thanked for their services in transmitting these to the Historical Society. Motion was seconded and carried.

Upon motion of Hon. George L. Bowman, and seconded by Judge Baxter Taylor, the Board voted to ask permission of the Governor to have the Minutes of the Capitol Commission copied for the records of the Historical Society, and requested the Governor to make necessary arrangements that such may be done.

Mrs. John R. Williams presented the portrait of Albert L. Welsh, one of the '89ers, the gift of his wife and of their son, Francis R. Welsh, both of whom were present, and moved that it be accepted with thanks of appreciation. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary transmitted for the library, an autographed copy of William Jennings Bryan's *The First Battle*, presented by Lewis Calvin Gish, and upon motion of Judge Baxter Taylor, duly seconded, the gift was accepted and thanks extended to Mr. Gish; and provided further that the volume be bound.

Mrs. Elizabeth Townsend Smith presented a scrapbook containing sketches of members of the armed forces from the Olivet Baptist Church, in Oklahoma City.

Hon. George L. Bowman moved that this scrapbook be accepted and Mrs. Smith thanked for this gift. Motion was seconded and carried.

The portrait of the Reverend E. D. Jeter, a pioneer Baptist minister, was presented by the following members of his family; A. C. Jeter, Denver, Colo., Miss Tommie Jeter, J. B. Jeter, A. D. Jeter, Mrs. E. M. Kelley, Miss Josephine Jeter, Paul Jeter, Mrs. Lewis Vermilion, Mrs. W. J. Lawrence all of Oklahoma City and the Reverend Deyo Jeter, Sapulpa.

Upon motion of Hon. George L. Bowman, duly seconded, the picture was accepted.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow presented the following list of persons recommended for honorary membership and made the motion that they be elected:

Claude A. Sturgeon, Grand Secretary of Masons, Guthrie;

James A. Lathim, Grand Secretary of York Bodies of Masonry, Muskogee;

Dave H. Wilson, Past Grand Master of Masons, Muskogee;

Clarence Brain, Masonic student, Oklahoma City;

Rabbi Joseph Blatt, Rabbi, Temple B'Nai Israel, Oklahoma City;

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gustave Depreitere, pastor, St. Joseph's Old Cathedral, Oklahoma City;

Chancellor M. A. Nash, Board of Regents for Higher Education in Oklahoma;

Mrs. Jasper Sipes, the widow of the former President of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City;

Dr. C. Q. Smith, President of Oklahoma City University;

Rt. Rev. Thomas Casady, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church Diocese of Oklahoma;

Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Oklahoma City area of the Methodist Church;

Most Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of the State of Oklahoma, which includes Oklahoma City and Tulsa;

Dr. I. N. McCash, President Emeritus of Phillips University, Enid;

Dr. Forney Hutchinson, Pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Shawnee;

Dr. Urban de Hasque, Historian of the Catholic Diocese of Oklahoma.

Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Treasurer presented her report for the second quarter, which was ordered received and filed.

The President requested Judge Thomas H. Doyle, President Emeritus, to take the chair.

Mrs. Frank Korn made the motion that the balance of \$99.05 in the Robert L. Owen portrait fund in the Tradesmens National Bank be transferred to the Robert L. Williams portrait fund. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President then resumed the chair.

The President presented the following list of applicants for membership:

LIFE: Frank C. Norris, Ada; Mrs. William M. Smartt, Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. L. S. Willour, McAlester.

ANNUAL: Clarence Snyder Bassler, Stillwater; Robert A. Beaty, Durant; Jack Bell, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. W. M. Bottoms, Oklahoma City; Clarence Brain, Oklahoma City; Eck E. Brook, Muskogee; Irene Brook, Muskogee; Harry Wirt Carver, Wewoka; S. E. Chapman, Kingfisher; R. George Cunningham, Miami; John Hutchinson Cook, Trenton, N. J.; Wayne G. Delavan, Bronson, Kans.; Dennis Edward Donovan, Oklahoma City; William A. Draves, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ralph A. Driskill, Pauls Valley; Hicks Epton, Wewoka; Thomas Buford Frensley, Ardmore; Lafayette Alva Harrell, Fairfax; James Monroe Kennedy, Oklahoma City; H. R. Kurz, Enid; Mrs. F. W. McKelvy, Bartlesville; Claude Morgan March, Oklahoma City; Wharton Mathis, Clayton; Osborn Fisher Muldrow, Ardmore; Willis A. Murray, Oklahoma City; Irving Perrine, Oklahoma City; Franklyn D. Phillips, Durant; Lt. Col. Charles Addison Pursley, San Antonio, Texas; Edgar Sandlin, Ardmore; John W. Shleppey, Tulsa; Bert Steinsiek, Clayton; Daisy Authula Stille, Mannsville; Mrs. Pearl Trooper, Oklahoma City; Dr. Guy Burton Van Sandt, Wewoka and Pres. John Samuel Vaughan, Tahlequah.

Mrs. John R. Williams made the motion that they be elected and received into class indicated in the list. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President read a letter from the Cox and Bartlett Desk Company, offering a set of steel shelving, which would fit into the newspaper file room, for the sum of \$275.00, of which amount \$69.50 is to be paid when the shelving is delivered and installed, and \$205.50 to be paid after January 1, 1944.

Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that this offer be accepted and the steel shelving be purchased under these terms. Motion was seconded by Mrs. John R. Williams, and carried unanimously.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow reported that it would probably be thirty days before the map case would be delivered. He also reported on repairing the maps, quoting one bindery company, but as the price was high he was asked to make another report at the October meeting.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore reported that the daughters of the late Dr. Joseph B. Thoburn had presented a collection of his papers and books to the Society.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle made the motion that these be accepted and that Dr. Thoburn's daughters, Miss Mary Eleanor Thoburn and Mrs. Jeanne Thoburn Wyss be elected life members of the Society. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frank Korn, which carried.

The President reported that the records of the Sac and Fox Indian Agency which had been stored at the Pueblo Agency at Albuquerque, New Mexico, had been transferred to the Oklahoma Historical Society through the efforts of Senator Elmer Thomas and others, and that they had been received by the Society.

Hon. W. J. Peterson made the motion that Senator Elmer Thomas and the others aiding therein be thanked for their services in this matter. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that a list be compiled, of casualties of those from Oklahoma in World War II, listing the deaths by counties, to be published in *The Chronicles*. Motion was seconded and carried.

Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that the meeting stand adjourned subject to call of the President.

Robert L. Williams,  
President.

James W. Moffitt,  
Secretary.