The original mission of the Oklahoma Historical Society in 1893 was to collect newspapers throughout the territory. Today the OHS houses more than 30 million pages of newspapers dating to 1844.

The OHS moved to the State Capitol in 1918 and into Wiley Post Historical Building in 1930. Each move allowed for new museum exhibits and the collection of artifacts, photographs, books, and manuscripts. Collections grew significantly with the addition of 4 million pages of American Indian records and the start of the state’s first oral history program. In 1921, the OHS launched The Chronicles of Oklahoma.

In the 1960–70s the OHS expanded to include numerous museums, historic homes, and military sites across Oklahoma. A new partnership with the National Park Service allowed the OHS to focus on the preservation of historically and architecturally important buildings statewide.

The OHS took a major leap forward with the opening of the Oklahoma History Center in 2005. Offering world-class exhibits, a Research Center, and special programs, the Oklahoma History Center is a place where you can search for your roots, discover your history, and celebrate a sense of community.

Through research archives, educational programs, exhibits, publications, and historic sites the OHS continues to chronicle the rich history of our state.
With your help we can

Inspire students through living history, field trips, and hands-on activities
Reach communities with programs across the state, traveling exhibits, and online resources
Share our stories through exhibits, publications, research centers, and special events

2018 is a landmark year for the Oklahoma Historical Society.
We will be celebrating our 125th anniversary of collecting, preserving, and sharing Oklahoma history. The OHS has persevered with the support of our members and our donors. Now, we need your help more than ever as we launch our Annual Giving Campaign. Our goal is $200,000. All of that, every penny, will go to collections, exhibits, and programs, as we celebrate our anniversary.

The OHS has proven that it can invest your contributions wisely. We raised funds to help create the Cherokee Strip Regional Center in Enid. Our headquarters in Oklahoma City has proven to be very successful, with acclaimed exhibit after exhibit. More than 4,000 families, foundations, and companies invested enough to earn the Oklahoma Historical Society the unique status as an affiliate of both the Smithsonian and the National Archives. We have added the Will Rogers Memorial and are developing new exhibits centered on this Oklahoma icon. We are working to open our newest facility in Tulsa, the OKPOP, in 2020.

Support teachers with traveling trunks, educational outreach, workshops, and content for the classroom
Protect our heritage by collecting artifacts, manuscripts, books, photos, audio, video, and preservation of historic buildings
Share our stories through exhibits, publications, research centers, and special events

Whether you can give a small or large gift, we want you to be part of our efforts to save and enjoy Oklahoma history. We owe it to our children, our grandchildren, and their grandchildren to collect the history of our generation so they can understand and appreciate the legacy that you, your parents, and your grandparents created.

Please call if you would like a tour of collections or to visit about exhibit and program possibilities. We need your gift, but we want you to be involved. If you have questions, please call me at 405-522-5201 or email bblackburn@okhistory.org. You may also contact our Development Director Larry O’Dell at 405-522-6676 or lodell@okhistory.org.

Thank you for considering a gift for our Annual Giving Campaign.

Sincerely,

Bob L. Blackburn
Executive Director
Oklahoma Historical Society

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Recognition in the OHS newsletter and e-newsletter
Recognition on the Annual Donor Board at the History Center
Listed as an Oklahoma History Patron Society member
Three History Center room rental waivers
A video about your organization/company or an individual biography on a touch screen next to the Donor Board

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Recognition on the Annual Donor Board at the History Center
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50 percent discount on one History Center room rental

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