

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING, THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE OKLAHOMA  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, QUARTER  
ENDING APRIL 25, 1957

The regular Spring meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Historical Society Building, starting at 10: a. m. on Thursday April 25. Roll call showed the following members present: Mr. Henry B. Bass, Judge J. G. Clift, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Mr. Joe Curtis, Dr. E. E. Dale, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Dr. Wayne Johnson, Gen. Wm. S. Key, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Mr. R. G. Miller, Dr. James D. Morrison, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, Judge Baxter Taylor, and Judge Edgar S. Vaught. Requests to be excused from the meeting were received from Judge George L. Bowman, Mr. Kelly Brown, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, and Col. George H. Shirk. It was moved by Judge Baxter Taylor, and seconded by Mr. Henry Bass that the requests for excuses be granted. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The President of the Society, Gen. Wm. S. Key, asked if the Board wanted to hear a reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting. Mr. Miller moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and the motion was seconded by Judge Hefner. It was put and carried.

In his report, the Administrative Secretary pointed out that the Society would end the fiscal year, keeping within the state budget. He also reported there was a balance of \$2,465.91 in the Special Fund budget. The Secretary further stated that the Society had 910 life members, and 1,651 annual members, making a total of 2,561. The names of those who had applied for membership in the Oklahoma Historical Society during the quarter were presented to the Board by the Secretary. He then presented a list of gifts to the Society. Judge Hefner moved and Mr. Phillips seconded a motion that the new members be admitted to the regular rolls of the Society and that the gifts be accepted. The motion carried.

President Key called attention to the fact there had been a vacancy in the office of Treasurer of the Society since the death of Mrs. Jessie Moore. He observed that this office should be filled as soon as possible. Mrs. Anna Korn spoke in favor of the Account Clerk being made Treasurer of the Society. Judge Taylor nominated Col. George Shirk for the office of Treasurer of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Mr. Henry Bass seconded the nomination. By a majority vote, the nomination was confirmed.

Judge Hefner made a report on the activities of the Legislative Committee. He stated that all the bills, as approved by the Board of Directors, had been presented to the Chairmen of the proper committees in the Legislature. The Legislative Committee Chairman said he was happy to report that the measure naming the Oklahoma Historical Society as the Historic Sites authority for Oklahoma, had been passed by both houses of the Legislature and was then on the Governor's desk. The first general bill to come out, he said, was found unsatisfactory, and the Committee had made strenuous effort to have it amended. As a result, he said, the present bill, although not all that had been asked for, provided for much greater services by the Society. Judge Hefner estimated salary increases for staff members would be from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per month. He commended the members of the Legislative Committee for the fine work they had done in helping secure favorable consideration of the Historical Society's needs. Judge Hefner closed his remarks by saying that the bill was now in con-

ference and that he had every expectation that it would come out unchanged from its present form. He reported that the bill had been so worded that the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society had complete authority to carry out the provisions of the act.

Dr. Wayne Johnson said that he felt there were certain discrepancies in the salary schedule of staff members. He asserted these discrepancies should be rectified and asked if there was any way of getting changes made before final adoption of the bill. He was informed by Judge Hefner that after a bill had gone to conference, it was practically impossible to get changes made. Dr. Johnson then moved that the Board agree that the Account Clerk, Archivist, Librarian and the Museum Curator be placed in the same salary bracket and that the discrepancy, which exists in the present bill before the Legislature, be corrected by using money from the Society's special funds. Judge Cole seconded the motion. After considerable discussion, the motion was put. It failed to carry.

Mr. Bass moved that consideration of salaries of staff members be deferred until legislative action had been completed and the amounts appropriated definitely established. This motion was seconded by Judge Vaught and approved by the Board.

Gen. Key complimented Mr. Phillips, a member of the Legislative Committee, for the fine work he had done in helping secure an appropriation for micro-filming of newspapers for the Oklahoma Historical Society. Mr. Phillips said he hoped the proposed legislation would be passed, and that he was most appreciative of the help the Society received from the Oklahoma Press Association in promoting the project.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Korn, who asked that the Board authorize the Curator of the Museum to secure a picture of Mrs. E. W. Marland, to be placed in the group of pictures of the wives of former Governors. She also moved that the Society bear the expense of having such picture made. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour and was accepted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Annual Tour Committee, gave a brief report of the activities of his committee. He stated that the preliminary arrangements for the Tour had been made, such as transportation, meals and lodging. He said the Administrative Secretary was in charge of making reservations and urged all members of the Board to make the trip.

It was moved by Dr. Harbour and seconded by Mrs. Korn that a new carpet be placed in the World War II Room. The motion was adopted.

Gen. Key expressed great happiness to see and have Judge Taylor at the Board meeting. He said the Judge had been ill for some time and that it was nice to have him up and about again. Judge Taylor replied he was glad to be at the meeting. He said that due to his illness, he thought it advisable to have some other member of the Board act as Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. General Key said he would appoint a new chairman within the near future.

It was the first meeting at which Judge Clift of Duncan had attended. President Key expressed the pleasure of the Board at having Judge Clift as a member and called on the Judge for comments. Judge Clift said he had always been interested in history, and particularly the history of Oklahoma. He expressed his appreciation at having been elected to membership on the Board of Directors, and said he would attend every meeting he possibly could.

Miss Genevieve Seger said she was greatly disappointed at not being able to make the Annual Tour this year. She said the fact that she was Sponsor of the Okeene High School Senior Class made it impossible for her to be away from her duties at that time.

It was announced by Mr. Curtis that Pauls Valley was not only celebrating the Semi-Centennial of Oklahoma but also the Centennial of its own founding. He said a local museum was being arranged in Pauls

Valley to care for historical materials of that area. He invited all members of the Board to visit Pauls Valley during the celebration.

The Board gave its approval for the Administrative Secretary to assist Mr. Haskell Paul to present the prophesy of Statehood, made by his father seventeen years before the actual consummation of that objective.

Mr. Bass said he had recently been in Columbia, Missouri and had visited with Dr. I. N. McCash, former President of Phillips University, and also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Dr. McCash sent his best regards to everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a. m.

Signed: Gen. Wm. S. Key,  
President

Signed: Elmer L. Fraker,  
Administrative Secretary

#### GIFTS TO LIBRARY:

Old Dutch Burying Ground of Sleepy Hollow in Tarrytown, New York.

Donor: Wm. Graves Perry, Boston, Mass.

The Oklahoma Gardener, 6 copies from Mrs. H. E. Hubbard, Editor, Kingfisher, Okla.

A Genealogy and History of some Stebbins Lines

Donor: John A. Stebbins.

The Family of Thomas Scott and Martha Swan Scott, A Century in America.

Donor: George Tressler Scott, through Illinois State Historical Library.

Records of the Ancestry of John Park Cravens.

Donor: John Park Cravens.

Annual Report of Librarian of Congress—Library of Congress 1956.

The Crowson Family.

Donor: Leone Amott Rose (Mrs. Guy B. Rose).

The Corn Family of the U. S. A. Third Section.

Donor: C. E. Corn, Vancouver, Washington.

The Holway-Kerr Family Book.

Donor: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Holway, Tulsa, Okla.

The German Language Press in America by Carl Wittke

Donor: Kaltenborn Foundation and the Carl Shurz Memorial Foundation of Philadelphia.

Magazines: 101 Ranch, Vol. 1 #2 March 1926, Historia Vol. 8 #6 April 1921; 5 old papers with historical items of early day peace officers and gunmen. Books, He Willed It So, Col. Robert McReynolds; Brown Eyes, Stories for children.

Donor: Mrs. Zoe Tilghman (Mrs. W. W. Tilghman)

1957 Inaugural Program, Washington, D. C., 1957. Oklahoma festivities Program.

Donor: The Oklahoma State Society, Washington, D. C.

Life and Adventures of Ben Thompson, The famous Texan.

Donor: Mr. Fitzpatrick, Dallas, Texas.

Books: Service on the Indian Reservation, E. E. White; Story of the Cherokee Bible, George Everett Foster; Cynthia Ann Parker, James T. DeShields; Pawnee Hero Stories and Folk-tales, Geo. Bird Grinnell, An Apache Princess, by General Charles King; Wannaseska, by W. W. Shipp; Oklahoma City Guide Book and Directory.

Donor: Judge Redmond S. Cole, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

12 pictures including, First P. O. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory April 22, 1889; Initial boom, Oil City, Penn. taken from famous collection of Mather at Col. Drake Memorial Museum, Tittisville, Pa. 1850; Nob-Hill Ranch and Fort Smith Lake near Mountainburg, Ark., Home of Captain Bonneville's widow, Ft. Smith, Ark. (it is now a girls club); Hotel Trulock, built about 1875, Steamboat days, Pine Bluff Ark.; Old Jail House Kiowa Indian Agency, Anadarko, Okla., two other scenes at same

agency as they watch storm approaching; Wheat harvesting in 1938 near Yukon, Okla.; Farmer-Stockman Winter Pilgrimage 1938 to Mexico City.

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fink.

Brochure: Showing the most modern equipment in the Aviation Industry Products Engineering Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Book: Guide to the Manuscripts of the Kentucky Historical Society by G. Glen Clift. Laws of the Choctaw Nation, 1869.

Donor: C. G. Adkins, Nicoma Park, Okla.

Year Books and Reports: Year Book of the Society of Indiana Pioneers 1956. Annual Report U. S. Steel Corporation—Donor: U. S. Steel Corporation Federal Reserve Bank, Annual Report 1956—Donor: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Vermont Historic Sites Commission 1955-1956—Donor: State of Vermont; The U. S. National Museum, Annual Report 1956, Donor: Director U. S. National Museum; The Conservation of Natural Resources 1956, Donor: Secretary U. S. Dept. Interior, The Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union 1956—Donor: Directors of the Association; Bureau of Am. Ethnology Seventy-third Report, 1955-1956—Donor: Smithsonian Institution, A Statistical Record, Railroad Transportation 1921-1955—Donor: American Association of Railroads; Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, Annual Rept. 1956—Donor: Tulsa Oklahoma; Annual Report to the Governor 1956—Donor: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission; This is DuPont—Story of Science in Industry, 1956—Donor: Director, Public Relations Dept., DuPont Company, Delaware; Overland to the Pacific, California Committee, 1957-58, Donor: Overland Mail Centennials; Constraint and Variety in American Education—Donor: University of Nebraska.

Shirley Trading Company of Wichita Indian Agency dated about 1859 to 1863, owned by Dr. John Shirley, original ledger of the Shirley Trading Company, a very historical document. Dr. Shirley died in 1875 and the document became the property of his son, Lawrence Shirley, who died in 1931. After the death of Lawrence Shirley, his grandson Oscar J. Shirley came into possession of the document. On the 28th day of March 1957, it was presented to the Oklahoma Historical Society through the courtesy of Judge C. Ross Hume, Mr. Bert Heisler and Senator Don Baldwin of Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Oklahoma City has added 56 additional historical items, consisting of books, pamphlets, pictures and year books.

#### GIFTS TO MUSEUM:

Flag with 45 stars, Donor: E. C. Sperry, 417 N. E. Park, Oklahoma City

Rice Beads, Donor: Mrs. Emma Johnson Goulette, 1232 N. Fremont, Tuscon, Arizona.

Wyandot Motar and Pestle, Donor: Mrs. Velma Neiberling, Miami, Okla.

Shot gun, used by first game warden, Donor: J. Floyd Asken, 942 N. E. 17th Street, Oklahoma City.

Pictures Received:

Framed pictures of F. M. Paine Conference Superintendent of Indian Mission and his wife.

Home of Chief Moses Keokuk's Home copied from an oil painting.

Wagon factory built by Mathia Splitlog, copied from original.

Two pictures and negative of Mrs. E. W. Marland Donor: Ponca City News.

Rev. Edwin R. Shapard

J. Fentress Wisdom.

Wm. Penn Adair.

Josh Ross and Friss Hays

Donor: Carolyn T. Foreman, 1419 West Okmulgee Avenue, Muskogee, Okla.

**John D. Benedict**

**Billy Bowlegs in 1858**

**Billy Bowlegs in 1861**

**James K. Hastings**

Donor: Editorial Room.

Enlarged picture 20 x 40 of Quanah Parker and To Nicey.

Donor: Sgt. Bullen, Tinker Field.

Photograph of Mrs Anna B. Korn—Donor: Mrs. Anna B. Korn

Photograph of Judge Baxter Taylor for Directors Room. Donor: Judge  
Baxter Taylor.

Other Items:

Sod Planter—Donor: E. B. Smith, Rt. 2, Tecumseh, Okla.

Car tag, 1913—Donor: Ber Strough, 116 N. E. 7th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

***GIFTS TO INDIAN ARCHIVES:***

6 cartons of records, letters, etc.

Donor: Mrs. Grant Foreman.