

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The *Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Conference of Historical Societies*, reported by Waldo G. Leland, have been reprinted from the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association* for 1910.

The New Hampshire Historical Society has issued a beautifully printed and illustrated volume describing the *Dedication of the Building of the New Hampshire Historical Society*.

Two papers in the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* for July are: *The First Settlers of New Brunswick*, by William H. Benedict; and *The Settlement and Settlers of Ringoes*, by Aaron S. Laning.

The two chief contributions in *The Medford Historical Register* for October are an account of *The Old Ship-Building Days*, by Elisha B. Curtis; and an historical description of *The Mystic Mansion*, by Moses W. Mann.

In addition to genealogical material the October number of *The Essex Institute Historical Collections* contains the *Journal Kept by Lieut. Daniel Giddings of Ipswich during the Expedition against Cape Breton in 1744-5*, and a continuation of *Salem Town Records*.

Two contributions are to be found in the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* at the semi-annual meeting held in Boston on April 10, 1912, namely: *Notes on the Almanacs of Massachusetts*, accompanied by a chronological list, by Charles L. Nichols; and *Vitcos, the Last Inca Capital*, by Hiram Bingham.

J. Francis Le Baron presents a *Description of a Stone Ruin in Eastern Nicaragua, with Notes on the Location of Other Ruins in Central America* in the September-October number of the *Records of the Past*. A. L. van Antwerp describes *The University of Mexico*; and Frederick B. Wright discusses *The Evolution of Literature*.

A memoir of *George Augustus Gordon, A. M.*, by Samuel Merrill; a genealogical sketch of *The Early English Shermans*, by Thomas Townsend Sherman; and a continuation of the *Extracts from the Journal of Elder Phineas Pillsbury of Nobleboro, Me.*, are among the contents of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for October.

J. F. Snyder describes *The Capture of Lexington* in the opening pages of the *Missouri Historical Review*. Other contributions are: a biographical sketch of *Gen. Jo. O. Shelby*, by William P. Borland; an address on *The Province of Historical Societies*, by H. E. Robinson; and a continuation of *Sketches of Livingston County*, by L. T. Collier.

The *Diary of Timothy Ford, 1785-1786*, with notes by Joseph W. Barnwell, is continued in *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for October, as are also the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké, August, 1778 to May, 1780*, and the *Register of St. Andrews Parish, Berkeley County, South Carolina, 1719-1774*, copied and edited by Mabel L. Webber.

Frank Nash is the writer of a sketch of *The North Carolina Constitution of 1776 and its Makers* which is printed in volume eleven, number two of *The James Sprunt Historical Publications* issued under the direction of the North Carolina Historical Society. The remainder of the number is taken up with a brief study of *The German Settlers in Lincoln County and Western North Carolina*, by Joseph R. Nixon.

The periodical known as the *American Catholic Historical Researches*, which was published by the late Martin I. J. Griffin, has been merged with the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia*, the latter name being retained. The first issue since the merger appeared in September; and contains, among other things, a number of letters relative to *The Church in Kentucky*, as well as some *Miscellaneous Excerpts from the Baltimore Archives*.

Traditions of the Papago Indians, by Henriette R. Kroeber; *Negro Tales from Georgia*, by Mrs. E. M. Backus and Mrs. Ethel

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Hatton Leitner; and *William Carter, the Bensontown Homer*, by Phillips Barry, are among the contributions in the April-June number of *The Journal of American Folk-Lore*. In the July-September issue may be found *Four Mexican Spanish Fairy-Tales from Azqueltan, Jalisco*, by J. Alden Mason; and *Notes on Mexican Folk-Lore*, by Franz Boas.

The belated June number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* opens with *A Brief History of the Oregon Provisional Government and What Caused its Formation*, by Frederick J. Holman. Robert C. Clark tells *How British and American Subjects Unite in a Common Government for Oregon Territory in 1844*. Then follows a discussion of *John Fiske's Change of Attitude on the Whitman Legend*, by Leslie M. Scott. In the document department may be found *Slocum's Report on Oregon, 1836-7*.

The principal extract from *The Randolph Manuscript* published in the October number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* consists of the commission to George Hamilton, Earl of Orkney, for the government of Virginia. There are continuations of documents relating to *Virginia in 1676 and 1665-666*, and of the *List of Obituaries from Richmond, Virginia, Newspapers*. A number of *Letters from and to George Hume of Virginia, formerly of Wedderburn, Scotland*, may also be found in this issue.

The October number of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, formerly known as *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*, opens with some *Recollections of General Sam Houston*, by A. W. Terrell. *The Retreat of the Spaniards from New Mexico in 1680, and the Beginnings of El Paso* is the subject of a study by Charles W. Hackett. E. T. Miller writes on the *Repudiation of State Debt in Texas Since 1861*; and there is a fourth installment of *Correspondence from the British Archives Concerning Texas, 1837-1846*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

Volume twelve of the *Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society*, which has its headquarters at Wilkes-barré, Pennsylvania, is a book of over two hundred and

fifty pages. Among the contents may be mentioned the following papers: *Central Connecticut in the Geologic Past*, by Joseph Barrell; *Iroquois Pottery and Wampum*, by W. M. Beauchamp; *Echoes of the Massacre of Wyoming*, by Horace Edwin Hayden; who is also the writer of a biographical sketch of *Benjamin Smith, a Soldier of the Revolution*; and *Some Indian Graves at Plymouth, Pa.*, by Christopher Wren.

From Cattle Range to Orange Grove is the subject of a sketch by J. M. Guinn, which appears in the *Annual Publications of the Historical Society of Southern California* for 1912. Historical investigators and students will find special interest in an article on *Hubert Howe Bancroft: His Work and his Method*, by Rockwell D. Hunt. Other contributions are: *The Civic Association as a Factor of Greater Los Angeles*, by Mrs. M. Burton Williamson; *Pioneer Railroads of Southern California*, by J. M. Guinn; *Early Mexican and Californian Relations with Japan*, by James Main Dixon; and *The Gold Placers of Los Angeles*, by J. M. Guinn.

Old Fort Sandusky and the De Lery Portage, by Lucy Elliot Keeler, is an article which opens the October number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*. Eugene Ellis Williams describes *The Copus Battle Centennial*, which was celebrated on September 15, 1912. Several old letters are contributed by George Davenport Kratz and published under the heading of *Some Documentary History of Ohio*. Other contributions are: *An Expedition Against the Shakers*, which is a contemporary account written in 1810 by Benjamin Seth Youngs; *The Indian Village of "Cush-ogwenk"*, by Thomas H. Johnson; and *The Ohio-Columbus Centennial*, by Osman C. Hooper.

The results of a unique line of investigation by Ben Driftmier are to be found in *The Washington Historical Quarterly* under the heading of *Comparative Study of State Constitutions for Provisions not Found in Our Own*. T. C. Elliott is the writer of a brief sketch of *Walla Walla and Missoula*; while a ride *From Missoula to Walla Walla in 1857, on Horseback* is described by Frank H. Woody. In a letter on *The Whitman Controversy* James Clark Strong states his belief that Whitman "is entitled to all that his friends claim for

him." Finally, there is a list of *The Pioneer Dead of 1911*. In the *Reprint Department* may be found several chapters from George Wilkes's *History of Oregon, Geographical and Political*, originally published in New York in 1845.

Internal Improvements in Early Indiana, by Logan Esarey, is a monograph of about one hundred and twenty pages which constitutes volume five, number two of the *Indiana Historical Society Publications*. The first chapter is introductory in character, dealing with the economic situation in the United States from 1816 to 1820 and with conditions of travel in early Indiana. Chapter two has to do with early attempts to build transportation routes, including State roads, the National road, the Michigan road, the opening of rivers to navigation, and the construction of canals. In the third chapter there is a discussion of the era of systematic internal improvements from 1827 to 1840; while the failure of this system is described in chapter four, and the author's conclusions are stated in the fifth chapter.

From the standpoint of American history there is no more important topic than *The National Archives: A Programme*, which is discussed by Waldo Gifford Leland in the October number of *The American Historical Review*. The writer makes a strong plea for a national archives building in which the archives can be adequately cared for and on a plan that will permit expansion to meet the needs of the future. Other articles in this number of the *Review* are: *Legalized Absolutism En Route from Greece to Rome*, by William Scott Ferguson; *The First Levy of Papal Annates*, by W. E. Lunt; *Nonconformity under the "Clarendon Code"*, by Albert Cassell Dudley; and *Some Legal Aspects of the Confiscation Acts of the Civil War*, by James G. Randall. Under the heading of *Documents* here is printed the *Diary of Thomas Ewing, August and September, 1841*.

The first number of volume four of the *Missouri Historical Society Collections*, published by the St. Louis society, has appeared. The first few pages are occupied by a biographical sketch of *Januarius A. Macgahan*, written by Walter J. Blakely. Then follows an interesting *Journal of Jean Baptiste Trudeau Among the Arikara*

Indians in 1795, translated and edited by Mrs. H. T. Beauregard. *A Journey Through the Lines in 1863* is described by Mrs. Lizzie Chambers Hull; while Mrs. Hannah Isabella Stagg relates some *Local Incidents of the Civil War*. Roland G. Usher is the compiler of *A Bibliography of Sanitary Work in St. Louis During the Civil War*; Gerard Fowke presents *Some Notes on the Aboriginal Inhabitants of Missouri*; and the closing contribution is a continuation of the *Recollections of an Old Actor*, by Charles A. Krone.

The January and April, 1912, issues of the *Annals of Iowa*, are combined into one number which contains an interesting array of articles. In the opening pages J. P. Cruikshank discusses the *Historic Sites to be Submerged* when the Keokuk dam is put into operation. In an article on *Prominent Men of Early Iowa* Edward H. Stiles presents brief sketches of the lives of George G. Wright and Joseph C. Knapp. The *Earliest Explorations of Iowa-Land* are described by Charles R. Keyes, who seems to hold the rather unusual view that Radisson and Groseilliers were the first white men to see the Iowa country, and that Nicolas Perrot, Father Dablon, and possibly others saw the Mississippi before Marquette and Joliet. In an article on the *Public Archives of Iowa* by C. C. Stiles, may be found an elaborate classification of the documents from the office of the Secretary of State. Some entertaining *Glimpses of Henry Clay Dean, a Unique Individual* are furnished by J. W. Cheney. Other contributions are: *Pioneers of Iowa and of the Pacific Northwest*, by Cornelius H. Hanford; and *An Expedition Across Iowa in 1820*, which consists of a journal of Stephen Watts Kearny.

An interesting discussion of *The Abolition of Slavery in Pennsylvania*, written by Edward Raymond Turner, appears in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for April, 1912. *Some Additional Information Concerning Ephraim Martin, Esquire, Colonel of the Fourth New Jersey Regiment of the Continental Line* is presented by Edmund J. James. *William Logan's Journal of a Journey to Georgia, 1745*, is concluded in this number. Especially interesting from the standpoint of western American history are the *Notes of a Journey from Philadelphia to New*

Madrid, Tennessee, 1790, contributed by John W. Jordan. It seems probable, however, that New Madrid, the destination of the journey, was in the present State of Missouri, rather than in Tennessee. *The Mother of "Mary, the Mother of Washington"*, is the subject of a sketch by Charles H. Browning. William M. Mervine is the writer of a paper on *The Scotch Settlers in Raphoe, County Donegal, Ireland*, which is printed in the July number. *The Itinerary of the Pennsylvania Line from Pennsylvania to South Carolina, 1781-1782*, is taken from a collection of papers of General Anthony Wayne which recently came into the possession of the Society. *Three Letters Written at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1778*, illustrate some of the difficulties which confronted Moravians and Mennonites of that place in respect to the "Test Oath". Edward Raymond Turner is the writer of an interesting article on *The Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania*; A. R. Beck contributes some *Notes of a Visit to Philadelphia, Made by a Moravian Sister in 1810*; and there are published some *Military Letters of Captain Joseph Shippen of the Provincial Service, 1756-1758*.

ACTIVITIES

Judge A. W. Terrell, who for several years has been president of the Texas State Historical Association, died at Mineral Wells, Texas, on September 8, 1912.

There is some agitation in Mahaska County in favor of the organization of a county historical society. The movement is a worthy one and should receive encouragement from all who are interested in local history.

Professor Andrew C. McLaughlin of the University of Chicago delivered the principal address at the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Antiquarian Society, October 15 and 16, 1912.

Professor John H. Reynolds, Secretary of the Arkansas Historical Association and head of the department of history and political science in the University of Arkansas, is serving as acting President of the University during the current year.

The Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society held its annual meeting on July 26, 1912. The report of the curator and librarian indicates that the Society has been especially active in investigating mounds in Ohio, and that much progress has been made in the compilation of an archaeological atlas of that State. On September 12, 1912, occurred the laying of the corner stone of a new building for the Society at Columbus.

The Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association held its tenth annual meeting on November 29 and 30, 1912, at the University of California. Among the papers read at the meeting were: *The Organization of the Reign of Terror in France*, by H. Morse Stevens; *the Background of Alaskan History*, by Frank A. Golder; *Party Groupings in the Twenty-Second Congress*, by Edgar E. Robinson; and *Some Effects of Inertia on Public Opinion*, by Murray S. Wildman.

The Marshall County Historical Society has been holding monthly meetings. On November 20th Mr. J. L. Carney delivered an address on "John Marshall". At the meeting on December 11th Mr. James B. Weaver, Jr. of Des Moines read a paper on "Jimmy, Poet, Philosopher, and Pioneer". The speaker on January 13th was Mr. E. M. Wentworth of State Center, whose subject was "Does History Repeat Itself?" The Society is flourishing and is creating much interest in local and State history in Marshall County.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association held its semi-annual session at Boston on December 30, 1912, in connection with the meeting of the American Historical Association. The following papers were on the program: *Side-lights on the Scioto Company — The Early Movement of New England into the West*, by Archer B. Hulbert; *The New England Element in Illinois Politics before 1830*, by Solon J. Buck; *New England and the Western Reserve*, by Karl F. Geiser; and *The Mayflower Compact and its Descendants*, by Lois Kimball Mathews.

The Decatur County Historical Society held its annual meeting at the office of Mr. Stephen Varga in Leon, Iowa, on November 26, 1912. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Guy P. Arnold; Vice President, Stephen Varga; Secretary, Heman C. Smith; Historian, Duncan Campbell; Members of Board of Directors, Patrick Griffin, J. W. Harvey, J. A. Gunsolley, and Mrs. Emaline Malotte; Editorial Committee, O. E. Hull, Heman C. Smith, and Duncan Campbell. A resolution was adopted changing the time of holding the annual meeting from the fourth Tuesday in November to the fourth Thursday in June.

The Missouri Historical Society at St. Louis has been made the custodian of a large body of French and Spanish documents, formerly kept in the municipal offices of St. Louis. These documents, most of which appear both in the original and in English translation, consist of deeds, marriage contracts, wills, commercial contracts, and various other papers. Very little use has as yet been made of these documents for historical purposes, but they no doubt contain valuable source material concerning the early French and Spanish settlers in upper Louisiana.

The Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution of Washington is preparing an *Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States* which will no doubt prove very useful. Professors Max Farrand and Jesse S. Reeves have been assisting in the work. The *Guide to the Materials for American History to 1783, in the Public Record Office of Great Britain*, prepared by Professor Andrews, has been issued. Professor Albert B. Faust will soon go to Europe to make an investigation of materials for American history in Switzerland, Salzburg, and Austria.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The next volume to be published by the Society will be Mr. Johnson Brigham's biography of James Harlan, which will appear in the *Iowa Biographical Series*.

Dr. John E. Brindley's *History of Road Legislation in Iowa*, a volume of four hundred and twenty pages in the *Iowa Economic History Series*, has been distributed to members.

A volume of nearly three hundred and forty pages on *The History of Work Accident Indemnity in Iowa*, written by Professor E. H. Downey, is ready for distribution. This volume appears in the *Iowa Economic History Series*.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, Dr. Truman Michelson of the American Bureau of Ethnology, who has spent much time among the Meskwaki Indians in Tama County, was the guest of The State Historical Society of Iowa. In the afternoon at three o'clock there was a Conference-Seminar at which Dr. Michelson led the discussion on the subject, "The Investigations and Researches of the American Bureau of Ethnology Among the North American Indians". In the evening at eight o'clock a reception was tendered to Dr. Michelson, who delivered an address on "The Meskwaki Indians".

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. H. G. Bolks, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. W. J. Ferguson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Henry S. Keables, Pella, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Moore, Guthrie Center, Iowa; Mr. Hal H. Mosier, Wapello, Iowa; Mr. Edward O'Connor, Lone Tree, Iowa; Mr. L. F. Potter, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. S. M. Woodward, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. A. L. Bakke, Ames, Iowa; Dr. L. C. Cooley, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. B. F. Felt, Jr., Spencer, Iowa; Mr. H. E. Hadley, Nevada, Iowa; President R. A. Pearson, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Lorin Stuckey, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Herbert H. Waller, Stratford, Iowa; Mr. R. O. Bagby, Clarksville, Iowa; Miss Eva Burnet, Allerton, Iowa; Mr. D. S. Fairchild, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. Edward Peterson, Stratford, Iowa; Mr. Donald J. A. Ritchie, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Geo. C. White, Nevada, Iowa; and Rev. D. W. Wylie, Iowa City, Iowa.

The Society will soon distribute the first volume in a new series of publications, entitled the *Iowa Applied History Series*. The purpose of the Society in publishing this series is to furnish legislators, public officials, and the public in general with the results of its researches into the political, social, and economic history of Iowa. Besides the editor's introduction, by Benj. F. Shambaugh, outlining the scope and purpose of "Applied History", the volume contains the following papers: *Road Legislation in Iowa*, by John E. Brindley; *Regulation of Urban Utilities in Iowa*, by E. H. Downey; *Primary Elections in Iowa*, by Frank E. Horack; *Corrupt Practices Legislation in Iowa*, by Henry J. Peterson; *Work Accident Indemnity in Iowa*, by E. H. Downey; and *Tax*

Administration in Iowa, by John E. Brindley. The two papers by Professor Brindley and the one on *Work Accident Indemnity in Iowa*, by Professor Downey, are based upon larger volumes already published in the *Iowa Economic History Series*.