



Mistletoe Leaves



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The Oklahoma History Center presents "Beginning Beadwork" with Martha Berry



The History Center will host a beginning beadworking class with Martha Berry, a nationally known Cherokee beadwork artist, on December 4, 2010.

The class will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and registration is required. The cost for the class is \$100 and includes all materials and lunch.

Class registration pays for all materials necessary to produce a traditional Cherokee purse. Materials for the student kits will include: fabric, beads, bee's wax, beading needles, sharps needles, ribbon, thread, plastic bags, embroidery hoop, and patterns. Class size is limited to just fifteen participants to allow one-on-one instruction with Martha.

You can find out more about Martha Berry by visiting her website at www.berrybeadwork.com. For class information, contact Jason Harris at 405/522-0785 or jharris@okhistory.org.



Nineteenth century cooking workshop set for Murrell Home site

The George M. Murrell Home Historic Site will host a Nineteenth Century Cooking Workshop on Saturday, November 6. Site manager David Fowler will facilitate this hands-on workshop. Topics of discussion will include fire preparation, cooking equipment, and American Indian influence on Anglo-American cooking.



Participants will cook their own meals from start to finish. Example recipes for military and civilian cooking will be included in the class materials. The class will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 4 p.m.

Registration is \$30 per person or \$25 for Friends of the Murrell Home members. Food and all materials will be included in the cost. Participants must register by Tuesday, November 2. To register for the class, contact the Murrell Home at 918/456-2751. Space is limited. No previous experience is necessary.

The Murrell Home is the only remaining antebellum plantation home in Oklahoma and is a National Historic Landmark. The historic site is located at 19479 E. Murrell Home Road, Park Hill. For more information, visit www.okhistory.org.

Route 66 Museum has busy schedule for holiday season

The Route 66 Museum has planned a busy holiday season, kicking off with Clinton's Festival of Lights celebration on November 30. That day the museum will host an open house with traditional free admission and refreshments. The museum will again enter a float in the festival parade and will host a Christmas tree contest. Museum volunteers, as usual, will design this year's float, which will be pulled by a classic truck. The museum will also be entering a 1937 bumper car in the parade.

The Festival of Lights parade is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. on Main Street (or Frisco Avenue) in Clinton. The museum's open house will begin around 6 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m.

For the Christmas tree contest, various school and civic groups from Clinton will each decorate a tree representing their club's community involvement and achievements. Museum visitors during Festival of Lights open house will vote on their favorite tree, casting a ballot for first, second, and third place. The Christmas trees will be on display throughout the month of December.

Route 66 Museum hours of operation for December are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for visitors touring the galleries is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2.50 for groups of ten or more, \$1 for students ages 6 to 18, and free for children under 5. For additional information contact Pat Smith at 580/323-7866 or at rt66mus@okhistory.org.

Drummond Home Christmas festivities, December 5

The Fred Drummond home will host its annual Christmas festivities on Sunday, December 5, starting at 1 p.m. and lasting until 5 p.m. This year the site will feature the Folk band Finnegan's Awake. The group will perform songs from its latest album titled *Still Awake*. Also, Drummond home descendants Fred and Addie Drummond (reenacted by Dolores and Cecil Drummond) will be "receiving" guests. For the kiddies, Santa Clause will be present to hand out goodies to all the good boys and girls—and grownups too! What a fun afternoon and a wonderful way to start the holiday season. Mark this day down on your calendars. You won't want to miss this event.

The Drummond Home is located at 305 North Price in Hominy. Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for seniors. For this day only, admission will be free for students and children ages 18 and under. For more information, please call 918/885-2374.





Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**
Executive Director

In the life of any organization, there is a delicate balance between correcting mistakes from the past, performing at the highest levels today, and preparing for the needs of the future.

If any part of that balancing act is upset, an organization might prosper for a while but be incapable of long-term progress. That is especially true for an organization like the Oklahoma Historical Society whose main assets are its staff.

Over the past few months, we have proven that we are preparing younger staff members to step into the breach of battle at any given time. I want to share the stories of just a few of those new generation leaders.

When we started planning the Oklahoma History Center, we relied on the educational experience of Mike Adkins, a gifted teacher and superb reenactor who was recognized as the outstanding educator in Oklahoma in 1989. Under Mike's steady hand, we corrected mistakes from the past, performed at the highest levels, and prepared for the future.

One of his young guns was Jason Harris. Jason was one of Mike's students at Westmoore High School. Mike recognized

his passion for history and guided him into the world of historical reenacting, educational curriculum, and museum administration. Mike hired him for his staff.

When we lost Mike to cancer, Jason was ready to step up. Working with Dan Provo and the education team, Jason has shown a high level of creativity, management skill, and devotion to sharing history with everyone.

Another example of preparing for the future is Rob Smith in the Research Division.

Rob was recruited and trained by Larry O'Dell and Chad Williams, former young guns who were recruited and trained in turn by Sandy Stratton, Bill Welge, and me.

Today, with the digital revolution in full swing, Rob is in charge of preserving and sharing the vast resources of the OHS found on tape and film. While giving a tour to VIP guests last week, Rob demonstrated the scanning of maps, the transfer of oral histories from reel-to-reel tape, and the high speed scanning of newspaper images on thirty-five millimeter microfilm. He seemed to be everywhere, multi-tasking on several levels.

In the Museums and Historic Sites Division, one of the young guns is Cody Jolliff.

Cody started as a student volunteer at Fort Gibson, where he fell under the spell of Whit Edwards and David Fowler. Cody earned a degree at Northeastern State under our own Dr. Bill Corbett and was hired at the OHS as an educational interpreter.

When we started the Civil War Sesqui-centennial planning a few months ago, we realized we needed staff support. Cody stepped up and is now contributing half of his time to the statewide effort to commemorate the Civil War and its impact on Oklahoma. Meanwhile, he is working with the OHS team as we invest \$1 million at Fort Gibson.

Jason, Rob, and Cody are just a few of the next generation of leaders here at the OHS. I could go on with similar stories.

Yes, in any organization there is a delicate balance between meeting the needs of the past, present, and future. Thankfully, we are well prepared for a grand and glorious future.

New Members, September 2010

*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level

Associate

- *Mr. and Mrs. William Means, Tulsa
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- Senator Cliff Branan, Oklahoma City
- M.O. Breeding, Oklahoma City
- Dr. and Mrs. Matt Britt, Oklahoma City
- Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Brooks, Oklahoma City
- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Calbone, Oklahoma City

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Development News

by Paul F. Lambert

Recently, Nazih and Annette Zuhdi made a major donation by providing gift memberships in the Oklahoma Historical Society to more than four hundred people! We are most grateful for the Zuhdis' ongoing generous support of the OHS and the Oklahoma History Center. Giving memberships is a wonderful way for members to support the OHS and, at the same time, recognize an individual or couple with a unique gift.

A form that makes it easy to provide a gift membership is available on membership renewal statements. Moreover, gift memberships may be given at any time by providing us the name and address of the individual or couple to receive the membership as well as your name and address. Individual memberships are \$35, Family memberships are \$50, and both are completely tax deductible as a donation. The holiday season, of course, is a wonderful time to give a gift of Oklahoma History.

Gift membership checks and address information may be sent to Alma Moore, Oklahoma Historical Society, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. You may call Alma to give a gift membership using your credit card at 405/522-5242 or toll free at 800/750-4090. Whether you give one, a few, or many gift memberships, we will be most grateful for your support.



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Meetings

The monthly meeting of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society will take place at 6 p.m. on November 1 at the Oklahoma History Center in **Oklahoma City**. The topic of discussion will be "Land Runs, Lotteries, and Homesteading," led by Billie Stone Fogarty, M.Ed., current president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. She will talk about how different states were settled and how that affects their federal records.

Events

Twins Glorea Robb Morgan and Cleora Robb Galt, costars with Will Rogers in the 1933 movie *Mr. Skitch*, will be the grand marshals of the Will Rogers Days Parade in **Claremore** on Saturday, November 6, at 4 p.m. The twins' younger sister, Louanne Fay, who appeared in *The Will Rogers Story* with Will Rogers, Jr., will accompany her sisters. The three ladies will also be special guests for a Night at the Museum ticketed event at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum and at a public reception at the museum from 10 a.m. to noon on the day of the parade. For more information about the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in **Claremore** or the Birthplace Ranch at **Oologah**, visit www.willrogers.com or call 918/341-0719.

Wide-Open Wednesdays will continue through November 17 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in **Oklahoma City**. The Oklahoma Ford Dealers host this special promotion to offer free admission on Wednesdays, giving visitors the opportunity to explore the heritage of the West.

Historic Fort Reno will host ghost tours on November 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the grounds of the fort. The tour will include stories of cavalymen, German prisoners of war, urban legends, as well as demonstrations by paranormal studies groups. These lantern-light tours are offered about once a month. Fort Reno is located four miles west of **El Reno**. For more information contact Bob Warren at bwarren@fortreno.org.

Learn all about Oklahoma's wacky weather at the National Weather Festival put on by the National Weather Center in **Norman**. The event will be held on November 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Na-

tional Weather Center near Jenkins and State Highway 9 in Norman on 120 David L. Boren Boulevard. The festival will feature children's activities, weather technology demonstrations, weather product showcases, and hourly weather balloon launches. The National Weather Center will also be open for tours. For more information, visit the NWC website at www.nwc.ou.edu.

Nowata will celebrate America's veterans on November 13 with a Parade and Bash. Activities will include a pool tournament, karaoke contest, live auction, Nowata Idol, military vehicle displays, and live entertainment for a \$5 cover charge. Events will begin at 11 a.m. and go into the night until 1 a.m. For more information, please contact Kimberly Smoak at k_smoak@yahoo.com.

Exhibits

Tulsa's Gilcrease Museum will host a touring exhibition entitled *Faces of the Frontier: Photographic Portraits from the American West, 1845-1924*. Presented by the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, this exhibition of more than one hundred photographs shows how the American West has changed between the Mexican War and the passage of the Indian Citizenship Act in 1924, the eighty years encompassed by the exhibit. Four general themes are explored: land, exploration, discord, and possibilities. The staff of the Gilcrease has put together a companion exhibit consisting of seventy-five historic photographs from their collections entitled *History in Focus: Photographic Images from the Gilcrease Collection*. The exhibit opened Sunday, October 10, and runs through January 2, 2011. Admission to Gilcrease Museum is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$6 for active duty military, \$5 for college students, and free for children under 18.

Classes

The Emeritus Faculty Association at the University of Central Oklahoma will sponsor a Chautauqua presentation on Wednesday, November 17, at 10 a.m. in Constitution Hall on the second floor of the Nigh University Center on the UCO campus in **Edmond**. Dr. Patrick McGinnis will present "The Way to Recov-

ery: An Address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt" as an in-character speech. As FDR, Dr. McGinnis will be speaking on issues relevant to Americans during the late spring of 1935. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, you can contact Dr. McGinnis at 405/341-6964 or Dr. Virginia Peters, chair of the Activities Committee of the Emeritus Faculty Association, at virgepeters@sbcglobal.net.

Ladies, it's time to sharpen your outdoor skills at Lake Tenkiller State Park November 5-7. Everything from Dutch oven cooking to crafting handmade knives will be taught by knowledgeable instructors. Lake Tenkiller State Park is located eight miles north of **Gore** on State Highway 100. For more information, contact Leann Bunn via email at lbunn@oklahomaparks.com.

The Cherokee Humanities Course and the Cherokee National Female Seminary Exhibition have just been awarded grants from Oklahoma Humanities Council. In the Cherokee Humanities Course, students are given the opportunity to study the fundamental concepts of Cherokee society from a philosophical standpoint. In 2011 the course will be offered on January 10 through April 18 and August 22 through December 5. The Cherokee National Female Seminary Exhibition will display the history of the first institute of higher education for women west of the Mississippi River. Using computer-aided technology, visitors will see the burnt remnants of the school brought back to life. For more program information, send an email to info@cherokeeheritage.org or contact the Cherokee Heritage Center in **Tahlequah**.

Support

In **Miami**, the Friends of the Coleman Theater are raising funds for their continued restoration efforts by setting up Christmas card photography settings in the beautiful lobby of the Coleman. Professional photographer Gary Crow and Osborn Drugs are collaborating with the Friends of the Coleman to create a Winter Wonderland photo opportunity in the theater. Appointments are primarily on Saturdays and Sundays and can be made by calling 918/540-2425.

Register now for the SHPO's December Workshops

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the schedule for its annual fall workshop series. Each workshop is devoted to one of the SHPO's federal preservation programs and is designed for preservation professionals, government agency representatives, and concerned citizens. The sessions will be held Wednesday, December 8, through Friday, December 10. All sessions will be held in the Classroom, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City (just northeast of the State Capitol). The workshops are free and open to the public, but the SHPO requests that you register by 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 1. Space is limited for all sessions and will be reserved on a first-come basis.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

December 8 (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) - Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

In this workshop participants will learn about the federal and state investment tax credits for certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. A detailed discussion of the Historic Preservation Certification Application Parts 1, 2, and 3 will guide owners and developers in successfully preparing the information needed for the State Historic Preservation Office to review the project and for the National Park Service to certify it. This session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

December 8 (1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.) - The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

This half-day workshop is dedicated to a thorough discussion of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation. Generally referred to as The Standards, these common sense principles are widely used in the historic preservation field. Whether you are involved in a rehabilitation project for the 20 percent federal and 20 percent state tax credits, planning a rehabilitation project funded with federal assistance, serving on a local historic preservation commission, or just wanting to know the best approach to rehabilitating your historic private home, you will find this session invaluable. It is designed as a stand-alone workshop and as a companion to Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitation.

December 9 (10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) - The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act provides that federal agencies must consider the effect of their undertakings on archeological and historic properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Topics addressed in this day-long workshop include the basic requirements of Section 106, the regulations that govern the process, how to determine National Register eligibility, what constitutes adverse effects, mitigating adverse effects, and streamlining Section 106 review.

December 10 (10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) - Working with the National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is the foundation of the SHPO's programs, and a basic understanding of the register is essential for those involved in historic preservation at all levels of government and in the private sector. The workshop provides detailed information about the National Register criteria, what listing means, the rights of property owners in the nomination process, tips for preparing successful nominations, and much more.

Registered architects who attend these workshops can qualify for American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) learning units. Simply register for the workshop(s). After the workshops, self-report your attendance at <http://www.aia.org/education/index.htm>. The SHPO will provide written learning objectives and a certificate of attendance the week of December 13.

If you may have questions about workshop content, contact Melvena Heisch at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org.

To register for any or all of the workshops contact Betty Harris at 405/521-6249 or bharris@okhistory.org by 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 1. You may also register online at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php>.

Mistletoe Leaves in the beginning

Brian Basore, veteran librarian in the Research Center of the Oklahoma History Center, provides us with the following account from the Newspaper Archives. Mr. Basore notes that W. P. Campbell was one of the two editors of the *Hennessey Democrat* in 1893 and was likely the author of the article. The story is from the *Hennessey Democrat*, Hennessey, O.T., Saturday, August 12, 1893, p. 1, col. 2. It reads as follows:

"Custodian Campbell of Kingfisher, has issued a little publication entitled, *Mistletoe Leaves*. It is gotten out to further the development of the territorial historical collection. Such enterprise should meet a hearty second by those who desire the success of the historical society. In his *Mistletoe Leaves* the custodian solicits contributions of anything that may in the future prove of curious or historic interest."

It should be noted that the Oklahoma Territory Press Association founded the Oklahoma Historical Society in May 1893 in Kingfisher. William P. (W. P.) Campbell was named the OHS's "Historical Custodian."

It takes more than money . . .

. . . to create collections and exhibits that can achieve the Oklahoma Historical Society's goals of collecting, preserving, and sharing. It takes the donation of an artifact, a book, a document, or a whole collection of those things to help us tell Oklahoma's story. Here are the past quarter's contributors to our research collections:

Research Division Donors, July - September 2010

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Jones, Charles E., Oklahoma City	Yocham, Doris R., Sapulpa
Jones, Jack R., New Hope, MN	Zimmerman, Dennis and Kim, Oklahoma City



Fort Gibson Fall Bake Day is November 13

Fort Gibson Historic Site will heat up its big stone oven for Fall Bake Day on Saturday, November 13. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., visitors to the site will have a chance to see how the army baked bread at the fort in the late 1800s. For a nominal donation to the Friends of Fort Gibson, visitors may take home a loaf of bread baked in the oven. Donations will support activities of the Friends group, which benefit Fort Gibson Historic Site.

Visitors are also welcome to bring their favorite bread recipes to bake. Chief baker Rory Montgomery advises everyone to bring their oldest pans, since they will be placed directly on the floor of the oven. The oven is in the post bake house near the Visitors Center at Fort Gibson Historic Site.

Located on State Highway 80 in Fort Gibson, the historic site is operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society. For more information call 918/478-4088 or email fortgibson@okhistory.org.



Twenty-year members renew in September

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

Harrison Townes, Tulsa, July 1, 1962
 Patricia Hoig, Edmond, August 1, 1974
 Glenn and Judy Hudgens, Tulsa, September 3, 1980
 J. Carl Richeson, Eldorado, September 1, 1981
 David and Arlene Baker, Lawton, October 4, 1984
 Redlands Community College, El Reno, July 1, 1985
 Leah Nellis, Norman, February 18, 1987
 Tonkawa Public Library, Tonkawa, July 10, 1987
 Marjorie Scott, Hennessey, December 17, 1987
 Robert Klemme, Enid, August 30, 1988
 Walter and Nancy Chapman, Stigler, September 21, 1988
 Towana Spivey, Duncan, November 21, 1988
 Gary and Lindey McDaniel, Bixby, August 8, 1989
 Peter Winn and Gail Deaton, Edmond, August 15, 1989
 Polly Dee Sandlin, Norman, July 9, 1990
 Michael and Suzanne Wallis, Tulsa, August 15, 1990

New Oklahoma National Register listings

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce the newest National Register of Historic Places listings. These properties are from across the state including houses, a bridge, recreational facilities and a ranch. The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of properties significant in our past.

The Morrow Home Place is located in Collinsville, Tulsa County. The Morrow Home Place is significant as an excellent local example of a first generation farmhouse in Tulsa County, representing the earliest settlement in the area. It embodies a building type that once dominated the landscape of the area but has been supplanted by newer, bigger buildings.

North from Tulsa is the Moore Ranch in Nowata County, which has also been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Moore Ranch is significant for its association with agriculture and as an excellent local example of a ranch complex representing early settlement in Nowata County. The house, bunkhouse, and other outbuildings create this locally significant ranch.

Located in Payne County, White Cloud Lodge on the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch near Perkins is significant for the architectural design of architect Elmira Sauberan Smyrl. A Contemporary-style building, White Cloud Lodge exemplifies the use of concrete on a segmental shell structure applied to a group home residence, which remains architecturally unique in Payne County. Dr. Mary Jane Warde prepared the nomination for this property.

Wentz Camp, located in Ponca City, was constructed between 1928 and 1953. The camp is significant for its association with recreation in Ponca City; for its connection to Lew Wentz, a nationally recognized oilman and philanthropist who built the camp for the children of Ponca City; and for its outstanding Romanesque Revival architectural style. The camp has been in continuous use since it opened in 1930.

The Pond Creek Masonic Lodge #125 in Pond Creek is significant as the best embodiment and outstanding example of the Modern Movement in Pond Creek. The building represented the first use of the Modern Movement architectural style in Pond Creek and remains the best extant example of that style as applied to a public or semipublic building.

Located in Alva is the Nickel Ensor McClure House, which is significant for its architectural style of Romanesque Revival. Since its construction in 1909, the home has been virtually unaltered on the exterior, with only minor interior alterations as well. Kelli Gaston prepared the nomination for this property.

Kelli Gaston also prepared the nomination for the First United Methodist Church of Fairview. Although the First United Methodist Church of Fairview no longer houses an active congregation, the church building remains the most outstanding local example of Late Gothic Revival-style architecture and is one of the only high-style-designed buildings in Fairview.

Located in the Shawnee vicinity of Pottawatomie County is the Squirrel Creek Bridge. This structure is significant for its association with transportation and engineering. The Squirrel Creek Bridge embodies the distinctive characteristics of bridge engineering, specifically the rainbow arch bridge design. It is a rare example of its type in Oklahoma and is the only extant rainbow arch bridge in Oklahoma.

The American Baptist Home Mission House, located in Tahlequah, is an excellent example of the Free Classic subtype of the Queen Anne style of architecture. It is also representative of the development of institutions of higher education in the state of Oklahoma. Built in 1905 by prominent Tahlequah builder William Alston, this resource retains a very high level of integrity, having no alterations. Brad Bays prepared the nomination for this property.

Located in the Veterans Colony near Wilburton is the Administration Building, which is significant for its association with the work undertaken by the Works Progress Administration and for its architecture as an excellent example of Works Progress Administration construction. The work relief provided by the WPA allowed many local people to survive the trying times of the 1930s while also stimulating the local, state, and national economies.

Listing in the National Register is an honorific designation that provides recognition, limited protection and, in some cases, financial incentives for these important properties. The SHPO identifies, evaluates, and nominates properties for this special designation.

For more detailed information, contact Lynda Schwan at 405/522-4478 or email lschwan@okhistory.org.

Quilt Block class at Pawnee Bill Ranch

The Quilt Block of the Month Class will be held at Pawnee Bill Ranch on Tuesday, November 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Martha Ray will instruct the class in the site's conference room. Cost of the workshop is \$5. For more information, contact Anna Davis at 918/762-2513 or pawneebill@okhistory.org.

Murrell Home has new hours of operation

The George Murrell Home has new, year-round hours of operation. The museum and gift shop are now open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The site is closed Sunday, Monday, and state holidays. The nature park is open every day, dawn to dusk.

The George Murrell Home is located at 19479 E. Murrell Home Drive, Park Hill. For more information, contact 918/246-2751 or murrellhome@okhistory.org.



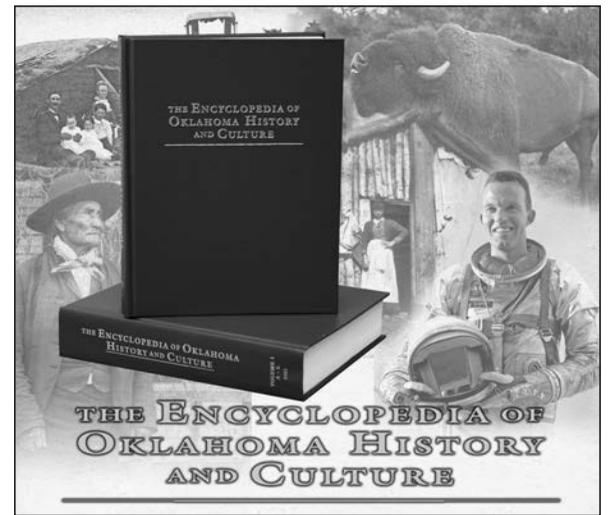
First Oklahoma City Police Department. Photo from the Edna Mae Couch Collection, 20738-T-9-1.

Hidden Collections . . .

The Edna Mae Couch Collection

by Larry O'Dell

The Edna Mae Couch Collection (2001.01) is a rare group of records that touches on a broad spectrum of research needs. It covers the genealogy of an important family in Oklahoma history, includes several boxes on researching Oklahoma history, and also has records generated for groups such as the Oklahoma Writers Federation and the 1889ers Society. The large collection of fifty-eight document boxes and eight oversized containers reveals aspects of the state's history from a perspective that should be interesting to scholars and others who study



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Oklahoma's past.

Edna Mae Couch, born in Indian Territory in 1903, was related to Captain William Couch, a leader of the Boomer movement. Ms. Couch avidly researched history and genealogy. She served as a board member for the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Cleveland County Historical Society. She also held the office of president for the Oklahoma Genealogical Society and the 1889er Society. Couch was active in the Oklahoma Writers Federation, serving as historian for the group. Edna Mae Couch died in 1998, and luckily the family gifted her collection to the OHS.

The collection consists of more than twenty-five boxes on genealogy, most relating to the Couch family. There are several boxes pertaining to her research and writing on Oklahoma history, on topics such as Fort Supply, American Indians, Oklahoma City, and homesteading. Other materials include correspondence, records, minutes, and clippings related to the 1889er Society and the Oklahoma Writers Federation, Inc. The collection also contains interesting photographs, with some scanned and viewable at the Oklahoma Historical Society's website. Through Ms. Couch's letters, writings, and activities, and those of similar contemporaries, the development of the state's history and institutions can be traced. The collection can be perused on the Research Division's online catalogue on the Oklahoma Historical Society's website: www.okhistory.org. It can also be accessed at the Oklahoma History Center in the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center.

Gift Shop News

by Russ Haynes

Hello everyone! Fall is here and accompanying it are some changes here in the Gift Shop. Due to rising printing and mailing costs we have decided not to print a paper catalog this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have ordered from the paper catalog over the years, and I encourage you to continue to use our online catalog for your book needs. The online catalog has many advantages over the old paper catalog. It allows us to keep our inventory up-to-date as well as to offer our latest additions in a timely fashion and not just once a year. When using the online catalog you can set up an account and order with a credit card, or if you prefer you can print out an order form and send it in with a check. In addition to the online catalog, we will continue to present our newest books here in the Gift Shop News column, and you can always give us a call and order over the phone.

INDIAN TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA: A Guide by Blue Clark. Solidly grounded in scholarship and Native American oral tradition, this book provides general readers the unique story of almost forty American Indian tribes that call Oklahoma home. Each entry contains a complete statistical and narrative summary of the tribe, encompassing everything from origin tales and archaeological research to contemporary ceremonies and tribal businesses. 413 pages. Hardback. \$29.95

ROUTE 66: A Photo Journal by Michael A. Campanelli. *Route 66: A Photo Journal* is an eight-day adventure along Route 66 through the eyes of the author and photographer, Michael Campanelli. The 170 photographs included are from the 1,100 taken between February 17 and February 25, 2002. With more than two thousand miles of original road still drivable these images are just a glimpse of what there is to experience along the Mother Road. Signed by author. 104 pages. Hardback. \$45

BATTLESHIP OKLAHOMA, BB-37 by Jeff Phister, Thomas Hone, and Paul Goodyear. This book tells the complete story of the *USS Oklahoma* from its christening in 1914 to its final loss in 1947. It weaves the personal narratives of surviving crewmen with the necessary technical information to recreate the drama and horror of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, which led to the capsizing of the ship and the deaths of four hundred of her crewmen. 256 pages. Paperback. \$19.95

FIELDS OF BLOOD: The Prairie Grove Campaign by William Shea. The author provides a gripping narrative of the events surrounding the Battle of Prairie Grove, one of the great, unsung battles of the Civil War. He offers a colorful account of a grueling campaign that lasted five months, covered hundreds of miles of rugged Ozark terrain, and ended with a desperate battle that effectively ended Confederate offensive operations west of the Mississippi River. 358 pages. Hardback. \$35

BUD & ME: The True Adventures of the Abernathy Boys by Alta Abernathy. This account relates the remarkable true story of brothers Temple and Louis ("Bud") Abernathy as they crisscrossed the nation in the early days of the twentieth century on horseback, in automobiles, and on motorcycles. Full of excitement and interesting people, the boys' adventures continue to inspire generation after generation of Americans. 162 pages. Hardback. \$18.95

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New Members, cont'd.

Heirloom Care Class on November 6

The Oklahoma History Center will host an Heirloom Care Class on Saturday, November 6, from 10 a.m. until noon. Matt Reed, OHS curator of American Indian Collections, will instruct the class on the proper care of American Indian artifacts. This is an opportunity for our experienced curators to help you with your prized collections. Cost of the class is \$10. Registration is required, and seating is limited. To register, call 405/522-0785 or email jharris@okhistory.org.

SHPO announces HPRC'S 2011 meeting schedule

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee's (HPRC) schedule for calendar year 2011. The HPRC (state review board) is appointed by the governor to provide advice to the State Historic Preservation Officer about nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and other preservation issues. Current HPRC members include Arn Henderson (architectural historian, Norman), William P. Corbett (historian, Tahlequah), Ron Frantz (architect, Oklahoma City), John D. Hartley (prehistoric archaeologist, Norman), and Charles S. Wallis (historical archaeologist, Norman). The HPRC's four scheduled meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, April 21, July 21, and October 20.

The meetings will be held in the Oklahoma Historical Society's LeRoy H. Fischer Boardroom, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, and they are open to the public. The HPRC and the SHPO encourage all interested parties to attend, and meeting agendas and National Register nominations under consideration at the respective meeting are provided for interested parties on the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm>.

The National Park Service regulations governing the SHPO's programs require that a qualified state review board participate in the National Register and other SHPO programs. During each meeting, the HPRC hears presentations on nominations to the National Register of Historic Places from SHPO staff and consultants, receives comments from owners of properties proposed for nomination, listens to public comments and concerns, and formulates recommendations to the SHPO about whether a property should be nominated to the National Register. The HPRC and SHPO staff invite concerned citizens and preservation professionals to participate in this important component of Oklahoma's preservation program.

For further information about the HPRC, the National Register, or other SHPO programs, call 405/521-6249 or visit the website listed above.

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Due to space constraints, Individual New Members for November will appear in the December issue of the *Mistletoe Leaves*.

Rug Hooking presentation at Murrell Home

The Friends of the Murrell Home meeting on Thursday, November 4, will feature Gina Levesque, an expert fiber artist. She will present a program on the history of hooked rugs in America. Examples will be shown. A Friends of the Murrell Home business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 7 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

The George Murrell Home is located at 19479 E. Murrell Home Drive, Park Hill. For more information, contact 918/246-2751 or murrellhome@okhistory.org.

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Fire destroys Fort Washita Barracks

Tragedy struck at Fort Washita Historic Site early Sunday morning, September 26, when the South Barracks caught fire and burned to the ground, ending thirty-six years of educational service to the state of Oklahoma. Oklahoma Historical Society officials judge that the building and its contents were a total loss.

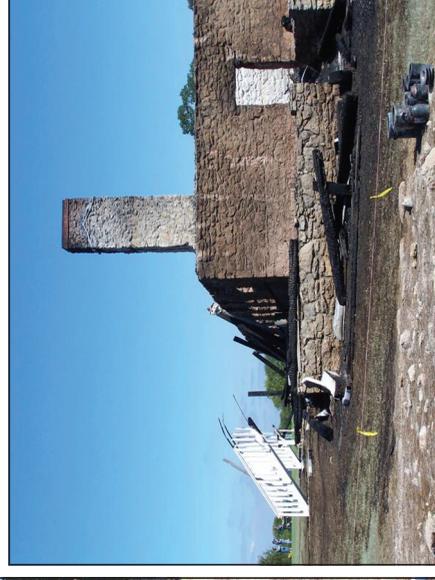
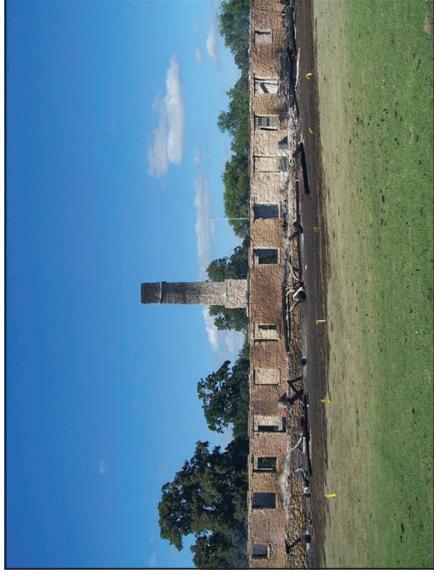
Law enforcement officials report that the cause of the fire was arson. Three suspects have been taken into custody for questioning by authorities.

Completed in 1974, the South Barracks was a reconstruction project located on the foundation of an original post building constructed in 1849. The structure was reconstructed using nineteenth century army plans that described the barracks as a two-story, 120-foot by 30-foot enlisted men's quarters. The upper story was frame construction and consisted of two large rooms housing the men's bunks. A room at each end of this floor served as space for sergeants and orderlies. The lower level was comprised of mess halls, kitchens, and storerooms. Most of these reconstructed rooms were furnished as they looked in the 1850s.

OHS staff used the South Barracks as the main focus of interpretation for Fort Washita and its history. The building served as a temporary home for visiting living history groups that presented programs to the public. Reenactors used the barracks as a staging point in bringing fort history back to life. Programs such as the annual candlelight tours made use of the building and were extremely popular with all visitors.

The Fort Washita Historic Site became a part of the OHS in 1962 when the property was purchased by the state with a generous contribution by the Ward S. Merrick Foundation of Ardmore. Planning and development of the site soon followed.

OHS officials plan to propose to the OHS Board of Directors that the South Barracks be rebuilt. Cost estimates and reconstruction plans currently are being made.



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History Center to present "Beyond the Laughter: Bill Mauldin, Willie, and Joe"



The Oklahoma History Center will present a special program on November 4, 2010, focusing on cartoons during World War II. "Beyond the Laughter: Bill Mauldin, Willie and Joe" will look at the realities of combat from the perspective of the combat soldier. The discussion will be led by Dr. James Baker, professor of history at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Using Mauldin's drawings and cartoons as a platform Dr. Baker will look at the inhuman conditions in the combat zone, the absurdities of combat as viewed by the common soldier, how soldiers coped with combat, and the soldiers' experiences with alcohol and sex, or the lack thereof.

Bill Mauldin was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning for his cartoons of Willie and Joe, two "everyman" GIs in World War II.

The History Center will open its doors at 6 p.m. with the program beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free for the event. For more information contact Jason Harris at 405/522-0785 or jharris@okhistory.org.