

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

Members of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society assembled in regular quarterly meeting, at 10 a.m. July 25, 1957, in the Board of Directors room of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building. In the absence of the President of the Society, Gen. Wm. S. Key, the presiding officer was First Vice President, Judge Redmond S. Cole.

When the roll was called, the following members answered present: Mr. Kelly Brown, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Mr. Joe W. Curtis, Dr. E. E. Dale, Mr. Exall English, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Dr. L. Wayne Johnson, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Mr. R. G. Miller, Mr. R. M. Montcastle, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Mrs. Willis C. Reed, Miss Genevieve Seger, Col. George H. Shirk, Judge Baxter Taylor, and Judge Edgar S. Vaught.

It was announced by the Administrative Secretary that the following members of the Board had asked to be excused: Mr. Henry B. Bass, Judge G. L. Bowman, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Judge J. G. Clift, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge N. B. Johnson, Dr. James D. Morrison, and Gen. Wm. S. Key.

It was moved by Mr. Montcastle and seconded by Judge Taylor that the absent members be excused. The motion was put and adopted.

The Secretary having reported that Judge Bowman was absent, due to illness, Mr. Phillips moved that a letter be written to Judge Bowman expressing the regret of the Board that he was ill and expressing the further hope for his early recovery. This motion was seconded by Mr. Montcastle and unanimously passed.

Judge Hefner moved and Dr. Harbour seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

It was called to the attention of the Board by Mrs. Anna B. Korn that representatives of the State Federation of Music Clubs were present to present a breakfront bookcase to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Judge Cole asked the Board members for an expression of opinion as to whether the presentation should be made at the beginning or the close of the meeting. It was agreed that the ceremonies should be held following the regular session.

In his report, the Administrative Secretary outlined actions that had been taken by the Executive Committee in two recent meetings. He stated that in the first of these meetings, the resignation of Mrs. Olin Stephens as account clerk had been discussed, and that upon the recommendation of the Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Helen Kirkpatrick had been appointed to the temporary position of account clerk in addition to her other duties.

He also announced that Gen. Key had nominated the Historic Sites Committee of the Board of Directors. Those nominated were: George H. Shirk, Chairman, R. G. Miller, T. J. Harrison, and Miss Genevieve Seger.

He further stated that Gen. Key had requested the following be named as an Advisory Committee on Historic Sites: Rep. James Bullard, Duncan; T. L. Ballenger, Tahlequah; Rep. Tom Stephens, Shawnee; Sen. Don Baldwin, Anadarko; and Mrs. Grant Foreman, Muskogee. The Secretary stated that the Executive Committee had approved the nominations.

It was reported that the Executive Committee authorized the raising of travel rates paid from the Special Fund to seven cents per mile so as to conform with that paid by the State of Oklahoma. The Executive Committee also authorized the Administrative Secretary to proceed with the hiring of a night watchman, a position provided for in recent legislation.

Another action reported by the Executive Committee was that of designating the Microfilming Committee to set up items in the microfilming portion of the State budget. It was further reported that the personal and operational budgets, as submitted by the Administrative Secretary, had received the approval of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Fraker stated that the Executive Committee met again on July 1st. and accepted the resignation of Mrs. Olin Stephens as account clerk and that Mrs. Lajearne McIntyre, upon the recommendation of the Administrative Secretary, had been appointed to that position. At this meeting, the Committee also provided that an annual audit be made of the Society's Special Fund.

Approval by the Executive Committee was made for making the small room in the northeast portion of the Museum into an office for the Chief Curator, when such staff member might be secured. It was decided that the collection now in that room be kept together and properly displayed in another portion of the Museum.

A motion was made by Mr. Montcastle that actions by the Executive Committee be approved by the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and unanimously adopted.

The first committee report made was that on microfilming. Mr. Phillips, as Chairman, made the report. He stated that equipment bids had been called for in the microfilming set-up of the newspaper department. He further stated that bids had been accepted for making the necessary air ducts to properly ventilate the space to be used for microfilming. This contract had gone to the R. M. Nelson Sheet Metal and Roofing Works of Oklahoma City. Mr. Phillips observed that many state newspapers would probably want to purchase microfilmed copies of their papers.

Judge Hefner made a motion that the Microfilming Committee be authorized to arrange distribution of microfilms and to sell prints with money received therefrom going into revolving fund. Judge Taylor seconded the motion which passed.

Dr. Harbour moved that the Board approve, in advance, the purchasing of equipment by the Microfilming Committee and to further approve the entire report of the Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Montcastle and adopted.

In making the Treasurer's report, Col. George Shirk said that the audit of Special Funds had been completed by an outside auditing agency. A copy

of a page from the audit, showing receipts and disbursements during the past two years was distributed to the members of the Board. The Treasurer expressed confidence in the new account clerk and stated that she had many years of experience working in the office of certified public accountants.

He reported that the Oklahoma Historical Society now owns United States Savings Bonds in the amount of \$24,500.00, which at this time have a market value of \$23,600.00. Mr. Shirk stated that he had completed bond as Treasurer of the Society.

Upon motion of Judge Vaught seconded by Judge Taylor, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The Director's attention was called by Col. Shirk to the fact that \$47.50 still remained in the Joseph B. Thoburn Memorial Fund. He moved that this balance be continued and the fund used for purchasing flowers to place on Dr. Thoburn's grave each Memorial Day. This motion was seconded by Judge Talyor and approved by vote of the Board.

Plans for work of the Historic Sites Committee were discussed by Mr. Shirk, who had been named Chairman of that Committee by the Society's President, Gen. Wm. S. Key. He said that only \$5,000.00 had been appropriated for this work, which largely limited the activities of the Committee to making a survey of the historical places to be preserved, with the results of such survey to be placed before the next legislature. It was moved by Judge Taylor, seconded by Judge Vaught and approved by the Board that the Historic Sites Committee be authorized to proceed along the lines outlined by Col. Shirk.

Mrs. Anna B. Korn pointed out that she was late in arriving at the meeting and had not been present when the minutes of the preceding meeting had been approved. She objected to those minutes quoting her as speaking in favor of Mrs. Olin Stephens being made Treasurer of the Society. She stated that she wished to have the minutes corrected on that point. Mr. Phillips moved that Mrs. Korn's request be complied with by the minutes of the present meeting showing that she didn't intend to nominate Mrs. Stephens for the office of Treasurer. This motion was seconded by Mr. Montcastle and approved by the Board.

It was suggested by Dr. Wayne Johnson that the Administrative Secretary include in his quarterly report a brief summary of the actions that had been taken by the Executive Committee during the quarter. Dr. Johnson further suggested that the Society publish a brochure giving the legends of the various historical markers that had been erected throughout the State by the Society. Information was given by Col. Shirk that copy for such a brochure had been prepared by Miss Muriel Wright and himself, but had not been published.

Dr. Harbour moved that the matter of getting out the marker brochure be expedited. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly Brown and passed.

Judge Cole called attention to the Administrative Secretary's report that four new life members and fifty nine new annual members had sent in their fees during the quarter, and that a considerable number of gifts

had been made to the Society during that time. Judge Taylor moved that the new members and gifts be accepted. The motion was seconded by Miss Seger and passed.

Judge Cole presented five books to the Society dealing with Indian matters, and Mrs. Korn gave a volume entitled "Remembered Yesterdays." Miss Seger moved that the gifts of Judge Cole and Mrs. Korn be accepted by the Society. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour and carried.

Dr. Harbour moved that letters of thanks be sent to all donors of gifts to the Society. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dale and passed.

Mr. Montcastle said he had before him a duplicate original contract entered into by and between the Corps of Army Engineers for and in behalf of the Government of the United States, with Al Johnston Construction Company, Wiston Brothers Company, and Peter Kiewit Sons Company, joint contractors and co-adventurers for the construction of Ft. Gibson Reservoir. He said as general counsel for the contractors, he wishes to present the duplicate original contract to the Oklahoma Historical Society. He further requested permission to withdraw the document temporarily so that the Army engineers might attach to it a statement as to the acreage, shoreline, etc. His request was concurred in by Dr. Harbour and when the matter was presented by the Chair, it was unanimously adopted.

A brief report on the 1957 annual Oklahoma Historical Tour was made by Mr. R. C. Miller, Chairman. He stated there were 135 persons on the Tour and observed that each Tour seems to attract more people. He said that his Committee had conducted a survey among the people who had been taking the Tours to determine their likes and dislikes relative to the trips. Many excellent suggestions had been received by the Committee through the survey, he said. Although the Tour Committee had not as yet definitely set the itinerary for 1958, Mr. Miller expressed his belief that the Tour would be in Southwestern Oklahoma.

When called upon for a report of the Committee on the revisions of the Society's constitution, Col. George Shirk, Chairman, said that his committee was working on a number of amendments and revisions that would be presented at a future meeting of the Board.

The group from the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs then appeared before the Board for the purpose of making a presentation to the Oklahoma Historical Society of a mahogany breakfront bookcase, in which to house some historical records of the Federation. Mrs. V. Verne Grant, life historian of the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs, read a paper relative to the work of the Federation. Mrs. Grant then introduced Mrs. Frederick Libke, who served as President of the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs during 1954-56.

Judge Vaught moved that the Board express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Grant for the beautiful breakfront bookcase and that the bookcase be accepted as a gift to the Oklahoma Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and adopted by the Board.

It being determined there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Following adjournment, members of the Board went to the Library to view the new breakfront bookcase that had been presented to the Society by Mrs. V. Verne Grant.

Judge Redmond S. Cole, First Vice-Pres.

Elmer L. Fraker, Administrative Secretary

GIFTS PRESENTED

LIBRARY:

"*History of Atoka County*," Graduate thesis, M. A. Wm. Henry Underwood, 1931.

Donor: Dr. James D. Morrison, Durant, Oklahoma.

"*Study on Leadership*," Brig. Gen. Wm. B. McKean U.S.M.C. (Ret.). *Naval Research Log. Quarterly*, vol. 3 No. 1-2 1956: War College items 22 pieces.

Donor: Col. George H. Shirk.

"*Proceedings of the Conference on the Writing of Regional History in the South*."

Donor: American Jewish Historical Society, New York.

Afterglow, poems by Florence Anne Fugate; Ms. copy Genealogy of the family of Florence Morris Fugate.

Donors: Genoa Morris & Benjamin Fugate.

Hang on to the Willows, Ernestine Gravely.

Donor: Mrs. O. C. Newman, Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Ray Frank Litman A Memoir by Simon Litman, Dr. Jur.

Donor: American Jewish Historical Society, New York City.

"*Press Reports of the Urschel Kidnapping Case*," scrapbook.

Donor: Judge Edgar S. Vaught.

Oklahoma Geologic Map, original ms. by Hugh D. Miser.

Atlas of Illinois, illustrated, 1876.

Donor: Mrs. Grant Foreman, Muskogee, Okla.

"*The Border Queen*," Historical Edition of *The Caldwell Messenger of Caldwell, Kansas*, 1956.

Donor: Elsie D. Hand.

Map, "*Military Timber Reservation Fort Reno-Indian Territory*," April 20, 1889; Map, "*Virginia City, Nevada, Storey County*"; Package glass (stained) from Rheims Cathedral in bombing of cathedral World War I; "*Oklahoma Iron Works*," glass Paper Weight-picture inside 1908-09; Item No. 1 Photofolio—161 pictures of Anadarko, Oklahoma and vicinity, and some views Arkansas 1937; Item No. 2 Photofolio 1936-37—139 pictures, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Fort Arbuckle, Old Fort Coffee, Spiro Mound, Fort of Tipple, Taxco, Mexico, Monterrey, Mexico, Mexico City; Pictures (7) Run in 1889, Guthrie, O. T.; Historical items (357); Pictures, historic sites (40).

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

"*Alumni Directory*" Morris High School, 1912-1955, 1912-1957, Morris Okla.

Donor: Morris Alumni Association, Mrs. Ona Siegenthaler, Sec'y.-Treas., Morris, Okla.

Personality Doll of Mrs. Anna B. Korn, by Mrs. J. R. Phelan, and picture of all personality dolls made in the Broadway Sewing Club, Girls Center, Oklahoma City.

Donor: Mrs. Anna B. Korn.

"*A Portfolio of Historical Documents*," published by Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, April 2, 1957.

Donor: Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

"*The Birth of Oklahoma, Carter Oil Company*," by Fred Conway, "*The Link*," March-April 1957, and six copies *Sooner State*, Oklahoma Runs.

"*Oklahoma Children's Home Society*," final report by Board of Directors, Judge John Embry, President; Home chartered at Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory, May 4, 1900. Copy 5th Report, May 2, 1905, Noah B. Wickham, Supt.

Donor: Judge John Embry, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Items of historical interest (134), including magazines, brochures, newspaper clippings, etc.

Donor: Mrs. Grant Foreman, Muskogee, Okla.

MUSEUM:

Sod planter.

Donor: E. B. Smith, Tecumseh, Okla., Rt. 2.

1913 Car tag.

Donor: Bert Strough, 116 N.E. 7th St., Oklahoma City.

Rifle.

Donor: J. L. Shade, 2008 N.E. 16th Terrace, Oklahoma City.

Dental instruments.

Donor: Dr. Hugh D. Thomason, 308 Ritz Bldg., Tulsa, Okla.

Souvenir medal.

Donor: Stephen H. Bunch, Perry, Okla.

Seal of the President of the U. S.

Donor: Olga Baker, 6500 E. 11th St., Tulsa, Okla.

Letter from Woodrow Wilson.

Donor: Mrs. Anna B. Korn, 2607 N.W. 12th St., Oklahoma City.

Coin silver knife, owned by Sarah Harlan; Binoculars used by Major Aaron Harlan in the War Between the States; Magic Lantern.

Donor: Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin, 1429 N. Beard, Shawnee, Okla.

Land patent issued to August Kochler.

Donor: A. H. Lippoldt, Rt. 9, Box 271, Oklahoma City.

Picture of H. L. Stough.

Donor: Bert Stough, 116 N.E. 7th St., Oklahoma City.

- Picture of Capitol Building in 1917.
Donor: Mrs. John Cleator, 4032 N.W. 33rd St., Oklahoma City.
- Picture of Guymon, Okla., 1909.
Donor: C. M. Capps, 2717 N.W. 21st St., Oklahoma City.
- Picture of Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, Quapaws.
Donor: Velma Nieberling, Miami, Okla.
- Picture of Billy and Molly McGinty, copied by the Historical Society.
- Hand painted miniature of Mrs. Raymond Gary.
Donor: Mrs. Raymond Gary.
- Picture of first brick yard in Oklahoma City.
Donor: Mrs. W. W. Williams, 2532 N.W. 12th St., Oklahoma City.
- Picture of Ainsworth home at Old Skullyville, Editorial Department.
- Pictures of Print Shop of Waukomis Hornet; group, Kansas Historical Society; Gov. Cruce and others.
Donor: Wayne Campbell, Oklahoma City.
- Two panorama pictures of Riverside Park in Oklahoma City, July 5, 1908.
Donor: Joe H. Patterson, 420 N.W. 22nd St., Oklahoma City.
- Oil photograph of Brenda Adams, 4-H Club Girl for 1956; oil photograph of Melvin Semrad, 4-H Club Boy for 1956.
Donor: Ira J. Hollar, A&M College, Stillwater.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ROOM:

- "The Returned Battle Flags,"* 1905 Buxton and Skinner, St. Louis.
Donor: Mrs. Lutie Hailey Walcott, Ardmore, Okla.
- An original Special Order, issued on March 4, 1865 at Headquarters of Paroled Prisoners, Richmond, Va.
Donor: Miss Ella White, Oklahoma City.
- A reproduction of the original General Order No. 9—Lee's Farewell to the Army of Northern Virginia.
Donor: Mrs. S. H. Stephens, Oklahoma City.

UNION ROOM:

- Framed photograph of Crest of President Eisenhower, engraved on his person stationery, and also appears on the flag which stands by his office desk.
Donor: Mrs. Olga Baker, Tulsa, Okla.
- "A History of the flags used during the American Revolution."*
Donor: Mr. J. B. Fink, Oklahoma City.
- Union Soldiers Medal of Honor.
Donor: Mr. Stephen H. Bunch.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Sharpe, Mrs. Louis K., Jr.	Checotah, Okla.
Griffin, Faye Marie	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Owens, O. O.	Tulsa, Okla.
Pierce, A. E.	" "

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Gladwill, R. H.	Ada, Okla.
Sachs, Sidney	" "
Binkley, F. O., Jr.	Alva, Okla.
Cox, Ruth M.	Anadarko, Okla.
McGinty, Mrs. D. G.	Billings, Okla.
Winters, Mamie A.	Blair, Okla.
Frenny, Homer	Caddo, Okla.
Matheny, Willa	Chandler, Okla.
Cain, Byron Bernard	Charlottesville, Va.
Erickson, Gladys	Chicago, Ill.
Link, Mrs. A. C., Jr.	Chickasha, Okla.
Bost, Jessie Thatcher	Cleveland, Okla.
Easterling, Marvin Leon	Columbia, Mo.
Norman, Mrs. Oma W.	Davis, Okla.
Staley, Virginia M.	Drumright, Okla.
Enos, Earl P.	Duncan, Okla.
Morton, L. A.	" "
McKinney, Elizabeth	Durant, Okla.
Denslow, Mrs. F. B.	Enid, Okla.
Key, Jack	" "
Matthews, H. C.	Hiram, Ohio
Lohah, Charles H.	Hominy, Okla.
Heiderstadt, Dorothy	Independence, Mo.
Bell, Mrs. Fannie	Lindsay, Okla.
Donahue, James H.	Livonia, Michigan
Brown, Homer O., Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Ballinger, Bryce	Miami, Okla.
Blackwood, W. E.	Norman, Okla.
Vernon, Mrs. C. B.	" "
Botkin, Samuel Lee	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Frontierhouse, Richard D.	" " "
Gibbens, Dr. W. N.	" " "
Gunning, Mrs. Don	" " "
Heard, Dr. Elmer, Jr.	" " "
Jelley, Robert H.	" " "
Mahaffey, Juanita	" " "
Nicholson, Dr. Ben Hamilton	" " "
Unger, Mrs. Marion D.	" " "
Woodyard, Dr. Ella	" " "
Ellis, Thomas J., Jr.	Ochelata, Okla.
Wammack, Theda V.	Okmulgee, Okla.
Gulihur, Larry G.	Pauls Valley, Okla.
Newbern, J. D.	" " "
Paul, Sam	Portland, Oregon
Brown, Lawrence J.	Ryan, Okla.

Harrison, Mrs. George W.	Sand Springs, Okla.
Skeen, Mrs. Kathleen M.	Spiro, Okla.
Allen, Font L.	Tulsa, Okla.
Cusenbery, Mrs. J. L.	" "
Finney, Thomas M.	" "
Gilbert, Fred	" "
Hoffman, E. J.	" "
Laws, Mrs. Bess	" "
Neff, Rev. Wm. F., Jr.	" "
Puckett, Charles H.	" "
Thomas, Dr. Wm. F., Jr.	" "
Frantz, Mercedes Guffy	White Oak, Okla.
Cook, Mrs. Jim	Wilburton, Okla.
McMullen, Eulialea	Ventura, Calif.