

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

The principal address in the *Proceedings of the Bunker Hill Monument Association* for 1915 is one by Worthington C. Ford on *The Language of War*.

The July number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* is devoted entirely to a monograph of about three hundred pages, entitled *A History of Banking and Currency in Ohio Before the Civil War*, by C. C. Huntington.

*Bulletin No. 3* issued by the Indiana Historical Commission contains suggestions relative to the proposed observance of the Indiana centennial in 1916.

Volume fifteen of the *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society* consists of the third and concluding volume of the *Correspondence and Documents During Jonathan Law's Governorship of the Colony of Connecticut*. The material in this volume covers the period from January, 1747, to October, 1750.

The American Historical Association has published the essay on *Henry Bennet, Earl of Arlington, Secretary of State to Charles II*, by Violet Barbour, which was awarded the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize in European History for 1913.

*The Medford Historical Register* for July contains two articles, namely: *The Withington Bakery*, by Moses W. Mann; and *Turell Tufts and his Family Connections*.

The monograph on *The Germans in the Gubernatorial Campaign of Iowa in 1859*, by F. I. Herriott, which was noted in the July number of the JOURNAL, has been reprinted from the *Jahrbuch der Deutsch-Amerikanischen Historischen Gesellschaft von Illinois*, volume fourteen.

*The Story of the Pinna and the Syrian Lamb*, by Berthold Laufer; and *Songs and Rhymes from the South*, by E. C. Perrow, are among the contents of the April-June number of *The Journal of American Folk-Lore*.

Two articles which appear in the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* for January are: *Newark Town Government from 1666 to 1833*, by John L. Rankin; and *Newark Settled by a Congregational Church*, by T. A. Moffat.

The May-August number of the *German-American Annals* is occupied with continuations of the following articles: *The German Drama in English on the Philadelphia Stage*, by Charles F. Brede; and *The German Drama in English on the New York Stage to 1830*, by Louis Charles Baker.

A study of *The Lac Court Oreilles Region*, by Charles E. Brown; and a short article on *Our Indebtedness to the American Indian*, by Leo J. Frachtenberg, are contributions in the July number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*.

An interesting and valuable piece of source material is the *Journal of Francis Collins, an Artillery Officer in the Mexican War*, edited by Maria Clinton Collins, and published in the combined April and July numbers of the *Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio*.

Continuations of Henry A. M. Smith's monograph on *Old Charles Town and its Vicinity*, and of the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké* are the principal items in the April number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*.

Volumes seventeen to twenty of the *Collections of the Maine Historical Society*, published in 1913 and 1914, contain further installments of *The Baxter Manuscripts*, edited by James Phinney Baxter.

The *Nineteenth Biennial Report of the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society* contains, besides reports and the proceedings of annual meetings, *A Roster of Kansas for Sixty Years*, which consists of a list of all the Territorial and State officials in Kansas since 1854.

Among the articles in the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada* for March are the following: *Les Indiens du Canada depuis la découverte*, by C. M. Barbeau; *The Loyalist Settlements on the Gaspé Peninsula*, by Wilbur H. Siebert; and *The Temporary Settlement of Loyalists at Machiche, P. Q.*, by the same author.

*Browsing Around Among Old Books*, by Daniel Wait Howe; *An English Colony in Floyd County*, by John Poucher; *Vevay and Switzerland County*, by Julia Leclerc Knox; *Indiana Methodism 1816-1832*, by Ruth Price; *The Centennial Pageant for Indiana; Suggestions for its Performance*, by George McReynolds; and *The Era of Tassements or Stockaded Trading Posts*, by Hubert M. Skinner, are articles in the September number of the *Indiana Magazine of History*.

*Prentice Statue Unveiled in Louisville the Second Time*, by Ella Hutchinson Ellwanger; *Report of Boone Day, June 7, 1915*, by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton; *Streets of the Capital of Kentucky*, by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton; *Conservation of Our Resources*, by Miss Cora Benedict; and "Heads of Families" in Franklin County, Census of 1810, by A. C. Quisenberry, are among the contents of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* for September.

Volume eleven of the *Collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society*, edited by Otis Grant Hammond, contains a monograph on *The Indian Stream Republic and Luther Parker*, by Grant Showerman. About half of the volume is taken up with a biographical and historical account, while the remaining half is devoted to documentary material, including Ellen Parker's journal from 1852 to 1856. Luther Parker was a pioneer of New Hampshire, and later was the first permanent settler in Muskego Township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

*Abner Cheney Goodell, A. M.*, by George G. Putnam; *James Lesslie of Topsfield, Mass. and Some of his Descendants*, by M. V. B. Perley; "Groton", Salem in 1700, by Sidney Perley; and a *Fragment of a Diary Kept by Rev. Samuel Fiske of Salem, 1719-1721*, are among the contents of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for July.

Among the papers to be found in volume eighteen of the *Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society* are the following: *Wolfe's Men and Nova Scotia*, by Beckles Willson; *Jonathan Belcher, First Chief Justice of Nova Scotia*, by Charles J. Townshend; *Dockyard Reminiscences: An Account of the Action Between the "Chesapeake" and the "Shannon"*, by Charles Roche; and *Early Scottish Settlers in Cape Breton*, by Mrs. Charles Archibald.

An interesting paper entitled *Six Periods of Missouri History*, by Floyd C. Shoemaker, occupies the opening pages of *The Missouri Historical Review* for July. In another article the same writer suggests some "Missouri Day" Programs for Missouri Club Women. With this number the *Review* appears in a new and more attractive dress, under the editorship of Floyd C. Shoemaker.

*Some Material for a Biography of Mrs. Elizabeth Fergusson, née Graeme*, by Simon Gratz, is the opening contribution in the July number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Then follow some *Extracts from the Diary of Thomas Franklin Pleasants, 1814*. Clarence Edward Macartney discusses *The Passing of the Harmonites*; there is some interesting data under the heading *Six Months on the Frontier of Northampton County, Penna., During the Indian War, October, 1755-June, 1756*; and there is a *Letter of John Morton to Anthony Wayne, 1776*.

Nelson C. Titus is the writer of an article on *The Last Stand of the Nez Percés* which occupies first place in the July number of *The Washington Historical Quarterly*. Oshima Shoichi presents some *Japanese Views of the Monroe Doctrine*. George H. Himes is the compiler of some data relative to the *Organizers of the First Government in Oregon*. Under the heading of "Documents" there is printed a *Journal of Occurrences at Nisqually House, 1833*, edited by Clarence B. Bagley.

Continuations of *Texas versus White*, by William W. Pierson, Jr.; *Harris County, 1822-1845*, by Adele B. Looscan; and *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams; and an article on *Local Government in the Spanish Colonies as Provided by the Recopilacion de Leyes de los Reynos de las*

*Indias*, by O. Garfield Jones, make up the contents of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for July.

The opening pages of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for July are occupied with *Acts, Orders and Resolutions of the General Assembly of Virginia at Sessions of March, 1643-1646*. Another installment of the study of *The Virginia Frontier in History — 1778*, by David I. Bushnell, Jr., is devoted to incidents connected with the military operations of General Lachlan McIntosh.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has initiated a new series of publications known as the "Calendar Series". The first volume contains a calendar of *The Preston and Virginia Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts* in the library of the Society, with a prefatory note by Milo M. Quaife. The papers of William Preston cover the period from about 1730 to 1790; while the Virginia manuscripts bear dates ranging from 1651 to 1901. A thorough index makes the contents of the volume readily accessible.

*An Unpublished Chapter in the Early History of Chicago*, by Jesse W. Weik, is the opening contribution in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for January. Then follows an address on *Credit Island, 1814-1914*, delivered by William A. Meese at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the battle. *The County Records of Illinois* are briefly discussed by Theodore Calvin Pease. Charles M. Thompson presents a brief study of *Elections and Election Machinery in Illinois, 1818-1848*; while Wayne E. Stevens is the writer of an article on *The Shaw-Hansen Election Contest*.

The September number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* opens with a paper on *The Discovery of Maryland or Verrezzano's Visit to the Eastern Shore*, by Harvey Franklin Covington. There is another installment of *Extracts from the Carroll Papers*, consisting of letters from the correspondence of Charles Carroll from 1758 to 1760. Bernard C. Steiner is the writer of a brief sketch of *Noah Webster in Maryland*; while the closing contribution consists of *Uriah Brown's Journal* of a journey in 1816 from Baltimore through parts of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, and Maryland.

Among the contributions in *The History Teacher's Magazine* during the past few months are the following: *By What Standards Shall we Judge the Value of Civic Education?*, by Arthur W. Dunn; and a list of *Historical Text-Books Published before 1861*, compiled by W. T. Russell (April); *The Agrarian History of the United States as a Subject for Research*, by William J. Trimble; *The New York Constitutional Convention*, by Edgar Dawson; and the *Report of the Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on the Certification of High School Teachers of History* (May); *The Study of State History*, by Claude S. Larzalere; and *Extracts from the Letters of a Nantucket Forty-Niner*, by B. H. Nye (September).

The volume of *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society for the Year 1913* contains, among others, the following papers: *Benjamin Lundy: A Pioneer of Freedom*, by George A. Lawrence; *The Disciples of Christ in Illinois and their Attitude Toward Slavery*, by N. S. Haynes; *The History of Presbyterianism in Illinois*, by H. D. Jenkins; *Anti-Slavery Struggle in Illinois as it Affected the Methodist Episcopal Church*, by John H. Ryan; *Stephen A. Douglas, the Expansionist*, by Frank E. Stevens; *Colonie du Sieur de la Salle*, by John F. Steward; and *The Tragedy of Starved Rock*, by William A. Jones.

In the June number of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* there appear some *Biographies of Pastors and Stated Supplies of the Presbyterian Church of Shrewsbury, New Jersey, 1734-1914*, by Thomas Little. A short article on *Presbyteries Organized in Philadelphia*, by William P. White; and a continuation of the *Letters and Reports of the Rev. John Philip Boehm*, edited by William J. Hinke, are other contributions. In the September number, besides another installment of the letters just mentioned, there is another section of *The Diaries of the Rev. Seth Williston, D. D.*, edited by Rev. John Quincy Adams.

Two articles of special interest to students of the early exploration of the Mississippi Valley are to be found in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for September. Herbert E. Bolton dis-

cusses *The Location of La Salle's Colony on the Gulf of Mexico*; and Susan M. Reed writes on *British Cartography of the Mississippi Valley in the Eighteenth Century*. An article on *The First Legations of the United States in Latin America*, by William S. Robertson; and a survey of *Historical Activities in Canada, 1914-1915*, by Lawrence J. Burpee, are other contributions. Under the heading of *A Journey through the Indian Country beyond the Ohio, 1785*, there is printed the journal of Samuel Montgomery, with introduction and notes by David I. Bushnell, Jr.

In the *Eighth Annual Report of the Ohio Valley Historical Association* there may be found the following papers: *The West Virginia Department of Archives and History*, by H. S. Green; *Incidents in the Pioneer, Colonial and Revolutionary History of the West Virginia Area*, by J. T. McAllister; *Early Pioneer Experiences at North Bend*, by Miss Jean Howell; *The Tories of the Upper Ohio*, by Wilbur H. Siebert; *Wilkinson's First Break with the Spaniards*, by Isaac Joslin Cox; *Land Grants in Southeastern Ohio*, by H. W. Elson; *Social Conditions in the Mountain Counties of Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia*, by J. R. Robertson; *Early Development of Transportation on the Monongahela River*, by W. Espey Albright; *The Relations of American Sectionalism to Transportation Routes*, by Archer B. Hulbert; and *Ohio River Improvements*, by Wm. M. Hall.

Herbert A. Kellar presents a discussion of *The Minnesota State Archives, their Character, Condition, and Historical Value* in the May number of the *Minnesota History Bulletin*. The documents here printed include a letter relative to the Sioux massacre in Minnesota in 1862, and data relative to conscription in England during the Napoleonic War, and funeral expenses in England a century ago. In the August number of the *Bulletin* there are two contributions, namely: *Tribal Dance of the Ojibway Indians*, by William E. Culkin; and *Recent Activities of the Wisconsin Historical Society*, by Solon J. Buck. The documents in this number consist of selections from the papers of William Pitt Murray in the possession of the Society. Both numbers contain book reviews and notes relative to historical activities and publications in Minnesota and other States.

In the April number of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* there may be found, among other things, a short sketch of the life of *Lucas Brodhead*, by Aitcheson A. Bowman; some *Washington County, N. Y., Quaker Records*, copied by Butler Hoag; and a description of *The New Site of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society*, by Clarence W. Bowen. The contents of the July number include a biographical sketch of *James Congdell Fargo*, one of three brothers who were prominently connected with the development of the express business in the West, by William C. Fargo; a brief biography of *General Edward Francis Winslow*, who was an early railroad builder in this State and entered the Civil War as Captain of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, by William Forse Scott, formerly Adjutant of the same cavalry company; and an article on *The Earliest "Bouweries" in Brooklyn, and their Owners*, by Joel N. Eno.

W. L. Westermann is the writer of an article on *The Economic Basis of the Decline of Ancient Culture* which appears in the opening pages of *The American Historical Review* for July. George Burton Adams discusses *Magna Carta and the Responsible Ministry*. A study of *Anglo-French Commercial Rivalry, 1700-1750: the Western Phase*, by Charles M. Andrews, is devoted largely to the rivalry in the sugar trade. Two other articles are *The United States and Spain in 1822*, by William Spence Robertson; and *The Russian Fleet and the Civil War*, by F. A. Golder. Under the heading of "Notes and Suggestions" George L. Burr tells *How the Middle Ages got Their Name*; while the documents printed in this number include some official observations relative to the plan proposed by the British in 1764 for the management of Indian affairs, and a letter written to the Hudson's Bay Company by officials of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake City in 1847.

The March number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* opens with an address by the late Thomas W. Prosch on *The Indian War in Washington Territory*. Mrs. R. S. Shackelford discusses *The Methodist Mission Claim to the Dalles Town Site*. There are some *Reminiscences of William H. Packwood*, by Fred Lockley; and J. Neilson Barry is the writer of a brief article on *Spanish and*



*French Relics in America.* Finally, the last forty pages are taken up with the *Correspondence of the Reverend Ezra Fisher*, a pioneer missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Oregon. Rev. Fisher was a circuit rider in southeastern Iowa during the early forties. In some of the letters he refers to Rev. Hezekiah Johnson, who lived in Iowa from 1838 to 1845 and then went to Oregon. The June number of the *Quarterly* is given up to papers and addresses concerned with the Columbia and Willamette rivers and their opening to navigation.

In an article entitled *The Story of an Emigrant Train*, which appears in the opening pages of the *Annals of Iowa* for July, J. W. Cheney presents an interesting account of the ill-fated expedition from Iowa to California in 1858, led by L. J. Rose. The *Evolution of the General Rock Scheme in Iowa* is described by Charles Keyes. Isabella Powers writes on the subject of "*The Little Brown Church in the Vale*": *Its Author and its Inspiration*. This well-known song was inspired by and first sung in the Congregational church at Bradford in Chickasaw County, Iowa, and its author was William Savage Pitts. The fifth installment of *The Writings of Judge George G. Wright*, here printed, consists of brief notes concerning his associates in the legislature, among whom were Francis Springer, John J. Selman, Enos Lowe, John P. Cook, Warner Lewis, John T. Morton, Evan Jay, George Hepner, and Milton D. Browning. Finally, there is another installment of the list of *Iowa Authors and their Work*, by Alice Marple. Among the editorials is one on *Motion Picture Films as Historical Material*.

Volume eighteen of the *Buffalo Historical Society Publications*, edited by Frank H. Severance, contains material appropriate to the centennial anniversary of peace between England and the United States. It bears the title *Peace Episodes on the Niagara*, and the first five articles, all by the editor of the volume, relate definitely to the subject indicated by the title. These five articles deal in a very interesting manner with the peace conference at Niagara Falls in 1914, the peace conference at the same place in 1864, Niagara's consecration to peace, the Niagara peace mission of Ephraim Douglass in 1783, and the centenary of peace in relation to the

region of the Niagara and the Great Lakes. Other contributions in the volume are: *The Quaker Mission Among the Indians of New York State*, by Joseph Elkinton; *Notes on the Literature of the War of 1812*, by Frank H. Severance; *The Case of Brig. Gen. Alexander Smyth*, by the same writer; and a translation, by H. F. De Puy, of an immigrant guide-book of the year 1803 entitled *Le Pour et le Contre*.

## ACTIVITIES

"Boone Day" was observed on June 7, 1915, in the rooms of the Kentucky State Historical Society at Frankfort.

The Madrid (Iowa) Historical Society has recently added a number of interesting historical relics to its collection — among them being a stone axe in an excellent state of preservation.

Among the recent acquisitions of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania is a large collection of the papers of the late Jay Cooke.

An effort is being made to secure provision for the collection and safe preservation of prehistoric relics through the agency of the Harrison County Historical Society. Many such relics have been found in that county in recent years.

A gun once owned by Daniel Boone has recently been donated to the Historical Department of Iowa by Harry H. Polk of Des Moines.

The Michigan Historical Commission has completed the translation of the Pierre Margry papers. Since some time will doubtless elapse before the translation, which is now in the Burton Historical Collection in the Detroit Public Library, will be printed, provision has been made whereby copies of particular portions of the manuscript can be furnished to those who so desire.

In accordance with action taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska State Historical Society on May 3, 1915, a committee consisting of over one hundred and fifty citizens of that State was appointed to devise plans for the proper observance of the semi-centennial of the admission of Nebraska into the Union in 1917.

In May, 1915, Mr. F. A. Sampson, who for many years has been Secretary and Librarian of The State Historical Society of Missouri, resigned. His successor in these positions and as editor of the *Review* published by the Society is Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, formerly Assistant Librarian of the Society. Mr. Sampson hereafter will devote his time to collecting historical material and compiling bibliographies for the Society. It is expected that the Society will soon be settled in the new fireproof library building of the University of Missouri, now practically completed.

The Thirty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa made two small appropriations to enable the Historical Department of Iowa to encourage the preservation and marking of historic sites in this State. Miss Alice Marple of the Department is devoting much time to the enlargement and completion of the list of publications by Iowa authors which will eventually be published in book form. Students of Iowa history will also be interested to know that the Department has acquired the correspondence of the late John F. Lacey, which is now being arranged and classified for preservation.

The Minnesota Historical Society has been devoting considerable attention during the last year to the cleaning, classifying, and arranging of the manuscripts in the possession of the Society. This work has revealed the fact that the valuable collection of Ignatius Donnelly papers, first estimated at about thirty thousand in number, really contains nearly fifty thousand separate items. Furthermore, there was discovered a trunk full of the papers of James W. Taylor, who was prominent in political and business circles first in Ohio and later in Minnesota and Canada. A special effort is also being made to collect material relative to the history of the Scandinavian element in the population of the United States.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The third and fourth volumes of Dr. C. R. Aurner's *History of Education in Iowa*, dealing with secondary education and the three State educational institutions, are now in press.

Mr. Ivan L. Pollock, who is pursuing graduate work in the State

University of Iowa, has been appointed Research Assistant in the Society. He is preparing a monograph on the history of economic legislation in Iowa.

An oil portrait of William McClain, who for a long period of time was prominent in Iowa as an educator, has been presented to The State Historical Society of Iowa by Mrs. Emlin McClain.

Dr. Fred E. Haynes, formerly of Morningside College, who has for several years been pursuing researches for the Society, has been appointed as instructor in the Department of Political Economy and Sociology at the State University of Iowa.

The Pilgrim Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Iowa City has presented to the Society a handsome memorial tablet made of metal recovered from the battleship "Maine".

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Curators of the Society on September 1st, Mr. George E. Grier was elected resident Curator to fill the vacancy on the Board occasioned by the death of Mr. George W. Ball. Mr. Grier is cashier of the Citizens Savings and Trust Company of Iowa City. He has been a member of the Society for many years.

Dr. Frank E. Horack, who for many years has been the Secretary and Custodian of the Society, has been appointed to a full professorship in the Department of Political Science in the State University of Iowa. Moreover, Mr. Jacob Van der Zee, Research Associate in the Society for many years, has been appointed assistant professor in the same department. Both Mr. Horack and Mr. Van der Zee have therefore severed their official connection with the Society.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Pierre McDermid, Fontanelle, Iowa; Mr. Frank T. Nash, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. Conger Reynolds, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Jacob Sims, Denison, Iowa; Mr. G. M. Curtis, Clinton, Iowa; Miss Helen B. Loos, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Wiley S. Rankin, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. S. M. Stouffer, Sac City, Iowa; Mr. John Mahin, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Geo. F. Robeson, Iowa City, Iowa; and Mr. Cyril B. Upham, Iowa City, Iowa.