OFFICIAL MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING,
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE OKLAHOMA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, QUARTER ENDING
OCTOBER 23, 1958

The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society met
in regular quarterly meeting in the Board of Directors room of the
Historical Society Building at 10:00 a. m. on Thursday October 23,
1958.

With President George H. Shirk presiding, the roll was called
by the Administrative Secretary with the following members answering
present: Mr. Henry B. Bass, Mrs. George L. Bowman, Dr. B. B.
Chapman, Judge J. G. Clift, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Mr. Joe W. Curtis,
Dr. Emma Estill Harbour, Judge N. B. Johnson, Dr. L. Wayne Johnson,
Mrs. Frank Korn, Mr. R. G. Miller, Dr. James D. Morrison, Mr.
R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, Col.
George H. Shirk, and Judge Edgar S. Vaught.

Mr. Kelly Brown, Dr. E. E. Dale, Mr. Exall English, Mr. Thomas
J. Harrison, Judge R. A. Hefner, Gen. Wm. S. Key, Mrs. Willis C.
Reed and Judge Baxter Taylor were absent.

It was moved by Mr. Mountcastle and seconded by Judge Cole
that the absentees members be excused. The motion carried. Dr.
Harbour moved and Judge Vaught seconded a motion to the effect
that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. This motion
was also adopted.

President Shirk called attention to the fact that the recent
article in The Chronicles, written by the Administrative Secretary,
concerning the new officers of the Society, had given him credit for
more time overseas than was actually the case. He said the record
should show that he arrived in England in May 1942, rather than 1941.

He requested that the minutes show he was using a gavel that
had been presented to him at the Centennial celebration of the
Butterfield Overland Mail Route at Van Buren, Arkansas.

The President called to the attention of the Board the passing
of two former members of the Historical Society staff: Mrs. Laura
Messenbaugh and Mrs. Elsie Hand. Col. Shirk read a note of apprecia-
tion from the family of Mrs. Hand. It was requested by the
President that Mrs. Korn see that necrologies were prepared concern-
ing Mrs. Hand and Mrs. Messenbaugh for publishing in The Chronicles.

The Administrative Secretary requested authority for returning
pictures of the 4-H Club members, now on loan in the museum, to the
families or to Oklahoma State University. He pointed out that
requests for this action had been made by both members of the Club
and by Oklahoma State University officials. Mr. Curtis moved that
the Secretary be authorized to take this action. Motion was seconded
by Mrs. Korn and carried.

Staff members of the Society were complimented by the President
for the work they were doing on the TV educational programs. He
said that Miss Wright and Mrs. C. E. Cook had been participating
in this work, and that other members of the staff were soon to appear.
He pointed out that such appearances on the part of staff members
gave wide publicity to the Oklahoma Historical Society and its work.
The President stated that he was happy to report that the Administrative Secretary had caused an inventory system to be set up whereby all items for sale by the Society were carefully listed and all sales accurately recorded. He said that the most recent inventory showed the sales materials now held by the Society in the form of brochures, booklets, flag sets, et cetera, had a total retail value exceeding $3,500.

The chairman of the House and Grounds Committee, Mr. Henry Bass, gave his report. He declared there was no question but that the most important thing needed to improve the facilities of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building was air conditioning; that complete air conditioning of the building would entail considerable financing; that his committee would attempt to have definite recommendations concerning the possibilities of air conditioning all or part of the building at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Bass recommended that expenditures from the sale of bonds now held by the Society be made in the amount of $900.00 for placing a railing in the library to provide working space for the employees and to protect entrance to the stacks. He further recommended that $1,600.00 be provided from the same source for the purpose of building two large wall exhibit cases in the alcove of the third floor. He said these requests were being made in order to comply with the suggested improvements of the Administrative Secretary and staff members.

After some discussion, it was pointed out by the Administrative Secretary that although it was proposed to build the cases in the alcove, it did not mean that the tepee exhibited there would be removed from display, but would be placed in another location in one of the museums.

Judge Vaught moved that the recommendations of the House and Grounds Committee be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour. All members voted for the motion, except Dr. Wayne Johnson who requested that the minutes show he was opposed to expending money from the reserve funds except for artifacts, books, et cetera. President Shirk instructed that the minutes reflect that Dr. Wayne Johnson was opposed to using private money for capital improvements.

In making the report for the Historic Sites Committee, Dr. James Morrison stated that Mr. Dale was doing a splendid job in the field; that a great many accomplishments had been attained; that most of this work had been outlined in the quarterly staff report of the Society; that the historic sites brochure would soon be ready for distribution; and that the possibility of restoring a portion of the Confederate Cemetery north of Atoka was being considered.

He called on Mr. Fraker to make additional remarks concerning the historic sites work. The Administrative Secretary said that assistance was being given to several groups that were desiring to set up markers, particularly at the 101 Ranch site, Devil's Canyon, and at the Twin Rivers Park near Miami. He also pointed out that recent research and surveys had indicated that historic sites ranked as the No. 2 choice of tourists for places to visit.

Col. Shirk stated that it was not generally known that the author of the widely known song "Home on the Range" is buried in a Shawnee cemetery. He said that a more extensive marking of this grave should be considered.

It was recommended by the Historic Sites Committee that further interment in the Garland Cemetery be prohibited. It was moved by
Mr. Mountcastle and seconded by Miss Seger that this recommendation be approved by the Board. The motion was made and passed.

The report of the Library Committee was given by Mr. Joe Curtis, Chairman. He said that two members of the Board, President George Shirk and Mr. Henry Bass, had recently advanced funds for the purchase of the book collection of the Lee Harkins Estate for $1,675. He said that these two gentlemen made this purchase in order to keep the collection from going to a California bidder and to enable the Oklahoma Historical Society to acquire any portion of the collection it might desire. He said that an additional $30.00 had been spent by them in moving the collection to Oklahoma City, making a total of $1,705.00. Mr. Curtis further reported that the Administrative Secretary had requested the Librarian to make a check of the titles in the Harkins collection so as to determine which ones the Society already had as well as the ones it did not have. It was found, he said, by the Librarian that of the 1,430 items in the Harkins collection, 622 were duplicates of those already in the Oklahoma Historical Society library.

Mr. Curtis said that in checking the figures it would be found there are 808 books in the collection that the Society's library does not have. On a pro rata basis, he continued, plus the cost of moving to Oklahoma City, the cost of the nonduplicates to the Society could come to $971.85. Mr. Curtis then moved that the Society purchase the nonduplicated items for the stated amount of $971.85. This motion was seconded by Dr. Wayne Johnson. President Shirk retired from the chair and called upon Judge Vaugh to preside.

Dr. Harbour expressed the viewpoint that it might be well for the Society to purchase the entire collection. Dr. Johnson said he was in sympathy with that point of view. It was moved by Mr. Mountcastle and seconded by Dr. Harbour that the motion be amended to buy the entire collection from Col. Shirk and Mr. Bass.

At this point, Mr. Curtis pointed out that he believed the original motion was satisfactory to the two members of the Board who had purchased the collection.

When a vote on the amendment was called for, with Col. Shirk and Mr. Bass abstaining, the nays prevailed. Then the original motion was put and carried.

Various members of the Board expressed sentiments of appreciation to Col. Shirk and Mr. Bass for their thoughtfulness in preserving the Harkins book collection for Oklahoma, and in permitting the Historical Society to purchase that portion of the collection which was not duplicated in the Society's library.

Judge Clift reported briefly on his having represented the Board of Directors of the Historical Society at the dedication of the Old Post Corral Museum at Fort Sill.

When the Treasurer's report was called for, Mrs. Bowman stated that the annual audit of the Special Funds had been received and was available for all to see. She said the audit showed that the financial affairs of the Historical Society, in so far as the Special Fund was concerned, were being handled in a businesslike manner, and that all accounts had been found in order.

Mr. Mountcastle moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and the second was made by Dr. Harbour. The motion was put and unanimously adopted.
The Original Contract for the Building of the Fort Gibson Dam, which had previously been presented to the Historical Society by Mr. Mountcastle was officially turned to the library and archives of the Society. In the interim since the original presentation, Mr. Mountcastle had secured the binding of the contract in book form. Col. Shirk expressed the thanks of the Board to Mr. Mountcastle for his thoughtfulness in this matter.

Judge Vaught said that inasmuch as the new Constitution provides the Society may elect honorary members, that he was making a motion to the effect that the President appoint a secret committee for the purpose of considering honorary members that might be proposed to the Board. This secret committee would make screenings of those proposed for such honorary membership, and report their findings to the Board through the President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and adopted unanimously by the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frizzell of Oklahoma City, who had been invited to attend the meeting by President Shirk, were introduced as the ones who had so generously contributed of their time and money in order to make the Butterfield Overland Mail Route Centennial a success. Col. Shirk said that the stage coach furnished by the Frizzells was probably the outstanding attraction on the running of the famous Overland Mail Route. President Shirk then presented to Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell, in token of their great contribution to the success of the Butterfield Overland Mail Route Centennial a carriage step that had been found at the ruins of Fort Chadbourne in Texas. Col. Shirk explained that the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society had previously and unanimously approved the presentation of the memento to Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell. He pointed out that though the gift’s intrinsic value might be small, its significance in the way of thanks and appreciation was great.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell expressed delight at the presentation and told briefly of their trip on the Butterfield Route, all the way to California.

The Board requested that a study be made of the possibility of acquiring the 25,000 item gun collection in the Mason Hotel at Claremore. The President was requested to discuss the matter with the owner who might turn the collection to the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Mrs. Korn presented the diary of Mrs. W. W. Jackman of Pacific Palisades, California, to be placed in the archives of the Society.

It was brought to the attention of the Board, by Mr. Curtis, of the fine booklet concerning historical markers in the south central portion of Oklahoma, that had been compiled and published by Mr. W. D. Little, Editor of the Ada Evening News. He moved that the Administrative Secretary be authorized to write a letter of commendation to Mr. Little. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bass and passed unanimously.

The possibility of acquiring the old Will Rogers birthplace was discussed by Dr. Wayne Johnson. He expressed the view that the Society should investigate the possibility of acquiring and restoring this historic place. The President appointed Dr. Johnson chairman and Mr. Redmond S. Cole and Mr. Thomas J. Harrison members of a committee to investigate the possibilities of accomplishing that objective.

It was announced by the Administrative Secretary that during the past quarter two new life members and fifty-seven new annual
members had paid their dues. Dr. Harbour moved, and Judge Cole seconded the motion to the effect that the new members be accepted into the membership of the Society. The motion was passed unanimously. Attention was also called to the gifts that had been made to the Society and Dr. Harbour moved with Miss Seger's second that the gifts be accepted and acknowledgments made. This motion was also adopted.

Mrs. Bowman presented to the Society eight original pictures of the camp sites of David L. Payne. These pictures were made by C. P. Wickmiller. She also presented some framed copies of old newspapers. The pictures were accepted for the Museum.

Chairman of the Tour Committee, Mr. R. G. Miller, recommended that the 1959 annual Historical Society tour be held the first week in June. He said that by setting the time for early June many school teachers would be able to make the tour, who otherwise would be unable to do so. He said consideration was being given to eastern and south-eastern Oklahoma as the location of the tour. It was moved by Mrs. Korn that the Tour Committee be given authority to proceed with arrangements and that said committee have complete authority to arrange all details as to the time, place, and costs. The motion was seconded by Miss Seger and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Bowman moved and Dr. Harbour seconded that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was adopted at 12:05 p. m.

George H. Shirk, President
Elmer L. Fraker, Administrative Secretary

GIFTS PRESENTED:

Library

*Genealogical Sketch of Certain of the American Descendants of Mathew Talbot, Gentleman.* Compiled by Robert Howe Fletcher, Jr., 1956.

Donor: Colonel R.H. Fletcher, Leesburg, Virginia

Two pictures—"Drake Well Memorial Museum, Pennsylvania"

"Bonta House, Pithole, Pennsylvania, 1866"

Donor: John B. Fink, Oklahoma City

Four publications from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces:

"Pre-Revolution of the USSR" by Dr. Caroll Quigley

"War Production in Future Emergencies" by Walter C. Skuce

"Human Resources of the Communist World" by Leonard R. Linsenmayer

"Statutory Renegotiation and Profit Control" by Charles Swayne

Donor: George H. Shirk, Oklahoma City

Souvenir Book of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition—St. Louis, 1904

Souvenir Book of the Panama Pacific International Exposition—San Francisco, 1915

Souvenir Album of Ben Hur played at the Overholser Opera House, 1909-1910

Scrap Book

Brochure Commemorating the 38th Anniversary of Oklahoma City and the American First National Bank, 1927

Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Golden Anniversary, 1899-1939.
"The Southwest of Yesterday"

The Romance of Oklahoma—Oklahoma Author's Club, 1920

War Ration Book

New Soldier's Handbook, 1943

Dodge City Guide Book, 1956

Group of maps and picture

"Steamer Sagamore en route New York to Esopus, August 10, 1904
Carrying Notification Committee and Guests to Witness Ceremonies
Attending Notification to Honorable Alton Brooks Parker of his
Nomination to the Presidency"
Donor: Mrs. Zoe Tilghman, Oklahoma City

The Skinner Kinsmen by Mrs. Charles G. Rummel, 1958
Donor: Mrs. Charles G. Rummel, Kenilworth, Illinois

Three books printed in the Mormon alphabet, 1868, 1869
Donor: Elmer L. Fraker, Oklahoma City

Catalogue of Genealogical and Historical Works—Library of the
National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, 1940
Donor: Ralph Hudson, Oklahoma State Library

File of the magazine Boy Builder
Donor: Athie Davis, Oklahoma City

Twelve copies of THE CHRONICLES OF OKLAHOMA
Newspaper—Interstate Arts, February 16, 1931

Map of Oklahoma

Message of the Governor Henry S. Johnston, 1920

Speech of Former Governor Henry S. Johnston, 1932

Governor's Message to the Eleventh Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

The Negro's Place in Call of Race by William H. Murray, 1948 (autographed)
Donor: Dr. B. B. Chapman

Microfilm: "Records of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company"
Donor: George H. Shirk

The Swanee River and a Biography of Stephen Foster by Fletcher Hodgea, Jr., 1958
Donor: Office of the Curator, Foster Hall Collection, University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Comanche Texts by Elliott Canoge

P O C O M I T I Texts by Marvin Mayers
Donor: University of Oklahoma Library, Norman, Oklahoma
Centennial Edition of Press Argus, Van Buren, Arkansas, September 19, 1858—Issued to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Butterfield Overland Mail
   Donor: George H. Shirk, Oklahoma City

   Donor: Leonard Logan, Atoka, Oklahoma

Indian Territory Cover, 1906
   Donor: George H. Shirk, Oklahoma City

MUSEUM:

Pictures

H & S Railroad entering Blackwell, O. T., February 28, 1898

Street Scene in Blackwell 1898
   Donor: Mrs. Ella Mae Gerhold, 515 East 24th Street, Kansas City, Missouri

Group of Doctors at Veterans Hospital in Muskogee
   Donor: Dr. D. H. Miller, Veterans Administration Hospital, Muskogee, Oklahoma

Photograph of Dr. Grant Foreman
   Donor: Mrs. Grant Foreman

Marines presenting Flag to Oklahoma Historical Society
   Donor: U. S. Marine Headquarters

Abandoned Farm House
   Donor: Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture

First State Mining Board in Oklahoma
   Donor: Stanley N. Neiswander, McAlester, Oklahoma

Framed photograph of Chris Madsen
   Donor: Reno Madsen, Ft. Worth, Texas

Framed photograph of Heck Thomas
   Donor: Mrs. J. B. Meeks, 119 Comanche, Purcell, Oklahoma

Framed photograph of Bill Tilghman
   Donor: Mrs. Zoe Tilghman, 3130 North Barnes, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Framed picture of Libby Prison
   Donor: Miss Dee Roads, 507 South Duck, Stillwater, Okla.

Album of tintypes of Cherokee Indians
   Donor: Mrs. Frances C. Munselle

Exhibits

Model of Oklahoma City Oil Field
   Donor: Ike Pierce, District Manager, Phillips Oil Company

Documents, clippings, booklet of Indian Service
   Donor: Mrs. Floyd Diacon, 715 West Hill Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Record Navaho Music
Donor: Mrs. Milton Kinney, 711 Edgewood, Ponca City, Okla.

Spoon, Softy spoon made of wood, Creek
Donor: Mrs. Robt. L. Aiken, 2019 NW 19th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Pen, writing pen used by Gov. Haskell
Donor: May Adele McFadyen, Anadarko, Oklahoma

Album, old fashioned picture album and coverlet
Donor: Myrtle Lucille Brown, 2143 North Stonewall, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Document, Report of Mining Board
Donor: Stanley Neiswander, McAlester, Oklahoma

Stamps, G. A. R. Memorial Stamps in a frame (Union Room)
Donor: Maude Caywood, 102½ West Frank Phillips Boulevard, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Document, Appointment of Heck Thomas to office of Deputy U. S. Marshal
Donor: Mrs. J. B. Meeks, 119 Commerce, Purcell, Okla.

Rug, Semi-Centennial hooked rug, 9 x 12
Donors: Gov. and Mrs. Raymond Gary, Oklahoma State Capitol Building

Newspaper Clippings
Donor: Mrs. Margie Morris, 519 West Woodward Street, El Reno, Oklahoma

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ROOM

Walnut table, the last piece from the collection from the Jefferson Davis Museum at Fort Gibson
Donor: Oklahoma Division United Daughters of the Confederacy

Ornamental picture frame for photograph of William (Bill) Gill
Donor: His son William Cross, 829 Kayton, San Antonio, Texas

Spanish American War recognition button
Donor: William Dean, 830 Magnolia, Oklahoma City, Okla.

INDIAN ARCHIVES:

Twenty-five Creek manuscripts, 23 signed by Alexander Posey
Donor: Mr. J. R. Pemberton, Los Angeles, California

Donor: Dr. B. B. Chapman, Stillwater, Oklahoma
New Members for the Quarter July 25, 1958 through October 21, 1958

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

| Watts, Clyde J.                  | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |
| Bartlett, David A.               | Tulsa, Oklahoma         |

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

<p>| Hallett, Bill D.              | Ardmore, Oklahoma       |
| Milner, C. Milton             | &quot;                     |
| Cox, James W.                | Atoka, Oklahoma        |
| Cannon, Robert               | &quot;                     |
| Henie, M. B.                 | Bartlesville, Oklahoma |
| Dyche, Delbert               | Belva, Oklahoma        |
| Grisham, Billy Daryl         | Drumright, Oklahoma    |
| Staley, Mary Etta            | &quot;                     |
| Chaffin, W. E.               | Duncan, Oklahoma       |
| Chestnut, A.                 | &quot;                     |
| Conger, G. F.                | &quot;                     |
| Frensley, Jim J.             | &quot;                     |
| Hall, Dr. L. A.              | &quot;                     |
| Cowley, Mrs. Momie           | Granite, Oklahoma      |
| Smith, Robert Harold         | Hobart, Oklahoma       |
| Herrmann, Arthur Eldon       | Lawton, Oklahoma       |
| Barnes, Joe G.               | Midwest City, Oklahoma |
| Hurley, Mrs. Shelby F.        | &quot;                     |
| Crain, Dr. Robert W.         | Muskogee, Oklahoma     |
| Cornett, Jack W.             | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma|
| Graham, Samuel H.            | &quot;                     |
| Green, Mrs. O. L.            | &quot;                     |
| Howard, Eva                  | &quot;                     |
| Jackson, Lela O.             | &quot;                     |
| Markham, Clarence B.         | &quot;                     |
| Robinson, Phillip A.         | &quot;                     |
| Schultz, Mrs. Wayne H.       | &quot;                     |
| Shell, Claud W.              | &quot;                     |
| Yager, Mrs. Frank            | &quot;                     |
| Harrell, Ray E.              | Picher, Oklahoma       |
| Badami, Mrs. Paul            | Ponca City, Oklahoma   |
| Weather, Charlotte E.        | &quot;                     |
| Hughes, Dr. Horton W.        | Shawnee, Oklahoma      |
| Riley, F. H.                | &quot;                     |
| Speed, Dr. Louis E.          | &quot;                     |
| Wittet, Mrs. John            | Tulsa, Oklahoma        |
| Ballard, Jesse L.            | &quot;                     |
| Cole, Margaret H.            | &quot;                     |
| McNeill, Mrs. N.E.           | &quot;                     |
| May, Milton E.               | &quot;                     |
| More, Esther McCullough      | &quot;                     |
| Perkins, Jaunita V.          | &quot;                     |
| Wells, Randall L.            | &quot;                     |
| Epton, Hicks                 | Wewoka, Oklahoma       |
| Brown, Harold Vernon         | Yale, Oklahoma         |
| Pierce, Mrs. Lina G.         | Mesa, Arizona          |
| Tinnin, Ida M.               | Bentonville, Arkansas  |
| Rozers, Mrs. Ida             | North Little Rock, Ark.|
| Hickman, Miss Lucy           | Washington, D. C.      |
| Braden, G. B.                | Tupelo, Mississippi    |
| Chew, Byron                  | Tucumcari, New Mexico  |
| Seagraves, Mrs. B. F.        | North Kansas City, Mo. |</p>
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