

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, QUARTER ENDING APRIL 27, 1961

Members of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society met in the Board of Directors Room at 10:30 a. m. on Thursday, April 27, 1961, with President George H. Shirk, presiding.

The following Board Members answered roll call: Mrs. George L. Bowman, Judge Orel Busby, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Dr. E. E. Dale, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Dr. Wayne L. Johnson, Mr. Joe W. McBride, Dr. James D. Morrison, Mr. Fisher Muldrow, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, Mr. George H. Shirk. Members absent were: Mr. Henry B. Bass, Judge J. G. Cliff, Mr. Joe W. Curtis, Mr. Exall English, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Judge N. B. Johnson, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mr. R. G. Miller, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle. Motion was made by Miss Seger that members who so requested be excused. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and adopted.

A list of new life members and new annual members was presented by the Administrative Secretary. He also named a number of items that had been given to the Society during the past quarter. It was moved by Mr. McBride and seconded by Dr. Harbour that the gifts be accepted and applicants be elected to membership. The motion was adopted. The Administrative Secretary pointed out that the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board reflected that six persons were elected to Life Membership, whereas only five names were listed; and that the sixth name should have been included, Bill R. Clark.

Mrs. Bowman gave the Treasurer's report which showed total cash receipts for the quarter of \$2,613.46, total disbursements for the quarter of \$1,231.81, with total cash on hand as of March 31, 1961, of \$5,534.93. The Membership Endowment Fund cash balance in the City National Bank and Trust Company was \$106.85, and with the deposit being made on April 27, 1961, will be \$618.15. The Life Membership Endowment Fund in the Oklahoma City Federal Savings and Loan Association was \$900.00, and with the deposit being made on April 27, 1961, will be \$1,400.00. Mrs. Bowman said that bonds of a face value of \$17,500 are in safekeeping for the Life Membership Endowment Fund at the First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City.

President Shirk called for a report of the Legislative Committee. Co-Chairmen McBride and Busby, along with Mr. Phillips, told of work that had been done by the committee. It was brought out that the Historical Society appropriation bill had passed the House of Representatives with all of the items exactly for the amounts specified for the previous biennium. This totaled \$94,000 annually. It was further pointed out that the bill is now before the Senate and that the Legislative Committee of the Society will attempt to get various items increased when the Senate holds a hearing on the Society's bill. Some discussion was had concerning various staff salaries. The thought was expressed by members of the Legislative Committee that certain salary increases might be made if under State fiscal affairs all departments of State government are given additional funds.

In reporting on the microfilm work, Mr. Phillips, Chairman of the Microfilm Committee, stated that the new microfilm vault had been completed and that it was one of the most modern to be found anywhere. Mr. Phillips said that a new microfilm reproduction machine had also been installed. He said this machine would reproduce microfilm pages to approximate regular newspaper page size. He further reported that an

additional microfilm camera had been installed which in time should enable the Society to double its production.

Dr. Morrison reported on the activities of the Historic Sites Committee. He reported scarcely any progress had been made on acquisition of the Fort Washita site because the owners of the property were asking a rather high price; that a large granite marker at Fort Cobb had recently been installed and that the City of Fort Cobb was planning to landscape the grounds surrounding it; and that arrangements were being made to care for weed and grass cutting at all Historical Society properties throughout the state.

Dr. Johnson said that he felt that the Oklahoma Historical Society had been the catalyst which had much to do with bringing about the moving of the birthplace home of Will Rogers by the Planning and Resources Board. The moving of this building was made necessary by the water being backed up by the Oologah dam.

Statement was made by Dr. Johnson that he had visited the Garland Cemetery and the Old Chief's House, both sites of which are owned by the Oklahoma Historical Society. He said that a wonderful job was being done in the restoration of the old Chief's House and in keeping of the grounds at Garland Cemetery.

Marking of the place where the Oklahoma Historical Society was founded at Kingfisher was discussed. Mrs. Bowman said that a group of Kingfisher citizens was interested in putting up a marker at the site of the old building in which the Oklahoma Historical Society was founded. Considerable discussion was had among the members of the Board as to what type of marker would be appropriate. It was the consensus of opinion that the Society should cooperate with the Kingfisher group in working out plans for properly commemorating the birthplace of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

President Shirk said that considerable progress was being made on putting an additional floor in the library "canyon." He stated that by the time of the next Board meeting he thought the steel work would all be completed and the floor laid. It was pointed out that this would almost double the stack space for the Library. President Shirk said that Mr. R. W. Robberson was donating the steel and the local labor costs would come to about \$2,380.00. He pointed out that the Board had authorized the transfer of \$2,000.00 out of the Microfilm fund to take care of this item. He said he felt that it was the consensus of the Board that the spending of an additional \$380.00 was agreeable.

Mr. Fraker said that the Society was tremendously indebted to President Shirk for the work he had done in getting the additional floor. He remarked that the work President Shirk had done in making arrangements for the installation of the floor was saving the Society several thousands of dollars.

Completion of the restoration work on the stage coach was announced by President Shirk. He said that it would take a professional mover to get it placed in the Historical Society Building, but that he was certain the job would be completed within a short time.

A letter of resignation from the Board of Directors from Mr. Exall English was presented. Various members of the Board expressed regret at English's finding it necessary to resign. On motion of Dr. Harbour and second of Mr. Phillips, the resignation of Mr. English from the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was, with regret, accepted.

A motion was made by Dr. Harbour that the speech made by Judge Edward Box at the Annual Meeting eulogizing Judge Baxter Taylor be printed in *The Chronicles*. This motion was seconded by Miss Seger and unanimously adopted when put.

Mr. Fraker brought up the topic of rental charges on the auditorium. He said that at the present time the rental for one night or day was \$17.50, with \$12.50 going to the Society and \$5.00 going to the janitor who was on duty. He said that he thought this was too small an amount for the janitors. After some discussion, Mr. Muldrow moved that the total charge for each time the auditorium is used be \$25.00, with \$15.00 going to the Society and \$10.00 to the janitor. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dale and unanimously adopted.

Inasmuch as the question of use of the Library stacks had been brought up at the Annual Meeting, that problem was taken under consideration by the Board. Mr. Phillips suggested that the matter be referred to the Library Committee. President Shirk said that he concurred in this idea and that the Library Committee had been appointed to handle such problems. He further stated that in keeping with such procedure the matter would be referred to the Library Committee.

The attention of the Board was brought by President Shirk to the fact that the death of Judge Taylor had not only created a vacancy on the Board, but that inasmuch as Judge Taylor was a vice-president of the Society, his passing had left a vacancy on the Executive Committee. President Shirk said that he felt that this vacancy on the Executive Committee should be filled at this time by the election of a Second Vice-President. After this statement, President Shirk opened the meeting for nominations for Second Vice-President of the Society. Mr. Fisher Muldrow was nominated by Mr. Phillips. Dr. Johnson moved that the nominations be closed and that Mr. Muldrow be elected by acclamation. Dr. Harbour seconded the motion which was put and carried unanimously.

Judge Busby presented and moved the adoption of a memorial resolution expressing regret at the death of Kelly Brown, Esquire, a member of the Board of Directors.

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society are this day saddened by the absence of Kelly Brown whose services have been invaluable to this Society throughout the years,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society goes on record expressing its deep appreciation of his outstanding contributions in the past as a member and director; and further that a copy of this be included in the official minutes of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society and that a copy be furnished his family.

The President appointed Mr. Joe McBride to the vacancy on the Executive Committee created by the election of Mr. Muldrow to the office of Second Vice-President.

It was suggested by President Shirk that the filling of the vacancies created by the deaths of Judge Baxter Taylor and Mr. Kelly Brown be deferred until the next Board meeting as a token of respect to these two men.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher Muldrow and seconded by Dr. Harbour that in the case of the death of a member of the Board of Directors that the office of the Society notify all members of the Board of such death as soon as possible.

It being determined there was no further business to come before the meeting, adjournment was had at 12:10 p. m.

George H. Shirk, President

Elmer L. Fraker, Administrative Secretary

GIFTS PRESENTED - APRIL 25, 1961

LIBRARY:

Will Rogers—P. J. O'Brien

"La Reina, Los Angeles in Three Centuries"

Oklahoma Scrap Book

File of clippings on Will Rogers

2 Photographs of Will Rogers

File of Oklahoma historical clippings

Donor: Miss Helen Biggers in memory of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Biggers, Oklahoma City

"The Brown Family in America"

"Cones Family History in America"

Donor: Ralph Hudson, Oklahoma State Library

Macon County Missouri Will Records 1838-1880 - Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry

Donor: Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry, Chillicothe, Missouri

7 Programs of Guthrie's '89er Celebration, 1939

1 Program "Oklahoma City's Golden Jubilee 1889-1939 Pioneer Woman Day"

Donor: Mrs. C. C. Cook, Oklahoma Historical Society Museum

3 Ledgers from *State Industrial School for Girls*, Tecumseh, Oklahoma

Donor: Mrs. Al Flournoy, Oklahoma City

Records of New Kent County, Virginia, Volume 1

Donor: Mrs. Dayton Royse, Oklahoma City

File of Indian Sign Language cards

Donor: Frank Finney, Oklahoma City

Mayan Studies—Edited by Benjamin Elson

A Guide to Regional Manuscript Collections in the Division of Manuscripts University of Oklahoma Library—A. M. Gibson

Donor: University of Oklahoma Library

1860 Micro-film Census of Kentucky: Taylor-Woodford County

Donor: Mrs. D. E. Phillips, Chandler

The Genealogies of John Peter Bermann and His Wife Priscilla Catherine Twogood

Donor: Sherman Lee Pompey, Warrensburg, Missouri.

"The Smith Family"

"The Cox Family"

3 issues of the *Heston Historian*

Donor: Mrs. Frank Grass, Oklahoma City

Grandfather's Story of His Life—Tom Pexton

Donor: Tom Pexton, Oklahoma City

Nicholas Bean and Some of His Descendants—Lee Calvin Tarble

Donor: Mrs. Betty L. Turner, Marshall, Illinois

"Oklahoma Poetry" February, 1961

Donor: Leslie A. McRill, Oklahoma City

"Valley Forge Yesterday and Today"

Donor: Claude L. Hensley, Oklahoma City

The Maryland Germans—Dieter Cunz

Donor: The Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland,
Baltimore, Maryland

"Letter to a Grandson" An Eyewitness Account of the Cherokee Strip Opening—Marion Thomas Embree

Donor: Ross County Historical Society, Chillicothe, Ohio

"The Benton County Pioneer" November, 1960

Donor: Mrs. Clarence Ross, Liberal, Kansas

80 copies of Southwest Oklahoma Production Pipe Line Reports

Donor: Robert L. Atkins, Humble Oil Company

MUSEUMS:**Pictures:**

J. W. and Buck Eldereig

Oscar Coffelt and pet buffalo

Donor: Dr. B. B. Chapman, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Group Picture, Bacon Rind, Frank Frantz, Chee-she-bunky

Donor: F. M. Hieronymus

Farm House, Cimarron County

Cimarron County Dust Bowl

Farm Home in Dust Bowl

Contours near Elk City

Tractor in Dust Bowl

Grader in Dust Bowl

Farm of O. W. Tucker shows Dr. H. H. Bennett

Farm House and Barn near Stillwater

Farmers building terraces near Boley

Donor: T. Bone McDonald

William Chisholm, son of Jesse

Julia McLish Chisholm

Home of William and Julia McLish Chisholm

Julia Chisholm Davenport

A. E. Davenport, M. D.

Wedding picture of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Davenport

Doughlas H. Johnston, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Davenport

Home of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Davenport, Oklahoma

Home of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Davenport, Mt. Vernon, Texas

Home of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Davenport, Ada, Oklahoma

Julia Davenport

Dr. A. E. Davenport

Donor: Juanita Johnston Smith, 214 N. E. 7th Street, Oklahoma City

Ranch Home of Alinton Telle near Atoka

Scene at the Telle Ranch

Home of Alinton Telle, Atoka

Donor: Mrs. Helen Folsom, 1403 Bixby, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Charcoal drawing of a Cherokee Graveyard

Charcoal drawing of the Cherokee National Prison

Donor: Mrs. M. M. Williamson, 2010 Elmhurst, Oklahoma City

Oil Painting, Portrait of a Lady, by Eraldo Carugati

Donor: Fred Schonwald, 6507 Hillcrest, Oklahoma City

EXHIBIT:

Car Tag Oklahoma 1960, No. 1773

Donor: George H. Shirk

Five Homestead Certificates issued at El Reno

Seven Certificates of Capital Stock issued at Weatherford in 1908

Donor: Gordon Wilks, 5015 North Western, Oklahoma City

United States Flag with 46 Stars

Donor: Mrs. Edmond J. O'Reilly, 17 Johnston Ave., Kingston,
N. Y.

Four Record Books of the Russell Home for Girls

Donor: Mrs. Al Flournoy, 1008 N. W. 18th St., Oklahoma City

Doll's Chair made of hickory in 1860 by Tom Casey

Donor: Beauchamp Family (Mrs. Leslie Ramey, 808 North-
east 36th Street, Oklahoma City)

Sword, Knights of Pythias

Sword, Knights Templar

Buggy Whip

Foot Warmer

Riding Crop

Brace

Plane

Pulley

Rubber Horse Shoes

Tobacco Cutter

Broad Axe

Four Miners Lamps

Two Ear Phones (Hearing Aids)

World War I Helmet

Cow Bell

Three pieces of barbed wire

Buggy Wrench

Barbed Wire Stretchers

Ice Skates

Round Mouse Trap

Silver key winding watch

Three Hat Pins

Curling Iron for horse's mane

Brass Knuckles

Slate Pencils

Folding Button Hook

Wooden Ox Yoke

Two Curling Irons

Rabbit Plane

Pliers

Blacksmith Tool

Two Cabbage Cutters

Button Fastener

Hand Augur

Fluter

Three Trade Tokens (.50 - .05 - .10)

Donor: Clifford Godfrey, Waynoka, Oklahoma

Hypodermic Case (silver) and Pocket Medicine Case used by I. W. Fol-
som, M.D.

Donor: Mrs. Helen Folsom, 1403 Bixby, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Car Tag Oklahoma 1925

Car Tag Oklahoma 1926

Donor: James McLaughlin, Orlando, Oklahoma

Bullet Mold

Stone Axe

Donor: Kenneth Hood, Route No. 5, Shawnee, Oklahoma

Collection of old Medical Instruments (57 pieces)

Donor: Mrs. Edith Cavett, Loyal, Oklahoma

UNION ROOMS:

Oak and glass display case for the Lincoln Chair

Donor: Oklahoma-Texas Department of the Daughters of
Union Veterans**NEW MEMBERS****QUARTER FOR JANUARY 26, 1961 TO APRIL 27, 1961***New Life Members*

Mrs. Kenneth Kiester	Duncan, Oklahoma
Mrs. Walter V. Buxton	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
*Bill R. Clark	" " "
R. A. Hefner IV	" " "
L. D. Lacy	" " "

New Annual Members

Charles C. Semple	Caddo, Oklahoma
Carl D. Krivohlaveh	Chelsea, Oklahoma
Donald L. Eggeman	Claremore, Oklahoma
George E. Jenkins	Duncan, Oklahoma
A. B. Oakes	" "
Randy Hendricks	Heldton, Oklahoma
Johnny Cudd	McAlester, Oklahoma
Don Bankston	Muskogee, Oklahoma
Mortimer Schwartz	Norman, Oklahoma
Kenneth Lee Emenhiser	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Victor E. Harlow, Jr.	" " "
Frederick J. Hoyt	" " "
Vivian C. Richardson	" " "
Awanda Scheer	" " "
Mrs. Ruth M. Stanley	Perkins, Oklahoma
A. L. Langenkamp	Sand Springs, Oklahoma
Aaron M. Mixon, Jr.	Spiro, Oklahoma
Oscar Fontaine	Tulsa, Oklahoma
G. H. Galbreath	" "
Alma Holton Moeller	" "
Harold A. Vinson	" "
David E. Ratledge	Watonga, Oklahoma
Mrs. J. P. Harder	Wynnewood, Oklahoma
Dora N. Butler	Oxnard, California
Mrs. Lucie C. Price	Austin, Texas
Stanley W. Hoig	Houston, Texas
William A. Mudge	Kenosha, Wisconsin

*Elected January 26, 1961