

GAYLORD-PICKENS OKLAHOMA HERITAGE MUSEUM

Oklahoma City, OK

Scope: 41,708 SF (excluding basement)
11,430 SF Garden

The renovated Mid-Continental Life building is now home to the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum. Built in 1925 by Solomon Andrew Layton, the neoclassical building was built from 12 train cars loads of Indiana limestone, slabs of Alabama marble and British Honduran mahogany wood. Today the building remains in pristine condition.

Architectural Concept:

- Juxtapose history and 21st century thinking.
- Historic information vs. Electronic information.
- Make the history of Oklahoma and Oklahomans interesting, timely and timeless.
- Use touch screens, video and wireless information delivery.
- Connect history to young people with information delivery using film and electronics.
- Present the information in the form of video "stories" vs. static.
- Do not create fake history. Emphasize and embellish the historical spaces and details.
- Make the required modern "insertions" compatible or invisible within the historic space.
- Introduce timeless materials and finishes that add warmth and richness to the experience.



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