

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, QUARTER ENDING JULY 30, 1959

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was called to order by President George H. Shirk at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 1959.

Roll call was made by Mr. Fraker, with the following being present: Mr. Henry Bass, Mrs. George Bowman, Mr. Kelly Brown, Judge J. G. Cift, Mr. Joe W. Curtis, Dr. E. E. Dale, Dr. Emma Estlin Harbour, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge R. A. Hefner, Judge N. B. Johnson, Dr. L. Wayne Johnson, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mr. R. C. Miller, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. H. Mill Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, Mr. George H. Shirk, Judge Baxter Taylor, and Judge Edgar S. Vaught. As they have been published it was agreed the minutes of the previous meeting need not be read.

Dr. Harbour moved, and Mr. Harrison seconded, that the absentees: Dr. E. B. Chapman, Mr. Exall English, Dr. James D. Morrison, and Mrs. Willie C. Reed be excused. The motion carried unanimously.

President Shirk said that a letter of resignation from Mrs. Willis Reed of Vinifla as a member of the Board of Directors had been received. He pointed out that Mrs. Reed had offered her resignation the previous year, but had been persuaded to withhold her resignation to see if she might attend Board meetings more regularly. Inasmuch as Mrs. Reed had found it impossible to make such arrangements, he was presenting her resignation to the Board. It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Harbour that Mrs. Reed's resignation be accepted. The motion was put and carried.

In speaking of the recent death of Judge Redmond S. Cole, long time member of the Board of Directors, President Shirk said that in looking through some old letters in the Oklahoma Historical Society, he had realized that Judge Cole was a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society as far back as 1916. He said that Judge Cole's membership up to the present had not been continuous, but that he had been among the first to serve in the capacity of Director. Mr. Shirk then requested a moment of silent reflection in honor of Judge Cole. A resolution was then adopted expressing profound regret at the passing of Judge Cole.

Announcement was made by Mr. Fraker, Administrative Secretary, that seventy-eight new members had applied for membership in the Society within the past quarter, along with one new life member. He then presented the list of gifts to the various departments of the Society and the names of donors. Mr. Phillips moved that the new members be approved and the gifts be accepted. Upon the second of Miss Seger the motion was put and carried.

The Treasurer's report was made by Mrs. George L. Bowman in which it was indicated that a balance of \$187.79 was left in the annual tour fund. It was stated that all of this except \$22.74 had been transferred to the regular bank account. Mrs. Bowman stated that the revolving fund then stood at \$1,180.22 and that regular account No. 12 showed a \$1,328.00 balance. There was a reading of \$630.88 in the special fund at the First National Bank and Trust Company.

Report on the 1959 tour was made by Mr. Miller. He said that everyone on the tour had declared it to be the best. He further

stated that everyone seemed to be highly pleased with all detail arrangements. Mr. Miller, in revealing plans for the 1969 tour, said that the trip would be made into the northwestern section of Oklahoma, including the Panhandle region. Miss Seger moved that the tour committee be authorized to proceed with plans as outlined by Mr. Miller. Mr. Mountcastle seconded the motion, which was adopted.

President Shirk said that with the permission of Judge Cliff, Legislative Committee Chairman, he would make a summary of the accomplishments of that committee and officers in working with the recently adjourned Legislature. He complimented the members of the Legislative Committee on the manner in which they had discharged their duties.

He said that in the final stages of the work before the Legislature that he and Mr. Fraker had divided their activities, with the President checking on the general appropriation bill and Mr. Fraker working on the airconditioning proposal. The President remarked that at times the airconditioning proposal for the Historical Society looked a rather forlorn hope, but that the Board could not pay too much tribute to Mr. Fraker for the final result of an allocation of \$29,768.00 for airconditioning major portions of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building.

President Shirk then referred to a large chart that had been placed in the room, along with small charts furnished to each Board member, showing that appropriations for the Oklahoma Historical Society had increased tremendously in recent years. He said he had enjoyed his work before the Legislature and expressed appreciation to the Governor, leaders in the House and Senate, along with the membership of both bodies, for the generous way in which they had in large measure accepted the budgetary proposals of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

It was called to the attention of the Board that copies of the actions taken by the Executive Committee had been sent to each member and that these actions of the Executive Committee should be considered. After some discussion, it was moved by Judge Hefner and seconded by Mr. Curtis that the report and actions of the Executive Committee be approved. Before the motion was put President Shirk said that the procedure followed by the Executive Committee was in accordance with that specified by the Constitution of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The motion was adopted.

It was noted that action had been taken by the Executive Committee opposing the removal of the bodies of Stand Watie and Elias Boudinot from their present burial places. President Shirk submitted a file of correspondence concerning this matter. It was then moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Bass that the Board of Directors specifically confirm the action of the Executive Committee and go on record firmly disapproving the moving of the bodies of either Stand Watie or Elias Boudinot. This motion was unanimously adopted.

A letter from the director of the Planning and Resources Board, requesting the loan of some artifacts by the Oklahoma Historical Society to the Black Kettle Museum located at Cheyenne, Oklahoma, was submitted. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Phillips that the Board authorize a display of materials from the Oklahoma Historical Society at the Black Kettle Museum for periods not to exceed six months and that such displays indicate specifically that such exhibits are owned by the Oklahoma Historical Society. Upon the second of Mr. Bass the motion was adopted.

In reporting on the progress being made in restoring the old stage coach owned by the Oklahoma Historical Society, President Shirk said that when the work now being done is completed, the stage coach would be worth around \$35,000.00. He said plans are being made, when the refinishing job was completed, for the stage coach to be driven through downtown Oklahoma City and then placed on display in the lobby of one of the banks. With Camp Fire girls passing out membership blanks and selling brochures at the stage coach exhibit, it was felt, Mr. Shirk said, that a great many new members would be added to the Society.

The President called attention to the ceremony that was to be held on the next Saturday at Fort Sill where the main gate was to be dedicated to General W. S. Key, former President of the Oklahoma Historical Society. He said the gate would thereafter be known as "Key Gate." He further stated that General deShazo was flying back to Fort Sill to be present, with Mrs. Key and family, at the time of the dedication.

Mr. Bass moved with the second of Mr. Phillips that General Thomas E. deShazo be made an Honorary Member of the Society. The motion was put and unanimously approved.

Judge N. B. Johnson reported on the "American Indian Hall of Fame" at Anadarko. He said that in August dedication ceremonies for the installation of busts of Charles Curtis, Quanah Parker, and Sacajawea would be held. He reported there would also be a seminar in Indian culture, which will be conducted by a number of eminent authorities on Indian life, including Miss Muriel Wright, Editor of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*. Judge Johnson asked permission to have the Oklahoma Historical Society appear as joint sponsor of the seminar, without cost to the Society. It was moved by Dr. Harbour that Judge Johnson and the "American Indian Hall of Fame" be given the permission he requested. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Korn and adopted.

Attention was called to the policy of the Knox Oil Company in distributing china and glasses with Oklahoma Indian figures on the designs. Dr. Johnson moved that the Knox Industries be commended for combining an Oklahoma historical theme with their advertising and for flying the Oklahoma flag at all stations. This motion was seconded by Miss Seger, and after a brief discussion, accepted.

The matter of filling the vacancies created by the death of General W. S. Key and the resignation of Mrs. Willis Reed was presented. Several names were suggested by Board members for the two places. Ballots were distributed and when counted showed that Judge Oral Bushy of Ada (term expiring January, 1963) and Mr. Fisher Meldrow of Norman (term expiring January, 1960) had been elected to fill the unexpired terms of General Key and Mrs. Reed.

Some discussion was held concerning the matter of a parking lot on the Historical Society grounds. It was suggested by Mr. Bass that study be given to the possibilities of such parking lot, so that some action might be taken in the not too distant future.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Judge Baxter Taylor and seconded by Mr. Henry Bass that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted at 12:20 p.m.

(Signed) George H. Shirk  
President

(Signed) Elmer L. Fryker  
Administrative Secretary

New Members for the Quarter April 24, 1958 to July 30, 1959

**NEW LIFE MEMBERS**

Johnson, Sarah Ann

Tulsa, Oklahoma

**NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS**

Lee, G. William  
 Moore, Daisy L.  
 Parr, Mrs. Pearl  
 Darnell, James C.  
 Brown, Charlotte  
 Read, Robert F.  
 Couch, Edna M.  
 Seelig, Jennie Hall  
 Tolbert, Ruth Ann  
 Finney, Tom  
 Morgan, Mrs. Roy C.  
 Musick, Patricia  
 Howell, Jimmie  
 Pryor, W. E.  
 Hillhart, N. W.  
 Patterson, B. B.  
 Patterson, Mrs. B. B.  
 Rogers, Mrs. Jack S.  
 Impson, Hiram  
 Corbin, Mrs. M. B.  
 Nunn, Dr. E. S.  
 Couch, Joe B.  
 Rennie, David Alexander  
 Bearman, Mrs. Charles H.  
 Caldwell, Georgia Anna  
 Carter, Myrtle E.  
 Coyle, John W.  
 Cunningham, Mrs. Ivan  
 Dague, Mabel  
 Dennis, Mrs. D. R.  
 Downer, D. W.  
 Getlin, Mrs. Leroy  
 Green, Mrs. Hobart  
 Griggs, Beula  
 Harlow, Elms W.  
 Lightfoot, Elizabeth  
 McKee, Ray  
 Martin, D. O., Sr.  
 Melrose, Dana R.  
 Moore, Charles S.  
 Robinson, Ina Lee  
 Wilkinson, Dorothy DeWitt  
 Tillman, John  
 Large, Mrs. R. E.  
 Overstreet, F. M.  
 Craig, Alfena  
 Porter, Jack B.  
 Davis, Mrs. Jeff  
 Lukens, Mrs. John P.  
 McLaughlin, Mrs. E. L.  
 Nuckolls, Mrs. A. S.  
 Fischer, Le Roy H.  
 Williams, Mrs. Nannie  
 Currie, Dr. & Mrs. Robert L.

Ada, Oklahoma

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 Apache, Oklahoma  
 Bethany, Oklahoma  
 Cushing, Oklahoma  
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 Hinton, Oklahoma  
 Hobart, Oklahoma  
 Idabel, Oklahoma  
 Jefferson, Oklahoma  
 Kingfisher, Oklahoma  
 Lawton, Oklahoma  
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 Madill, Oklahoma  
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 Mayeville, Oklahoma  
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Pocahontas, Oklahoma

Pryor, Oklahoma

Rush Springs, Oklahoma

Shawnee, Oklahoma

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Stillwater, Oklahoma

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**NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS (Continued)**

Klapp, John D.	Yecumach, Oklahoma
Burke, J. R.	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Freese, John M.	" "
Grimes, Otha H.	" "
McNeill, Neal E., Jr.	" "
Mason, Tom	" "
Pope, Hugh A.	" "
Rickerson, Lucy F.	" "
Tulsa Linen Service	" "
Sargeni, O. D.	" "
Nichols, Mrs. Allen G.	Wewoka, Oklahoma
Adams, Laura O.	Woodward, Oklahoma
Hayes, Jeanie	" "
Heath, Helen E.	" "
Hepner, Mrs. Mildred Jones	" "
Jones, Hugh C.	" "
Moore, Birdie K.	" "
Ricker, Henry	Yale, Oklahoma
Lee, Lindsay	Birmingham, Alabama
Corbin, Mrs. Harriet	Segundo, California
Fieck, Sammie	San Diego, California
Brooks, J. F.	Key West, Florida
Brown, Lowell	Amarillo, Texas
Madsen, Christian R.	Ft. Worth, Texas

**GIFTS PRESENTED:****MUSEUM:****Pictures**

Photograph of Judge R. A. Hefner

Donor: Judge R. A. Hefner, Oklahoma City

G. A. R. Encampment

Donor: Claude Hensley, Oklahoma City

Photograph of Muriel S. Wright in group

Donor: Dr. B. B. Chapman, Stillwater

Oil portrait of G. A. Nichols

Donor: Mrs. G. A. Nichols, Oklahoma City

Group of 88ers

Oklahoma City Post Office Employees 1912

Capital Station in 1920

Six pictures of dedication of Atoka Dam

Donor: George H. Shirk, Oklahoma City

Three framed pictures of members of Oklahoma Legislature 1919-1922

Donor: E. E. Woods, Independence, Kansas

Eleven Air Force Pictures, World War I

Six negatives of Dr. Grant Foreman

Thirty-four pictures taken on trip abroad by Dr. & Mrs. Foreman

Donor: Mrs. Carolyn Foreman, Muskogee

View of Oklahoma City, showing Colcord Building

Donor: Buffalo Historical Society

Fifteen pictures of locomotives used on Railroads in Eastern Oklahoma

Donor: J. T. Compton, Seminole, Oklahoma

Photograph of Mrs. Oklahoma Belle Cunningham Cheever

Donor: Mrs. Cheever, Oklahoma City

Four photographs of Historical Tour

Donor: R. C. Miller, Oklahoma City

Color photograph of Julia Chisholm Davraport

- Reeves Hotel, Pauls Valley, Indian Territory 1895  
 Dr. A. E. Davenport in uniform World War I  
 Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Davenport  
 Mrs. Douglas Johnston, wife of Chickasaw Governor  
 Oil painting by Julia Chisholm Davenport, granddaughter of Jesse Chisholm  
 Donor: Juanita Johnston Smith, Oklahoma City  
 Officers of Ohoyohoma Club in 1959  
 Eleven pictures of Legislative party, Ohoyohoma Club 1959  
 Donor: Mrs. Jeff Davis, Oklahoma City  
 First County Officers of Curry County, New Mexico  
 First house built in Brownhorn, New Mexico  
 Donor: W. B. McBeck, Oklahoma City

#### Exhibits

- Cannon shell - War Between the States  
 Donor: James W. Croco, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Belt made of pieces of wood with cattle brands, given to Julia Chisholm  
 Davenport at dedication of Jesse Chisholm marker, Texas  
 Collection hand painted china by Julia Chisholm Davenport  
 Donor: Juanita Johnston Smith, Oklahoma City  
 Case, shaving kit owned by Wiley Post  
 Coggles taken from dead German World War I  
 Donor: Walter A. Crala, Sparks, Oklahoma  
 Doll with kid body bought in 1890  
 Toy iron bought in 1890  
 Donor: Mrs. Fern Rose Tafel ('89er), Oklahoma City  
 Hackle, for carding flax  
 Donor: P. A. Tankersley, Oklahoma City  
 Navy uniforms, eleven pieces, World War II  
 Donor: Buck Cartwright, Wewoka, Oklahoma  
 Charter for LeFlore Toll Bridge  
 Donor: Mrs. Lou Ferguson, Kiowa

#### CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ROOM

- Three steel engravings, framed, of Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee  
 and Thomas I. (Stonewall) Jackson  
 Donor: Tulsa chapter UDC, Tulsa  
 Silver cup  
 Donor: Oklahoma Division UDC, Oklahoma City  
 Newspaper, "The Southwest Courier", June 13 containing biography of  
 Father Ryan, the poet, priest of the Confederacy  
 Donor: Joseph J. Quinn, Oklahoma City

#### UNION MEMORIAL ROOM

- Gun, bayonet and canteen - War Between the States  
 Donor: Herman H. Morgan, Oklahoma City

#### INDIAN ARCHIVES

- Winter 1958-59 issue of THE AMERICAN INDIAN  
 Donor: Richard K. Pope, University of Chicago