

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

October 27, 1949

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened in the Historical Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 27, 1949, at ten o'clock A.M., with Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, President, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll which showed the following members present: Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Gen. William S. Key, Hon. Redmond S. Cole, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Hon. Jim Biggerstaff, Hon. George L. Bowman, Dr. E. E. Dale, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Mrs. Frank Korn, Hon. H. L. Muldrow, Judge Baxter Taylor, and Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary.

Mr. George A. Bowman made the motion that the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 28, 1949, not be read. Gen. W. S. Key seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon a motion made by Gen. W. S. Key, the following Board members who had sent in reasons for their non-attendance were excused. This motion was seconded by Hon. Baxter Taylor and passed unanimously: Hon. R. M. Mountcastle, Hon. R. A. Hefner, Judge Harry Campbell, Dr. I. N. McCash, Hon. Thomas G. Cook and Mrs. J. Garfield Buell.

Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary, reported on the appropriation made by the Legislature in 1945, then in 1947 and again in 1949, for repairing and painting of the interior of the historical building and the efforts being made to have said work done.

He pointed out that he had called upon the Chairman of the Board of Affairs and earnestly requested that this work be placed early upon the building program for the Board of Affairs for the year 1949 and 1950. He also has called upon Mr. Chet Smith, Superintendent of buildings and grounds and explained the necessity of the building and repair job being carried out before April, 1950. Mr. Smith gave promise that he would do everything possible to bring this about. The committee on this business of repairing and painting of the interior of the Historical Building, composed of Judge Baxter Taylor, Mayor R. A. Hefner and the Secretary, promised to call upon the Board of Affairs soon and find what can be done to expedite this matter.

The President reported on the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Association to be held in Oklahoma City in April 1950, and advised that the following committees had been appointed to function during the coming meeting of said Association:

RECEPTION COMMITTEE: Gov. and Mrs. Roy J. Turner, Lt. Gov. and Mrs. James E. Berry, Mayor and Mrs. Allen Street, Gen. and Mrs. William S. Key, Judge Harry Campbell, Judge and Mrs. Baxter Taylor, Judge and Mrs. Robert A. Hefner, Judge and Mrs. Thomas A. Edwards, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Biggerstaff, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Bowman, Dr. I. N. McCash, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Garfield Buel, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Law-

son, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Muldrow, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mountcastle, Judge and Mrs. Redmond S. Cole, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Foreman, and Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary.

GENERAL COMMITTEE: Chairman, Gen. Wm. S. Key, Judge R. A. Hefner and Dr. E. E. Dale.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Martha A. Mulholland, Account Clerk; Mrs. Rella Looney, Archivist; Mrs. Myrtle J. Cook, Curator of Museum; Mrs. Grace J. Ward, Custodian of Union Memorial Room; Mrs. Helen M. Gorman, Custodian of Confederate Memorial Room; Muriel H. Wright, Associate Editor; Hazel E. Beaty, Librarian; Mrs. Edith Mitchell and Mrs. Louise W. Cook, Assistant Librarians; and Vivian McCullough, Stenographer.

Mr. George A. Bowman made the motion that the Secretary be authorized to expend not to exceed \$300 out of the private funds of the Society for the reception of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association visitors. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Treasurer, made a splendid report as to the finances of the Society, calling attention to the transfer of the private funds from the Tradesmen's National Bank to the First National Bank of Oklahoma City.

General Wm. S. Key made the motion that the Board express its satisfaction at the healthy condition of the private funds, and appreciation for the thirty years of fine service of Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, as Treasurer of the Society. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The President reported that the Society would soon publish in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* an article written by Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, entitled "The Five Great Nations," originally published in *The Southern Magazine*, and have reprints made, in cooperation with the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Dr. E. E. Dale reported on the matter of reprints and their cost when secured from the various historical societies, and made the motion that the Secretary be authorized to make a contract with the publishers of the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* for the publication of Reprints at so much a page upon order, the Reprints to be paid for by the Society, the Society to be reimbursed by the author of the article reprinted in the amount of the bill plus any cost to the Society. General Wm. S. Key seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported on the results of the Every Member Get a Member campaign. He reported on the splendid work of certain persons in securing new members during said campaign, viz: Judge William B. Moore of Muskogee, Judge Thomas A. Edwards of Cordell, Mr. J. W. Ross of Tulsa, Mr. John C. Staudt of Tulsa, Mr. George F. Wood of Tulsa, Mr. G. B. Young of Tulsa, Mr. Charles H. Lamb of Tulsa, Mrs. Anna B. Korn of Oklahoma City, and Dr. I. N. McCash of Enid.

Mr. George A. Bowman made the motion that the Secretary be authorized to extend a letter of thanks to the above named persons for their splendid work in getting new members to this Society during the Every Member Get a Member Campaign. General William S. Key seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A report on the money coming into the Special Fund for the 3rd quarter ending October 27, 1949, was presented by Miss Mulholland. The Secretary read it and in brief, it was as follows:

Received from the Secretary:

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| Membership Dues | \$211.00 |
| Membership Fees | |
| Life | \$450.00 |
| Annual | 250.00 |

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| Total membership fees | 700.25 |
| Subscription and sale of Chronicles..... | 21.00 |
| Miscellaneous | |
| Piano rent | \$ 20.00 |
| Interest | 87.50 |
| Pat Hurley Gift | 25.00 |
| Check redeemed | 1.00 |

Total Miscellaneous\$133.50

Total receipts\$1065.75

Disbursements:

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| 8- 1-49 Addressograph machine | 421.91 |
| 9- 7-49 Addressograph plates | 16.37 |
| 9-10-49 Micro Library Reader | 194.96 |
| 9-30-49 Okla. City Hdw. Co., Tools..... | 23.64 |
| 9-30-49 Montgomery's, Tools | 17.65 |
| 10-15-49 Ida D. Martin, Assembling records at Muskogee | 48.00 |
| By check returned | 1.00 |

Total disbursements 723.53

This threw light upon the practical values of the "Every Member Get a Member" campaign. Enough money had been taken in from July 15 to September 15, in membership fees alone for the purchasing of \$723.00 worth of furnishings and essentials, made during the quarter.

The Secretary presented the following list of applicants for membership: (Because of the large number, this list of members is appended to these minutes.)

General William S. Key reported on the Markers for historic spots in Oklahoma; that contracts have been awarded and thirty-two (32) inscriptions for that number of Markers have been approved and submitted to the manufacturers and that the initial shipment is expected in the very near future; that Miss Muriel H. Wright has worked most industriously in preparing these inscriptions; that fifty (50) Markers will be secured this year, and another fifty (50) next year, and then Oklahoma will be better marked than any State except Virginia; that it is hoped the people in the various localities where the Markers are being placed will become interested and place Markers exactly on the historic spots.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore advised that the people of Wayne, Oklahoma, are placing a Marker to the California Trail, at Wayne.

The President reported that the collection of the late Mrs. John R. Williams, consisting of 17 pieces of Indian pottery, etc., including a very fine Grain Jar, could be purchased by the Society for the sum of \$100.00, the grain jar itself being worth more than the sum asked for the entire collection.

Mr. George Bowman made the motion that the Society purchase the collection of pottery, etc., of Mrs. John R. Williams, deceased, for the sum

of \$100.00. Mr. Thomas J. Harrison seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The President advised that the photostat machine owned by the Historical Society, now out of commission, could be traded to the Western Bank & Office Supply Company for fine steel shelving for the newspaper room in the amount of \$400.00.

Mr. Thomas J. Harrison made the motion that the Secretary be authorized to trade the photostat machine for \$400.00 worth of steel shelving for the newspaper room. Judge Baxter Taylor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow called attention to the fine maps accumulated by the Society now filed in the Library and made the motion that not to exceed \$300.00 from the regular funds of the Society be used to frame, with glass, many of these maps that they may be preserved. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported on the progress being made on the pamphlets, booklets and postal cards to be published from the Revolving Fund of \$3000.00 appropriated by the last Legislature.

Mr. Thomas J. Harrison made the motion that the Secretary be authorized to have the printing done, some in color. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Judge Thomas A. Edwards presented to the Society an autographed copy of a book entitled "Nebraska Pioneers" by F. G. Stilgebouwer.

Dr. E. E. Dale presented to the Society autographed copies of his two latest books, "Oklahoma The Story of a State," and "The Indians of the Southwest."

General William S. Key made the motion that the Board accept the books from Judge Thomas A. Edwards and Dr. E. E. Dale and express its appreciation to them for said gifts. Judge Baxter Taylor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Judge Redmond S. Cole read to the Board Dr. Grant Foreman's report relative to the hundreds of volumes of records of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency at Muskogee, Oklahoma, by virtue of an Act of Congress of March 27, 1934, and to his great desire that this Society secure from the other Indian agencies in this State records not of current use.

General William S. Key made the motion that an expression of profound appreciation be given by the Board of Directors to Dr. Grant Foreman for his splendid work in securing many hundreds of volumes of records of the Five Civilized Tribes which he has recently sent in to the archives of this Society and that the Board express the deep anxiety they feel for his health, and the hope that in due season his strength may be greatly increased.

General Key also embodied in his motion that the Secretary be authorized to visit the various Indian agencies located in this State and personally investigate the situation and report to the Board his findings as to the old records that might be transferred to the Society. Mr. Thomas J. Harrison seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow made the motion that the following professors of the University of Oklahoma, at Norman, be given Honorary Membership in this Society: Dr. Charles E. Decker, Research Professor Emeritus in Paleontology, Dr. Jesse L. Rader, Librarian, Dr. M. L. Wardell, Professor of History, and Dr. Oscar B. Jacobson, Director of the School of Art. Judge Baxter Taylor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Frank Korn made the motion that the portrait of Dr. O. C. Newman of Shattuck, Oklahoma, to be presented to the Oklahoma Memorial Association at its annual banquet, be accepted. Mrs. Jessie Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Jim Biggerstaff made the motion that the executors of the estate of the late Eugene Lorton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, be requested to present to the Society a portrait of Mr. Lorton. General W. S. Key seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Thomas J. Harrison called attention to the vacancies on the Board of Directors. A discussion followed as to the proper time for nominations and election of directors to fill the present vacancies existing on the Board. It was finally unanimously decided that the first quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors on January 26, 1950, will be the time for nominations and election. Many eminent men were pointed out by members of the Board as being splendid leaders in State affairs and worthy of every honor. A list of these men mentioned will be sent out to the respective members of the Board in due season that they may be given proper consideration.

Mrs. Frank Korn suggested certain amendments to the Constitution of the Oklahoma Historical Society as indicated by her, be made. Mr. George A. Bowman made the motion that said suggestions be laid on the table for further consideration. Mr. Thomas J. Harrison seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The President reported that the \$100.00 voted in October of last year for a petty cash account for this Society is almost exhausted.

Mr. Thomas J. Harrison made the motion that the petty cash account of the Society be replenished in the sum of \$100.00 out of the private funds of the Society. Mr. Bowman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that the meeting adjourn. General William S. Key seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Charles Evans
Secretary

Emma Estill-Harbour
President

APPENDIX

List of members elected October 27, 1949.

LIFE: Mrs. Vergie Blaydes, Duncan; O. C. Cash, Tulsa; Fred L. Coogan, Sayre; John T. Cordell, Pryor; J. H. Everest, Oklahoma City; John T. Griffin, Muskogee; Mrs. Stella Halit, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Dorothy Wentz Healey, Ponca City; J. Holland Howe, Ponca City; D. I. Johnston, Oklahoma City; Ned Looney, Oklahoma City; Theodore Pruett, Anadarko; Mrs. George Rainey, Enid; Martin J. Reinhart, Oklahoma City; Ted Edward Seibold, Muskogee; Edward B. Smith, Enid; Mrs. T. Dwight Williams, Oklahoma City.

ANNUAL: Mrs. Kiamichi Ainsworth, Spiro; Charles T. Akers, Cordell; Mrs. E. J. Aldridge, Wewoka; Mrs. D. E. Allen, Wakita; Harvey F. Allen, Tulsa; Mrs. Pearl S. Allen, Stillwater; Siegfried Ameringer, Oklahoma City; Ernest R. Anthis, Muskogee; Ferdinand W. Arnold, Oklahoma City; Benjamin F. Aspy, Okmulgee; Mrs. Sanford Babcock, El Reno; Mrs. Willa Mae Baldrige, Tulsa; Jennie M. Bard, Chelsea; W. J. Baze, Chickasha; Russell C. Benner, Tulsa; Jo Beryl Bettis, Oklahoma City; Robert T. Blair, Tulsa; Francis W. Bleakmore, Tulsa; Miss A. Van R. Blomshield, New York City; Gordon Blueler, Dallas, Texas; Archibald Bonds, Muskogee; Mrs. J. D. Booth, Muskogee; Orpha V. Bossons, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Morris L. Bradford,

Tulsa; George B. Brown, Oklahoma City; Kelley Brown, Muskogee; R. C. Brummett, Altus; J. C. Buchanan, Muskogee; Merton Bulla, Oklahoma City; Mrs. H. B. Bullen, Stillwater; L. A. Burkhead, Seminole; Edward Bynum, Oklahoma City; Fred Carder, Cordell; Mrs. Lawrence K. Cecil, Tulsa; Lynnle Clayton, Oklahoma City; Chester E. Clements, Tulsa; Ed Clohessy, Oklahoma City; Edna Mae Couch, Choctaw; Finnis Cox, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Roy Q. Curry, Cisco, Texas; James M. Crady, Cleveland; M. Louise Cramer, Shattuck; Mrs. P. R. Crawley, Atoka; Mrs. Faith M. Daltry, Middletown, Conn.; Mrs. Edith A. Daugherty, Tulsa; R. L. Davis, Muskogee; Miss Ermel Dawson, Temple; Jean P. Day, Oklahoma City; Samuel C. Dean, Howe; Earl C. Denney, Tulsa; Mrs. D. R. Dennis, Oklahoma City; C. R. Donart, Oklahoma City; Elmer Dotson, Uvalde, Texas; Byrd L. Draughon, Mariette; W. C. Eichling, Pharoah; Fannie Louise Eisle, Douglas; Mrs. Marie Ellington, Tulsa; Harold Elman, Tulsa; E. I. Emerson, Cloud Chief; Mrs. Chester Farris, Tulsa; George E. Fay, Joplin, Mo.; Irene Featheringill, Bartlesville; Robert E. Fergus, Oklahoma City; LeRoy H. Fischer, Stillwater; P. E. Fitzgerald, Tulsa; Ted Flanagan, Tulsa; Mrs. Edith Fletcher, Tahlequah; Frank P. Fonville, Oklahoma City; Eugene Forbes, Weatherford; Mrs. Guy A. Fowler, Oklahoma City; R. Harris Fowler, Claremore; Mrs. Corinne B. Freiday, Bartlesville; J. A. Frye, Tulsa; Leslie S. Fulton, Kansas City, Mo.; Douglas C. Garrett, Muskogee; Paul Enoch Gentry, Tulsa; Mrs. Berry Gibson, Tulsa; Lee F. Gilstrap, Claremore; Roy Goodale, Albany, Calif.; Mrs. Ruth Ann Gordon, Oklahoma City; C. R. Gorman, Bartlesville; Charles P. Gotwals, Muskogee; Edward G. Greber, Tulsa; Fred Greer, Cloud Chief; Victor H. Hale, Tulsa; Mrs. Dorothy Hamman, Elida, New Mexico; John J. Hamre, Arnett; Mrs. Ella F. Harmon, Dewey; Carl C. Harness, San Diego, Calif.; Melvin C. Harrell, Strong City; Elmer L. Harris, Bartlesville; Mrs. Dana G. Hefley, Tulsa; Ray Herndon, Tulsa; Mrs. C. H. Hixson, Shawnee; D. W. Hogan, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Houston W. Holland, Claremore; Louella Huddleston, Purcell; Jim Hughes, Oklahoma City; Myron A. Hurd, Claremore; Sam Ingram, Oklahoma City; D. Jacobson, Tulsa; E. H. Johnson, Tulsa; Robert L. Johnson, Tulsa; Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Ardmore; Cuba Lee Jones, Tulsa; Edwin B. Jones, Jr., Tulsa; Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Cordell; J. W. Kaboth, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Blanche C. Kilpatrick, Elk City; Albert L. King, Weatherford; Milton C. Kirk, Tulsa; Mrs. Charles H. Lamb, Tulsa; Mrs. Marie L. Langford, Tulsa; Raymond Emmet Large, Tulsa; J. C. Laughlin, Ramona; Mrs. Elbert L. Layman, Drumright; H. A. Ledbetter, Norman; Dean W. LeMaster, Tulsa; Jack Leonard, Bartlesville; Leslie W. Lisle, Tulsa; Robert D. Looney, Oklahoma City; Charles E. Lorange, Tulsa; Joe Love, Purcell; Raymond H. Lucas, Howe; George Murphy Lyon, Tulsa; William H. McGill, Washington, D. C.; W. J. McGlasson, Enid; O. A. McGuffee, Chickasha; J. R. McKee, Sand Springs; A. M. McMekin, Tulsa; William H. McMillen, Arlington, Va.; Guy C. McWilliams, Tulsa; Mrs. Bessie Marcum, Ada; Goldie Bell Marshall, Tulsa; Grace S. Martin, Muskogee; Richard Martin, Muskogee; Bert Meacham, Clinton; George Miller, Jr., Oklahoma City; Neil Miller, Tulsa; Lee Mitchell, Dallas, Texas; C. F. Mock, Sr., Altus; R. Place Montgomery, Hobart; Charles A. Moon, Muskogee; Mrs. Carl Wesley Moore, Tulsa; Lena McCurtain Moore, Stigler; Werton D. Moore, Tulsa; R. D. Moseley, Tulsa; Mrs. Betty Bethel Nash, Tulsa; Earl Neal, Tulsa; Laile G. Neal, Ponca City; C. L. Nikkel, Weatherford; Arthur A. Odell, Tulsa; L. V. Orton, Tulsa; Bill Harvey Parrish, Tulsa; Elmer S. Patterson, Norman; Mae Patterson, Duncan; Don H. Pickrell, Tulsa; Earnest C. Pitts, Ponca City; William S. Porter, Fargo; Percy Powers, Mangum; Robert D. Ragland, Rush Springs; John B. Rainbolt, Cordell; Mech L. Richardson, Luling, Texas; Mrs. W. L. Rising, Cashion; Mrs. Simmie Cutler Rose, Honolulu; Bessie Ross, Muskogee; T. G. Sappington, Cloud Chief; Allen R. Shaw, Bartlesville; A. S. J. Shaw, Oklahoma City; R. D. Shaw, Tulsa; Lee Sheaffer, Oklahoma City; Donald M. Sheridan, Oklahoma City; Robert B. Shoemaker, Tulsa; H. A. Skinner, Tulsa; Simeon D. Slaughter, Muskogee; Harold D. Smith, Muskogee; Meda E. Smith, Bartles-

ville; Mrs. O. V. Smith, Sapulpa; Roy Smith, Tulsa; Ferd P. Snider, Muskogee; Edward E. Soule, Oklahoma City; Effie L. Stanfield, McAlester; George W. Stiles, Denver, Colo.; Hugh A. Stokes, Wewoka; W. E. Sunday, Claremore; Frank Taylor, Oklahoma City; Roy C. Tanner, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Florence R. Tarver, Norman; Homer Thompson, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Sophrona Thompson, Anabel, Mo.; Walter A. Thompson, Oklahoma City; George Trudgeon, Purcell; Mrs. Mildred Turk, Ames; T. L. Walkinshaw, Oklahoma City; Coy W. Watson, Mountain Park; Mrs. Sam Watt, Dewey; George H. Weems, Oklahoma City; Mrs. India Rines Weems, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Norma Brooks Weems, Tulsa; Ray O. Weems, Jr., Tulsa; Ray O. Weems III, Tulsa; S. Don Wilson, Norman; Virgil O. Wood, Tulsa.