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DIRECTOR'S  
NEWS UPDATE



**Preservation of Historical Artifacts in OSP Museum**

Efforts are currently under way to properly preserve the historical artifacts and materials located at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP) Museum in McAlester.

Plans are to relocate many items on the historical inventory to Oklahoma City so these items can be properly documented, restored, photographed and preserved. Once preserved, many items will be returned to the OSP Museum, while others will be placed in preservation within the Oklahoma Historical Society. In the future, items will be identified for exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center and a traveling historical exhibit for educational and informational purposes will be developed. Eventually, renovation of the present OSP Museum will occur.

The goal of this effort is to preserve and exhibit all of the Department's historical artifacts and materials in a manner consistent with best practices so that future generations can have the opportunity to view our history.