

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

Besides continuations the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for October contains an article on *Endecott Lands, Salem, in 1700*, by Sidney Perley.

A bulletin of information containing a description of the *Collections on Labor and Socialism in the Wisconsin State Historical Library* has been issued by the Society.

The September number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist* is devoted to an illustrated account of the archaeology of the region surrounding Lake Wingra, written by Charles E. Brown.

A brief account of the *Life and Military Services of Brevet-Major General Robert S. Foster*, by Charles W. Smith, constitutes volume five, number six of the *Indiana Historical Society Publications*.

In addition to continuations of source material the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* for December contains an historical sketch of *Dr. Robert Smith's Academy at Pequea, Pennsylvania*, by Jacob N. Beam.

A *Memorial of Colonel Andrew Warner*, prepared by Robert H. Kelby, has been printed as a pamphlet by the New York Historical Society. Colonel Warner was recording secretary of the Society for nearly fifty years.

R. D. W. Connor is the editor of an *Autobiography of Asa Briggs including a Journal of a Trip from North Carolina to New York in 1832*, which appears as a recent number of the *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission*.

Carrying out one of the functions imposed upon it by law, the Department of History of South Dakota, of which Doane Robinson

is Secretary and superintendent, has prepared and published the *Third Census of the State of South Dakota*.

Volume ten of the seventh series of the *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society* consists of the second volume of the illuminating series of papers and correspondence relative to the *Commerce of Rhode Island, 1726-1800*, edited by Worthington C. Ford.

A paper by Willard C. MacNaul on *The Relations of Thomas Jefferson and James Lemen in the Exclusion of Slavery from Illinois and the Northwest Territory with Related Documents, 1781-1818*, which was read before the Chicago Historical Society, has been printed in pamphlet form by the Society.

An *Index to Volumes I-XX of the Wisconsin Historical Collections*, the work of a number of persons including the late Emma Helen Blair, Ada Tyng Griswold, and Louise Phelps Kellogg, constitutes volume twenty-one of the *Collections*. The users of this series of publications will heartily welcome this elaborate index of nearly six hundred pages.

The proceedings of the thirtieth annual meeting of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society; an article on *Hull's Trace or Trail*, by Robt. P. Kennedy; a brief discussion of the question *Where did Eliza Cross the Ohio?*, by Felix J. Koch; and a statement concerning *The Hayes Bequests* make up the contents of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* for October.

The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography for January opens with a *Report of the Journey of Francis Louis Michel from Berne, Switzerland, to Virginia, October 2, 1701—December 1, 1702*, translated and edited by Wm. J. Hinke. The selection of documents concerning *The Virginia Frontier in History—1778*, by David I. Bushnell, Jr., here printed deal with events leading up to the Treaty of Fort Pitt.

The first sixty pages of *Tract No. 95 of the Western Reserve Historical Society* are devoted to articles of incorporation, lists of officers and members, and annual reports of officers. The remaining one hundred pages are taken up with *Letters from the Samuel Hunt-*

ington Correspondence, 1800-1812, with an introduction by Elbert J. Benton. Samuel Huntington was a prominent citizen and official in Ohio during the early pioneer period.

In the June number of the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada* may be found the following papers: *Le Problème des Races au Canada*, by Monseigneur Paul Bruchési; *Le Mort de Champlain*, by Benjamin Sulte; *Treaty of 1825 — Correspondence Respecting the Boundary Between Russian America (Alaska) and British North America*, by James White; and *The Loyalists and Six Nation Indians in the Niagara Peninsula*, by Wilbur H. Siebert.

Under the title of *Fathers of the State* Floyd C. Shoemaker presents an interesting discussion of the personnel of the Missouri Constitutional Convention of 1820, which occupies the opening pages of *The Missouri Historical Review* for October. Among the members of the convention to whom special attention is given is Henry Dodge, whose connection with Iowa history is well known. Anna B. Korn is the writer of a short article on the *Origin of Missouri Day*.

The *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for April, 1915, opens with an address on *The Life and Labors of Jonathan B. Turner*, by Edmund J. James. Then follows *A Chapter from the History of the Underground Railroad in Illinois*, by John H. Ryan. Other contributions are: *Historical Sketches of Part of the Wabash Valley*, by H. W. Beckwith; and the *Diary of John Peake*, a Revolutionary soldier who later settled in Illinois, with introduction and notes by Harold F. Crookes.

The September number of the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* contains, among other things, an historical and descriptive sketch of the Society; an account of *Prince Gallitzin's First Visit to the Allegheny Mountains*; and *Father Peter Helbron's Greensburg, Pa., Register*. In the December number there is an item of interest to students of Mississippi Valley history, namely, a section of the *Epistle or Diary of the Reverend Father Marie Joseph Durand*, translated from the French by Ella M. E. Flick.

Four contributions are to be found in the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, volume twenty-five, part one, namely: a *Check List of Rhode Island Almanacs, 1643-1850*, with introduction and notes by Howard M. Chapin; a biographical sketch of *Justin Fox, a German Printer of the Eighteenth Century*, by Charles L. Nichols; a monograph on *Connecticut's Ratification of the Federal Constitution*, by Bernard C. Steiner; and part three of a *Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*, compiled by Clarence S. Brigham.

Chapters three to six of the study of *The Sulpicians in the United States*, by Charles G. Herbermann, occupy the first eighty pages of volume eight of the *Historical Records and Studies* published by the United States Catholic Historical Society and edited by the writer above named. Other contributions in this volume are: *Dr. John McLaughlin*, by Thomas J. Campbell; *Mission Work Among Colored Catholics*, by Thomas F. Meehan; *Evils of Trusteeism*, by Gerald C. Treacy; and *Two Letters of Mother Seton, Founder of the Sisters of Charity in the United States*.

Continuations of *Some Material for a Biography of Mrs. Elizabeth Fergusson, née Graeme*, by Simon Gratz; and of *Extracts from the Diary of Thomas Franklin Pleasants, 1814*, occupy the first part of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for October. Other materials of a documentary nature here printed include *James Morrell's Account of a Trip to Ballston and Saratoga Springs in August, 1813*; the diary of *A Missionary's Tour to Shamokin and the West Branch of the Susquehanna, 1753*; and some letters relative to *Caesar Rodney's Ride, July, 1776*.

The *Fourteenth Report* of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association, edited by Victor H. Paltsits, has been reprinted from the *Annual Report* of the American Historical Association for 1913. Besides the formal report and the proceedings of the conference of archivists, the reprint contains a report on *The Public Archives of Wyoming*, by James F. Willard; and a *List of Reports and Representations of the Plantation Councils, 1660-1674, the Lords of Trade, 1675-1696, and the Board of Trade,*

1696-1782, in the *Public Record Office*, edited by Charles M. Andrews.

Among the contributions in the *Annual Publications of the Historical Society of Southern California* for the year 1914 are the following: *To California via Panama in 1852*, by Mrs. Cornelius Cole; *How the Area of Los Angeles City was Enlarged*, by J. M. Guinn; *The History of the Telegraph in California*, by Alice L. Bates; *The Earliest Spanish Land Grants in California*, by M. M. Livingston; *The First Expedition of Jedidiah H. Smith to California*, by Robert G. Cleland; *Marshall, the Discoverer of Gold in California*, by Percival J. Cooney; and *Mexican Land Grants in California*, by Charles C. Baker.

The October number of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, published by the Texas State Historical Association, opens with the first installment of a monograph on *Administrative Problems of the Confederate Post Office Department*, by L. R. Garrison. Then follows chapter four of the study of *Texas versus White*, by William W. Pierson, Jr. Other contributions are: *Early Presbyterianism in Texas as Seen by Rev. James Weston Miller*, by Robert F. Miller; *The Alta California Supply Ships, 1773-76*, by Charles E. Chapman; and another section of *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

Reminiscences of the Burning of Columbia, South Carolina, by Michael C. Garber, Jr.,—in which there are several references to the excellent behavior of Iowa troops at that time; *The Election of 1852 in Indiana*, by Dale Beeler; *George W. Julian's Journal—The Assassination of Lincoln*, with introduction and notes by James A. Woodburn; *The Indiana Historical Commission and Plans for the Centennial*, by James A. Woodburn; *The Meaning of "Tassinong"*, by Jacob P. Dunn; and *Governor Harrison and the Treaty of Fort Wayne, 1809*, by Ellmore Barce, are contributions in the December number of the *Indiana Magazine of History*.

Tennessee, the Compromise of 1850, and the Nashville Convention, by St. George L. Sioussat; *Spanish Reaction Against the French*

Advance Toward New Mexico, 1717-1727, by William E. Dunn; *The Statesmanship of President Johnson: A Study of the Presidential Reconstruction Policy*, by Lawrence H. Gipson; and *Historical Activities in the Trans-Mississippi Northwest, 1914-1915*, by Dan E. Clark, are articles which appear in the December number of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. About twenty pages are devoted to some *Remnants of the Letter Files of the Dearborn Family*, with introduction and notes by Thomas Maitland Marshall.

A large number of interesting papers are to be found in the thirteenth volume of the *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association*. Perhaps the following are of the greatest general interest: *The Evolution of History*, by Grenville M. Ingalsbe; *The Undervaluation of American Citizenship*, by Alphonso T. Clearwater; *Sir William Johnson and Pontiac*, by James T. Clark; *The Fur Traders of Early Oswego*, by Frederick W. Barnes; *Lake Ontario in History*, by Henry W. Elson; *The Loyalist Migration Overland*, by William S. Wallace; *The Old Trail from the Mohawk to Oswego*, by Avery W. Skinner; *The Party of the Loyalists in the American Revolution*, by Moses Coit Tyler; and *The Naval History of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie in the War of 1812*, by Ada W. Hill.

The Story of the Mercer Expeditions, by which a number of New England people were brought to Washington Territory during the sixties, is told by Flora A. P. Engle in the opening pages of *The Washington Historical Quarterly* for October. W. B. Seymore is the writer of a brief paper on *Pioneer Hotel Keepers of Puget Sound*. An article which has some bearing on Iowa history is one on *The Mormon Trail*, by Hiram F. White, who traces clearly and concisely the route of this important thoroughfare to the Far West. *Jason Lee: New Evidence on the Missionary and Colonizer* is the title of the concluding article, written by John Martin Canse. Under the heading of "Documents" there is printed a continuation of the *Journal of Occurrences at Nisqually House, 1833*, edited by Clarence B. Bagley.

The opening contribution in *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for September is a scholarly study of *The Organiza-*

tion of the Oregon Emigrating Companies, by Harrison C. Dale. This is a topic which has a bearing on Iowa history, since, as is shown by the writer, a number of such emigration societies were formed in the Territory of Iowa, with the result that many people, after a brief sojourn here, joined the movement toward the Pacific Northwest during the forties. *The Yaquina Railroad*, by Leslie M. Scott; and *The Pacific Coast Survey of 1849 and 1850*, by Lewis A. McArthur are other articles. Finally, there is another installment of the *Correspondence of the Reverend Ezra Fisher*, who, as has already been noted in these pages, spent some time as a missionary in the Territory of Iowa before going to Oregon.

The *Scientific Studies of Dr. Asa Horr* of Dubuque are discussed by James O. Crosby in the *Annals of Iowa* for October. Three appreciations of the life and services of Richard C. Barrett are written by F. F. Faville, Albert M. Deyoe, and Edgar R. Harlan. The *Opinions of Hon. Smith McPherson, District Judge, in the Case of the United States vs. David S. Morrison* are set forth by A. J. Small. The sixth installment of *The Writings of Judge George G. Wright*, here printed, relates to Shepherd Leffler, S. C. Hastings, and Joseph Williams. B. L. Wick is the author of a brief sketch of the life of *Judge George Greene*. Finally, there are additional sections of the C. C. Stiles's outline classification of the *Public Archives of Iowa*, dealing in this instance with the office of the State Treasurer; and of Alice Marple's list of *Iowa Authors and their Works*.

Besides reports of the proceedings of meetings volume one of the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1913* contains a number of valuable papers. Among them may be mentioned the following: *Manuscripts and Historical Archives*, by Worthington C. Ford; *Frauds in Historical Portraiture, or Spurious Portraits of Historical Personages*, by Charles Henry Hart; *The Committee of the States, 1784*, by Edmund C. Burnett; *The Return of John C. Calhoun to the Senate in 1845*, by James E. Walmsley; *Charleston During the Civil War*, by Theodore D. Jervoy; *The Bombardment of Fort Sumter, 1861*, by Oliver L. Spaulding, Jr.; and *Planning the Publication Work of Historical Agencies*,

by Clarence W. Alvord. Volume two of the *Report* is devoted to the *Papers of James A. Bayard, 1796-1815*, edited by Elizabeth Donnan.

The greater part of volume two of the *Washington Historical Society Publications* is taken up with addresses delivered at the dedication of the new building of the Society at Tacoma and at the unveiling of various monuments marking historic sites in the State of Washington. There are, however, the following papers: *The Story of the Indian Attack upon Seattle*, by Lucile W. Hewitt; *Reminiscences of Early Washington Territory*, by James Clark Strong; notes relative to *The Natches Pass Emigrant Train, the Indian Wars, etc.*, by the late W. H. Gilstrap; *Washington Territory's First Legislature*, by Allen Weir; *The Anti-Chinese Riots of 1885*, by John H. McGraw; a reprint of the account of *The Ascent of Takhoma*, by General Hazard Stevens; *Indian Superstitions*, by P. F. Hylebos; and *Correspondence Relative to the Indian Names of the Great Mountain*, conducted by Benjamin L. Harvey.

An interesting glimpse of early commercial activities in the West from about 1754 to 1776 is to be found in an article describing *The Gratz Papers*, by William Vincent Byers, which appears in number twenty-three of the *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society*. Barnard and Michael Gratz were Philadelphia merchants whose business relations extended as far west as the Illinois country. *The Startling Experience of a Jewish Trader During Pontiac's Siege of Detroit in 1763*, briefly related by David E. Heineman, is another item of western interest. Among the other contributions may be mentioned the following: *Some Jewish Associates of John Brown*, by Leon Hühner; *References to Jews in the Correspondence of John J. Crittenden*, contributed by Cyrus Adler and Albert M. Friedenberg; and *Jews Interested in Privateering in America During the Eighteenth Century*, by Leon Hühner.

The first part of a biography of *General James Winchester, 1752-1826*, by John H. DeWitt; the concluding installment of Donald L. McMurry's study of *The Indian Policy of the Federal Government and the Economic Development of the Southwest, 1789-1801*; a

roster of *The Confederate Government, 1861-1865*, compiled by W. E. Beard; and some Mexican War letters of Colonel William B. Campbell of Tennessee, edited by St. George L. Sioussat, make up the contents of the *Tennessee Historical Magazine* for June. In the September number *The True Route of the Natchez Trace* is discussed by Park Marshall; the biography of General Winchester is concluded; A. P. Foster briefly sets forth *The Purpose of the Andrew Jackson Memorial Association*; and there are a number of letters of James K. Polk to Cave Johnson covering the period from 1833 to 1846, with introduction and notes by St. George L. Sioussat.

The American Historical Review for October opens with a twelve-page account of the meeting of the American Historical Association in California during the summer of 1915. Then follows a paper on *Maximum Wage-laws for Priests after the Black Death, 1348-1381*, by Bertha Haven Putnam. *The French Objective in the American Revolution* is discussed by Edward S. Corwin; *The Earlier Relations of England and Belgium* are described by Charles W. Colby; and *A Theory of Jefferson Davis* is presented by N. W. Stephenson. Among the "Notes and Suggestions" may be found some observations relative to official military reports, by Justin H. Smith; and a brief discussion of conscription during the Civil War, by Carl Russell Fish. Finally, under the heading of "Documents" there is printed *Dr. John McLoughlin's Last Letter to the Hudson's Bay Company, as Chief Factor, in Charge at Fort Vancouver, 1845*, with introduction and notes by Katharine B. Judson.

Volume five, number five of the *Indiana Historical Society Publications* is an exceedingly interesting and valuable contribution not only to the literature of Indiana history but also to that of all the Upper Mississippi Valley Commonwealths in which the conditions of pioneer life were essentially the same. It is a volume of nearly three hundred pages entitled *The Pioneers of Morgan County* and consists of the memoirs of Noah J. Major, edited by Logan Esarey. The memoirs, written in an entertaining style and made vivid by frequent illustrative anecdotes and by the use of many of the idioms

and colloquial expressions characteristic of the period, present a very clear picture of the life of the pioneers. Some idea of the contents of the volume may be gained from the following list of subjects discussed: the first settlers, marriage and housekeeping, wooing and wedding, corn fields and early farming, sickness and sorrow, hunting stories, religion, a summer school, politics and elections, counterfeiters, shows, exports and transportation, flatboats and boating, the old canal, mills and millwrights, and the early law-makers. It is seldom that reminiscences attain such a high standard in respect to style, accuracy, and breadth of view.

ACTIVITIES

The ninth annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association was held at Columbus, Ohio, on October 21 and 22, 1915.

The New York Historical Society has recently published a catalogue of its gallery of art, and a catalogue of its collection of Egyptian antiquities.

The Madrid (Iowa) Historical Society has recently acquired a set of drawing instruments and some books which once belonged to C. W. Gaston, the first settler in Boone County.

There is a growing sentiment in Page County in favor of the formation of a county historical society, and in fact a committee has been appointed to canvass the matter. It is to be hoped that the movement will soon be crowned with success.

Students of Mississippi Valley history will be interested to know that under the direction of the Louisiana Historical Society a calendar is being prepared which will contain a list of the records of the French and Spanish régimes which are to be found in the Cabildo at New Orleans.

The annual meeting of the Kossuth County Historical Society was held at Algona on December 14, 1915. A paper by Mrs. Gardner Cowles on the early history of Kossuth County containing frequent extracts from the diary of her father, Ambrose Call, was the prin-

principal feature of the program. Mr. B. F. Reed was reëlected president, and Mr. A. Hutchinson was chosen as secretary.

The Historical Department of Iowa at Des Moines has acquired by gift the large collection of Civil War relics gathered by Major S. H. M. Byers. The difficulty of making a proper display of this collection has caused Curator Harlan to endorse the suggestion made by the Iowa department of the Grand Army of the Republic that an addition to the Historical Building should be erected for use as a "Grand Army Corridor".

Among the recent manuscript accessions of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin is a large collection of the letters and papers of Cyrus Woodman, an early attorney in Wisconsin who was also for a time register of the land office in that State. The Society held its sixty-third annual meeting on October 21st, the principal address being one by Gaillard Hunt of the Library of Congress on the subject *The President of the United States*.

A summary of the work of the Jefferson County Historical Society for the last quarter of the year 1915, prepared by Hiram Heaton, appeared in the *Fairfield Journal* of December 2, 1915. Special mention is made of the old settlers' reunion on October 1st. It is also noted that a movement is on foot to unite three Jefferson County organizations, namely: the Old Settlers' Association, the Old Settlers' Park Association, and the Historical Society.

The State Historical Society of Missouri is now established in fire-proof quarters in the splendid new library building of the University of Missouri at Columbia. The work of moving the large library and collections of the Society from Academic Hall was completed during August and September. Nearly one-half of the new library building has been assigned to the Society, thus meeting all present needs and giving room for future expansion. Under its new superintendent, Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, the Society is making plans for the extension of its work to the end that it may be increasingly useful to the people of the State. The thirteenth annual meeting of the Society was held on December 10th, Walter B. Stevens of St. Louis being the principal speaker.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On November 30, 1915, there was organized at Waukon, Iowa, the Allamakee County Historical and Archaeological Society, which in the constitution is declared to be an "auxiliary to the State Historical Department of Iowa at Des Moines, the Historical Society of Iowa at Iowa City, the Waukon Public Library and the High School Library at Waukon." The objects of the Society are broad in scope, including the preservation of all records and materials bearing upon the history of the county as well as relics and remains of the prehistoric inhabitants of this region. The membership fee is one dollar a year.

The following officers were elected to serve until the annual meeting which will be held on the second Tuesday of January: Charles F. Pye, President; H. B. Miner, Vice President; A. M. May, Secretary and Treasurer; and E. M. Hancock, Curator. In addition to these officers the list of incorporators includes Ellison Orr, Charlotte Hancock, and Miss Jessie Lewis.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

A volume on the history of third party movements in the United States, with special reference to Iowa, written by Dr. Fred E. Haynes, is now in press.

Professor Louis B. Schmidt of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, a member of the Society, read a paper on *The Economic History of American Agriculture as a Field for Study* before the American Historical Association at Washington, D. C., during the holidays.

General Grenville M. Dodge, who died on January 3, 1916, was a life member of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, the Superintendent of the Society, delivered an illustrated address on *Examples of what American States, Cities, and Business Corporations Have Done for the Preservation of their Records* at Washington, D. C., on December 28th before a joint meeting of various national organizations then in

session in that city. The joint meeting was in the interest of the movement for the erection of a national archives building.

Mr. J. A. Green of Stone City, a life member of the Society, celebrated his seventy-first birthday on December 10th. He was born in Ireland in 1844, came to America in 1852, and located at Stone City in 1868, soon afterward opening up Champion Quarry, the operation of which in time developed into an industry of large proportions. Mr. Green was a member of the State Senate in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Dwight P. Breed, Grinnell, Iowa; Mr. G. R. Lemmon, Guthrie Center, Iowa; Mr. John Van Steenbergen, Sioux Center, Iowa; Mr. E. P. Chase, Atlantic, Iowa; Mr. F. W. Johansen, Audubon, Iowa; Mr. S. S. Melchert, Bloomfield, Iowa; Mr. A. F. Galloway, Clarinda, Iowa; Mr. Ernest Horn, Iowa City, Iowa; and Mr. Maurice Ricker. The following have been elected to life membership: Mr. Euclid Sanders, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. F. E. Horack, Iowa City, Iowa; and Mr. S. A. Swisher, Iowa City, Iowa.