

PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

As announced in the January, 1915, Quarterly, a survey of the pioneer and historical societies of the State of Washington will be given each year. Effort has been made to get all the changes of officers for the year. Co-operation is desired with these organizations. Any news of historical work, of publications, the marking of historic sites, or the celebration of historic events, as well as changes in the officers of the societies listed will be welcomed by the Washington Historical Quarterly.

Following is a compilation of the societies:

WASHINGTON PIONEER ASSOCIATION. The headquarters are at Seattle. The officers for 1915 were W. H. Pumphrey, president; Edmond S. Meany, vice-president; W. V. Rinehart, secretary; W. M. Calhoun, treasurer; trustees: F. H. Winslow, M. R. Maddocks, W. V. Rinehart, James McCoombs, Leander Miller. This society is the most noted pioneer association in the state. The original membership requirements were residence on the coast prior to 1870; at present a person to become a member must have lived in the Territory forty years prior to date of application for membership. The actual membership of the society includes 531 women and 251 men, a total of 782. The records of the society, however, include as many more, as many of the older pioneers have failed to keep up their membership dues. The Association was founded October 23, 1883, at Olympia.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The headquarters are at 401 North Cliff Avenue, Tacoma. The officers for 1915 were Henry Hewitt, Jr., Tacoma, president; George Turner, Spokane, vice-president; W. P. Bonney, Tacoma, secretary; William H. Dickson, Tacoma, treasurer; curators: P. G. Hubbell, Tacoma; C. S. Barlow, Tacoma; L. L. Benbow, Sumner; W. J. Bowman, Puyallup; John Arthur, Seattle; Walter S. Davis, Tacoma; Walter N. Granger, Zillah; Harry M. Painter, Seattle; Thomas Huggins, Tacoma; L. F. Jackson, Pullman; W. D. Lyman, Walla Walla; Sarah S. McMillan-Patton, Hoquiam. For two years the society published the Washington Historical Magazine, now discontinued. It now publishes its "Proceedings." The society was founded October 8, 1891, and any citizen of the state may become a member.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The headquarters are at the University of Washington, Seattle. The officers

for 1915 were Clarence B. Bagley, president; Edmond S. Meany, secretary; Roger S. Greene, treasurer. Since October, 1906, the society has published the *Washington Historical Quarterly*. The society was founded at Seattle, January 1, 1903, and any person may become a member.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF WASHINGTON. The headquarters are at Seattle. The officers for 1914 were Nellie Russell, president; Julia N. Harris, vice-president. Any native daughter over sixteen may become a member.

NATIVE SONS OF WASHINGTON. This is a state organization but the number and location of the various camps are not known to the *Quarterly*. Alki Camp, No. 2, located at Seattle, had the following officers for 1914: Arthur R. Griffin, captain; T. C. Naylor, financial secretary and treasurer; F. L. Connors, historian.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF WASHINGTON PIONEERS. The headquarters are at Seattle. The officers for 1915 were Mrs. Rena Bagley Griffith, president; Miss Hilda Gaches, secretary. Any daughter of a pioneer who resided on the coast prior to 1870 is eligible to membership.

WOMEN'S PIONEER AUXILIARY OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. The headquarters are at Seattle. The officers for 1914 were Mrs. J. W. Denny, president; Mrs. H. O. Hollenbeck, secretary; Mrs. D. T. Davies, treasurer. The society meets four times each year. Membership is restricted to women who have resided in the State prior to 1889, the year of statehood.

ADAMS COUNTY. See Lincoln and Adams Counties.

BENTON COUNTY. Old Settlers' Union. The headquarters are at Prosser. The officers for 1914 were: G. W. Wilgus, president; A. G. McNeill, vice-president; M. Henry, secretary. The society has an annual meeting. Membership is restricted to those having a residence of twenty years in the County.

CHEHALIS COUNTY. See Grays Harbor County.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY. Pioneer Association of Grays Harbor County. The headquarters are at Aberdeen. The officers for 1915 were: George Scammon, Westport, president; Mrs. Jean B. Stewart, Aberdeen, 1st vice-president; William E. Campbell, Hoquiam, 2d vice-president; J. W. Himes, Elma, 3d vice-president; Mrs. J. S. McKee, Hoquiam, secretary; Joseph Redman, Melbourne, treasurer. The association collects and preserves local historical documents. Membership is restricted to those resident in the County prior to January 1, 1885.

ABERDEEN PIONEER ASSOCIATION. The headquarters are at Aberdeen. The officers for 1914 were: Reverend Charles McDermoth, president; Mrs. Jannetta M. Walker, vice-president; Mrs. William Irvine, secretary; Mrs. J. G. Lewis, treasurer; Mrs. A. D. Wood, historian; trustees: Mrs. Jean B. Stewart, J. B. Haynes, J. G. Lewis, E. C. Finch and J. C. Smith. The society has four meetings, the annual meeting occurring in January and a memorial meeting on the first Sunday in March in memory of the members who have died during the year.

KING COUNTY. Seattle Historical Society. The headquarters of the society are at Seattle. The officers for 1915 were: Mrs. Morgan J. Carkeek, president; Mrs. William P. Trimble, vice-president; Mrs. Redick H. McKee, secretary; Mrs. William F. Prosser, treasurer; Mrs. Frederick E. Swanstrom, historian. The society has collected many manuscripts.

KITSAP COUNTY. Kitsap County Pioneers' Association. Organized at the Kitsap County Fair, October 10, 1914. The headquarters are at Charleston. The officers for 1915 were: H. M. Williams, Tracyton, president; Lillie L. Crawford, Charleston, secretary; Paul Mehner, Bremerton, treasurer. The annual meeting for the election of officers is held the third Wednesday in June, at Bremerton.

LINCOLN AND ADAMS COUNTIES. Lincoln and Adams County Pioneer and Historical Association. The headquarters of the society are at the office of the secretary at Davenport and the annual picnic and meeting is held at the society's grounds on Crab Creek. The officers for 1915 were: W. R. Peters, president, Ritzville; J. W. Sawyer, vice-president, Davenport; C. E. Ivy, secretary-treasurer, Davenport; E. W. Bethel, historian, Harrington; directors: J. H. Bartholomew, Reardan; Matt Brislawn, Sprague; S. E. McDonald, Harrington; Fred Thiel, Ritzville; George N. Lowe, Lamona.

OKANOGAN COUNTY. Okanogan County Pioneer Association. The headquarters are at Conconully. The officers for 1915 were: P. H. Pinkston, Conconully, president; David Gubser, Conconully, secretary; William C. Brown, Okanogan, historian.

PIERCE COUNTY. Pierce County Pioneers' Association. The headquarters are at Tacoma. The officers for 1915 were: Fred Bonney, president; Mrs. Addie Hill, vice-president; Mrs. Mary F. Bean, secretary; Mrs. Celia P. Grass, treasurer. Meetings are held in January, April, July and October. The society has erected monuments on historic sites. Local historical documents are deposited in the society's rooms in the State Historical Building. Membership is restricted to those who have resided on the Pacific Coast prior to 1870.

SAN JUAN COUNTY. San Juan County Pioneer Association. The headquarters are at Richardson. The officers for 1915 were: Charles McKay, Friday Harbor, president; Ervin Eaton, Islandale, vice-president R. L. Hummel, Port Stanley, secretary-treasurer; directors: C. A. Kent, Lopez; Stanley Kepler, West Sound; Bert Fowler, Shaw Island; William Reed, Decatur. The society was organized October 31, 1915, at Bloor Grove, Richardson, 65 persons taking part. Membership requirements and by-laws will be decided upon at the next meeting, which will occur at Bloor Grove, Richardson, June 20, 1916.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY. Stillaguamish Valley Association of Washington Pioneers. The headquarters are at Arlington. The officers for 1915 were: Dr. W. F. Oliver, president; D. O. Pearson, vice-president; M. M. McCaulley, secretary; Charles H. Gracy, treasurer. The annual meeting occurs the second Thursday in August.

SPOKANE COUNTY. Spokane County Pioneer Society. The headquarters are at Spokane. The officers for 1915 were: R. A. Hutchinson, president; S. A. Eslick, vice-president; Joseph S. Willson, secretary; W. W. Waltman, treasurer. The above with John I. Daniels make the board of directors. There are four meetings a year including the annual outing. Membership is restricted to those who have resided in Spokane County prior to November 29, 1884.

STEVENS COUNTY. Stevens County Pioneer Association. The headquarters are at Colville. The officers for 1915 were: C. R. McMillan, Orin, president; Mrs. Clara Shaver, Colville, secretary; W. L. Sax, Colville, treasurer; John B. Slater, Colville, historian; trustees: Frank Habein, J. H. King, Thomas Graham, John L. Wheeler and George H. Knapp, all of Colville. The annual meeting is held on June 30, of each year. Membership restricted to those who were residents of the State prior to June 30, 1895.

THURSTON COUNTY. Pioneer and Historical Society of Thurston County. The headquarters are at Olympia. The officers for 1915 were: General Hazard Stevens, president; George N. Talcot, 1st vice-president; Allen Weir, secretary and curator; F. W. Stocking, treasurer. There is an annual gathering at Priest's Point, Olympia, in summer, also a meeting in March. The society gathers local historical documents which are kept with the curator. Membership is restricted to those having resided in the County prior to 1870.

WHATCOM COUNTY. Old Settlers' Association of Whatcom County. The headquarters of the society are at Pioneer Park, Ferndale. The officers for 1915 were: J. B. Wilson, President; T. B. Wynn, vice-

president; Miss Edith Thornton, secretary; W. E. Campbell, treasurer. The annual gathering, election of officers, etc., is in August, at Pioneer Park, Ferndale. Membership is restricted to those who have resided in Whatcom County ten years.

WHITMAN COUNTY. Whitman County Pioneers' Association. The headquarters are at Rosalia. The officers for 1915 were: M. H. West, Rosalia, president; M. W. Merritt, Rosalia, vice-president; Fred Stone, Rosalia, secretary; William Lippitt, Colfax, treasurer. The annual meeting is in June. Membership is restricted to those who were residents of the State prior to October, 1882.

YAKIMA COUNTY. Yakima Pioneers' Association. The headquarters are at North Yakima. The officers for 1916, elected on December 11, 1915, are: A. J. Splawn, president; David Longmire, 1st vice-president; James Beck 2nd vice-president; John H. Lynch, secretary; Mrs. Zona H. Cameron, treasurer; Mrs. A. J. Splawn, historian; directors: Mrs. D. D. Reynolds, Mrs. A. J. Splawn, Elmer B. Marks, Fred Parker and E. A. Cleman. The annual meeting has been changed from the second Saturday in December to the first Saturday in November. The annual dues are one dollar. Regular membership in the association is restricted to all citizens of white or Indian blood who were residents in the original County of Yakima prior to November 9, 1889, and their descendants. All documents are kept in the custody of the historian. The society has been working in conjunction with the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Revolution regarding the erection of monuments on historic sites. Persons not eligible to membership in the society but who are interested in its work may become associate members.

YAKIMA COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION. This is a Catholic organization the headquarters and officers of which the Quarterly has been unable to ascertain. It is said to have as its principle object the preservation of the old St. Joseph Mission on the Atanum River.

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