Duncan to host Annual Meeting in April 2010

Annual Membership Meeting Chair Ken Rainbolt has announced that members should mark April 28, 29, and 30 on the calendar for the 2010 Annual Meeting. The host city, Durant, is the capital of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and the area is rich in history and culture. The OHS staff and committee members will work closely with representatives of the Choctaw Nation, Durant city government and chamber of commerce, and Southeastern State University in organizing activities.

Festivities begin on Wednesday, April 28, 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 Choctaw Conference Center, located within the Choctaw Casino Resort at 3702 Choctaw Road in Durant. A reception is planned for Wednesday evening in a suite in the elegant, new Choctaw Tower Hotel that is part of the resort. The event will recognize the Choctaw Nation, Durant city government, the Durant Chamber of Commerce, and Southeastern State University for their historical roles in the development of Durant and southeastern Oklahoma.

Registration continues at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 29, at the Choctaw Conference Center, site of all the presentations and luncheons. Program sessions begin at 8:30 a.m., and a second round begins at 10:30. To the extent possible, programs will relate to the theme for the Annual Meeting, “Old Cultures in a New Land: A Sense of Community in Oklahoma.” Many interesting presentations are scheduled.

At 12:15 p.m. the Annual Membership Luncheon will be held. Historian Dr. Paul Andrew Hutton, professor of history at the University of New Mexico, will speak. Hutton also is known for appearances on The History Channel on various historical subjects. 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 dinner and an evening of entertainment at the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Southeastern State University.

The presentations on Friday, April 30, take place at 8:30 and 10:30. At 12:15 p.m. the OHS Annual Awards Luncheon will be held. A variety of awards will be presented, and individuals will be inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame. The luncheon will conclude the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Conference hotels will be the Choctaw Tower and the Choctaw Inn, both within the Choctaw Casino Resort. These hotels and one additional hotel will offer convention room rates. Members are responsible for making their own reservations. More details will be released in a future issue of Mistletoe Leaves.

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Call Membership at 405/522-5242 or send an e-mail to <ohsmembers@okhistory.org>

George M. Murrell Home receives donation of important family items

Within the past few months the Murrell Home at Park Hill received numerous donations from Mrs. L. A. Messenger, who is the great-granddaughter of George and Amanda Murrell. Mrs. Messenger graciously donated a portrait of Lewis Ross (father of Minerva and Amanda Murrell and brother to Chief John Ross). The painting is believed to have been done in the 1830s by Ralph Earle II (1788–1837). The Lewis Ross portrait now hangs in the sitting room of the Murrell Home and is a fitting accompaniment to the portrait of his wife, Fanny Holt Ross.

The donation also included a watch fob, a marble statue, an oversized floor candlestick, and two ornate mahogany dressing screens that all belonged to George Murrell as well as a miniature portrait locket with a never-before-exhibited painting of George Murrell. Other items included a portrait of George’s sister, Rosanna (Murrell) Claytor, an 1880s Bible analysis, which belonged to Amanda Murrell, two family photos, and a broach that the Murrell staff believes may have belonged to Amanda Murrell or Mary Jane Ross.

Mrs. Messenger has also donated several items belonging to George and Amanda’s daughter, Fannie (Murrell) Alexander, including two chairs, a ladle, a cake server, and two portraits of her as a toddler. Several of the items are already on display in the home, and others will be viewable in the near future. The items are a special and valuable addition to the exhibits in the historic home.
Historians look for signs. We look for signs that times were changing and the reasons they were changing. We look for signs that individual men and women were taking advantage of opportunities or coping with challenges. We look for signs that guide us on the quest we call history.

Last week I saw an important sign of change and personal impact that someday will be in the history books. It was the grand opening of the rehabilitated Mayo Hotel.

The Mayo, like the Skirvin in Oklahoma City, was a victim of the historic shift from railroad transportation to travel by automobile compounded by the decline of inner cities in the 1960s and 1970s. The fate of the grand old hotels was a sign of changing times.

Although both hotels were kept on life support until the early 1980s, Oklahoma’s second Great Depression was the final nail in their coffins. Both were shuttered. The Mayo was gutted while the Skirvin was left standing because nobody would underwrite the cost of demolition. The toothless giants were signs of the hard times.

While the Mayo and Skirvin sank to that lowly state, another sign of change was emerging in Oklahoma. It was called historic preservation.

Historic preservation had long ago started with individuals who cared about important buildings, places, and events, but it was not really a movement until personal interest turned into public policy. Following the signs of historic preservation as public policy can be traced to people like Howard Meredith, Melvena Hetisch, and the pioneers of the Main Street Program and to places like Honey Springs Battlefield, Guthrie, Heritage Hills Neighborhood, and Route 66.

A new sign of progress and change was added in 2006 when the Oklahoma Legislature created a twenty percent tax credit that mirrored the federal tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of historic buildings. Since then, more that twenty-five buildings have been preserved due in part to the financial incentive of that tax credit. Included in the list are the Skirvin and Mayo hotels.

To me, the Skirvin and Mayo projects are signs that we have reached a tipping point in historic preservation. These two monuments in brick may be symbols of urban decline and changing travel habits. More importantly, they are symbols of rebirth and a new beginning, a place in time where the past meets the future.

Yes, historians look for signs. The Mayo and Skirvin hotels are shining brightly.
Meetings

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 6 p.m. in the Chesapeake Events Center inside the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave, in Oklahoma City. Lois Copley, an experienced genealogical researcher, will present “How to Get More Out of the Early Censuses, 1790 to 1850.” The Research Library will be staffed and remain open that evening until 7:45 p.m. Starting at 5 p.m. experienced researchers will be available to answer your genealogical questions. (Special to ML)

Events

The Muskogee Civic Center, 425 Boston St., Muskogee, will be the venue for the 5th annual soul food cook-off on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. the event will feature various cooks competing in different categories. Attendees will vote for their favorite, and judges will award the grand prize. Call Cassandra Gaines at 918/684-6363 for more info. (Special to ML)

The Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge in Jet has watches scheduled on January 8–9 and 15–16. For reservations, the Saggy Bottom Bluegrass man at 580-467-9330. Another bluegrass extravaganza is scheduled daily for January 21–30 at the hotel lobby of the Western Hills Guest Ranch, Wagoner. For details about the event in Wagoner call 918/772-2545. Plan to be at the Community Center in Stillwater on Saturday, January 23, from noon to 11 p.m. The event will begin with workshops for all bluegrass instruments and will end with a concert by award-winning bluegrass artists. Contact Gloria Short at 405/533-8433 for information regarding the Stillwater event. (Special to ML)

Attention chocolate lovers! In Lawton at the Dan Mullins Showroom, Third St. and Gore Blvd., the annual Tour de Chocolate event will feature food and chocolate goodies from local restaurants and caterers. On Friday, January 29, from 7 to 10:30 p.m., participants (must be at least twenty-one years of age) can also enjoy live music for dancing, live and silent auctions, and chocolate martinis. Tickets are $35 and can be purchased at the Theater Box Office. Call Cynthia Kent at 580/355-1600 for reservations as seating is limited. Another chocolate festival will occur on January 30 in Norman at the Firehouse Art Museum, located on the University of Oklahoma campus at the intersection of Asp and Timberdell Sts. For more information phone Carla Chew at 405/329-4523. (Special to ML)

Exhibits

The Carl Albert Center on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman has a new exhibit entitled The Evolution of the Modern Speaker: The Search for Power in the House. The speakership of the U.S. House of Representatives is one of four federal offices named in the Constitution and is second only to the presidency in political power and influence. This exhibit examines how the speakership has evolved and concentrates on those who held the office from Carl Albert to Nancy Pelosi. The Evolution of the Modern Speaker is currently on display and will continue through June 2010. It is located on the second floor of Monnet Hall, 630 Parrington Oval, University of Oklahoma and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Special to ML)

Opportunities

The Cowskin Prairie Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, is sponsoring a Book Fair in Grove on Saturday, March 27. Authors of fiction and nonfiction in all genre are being sought to participate. The cost for an exhibitor table is $20. Admission will be free to the public. Reservations for exhibitor tables should be mailed to: Cowskin Prairie Chapter, UDC, 61801 East 280 Rd., Grove, OK 74344. For more info call 918/542-4148 or 918/787-4059. (Special to ML)

Norman’s Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma is seeking applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program, which provides financial assistance to researchers working at the center’s archives. Awards of $500 to $1,000 are generally granted as reimbursement for travel and lodging. The Visiting Scholars Program is open to any applicant. Emphasis is given to those who are pursuing postdoctoral research in history, political science, and other fields. Graduate students, interested undergraduates, and lay researchers may also apply. The Carl Albert Center evaluates each research proposal based upon its merits, and funding for a variety of topics is expected. The collections are described in A Guide to the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives (1995), by Judy Day, et al., and may be viewed online at <www.ou.edu/special/albertctr>. Applications are accepted at any time. No standardized form is needed. Application documents should include a description of the research proposal in fewer than one thousand words, a vita, an explanation of how the center’s resources will assist the researcher, a budget proposal, and a letter of reference from an established scholar in the discipline, attesting to the significance of the research. For information on applying contact Archivist, Carl Albert Center, 630 Parrington Oval, Room 101. University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Make inquiries by phone at 405/325-5835, by fax to 405/325-6419, or by e-mail to <channeman@ou.edu>. (Special to ML)
OHS EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Every effort has been made to list correct information as it was available. 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, location, admission fees, etc. Click on “Calendar of Events” for additional information about the OHS events listed below.

TBA = to be announced

JANUARY

1-31 ANOTHER HOT OKLAHOMA NIGHT: A ROCK AND ROLL EXHIBIT, OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY

1-31 TIERRA DE MI FAMILIA: OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY

1-31 LET’S HAVE A PARTY: OKLAHOMA WOMEN IN ROCK & ROLL, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

8 FREE DANCE LESSONS, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

9 QUILT BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLASS, SOD HOUSE MUSEUM, ALINE

11 “MACHIAVELLI’S THE PRINCE,” LECTURE BY DR. J. RUFUS FEARS, CHEROKEE STRIP HERITAGE CENTER, SPONSOR, AT NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE, ENID

12 QUILT BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLASS, PAWNEE BILL RANCH HISTORIC SITE, PAWNEE

15 SOCK HOP, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

16 TATTING WORKSHOP, CHISHOLM TRAIL MUSEUM, KINGFISHER

19-29 1910 LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM, “A DAY AT ROSE HILL SCHOOL.” VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE. CHEROKEE STRIP MUSEUM, PERRY

23 GARRY WILSON AND FRIENDS, MUSICAL PERFORMANCE. ROCK & ROLL GALLERY, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

MARCH

1-31 ANOTHER HOT OKLAHOMA NIGHT: A ROCK AND ROLL EXHIBIT, OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY

1-31 LET’S HAVE A PARTY: OKLAHOMA WOMEN IN ROCK & ROLL, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

1-31 1910 LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM, “A DAY AT ROSE HILL SCHOOL.” VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE. CHEROKEE STRIP MUSEUM, PERRY

9 QUILT BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLASS, PAWNEE BILL RANCH HISTORIC SITE, PAWNEE

FEBRUARY

1-28 ANOTHER HOT OKLAHOMA NIGHT: A ROCK AND ROLL EXHIBIT, OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY

1-28 TIERRA DE MI FAMILIA: OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY

1-28 LET’S HAVE A PARTY: OKLAHOMA WOMEN IN ROCK & ROLL, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

1-28 ANTIQUE DOLL EXHIBIT, DRUMMOND HOME, HOMINY

1-28 1910 LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM, “A DAY AT ROSE HILL SCHOOL.” VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE. CHEROKEE STRIP MUSEUM, PERRY

5 “AN EVENING WITH MARTHA WASHINGTON,” OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY

6 VICTORIAN VALENTINE WORKSHOP, GEORGE MURRELL HOME, PARK HILL

6 “GALVANIZED YANKEES,” LECTURE BY DR. AARON MASON, SOD HOUSE MUSEUM, ALINE

8 “ELIE WIESEL’S NIGHT,” LECTURE BY DR. J. RUFUS FEARS, CHEROKEE STRIP HERITAGE CENTER, SPONSOR, AT NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE, ENID

9 QUILT BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLASS, PAWNEE BILL RANCH HISTORIC SITE, PAWNEE

10 ANNUAL QUILT SHOW, JIM THORPE HOME, YALE

12 PAWNEE BILL’S BIRTHDAY PARTY, PAWNEE BILL RANCH HISTORIC SITE, PAWNEE

20 QUILT BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLASS, SOD HOUSE MUSEUM, ALINE

20 TATTING WORKSHOP, CHISHOLM TRAIL MUSEUM, KINGFISHER

21 COMMUNITY PROGRAM, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, FORGIBSON HISTORIC SITE, FORGIBSON

26 FORT TOWSON TIME LINE PROGRAM, FORT TOWSON HISTORIC SITE, VIC. FORT TOWSON

TBA BLACK HISTORY MONTH, COMMUNITY PROGRAM. PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

13 QUILT BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLASS, SOD HOUSE MUSEUM, ALINE

13 CIVIL WAR LIFE PROGRAM AND CANDLELIGHT TOUR, HONEY SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD SITE, VIC. CHECOTAH

19-20 VERNAL EQUINOX WALKS, SPIRO MOUNDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER, SPIRO

20 ANNUAL KITE FLITE DAY, SPIRO MOUNDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER, SPIRO

20 TATTING WORKSHOP, CHISHOLM TRAIL MUSEUM, KINGFISHER

20 “PIONEER EARLY-DAY HEALTH,” LECTURE OF KAY FARRELL, RN, SOD HOUSE MUSEUM, ALINE

27 VICTORIAN HAT-MAKING WORKSHOP, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

28 PUBLIC BAKE DAY, FORT GIBSON HISTORIC SITE, FORT GIBSON

APRIL

1-30 LET’S HAVE A PARTY: OKLAHOMA WOMEN IN ROCK & ROLL, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

1-30 1910 LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM, “A DAY AT ROSE HILL SCHOOL.” VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE. CHEROKEE STRIP MUSEUM, PERRY

1-30 QUILT EXHIBIT, DRUMMOND HOME, HOMINY

3 COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT, PIONEER WOMAN MUSEUM, PONCA CITY

3 GOVERNOR SEAY BALL, SEAY MANSION/CHISHOLM TRAIL MUSEUM, KINGFISHER

3 ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT, PAWNEE BILL RANCH SITE, PAWNEE

4 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST, FUND RAISER, PAWNEE BILL RANCH SITE, PAWNEE

10 FLINT-KNAPPING WORKSHOP, PAWNEE BILL RANCH SITE, PAWNEE

Mary Wiseman as Martha Washington (courtesy photo).
JANUARY – JUNE 2010

10 Victorian Hat Class, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
10 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Sod House Museum, Aline
13 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
17 Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
17-18 Spring Encampment, Fort Gibson
22 Homemade Perfumes and Oils Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
23 Living History Day for Public, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
24 “Cowboy Poetry and Art,” Lecture by Darrell Bullard, plus line-drawing art works, Sod House Museum, Aline
25 Second Annual Heart-2-Heart Tea Party, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
28-30 OHS Annual Meeting, Durant

MAY

1-31 Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-31 Let’s Have a Party: Oklahoma Women in Rock & Roll, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
1-31 1910 Living History Program, “A Day at Rose Hill School.” Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
1 Rural Heritage Festival, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
7 Sod House Days, Sod House Museum, Aline
8 32d Annual Birthday Bash and 5th Annual Archaeology Day, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro
8 Open House, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
8 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Sod House Museum, Aline
11 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee

JUNE

12 Workshop, “Determination of Eligibility under Section 106,” State Historic Preservation Office, Muskogee Civic Center, Muskogee
12 Workshop, “Working with the State Register of Historic Places,” State Historic Preservation Office, Muskogee Civic Center, Muskogee
15 Civil War Life, noncombatant program, Honey Springs Battlefield Site, vic. Checotah
15 Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
19, 26 Pawnee Bill’s Original Wild West Show, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
12-30 The Uncanny Adventures of Okie Cartoonists, exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
16 7th Annual Memorial Run, Honey Springs Battlefield Site, vic. Checotah
19 Sunbonnet Sue Appliqué Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
19 Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
19-20 Summer Solstice Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro

OHS MUSEUMS AND SITES

Cherokee Strip Museum:
- Rose Hill School, 2617 W Fir, Perry, 580/336-2405
- Chisholm Trail Museum:
  - Seavy 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 Townson Historic Site NE of Fort Townson off US 70 580/873-2634
  - Fort Washita Historic Site SH 199, 13 mi. E of Modell 580/824-6502
  - 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 Rd 3 mi. S of SH 82, Park Hill 918/456-2751
  - Healdton Oil Museum 315 E Main, Healdton 580/229-0900
  - Henry Overholser House 405 NW 15th St., OKC 405/528-8485
  - Honey Springs Battlefield 1863 Honey Springs Battlefield Rd, E of US 69, near Penteville, 918/473-5572
  - Jim Thorpe House 706 E Boston, Yale 918/367-2815
  - 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
  - National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians US 62 east, Anadarko 405/247-5555
  - No Man’s Land Museum PSU Campus, Goodwell 580/349-2670
  - Oklahoma Museum of History, 2401N Laird Ave., OKC 405/522-5248
  - Oklahoma Route 66 Museum, 2229 W Gary Blvd. Clinton, 580/523-7866
  - Oklahoma Territorial Museum/Carnegie Library 402 E Oklahoma, Guthrie 405/282-1899
  - Pawnee Bill Ranch ¼ mi. W on US 64, Pawnee 918/762-2513
  - Petter Conser House 4 mi. S of Heavener on US 59, 3½ mi. W of Hodgen 918/635-2493
  - Pioneer Woman Museum 701 Monument Rd., Ponca City, 580/765-6108
  - Robert S. Kerr Museum 6 mi. SW of Poteau, US 270 at Kerr Conference Center 918/647-9579
  - Sequoyah’s Cabin SH 101, 11 mi. NE of Sallisaw, 918/775-2413
  - Sequoyah’s Cabin SH 8, 5½ mi. N of Cee Springs, 580/463-2441
  - Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, 3 mi. E and 4 mi. N of Spiro 918/962-2062
  - State Capital Publishing Museum, 301 W Harrison Guthrie, 405/282-4123
  - T. B. Ferguson House 519 N Wegele, Watonga 580/623-5069
  - Tom Mix Museum 721 N Delaware, Dewey 918/534-1556
  - 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 C. R. Anthony Collection
By Larry O’Dell
Corporate histories are fascinating. Correspondingly, archival business collections that cover a company’s life are also insightful; they can relate an infinite number of the historical and socio-economic details concerning a region and its residents. The Oklahoma Historical Society has several collections relating to companies, including Kerr-McGee, OTASCO, Griffith Amusement Company, and Lee Way. The C. R. Anthony Collection (2009.20) is exemplary.

In 1922 Charles Ross Anthony, after spending four years as vice president with the J. P. Martin Company, opened his first store, in Cushing. He named his first outlets Dixie Stores. By 1926 the chain expanded to thirty-three stores in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. At the end of World War II there were sixty-eight of the C. R. Anthony stores. On the corporation’s 50th anniversary, in 1972, it held 325 outlets in twenty-one states. In the late 1980s the company faced financial hardships and in 1997 sold out to a Texas-based company. For seventy-five years Oklahomans shared the memory of Anthony’s catchy commercials and of buying their clothes at the local store.

The collection, around eleven cubic feet, contains material covering almost seventy years. An interesting portion of the management records are indexes and histories compiled in 1988 for 395 stores. There are annual reports and several programs from stockholders meetings. Several boxes relate to the records of different store managers, many covering their careers through retirement. One of the jewels of the collection, and useful with any business history, is the in-house newsletter, “Trading Post,” begun in 1938. The Society has copies into 1964. These give not only the direction that management took the company, but personal information on employees.

The OHS Research Division has other business collections and a multitude of oral histories on the subject. These may be viewed on the Research Division’s online catalog at <www.okhistory.org/>. They may also be accessed in the Research Center at the Oklahoma History Center.

OHS Places . . .
Honey Springs Battlefield Site
1863 Honey Springs Battlefield Road
Checotah, OK 74426-6301
Phone: 918/473-5572
Hours: Battlefield, Tues.-Sat., 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.; Interpretive Center, Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1–4:30 p.m.
Admission: Free; donations are accepted.
Directions: Take Checotah/Rentiesville exit 2648 off Interstate 40; go north on U.S. 69 approx. 3 miles to the 2d exit (Bus. U.S. 69/Checotah/Rentiesville); north to John Hope Franklin Boulevard (Rentiesville Road) and east two miles to the battlefield. Follow signage to the visitor center.

Visitors to east-central Oklahoma do not have far to travel to see a Civil War battle site. Generally, when people think of Civil War battlefields, they recall Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Antietam, and Shiloh. However, the largest Civil War engagement in Indian Territory (present Oklahoma) took place on July 17, 1863, at Honey Springs, along the Texas Road, a north-south route through the Cherokee, Creek, and Choctaw nations. At the Honey Springs Battlefield Site the visitor center offers interpretive material that provides an overview of the battle and the historic site. Six trails, totaling approximately two miles, mark the Federal and Confederate battle lines, the Union bivouac area, and the site of the Confederate headquarters.

Upcoming events at the historic site include a Civil War life program on March 13, 2010, at 10 a.m. and a candlelight tour that evening at 7 p.m. On May 15 reenactors will depict noncombatant life during the Civil War. The 7th Annual Memorial Run is planned for June 16. Future issues of Mistletoe Leaves will give more details about these events. The Honey Springs Battlefield Site was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1970 (NR 70000848).

In 1991 the Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield Park, Inc., organized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization to promote, assist, and support programs and services at the historic site. Initial membership included more than 800 people from across the U.S. as well as many foreign lands. Annual dues are $10 for a voting membership, $25 for a supporting membership, and $100 for a business membership. Mail inquiries to: Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield, P.O. Box 756, Checotah, OK 74426-0756.

New Members, cont’d.
Louis Ferracane, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Fisher, Oklahoma City
Echo Foster, Walters
John Garber, Ada
Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Graves, Marlow
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hale, Cushing
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Hammond, Oklahoma City
Samme Harmon, Cleveland
Stacy Harris, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hill, Ardmore
Laune Hulin, Lewisville, TX
Dr. and Mrs. John Hutchinson, Edmond
Capt. Tommy Klepper, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Don Lehman, Mustang
Wanda Lomino, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long, Yukon
Mr. and Mrs. George Lunsford, Oklahoma City
Pete Madsen and Laura Shepherd, Mustang
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maranto, Lawton
Sandra May, Norman
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McBryde, San Antonio, TX
Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCoy, Jones
Mr. and Mrs. William McIntosh, Guthrie
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers, Bethany
Allen Morgan, Edmond
Ben Newcomer, Norman
Homer Nicholson, Ponca City
Mr. and Mrs. Andros O. Peck, Edmond
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Polk, Tulsa
Meryn Pope, Norman
Rosslee and Zachary Railey, Perry
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rauch, Roll
Mr. and Mrs. Darre D. Ray, Stillwater
Mr. and Mrs. James Redwine, Mountain View, IN
Terry J. Schreiner, Duncan
Mary Shea, Midwest City
Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Shockley, Norman
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Shoopman, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. John Smalley, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shrieveck, Edmond
Jon Trzrski, Oklahoma City
Browning Waters, Yukon
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Wilks, Shawnee
Doug Williams, Gage
Janna Winters, Oklahoma City

Individual
William Arwine, Riverside, CA
Carol Blackwood, Tulsa
Barbara Bothwell, Richmond, VA
Marcella Branch, Oklahoma City
Leroy Bridges, Oklahoma City
Jack Bruce, Oklahoma City
Vickey Carroll, Midwest City
Doreta Lee Checote, San Antonio, TX
Betty Chemault, Checotah
Sue Coyner, Oklahoma City
Earl Dalke, Dover
Melba Eads, Mount Juliet, TN
Sandra Elder, Seattle, WA
Delores Elkouri, Chickasha
Linda Evans, Braverton, OR
Ohlva Faubion, Oklahoma City
Mary Fisher, Shawnee
J. Michael Fullingham, Bartlesville
Richard Gardner, Tulsa
Pamela Ghezzi, Oklahoma City
J.O. Gilliam, Ardmore
Ruth King Gray, Vinifta
E.R. Harris, Oklahoma City
Suzanne Hayes, Oklahoma City
Audrey Hendershot, Shawnee
Sam Henry, Kiefer
Kenneth Hietbrink, Tulsa
Doris Jean Helen, Muskogee
Dayna Hodgden, Kansas City
Yoshitaka Iwasaki, Kyoto, Japan
Jennifer Jacoby, Alpharetta, GA
James Kuhn, Oklahoma City
Lisa Landrum, Oklahoma City
Mrs. E.L. Lyday, Oklahoma City
Michelle Martin, Bartlesville
Jean Mauro, Suffern, NY
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schubert, McLean, VA
J. Todd Scott, Astoria, OR
Brenda Smith, Oklahoma City
Don Sterne, Edmond
Twenty-year Members

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

Barbara Kinzer, Jenks, January 1, 1971
Iowa State University, Ames, IA, October 1, 1972
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, October 1, 1972
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, October 1, 1972
Emond Library, Edmond, October 1, 1972
Midwest City Library, Midwest City, October 1, 1972
BYU/ Harold B. Lee Library, Provo, UT, October 1, 1972
University of Tennessee Library, Knoxville, TN, October 1, 1972
University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX, October 1, 1972
University of Illinois – Chicago, November 1, 1972
Kansas State University Library, Manhattan, KS, November 1, 1972
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, November 1, 1972
Emory University, Atlanta, GA, December 1, 1972
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, December 1, 1972
Rogers State University, Claremore, December 1, 1972
Carl Albert State College, Poteau, January 2, 1973
Muskegon Public Library, Muskegon, September 1, 1973
San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, CA, October 1, 1973
Virginia Jimenez, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1973
Luis Boggs, Muskogee, November 21, 1973
University of Maryland, College Park, MD, December 1, 1974
Western Oklahoma State College, Altus, December 1, 1974
McFarlin Library #2, Tulsa, February 1, 1975
Eufaula Memorial Library, Eufaula, March 1, 1975
Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, May 1, 1975
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR, January 1, 1975
Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, CA, December 1, 1975
Wilma Slatler, Milburn, October 1, 1977
Maris Ward, Alva, November 1, 1977
David Lambeth, Okemah, November 1, 1977
Eugene Earsom, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1977
University of Washington Libraries, Seattle, WA, December 1, 1977
SNU Library, Bethany, March 1, 1979
Woodward Public Library, Woodward, June 1, 1979
Carolyn Hanneman, Norman, August 1, 1979

Jay Hannah, Norman, January 1, 1980
Bill and Mariam Corbett, Tahlequah, June 8, 1980
Berniece Shirley, Okenee, November 1, 1980
University of Central Florida, Orlando, January 1, 1981
Wayne and Liz Rogers, Oklahoma City, October 1, 1981
Charles Walker, Fort Lauderdale, FL, October 1, 1981
California State University – Chico, CA, December 1, 1981
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, December 1, 1981
Central Oklahoma State University, Edmond, December 1, 1982
Rieger Memorial Library, Haskell, December 1, 1982
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, OH, May 1, 1983
Clarence Petrovsky, Weatherford, September 1, 1983
Denver Public Library, Denver, CO, February 1, 1984
Tahlequah Public Library, Tahlequah, December 1, 1984
Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, December 1, 1984
Saint Louis Public Library, Saint Louis, MO, January 2, 1985
Peter Rollins, Cleveland, November 1, 1985
Northeast Campus LRC, Tulsa, December 1, 1985
Vici School, Vici, December 1, 1985
Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, December 1, 1985
Tulsa City County Library, Tulsa, December 1, 1985
Purdue University Library, West Lafayette, IN, January 1, 1986
Keith Leftwich Memorial Library, Oklahoma City, January 1, 1986
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, August 1, 1986
Stephen Parker, Oklahoma City, September 22, 1986
Susan Kline, Fort Worth, TX, September 24, 1986
Pat Sharp, Edmond, November 6, 1986
Donald and Joyce Varner, Wellng, November 25, 1986
Stillwater Public Library, Stillwater, December 11, 1986
Kenneth and Corie Delashaw, Marietta, November 3, 1987
Northeastern Oklahoma State College, Miami, January 19, 1988
Troy State University, Troy, AL, March 14, 1988
John Mabrey, Bigby, May 24, 1988
Janice Johnson, Edmond, June 13, 1988
Dannie Pierce, Newalla, July 27, 1988
Jim and Luann Waters, Wynnewood, October 27, 1988
George Orr, Oklahoma City, November 9, 1988
San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, TX, November 14, 1988
Shawnee Public Library, Shawnee, December 6, 1988
Norman Public Library, Norman, December 6, 1988

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8 Free Dance Lessons, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
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11 “Machiavelli’s The Prince,” Lecture by Dr. J. Rufus Fears, Cherokee Strip Heritage Center, sponsor, at Northern Oklahoma College, Enid
15 Sock Hop, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
23 Garry Wilson and Friends, musical rock and roll performance, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City

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