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Oklahoma's state quarter unveiled at History Center on January 28

Several thousand citizens crowded into the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City to participate in the unveiling of the newly minted Oklahoma state quarter on January 28. The shiny new coins were officially placed into general circulation after the ceremony. Representing the state was Governor Brad Henry and First Lady Kim Henry. Mrs. Henry placed a symbol of the quarter on a large United States map that features each state quarter issued since the program's inception in 1999.

Each of the hundreds of school children in attendance received a quarter, handed to them personally by Mrs. Henry or by Acting Deputy Director Dan Shaver of the United States Mint.

The coins are being issued in the order of statehood, Oklahoma being the 46th. Symbols on the piece are the scissor-tailed flycatcher (the official state bird), on the front, and the Indian blanket (the official state wildflower), on the reverse. After the festivities the quarters were sold for \$10 per roll, and special \$5 commemorative sets, in a see-through case, were also available.

Deputy Director Shaver noted that "2007 was an exciting year for the Sooner State, celebrating its centennial. Today's issuance of this beautiful Oklahoma quarter serves as an encore, and the coin itself will serve as a lasting, nationwide tribute to Oklahoma, its heritage, and its people."



Galen Culver to present Annual Meeting luncheon program

Galen Culver, feature reporter and photographer for KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City, will reveal the secrets of the Red River region in a luncheon address on Thursday, April 17, at the OHS Annual Meeting in Ardmore, according to meeting coordinator Tim Zwink.

Culver joined the NewsChannel 4 team as a photojournalist in 1989. Before that he had worked as a reporter, photographer, and weekend anchor on television in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

After he earned a degree in journalism and communications at Washington State University, he began his career in television as a reporter and photographer in Montana.

Culver has received many photojournalism accolades, including a 1998 Western Heritage Award from Oklahoma City's National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. In the 1990s his coverage of the first Gulf War won an Oklahoma Associated Press Award for Best General Reporting.

In July 1991 Culver began a unique assignment to find and showcase amazing Oklahoma sights and stories. Since then, the "Is This a Great State or What?" segment has aired nearly every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on NewsChannel 4 broadcasts.

Galen Culver continues his search on the 5 p.m. newscast these days, producing, shooting, writing, and editing feature stories from every corner of Oklahoma.

Right: Gov. Brad Henry shows off one of the first sets of Oklahoma state quarters at the unveiling ceremony. To his left is First Lady Kim Henry. Below: U.S. Mint Deputy Director Dan Shaver distributes brand new quarters to Oklahoma school children
(Photos courtesy of Legislative Service Bureau).



OHS Annual Meeting is April 16, 17, 18 in Ardmore. Registration materials will soon arrive in your mailbox.



Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**
Executive Director

Historians are always on the prowl. We look for facts, dates, information, trends, and meaning. We also look for connections. All of us, in one way or another, are connected to other people, to other places, to other times. Finding those connections, linking one set of circumstances to another, is one my favorite pastimes.

For example, on a personal level, I am connected to the baby-boom generation through my age. I am connected to Arkansas, South Carolina, and Ireland through my grandparents. And I am connected to the age of Classical Greece through my fascination with Homer. In each case, there is a connecting point that expands my world.

This coming fall the Oklahoma History Center will host a blockbuster exhibit tentatively called "Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family." Using the story of this one remarkable family, we will illustrate a kaleidoscope of connections for the visitor.

Among the themes examined in the exhibit will be connecting points such as language, spirituality, home, and family. The story will span many people, move about the country from the traditional Apache homelands Oklahoma, and travel back and forth in time from the late nineteenth century to the present.

A primary connecting point throughout the story is Sam Haozous, the patriarch of the family, born in 1868 in south-central New Mexico. His grandfather was the warrior leader Mangas Coloradas. His uncle was the Apache priest Geronimo. As a child, Sam witnessed warfare in the mountains along the Mexican border. He learned the songs and dances that made the Apache who they were. He followed the Apache way.

Sam and his kinsman became prisoners of war in 1886, eventually being assigned to Fort Sill. Sam learned English, became an Army scout, and developed diverse skills from acrobat and star baseball player to interpreter and farmer. He married a fellow Apache, Blossom, and they started a family.

As Sam raised his family, he was confronted by federal policies that advocated "killing the Indian and saving the man." Despite those pressures, and despite the fact that he dressed in overalls and farmed the land with a team of mules, he remained Apache.

Sam shared his stories with his son Allan Houser and with his grandsons, Phillip and Bob Haozous. Through those tales, Allan was connected to Mangas Coloradas. Thus, Phillip and Bob were also connected to the Apache way.

Because of those connections to the past, Allan, Phillip, and Bob have produced an inspired body of art that bridges the past and the present. Their art will allow the rest of us to better understand what it means to be an Apache, whether it is, the 1880s or the twenty-first century.

Yes, historians are always on the prowl. I can't wait to see what is around the next corner.

Development News

By Tim Zwink

Good news! Phase three of the OHS Employee Monogrammed Brick project has been completed. During a couple of weekends in November more than 600 new bricks were installed in the Red River Journey area of the Oklahoma History Center. Two new patios were constructed to accommodate the new monogrammed bricks. Two new benches recently were anchored on these patios. Thanks go to all of you who supported this phase of the brick project by purchasing one or more of these new bricks.

We now have more than 5,100 monogrammed bricks that nearly fill our 15 patios. When you want to find one of these bricks, we have developed a few different ways to go about it. First, you can go to the Oklahoma History Center Admissions Desk. Staff members there have a locator directory that will give the patio and line number for each brick for which you have a name. There is also a map at the Admissions Desk, showing where the patios are located.

Another way to access the brick locator is to use the Oklahoma Historical Society's web site at <www.okhistory.org/donorprograms.html>. Go to the bottom of "Monogrammed Bricks" and click on "find the location of your monogrammed brick." This will take you to the locator. Finally, you can call us to help you locate a brick.

For those who would still like a brick, we are now taking orders for phase four of the project. You can acquire an order at the History Center, you can find one at the web site noted above, or you can call and we'll send you one. If you need additional information about this project or other OHS fund raisers, you may contact me at <tzwink@okhistory.org> or at 405/522-5217.



New Members, January 2008

*indicates renewed membership in a higher category

Associate

Marty Hepp, Oklahoma City
David and Denise Houston, Oklahoma City
George and Winnie Redwine, Edmond
Lew and Myra Ward, Enid

Friend

Paul Baczwaski, Oklahoma City
William Isaac Davis, Oklahoma City
John and Brenda Donley, Weatherford
Staci Evans, Panola
Dr. and Mrs. James Mustoe, Norman
Charles E. Norman, Tulsa
*Gordon and Jane Romine, Tulsa
James and Susan Warram, Norman
Doreen Weibel, Oklahoma City
Ann Drummond Wooley, Ada

Family

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Patti Bessen, Oklahoma City
Louise Blackburn, Claremore
Gene and Jamie Burton, Brentwood, TN
Michelle Cooke, Ada
*Rep. Frank W. Davis, Guthrie
J. B. & Margaret Dufuran, Norman
Tom Dugger & Dr. Ann Yirsa Dugger, Stillwater
Matt Feller, Stansbury Park, UT
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Harold T. Garvin, Duncan
Marlene Helsel, Oklahoma City
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Fay Hudson, Asher
Tom and Kathleen D. Hughes, Wheaton, IL
Mrs. Lane Hunter, Yukon
David and Sue Lollis, Norman
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*Sybil J. Mayes, Mustang
Scott and Robin McMurry, Oklahoma City
Brenda Mitchell, Choctaw
Jimmy Mullins, Blanchard
Rusty Nix, Edmond
Hazle Reeves, Pauls Valley
Perry and Quannah Rice, Edmond
*Neil and Donna Scott, Oklahoma City
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Adena Warner, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Weaver, Duncan
Stanford Williams, Norman

Individual

Cynthia Anderson, Chickasha
Klee Black, Oklahoma City
Steven Bond, Stillwater
Brenda Anderson Bose, Stillwater
Sally Bright, Broken Arrow
J. B. Clark, Corpus Christi, TX
Chad Collier, Oklahoma City
Edna Crow, Yukon

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Meetings

In **Oklahoma City** the Oklahoma Genealogical Society's monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008, at 6 p.m. in the Chesapeake Special Events Center at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave. Jim Slade will present a program entitled "Searching Census in Cyberspace." The OHS Research Center will be staffed and remain open until 7:45 p.m. that evening. Also, plan now to attend OGS's Annual Spring Seminar to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008. Visit the OGS web site at <www.okgensoc.org> for further details. (Special to ML)

Events

Tahlequah's Cherokee Heritage Center is hosting Indian Territory Days on Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28, at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature a living classroom of Cherokee history and culture of the 1880s. Demonstrations and activities will be available. For more information call 918/456-6007 or visit <www.cherokeeheritage.org>. (Special to ML)

On Friday, March 28, at 1 p.m. B. Byron Price will present a program entitled "Charles M. Russell: Icon of the West," at **Tulsa's** Gilcrease Museum. Price's book entitled *Charles M. Russell: A Catalogue Raisonné* was published in 2007. The Gilcrease Forum is presented by the Gillies, the museum's volunteer service organization, and is free and open to the public. Contact the Gilcrease Museum at 918/596-2700. (Special to ML)

The Hutchins Memorial Auditorium in **Ponca City** will host the 11th annual 101 Ranch Collectors' Western Memorabilia Show on Saturday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The buy-sell-or-trade show will feature Western heritage objects such as early military items, guns, spurs, pocket watches, coins, and books. Visit the web site at <www.hutchinsmemorial.com> or phone 580/762-7682. (Special to ML)

Go to **Waurika** for their annual Big Red Chili Cook-off to be held in the Jefferson County Fair Building on Friday, March 7, beginning at 5 p.m. Competition will be between individuals, youth, and restaurants/organizations. The savory food will be sold after the judging is completed. Admission is free. Contact Gin Dodson at 580/228-2166 for information. (Special to ML)

For family fun attend the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Will Rogers Stampede Arena in **Claremore** on Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. All children, ages ten and under, are invited to hunt for twenty-thousand Easter eggs stuffed with candy and prizes. Admission is free. For information visit <www.claremore.org> or telephone 918/341-8688. (Special to ML)

With the advent of windy March days families can enjoy the Kite Flight and Family Fun Day at Paradise Cove at **Hulbert** on Saturday March 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will construct and decorate kites, and prizes will be awarded in two age groups. Rusty the Rodeo Clown will be giving out balloons and offering face painting. For more information send an e-mail to <threeforks@intellex.com> or call 918/772-2108. (Special to ML)

hands-on learning experiences to incorporate mathematics and science as they relate to flight and space travel. In addition, a new F-35 Strike Fighter cockpit simulator will be on exhibit in the spring of 2008. Call 580/772-5871 for more information.

To become a member of the Friends of Will Rogers, which is a nonprofit organization to support the Will Rogers Museum in **Claremore**, call 1-800-324-9455 or visit web site <www.willrogers.com>. Charter year memberships are available in several denominations from \$25 for seniors to \$1,000 for Will's Lariat of Friends. Also, memorials and honorariums may be made in honor of someone living or deceased. The Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore and the Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch near Oologah are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 365 days a year. Admission is by donation. For info about the museums call 918/341-0719 or go to <www.willrogers.com>. (Special to ML)

The "God Bless America" Quilt Contest and Touring Exhibit will debut March 28 and 29, 2008. Judy Howard, of Buckboard Quilts in **Oklahoma City**, is calling all quilters who have quilts with Patriotic, Stars and Stripes, Support Our Troops, or Spiritually Inspired from *The Bible* themes to consider entering the contest and touring exhibit. The deadline for submitting a signed consent/entry form and your quilt is March 26, 2008. Go to <www.HeavenlyPatchwork.com> for further information and to download the entry form. (Special to ML)

Writings, Etc.

The **Waynoka Historical Society** and the **Major County Historical Society** have worked jointly to reprint the *1906 Standard Atlas of Woods County*. The book includes Woods, Major, and Alfalfa counties and includes town plats, indicating land ownership of each parcel in 1906. The coffee table book is green with gold lettering and costs \$40, plus tax and shipping. If ordering from the Waynoka Museum Gift Shop, P.O. Box 193, Waynoka, OK 73860, Oklahoma residents should add 9 percent sales tax or \$3.60 and \$7.50 for priority mail. To order from the Major County Historical Society contact them at P.O. Box 555, Fairview, OK 73737 or call 580/227-2265 for the amount of sales tax and mailing costs. A limited number of atlases were reprinted. If you have questions, call the Waynoka Historical Society at 580/824-1886 or send them an e-mail at <waynokahs@hotmail.com>. (Special to ML)

Happenings

The **Oklahoma Department of Libraries** announces receipt of a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for the new Oklahoma Tribal Heritage Project. Grant funding will be made available to archives, educational institutions, historical societies, libraries, nonprofits, and tribes involved in preserving and making available American Indian records. The program will provide \$150,000 in special funds, with individual grants from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The application deadline is March 3, 2008. For info and application forms visit <www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/tribal.htm>. (Special to ML)

Weatherford's Stafford Air & Space Museum will build a new 5,000-square-foot interactive educational discovery room, the Rose and Tom Luczo Education Center, in 2008. The new area will provide

New Members, cont'd.

- David Dary, Norman
- Deborah Dickas, Bellbrook, OH
- Fr. Paul Eichhoff, Claremore
- Lawrence Gibbs, Stillwater
- Donna Gussert, Guthrie
- Jay Hannah, Norman
- Michael R. Higgins, Norman
- Ms. D. Madeine Kaphengst, Cheyenne, WY
- Pam Koenig, Oklahoma City
- Carolyn Mathews, Sand Springs
- Bervis McBride, Oklahoma City
- George E. McLellan, Russellville, AR
- Stayton Milligan, Tulsa
- Edward J. Perkins, Norman
- Teresa Robinson, Blanchard
- Douglas F. Russell, Adair
- Ann Shanks, Edmond
- Don and Estelle Singer, Austin, TX
- Lindsey Speligene, Edmond
- Susan Stanbaugh, Waukomis
- Jean Tomassi, Tulsa
- Shirley Trezell, Troy, IL
- Ms. Virginia Umbdenstock, Boca Raton, FL
- Maria Wilson, Guthrie

Institutions

- Boston Public Library, Boston, MA
- Heartland Of America Heritage Foundation, Weatherford

Committee names candidates for 2008 Board election

Board member and chair of the OHS Nominating Committee Bill Corbett has announced the names of 11 candidates who will stand for election to three-year terms on the OHS Board of Directors.

According to the OHS Constitution and By-laws, 13 of the 25 members of the Board are elected by the OHS membership on a rotating basis. In 2008 the membership elects 1 (one) member from District 5, 1 (one) member from District 6, and 3 (three) members from the State At-Large.

Biographical sketches for the 2008 nominees appear below by district and in alphabetical order.

The OHS will mail the ballots and voting instructions to the membership in March. Completed ballots may be cast in person or by mail, but must be received in the executive director's office before 12:00 noon, Friday, April 11, 2008.

District 5

Jack D. Baker (Oklahoma City)

Baker is an eighth-generation Oklahoman and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. He was born on his grandfather's Cherokee allotment at Chewey in Adair County. He is a graduate of Westville High School and of Oklahoma State University. He retired from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company after 29 years. Baker is involved in a number of civic and historical activities. Currently, he is president of the National Trail of Tears Association, treasurer of the Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc., president of Goingsnake District Heritage Association, board member of the Cherokee-Moravian Historical Association, and a member of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council. He has served as a member of the Cherokee Nation Constitutional Convention and the Design Planning Committee for Native American exhibits for the Oklahoma History Center and has contributed to the Oklahoma Encyclopedia project. He has written numerous articles and books related to Cherokee history and genealogy. Baker has been a life member of the OHS since 1973. Elected to the OHS Board in 2002, he has served on the Research, Indian Heritage, Nominating, and Annual Meeting committees.

William Tunell (Oklahoma City)

Tunell, born in 1933 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, had the great good fortune to move to Oklahoma City in 1976, joining the faculty at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He was educated at the University of Notre Dame and Cornell University Medical College and after training and military service for the U.S. Army, taught and practiced pediatric surgery for 30 years. He retired in 1998 as Professor of Surgery (Pediatric Surgery) at the University of Oklahoma. A widower, Tunell has two children, Maureen, a mother and homemaker in Dallas, and Bill, an attorney in Oklahoma City. Past service has included a term as Trustee of St. Gregory's University and as an advisor to the Oklahoma City Junior League. Tunell's interest in history is as a layman who believes that history is integral to understanding the past, improving the present, and determining the future. This belief spurred his life membership both in the South Dakota Historical Association and in the Oklahoma Historical Society, the latter from 1977.

District 6

Johnny L. Barton (Alva)

Born in Vian, Barton earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and a Master's of Communication Disorders from the University of Oklahoma with certification in Speech Pathology. He has worked as an assistant food store manager, taught in the Oklahoma City public schools, and was a faculty member and administrator at NWOSU for 29 years. He was a Speech Pathologist at Northern Oklahoma Resource Center, retiring as Director in 2006. He was named NORCE Employee of the Year in 2000. Other honors include NWOSU Teacher of the Year (1971, 1982), NWOSU Outstanding Graduate Award, Alva Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, Alva Centennial Commission Honor Service Award, and Oklahoma Main Street Board Member of the Year. Barton has held many community and civic leadership positions including Education Advisory Committee for the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission (member), NWOSU Scholarship On-Campus Fund Drive (chair), Governor's Conference on Rural Health Needs (delegate), and Alva Youth Council Children's Theatre Program (director). While mayor of the City of Alva, he served as executive director of the Alva Centennial Commission. A member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Barton joined the OHS in 2005.

Deena K. Fisher (Woodward)

Fisher, Dean of the Woodward Campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Associate Professor of History, holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration (OSU) and a M.Ed. in History Education and School Counseling (SWOSU). In 2006 she attended the "Institute for Management and Leadership in Higher Education" at Harvard Graduate School of Education. Fisher was also a contributing editor and developed the teacher-student material for the history textbook entitled *Oklahoma—Land of Contrast* (Clairmont Press, 2006). She coordinates a week-long Oklahoma History Summer Institute that is sponsored by Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Museum of the Cherokee Strip in Enid, and Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum in Woodward. She serves on several boards, including Oklahoma Historical Society, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Advisory Council, Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum, Rotary, William S. Key Correctional Citizen Advisory Board, Oklahoma Council for the Social Studies, Woodward Industrial Foundation, Woodward Chamber of Commerce, and Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and is an advisory member for the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. She is married and has three children and three grandchildren. She enjoys visiting historical sites and museums. An OHS Board member since 2004, Fisher currently serves on the Membership, Outreach, and Publications committees.

State At-Large

Rex M. Ball (Tulsa)

An Oklahoma City native, Ball earned a B.S. Degree in Architecture from OSU and an M.A. Degree from MIT. He served on the Board of Visitors, OU School of Architecture, and as President of AIA chapters in Oklahoma City and Tulsa and the State Council. In 1976 Ball was one of the youngest to become a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and is a Life Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He became Chairman Emeritus of HTB, an international architecture-engineering planning firm, after 37 years of practice. While he was CEO, HTB received over fifty local and national awards. In 1994 he was appointed to the seven-member U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. He served on committees for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Oklahoma and chaired the sixth World Congress on Art Deco and the International Coalition of Art Deco Societies. A director of the Tulsa Historical Society, Ball served nine years on the Tulsa Preservation Commission, including two terms as Chair. He and his brother donated the original drawings of the State Capitol to facilitate construction of the new dome as envisioned by the original architect. Ball became a Life Member of the OHS in 1954.

Billie Stone Fogarty (Oklahoma City)

Fogarty is President of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society and has been active in the genealogical community of the county, state, and nation for more than 25 years. She holds membership in the Association of Professional Genealogists, Genealogical Speakers Guild, and International Society of Genealogical Writers and Editors. A former public school history teacher with a B.S. degree from the University of Central Oklahoma and a M.Ed. degree from the OU, she currently teaches family history research to adults and is a frequent lecturer on genealogical topics. She has been invited to speak at the National Genealogical Society Conference in the States, May 2008. She has been active in historic preservation, serving on Historical Preservation, Inc., and as Heritage Hills Associate Board president and Heritage Hills Historic Homes Tour chair. She is involved with other organizations, including Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, the 1889er Society, and First Families of the Twin Territories. Her Oklahoma roots run deep, being the descendant of 1889ers and claiming descent from 18 pioneers for membership in First Families of the Twin Territories. She was elected an OHS Life Member in 2007.

Aulena Searce Gibson (Lawton)

Gibson currently serves on the OHS Development/Endowment (chair), Executive, Research, and Collections committees. She is a fourth-generation Oklahoman. With the exception of three years teaching in Missouri public schools, she has been a life-long resident of Oklahoma. Her early years were spent primarily in Tahlequah. She attended Northeastern State University and is a graduate of OSU. She and her husband have lived in Lawton since 1958. Gibson places great importance on the preservation and dissemination of historical records, the consequence of her interest in family history. For 25 years she wrote a weekly genealogy column for the *Lawton Constitution*. She helped organize the Council of Genealogy Columnists and served as its newsletter editor and president. It is now the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. She has been active with the Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society and is past board chair of the Lawton Public Library. Gibson's past civic work includes serving on boards of the Oklahoma Heritage Association, Lawton Philharmonic, and Cameron University Foundation, organizing its President's Partners organization in 1989. She is currently trustee of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence and is director emeritus of the Oklahoma Arts Institute. An OHS member since 1980, Gibson continues to focus on history.

Ann Elizabeth Halligan (Stillwater)

Halligan is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Business Education. She came to Oklahoma as First Lady of Oklahoma State University in 1994 when her husband, James Halligan, assumed the presidency of OSU. She previously had work experience as a legal secretary in Iowa and Washington, D.C., as a high school business teacher in Texas, and as a real estate sales agent in Missouri and Arkansas. A dedicated volunteer, she has served as President of the Stillwater Area United Way, Director of the Girl Scouts of Magic Empire Council, Director of the Tulsa Ballet, and Chair of the Board of Stillwater Medical Center. Current service includes Board Officer of Friends of OSU Library, Director of Friends of OSU Music, President of Home Owners Association of Nottingham, Financial Advisor of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Director of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority Housing Corporation, Member of Chapter EP of PEO, and Volunteer at Elite Repeat, a shop to benefit Habitat for Humanity, Community Action, and Domestic Violence. Both Ann and Jim Halligan were named Stillwater Citizens of the Year in 1999. Members of the OHS since 1995, the Halligans note that their love for Oklahoma was a major factor in their decision to remain in Oklahoma following Dr. Halligan's retirement as President of OSU in 2002.

Cal Hobson (Lexington)

Born in Tucson, Arizona, Hobson graduated from Lexington High School as valedictorian and then earned a B.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force and retired with the rank of colonel in 1999, having received three meritorious service medals, three Air Force commendation medals, and one U.S. Army commendation medal during his 32 years of commissioned service. He was designated an honor graduate of four military schools and colleges, including the Squadron Officers School and the Air War College. Hobson served 28 years in the Oklahoma Legislature, including 12 in the House of Representatives and 16 in the Senate. He was elected President Pro Tempore in 2002, serving until 2005. Currently, Hobson is Executive Director of Operations of University Outreach at OU. He is a member of the Lexington, Noble, and Norman Chambers of Commerce. He also serves on the Board of Visitors for the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History and the Community Services Building Board of Directors. Hobson and his wife, Elaine, live in Lexington and have three children (Jack, Matt, and Aubrey) and two grandchildren (Tate and Allison). He has been a member of the OHS since 1977.

Leon Nelson (Oklahoma City)

A native of Perry and a graduate of Perry High School, Nelson served in the U.S. Navy before continuing his education at Oklahoma A&M College. As president of the campus Veterans Club, he appeared before members of the legislature to support changing the institution's name to Oklahoma State University. Following graduation, he served as City Manager of Ponca City for 19 years. In 1970 he successfully negotiated the purchase of the contents of Pioneer Woman sculptor Bryant Baker's studio for Ponca City. He also played a significant role in the city's purchase of the Marland Mansion and Estate and served as President of the Oklahoma Municipal League. After leaving Ponca City, he pursued a career in banking, retiring in 1998 from NationsBank as Vice President of Education Lending for Oklahoma. He and his wife, Marcene, began volunteering for the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2000. He also has served as Keeper of the Chips and Sheriff of the Indian Territory Posse of Oklahoma Westerners. Nelson has been honored by induction into the Marland Mansion and Estate Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame for Municipal Officials. He has been a member of the OHS since 1999.

Emmy Scott Stidham (Checotah)

Stidham grew up in Edmond and Checotah and attended OU. She served as board member of Checotah Main Street for eight years, serves as publicity chair for the Checotah Chamber of Commerce, and was named the chamber's Member of the Year in 1996 and 2003. She is founding director of Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield. As founding president and current projects chairman of Checotah Landmark Preservation Society, she was instrumental in saving and relocating the local 1890 Katy depot and placing it, the Methodist Church, and downtown business district on the National Register of Historic Places. She was named *McIntosh County Democrat's* Outstanding Citizen of Year (1986) and *McIntosh County Citizen of Year* (1992) and received the Oklahoma Heritage Association's Distinguished Service Award for Preservation of State and Local History (1996). Her service includes Oklahoma Methodism's Conference Committee on Archives and History (member), P.E.O. International (present delegate), Checotah's Jim Lucas Library (past president), and the Centennial Heartland Heritage Center (trustee). An OHS life member since 1985, Stidham was elected to the OHS Board in 1988. She has served the OHS as treasurer and as a member of the Annual Meeting, Budget/Endowment, Sites, Historic Preservation, Nominating, Evaluation, Executive, and Burkhart Trustees committees, and she currently serves as vice president.

OHS Places . . .

Overholser Mansion

405 Northwest Fifteenth Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73103
Phone: 405/528-8485 or 405/525-5325
Hours: Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Admission: Adults \$3
Seniors \$2.50
Children, 6–18 \$1
Children under age 6, free

Prominent Oklahoma City entrepreneur Henry Overholser had his three-story, Victorian-style home designed by architect W. S. Matthews and constructed at Northwest Fifteenth and Hudson in 1903. Overholser had come to the newly established town of Oklahoma City a few days after the 1889 land run. A man with a vision, he had several railroad carloads of prefabricated, wood-frame buildings shipped to town soon after his arrival. He subsequently erected six business buildings along Grand (now Sheridan) Avenue. Within a two-year period he had the Grand Avenue Hotel and the Overholser Opera House built. Divorced from his first wife, he married Anna Ione Murphy on October 23, 1889, and they had one daughter, Henry Ione, born on April 5, 1905. While Overholser worked to bring new businesses to the young city, his wife became prominent in social circles by hosting balls, charity events, luncheons, and dinners.

The Overholser Mansion served the couple well as they entertained important individuals. The twenty-room, brick-and-stone house has leaded-glass windows, nine fireplaces, and hardwood floors. With woodwork of Antwerp oak and mahogany used throughout, the home was furnished with hand-loomed carpets, Oriental rugs, brocaded silk draperies, and lace and linen curtains. The third floor was used as a ballroom. Guests invited to a reception in

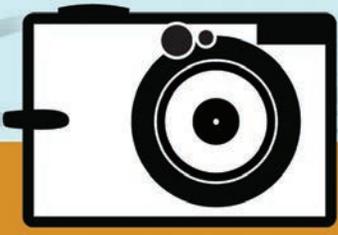


spring 1904 probably entered through one of two formal entrances, the one on the east, with its massive double doors, or the one on the south, under a porte cochere. A two-story carriage house, which served as a garage and servants' quarters, is situated west of the home.

Using funds raised primarily by the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Oklahoma Historical Society acquired the property in 1972. Currently an affiliate of the OHS, the mansion is operated by Preservation Oklahoma, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Oklahoma's historic places. The National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Historical Preservation, Inc., the Women's Architectural League, and the Friends of the Overholser have aided in the restoration and operation of the Overholser House. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places (NR 70000586) in 1970.



Top: Main elevation of Overholser Mansion. Above: in the mansion's garden (Bill Siemens photos).



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Hidden Collections . . .

The Frederick Samuel Barde Collection

By Larry O'Dell

In 1893, when the newspapermen of the Oklahoma Press Association founded the Oklahoma Historical Society, fittingly one of its first and strongest manuscript collections came from a print reporter. The Frederick Samuel Barde Collection (82.89) contains more than forty-seven boxes of material pertaining to all aspects of Oklahoma history. In 1917 the Oklahoma Legislature purchased the collection for \$5,000, donating it as a cornerstone acquisition for the Oklahoma Historical Society.

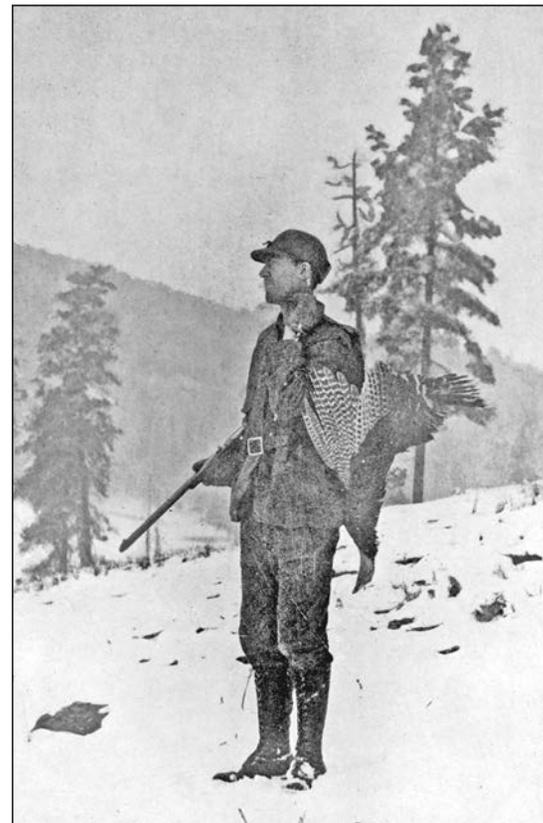
Fred Barde, who was born in 1869, began his journalism career at Sedalia, Missouri, prior to relocating to Kansas City. There, he worked for the *Kansas City Star* and began writing stories about Oklahoma Territory as early as 1897. In 1898 he

moved his family to Guthrie, continuing to write for the *Star*.

Not only was he known as "the dean of Oklahoma journalism," Barde was also a noted naturalist. He studied Oklahoma's environment, writing and photographing the state's flora and fauna, especially birds. In 1912 he published *Field, Forest, and Stream in Oklahoma* and in 1914 *Outdoor Oklahoma*. He also served as president of the Oklahoma branch of the Audubon Society. Frederick S. Barde died in Guthrie on July 22, 1916.

The Barde Collection holds not only his work on Oklahoma events and biographies but also photographs and maps. The boxes and folders have been arranged in alphabetical order by subject, and a very good finding aid can be found in the online database at the Research Division's portion of the Oklahoma Historical Society's web site at <okhistory.org>.

This collection can be examined at the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center in the Oklahoma History Center.



Seven new listings added to National Register of Historic Places

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce that seven new properties from Oklahoma have been added to the National Register of Historic Places as of December 12, 2007. The National Register is the nation's official list of places significant in our history.

Tulsa's Ranch Acres is Oklahoma's first post-World War II residential historic district listed in the National Register. Located just outside the downtown area, it consists almost exclusively of ranch-style homes constructed between 1949 and 1962. Designed with young professionals in mind, Ranch Acres was a luxury neighborhood. Generous lots allowed most of the subdivision's ranch houses to sprawl across the property and gave individuality to spacious houses in a naturalistic landscape. Ranch Acres became the city's largest single development of postwar luxury homes. Dr. Cathy Ambler prepared the nomination for the City of Tulsa.

In Harmon County, the Hollis City Hall and Jail and the Gould Community Building are the best-preserved local examples of Works Progress Administration projects from the 1930s. A two-story, native-stone building erected in 1937, the Gould Community Building has served a variety of social and community functions. The Hollis City Hall and Jail is a two-story, Modern-style, stone building dating from 1939. It was the WPA's last project in Hollis and remains in use in its original function. Jim Gabbert, architectural historian, prepared the nominations.

The Luke D. Berry House in Cushing was built in 1925 for a prominent businessman of the same name. The two-story, Italian Renaissance Revival-style home represents the oil-boom period in Cushing's history.



Hollis City Hall and Jail (J. Gabbert/SHPO photo).

The nomination was prepared by Rosemary Cullen with the help of Jim Gabbert.

Centered on the Garfield County Courthouse and the U.S. Post Office and Court House, the Enid Downtown Historic District is a commercial district containing more than eighty properties representative of the development of this important north central Oklahoma community. Most of the buildings were constructed during Enid's "Golden Era" of 1916 to 1944 and reflect the architectural styles popular during that period. Contributing properties include the Masonic Temple, a Classical Revival-style building on Independence Avenue, and the Shield Building, a Mission-Spanish Colonial Revival-style building on South Grand. Dr. Cathy Ambler prepared this nomination for the City of Enid.

The First Baptist Church (Colored) is Anadarko's oldest surviving African American church. Erected in 1914, this vernacular-style building is constructed of concrete block and features a tall, square tower on the front and a pyramidal roof. It also re-

tains its original pointed-arch, wood windows. The First Baptist Church (Colored) is significant for its architecture and for its connection to Anadarko's African American community. The nomination was prepared by Cindy Savage of ARCH Consulting for the City of Anadarko.

In Ardmore, the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Viaduct is a wooden trestle bridge constructed between 1901 and 1902. For decades this bridge served as a critical rail link in the area and today is the only pre-1915 rail-related resource in that community. Cindy Savage prepared this nomination for the city of Ardmore.

The Okmulgee Colored Hospital was originally listed in the National Register in 1984 as the Okmulgee Black Hospital. New documentation accepted by the National Register officially changes the historic property name of this resource in Okmulgee County to the Okmulgee Colored Hospital. Constructed between 1922 and 1923, the Okmulgee Colored Hospital opened its doors in 1924. This facility operated as a racially segregated hospital until it closed in 1956. Okmulgee Colored Hospital was relatively unique because it offered care in the black community with the help of a primarily African American medical staff. The necessary additional documentation was prepared by Dr. Michael Cassity for the City of Okmulgee.

The State Historic Preservation Office continues to strive to gain recognition for those places significant in Oklahoma's history. Listing of the properties in Harmon County brings closer the goal of at least five listings per county.

For additional information contact Kelli Gaston at 405/522-2713 or by e-mail at <kgaston@okhistory.org>.

Historic home professionals attend conference at Phillips House

In early February twenty-seven historic home professionals met at the Frank Phillips House for a two-day conference dealing with artifact care and maintenance. Martha Ray, Historic Homes Director for the Oklahoma Historical Society, was the featured speaker and conference leader.

Ray discussed care and maintenance of numerous types of artifact materials, including fine arts, china, glass, wood, paper, photographs, books, rugs, leather, furs, textiles, metals, and plaster.

Participants included professionals and volunteers from the Frank Phillips House, Woolaroc Lodge, the Price Tower, the Glass House, the E. W. Marland House, the George Murrell House, the T. B. Ferguson House, the Seay Mansion, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, and the Drummond House. (Right: Brandon and Rachel Reid, Mary Dean, and Beverly Whitcomb discuss cleaning a buffalo rug. Staff photo.)



Cherokee Strip Heritage Center Outreach Space plans March lectures and exhibit

On Wednesday, March 12, at 12 noon, Education Director Glen McIntyre will lecture on "The Five Civilized Tribes and their Golden Age." This talk will discuss how the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole nations came to Oklahoma and the decade of success they had in the 1850s.

On Wednesday, March 19, at 12 noon Sandie Olson, director of the Harvey House Museum in Waynoka, will present a video on "The Transcontinental Air Transport Comes to Waynoka." For a brief time, Waynoka was a hub for the Transcontinental Air Transport system (TAT).

On Saturday, March 22, at 1 p.m., Judy Ferguson will present a First Person Impression. She'll portray a Harvey House Girl. The Harvey Houses were restaurants on the Santa Fe, Frisco, and other rail systems. Ferguson will tell about her life and about Harvey Houses as well.

From March 1 through March 28 a traveling exhibit will be on display in the Outreach Space. *We Know We Belong to the Land: A Hundred Years of Oklahoma and the Congress* takes you on a journey through Oklahoma's history. Beginning in territorial days, you'll explore the events and people that shaped this state and helped make it what it is today. You will also meet every person who represented Oklahoma in the U.S. Congress. The text narrative was written by Danney Goble, co-author of the state's high school textbook on Oklahoma history. The events and people from Oklahoma's history and politics are celebrated in this exhibit, created by the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives in commemoration of Oklahoma's statehood centennial.

All of these events are free and take place at the Outreach Space for the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, located at the east end of Oakwood Mall in Enid, Oklahoma. For more information please call Glen McIntyre, education director, at 580/237-1907.

March is filled with happenings at Pawnee Bill Ranch

A Quilt Block Class

Yearn to create a hand-made quilt top? Plan to join the Quilt Block of the Month workshop series at the PBR! OHS Historic Homes Director Martha Ray and the PBR staff will help each class member create a new quilt block every month. The monthly session meets the first Tuesday, in this case March 4, in the evening. The fee is \$15. By the end of the series each participant will have had the opportunity to assemble a complete quilt top.

A Lunch-and-Learn Lecture

On March 12 the ranch will host a Lunch-and-Learn Lecture at 12 noon in the museum conference room. Staff member Anna Davis will discuss the genealogy of Gordon William Lillie (Pawnee Bill). Afterward, she will hold a Q&A session. Interested individuals may bring brown bag lunches and enjoy an hour learning more about the ranch's namesake.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On March 22 the ranch hosts the Pawnee Lions Club's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Pawnee Bill himself began the event at the ranch more than a century ago. Now the hunt is a tradition. Hundreds of children line up at various places on the property, waiting for Pawnee Bill (this year again portrayed by Wayne Spears) to fire his gun to signal the start.

A Warrior Run

March 22's activities continue with the Pawnee Warrior Run, a race for children aged 12 and under. There are prizes!

The Annual Easter Sunrise Service

On Sunday, March 23, the ranch again sponsors the annual sunrise service and Easter breakfast fund raiser. Historic Blue Hawk Peak provides a scenic place for participants to attend a nondenominational community Easter Service followed by a public breakfast for \$4.

A Flint-Knapping Workshop

Don't worry. The staff will teach you how to make an authentic-looking arrow point or spear point without nicking your fingers!

A flint-knapping workshop will occur at the PBR on March 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Master knapper Carl Lucas of Cleveland will instruct. The fee is \$7. This is a hands-on opportunity for participants to learn a time-honored "primitive" skill. The class will be held in the historic barn. Preregistration is required.

How to Take Part

Call the Pawnee Bill Ranch staff at 918/762-2513. For more information or to register in advance, just e-mail them at <pawneebill@okhistory.org>.

Pioneer Woman Museum Announces 2008 Woman of the Year Contest

The Pioneer Woman Museum in Ponca City is holding its fifth annual Woman of the Year Contest. Anyone can submit a nomination form for any Oklahoma woman. The deadline is March 15, 2008.

The museum invites the nomination of women, living or deceased, who have been or are active in their community and considered to be a "notable" Oklahoma woman. Nomination forms are available online at <www.pioneerwomanmuseum.com> and contain questions about service activities and personal qualities of the nominee.

For the winner, the nominee or a representative of the nominee must be present to accept the award. The nominee cannot be an employee of the Oklahoma Historical Society or a member of the Pioneer Woman Museum Advisory Board.

For additional information call 580/765-6108.