

# Olive Hill Cemetery Association Inc.

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## MEMORIAL DAY 2007

Lay Family

Sitlington Family



Bailey Family

Prehara / Bradshaw Family

### Minutes of the OHCA Meeting

OHCA Chair Nina Lay called the meeting to order at 10:05. Those present were: Donna Hocking, Kay Hollingsworth, Pren Hollingsworth, Linda Stabler, Nina Lay, Fran Morris, Nancy Prehara and Mike Prehara.

As clouds gathered overhead and a misty rain began to fall, minutes of the previous meeting were read, expediently. Donna Hocking moved that they be approved as presented, seconded by Kay Hollingsworth. Motion passed.

The financial report was presented. Following discussion, Fran Morris moved that the report be accepted as presented, seconded by Nancy Prehara. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** Linda Stabler reported that the estimates for replacement of the damaged sidewalk requested at the previous meeting had been obtained. Those estimates ranged from \$7100-8278. After some discussion it was decided that the sidewalk's current state does reflect some of the age and character of Olive Hill and to shelve the idea of replacement for the time being.

**New Business:** There was discussion about identifying "orphan plots" (plots for which there are no known living descendents in the area) that might benefit from the marker fund. Other suggestions for small scale improvements that might be budgeted in the coming year included installation of some new landscape plants around the cemetery and repair of markers on the "orphan plots". The secretary/treasurer agreed to work on all of the above. The chair opened the floor for the nomination of officers. Fran Morris moved that the current slate be re-elected for another year. Nancy Prehara seconded the motion, which was accepted by acclamation with a unanimous vote. Donna thanked Linda for her and BJ Bailey's work maintaining the cemetery during 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35. *Respectfully submitted, Linda B. Stabler, OHCA Secretary*

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## From the Historian:



Lawrence Lay (pictured ca. 1932)

Lawrence Lay was the fifth of the eight children of Dr. Shelby Lay and Margaret Younger Lay. He was born June 18, 1880 in Yellville, AR. He received his license to teach school at 18 and from that time on he was teacher, student, lecturer and preacher. Lawrence came to Oklahoma in 1902. He was principal of the school at Randlett, OK in 1912 and for the next 31 years he taught in many different areas of OK. He received his B. A. from the University of Oklahoma in 1918 and a Master of Theology degree from Phillips University (in Enid, OK) in 1923. Lawrence married Alberta (Berta) Bailey on April 3, 1918 in Okemah, OK. They had 5 children: Margaret Lay Young, Robert M. Lay, Ruth Lay Stabler, Kathryn Lay Hollingsworth, and Fran Lay Morris. He continued to preach and teach and wrote many articles for local newspapers. He often advocated the force of Christianity in politics and society. He taught non-denominational Bible classes and was chairman of the Britton Community Fund in 1932 where he recommended the use of funds be for a "make work" program for civic improvement. Lawrence ran for county commissioner in 1932 and lost the mayoral race in Britton, OK in 1933. In 1940 he lead a movement that included demonstrations staged as a means of awakening people that the US did not have to enter the war. In his last year he was principal of the school at Blanchard. Lawrence died suddenly September 17, 1943.

**Lawrence Lay is memorialized at Olive Hill along with his wife Berta Bailey Lay and their daughter Margaret Lay Young!**



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## Family Participation

Olive Hill Cemetery has always been maintained by families. Many OHCA members spent some of their childhood pulling weeds or cleaning gravestones. Now there is a perpetual fund that will provide most of the upkeep expenses of the cemetery but cleaning and repair of stones and special landscaping are still being done by families. Some families have given small trees and the stone bench near the south fence was also donated. The entire "Baby Garden" was donated by the Volunteer Auxiliary at Deaconess Hospital, and the very large pine tree was planted many years ago by Berta Lay. The Stickler and Sanders families have planted special grass and have spent many weekends watering it. This year the Ford/Mills family cleaned all those stones and had the Ford obelisk reset to secure it. The Nicholson, Gaunt, and Bloom families have also cleaned the older stones. OHCA deeply appreciates all kinds of family contributions. We thank you.



In 1975, at age 80, Berta Bailey Lay tends to the grave of her sister Sarah Bailey Sitlington.