

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

A detailed description of *The Minnesota Historical Society Building* as it will appear when completed, written by Stirling Horner, is to be found in the May number of the *Minnesota History Bulletin*.

An illustrated article on *Outagamie County Antiquities*, by George R. Fox, is to be found in *The Wisconsin Archeologist* for March.

*Benjamin Franklin — An Appreciation*, by Marshall Putnam Thompson, is the title of a paper published in the *Proceedings of the Bostonian Society* at the annual meeting held on January 18, 1916. *A Boy's Memories of the Civil War and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln* are related by Charles F. Read.

The Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Governors has issued a handsome volume of over three hundred pages containing biographical sketches of several Governors of the various American colonies.

*Bulletin No. 5* published by the Michigan Historical Commission contains a list of *Names of Places of Interest on Mackinac Island, Michigan*, with descriptive and explanatory notes by Frank A. O'Brien. There is also a map of Mackinac Island.

*Early Opposition to Thomas Hart Benton*, by C. H. McClure; and *How Missouri Counties, Towns and Streams were Named*, by David W. Eaton, are two articles in the April number of *The Missouri Historical Review*.

Volume fourteen, number two of *The James Sprunt Historical Publications*, published under the direction of the North Carolina Historical Society, is taken up with a monograph by Francis Hodges Cooper, on *Some Colonial Aspects of Beaufort County, North Carolina*.



In *The Journal of American Folk-Lore* for July-September, 1915, may be found *Some Play-Party Games of the Middle West*, including a number from Iowa, compiled by Edwin F. Piper.

*Some Errors in Medford's Histories* are pointed out by John H. Hooper in the April number of *The Medford Historical Register*.

The June number of the *Indiana Magazine of History* contains the following five articles: *The Socialist Party in Illinois Since 1896*, by Ora E. Cox; *Who was our Sieur de Vincennes?*, by Jacob P. Dunn; *Some Features of the History of Parke County*, by Maurice Murphy; *The Terre Haute Company*, by A. R. Markle; and *Tecumseh's Confederacy*, by Elmore Barce.

The *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* for January contain, among other things, an article by Joseph F. Folsom entitled *Manuscript Light on Chaplain James Caldwell's Death*.

Part two of the *Report of the Journey of Francis Louis Michel from Berne, Switzerland, to Virginia, in 1701-1702*, translated and edited by William J. Hinke; and the fifth section of the study of *The Virginia Frontier in History*, by David J. Bushnell, Jr., dealing in this case with the Treaty of Fort Pitt, are among the contents of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for April.

Among the contents of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for January are continuations of *Letters to General Greene and Others*, annotated by Joseph W. Barnwell; and the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké*.

The fourth installment of *Selections from the Follett Papers*, edited by L. B. Hamlin, may be found in the January-March issue of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio*.

*Father Peter De Smet — Mighty Sower 1801-1873*, by Joseph M. Corrigan, is an article in the June number of the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* which has a bearing on the early history of western Iowa. It is evidently a review of the recent biography of De Smet, written by E. Laveille. A similar article by



Joseph J. Murphy reviews the main events in the career of *Reverend Charles Nerinckx*, a pioneer missionary of Kentucky, as related in a recent biography.

A biographical sketch of *Nathaniel Cushing Nash*, by Nathaniel C. Nash, Jr.; and a continuation of the *Reminiscences of John Davidson, a Maine Pioneer*, are among the contents of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for April.

Among the articles in the January-March number of the *American Anthropologist* are the following: *On the Variety of Lines of Descent Represented in a Population*, by Franz Boas; *The Question of the Zodiac in America*, by Herbert J. Spinden; and *Notes on Explorations of Martha's Vineyard*, by S. J. Guernsey.

*Where Roger Williams Lived in Salem* is the subject discussed by Sidney Perley in the opening pages of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for April. The same writer contributes another article entitled *Part of Salem Village in 1700*.

A forty-page article on *Indian Treaties Affecting Lands in the Present State of Illinois*, by Frank R. Grover, is the opening contribution in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for October. Many of these treaties also have a bearing on Iowa history. *General Grant, Judge William H. Green and N. B. Thistlewood, of Cairo, Illinois* is the title of an article by John M. Lansden. Among the remaining contributions is one by W. T. Norton, on *Forgotten Statesmen of Illinois: Hon. Robert Smith*.

Lawrence C. Wroth is the writer of a monograph on *The First Sixty Years of the Church of England in Maryland, 1632-1692*, which is given first place in the March number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. There are continuations of *Uria Brown's Journal*; of the *Journal of the Committee of Observation of the Middle District of Frederick County, Maryland*; and of *Extracts from the Carroll Papers*.

*Redfield Proctor, His Public Life and Services*, by Frank C. Partridge; *Otter Creek in History*, by Henry W. Hill; and a compilation of data concerning prominent men born in Vermont, by Dorman B.



E. Kent, under the heading *One Thousand Men*, are among the contents of the *Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society for the Years 1913-1914*. In Mr. Kent's list may be found the names of Lucien W. Berry, Henry T. Reed, Austin Adams, John A. Kasson, Leslie M. Shaw, Martin J. Wade, Josiah B. Grinnell, George Augustus Gates, Ansel Briggs, and others who have been prominent in Iowa.

*The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* for May opens with a *Biographical Sketch of Major Henry T. Stanton, Poet and Journalist, of Kentucky*, by J. Stoddard Johnston. Other articles are: *A Sketch of the Life and Times of General Benjamin Logan*, by Bessie T. Conkwright; *The Census of Woodford County, Ky., 1800*, by A. C. Quisenberry; and *Jared De Mint, an Indian Episode in the Early History of Franklin County*, by Leonna Jett Shryock.

New light upon a much discussed subject is furnished by William Edward Dunn in an article on *The Spanish Search for La Salle's Colony, 1685-1689*, which is published in the April number of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. Clara M. Love is the writer of a *History of the Cattle Industry in the Southwest*, a portion of which appears in this number. A brief article on *The Beginnings of Mission Nuestra Senora del Refugio* is contributed by Herbert E. Bolton. Finally, there is the eighteenth installment of *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

Among the contributions in volume fifteen of the *Jahrbuch der Deutsch-Amerikanischen Historischen Gesellschaft von Illinois*, edited by Julius Goebel, are the following: *Francis Lieber: A Study of a Man and an Ideal*, by Ernest Bruncken; *Aus der Frühzeit der deutschen Bewegung*, consisting of two speeches on German Day, 1891, at New York and Fort Madison, by Carl Schurz and Franz Sigel, respectively; *Karl Heinzen, Reformer, Poet and Literary Critic*, by Paul O. Schinnerer; *The Premises and Significance of Abraham Lincoln's Letter to Theodore Canisius*, by F. I. Herriott; and *Recollections of a Forty-eighter*, by Major Frederick Behlen-dorff.



A timely article on *Franklin and the Rule of Free Ships, Free Goods*, by Simeon E. Baldwin, appears in the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* at the annual meeting held on October 20, 1915. *Virginia's Contribution to Science* is the subject of an interesting article by Lyon G. Tyler. *The Indian Myths of the Northwest*, meaning the Pacific Northwest, are discussed by William D. Lyman. The remaining one hundred pages are taken up with part four of Clarence S. Brigham's *Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*, this installment being devoted to the newspapers of Massachusetts, except those of Boston.

Joseph Jackson is the contributor of an entertaining discussion of *The Shakespeare Tradition in Philadelphia* which appears in the April number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Other items of interest among the contents are some *Autobiographical Letters of Peter S. Duponceau; Fanny Saltar's Reminiscences of Colonial Days in Philadelphia*, contributed by Mrs. E. B. Hoskins; and *Letters of Thomas Penn to Richard Hockley, 1746-1748*.

*The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* opens with an interesting paper on *The Indian of the Northwest as Revealed by the Earliest Journals*, by O. B. Sperlin. *A Tribute to John Minto* is written by William Galloway. Harrison C. Dale contributes a brief discussion of the question, *Did the Returning Astorians Use the South Pass?*, together with a letter bearing on that subject written in 1856 by Ramsay Crooks. *A Hudson's Bay Company Contract of the year 1850*, and another section of the *Correspondence of the Reverend Ezra Fisher* complete the contents.

A lengthy, illustrated article on *Les médailles décernées aux Indiens d'Amérique*, by Victor Morin, which appears in the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada* for December, is a valuable contribution to the history of the relations between the Indians and the various civilized nations that have had dealings with them. Other articles are *The Social Organization of the West Coast Tribes*, by E. Sapir; and the fifth paper on *An Organization of the Scientific Investigation of the Indian Place Nomenclature of the Maritime*



*Provinces of Canada*, by W. F. Ganong. In the March number, among other things, there is a long discussion of the *Fundamental Processes in Historical Science*, by Hervey M. Bowman.

Under the heading of *Work of Indexing Louisiana "Black Boxes"*, in volume eight of the *Publications of the Louisiana Historical Society*, William Price tells of the valuable service which he has performed in indexing the early archives of Louisiana. *The Black Code*, by James J. McLoughlin; *Bienville's Difficulties in the Founding of New Orleans*, by Mrs. S. B. Elder; *Noblesse Oblige*, by Gilbert Pemberton, in which the writer tells of the storm at New Orleans in 1722 and the disastrous fire of 1788; *Original Contributions of Louisiana to Medical Science*, by Edmond Souchon; and *A Statue Due Sieur de Bienville*, by Mrs. S. B. Elder, are other papers.

*The American Historical Review* for April opens with a detailed account of *The Meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington*. Lynn Thorndike's study of *The True Roger Bacon* is concluded in this number. *The Political Theories of Calvinists before the Puritan Exodus to America* are discussed by Herbert Darling Foster; *Slavery and Conversion in the American Colonies* is the title of an article by Marcus W. Jernegan; and the *Influences which Determined the French Government to Make the Treaty with America, 1778*, are pointed out by Claude H. Van Tyne. The documents contained in this number have to do with the *Relations between the Vermont Separatists and Great Britain, 1789-1791*, and are edited by S. F. Bemis.

An unsigned article on *Ohio History and National History* occupies the opening pages in the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* for April. Then follow the proceedings of the ninth annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association, including the following papers: *Woman's Suffrage in the Constitutional Convention of Ohio*, by D. C. Shilling; *Early Religious Movements in Pittsburgh*, by Homer J. Webster; *Early Religious Movements in the Muskingum Valley*, by C. L. Martzoff; *Early Newspapers in the Virginias*, by Henry S. Green; *Influences of Early Religious Liter-*



ature in the Ohio Valley from 1815 to 1850, by Mrs. Irene D. Cornwell; *Location of Site of Ohio Capitol*, by E. O. Randall; and *The Centennial Churches of the Miami Valley*, by J. E. Bradford. Finally, Felix J. Koch contributes a brief note entitled *This Monument is Older than the Great Pyramids*.

An exceedingly valuable contribution to the source materials for the study of Indian affairs is to be found in the *Letters of Benjamin Hawkins 1796-1806* which have recently been published in volume nine of the *Collections of the Georgia Historical Society*. Benjamin Hawkins was for a time a member of Washington's staff during the Revolutionary War, he served in the legislature of North Carolina, was a Delegate to the Continental Congress, and one of the first United States Senators from North Carolina. But he rendered his greatest service as "agent of the United States among the Creeks and general superintendent of all the tribes south of the Ohio River" during the two decades following his appointment in 1796. The record of his labors in this capacity is partly to be found in the letters now published. It is said in a biographical introduction that he "was far above the average Indian agent of that day and of this in general culture and grasp of affairs. Further, he was a man of approved honesty, and his life, as seen in his published letters, shows clearly that he was devoted to the material upbuilding of the Indians under his care and to their intellectual advancement."

The *Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin* at the sixty-third annual meeting held on October 21, 1915, have been issued in a form more attractive than that of preceding volumes. Especially is the improvement noticeable in the type and printing. The principal address at the meeting was one by Gaillard Hunt on *The President of the United States*. Other papers are: *The Settlement of the Town of Lebanon, Dodge County*, by W. F. Whyte; *Remains of a French Post Near Trempealeau*, by Eben D. Pierce, George H. Squier, and Louise Phelps Kellogg; *Chicago's First Great Lawsuit*, by Eugene E. Prussing; *A Forgotten Community: A Record of Rock Island, the Threshold of Wisconsin*, by Hjalmar R. Holand; and *British Policy on the Canadian Frontier, 1782-92: Mediation and an Indian Barrier State*, by Orpha E. Leavitt.



Finally, there are some valuable and interesting *Extracts from Capt. McKay's Journal — and Others* concerning the early exploration of the upper Missouri River, edited with introduction and notes by Milo M. Quaife.

Verner W. Crane is the writer of an article on *The Tennessee River as the Road to Carolina: The Beginnings of Exploration and Trade* which is printed in the June number of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. The article furnishes some new light on certain Indian tribes, early French explorations, and on the struggle between the French and the English for the control of the Mississippi Valley. In a paper entitled *Virginia and the West: An Interpretation* Clarence W. Alvord sets forth a new viewpoint for the study of the forces which culminated in the acquisition of the Old Northwest by the United States. *The Economic History of American Agriculture as a Field for Study* is the title of an interesting and suggestive paper read by Louis B. Schmidt before the American Historical Association last winter. Arthur C. Cole presents a survey of *Historical Activities in the Old Northwest* during the past year. Under the heading of "Notes and Documents" there is a brief discussion of the well-known facts concerning *The Iowa-Missouri Disputed Boundary*, by Claude S. Larzelere. A letter supposed to have been written by William Henry Harrison in 1802 is contributed by Harlow Lindley; while Bernard C. Steiner contributes two letters written in 1800 by Uriah Tracy discussing conditions in the Old Northwest.

#### ACTIVITIES

There appears to be a movement in Mahaska County in favor of the organization of a county historical society — a movement which, it is hoped, will meet with success in the near future.

The Allamakee County Historical and Archaeological Society has been holding monthly meetings, and the reports indicate a growing interest in the history of the county. Several papers on various phases of Allamakee County history have been prepared and presented to the Society.



Among the recent acquisitions of the Chicago Historical Society is a collection of about three thousand papers of the Law family of Green Bay. The papers relate chiefly to the fur trade in the Old Northwest.

The Jefferson County Historical Society held a meeting at Fairfield on June 7th. The principal paper was one by Mr. J. W. McLean on the methods of threshing grain in the early days. The Society voted to abandon its efforts to secure a marker for the old State fair grounds in Fairfield.

At the annual meeting of the Maryland Historical Society held on February 14th, Mr. Edwin Warfield was reëlected president. The membership of the Society at that time numbered six hundred and eighty-three.

Mr. Clarence S. Paine, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and of the Nebraska State Historical Society, died on June 14, 1916. Mr. Paine was one of the most enthusiastic and effective workers in the cause of history in the Middle West; and to him more than to anyone else was due the credit for organizing the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. The loss of his services will be keenly felt.

The Page County Historical Society held a meeting at Clarinda on June 15th. Short talks on the importance and functions of a local historical society were made by Dr. Dan E. Clark of The State Historical Society of Iowa and Mr. Edgar R. Harlan of the Historical Department of Iowa. There were also reminiscences by a number of pioneers. The purpose of the meeting, which was well attended, was to arouse enthusiasm in the county historical society.

Professor Melvin R. Gilmore, formerly curator of the State Historical Museum at Lincoln, Nebraska, has been appointed curator of the library and museum of the North Dakota Historical Society at Bismarck, to succeed Mr. Herbert C. Fish.

A committee of five has been appointed by the president of The State Historical Society of Missouri to formulate plans for the proper celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of



Missouri into the Union. A committee of one thousand, consisting of citizens representing all sections and interests of the State will also be appointed.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held at Winterset on April 25, 1916. Blair Wolf read a poem on *The Pioneers*; E. R. Zeller presented a biographical sketch of Alfred D. Jones, an early surveyor; and Olynthus B. Clark delivered an address entitled *Advertising Iowa*. The election of officers resulted as follows: H. A. Mueller, president; W. W. Gentry, vice president; E. R. Zeller, secretary; and Blair Wolf, M. C. Leinard, John Anderson, and Laura J. Miller, directors.

Mrs. Adèle B. Looscan was chosen president, and Professor Charles W. Ramsdell secretary-treasurer, of the Texas State Historical Association at the annual meeting held on March 2, 1916. The Association will give its support to the plan for the celebration of the bi-centennial of the founding of San Antonio.

The Historical Department of Iowa, under the direction of Curator Edgar R. Harlan, has recently begun to use the moving-picture machine for the purpose of recording current events which will be of historical interest in future years. Among the activities of the Department along this line has been the taking of moving pictures of the Iowa troops at Camp Dodge. Curator Harlan has also been very active in promoting interest in the marking of historic sites in various parts of the State. The spot at Red Rock where George Harrison began to survey the boundary line of 1843 will be suitably marked when the exact location has been determined. The Department was given a small appropriation by the last General Assembly with which to aid local organizations in marking historic sites. The portrait galleries in the historical building have been redecorated and many additions have been made to the art collection.

The ninth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Nashville, Tennessee, on April 27-29, 1916. There were also joint sessions with the Tennessee Historical Society, the Ohio Valley Historical Association, and the Tennessee History



Teachers' Association. Southern history received special emphasis in the papers read at this meeting, while more than the usual amount of attention was also paid to military history. Professor Frederic L. Paxson of the University of Wisconsin was elected president for the coming year, and Mr. Clarence S. Paine was reelected as secretary-treasurer. The membership dues were raised to three dollars. It was also voted to place the publication of the *Proceedings* of the Association in the hands of the board of editors which now has charge of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. This will probably mean that many of the papers read at the meetings of the Association will hereafter be published in the *Review*.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Mr. John Piffner has been added to the research staff of the Society for the present summer.

Professor Louis B. Schmidt of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts has been made a member of the non-resident research staff of the Society. His work will be along the line of the agricultural history of Iowa.

Mr. Odis K. Patton, Mr. John E. Briggs, and Mr. Ivan L. Pollock, all of whom are members of the research staff of the Society, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the State University of Iowa in June.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Curators on July 5, 1916, Mr. Euclid Sanders was reelected president of the Society, and Mr. Paul A. Korab was reelected treasurer.

Professor Benj. F. Shambaugh, the Superintendent of the Society, spoke at Ames on May 8th under the auspices of the Applied Social Science Club on the subject of *The Commission-Manager Plan of Municipal Government*.

The Board of Curators at the monthly meeting on July 5th changed the title of the position held by Dr. Dan E. Clark to that of Associate Editor; while Miss Ruth A. Gallaher was promoted to the position of Library Research Associate.



Dr. Louis Pelzer of the State University of Iowa, a member of the Society and the author of a number of its publications, read a paper on *Activities and Scenes at Old Fort Leavenworth* before the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Nashville in April.

Dr. John C. Parish of Colorado Springs is spending the summer in Iowa City as a member of the research staff of the Society. At present Dr. Parish is a professor of history in Colorado College.

Mr. J. A. Swisher, General Assistant in the Society, was the winner this year of the third of the Norman Wait Harris Prizes offered by Mr. N. W. Harris of Chicago for the best essays in the field of political science written by undergraduate students in any college or university in six States of the Middle West. Mr. Swisher's subject was *The Reorganization of the Executive Department of the State Government of Iowa*.

Governor Clarke has appointed the following persons as non-resident Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa for the coming two years: Mr. Marsh W. Bailey of Washington, Mr. J. P. Cruikshank of Fort Madison, Mr. M. F. Edwards of Parkersburg, Mr. J. J. McConnell of Cedar Rapids, Mr. John T. Moffit of Tipton, Mr. Byron W. Newberry of Strawberry Point, Dean E. W. Stanton of Ames, Judge W. H. Tedford of Corydon, and Mr. J. B. Weaver of Des Moines.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mrs. E. L. Bower, Guthrie Center, Iowa; Mrs. B. G. Davies, Castana, Iowa; Mr. O. A. Garretson, Salem, Iowa; Mrs. E. M. Golding, Glidden, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Greef, Eldora, Iowa; Mrs. B. N. Hendricks, Riceville, Iowa; Mr. H. W. Raymond, Chariton, Iowa; Mr. C. L. Robinson, Norwalk, Iowa; Dr. Daniel Sickler, Ogden, Iowa; Mr. W. Schmedika, Radcliffe, Iowa; Mrs. Ida Kendall Simonds, Onawa, Iowa; Mr. Walter W. White, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. William D. Boies, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. Ralph G. Grassfield, Newton, Iowa; Mr. D. Sands Wright, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Dixie C. Gebhardt, Knoxville, Iowa; and Mr. Le Roy A. Rader, Alta, Iowa. Mr. W. F. Moore of Guthrie Center, Iowa, has been elected to life membership in the Society.