

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF CURATORS  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 7, 1962

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 7, 1962, Mr. Odlin presiding.

Present:

Mrs. Gose	Mr. Murray	Mr. Gordon
Mrs. Scott	Mr. Hitchman	Dr. Gates
Mr. Green	Dr. Jones	Mr. Foster ( Dir. Emer.)
Mr. Jukes	Judge Hill	Mr. Le Roy (Director)
Mrs. Emmons	Mr. McClelland	

Minutes of the December 2, 1961 meeting were approved as distributed.

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.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Scott called the attention of the Board to the frequent memoranda which the Board had received concerning many important new accessions to the Library. These have included letters by Governor Isaac Stevens; letters of the Mounts family who were Hudson's Bay Company pioneers at Fort Nisqually; a diary of the Cook Expedition to Mt. McKinley; more manuscripts for the Major A. B. Rogers Collection concerning the original survey of the Great Northern Railway; manuscripts on early ascents of Mt. Rainier; a diary, letters and pictures of a "Rough Rider" who served under Col. Theodore Roosevelt; a history of the Longmire family at Mt. Rainier National Park; more manuscripts to be added to the Streamer Collection; several boxes of early missionary letters, biographies, pictures and journals.

PUBLICATIONS: Mr. Hitchman reported that the Publications Committee had met just prior to the Board Meeting. The following projects are in progress: THE HEATH DIARY, edited by Lucile McDonald; THE SEA OTTER AND THE OPENING OF THE NORTHWEST COAST, by Harry Higman; THE HISTORY OF TACOMA, by Murray Morgan. Mrs. McDonald's book is being read in the first draft by the Committee.

The second publication in the Pacific Northwest Historical Pamphlet series will be UNITED STATES--CANADA BOUNDARY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, "Surveying the 49th Parallel, 1858-61, A Contemporary Report", edited by Herman J. Deutsch, with foreword by Charles M. Gates. Illustrated by James Alden contemporary sketches, the pamphlet will be an expanded reproduction of Dr. Deutsch's article in the January 1962 issue of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly. This

publication marks the centennial celebration of the Boundary Survey. The Society was directed by the last Legislature to prepare a suitable publication marking the event which was coordinated by the Society and a Governor's Council on the Boundary Survey Centennial.

Mr. Hitchman reported that the Pacific Northwest Quarterly is interested in publishing primary materials from our Library. A list is being prepared for the Editors.

The Publications Committee recommends that means be explored for underwriting the cost of our publications. This would assure a continuity of publication now denied us. At present, it is necessary to recover the cost of one publication before launching others. The Chittenden book, at this date, has sold to the number of 30 deluxe (nearly one-third of the total printed) and 150 of the regular edition. The book has been listed in the catalogues of several national book dealers. A number of fine reviews have already appeared. It is expected that more reviews and listings will help the sale of the book.

ACCESSIONS AND PROPERTIES: The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Murray, briefed the Board on the Louise Clark bequest. The Board authorized Mr. Murray to proceed with the sale of the Clark house in accordance with the offer transmitted by Wells Fargo Bank, trustees. The authorization came in the form of a resolution, with Dr. Jones moving, Mr. Green seconding the motion, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray reported that Mr. Le Roy had asked his Committee to consider and to bring to the attention of the Board the problem of the disposition of duplicate or irrelevant (non-Northwest) items in the Society's collections. Several methods were open. One--trading with other institutions; two--public auction (with members of the Society given the privilege of a preview); three--sale on bids to dealers. After considerable discussion by the Board, the matter was returned to the Director and the Committee for final decision. The Committee will make a tour of the storage rooms in the Museum prior to the August meeting in order to get a closer look at the enormity of the problem. Mr. Le Roy commented that storage space presently occupied by artifacts which will never be exhibited is badly needed for new collections coming in steadily. Funds derived from the sale of such items could be used to finance new exhibits.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: In the absence of Mr. Shaub, Mr. Le Roy combined the Museum Committee Report with the Director's Report.

Quite a number of new exhibits, some of them permanent, have been constructed and emplaced since the December meeting. The Pacific Northwest Telephone Company, upon request, built a beautiful modern exhibit showing the history of the telephone from Alexander Graham Bell to futuristic models. Part of the exhibit contains items from the Collins Overland Survey, some contributed by Mr. Henry Jukes. A portrait of Bell was painted and donated by Mrs. Horace Fogg.

In the entrance to McCormick Hall two new cases, financed by a donation of \$500 from Mrs. Horace Fogg, have been set up to house the Fogg Early American Glass Collection. Mrs. Fogg intends to present her entire collection of rare

glass to the Society. This addition complements the exhibit donated earlier by the Early American Glass Clubs of Tacoma.

Mannequins to be used for the exhibit HISTORIC GUNS AND UNIFORMS were acquired in a unique "swap" in which a pickled eel and stuffed fish were traded to a local sporting goods store! The guns and uniforms exhibit, an expensive project, still needs a sponsor.

The exhibit THE PRESIDENCY AND WASHINGTON STATE, now in place, has attracted much favorable publicity and crowds of visitors. This project was possible through the cooperation of a number of members of the Board and members of the Society. From the collection of Mr. S. A. Perkins came a magnificent group of signed presidential photographs. Mr. Robert Hitchman loaned a number of manuscripts, pamphlets and pictures from his extensive collection of presidential materials. Senator Nat Washington, of Ephrata, loaned a large number of original Washington family artifacts and manuscripts, including a map drawn by the first President as a young surveyor. Mrs. Betty Roberson, of Auburn, another Washington descendant, loaned Washington's personal seal. The rest of the collection was filled out by artifacts, presidential manuscripts and pictures from our permanent collections. The Tacoma News Tribune gave the exhibit front-page treatment, together with many pictures. Of the thirty-four Presidents of the United States, thirty-one are represented in the exhibit. For the permanent record a check-list of all the exhibited items has been prepared.

Temporary exhibits which have been outstanding include the Allen Clark show of sculpture, paintings and drawings; the Hewitt Jackson show of maritime history; the Fumiko Kimura show of water-colors, sketches and oil. The Kimura show set a record for sales.

Mr. Le Roy informed the Board that the City of Tacoma had accepted the Society's offer to place the Shinto Shrine on Museum grounds and that a dedication ceremony would be held at the Museum on May 13th. Officials of the City, the State Department, and our Society would participate in the ceremony. The Japanese garden is expected to be planted with the aid of local Japanese gardeners who have volunteered their help.

Negotiations with the U. S. Navy, conducted at the request of the Governor's office, have resulted in an agreement with the Navy to bring historical artifacts from the battleship U.S.S. Washington to Olympia where they will be displayed in the entrance hall to the Legislative Building. Historical remnants of the U.S.S. Puget Sound, an aircraft escort carrier, which was constructed in Tacoma, will be brought to Tacoma. The U.S.S. Puget Sound will eventually be displayed on Museum grounds as part of an outdoor maritime exhibit.

Mr. Le Roy asked that the Board consider the advisability of charging a commission on sales of art works displayed in our gallery. He pointed out that our Museum is one of the last places in the region to provide this service for artists without any compensation. Funds derived from such commissions could be applied to improvements in the gallery and exhibit equipment. After discussion, the Board authorized a charge of 10% commission on the sale of all art objects displayed by individuals or groups, with the funds to be applied to the purchase of equipment or the improvement of the gallery.

A special brochure on the Society and Museum is being prepared. With the influx of Century 21 visitors, such a brochure will be distributed to people from all over the United States, carrying our story to potential visitors. Mailings to membership and other institutions will also be made.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Hitchman noted that his company, Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company, has a number of surplus floodlights for disposal. He offered to arrange for the gift of some of these to the Society which would help to floodlight special exhibits, such as the Shinto Shrine, on Society grounds. The offer was gratefully accepted.

President Odlin read to the Board a letter from Governor Albert D. Rosellini pursuant to the recommended salary increase for the Director, together with his reply to the Governor. Mr. Odlin drew the attention of the Board to the statement that "this particular post is not specifically covered as to authority to fix salaries by the (Governor's) Committee or the State Personnel Board, but that the level indicated in the opinion of the Committee and the Board is in line and is given to us as a recommendation".

Mr. Odlin informed the Board that letters were received from a number of regional and national experts outlining the importance of the projected St. Paul and Tacoma archives accession. These were turned over, together with accompanying recommendations by the Director and Society officer, to Mr. Corydon Wagner, Sr. for his use in interviews with members of the Griggs, Hewitt and Howarth families. These are the people who are being asked to assist in underwriting the cost of housing the records and employing a professional archivist on a part-time basis to put the records in order. The accession, if it comes about, poses enormous problems in terms of space and personnel. The Society cannot undertake the accession without substantial outside help.

Mr. Odlin reminded the Board that the Annual Meeting of the Society would follow a luncheon to be served in the Museum. There being no further business the meeting of the Board of Curators was adjourned.

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MINUTES OF MEETING  
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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August 4, 1962

The meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held in the Library of the Museum in Tacoma on August 4, 1962, Mr. Odlin presiding.

Present:

Mrs. Wanamaker	Mr. Shaub	Mr. Jukes
Mr. Long	Mrs. Emmons	Mr. Burnham
Mr. Relander	Dr. Cory	Judge Hill
Dr. Gates	Dr. Deutsch	Mrs. Anderson
Dr. Whitner	Mrs. Weyerhaeuser	Mr. Foster (Dir. Emer.)
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Martin	Mr. Le Roy (Director)
Dr. Jones	Mr. McClelland	

Minutes of the April 7, 1962 meeting were approved as distributed.

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.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Weyerhaeuser presented the report in the absence of Mrs. Scott.

The newest and most important collection to be given to our Library is the papers of General James F. Smith. These concern his experiences as a Colonel in the Spanish-American War where he commanded Washington and California Volunteers; work as Customs Collector for the Philippines; assistant to William Howard Taft and as successor to Taft as Governor-General of the Philippine Islands during the American occupation; experience as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

General Smith's papers include battle dispatches from the front lines; many letters, some of them secret, from President Theodore Roosevelt and later President Taft, General Pershing and General MacArthur, father of Douglas MacArthur, and many more national figures. The papers also contain considerable diplomatic correspondence from the Spanish Royal government at Madrid. The story of this major addition to our Library received front-page attention from the Tacoma News Tribune and was carried throughout the country by the Associated Press. The Society already has a fine small collection on the Washington Volunteers during the Spanish-American War. This new collection puts us at the forefront of all American institutions (except the Federal government) as the leading depository for history on the Philippine Insurrection.



So many other fine gifts have come to the Library since the April meeting that we can do no more than mention them. They include rare booklets, poems and original drawings added to the Ralph Chaplin Collection; the papers of the Bergoust family; books, pamphlets and items from Fort Vancouver; the manuscript autobiography of Vinton Neubert which relates his fifty years of pioneering on the Olympic Peninsula; booklets, photos and custom records from Clarence May of Seattle; journals and correspondence of Dr. William Chapman, pioneer physician at Fort Simcoe; valuable reference sets of Washington history from Laura Drum Post; photocopies of early Hudson's Bay records from Chehalis.

The Library staff has compiled a checklist of manuscripts for use of visiting scholars. The Pacific Northwest Quarterly may select some for publication. The staff has also compiled a bibliography of the American Fur trade for reference purposes.

Robert Hitchman added a microfilm and Zerox copy of Judge Howay's "Outline Sketch of the Maritime Fur Trade" to our microfilm collection. Father William Davis is at work in Chicago to purchase for us microfilm of early missionary records he located.

The expanding collections in the Library continue to emphasize our great need for a new Library in a new wing. The past few months have seen increasing numbers of visiting scholars from around the country. We now need space to provide working room for them and us.

PUBLICATIONS: The checklist of manuscripts in the Society Library has been prepared for the Pacific Northwest Quarterly so that the editors may draw on our archives for articles for the Quarterly.

The three projects reported as being under way at the April meeting are still unfinished. THE HEATH DIARY, edited by Lucile McDonald, is still being read by the Committee; THE SEA OTTER AND THE OPENING OF THE NORTHWEST COAST, by Harry Higman, and the HISTORY OF TACOMA, by Murray Morgan, are making good progress. Mr. Higman's book is being greatly assisted by Robert Hitchman who has donated or loaned much original source material to the Library for Mr. Higman's use.

Dr. Deutsch's pamphlet UNITED STATES--CANADA BOUNDARY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, is at the press. This edition, with new illustrations, was prepared, with the aid of Dr. Gates and the Pacific Northwest Quarterly, to satisfy the requirements laid down for the Society by the last Legislature.

In the pamphlet series several additional projects are under way. HISTORIC CANNON, by Rev. Andrew M. Prouty, is nearing completion. This pamphlet begins with a description of the Hudson's Bay cannon on display in the Museum.

The Chittenden book will be reviewed this Fall in the Idaho quarterly and also in a scholarly publication called AMERICAN NOTES & QUERIES. This latter publication goes to scholarly institutions all over the world. These, plus other reviews, should help sales of the book.

The Board, the membership and many affiliated societies have received copies of the new brochure on the Society and the Museum. Copies are on the table. You will note that the page concerning our publications program outlined our continuing need for primary historical material. On the same page was carried, as a "plug", the list of our publications in print. This brochure has brought favorable comment, visitors and new collections already to the Society and Museum. Report submitted by John McClelland.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Latest major accession to the Museum is the EARLY AMERICAN GLASS COLLECTION just donated by Mr. George Harding, of Berkeley, California. At his request and for tax purposes, the collection was appraised and valued at nearly \$1400. This collection, added to the Fogg Collection, has been much admired by the thousands of visitors who came to the Museum during Century 21.

At the April meeting the Board voted to charge 10% commission on the sale of all paintings and art objects displayed in Gallery shows. It is a pleasure to report that the current show by Mr. Knute Gustad is a financial as well as an artistic success. Approximately two-thirds of this collection has been sold. The Society will receive 10% of the total sale with the fund to be used for improvements in the Gallery.

At the time of the dedication of the Japanese Shinto Shrine in May, a beautiful display of student art and photography from Japan was exhibited. Simultaneously, in the fifth floor Gallery, a display of Tacoma student art was made. This Tacoma schools display is being sent to Kokura, Japan--Tacoma Sister City--with the compliments of the Washington State Historical Society. Publicity will be given the exhibit by the U. S. State Department and costs of shipping will be borne by the City of Tacoma.

The Hewitt Jackson show of maritime history attracted crowds of visitors. This artist is winning a national reputation. Two of his paintings were purchased for the permanent collections of the Society--one through the help of the Tacoma Propeller Club and the other through the assistance of Bob Hitchman. Both are subjects in the maritime history of Washington State.

John Gipple and Kenn Johnson are working on two major new exhibits. They are a permanent exhibit of historic costume on the fifth floor in a Victorian setting and a new exhibit to be added to the Natural History Wing. Both need sponsors.

An exhibit of BOOKPLATES AROUND THE WORLD is on display in the Gallery on the fifth floor. These were gathered over a thirty year period by Bob Hitchman. They include bookplates from such famous people as Winston Churchill, American Presidents, and are from many countries. One section is devoted to a collection from prominent citizens of Washington State. The News Tribune carried a big story on this show with lots of pictures.

This report was submitted by Roe E. Shaub.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Dr. Charles Gates reported for his committee.

Although the Archives Committee and the Director have invested many hours,

many meetings, and a number of tours of inspection in behalf of the St. Paul and Tacoma archive previously reported to the Board, it appears that we will be in no position to acquire this magnificent collection.

A major effort was made to enlist the financial support of the several prominent families in Tacoma affiliated with the company. Only a portion of the interested group would be committed to underwriting the financial cost of housing and processing the archive.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that the St. Paul and Tacoma Company consider placing this important collection--numbering conservatively four million items--in the collections of the University of Washington. The University has the staff and space to deal with the problem. Further, they have already processed a number of similar collections and are a depository for the Forest History Foundation.

There are no funds in the budget of this Society for an undertaking which is liable to cost from thirty to fifty thousand dollars and to require five to ten years to carry out. It is realistic, therefore, though we do it reluctantly, for the Society to step aside. It is historically of the greatest importance that the collection be preserved. Another institution will have to handle the job.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Report presented by Mr. Long.

The City beautification committee is helping us to enlist the support of volunteer groups to clean up the grounds behind the Museum. Trees will be felled, fill will be trucked in, and the area will be graded for a fairly good sized parking lot. When this is finished we will try to find a sponsor who will donate asphalt for paving the parking area. As anyone who visits the Museum on a busy day will know, parking is one of our major problems. This will solve the problem. It is likely that the Stadium group will ask permission to use this area for parking during football games. Since the only present entrance to the Stadium from the Museum grounds runs through our new Japanese garden it is likely that this problem will take careful thought.

As Board members can see, the new Japanese garden with the Shinto Shrine is well under way. Many volunteers from local groups helped us get started. The Tacoma Garden Club is considering a grant to the Society to pay for the costs of additional plantings, lawn improvement and maintenance.

Through the help of Dr. Donald Clark of the School of Forestry of the University of Washington, we are being given enough cedar shingles to put new roofs on the storehouse and the "Boiler of the Beaver" exhibit behind the Museum. This helps greatly to dress up what Mr. Odlin calls "our Shantytown".

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Le Roy reported that the most exciting thing recently was the accession of the General James F. Smith collection. The story was given front page space in the Tacoma newspaper with another page of pictures and text. The Associated Press sent the story around the world and the



Society's name is being bandied about in a nice way in Manila, Southeast Asia and the national capital. As a result, more offers of new collections are coming in.

Since the April meeting much good publicity has been given to Society programs. The University of Washington, through its Bureau of Community Development, carried a special account of the Society's resources for the use of all Washington communities. Board members have received the three page news release by the Seattle World's Fair about the Society. This was sent to 600 newspapers all over the country. It paid off--tourists visiting the Fair are swamping us. Curtis Collection was written up in the Tacoma News Tribune.

Mr. Long has told you about the possible improvements to our grounds in the form of a new parking lot and help from the Tacoma Garden Club for the Japanese garden. The two buildings outside will be better to look at when the donated shingling and siding are completed. All these things did not happen by accident. Each donation is the result of active solicitation. It takes time and much work but it pays.

Mr. Murray, who is attending the Bar Association meeting in San Francisco, was to report on the Louise Clark bequest. Nearly \$35,000 came to the Society for use in building the new wing.

Library collections are growing so rapidly that problems of space almost overweigh the growing prestige of this Society as a research center. Scholars are coming from everywhere to work on our collections. In June, a grateful, freshly minted Ph.D. Dr. Donald Barnes, one of Dr. Deutsch's students, stopped by to thank us for help in his use of the Chaplin collection. His thesis is so good that we recommended it for publication. This is just one of the projects which is helping to spread the name of this Society.

Our two major up-coming problems are the new wing and the budget. In discussions with our President and Budget Chairman it has been decided that our budget request will be more realistic. We cannot do a 1962 job on a 1912 budget. If this Society is to progress as it has in the past year more space and more personnel are desperately needed. As for the new wing, it is true our funds in trust have been increased by the Clark bequest but have not come up to expectations by the failure of the St. Paul and Tacoma people to underwrite expansion of our archives. If we want the new wing we now have to talk to the people in this area in a position to give us a matching fund with which to approach the State. We need your help.

Mr. Le Roy also asked help from members of the Board in locating early Northwest art suitable for display at the Pacific Northwest History Conference in April. The theme of the Conference will be "The Ethnohistory of the Pacific Northwest". It is our hope to find a sponsor who will underwrite cost of a "Catalogue of Early Art of the Pacific Northwest".

NEW BUSINESS: It was moved by Dr. Deutsch, seconded by Mr. Jukes, that the Board of Curators of the Society go on record that the Society will undertake

no further solicitations to acquire the records of the St. Paul and Tacoma Company providing funds from private sources are not provided to insure proper custody of these papers. The Board of Curators endorses the University of Washington as a suitable depository for the records of the St. Paul and Tacoma Company. The resolution passed unanimously.

Dr. Gates requested members of the Board to submit or to suggest material suitable for publication in the Pacific Northwest Quarterly. He referred to the "checklist of manuscripts" prepared by our Library as a guide for the Quarterly to draw from.

Mr. Long resolved, seconded by Mrs. Emmons, that the thanks of the Board be expressed to the City of Tacoma for the assistance in placing the Shinto Shrine on the grounds of the Museum. The resolution passed unanimously.

Mr. Jukes briefed the Board on the present state of Pickett House. Repairs are required. Several members expressed the hope that Pickett House could be turned over either to State Parks or to a civic agency in Bellingham.

Mrs. Wanamaker called the attention of the Board to the project of an "artmobile" being considered by the state Arts Commission. It is her hope that the Society may assist in providing historical advice or artifacts for exhibit if the project is successful.

Mrs. Emmons reported the forthcoming accession, on indefinite loan basis of the "Patrick Gass Collection". The Board went on record as accepting with gratitude this fine collection of items related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Dr. Robert Whitner, new member of the Board, was welcomed to his first meeting by President Odlin. Dr. Whitner thanked the Board for this new opportunity to broaden what are, in effect, his already considerable contributions to regional history.

Mr. Shaub recommended that a survey of surplus and duplicate items in storage be made so that consideration may be given to their proper disposition.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at which time Board members, wives and husbands repaired to the Odlin residence for the traditional August luncheon and the famous Odlin hospitality.

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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TREASURER'S REPORT

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INVESTMENTS:

Acct.#34775 Pac. 1st Fed. Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62...	5,391.93	
Div. 6-30-62		57.98	
Dep. Bond Interest		195.02	
Dep. Clark Estate		34,810.23	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		40,455.16
Acct.#350656 Pac. 1st Fed. Sgs & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62.....	00.00	
Dep. for publishing fund		1,470.40	
Div. 6-30-62		5.21	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		1,475.61
Acct.#56473 Pac. 1st Fed. Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62...	1,771.32	
Div. 7-31-62		18.82	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		1,790.14
Acct.#12295 American Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62...	3,951.74	
Div. 6-30-62		83.95	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		4,035.69
Acct.#11543 Lewis County Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62.....	83.66	
Div. 6-30-62		1.76	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		85.42
Acct.#252C Lewis County Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62...	5,432.12	
Div. 6-30-62		115.45	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		5,547.57
Acct.#11823 Lewis County Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62...	1,471.11	
Div. 6-30-62		38.23	
Dep. Bond Interest		656.25	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		2,165.59
Acct.#251C Lewis County Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62...	2,875.79	
Div. 6-30-62		61.10	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		2,936.89
Acct.#404C Lewis County Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 3-31-62...	627.95	
Div. 6-30-62		13.32	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		641.27
TOTAL SAVINGS & LOAN SHARES .....			\$59,133.34

U. S. TREASURY BONDS:

\$50,000 2-5/8% Due Feb. 15, 1965  
8,000 4-7/8% Due Nov. 15, 1964

TOTAL GOVERNMENT BONDS..... \$58,000.00

LOCAL CASH FUND:

On deposit 3-31-62		1,939.75	
Disbursements to 6-30-62	4,137.10		
Receipts to 6-30-62	2,948.01		
Disbursements in excess of receipts		1,189.09	
Balance on hand 6-30-62.....			750.66

TOTAL INVESTMENTS & CASH FUNDS:

Savings & Loan Shares	59,133.34
Government Bonds	58,000.00
Cash-Bank Balance	750.66
TOTAL SAVINGS ACCTS. GOVERNMENTS GONDS, CASH.....	\$117,884.00



WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OPERATING REPORT

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MEMBERS: Life-81; Annl."60-79: "61-225; '62-344; Assoc. 31  
VISITORS

760  
122,474

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LOCAL FUNDS (FIRST YEAR OF BIENNIUM)

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Counter Sales	1,333.67	1,335.54
Book Fund (Inc. Chittenden)	2,072.35	5,988.88
Sales Tax	57.21	100.25
Vending Machine	315.85	221.94
Membership	2,266.00	931.00
Misc.	<u>3,284.61</u>	<u>6,839.40</u>
	9,293.69	15,417.01

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STATE FUNDS 7-1-61 through 6-30-62

	<u>ALLOTTED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
Salaries & Wages	78,691.00	41,171.61
& Personal Cont. Services		
Other Cont. Services	17,405.10	4,657.83
Travel	5,400.00	2,589.83
Supplies & Materials	7,535.00	2,881.64
Retirement	<u>7,187.00</u>	<u>2,864.92</u>
	116,218.00	54,165.83
In reserve per Gov. order		4,627.41
Lapsed		<u>737.04</u>
		56,530.28
For 62-63 Biennium		56,687.72

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December 1, 1962

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Present:

Mrs. Scott	Dr. Cory	Mr. Hitchman
Mrs. Emmons	Judge Hill	Dr. Thompson
Mrs. Wanamaker	Dr. Deutsch	Mr. Dawley
Mrs. Anderson	Mr. Murray	Dr. Gates
Mrs. Weyerhaeuser	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Relander
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Jukes	Mr. Foster (Dir. Emer.)
Mr. Shaub	Mr. Burnham	Mr. Le Roy (Director)

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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.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Scott reported that 50 years of pioneering on the Olympic Peninsula are covered in the diaries of Vinton Newbert which have been loaned to the Society for microfilming. The diaries will be made a permanent gift some day. Mr. Newbert had already made a gift of an autobiography in manuscript which, with Mr. Hitchman's help, has been microfilmed.

The Library has also received several hundred pages of manuscript from Mr. Leonard Hegnauer, of Spokane, who tells of experience of half a century as county and agricultural agent in the state of Washington. This agricultural history is important to our collections as this is an area where we are very short of material. Mr. Le Roy informs us that we are attempting to enlist the help of the Washington State Grange in this effort.

We have started a campaign to uncover the folk music of the Pacific Northwest. The director reports that it is a slow job. Most of the known folk music sung by early mariners, loggers and railroaders came to this region from many parts of the United States. Though these are being listed, what we are most eager to acquire is information about songs absolutely native to this region. Folk songs, like people, migrate, and it is hard to separate the native from the import. We do now have information on songs as early as the

1790's and will continue the search for this neglected source of northwest history. Mrs. Emmons is assisting with the search and has called Mr. Le Roy's attention to some pioneer songs of the Steilacoom area, some of which were reproduced in her book NOTHING IN LIFE IS FREE. If you can help us with information, we would appreciate it.

The Ezra Meeker papers, running to 50,000 items, are being sorted, classified and cataloged by Mrs. Frances Sueco, former records management supervisor for the city of Tacoma. Mrs. Sueco is donating her services. More volunteer help is being received from the Girl Scouts who are assisting the library staff with special chores. They are working under close supervision.

In our archives is the original journal kept by Nathaniel Crosby on an ocean voyage from Hong Kong to San Francisco in 1857. He was the grandfather of Bing Crosby and a pioneer in Washington Territory. (The lovely old Crosby home still stands in Tumwater and is maintained as a museum). While attending the Western Museums Conference, Mrs. Grace Frederick, consultant to the Society, presented a copy of the journal to Mr. Crosby, together with pictures of Nathaniel and Cordelia. The family is very interested in the history of this state, as the Crosby Library at Gonzaga University attests.

Next year we are aiming at substantial additions to our microfilm collection. Funds for microfilming are part of our budget request. Two members of the Board of Curators, Mrs. Gose and Mr. Hitchman, have helped us much in the past year in the purchase of important microfilm of source history.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Hitchman called the attention of the Board to the new pamphlet in our PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICAL PAMPHLET series which was just off the University of Washington Press and available for examination. The booklet, UNITED STATES-CANADA BOUNDARY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Surveying the 49th Parallel, 1858-61, was edited by Dr. Herman J. Deutsch, with an introduction by Dr. Charles M. Gates. This publication fulfills the requirements of a resolution by the 1961 Washington State Legislature which named the Washington State Historical Society to coordinate the statewide commemoration of the Boundary Survey Centennial, including a suitable publication to mark the event.

Mr. Hitchman reported that a publications fund is being set up, with all sales of the Chittenden book going into a special account. Receipts from sales of earlier publications will also go into the publications fund in order that a current appraisal of the Society's ability to launch new publications is always at hand. Reviews of the Chittenden book have been widespread and favorable. It will take a good while longer to move the remaining stock of the book. FORT VANCOUVER, now well in the black, is proof that the books do sell out eventually. GUNS OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION has also made back the original investment and all sales from hence will be considered as new funds for new publications.

An editing of THE HEATH DIARY has been returned to the author for reason of insufficient funds to publish a book right now. The author, Lucile McDonald, has been given permission to seek another publisher. Unsolicited manuscripts continue to come in--the latest being an autobiographical manuscript by a Mr.



Moltke from Wenatchee. This manuscript, though well written, could not be published here.

Harry Higman is making good progress on his book--THE SEA OTTER IN NORTHWEST HISTORY (working title). The Society arranged for a good volunteer typist to assist him in preparing the manuscript. Mr. Higman is 2/3 through the book.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Mr. Shaub reported that the Museum has received several interesting collections and good newspaper publicity since the last meeting. One front page story told of the donation of the family Bible of Wild Bill Hickok and the famous cane given by Bat Masterson to Wild Bill. Visiting kids are finding both fascinating since they go ar to supplement their education by television. Another front page story, was the discovery of the manuscript of AMERICA written by the author, Reverend Samuel Smith. This turned up in an inventory of our picture files.

The Museum is being helped by several fine volunteers. Mr. Harvey Kyllonen from Ketchikan, Alaska, is giving demonstrations of Indian carving to school groups and special groups who visit the Museum. His work is on display on the main floor. The Tacoma Council of Girl Scouts is providing six girls for special jobs. They are helping to sort and label photographs, clip historic items from state newspapers, and are doing other special jobs.

We have a full calendar of Art Shows from December until May lined up. This calendar appears in the new issue of NEWS NOTES. In April and May we will present a grand show of early Northwest art. Mr. Le Roy in his Director's Report will tell you how this is coming along. As you know, the Society and the University of Puget Sound will be hosts for the Pacific Northwest History Conference here in the Spring. This art show will be a feature of the Conference.

Mr. Shaub also reported that the Louise Clark Collection--which consists of wax sculptures and pictures--is on display in McCormick Hall. Miss Clark is the lady who left the Society about \$35,000 to assist in building the new wing. McCormick Hall has had a real face-lifting. The Ferry Collection is now on permanent display at the right entrance. The McCormick exhibit has been completely rearranged with the permission of Mrs. McCormick and the assistance of Mrs. James Lyon who worked with Kenn Johnson.

ACCESSIONS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: Mr. Murray reminded the Board that at the August Board Meeting a discussion of disposition of some of the surplus and/or duplicate items in storage was held. It was recommended that a survey be made of such items. The survey is progressing but is, of necessity, a long slow job. Our picture collections are being inventoried at present.

The new Washington State Museum at the University of Washington is interested in acquiring many of the things we will never display here. Their new director, Mr. Fairservis, and two of the staff, toured the Museum with Mr. Le Roy recently. Such things as seashells--of which we have thousands, whale bones, classical statuary, etc. would be welcome at the University. Their museum has quite a considerable collection of historical and Indian artifacts which they



are willing to deposit here. Each institution would be able to trade deposits since all such items would continue to be held in trust for the people of the state.

The necessity for accurate records was pointed up most sharply recently by our experience with the "Waterville meteorite". Mr. Murray briefed the Board on the settlement of the meteorite case. It has been returned to the original party who loaned it for display nearly 30 years ago. Nothing in the records showed that they were ever contacted concerning its loan or gift basis.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: In the absence of Mr. Long, Mr. Le Roy reported that the "big wind" of October 12th did not do as much damage on our grounds as elsewhere in the neighborhood. We lost a giant chestnut tree near our Japanese garden but the rest of the garden, except for the facade in the background, was unscathed.

The parking lot is coming along. Local contractors are dumping fill and Mr. John Bechtholt is doing the bulldozing and grading for us. It will take some time as several hundred truckloads of fill will be required. When the filling and grading is completed we will have to find a sponsor to provide the asphalt.

One sad note--the Tacoma Garden Club will not sponsor the Japanese garden. They were, as you know, considering a grant to pay for new plantings, lawn improvement and maintenance. We are still looking for financial help to finish what was so nicely begun last Spring. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Philip Grenley donated beautiful flowering trees which were planted in the Japanese garden.

Shingles were donated by Russell Thompson, manager of the Smith Shingle Company. The Carpenters Union donated the labor of putting the new roof over the "Boiler of the Beaver". Our plans call for a mural to be painted by Kenn Johnson depicting the Hudson's Bay Company STEAMSHIP BEAVER on the front of the building.

Substantial new storage space is being made available as our inventory progresses. The Girl Scouts have completed sorting and labeling the boxes containing the Perkins Collection. This means that more space is available for new bins to house our large art collection. The bins are being constructed in our shop.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Le Roy reported that a year and a half of planning was climaxed in September with the dedication of the USS WASHINGTON exhibit in the Legislative Building in Olympia. Dedication exercises were held in the Rotunda of the building. Governor Albert D. Rosellini, Admiral Towner, Navy officials, the Navy League, the Navy Band from the 13th Naval District, and men who served aboard the USS WASHINGTON, were present. Mr. Roe Shaub spoke for the Board of Curators. A number of Board members were present for the ceremony which was much appreciated. Board members are invited to stop by the Capitol at first opportunity to see the beautiful permanent exhibit of the historic remnants of the great fighting ship. The exhibit is a credit to the Society, the Navy and

the state of Washington.

Several groups of volunteers are helping in new ways at the Museum. Two ladies, Mrs. Frances Sueco and Mrs. Jane Larson, of Tacoma, are helping in typing and sorting for the Library and our publication projects. The Girl Scouts (six of them to start) are assisting with various jobs under the close supervision of Grace Frederick and the Library staff. Harvey Kyllonen, an expert on Indian carvings, is preparing demonstrations for special groups in Tacoma under Society auspices. Several of the Junior Leaguers are getting ready to present demonstrations of Indian and pioneer artifacts to Tacoma schools.

At the August meeting the Board was informed of our great need for sponsors for special projects and exhibits. Two special exhibits in this category are the HISTORIC GUNS AND UNIFORMS exhibit and the new Victorian exhibit. Colonel and Mrs. Beverly Coiner, of San Antonio, Texas, who visited the Museum recently were so impressed that they volunteered to help us in some way. The military exhibit and the Victorian exhibit were suggested. Colonel Coiner sent us his check to assist with both.

About the budget: we would not know for another two weeks what the Governor's recommendation to the Legislature will be. Our request, if granted, would represent a considerable increase over the current biennial budget. We are asking for funds to add one new staff member (assistant director), for grounds maintenance (which has had to be paid for from funds raised by solicitation), for the purchase of items of equipment to replace obsolete and/or dangerous equipment, funds for the purchase of microfilm and library cabinets. Our current budget, and for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years past, has contained nothing for the purchase of equipment. The work load at the Museum, due entirely to expanding programs, is so great that additional staff is desperately needed.

Mr. Le Roy reported that a number of special features were being planned for the Pacific Northwest History Conference (April 18-20, 1963) which would be held this time in Tacoma. The theme of the Conference will be THE ETHNOHISTORY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. This study of the contributions of the various native groups which came to this region will be brightened by folk music and folk dancing of the various groups. A special art show--NORTHWEST HISTORY IN ART--covering nearly 200 years of history, is in preparation. We hope to publish a catalogue of the exhibit.

Attention was drawn to the December NEWS NOTES and the new pamphlet SURVEYING THE 49th PARALLEL, by Dr. Deutsch, distributed at this meeting. A report of the ceremonies at Point Roberts a year ago was incorporated into the new publication on the Boundary Survey Centennial.

It was reported that Pickett House, in Bellingham, has a new roof, courtesy of the October wind storm and our insurance. \$50.00 of the cost was borne by the Society local funds.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Jukes brought up the matter of additional needed repairs to Pickett House, stating that the Bellingham group responsible for its operation had requested this. The matter was discussed, with the fact pointed out that

there is no fund from which the Society can handle large expenditures at Pickett House. The question was raised, as it has been raised many times in the past, as to whether or not there is no way for Pickett House to be turned over to State Parks or some designated responsible group. No decision was reached.

Mr. Hitchman told the Board about the beginning of an interesting new collection for the Museum. These are the branding irons used in marking trees. Each brand has as much significance to the lumber industry as cattle brands do for the cattle trade. Some have been donated through Dr. Donald Clark, Charles Tullock of Pysht and the Merrill Tree Farm.

Mr. McClelland quoted Nard Jones in an editorial he had written on the "History of the past" and stated that there was sufficient evidence of a growing interest in regional history.

Dr. Arthur Cory made a presentation of the first part of his magnificent stamp collection which he is donating to the Society. He showed the Board how beautifully the collection was organized and tabulated. Mr. Le Roy pointed out that the collection, organized in loose-leaf folders, made special exhibits an easy matter. The Board expressed its deep appreciation for this wonderful gift to the Society.

Mr. John Benfield, manager of Pacific Northwest Bell, presented some very fine telephone history to the Society. These were what is believed to be the first directory of Tacoma telephone subscribers (written by hand) and one of the first bills. President Odlin and Mrs. Scott, Chairman of the Library Committee, expressed the appreciation of the Society for this gift which supplements the fine exhibit already donated by the telephone company.

To the Colonel Beverly Coiners, sponsors of two permanent exhibits, the Board expressed its gratitude in the form of a Resolution which conferred life membership. This resolution is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Two national Awards of Merit were presented to Dr. Charles M. Gates and to the Reverend Andrew M. Prouty on behalf of the American Association for State and Local History. Dr. Gates was saluted for his many years of distinguished contributions through teaching generations of students of Northwest history and his definitive books in the field. Reverend Prouty was commended for his contributions in the field of military history and donations of time, labor and artifacts to the Washington State Historical Society, as well as counsel in the publication of regional military history.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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## RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society on December 1st, 1962, it was resolved that the greetings of the Board of Curators be extended to Colonel and Mrs. Beverly Coiner of San Antonio, Texas.

It was further resolved unanimously that Colonel and Mrs. Beverly Coiner be elected to Life Membership in the Washington State Historical Society with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto. Further, the Secretary-Director was instructed by the Board of Curators to convey the gratitude of the Society for the Coiner's fine gift in sponsoring the HISTORIC GUNS AND UNIFORMS exhibit and the VICTORIAN exhibit.