

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

January 23rd, 1947

The regularly quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was convened in the Historical Building at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 23rd, 1947, at 10 A.M., with Judge Robert L. Williams presiding.

The roll was called by the secretary and the following members were shown to be present:

Judge R. L. Williams, Judge Thomas H. Doyle, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Gen. Wm. S. Key, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Mr. Jim Biggerstaff, Hon. Geo. L. Bowman, Dr. E. E. Dale, Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Mayor Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Frank Korn, Dr. I. N. McCash, Hon. R. M. Mountcastle, Hon. H. L. Muldrow, Hon. W. J. Peterson, Judge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams, and the secretary, Dr. Charles Evans.

The motion was made and seconded that the members of the Board not present be excused. Carried.

The secretary reported that no petition was filed by January 1, 1947, for election of successors to the five members of the Board whose term expired at this time.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle made the motion that the five members of the Board, whose terms had expired with this meeting, be declared as re-elected for the ensuing term of five years, namely:

Mrs. Frank Korn, Dr. I. N. McCash, Mr. Jim Biggerstaff, Hon. George L. Bowman and Hon. Thomas J. Harrison. Motion was seconded by Mrs. John R. Williams and carried.

Mayor Hefner made the motion that the secretary be instructed to notify Judge Harry Campbell of the sympathy of the Board of Directors for him in his illness and their hopes for his early recovery. Motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour and carried.

The secretary made a report on the budget recommendations for the next biennium, comparing the appropriations asked for the next biennium with former appropriations, and stated that while some items had been raised slightly, as asked for, others had been cut. He emphasized that due to increased costs, etc., it was imperative that the full amounts be secured.

Mr. Biggerstaff spoke at this point and said that there had been a tremendous increase in the cost of printing, binding, paper, etc., in most cases from 35% to 85%, and stated that it was his purpose to lay this increased cost before the Board of Affairs and the Budget Officer, that we might be more able to increase the allowance for printing, binding, etc.

In regard to the budget, Mr. Peterson urged that each member of the Board get in touch with his or her representative concerning the matter, either by letter or personal call.

The president read a letter from the Friends of Stratford, Inc., asking for a donation for setting up a shrine. Mr. Bowman made a motion that a donation of \$10.00 be made out of the private funds of the Oklahoma Historical Society as an indication of interest. Motion was seconded by Judge Taylor and carried.

Dr. I. N. McCash reported that the Jenkins portrait, which had been sent to him collect from Pasadena sometime before, in the amount of \$8.30, had been done so by mistake, and he had since been reimbursed for the amount. He stated that there would be no further charges in connection with the matter.

Dr. Harbour made the motion that the secretary be instructed to find out if the McLain family wished the \$13.60 overage on the McLain portrait returned to them, and if not, that the amount be paid into the private funds of the Society. Motion was seconded by General Key and carried.

Judge Doyle brought up the question of the time Mrs. Canton had served the Society without reimbursement, through a decision of the courts in regard to the deficiency funds, and asked that some consideration be given to the matter, inasmuch as Mrs. Canton was ill and without much funds. However, no action was taken on this matter.

Judge Williams presented a collection of articles which had been given the Society by the Maytubby family, as follows:

One gold Elgin watch with chain (Elgin Natl. Watch Co. # 12276; one tin box containing plate with one false tooth; one wooden stick; one tin-type picture (in frame); one photograph of S. W. Maytubby, Caddo, I. T. (father of Peter Maytubby); one photograph marked Souvenir of Tampa, Florida. 1st U. S. Vol. Cavalry, Bud Maytubby, R.R.R.; one photograph of Indian man and white woman marked Peter Maytubby; one photograph of child marked May Reney (Miss May Renny, Tishomingo, I. T.), Jess Reney; one photograph of woman marked Mary Maytubby now Moore, lives in Douglas, Wyoming. Taylor Mcore, son teaches out from Ringling, Okla., 63 years old; one tin-type picture of two men marked "large man is Peter Maytubby and other is Will Hankins"; one very old and ragged purse containing a \$100.00 dollar bill in Confederate money dated Feb. 17, 1864; one document marked Chickasaw 1242 in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Tobitha Maytubby, as a citizen by intermarriage of the Chickasaw Nation. "Decision" signed by Tams Bixby, Chairman, T. B. Needles, C. R. Breckinridge & W. E. Stanley as Commissioners; one hand bill advertising Maytubby Springs 4 miles west of Caddo, I.T.; one newspaper clipping, "Capt. Peter Maytubby writes a letter to the Herald giving his Impressions of Mexico"; one newspaper clipping "Meeting of Stockholders and Directors of the Bank of the Chickasaw Nation"; letter to Mrs. Peter Maytubby, Caddo, I. T., dated August 20, 1907, from State National Bank, Denison, Texas; letter to Peter Maytubby, Esq., dated Mar. 29, 1907 from State National Bank of Denison, Texas.

Mr. Bowman made the motion that the gifts be accepted and that a vote of thanks be sent to the donors. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Williams, and carried.

The secretary presented a list of gifts given to the Museum and Library for the quarter, as follows:

#### GIFTS TO MUSEUM:

1. Wooden bullet used by the Germans at Salerno; personal message from the C-in-C 21 Army group; Message notifying C.G. XIX Corps

- of contact of American Ninth Army with Russian 27th Corps, —all the above the gift of Gen. Ray McLain.
2. 45th Division News (Original copy), gift of Mr. Frank B. Cole.
  3. Oil Portrait of former senator John W. Harreld, gift of friends of Mr. Harreld.
  4. Oil Portrait of Dr. D. P. Richardson, gift of the Oklahoma Memorial Association.
  5. Oil Portrait of Charles Arthur Coakley, gift of Mrs. Coakley.
  6. Photograph of Dr. J. B. Jenkins, gift of Mrs. Jenkins.
  7. Photograph of Mrs. Donnelly Reid, gift of friends.
  8. Photograph of Judge George A. Ramsey, gift of Mrs. Ramsey.
  9. Fifteen pictures pertaining to World War II, presented by Gen. Ray McLain.
  10. Reproduction of painting "Founding of St. Louis," presented by Mr. Henri Chouteau.

#### GIFTS TO LIBRARY:

1. Biennial report of Oklahoma Educational Institution, 1897-1898.
2. Report of Oklahoma Educational Institutions, 1902.
3. Fifty & Sixth Biennial Report of the Territorial Auditor of Oklahoma.
4. Sixth & Seventh Biennial Report of the Territorial Auditor of Oklahoma.
5. Annual Reports of the United States Indian Inspector for the Indian Territory, 1900 and 1901. (Photostatic copies).
6. Annual Report of the United States Indian Inspector, 1902.
7. Annual Report of the Secretary of the Interior, 1903.
8. Report of Survey of Public Instruction in Oklahoma, 1922.
9. A Study of Local Units in Oklahoma, 1937.
10. Biennial Reports of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction—1908-1938. (Bound in Four Volumes)
11. "He Led Me Through the Wilderness" by Minnie Jane Foster—Gift of the Author.
12. List of Oklahoma Transportation Tokens by Frank C. Greene.
13. Official Papers by Judge Thomas Doyle.
14. Newspaper Clippings covering activities of State War Council, presented by R. M. Mallonee, Director.

In addition to the above some eighty books have been accessioned as gifts to the Society during this period. The principal donors have been the Military College at Washington, D. C. A few have been given by the Masons, and others by individuals, such as Walter B. Emery, Marie Moseley, B. Siberts, Claude Hensley, C. A. Sturgeon, and H. J. Roleke. These books have covered a variety of subjects, history of the Indians, genealogy, and Oklahoma History.

Mrs. Williams made a motion that the gifts be accepted and the donors thanked, seconded by Mrs. Korn and carried.

Mrs. Virgil Browne of the Daughters of the American Revolution was presented to the Board. She reported that in line with the permission previously given them by the Board, they had completed bookcases ready for installation along the west wall of the library, as shown by sketch drawn by Mr. George Forsyth. She also spoke of the work of the Daughters

of the American Revolution in collecting genealogical source material, and of the importance of correlating the different patriotic organizations and their work with the work of the Historical Society.

Dr. Harbour made a motion that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Browne for her efforts, seconded by Mr. Mountcastle and carried.

Mr. Milt Phillips and Mr. Elmer Fraker of the American Legion, Mr. Malcolm Davis of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Mr. Paul Cope, Director of the State Accrediting Agency, were introduced to the Board of Directors. Mr. Phillips presented to the Board a request for additional space in the building for the veterans' organizations, due to the fact that the veterans' program was in an emergency state which would probably extend from six to eight months. He stated that soon the legislature would have to give consideration to providing quarters for these organizations, but for the present, some additional space would have to be found in the present building.

Dr. I. N. McCash made a motion that the Board recognize the emergency nature of the situation and the request and instruct the secretary to give the veterans any space in the building that could be made available.

At this point the president relinquished the chair, and the first vice-president, Dr. Harbour, accepted the chair.

General W. S. Key stated that he deplored the seeming lack of trust and cooperation between one state agency and another. He offered an amendment to the motion to the effect that a committee of three be set up to go over the building with the veterans' representatives to see just what space could be made available. Dr. McCash accepted the amendment, which was seconded by Judge Taylor and carried unanimously.

General Key made a motion that the Historical Society put itself on record as desirous of obtaining a structure for the Veterans organizations, whether a separate building, an ell to the present Historical Building, or an addition to the Capitol Building, as a memorial to the men who fought in the two World Wars, and that the Society lend its support and efforts to whatever program the veterans desired to initiate. The motion was seconded by Judge Taylor and carried.

The representatives of the veterans organizations thanked the Board for their action in the matter and expressed themselves as most desirous of cooperating in every way in their use of the premises allowed them.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that General Key be named as chairman of the Committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bowman and carried.

The presiding officer appointed Mr. Hal Muldrow to serve with General Key and Judge R. L. Williams on the committee.

Mrs. Korn presented to the society as the gift of all the Women's Clubs of Perry, a miniature of Mrs. Henry Johnston, wife of former governor of Oklahoma. Mrs. Harbour made the motion that the gift be accepted with thanks. Motion was seconded by Judge Doyle and carried.

The secretary presented a list of new members for the quarter, as follows:

LIFE: Mr. M. E. Kaniss, St. Petersburg, Florida; Mr. Philip R. Phillips, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

**ANNUAL:** James L. Admire, Hugo; Mrs. Dolly Barker, Oklahoma City; Charles R. Beeler, Murray, Utah; A. E. Von Blarer, Zurich, Switzerland; Mrs. B. F. Borglund, Oklahoma City; Earl Frank Borglund, Oklahoma City; Mrs. McRill Caldwell, Oklahoma City; Henri Chouteau, St. Louis, Missouri; Estell Clason, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Garland Cooper, Oklahoma City; L. A. Courter, Oklahoma City; Edna A. Culwell, Lawndale, Calif; Mrs. Ora May Dever, El Reno; Sister M. Evangeline, St. Paul, Kans.; Mrs. Wm. A. Ford, Healdton, Okla; George V. Frazier, El Reno; Mrs. Wayne C. Gardner, Healdton; J. O. Geiser, Wellston; Pat Hamilton, Fargo; Mrs. Fred S. Hathaway, Wichita, Kansas; Harry Wallace Henry, Tulsa; Mrs. H. D. Hinson, Prague; Lucy Hole, Norman; D. B. Horton, Thomas; John Jacobs, Muskogee; George Kuhr, Norman; Willie Kuhr, Wellston; H. T. Lawrence, Oklahoma City; H. H. Leake, Stillwater; Kenneth R. Lowe, Oklahoma City; Helen McFarland, Oklahoma City; Lyman R. Moore, Spiro; Lewis E. Neff, Tulsa; Earl P. Porter, Muskogee; Mrs. Vernon Reed, Healdton; Ted B. Reynolds, Norman; Mrs. B. B. Shuffler, Paris, Texas; Andrew Jackson Smith, Jr., Norman; John G. Staudt, Tulsa; Mrs. Owen A. Teague, Tulsa; Thomas B. Wall, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. D. C. Ward, Apache; Collins C. Williams, Poteau; Elizabeth Yeary, Muskogee.

Dr. Harbour made a motion that the new members be accepted in the classification as listed, seconded by Judge Doyle, and carried.

The treasurer's report was presented and the president directed that same be filed.

The secretary read a letter of resignation from the custodian, Mr. Frank Greear, effective Feb. 1, 1947. He stated that one application for the position had been received. Mr. Bowman made a motion that the election of a custodian, temporarily, be left in the hands of the president and secretary. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Korn and carried.

Mr. Harrison reported on the investigation of the matter of the custodianship of the Ft. Gibson Barracks by Mr. Biggerstaff and himself. He reported that the custodians seemed to be doing their work well and cooperatively. Judge Taylor made the motion the Board accept the findings of the committee, the occupants to remain in charge. Motion seconded by Mr. Muldrow and carried.

Mr. Muldrow reported on his work with the University of Oklahoma Department of Anthropology concerning the investigation of the Canton, Hulah, Ft. Gibson and Wister Dam sites, and stated that on account of the condition of his health, he would not be able to do any travelling to carry on his investigation. The president suggested that he select someone in the vicinity of the dam sites to aid in the work, as needed.

Mr. Thos. J. Harrison invited the Society to hold its annual meeting at Pryor on May 26th, Pryor Anniversary day. He stated that arrangements would be made for taking care of anyone who could come over on Sunday, and that a program was being arranged for the meeting which would include visits to historical sites in the vicinity.

Motion was made by Judge Taylor that the quarterly meeting usually held in April be omitted and Mr. Harrison's invitation for the annual meeting to be held May 26th at Pryor be accepted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Biggerstaff and carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Moore that Mr. Harrison be thanked for his invitation, which was seconded by Mr. Muldrow and carried.

Mrs. Williams reported that she had been unable to get any further information concerning the silverware from the Battleship Oklahoma.

Mr. Peterson moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Bowman and carried.

CHARLES EVANS, Secretary

ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, President