

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING, THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE OKLAHOMA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, QUARTER
ENDING JANUARY 24, 1957

At 10:00 a. m. on Thursday, January 24, the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society assembled in regular quarterly meeting. The session was held in the Board of Directors room of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building.

With General W. S. Key, President of the Society, presiding, the first order of business was roll call. The following members of the Board answered present: Mr. Kelly Brown, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Mr. Joe W. Curtis, Dr. E. E. Dale, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge R. A. Hefner, Dr. L. Wayne Johnson, Judge N. B. Johnson, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Mr. R. G. Miller, Dr. James D. Morrison, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, Mr. George H. Shirk, and Judge Baxter Taylor. The following absentees were excused on the adoption of a motion presented by Judge Hefner and seconded by Mrs. Korn: Mr. Henry B. Bass, Judge George L. Bowman, Dr. Berlin B. Chapman, Mr. Exall English, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mrs. Willis Reed, and Judge Edgar S. Vaught.

A delegation representing the Five Civilized Tribes appeared at the meeting for the purpose of presenting to the Oklahoma Historical Society a picture of the charter members of the First Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, which was organized in 1949. Judge N. B. Johnson, a member of the Board, was presented by General Key, who in turn introduced Hon. Floyd Maytubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Indians. Mr. Maytubby, after thanking the Board of Directors for the opportunity of appearing before them, introduced Chief Justice Earl Welch of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, who made the presentation speech. General Key accepted the gift on behalf of the Oklahoma Historical Society and thanked the donors. A tape recording was made of the presentation speech by Judge Welch and has been filed in the library of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

In addition to those appearing on the program other members of the delegation were: Mrs. Roley Canard, Mrs. Raymond Dunson, Mr. Roley Buck, Principal Chief of the Creek Nation, Mr. Lewis Alexander, Mr. Hugh Maytubby and Mr. George Harjo.

Motion was made by Judge Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Korn that the picture be accepted and that the donors be thanked for their thoughtfulness and generosity. When put the motion was unanimously adopted.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read by the Administrative Secretary. After the minutes were read, General Key stated that satisfactory progress was being made in efforts to erect, on the Oklahoma Historical Society grounds, a memorial to Oklahomans who had served their country in time of war. He asked if any member of the Board had any questions or comments regarding the memorial. All members indicated the report met with their approval.

Mr. Joe Curtis moved that Mrs. Imogene Moore Rockwood, daughter of Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, be voted an honorary Life membership in the Oklahoma Historical Society. He pointed out that Mrs. Rockwood had been of great assistance to her mother in activities relating to the Oklahoma Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Korn and adopted by the Board.

It was reported by General Key that the matter of the creation of a historic sites commission was now before the Legislature and that it seemed that the work of such a commission was likely to be placed in the hands of the Oklahoma Historical Society, due to the fact that it was well fitted to do that type of work.

Mr. Fraker related that a considerable number of pictures of the Joseph B. Thoburn family were now in the files of the Oklahoma Historical Society and that it was the recommendation of Miss Wright, Editor of the Chronicles, that these pictures be returned to the family. He said that none of the pictures in question was of historic significance to Oklahoma, but all were family materials. Judge Hefner, with the second of Judge Johnson, moved that the Administrative Secretary be authorized to send the designated Thoburn pictures to the proper members of the family. The motion was approved by the Board.

It was requested by Mr. Fraker that the Board grant him authority to have an audit made of the Society's Special Fund for the calendar year. Judge Johnson moved that this authority be granted to the Secretary and that the Secretary be designated as acting Treasurer. Upon the second of Mr. Harrison the motion was carried.

Mr. Fraker made a brief report on the financial condition of the Society. He pointed out that there would not be any appreciable increase in the Special Fund until income tax paying time was over.

It was reported by Judge Hefner that his committee on Legislation was more or less marking time until the bills relating to the Historical Society were actually up for consideration by the Legislature. He stated that the Legislative Committee and the Secretary were keeping in constant touch with the situation.

At this point the meeting was recessed for lunch which was served in the Board of Directors room.

At 1:30 p. m. General Key again called the Board to order. He announced that the dedication of the marker for the Sherman House at Ft. Sill would be held on March 16 and expressed the hope that as many members of the Board of Directors as possible would attend. A majority of the Directors indicated they expected to be present for the dedication.

General Key then reported that the Portrait Committee had recommended the acceptance of a painting of W. G. Skelly of Tulsa. Mrs. Korn moved that the recommendation of the Committee be accepted. Her motion was seconded by Judge Hefner and passed by the Board.

Mrs. Korn presented a letter to the Society which had been written to her by Woodrow Wilson when he was President of the United States. She reported that she had received the letter while attending the National Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1923. General Key expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to Mrs. Korn for her generosity in giving the letter to the Society.

An outline for the 1957 annual tour of the Oklahoma Historical Society was presented by R. G. Miller. He stated that the tour would be held May 16, 17, and 18 and that it would start at the Oklahoma Historical Society Building at 7:30 a. m. on May 16. He listed many places of interest that would be visited on the tour including the old Sac and Fox Agency south of Stroud, the old Whistler House, Woolaroc Museum, Hillside Mission near Skiatook, Wealaka Mission, Dripping Springs, Old Ft. Wayne, gravesite of Stand Watie, old Splitlog Mission, old Council Hill, Creek Indian Museum, at Okmulgee, and the ghost town of Keokuk Falls near Prague. Mr. Miller said that the tourists would be quartered at the Sequoyah Lodge on both

nights. On the second evening out, the party will go for a cruise aboard the Cherokee Queen on Grand Lake. Dinner will be served that evening on board.

It was stated by Mr. Miller that literature would soon be prepared setting forth the costs and all details of the tour and that such information would be made available to all who were interested.

In a discussion concerning sales by the Oklahoma Historical Society, Mr. Miller observed that there was a big demand for Oklahoma State Flags. He expressed the opinion that the Society should investigate the possibility of making such flags available for sale in the Historical Society Building. General Key recommended that authority should be given for the purchase, out of the Special Fund, of flags to be offered for sale by the Society and that an adequate registration book and display case be provided. He further voiced the opinion that it might be well to hire a temporary receptionist and temporary guide to work during the busy season, and that the salaries of such receptionist and guide to be paid from the Special Fund. It was moved by Judge Hefner and seconded by Mr. Harrison that such authority be granted by the Board. The motion was approved.

That a movement was under way in El Reno to try to get a Federal Cemetery located at old Ft. Reno, was reported by General Key. He observed that the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society had taken no official action on the proposal and that it might be well for the Board to give an expression of its view on the matter. A motion was made by Mr. Miller that the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society go on record as supporting the proposal to create a Federal Cemetery at old Ft. Reno. The second was made by Miss Seger and was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Judge Baxter Taylor moved that the five members of the Board of Directors whose terms were expiring with the January meeting be re-elected for another five year period. Miss Seger seconded the motion which received the unanimous approval of the non-retiring members of the Board. Those re-elected to another term on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society were: Mr. Joe Curtis, Mr. R. G. Miller, Judge George L. Bowman, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, and Mrs. Anna B. Korn.

On a secret ballot, Judge J. G. Clift of Duncan was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board which had been created by the recent death of Mrs. Jessie R. Moore.

Judge Johnson reminded the Board that Judge Albert Hunt, a member of the Oklahoma State Supreme Court, had passed away last summer. He suggested that an article of recognition of the work and accomplishments of Judge Hunt be carried in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*. On the motion of Mr. Miller and the second of Judge Taylor the Board approved the proposal.

Motion was made by Judge Johnson with a second from Judge Taylor that a group picture of the present Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma be placed in the Historical Society Building. The motion was approved by the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by President Key.

W. S. KEY, President

ELMER L. FRAKER, Secretary

GIFTS PRESENTED**LIBRARY:**

Petroleum Industry Safety Standards, Bureau of Factory Inspection Book No. 11-A, (1956 Edition).

Women and Children in Industry, Laws regulating and restricting the hours and working conditions, (1956 Edition).

Donor: Jim Hughes, Commissioner of Labor, Oklahoma City.

Combat Connected Naval Casualties World War II, by States 1946: U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard. Volume 2: Montana through Wyoming and other areas.

Donor: Victor Wickersham, Congressman, 6th District, Oklahoma.

Saga of Oklahoma, A Poem of Progress and Growth, Souvenir Edition for the Semi-Centennial of Oklahoma Statehood (Oklahoma City, 1956).

Donor: Leslie A. McRill, the author.

Minutes of the Annual Session of the Arkansas Valley Baptist Association, held with Roland Missionary Baptist Church, October 18, 1956.

Donor: W. M. Carney, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Proceedings, in Memory of Thomas A. Edwards (Judge) and Thomas R. Phillips (Chairman, State Pardon and Parole Board).

Donor: Dr. E. E. Dale, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

Lieutenant Samuel Smith: His Children and One Line of Descendants and Related Families, 1953.

Donor: James William Hook, 80 Temple Street, New Haven, Conn.

Grant Smith and Irons Families of New Jersey's Shore Counties, (1955).

Donor: James William Hook, New Haven, Conn.

"Certificate of appointment Post Master, Albert R. Phillips, Waynoka, Oklahoma Territory, Woods County, February 20, 1906." Last appointment made before statehood.

Plat Book: Woods County (1906).

Donor: C. L. Godfrey, Wawnoka, Oklahoma.

Japanese paper printed in Japanese.

Donor: Robert V. Surret, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Photostatic copies of "Plat for townsite of Oklahoma City O. T., 1889," with letters pertaining to same.

Donor: Dr B. B. Chapman, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Pictures: "Rheims Cathedral." (1918-1919); two views from small originals, and other historical items brought from France in 1919 by Dr. J. H. Maxwell, Surgeon, U. S. Army Corps, A. E. F., 1918-1919.

Donor: Mrs. John B. Fink, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Pictorial Brochures: Old Virginia City, Nevada, 1880's; Album of California, 1873; Album Lake Tahoe region, 1890; *The Slim Princess*, the story of the Southern Pacific R. R. (Narrow Gauge) in the 90's.

The Story of Bodie, (ghost town), by Ella M. Cain, on sports, churches, and historical buildings.

Donor: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fink, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Family of Thomas Scott and Martha Susan Scott, a Century in America.

Donor: George Tressler Scott.

Conquering the Frontiers, a biography and history of one branch of the Ball family, (1956).

Donor: Roy Hutton Ball, the author, Silver Lake, Oklahoma City.

The Charles P. Goad Family and Collateral Branches.

Donor: E. E. Stephens, the author.

The Corn Families of the United States, Section III, (1956) History.

Donor: C. E. Corn.

Buyer's Guide, Complete directory, greater Pittsburg.

Donor: Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce.

"Sun Rise Ranch, Ft. Gibson Cherokee Physician—Indian Guide to Health," by George Darwin Wilson, M. D. Ashville, N. C. Reprint, *Quarterly of Phi Beta Psi*, Volume 50, No. 4 and Volume 51, No. 1 (1954).

Donor: Fred E. Woodson.

Bibliography, Artillery Unit Histories, Special No. 6 (Books, brochures, journals, articles, and mss.) The Artillery & Guided Missile School Library, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Donor: O. Willard Holloway, Librarian, Ft. Sill.

History of the City of Chickasha, pictorial brochure.

Donor: Jack Linn, Mayor of city of Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Keil's Heritage—Centennial Celebration, and *History of the Congregation of the First Lutheran Church*. Centennial 1956, Geneseo, Illinois.

Donor: Mr. Paul Bennett, Semco Color Press, Oklahoma City.

MUSEUM:

Scrap book; three newspapers; G. A. R. Blue Book; Canteen used in the War Between the States.

Donor: L. M. Nichols, 700 N. W. 97th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Tickets to Chicago Worlds Fair; tickets to Republican Convention in Philadelphia in 1900; lists of Confederate money for sale by dealer; Confederate notes and bills.

Donor: L. M. Nichols, Oklahoma City.

Beaded cane used by Geronimo.

Donor: J. W. Davis, Rochester, Michigan.

Choctaw dictionary.

Donor: Phillip McBride, Minneapolis 10, Minn.

Discharge papers, Union Army; Certificate of Promotion.

Donor: Ivan R. Suddeth, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Small bell used at the Modoc Mission.

Donor: Lawrence Zane, Miami, Oklahoma.

Old fashioned green glass pop bottle.

Donor: Ira Smith, Oklahoma City.

Quilting frames.

Donor: Mrs. Paul Brown, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Pictures received for Museum:

Masonic Home for the Aged.

Donor: Olin Stephens, Oklahoma City.

Oil portrait of Sen. Robert S. Kerr.

Donor: Friends of Sen. Kerr.

Ten pictures of Philadelphia Centennial Buildings.

Donor: L. M. Nichols, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Shades well.

Donor: Mrs. George E. Ellison, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Moonhead (Benjamin Quapaw).

Donor: Velma Nieberling, Miami, Oklahoma.

Two photographs of James Moffitt.

Donor: Muriel H. Wright.

Quanah Parker and wife.

Donor: Mrs. W. E. Rose.

Senator E. H. Moore.

Donor: Mrs. W. E. Rose.

Portrait of Mathias Spitlog.

Donor: Lena Guild, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Color photograph of John Wagoshe, Osage.

Donor: Mrs. Russell Wagoshe, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Adams General Store in Chandler in 1907.

Donor: Mrs. Daniel Webber, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Will Rogers.

Donor: R. R. Hornbeck.

Washita River near Cloud Chief in 1898; Home of Quanah Parker; First Court House in Cloud Chief; Sod House in Cordell in 1903; Court House Cordell 1902; Cheyenne Sun Dance; Indian Parade; Picking Cotton near Cordell; First Cotton Gin at Cloud Chief 1897; First Washita County Officers 1892; Scene at Cordell 1910.

Donor: R. R. Hornbeck, Los Angeles, California.

Cowboys Corral, 1889; Cowboy Outfit; Covered Wagon.

Donor: Claude E. Hensley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Arnote, Walter J.

Guffey, Chan

McAlester, Okla.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Talbot, J. D.

Evers, Jesse Bushyhead

Crane, Ross C.

Caldwell, Tom J.

Brummett, Jay

Ross, William McKinley

Janzen, Dr. A. W.

Waller, DeWitt

Ford, H. C. Jr.

McClendon, Mrs. Mattie

Wagner, J. H.

Thompson, Leach

Tucker James O.

Hendrix, J. G.

Morning, Mrs. Amy

Arnote, James S.

Jones, William

Bartlesville, Okla.

Bristow, Okla.

Chandler, Okla.

Drumright, Okla.

Duncan, Okla.

El Reno, Okla.

Enid, Okla.

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Granite, Okla.

Henryetta, Okla.

Hobart, Okla.

Hollis, Okla.

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Idabel, Okla.

Lindsay, Okla.

McAlester, Okla.

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Wiebe, Mrs. M. Linda	Medford, Okla.
Baugh, John H. Jr.	Meeker, Okla.
Sanders, Mrs. Corrigan C.	"
Davis, B. E.	Muskogee, Okla.
Dornette, Rev. Ralph M.	"
Scales, Martha E.	"
Yeakley, Charles C.	"
Kemp, Raymond H.	Norman, Okla.
Peterson, Mrs. Robert V.	"
Christian, Miss Gwen	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Clark, William Stewart	"
Cook, Vern Stanley	"
Dovell, Mrs. Pearl A.	"
Griffin, G. Lyle	"
Henley, Clarence	"
Hogue, Mrs. Mary E.	"
Lloyd, James Benton	"
Locke, Miss Alece	"
McGrew, Mrs. J. R.	"
Masters, Mrs. Olive	"
Mills, Jack Russell	"
Roark, Mrs. A. L.	"
Sheppard, Dr. Mary V. S.	"
Smith, Bernard Francis	"
Thompson, Bob L.	"
Whiteman, Mrs. Vera R.	"
Sessions, Ted	Okmulgee, Okla.
Medlock, Julius Lester	Pauls Valley, Okla.
Meador, William Ralph	Ponca City, Okla.
Smith, Lester	Proctor, Okla.
Davis, O. S.	Ringling, Okla.
Spurr, Mrs. Pearl	Stillwater, Okla.
Locke, Miss Vivian	"
Greenfield, Henry F. Jr.	Tishomingo, Okla.
Greenfield, Mrs. Vera A.	"
Allen, C. E.	Tulsa, Okla.
Allison, Edward L.	"
Clarke, Edward	"
Freese, John M.	"
Goen, Dr. Rayburne W.	"
McShane, Dr. William Robert	"
McWilliams, Kenneth Ryburn	"
Newman, Richard Oakley	"
Powell, W. S.	"
Webb, Ann Lucille	"
Bennett, Cody	Vian, Okla.
Godfrey, Clifford L.	Waynoka, Okla.
Kiker, Mr. and Mrs. V. L.	Wewoka, Okla.
Watson, Elbert	East Gadsden, Ala.
Glass, E. Claude	Gardena, Calif.
McDonald, Mrs. Ira	Los Angeles, Calif.
Ross, Mrs. Mary G.	"
Goforth, Mrs. Nancy	Rosemead, Calif.
Fowler, Mrs. Thomas E.	Van Nuys, Calif.
Doenges, R. S.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Simmons, H. O.	Pomeroy, Ohio
Butt, E. A. Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
Salmon, Dr. George W.	Houston, Texas
Houser, Allan	Brigham City, Utah
Deerinwater, Lloyd E.	Wichita Falls, Texas
Albert, Hon. Carl	Washington, D. C.