

NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF COLONEL A. N. LEECRAFT

A short biography of one of Oklahoma's best loved citizens and public officers, Colonel Arthur Neal Leecraft, by A. H. Ferguson, appeared in *The Chronicles*, XX (December, 1943), pp. 320-24. Since then, resolutions in memory of Colonel Leecraft were passed by the First Extraordinary Session of the Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma and by the Board of Trustees of Goodland Indian Orphanage, Goodland, Oklahoma. These resolutions were, respectively, as follows:

(1)

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6

By: Parrish, Underwood, Arms, Banks, Bullard, Cantrell, Cordray, Flanagan, Foley, Holliman, Huey, Impson, Kight, Knapp, Long, Massey, Mountcastle, Pugh, Stovall, Tate, Wallace (Grady), Weaver, and Worthington.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND REGRET OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA OVER THE DEATH OF THEIR FRIEND AND FORMER STATE OFFICIAL, COLONEL ARTHUR NEAL LEECRAFT, DURANT, OKLAHOMA, AND EXTENDING THE HEARTFELT SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY AND RELATIVES OF THE DECEASED.

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of August, 1943, death claimed Colonel Arthur Neal Leecraft, former member of the House of Representatives for six Regular Sessions and three Extraordinary Sessions, a beloved public official of Bryan County and the State of Oklahoma, who served capably and unselfishly, spreading cheerfulness and kindness among the people of this great commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, members of the House are desirous of extending to the family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy during this period of bereavement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the House of Representatives of the First Extraordinary Session of the Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma: That we hereby express our deep sorrow over the death of Colonel Arthur Neal Leecraft, and extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and relatives of the deceased.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House of Representatives, to be preserved in the archives of this great State forever, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of his family.

(2)

RESOLUTION

By: Board of Trustees, Goodland Indian Orphanage,
Goodland, Oklahoma, E. D. Miller, Superintendent.

May 11, 1944

Honorable W. E. Schooler,
Chairman of Board of Trustees,
Goodland Indian Orphanage.

We, your committee on Resolution to whom the matter of drawing the resolution regarding Colonel A. N. Leecraft, beg to report the following:

WHEREAS, Colonel A. N. Leecraft, of Colbert, Oklahoma, spent years of loyal and faithful services on the Board of Trustees of the Goodland Indian Orphanage, and whereas, Colonel Leecraft departed from this life on August 10, 1943, while serving on the Goodland Board of Trustees:

BE IT RESOLVED by the entire Board of Trustees of the Goodland Indian Orphanage, in annual session at Goodland, May 11, 1944, that we express our sincerest appreciation as a body for his long years of devoted and untiring efforts for the good of this Institution, and not only this Institution, but for the good of education of the State as a whole.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Oklahoma Historical Society at the State Capitol to be made a part of the record of the achievements of this good Christian servant and friend of education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the surviving members of his immediate family to wit:

Mrs. Van Williams, Durant, Oklahoma
 Mr. Bertram Leecraft, Colbert, Oklahoma
 Mrs. Floyd Maytubby, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Mr. Donald Leecraft, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. Hunter, Chairman,
 J. H. Belvin,
 Grady James.

MEMORIAL TO JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ATOKA

The First Baptist Church of Atoka, Oklahoma, organized on May 5, 1869, has recently dedicated and erected a special plaque to the memory of its organizer and first pastor, Joseph Samuel Murrow. The *Baptist Messenger*, for April 27, 1944, published by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, presented an article on the life of the Reverend Dr. Murrow, entitled "Atoka—The Long Shadow of a Man" by W. A. Carleton.

HISTORIC MASONIC MISCELLANEA—OKLAHOMA

The following notes and excerpts from old published accounts of the work of the Masonic lodges in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma have been contributed by Mr. Clarence Brain, of Oklahoma City, who is familiar with the history of Masonry in this region of the Southwest:

- (1) An item in the *Oklahoma Star*, published at Caddo, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, on July 6th, 1876, under the head of:

MASONRY.

"The first lodge in the Territory was organized at old Fort Washita, some time prior to the rebellion; but it died out, and another was organized at Doakesville, which suffered a like fate. So Muskogee Lodge, No. 1, Eufaula, Creek Nation, has the honor of being the oldest Lodge in Oklahoma."

Brothers Granville McPherson, the first Grand Master, and E. C. Boudinot were the editors of this paper. Mrs. L. S. McPherson, the wife of Brother McPherson is the author of the article. Fort Washita was about twelve miles north-west of the present town of Durant and not much further from Caddo where Brother McPherson lived. He had been an associate of Albert Pike at Little Rock and was active, in fact the leader, in the for-

mation of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory. He, of course, knew of the old Lodges at Tahlequah and Flint as well Muscogee Lodge at Eu-fula and it is curious that this item should have appeared in his paper; especially so since M. W. Brother Nat G. Smith, Grand Master, reported to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas on November 5th, 1856, that he had granted a dispensation to form and hold Chickasaw Lodge at Fort Washita in the Chickasaw Nation. The names of the brethren asking for this dispensation are now lost but they paid the fee for the dispensation. The Lodge was never Chartered.

Fort Washita was established in 1843 and soon became an important military post. Its location was selected by General Zachary Taylor, afterward President. After the Mexican War and during the gold rush to California it became a very busy place, being a station on the Butterfield Stage Line to California. It may be that research will reveal an earlier lodge at this place. It was in the hands of the Confederates during the War between the States and many southern sympathisers among the Cherokees, Creeks and Seminoles found refuge there for their families. There is nothing at the site of the Fort now excepting the ruins of a few stone chimneys and an old cemetery.

(2) An item in the "Local News" column of *The Cherokee Advocate*, published at Tahlequah on April 22nd, 1876:

"The old members of Cherokee Lodge, No. 21, A. Y. M., also all other Masons living in this Masonic Jurisdiction are requested to meet together on Saturday the 29th inst., for the purpose of making arrangements for organizing a new lodge of A. Y. M. in this place.

H. D. Reese,
P. M. of Cherokee Lodge, No. 21,
Tahlequah, April 14th, 1876.

The unusual initials, A. Y. M., mean Ancient York Masons. Brother Reese was Superintendent of Education for the Cherokee Nation and an active and enthusiastic Mason in the old Lodge as well as the new one to be formed in answer to this request.

Grand Master McPherson granted his dispensation to Brother Reese and twenty-four others on April 24th, 1877, for a Lodge at Tahlequah to be known as Cherokee Lodge. It was chartered by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in the same year as Lodge No. 10 and Brother Reese became its first Master. Saint John's Day was celebrated by the Lodge on June 24th, 1878, the Rev. L. Dobson delivering the address.

(3) Quoted extracts from a story printed in *The Daily Oklahoman*, Oklahoma City, September 15th, 1925:

"The Cherokee National Council, at its regular annual session, in the autumn of 1852 passed the following act:

"Be it enacted by the National Council; that lots 5 and 6 of Square No. 19, in the town of Tahlequah, be and they are hereby donated to the Cherokee Lodge of Masons and the division of the Sons of Temperance now in existence in this place, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Lodge building to be held and owned by them and their successors through such a board of trustees as they may from time to time appoint; provided that said building shall be erected within two years of the date of this act; otherwise the grant hereby made shall be null and void.

"Tahlequah, October 30, 1852.

John Ross."

This, the first Masonic Hall erected in the Indian Territory or in the present State of Oklahoma, was a two-story frame building standing just off of the main street in Tahlequah. The lower story was used for church services and public meetings while the upper served the Masons and Sons of Temperance. It was torn down a few years ago and the site is now vacant. John Ross, who signed this Act, was a member of a Masonic Lodge

in Washington City. He was principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation for forty years and was of Scotch ancestry.

(4) "The bell that was in use by the Masons during many years is the oldest in Oklahoma. It was the same bell which was once hung in front of the Mission and Church of the old Dwight Mission. So long ago as 1832, when a minister from an eastern State journeyed through the forests on his way to the Mission, his heart was gladdened when he heard the tones of the bell at some distance away. Just how the old bell came into the possession of the Masonic Lodge at Tahlequah, no one seems to know, but that it was in use in the days of the Rev. Cephas Washburn, pioneer missionary to the Western Cherokees, and in the times of Dr. Buttrick, Revs. Elizer Butler and Worcester Willey, there is no doubt."

This bell and other priceless relics of the time Freemasonry came to the Indian Territory are still in the possession of Cherokee Lodge No. 10, of Tahlequah.

(5) "One of the first burials made with Masonic Ceremonies of a member of the old Lodge was early in the fifties when George W. Lavender died after a brief illness."

Brother Lavender appears on the roster of Cherokee Lodge, No. 21, in 1850 and 1851.

(6) "During the many years of the existence of the Masonic Lodge at this place (Tahlequah) there have been quite a number of full blood Cherokee members. It has been said that the Cherokees, because of the fact that they have had during many generations secret societies of their own, take more than ordinary interest in the mysteries of the Masonic order. Although there have been occasions where the services of interpreters were necessary in order that the instructions might be made clear, the full-blood initiates became proficient and worthy members of the ancient Order. Some of them were leaders among their people, both in public and private capacities. Among the full-blood Cherokees were a number of skilled artisans and workers in metals, and several of the solid silver jewels of the old lodge are said to have been made by full-blood members. These old jewels are among the most highly prized possessions of Cherokee Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M."

(7) An item in the *Cherokee Advocate*, published at Tahlequah on April 16th, 1904:

"In 1886 General Albert Pike conferred the Thirty-Second Degree on the Chiefs of the four Nations, the candidates being:

General Pleasant Porter,	Creek.
Peter Pitchlynn,	Choctaw.
Elias C. Boudinot,	Cherokee.
Holmes Colbert, Sr.,	Chickasaw."

Pleasant Porter was born in 1840 and died in 1907, Pitchlynn, 1806-1881. Boudinot, 1835-1890, and Colbert, 1829-1872. Each was, in fact, a leader or chief of his Nation, and three, at least, were Masons. Porter was a member of Muskogee (Eufaula) Lodge, No. 1, in 1878 and of Muskogee Lodge, (Muskogee) No. 28, at its organization in 1888. Pitchlynn was probably made a mason much earlier and possibly in Washington City. He received the Order of the Temple in Washington Commandery, No. 1, of that place, on May 27th, 1854. Boudinot was a member of Flint Lodge, No. 74, (Arkansas) in 1861. Colbert's name does not appear in the early rosters but other members of his family were Masons and it may be that he was a member of the old Lodge at Doakesville (Choctaw, No. 52) or of some Lodge in North Texas or Washington City.

It is obvious that the Thirty-Second Degree could not have been conferred upon Pitchlynn and Colbert in 1886. Brother Pike visited Muskogee in 1878 and 1879 and doubtless did communicate the Scottish Rite to prominent brethren but, if he did, the record is not available. A memorial to Brother George W. Stidham, who died in 1891, says that he received the

Thirty-Second Degree in 1884 from Brother Pike, himself. Brother Robert W. Hill communicated the Scottish Rite Degrees, 4-14, to Brothers Patrick J. Byrne, Leo Bennett, Clarence Turner, J. S. Murrow, James S. Stapler, Robert Ross, Robert C. Owen (sic), Henry C. Hall and Edmond H. Doyle at Muskogee on February 22nd, 1889, but no local record known to the writer shows the four eminent Indian brethren named above to have received the degrees from Brother Pike.

Brother Pitchlynn was associated with Brother Pike in the affairs of the Choctaw Nation for many years beginning about 1853. It is said that his funeral service in Washington was conducted by Pike and from other facts it seems probable that he did belong to the Scottish Rite.

There is in the possession of the writer a copy of Pike's "Magnum Opus" or his first revision of the rituals of the Scottish Rite which he gave to Brother Granville McPherson, the first Grand Master of the Indian Territory, at Little Rock "on Tuesday Night, December 14th, 1858. Brother McPherson gave it to Peter Pitchlynn at Armstrong Academy on October 6th, 1865. Inasmuch as McPherson was a Scottish Rite Mason it seems certain that Pitchlynn must also have been such as early as 1865. The following inscription, in Brother McPherson's handwriting appears in the books:

"Armstrong Academy, C. N.
October 6th, 1865.

"In consideration of the esteem and veneration in which I hold Col. P. P. Pitchlynn, Principal Chief Choctaw Nation, I respectfully present him with this book—knowing the truly Masonic virtues herein contained will be as highly appreciated by him as they have been by myself.

"Granville McPherson."

There are two photographs of Brother Pitchlynn inserted in the book; one, the young man whom Catlin and Dickens met and admired, the other, in his last days at Washington where he is buried in the Congressional Cemetery.

(8) The Sword of Colonel Bowles, a Cherokee Chief, now in the possession of Cherokee Lodge, No. 10, at Tablequah, Oklahoma.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, the Cherokee Indians were divided into two groups: the Eastern Cherokees, the largest group, still living in their ancient homelands in the Southeastern States (North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee); and the Western Cherokees living west of the Mississippi River in the Ozark Mountains and along the Arkansas River within the borders of the present State of Arkansas.

The Western Cherokees had moved west and settled on the St. Francis River north of the Arkansas, in 1794. Their chief and leader, Colonel Bowles, was born in 1754, probably in North Carolina, the son of a Scotch-Irish trader and his Cherokee wife.

In the winter of 1819-1820, Colonel Bowles (sometimes referred to as "The Bowl") led a party of the Western Cherokees to the vicinity of what is now Smith and Van Zandt counties, Texas, and entered into an agreement with the government of Mexico for the occupancy of the land in this region. Two months before the Battle of San Jacinto (April 21, 1836), Sam Houston, John Forbes and John Cameron entered into a treaty with these Cherokees on behalf of Texas which had not yet achieved its independence, confirming the Indian occupancy of the land. The following statement is quoted from the article, "The Last of the Cherokees in Texas," by Albert Woldert, M.D., of Tyler, Texas, published in *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, I (June, 1923), p. 185: "Whether or not it was at this conference (February 23, 1836) or at a later date General Sam Houston, probably as a testimonial of his good will, presented Chief Bowles a military hat, a silk vest, a handsome sash, and handsome sword."

In the fall of 1938 some white families were wiped out, presumably by the Cherokees, and the government of Texas determined to drive them from the Republic which also had reason to believe that the Cherokees were in communication with the Mexican government. A battle was fought on July 15th and 16th, 1839, a few miles west of the present town of Tyler in which Chief Bowles was killed and the Cherokees withdrew from the Republic of Texas. The following statements are also herewith quoted from Doctor Woldert's article (*Chronicles of Oklahoma*, op. cit., pp. 223-24), which gives the subsequent history and a description of "Bowles Sword":

"When Bowles was slain upon the battlefield of July 16th, 1836, (1839) his sword was awarded to Capt. Robert W. Smith on the same day, and Smith afterwards turned this sword over to Clinton Lodge, No. 23, A. F. & A. M., of Henderson, Texas, where it was used as the Tyler's sword of that lodge. Afterwards this sword was loaned or presented to Colonel James H. Jones of Henderson, Texas, who carried it with him through the Civil War, and who later returned it to the lodge at Henderson from whom it had been obtained. About the year 1890, or 1891, this sword was presented to Judge Will H. Barker of Oklahoma, to be turned over to the Cherokee Nation, the capitol of which in 1890 and 1891 was Tahlequah.

"After receiving the sword Judge Barker who was then speaker of the lower house of the Cherokee legislative council, presented the sword to the Cherokee Nation, his eloquent oration being printed in both the English and Cherokee languages. The sword was subsequently placed in the archives of the Cherokee Nation, probably Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

"A description of Bowles' sword has been given me by John Arnold, Esq., and Dr. W. P. White of Henderson, Texas, as follows: The sword of Bowles was made of steel and was about three feet and two or three inches in length, the blade being dull and about one and one quarter inches in width. It was not a double-edged sword, the back of blade being thickened. The point of the sword was dull and had a long tapering tip or curve to it. The hilt of the sword was made of brass with a brass shield of about three inches in length, the hilt of the sword being somewhat enlarged inside of the shield so the hand could grasp it more tightly.

"There were no inscriptions or decorations on the sword. It was a military sword, and somewhat tarnished by age."

RECENT ACQUISITION IN THE LIBRARY

To the Secretary
Oklahoma Historical Society
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Library is gathering a fine collection of old and new maps. Thirty five maps have been purchased recently, filling in the present collection and covering the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma between the years of 1816 to 1896. These give location of old forts, trails and the development of county boundaries in the foregoing states.

Hazel E. Beaty, Librarian

LISTS OF NAMES FOR RECORDS OKLAHOMA WAR MEMORIAL

The Editorial Department wishes to express appreciation and make acknowledgements for special lists of names of men from Oklahoma who have died in the war service and the names and addresses

of their nearest of kin received recently from the following friends of the Historical Society: Glenn W. Nolle, Department Service Officer, American Legion of Oklahoma, Historical Society building, Oklahoma City; Norah L. Francis, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Elk City; M. H. Derdeyn, Acting Director Community Service, Osage Indian Agency, Pawhuska; Mrs. Edna White Moreland, National President, Army Mothers Club of America, Tulsa; John C. Hamilton, Captain, U.S.A. Ret'd, President of Oklahoma Military Academy; Mrs. L. K. Meek, Ponca City; O. E. Null, Arnett; Dr. Fred S. Clinton, F.R.S.C., 230 East Woodward Blvd., Tulsa.

Special memorial editions by the following publishers have been received for the Oklahoma War Memorial and filed in the Editorial Department:

CITY AND COUNTY	PAPER	PUBLISHER
Altus, Jackson County—	<i>The Altus Times-Democrat</i>	(Service Men's Edition)— Harrington Wimberly, Publisher
Eldorado, Jackson County—	<i>Victory Edition</i>	—The Eldorado Courier
Goodland, Choctaw County—	<i>The Indian Arrow</i>	—Goodland Indian Orphanage
Guthrie, Logan County—	<i>Logan County Honor Roll Edition</i>	—Guthrie-Register News
Muskogee, Muskogee County—	<i>Eastern Oklahoma At War</i>	<i>Special Edition</i> —Muskogee Daily Phoenix
Perry, Noble County—	<i>Noble Countians (Directory of)</i>	—The Perry Daily Journal
Norman, Cleveland County—	<i>1943 Progress and Service Men's Edition</i>	—The Norman Transcript

MILITARY CAMP PAPERS RECEIVED BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Through special requests by James W. Moffitt, Secretary, the following military field papers from Oklahoma and elsewhere are now being received by the Oklahoma Historical Society. These papers will be eventually bound and filed as a part of the permanent records of World War II, in the Historical Society.

CITY	PAPER	LOCATION
Altus, Okla.—	<i>Twin Spinner</i>	—Altus Army Air Field
Ardmore, Okla.—	<i>Bombs Away</i>	—Combatant Training School
Chickasha, Okla.—	<i>The Borden News</i>	—Borden General Hospital
Enid, Okla.—	<i>The Enidair</i>	—Enid Army Air Field
Frederick, Okla.—	<i>Sandstorm</i>	—Frederick Army Air Field
Norman, Okla.—	<i>The Alert</i>	—Primary Gunnery Training Department, Naval Training Center.
Norman, Okla.—	<i>The Bull Horn</i>	—Naval Air Technical Training Center
Oklmulgee, Okla.—	<i>Glen Echo</i>	—Glennan General Hospital
Oklahoma City, Okla.—	<i>Headlines</i>	—Will Rogers Field
Oklahoma City, Okla.—	<i>The Sooner Recruiter</i>	—United States Navy Recruiting Station
Oklahoma City.—	<i>Take Off</i>	—Air Service Command. Oklahoma City, <i>Take-Off</i>Tinker Field
Fort Sill, Okla.—	<i>Fort Sill Army News</i>	—Fort Sill
London, England—	<i>The Stars and Stripes</i>	—London and New York, U. S. Army and Navy.

NEWSPAPERS RECEIVED BY OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. James W. Moffit, Editor of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

I present herewith a list of newspapers which are received at the present time by the Oklahoma Historical Society in exchange for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, with the names of the editors of the papers.

We deeply appreciate the interest and co-operation of the editors in sending their newspapers to the Historical Society, particularly during this period of newsprint and labor shortage. It is a splendid service to our patrons.

We are most grateful to Mr. Robert V. Peterson, President of the Oklahoma Press Association, and to Mr. Vernon T. Sanford, Secretary-Manager of the Oklahoma Press Association, and Editor of the Oklahoma Publisher for urging the editors to continue sending their papers to the Oklahoma Historical Society where "They are housed in a fireproof building, and where they are used as a reference library for writers and scholars from many states, who wish to do research in Oklahoma," to quote them.

Our bound volumes, over twenty thousand in number, are filed alphabetically and chronologically in steel cases according to the towns in which they are published, making them accessible to researchers. We have approximately one million index cards of newspapers which are valuable in facilitating research.

Laura M. Messenbaugh, Curator,
Newspaper Department,
Oklahoma Historical Society.

OKLAHOMA NEWSPAPERS

<i>Ada, The Ada Daily News</i>W. D. Little	<i>Bartlesville, The Enterprise</i> ..N. D. Welty
<i>The Ada Weekly</i>W. D. Little	<i>Bartlesville News</i>Karl Rupard
<i>Ada Bulletin</i>Clifford Smith	<i>Beaver Herald Democrat</i> ...H. H. Hubbard
<i>Ajton American</i>Owen Harrison	<i>Beggs Independent</i>Olin Perkins
<i>Aline Choroscope</i>G. O. Fields	<i>Bennington Journal</i>H. Dyer
<i>Altus Daily Times Democrat</i> ..	<i>Bethany Tribune</i>C. M. Mansfield
Harrington Wimberly	<i>Billings News</i>A. M. Miller
<i>Alva Review-Courier</i>Bob Lee Kidd	<i>Binger Journal</i>J. H. Sellars
<i>Anadarko Daily News</i>Joe McBride	<i>Blackwell Journal-Tribune</i>
<i>Anadarko Tribune</i>Roy Young	Phil McMullen
<i>Antlers American</i>Paul Stewart	<i>Boise City News</i>Fred H. Kreiger
<i>Apache Review</i>Hamilton Nation	<i>Boynton Index</i>Isaiah Kirbey
<i>Arapaho Bee</i>Dick Mitchell	<i>Bristow Record</i>L. M. Nichols
<i>Ardmore, The Daily Ardmoreite</i>	<i>Britton Progress</i>Lewis Dawson
Ernest Reisen	<i>Broken Arrow Ledger</i>Paul F. Miller
<i>Arnett Capital</i>Lee I. Seward	<i>Broken Bow</i>S. A. Hamilton, Jr.
<i>Atoka, Indian Citizen-Democrat</i>	<i>Buffalo Journal</i>S. E. Lee
B. R. Cook	<i>Butler Herald</i>James G. Butler
<i>Barnsdall Times</i>A. L. Moore	<i>Caddo Herald</i>G. A. Crossett
<i>Bartlesville Examiner</i>N. D. Welty	<i>Canton Record</i>B. H. Burnham

- Carmen Headlight*Max C. Herschberger
Carnegie HeraldB. W. Jolly
Cement Field NewsO. H. Jackson
Chandler News-Publicist.....Mrs. W. L. Igo
Chandler RepublicanFred Nichols
Checotah DemocratJohn Buford
Chelsea ReporterA. J. Herring
Cherokee MessengerC. O. Doggett
Cherokee RepublicanC. O. Doggett
Cheyenne StarJohn C. Casady
Chickasha Daily ExpressDave Vandevier
Chickasha StarJ. W. Kayser
Choteau EnterpriseDick Elam
Claremore MessengerW. R. Kinney
Claremore ProgressHarry Kates
Cleveland AmericanR. H. Breeden
Clinton Daily NewsChas. Engleman
Coalgate CourierJ. E. T. Clark
Collinsville NewsC. H. Wright
Comanche NewsEarl C. Garey
Cordell BeaconBurriss G. Penn
Corn EnterpriseJ. E. Heinrichs
Covington RecordR. F. Kirkpatrick
Coweta Times StarJ. J. Woolman
Crescent NewsForrest Scrivener
Cushing Weekly CitizenO. H. Lachenmeyer
Custer CourierNeal Veatch
Cyril CourierH. P. Wettengel
Davis NewsFay L. Crossett
Dewey, The Washington CountianA. L. Moore
Drumright DerrickLou S. Allard
Drumright JournalGordan Rockett
Duncan EagleJack Laughlin
Durant NewsL. S. Evans
Edmond, The Enterprise ..D. W. Banzette
Edmond, The BoosterD. W. Banzette
Edmond SunNelson McGowan
Eldorado CourierV. H. Guy
Elk City JournalW. G. Smith
Elk City Daily NewsPaul Wade
El Reno AmericanNichols & Woods
El Reno Daily Tribune.....Ray J. Dyer
Enid, Garfield County News..L. S. Corey
Enid, Eagle and News.....Wm. H. Taylor
Enid EventsEverett Purcell
Eufaula, The Indian JournalR. B. Buford
Fairfax ChiefL. W. Evans
Fairland News Herald.....Ernest Hubbard
Fairview RepublicanFrank Bernatt
Fairview NewsM. D. Townley
Fletcher HeraldH. P. Wettengel
Forgan AdvocateH. H. Hubbart
Fort Cobb ExpressGeorge H. Wingo
Frederick PressR. H. Wessel
Geary StarU. H. Warner
Geary Times-JournalN. H. Seger
Gould DemocratJohn C. Anglund
Grandfield EnterpriseH. N. Patterson
Granite EnterpriseCharles E. Hill
Grove SunO. E. Butler
Guthrie Daily LeaderLeader Publishing Company
Guthrie Register-NewsCurtis and J. M. Dolph
Guymon News-HeraldGiles E. Miller
Harrah HeraldL. S. Anderson
Hartshorne SunE. J. Thrower
Haskell NewsR. S. Pennington
Headton HeraldJno. F. Gelder
Helena StarG. T. Newby
Hennessey ClipperTiernay & Walker
Henryetta Free LanceOlin Perkins
Hinton RecordArthur Wettengel
Hobart Democrat ChiefJ. C. Nance, Jr.
Hobart Star-Review.....Raymond E. Forbes
Holdenville NewsTom R. Phillips
Hollis NewsR. F. Dudley
Hollis, Post-Herald and LeaderJ. W. White
Hominy NewsW. S. Hinkel
Hooker AdvanceJ. H. Shields
Hugo, Daily NewsW. E. Schooler
Hydro ReviewJ. E. Herndon
Idabel GazetteGuy R. Old
Jay JournalRay Pentacost
Jenks TimesChester A. Keyes
Jones NewsMrs. Paul Krebs
Kaw City NewsHubbard & Hubbard
Kingfisher, Times and Free PressColonel LaMunyon
Konawa LeaderLeslie I. Ray
Laverne, Leader-TribuneNed Shepler
Lawton ConstitutionMrs. Ida Mae Rice
Lawton, News-ReviewHomer Hedges
Lawton PressC. J. Bergman
Lawton, Ft. Sill Army NewsMyrtle Gale
Leedey StarMrs. Sam Burns
Lexington Rural News.....Willis F. Allen, Jr.
Lindsay NewsChester A. Keyes
Luther RegisterFred G. Cowles
McAlester News-CapitalHiram Impson
McAlester DemocratHerbert J. Pate
Madill RecordCarroll Elliott
Mangum StarWillis Choate
Marietta MonitorSam'l G. Whitaker
Marlow Review

- Maud Monitor and Enterprise*
John W. Hoffman
- Maysville News* W. E. Showen
- Medford Patriot-Star* J. C. Pond
- Medford, Grant County Journal*
Philip R. Pond
- Meeker Herald* Mrs. Chas. Wolf
- Miami News Record* C. M. Bartlett
- Minco Minstrel* W. A. Vandament
- Morrison Transcript* F. G. Logan
- Mountain View Times*
Raymond E. Forbes
- Muskogee Phoenix* Tams Bixby
- Muskogee Times Democrat*..... Tams Bixby
- Newkirk Reporter* Hamlin Brothers
- Newkirk, Herald-Journal*..... W. D. Hamlin
- Norman Transcript* Fred Tarman
- Norman, Oklahoma Daily* C. H. Brite
- Norman, Sooner State Press*
Grace E. Ray
- Nowata Star* Ralph E. Staffelbach
- Nowata Star-Times* ..Ralph E. Staffelbach
- Okarche Chieftain* P. B. Watrus
- Okeene Record* A. C. Martz
- Okemah Leader* Glenn Strong
- Oklahoma City Times* E. K. Gaylord
- Oklahoma City, Daily Oklahoman*
E. K. Gaylord
- Oklahoma City, Farmer-Stockman*
Ferdie Deering
- Oklahoma City, General Welfare Reporter*
Ira Finley
- Oklahoma City Advertiser* O. L. Crain
- Oklahoma City, The Publisher*
Vernon T. Sanford
- Oklahoma City, Take-Off*..... Tinker Field
- Oklahoma City, News-Review*
W. B. Oliverson
- Oklahoma City, Capitol Beacon*
Errol Austin
- Oklahoma City, Union Farmer*
Tom W. Cheek
- Oklahoma City, Southwest Courier*
J. J. Quinn
- Oklahoma City, Black Dispatch*
Roscoe Dungee
- Okmulgee Times* Joe Croom
- Okmulgee Record* Bert Hodges
- Pawls Valley Democrat*..... Jesse Alexander
- Pawls Valley Enterprise*..... Payne & Turner
- Pawhuska News* Chas. E. Prentice
- Pawhuska, Journal-Capital*
Roland Blanc
- Pawnee Courier* W. F. Allen
- Pawnee Dispatch* W. F. Allen
- Pawnee Chief* Jo Ferguson
- Perry Journal* W. K. Leatherock
- Picher, Tri-State Tribune* M. L. Post
- Ponca City News* Clyde Muchmore
- Ponca City Star* Cecil DeVillers
- Pond Creek Herald* W. T. Childs
- Poteau News* B. J. McCausey
- Pryor Democrat* Dick Elam
- Pryor Jeffersonian* Jack Butler
- Pryor, Choteau Enterprise*
Pryor, Times-Herald
Purcell Register J. C. Nance
- Putnam City, News Review*
Rush Springs Gazette Bill McWilliams
- Ryan Leader* J. T. Daniel
- Sallisaw, Democrat American*
Harrill Rockett
- Sallisaw Times* Wheeler Mayo
- Sapulpa Herald*
Sapulpa, Democrat News
Ray W. Gierhart
- Sayre, Headlight Journal* W. J. Bacon
- Sayre Sun* C. C. Cornels
- Seminole News* Jas. T. Jackson
- Sentinel Leader* Foster Cain
- Shattuck, Northwest Oklahoman*
C. C. Colbert
- Shawnee, County Democrat*
M. M. Henderson
- Shawnee Herald* Clyde M. Robinson
- Shidler Review* Frank S. Nipper
- Skiatook News* Mrs. Elsa R. Miller
- Snyder Democrat* Henry Martin
- Soper Democrat* R. E. Crossett
- Stigler News-Sentinel* Roy Curtis
- Stigler Tribune* Ray Bankhead
- Stillwater News* C. R. Bellatti
- Stillwater Gazette*
Stratford Star Arthur B. Tenney
- Tahlequah Democrat-Star*
Harrill Rockett
- Tahlequah Citizen*..... Mrs. Wilma Comfort
- Taloga Times-Advocate* Tom Ruble
- Texhoma Times* J. D. Divine
- Thomas Tribune* P. E. D. Underwood
- Tipton Tribune* C. A. Holding
- Tishomingo, Capital Democrat*
Fountain Brower
- Tonkawa News* N. W. Taylor
- Tulsa, Tulsa Daily World*..... Eugene Lorton
- Tulsa, Tulsa Tribune* R. H. Jones
- Tuttle Times* W. A. Vandament
- Tyrone Observer* J. S. Maynard
- Valliant Record* J. C. Oliver
- Verden News* O. H. Jackson
- Vinita Journal-Leader* O. B. Campbell
- Vinita Star* H. E. Averill
- Vinita Democrat* H. E. Averill
- Wagoner Record-Democrat*
Jim Biggerstaff

<i>Wagoner Tribune</i>	Phil Harris	<i>Wellston News</i>	O. H. Coxen
<i>Wakita Herald</i>	F. W. Bailey	<i>Westville Record</i>	Mrs. Dean Sebring
<i>Walters Herald</i>	John Penn	<i>Wetumka Gazette</i>	T. R. Keith
<i>Wanette News</i>	E. Foster Atkinson	<i>Wewoka Times Democrat</i>	
<i>Watonga Republican</i>	A. Leslie Chambers		R. V. Peterson
<i>Waukomis Hornet</i>	Miss Ethel Robinson	<i>Wilburton, News Democrat</i>	
<i>Waurika News-Democrat</i>			Floyd Michie
	Storms & Morrison	<i>Woodward Journal</i>	J. C. Hopkins
<i>Waynoka Enterprise</i>	Louise Fischer	<i>Woodward Press</i>	Clark Lawrence
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<i>Wichita Morning Eagle</i>	Victor Murdock
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
APRIL 27, 1944

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened in the Historical Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 27, 1944, with Judge Thomas H. Doyle, President Emeritus, presiding.

The roll was called by the Secretary and showed the following members present: Judge Thomas H. Doyle, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mrs. Jessie E. Moore, Gen. Charles F. Barrett, Hon. George L. Bowman, Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Hon. W. J. Peterson, Judge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams and James W. Moffitt, the Secretary.

The motion was made and seconded and unanimously carried that the members of the Board not present be excused on account of being unavoidably detained.

Judge Robert A. Hefner introduced Mr. Lyall Barnhart who appeared before the Board in behalf of the United Service Organization asking for the loan of some exhibits from the Historical Society Museum for the USO museum in the Bass Building, Oklahoma City.

A motion was made by Hon. W. J. Peterson that the Chair appoint a committee to consult with a committee from the USO as to the kind of exhibits they wanted and to work out plans for the exhibit if it could be legally done.

The reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 27, 1944, upon motion, duly seconded, was passed except as same may be called up for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Treasurer, read her report. Upon motion, duly seconded, it was received and placed on file.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Chairman of the Membership Committee, read his report which upon motion was seconded and approved.

The motion was made that the report of the Chairman of the Membership Committee be mimeographed and each member of the Board furnished a copy thereof. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Chairman of the Membership Committee, made the motion that the Board of Directors, the staff and other members of the Society be urged to secure new members for the Society. The motion was seconded by General Barrett and unanimously carried.

Judge R. A. Hefner offered a prize of \$50 to the one securing the most new members during the ensuing year.

The following list of applicants for membership was received:

LIFE: J. T. (Jack) Griffin, Muskogee; and George S. Lowrey, Woodward.

ANNUAL: Mrs. E. R. Adams, Guthrie; Mrs. R. N. Andeel, Wagoner; Mrs. W. O. Beall, Tulsa; Paul Boone, Stillwater; Gerald L. Brown, Enid; Abner Bruce, Oklahoma City; James Mark Calloway, Tulsa; Mrs. Herbert D. Canfield, Oklahoma City; Willard N. Carter, Henryetta; Mrs. Lillian E.

Christian, Oklahoma City; Carol J. Christian, Weatherford; Mrs. John T. Compton, Tulsa; Harold P. Cook, Guthrie; Mrs. George Cottle, San Miguel, California; T. L. Coulter, Jefferson; Willard Coppock, Cherokee; John E. Daniels, Toronto, Kansas; G. T. Davis, Peninsula, Ohio; W. O. Dickenson, Tulsa; Richard L. Disney, Washington, D. C.; A. C. Elliott, Tulsa; Newal A. Ellis, Covington; Water B. Emery, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Lawrence Foster, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Judge Mike Foster, Oklahoma City; Glenda Pat Frantz, Oklahoma City; John L. George, Oklahoma City; Frank Glenn, Kansas City, Missouri; Rev. Julius Harkey, Colbert; Wallace Hawkins, Dallas, Texas; Miss Odetta Hendricks, Ft. Worth, Texas; James Hess, Oklahoma City; Herbert M. Holcomb, Dallas, Texas; Harry M. House, Oklahoma City; Mrs. E. W. Hunt, Leedey; Oscar B. Jacobson, Norman; Leon Jaffe, Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. Elza Jarboe, Norman; Mrs. Frank Keller, Shawnee; R. C. Kennedy, Pauls Valley; Mrs. A. P. Kidwell, Guthrie; Mrs. R. B. Knox, Oklahoma City; B. E. Koonce, Tulsa; Mrs. H. Blaine Lacy, Tulsa; Mrs. Frank LeCrone, Tulsa; Miss Eva Lewers, Eufaula; W. E. Lewis, Guthrie; Conn Linn, Tulsa; Mrs. Mary Lou London, Tulsa; F. M. Lumbard, Muskogee; Walter T. McCracken, Oklahoma City; D. C. McCroskey, Asher; Mrs. E. V. McInnis, Brookhaven, Mississippi; M. E. Melvin, Oklahoma City; Carl N. Morgan, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Rathia Naifeh, Norman; Mrs. Ben F. Oliver, Sayre; Mrs. Howard Patton, Woodward; George W. Phinney, Oklahoma City; Thomas W. Prentice, Ponca City; J. B. Regier, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Mary Ann Rheam, Tulsa; T. C. Richardson, Oklahoma City; Mrs. John M. Robe, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Earl Rodkey, Edmond; Kate Bennett Scott, Tulsa; L. P. Scott, Wakita; Mrs. Carrie Shelley, West Tulsa; Lucy V. Short, Oklahoma City; Miss June Smith, Tulsa; Reuben K. Sparks, Woodward; Mrs. P. L. Speaker, Shawnee; E. E. Stephens, Shawnee; Earl R. Suits, Turley; Jesse A. Todd, Oklahoma City; W. A. Truax, Shidler; J. O. Tuton, Lawton; W. R. Wallace, Oklahoma City; Rev. E. C. Webb, Cushing; C. C. Williamson, Haskell; Jack W. Wood, Oklahoma City; Miss Janet Wood, Tulsa; Mose Wright, Tulsa; Park Wyatt and Mrs. Park Wyatt, Shawnee.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore presented *The Story of Paducah*, gift of Fred G. Neuman, the author, for the library of the Historical Society.

The motion was made that the gift be accepted with an expression of thanks to the donor. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow presented three volumes of the Senate document *Affairs of the Mexican Kickapoo Indians*, the gift of Mr. Sam Calhoun of Oklahoma City.

Mr. Muldrow also called to the attention of the Board the gift by Mr. Clyde Pickard of Norman to the Oklahoma Historical Society Museum of a large Rose Rock of Sand-Barite.

The motion was made that these gifts be received and the Secretary was directed to express to the donors the thanks of the society. Motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour presented a miniature of Mrs. Tom B. Ferguson, wife of the sixth territorial governor, a gift to the Society by Mrs. Ferguson. Senator Bowman moved that it be accepted. The motion, duly seconded, carried unanimously. The Secretary was directed to express to the donor the appreciation and thanks of the Board for this gift.

Hon. Thomas J. Harrison made a motion that the Board adhere strictly to the laws in regard to public property wherein as it has no right to take any of the exhibits from this building to lend them out. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The motion was made that the former motions in regard to permitting the lending of exhibits from the Historical Society Museum be repealed, and all reference that might be construed as permitting such lending be considered as of no effect as same would be contrary to law. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Carl Sweezy displayed some of his Indian paintings which are for sale. The Chair referred the matter to the art committee.

Upon motion, the meeting stood adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Thomas H. Doyle, President
Emeritus presiding

James W. Moffitt, Secretary