OFFICIAL MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING,
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE OKLAHOMA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, QUARTER ENDING
OCTOBER 29, 1959

On Thursday October 29, at 10:00 o'clock, the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society held its quarterly meeting in the Board of Directors room. Due to the illness of President George H. Shirk, the First Vice President, H. Milt Phillips, presided.

The first order of business was roll call with the following members answering present: Henry B. Bass, Kelly Brown, Judge Orel Busby, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Judge J. G. Clift, Joe Curtis, Dr. E. E. Dale, Exall English, Dr. Emma Estill Harbour, Judge R. A. Hefner, Dr. L. Wayne Johnson, Judge N. B. Johnson, R. G. Miller, Dr. James Morrison, R. M. Mountcastle, Fisher Muldrow, H. Milt Phillips, and Miss Genevieve Seger. Absent from the meeting were Mrs. George H. Bowman, Mr. T. J. Harrison, Mrs. Frank Korn, President George H. Shirk, Judge Baxter Taylor, and Judge Edgar S. Vaught. Inasmuch as all absentees had submitted requests to be excused, it was moved by Miss Genevieve Seger that such requests be granted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour, and unanimously adopted when put by the chairman.

In a few well chosen words Vice President Phillips welcomed Judge Orel Busby and Mr. Fisher Muldrow as new members on the Board of Directors, who were attending their first official meeting. Mr. Phillips said that Judge Busby had long been a distinguished jurist and member of the bar, with an intense interest in history, particularly Oklahoma history. In speaking of Mr. Muldrow, he said that the new member of the Board had an outstanding record in civic affairs in the state of Oklahoma, and that he was the son of H. L. Muldrow, a long time member of the Board of Directors and an outstanding Oklahoma citizen.

Mr. Kelly Brown moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. This motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour and carried.

It was moved by Dr. Harbour that the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting, along with the actions taken by that committee, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henry Bass, put and carried.

Mr. Elmer Fraker, Administrative Secretary, submitted the list of gifts that had been received since the last Board meeting. Mr. R. G. Miller moved the acceptance of the gifts. This motion was seconded by Miss Seger, and unanimously adopted when put. Mr. Fraker then submitted the list of forty-four new annual members and one new life member. Dr. E. E. Dale moved that the new members be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller, put and carried.

Mr. Fraker announced the Open House for the Oklahoma Historical Society which was being sponsored by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. The date of the Open House, he said, had been set for Sunday November 22, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Administrative Secretary related that he and Mr. Stanley Draper, Secretary-Manager of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce had, several months ago, discussed the possibility of such an open
house. He stated further that the committee appointed to direct the work had held two meetings in making preparations for the open house. He reported that several sub-committees had been appointed to make detail arrangements for the affair. Mr. Fraker voiced the opinion that the open house to be sponsored by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce would probably do more to draw attention of Oklahoma City people to the Oklahoma Historical Society than anything that had happened in recent years. He said the Chamber of Commerce was requesting members of the Board of Directors to act in the capacity of hosts and hostesses.

Attention was called to certain properties recently deeded to the Society and that it was necessary that the Board take formal action accepting the same. These included Cowboy Hill in Kay County and an easement for the Edwards Store marker located in Latimer County.

Dr. Harbour moved that deeds, recorded in Book 215, Page 68, and Book 215, Page 69 conveying to the Society real estate in Kay County, described:

A parcel of land off the Northwest Quarter (NW 3/4) of Section thirty-one (31), Township Twenty-five North (T25N), Range Two East (R2E) in Kay County, Oklahoma, Beginning at a point 468.5 feet south of the Northwest corner of Section 31 on the west line of the Northwest quarter at the right bank of the Salt Fork River, thence South on said section line a distance of 196 feet, thence East at right angles a distance of 900 feet, thence north at right angles 346 feet to the right bank of the Salt Fork River, thence along said right bank in a southwesterly direction to the point of beginning, containing 5.6 acres more or less.

and easement recorded in Book 25, Page 130 covering real estate in Latimer County, described:

Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 6N, Range 22E, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bass. Motion carried.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Bowman was unable to attend the Board meeting, Mr. Phillips called on the Administrative Secretary to make the Treasurer's report. This report showed that as of September 30 there was $2,937.00 in the state depository; that receipts had been $1,659.70, with disbursements $3,940.51. Cash in the state depository at the end of the period was $677.21. The Administrative Secretary pointed out that almost $200.00 more had been accumulated in that fund since the September 30 date.

At this point Mr. Phillips called attention to the action of the Executive Committee setting up a definite procedure as to the fund in which various income items were to be placed. He asked the Board members if there were any questions concerning this action or concerning the financial report. None was made.

Mr. Phillips introduced Hon. William McBee, former Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, who told the Board of his difficulties in securing pictures of the members of the House of Representatives over which he presided during the Governor Walton impeachment trial. He said that he had considerable difficulty in securing payment for his work in collecting and arranging the pictures. He requested the Board's assistance in finding some way in which he might be reimbursed for his work. It was moved by Judge Johnson and seconded by Mr. Bass that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further study. The motion was carried.
Correspondence was passed around to the Board members containing letters of thanks and compliments written to the City National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City in response to their distribution of a large number of MARK OF HERITAGE brochures to the various banks in the state. It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Miss Seger that a resolution be drawn thanking the City National Bank and Trust Company and its officers for its purchase and distribution of the MARK OF HERITAGE.

Mr. Phillips called on Judge Clift to make a statement concerning his recent recommendations that Board of Directors meetings be held at various places throughout the State. Judge Clift said he at first thought it was a good thing for the Society, but that inasmuch as there were certain legal questions involved, it would be better to not go further with the matter.

Mrs. Redmond S. Cole, wife of the late Judge Redmond S. Cole, long time member of the Board of Directors, was introduced by Mr. Phillips. Mrs. Cole thanked the Board for the courtesies that had been extended to her and presented a number of magazines and a picture that had belonged to Judge Cole to the Board. Mr. Phillips thanked Mrs. Cole saying, "I am sure we don't have to say to you the keen appreciation all of us hold for Judge Cole and the fine work he did. Everyone associated with him has a warm spot in his heart for Judge Cole. Each of us has been inspired to do a better job because of our association with him."

The chairman then presented a letter from General deShazo that had been written to President Shirk. In the letter General deShazo expressed deep appreciation for his having been made an Honorary Member of the Society. Mr. Exall English said that he had attended the luncheon at Fort Sill on the dedication of Key Gate, and that without a doubt General deShazo was greatly pleased and exceedingly appreciative of action of the Board of Directors in making him an Honorary Member of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

A brief report was made by Mr. Miller on the continuing work in an endeavor to unravel the mystery of the rune stone near Heavener. He said that an outstanding authority who had recently visited the rune stone said that it undoubtedly dates back at least to 800 A.D. He further reported that U. S. Senator Robert S. Kerr is asking embassies and consulates in Copenhagen, Oslo, and other Scandinavian countries to supply as much information as they can on the ancient alphabets of their countries. Mr. Miller said that unless the rune stone should eventually prove to be a hoax, it would turn out to be one of the greatest archaeological finds in Oklahoma. He said the owner of the land had offered to donate the site on which the stone is located to the Oklahoma Historical Society, should it be definitely proved that the rune stone is authentic.

Dr. Wayne Johnson reported on the progress of the Will Rogers Home Committee. He said that from press reports it was evident that the Rogers home was being turned to the Planning and Resources Board of Oklahoma. He expressed the belief that the work of his committee and the contacts that had been made with the Rogers family had been a stimulus to having the Rogers home placed in the hands of an Oklahoma agency. Dr. Johnson said that he felt in view of the action of turning the Rogers home to the Planning and Resources Board there was no further work for his committee to do. Mr. Phillips stated that on behalf of the Board he wished to express appreciation to Dr. Johnson and his committee on a job well done. He said the committee is being discharged inasmuch as the objective had been accomplished.
Attention was called by Dr. Johnson to the LeFlore residence. He said that he believed the Society should take steps to see that the building is preserved. Mr. Miller said that the house referred to is located near Swink. He voiced the opinion that certain industries in that region might be prevailed upon to restore the old LeFlore home. It was moved by Dr. Johnson that this be made the responsibility of the Historic Sites Committee. Dr. Harbour seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Miller announced tentative plans for the 1960 annual Oklahoma Historical Society tour. He said it was planned to leave Oklahoma City at an early morning hour and drive directly to Boise City in Cimarron County. He said that most of the day would be spent in visiting various historic spots in Cimarron County, including Black Mesa. Preliminary plans call for the first night stop to be made at Guymon with the second night being at Enid. Among places Mr. Miller mentioned that would probably be visited were: Alabaster Caverns near Freedom; Sheridan's Roost; and old Cantonment near Canton. It was moved by Judge Clift and seconded by Mr. Mountcastle that Mr. Miller be authorized to proceed with arrangements for the tour. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Some discussion was held among the members of the Board concerning the possibility of local historical societies and chambers of commerce cooperating with the Oklahoma Historical Society in holding meetings at various places in the state. At such meetings topics of local history and other subjects could be discussed.

Mr. Phillips stated that President Shirk had been authorized by the Executive Committee to name a special committee to make a study of how the various historical societies use or invest their income from life memberships. He announced that the President had appointed Mr. Muldrow, Judge Busby, and Mr. Bass as members of such committee. Mr. Muldrow, Chairman, stated that this committee had sent a questionnaire to thirty-one state historical associations. He said as soon as answers had been received to the questionnaire a complete report would be made to the Board. He reported that one answer had already been received which was from the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association.

Mr. Fraker read a letter from the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Sites in which it was stated that Florida had closely followed the Oklahoma marker program in setting up its historic sites organization.

After some discussion concerning the matter of a parking lot back of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building, it was moved by Mr. Bass and seconded by Dr. Johnson that the Executive Committee contact the proper state officials in attempting to secure such parking lot. The motion was carried.

Dr. Dale stated he was eager to see the influence of the Oklahoma Historical Society extended beyond the limits of the state. He pointed out that the American Historical Association, which he considered the greatest of its kind in the nation, is holding its meeting in Chicago the latter part of this year. He said he had not discussed the matter with Mr. Fraker, but that he thought the Administrative Secretary should be authorized to attend this meeting. Mr. Fraker observed that authorization for out of state trips had been delegated to the Executive Committee. It was then moved by Dr. Harbour and seconded by Dr. Johnson that the Board recommend to the Executive Committee that Mr. Fraker be authorized to attend the American Historical Association meeting in Chicago. The motion was carried.
The Administrative Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Dr. Dale relative to the possibility of having the biography of Judge Williams, written by Dr. Dale and Dr. Morrison, placed on sale at the Oklahoma Historical Society Building. He pointed out that such action might be setting a precedent, but that the relationship of Judge Williams to the development of the Oklahoma Historical Society, might be considered as making such sales an exception. Dr. Dale said that he had made the suggestion in the hope that such sales might be of some benefit to the Oklahoma Historical Society and that “if there is the slightest objection on the part of the Board, or any member, I would like for the matter to be considered no further”. Mr. Joe Curtis stated he thought the matter of precedent could be entirely controlled by the Board and that he felt the sale of this book at the Oklahoma Historical Society would be entirely warranted. He followed this statement with a motion that the sale of PIONEER JUDGE be permitted in the Historical Society Building. Motion was seconded by Mr. Muldrow and unanimously adopted when put.

Both Judge Busby and Mr. Muldrow made brief talks in which they expressed appreciation of being elected to membership on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Each said that he considered such election an exceedingly high honor.

It was agreed that filling the vacancy on the Board of Directors caused by the death of Judge Cole be deferred until a later meeting.

Dr. Harbour said she was sure that she was expressing the sentiment of the Board in expressing thanks to Mr. Phillips for the good job he did in presiding over the Board meeting in the absence of President Shirk.

It being determined there was no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller moved, with the second from Mr. Bass, that the meeting adjourn. The motion was carried and adjournment came at 12:00 noon.

(Signed) H. MILT PHILLIPS,
First Vice President

(Signed) ELMER L. FRAKER,
Administrative Secretary

GIFTS PRESENTED:

LIBRARY:

Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1954
File of newspaper cartoons from the Daily Oklahoman's Cartoon Book, 1905 and 1907
“Cherokee Seminaries Reunion Address”
“Lincoln Sesquicentennial Address”
Program: Dedication of Monument in Honor of Major General William Saffer Key
“Why Dominicans Call Him El Benefactor”
Book of photostat maps from the Butterfield Overland Mail Committee
Diary of Winfield Scott Harvey, 7th U. S. Cavalry 1868-1871
Bibliography of the Space Law Collection, University of Oklahoma Law Library

“Safety in the 60’s”
Oklahoma City Safety Council Board Member's Handbook, 1959
The Bureau Specialist, Volume 24, 25
Donor: George H. Shirk, Oklahoma City

2 Pamphlets on Indian Sign Language

“Guide to Historic Sites in the Fort Sill Military Reservation”
Program for the Dedication of Memorial Statutes of Charles Curtis, Quanah Parker and Sacajawea
Program of the Annual Seminar of American Indian Culture and History or the West
  Donor: Muriel H. Wright, Oklahoma City
1 Roll Microfilm (1880 Census Population Schedules of Kentucky)
1 Roll Microfilm (1880 Census Population Schedules of Kentucky)
  Donor: Mrs. Dayton Royse, Oklahoma City
Roll Microfilm (1870 Census Population Schedules of Illinois)
  Donor: Mrs. John Witherspoon Ervin, Oklahoma City
Rules and Instructions Book of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 1897
Map of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 1883
Field Book of Rechaining Notes
  Donor: R. B. Fetters, El Reno
Scrap Book of Hobart, Oklahoma
Hobart Telephone Directory, 1928
  Donor: Mrs. W. A. Phelps, Hobart
*Free Man and the Corporation* by Roger Blough
  Donor: United States Steel Corporation, New York City
"Henry Hudson and the Dutch in New York", by Milton W. Hamilton
  Donor: New York State Library, Albany, New York
*Mizteco Texts*, by Anne Dyke
"Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, 1956"
  Donor: University of Oklahoma Library, Norman
*Mayflower Descendants in the State of Oklahoma*
  Donor: David A. Bartlett, Tulsa
"Loco Pioneers' Association Report, 1959"
  Donor: Lt. Colonel Percy W. Newton, Oklahoma City
*Arizona Highways*, October 1958
Program: Monument to Pioneer Airmen, Guadalupe Pass 1858-1958
Autographed Butterfield Overland Mail Centennial card
Group of Weather Bureau records from the ghost town of Steen, New Mexico, 1913
  Donor: Captain Vernon H. Brown, Tulsa
Book in Russian
  Donor: Mrs. I. Zolotarevskaya, Moscow, U.S.S.R.
157 copies of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*
  Donor: Mrs. D. I. Johnston, Oklahoma City
Books by Leon Huner
*Jews in Colonial and Revolutionary Times*
*Jews in America After the American Revolution*
*Essays and Addresses*
*A Book of Songs and Sonnets*
*Ballads and Stories in Verse*
*The Quest for Happiness*
  Donor: The Estate of Leon Huner, New York City
*William and Jane McCormack McNees, 1742-1959*
  Donor: J. A. McNees, Ponca City
"Town of Hertford Bi-Centennial 1758-1958"
  Donor: Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County, Hertford, North Carolina
*Manual for the General Court 1859-60*
  Donor: State Library of Massachusetts, Boston
*Our Heritage*
  Donor: San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, San Antonio
MUSEUM:

Pictures:

Photograph of $1.25 Trade Script
Donor: M. Burgett, New Douglas, Illinois

New Hope School
Whistler Plot in Sac and Fox Cemetery
Indian Boys at Concho
Lake Roman Nose State Park
Finney Cottage at Dwight Mission
School House at Dwight Mission
Shelter at Dwight Mission
Murrell House
Home of Guy Whistler near Stroud
Marker at the Great Salt Plains
Scene near Seiling
Mrs. Foreman at the Salt Plains
Graves of Moses Keokuk and his two wives
Tomb of John Whistler, Sac and Fox Cemetery
Ruins of the school at the Sac and Fox Agency
Grace and Katharine Raymond
Donor: Mrs. Grant Foreman, Muskogee, Oklahoma

Forty-nine photographs of Locomotive Engines
Donor: Charles E. Winters, Kansas City, Missouri

John A. Graves Hardware Store at Mountain View in 1910.
Mountain View Band, 1910
Donor: Mrs. Abbie West, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rock Island Engine #6 used in the 1880's
Oklahoma City Rock Island Depot in 1895
Arapaho Indian Girls

Wichita Grass House

Rock Island Train loaded to make the Run into the Cherokee Strip
Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Depot at Haileyville in 1890
Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Shops at Shawnee, Indian Territory, 1900
Donor: R. B. Fetters, El Reno, Oklahoma

Photograph of Statue of Sacajawea
Donor: Mrs. Robert Horne, Wahpeton, North Dakota

Jacob Albert Mood and wife
Samuel Mood
Donor: Fulmer Mood, Redlands, California

Graduating class at Bloomfield Academy
Photograph of Mrs. Wynne T. Jewell
Donor: Juanita Johnston Smith (Julia Davenport Collection), Oklahoma City

Color Photograph of Lawrence Zane, Wyandot Chief
Donor: Lawrence Zane, Miami, Oklahoma

Judge John D. Clapp
Four pictures of Frederick H. Smith, Attorney for Pleasant Porter
Frederick Smith in his law office in Okmulgee
Judge Clapp and Frederick Smith
Lee N. Boyer, who built first power plant at Okmulgee
First Power Plant at Okmulgee, Indian Territory, 1905
Donor: Mrs. Victor Reinstein, Cheekowago, New York

Exhibits:

United States Flag with 46 stars
Donor: Mrs. C. B. Taylor, Oklahoma City

Boots and Spurs, supposed to have been owned by Al Jennings
Donor: Mrs. Albert M. Barnes, Fort Stockton, Texas

Rolling Pin brought by Cherokee family over the Trail of Tears
Donor: Mack Brandewide, Detroit, Michigan

Small Bronze statue of President Theodore Roosevelt
Donor: Logan Billingsley, Katonah, New York

Buffalo Horn
Donors: Don Chilcutt and Wayne Bennett, Oklahoma City

Souvenir key to Oklahoma City used at Second Reunion of Rough Riders in Oklahoma City, July 1-4, 1900

Souvenir Badge, Rough Riders Reunion
Donor: Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, New York

Sewing machine used in 1880's
Donor: Mrs. Marie Wormstaff, Hinton, Oklahoma

Nail from platform of Judge Parker's Court
Donor: Mrs. Grant Foreman, Muskogee, Oklahoma

Souvenir Plate, picture of Creek Council House (1830's)
Donor: Mrs. Victor Reinstein, Cheekowago, New York

Souvenir Plate, picture of the first brick school in Okmulgee (1890's)

Communion Set, pitcher and two goblets
Donor: Mrs. L. H. Crowder, Seminole, Oklahoma

INDIAN ARCHIVES:

Collection of letters, dating from 1889 to early 1900's written by Mrs. Anna Eliza Worcester Robertson to her daughter, Grace Robertson Merriman
Donor: Mrs. Faith M. Daltry, Puerto Rico

Four cartons of manuscripts and letters of the Grant Foreman Collection
Donor: Mrs. Grant Foreman, Muskogee, Oklahoma

Copy of master's thesis entitled "Violence of the Oklahoma Territory—Seminole Nation Border: The Mont Ballard Case"
Donor: Mrs. Geraldine M. Smith, Oklahoma City

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ROOM:

Six bound volumes of application papers of the Children of the Confederacy of Oklahoma Division
Donor: Mrs. Edward Bucher, Oklahoma City

Stamp, picture of Generals Lee and Jackson, with background of Stratford, the Lee home in Virginia
Donor: Angus Gillispie, Scott Field, Illinois

UNION MEMORIAL ROOM:

Canteen used in Union Army
Donor: John L. Gruwell, Oklahoma City
NEW MEMBERS FOR THE QUARTER JULY 30, 1959 TO OCTOBER 29, 1959

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Hargrett, J. L.

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS:


Amber, Oklahoma Anadarko, Oklahoma Bacone, Oklahoma Blackwell, Oklahoma Breckenridge, Oklahoma Claremore, Oklahoma Duncan, Oklahoma Howe, Oklahoma Norman, Oklahoma

Okemah, Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Oklahoma Oklahoma Oklahoma Oklahoma

Pryor, Oklahoma Shawnee, Oklahoma Stillwater, Oklahoma Tulsa, Oklahoma

Weatherford, Oklahoma Long Beach, California Los Angeles, California Deerfield, Illinois Rich View, Illinois Lawrence, Kansas Independence, Missouri Kansas City, Missouri St. Louis, Missouri Wahpeton, North Dakota Carlsbad, New Mexico Mansfield, Ohio Dallas, Texas Houston, Texas Arlington, Virginia