

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

Publication number 102 of the *Transactions of The Western Reserve Historical Society* contains the annual reports of the Society for the years 1919 and 1920.

The annual report of the Society makes up the issue of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* for October-December, 1920.

Constitutions and Constitutional Conventions in Missouri, a monograph by Isidor Loeb, has been published by the State Historical Society of Missouri.

The second volume of the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association* for the year 1918 which has recently been distributed, contains the *Autobiography of Martin Van Buren*, written in 1854 when the author was seventy-one years of age. Unfortunately the work is carried down only to the year 1832 although there are occasional references to events occurring after this date. Volume one has not yet been issued.

A number of documents and papers make up the issue of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for October, 1920. Among these are *Documents Relating to the Boundaries of the Northern Neck*, contributed by Charles E. Kemper, *Minutes of the Council and General Court, 1622-1629*, and a continuation of the *Preston Papers*.

A third volume of *The Papers of Thomas Ruffin*, collected and edited by J. G. de Roulhac Hamilton, have been published as one number of the *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission*. The letters included in this volume relate chiefly to the Civil War period and present interesting comments on the men, conditions of life, and problems in North Carolina during the war.

The Oklahoma Historical Society has launched a new quarterly magazine to which the name, *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, has been given. James S. Buchanan is the editor of the new publication and Edward E. Dale associate editor. The first number bears the date, January, 1921, and contains four articles as follows: *Separation of Kansas and Nebraska from Indian Territory*, by Roy Gittinger; *Some Letters of General Stand Watie*, edited by Edward E. Dale; *The History of No-Man's Land, or Old Beaver County*, by Morris L. Wardell; and *The Cheyenne Dog Soldiers*, by Walter S. Campbell. In addition there is an editorial, a number of book reviews, and a section entitled *Historical News Items*.

The Washington Historical Quarterly for January contains the following papers: *A New Log of the Columbia*, by John Boit; *Authorship of the Anonymous Account of Captain Cook's Last Voyage*, by F. W. Howay; and a continuation of the paper by Edmond S. Meany on the *Origin of Washington Geographic Names*. *The Nisqually Journal*, edited by Victor J. Farrar, is also continued in this number.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Review for December, 1920, contains the following papers and addresses: *The Pilgrims and the Melting Pot*, by Carl Russell Fish; *Jane Grey Swisshelm: Agitator*, by Lester Burrell Shippee; *The First Push Westward of the Albany Traders*, by Helen Broshar; and *Historical Activities in the Trans-Mississippi Northwest*, by John C. Parish. Under the heading Notes and Documents is a *Report of Inspection of the Ninth Military Department, 1819*.

Hindustan, Greenwich and Mt. Pleasant: The Pioneer Towns of Martin County — Memoirs of Thomas Jefferson Brooks, edited by George R. Wilson, *A Pioneer Wedding*, edited by Esther U. McNitt, *The Pocket in Indiana History*, by Thomas James de la Hunt, and *The History of Madison*, by The Women's Club of Madison, are four of the papers presented in the *Indiana Magazine of History*, for December, 1920. The "Pocket" discussed in Mr. de la Hunt's paper includes the counties bounded by the Blue, Ohio, Wabash, and White rivers.

An Historical Retrospect, an address delivered by Edward Channing at the meeting of the American Historical Association, December 27, 1920, and a third installment of *New Light on the Origins of the World War*, by Sidney B. Fay, are two of the papers in *The American Historical Review* for January.

The Louisiana Background of the Colonization of Texas, 1763-1803, by Mattie Austin Hatcher, *Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar*, by A. K. Christian, and *A Ray of Light on the Gadsden Treaty*, by J. Fred Rippey, are the three articles in *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for January.

The January issue of *The Missouri Historical Review* is a Missouri centennial number, like the one for October, 1920. It contains the following papers and articles: *The Missouri Tavern*, by Walter B. Stevens; *A Century of Missouri Agriculture*, by F. B. Mumford; *A Century of Education in Missouri*, by C. A. Phillips; *A Century of Missouri Politics*, by C. H. McClure; *A Model Centennial Program for Local Celebrations*, by E. M. Violette; and *One Hundred Years of Banking in Missouri*, by Breckenridge Jones.

The Republican Party Originated in Pittsburgh, by Charles W. Dahlinger, *The Lincolns of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, by John S. Ritenour, and *The American Indian in the Great War*, by George P. Donehoo, are three articles of general interest in the January number of the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*.

The January issue of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* contains a brief sketch of *The Kentucky State Historical Society*, a fourth installment of the *History of Woodford County*, by William E. Railey, and *A Relic of Indian Days*, by Geo. A. Lewis. There are also a number of biographical sketches.

The January-March, 1920, number of *Nebraska History and Record of Pioneer Days* contains an article by Albert Watkins on the *Genesis of the Great Seal of Nebraska* and some further information is contributed by Addison E. Sheldon. The issue for April-June, 1920, contains a story of Pawnee history by George Bird Grinnell,

and an address by B. W. Atkinson on "General Atkinson, founder of Fort Atkinson".

In addition to the report of the meeting of the New York State Historical Association in October, 1920, *The Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association* for January contains a paper on *Bear Mountain*, by G. A. Blauvelt, and one entitled *Some Historical Aspects of Relief in New York State*, by Homer Folks.

The Adventures of De Sota, by W. A. Henderson, *Andrew Johnson and the Early Phases of the Homestead Bill*, by St. George L. Sioussat, and *The North Carolina-Tennessee Boundary Line Survey, 1799*, by Sam'l C. Williams, are three articles of general interest in the *Tennessee Historical Magazine* for July, 1920.

The Military Education of Grant as General, by Arthur L. Conger, *Doctor William Beaumont: His Life in Mackinac and Wisconsin, 1820-1834*, by Deborah Beaumont Martin, *Chronicles of Early Watertown*, by William F. Whyte, and *An Historical Museum*, by Carl Russell Fish, are some of the papers and articles in *The Wisconsin Magazine of History* for March. A sixth installment of *Historic Spots in Wisconsin*, by W. A. Titus, bears the subtitle *Meeme, A Frontier Settlement That Developed Strong Men*. There is also a continuation of the *Letters of a Badger Boy in Blue: Into the Southland* and a short discussion by M. M. Quaife, entitled *More Light on Jonathan Carver*.

The *Michigan History Magazine* for April-July, 1920, contains a large number of papers and articles among which are the following: *Michigan in the Great War*, by Chas. H. Landrum; *Reminiscences of Life at Mackinac, 1835-1863: A Tribute to Old Memories of the "Isle of Beauty"*, by Constance Saltonstall Patton (Mrs. William Ludlow); *Work of the Michigan Committee, National League for Women's Service, 1919-1920*, by Mrs. R. C. Sherrill; *The Joys and Sorrows of an Emigrant Family*, by Joseph Ruff; *The Woman's Relief Corps as a Pioneer*, by Franc L. Adams; and *The Story of a Famous Mission (L'Arbre Croche Mission)*, by H. Bedford Jones. *Fort Gratiot* (a poem), *Our Society: How Help It to Serve*, by Alvah H. Sawyer, *The Minnesota Historical Society*, by Solon J.

Buck, *Aid to Education by the National Government*, by Jonathan L. Snyder, *War Patriotism in a Michigan Prison*, by James Russell, and *Michigan War Legislation, 1917*, by Charles H. Landrum, are some of the contributions to the October issue. This number also contains accounts of the "Soo" pageant at Sault Ste. Marie, on June 15 and 16, 1920, and the Marquette pageant presented near Marquette, Michigan, on July 5, 1920.

ACTIVITIES

The State Historical Department at Des Moines has recently received from Ole Nelson of Slater, Iowa, a collection of arrow points and flints made by H. L. Skavlem, a Norse arrow maker of Stoughton, Wisconsin.

The annual meeting of the Hawkeye Natives was held at Burlington on February 22, 1921. C. C. Clark gave the principal address.

In November, 1920, the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado began the publication of a quarterly bulletin for the purpose of informing the public of the activities of the Society.

The Kentucky State Historical Society held its annual meeting at Frankfort on October 2, 1920. H. V. McChesney was reelected first vice president and Edgar E. Hume second vice president for the ensuing year. The Governor of Kentucky is ex officio president of the Historical Society.

The Michigan Historical Commission has made arrangements to distribute complete sets of the *Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections* to members of the American Historical Association and college and university libraries, which do not already possess the set. The transportation charges are to be paid by the recipients. Other individuals may obtain desired numbers of the series for a dollar a volume and transportation. The set includes forty-one volumes, two of which contain general indices.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The Thirty-ninth General Assembly added \$20,500 to the permanent annual support fund of The State Historical Society of Iowa. With this generous financial support the Society expects to continue its work of preserving and publishing the history of Iowa.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Dr. John W. Billingsley, Newton, Iowa; Mrs. Carrie S. Buechele, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. D. S. Chamberlain, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. W. C. Children, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. W. B. Coltman, Independence, Iowa; Mr. George E. Cottrell, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. D. M. Douglass, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. S. E. Fackler, Prescott, Iowa; Mr. J. J. Ferguson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. H. C. Hargrove, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Frank C. Lake, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. John M. McDonald, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. John B. McDougal, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Narey, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. W. C. Scott, Farragut, Iowa; Dr. M. L. Turner, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. A. H. Wright, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Geo. A. Anderson, Clarinda, Iowa; Mr. Henry Bregman, Paullina, Iowa; Mr. Thomas Farrell, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. F. C. Gilchrist, Laurens, Iowa; Mrs. E. W. Neasham, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. Wm. B. Parrott, Manning, Iowa; Mr. Frederick S. Rice, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. H. H. Schulte, Manly, Iowa; Mr. Vincent Starzinger, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. Thos. Batho, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Dr. W. L. Bierring, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Robert L. Borland, Vinton, Iowa; Miss Ella M. Dungan, Perry, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Dunsmoor, Britt, Iowa; Mr. Gordon L. Elliott, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. D. E. Graham, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. A. G. Thurman, Oskaloosa, Iowa; and Mr. Louis L. Varner, Ames, Iowa.