

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD OF CURATORS WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

December 10, 1960

The meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held in the Library of the museum in Tacoma on December 10, 1960, Mr. Odlin presiding.

Present:

Dr. Barto	Mrs. Emmons	Dr. Jones	Mr. Swayze
Mr. Burnham	Mrs. Gose	Mr. McClelland	Dr. Thompson
Dr. Cory	Mr. Green	Mr. Murray	Mrs. Weyerhaeuser
Dr. Deutsch	Judge Hill	Mr. Pierce	Mr. Shaub
Mrs. Eisenhower	Mr. Hitchman	Mrs. Scott	Mr. Foster (Dir. Emer.)
			Mr. Le Roy (Director)

Minutes of the August 6, 1960 meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Mr. Pierce. A copy of this is attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Pierce reported the new system instituted by the Budget Department for the reporting of local funds of the Society. Beginning with the new Biennium July, 1961, some of these funds will be budgeted by the state for such items as the purchase of the Kibbe Collection. In a sense this is a formality, since these funds have been used for such specified purposes.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Shaub reported that the Committee had met several times and had approved the Budget Request which had been submitted to the Governor for the new Legislature. Mr. Shaub noted that in reporting local funds the Perkins Building Fund was segregated, with income from the fund, for the specified purpose of building a new wing.

The Budget Request increase over the past biennium (if granted) would be expended in the following ways: hiring a field representative, purchase of new equipment to replace obsolete or dangerous equipment and to expand the research facilities of the Society; salary increases for staff, set in conference with state Personnel Standards Committee; increased costs of utility and contractual expenses; increased deductions for state retirement and pension programs.

A discussion of a new wing for the Museum followed. It was recommended that the Building Committee study the site, consider plans, and the possibility of an Architects' contest. A panel of distinguished judges may be set up to select the winning plan. The contest might be announced at the April Meeting.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Scott reported several important acquisitions since the August meeting. Arrangements are being made with the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company to take over the Company's vast records of the early period in Tacoma. Included are papers related to early lumbering, early shipping, early railroading, early investments in Tacoma and the Puget Sound area. Many western institutions have attempted to acquire these records but the Company is determined that they be available to scholars through the state historical society in Tacoma. It may be necessary to go outside present quarters to find a place to house the records until such time as the new wing is built with expanded library facilities.

Many fine manuscripts have come to the Library, including the papers of William J. Moore, early railroader, seaman, sometime politician. The memoirs are coming in by installments and have been stimulated by Robert Hitchman. They represent a significant addition to our records in these important areas.

A number of books and a rare newspaper, the DESERET NEWS, came from the estate of S. A. Perkins, President of the Society from 1943-52.

On loan for reproduction are several hundred glass negatives of pictures of early shipping on Puget Sound, some as early as the 1860's. These were loaned by the Sailors Union of the Pacific and will greatly enhance our already extensive collections of maritime history.

New equipment for the Library, some partially paid for by contributions from the Washington Daughters of the Pioneers and the Pierce County Historical Association, includes a new microfilm reader, photocopy machine, and a laminating machine. Microfilm will be purchased from now on to build up our historical source materials available for research.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. McClelland reported that fine reviews of the first pamphlet in the new series -- GUNS OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION, had been received. THE BEAVER, Magazine for the Hudson's Bay Company, cited it "to serve as a model for other historical societies planning their own publications."

Two pamphlets have been read by the committee and returned to the authors for substantial revisions. Though this slowed up the program, it is in keeping with our determination to publish only well-documented and researched material. Several pamphlets have grown to book length. An edited collection of the writings of General N. M. Chittenden, fur-trade historian, is nearing completion. Two others are well under way. The regular appearance of NEWS NOTES continues to draw favorable comment and new memberships.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mr. Murray stated that membership has increased to 704, a substantial gain. He asked Mrs. Eisenhower to report on the work of her committee of volunteers who have screened mailing lists and addressed invitations to join the Society. Mrs. Eisenhower noted that several meetings of the volunteers had been held, plans laid, and the work well under way. Returns are already coming in to demonstrate the value of the work.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Le Roy reported that Legislators' Night had been a success, with most of the Pierce County delegation in attendance. He thanked the Board for making a special effort to attend the program, many coming early from around the state to help out by attending. Many of the services for this special program were donated by local people.

The Boards' attention was directed to the new plantings and beautiful interior planting boxes in Washington Hall -- the gift of the Master Florists of Tacoma, the work being done in our shop. Many new exhibits graced the museum since the last meeting of the Board; the Marine Life exhibit, donated by the Sportsmen Club of Tacoma; the new cases, which combine regional history with Natural History (fur trade, pioneer, maritime exploration, Eskimo life); the new "History of Light" exhibit; the enormous polar bear mounted on the stairway leading to the Natural History wing; the history of Presidential elections in two cases in Washington Hall.

A Historical Fashion show will be held May 12th at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club as a benefit for the Society, proceeds to be used to build a permanent exhibit of historical fashions on the fifth floor.

Many successful art shows in the gallery have included two which drew very large crowds: the James Wehn sculpture and the paintings of Abel Warshawsky.

The Society has assisted in preparing two series of historical television programs for Tacoma and Seattle schools in the past few months.

NEW BUSINESS: Upon motion, duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved the election of Mr. George Long, Jr. to serve on the Board of Curators to fill a vacancy which existed. Mr. Long has for many years served as Secretary of the Weyerhaeuser Company and has considerable interest and knowledge of Washington history.

Upon motion, duly seconded, a motion that the Society should become a member of the National Trust passed unanimously. This organization, established by Act of Congress, serves to assist all historical organizations in the work of preserving historical sites, etc. They assist in supplying speakers of national significance, and perform other services for affiliated societies. Dues are \$25.00 a year.

A suggestion by Mr. James Wehn that the Society sponsor the design and manufacture of a medal honoring Dr. John McLoughlin, of Fort Vancouver fame and of importance to fur-trade and pioneer history, was referred back for further study.

It was recommended that the Board consider ways of implementing the suggestion in the By-Laws that Honorary Memberships in the Society be awarded from time to time as a recognition of extraordinary service to regional history.

Dr. Deutsch suggested that a committee be set up to explore the possibility of instituting regional fellowships (or internships) with adjacent colleges participating. The Committee is to check with the Presidents of University of Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran University, perhaps other nearby institutions, to see what might be worked out. President Odlin recommended that Dr. Jones, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Deutsch, Dr. Gates, check the matter and report to the Executive Committee for further action.

It was directed that the greetings and best wishes of the entire Board be conveyed to Mr. Joel E. Ferris, seriously ill in Spokane.

It was noted that the 70th Anniversary of the Washington State Historical Society will be observed at the Annual Meeting in April.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING REPORT
6-30-60 - 11-30-60 Inclusive

Members: Life-79: Annl.pd. '58-43: "59-123, '60-424 Assoc. 33	Total
Visitors: July, August, Sept., Oct., & Nov., (5Months)	702
	10,327

<u>LOCAL FUNDS: (6-30-60, 11-30-60)</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Counter Sales	370.59	1052.49
Book Fund	189.58	-
Sales Tax	8.73	-
Vending Machine	129.35	96.27
Membership	447.00	126.00
Miscellaneous	<u>686.25</u>	<u>2133.38</u>
Totals	\$1831.50	\$3408.14

<u>STATE FUNDS: 1960-61 Biennium</u>	<u>Allotted</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Salaries, Wages & Cont. Personal Serv.	37,232	14,545.50
Other Contractual Services	10,992	2,236.66
Travel	1,600	739.73
Supplies & Materials	1,500	1,048.22
Equipment	-	3,854.47
Retirement & Pensions	<u>2,885</u>	<u>1,090.18</u>
Total	\$54,209.00	\$23,514.76
Allotment unexpended and available to be used in 1960-61		\$30,694.24

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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
June 30, 1960 to November 30, 1960 Inclusive

INVESTMENTS:

Acct. #34775 Pacific First Fed. Svgs. & Loan, bal 6/30/60	\$8221.60	
Withdrawal 7/8/60	\$2189.90	
Deposit 7/8/60	25.00	
	<u>- 2164.90</u>	
Bal. Nov. 30, 1960		\$6056.70
Acct. #56473 Cole Endowment Acct. Pac. 1st Fed.		
Bal. Nov. 30, 1960		1651.12
Acct. #12295 American Sav. & Loan Assn.		
Bal. Nov. 30, 1960		9340.64
Acct. #11543 Lewis County Sav. & Loan Assn.		
Bal. June 30, 1960	5178.59	
Withdrawal 7/11/60	<u>- 5100.00</u>	
Bal. Nov. 30, 1960		78.59
Acct. 252-C Lewis County Sav. & Loan Assn.		
Deposit 7/11/60	5100.00	
Balance 11/30/60		5100.00
Acct. #11823 Lewis County Sav. & Loan Assn.		
S. A. Perkins Gift Fund		
Opened 7/11/60		
Balance Nov. 30, 1960		69.49
Acct. #251-C Lewis County Sav. & Loan Assn.		
S. A. Perkins Gift Fund		
Opened 7/11/60		
Bal. Nov. 30, 1960		<u>2700.00</u>
Total Savings & Loan Shares		\$24966.54

U. S. TREASURY BONDS:

50000.00 2-5/8% due Feb. 15, 1965	
8000.00 4-7/8% due Nov. 15, 1964	
Total Government Bonds	\$58,000.00

LOCAL CASH FUNDS:

On deposit June 30, 1960	\$4422.73
Disbursements	3408.14
Receipts	1772.69
Disbursements in excess of receipts	1635.45
Bank Balance Nov. 30, 1960	2787.28
Cash at office deposited 12/1/60	<u>133.88</u>
	2921.16
TOTAL INVESTMENTS & CASH FUNDS	
Savings & Loan Shares	\$24,966.54
Government Bonds	58,000.00
Cash Funds	<u>2,921.16</u>
	\$85,917.70

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF CURATORS
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 8, 1961

The meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held in the library of the museum in Tacoma on April 8, 1961, Mr. Odlin presiding.

Present:

Mr. Burnham	Mr. Murray	Judge Hill	Mr. Relander
Dr. Deutsch	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Swayze	Mrs. Gose
Mr. Long	Mr. Green	Dr. Thompson	Mrs. Eisenhower
Mr. Hitchman	Dr. Cory	Mr. Foster	Mr. Le Roy (Director)
		(Dir. Em.)	

Minutes of the December 10, 1960 meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report as submitted by Mr. Pierce was read, in his absence, by Mr. Le Roy. A copy of this is attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Le Roy reported that the state had prescribed a new system for reporting local funds and that a proportion of these funds would be budgeted for the specified purposes for which they were acquired. The budgeted amount equals roughly that which has been used by the Society in the past for such matters as the purchase of the Kibbe collection, publication of books, pamphlets, etc. The new system takes effect July 1st 1961, the beginning of the new biennium.

BUDGET REPORT The budget report was submitted by Mr. Murray. The Legislature approved a budget of \$116,218 in appropriated funds. This represents a net gain of \$11,821 above the amount to be expended in the current biennium. The appropriation for the current biennium was for \$110,463 but of this amount about \$6,000 was saved and will revert to the Treasury.

Our original request for the new budget was \$137,171 but was cut back by \$20,953. The state allocated \$12,900 in local funds to make up part of the difference. The state is, in effect, granting the right to use local funds for such things as purchase of special collections, publication of books and News Notes, and other necessary expenses for which there are no appropriated funds. The Perkins Building Fund will not be used for any purpose other than that for which the Fund was established--the building of a new wing.

Because of the cut of nearly \$21,000 we have to forego, at least for this year, the employment of a Field Representative. Extensive cuts had to be made in the purchase of new equipment. Since this cut was anticipated in time, however, Mr. Le Roy requested back some funds which were about to revert (not including the \$6,000 mentioned heretofore) and some of the items requested in the new budget have been purchased already. These include library shelving, microfilm, filing cases, a new sink, cabinets, and water fountain.

With care, we can live within the new budget, though some of the plans for the coming biennium will have to be set aside or modified.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE In the absence of Mrs. Scott, Mr. Hitchman reported for the Library.

Funds from the sale or trade of duplicate books in the library are being used to purchase many important books to fill gaps in our collections. Such items as the Journals of David Douglas and other rare items which have been reprinted recently but are still too expensive for our normal library budget are being secured. We have now a credit of \$1,148 from The Old Oregon Book Store which submitted the highest bid for the duplicate books. Bids were also submitted by other top western dealers.

We recently purchased about \$300 worth of books from a Seattle collection which was being dispursed. The collection contained several items of great use to the library.

Shelving has been purchased for the library, one new case already finished and in place. More are on the way. Five new manuscript cases for proper housing of the manuscript collections which have been spread in various places are on order. A tape recorder for use in building an Oral History collection and for the recording of special historical events has been ordered.

The Chittenden collection has been increased by major additions from General and Mrs. Cress, and Theodore Chittenden. These included more diaries, letters, maps and pictures. The new acquisitions are especially valuable since they arrived in time to be used in the editing of the new Society publication, H. M. CHITTENDEN: A WESTERN EPIC.

Mr. Le Roy brought in a team of experts to examine the archives of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company, a collection which will be given to the Society provided some arrangements can be made for housing and cataloguing. The collection was estimated to consist of at least four million items! The sheer bulk of the collection poses a tremendous problem as well as a tremendous challenge. Acquisition of these papers will place the Society in one bound as one of the key depositories in America of early lumber industry history.

The death of Ralph Chaplin, Consultant to the Society, points up the manifold contributions which Mr. Chaplin made in the gathering of the labor history of this area. Already, friends are sending contributions to the library for purchase of books in his memory.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE Mr. McClelland reported that the Chittenden manuscript has been read by members of the committee and returned to the Editor with suggestions for additions and changes. These changes, plus the incorporation of new material received from the Chittenden family, have greatly strengthened the book. Following this meeting the committee meets to consider the final draft of the manuscript and the letting of bids for printing. The book should be ready for distribution by early Fall.

The booklet GUNS OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION has so far received fine reviews and orders of about 400 copies. Another author was stimulated to send another manuscript on the scientific discoveries of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the book now being read by the committee.

Two new projects have been added to the series--an edited diary of the first white settler at Fort Nisqually, Joseph Heath, which Lucile McDonald of the Seattle Times is working on; a pamphlet on Historic Cannon is being prepared by Reverend Andrew Prouty, our "guns" expert, which will be checked by Dr. Donald Clark, top cannon expert.

Murray Morgan's History of Tacoma is being considered as a joint project with the Viking Press. The Society will be credited as co-sponsor, with the Viking Press underwriting publication costs, handling sales distribution, etc. The Society will assist in checking for historical accuracy but no Society funds will be used in publishing the book.

Author of one of the projected pamphlets, a History of the Hudson's Bay Company S. S. Beaver, was Ralph Chaplin. The book was in a rough draft and will have to be re-written. (Mr. McClelland said a few words in tribute to Ralph Chaplin and his personal experiences with Mr. Chaplin which were memorable.)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE Mr. Swayze reported that the Grounds Beautification continues with a most recent addition being the planting of 34 prize rose bushes. These were donated to the Society by Mr. Fred Edmunds of Wilsonville, Oregon, one of the top growers in the West. They were solicited for the Society by Dr. Paul Smith, past president of the Tacoma American Rose Society. Dr. Smith and his gardener handled the actual planting and supervised the preliminary progress of the roses, and plans to give us more flowers and shrubs from time to time.

The porch at the entrance to the Museum, the steps, and the base of the Statue of Liberty have just been repainted. This was a volunteer job performed by Mr. Wesley who services our elevator. A new mat and front porch rubber runner have been added, also.

A local construction company asked permission to dump 150 truck-loads of fill at the back of the Museum. Permission was granted in return for their promise to grade off the slopes and to put new gravel on the back service road. This gives us a good start toward providing parking space for the new wing.

With funds saved from operating expenses our antique water fountain in Washington Hall has been replaced by a modern water cooler. A new sink has been installed near the offices to provide better facilities for catered affairs at the Museum.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE In the Natural History wing many new cases which tie in natural history with regional history have been designed by Kenn Johnson and constructed by John Gipple. These include cases displaying pioneer life, maritime exploration, the fur trade, pioneer agriculture, etc. For the exhibit on the fur trade we have just received from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service a magnificent Sea Otter skin, valued at more than \$1,000, which came to the Society through the assistance of Senator Henry M. Jackson. Displayed at present in Washington Hall, the Sea Otter exhibit will be set up near the Beaver exhibit soon.

As a result of the Society's "Census of the Fur Trade", we have received a fine cannon once used by the Hudson's Bay Company which was discovered by Father Prouty, a Tacoma expert on early weapons.

To make our meetings and special programs at the Museum far more comfortable we have purchased 100 new metal "posture chairs" which were made possible by local donations.

The Lecture Series have continued to draw interested crowds, both here and at the University of Puget Sound. They have been presented once a month and have resulted in much favorable publicity for the Museum.

The ladies of the Early American Glass Club of Tacoma donated \$300 to build a case to display their changing glass exhibits. The beautiful case constructed in our shop, may be seen at the entrance to McCormick Hall.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT In the absence of Dr. Gates who was one of the team of experts which examined the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company archive, Mr. Le Roy reported on that potential accession. There are several tremendous problems involved in the accession. In the first place, the present building does not have anywhere near enough space to house the records. In the second place, proper cataloguing of the records will take years and require the services of a highly trained person. This matter is under discussion with officials of the company and ways are being explored by which the company may assist financially. The importance of the records is beyond question. Included in the archives are papers related to early lumbering in Washington, early railroading, early investment companies, and mining activities. The personal papers of the Griggs, Hewitt and Wagner families are part of the collection. If we can solve the problems presented by this accession the Society will have a collection of source materials in the areas listed almost second to none.

The "Ages of Elegance", the historical fashion show which the Society plans to present in May at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club, is progressing nicely. This special program has generated considerable interest and, though preparation has taken nearly six months to date, the results in terms of public relations should pay handsome dividends.

The membership of the Society continues to gain with about fifty new members, including five new Life Memberships and two new Sustaining Memberships, listed in the March issue of News Notes.

Mr. Le Roy reported that, as part of the Fur Trade Census, extensive correspondence with other archives indicated considerable material on the subject was available in the British Isles. The Hudson's Bay Company had evinced interest in the project and had asked for a report to be published in its magazine THE BEAVER.

NEW BUSINESS Upon motion, duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved the election of Mr. Henry Jukes, of Bellingham, to serve on the Board of Curators, until 1964, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Archie Shiels. Mr. Jukes, retired president of the Bellingham National Bank, has for many years been a distinguished student of and contributor to Washington history.

President Odlin informed the Board that the Executive Committee would select a board of distinguished judges for an architectural contest to select the best plans for a new wing for the Museum. Rules governing all such contests have been received from the American Institute of Architects. The contest will help to generate public enthusiasm and support for the new addition to the building.

New Committee appointments are being drawn up and will be distributed with the Minutes of this meeting. In some cases new chairmen have been appointed in order to give a healthy rotation to our working committees.

Mr. Odlin called the attention of the Board to the Program for the Annual Meeting of the Society which will take place at the luncheon to be served in the Museum at 12:30. Dr. R. Franklin Thompson will speak on The Seventieth Anniversary of the Washington State Historical Society.

Mr. Odlin recommended that the Board consider sending the Director to England for the purpose of examining British archives for records related to the Fur Trade Census, the Boundary Survey Centennial, and other materials pertaining to Washington State history. The prospect of acquiring microfilm records and original source materials for the Society's collections is very challenging.

Discussion by the Board followed, and the Executive Committee was directed to find ways and means of financing the trip with the stipulation that no state appropriated funds be employed.

It was suggested that the thanks of the Board of Curators and the Society membership be conveyed to the Pierce County legislative delegation for its support of the Society's program in the recent session of the Legislature.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Washington State Historical Society
Treasurer's Report

6-30-60

3-31-61

INVESTMENTS:

Acct. #34775 Pacific First Fed. Sav. & Loan, Bal. 11/30/61	6056.70		
Div. 9-30-61	60.57		
Deposit 12-7-60	195.02		
Div. 12-31-60	61.82		
Deposit 2-16-61	149.76	<u>467.17</u>	<u>6523.87</u>
Acct. #56473, Cole Endowment Acct. Pac. 1st Fed.	1651.12		
Div. 9-30-60	16.51		
Div. 12-31-60	16.68	<u>33.19</u>	<u>1684.31</u>
Acct. #12295 American Sav. & Loan	9340.64		
Div. 12-30-60	186.80	<u>186.80</u>	<u>9527.44</u>
Acct. #11543 Lewis Co. Sav. & Loan	78.59		
Div. 12-30-60	1.65	<u>1.65</u>	<u>80.24</u>
Acct. #252C Lewis Co. Sav. & Loan	5100.00		
Div. 12-30-60	108.39	<u>108.39</u>	<u>5208.39</u>
Acct. #11823 Lewis Co. Sav. & Loan	69.49		
Deposit 12-7-60	56.25		
Div. 12-30-60	1.66		
Deposit 2-16-61	656.25	<u>714.16</u>	<u>783.65</u>
Acct. #251C Lewis Co. Sav. & Loan	2700.00		
Div. 12-30-60	57.38	<u>57.38</u>	<u>2757.38</u>
Acct. #404C Lewis Co. Sav. & Loan Deposited 12-7-60	600.00		
Div. 12-30-60	2.12	<u>2.12</u>	<u>602.12</u>
Total Savings & Loan Shares.....			\$27,167.40

U. S. TREASURY BONDS

\$50,000 2-5/8% Due Feb. 15, 1965	
8,000 4-7/8% Due Nov. 15th, 1964	
Total Government Bonds	\$58,000.00

LOCAL CASH FUNDS

On deposit Nov. 30th, 1960		2787.28
Disbursements	3737.92	
Receipts	3123.06	
Disbursements in Excess of receipts.		
Bank Balance 3-31-61		<u>614.86</u>
		\$2172.42

TOTAL INVESTMENTS & CASH FUNDS

Savings & Loan Shares	\$27,167.40
Government Bonds	58,000.00
Cash-Bank Balance	<u>2,172.42</u>
Total.....	\$87,339.82

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING REPORT

6-30-60

3-31-61

Members: Life-103; Annl.'59-87; '60-264; '61-312; Assoc. 33	Total
Visitors: October, 1960-March 31, 1961	748
	19,783

LOCAL FUNDS: 6-30-61, 3-31-61	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Counter Sales	740.40	1435.93
Book Fund	455.98	25.00
Sales Tax	17.17	112.80
Vending Machine	2243.80	144.30
Membership	1758.00	296.00
Miscellaneous	<u>2472.69</u>	<u>5132.03</u>
	\$5690.04	\$7146.06

STATE FUNDS: 1960-61 Biennium	<u>Allotted</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Salaries, Wages & Cont. Personal Serv.	37,232	24,417.65
Other Cont. Services	10,992	3,641.39
Travel	1,600	2,034.81
Supplies & Materials	1,500	3,000.93
Equipment	-	2,427.59
Retirement & Pensions	<u>2,885</u>	<u>1,870.72</u>
Total	\$54,209	\$37,393.09

Allottment unexpended and available to be used in
the ensuing months of this biennium.

\$16,815.91

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August 12, 1961

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Present:

Judge Hill	Mr. Relander	Dr. Barto	Mrs. Eisenhower
Mr. Long	Dr. Cory	Mrs. Emmons	Mrs. Wanamaker
Mrs. Scott	Mr. Hitchman	Mrs. Anderson	Mr. Foster(Dir. Em.)
Mr. Jukes	Dr. Thompson	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Le Roy(Director)
Dr. Deutsch	Dr. Jones	Dr. Gates	
Mr. Burnham	Mr. Murray	Mrs. Gose	

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TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report was submitted by Mr. Gordon. A copy of this is attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Robert Gordon has been appointed Treasurer to succeed Mr. Guy T. Pierce who has retired after nearly 30 years in this position. Mr. Dutton Hayward has been appointed Assistant Treasurer.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE Mrs. Scott called attention to the many physical changes in the library since the April meeting. Working space for the staff has been expanded by considerable rearrangement. New shelves have been constructed for periodicals. New cabinets have been purchased for the storage of microfilm. The library has made a good start toward building a microfilm collection. The microfilm collection now includes the reports of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, early census records, War Department records of military activities in Washington Territory, and a complete file of early Washington newspapers. Mrs. Scott noted that Mr. Le Roy would report on Society plans for acquiring microfilm of important source material of Washington history in England.

A complete inventory of all the catalog materials in the library is under way. The inventory will require several months and we plan to take inventory once in every biennium from now on. A binding program is under way and each month, from our limited budget, 10 items are being sent to the binder for repairs and/or new covers.

Books which are not Northwest history coming to the library through gift are being screened and listed with duplicates. This list will be presented regularly to the Accessions and Properties Committee to consider for trade purposes. The picture file is being reorganized and will be housed in cabinets under the balcony. An index of negatives is being compiled, supplementing the already completed portion of the index to the Curtis collection.

Mr. Richard Hanson has joined the staff as assistant librarian. Miss West retired as of July 1st and Mrs. Bumgardner and Mr. Hanson are now in charge. Mr. Hanson is a graduate of the University of Washington. He majored in Anthropology, had working experience at Dr. Gunther's Museum in Seattle and at the University of Washington library.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE Mr. Hitchman called attention to the attractive brochure designed as a sales piece for the new book H. M. CHITTENDEN: A WESTERN EPIC. The book is at the printers and is expected to be ready for distribution this Fall.

Mr. Hitchman reported on the sales to date of THE HISTORY OF FORT VANCOUVER and GUNS OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION. The publications of these books has stimulated regional authors to submit manuscripts to us for consideration. For example; an author in Michigan sent a manuscript on THE BOTANICAL DISCOVERIES OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION. Unfortunately, this subject had been covered in another book on the scientific discoveries of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Lucile McDonald has nearly completed an editing of THE HEATH DIARY-- the story of the first white settler at Fort Nisqually. Harry Higman is well along on his HISTORY OF THE SEA OTTER IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY. We have secured a number of fine illustrations which will help the book. Murray Morgan is continuing to work on the HISTORY OF TACOMA and is making good progress. This book is being discussed as a joint imprint with Mr. Morgan's publisher, the Viking Press.

Recently, interest has been shown by the family of James J. Hill concerning the publication of the diaries of Major A. B. Rogers, surveyor for the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific Railways. If we can get financial support for this publication we will be able to select the best writer for the project. We have all the materials in our library collections.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE Mr. Long reported that, as part of the Grounds Beautification Program, bedding flowers--marigolds and petunias, as well as fertilizer, were donated by Weldon Pascoe of Poole's Nursery. Incidentally, Tacoma Florists contributed the beautiful floral flag of the United States for the Boundary Survey Celebration which was held at Point Roberts, Washington, July 30th. John Gipple constructed an arbor for climbing roses which will be donated this Fall by Dr. Paul Smith. We recommend that you all take a look at the rose bed which was planted this Spring and is in full bloom at present. More fill has been deposited by local contractors who have promised to grade off the rear driveway to the building. Repairs have been made to the old storage building behind the Museum. New supports and beams have been used to prevent collapse. Sometime soon a new roof will have to be put on the building as well as a roof replaced for the boiler of the BEAVER.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE Mr. Shaub reported that more new exhibits in the Natural History Wing have been completed which tie in the history of the fur trade with the natural history of the region. The beautiful sea otter skin which was temporarily displayed in Washington Hall is now in a permanent case in the Natural History Wing where it is a central feature of the fur trade exhibit. A new case shows two raccoons fishing in a mountain stream. All the natural history cases have been re-faced and refinished.

Plans have been drawn for a permanent display of historical costumes on the fifth floor. Also, plans have been drawn for building a new exhibit of guns and the uniforms representing various stages of development in American military history. These exhibits will be financed partially by the proceeds from the historical fashion show staged by the Society in May.

Mrs. Elizabeth Taplin has been working this summer to bring the accumulated records of accessions up to date. We have had so many new collections that the recording process got behind while school was in session.

Two new prospects for large sponsored exhibits include a history of communication, particularly the telephone and cable services, which will be installed with the help of the Pacific Telephone Northwest Company. After this has been completed we plan to ask the Power Companies to help us set up a History of Light exhibit. Both exhibits will be in the Pioneer Wing on the 2nd floor.

Mr. Shaub called attention to the Dudley Carter exhibit on the 5th floor which represents one of the finest collections of sculpture and carvings ever displayed here. He is one of the Northwest's leading exponents in the use of Indian motifs in sculpture.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT Since the April meeting the Society has sponsored several important events. The "Ages of Elegance", the historical fashion show, presented in May at the Tacoma Country Club, was a great success. Many people and organizations contributed time and services. These included the country club which rented us the club for a very reasonable figure, the tremendous amount of cleaning and pressing of these fragile costumes which was done without charge by the Washington Cleaners, refreshments for the young performers donated by Glaser Bottling Company and the Lakewood Donut House. After all expenses were paid we cleared nearly \$400.00 which will be used to help build our permanent historical costume and military exhibit.

In April the Governor appointed two Centennial Councils, naming the Director as Chairman of the Boundary Survey and Civil War Centennial Councils. Meetings of both Councils have been held at the Museum, with Council members coming from all over the state to attend. On July 30th, at Point Roberts, a memorable program planned for the Boundary Survey Centennial was held. The Governor, high officials from Canada and the United States, military bands, Royal Canadian Mounted Police in scarlet uniforms, a children's choir, and many others contributed to the program's success. A beautiful estate near the Marker was turned over to the Society for the entertainment of 80 distinguished guests from Washington, D. C., Victoria and Ottawa. Refreshments, including a fine salmon barbecue, were served to the guests.

Following the formal program at the site of the Marker a reception was given by a Point Roberts couple, which meant that the official guests were entertained during the day by both Canadian and American hosts.

The Civil War Centennial Council had its first meeting in Tacoma, was greeted by President Odlin, met for several hours at the Museum, and was entertained royally at a special Civil War luncheon as the guests of the Lakewood Country Store. The Council will meet next in Olympia where they will be received by the Governor.

Two new services of the Society are the planned publication of a Checklist of Pacific Northwest books for general distribution and A Book Sale List which was distributed today.

During the director's absence in Europe the June issue of News Notes was prepared by the staff under the direction of Grace Frederick. Each article was initialled by the contributing staff member. So pleased was the reception by members that News Notes will probably be compiled this way in future issues.

Mr. Le Roy reported on his trip to England in June. From this trip the Society acquired several original manuscripts and drawings of importance to Washington history and will be receiving a considerable quantity of source material on microfilm and in photocopies. Mr. Le Roy visited museums in Holland, Belgium, France and the British Isles as well as historical depositories in all these countries. He thanked the Board for making the trip possible and stated that he thought the end results would be beneficial in many ways to the Society.

NEW BUSINESS Upon motion, duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved a resolution expressing the deep thanks of the Society to Mr. Guy T. Pierce upon his retirement after nearly 30 years service as Treasurer of the Society. The resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

On motion, duly seconded, the Board expressed the thanks of the Society to Miss Alta West upon her retirement as Assistant Librarian of the Society. The resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Odlin expressed the pleasure of the Board that Mr. Henry Jukes, of Bellingham, was in attendance for his first meeting of the Board of Curators following his election to the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Archie Shiels.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society that the deep appreciation of the Board, the staff and the membership of the Society be expressed to Guy T. Pierce upon the occasion of his retirement as Treasurer of the Board of Curators.

Mr. Pierce was first elected Treasurer on February 6th, 1922 and has served continuously since that date in this important position. He has given unstintingly of his time, his knowledge and professional experience in keeping the financial records of the Society. He has been faithful for nearly thirty years in his attendance of and participation in the official meetings of the Board.

Perhaps more than any officer of the Board and for a greater period of time, Guy Pierce has been available to the Directors and staff of the Washington State Historical Society for his good counsels whenever needed. In the preparation of the Budget of the Society, meetings with the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee, as well as regular appearances before the Washington State Legislature, he has made a great contribution.

With the appreciation of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society expressed in this Resolution passed unanimously at the official meeting of the Board on August 12, 1961, goes the warm affection and best wishes for the future of every member of the Board.

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Be it resolved by the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society that the deep appreciation of the Board, the staff and the membership of the Society be expressed to Miss Alta F. West upon her retirement as Assistant Librarian of the Society.

Miss West joined the staff of the Society on September 1, 1947. From a rich background of long affiliation with important historical groups, Miss West contributed much to the building of a distinguished collection of Washington and Pacific Northwest history. An expert in genealogy, her efforts in forming this particular aspect of the Library's collection and services to the public were particularly notable.

Miss West was one of the founders of and President of the Mt. Tahoma Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This organization met occasionally at the Museum and contributed substantially to the Library. Miss West was also the organizing President of the Tacoma Genealogical Society and has directed that group toward positive goals which will be of service to Washington State history.

The appreciation and best wishes of every member of the Board of Curators is extended with this unanimous Resolution passed at the official meeting of the Board August 12, 1961.