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### THE MARLAND MANSION COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The color photograph of the dome on a stairway landing at the west end of the gallery of the E. W. Marland Mansion in Ponca City, Oklahoma, that appeared on the cover of the Spring, 1978, issue of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* was made available by Mr. Paul E. LeFebvre. Mr. LeFebvre is a well-known photographer of Oklahoma landmarks, and the Publication Department wishes to acknowledge his generous assistance.

### PROJECT ON THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Entitled "Documentary History of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1789-1800," the project is supported by the Supreme Court Historical Society and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and is scheduled for completion in five years. The project objective is to publish all documents which illuminate the development of the Supreme Court in its first decade. The editors are particularly interested in locating any correspondence of the following individuals:

#### Chief Justices:

John Jay (1745-1829)  
John Rutledge (1739-1800)  
Oliver Ellsworth (1745-1807)

#### Associate Justices:

John Blair (1732-1800)  
Samuel Chase (1741-1811)  
William Cushing (1732-1810)  
James Iredell (1751-1799)  
Thomas Johnson (1732-1819)  
Alfred Moore (1755-1810)  
William Paterson (1745-1806)  
Bushrod Washington (1762-1829)  
James Wilson (1742-1798)

#### Clerks of the Court:

John Tucker  
Samuel Bayard

#### Attorneys General:

Edmund Randolph  
William Bradford  
Charles Lee

#### Unofficial Court Reporter:

Alexander James Dallas

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CONSTITUTION  
of  
THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

Name, Object and Location

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be:  
The Oklahoma Historical Society

Section 2. The purposes for which the Oklahoma Historical Society is organized and conducted are to preserve and to perpetuate the history of Oklahoma and its people; to stimulate popular interest in historical study and research; and to promote and to disseminate historical knowledge. To further these ends and, as the trustee of the State of Oklahoma, it shall maintain a library and museum in which it shall collect, arrange, catalog, index and preserve books, pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, manuscripts, letters, diaries, journals, records, maps, charts, documents, photographs, engravings, etchings, pictures, portraits, busts, statuary and other objects of art and all other appropriate museum material with special regard to the history of Oklahoma. It shall perpetuate knowledge of the lives and deeds of the explorers and pioneers of this region; it shall collect and preserve the arts and crafts of the pioneering period, the legends, traditions, histories and cultural standards of the Indian tribes; it shall maintain a collection of the handiwork of the same, and an archaeological collection illustrating the life, customs and culture of the prehistoric peoples. It shall disseminate the knowledge thus gained by investigation and research through the medium of printed reports, bulletins, lectures, exhibits or other suitable means or methods. It shall discharge all other duties and responsibilities placed upon it by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma.

Section 3. All deposits of papers, artifacts or articles or other gifts received by the Society are made to it in trust for the people of the State of Oklahoma, and may not be received with any limitation, condition or other restriction that renders such other than an outright gift. No portrait may be hung in the galleries of the Society except upon the prior invitation from the Board of Directors, after a majority vote to that effect duly taken at a regularly constituted meeting. Provided, no portrait, bust, art object, artifact, manuscript, document, nor thing of historical value, shall be removed from its place of exhibition or from the premises of the Society, nor shall any of said objects be loaned to any person without prior permission in each case from the Board.

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Section 4. The offices, library, archives and museum of the Oklahoma Historical Society shall be located at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; provided the Society may as from time to time determined by the Board, establish temporary displays or exhibits at other locations in conjunction with fairs, exhibitions or other meetings of historical, education or scientific interest.

### ARTICLE II

#### Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Oklahoma Historical Society shall consist of: Annual, Life and Honorary.

Section 2. The annual membership of the Society shall be composed of such persons as shall be elected to membership by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting thereof, except that which last precedes the regular annual meeting of the Society, after payment of the prescribed fee. Editors or publishers of newspapers or other periodicals who have contributed the regular issues for one year shall be entitled to membership in the Society during the continuance of such contribution thereafter without the payment of the annual membership fee.

Section 3. The life membership of the Society shall be composed of such persons as shall be elected to membership by the Board of Directors and after payment of the prescribed life membership fee.

Section 4. The honorary membership of the Society shall be composed of the Governor, former Governors of the State of Oklahoma, members of the Legislature during their term of office, Justices of the Supreme Court, and such persons as may be so elected by the Board of Directors because of their distinction in literary or scientific attainments or notable public service. The honorary members shall be free of all dues and assessments and shall not vote at the annual meeting of the Society.

Section 5. The annual membership fee shall be five dollars per year; and the life membership fee shall be one hundred dollars; provided, such fees may be from time to time modified by the Board of Directors of the Society. Membership dues shall be deposited in the Private Fund of the Society and expended for the purposes of the Society as the Board shall direct.

Section 6. Membership may be withdrawn from any person at any meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Provided, that at least twenty days notice shall be given the accused member, together with specifications of the charges upon which action is proposed to be based.

Section 7. Only life members and such annual members as have paid their current membership fee shall be entitled to vote at any annual meeting of the Society. Provided, that a representative of each newspaper or periodical

which has contributed its paper for at least one year to the Society shall be entitled to one vote at the annual meeting of the Society.

### ARTICLE III

#### Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society shall be held at such place or places and on such date or dates as may be determined by said Society, or its Board of Directors when the Society at an annual meeting or adjourned meeting thereof has failed to designate such place or time.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Society shall be convened upon call of the President of the Society for the transaction of such business as may be specified therein and no other business shall be taken up for consideration at such meeting except by unanimous consent.

Section 3. Notice of all meetings of the Society shall be given by mail, or if directed by the Board by publication in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, to all members of the Society by the Executive Director, at least twenty days in advance of such meeting.

Section 4. Fifteen voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Society at any regular or called meeting thereof.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors of twenty-five members shall be the governing body of the Society, with full and complete authority to manage, administer and control its affairs, moneys, property and effects. The Board of Directors may formulate such rules and regulations as may in its judgment be necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Society, not in conflict with this Constitution. The Governor of Oklahoma shall be an additional and ex officio member of the Board.

Section 2. Members of the Board shall be elected for a term of five years or until their successors have been elected. Directors shall be elected only from among those persons who have been annual or life members of the Society for not less than three years prior to their nomination.

Section 3. Five members of the Board of Directors shall be elected annually by ballot by members of the Society in the following manner: Prior to the tenth day of January of each year the Executive Director and the Treasurer shall prepare ballots upon which appear the names of the five directors whose terms will expire that year, unless otherwise directed in writing by such director, and the names of such other eligible persons who may be

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nominated thereto in writing filed with the Executive Director by the first day of such year by twenty-five members who at said time are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. Such ballot shall be mailed by the Executive Director to each member of the Society entitled to vote at the annual meeting, who shall mark such ballot for not more than five, and shall then return same in a double envelope, the inner one being a plain envelope. The member shall sign his name to the outer envelope. Upon prior direction of the Executive Committee, in lieu thereof, such ballot may be printed in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, in which event the Executive Committee will provide adequate instructions for the return and protection of the ballot. On the fourth Tuesday in January, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President, a Vice-President, the Executive Director, and the Treasurer shall meet and open the ballots, counting the same, and retaining the envelopes and ballots in a safe place until the next regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors, when such ballots, together with the envelopes and the result of the canvass shall be delivered by proper certificate to the Board. After being satisfied as to the correctness of the canvass, the Board of Directors shall declare the five receiving the highest vote as directors of the Society. If no additional nominations are received, thus resulting in no contest, the Executive Director at the meeting of the Board of Directors where such ballots otherwise would be canvassed shall cast one vote and declare the five nominees elected.

Section 4. The meetings of the Board of Directors of the Society shall be held on the Thursday immediately following the fourth Wednesday of January of each year and quarterly thereafter during the year.

Section 5. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Society at the request of three members of the Board of Directors, due notice of the same having been given five days in advance, together with a statement of the object of the meeting. Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board shall cause the Executive Director to prepare a written report of its proceedings to be published to the membership of the Society.

Section 6. The Board of Directors of the Society shall supervise the number and designation of the employees of the Society and as recommended by the Executive Committee, shall approve the selection of suitable persons to fill such positions and the determination of the rate of compensation of each employee within limitations fixed by legislative enactment. The Board of Directors may require bond for the faithful performance of duty by any employee in such sum justified by the circumstances. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive salary, expenses or per diem for services rendered as a member of the Board of Directors.

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Section 7. The absence of a member of the Board of Directors from three consecutive regular quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors shall operate to terminate the membership of such director from said Board, provided that a statement from the member accepted by the Board, at the meeting from which the Board member was absent showing such member he was reasonably prevented from attending such Board meeting may prevent the termination of such membership.

Section 8. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Directors, the same shall be filled for the remainder of that term by the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the President shall announce such fact at the first meeting of the Board thereafter. Nominations may be made orally from the floor at the meeting or by letter to the Executive Director in the interim before twenty days preceding the next regular meeting unless such time be enlarged by the Board. The Executive Director shall review all nominations for eligibility as required by Section 2 of this Article, and shall mail the list of such eligible nominations to the members of the Board prior to its next meeting. The vote shall be by secret ballot and the nominee receiving the majority vote shall be seated as Director. In the event of a plurality only, the winner shall be determined by a run-off ballot between the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 9. Members of the Board of Directors who have completed the term to which they were elected and who have indicated a desire not to serve further as provided by Section 3 of this Article, may be elected as a Board Member Emeritus for life on majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Provided, that to be eligible for such emeritus membership such retiring Board Member shall have served not less than ten years as a member of the Board with an attendance record of at least sixty per cent (60%) of all regular or special meetings. Such emeritus member shall not be entitled to hold office, to make or second a motion, nor to cast a vote, but shall in all respects be entitled to participate in all of the proceedings and deliberations of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, an Executive Director and a Treasurer. Each shall serve for a term of two years or until the successor of each be elected. All officers except the Executive Director shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. At the meeting of the Board where the newly elected Directors are announced, and on each even numbered year, the Board shall elect such

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officers. Such election shall be by written ballot. Provided, nothing shall be construed to prevent the Board from electing such additional Emeritus officers as it may determine.

Section 3. The President of the Society shall preside at all meetings of the Society and perform all other duties usually incident to a chief executive officer.

Section 4. The Vice-Presidents of the Society, in order of their election, shall perform the duties of the President in event of the absence or disability of that officer.

Section 5. The Executive Director of the Society shall keep the records and seal of the Society; shall take and record the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Society and of its Board of Directors; shall conduct its correspondence; in conjunction with the President of the Society, he shall make such report of its work and collections as may be required by law or order of the Board; he shall collect all membership fees and keep a record of same, transmitting the funds thus secured to the Treasurer of the Society; shall be in supervisory control of all staff members and employees of the Society; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall give bond in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine for the faithful performance of his duties.

Section 6. The Treasurer of the Society shall receive and hold all funds of the Society; shall keep the accounts of the Society in its name in a safe banking institution; shall keep a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures holding the same subject to inspection by the President and the Board of Directors of the Society; and shall render a full report at the annual meeting of the Society and at such other times as may be required by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Any officer of the Society may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote at any regularly convened meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Officers pro tempore may be chosen at any meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society in event of the absence or disability of the regular officers.

## ARTICLE VI

### Committees, Official Journal

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and two other members of the Board of Directors appointed by the President. It shall meet at the call of

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the President and minutes of its meetings shall be kept by the Executive Director.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall, as directed by the President, advise and counsel the President in the discharge of his responsibilities and the administration of his office, shall determine such routine matters of policy, not inconsistent with the mandates of the Board of Directors, as may arise between regular meetings of the Board; and shall, under the supervision of the Board of Directors, select suitable persons to fill positions on the staff of the Society.

Section 3. The President, agreeable to the directives of the Board of Directors, shall appoint and designate such standing or special committees as may be appropriate to the work and purposes of the Society.

Section 4. The official publication of the Oklahoma Historical Society shall be *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*. It shall be published quarterly and distributed without charge to all members of the Society, editors or publishers of newspapers deposited in original or microfilm form regularly without charge in the archives of the Society, and such schools, libraries and other institutions and societies as may be from time to time determined. The Editor of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* shall be selected by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* shall publish the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Society; and shall pursue an editorial policy of publication of worthy and scholarly manuscripts dealing with all aspects of Oklahoma or regional history, including necrologies, reviews, reprints of journals and reports and the other activities of the Society. It shall not interest itself in the publication of manuscripts of a political or controversial nature.

## ARTICLE VII

### Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided, that due notice of such proposed amendment be given in the form of a copy thereof to each member or by publication in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* at least three months in advance of the date of such meeting.





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### NEW MEMBER ELECTED TO BOARD



Mrs. L. E. Hodge, Jr.

A native of Hammon, Mrs. L. E. Hodge, Jr. attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, Oklahoma. In 1965, she began publishing historical articles in numerous western Oklahoma newspapers, *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* and *Orbit Magazine*.

Mrs. Hodge appeared in the 1966 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America. She has served with several community service organizations in Hammon, and, as chairman of the Hammon Bicentennial, helped found the Hammon Community Museum.

Mrs. Hodge is very active in sponsoring programs for Indian children in a four-county area. Having written history stories included in *Prairie Fire*, a book on western Oklahoma History, she serves on the Prairie Fire Committee.

As one of the organizers of the Western Oklahoma Anthropological Society, she served as its secretary-treasurer and also as vice-president of The Western Oklahoma Historical Society. A member of The Oklahoma Genealogical Society, The Oklahoma Anthropological Society, The Oklahoma Historical Society and The National Trust for Historic Preservation, she is an avid collector of Indian artifacts, Indian lore, art and Indian jewelry.