

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

JULY 25, 1946

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened in the Historical Society Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., July 25, 1946, with the President, Judge Robert L. Williams, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll. The following members were present; Judge Robert L. Williams, Mr. Jim Biggerstaff, Mr. George L. Bowman, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Frank Korn, Dr. I. N. McCash, Mr. J. B. Milam, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Mrs. John R. Williams, and the Secretary.

The Secretary reported on the decision of the Attorney General relative to the appropriation made by the last Legislature for the tunnel and heating plant for the Historical Society Building, and also reported that Mr. Smith, Building Superintendent, had advised that a separate heating apparatus would be better as we would have better pressure and immediate control of it and that he recommended we install low pressure boilers. Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that the proper persons be authorized to install the low pressure boilers in the Historical Society Building. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mrs. John R. Williams made the motion that Mr. Frank Greer who was temporarily appointed by a Committee composed of Judge Robert A. Hefner, Judge Baxter Taylor and the Secretary, to the position of Custodian of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building, be elected to that position. Judge Thomas A. Edwards seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that the Historical Society purchase a Spencer Microfilm Reader from the American Optical Company, Buffalo, New York, at a cost of \$41.00, plus the following listed attachments at a cost of \$22.15:

Roll Film Attachment with one 100 ft. Film Reel	\$15.85
100 Foot Film Reel, 35mm55
100 Watt, 115 Volt, G16½ Spotlight Bulb MCP90
Extra Screens (package of six)	1.65
Glass Film Book80
16mm. Accessories for use with Roll Film Attachment, including 4 spacers, one aperture mask and one 100 Foot Film Reel, with instructions	2.75
100 Foot Film Reel-16mm.55
	\$22.15

Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Judge Robert L. Williams reported that he had authorized the Librarian of the Society to take the Territorial Census of Oklahoma, 1890, which is very old and valuable, to Dallas, Texas, to be microfilmed by the Recordak Company, five films to be made, two for the Historical Society, one for the Library of Congress, one for the A. & M. College, Stillwater, and one for the State Library, Oklahoma City; that the total expense was \$11.91. Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that the cost of \$11.91 for filming the Oklahoma Territorial Census, 1890, be paid. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that the railing recently installed in the Flag Room on the third floor of the Historical Society Building be authorized to be paid. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. I. N. McCash made the motion that the Society acknowledge the receipt of \$1500.00, the gift of Ex-Senator John W. Harreld, to be invested by the Historical Society in paintings, and that Senator Harreld be thanked for said gift. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that the President, Judge Robert L. Williams, be authorized to take the necessary steps to procure a portrait of Lt. Gen. Ira Eaker. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that proper steps be taken to procure portraits of General Clarence L. Tinker, Vice-Admiral Marc Mitscher and Admiral J. J. Clark, and that a committee be appointed for this purpose. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Biggerstaff presented to the Society for his wife, Mrs. Jim Biggerstaff, the following heirlooms that have been in her family for a long time:

Land grant of Mrs. Biggerstaff's maternal grandfather, Philip Franklin Field, on sheepskin, signed by President Andrew Jackson, dated 1831.
Manifest of the Steamer *Pauline Carroll*, St. Louis to New Orleans, dated July 8, 1864, signed by A. S. Bell, Clerk, an Uncle of Mrs. Biggerstaff.
Wine Bottle over 100 years old, brought from England by Mrs. Biggerstaff's maternal grandfather, Joseph Bell.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that the above listed gifts of Mrs. Biggerstaff be accepted and that she be thanked for the same. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Thomas A. Edwards made the motion that the following listed gifts to the Society be accepted and that the donors be thanked for the same:

Book entitled "Lineages of Members National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims," Presented by that organization at the request of Mrs. Cliff Strider, Guthrie, Oklahoma;

Coat worn by Captain Victor J. France in World War II, gift of his Mother, Mrs. Lena France;

Shotgun, property of T. J. Newell, who made the Run in 1889, gift of his son, Leon Newell;

Gun, property of E. T. Houston, member of the Constitutional Convention, gift of his son, J. E. Houston;

3 old Quilts: One of the quilts is 120 years old and was slept under by Generals Stand Waite and Albert Pike in 1860, and won first prize at the Oklahoma Free State Fair in 1924. These were the gift of Honorable Robert L. Owen, former U. S. Senator from Oklahoma, and were preserved by Mrs. George B. Hester during her lifetime;

French Invasion money (paper), gift of Dortha Stevens;
 Japanese Coin, gift of S/Sgt. C. Bradford;
 Churn, Miniature Old-fashioned, gift of Mrs. W. F. Rogers, Jr.;
 Portrait of L. E. Phillips, delivered by Mrs. L. E. Phillips for Boris B. Gordon, artist;

Gavel made from a part of the wooden structure of the U. S. S. *Oklahoma*, a souvenir struck off to celebrate Navy Day 1945 at Pearl Harbor, the gift of M. S. Zachary;

Pictures pertaining to Pearl Harbor and newspaper clippings about the War in the Pacific, gift of Mr. Marion S. Zachary, President of the Oklahoma State Club of Honolulu.

Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion extending thanks to the donors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow reported that since becoming a member of the Board of Directors of this Society he had secured for the Library a complete record of the Blue Lodge Masons, York Rite and Scottish Rite, insofar as possible; that he secured back copies of the *New Age* from the organization and had the Society placed on the mailing list of that publication as well as other Masonic publications and that there is now filed in our Library a complete file of the *New Age*; that he conferred with the Eastern Star relative to placing its records in the library of this Society and through the efforts of Mrs. J. W. Foster of Norman those records are now filed in our library. Mr. Muldrow made the motion that the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star and Mrs. Foster be thanked for this contribution. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Motion was duly made that all other National Fraternal Organizations, such as the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, The Knights of Columbus, Shriners (A.A.O.N.M.S.) organizations, and others, be extended an invitation to file their records with this Society. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that all churches of all denominations in Oklahoma, including the Dutch Reformed Church and the Moravian Church, be invited to file their records in the Historical Society Building, without duplications. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

Mrs. John R. Williams, as a member of a Committee appointed to investigate the silverware on the U. S. S. *Oklahoma* at the time of its sinking at Pearl Harbor, reported that Hon. Mike Monroney had advised that there is now a Bill before the House of Representatives which when passed would take care of the silver; that the silver is now stored in the Navy Warehouse at Bremerton, Washington.

The following list of applicants for membership was presented:

LIFE: Esthmer Hallam Skinner, Kansas City, Mo.

ANNUAL: Constance Colvin Alexander, Sand Springs; Robert N. Alexander, Tulsa; Sister M. Benedict, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Carrie L. Boggs, Shawnee; Harry C. Bonar, Mountain Home, Idaho; Mrs. D. C. Both-

well, Tulsa; Ada Kimberlin Bridwell, Tulsa; H. W. Burlingame, Bartlesville; Percy Butler, Tulsa; Mrs. Minnie M. Carr, Checotah; L. A. Chatham, Claremore; Mrs. R. F. Chisholm, Norman; Edgar Waite Clark, Bartlesville; Vernon N. Crouch, Tulsa; J. C. Davenport, Sapulpa; Mrs. Horace Davis, Lexington, Ky.; Robin R. Dean, Anadarko; Byrd Love Draughon, Marietta; Mrs. Winina Adair Edwards, Sallisaw; Robert Farmer, Vinita; Mrs. Edna Withers Francis, McAlester; Mrs. Norman Gast, Bartlesville; J. W. George, Oklahoma City; Bill Gilmore, Claremore; Mary Ann Grasshart, Tulsa; John Graupner, Oklahoma City; Roy F. Hall, McKinney, Texas; Charles F. Heidbrink, Oklahoma City; Beth Harrington, Locust Grove; Arthur P. Holley, Britton; W. R. Holmes, Edmond; Mrs. Harry M. House, Oklahoma City; Henry Kirk Hudson, Bartlesville; Thomas Bevin Hudson, Bartlesville; Dr. Dona Jenkins, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Taylor P. Johnston, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Mary Jones, Goodwell; Mrs. Gus Kitchens, Sasakwa; Mrs. M. J. Lignoul, Boise City; Zoe Lindsay, Oklahoma City; Robert W. Love, Claremore; Elizabeth McKinney, Durant; Albert L. McRill, Oklahoma City; Esther Nunn McRuer, Ardmore; J. H. Naylen, Bartlesville; Mrs. Gertrude Brooks O'Neill, Boulder, Colo.; George C. Pendleton, Durant; Mrs. George C. Pendleton, Durant; T. C. Peters, Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. C. S. Petty, Guthrie; F. M. Pike, Jerico Springs, Mo.; J. G. Puterbaugh, McAlester; Mrs. Lou Reed, Mulhall; Mrs. Leona Rinehart, Guthrie; Don R. Robards, Tulsa; Phil Rodgers, Edmond; E. J. Parker Sage, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Daisy Sheppard, Eufaula; Charles H. Sparks, Temple; Dr. Roy Taylor, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Terry, Alta Loma, Calif.; Mrs. L. E. Thurman, Nowata; Janice Tilley, Tulsa; Harley Tcmey, Tulsa; Florence N. Torrey, Washington, D. C.; Herbert L. Valentine, Oklahoma City; Mary E. Wade, Tulsa; W. L. Watkins, Bartlesville.

Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that each be elected and received as members of the Society in the class as indicated in the list. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mrs. John R. Williams made the motion that the Budget Officer be asked to secure a specific appropriation at the next session of the Legislature to air-condition the Oklahoma Historical building, especially the fourth floor.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that a resolution be passed memorializing the next Legislature to pass an appropriation for the construction of a building to house all war agencies and war organizations, and that a committee of three be appointed at the proper time to work on this matter. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion. Mr. R. M. Mountcastle's was the only dissenting vote, stating that he was in favor of building hospitals but not war memorials.

Mr. R. M. Mountcastle reported that there is some criticism relative to the custodian of the Barracks Building at Fort Gibson not keeping the building open to the public and requested that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter and report back to this Society. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The President, Judge Robert L. Williams, appointed Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Mr. Jim Biggerstaff and Hon. R. M. Mountcastle on a committee to investigate the report that the custodian of the Barracks Building at Fort Gibson is not keeping said building open to the public as agreed.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion to adjourn. R. M. Mountcastle seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, President
Presiding.

CHARLES EVANS, Secretary.