

IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION

- 85 Towns, population between 1,000 and 2,000 without a free public library.
 14 Libraries in towns, population less than 1,000.
 5 Counties without a free public library.
 17 County seats without a free public library.

BUILDINGS.

- 97 Carnegie buildings.
 21 Buildings erected by city tax or the gift of other donors.
 18 Libraries without buildings.
 9 New buildings dedicated (not including branches).
 4 Buildings under construction or gift promise.

LIBRARIANS.

- 50 Graduates of library schools are employed in Iowa libraries.
 96 Graduates of the Iowa Summer Library School are employed in Iowa libraries.
 23 Students attended Iowa Summer Library School in 1917.
 32 Students attended Iowa Summer Library School in 1918.

LIBRARY COMMISSION
 EXTENSION AND SUPERVISION.

- 128 Visits made for inspection and organization of libraries.
 17 Public libraries organized.
 8 Association libraries organized.
 3 High school libraries organized.
 7 Public libraries given cataloging assistance.
 13 District meetings attended by Commission staff.

TRAVELING LIBRARY.

- 35,254 Volumes in Traveling Library.
 15,500 Volumes in fixed groups.
 20,283 Volumes in open shelf collection.
 6,153 Requests received.
 84,134 Books circulated.
 697 New stations.

IOWA LIBRARY NEEDS.

- More Traveling Library stations.
 More books and other material to supply Traveling Library requests.
 A public library in every county.
 A public library in every city over 1,000 in population.
 More library buildings.
 A trained librarian in every public library.
 A library supervisor for high school libraries.
 Larger salaries for librarians in order to attract and retain efficient workers.
 A higher tax levy in many towns.
 A larger and more intelligent interest on the part of many library boards.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS

OF THE

STATE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

OF IOWA

FOR THE

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ESTABLISHMENT AND LEGAL STATUS.

The State Historical Society of Iowa was established pursuant to an act of the Sixth General Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for an annual appropriation for the benefit of a State Historical Society" and approved on January 28, 1857. On February 7, 1857, organization of the Society was fully effected by the adoption of a constitution. In 1872 the Society was brought into closer relations with the State by "An Act to Reorganize the State Historical Society," which was passed by the Fourteenth General Assembly and approved on April 23rd. The Society was first incorporated in December, 1867. Its present incorporation dates from the year 1892.

The present organization, authority and legal status of The State Historical Society of Iowa are based upon the provisions of the Code of 1897, Title XIII, Chapter 18, Sections 2882-2888.

PUBLIC SUPPORT.

In 1857 the sum of \$250 was voted by the General Assembly as a permanent annual allowance for the use of the Society. This permanent annual support was increased to \$500 in 1860; to \$1,000 in 1880; to \$2,500 in 1902; to \$7,500 in 1904; to \$12,000 in 1907; to \$16,000 in 1911; to \$20,000 in 1913; and to \$24,000 in 1917.

In addition to the permanent annual support the following special appropriations have been voted by the General Assembly: \$6,000 in 1868; \$1,000 in 1892; \$2,000 in 1900; \$9,500 in 1902; and \$750 in 1906.

The present support of The State Historical Society of Iowa is provided for by an act of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly entitled "An Act making appropriations to the state historical society of Iowa," approved on April 16, 1913, and an act of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly entitled "An Act making an additional appropriation to the State Historical Society of Iowa", approved on April 14, 1917.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Iowa City, Iowa, November 5, 1918.

Hon. William L. Harding, Governor of Iowa:

Pursuant to the provisions of law, the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa submit herewith their thirty-second biennial report for the period ending June 30, 1918.

Benj. F. Shambaugh,
Superintendent.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following is a summary* of the finances of The State Historical Society of Iowa from July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

General Support Fund of 1913 (Act of 35th G. A.), including balance on hand July 1, 1916.	\$40,201.34
General Support Fund of 1917 (Act of 37th G. A.)	4,059.09
Publication and Membership Fund (derived from membership dues and sale of publications), including balance on hand July 1, 1916.	4,796.77
Total receipts	\$48,958.11

EXPENDITURES.

	Amount	Balance
General Support Fund of 1913	\$40,181.74	\$ 19.60
General Support Fund of 1917	3,985.83	15.17
Publication and Membership Fund	4,044.86	712.51
Total expenditures all funds	\$48,200.43	\$ 748.68
Total balance all funds	748.68	
Expenditures and balance equal total receipts.	\$48,958.11	

CURATORS AND OFFICERS.

The Board of Curators as now constituted consists of the following persons:

Appointed by the Governor in 1918—A. F. Allen, Sioux City; Marsh W. Bailey, Washington; J. P. Cruikshank, Fort Madison; Charles J. Fulton, Fairfield; J. J. McConnell, Cedar Rapids; John T. Moffit, Tipton; Byron W. Newberry, Strawberry Point; Chas. E. Pickett, Waterloo; J. B. Weaver, Des Moines.

Elected by the Society in 1917—J. W. Rich, Euclid Sanders, Arthur J. Cox, Marvin H. Dey, Henry G. Walker, Henry Albert, S. A. Swisher, Charles M. Dutcher, Geo. E. Grier, all of Iowa City.

The officers of The State Historical Society of Iowa as elected by the Board of Curators in 1918 are as follows:

Euclid Sanders, President; Paul A. Korab, Treasurer.

SALARIED STAFF.

The following constitute the salaried staff of the Society, as provided for by action of the Board of Curators, from July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917: Superintendent and Editor, \$2,400; Associate Editor, \$2,100; Executive Clerk and Secretary to Superintendent, \$1,500; Clerk and Stenographer, \$490; Library Research Associate, \$900; Library Assistant, \$600; General Assistant, \$480; Research Associate, \$1,000; Research Assistant, \$600.

The following constitute the salaried staff of the Society, as provided for by action of the Board of Curators, from July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918: Superintendent and Editor, \$2,400; Associate Editor, \$2,200; Executive Clerk and Secretary to Superintendent, \$1,600; Clerk and Stenographer, \$400; Library Research Associate, \$1,000; Library Assistant, \$700; General Assistant, \$480; Research Associate, \$1,000; Research Associate, \$1,200.

All other services are paid for by the hour or by the week by the order of the Board of Curators upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa upon election by the Board of Curators and the payment of an initial fee of \$3.00. Membership in this Society may be retained upon the payment of \$3.00 annually. Members of the Society are entitled to receive all the publications issued by the Society during the period of their membership. Any person may become a life member of the State Historical Society upon election by the Board of Curators and the payment of \$50.00. Life members are entitled to all the privileges of members without the payment of annual dues.

On July 1, 1918, there were on the rolls of the Society 637 members, of whom 33 were life members.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP.

Local historical societies (such as county historical societies, city or town historical societies, and old settlers' associations) may be enrolled as auxiliary members of The State Historical Society of Iowa upon application by such local historical societies and upon approval of the Board of Curators.

Patriotic organizations within the State of Iowa (such as the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Iowa Society of Colonial Wars, and the Iowa Society of Colonial Dames) may be enrolled as auxiliary members of The State Historical Society of Iowa upon application of such organizations and upon approval by the Board of Curators.

Auxiliary societies or organizations receive all of the publications of The State Historical Society of Iowa issued during

*For a detailed and itemized financial statement, see 1918 report of the Board of Curators to the Executive Council.

the period of their affiliation without the payment of any fees or dues. Each auxiliary society or organization is entitled to one vote at the annual meeting of this Society.

On July 1, 1918, the auxiliary members of the Society numbered 24.

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Curators, certain public and college libraries within the State have been designated as official depositories. These official depositories receive all of the publications of the Society as issued without the payment of any fee or dues whatsoever. Thus the Historical Society aims to make its publications accessible to the greatest possible number of citizens of the Commonwealth. Within the State there are now 160 official depositories.

It is the policy of the State Historical Society to maintain exchange relations with certain libraries and institutions throughout the United States—an arrangement which results in the acquisition of valuable materials for the library of the Historical Society. Fifty-nine libraries and institutions have been designated as official depositories outside of the State.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

In most States the principal function of the State Historical Society has been that of collection and exhibition, historical research having been left for the most part to individual initiative. But with The State Historical Society of Iowa historical research and publication have become the dominant activity. Through its organization and institutional activities the materials of State and local history are discovered, critically studied by specialists, compiled, edited, and published. Thus, instead of attempting to make the largest possible collection of historical materials in one place, the Society endeavors to compile, publish, and distribute the greatest amount of accurate, scientific historical literature. Instead of hoarding books and manuscripts for the use of the few, the Society makes the history of the State accessible to the many.

The work of historical research and investigation is done largely by specialists under the direction of the Superintendent.

ent. Neither partisan bias nor personal prejudice is allowed to enter into the work of those who are engaged in research for the Society.

During the biennial period from July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1918, the research activities of the Society have been influenced considerably by conditions arising out of the war. Thus researches in some lines of Iowa history have been temporarily suspended, while added emphasis has been given to matters connected with the war and military history of Iowa.

BIOGRAPHY.

For the *Iowa Biographical Series* three volumes have been completed, namely, a biography of Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood, a biography of General James B. Weaver, and a biography of Colonel William P. Hepburn. All of these men may be regarded as products of the Civil War period of our history.

SOCIAL HISTORY.

No researches have been undertaken for the *Iowa Social History Series* during the period under review.

ECONOMIC HISTORY.

For the *Iowa Economic History Series* some progress has been made upon researches relating to the history of agriculture in Iowa. This important work has been entrusted to Professor L. B. Schmidt of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

APPLIED HISTORY.

Owing to war time conditions, the plans for a fourth volume of the *Iowa Applied History Series* were temporarily abandoned.

HISTORY OF EDUCATION.

During the first year of the biennium under review the researches on the history of education in Iowa were brought to a close with the revision of the manuscripts of Volumes V and VI.

WAR AND MILITARY HISTORY.

Researches along the line of the war and military history of Iowa have been prepared for publication in the *Iowa and War series* (see below), in *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics* (see below), and in the miscellaneous series. A study of the *Marches of the Dragoons in the Mississippi Valley* was

completed by Dr. Louis Pelzer; a volume on *Old Fort Snelling* was compiled by Marcus L. Hansen; and a comprehensive account of *The Spirit Lake Massacre* was prepared by Thomas Teakle.

POLITICAL HISTORY.

A History of the Legal and Political Status of Women in Iowa is the result of researches undertaken by Dr. Ruth A. Gallaher.

For publication in the quarterly, Dr. F. E. Horack compiled a comprehensive review of the legislation of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

RESEARCH IN THE ARCHIVES.

At Washington, D. C., the co-operative researches by Dr. N. D. Mereness have been continued with valuable results in the form of a card catalogue of materials in the Federal archives relating to Iowa history.

THE RESEARCH WORKERS.

During the period under review the following persons have been engaged in research work for the Society:

Research Associates—C. R. Aurner, John E. Briggs, F. E. Haynes, F. E. Horack, O. K. Patton, John C. Parish, Louis Pelzer, Ivan L. Pollock, Jacob Van der Zee, L. B. Schmidt, Thomas Teakle, N. R. Whitney, and Ruth A. Gallaher.

Research Assistants—C. B. Upham, Earl S. Fullbrook, Marcus L. Hansen, and John M. Pfiffner.

HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS.

Publication is an essential feature of the activities of The State Historical Society of Iowa, since its purpose is not alone to investigate, to discover, to collect, and to preserve, but also to make accessible the materials of Iowa history.

IOWA AND WAR—A NEW MONTHLY.

In July, 1917, the Society began the publication of a series of pamphlets under the general title of *Iowa and War*. These pamphlets deal with a variety of subjects relating to military matters connected with the history of Iowa. Although *Iowa and War* is in no sense a monographic series, its contents are none the less based upon critical studies and reliable sources of information. The specific subjects dealt with in the first twelve numbers of the series are:

- No. 1. Old Fort Snelling.
- No. 2. Enlistments from Iowa During the Civil War.
- No. 3. The Iowa Civil War Loan.
- No. 4. Equipment of the Iowa Troops in the Civil War.
- No. 5. Iowa and War.
- No. 6. Sanitary Fairs—A Method of Raising Funds for Relief Work in Iowa During the Civil War.
- No. 7. Old Fort Madison.
- No. 8. The State University of Iowa and the Civil War.
- No. 9. The Black Hawk War.
- No. 10. Border Defense in Iowa During the Civil War.
- No. 11. The Spirit Lake Massacre.
- No. 12. The Mexican War.

THE QUARTERLY.

During the biennial period just closed *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, the quarterly publication of the Society, has been continued. With the close of the year 1918 sixteen volumes of this publication will have been completed. The principal contributions to the *Iowa Journal* during the period from July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1918, are as follows:

Episodes in the Early History of the Des Moines Valley. By Jacob Van der Zee.

Indian Agents in Iowa. I—Agents Among the Sacs and Foxes. By Ruth A. Gallaher.

Arguments in Favor of the Admission of Iowa into the Union. By Dan Elbert Clark.

The Opening of the Des Moines Valley to Settlement. By Jacob Van der Zee.

Indian Agents in Iowa. II—Agents at the Winnebago, St. Peter's, Council Bluffs, and Tama Agencies. By Ruth A. Gallaher.

Special Legislation in Iowa. By Ivan L. Pollock.

Recent Liquor Legislation in Iowa. By Dan Elbert Clark.

History of the Congregational Church of Iowa City. By Joseph S. Heffner.

The Executive Veto in Iowa. By Jacob A. Swisher.

History and Constitution of the Icarian Community. Translated by Thomas Teakle.

The Enlistment of Iowa Troops During the Civil War. By John E. Briggs.

The Military-Indian Frontier 1830-1835. By Ruth A. Gal-
laher.

Council with the Sac and Fox Indians in 1840.

The Iowa War Loan of 1861. By Ivan L. Pollock.

The Legislation of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.
By Frank Edward Horack.

Arms and Equipment for the Iowa Troops in the Civil War.
By Cyril B. Upham.

State Finances in Iowa During the Civil War. By Ivan L.
Pollock.

Early Reports Concerning the Des Moines River.

Relief Work in Iowa During the Civil War. By Earl S.
Fullbrook.

The Death of General Albert Sidney Johnston on the Battle-
field of Shiloh. By Joseph W. Rich.

IOWA BIOGRAPHICAL SERIES.

To the *Iowa Biographical Series* there was added a volume of 464 pages on *Samuel Jordan Kirkwood*. This book, written by Dr. Dan E. Clark, is the ninth in the series of biographies published by the Society. Samuel J. Kirkwood, familiarly known as the "War Governor", is one of the outstanding figures in the political history of Iowa. In his life and ideas he typifies much that is characteristic of the pioneer period in the history of this Commonwealth.

IOWA ECONOMIC HISTORY SERIES.

The *History of Economic Legislation in Iowa*, a book of 386 pages, by Dr. Ivan L. Pollock, has been published as the sixth volume in the *Iowa Economic History Series*. "The purpose of this monograph is to present a review of the laws of Iowa which have been enacted primarily through economic considerations: it aims to trace the historical development of economic legislation in such a manner as to indicate the tendencies of such legislation in Iowa."

IOWA APPLIED HISTORY SERIES.

During the period under review there was published the third volume of the *Iowa Applied History Series*. A book of 718 pages, this volume was the product of co-operative research. The conception of the work and the preliminary outlines came from the editor of the Society, under whose direction the researches were carried on and the component mono-

graphs written. The scope of the volume is indicated by the titles of the several monographs of which the book is composed:

History and Organization of the Legislature in Iowa, by Dr. John E. Briggs.

Law-making Powers of the Legislature in Iowa, by Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh.

Methods of Statute Law-making in Iowa, by Dr. O. K. Patton.

Form and Language of Statutes in Iowa, by Mr. Jacob Van der Zee.

Codification of Statute Law in Iowa, by Dr. Dan E. Clark.
Interpretation and Construction of Statutes in Iowa, by Dr. O. K. Patton.

The Drafting of Statutes, by Mr. Jacob Van der Zee.

The Committee System, by Dr. Frank E. Horack.

Some Abuses Connected with Statute Law-making, by Dr. Ivan L. Pollock.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS.

In what has come to be known as the miscellaneous series of publications there have been issued during the two years under review three volumes and a pamphlet, namely: *Marches of the Dragoons in the Mississippi Valley*, by Dr. Louis Pelzer; *Old Fort Snelling*, by Mr. Marcus L. Hansen; *The Spirit Lake Massacre*, by Mr. Thomas Teakle; and an eight page *Descriptive List of the Confederate Flags in the Possession of the State Historical Society of Iowa*, by Mr. Joseph W. Rich.

MARCHES OF THE DRAGOONS.

The *Marches of the Dragoons in the Mississippi Valley*, by Dr. Louis Pelzer, is a volume of 282 pages containing an account of the marches and activities of the First Regiment United States Dragoons in the Mississippi Valley between the years 1833 and 1850. The broader significance of this volume of western military history lies in the fact that it furnishes a "cross sectional view of the work of the frontier army in the West." At the same time the book is a contribution to Iowa history since many of the marches and other activities of the First Regiment United States Dragoons were within the boundaries of the Iowa country.

OLD FORT SNELLING.

The book entitled *Old Fort Snelling*, by Mr. Marcus L. Hansen, contains 270 pages and covers the period from the establishment of the Fort in 1819 to the temporary abandonment of the site as a military post in 1858. Old Fort Snelling was established in 1819 within the Missouri Territory on ground which later became a part of the Territory of Iowa. Not until 1849 was it included within Minnesota boundaries. Linked with the early annals of Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and the Northwest, Old Fort Snelling is the common heritage of many Commonwealths in the Upper Mississippi Valley.

THE SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE.

It is the story of the massacre of white settlers in the region of Lake Okoboji and Spirit Lake in 1857 by a band of Indians under the leadership of Inkpaduta that is related by Mr. Thomas Teakle in the volume of 336 pages entitled *The Spirit Lake Massacre*. This tragedy "came as the culminating episode in a long series of incidents intimately connected with the settlement of northern and western Iowa." It "definitely settled the Indian question for Iowa: henceforth the red man ceased to play any important part in the history of this Commonwealth."

BULLETIN OF INFORMATION SERIES.

To the series of bulletins of information issued by the Society there has been added as number eight a pamphlet of 10 pages entitled *Collection and Preservation of the Materials of War History*. The purpose of this bulletin is to direct the attention of public libraries, local historical societies, and local historians in Iowa to an important patriotic service which they alone are capable of rendering at this time—the patriotic service of collecting and preserving the materials of the history of the present war so far as it touches the local community.

THE LIBRARY.

Since its establishment in 1857, The State Historical Society of Iowa has maintained a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts for the use of those interested in the study of Iowa and American history as well as for the benefit of those

who either upon their own initiative or under the direction of the Society are engaged in scientific historical research. It was not, however, until the removal of the Library to the Hall of Liberal Arts in 1901 that the entire collection was completely classified, accessioned, and shelf-listed according to modern library methods. An inventory of the Library taken in July, 1918, records the following statistics:

Number of accessioned titles.....	47,452
Number of unaccessioned pamphlets.....	1,887
Number of bound newspapers.....	3,175
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Total number of titles in the library.....	52,514
Approximate number of miscellaneous duplicates.....	3,475
Approximate number of duplicates of Iowa documents.....	2,970
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Total number of duplicates.....	6,445
Total number of titles and duplicates.....	58,959

Besides the large collection of miscellaneous titles bearing upon the general and local history of Iowa, the Mississippi Valley, and the United States, the Library contains the various official and scientific publications of the United States Government, publications issued under the authority of the State of Iowa, the laws of the Territories and States of the Mississippi Valley, and the publications of the various historical, scientific, and learned institutions of the country. In recent years an effort has been made to collect the writings of Iowa authors.

IOWA AND THE WORLD WAR.

Iowa's part in the World War is so inspiring and so important that a complete record of the achievements of the people of this Commonwealth should be compiled and published at an early day. Indeed, if this record is to be preserved, it must be compiled and published before the first-hand sources are lost, forgotten, or destroyed—that is to say, the work should be undertaken at once. To be sure much material on the Great War has already been collected by The State Historical Society of Iowa, and some researches have been made and published by this Society. But the task of compilation and publication is so great and the necessity of thoroughness in the work is so imperative that the Society can not hope to successfully complete it without special provision by legisla-

tion. As the permanent historical commission of the Commonwealth, The State Historical Society of Iowa stands ready to undertake a more vigorous prosecution of this important work of research and publication whenever the General Assembly may enact the legislation necessary to its proper and complete execution.