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OHS celebrates Lincoln Bicentennial in February

On Thursday, February 12, 2009, the United States will commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of its sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln. The Lincoln Bicentennial Commission has enlisted the fifty states in a nationwide program of events and activities.

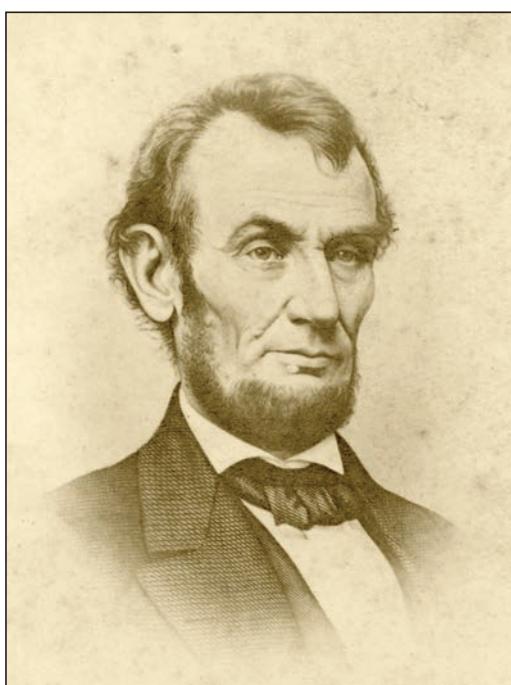
In cooperation with the commission, the Oklahoma Lincoln Bicentennial Committee has launched several programs to draw attention to Lincoln's legacies. An educational curriculum unit will be distributed to schools. The unit contains lesson plans and a video disk featuring a presentation by Dr. Rufus Fears, a noted historian who specializes in the message of freedom.

An abbreviated version of Fears's presentation about Lincoln and freedom will be offered during a special gala event to be held at 6 p.m. on February 12, 2009, at the Oklahoma History Center.

The evening program will include a dinner featuring period foods selected from Lincoln's Second Inaugural Banquet menu (1865). An overview of Lincoln's legacy will be presented by Dr. Bob Blackburn, accompanied by a dramatic reading of Lincoln's writings by Dr. Scott Momaday, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and a Kiowa Indian born in Oklahoma. The evening will climax with a tribute to Lincoln performed by the Oklahoma Philharmonic Orchestra.

Tickets to the Lincoln Gala are \$125 and may be reserved before January 29 by calling 405/522-5202.

OHS will sponsor additional recognition of Lincoln's legacy through a museum exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center and via programming on public television and on radio.



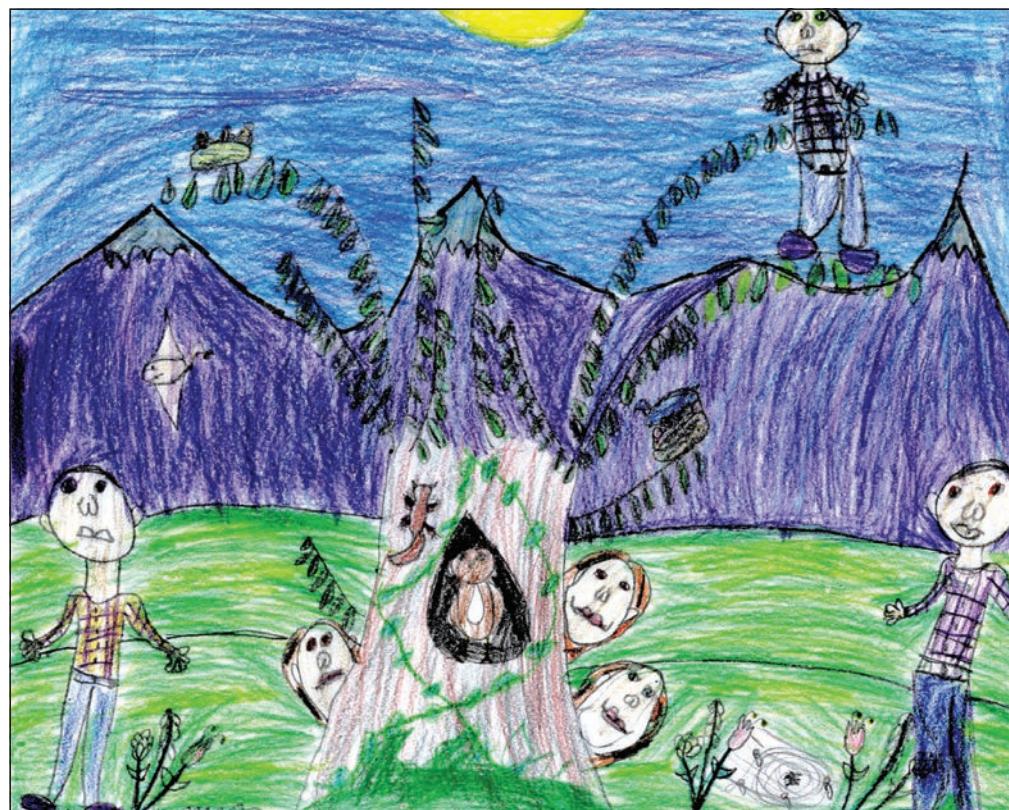
OHS Kids art contest winners announced

More than two hundred students from around the state responded to the OHS challenge to participate in a "This is My Family" Student Art Contest. The competition, which was conducted in September and October, was open to grades 1 through 6. It was part of the Oklahoma History Center's Family History Month programming. It also complements the special exhibit *Tierra de mi Familia: Oklahoma*.

The winners in grades 1-3 were, first place, Grace Hilton, 8, Smithville; and second place, Isabel O'Connor, 8, Oklahoma City. (The third place winner's name was withheld on request.)

The victors in grades 4-6 were, first place, Sydney Jones, 11, Idabel; and second place, Ashley Biggs, 10, Norman. (The third place winner's name was withheld on request.)

All of the art work will be displayed in the Chesapeake Events Center at the Oklahoma History Center. They may also be viewed on the OHS Kids section of the Society's website, available at <www.okhistory.org>. Pictured: Grace Hilton, top; Sydney Jones, below.





Director's Column

By Bob L. Blackburn
Executive Director

For almost twenty years I have been evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the Oklahoma Historical Society. I have looked for gaps in our collections, our services, and our prospects for the future.

The results of our corrective action can be seen in all directions, from African American collections and a growing film archive to the Oklahoma History Center and the new Cherokee Strip Heritage Center. Despite our best efforts, however, there is one gap that has still needs to be filled, a market that includes almost one-third of the state's population—Tulsa.

There are many reasons for such a gap. By birth, the OHS was oriented toward the old Oklahoma Territory. Then came a period from the 1930s to the 1960s when Muskogee was our focal point, followed by an emphasis on the legislatively created museums and historic sites in rural areas in the 1960s and 1970s. Tulsa was always on the outside looking in.

Then there was the resistance to OHS programs and services in Tulsa. Some in Tulsa wanted the city to be left alone, confi-

dent in their city's image as the Oil Capital of the World and the bastion of free enterprise. As late as the 1990s, I tried to work around and through this attitude and came away with a few wounds received on the ramparts.

Today, I am pleased to report that this gap is under siege from both directions.

Recently, the OHS joined the Tulsa Architectural Foundation and Mayor Kathy Taylor to announce new partnerships in historic preservation. Since then, we joined Mayor Taylor again to celebrate progress in our joint efforts to understand and memorialize the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921. In the near future we will announce a new museum exhibit on *Mid-Century Architecture in Oklahoma*. It will start in Tulsa.

On January 17, 2009, the growing partnership between the Tulsa Historical Society and the OHS will reach a new level of cooperation when we jointly open an exhibit on *Governors and First Ladies*. This 2,000-square-foot, multimedia presentation will trace the lives of all governors and first ladies leading up to and including their campaigns for Oklahoma's highest elected office. In March we hope to gather the seven governors and their wives for another special event.

Reaching even higher to fill the gap in Tulsa, the OHS is preparing planning documents for a new, free-standing museum that will be called "Oklahoma Pop." This 45,000-square-foot museum, located in the Historic Brady District, will draw attention to the amazing talent of Oklahomans in the world of music, radio, television, movies, and other expressions of shared memory. We are working closely with the George Kaiser Family Foundation and the City of Tulsa to bring this dream to reality.

Yes, for almost twenty years I have evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Our commitment to building bridges with the people of Tulsa is now one of our strengths.

To me, Tulsa is a great city with a fascinating history. For too long, the organizations responsible for collecting, preserving, and sharing that story have worked alone, staying on one side or the other of the gap that had formed through the years.

It is time we filled that gap.

New Members, November

*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level

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*Alan N. Livingston, Houston, TX
*Beverly Krause Blum, Cambria, CA

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Development News

By Paul F. Lambert

We launched our Annual Giving Campaign in December and will pursue it vigorously over the next three months. The goal is to raise the private funds that we will need in 2009 to continue offering a full schedule of exhibits, programs, and collections. Donors may contribute directly to the Oklahoma Historical Society or to the Friends of the Oklahoma History Center.



The Friends organization is the 501(c)3 nonprofit support organization for the Oklahoma History Center. Donations to the Friends will support History Center exhibits and programs and donors may specify specific exhibits, programs, or projects that they wish to support. Donors beginning at \$1,000 will receive certain benefits that now are under development, but they will have the option of declining the benefits to preserve the full deductibility of their donation. All donors at \$1,000 or higher will be listed on a new donor board in the Oklahoma History Center.

An example of donations that we already have received is \$10,000 from Dr. Kit Carson Farwell and his daughter, Becky Farwell Bell. Their gift has been earmarked to support the "Daughter of Dawn" film project, as was their wish. The Southwestern Urban Foundation of Oklahoma City has made a contribution of \$1,000 to support the development of an exhibit on the Urban League.

Many interesting exhibits and programs are being planned, including such as a new exhibit on the history of rock and roll in Oklahoma. All funds donated to support the Annual Giving Campaign, as well as membership contributions, are used for special exhibits, programs, and projects. If you have questions about the Annual Giving Campaign, please call me at 405/522-5217 or email me at <plambert@okhistory.org>.

We appreciate all of OHS's members and Annual Campaign Donors!

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Meetings

The **Oklahoma Genealogical Society** will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 6 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave., in Oklahoma City. Phyllis Davidson, reference librarian at the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Oklahoma City Library, will discuss the services and resources for genealogists that are available in the collections of the downtown branch of the metropolitan library. She will also give a brief demonstration on using Heritage Quest online, the Oklahoma Electronic Archives, and Sanborn maps. Davidson has a master's degree in library and information studies from OU. She delves into her own family history and edits a family newsletter. Help will be available at 5:30 p.m. for those who have genealogy questions or who need information about the First Families of the Twin Territories. The OHS Research Center will be staffed and remain open until 7:45 p.m. that evening. The meeting is open to the public; it is free for OGS members and a suggested \$3 donation is asked from nonmembers. (Special to ML)

Events

Tulsa's Gilcrease Museum is hosting a forum on Friday, January 16, 2009, at 1 p.m. David Fowler, historical interpreter from Fort Gibson Historic Site, will portray an individual serving with the famed Dodge-Leavenworth Expedition of 1834. The expeditionary force under the command of Brig. Gen. Henry Leavenworth and Col. Henry Dodge left Fort Gibson in June 1834 and traveled west to treat with the Comanche, Wichita, and Kiowa. Although the expedition was successful in its purpose, it was costly considering that one-third of the regiment became ill or died en route. Leavenworth died on July

New Individual Members

LeAnne Brubaker, Keswick, VA
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 Justin Akers, Oklahoma City
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New Institutional Members

Southern Nazarene University/R.T. Williams Library, Bethany Library, Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre, Sayre
 Sand Springs Public Schools, Sand Springs
 Edmon Low Library #2, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
 GH2 Architects, LLC, Tulsa

21, 1834. Dodge and the remaining dragoons returned to Fort Gibson in mid-August that year. The program is free and open to the public. (Special to ML)

Bring the family and enjoy an evening of bluegrass music at Kerr Middle School, 2300 South Linda Lane, in **Del City** on Saturday, January 3, 2009. Musicians will perform from 7 to 9:45 p.m. For info call 405/677-1509 or contact Pat Pogue at <patpogue@cox.net>. (Special to ML)

The Fourth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Soul Food Cook-off will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at the **Muskogee Civic Center**. Various cooks will compete in different categories, and attendees will vote on their favorite dish. For more information call Cassandra Gaines at 918/684-6363, ext. 23. (Special to ML)

The Western Hills Guest Ranch in **Wagoner** will be the venue for daily and evening performances of gospel and traditional bluegrass music from January 14–17, 2009. To learn more about this event telephone 918/772-2545 or e-mail Todd Bennett at <tbennett@oklahomaparks.com>. (Special to ML)

On Saturday, January 24, the **Frederick Airport** will host an open hanger day with World War II displays that include vehicles and aircrafts. Activities will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will include a World War II airborne jump demonstration. Call Sharon Bennett at 580/335-2126 or e-mail <frederickcc@pldi.net>. (Special to ML)

The Stephens County Fair and Expo Center in **Duncan** is hosting a Bull Bash on Saturday, January 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come out for an action packed evening as great bull riders demonstrate their skills. Contact Mark Melton at 580/641-2232. (Special to ML)

Hennessey is hosting its annual hometown hootenanny at 525 South Main St. from 7 to 10 p.m., on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Area musicians will perform country, bluegrass, gospel, and folk music. For more information phone Cathy Howard at 405/853-6212. (Special to ML)

During the month of January a number of locations in Oklahoma will host eagle watches. The Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge near **Jet** is planning a watch on Friday, January 9, from 4–6 p.m. Although admission is free, seating is limited; reservations are required. Contact Rebecca Wolff at 580/626-4794; or send e-mail to <rebecca_wolff@fws.gov>. Also,

Greenleaf State Park at **Braggs** is offering two tours to search for wintering waterfowl and eagles on Saturday, January 10. Tours will depart from the Nature Hut at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 918/487-7125 or send e-mail to <naturehut@onenet.net>. The Chickasaw National Recreation Area near **Sulphur** will offer a bald eagle watch on Saturday, January 24, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Travertine Nature Center. A park ranger will lead the tour to observe bald eagles on Lake of the Arbuckles. Contact Ron Parker at 580/622-3165. (Special to ML)

The State Fair Arena in **Oklahoma City** will be the venue for the Thirth-ninth annual championship rodeo on January 16–18, 2009. The top fifteen cowboys and cowgirls from the United States and Canada will compete for world championship titles in seven standard events. Hours are Friday, 7:30–11 p.m.; Saturday, 1:30–4 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m. Call Carissa Stewart at 405/235-6540 for more information. (Special to ML)

Happenings

The Will Rogers Library, located at 1515 North Florence in **Claremore**, has recently opened a genealogy department. Every Monday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. volunteers will help genealogists research their family's ancestors. The library has free access to Ancestry.com. Beginning in January individuals will be taught how to use the Family Tree Maker software. To increase the library's genealogy resources, they are accepting donations of books on Oklahoma county histories as well as other state histories. They are also accepting a copy of your genealogy, especially those with ties to Rogers County. For more information call 918/341-1564. (Special to ML)

In October 2008 the East Central Electric Foundation, an Okmulgee-based cooperative, presented a grant check for \$4,224 to the **Checotah Landmark Preservation Society** for improvements to their historic railroad depot. The Checotah MKT (Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway) Depot was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1991 (NR 91001371). Constructed in 1890, it is Checotah's oldest building. In addition to housing the community's first telegraph office and the original post office, it served as a shipping point for local livestock and agricultural products. Adjacent to U.S. Highways 69/266 off Interstate 40, the depot currently functions as a tourist information center and offers displays of historic artifacts.

(McIntosh County Democrat, November 6 and 13, 2008)

OHS EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Every effort has been made to list correct information as it was available at press time. Other events may be added throughout the year. Check the monthly issues of *Mistletoe Leaves* for additions, corrections, and/or expanded articles.

Some events require registration and/or admission fees. Registration is limited for some workshops and seminars. Some events sponsored by the OHS are held at sites other than the property on which the OHS site or museum is located.

Please visit the OHS web site to verify date, hours, exact location, admission fees, etc. Click on "About OHS," and "Calendar of Events" for additional information on the OHS events listed below.

TBA = to be announced

January

- 1-31** *Tierra de mi Familia: Oklahoma*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 1-31** *Simply Red: A Fashion Statement*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City



- 1-31** *Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 15-31** 1910 Living History Program, "A Day at Rose Hill School." Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 5** First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 6** Quilt block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 10** Quilt block of the Month Class, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 10** "Watermelon Campbell," Family History, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 14** Glen McIntyre, "Oklahoma and the Great Depression," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 21** Gary Gray, First-Person Impression of President George Washington, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

- 31** World War II Living History, Fort Washita Historic Site, vic. Madill

February

- 1-28** *Tierra de mi Familia: Oklahoma*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 1-28** *Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 1-28** 1910 Living History Program, "A Day at Rose Hill School." Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry

- 1-28** *Simply Red: A Fashion Statement*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

- 2** First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

- 3** Quilt block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

- 7** Victorian Valentine workshop, Tatting Workshop, George Murrell Home, Park Hill

- 11** Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher

- 11** Glen McIntyre, "Oklahoma and World War II," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

- 12** Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Program, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City (call ahead for RSVP date; reservations required; tickets must be purchased in advance)

- 14** Dr. Roger Hardaway, "African American Cowboys," Sod House Museum, Aline

- 17** Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher

- 18** Glen Roberson, "Centennial Farm Program," State Historic Preservation Office, OHS, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

- 21** Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher

- 21** Rick and Larry Simpson, "Simpson Mercantile," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

- 28** Frontier Brigade Muster, Fort Washita Historic Site, vic. Madill

- 28** Volunteer Open House, for prospective volunteers, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

- TBA** Primitive Bow-Making Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee



March

- 1-31** *Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

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- 2** First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

- 3** Quilt block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

- 5** Victorian Hat-Making Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

- 7** Dr. Aaron Mason, "The Homestead Act," Sod House Museum, Aline

- 7** Chili Cook-off, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher

- 7** "Civil War Life," non-combatant program, 10th Kansas Volunteer Infantry Encampment, Honey Springs Battlefield, vic. Rentiesville

- 7** Candlelight Tour, Honey Springs Battlefield, vic. Rentiesville

- 11** Glen McIntyre, "Changing Oklahoma: Governors Gary, Edmondson, and Bellmon," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

- 14** Volunteer Training, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

- 19** Vernal Equinox Walks and Annual Kite Flite Day, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro

- 21** Marina Metevvelis, First-Person Impression, "Rosie the Riveter," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

- 21** Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher

- 25** Carla O'Neill, "History of the Conoco Company and Museum," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

JANUARY- JUNE 2009

- 28** Public Bake Day, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- TBA** Flintknapping Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

April

- 1-5** Mountain Man Fur Trade Era Rendezvous, Fort Washita, vic. Madill
- 1-30** *Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 1-30** 1910 Living History Program, "A Day at Rose Hill School." Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 3** Living History Program, for students, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 4** Living History Program, for the general public, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 6** First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 7** Quilt block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 11** Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 12** Annual Sunrise Service and Easter Breakfast, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 17-18** Heritage Days, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 18** Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 25** Dutch Oven Cooking class, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

May

- 2** *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, through 2009
- 4** First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 5** Quilt block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 9** Archaeology Day, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro
- 13** Workshop, "The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview," State Historic Preservation Office, at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva
- 13** Workshop, "Determination of Eligibility Under Section 106," State Historic Preservation Office, at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva
- 14** Workshop, "Working with the National Register of Historic Places," State Historic Preservation Office, at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva

- 15** Workshop, "Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," State Historic Preservation Office, at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva

- 15** Workshop, "The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," State Historic Preservation Office, at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva
- 16** Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 16** Annual Victorian Ball, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 16** "Civil War Life," non-combatant program, Honey Springs Battlefield, vic. Rentiesville

June

- 1-30** *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A History of Rock and Roll*, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, through 2009
- 1** First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 2** Quilt block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 3-5** Oklahoma's 21st Annual Statewide Preservation conference, Quartz Mountain Resort and Arts Conference Center
- 6** 1800s Lawn Social, George Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 13** "Homespun Flannel to Chenille," Workshop on the technique of making chenille, Jana Brown, instructor, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 13, 20, 27** Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 20** Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher



OHS MUSEUMS AND SITES

- Cherokee Strip Museum/ Rose Hill School**, 2617 W Fir, Perry, 580/336-2405
Chisholm Trail Museum/ Seay Mansion, 605 Zellers Ave., Kingfisher 405/375-5176
Fort Gibson Historic Site 907 N. Garrison, SH 80 in Fort Gibson, 918/478-4088
Fort Supply Historic Site Campus of W.S. Key Corr. Center, Fort Supply 580/766-3767
Fort Towson Historic Site NE of Fort Towson off US 70 580/873-2634
Fort Washita Historic Site SH 199, 13 mi. E of Madill 580/924-6502
Frank Phillips House 1107 Cherokee Ave. Bartlesville, 918/336-2491
Fred Drummond House 305 N Price, Hominy 918/885-2374
Frederick Pioneer Village, 201 N 9th St., Frederick, 580/335-5844
George M. Murrell House 19479 East Murrell Home Rd 3 mi. S of SH 82, Park Hill 918/456-2751
Healdton Oil Museum 315 E Main, Healdton 580/229-0900
Honey Springs Battlefield 1863 Honey Springs Battlefield Rd., E of US 69, near Rentiesville, 918/473-5572
Jim Thorpe House 706 E Boston, Yale 918/387-2815
Museum of the Cherokee Strip, 507 S 4th, Enid 580/237-1907
Museum of the Western Prairie, 1100 N Memorial Dr. Altus, 580/482-1044
No Man's Land Museum PSU Campus, Goodwell 580/349-2670
White Hair Memorial ½ mi. S of SH 20 on Blackburn Rd., Ralston 918/538-2417
State Historic Preservation Office, OKC, 405/521-6249



Hidden Collections . . .

The Samuel W. Brown Collection

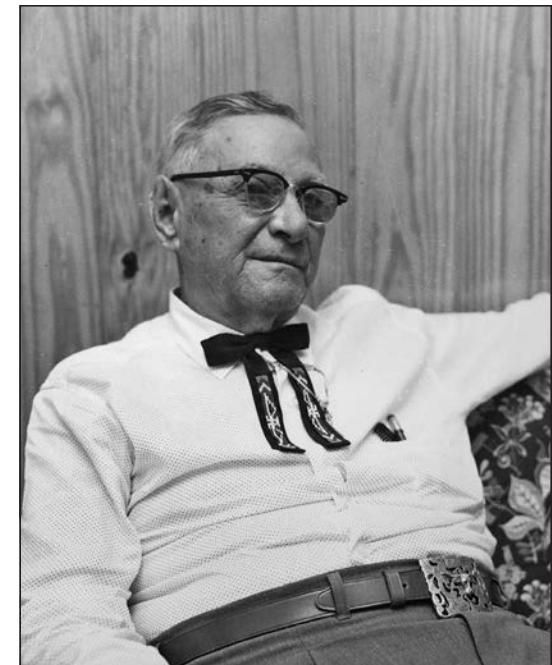
By Larry O'Dell

The Samuel W. Brown Collection (92.01) is a rare manuscript collection in that it illuminates many important aspects of Oklahoma's history and does so in a variety of media. It follows two generations of American Indian leaders who attained high-ranking positions in the Creek and Yuchi (also spelled Euchee) nations. It covers not only Indian politics but statewide political contests. The large collection contains papers and several photos and maps.

Samuel W. Brown, Sr., born in 1843 at Van Buren, Arkansas, to a U.S. Army lieutenant, S. W. Williams, and the sister of a Yuchi chief, Suttah. In 1867, after Samuel moved to the Creek Nation, the Yuchi named him chief. The next year he married Neosho Parthena Porter. He also held several positions in the Creek Nation, including superintendent of Creek national schools. In 1894 he founded Euchee Boarding school near Sapulpa. In 1916 his son, Samuel W. Brown, Jr., ascended to

the position of Yuchi chief. Brown, Sr., remained active in tribal affairs until 1935, when he died. Brown, Jr., (photo at right) showed an interest in the record of his people, collecting many histories. The Browns also held several interests in the oil industry, providing them with a comfortable existence. On December 31, 1957 Chief Samuel W. Brown, Jr., died.

The collection holds correspondence of Samuel Brown, Sr., Samuel Brown, Jr., and other family members. The papers also include legal documents relating to personal, business, and tribal affairs managed by the two men. Several items pertain to Yuchi and Creek history, biographical materials, and newspaper clippings related to the family. The Brown collection also includes materials on Oklahoma history and other political ephemera. Photographs include family, several prominent Oklahomans, state scenes, and postcards of places and events. Maps relate to tribal lands, business, and the development of the Jesse Chisholm trail memorial. The Brown collection dates to 1865 and is contained in thirty-eight document boxes, not including maps and photographs.



The Samuel W. Brown Collection can be viewed on the Research Division's online catalogue in the Oklahoma Historical Society's website, <okhistory.org>. The originals may be examined at the Oklahoma History Center in the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center.

National Register nomination grants available from the SHPO

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announces its annual matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations for the preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations. The SHPO has reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2009 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U. S. Department of the Interior for the program. Funds will be equally divided for award in two grant rounds with any funds remaining from Round 1 carried over for Round 2. Applications and detailed instructions will be available from the SHPO on February 1. The Round 1 application deadline is 5 p.m. on April 1, and the Round 2 deadline is 5 p.m. on June 1.

Each grant is limited to \$1,000, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700. Grant recipients will use grant funds and nonfederal match to retain an appropriately qualified professional to prepare a complete individual property nomination package for the National Register of Historic Places.

Applicants must be aware that \$1,700 (federal grant plus nonfederal match) is only an estimate of the cost for such projects

and that additional nonfederal match may be required to retain a consultant to complete project work. Consultants must consider the nature of the property proposed for nomination and many other factors as they develop their fee proposals.

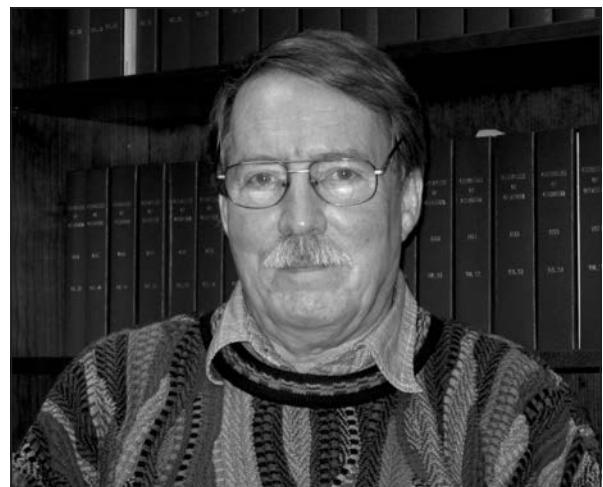
The National Register is the catalogue of the nation's significant buildings, structures, sites, districts, objects, and landscapes important in our past. While listing in the National Register is not a guarantee of preservation or of financial assistance, it is one of the most important components of the preservation strategy for any significant property. The designation provides increased public awareness of these irreplaceable resources, provides limited protection for them, qualifies property owners for federal and state tax credits under certain circumstances, and may qualify the property owner for grant assistance when such programs are funded.

To obtain a National Register Nomination Grant Application contact the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or view the information on the Internet at <www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm>.

OHS Faces . . .

Charles Wallis, Historic Archaeologist

Charles Wallis, the historic archaeologist for the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), started working at the Oklahoma



Historical Society in 2001. He serves as coordinator of the Section 106 program as it relates to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. His position as historic archaeologist fulfills one of the requirements to participate in that program. The Section 106 review process is designed to work with federal agencies to identify and to resolve potential conflicts that could occur if and when their projects interfere with historic properties.

Born in Urbana, Illinois, two-year-old Wallis moved with his family to Warner, Oklahoma, where his father taught at Connors State Junior College. After graduating from Warner High School, he began his undergraduate work at Connors. Wallis completed his undergraduate degree at Oklahoma State University, where he later received a master's degree in natural

science following a tour with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Before he went to work for OHS, Wallis held various Oklahoma state jobs. Since 1972 his prior experience included work on the Oklahoma River Basin Survey and the Oklahoma Archeological Survey at the University of Oklahoma. Also, he served as the staff archaeologist with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission for twenty-eight years.

When *Mistletoe Leaves* asked him what he liked best about his job, he remarked that he "enjoyed the opportunity to interact with other archaeologists and to observe archaeological work being done in the state." His outside interests include stamp collecting, in particular the postal history of Indian and Oklahoma territories. Although current work duties prevent him from actively participating in field archaeology, this activity remains a key interest.

Murrell Home exhibit features restorations

The George Murrell Home in Park Hill celebrated its sixtieth year as a historic house museum in 2008. A new exhibit on display through March 1 outlines the major changes and restorations at the property since 1948. Panels show photos and explain the many phases of preservation that have taken place in each decade.

The antebellum plantation house was built in 1845 as the residence of George Murrell and his wife, Minerva, a niece of Cherokee Chief John Ross. The house was privately occupied until 1948, when the State of Oklahoma purchased it for use as a museum.

Admission is free. For more information call 918/456-2751. The Murrell Home is located at 19479 East Murrell Home Rd. in Park Hill.



Pictured above: The Murrell house "before." Below: after the completion of its most recent restoration project. Note that the triangular pediment, which was not original to the house, has been removed.



Oklahoma Territorial Museum opens new exhibit

The Oklahoma Territorial Museum in Guthrie has created an exhibit dealing with *The African American Experience in Territorial Oklahoma*. Businesses, communities, newspapers, civil rights, and statehood are included.

The new display will be on view from February 1, 2009, near the museum's entrance. This will be the first of an annual special display in that location.

The OTM is located in Guthrie at 402 East Oklahoma Ave. Phone 405/282-1889 for more information.

OHS Places . . .

T. B. Ferguson Home

519 North Weigle Ave.
Watonga, OK 73772-3032
Phone: 580/623-5069
Open: Wed.-Sat. 10-5; Sun. 2-5
Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays, and state holidays.
Admission: Free; however, donations accepted.

In 1901 President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Thompson Benton Ferguson (1857-1921), a Republican, to be Oklahoma's eighth territorial governor. Ferguson served from 1901 to 1906, longer than any other governor during the territorial period. Ferguson had several careers before entering politics. Born in Iowa in 1857, he grew to manhood on his family's farm in Kansas. He taught in small, rural schools, became a Methodist minister, and entered the newspaper business. In 1885 he married Elva Shartel (1869-1947), whose father was editor of a Sedan, Kansas, newspaper. The Fergusons and their children came by wagon to Watonga in October 1892, shortly after the Cheyenne-Arapaho land opening. There the Fergusons worked together to produce the *Watonga Republican*, using a printing press that traveled with them from Kansas.



Their three-story, wood-frame home, constructed in 1901, is surrounded by a white picket fence. The first floor witnessed many gala events, especially during the years when Ferguson served as territorial governor. Bedrooms, a bathroom, and space for the Fergusons to read and write were located on the second floor. The third floor had extra guest bedrooms and was used by the Fergusons to store magazines and newspapers. The home is furnished with period furniture contributed by local and Blaine County residents. Also on the grounds are the first Watonga city jail and an 1870 U.S. Cavalry remount station, a log building.

In 1967 the Mothers Self-Culture Club of Watonga launched a drive to refurbish the house. Thus, rehabilitation occurred in the 1970s. In 1973 the T. B. Ferguson Home was listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NR 73001555). The property was transferred from the Oklahoma Tourism Department to the Oklahoma Historical Society in 1991.

To learn more about Ferguson as governor, read "Thompson Benton Ferguson, Governor of Oklahoma Territory, 1901-1906," by Jerry L. Gill, in *Territorial Governors of Oklahoma*, ed. LeRoy H. Fischer (Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Historical Society, 1975). Elva Shartel Ferguson wrote about her experiences in newspaper publishing in *They Carried the Torch: The Story of Oklahoma's Pioneer Newspapers* (1937).

It Takes More

Than Money . . .

. . . to create collections and exhibits that can fulfill the Oklahoma Historical Society's goals of educating the public and providing research opportunities. It takes the donation of an artifact, an art work, a book, a document, or a whole collection of those things that help us tell Oklahoma's story. It also takes loyal members. Here are the contributions of some of your friends and associates who understand those needs:

Twenty-year members renew in November

Listed below, with the date they joined the OHS, are people who had been members twenty or more years when they renewed in November. Their long-term loyalty is most sincerely appreciated!

Von Russell Creel, Midwest City, September 1, 1973
Virginia M. Jimenez, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1973
Arthur W. Salisbury, Tulsa, November 1, 1973
C. E. Trousdale, Cleveland, November 14, 1974

Ward C. McCurtain, Beaumont, TX, June 1, 1975
Darlene J. Shawn, Norman, September 1, 1977
Wilma L. Slater, Milburn, October 1, 1977
David M. Lambeth, Okemah, November 1, 1977
Maris E. Ward, Alva, November 1, 1977
Carolyn Hanneman, Norman, August 1, 1979
Kenneth Stern, Stillwater, September 1, 1979
William and Mariam Corbett, Tahlequah, June 8, 1980
Dale and Phyllis Regier, Yukon, September 1, 1980
Berniece Shirley, Okeene, November 1, 1980
Barbara Johnson, Pasadena, CA, December 1, 1980
Charles R. Walker, Fort Lauderdale, FL, October 1, 1981
Steven and Becky Leonard, Weatherford, November 1, 1982
George Selby, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1982
Marcia Burr, Vici, December 1, 1985
Shirley Clark, Los Altos, CA, December 1, 1985
Atoka County Historical Society, Atoka, August 21, 1986
Stephen H. Parker, Oklahoma City, September 22, 1986
Susan Allen Kline, Fort Worth, TX, September 24, 1986
E. Vann Greer, Oklahoma City, October 27, 1986
Fred and Joyce Lucas, Watonga, October 31, 1986
Fred Williams, Little Rock, AR, November 4, 1986
Pat Sharp, Edmond, November 6, 1986
G. W. Armor, Laverne, November 12, 1986
Shirley Carter, Marietta, November 24, 1986
Betsy Daugherty, Oklahoma City, November 24, 1986
Donald and Joyce Varner, Welling, November 25, 1986
Mildred Gay, Sulphur, August 19, 1987
Carol J. Compton, Yukon, September 25, 1987
Kenneth and Corie Delashaw, Marietta, November 3, 1987
Dennis Steichen, Perry, November 5, 1987
Charles W. Davidson, San Jose, CA, November 24, 1987
Jim and Luann Waters, Wynnewood, October 27, 1988
Gene and Sharon Ratcliff, Edmond, November 8, 1988
George E. Orr, Oklahoma City, November 9, 1988

Gift Shop Extra!!

Here are some offerings from the Gift Shop to entertain and educate the younger members of OHS:

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Call 405/522-5214 or visit <www.okhistory.org> to order. OHS members get a discount on all purchases.

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Bartlesville to host Annual Meeting in April 2009

Annual Membership Meeting Chair Dr. Marvin Kroeker has announced that members should mark April 22, 23, and 24 on the calendar for the 2009 Annual Meeting. The host city, Bartlesville, and the surrounding countryside and communities have much to offer, and those who have time to stay a day or two extra will be rewarded for their time. The OHS staff will work closely with the Friends of the Frank Phillips Home. This nonprofit organization is one of the state's most active groups affiliated with an OHS Property. During your visit, you will want to tour this beautifully restored home. With a few exceptions, the furniture, decoration, and personal effects are original.

Festivities will begin on Wednesday, April 22, as members will be able to check into their lodgings and pick up registration packets for the three-day meeting. The Society's Board of Directors will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and members may register from 3 to 5 p.m. The board meeting and registration will be held in the Hotel Phillips, located at 821 Johnstone.

A reception is planned for Wednesday evening in the Terrace Room of the Phillips Tower, the original Phillips Petroleum Company Building. The event honors long-time OHS officer and director Denzil Garrison. During the evening guests will be able to tour the new Phillips Petroleum Company Museum, located across the street from Phillips Tower.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, at the magnificent Bartlesville Community Center (photo above), the site of all the presentations and luncheons. Program sessions begin at 8:30 a.m., and a second round of presentations begins at 10:30. To the extent possible, programs will relate to the theme for the Annual Meeting, "Exploring Oklahoma's Energy Frontiers: One Hundred Fifty Years of Petroleum and Natural Resource Development."

At 12 noon the Annual Membership Luncheon will be held (the speaker will be announced in a future issue of *Mistletoe*). After lunch comes a brief board meeting and an annual membership meeting. Attendees should have time later that afternoon to visit local historical attractions. Members may also sign up for an evening at Woolaroc, Frank Phillips's country estate. It will be open for socializing prior to dinner in the Events Center. The museum will be open for tours.

The presentations on Friday, April 24, take place at 8:30 and 10:30. At 12 noon comes the OHS Annual Awards Luncheon. A variety of awards will be presented, and individuals will be inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame. The luncheon concludes the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Conference hotels will be the Hotel Phillips and the Inn at Price Tower. Room rates will be announced later. Members are responsible for making their own room reservations. A third hotel may also be available. Don't fail to attend this year's conference!

