

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

*Rafinesque: A Sketch of his Life with Bibliography* is a two hundred and forty page volume by T. J. Fitzpatrick recently published by the Historical Department of Iowa.

The principal article in the July number of *The Medford Historical Register* is a discussion of *The Ancient Name "Menotomy" and the River of That Name*, by J. Albert Holmes.

A new volume in the *Kentucky Historical Series* is devoted to a sketch of *General Zachary Taylor and the Mexican War*, by Anderson Chenault Quisenberry. The volume contains much information concerning the part taken by Kentucky men in the Mexican War.

The following articles in the *Year-Book of the Swedish Historical Society of America* for 1910 are of historical interest: *Personal Memories of Brigadier-General C. J. Stolbrand*, by Joseph Esbjörn Osborn; *Civil War Reminiscences*, by John A. Anderson; and *Om "Kensington-Stenen"*, by O. A. Linder.

*The Parian* is the title of an article by A. L. Van Antwerp, describing a group of buildings in the City of Mexico, which may be found in the July-August number of the *Records of the Past*. Other articles are: *Shellmounds at San Francisco and San Mateo*, by A. L. Kroeber; and *Aryan Origin of the Aztecs*, by Thomas S. Denison.

Among the contributions in the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* for June are: *Catholics in Colonial Virginia*, by Martin I. J. Griffin; a brief note on *Great Britain and the Catholics of the Illinois Country, 1763-1774*; and *A Eulogy of Christopher Columbus*, by Cardinal Taschereau.

The second volume of the *Minutes of the Executive Council of the Province of New York*, edited by Victor Hugo Paltsits, State His-



torian of New York, is comprised of *Collateral and Illustrative Documents* for the period of the administration of Francis Lovelace, 1668-1673. An analytical index will appear in volume three.

Two monographs make up the July number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*. The first and most extended is a discussion of *The Aguayo Expedition into Texas and Louisiana, 1719-1722*, by Eleanor Claire Buckley. *The Jumano Indians in Texas, 1650-1771*, is the subject of a brief paper by Herbert E. Bolton.

Volume two of the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association*, containing the second part of the *Diplomatic Correspondence of the Republic of Texas*, edited by the late George P. Garrison, has been distributed. The correspondence with the United States is here concluded, and in addition the volume contains the correspondence with Mexico and Yucatan.

*Dr. Oswald Seidensticker und die deutsch-amerikanische Geschichtsforschung* is the title of an article by H. A. Rattermann which appears in the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* for July. *Dem Andenken Benjamin Franklins* and *Eine in Amerika geborene Dichterin Deutschlands: Susanna von Bandemer, geboren Franklin* are other articles by the same writer.

The April-June number of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* contains some further *Selections from the Torrence Papers*, edited by Isaac Joslin Cox. The contents consist largely of letters from the correspondence of Thomas Sloo, Jr. A few pages are devoted to the minutes of the meetings of the Illinois Canal Commissioners from February 18, 1823 to September 10, 1824.

The first three numbers of volume two of the *Publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History* appeared in July. The first number contains about one hundred and twenty pages, and is entitled *The Portola Expedition of 1769-1770: Diary of Vicente Vila*. The editor is Robert Selden Rose. Number two contains a second installment of the *Papers of the San Francisco Committee of Vigilance of 1851*, edited by Porter Garnett. The third number is



devoted to the *Expedition to San Francisco Bay in 1770: Diary of Pedro Fages*, edited by Herbert Eugene Bolton.

The fifth chapter of Henry A. M. Smith's discussion of *The Baronies of South Carolina* appears in *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for July, and is devoted to the Seewee Barony. Other contributions are: a continuation of the *Journal of the Campaign to the Southward, May 9th to July 14th, 1778*, by John Faucheraud Grimké; and an article on *The First Shot on Fort Sumter*, by Robert Lebbey.

The *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for July opens with an article on *The Physicians of Topsfield, with Some Account of Early Medical Practice*, by Henry Follansbee Long. Other contributions are a letter from *John Jenks of Salem to Cotton Tufts of Weymouth*, and continuations of *Marblehead in the Year 1700*, by Sidney Perley; and *The Houses and Buildings of Groveland, Massachusetts*, by Alfred Poore.

Two articles dealing with Charles Sealsfield's descriptions of life in America early in the nineteenth century are printed in the January-April number of the *German-American Annals*. Otto Heller writes in German on *Sealsfield-Funde*; while Preston A. Barba presents a similar discussion in English on *Sealsfield Sources*. Another contribution in this number of the *Annals* is the *Journal of Du Roi the Elder*, translated by Charlotte S. J. Epping.

C. F. Huch is the writer of two valuable articles which appear in the twenty-first number of the *Mitteilungen des Deutschen Pionier-Vereins von Philadelphia*. The first article deals with the *Anschluss der Deutschen Philadelphias an die republikanische Partei in Jahre 1856*. The second treats of the *Beteiligung der deutschen Republikaner Philadelphias an der Präsidentenwahl im Jahre 1860*. Both articles are contributions to the early history of the Republican party.

The opening contribution in the July number of *The New England Genealogical Register* is a biographical sketch of *Almon Danforth Hodges, Jr.*, by William T. R. Marvin. The list of names contributed by Albion Morris Dyer and headed *First Ownership of*



*Ohio Lands* is concluded in this number. Two interesting articles are: *A Short History of the Origin and Development of Conveyancing*, by William T. A. Fitzgerald; and *Bells of Harvard College*, by Arthur H. Nichols.

The extract from *The Randolph Manuscript* published in the July number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* consists of a letter of instructions issued to Lord Culpeper on November 7, 1682. Among the *Miscellaneous Colonial Documents* may be noted the record of the appointment of justices for Transylvania in 1775. Perhaps the contribution of greatest western interest in this number is a *Letter of Rev. James Maury to Philip Ludwell, on the Defence of the Frontiers of Virginia, 1756*, contributed by Worthington Chauncey Ford.

Jonas Viles is the author of a valuable article on *Population and Extent of Settlement in Missouri Before 1804*, which appears in the July number of the *Missouri Historical Review*. The account of an interesting episode which occurred in the West during the Revolutionary War is given by Frederick J. Teggart under the heading, *The Capture of St. Joseph, Michigan by the Spaniards in 1781*. Other contributions are: *Christ Church Parish, Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri*, by S. W. Ravenel; and *Livingston County, Missouri*, by L. T. Collier.

Lawrence C. Wroth is the writer of an article on *A Maryland Merchant and his Friends*, which opens the September number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. Charles Chaillé Long presents a sketch of *Associations and Associators in the American Revolution*. A number of *Stamp Act Papers*, taken from the Society's collections, are of interest, as are also the *Minutes of the Board of Patuxent Associators*. The *Letters and Documents* printed in this number are taken largely from the official correspondence of Governor Thomas H. Hicks relative to the raid on Harper's Ferry.

The tenth volume of the *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association* contains the usual number of valuable historical contributions. Space forbids the mention of more than a few of the more extended articles and papers. A series of articles by



George F. Bixby are printed under the heading, *The History of the Iron Ore Industry on Lake Champlain*. James Austin Holden presents some *New Historical Light on the Real Burial Place of George Augustus Lord Viscount Howe, 1758*. One hundred pages are devoted to a discussion of *The Black Watch at Ticonderoga*, by Frederick B. Richards.

A number of valuable articles are to be found in volume four of the *Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*. The following may be mentioned as illustrative: *La Baie d'Hudson*, by L. A. Prud'homme; *Les Britons en Canada*, by M. Benjamin Sulte; *Les Archives du Canada a venir a 1872*, by J. Edmund Roy; *Nova Scotia Under English Rule; from the Capture of Port Royal to the Conquest of Canada*, by W. O. Raymond; *The Fenian Raid of 1866 and Events on the Frontier*, by Barlow Cumberland; *Harrison and Procter*, by E. A. Cruikshank; and *Place-Names in Northern Canada*, by James White.

A brief address on *Anthony Wayne*, delivered by Charles Henry Hart on the occasion of the presentation of a portrait of General Wayne to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, is printed in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for July. Some *Letters of James Logan to Thomas Penn and Richard Peters* tell of conditions in Pennsylvania in 1733. The *Orderly Book of General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, March 26-December 20, 1777*, is concluded in this number. Other articles are: *Who was the Mother of Franklin's Son?*, by Charles Henry Hart; *A Philadelphia Schoolmaster of the Eighteenth Century*, by Joseph Jackson; and *Isaac Wilson, Head-Master*, by Charles H. Browning.

The April and July numbers of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* are combined in one. The opening contribution is an article on *Logan — The Mingo Chief*, which was found among the Draper manuscripts in the library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. *The Kendal Community* is the subject of a sketch by Wendall P. Fox. Archer Butler Hulbert's address on *The Ohio River* deals with the importance of that great waterway in the making of the Nation. *Birthplace of Little Turtle*,



by Calvin Young; and *The Cincinnati Municipal Election of 1828*, by Mary Baker Furness, are brief articles; and there is an extended discussion of *Oberlin's Part in the Slavery Conflict*, by Wilbur Greeley Burroughs.

The July number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* opens with an article on the *Monetary System of Nouvelle France*, by Charles M. Thompson. J. F. Steward traces the course of the *Sac and Fox Trail*. A number of letters from the correspondence of *James Rood Doolittle of Wisconsin* are contributed by Duane Mowry. Among the other articles may be mentioned *An Author at His Residence—Professor John Russell, of Bluff Dale*, by John Reynolds; *Mr. Lincoln's Visit to Waukegan in 1860*, by J. Seymour Currey; *The Danville and Fort Clark Road*, by J. O. Cunningham; and *The Old Indian Trail, Sangamon County, Illinois*, from the papers of the late Zimri A. Enos. An account of the *Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society, Evanston-Chicago, May 17, 18, 1911*, is also to be found in this number.

Reconstruction is the dominant subject of discussion in the articles which appear in the eleventh volume of the *Publications of The Mississippi Historical Society*, edited by Franklin L. Riley. There are six papers by different authors dealing with the history of Reconstruction in various counties of the State of Mississippi. In addition there are several other interesting contributions. Franklin L. Riley discusses *The Mississippi River as a Political Factor in American History*, and is the writer of a brief description of the *Demarcation of the Mississippi-Louisiana Boundary from the Mouth of Pearl River to the Gulf of Mexico*. Other articles which may be mentioned are: *The Beginning of a New Period in Mississippi*, by G. H. Brunson; *The French Trading Post and the Chocchuma Village in East Mississippi*, by H. S. Halbert; *Marking the Natchez Trace*, by Mrs. Dunbar Rowland; and *General Jackson's Military Road*, by William A. Love.

*Publication Number Fourteen of the Illinois State Historical Society* has been distributed. It is a volume containing the *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society for the Year 1909*. Aside from a few pages devoted to proceedings, and lists of officers,



committees, and members, the volume is filled with papers read at the annual meeting. The papers are of a high order and deserve more extended notice than can be given in the following selection of titles: *Efforts to Divorce Judicial Elections from Politics in Illinois*, by Oliver A. Harker; *The Winter of the Deep Snow*, by Eleanor Atkinson; *How Mr. Lincoln Received the News of his First Nomination*, by Clinton L. Conkling; *Rock River in the Revolution*, by William A. Meese; *Augustin Mottin de la Balm*, by Clarence M. Burton; *The Sieurs de St. Ange*, by Walter B. Douglas; and *Detroit the Key to the West During the American Revolution*, by James Alton James.

In addition to the usual proceedings, reports, and lists of officers and members, volume five of the *South Dakota Historical Collections*, edited by Doane Robinson, contains an extensive *Capital and Capitol History of South Dakota*, occasioned, no doubt, by the completion of the new capitol building of that State in 1910. The account includes articles written by different men, together with documentary material in the shape of legislative acts and resolutions. There is also an illustrated description of the new capitol. The volume, moreover, contains a number of papers and addresses, among which may be mentioned: *President's Biennial Address*, by Robert F. Kerr, which traces the causes for the progress and development of South Dakota; *The Big Winter, 1880*, by C. S. Amsden; *A Buffalo Hunt*, by Thomas L. Riggs; an address delivered at the *Dedication of Log School House Monument, Vermillion, August 25, 1909*, by Doane Robinson; *Dakota Campaigns*, by John Pattee; and *A Sioux Indian View of the Last War with England*, by Doane Robinson.

#### ACTIVITIES

The Oklahoma Historical Society held its annual meeting on June 3rd. Practically the only change in the list of officers was occasioned by the resignation of Lou Whorton as Secretary. Frank D. Northrup was chosen as his successor.

The *Biennial Report of The State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado* for the years 1909 and 1910 reveals nearly two



thousand accessions of historical books and pamphlets, besides a creditable number of manuscripts, maps, pictures, and ethnological objects.

The Missouri Historical Society, which has its headquarters in St. Louis, will be given rooms in a building which will be erected in Forest Park, the site of the St. Louis Exposition of 1904. The present quarters of the Society are crowded and the change will be of great advantage in every respect.

The *Annual Report of the Connecticut Historical Society* contains the reports presented at the annual meeting on May 23, 1911, and lists of officers and members. The report reveals an increase of thirty-four in membership and nearly thirteen hundred accessions to the library during the year.

During the year ending May 1, 1911, the Essex Institute added to its library over two thousand four hundred volumes and over nine thousand pamphlets. An interesting feature of the work of the Institute is its restoration of a seventeenth century house, the success of which is largely due to the generous aid of private citizens.

The Legislative Reference Department which has for some time been operated by the State Historical Society of Nebraska was, at the last session of the legislature of that State, erected into a more independent institution affiliated, however, with certain departments in the State University. The Department has been given broad powers, including the drafting of bills, and is reasonably well provided with funds for carrying on the work. Freedom from political influence is assured by the fact that the director is chosen by the Board of Regents of the University.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society was held at Columbus, Ohio, on May 31, 1911. Two changes were at this time made in the constitution of the Society: the class of members known as Corresponding Members was eliminated, and the Governor of Ohio was made ex-officio a member of the Board of Trustees of the Society. The following officers were elected: President, G. Frederick Wright; First Vice



President, G. F. Bareis; Second Vice President, D. J. Ryan; Secretary and Editor, E. O. Randall; Treasurer, E. F. Wood; Curator and Librarian, W. C. Mills.

Several acts of interest to historical workers were passed by the General Assembly of Illinois at its last session. An appropriation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars was made for the purchase of Starved Rock and the adjacent property. A commission was created to erect a monument to Governor Ninian Edwards on the site of old Fort Russell, near Edwardsville, and five thousand dollars were appropriated for that purpose. Another commission, with a similar appropriation, was created for the purpose of considering plans for a building to house the State Department of Education, the Illinois State Historical Society, the Illinois State Historical Library, and other allied institutions. A bill for the purchase of the site of old Fort Charters was vetoed by the Governor because of a defect in the bill, which will doubtless be corrected at the next session of the legislature. The Illinois State Historical Society deserves congratulation for securing so much beneficial legislation.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Miss Anna Van der Zee has been appointed Stenographic Assistant for the Society for the ensuing year.

Mr. Clifford Powell will continue as General Assistant in the Society during the coming year and will have charge of the Library in the evenings.

Dr. Frank E. Horack, the Secretary of the Society, is the author of a text-book on *The Government of Iowa* which has been published by Charles Scribner's Sons.

Dr. John E. Brindley, the author of the two volume *History of Taxation in Iowa* which was published a year ago by the Society, has been appointed Secretary of the Tax Commission created by the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. The commission will make a thorough investigation of the Iowa revenue system and make recommendations to the legislature at its next session.



Dr. Louis Pelzer, who for several years occupied the position of Research Assistant in the Society and who for the past two years has held the chair of history in the Montana State Normal College, has been appointed Assistant Professor in Western American History in the State University of Iowa.

Professor Frank H. Garver, who for many years has occupied the chair of history and political science in Morningside College, has accepted a similar position in the Montana State Normal College at Dillon, Montana. It will be remembered that Professor Garver has for several years been connected with the Society as Research Assistant and has written a number of monographs dealing with phases of county history.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership: Mr. Judson Keith Deming, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Lauren Chase Eastman, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. Henry W. Grout, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. J. C. Hagler, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Hampton, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. Ira T. Hawk, Adel, Iowa; Mr. Geo. F. Henry, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. F. C. Hubbell, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Henry S. Merrick, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Wm. Milchrist, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Herbert C. Ring, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. S. E. Thompson, Bedford, Iowa; Mrs. C. N. Voss, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. E. S. Ballard, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Justin Barry, Walker, Iowa; Mr. W. A. Brindley, Madison, Wisconsin; Mr. James Ellis Gow, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Joanna C. Hoering, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Frank Shane, Eldon, Iowa; Mr. T. M. Simonton, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. Leon O. Smith, Paullina, Iowa; Mr. M. W. Frick, Rockwell City, Iowa; Miss Florence Nadler, Davenport, Iowa; and Mr. David Williams, Keosauqua, Iowa. Mr. Edward H. Litchfield of New York City has been elected to life membership.

On the evening of August 10, 1911, a dinner was given at the home of the Superintendent, Benj. F. Shambaugh, in honor of the appearance of Mr. Irving B. Richman's volume on *California Under Spain and Mexico*, issued by the Houghton Mifflin Company, and Dr. Louis Pelzer's biography of *Henry Dodge*, published by The State Historical Society of Iowa. Besides the host and hostess and the two authors in whose honor the dinner was given those



present were: Professor Jesse Macy of Grinnell College; Mr. Euclid Sanders, President of the State Historical Society; Mayor George W. Koontz of Iowa City; Dr. John C. Parish of Montclair, Colorado; Dr. John E. Brindley of Ames; Dr. E. H. Downey of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio; Dr. Dan E. Clark of Iowa City; Mr. Jacob Van der Zee of Iowa City; Professor O. B. Clark of Drake University, Des Moines; Dean Carl E. Seashore of the State University of Iowa; Professor Frank H. Garver, now of Montana State Normal College, Dillon, Montana; Professor Frank E. Horack of the State University of Iowa; Mr. Clarence R. Aurner of Iowa City; Mr. John Springer of Iowa City; Professor Paul S. Peirce of the State University of Iowa; Professor L. B. Schmidt of Ames; Mr. Henry J. Peterson of the State Teachers' College, Cedar Falls; Mr. Clifford Powell of Red Oak; and Mr. Louis T. Jones of Penn College, Oskaloosa. As was indicated in the July number of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS a majority of these men spent the summer at Iowa City doing research work under the direction of the Society. Indeed, this group of students, dominated by common aims and ideals, may be said to constitute an "Iowa School of Research Historians and Political Scientists".

## M. W. DAVIS

The Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa lost its oldest member on August 18, 1911, in the death of Mr. M. W. Davis at his home in Iowa City at the age of seventy-eight years.

Mr. Davis at the time of his death was the oldest merchant in Iowa City, having been engaged in the drug business in that city for over fifty years. He came to Iowa from Williamsport, Ohio, where he was born and where his boyhood years were spent.

Mr. Davis's service to the people of Iowa was rendered through The State Historical Society of Iowa, of which he was a Curator from 1865 to 1883 and again from 1898 to the date of his death, and Secretary from 1883 to 1903. During the early period in the history of the Society when the members were few, the financial support inadequate, and the small but valuable collection of books and relics housed in various out of the way places, Mr. Davis more



than any other one man was responsible for keeping the breath of life in the organization. He persistently and successfully resisted all attempts to disband the Society or remove it from Iowa City, and he devoted much of his time and energies without remuneration to the care and upbuilding of the library of the Society. His faithful and unassuming labors to preserve for future generations the history of the State of Iowa are deserving of recognition and remembrance alongside of those whose deeds have been more conspicuous.

## PETER A. DEY

Peter Anthony Dey, President of The State Historical Society of Iowa from September 8, 1900, to July 7, 1909, passed away at his home in Iowa City on July 11, 1911. Mr. Dey was born January 27, 1825, at Romulus, Seneca County, New York. His education was received in Seneca Falls Academy and Geneva College (now Hobart College), his graduation from the latter institution occurring in 1844.

For more than twenty years following his graduation from college, or until 1868, Mr. Dey was engaged as a civil engineer in the location and construction of railways and canals. The Erie Railroad along the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers and in Pennsylvania, the Cayuga and Seneca Canals, the Erie Canal, and the Michigan Southern Railroad, were all enterprises with which he was connected during the first years of his engineering experience. Later he was placed in supervision of the survey and construction of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, and it was while serving in this capacity that he removed to Iowa, making his headquarters at Iowa City. The route for this road across the State of Iowa was surveyed for the most part under his direction. Later he made a survey of a route for the Union Pacific Railroad from the Missouri River to Salt Lake City, and it is to be noted to his credit that certain portions of the route which were rejected at the time by the railroad company have since been adopted.

In 1868 Mr. Dey severed his connection with the Rock Island road and in the following year entered the field of banking as the President of the First National Bank of Iowa City, a position



which he held for nearly ten years. From 1872 to 1884 he was a member of the commission which superintended the erection of the present State capitol building. In 1878 he was appointed Railway Commissioner by Governor Gear, and for seventeen years he served the people of Iowa in this capacity. In 1895 he was again chosen president of the First National Bank of Iowa City, and he devoted the remaining years of his life to the duties of this office.

For twenty-four years, from 1886 to 1910, Mr. Dey was a member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa. During these years his wise counsel and his faithfulness in the performance of his duties were potent factors in the development and growth of the Society. It was largely through his efforts that the Society secured its present fire-proof quarters.

Peter A. Dey will long be remembered as a man of sterling integrity, of wide experience, of broad interests, and of faithful service in each position to which he was called.