

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

APRIL 19th, 1952

NEW YORKER CAFE, TACOMA

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The Annual Meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held April 19, 1952, at the New Yorker, beginning with a luncheon at 12:30 P.M.

The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. W. A. Moore.

Notice was given of the closing of the ballot.

Following the luncheon the members were welcomed by Mr. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr. President of the Society, who turned the balance of the program over to the Director for introductions.

Delegations from a number of County Historical Societies, other Historical Organizations, and individuals were introduced. Mayor John H. Anderson gave the official welcome to the Society in behalf of the city of Tacoma. Mr. L. Evert Landon, president of the Chamber of Commerce, brought greetings from that organization, and from the business interests of the city which it represents.

Mrs. Katherine Emmons Nettelblad, of Seattle, was heard in a group of solos accompanied by Mrs. Margaret McGregor; Mrs. Nettelblad's solos were very much appreciated.

Mr. John Dobie of Yakima was present to represent a group of seven Yakima pioneers, who had made possible an Indian Habitat display under construction in the Indian Department of the Museum. Mr. Dobie excepted memorial certificates in behalf of his associates. Others who had participated with Mr. Dobie in sponsoring the display, but who were unable to attend the meeting included Mr. Walter Purdin, Lester Shaw, Leon Rightmire, Frank Coates, Archie Prior, and Joe Slavin. Appreciation was expressed for the fine cooperation indicated by the Yakima group in sponsoring this very interesting display featuring a tepee made by a member of the Yakima tribe.

The principal address of the afternoon was delivered by the Hon. Arthur B. Langlie, Governor of Washington, who took for his theme the coming Territorial Centennial. He paid a fine tribute to the small settlement of pioneers, who had set their hearts to a proposition that represented great vision and a great hope of the future. He pointed out that they dared to aim high, that their goal had been set in accordance with their confidence that in the Northwest they could find fulfillment of their dreams. He stated that it took daring and faith, he emphasized the fact that in 1953 we as heirs of this pioneering, this investment made by the first settlers, in this new country, have it in our power to continue their work and go on toward the building of a greater Washington.



He felt that we had not only inherited the material results of our forefathers enterprise, but also their spirit of self-reliance, anticipation, and youthful determination.

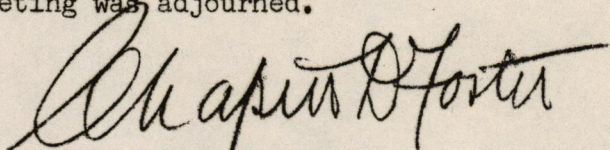
Governor Langlie took occasion to turn back the pages of history to the first address by Isaac Stevens, our first Territorial Governor, who painted a bold picture of this virgin country called Washington. He pointed out that Governor Stephens could look forward to princely merchants plying their trade as highway of trade to the nations. He could see the great lumber development, the development of the farming business of the state and to a certain extent could anticipate ours as a tourist mecca.

As Governor Stevens challenged those who heard him in 1854, to greater service in behalf of the young territory. Governor Langlie anticipated a repetition of this challenge as Washingtonians would gather many times during the coming year. He felt that the citizens of our state had received a great heritage, but that the heritage would be of little value unless our citizens of today went forward to build a greater century in the hundred years ahead. He could see a great future ahead for this state, an opportunity more challenging than that confronting any other state in the Union.

Governor Langlie took occasion to congratulate the Society upon its assumption of leadership in developing a program for observance of the Territorial Centennial, under the directive given by the last session of the Legislature.

Results of the annual election were announced as follows: President, J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr., Vice-Presidents, Howard A. Hanson and Herman J. Deutsch, Board of Curators terms to expire 1955, Mrs. Tom. P. Gose, Walla Walla; Leon K. Jones, Seattle; W. L. McCormick, Tacoma; Donald A. McDonald, Seattle; S. A. Perkins, Tacoma; Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, Olympia; Robert Hitchman, Seattle; J. M. McClland Jr., Longview.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

  
CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary-Director

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ANNUAL MEETING  
of the  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TACOMA  
APRIL 30, 1955

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The annual meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held April 30, 1955, in the Society's building in Tacoma. This year's meeting took the form of an Open House in the building, with Lewis and Clark as the theme and descendants of members of the Expedition as special guests.

Chapin D. Foster, Director, presided, calling on President J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., to welcome the members and friends in McCormick Hall. Greetings for the State were brought by State Representative Frances Swayze of Tacoma.

Local Society representatives were introduced, including Kitsap County, Walla Walla County, Fort Vancouver, Lewis County, Cowlitz County. Members of the State Historical Society staff were introduced.

Thomas A. Swayze of the Board announced results of the balloting as follows: President, Reno Odlin, Tacoma; Vice Presidents Herman J. Deutsch, Pullman, and Roe E. Shaub, Tacoma; Curators for three years, - Mrs. Thos. P. Gose, Walla Walla; Robert Hitchman, Seattle; Dr. Leon K. Jones, Seattle; John M. McClelland, Jr., Longview; Howard A. Hanson, Seattle; Donald A. McDonald, Seattle; Mrs. Pearl A. Wanamaker, Olympia; J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., Tacoma; Curator for one year, Click Relander, Yakima.

President-elect Reno Odlin was introduced during the afternoon by retiring President Weyerhaeuser.

Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, member of the Board, and chairman of the Program Committee, gave a very interesting talk on members of the Lewis and Clark party, particularly those represented by descendants in attendance at the meeting. These included: Meriwether Lewis, Tacoma; Mrs. Alfred Seaman, Tacoma; Mrs. Melvin Whitney, Auburn; Mrs. Nellie Hartl, Tacoma; William Castile, Eagle Creek, Ore.; Mrs. Eva Roberts and John Thirtyacre, Tacoma; Mrs. Norman Callahan and family, Seattle; Owen Buxton, Kent; Mrs. Geo. Martin and family, Everett; Robert Walton, Tacoma; Mrs. Helen Erickson, Puyallup; Mrs. Harold Wolf and family, Yelm; Mrs. James Beatty, Olympia.

Members of the Society staff guided parties through the building. Opened for the first time were three pioneer rooms on the second floor, attracting much favorable comment.

Refreshments were served on the second floor by members of the Tacoma Chapter, Daughters of Pioneers.

The Open House continued until 5 P.M.

CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
APRIL 7, 1956

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The annual meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held in the Society's building April 7, 1956, the session being called to order at 2 PM in McCormick Hall by President Reno Odlin.

Following a welcome by President Odlin, Curator Thos. A. Swayze was called upon for a report of the Canvassing Committee. He reported the elections this year as prescribed by the By-Laws, to have resulted as follows:

Vice-President, Term to expire in 1959: Roe Shaub, Tacoma

(Note: The terms of President and Vice-President are now for three years.)

Board of Curators, Term to expire in 1959:

Mrs. Eva Anderson, Chelan

Charles M. Gates, Seattle

Harold Barto, Ellensburg

Click Relander, Yakima

Arthur S. Cory, Chehalis

Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Tacoma

Della Gould Emmons, Tacoma

Stanton Warburton, Jr., Tacoma

Board of Curators, Term to expire in 1957:

Mrs. Ruth Peeler, Mercer Island

Mr. Swayze announced that Judge Donald A. McDonald of Seattle had resigned from the Board just prior to the annual meeting, because of health and press of business, and that Mrs. Byron D. Scott, daughter of the late S. A. Perkins, had been elected by the Board to fill this vacancy, her term to run until 1958.

Delegations from local societies were introduced by Director Foster. These included Kitsap County, Mercer Island, Cowlitz County, Vancouver, Seattle.

The principal address was delivered by Jack E. Wright, director of the Department of Community Development of the University. Mr. Wright outlined the work being undertaken through his department in the various parts of the state. He said about 30 programs had been inaugurated in the state since the inception of the work and that the results had been very gratifying, in some instances little short of spectacular. Collection of the history of the community, he said, is one of the major phases of the project and one of the most valuable results attained. He pointed out that without such a project the history of these communities probably never would be put together, and certainly not as effectively as under the program's direction because so many people were involved that a really accurate local history could be assembled.

Following the program, members of the Society toured the building, with refreshments being served in the Art Gallery. Members of the Society staff directed attention to improvements that have been made on the second floor since the last meeting, and also to work that was being inaugurated on the Fifth Floor.

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CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary-Director



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 27, 1957, NEW YORKER CAFE

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The annual meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held on April 27, 1957, at the New Yorker Cafe, beginning with a luncheon served at 12:30 PM.

President Reno Odlin presided.

Dr. Arthur S. Cory, chairman of the Nominating Committee, moved the inclusion of the name of Joshua Green of Seattle, omitted in error, in the list of nominees. This motion was carried.

He then reported that the canvass of ballots had resulted in the election of the following as officers and members of the Board of Curators for three years:

For Vice-President: Herman J. Deutsch

Board of Curators: Howard Burnham, Rev. W. L. Davis, Joel E. Ferris,  
Joshua Green, Matthew W. Hill, L. A. Kibbe, Mrs. Ruth L. Peeler,  
Thos. A. Swayze

Board of Curators (Term expires 1958): E. K. Murray

Representatives of county historical societies were introduced by the Director. The following societies were represented: Cowlitz County, Fort Vancouver, Kitsap County, Jefferson County, Mercer Island.

Miss Carol Sandford, a student at the College of Puget Sound and a native of Dublin, Ireland, was heard in two solos, beautifully rendered. She was accompanied by Mrs. Estelle Brady.

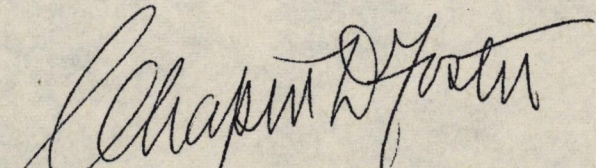
The principal address was delivered by State Senator Nat Washington of Ephrata. A descendant of a brother of George Washington, the Senator made a strong appeal for greater attention to the preservation and dissemination of Washington history. While progress is being made, it is far short of what it should be in view of the historical heritage that is ours.

A special Gift Certificate was presented to Mrs. E. A. Harmeling of Auburn for her gift of negatives and photographs from the collection of the late John D. Cress, the presentation being made by Dr. Norman Thomas. Vice-President Shaub presented a certificate to Dr. Cory for his gift to the Society of a new stamp collection showing commemorative stamps related directly to Washington.

Certificates, in absentia, were also presented to Mrs. Henry O. Wheeler for her gift of a new Women's Alcove, Mrs. B. B. Buckmaster for gifts of books, maps and pictures, and to Mrs. W. L. McCormick for gifts of books and manuscripts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary-Director.



WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

April 5, 1958

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The annual meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held April 5, 1958 at the Top of the Ocean, with President Odlin presiding.

Special guests included Governor and Mrs. Albert D. Rosellini, Gen. and Mrs. McGee of Fort Lewis, Senator Rueben Knoblauch and Representative Munsey, Vane, Marian, Gleason, Frances Swayze, Brouillet, Brown.

The city government of Tacoma was represented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Battin.

Official welcome was voiced by President Odlin, who introduced special guests and members of the Board of Curators who were present.

Director Foster introduced representatives of local historical societies, these including Kitsap County Historical Society, Walla Walla County Pioneer and Historical Society, Grant County Historical Society, Fort Lewis Historical Society, Yakima County Pioneer and Historical Association, Seattle Historical Society, State Capitol Museum, Mercer Island Historical Society, Fort Vancouver Restoration and Historical Society, Benton County Historical Society, Lewis County Daughters of Pioneers, Clallam County Historical Society, Jefferson County Historical Society, Cowlitz County Historical Society, Orcas Island Historical Society, (By phone), and the All Rock Hounds Pow Wow. This was the largest number of local societies present at any annual meeting of the Society.

Dr. A. S. Cory, chairman of the canvassing committee, announced the results of the balloting as follows: President, Reno Odlin; Vice President, Herman J. Deutsch; Curators, Mrs. Thos. P. Gose, Robert Hitchman, Leon K. Jones, John M. McClelland, Jr., E.K. Murray, Mrs. Byron D. Scott, Archie Shiels, Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, George H. Weyerhaeuser.

Rev. Lorance Dossett of Steilacoom was heard in a group of baritone solos, most effectively rendered. Mr. Dossett is possessed of a splendid voice which he uses to the best advantage.

Governor Rosellini was the principal speaker. He congratulated the Society on the work it is doing in the preservation of state history, and also its work in helping organize local historical societies. He urged these local units to continue the fine work they are doing. The Governor felt that the state has been growing so fast it has neglected to preserve much of its history but felt that between the state and local societies a great deal of Washington's history would be recovered and preserved.

Following the meeting, members and guests were urged to visit the Society's museum where they could witness a preview of the outstanding fluorescent exhibit being developed and almost completed by the Rock Hounds. It was pointed out that this exhibit represented a value in donated time and specimens of between \$20,000 and \$25,000 and has no equal in this country.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 2, 1960

The annual meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held in McCormick Hall of the Museum April 2, 1960, the session being called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President Odlin.

Following a welcome by President Odlin, the Minutes of the 1959 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Arthur S. Cory, chairman of the Nominations Committee, was called upon to report the results of the annual election of members to the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society. Elected to the Board of Curators, Class of 1963, were Howard Burnham, Rev. W. L. Davis, Mrs. E. N. Eisenhower, Joel E. Ferris, Joshua Green, Matthew W. Hill, Thomas A. Swayze, George H. Weyerhaeuser.

The Director reported on progress made by the Society on various important fronts: increased membership, a new publications program, major acquisitions to the Library of the Society, including many important manuscript collections of northwest history and significant Americana, improvements in storage facilities, an active grounds improvement program, wide and favorable publicity of the Society's activities. Most important, he stressed, were the steps the Society was taking toward recognition as a major center for research and historical scholarship.

The President summarized the many ways in which the Society was moving forward and commented that it had been a good year for the Society in many worthwhile respects.

Mr. Le Roy spoke of the beginning and the significance of the Society's "CENSUS OF FUR TRADE DESCENDANTS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST". The Hudson's Bay Company was expected to receive substantial recognition as a fountainhead of history in the Pacific Northwest. The Society expects to carry on the Census for the coming year, publishing its results at the end of the Census Year. It is hoped that much information and collections of value will come to the Society as a result of this work.

The principal address was delivered by Dr. Keith A. Murray, of Bellingham, author and historian of note. His subject: THE ROLE OF THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY. Before his talk, Mr. Odlin introduced the two honored guests of the day, Mr. E. K. Murray, member of the Board of Curators and a descendant of a distinguished Hudson's Bay Company employee, Charles Ross, of Fort Nisqually and Fort Victoria fame; and Mr. Delbert McBride, a descendant of the Mounts of Fort Nisqually. Dr. Murray's address gave a well-rounded interpretation of the importance of the Hudson's Bay Company in shaping the history of the Northwest. He commended the efforts of the Society in conducting the Census of the Fur Trade Employees and asked statewide cooperation for these efforts.

Following the program, members of the Society toured the building, with refreshments served by members of the Society staff. Much attention was directed to the many new exhibits and the beautification of the Museum, inside and outside, which had just been carried out.

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Bruce Le Roy  
Secretary-Director.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 7, 1962

The Annual Meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held in Washington Hall of the Museum April 7, 1962, the session being called to order by President Odlin following the annual luncheon.

Following a welcome by President Odlin, the Minutes of the 1961 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

In the absence of Dr. Cory, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Mr. E. K. Murray was called upon to report the results of the annual election of members to the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society. Elected to serve until 1965 were: Vice-president--Roe E. Shaub; to serve on the Board of Curators: Mrs. Eva Anderson, Prof. Harold Barto, Dr. Arthur Cory, Mr. L. E. Dawley, Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, Dr. Charles M. Gates, Mr. Click Relander, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Dr. Robert Whitner.

The Director reported on the expanded program of the Society and the Museum. With the same number of people on our Staff as for many years, and with the budget for operations at about the same level, the total program has, nonetheless, accelerated. School tours and visitors from every state and many foreign countries have increased in volume. The Society, at the direction of the Washington State Legislature, has coordinated statewide observance of two centennials--the American-Canadian Boundary Survey and the Civil War Centennial. The Director of the Society served as chairman for each Council. The Boundary Survey Centennial was marked by impressive ceremonies at Point Roberts with the Governor, Attorney-General of British Columbia and many distinguished guests from Canada and the United States taking part. Special programs during the year past included a presentation of a historical fashion show of military uniforms and gowns from the Civil War to the present. Many new exhibits have been added in the Museum. Library collections have included accessions of national importance. The publications program moved ahead with the release of H. M. CHITTENDEN: A WESTERN EPIC.

President Odlin summarized the progress of the Society in the past year, commenting on the welcome fact that the Legislature recognizes the work of the Society as the vehicle for the promotion of historical activity within the state. Mr. Odlin introduced a number of distinguished guests, thanking especially Mr. Nard Jones, historical writer and Chief Editorial writer for the Seattle P-I, who has through his newspaper and radio show, frequently called attention to the work of the Society.

Mr. Le Roy, Director of the Society, delivered the Annual Address. His subject was a report on "A Scouting Trip to Europe--1961". The Society is acquiring microfilm, photocopy and some originals of primary source material of great value to students of Washington and regional history. He cited a number of "finds" of northwestern historical manuscripts located in private and public collections in the British Isles. He expressed the hope that the friendships,



personal and institutional, made on this first journey of discovery, would result in many tangible benefits to the program of the Washington State Historical Society.

Mr. Odlin called upon Mr. Robert Hitchman who announced that the Pacific Northwest History Conference and the Council on Regional Historical Research would meet April 12-14 in Boise, Idaho.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Bruce Le Roy  
Secretary-Director

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

April 4, 1964

The Annual Meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held at the Museum in Tacoma on April 4, 1964, Mr. Reno Odlin presiding. The meeting followed the annual luncheon and was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

The Minutes of the 1963 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

The Director's Report was distributed. Mr. Le Roy defined the purpose of the Society in terms of its educational function, not forgetting the Museum's value to the tourist and casual visitor. But our day-to-day job is to provide for the thousands of school children who make guided tours here and for the student and researcher who comes to us from all over the nation in quest of basic historical documentation. The Director summarized the important collections which have come in the past year, discussed the publication plans of the Society; listed some of the important special programs and exhibits of the year past. He pointed out the goals for the coming year; plans for a new wing which will contain expanded library facilities, a suitable multipurpose conference/auditorium room, more storage space; increased services to the local and county historical societies which are now being visited on a regular schedule; sound financial support for the new programs of the Society, permitting the addition of new staff personnel to handle the multiplying load of the Society's programs. He thanked Board Members, staff, and members of the Society for continued enthusiasm and support. He asked for the help of more volunteer workers for special projects.

President Odlin summarized the outstanding achievements of the past year and expressed personal and official gratitude for the high-calibre backing the Society and Director are receiving from all concerned.

The Report on the Annual Election was made by Mr. John McClelland, Jr. Re-elected to serve until 1967 were President Reno Odlin, Vice-President Herman Deutsch. Board members who would serve new three year terms were Mr. Robert Hitchman, Dr. Leon K. Jones, Mr. Henry P. Jukes, Mr. John M. McClelland, Jr., Mr. E. K. Murray, Mrs. Byron D. Scott, Mrs. Pearl A. Wanamaker, Dr. Robert Whitner.

The Annual Address was given by Mr. Murray Morgan, writer-historian, who spoke on "The Writer's Use of History". A fine blend of personal reminiscence and a canny look at the possible future for the Pacific Northwest, the speech was well received.

President Odlin called on Mr. Robert Hitchman to make the announcement of the forthcoming Pacific Northwest History Conference, for which we serve as permanent sponsor. The meeting was to be held in Bellingham the following week. All interested were invited.

President Odlin introduced a number of guests from distant places, commenting that a Mr. Sleness, from Anchorage, Alaska had made a reservation to attend but the recent earthquake must have prevented it.

The text of the new Charles M. Gates Memorial Award was read. It was announced that the first Award would be granted at the 1965 Annual Meeting, if a suitable winner was selected by a committee of judges.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

April 17, 1965

The Annual Meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held at the Museum in Tacoma on April 17, 1965. Mr. Reno Odlin presiding. The meeting followed the annual luncheon and was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

The Minutes of the 1964 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

The Director's Report was distributed. Mr. Le Roy reported that a request for \$339,000 in matching funds for a new wing to the Museum was presented to the 1965 Legislature. The growth of collections, the expanding total program of the Society and the increasing demands made upon the staff and facilities make a new wing absolutely imperative.

The Director cited a few of the important collections acquired during the past year. Among them are the 2,000 letters concerning homesteading on Northern Pacific Railroad lands, the Robert Todd papers, signed presidential addresses, Oregon Trail diaries, the Glide Papers, (Hudson's Bay Company, San Juan Island controversy, Fort Vancouver, etc.) which resulted in a giant step for the Library. The Library staff has made inventory of many photographs and manuscript collections.

The Director called attention to a new exhibit in the Gallery--"Early Washington Communities in Art". The exhibit is the second we have assembled showing regional history in early art. A catalogue is being prepared. This will be an annual event.

The Publications program, gifts to the Society of nearly \$10,000 to aid our program, changes in staff and special events of the year were summarized.

President Odlin spoke on the importance of the new wing to the Museum and that a drive for gifts and pledges would commence shortly.

The report on the Annual Election was made by Dr. Arthur Cory. Re-elected to serve until 1968 were: Vice-President Roe E. Shaub. Board Members: Mrs. Eva Anderson, Dr. Arthur S. Cory, Mr. L. E. Dawley, Mr. Joseph Drumheller, Mrs. Della Gould Ermons, Dr. Charles E. Odegaard, Mr. Click Rolander, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson.

The annual address was given by Mr. Hewitt Jackson who spoke on "The Artist and Maritime History". Mr. Jackson, an artist of note, used authentic ships' models to demonstrate the importance of research to the maritime artist.

President Odlin introduced distinguished guests, including his new bride, who attended her first Annual Meeting of the Society.

The first presentation of the Charles M. Gates Award was made. Dr. Vernon Carstensen, Editor of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly, accepted the Award for



Mr. William T. Kerr, Jr., presently a student at Oxford University. The Award was made for the most scholarly contribution in 1964 to the Pacific Northwest Quarterly.

An announcement of the forthcoming Pacific Northwest History Conference to be held in Jacksonville, Oregon was made by Mr. Robert Hitchman.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

May 4, 1968

The Annual Meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held at the Top of the Ocean in Tacoma on May 4, 1968, President Reno Odlin presiding. The meeting followed the dinner and was called to order at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes of the 1967 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

The Director's Report was distributed. Mr. Le Roy reported that this was the 10th annual "Report of the Director" that he had the privilege of submitting to the membership of the Washington State Historical Society. He summarized some of the objectives that had been met. First and foremost was the new concentration upon building the research collections of the Society. This inevitably led to an influx of students and researchers, new publications by the Society and scholars, and the growing reputation of our library as a research center.

Another objective was being met in the stepped-up publications program. On the press now was the 10th publication issued by the Society since 1958. He reported on major collections acquired by the Society; special assignments from the various national and state organizations from the President down to the Washington State Legislature; plans for the new wing and the fund drive; the conferences initiated and held by the historical society; the activities of the professional staff and volunteers who assist the museum.

Mr. Howard Burnham reported for the Nominations Committee. Dr. Roe E. Shaub was re-elected Vice President, to serve until 1971. Elected to serve until 1971 as members of the Board of Curators were: Mrs. Eva Anderson, Dr. Keith A. Murray, Mr. L. E. Dawley, Mr. Cameron Sherwood, Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, Dr. Robert Mortvedt, Mr. Click Relander, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson.

The first Captain Robert Gray awards were presented. They consisted of a medal designed by James A. Wehn, a certificate of award, and a citation. Copies of the citations are attached to and made a part of these minutes. The winners of the awards were Dr. Clifford Merrill Drury and the Reverend William L. Davis, S.J. Dr. Drury is the eminent biographer of the leading figures in the history of the Oregon mission. Father Davis was honored for his assiduous collecting of the papers of Pierre-Jean De Smet, and the definitive biography upon which he is engaged.

The Annual Address was delivered by Dr. J. S. Holliday, director of the new Oakland Art & History Museum, of California. He showed pictures and plans for the new museum in Oakland. He cited the great prospects for his museum and ours when the new wing is completed. Dr. Holliday also mentioned plans in preparation by our two organizations for exchanging exhibits and cooperative publications.



President Odlin called attention to the representative exhibits of some of the major acquisitions to the museum during the past year. They include examples of James A. Wehn's historic sculpture; paintings from the current exhibit of "Northwest Forts and Trading Posts" watercolors from the Ronald Ginther "Paintings of the Depression"; Civil War manuscripts; and photo albums of the Yukon gold rush. All were recently acquired by the Washington State Historical Society.

An announcement was made of the forthcoming conference to be held Friday, May 10th, which is co-sponsored by the National Archives, University of Puget Sound, and the Washington State Historical Society. All members of our Society were invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Byron D. Scott provided hospitality in a reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Holliday, Father Davis and Dr. Drury at their lovely home on American Lake.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bruce Le Roy  
Director

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4 May 1968

LET ALL MEN KNOW BY THESE PRESENTS that the Washington State Historical Society has bestowed the Captain Robert Gray Award for notable achievement to Clifford Merrill Drury, Ph.D., D.D., in recognition of his many contributions to Pacific Northwest history.

Pastor, Navy Chaplain, scholar and teacher, Dr. Drury has been a prodigious worker, throwing his full energy into every undertaking, demonstrating both enthusiasm and objectivity in his research and writing.

The biographies of Henry Harmon Spalding, Marcus Whitman and Mary Elkanah Walker, the diaries of Henry H. Spalding and Asa Brown Smith and the papers of the six women of the Oregon Mission who made the overland journey in 1836 and 1838, which he edited, are among his many books which record the protestant missionary efforts in the Oregon country.

DONE AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON this fourth day of May, 1968.

THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Reno Odlin, President

Bruce Le Roy, Director



4 May 1968

LET ALL MEN KNOW BY THESE PRESENTS that the Washington State Historical Society has bestowed the Captain Robert Gray Award for notable achievement in the field of Pacific Northwest history to the Rev. William Lyle Davis, S.J., Ph.D., in recognition of his dedicated work in searching out and collecting original source material relating to the history of the Roman Catholic Church in this region, and particularly to the life of Father Pierre-Jean De Smet, S.J., pioneer missionary.

Scholar, teacher, author and counsellor, Father Davis has been an indefatigable researcher and literary detective. He has traveled in three continents and searched the archives of at least eleven nations in his quest for basic primary sources. His discovery of the De Smet papers in a remote village in Chile and his success in bringing these to the United States is an accomplishment of great importance. For generations to come, students of history of the American West will honor him for the preservation of this material and for the notable contribution to knowledge that it represents.

DONE AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON this fourth day of May, 1968.

THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Reno Odlin, President

Bruce Le Roy, Director