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**Oklahoma Heritage Association releases two new books
to begin its 35th year of publishing**

OKLAHOMA CITY – In 1975, the Oklahoma Heritage Association launched itself into the publishing arena with *The Judge: The Life of Robert A. Hefner* by Clifford Earl Trafzer. *The Judge* was the first biography in what would become the Association's Oklahoma Trackmaker Series, dedicated to telling the stories of Oklahomans like Jimmy Stewart, Alma Wilson, Lee West and, most recently, Melvin Moran.

Moving Heaven and Earth: The Life of Melvin Moran, by Karen Anson, details the life of the Seminole resident and 1997 Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductee. Moran has lived through more than one Depression, rose to the top through the economic highs and lows of the last 80 years, served in a top-secret unit of the USAD in London and created the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum, all while filling his life and the lives of those around him with incredible humor and fun. *Moving Heaven and Earth* retails for \$26.95.

The Association's Oklahoma Horizons Series focuses on institutional histories and movements. Newly released from this series is *Pride of the Wichitas: A History of Cameron University*, by Sarah Eppler Janda, which charts the Lawton institution's history. One of six agricultural high schools created by the Oklahoma state legislature in 1908, Cameron has undergone numerous changes through its first 100 years, while still retaining a strong commitment to educating its students and providing them with individualized attention. *Pride of the Wichitas* retails for \$29.95.

Considered the leader in publishing Oklahoma's history, the Association began a children's line in 2008 and will launch a new series called Oklahoma Through Its People this year. The new series will celebrate the accomplishments of groups of Oklahomans—from athletes and musicians to coaches and Broadway. More than 125 publications later, the publishing program's purpose remains in keeping with the organization's overall mission to tell Oklahoma's story through the state's greatest asset – its people. Titles scheduled to be released in 2010 include histories of INTEGRIS, Broken Bow, and the biographies of Bob Barry, Sr. and the state's 100 greatest athletes.

Moving Heaven and Earth, *Pride of the Wichitas* and other Association publications are available for purchase in the Gaylord-Pickens Museum Store, at www.oklahomaheritage.com and in bookstores statewide.

The Oklahoma Heritage Association preserves Oklahoma's unique history and inspires pride in the state. Through each of its programs and the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum the Association strives to tell Oklahoma's story through its people. For more information about the Association or Museum, visit www.oklahomaheritage.com or call 405.235.4458.

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