

DECEASED—(Continued)

- No. 839 Parquette, J. C.
 No. 855 Parsons, Samuel N.
 No. 119 Perkins, Edmund T.
 No. 1123 Prince, Geo. Thomas
 No. 16 Raymond, Wm. G.
 No. 186 Reynolds, Chas. H.
 No. 675 Rigby, Walter E.
 No. 678 Selden, James H.
 No. 610 Spelman, James H. R.
 No. 642 Stimson, Edgar F.
 No. 1019 Stout, C. H.
 No. 996 Tait, William S.
 No. 1256 Trease, Harold Wm.
 No. 1132 Sinclair, Edwin Louis
 No. 990 Ullery, Oscar E.
 No. 432 Wilson, Fred P.
 No. 1257 Wood, Robert G.
 No. 593 Young, Frederick C.
 No. 488 Walker, Boyd F.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Iowa City, Iowa, September 15, 1930

Hon. John Hammill, Governor of Iowa:

In accordance with Section 246 of the Code of Iowa, 1927, the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa submit herewith their thirty-eighth biennial report for the period ending June 30, 1930.

S. A. SWISHER,
President.

REPORT OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

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 of The State Historical Society of Iowa is based upon the provisions of the Code of 1927, Title XII, Chapter 235, Sections 4542-4548, inclusive, which read as follows:

4542. The state historical society shall be maintained in connection with and under the auspices of the state university, for carrying out the work of collecting and preserving materials relating to the history of Iowa and illustrative of the progress and development of the state; for maintaining a library and collections, and conducting historical studies and researches; for issuing publications, and for providing public lectures of historical character, and otherwise disseminating a knowledge of the history of Iowa among the people of the state. [R., '60, § 1959; C., '73, § 1900; C., '97, § 2882; S., '13, § 2882-a; 40 Ex. G. A., ch. 4, § 120; C., '24, § 4542.]

4543. The board of curators of the society shall consist of eighteen persons, nine of whom shall be appointed by the governor, and nine elected by members of the society. Their term of office shall be two years, and they shall receive no compensation. The governor shall make his appointments on or before the last Wednesday in June in each even-numbered year, and the terms of the persons appointed shall commence on that day; and, at the annual meeting of the society in each odd-numbered year, the others shall be elected by ballot from the members of the society, for the term next ensuing, which annual meeting shall be held at Iowa City on the Monday preceding the last Wednesday in June. [C., '73, §§ 1901, 1903; C., § 2883; C., '24, § 4543.]

4544. Members may be admitted to the society at any time under such rules as may be adopted by the board of curators. [C., '73, § 1902; C., '97, § 2884; C., '24, § 4544.]

4545. The board shall appoint annually, or oftener if need be, a corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, and librarian from the members of the society outside of their own number, who shall hold office for one year, unless sooner removed by a majority vote of the board. Said officers shall hold the same position in the society as upon the board of curators, and their respective duties shall be determined by said board. No officer of the society or board shall receive any compensation from the state appropriation thereto. [C., '73, § 1904; C., '97, § 2885; C., '24, § 4545.]

4546. It shall also appoint from its members a president, who shall be the executive head of the board, and hold office for one year and until his successor is elected. [C., '73, § 1905; C., '97, § 2886; C., '24, § 4546.]

4547. The curators, a majority of whom shall reside in the vicinity of the university, and five of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be the executive board of the society, and have full power to manage its affairs. It shall keep a full and complete account of all of its doings, and of the receipt and expenditure of all funds collected or granted for the purposes of the society, and shall biennially report the same to the governor. [R., '60, § 1960; C., '73, § 1906; C., '97, § 2887; C., '24, § 4547; 42 G. A., ch. 98.]

4548. Five copies of the reports of the supreme court and twenty copies of all other books and documents published by the state or upon its order shall be delivered to the society for the purpose of effecting exchanges with similar societies in other states and countries, and for preservation in its library, or other purposes of the society. [R., '60, § 1961; C., '73, § 1907; C., '97, § 2888; 40 Ex. G. A., ch. 3, § 24; C., '24, § 4548.]

PUBLIC SUPPORT

For a period of sixty-seven years the public support of The State Historical Society of Iowa took the form chiefly of permanent annual appropriations. 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; to \$24,000 in 1917; and to \$44,500 in 1921.

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 in Chapter 287, Section 23, of the Laws of the Forty-third General Assembly.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is a summary of the finances of The State Historical Society of Iowa from July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1930:

RECEIPTS			
From Appropriation by 42nd General Assembly, including balance on hand July 1, 1928.....		\$	37,077.37
From Appropriation by 43rd General Assembly.....			40,105.88
Publication and Membership Fund (derived from membership dues and sale of publications), including balance on hand July 1, 1928.....			16,475.11
Sanxay Fund (derived from interest on bequest), including balance on hand July 1, 1928.....			1,011.00
Interest Fund (derived from interest on bank account), including balance on hand July 1, 1928.....			691.36
			\$95,360.72
EXPENDITURES			
<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Balance</i>	
From Appropriation by 42nd G. A.....	\$ 37,076.13		
From Appropriation by 43rd G. A.....	40,105.88		
Publication and Membership Fund.....	13,632.16	\$	2,842.95
Interest Fund.....			691.36
Sanxay Fund.....	13.75		997.25
Reverted to State treasury.....	1.24		
			\$ 90,829.16
Total expenditures all funds.....	\$ 90,829.16	\$	4,531.56
Total balance all funds.....			4,531.56
Expenditures and balance equal total receipts. \$ 95,360.72			

CURATORS AND OFFICERS

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

Appointed by the Governor—Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, Dubuque; Leslie E. Francis, Des Moines; Lafe Hill, Nora Springs; Mrs. H. C. Houghton, Jr., Red Oak; Mrs. Grace Potter Miller, Ackley; Miss Merta Mitchell, Keokuk; Mrs. Jennie E. Pritchard, Garner; Mrs. Gertrude C. Sebern, Fort Dodge; and Mrs. Ina M. Tilden, Ames.

Elected by the Society—Arthur J. Cox, Marvin H. Dey, Henry G. Walker, S. A. Swisher, Charles M. Dutcher, W. O. Coast, W. L. Bywater, Thomas Farrell, and R. H. Volland, all of Iowa City.

The officers of The State Historical Society of Iowa as elected by the Board of Curators in 1930 are as follows:

S. A. Swisher, President; J. A. Parden, Treasurer.

SALARIED STAFF

The following constituted the salaried staff of the Society, as provided for by action of the Board of Curators, from July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1929: Superintendent and Editor, Associate Editor, Executive Secretary, two Stenographers, Library Research Associate, Research Associate, and two Library Assistants.

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MEMBERSHIP

Persons are admitted to membership in 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 the 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.

Persons are admitted to life membership in the Society upon election by the Board of Curators and the payment of \$50.00; members having paid \$50.00 in annual dues are enrolled as life members. Life members are entitled to all the privileges of members without the payment of annual dues.

On July 1, 1930, there were on the rolls of the Society the names of 1363 active members, of whom 213 were life members.

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

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 the 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, and the Iowa Society of Colonial Wars) may be enrolled as auxiliary members of the State Historical Society 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 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 business meetings of the Society.

On July 1, 1930, the auxiliary members of the Society numbered 29.

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Curators, certain public and college libraries within the State have been desig-

nated as official depositories. These official depositories receive all the publications of the Society as issued without the payment of any fees 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 183 official depositories, which may be regarded as branch libraries of the Society.

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 Society. Sixty-seven libraries and institutions have been designated as official exchange depositories outside 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 information. Instead of hoarding books and manuscripts for the use of a few, the Society aims to make the history of the State accessible to the many.

The work of historical research and investigation is done largely by trained specialists under the direction of the Superintendent. Neither partisan bias nor personal prejudice is knowingly allowed to enter into the work of those who are engaged in research for the Society.

The scope of the researches is indicated by the series of historical publications listed below.

THE RESEARCH WORKERS

During the period under review the following persons, outside the regular salaried staff of the Society, have been engaged in research work for the Society: Ethan P. Allen, E. Douglas Branch, John E. Briggs, Pauline Grahame, John A. Hopkins, Jr.,

Charles R. Keyes, N. D. Mereness, William J. Petersen, 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. The established series of publications of the Society are:

- The Iowa Journal of History—a quarterly magazine
- The Palimpsest—a monthly magazine
- The Public Archives Series
- The Iowa Biographical Series
- The Iowa Economic History Series
- The Iowa Social History Series
- The Iowa Applied History Series
- The Iowa Chronicles of the World War
- The Iowa Monograph Series
- The Miscellaneous Publications
- The Bulletins of Information

THE QUARTERLY

During the period under review *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, the quarterly publication of the Society, has been continued. With the close of the year 1930, twenty-eight volumes of this publication will have been completed. The principal contributions to the *Iowa Journal* during the period from July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1930, are as follows:

- The State Parks of Iowa. By T. P. Christensen.
- Economic History of the Production of Beef Cattle in Iowa. By John A. Hopkins, Jr.
- Political Trends in Iowa History. By Charles Roll.
- The City Manager Plan in Iowa. By John M. Pfiffner.
- The Bicameral System in Practice. By Dorothy Schaffter.
- The Mexican Problem in Mason City. By Chas. M. Meyers.
- The Administrative Functions of the Department of Public Instruction. By Herbert Clare Cook.
- Mark Twain in Iowa. By Fred W. Lorch.
- A Cherokee County Pioneer. By Louis H. Roddis.
- Lecture Trips and Visits of Mark Twain in Iowa. By Fred W. Lorch.
- The Lewelling Family—Pioneers. By O. A. Garretson.

Iowa of the Early Seventies as Seen by a Swedish Traveler.
By Roy W. Swanson.

- Some Beginnings in Iowa. By William J. Petersen.
- The Story of Mahlon Day Collins. By Hubert E. Collins.
- Gelpeke v. The City of Dubuque. By Ethan P. Allen.
- The Journal and Letters of Corporal William O. Guliek. By Max Hendricks Guyer.
- A Mark Twain Letter. By Fred W. Lorch.

THE MONTHLY

In July, 1920, the Society began the publication of a monthly magazine entitled *The Palimpsest* for the more wide-spread dissemination of Iowa history. Supplementing the other publications of the Society, this monthly magazine aims to present the materials of Iowa history in a form that is attractive and a style that is popular in the best sense. The scope and character of *The Palimpsest* are indicated by the articles which have appeared in the twenty-four numbers issued between July, 1928, and July, 1930:

VOLUME IX

No. 7, July, 1928

- An Iowa Community
- The Lay of the Land. By John Ely Briggs.
- The Coming of the Quakers. By Louis T. Jones.
- The Inner Light. By Ruth A. Gallaher.
- Dusky Lading. By Mabel Erie Brown.
- John Brown's Band. By Irving B. Richman.
- The Scattergood Seminary. By Winifred Starbuck.
- Bert Hoover. By J. A. Swisher.
- Boyhood in Iowa. By Herbert Hoover.
- The Community Clubs. By J. A. Swisher.

No. 8, August, 1928

- Furrows. By E. W. Weeks.
- The Battle of Wilson's Creek. By Frane B. Wilkie.

No. 9, September, 1928

- The Estherville Meteor. By Ben Hur Wilson.
- The Great Snake Hunt. By H. Arnold Bennett.
- Indians at Boston.

No. 10, October, 1928

- A Convention Stampeded. By J. A. Swisher.
- Hungry Indians. By Bessie L. Lyon.
- Campaigning with Jackson. By F. W. Meyers.

- No. 11, November, 1928
 The Coppoc Boys.
 Springdale Recruits. By Pauline Grahame.
 At Harper's Ferry. By Pauline Grahame.
 The Escape. By Owen Brown.
 Rendition Foiled. By Thomas Teakle.
- No. 12, December, 1928
 Lowell. By O. A. Garretson.
 Literary Place Names. By Allen Walker Read.

VOLUME X

- No. 1, January, 1929
 The First Day of the Century. By Pauline Grahame.
 Fashions in the Fifties. By Ramona Evans.
- No. 2, February, 1929
 The Past at Play.
 Play-Party Games. By Bruce E. Mahan and Pauline Grahame.
 School-Day Games. By Bruce E. Mahan and Pauline Grahame.
 The Old Square Dances. By Bruce E. Mahan.
- No. 3, March, 1929
 Some Songs of Long Ago. By Pauline Grahame.
 The Varsity Whirl. By Dorothy Wagner.
- No. 4, April, 1929
 Captain Joseph Throckmorton. By William J. Petersen.
 The Forest City Meteor. By Ben Hur Wilson.
- No. 5, May, 1929
 The New Purchase.
 Indian Affairs. By James G. Edwards.
 Making the Treaty of 1842. By Bruce E. Mahan.
 Westward.
 The Promised Land. By Pauline Grahame.
- No. 6, June, 1929
 Railroads Came to Council Bluffs.
 Council Bluffs in 1865. By E. Douglas Branch.
 The C. B. and St. Joe. By E. Douglas Branch.
 The North Western. By E. Douglas Branch.
 The Rock Island. By E. Douglas Branch.
 The Final Ties. By E. Douglas Branch.
- No. 7, July, 1929
 The Rockdale Flood. By Pauline Grahame.
 Captives in Dixie. By Milton Rhodes.

- No. 8, August, 1929
 The Iowa State Fair
 Signs of the Times. By Earle D. Ross.
 Origin of the State Fair. By Earle D. Ross.
 The First Iowa State Fair. By Earle D. Ross.
 The Pioneer Period. By Earle D. Ross.
 The Fair in Transition. By Earle D. Ross.
- No. 9, September, 1929
 John F. Dillon. By J. A. Swisher.
 The Academy of Music. By Pauline Grahame.
 The Estes House Hospital. By Frederic C. Smith.
- No. 10, October, 1929
 Orion Clemens
 The Tradition. By Fred W. Loreh.
 Molly Clemens's Note Book. By Fred W. Loreh.
 Literary Apprenticeship. By Fred W. Loreh.
 Adrift for Heresy. By Fred W. Loreh.
 The Closing Years. By Fred W. Loreh.
- No. 11, November, 1929
 United by Rail. By Hubert H. Hoeltje.
 Steamboats *Dubuque*. By William J. Petersen.
 Through English Eyes. By W. F. Rae.
- No. 12, December, 1929
 Whittier College Days. By D. Sands Wright.
 The Name of Odebolt. By Erik McKinley Eriksson.

VOLUME XI

- No. 1, January, 1930
 Iowa and the Nation. By John Ely Briggs.
 On the Floor of the Senate. By Marie Haefner.
 In the House. By Dorothy Schaffter.
 On the Bench. By Jacob A. Swisher.
 In the Cabinet. By Ramona Evans.
 Near Foreign Chancelleries. By Dorothy Wagner.
- No. 2, February, 1930
 The Writer's Iowa. By John T. Frederick.
 Exponents of the Pioneers. By Frank Luther Mott.
 The Novelist of the Unsung. By Pauline Grahame.
 The Younger School. By John T. Frederick.
 Iowa Literary Magazines. By Hubert H. Hoeltje.
- No. 3, March, 1930
 The Federated Music Clubs. By G. Perle Schmidt.
 The Cornell Music Festival. By Bartholow V. Crawford.

Dvorak at Spillville. By Ramona Evans.
The High School Festival. By Frances Doak.

No. 4, April, 1930

Samuel Ryan Curtis. By Ruth A. Gallaher.
Francis Jay Herron. By Gretchen Carlson.
Frederick Steele. By Adelaide Gill.
Grenville Mellen Dodge. By Ruth E. Dugan.
George Windle Read. By John Ely Briggs.
Hanson Edward Ely. By John Ely Briggs.

No. 5, May, 1930

Gustavus Detlef Hinrichs. By Charles Clayton Wylie.
The Iowa Academy of Science. By J. A. Swisher.
A Unique Survey. By Charles Reuben Keyes.

No. 6, June, 1930

The Iowa Homestead. By C. R. F. Smith.
Wallaces' Farmer. By Arthur T. Thompson.
The Meredith Publications. By Peter Ainsworth.

IOWA ECONOMIC HISTORY SERIES

A volume of 248 pages on the *Economic History of the Production of Beef Cattle in Iowa*, by John A. Hopkins, Jr., has been added to the *Iowa Economic History Series* during the biennium.

IOWA APPLIED HISTORY SERIES

During the period under review the Society has published two volumes on *Municipal Government and Administration in Iowa*, issued as Volumes V and VI of the *Iowa Applied History Series*, and containing a total of 1268 pages.

IOWA MONOGRAPH SERIES

During the year 1930 the Society began the publication of the *Iowa Monograph Series*. Two publications have been issued in the series: *The Legislation of the Forty-third General Assembly*, containing 165 pages, by J. A. Swisher; and *The English River Congregation of the Church of the Brethren*, containing 108 pages, by E. L. Kirkpatrick.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Among the miscellaneous publications two volumes have appeared during the biennium: *In Cabins and Sod-Houses*, a book of 368 pages, by Thomas H. Macbride; and *The American Legion in Iowa, 1919-1929*, containing 303 pages, by J. A. Swisher.

LIBRARY

Since its establishment in 1857, The State Historical Society of Iowa has maintained a library of books, pamphlets, and manu-

scripts for the use of those interested in the study of Iowa 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. The inventory of the Library taken in July, 1930, records the following statistics:

Number of accessioned titles.....	66,665
Number of unaccessioned pamphlets.....	10,282
Number of bound newspapers.....	4,592

Total number of titles in the Library.....81,539

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 and to compile a card index of such authors and their writings.

ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES TO BE CONTINUED

It is the purpose of The State Historical Society of Iowa to continue its activities in (1) discovering, (2) collecting, (3) preserving, (4) investigating, and (5) publishing the materials of Iowa history along lines already laid down and policies already established—to the end that the heritage of the pioneers and the achievements of succeeding generations may not perish.