

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

January 25, 1945

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened in the Historical Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 25, 1945, 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, Hon. George L. Bowman, Dr. E. E. Dale, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mrs. Blanche Lucas, Hon. R. M. Mountcastle, H. L. Muldrow, Judge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams, and Dr. Charles Evans, the Secretary.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle made the motion that the absentee members be excused as having given good and sufficient reasons for their absence. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Senator Bowman made the motion that the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting, held October 23, 1944, be passed subject to be called for consideration upon request. The motion was seconded and, by unanimous vote, carried.

Mrs. Anna B. Korn made the motion that the Daughters of the American Revolution be permitted to have Colonial book cases built in the Oklahoma Historical Society Library under the plans submitted by them, for their collection of Library books; and that a committee from the Board of Directors be appointed to cooperate with them. The motion was seconded and the vote for its adoption was unanimous.

The report of the Treasurer of the Society was submitted and on motion, duly seconded, by a unanimous vote was received and filed.

The report of the Secretary, on motion duly seconded, by unanimous vote, was ordered received and filed.

The following gifts were presented for the archives of the Society and accepted: (1) Honorary Appointment by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma of T. J. Ellis, Jr., as a delegate to the convention of the Oklahoma branch of the League to Enforce Peace, to be held in Oklahoma City on the 29th day of March, 1917. Presented by Tom Ellis. (2) A large silver medal which was presented by President Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Chisholm, the last Cherokee hereditary war chief, which was formerly in the possession of Mrs. Narcissa Chisholm Owen, mother of the Honorable Robert L. Owen, Washington, D. C., former Senator from Oklahoma, who presented this medal to the Society, through the Honorable Robert S. Kerr, Governor of Oklahoma, in a letter as follows:

"ROBERT LATHAM OWEN  
2400 Sixteenth Street  
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Robert S. Kerr,  
State Capitol Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

January 23, 1945.

Dear Governor:

In January, 1809, President Thomas Jefferson in Washington gave to my grandfather, Thomas Chisholm, a Cherokee Chief, a silver medal about

five inches across containing on one side the effigy of Jefferson and on the opposite side two clasped hands beneath the words, 'Peace and friendship.'

My grandfather and his father, John D. Chisholm, by agreement with President Jefferson took the first band of Western Cherokees, then located in Alabama and Tennessee, to the lands on the Arkansas River where they made a preliminary settlement on White River and on the Arkansas.

By treaty of 1828, the United States ceded to the Western Cherokees lands now comprising a part of Oklahoma.

My mother was born at Webbers Falls, October 3, 1831. She cherished the medal given to my grandfather by President Jefferson and gave it to me many, many years ago.

I was glad on Sunday morning, last, January 21, when you and Dr. Bennett called to see me to hand you this medal and request that you have it placed on display in the Historical Museum in Oklahoma so that interested people might see it. Of course, I retain the title to this medal subject to future disposition but in all probability shall leave it in the Museum permanently as a historical relic.

I thank you for your willingness to receive the medal from me and your willingness to have it placed where people can see it who might be interested.

'Peace and friendship' is the need of the world and the time has come when the increasing intelligence of the human race will establish and forever protect the 'peace and friendship' of the world. With kindest regards.

Your friend,  
(signed) Robert L. Owen."

(3) Two brochures (a) *The Social Homesteader* (Offprint from *Nebraska History*, v. 25, no. 3), by Edward Everett Dale; (b) *The End of the Indian Problem* (Reprinted from the Annual Report of the American Historical Association for 1942, v. III), by Edward Everett Dale. Presented by the Author.  
(4) A portrait of the late Mrs. Alice M. David, Methodist Missionary and Temperance Union worker. Presented by Mrs. Anna B. Korn for Anna Gordon Unit of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Judge Doyle made the motion that these presentations be accepted with thanks to Tom Ellis, Senator Robert L. Owen, Dr. E. E. Dale, and Mrs. Anna B. Korn. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

The following list of applicants for membership was presented:

LIFE: Mrs. Virgil Browne, Edmond; Lt. Col. Ross H. Routh, Oklahoma City.

ANNUAL: Alfred Aaronson, Tulsa; George B. Austin, Oklahoma City; Professor Nels M. Bailkey, Tulsa; Betty Jo Beck, Norman; Mrs. C. C. Brooks, Oklahoma City; Mrs. I. Frank Brown, New York City; Mrs. J. S. Buchanan, Norman; Mrs. Ray M. Buck, Bartlesville; Forrest Butler, Oklahoma City; Charles S. Caldwell, Oklahoma City; Walter O. Christie, Oklahoma City; Rev. Warren P. Clark, Muskogee; Edith Clason, Oklahoma City; H. B. Cobban, Miami; Mrs. Annie M. Coblenz, Stillwater; Colonel Joseph Cohen, New Orleans, Louisiana; Mrs. Blanche Boze Cooper, Oklahoma City; Hudson Cooper, Carrollton, Missouri; Millard Cope, Marshall, Texas; Murray L. Coppock, Cherokee; L. E. Crawford, Lawton; Stephen D. Crouch, Norman; Mrs. Ruth Darr, Freedom; C. C. Davis, Fort Smith, Arkansas; W. E. S. Folsom-Dickerson, Austin, Texas; Valentine Domoney, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth DuBois, Guthrie; John W. Dunn, Norman; George Ellefson, Jr., Fort Smith, Arkansas; Don Emery, Bartlesville; John England, Fort Smith, Arkansas; W. B. Fitch, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Oscar Gardner, Hatfield, Arkansas; George H. Garmon, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; J. B. Graybill, Leedey; Eugene P. Gum, Oklahoma City; Mrs. D.

Tudor Harrell, Silver Spring, Maryland; C. R. Hayes, Oklahoma City; Captain R. Lee Haynes, Norman; Charles A. Heirich, Muskogee; Mrs. Lucille Iris Hinshaw, Norman; Dr. Arthur F. Hoge, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Miss Martha M. Huster, Tulsa; Dr. Joe Jennings, Evanston, Illinois; R. Johnson, Guthrie; Rev. M. Jordan, Tecumseh; Harry B. Kniseley, Tulsa; Cornelius Kroll, Houston, Texas; Gus Krone, Fort Smith, Arkansas; E. P. Ledbetter, Oklahoma City; John F. Loessin, Oklahoma City; J. H. Logan, Hitchita; Mrs. J. E. McDowell, Oklahoma City; W. E. McGehee, Enid; Mrs. Alice Sutton McGeorge, Enid; Guy Bruce Massey, Broken Bow; Paul May, Muskogee; Mrs. Helen N. Mitchell, Guthrie; Mrs. Ruth E. Moon, Guthrie; Carl F. Moore, Norman; Mrs. Sam L. Morley, Oklahoma City; R. E. L. Mugg, Oklahoma City; W. S. Murphy, Norman; Mrs. A. Roscoe Norris, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Lucille M. Oldham, Tecumseh; S. C. Ortner, Oklahoma City; Clyde H. Porter, Kansas City, Missouri; J. E. Randolph, Oklahoma City; Judge W. E. Rice, Oklahoma City; O. H. Richards, Arnett; A. B. Richert, Oklahoma City; Mrs. J. M. Riddle, Oklahoma City; Charles A. Rockwood, Oklahoma City; Hack Rodgers, Oklahoma City; H. L. Sanders, Tulsa; Mrs. L. W. Scott, Oklahoma City; Antonette Sebastian, Oklahoma City; Edwin R. Shapard, Muskogee; Felix Simmons, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Annie M. Sooter, Oklahoma City; Guy Spottswood, Norman; Dr. G. M. G. Stafford, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mrs. R. H. Stanley, Hugo; W. F. Stille, McLoud; U. S. Stone, Oklahoma City; Miss Alta Taylor, Poteau; Miss Katharine Terry, Sperry; Mrs. Harry Tinker, Stillwater; Frederic E. Voelker, St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Leverett West, Ardmore; Wilbur S. White, Tishomingo; A. H. Witherspoon, Oklahoma City.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that each be elected and received as members of the Society in the class as indicated in the list. The motion was seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Blanche Lucas made the motion that the name plates and the United States flag from the U. S. S. OKLAHOMA, which was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, be secured for the Historical Society collections; and that a committee be appointed to make contacts with the proper authorities. The motion was seconded and by unanimous vote carried.

The Chair appointed the following committee to make contacts in securing these relics: Mrs. John R. Williams, Chairman; Judge Robert A. Hefner, and Sen. George L. Bowman.

The President read a letter from the Missouri Historical Society in regard to a microfilm of the St. Louis *Republican*, covering the period from 1825 to 1870, not now being published.

Judge Thomas A. Edwards made the motion that the Oklahoma Historical Society purchase the film of the St. Louis *Republican* for the archives of the Society at the cost stated in the letter; and that the Secretary be authorized to secure information as to how to proceed.

The motion was seconded by Judge Baxter Taylor and, upon a vote, unanimously carried.

The President read a letter from Mr. Wirt Franklin, of Ardmore, regarding a painted portrait of himself which had been solicited by the late Jasper Sipes.

Senator Bowman made the motion that the Secretary be instructed to write Mr. Franklin and inform him that the Society would be pleased to accept his portrait for the art gallery. The motion was seconded and, by unanimous vote, carried.

The Secretary read the report of the membership contest carried on the past year by the Board and the staff members. The member of the Board securing the largest number of new members during the year was declared to be Mr. H. L. Muldrow and he was awarded the \$50 offered and presented by Judge Hefner. The staff member who secured the lar-

gest number of new members was Miss Muriel H. Wright, which entitled her to a life membership in the Society under the rules of the contest.

The motion was made that Miss Wright be made a life member of the Society by reason of her having won this honor during the membership contest. The motion was seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.

The Secretary read an affidavit from Otis Leader asking for the return of some articles of World War I which he said he had lent to the Society.

Senator Bowman made the motion that the Secretary get the information pertaining to these articles and get the advice of Judge Robert A. Hefner, Judge Baxter Taylor and the President before these articles are returned to the alleged owner. The motion was seconded and by unanimous vote carried.

The Secretary reported that no petition was filed by January 1, 1945, for the election of any successors to the five members of the Board whose terms expired at this time; namely, Gen. William S. Key, Oklahoma City; Judge Harry Campbell, Tulsa; Judge Baxter Taylor, Oklahoma City; Judge Robert A. Hefner, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. John R. Williams, Oklahoma City.

Judge Doyle made the motion that the rules be suspended and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for their re-election, for the ensuing five year term, of the five members of the Board whose terms had expired with this meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote, and they were declared as re-elected.

The President reported that Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, who is ill, called from her home in Wayne, Oklahoma, and reported that her health is improving and she hoped to be able to attend the next meeting of the Board.

A resolution was passed by the Board, by unanimous vote, expressing hope for her speedy recovery and the desire that she will be able to attend the next meeting of the board.

Judge Taylor made the motion that the membership contest, under the previous arrangements, be renewed under the offer of Judge Hefner to again give \$50 to the Board member securing the most new members during the year be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

The motion was made that Judge Hefner be thanked for his interest and cooperation and aid in increasing the membership of the Society. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Judge Hefner made the motion that a vote of thanks be given to the Board members and the staff members who worked so faithfully and splendidly during the contest to secure new memberships. The motion, seconded by Judge Taylor, was carried by unanimous vote.

The motion was made that a committee be appointed to see about the silver from the U. S. S. OKLAHOMA. The motion was seconded and the vote for its adoption was unanimous.

The Chair appointed the following committee: Judge Robert A. Hefner, Judge Baxter Taylor, and the Secretary, Dr. Charles Evans.

The motion was made that the meeting be adjourned subject to the call of the President. The motion, duly seconded, carried by unanimous vote.

Robert L. Williams, President  
presiding.

Charles Evans, Secretary