

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

*The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* for October-December, 1923, contains the annual report of the Society for the year 1923.

*The Lost Fort Constitution on Constitution Island*, by William L. Calver, is one of the articles in the January number of *The New York Historical Society Quarterly Bulletin*.

*The Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Conference of Historical Societies* has recently been issued by Joseph Schafer, the secretary of the conference.

Publication No. 105 of the *Transactions of the Western Reserve Historical Society* is devoted to a report of the Society for 1922-1923.

*Francis Parkman*, by George M. Wrong, is one of the articles in *The Canadian Historical Review* for December, 1923, which will be of interest to students of American history.

*The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* for September, 1923, contains the final installment of the *Certificate Book of the Virginia Land Commission, 1779-80*.

*Lincoln's "House Divided" Speech*, an address delivered by Arthur Charles Cole before the Chicago Historical Society on March 15, 1923, has been published in pamphlet form by the University of Chicago.

The Maryland Historical Society has recently distributed Volume XLII of the *Archives of Maryland*, edited by Bernard Christian Steiner, which contains the *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1740-1744*.

A recent number of the *Missouri Historical Society Collections*

contains the following articles and papers: *Walter Bond Douglas*, by Chilton Atkinson; *Edward Bates and the Test Oath*, by Frederick W. Lehmann; *Samuel Hammond*, by Stella M. Drumm; a continuation of *Recollections of an Old Actor*, by Charles A. Krone; and *Charles Parsons Pettus*, by Louis La Beaume.

A sketch of the life of Robert Harvey, State Surveyor and a former President of the Nebraska State Historical Society, appears in *Nebraska History and Record of Pioneer Days* for July-September, 1923. In the same number S. D. Fitchie writes of *The Fight for Prohibition in Nebraska* and Henry Clinton Parkhurst contributes a brief story entitled *Western Newspaper Men*.

The State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado has begun the publication of a bi-monthly periodical which has been named *The Colorado Magazine*. The first number, issued in November, 1923, contains *A Tribute to Thomas F. Dawson*, by E. M. Ammons, and *Further Archaeological Research in the Northeastern San Juan Basin of Colorado, During the Summer of 1922*, by J. A. Jeancon and Frank H. H. Roberts.

*Staten Island — Its Consolidation with New York*, by James C. Connolly, *Revolutionary Days in Old Somerset*, by Cornelius C. Vermeule, *Pioneer Days in Boonton, N. J.*, by Cora E. Hammond, and the conclusion of *A Young Man's Journal of 1800-1813* are some of the papers in the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* for October, 1923.

The November, 1923, number of the *Minnesota History Bulletin* contains one article — *The Long and Beltrami Explorations in Minnesota One Hundred Years Ago*, by Theodore Christianson — and a report of the State historical convention at Redwood Falls in June, 1923. There is also a letter containing impressions of Minnesota in 1849 and a sketch of the life of George W. Northrup.

*The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for September, 1923, contains an extensive article entitled *A History of High School Legislation in Oregon to 1910*, by Charles Abner Howard. In addition there are two documents: *John Work's Journey from*

*Fort Vancouver to Umpqua River, and Return, in 1834*, with an introduction and comment by Leslie M. Scott, and a *Diary of Reverend George Gary*, with notes by Charles Henry Carey.

*The Industrial Armies and the Commonwealth*, by Donald L. McMurry, *The Development of Chicago as a Center of the Meat Packing Industry*, by Howard Copeland Hill, *The Louisiana-Texas Frontier During the Burr Conspiracy*, by Isaac Joslin Cox, and *The Proslavery Background of the Kansas Struggle*, by James C. Malin, are the five articles in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for December, 1923. Under *Notes and Documents* there is *Some Correspondence of Robert Dale Owen*.

The four articles which make up the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* for October, 1923, are the following: *Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania Joins in Foster Celebration*, by John W. Oliver; *First Convention of the American Federation of Labor, Pittsburgh, Pa., November 15-18, 1881*, by Alfred P. James; *Ethnic Elements in Colonial Pennsylvania and the Population of To-day*, by A. F. Southwick; and *The Smithfield Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Penna.*, by Grafton E. Reynolds.

*The Chicago Historical Society Bulletin* for October, 1923, contains a short, unsigned account of *The Chicago Portage*. A similar article on Chicago's *First White Settler* appears in the November number, while the December issue presents *Chicago Highways, Old and New*, based on the volume *Chicago's Highways, Old and New*, by Milo Milton Quaife.

*Naval Operations During the Revolutionary War*, by Francis J. Higginson, and *The Genesis and Development of the Early Temperance Movement in New York State*, by John A. Krout, are two articles in the April, 1923, issue of *The Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association*. The two articles in the number for October, 1923, are *The Trade and Trade Routes of Northern New York from the Beginning of Settlement to the Coming of the Railroad*, by Dorothy Kendall Cleaveland, and *The Historical Development of Tuberculosis Prevention in America with Special Reference to New York State*, by Edwin R. Baldwin.

*New Mexico and the Texan Santa Fe Expedition*, by William Campbell Binkley, *Notes on the Colonization of Texas*, by Eugene C. Barker, *The Expedition of Panfilo de Narvaez*, edited by Herbert Davenport, additional *Memoirs of Major George Bernard Erath*, by Lucy A. Erath, and another installment of *The Bryan-Hayes Correspondence*, edited by E. W. Winkler, are the articles in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for October, 1923.

*Michigan's Most Ancient Industry: The Pre-Historic Mines and Miners of Isle Royale*, by William P. F. Ferguson, *That Myth Wawatam: A Symposium*, by H. Bedford-Jones and Milo M. Quaife, *Is County History Worth While?*, by Arthur Lyon Cross, *Travel in Early Days*, by O. W. Robinson, *Ann Arbor*, by Mrs. W. G. Doty, *History as Reflected in the Names of Women For Whom Michigan D. A. R. Chapters Are Named*, by Mrs. William Henry Wait, *Edward Chauncey Hinman, The Man*, and *Historical Work in Michigan*, by George N. Fuller, are the chief contributions in the *Michigan History Magazine* for July-October, 1923.

*The Louisiana Historical Quarterly* for January, 1923, contains a large number of papers and articles, among which are the following: *The Nicholls Family in Louisiana; New Orleans and Bayou St. John in 1766*, an extract from a journal kept by Captain Harry Gordon; *Almonester's Will; Episodes of Life in Colonial Louisiana*, by Henry Plauché Dart; *Luther E. Hall*, by Walter J. Burke, George S. Guion, and Donelson Caffery; *Newton Crain Blanchard*, by Paul A. Sompayrac; *Reflections on the Campaign of General Andrew Jackson*, by Bernard Marigny, edited by Grace King; and *War as I Saw It*, a Civil War memoir by Frank L. Richardson.

*Experiences of a Wisconsin Educator*, by Josiah L. Pickard, a fifth installment of *The Yankee and the Teuton in Wisconsin*, by Joseph Schafer, *The John Jay Orton Papers*, by John G. Gregory, *A "Stove-Wood" House*, by Paul B. Jenkins, *A Community Historical Museum*, by Albert H. Sanford, and *Grandfather Hill*, by Mary Gage, are the six contributions to *The Wisconsin Magazine of History* for December, 1923. *Testing Traditions*, a sketch by Joseph Schafer, is a discussion of the stories concerning the naming of certain Wisconsin towns.

*The Washington Historical Quarterly* for October, 1923, contains the following papers and articles: *Senator Cole and the Purchase of Alaska*, by Victor J. Farrar; *Klickitat County: Indians of and Settlement by Whites*, by Delia M. Coon; *Cape Disappointment in History*, by Barbara Coit Elliott; a continuation of *Newspapers of Washington Territory*, by Edmond S. Meany; and *Hall's Visit to Oregon in 1839*, by Howard M. Ballou. There is also a continuation of *The Nisqually Journal*, edited by Victor J. Farrar.

*The Missouri Pacific Railroad to 1879*, by R. E. Riegel, *The Story of the Bald Knobbers*, by A. M. Haswell, another installment of *The Followers of Duden*, by William G. Bek, a third article on *The New Journalism in Missouri*, by Walter B. Stevens, and a continuation of *Jayhawkers in Missouri, 1858-1863*, by Hildegarde Rose Herklotz, are the articles in the issue of *The Missouri Historical Review* for October, 1923.

*The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for October, 1923, contains a paper by Henry Leffmann on *The Real Declaration of Independence: A Study of Colonial History Under a Modern Theory*. Asa Earl Martin writes of *Lotteries in Pennsylvania Prior to 1833* and there is a continuation of W. A. Newman Dorland's *The Second Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry. The Provincial and Revolutionary History of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, 1753-1783*, by C. P. B. Jefferys, is an interesting example of local history.

*The History of an Unusual Library*, by Ella Lonn, *Dr. John Evans*, by J. Wesley Whicker, a concluding installment of *Personal Politics in Indiana, 1816-1840*, by Adam Leonard, *Barnabas Coffin Hobbs*, by Minnie B. Clark, and *Indiana's Blind*, by Ida Helen McCarty, are the five articles in the *Indiana Magazine of History* for September, 1923. The articles in the December issue are the following: *My Childhood and Youth in the Early Days of Indiana*, by G. W. H. Kemper; *Indiana's Last October Campaign*, by Paul Tinch Smith; *The Thomas Family*, by Luke W. Thomas; *Colonel Francis Vigo*, by A. B. McKee; and *James Aikman Carnahan*, by Joseph F. Tuttle.

The Indiana Historical Commission has recently issued three volumes of the *Indiana Historical Collections*. Volume nine of this series is the second volume of the *Messages and Letters of William Henry Harrison*, edited by Logan Esarey. The tenth volume of the *Collections* is *A Sergeant's Diary in The World War*, by Elmer Frank Straub. This is volume three of the series designated *World War Records*. *George W. Julian*, by Grace Julian Clarke, is the eleventh volume in the *Collections* and the first of the *Indiana Biographical Series*.

*The Proceedings of the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society* for February 28, 1923, has been published as Bulletin No. 18 by the Indiana Historical Commission. In addition to the report of the fourth annual meeting, held at Evansville, Indiana, there are included the following papers: *The Early Days of Newburgh-On-the-Ohio*, by Mrs. Eldora Minor Raleigh; *Private Schools in Evansville from 1842 to 1853*, by Mrs. George S. Clifford; *The Lincolns in Spencer County*, by Ida D. Armstrong; *Correspondence Between Lincoln Historians and This Society*, by John E. Iglehart; *The Grigsbys*, by Mrs. Calder D. Ehrmann; *Moses Ashworth, Pioneer of Indiana Methodism, and His Times*, by Mrs. Charles T. Johnson; *Judge William Prince*, by Gil R. Stormont; *Francis B. Posey*, by Elmer Q. Lockyear; and *Indian Relics*, by Otto Laval.

*The History of the Underground Railroad of McDonough County, Illinois*, by D. N. Blazer, *The Beginning of German Immigration in the Middle West*, by Jacob W. Myers, *The Illinois State Capitol Grounds*, by Mrs. John M. Palmer, *A Pioneer Woman of Illinois*, by Julia Ann Buck, *Major John Crain Bond*, by Sarah Bond Hanley, *Dedication of Granite and Bronze Monument to the Soldier Dead of Fulton County, Ill., November 12, 1922*, *General Grant's First Day's March*, by Noah C. Bainum, and *Civil War Diary of Patrick H. White*, contributed by J. E. Boos, are the articles in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for October, 1922-January, 1923.

The Michigan Historical Commission has recently published Volume I of a series designated as *Michigan Biographies*. This is a

collection of brief biographical sketches of men who have served in official positions in Michigan and includes the names beginning with A to K inclusive.

#### ACTIVITIES

The Nebraska State Historical Society will hold its forty-seventh annual meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 16, 1924.

The Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society held its forty-ninth annual meeting at Lansing on May 24 and 25, 1923.

A special anniversary meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society was held at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, on May 28, 1923.

A meeting of the Wapello County Historical Society was held at Ottumwa on October 5, 1923. T. Henry Foster read a paper on the "History of the Morrell Packing Plant" and Mrs. E. M. B. Scott told of the early teachers in the county.

The work of the Wisconsin War History Commission has been turned over to the Wisconsin State Historical Society, the Commission having been discontinued. An appropriation of \$5000 a year is provided for the continuation of the work.

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the Chicago Historical Society was held on November 20, 1923. Dr. Otto L. Schmidt was elected president.

The Minnesota Historical Society has begun the publication of a monthly check list of current documents issued by State offices and institutions.

The Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society has received an appropriation of \$238,000 for an addition to its building. This is to be a memorial to those who served in the World War.

The Nebraska Historical Society has recently received a collection of manuscripts concerning the early history of old Fort Kearny. These were the gift of W. H. Carter.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held at Louisville, Kentucky, on May 1-3, 1924.

The Indiana Historical Commission has begun the publication of the *Indiana History Bulletin*, an eight-page pamphlet devoted to reports and announcements concerning the activities of historical societies and the dissemination of other historical news items. The first number appeared in November, 1923.

The Missouri Historical Society, located at St. Louis, has recently received a large collection of manuscripts relating to George Rogers Clark, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and William Clark, who was Governor of Missouri Territory and Superintendent of Indian Affairs. The bequest came from the late Mrs. Julia Clark Voorhis of New York.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the American Historical Association was held at Columbus, Ohio, on December 27-29, 1923. The following officers were chosen for 1924: president, Woodrow Wilson; first vice-president, Charles M. Andrews; second vice-president, Dana C. Munro; secretary, John S. Bassett; treasurer, Charles Moore; executive council, Arthur L. Cross, Sidney B. Fay, Carlton J. H. Hayes, Frederic L. Paxson, Henry P. Biggar, Mary W. Williams, Arthur M. Schlesinger, and Charles H. McIlwain. Announcement was made that the meeting of the Association for 1924 would be in Washington, D. C., and at Richmond, Virginia.

The midwinter meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held in connection with the meeting of the American Historical Association. On Friday evening, December 28th, a subscription dinner of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at the Hotel Deshler. Eugene C. Barker, President of the Association, presided and Joseph Schafer, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, read a paper on "The Life and Work of Francis Parkman".

The Mississippi Valley and the Ohio Valley Historical Associations met in joint session in Parlor A of the Hotel Deshler on Saturday morning. The following papers relating to the westward movement in American history were read: "The Westward Expansion of the Vermont People", by Lewis D. Stillwell, Dartmouth College; "A Cattleman's Commonwealth on the Western



Range", by Louis Pelzer, The State University of Iowa; "Overland Commerce via the Santa Fe Trail, 1848-1860", by Ralph P. Bieber, Washington University; "Early Democracy in Kentucky", by E. Merton Coulter, University of Georgia.

On Saturday afternoon, December 29th, the Conference of Historical Societies, with Victor H. Paltsits of the New York Public Library presiding, was held in Parlor C of the Hotel Deshler. Dixon R. Fox of Columbia University read a paper on "Outstanding Activities, 1920-1923". In the absence of William B. Shaw, of *The American Review of Reviews*, his paper on "Historical Society Magazines as Viewed by an Outsider" was read by the chairman. At the business meeting of the Conference Addison E. Sheldon, Secretary of the Nebraska State Historical Society, was elected chairman for the coming year.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The State Historical Society of Iowa now has in press *A History of the Sixth Iowa Infantry*, by Henry H. Wright.

George F. Robeson's *The Government of Special Charter Cities in Iowa* has recently been distributed to members and libraries by the State Historical Society. This is a volume of nearly three hundred pages dealing with the charters and amendments granted to special charter cities and towns of Iowa by the legislature.

*State and Local Archaeological Surveys*, by Clark Wissler, has been published by the State Historical Society of Iowa as number eleven of the *Bulletin of Information Series*. Its purpose is to suggest to those interested in archaeology the possibilities of work in Iowa and the Middle West and the methods to be used in making surveys and collecting material.

The State Historical Society of Iowa has offered \$1000 in prizes for the essay contest in Iowa history conducted by the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs. The contest is open to high school students throughout the State and a first, second, and third prize will be given for the three best essays submitted in each of three groups. Essays in the first group may be on one of three subjects — "The

Story of My Grandmother", "The Story of My Grandfather", and "An Old Settler's Story". The subject for the second group is "A Story in the History of My Community", any historical incident suggested by Herbert Quick's *Vandermark's Folly* or *The Hawkeye*. Essays in the third group are to be on the subject "What Iowa Means to Me".

The first prize in each group will be \$150, the second \$100, and the third \$50. An additional prize of \$100 is also offered the best of the three prize essays.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mrs. James Brewster, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. R. W. Cassady, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. E. Engleson, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. J. G. Ennis, Tama, Iowa; Mr. G. M. Foster, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Sidney A. Foster, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. E. D. Fowler, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Milton D. Goldman, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. N. M. Hubbard, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Charles Larrabee, Jr., Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mr. Edwin C. Manning, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. C. H. Maxson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. C. G. Merrill, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Joseph Biggs Miller, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dr. S. T. Mitchell, Hamburg, Iowa; Miss Mary S. Pool, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Dr. James T. Priestley, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Ollie M. Pulliam, Moulton, Iowa; Mr. H. S. Salisbury, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. E. R. Smith, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. Frank D. Throop, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Clarence M. Young, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Helen Blankenbuehler, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. Chas. H. Clark, Rowley, Iowa; Mrs. Grace McGee Coast, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Dehner, Cascade, Iowa; Mrs. Gertrude Dobyns, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Faulkner, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. J. A. Fleming, Des Moines, Iowa; Major Philip B. Fleming, Fort Humphreys, Va.; Miss Marguerite E. Flick, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Louis A. Gilbert, St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Jane Gosselink, Pella, Iowa; Mr. Jos. P. Langford, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Frederick F. McArthur, Oakland, Iowa; Miss Grace McCollough, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. A. I. Naumann, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. C. Nichols, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. M. L. Parker, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. F. S. Phoenix, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Maud Spence, Mount Ayr, Iowa; Mr. Charles H. Babbitt, Washington,

D. C.; Mr. F. W. Baily, Sac City, Iowa; Miss Jane E. Hamand, Schaller, Iowa; Miss Clara Hemingway, West Branch, Iowa; Mr. J. Ross Lee, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Fern Olive, Scranton, Iowa; Miss M. L. Oppenheimer, Centerville, Iowa; Miss Mae H. Peabody, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Earle D. Ross, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Wm. F. Stipe, Clarinda, Iowa; and Dr. R. H. Volland, Iowa City, Iowa.