

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

On November 5th, 1957 at 10:00 a. m., the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was held in the Board of Directors room of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Gen. Wm. S. Key and the following members answered roll call: Mr. Henry B. Bass, Mr. Kelly Brown, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Judge J. G. Clift, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Mr. Joe W. Curtis, Dr. E. E. Dale, Dr. E. Estill Harbour, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Judge N. B. Johnson, Gen. Wm. S. Key, Dr. James D. Morrison, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, Mr. George H. Shirk, Judge Baxter Taylor, and Judge Edgar S. Vaught.

The following members of the Board had asked to be excused from the meeting: Mr. Exall English, Dr. L. Wayne Johnson, Mr. R. G. Miller, and Mrs. Willis C. Reed. A motion was made by Miss Seger and seconded by Dr. Harbour that these members be excused. Motion adopted.

Mr. Phillips made the motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with. The motion was seconded by Judge Vaught and carried.

The Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Mr. Shirk, stated that basically there was nothing wrong with the Constitution, but nevertheless, there were some provisions that are outmoded and some technical difficulties that could be improved. He stated that all members of the Board of Directors had received copies of the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and had been requested to submit any changes or recommendations they might have. He said that a number of comments and recommendations had been received from several Board members, which had proved to be most beneficial. Some of these changes and recommendations were discussed in detail.

Judge Hefner moved that the Constitution and By-Laws with approved changes be submitted to the membership for their consideration. Judge Taylor seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Judge Johnson asked permission to be excused from the remainder of the meeting due to urgency in Court. He announced that at 2:00 p. m. on November 15th, in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building, there would be an unveiling of the statue of Allen Wright. General Patrick Hurley was to give the address. The statue of Allen Wright will later be placed in the National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians located at Anadarko.

The Secretary's report was called for by the President. Mr. Fraker stated that he had attended the funeral of Judge G. L. Bowman, member of the Board of Directors. He also stated that Mrs. Elsie D. Hand, Librarian, had been ill for the past month. He re-

ported that thirty-six new annual members and one new life member had been acquired. He made comment that Judge Clift had obtained sixteen new members recently. Mr. Fraker made mention of the oil derrick on the Historical Society grounds, which he is seeking to secure as part of the exhibits of the Society. He reported that the chair used by Gov. Wm. H. Murray in the Constitutional Convention had been obtained by the Society as a gift from Judge Dave Cotton. Mr. Fraker gave a brief summary on his having attended the Historical Societies Convention in Columbus, Ohio; also on his visit to the Historical Societies in Kansas and Nebraska. He emphasized that Historical Societies with their facilities are educational institutions.

Judge Vaught stated he had spent some time in Richmond, Virginia in the Historical Society and also in the Library there.

Mr. Phillips, Chairman of the Microfilming Committee, submitted a written report to the Secretary, which is herewith made a part of these minutes. After a brief report from Mr. Phillips, President Key expressed appreciation to Mr. Phillips for his interest and enthusiasm in the microfilming program.

Judge Clift made a motion that the Board commend Mr. Phillips and his Committee for their fine progress and that the Board also pledge to them their full cooperation. The motion was seconded by Miss Seger and unanimously carried.

Judge Cole moved that the new members, along with the gifts submitted by the Secretary, be accepted and a letter of appreciation be sent to the donors of the gifts. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mountcastle and the Board voted in favor.

Dr. E. E. Dale announced the publication by the Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, of a book on the life of Governor Robert Williams, written by himself and Dr. James Morrison. This book will be out sometime in January and will sell for \$5.00 a copy. Dr. Dale also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Historical Society for its aid in furnishing much basic material for the book.

Gen. Key expressed congratulations to Dr. Dale and Dr. Morrison for their contribution in writing this book on the life of Gov. Williams.

Dr. Morrison announced there will be a Semi-Centennial Reunion of "Ex-Law Makers" Saturday, November 9th, at 10:00 a. m. in Durant. He asked that anyone who planned to attend, please notify him after the meeting.

Gen. Key called the Board's attention to the fact there now exists a vacancy on the Board of Directors. A letter of recommendation in favor of Mrs. George L. Bowman, wife of the late Judge Bowman, was submitted by Mr. Thomas Harrison. Mr. Harrison recommended that the Board appoint Mrs. Bowman to this vacancy for the unexpired term of Judge Bowman. This motion was seconded by Miss Seger. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Harrison asked about the progress of the accumulative index for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*. Mr. Fraker stated that this index would cost between seven or eight thousand dollars. He said he had asked Mrs. Rella Looney and Miss Muriel Wright to check into the method of compiling such an index. He further observed that he believed sales of such index would in time pay for the cost.

Gen. Key expressed his congratulations to Judge and Mrs. Baxter Taylor on having recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p. m.

Signed: Gen. Wm. S. Key, President

Signed: Elmer L. Fraker, Administrative Secretary

### GIFTS PRESENTED

#### MUSEUM:

##### Exhibits—

U. S. Flag, hand crocheted.

Donor: Mrs. Martha Marlowe, 3349 N. Newland St., Chicago, Ill.

Salt dish, smoker, shawl, and letter

Donor: Mrs. Maggie Miller, 519 W. Woodson, El Reno, Okla.

Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

Donor: J. E. Fletcher, Box 432, Colvax, Calif.

China dish brought to Oklahoma in the Run of 1889.

Donor: Mrs. Frank F. Ford, 186 Shore Rd., Pittsburg, Calif.

Thimble and newspaper clipping.

Donor: Mrs. Frank R. Lovejoy, 407 Olympic Ave., Bremerton, Wash.

Cant hook.

Donor: Herbert Chandler, Broken Bow, Okla.

Pitcher collection.

Donor: John McD. Parks, 214 S. Cheyenne, Tulsa.

Chair used by Wm. H. Murray at the Constitutional Convention.

Donor: Judge Dave Cotten, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Machete, bolo knives, Cuban knife, U. S. trench knives, cane Cuban drinking bottle, basket, haversack, canteen, belt, steel mirror, playing cards poker chips, match case, Phillipine trade tokens, spur used on fighting cocks in Cuba, Phillipine bandana, ash tray, knife, caliper, wrench, shell, roster of Company E First U. S. Infantry 1898, badge, National Encampment Spanish American War Veterans.

Donor: Mrs. Lemuel P. Lawrence, 833 West Jean St., Springfield, Mo.

##### Books—

*Infantry Drill Regulations* (Spanish American War), *Manual of Guard, Target Record of Lemuel P. Lawrence.*

Donor: Mrs. Lemuel P. Lawrence, 833 Jean St., Springfield, Mo.

##### Pictures—

Bank at Crescent, Zack Miller, Oscar Brewster and group, Buffalo Bill, Oscar Coffelt, Billy Fox, Crescent City Hall, M. M. Tate, Scene in Thermopolis Wyo., Birthplace of Will Rogers, Street scene in Crescent, Chief Oway's Memorial, Buffalo Hide—Cherokee Strip Cow-Punchers Association, Cherokee Cow-Punchers Reunion, Ponca Indians at Joe Miller funeral, Horse Chief Eagle, Crazy Bear, Funeral of Joe Miller, Group at Joe Miller funeral, Long Horn cattle, Casket of Joe Miller, Col. Joe Miller and Ponca Indians, Frank Murphy, Joe Miller, Members of Cherokee Strip Cow-Punchers Association, Scene at Crescent 1920, Tom King, Oscar Brewster, Covered Wagon, group of C S C P A, Covered wagon and group of men.

Donor: Fred J. Acton, R. R. No. 3, Guthrie, Okla.

Log-cabin—Old Shawnee Town, Grave houses and stone, Canadian River.

Donor: Luther Williams, Manager Public Relations, Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Co., Tulsa 3, Okla.

Wah E Kitz, Weeco Chief

Donor: Lula D. Bell, Durham, Okla.

Martha Marlowe

Donor: Martha Marlowe, 2349 N. Newland St., Chicago, Ill.

"Project Mayflower" (framed)

Donor: Gov. Raymond Gary.

#### CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ROOM:

##### Exhibits—

Historical relics from Jefferson Davis Museum at Fort Gibson: hand made candle stick, two cannon balls, souvenir plate, glass frog, glass salt dish (1860), vinegar jug, earthenware pitcher, iridescent vase, blue willow ware, nine chairs, hand made laddle, soap dish, Confederate money, basket, Indian peace pipe, two hanging lamps, hand made quirt and spur, wad cutter, hand made candle stick, salt kettle, book ends, saddle bags, Indian dancing shells, three sets andirons.

Donor: Oklahoma Division United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Four pound canon ball

Donor: Mark Coleman, Duncan, Okla.

##### Books—

*Women of the South in War Time, Scrap book on the clippings of the life of Sidney Lanier.*

Donor: Oklahoma Division United Daughters of the Confederacy

##### Pictures—

Ambro type picture (subject not identified), Jefferson Davis, Scenes from the life of Sidney Lanier, Lee on Traveller and framed Confederate money.

Donor: Oklahoma Division United Daughters of the Confederacy

#### UNION MEMORIAL ROOM:

##### Exhibits—

Army uniform and discharge papers.

Donor: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. West, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Twenty Encampment badges, Union Soldiers.

Donor: Mrs. Jessy Sullivan, Sapulpa, Okla.

Army souvenirs and flags.

Donor: Harry C. Stallings, 2172 N. W. 20th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

##### Pictures—

An album containing photographs of veterans in Army uniforms.

Donor: Harry C. Stallings, 2172 N. W. 20th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

#### INDIAN ARCHIVES:

Blueprint of map showing selection by the Choctaw Coal & Railway Co. of station grounds at South McAlester, I. T.

Donor: J. I. Gibson.

Extra Census Bulletin of Five Civilized Tribes of Indian Territory dated August 25, 1894.

Donor: Judge Redmond S. Cole, 1312 So. Owasso, Tulsa, Okla.

Fifteen printed copies of Constitution and By-Laws of various Indian tribes of Oklahoma: Caddo, Miami, Pawnee, Peoria, Seneca-Cayuga, Eastern Shawnee, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Wyandotte.

Donor: Miss Muriel Wright, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**NEW LIFE MEMBERS:**

Phillips, Ted M.

Seminole, Okla.

**NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS:**

Pangburn, Samuel L.	Alva, Okla.
Burlite, Lorin	Ardmore, Okla.
Legate, Clark Henry	"
Williams, Floyd D.	Bixby, Okla.
Lawson, David LeRoy	Boise City, Okla.
Herry, Wilma M.	Claremore, Okla.
Moore, Leona M.	Clinton, Okla.
Owen, Mrs. Tom	Granite, Okla.
Earl, Mrs. Charles R.	Ft. Gibson, Okla.
Ford, Mrs. A. C.	"
Fansher, Loyd	Keys, Okla.
Noble, L. S.	Mangum, Okla.
McManus, Miss Patricia Elaine	Norman, Okla.
Chouteau, Ed	Nowata, Okla.
Arnold, Mrs. Louise Adel	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Dester, Miss Laura	"
Gasser, Ernest T.	"
McCann, Mrs. Rubye	"
Walker, Richard L.	"
Wilson, Florence O.	"
Duker, Mrs. W. F.	Pauls Valley, Okla.
Whipple, O. C.	Stillwater, Okla.
Good, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth	Tulsa, Okla.
Rhodes, Mrs. Joe D.	"
Suman, Conrad P.	"
Steltz, Alfred Jr.	"
Westhafre, F. V.	"
Phelps, Mrs. Clara	Highland, Calif.
Doak, James Throckmorton	Irvington, Calif.
Lowe, Mrs. Jessie	Port Hueneme, Calif.
Peithmann, Irvin	Carbondale, Ill.
Fisher, Mrs. Clyde (Te Ata)	New York, N. Y.
Minumum, Mrs. Arthur D.	Springfield, Oregon
Jordan, H. R.	Houston, Texas
Montgomery, A. H.	Carrouzett, Texas
Kemp, Peggy	Washington, D. C.

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