



NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame— Norman L. Crockett

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The final inductee for 1998 has exhibited the same versatility and energy represented by T L. Ballenger, John W Morris, and Kent Ruth. Dr Norman Crockett came from the hills of Missouri, where he earned his Ph.D. in History in 1966. He joined the faculty of the University of Oklahoma in 1969, where he would rise to become the chairman of the Department of History and chairman of the Executive Committee of the College of Liberal Studies. During those productive years, Crockett earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher, dedicating his career to teaching young people about the lessons of history and guiding his graduate students through the fertile fields of research and writing.

Like our other inductees, Crockett has always been drawn to regional history. His list of articles range from immigration in Missouri from 1865 to 1916 to the petroleum industry in the 1920s. Two topics of particular interest have been economic history and African American history, both of which he has published in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

In 1979 Crockett released his second book, *The Black Towns*, which for the first time placed the experience of black pioneers into the mainstream of western history. His scholarship and analysis in terms of economic development and the quest for personal freedom rank this book among the earliest achievements in bringing black history into the historical record. The following represents the published work of Norman L. Crockett.

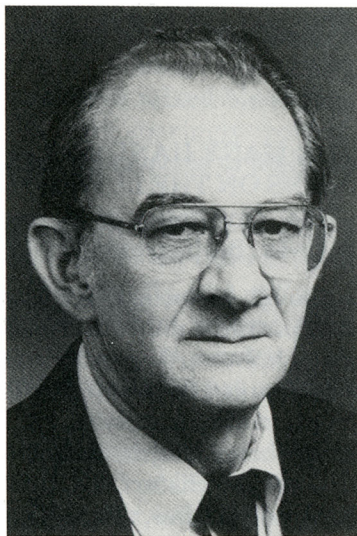
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Norman L. Crockett, 1998 inductee to the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame (Courtesy Media Office, University of Oklahoma).

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