

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The mid-year meeting of the Indiana Historical Society was held at Vevay on October 15, 1927. A pilgrimage by automobile from Indianapolis to Vevay by way of Columbus and Madison preceded the meeting, and the return to Indianapolis was made by way of Rising Sun, Aurora, Lawrenceburg, Harrison, Brookville, and Connersville.

The seventy-fifth annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin was held in the Historical Library Building at Madison, on October 20, 1927, for the purpose of electing curators. Following the meeting members and friends of the Society attended a subscription dinner and a program of speeches.

Museum workers and persons interested in private, school, and community museums in the Upper Mississippi Valley met in Minneapolis and St. Paul on November 18 and 19 for the semi-annual session of the Mid-west Museums Conference. Discussions of problems and developments in connection with museum work occupied the attention of delegates and visitors.

The Missouri Historical Society resumes publication of the *Missouri Historical Society Collections* with number one of Volume V issued in October, 1927. In the future the magazine will be issued regularly at least three times a year. In addition to historical monographs each number will contain diaries, letters, or documents from the Society's rich manuscript collection.

The forty-second annual meeting of the American Historical Association was held at Washington, D. C., on December 28-30, 1927. Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa, presided over a section devoted to a consideration of the subject "Governmental Support of Historical Endeavor". At a session of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association papers were read giving "A Revaluation of the Period Before the Civil War".

The twenty-first annual convention of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held in Des Moines this spring, probably the last week in April. Professor John D. Hicks of the University of Nebraska is chairman of the program committee. Professor O. B. Clark of Drake University and Edgar R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa, are chairman and secretary respectively of the local committee on arrangements. Bruce E. Mahan of the State Historical Society of Iowa is a member of the program committee.

A pilgrimage to the birthplace of George Rogers Clark near Charlottesville, Virginia, took place on November 19th, 1927, the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth. Leaving Washington, D. C. on November 17, members of the party went to Richmond where several hours were spent in sight seeing. On the next day the pilgrimage included a trip to Williamsburg where Clark received his commission from Patrick Henry, also a trip to Jamestown and Yorktown. Saturday, November 19th, was devoted to a visit to Monticello and to Clark's birthplace nearby for a formal observance of the anniversary.

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Under the auspices of the Milton Brotherhood an historical pageant representing the life of Indians and early settlers in Van Buren County was presented on September 13, 1927, four miles south of Milton.

On October 23, 1927, the Pioneer Rock Church near Garnavillo was formally opened with appropriate ceremonies. This church built in 1858 has been unused for many years but has been reopened by farmer families in the vicinity as a wayside shrine.

The Mary Marion Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a large boulder in the courthouse square at Knoxville, September 28, 1927, marking the Red Rock line famous in Iowa history as the place where settlers lined up for the rush for homestead claims when the region to the west was opened for settlement, October 11, 1845. The principal address on this occasion was delivered by John Hammill, Governor of Iowa.

The John See Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a tablet in the Burge cemetery near New London in memory of Mrs. Hannah See Prier on September 17, 1927. Mrs. A. D. Hayes, Regent of the local chapter of the D. A. R. presented the tablet and Mrs. Roy Codner accepted it for the Prier relatives. Mrs. Marie Ely Smith of Burlington, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton of Sigourney, and the Reverend C. L. Ellis gave brief addresses.

On October 12, 1927, the Waubonsie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a bronze tablet marking the site of the first schoolhouse in Clarinda, built in 1854. Mrs. Harry Lyman presented the marker to Mrs. T. E. Klise, Regent of the Chapter, who in turn presented it to E. L. Weaver, Superintendent of the Clarinda Public Schools. Mrs. C. G. Saunders of Council Bluffs, State Regent of the D. A. R. was present at the dedication and gave an address.

On September 15, 1927, the Candle-Stick Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a large boulder and bronze tablet marking the site of the James B. Reeve log house in which the first election was held and Franklin County organized on August 5, 1855. Emily A. Reeve, Cora Shroyer, Orson G. Reeve, and Herman D. Reeve gave short talks relating the history of the event commemorated. Mrs. L. S. Dorchester of Clear Lake and Judge W. D. Evans gave the principal addresses at the ceremony.

The Hannah Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a tablet marking the grave of Angelina Webb Morehouse on October 23, 1927. Mrs. Morehouse, who was the daughter of one Revolutionary War soldier and the granddaughter of another, lies buried in the Dunham Grove cemetery near Westgate in Fayette County. Mrs. Leora Loomis of West Union, Regent of Hannah Lee Chapter, presided and made the presentation remarks. John McSweeny of Victor accepted the tablet and read a biographical sketch of Mrs. Morehouse, his grandmother. Mrs. L. S. Dorchester of Clear Lake, chairman of the Historic Spots Committee of the D. A. R., gave the principal address on this occasion.

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Ruth A. Gallaher, Library Research Associate of the State Historical Society, gave an address on "Citizenship and City Government" before the Rock Island Womens' Club at Rock Island on December 17, 1927.

The State Historical Society has a biography of Leonard Fletcher Parker by J. A. Swisher ready for distribution to members and to official depositories throughout the State. This is a new volume in the *Iowa Biographical Series*.

J. A. Swisher, Research Associate of the Society, in company with B. W. Maxwell and Roy E. Brown, graduate students in the State University, visited several cities in Iowa during November gathering data for the study in municipal government and administration in Iowa which is being sponsored by the State Historical Society.

Bruce E. Mahan, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, gave an address on "Amana, the Community of True Inspiration" before the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids on October 31, 1927. On November 2, 1927, Mr. Mahan addressed the Kiwanis Club of Newton on "Dramatic Episodes in Early Iowa History", and in the afternoon spoke before a joint assembly of the Newton Junior High and High School.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Robert P. Adams, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. T. C. Holy, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. J. E. Kimball, West Liberty, Iowa; Mr. Geo. A. Nichols, Estherville, Iowa; Mr. Allen Walker Read, Columbia, Missouri; Mr. L. V. Candee, Clermont, Iowa; Mr. Fred M. Pownall, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. A. F. Bridger, Richland, Iowa; Mrs. Fred J. Figge, Ossian, Iowa; and Mr. T. J. Tormey, Grundy Center, Iowa. Mr. Leon O. Smith of Omaha, Nebraska, has been enrolled as a life member.