

LYNUS ALONZO KIBBE

In the passing of Lynus Alonzo Kibbe on October 19, 1957, Washington lost one of her most distinguished educators and this Board one of its most devoted members.

Prof. Kibbe had lived in Bellingham 58 of his 79 years, and had been a member of the faculty of the Western Washington College of Education 28 years, having been honored on his retirement with the title of Professor Emeritus.

Prof. Kibbe was graduated from McMinnville College with a bachelor's degree, and received his master's degree from Columbia University and the University of Washington.

During his lifetime he had collected one of the finest libraries of Northwest history in Washington, a library that was outstanding in many ways. He had made a specialty of collecting historical documents of many kinds and making copies of them. Hundreds of students of history had made use of his library and many writers found it a rich source of original material.

In 1954 Prof. Kibbe was nominated for an Award by the American Association for State and Local History and received the unanimous vote of the Awards Committee for this honor, being one of the very few individuals in the United States so honored.

Prof. Kibbe was elected to the board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society in 1950 and served until his death. This Board never has had a more conscientious or devoted member. He rarely attended a meeting of the Board without bringing something to deposit in the Library, the phase of the Society's work holding his special interest.

Survivors include his widow, Pearl H., a son, Merle H. Kibbe of Ellensburg, a sister, Dr. Alice L. Kibbe of Carthage, Ill., several nephews, nieces, and two granddaughters, Mrs. Romona Fleming of Pullman and Miss Joan Kibbe of Ellensburg.

To Mrs. Kibbe and members of the family, the Board of Curators of this Society express their deep sympathy and at the same time a sense of gratification that it has been privileged to be associated with him in the work of this Society for so many years.

This Resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Board of Curators December 14, 1957, and made a part of the minutes of that meeting, with a copy to be sent to Mrs. Kibbe.