

OFFICIAL MINUTES, OF QUARTERLY MEETING,
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE OKLAHOMA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, QUARTER ENDING
JULY 24, 1958

Members of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society met in regular quarterly session at 10:00 a. m., July 24, 1958. The meeting was held in the Board of Directors room and was presided over by Col. George H. Shirk, President of the Society.

Roll call revealed that all members of the Board were present with the exception of Dr. B. R. Chapman, Mr. Exall English, Mr. T. J. Harrison, and Judge Baxter Taylor. Upon motion made by Mr. H. M. Montcastle and seconded by Judge Edgar K. Vaught, the absent members were excused.

President Shirk pointed out that the minutes of the meeting of April 24, 1958, referring to the Treasurer's report should be corrected by deleting the phrase "approximately \$800.00 in interest" and substituting therefor the phrase "approximately \$800.00 in principal." Minutes of the previous meeting as amended were approved on motion of Dr. Emma Estlin Harbour, seconded by Judge N. B. Johnson.

Lists enumerating gifts and new members were presented by the Administrative Secretary. A motion was made by Judge Johnson and seconded by Miss Genevieve Seger that the enumerated gifts be accepted and the proposed members be placed on the rolls.

The Administrative Secretary reported that the sale of miniature flags was being carried on in a satisfactory manner by Miss Katherine Ringland, Curator of the Union Room. He also pointed out the need of a duplicating machine for use in the library, archives and newspaper room. Gen. Wm. S. Key moved that the purchase of such duplicating machine be authorized, and that the Library Committee set the scale of fees for its use by private patrons. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Willis Reed and adopted.

Authorization for paying \$632.27 from the private funds of the Society, needed to balance *The Chronicles* account, was requested by the Administrative Secretary. Gen Key moved and Mrs. Reed seconded a motion that such payment be made. The motion was put and carried.

It was stated by Mr. Fraker that subscription agencies were taking yearly subscriptions for *The Chronicles* at \$3.00. He explained that when the commission to the agency was paid, the Society was thereby not receiving the full subscription price. He said that Miss Marie H. Wright, Editor of *The Chronicles*, joined him in recommending that subscription agencies be required to charge \$4.00 rather than \$3.00 for a yearly subscription to the *Chronicles*. Judge Vaught moved, and Mr. Montcastle seconded a motion that the recommendation of the Administrative Secretary in this matter be approved. Motion was put and carried.

The Administrative Secretary reported that state funds had been expended to where practically no balances were left at the close of the fiscal year. This report showed that the operating account had a balance of 1c; microfilm account, 18c balance; and historic

sites account zero. This made only 20c that was turned back to the State of Oklahoma from the total amount appropriated by the last Legislature to the Oklahoma Historical Society for the fiscal year of 1957-58.

Mrs. George L. Bowman gave her report as Treasurer of the Oklahoma Historical Society. She said that her first official act after being elected to the office of Treasurer was that of securing a \$1,000.00 fidelity bond. She reported that signature change had also been made at the First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, which is the depository of the Oklahoma Historical Society funds.

Mrs. Bowman expressed appreciation to Col. George Shirk, preceding Treasurer, for his courtesy in going over the accounts with her and explaining all necessary procedures and methods. She also praised the work of Mrs. LaJeanne McIntyre, Chief Clerk, for the efficient manner in which she was keeping the Society's books, under the supervision of the Administrative Secretary. The Treasurer emphasized the fact that little or no delay was being experienced in getting checks signed and returned to the Historical Society offices for distribution. She stated that checks are forwarded to her for approval on one day, received in her office the next, and returned to the Society offices by the third day.

It was reported by Mrs. Bowman that the auditing firm of Sam J. Hammonds had already completed an audit of the private fund, but copies were not yet available. She said that the books, however, revealed that on July 1, 1958, cash on hand and in the bank at the beginning of that period was \$3,185.53; total receipts 10,872.42; total disbursements \$12,240.49; leaving a balance on hand at the close of the fiscal year of \$1,249.86. She said it had been a pleasure to work with the President, Administrative Secretary and the Chief Clerk in carrying on her duties as Treasurer.

President Shirk complimented Mrs. Bowman on her report and stated that the private funds were in good condition. He pointed out that a great many purchases had been made from that fund, which had merely converted cash into capital investments. He said that he considered the private fund to be in the best condition.

It was moved by General Key and seconded by Dr. Harbour that the Treasurer's report be accepted and that Mrs. Bowman be thanked for making such a complete and clear report. The motion was adopted.

At this point, President Shirk made a brief summary of the work done by the Oklahoma Historic Sites Committee, which he had recently headed as chairman. He said that the money appropriated by the Legislature had been largely used in reconditioning, cleaning, and improving historic sites owned by the Oklahoma Historical Society. He also pointed out that a commendable piece of work had been done in marking the twelve stage stands on the Butterfield Overland Mail Route, where it crosses Oklahoma. He said that the committee had authorized placing of a permanent bronze marker at each one of the stage stands and that these bronze markers are on concrete bases.

Gen. Key suggested that additional thought be given to marking a greater number of historic sites in Oklahoma. He said there were many significant historic spots that were so located that local groups were not likely to raise funds for the markers. He suggested that the legislature be requested to provide \$12,500.00 for the next bi-

onium to be used in the Society's highway marker program. At the close of his remarks Gen. Key moved that authorization be granted to request an appropriation sufficient to purchase 100 markers to be placed where the Historic Sites Committee may determine. Judge Cift seconded the motion which was adopted when put.

The report of the Microfilm Committee was made by Mr. E. Milt Phillips, Chairman. He stated that since the microfilming program started in September more than 637,000 pages had been processed. He estimated there are more than eight million pages in the stacks of the newspaper department yet to be microfilmed. On the basis, he said, on which the department is now operating about 1,200,000 pages would be processed in a year's time. Mr. Phillips estimated that approximately 400,000 pages of new newspapers are received each year. This means that the department should be able to make a net gain of 800,000 pages for the year.

Mr. Phillips said that the operation of the microfilm department of the Oklahoma Historical Society approaches that of a commercial concern, but that at the present rate of microfilming it would take until 1960 to complete processing the papers that were published prior to World War I. He estimated that it would probably be possible to become current in the microfilming work by 1977; that is, have all newspapers microfilmed to the current time.

It was stated by Mr. Phillips that all microfilm negatives are kept in vaults in Dallas, Texas, but that it is hoped the Society may have its own microfilm vaults before too many years.

President Shirk announced that the historical marker brochure is in the process of being printed and would be available for sale within a short time. Dr. Wayne Johnson expressed the view that this was an exceedingly important undertaking and that he was glad to know that work on the brochure was proceeding satisfactorily.

The Administrative Secretary reported briefly on his work in connection with the North American Historic Sites Commission. He said that it was his observation that the work done under the direction of the Historic Sites Committee of the Oklahoma Historical Society was comparable to the best that was being done in some of the states and provinces that had been handling such programs for a much longer time. He also stated that staff members of the Oklahoma Historical Society were assisting the directors of the Pioneer Woman Museum in Ponca City in selecting and arranging their exhibits.

It was moved by Dr. Johnson and seconded by Miss Seger that the Society explore the possibility of designating one member of the Society in each county to officially represent the Society in the acquisition of artifacts and papers pertinent to the history of Oklahoma. Motion was adopted.

Judge N. B. Johnson told of his trip to Miami, Florida, where he participated in the ceremonies of unveiling the statue of Osceola. He said that when it came time for him to make his remarks, it was necessary to use two interpreters so that all those present might understand. He said that the statue of Osceola would be placed in the Indian Hall of Fame and that ceremonies connected with that event would be held on August 18. He also reported that the state of Georgia has remodeled the home of Chief Joe Vann of the Cherokee, near Dalton, Georgia. Judge Johnson said that he and Justice Welsh of the Oklahoma Supreme Court would participate in the dedication ceremony of the Vann home when that event is held.

President Shirk appointed a committee consisting of Gen. Wm. S. Key, Judge N. B. Johnson, Mr. R. G. Miller and Judge J. G. Clift to represent the Oklahoma Historical Society at the Osceola dedication service to be held at Indian City on August 18.

Mr. R. G. Miller told of a rock located near Heavener on which there were a number of inscriptions that might prove to be of Norseman origin. He said that if this could be determined that the site would become one of the greatest attractions in the Southwest. He moved that the Historical Society take whatever steps necessary to see that proper research is done to determine the authenticity and significance of the markings on the rock. The motion was seconded by Miss Seger, and adopted.

President Shirk submitted the following committee appointments: Executive Committee—Judge Edgar S. Vaught and Mr. R. G. Miller; Publications Committee—the President, the Administrative Secretary, Dr. E. E. Dale, Mr. R. G. Miller, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, and Dr. B. B. Chapman; House and Grounds—Mr. Henry Bass, Chairman, Mr. T. J. Harrison, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Mr. Joe Curtis, and Judge N. B. Johnson; Annual Fair Committee—Mr. R. G. Miller, Chairman, Mr. Henry Bass, Mrs. George L. Bowman, Judge J. G. Clift, Dr. James D. Morrison, and the President; Oklahoma Historical Day at Salina—Mr. T. J. Harrison, Chairman, Mr. Kelly Brown, and Mrs. Willis Reed; Microfilm Committee—Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Chairman, Mr. Joe Curtis, Mrs. George L. Bowman, and advisory members Mr. Ray Dwyer, Mr. Ben Blockstock, and Mr. Lou Allard; Library Committee—Mr. Joe Curtis, Chairman, Dr. Wayne Johnson, Dr. Emma Estell Harbour, Gen. Wm. S. Key, Dr. H. B. Chapman, and Judge Robert A. Heffner; Historic Sites Committee—Dr. James D. Morrison, Chairman, Mr. T. J. Harrison, Mr. R. G. Miller, Miss Genevieve Seger, and advisory members Miss Muriel Wright, Mr. James Bullard, Mrs. Grant Foreman, Dr. T. L. Ballenger, Mr. Vernon Brown, Mr. John Frazett, and Mr. Dave D. Price.

The President announced that the Legislative Committee would be appointed later. He then named a special committee for marking Temple Houston's grave in Woodward, consisting of Mr. Henry Bass, Chairman, Mr. W. K. Suthers, and Mr. Leslie L. Cooner.

Judge Cole moved and Judge Johnson seconded a motion providing that the committees as nominated by the President be approved. The motion was put and unanimously adopted.

President Shirk called attention of the Board to the fine display of presidential signatures now in the entrance lobby of the Historical Society Building. He said the display, arranged by Chief Curator, Mr. William Dale, was made possible through the kindness of Mr. T. J. Harrison, member of the Board of Directors. The signature collection was made by Mr. Harrison over a period of several years. President Shirk said that special exhibits of this type are of great value in attracting people to the Oklahoma Historical Society displays.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a. m.

(Signed) George H. Shirk, President

(Signed) Eimer L. Frazer, Administrative Secretary

GIFTS PRESENTED:**LIBRARY:**

Kingfisher Panorama, 1907-1937

Donor: Mrs. George Bowman

*History of the Indian Tribes of North America, Volume 3, 1844, by
Thomas L. McKenney and James Hall (120 illustrations in color)*

Donor: J. William Middendorf, Ruxton, Maryland

The International Year Book and Statesman's Who's Who, 1957

Donor: Col. George H. Shirk, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*The Emigration of Lochaber MacMillans to Canada in 1808, 1958, by the
Reverend Somerset MacMillan; Sicourts, Dressers, Tafts, Coner,
1958, by Frank Stewart Kinsey.*

Donor: Mr. Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, State Capitol,
Oklahoma City

History of the United States, 2 volumes

Donor: Mrs Sam LaFave, Ponca City, Oklahoma

The Episcopal Church in Oklahoma by Sam L. Botkin

Donor: Sam L. Botkin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Listen! I Dream by Stella Icenhower Flewelling

Donor: Stella Icenhower Flewelling, Torrance, California

*Historical Map of the State of New York and material on the Wichita
Mountains Wild Life Refuge*

Donor: John B. Flak, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*Physicians Certificate, 1908; diploma from Staunton, Virginia Female
Seminary, 1878; diploma Doctor of Medicine, University of
Louisville, 1878*

Donor: Mr. Walter Van Noy, Wagoner, Oklahoma

Autographed copy "1928 Law Class of the University of Oklahoma,
30th Anniversary"

Donor: Earl Boyd Pierce

"History of the First Christian Church, Quapaw, Oklahoma"

Donor: Mrs. Frank Baker, Quapaw, Oklahoma

Press clippings, letters, and Press Certificate, 1898

Donor: Mrs. Wilmer J. Donovan, Dallas, Texas

"The Stars and Stripes" and "Yank"

Donor: Robert Lee Jarrell, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

MUSEUM:

Pictures

President Eisenhower's Birth Place

Donor: Mrs. Carolyn Foreman, 1419 W. Okmulgee Ave., Muskogee, Oklahoma

Collection of 43 pictures of the Spanish American War

Donor: Mrs. Percy Lawrence, Springfield, Mo.

Oil Portrait of Gen. Roy Hoffman

Donor: Mrs. Roy Hoffman, 1414 N. Hudson, Oklahoma City
Cattle Pens at Quinton in 1909

Altar in Cuernavaca, Mexico

Group of Farmer-Stockmen in Mexico 1938

Donor: John B. Flak, 1229 1/2 NW 18th, Oklahoma City

Home of Queeah Parker

Donor: Mrs. Emmanual Samuel, Pryor, Oklahoma

Tishomingo Panorama 1907

Donor: Walter Van Noy, Wagoner, Oklahoma

Students at Sacred Heart College, 1908

Donor: Mrs. F. L. Millwee, Rt. 3, Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma

Color Prints and Negatives of "The Fourteen Flags That Have Flown Over Oklahoma"

Donor: Menon Turner Atkins, 2016 NW 19th, Okla. City

Kirk Collection of 69 pictures of Indians and Pioneers

Purchase—transfer from Library, O. H. S.

Oil Photograph of Sharon Southard, 4-H Club Girl

Oil Photograph of William Deenges, 4-H Club Boy

Donor: Ira J. Hollar, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Gen. DeShazo welcoming the Historical Tour group

Gen. DeShazo and group

Col. Shirk, Judge Chitt and Arthur Lawrence

Mrs. O. E. Cook and Gillett Griswold at dedication of Hamilton Hall

Donor: Gillett Griswold, Ft. Sill

Three photographs of the Whitaker Orphans Home

Three photographs of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitaker (Mr. Whitaker, founder of home)

Founders Day Program with pictures

Three glances of newspaper clippings

Donor: Mrs. Ora Whitaker Morris, Box 81, Breckenridge, Texas

Three group pictures, Oklahoma High School Commencement May, 1907; W. King Larimore and others; Klown child holding miniature

cradle board; Kiowa baby in cradle board; Geronimo; Quannah Parker; Wichita Grass House; 14 pictures of World Fair at Chicago; Pictures of Galveston flood; Pictures of flood in Kansas City in 1903; Pictures of Colorado; Official pictorial guide book for Chicago Worlds Fair; Program, Graduation Exercises, Oklahoma High School, Oklahoma City, 1909.

Donor: W. King Larimore, 1924 NW 20th, Oklahoma City

Hartford Collection, 22 photographs of old Colony, Indians and Pioneers

Donor: W. K. Hartford, M. D., 700 NW 14th, Oklahoma City

Exhibits

Semi-Centennial Banner

Donor: Semi-Centennial Committee

Spurs, taken from the body of Tulsa Jack

Donor: Hubert F. Murrell, 8425 Suepan Drive, Carmichael, California

Masonic Apron and Cap worn by Hal Muldrow, Sr.

Donor: Fisher Muldrow

Easter Eggs (Union Room)

Donor: Mrs J. H. Wells, 1421 NW 20th St., Oklahoma City

Painted Skin with signatures of 1st Oklahoma Infantry

Donor: Highlan Mitchell

Flag, 13 x 17 feet, with 48 stars

Donor: Jerome Schultz, Marine Public Relations, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Medal, Tulsa Semi-Centennial Medal Key Ring

Donor: Mrs. C. E. Cook

Spoon, souvenir, 1914 GAR Ladies Encampment

Donor: Unknown

Flat Iron and Stand

Donor: W. King Larimore, 1924 NW 20th St., Oklahoma City

Picture Blocks, purchased in 1892

Donor: W. King Larimore

Miniatures, collection of military figures—War Between the States

Donor: Edward Prug, 2241 NW 17th St., Oklahoma City

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ROOM

A quilt made in Gallatin, Tennessee, in 1824

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. William J. Weisger and family, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

UNION ROOM**Glass case**

Donors: DAUV Euld, Blackwell and Tulsa groups

China plate depicting historical origin of the DUV

Donor: DUV Tulsa, Oklahoma

INDIAN ARCHIVER

Five cartons of papers of the Grant Foreman collection

Donor: Mrs. Grant Foreman

Carbon copy of "Hunter Roll of John Brown's Company of Cherokee Indians in the War of 1812"

Donor: Mrs. Clifton P. Wright, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Old account book of a store established in 1838 at Old Boggy Depot by John Kingsbury

Donors: Mrs. Clara Powers Phelps, Highland, California, and her sister, Mrs. Kittie Powers Crist, Choctaw, Okla.

New Members for the Quarter April 25, 1958 through July 24, 1958

New Life Members

Bowman, Mrs. Edna
Griffith, Robert L.

Kingfisher, Oklahoma
Detroit, Michigan

New Annual Members

Satterlee, Francis N.
Henry, Roy E.
Staife, Lawrence
McShinney, Dr. W. W.
Griswold, Gillett
Bibrey, B. M.
Bord, J. Z.
Carver, Glen H.
Campbell, Fred E.
Copeland, M. E.
Craig, E. E.
Craig, E. L.
Ford, O. H.
Haefker, Rev. W. A.
Hatch, Joe
Haarp, Joe
Hopkins, Eunice B.
Marcom, Walter
Martin, Walter
Pillbin, Floyd A.
Reser, J. B.
Schmidt, Harold
Short, Dr. O. L.
Willis, J. R.
Whiteley, Carol Lynn
Roller, K. D.
Shirk, Paul R.

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