

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

April 22, 1946.

The second quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was held in the Historical Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at ten o'clock AM, April 22, 1946, with Judge Robert L. Williams, President, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll and the following members were shown to be present: Judge Robert L. Williams, Judge Thomas H. Doyle, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Hon. Jim Biggerstaff, Hon. George L. Bowman, Mrs. J. Garfield Buell, Judge Harry Campbell, Hon. Thomas G. Cook, Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Frank Korn, Dr. I. N. McCash, Hon. H. L. Muldrow, Hon. W. J. Peterson, Judge Baxter Taylor and Mrs. John R. Williams.

The Minutes of the Board meeting held January 24, 1946, being presented, upon motion of Mr. George L. Bowman, and seconded, the reading of the same was dispensed with subject to consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore made her report as Treasurer of the Historical Society.

A donation from Mrs. L. E. Phillips to the President of the Board of Directors, Judge R. L. Williams, for the painting of a portrait of her late husband, was made and is now ready to be used for the purpose of paying Mr. Boris Gordon, for his making this portrait.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank Korn, that as President Williams had received the picture and that Mr. Gordon had been paid, and that the portrait had been donated to the Society, that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Phillips for the splendid gift. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. George L. Bowman moved that that part of the article about Joseph Henry Lumpkin King by R. H. Hudson to be published in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, read by Judge Robert L. Williams, stating that Mr. King was related by consanguinity to William Rufus DeVane King who was elected Vice President of the United States in 1852, be approved by the Board for publication, also containing the clause . . . . "relatives, kindred, and descendants of those who actively participated in our early national life. For illustration, Fielding Lewis, a great-grandnephew of George Washington, first President of the United States (*Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Vol. V, No. 3 (September, 1927), pp. 556-557); Joseph Henry Lumpkin King, kinsman by blood of William Rufus DeVane King, Vice President of the United States; Horace Speed, United States Attorney for Oklahoma Territory, a kinsman of James Speed, Attorney General in Abraham Lincoln's and Andrew Johnson's cabinets; W. F. Hendricks, member of Oklahoma Constitutional Convention, a second cousin of Vice President Thomas A. Hendricks; Sydney Clark, a Representative in Congress from Kansas (1865-1871), member of Oklahoma Territorial Council (1898-1902)." Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion. Carried.

The Secretary reported on the matter of micro-filming of newspapers and books belonging to the Society, and the purchase from the Recordak Company of a Reader to read said films, at a cost of \$380.00. Mr. W. J. Peterson moved that the Society purchase a Reader at a cost not to exceed \$380.00. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. W. J. Peterson moved that the Society send parts of two hundred (200) volumes of old and special newspapers in possession of the Society to the Eastern Kodak Company to be micro-filmed. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore called attention to the Chickasaw Dictionary compiled by Miss Muriel H. Wright and Mr. Peter Hudson several years ago and suggested that Miss Wright be authorized to check the manuscript. Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that said Chickasaw Dictionary be turned over to the Secretary for preservation until the Board can decide what to do with it. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion. Carried.

The President brought to the attention of the Board that section (Section 4B) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Oklahoma Historical Society wherein it is stated that any member of the Board of Directors failing to attend three (3) consecutive quarterly meetings of the Board may operate to terminate such membership and suggested that since the emergency of the War is over the attention of the members is called to said provision.

Mrs. Frank Korn presented to the Board a hand-painted bowl 44 years old and a beer mug 42 years old, the gift of Mrs. H. P. Hoon of Oklahoma City. Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that said gifts be accepted and the donor thanked. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. Francis of Elk City, Oklahoma, the widow of W. P. Francis, member of the Oklahoma Territory Council, presented to the Historical Society five (5) fine Confederate Pictures in honor of said W. P. Francis, Confederate Soldier. Judge Robert A. Hefner moved that Mrs. Francis be thanked for said pictures and that she be requested to send to the Society a picture of Mr. Francis for a cut. Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour seconded the motion. Carried.

Judge Robert L. Williams presented to the Society a copy of a recent issue of a Denison newspaper in which articles about General Dwight Eisenhower and his birthplace at Denison, Texas, appear. Judge Robert A. Hefner moved that said newspaper be accepted and filed for reference. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion. Carried.

The Secretary presented the following gifts to the Society:

1. Book ends, made from part of the wooden structure of the U. S. S. Oklahoma, sent to Governor Kerr by Admiral C. W. Nimitz as a gift to the Oklahoma Historical Society.
2. Japanese Flag, captured by United States Marines on Okinawa in 1945, sent to Governor Kerr by Rear Admiral J. J. Clark as a gift to Oklahoma, together with Admiral Clark's letter to the Historical Society.
3. U. S. Flag, flown by the U. S. S. Oklahoma City during her bombardment of Nojima Zaki on the nights of July 18, 19, 1945. This flag was presented to the Society by Judge Robert A. Hefner to whom it was given by Commander John E. Kirkpatrick, formerly executive officer of the U. S. S. Oklahoma City.
4. Sewing table, possibly of Japanese origin, the gift of Lawrence L. Parker.

5. Replica of the 45th Infantry Division colors, presented by Brig. Gen. H. J. D. Meyer to the people of Oklahoma.
6. A series of six (6) maps depicting the six campaigns for which the 45th Division was awarded campaign stars for World War II: Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, the gift of Brig. Gen. H. J. D. Meyer.
7. Portrait of W. B. Pine, the gift of W. H. Pine.
8. Portrait of Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, the gift of friends.
9. The children of Samuel Hayes made a donation of \$1500 to the Oklahoma Historical Society for the purpose of having a portrait painted of their father to be placed in this State Historical Society, and Judge Williams, President of the Board of Directors, agreed he would arrange for the portrait on account of this donation. The painting was executed by the artist, Pierre Tartoue, and presented to the Society.
10. A volume entitled "The History of the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy," by Dr. Clair V. Mann of Rolla, Missouri.
11. A volume entitled "Florida Becomes a State," published by the Florida Centennial Commission.
12. A volume entitled "The Last Trek of the Indians," by Dr. Grant Foreman.

Judge Robert A. Hefner moved that the Board accept the above list of gifts and that proper letters of appreciation be written to the donors. Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. George Forsythe reported his inability to secure the kind of railing for the Flag Room desired by the Board. Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that Mr. Forsythe be authorized to secure the material as available at this time for the railing. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Thomas J. Harrison donated to the State of Oklahoma for the Historical Society, a small tract of ground in Section 16, Township 19, Range 19, in the southeast corner of Mayes County, Oklahoma, in which the first missionary in Oklahoma, Epaphras Chapman, is buried, and on which the first Sunday School and first church in the Indian Territory were located, and on which the first marriage ceremony in Oklahoma was performed, for which he had paid \$100. Mrs. Frank Korn moved that the Board accept Mr. Harrison's generous gift. Mr. W. J. Peterson seconded the motion. Carried.

Dr. Charles Evans, the Secretary, reported the inability of the Tibbs Manufacturing Company to secure material with which to build the flag cases for the Society.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow moved that Louis Haines Wentz, a Life Member of this Society, be invited to present his portrait to the Historical Society. Judge Baxter Taylor seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. George L. Bowman moved that the Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society be held at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, on Monday, May 27th, 1946. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow moved that the Board allow to Miss Muriel H. Wright the sum of \$150.00 as part of her expense to Washington, D. C., to attend the Conference of Pen Women of America and to visit historic sites. Mr. Thomas G. Cook seconded the motion. Carried.

The President appointed Mrs. John R. Williams, Chairman, Judge Robert A. Hefner and Dr. Charles Evans, the Secretary, a Committee to investigate and write letters and try to find out what became of the Silver Service on the U. S. S. Oklahoma at the time of its sinking at Pearl Harbor and later reported to have been salvaged.

The following list of applicants for membership was presented:

**LIFE:** Malcolm Conant Davis, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Blanche Neal, Bartlesville; Ira Brown Oldham, Muskogee; Harry Sinclair, New York, N. Y.

**ANNUAL:** Homer Adams, Oklahoma City; Paul G. Adams, Stillwater; Mrs. Josh W. Anderson, Oklahoma City; Jon Anderson, Choctaw; Mrs. Nora Baskett, Dunbar; Hazel Lillian Biby, Oklahoma City; Gordon W. Buffington, Norman; Mrs. Mary B. Christian, Tecumseh; Mrs. Thearsa V. Clements, Tulsa; Mrs. Dorothy Maitt Colvert, Oklahoma City; George Copeland, Oklahoma City; L. E. Crawford, Lawton; Ramsey W. Drake, Oklahoma City; Robert D. Soff, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Hattie Starr Foster, Oklahoma City; W. A. Franklin, Ponca City; Loren L. Gill, Tulsa; William H. Harrower, Muskogee; Mrs. Lillian D. Henshaw, Oklahoma City; Jack Hilton, Oklahoma City; George K. Hunter, Shawnee; John W. Hutchinson, Norman; Mrs. George A. Jackson, Tulsa; Ruth Johnson, Pawhuska; Mrs. Charles Wilson Lane, Tulsa; Wilbur P. Lee, Ada; Mrs. Marie Listen, Oklahoma City; Clair Victor Mann, Rolla, Mo.; James G. Michaelson, Tulsa; Mary Morley, Eufaula; Joe Morris, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Clyde Musgrove, El Reno; George C. Pendleton, Jr., Durant; F. H. Pratt, Tulsa; Mrs. Charles T. Rowland, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Mary R. Thompson, Edmond; Mrs. Anna G. Thornton, Asbury Park, N. J.; J. W. Wheeler, Norman; Fay Beard Wilson, Norman; Harper Wright, Oklahoma City.

Judge Robert A. Hefner moved that the applicants be elected and received as members of the Society in the class as indicated in the list. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. George L. Bowman moved that the meeting stand adjourned subject to the call of the President. Judge Harry Campbell seconded the motion. Carried.

ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, President  
presiding

CHARLES EVANS,  
Secretary