

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS
of the
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August 9, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held August 9, 1958 in the Library of the Society's building, beginning at 10 a.m.

The following were present: Reno Odlin, President; Roe E. Shaub and Herman J. Deutsch, Vice Presidents; Guy T. Pierce, treasurer, and Curators E. K. Murray, Mrs. Byron Scott, Mrs. Thos. P. Gose, Dr. Arthur S. Cory, Click Relander, Joshua Green, Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, Judge Matthew W. Hill, Leon K. Jones, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Thos. A. Swayze, Rev. W. L. Davis, Joel E. Ferris, Harold Barto, Robt. Hitchman, Howard Burnham, John M. McClelland, Jr., Della Gould Emmons. Tom Martin, State Treasurer and member ex-officio, was also present.

The meeting was called to order by President Odlin. It was moved by Dr. Cory, seconded by Mrs. Wanamaker, that reading of the minutes be omitted in view of the fact that members had all received copies previously. The motion was carried.

Treasurer Pierce read the report of the Treasurer, which was approved and which will be included in these Minutes.

President Odlin stated that the bequest of the late S. A. Perkins, amounting to \$50,000 had been received during the previous week, and that government bonds had been bought. The paragraph in Mr. Perkins' will reads as follows:

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath into the Washington State Historical Society my collection of personal autographed photographs situate in my private office in the Perkins Building, Tacoma Washington, together with my personal office desk and chair. I also hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Washington State Historical Society the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of building an addition to house the above exhibit. It is my intention to make gifts of certain sums of money during my lifetime to effect the above purpose and all such gifts made from this date forward shall be credited upon the above bequest and reduce the said bequest by the amount so given during the remainder of my lifetime."

Mr. Pierce moved approval of the purchase of government bonds. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Director was called on for his report. He stated that he had prepared a rather lengthy summary of 15 years as Director of the Society, a copy of which had been placed before each member and suggested that this be read at home rather than take the time to have it read during the meeting.

Mr. Foster called attention to the fact that the Mason County Historical Society was to be organized the following Tuesday evening, that Klickitat County expected to complete organization in September during their County fair, and that steps were being taken in both Skagit and Asotin Counties. He stated that interest in local

county historical societies is increasing rapidly over the state. He read the following sentence from the last issue of the Wisconsin Magazine.

"The strength of the historical society movement in the state is directly proportionate to the number and strength of the local societies. So long as the atmosphere of cordial friendship and co-operation continues between state and local organizations, the whole movement will push forward. Each can--and must-- support the other in every possible way. They are and must continue to be co-operators, not competitors. They supplement each other most effectively. This is something for all of us to cherish and nourish in the years ahead. Its importance must never be lost sight of."

Mr. Foster saw great possibilities for development in the future and felt that the foundation for such development is solid. At the request of the Yakima Valley & Historical Association, the following letter was placed in the records of the Society, the letter being ready by Mr. Relander.

Mr. Chapin Foster, Director
Washington State Historical Society,
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mr. Foster:

Members of the Board of the Yakima Valley Museum & Historical Association wish to take recognition of your assistance to the Association on many occasions.

We wish to express our gratitude for your assistance, when we called upon you, and for your kindly advice and other services too numerous to mention, in past years as Director of the Washington State Historical Society.

We are directing this letter to you with the request that it be made a part of the State Society's records, and are providing you with a second copy for your own purposes. This is not a plaque or certificate, as you desire, but it expresses our humble gratitude.

Sincerely,

Yakima Valley Museum & Historical Association

W. J. Purdin, President

Alda L. Tippie, Secretary.

Committee reports were presented.

For the Publications Committee Mr. McClelland reported that 509 copies of "Fort Vancouver" have been ordered. The report of the Treasurer shows the status of this account. Mr. McClelland called attention to the excellent review of the book given over Station KOMO in Seattle by Bruce LeRoy and suggested that the review be included in the minutes of the meeting. The review will be found as part of these Minutes.

Mr. Foster stated that he had received the previous day a copy of an excellent review appearing in the current issue of Idaho Yesterdays, published by the Idaho Historical Society.

Mr. McClelland said that progress is being made in the plans for a museum near the site of Fort Okanogan, the building to be erected by the State Parks & Recreation Commission. He suggested the possibility of transferring the site of the Fort from the Society to the Parks Department. Owing to the danger of high water, he stated that the museum would be on ground above the actual Fort site.

Mr. Hill said the Membership Committee would have no report.

For the Library Committee Mr. Hitchman reported that no librarian had been selected, and could not be under present budget conditions. He said the Kibbe-Hanson Fund now has \$60 which will be used in the purchase of books for the Library. He reported that the Eagle Gorge Dam had been named the Howard A. Hanson Dam in honor of the late Col. Hanson, a member of the Board for many years.

Mr. Hitchman then stated that it may soon be possible to secure the L. A. Kibbe library if a suitable financial arrangement can be worked out with Mrs. Kibbe. The matter was discussed at some length, all speaking to the question feeling that Mrs. Kibbe is taking a very fine attitude toward the Society and anxious to work out a satisfactory arrangement. In this she is supported by her son and sister, it was reported.

On the motion of Mr. Burnham, the President was authorized to name a committee to work out the details with Mrs. Kibbe. On the committee Mr. Odlin named Robert Hitchman, Harold Barto, Archie Shiels, and Herman Deutsch, the committee to report to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Cory said the Nominations Committee had no report but would welcome suggestions for future consideration.

Mr. Swayze, chairman of the Building & Grounds committee, reported that the automatic fire alarm installation had been completed, also the new wiring and panel installation authorized through a special appropriation by the Governor. He reported that the Library, McCormick Hall and part of the second floor painting had been completed. Also that some work was contemplated on the grounds in the vicinity of the Steamer Beaver Boiler.

Mr. Shaub reported for the Museum Committee, calling particular attention to changes in progress in the marine section on the second floor. The cases have been refinished and re-arranged for better display and three new cases are being built. Mr. Shaub stated that the Propeller Club of Tacoma has accepted an invitation to work with the Society in the development of marine exhibits. A new case has been built to house the Keith Britt collection of marine wood carvings. It is planned to install fluorescent lighting in all the marine display cases.

Mr. Shaub also reported the trip to Olympia of himself President Odlin and Mr. Foster to appear before a special committee named by the Governor to hear plans for capital development. For the Society, plans were presented covering an addition to the building along Stadium Way, for which plans were prepared at the suggestion of the late Mr. Weyerhaeuser. Mr. Shaub said it was emphasized to the committee that the Society has in mind only the shell of the building, that the different floors would be developed as memorial projects, the funds for one floor being on hand now through the bequest of the late S. A. Perkins.

Mr. Murray said the building program should be pushed as forcefully as possible, that our's is an educational institution and should be kept in step with educational development in the state. Prof. Barto emphasized the importance of playing up the history of our state in view of the fact that so large a percentage of our citizens have been residents of the state a comparatively short time.

Mr. Murray reported on the request of the Rock Hounds for an understanding covering the space occupied by their exhibit. He stated he did not feel it was necessary to do more than agree on a very brief memorandum, to be agreed upon with the members of that organization.

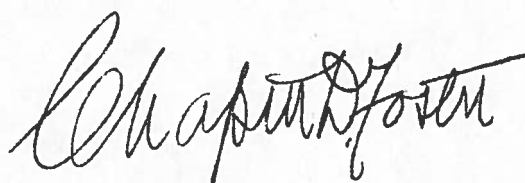
President Odlin asked confirmation of the tentative list of committee assignments he had prepared. One change was indicated by him, the addition of Mr. Hitchman to the Executive Committee. Mr. Murray, as chairman of the Membership Committee, stated he felt an aggressive program should be undertaken. The President suggested that a program be prepared and submitted to the Executive Committee. Mr. LeRoy stated that increased membership would be Number One on his program.

Earlier in the meeting Mr. LeRoy was introduced to the Board by Mr. Odlin as Acting Director until January 1, when he would become Director and Mr. Foster Director Emeritus.

Dr. Cory called attention to the Centennial program at the Claquato Church near Chehalis Sunday afternoon, the church being the oldest church structure built 100 years ago which is still standing.

Mr. Foster reported that he had had an idea that the newspaper feature "This Week in Washington History" now nearly three years old, might be printed in book form for sale and use by teachers in their history classes as it would give teachers a bit of state history for use each week. Two cost estimates had been received just prior to the meeting, both of which seemed too high to make the plan practical, although the idea would be studied further for a feasible solution.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odlin, where a sumptuous lunch was served to 45 guests, members of the Board being accompanied by their wives or husbands. A delightful afternoon was spent on the grounds of the Odlin home.



CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary

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BOARD OF CURATORS MEETING

Tacoma, Washington

December 6, 1958

The meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held in the Library of the museum in Tacoma.

Minutes of the August 9, 1958 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was submitted. A copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

In regard to the transfer of the directorship, by motion, duly adopted, the officers were directed to sign appropriate forms for signature resolutions. These would serve in reference to the deposit accounts and the safety deposit box of the Society.

Budget Report

Mr. Shaub, chairman of the budget committee, explained the budget request of the Society for the next state biennium. One matter emphasized the necessity of funds to permit the employment of a professional librarian. The acquisition of the Kibbe collection and other incoming manuscript collections of importance means a big job of cataloguing ahead. The budget also included a request for funds to permit additional building within the library to furnish adequate shelving space for the new collections.

Membership Report

Mr. Murray, chairman of the membership committee, reported that plans were being prepared for a membership campaign. Various invitational forms are being considered. A breakdown of the present membership in terms of geographical distribution has been made. Lists of memberships which have expired in the past five years have been prepared. These will be useful in providing names for a new invitation to rejoin the Society. Some materials employed by other state societies to gain members were passed around for examination. In the discussion which followed it was agreed that the matter is one of great importance to the future welfare and growth of the Society. The retiring Director, Mr. Foster, pointed out the fact that many states underwrite the cost of books and magazines given to members, in some cases far exceeding the cost of the membership.

Library Report

Mrs. Scott, Chairman of the library committee, reported that the Bellingham HERALD had just donated a rare early file of THE NORTHERN LIGHT, first newspaper published in Whatcom County. This newspaper appeared for a few issues in 1858 and the file is the only known to be extant. It was suggested that a letter expressing the appreciation of the Board be sent to the publisher of the Bellingham HERALD.

Library Report (continued)

Mrs. Scott reported that many notable acquisitions of rare manuscripts of Pacific Northwest importance have been added to the library holdings. The original manuscript of President Eisenhower's speech to the Colombo Plan Nations, containing the President's autograph and numerous corrections in his hand, had been presented to the Society. The manuscript, together with others of historical importance, were displayed in a case in the Library. Favorable publicity had resulted from the news story being picked up by the Associated Press. Other collection included such as the papers of General H.M. Chittenden, engineering genius who surveyed Yellowstone Park, laid out the Port of Seattle, the Government Locks, and found time to write the standard classics on the history of the fur trade, and the early missions to the west.

Mrs. Scott emphasized again the importance of acquiring a professional librarian to help in the cataloguing of these materials and the Kibbe library. She explained the work of Miss Mamie Engbretson who is engaged in cataloguing the Curtis collection of negatives as part of her work toward an advanced degree in librarianship. Miss Engbretson's major work commences in February when she goes on leave of absence from the library of the College of Puget Sound to complete her work for her degree. Professor Deutsch recommended that part of the costs of her thesis be borne by the Society in appreciation for her services. The matter was referred to the library committee for consideration at the time the thesis is completed.

By Motion, duly adopted, the Board approved the use of local funds, if necessary, to employ a full time or part-time librarian to help in cataloguing the Kibbe collection until such time as the new budget is approved providing such funds for an addition to the staff.

Museum Report

Mr. Shaub reported on the successful opening of the Rockhound exhibit which he attended and paid tribute to their fine work. He reported on the big job undertaken by Dr. Erna Gunther, director of the Washington State Museum in Seattle, who with her graduate students, is cleaning, classifying, and cataloguing the magnificent collection of Indian baskets which the museum stores. According to Dr. Gunther, Mr. Shaub reported, the collection is as fine as anything of its kind in the United States. The ultimate aim is to provide a comparative exhibit of the Indian baskets. Dr. Gunther is also advising on the arrangement and educational features of the Indian and Alaskan exhibits.

By motion, duly adopted, the Board asked that resolutions of its appreciation be sent to Mr. Charles Robinson, President of the Rockhounds, and to Dr. Erna Gunther, for their services to the Society. (These resolutions incorporated in minutes.)

Publications Report

Mr. McClelland, chairman of the publications committee, suggested that the Board consider the advisability of establishing better communications with the membership through use of printed materials. The value of a printed newsletter was illustrated by several examples produced by the California Historical Society. The question of state printing was discussed, with the retiring Director, Mr. Foster, pointing out that such printing is supposed to be done by the state printer. In the discussion which followed it was suggested that means be explored for having the newsletter printed locally where closer control can be maintained over the project. It was further suggested that it might be necessary to employ local funds of the Society for the purpose.

Publications Report (continued)

Mr. McClelland also reported on the "Romerias" - guided tours of society members to historical places sponsored by the California Historical Society. He suggested that a similar program might be considered as another way to broaden the membership and encourage greater membership participation in Society affairs.

The Kibbe Library

Mr. Hitchman reported that the contract with Mrs. Kibbe for the acquisition of the Kibbe library had been completed. Mr. Hitchman and Mr. Le Roy spent several days in Bellingham in November making a detailed inventory and preparing the books for shipment to Tacoma. The Kibbe library is now in the museum, stored safely until cataloguing can begin. Mr. Hitchman explained that a suitable bookplate, identification on catalogue cards, a picture of Professor Kibbe with a suitable inscription, will assure that the collection will always be easily identified with the library of the Society. Mr. Hitchman expressed gratification that this important collection of state and local history has now become a part of the Society holdings.

Greetings of the Board were sent to Mrs. Kibbe on her birthday, Dec. 11th

Kibbe - Hanson Fund

Mr. Hitchman reported that Mrs. Kibbe had turned over money which had been sent to her for the purpose of the Kibbe-Hanson Memorial by individuals who wished to participate in honor of Professor Kibbe. Added to what had already been turned over to the Society, the fund now stands at \$92.10. It was recommended that this money be used to apply toward the purchase of the outstanding Wheat's MAPPING THE TRANSMISSISSIPPI WEST, two volumes of a five volume set having now been published. These are books which by their cost would normally not be available to the Society. Their value has been saluted by all authorities on western cartographical history. On motion, duly adopted, the library committee was authorized to purchase the first two volumes of the set. Any future contributions to the Kibbe-Hanson fund will apply to the purchase of the last three volumes in the series.

Local Funds of the Society

The President presented information concerning a possible attempt on the part of the state to incorporate the local funds of the Society into the operating expenses of the budget request. Since these funds are in most cases derived for specific purposes i.e. the Perkins bequest, and since the Society uses these funds for such purposes as the acquisition of the Kibbe collection, for publications such as THE HISTORY OF FORT VANCOUVER, this is manifestly impossible. Furthermore, it would serve to discourage future contributions. In the discussion which followed it was agreed that further study would be made and a report made to the Board at the next meeting.

Lincoln Sesquicentennial Celebration

The Acting Director reported that the Governor had asked the Society to "coordinate" statewide celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. No funds were made available for the purpose. The Governor also intended to make no appointments to a commission for the purpose. Local societies will be asked to include a Lincoln memorial program in their planning for 1959. The Society is being sent a handbook of information for the guidance of such groups by the national commission. These will be distributed by the Society to key places in the state. As with the Theodore Roosevelt centennial just past, the Society is limited by lack of funds and staff as to what it can do, but will do the best it can under the circumstances.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF CURATORS MEETING
APRIL 4, 1959

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 4, 1959, Mr. Odlin presiding.
Present:

Prof. Barto,	Judge Hill.	Mr. Pierce
Dr. Cory	Mr. Hitchman	Mr. Relander
Rev. W.L. Davis, S.J.	Dr. Jones	Mr. Shaub
Dr. Deutsch	Mr. McClelland	Mrs. Scott
Mrs. Emmons	Mr. Murray	Mr. Swayze
Mrs. Gose	Mr. Odlin	Mr. Warburton

Minutes of the December 6, 1959, meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was submitted by Mr. Pierce. A copy of this is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

BUDGET REPORT: Mr. Shaub and Mr. Odlin reported on the appropriation received from the Legislature for the next biennium. After several adjustments a total of \$110,463. was appropriated. This requires elimination of several items that had been requested in the budget, including an assistant director, construction of the balcony in the Library, and air conditioning for the 5th floor. There is some question as to how salary increases can be provided for the staff, but every effort will be made to secure State funds for this purpose.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Scott reported for the Library Committee. Recent acquisitions include the papers of William Burr, alleged inventor of the first iron-clad ship; manuscripts relating to John Kendrick, a partner of Robert Gray; and Alaska Steamship Company records for the period 1880-1890.

Mrs. Scott reported that the census of Abraham Lincoln material, which is sponsored by the Society, has received notice throughout the state. Already a number of important Lincoln and Civil War items have come to light through this project.

A series of evening lectures is being planned for the fall and winter. This will be opened with a program on Matthew Brady, Civil War photographer. Mr. Brady's magic lantern and slides, which are the property of the Society, will be featured and Dr. Norman Thomas will be principal speaker.

Miss May Engebretson is making good progress in cataloging the Curtis collection of photographs. This work is being done on a voluntary basis and as a requirement toward a master's degree in Library Science at the University of Washington.

Mrs. Scott also reported that plans are under way to secure temporary professional assistance for the cataloging of the Kibbe collection this summer.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Mr. Shaub, chairman of the Museum Committee, reported a number of important acquisitions to the Society's collection and the installation of new displays. Through the generosity of Mrs. H. J. Pryde and her family, the Society has received the extensive collection of Indian artifacts assembled by the late Mr. Pryde. This will be prepared for exhibit at a later date.

Through the courtesy of Morris and Herman Kleiner a very attractive wildlife case, featuring hunting bobcats, has been prepared and installed by Mr. Gipple.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a special Lincoln exhibit has been installed in McCormick Hall.

An outstanding collection of model airplanes has been installed on the second floor to illustrate the history of flight. These models were constructed by Barry Bidwell and are on permanent loan to the Society.

A group of cases has been installed in the hallway outside the Library for the display of manuscript material. These are the gift of the Propeller Club of Tacoma.

Dr. Gunther is continuing the sorting, cleaning, classifying and cataloging of the Society's collection of Indian baskets.

Arrangements have been made to have Junior League members serve as hostesses and docents for the school groups touring the museum. Classes are planned for a summer training program.

Art exhibits have been scheduled for the remainder of this year. In August the work of Miss Helen Loggie will be displayed. Miss Loggie, a Bellingham artist, has won international fame through her etchings of Northwest scenes.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. McClelland, chairman of the Publications Committee, reported that a special meeting of that committee had been held in February. At that time plans for future publications were reviewed and the decision was made to start editorial work on selected writings of James G. Swan.

Sales of "Fort Vancouver" continue at a steady pace and the number of copies on hand has been reduced to 400. Mr. Hjort, of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, estimates that approximately 100 copies of the book can be sold each year at the Fort Vancouver site.

Mr. McClelland commented briefly on News Notes, which will be issued on a quarterly basis in printed form. This publication is designed to keep members informed of current activities and developments in the Society.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Swayze reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. The tuckpointing job has been completed for waterproofing the face of the building. The Committee is working with the Tacoma Police Department for police protection and the assignment of an officer on Sundays. Also, the Committee is working with the Tacoma Park Board regarding maintenance of the grounds.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mr. Murray reported two additional life members. A new plan has been instituted for billing membership dues and the Committee is considering

adoption of a plan for associate memberships through county societies. A membership campaign will be started this summer with formal invitations for memberships to be sent to a select list of prospects. All members of the Board were urged to submit names for this list.

EXAMINATION BY STATE AUDITOR: The Board reviewed a letter from the Attorney General's Office regarding an examination made in 1958 by a representative of the State Auditor's Office. It noted that all deficiencies have been corrected.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Le Roy reported on current developments at the Society, commenting on the reports presented by the various committee chairmen. He was pleased to note that many new members have been enrolled since November and believes that with the cooperation of all Board members, the Society's membership can be increased materially.

Mr. Le Roy proposed that studies be initiated regarding grants-in-aid to be made by the Society in the future to university students and others in order to augment the Society's work in specific fields. Mr. Le Roy recognizes that such a program cannot be established until financial problems have been solved but believes that it warrants early consideration.

NEW BUSINESS: On motion, duly seconded, the Board voted to bear the expense of Rotary Club membership for the Director from local funds.

Associate Membership: Dr. Jones spoke on the desirability of amending the Society's by-laws to provide associate membership for members of county societies. He suggested that the by-laws be so worded as to enable the Board to determine what privileges associate members are to enjoy. It was agreed that a study be made of this proposal so that an amendment to the by-laws can be considered at the next annual meeting.

Northwest History Conference: On motion by Dr. Deutsch, duly seconded, the Board agreed that the 1960 session of the Northwest History Conference be held in the Puget Sound area - either in Tacoma or Seattle, depending on the local co-sponsorship that can be arranged.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF CURATORS MEETING
AUGUST 22, 1959

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 22, 1959, Mr. Odlin presiding. Present:

Mrs. Anderson	Dr. Jones	Mrs. Wanamaker
Prof. Barto	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Odlin
Mr. Burnham	Mr. Murray	Mr. Pierce
Mrs. Emmons	Mr. Relander	Mr. Shaub
Dr. Cory	Mrs. Scott	Mr. Shiels
Mr. Green	Mr. Swayze	Mr. Foster (Director Emeritus)
Mr. Hitchman	Dr. Thompson	

Minutes of the April 4, 1959 meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was submitted by Mr. Pierce. A copy of this is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Mr. Shaub reported on the exhibits new at the museum since the April meeting. They included: "A salute to Alaska & Hawaii", 2 cases in Washington Hall; "Weapons of the Civil War", 2 cases in McCormick Hall, a part of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Celebration; "The History of Tacoma", first floor; "The Revolution-War period", fifth floor; "President for a Day" and "History of the Naches Pass", two new manuscript exhibits in the wing leading to the Library.

Mr. Shaub reported that the Executive Committee had approved the deposit of the Egyptian mummy to the College of Puget Sound. The balance of the Bowles Egg collection will also be transferred, on deposit, to the College of Puget Sound, completing an action set in motion by the Board several years ago. Both deposits will be marked as being from the Washington State Historical Society. The College will deposit, in turn, the collection of Brewer manuscripts which it holds at present, at the Library of the Society, to augment the Society's present collection of Brewer materials.

Mr. Shaub reported that Dr. Franz Stenzel, new member and authority on western art, has completed a segregation of our art collection by subject. The Society has some very fine paintings and original sketches which can be used in exhibits in the future.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mr. Murray reported that the Society has gained 119 new members since the January meeting. Reinstated memberships after a lapse of two or more years totalled 35 more. Five new Life memberships, plus five new sustaining memberships, have also been added to the rolls. The Invitation to Membership, and each copy of NEWS NOTES, with its application blank, may be expected to continue to draw new members. A list of the new members will be carried in the next issue of NEWS NOTES. The above must be considered only a beginning, as the membership campaign will be continued.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Scott reported a number of notable acquisitions since the April meeting. Most important were: the papers of William Hunter, who served as Assistant Secretary of State under nine Presidents; Records of the Pierce County Pioneer Society, complete from the beginning of the Society; History of the Naches Crossing, an exhibit deposited by Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, and now on exhibit; Log of the Whaler, FRANCES, deposited by Mrs. Stella Raymond, a colorful account of a cruise around the globe in the 1840's. Many other letters, documents and books have been added.

Mrs. Scott reported that the Kibbe Library cataloging is almost completed. Members of the Board were invited to look over the collection at the rear of the Library. A dedication of the Library, with Mrs. Kibbe present, will be held at the December meeting. Attention was directed also to the Wickersham collection. Mr. Le Roy, with the assistance of Mr. Murray, examined the collection this summer in Juneau. Much of it is related to Tacoma and Mr. Wickersham's work as a curator of the Society. It is too early to say what will be done with the collection, but the Society has been promised consideration at the time of its sale or disposition.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Swayze reported that the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs, Capital Branch, presented the Society with a check for \$500. to assist in the beautification of the museum grounds. A plan is being made to take the grounds, in sections, as separate projects. The Garden Clubs may continue this project next year, assisting in maintenance care. The lawns have already been improved, and the beds cleaned out, in preparation for new planting.

The floor covering in Washington Hall will be replaced in late Fall or early winter with the use of state funds. Money for this project was included in the current budget.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. McClelland reported that the next publication of the Society will be the writings of James G. Swan. New material was discovered when Mr. McClelland visited the Smithsonian Institution in Washington recently, drawings and letters hitherto unknown. Mr. Le Roy also discovered some additional material this Summer in Port Townsend which may be used by permission.

Mrs. Ruby El Hult Sether, Northwest author, has consented to revise an article THE ARMS THAT WON AN EMPIRE, concerning the weapons of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, for publication in pamphlet form. Originally printed in GUNS MAGAZINE, the article has been relinquished for publication by the magazine.

The Committee has drawn up a list of other projects so that there may be a continuity in our publications program.

Mr. Le Roy has estimated that FORT VANCOUVER can be disposed of in not more than two years, through such sources as the Fort Vancouver National Monument which orders regularly in quantity.

SPECIAL REPORT ON JUNIOR LEAGUE TRAINING PROGRAM: Mrs. Scott reported that young ladies of the Tacoma Junior League have been taking a training course at the museum this summer. They will be able to assist with educational tours for school children and in other volunteer projects assigned them by the Director. The possibilities of such help is potentially extremely valuable to the Society. It was recommended that the Board go on record as commending this contribution from the Junior League of Tacoma.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Le Roy reported that the Fall and Winter Lecture Series would get under way on September 16th and would be planned for one evening meeting each month. The first program would be AN EVENING WITH MATTHEW BRADY. The series was an experiment to determine whether the Society's program could be broadened to bring in people who could not normally visit the museum on working days. Dr. Erna Gunther is scheduled for the October program, to speak on INDIANS OF THE NORTHWEST COAST; Dr. Franz Stenzel, of Portland, speaking on EARLY ART OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, was scheduled for November.

Mr. Le Roy reported that the Society needs sponsors for several new projects. Promises of financial help have already been made by the Daughters of the Pioneers who will help purchase a photocopy machine (they allotted \$100 toward the purchase); the Garden Clubs, as mentioned in an earlier report, are assisting with beautification of the grounds; an exhibit of marine life - fresh and salt-water fish, now under way, is in search of a sponsor. Other needs are a microfilm reader, a laminating machine, a Victorian exhibit. Sponsors are being sought for each. The members of the Board are encouraged to suggest possible people or groups who might be approached.

Mr. Le Roy thanked the Board for its help during the first year of the new directorship, for the good advice and moral support extended by members of the Board. He asked that members continue to pass on suggestions whenever feasible.

NEW BUSINESS: On motion, duly seconded, the Board passed a resolution giving authority for any two signatures of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, and the Director, be used on drafts issued on private funds of the Society. This was done to conform to a request from the state director of the budget, and is required of all agencies under state supervision. The resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

On motion, duly seconded, the Board passed a resolution authorizing the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, upon approval of the Executive Committee, to sell or transfer stocks, bonds, or other securities that may be given to the Society for any special purpose which requires that such stocks, bonds, or securities be converted into cash. This resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

On motion, duly seconded, the Board passed a resolution of appreciation to the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs for a gift of \$500 for use in the improvement of the grounds, gardens and lawns adjacent to the museum. The gift was to be placed in a special fund designated as "Grounds Improvement Fund" and to be held and used solely for the foregoing purposes. A copy of the resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

On motion, duly seconded, the Board approved the President's appointment of a new committee to be called COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIONS AND PROPERTIES to serve as a screening function in regard to major collections offered to the Society by gift or sale, and for continual review of the collections already in the museum. Members appointed were: Mrs. Byron Scott, Mr. Roe Shaub, Mr. Stanley Warburton, Mr. Robert Hitchman, Dr. Harold Barto. Mr. Shaub is to serve as chairman of this committee.

On motion, duly seconded, the Board passed a resolution that the sympathy of the Board be expressed to the family of the late D. H. White, curator emeritus of the Board. Mr. White had long been a member of the Board of Curators and active in pioneer affairs. Copies of the resolution were to be sent to the family. This resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

11/25/59
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R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED : by the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society that the sympathy of the Board be expressed to the family of the late David B. White, Curator Emeritus.

A Washington pioneer and the son of pioneers, Mr. White made a long and substantial contribution to the recording of the history of this area. Educated in Pierce County, Mr. White started to teach in the Pierce County schools at the age of seventeen. After studying civil engineering, Mr. White became county engineer of Pierce County in 1885, serving for many years in that capacity.

As President and as Secretary of the Pierce County Pioneer and Historical Association, David H. White gave thirty years to the recording of Pierce County and Washington history. As a longtime member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society, he made great contributions to the important work of the Society.

To the devotion of such men as David H. White, the citizens of Washington are forever indebted for the preservation of the vital records of the pioneering and development of Washington State.

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs, Capital Branch, has given the Washington State Historical Society the sum of \$500.00 for use in the improvement of the grounds, gardens and lawns adjacent to the Society's Building in Tacoma, Washington, and desires assurance that such sum shall be used solely for such purpose, now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Curators of the Society that such gift be accepted and the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs, Capital Branch, thanked and commended therefor, and such sum, together with any additional funds received for like purpose, placed by the Treasurer of the Society in a special fund designated as the "Grounds Improvement Fund" of the Society, and be held and used by the Society solely for the foregoing purposes for which such funds were given to the Society.

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R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society that the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the Society, from time to time as occasion may arise and upon approval of the Executive Committee of the Society, be and they are hereby authorized to sell at the fair market value thereof any stocks, bonds or other securities that may be or may have been given to the Society for any special purpose which requires that such stocks, bonds or other securities be converted into cash, and, for the purpose of effectuating such sale, to endorse, assign, transfer and deliver such stocks, bonds or other securities to the purchaser thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the certificate of the President and Director-Secretary of the Society that such stocks, bonds or other securities were received for such purpose and that the Executive Committee has approved such sale shall constitute full and sufficient evidence thereof, and shall be binding upon the Society.

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MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF CURATORS
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 2. 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 April 2nd, 1960, Mr. Odlin presiding.
Present:

Mr. Swayze	Judge Hill	Mr. Hitchman	Mr. Murray
Dr. Deutsch	Mrs. Emmons	Mr. Relander	Mr. Warburton
Father Davis	Mr. Green	Dr. Barto	Mr. Foster (Director Emeritus)
Dr. Gates	Mr. McClelland	Mrs. Scott	Mr. Le Roy (Director)
Dr. Cory	Dr. Jones	Mrs. Eisenhower	

Minutes of the December 5, 1959, 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. In the absence of Mr. Pierce (due to illness) Mr. Le Roy explained to the Board that sale had been made of the First Bank Stock and proceeds invested in U. S. Treasury Bonds. This action conformed to a resolution taken by the Board at the December meeting.

Mr. Odlin reported on a visit paid to the Central Budget Office in Olympia, with Mr. Le Roy, in which the local funds of the Society were discussed. A new system of reporting such funds has been initiated but no effort to change the status of such funds will be made. All such funds are earmarked for specific purposes by donors and benefactors of the Society.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Swayze reported on the progress of the grounds beautification project. One of our members, Mrs. Philip M. Frederick, successfully approached various nurseries and contractors in the Tacoma area, receiving many fine donations of flowers and shrubs for the grounds. Paths have been constructed with donated paving blocks where school children run back and forth from cannon outside, etc. The vast improvements are visible for all to see. The work is continuing, with maintenance costs provided by the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs, Capitol Branch.

The new floor has been laid in Washington Hall, a great change which lightens the whole building and averts possible accidents from old and slippery coverings now removed.

New shelves have been constructed in the Library and the old Library stairway, a big help in storage problems. Some of the offices and restrooms have been repainted.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Acquisitions since the December meeting have been little short of amazing, Mrs. Scott reported. The Society acquired a number of major new book, picture and manuscript collections. Outstanding were the Landis Collection of bibliographies and general Americana; additions to the Perkins Collection, containing a number of fine presentation copies from notable figures in American political and journalistic life of the past 50 years. The Karshner Museum, in Puyallup, turned over a large collection of historical newspapers and pamphlets, many on Pacific Northwest History, and a fine run of recruiting posters from World Wars I and II.

A collection of pictures related to Edward S. Orr, Mayor of Tacoma in 1894-97 and later a pioneer in Alaskan transportation and political history. Ed Orr ran for territorial delegate to Congress from Alaska, his opponent being James Wickersham, the same man whose papers the Society is negotiating for at present. More important papers and pictures were acquired for the Major Rogers collection, he who explored for the Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific railways. Mrs. Scott stated that Mr. Hitchman would report in detail on the Ebey Collection of manuscripts of Washington territorial history which he and Mr. Le Roy had recently examined in part. A fine Alaskan diary, relating a trip down the Yukon in the 1890's had been received from Barney Wright, of Tacoma.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. McGlelland expressed satisfaction that the Society has launched a series of pamphlets to be called PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICAL PAMPHLETS with the first title, GUNS OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION soon due off the press. About ten such pamphlets are scheduled for publication in the coming year and will fill important gaps in the history of the Pacific Northwest. All the authors are well known for work in the field of his or her assignment.

Next year, at the conclusion of the FUR TRADE CENSUS which the Society is beginning as its scholarly contribution to the Year of the Census, the results will be published.

Dr. Franz Stenzel, of Portland, author and owner of many original Swan paintings, is at work on the book on James G. Swan. Dr. Stenzel hopes to receive foundation support to aid in the cost of publishing the book. Other authors and other books are being planned to assure a continuity in our publications program. Two of the titles originally scheduled for pamphlet publication have already burgeoned into book-size importance and will probably be published as books.

The Lane Publishing Company is being approached as distributor of Society publications which will assure a steady sale of projects published in future.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mr. Murray stated that the Society membership has now increased to 608 members and he has high hopes of the figure going past the 1000 mark in another year of effort. Present and past members have been given three chances to become members in good standing: an application on the back of each issue of NEWS NOTES; a statement of dues giving members a chance to "upgrade themselves" to sustaining or life membership; the announcement of the Annual Meeting contained another application blank. (Samples of these mailings were shown the Board).

Mr. Murray stated that the Membership Committee strongly recommended adoption of the suggested change in the By-Laws which was introduced at the December meeting. This provided for an Associate Membership, at \$2.00, for all members of local historical societies in the state. There are some 3000 members of local historical societies in Washington State. If tapped, this resource can strengthen the rolls considerably, increasing statewide representation, and making far more sense when we approach the next legislature for an appropriation.

Mr. Murray said that it was gratifying to see new members were coming from all over the state and outside the state, giving the Society a boost toward recognition as a true state historical society with national connections.

NOMINATIONS REPORT: Dr. Cory reported that the following members of the Board of Curators had been nominated for re-election to the Board as Class of 1963: Howard Burnham, Rev. W.L. Davis, Joel E. Ferris, Joshua Green, Matthew W. Hill, Thomas A. Swayze, George H. Weyerhaeuser. Mrs. Edgar Eisenhower was nominated to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Ruth Peeler.

Mr. Odlin announced that a letter of resignation had been received from Mr. George Weyerhaeuser who stated that the press of business and continuous long absence from Tacoma made his continued service on the Board an impossibility. Mr. Odlin requested the Board to permit the President to fill the vacancy by appointment before the next meeting in August. The Board approved the request.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Because the Annual Report of the Director was included with the Agenda and is found as a part of these Minutes, the Director commented shortly on some of the Committee reports. Mr. Le Roy told the Board that the Annual Meeting would see the initiation of a year long Census of Fur Trade Descendants, with the main speaker, Dr. Keith A. Murray, speaking on THE ROLE OF THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY IN NORTHWEST HISTORY. He also reported that the Governor had requested the Director to serve as chairman of two special Governor's Councils for the coming year - 1961. One would serve as advisory council on statewide observance of the Centennial of the Civil War; the other on the statewide celebration (joining with Canadian representatives) of the Centennial of the Boundary Survey. Suggestions of qualified people to serve on each Council were requested from Board members who were asked to send them to the Director.

REPORT ON EBEL COLLECTION: Mr. Hitchman reported that he and Mr. Le Roy had examined, in part, a collection of about 1000 manuscripts of Winfield Scott Ebel, influential figure in Washington territorial history. The collection is for sale, presently housed in California. Mr. Hitchman expected to visit California before the next Board meeting and would report on the possibility of the Society's acquisition of the collection at the time of the August meeting. The collection is an important one, the only question being one of price and whether the Society could raise funds adequate for its purchase.

NEW BUSINESS: It was moved by Dr. Barto, seconded by Dr. Jones, that the Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of the Society, found in the Minutes of the December 5, 1959, Board of Curators meeting be adopted. This would provide for a new category of membership: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, who would pay \$2.00 for membership in the state society. Qualification for Associate Members was prior membership in one of the local historical societies of the state.

The motion was adopted.

It was further moved by Mr. Hitchman, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the Pacific Northwest Quarterly be sent without extra charge to Active Members, Sustaining Members, Corporate Members and fee paying Life Members. Other members may obtain the Quarterly by payment of an annual fee of \$2.00.

The motion was adopted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

7/29/60
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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 30th, 1969, to MARCH 31st, 1960, Inclusive.

ASSETS SOLD

160 shares First Bank Stock Corp. net proceeds \$8,112.81

PURCHASED

U.S. Treasury Bonds 4-7/8% Due 11/15/64 net cost 8,030.22
Amount credited to Bank account\$ 82.59

INVESTMENTS

Acct. #34775 Pacific First Fedl. Svgs. & Loan, bal 11/30/49 \$7,058.05
Dividend 12/31/59 \$ 138.00
" 1/20/50 First Bank Stock Corp. 92.00
Gov. coupons 656.25
Tacoma Transit Co. 25.00 911.25
Balance in account March 31, 1960.....\$7,969.30

Cole Endowment Acct.

Acct. #56473 Pacific First Fedl. Svgs & Loan, bal 11/30/59 1,590.75
Dividend 12/31/59 27.83 27.83
Balance in account March 31, 1960.....\$1,618.58

Acct. #12295 American Svgs. & Loan Assn., bal 11/30/59 9,000.00
Dividend 12/31/59 157.50 157.50
Balance in account March 31, 1960.....\$9,157.50

Acct. #11543 Lewis County Svgs. & Loan Assn., bal 11/30/59 5,000.00
Dividend 12/31/59 70.84 70.84
Balance in account March 31, 1960.....\$5,070.84

U.S. Treasury Bonds

\$50,000.00 2-5/8% Due Feb. 15, 1965 (Gift from S.A. Perkins)
8,000.00 4-7/8% Due Nov. 15, 1964
Total government bonds.....\$58,000.00

LOCAL CASH FUNDS

Balance on deposit 11/30/59 \$4,868.71
Disbursements for period \$2,672.85
Receipts 1,588.74
Disbursements in excess of receipts 1,084.11
Balance on deposit in Bank March 31, 1960.....3,784.60

Total investments and cash funds March 31, 1960.....\$85,600.82

In addition we hold a few shares
Tacoma Transit Co. now in liquidation
value doubtful.

Guy T. Pierce, Treasurer.

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