

PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

The societies which have come to the notice of the Quarterly are as follows:

PIONEER ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. The headquarters are at Pioneer Hall, Seattle. The officers for 1916 were: Edmond S. Meany, president, Seattle; George H. Foster, vice-president, Colby; W. V. Rinehart, Sr., secretary, Seattle; W. M. Calhoun, treasurer, Seattle; trustees: F. H. Winslow, M. R. Maddocks, James McCombs, W. H. Pumphrey, Leander Miller. This society was founded on October 23, 1883, at Olympia. The annual meeting is held during the first week in June at the Pioneer Hall building at Madison Park, Seattle. The original membership requirements were residence on the Pacific Coast prior to the year 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 society has about 800 members, but the records, however, include as many more, as many of the older pioneers have neglected to keep up their dues. The society invites all local associations to send a delegate to the annual meeting.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The headquarters are at 401 North Cliff Avenue, Tacoma. The officers for 1916 were: Henry Hewitt, Jr., president, Tacoma; Hazard Stevens, vice-president, Olympia; W. P. Bonney, secretary, Tacoma; William H. Dickson, treasurer, Tacoma; curators: P. G. Hubbell, 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 has published two volumes of its "Proceedings."

The society was founded on 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 1916 were: Clarence B. Bagley, president, Seattle; Edmond S. Meany, secretary and managing editor, Seattle; Roger S. Greene, treasurer, Seattle. Since October, 1906, the society has published the Washington Historical Quarterly. The society was founded at the University on January 1, 1903. Any person may become a member.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF WASHINGTON. The headquarters are at Seattle. The officers for 1915 were: Nellie Russell, president; Julia N. Harris, vice-president. Any native daughter over sixteen years of age may become a member.

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.

NATIVE SONS OF WASHINGTON. This is a state organization with camps located in the larger cities. Alki Camp, No. 2, located at Seattle, had the following officers for 1915: T. C. Naylor, captain; Clare White, financial secretary and treasurer.

WOMEN'S PIONEER AUXILIARY OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. The headquarters are at Seattle. The officers for 1916 were: Mrs. John P. Soule, president; Mrs. H. A. Hunt, vice-president; Mrs. Rosamond Densmore, secretary; Mrs. Eugene Thurlow, treasurer. This society was formed in August, 1911, to serve as an auxiliary to the Washington Pioneer Association. It 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 1916 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.

GARFIELD COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION. The headquarters are at the postoffice address of the secretary. The officers for 1916 were:

W. L. Howell, president; G. B. Kuykendall, secretary; L. F. Koenig, treasurer and financial secretary. This society was founded on July 19, 1909. Membership is restricted to persons who have resided in Garfield or an adjoining county for twenty-five years.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY. Pioneer association of Grays Harbor County. The headquarters are at Montesano. The officers for 1916 were: George Scammon, president, Westport; Mrs. Edwin May, first vice-president, Porter; Mrs. Joe Redman, second vice-president, Melbourne; J. W. Himes, third vice-president, Elma; Mrs. J. E. Calder, secretary, Montesano; Mrs. E. Belle Marcy, treasurer, Montesano. 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 1916 were: Mrs. J. G. Lewis, president; Lewis F. Kolts, vice-president; Mrs. William Irvine, secretary; Mrs. Charles Pinckney, treasurer; Mrs. A. D. Wood, historian; trustees: Mrs. Jean B. Stewart, J. B. Haynes, J. G. Lewis, E. C. Finch, J. G. Smith. The society has four meetings each year, the annual meeting occurring in January and the memorial meeting in memory of those who have died occurring on the first Sunday in March.

KING COUNTY. Seattle Historical Society. The headquarters are at Seattle. The officers for 1916 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 been very active in collecting manuscripts.

KITSAP COUNTY. Kitsap County Pioneers' Association. The headquarters are at Charleston. The officers for 1916 were: H. M. Williams, president, Tracyton; Lillie L. Crawford, secretary, Charleston; Paul Mehner, treasurer, Bremerton. This society was organized at the Kitsap County Fair on October 10, 1914. Membership is restricted to those who have resided in the county prior to the year 1893. The annual meeting for the election of officers is held on the third Wednesday in June at Bremerton.

LINCOLN AND ADAMS COUNTIES. Lincoln and Adams County Pioneer and Historical Association. The headquarters are at the office of the secretary and the annual meeting and outing is held at the society's grounds on Crab Creek. The officers for 1916 were: J. W. Sawyer, president, Davenport; F. R. Burroughs, vice-president, Ritz-

ville; C. E. Ivy, secretary-treasurer, Davenport; Matt Brislawn, historian, Sprague; directors: M. C. Lavender, Espanola; H. K. Rosenoff, Sr., Ritzville; C. A. Harris, Ritzville; Henry W. Thiel, Ritzville; George N. Lowe, Lamona.

OKANOGAN COUNTY. Okanogan County Pioneer Association. The headquarters are at Conconully. The officers for 1916 were: P. H. Pinkston, president, Conconully; George Hurley, vice-president, Loomis; David Gubser, secretary, Conconully; William C. Brown, historian, Okanogan.

PIERCE COUNTY. Pierce County Pioneers' Association. The headquarters are at the State Historical Building, 401 North Cliff Avenue, Tacoma. The officers for 1916 were: Mrs. Addie G. Hill, president; James Sales, vice-president; Mrs. Mary F. Bean, secretary; Mrs. Celia P. Grass, treasurer. Meetings are held in January, April, July and October. Local historical documents are deposited in the society's rooms in the State Historical Building. The society has erected monuments on historic spots. Membership is restricted to those who have resided on the Pacific Coast prior to the year 1870.

SAN JUAN COUNTY. San Juan County Pioneer Association. The headquarters are at Richardson. The officers for 1916 were: Charles McKay, president, Friday Harbor; Ervin Eaton, vice-president, Islandale; R. J. Hummel, secretary-treasurer, Port Stanley; directors: C. A. Kent, Lopez; Stanley Kepler, West Sound; Bert Fowler, Shaw Island; William Reed, Decatur. The society was organized on October 31, 1915, at Bloor Grove, Richardson. Membership is restricted to those who have resided in the state for twenty-five years. The annual meeting is held in June.

SKAGIT COUNTY. Skagit County Pioneer Association. The headquarters are at Sedro-Woolley, where the society has extensive buildings, but the annual meeting and gathering is held at different places in the county as may be determined by the committee. The officers for 1916 were: Nick Beesner, president, Anacortes; Mrs. R. O. Welts, vice-president; Mount Vernon; Frank A. Hall, secretary, Mount Vernon; P. Halloran, treasurer, Edison. This association was organized at Sedro-Woolley on August 13, 1904. Two classes of members are admitted. Those who have resided in the county prior to January 1, 1886, are admitted as "Pioneers"; persons who have resided in the county for twenty years may be admitted as "Old Settlers."

SNOHOMISH COUNTY. Stillaguamish Valley Association of Washington Pioneers. The headquarters are at Arlington. The officers for

1916 were: W. F. Oliver, president; Thomas Moran, vice-president; M. M. McCaulley, secretary; Charles H. Tracy, treasurer. The annual meeting occurs on the second Thursday in August. The society has three grades of membership. Persons resident in the state for twenty-five years are "Pioneers"; those resident for twenty years are "Early Settlers"; those resident for fifteen years are "Honorary Members." The society reports that Mr. M. Birckenmeier, who settled in the county over thirty-three years ago, has donated an eight-acre tract near Arlington for a park. The site was promptly christened "Birckenmeier Pioneer Park." The deed has been placed in escrow with the stipulation that it be recorded when the sum of \$1,500 has been expended in improvements.

SPOKANE COUNTY. Spokane County Pioneer Society. The headquarters are at Spokone. 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 up 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.

SPOKANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The headquarters are in the Spokane Public Library Building. The officers for 1916 were: N. W. Durham, president; W. D. Vincent, first vice-president; Mrs. E. F. Rue, second vice-president; William S. Lewis, corresponding secretary; George W. Fuller, recording secretary; B. L. Gordon, treasurer; trustees: Jonathan Edwards, B. L. Gordon, J. Neilson Barry, Harl J. Cook, William S. Lewis, N. W. Durham, W. D. Vincent, Mrs. E. F. Rue, E. I. Seehorn, R. D. Gwyder, Garrett B. Hunt. The society is actively engaged in collecting manuscripts.

STEVENS COUNTY. Stevens County Pioneer Association. The headquarters are at Colville. The officers for 1915 were: C. R. McMillan, president, Orin; Frank Habein, vice-president, Colville; Mrs. Clara Shaver, secretary, Colville; John G. Kulzer, treasurer, Valley; John B. Slater, historian, Colville. The annual meeting is held on June 30 of each year. Membership is restricted to those who have resided in the state prior to June 30, 1895.

THURSTON COUNTY. Pioneer and Historical Society of Thurston County. The headquarters are at Olympia. The officers for 1916 were: Hazard Stevens, president; George N. Talcot, first vice-president; F. W. Stocking, secretary and treasurer; trustees: W. Scott Shaser, P. M. Troy, M. D. Abbott. There is an annual gathering at

Priest Point Park in summer and a meeting for the election of officers, etc., in March. Membership is restricted to those who have resided in the county prior to 1870.

SOUTH-WEST WASHINGTON PIONEER DAY ASSOCIATION. The headquarters are at Rochester. The officers for 1916 were: J. W. Lieullen, president, Rochester; J. B. Stanley, secretary-treasurer, Rochester; trustees: L. L. Hunter, Aberdeen; W. S. Shaser, Olympia; C. C. Seates, Oakville; F. G. Titus, Centralia.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY. Inland Empire Pioneer Association. The headquarters are at Walla Walla. The officers for 1915 were: Ben Burgunder, president, Colfax; Martin Evans, secretary, Walla Walla; Levi Ankeny, treasurer, Walla Walla; W. D. Lyman, historian, Walla Walla. The society has an annual meeting. Documents are collected and deposited in the Whitman College Library. Membership is restricted to persons who arrived in the Inland Empire or on the Pacific Coast prior to the year 1885.

WHATCOM COUNTY. Old Settlers' Association of Whatcom County. The headquarters of the society are at Pioneer Park, Ferndale. The officers for 1916 were: J. B. Wilson, president; T. B. Wynn, vice-president; Edith M. Thornton, secretary; W. E. Campbell, treasurer; trustees: Charles Tawes, John Slater, John Tarte, Godfrey Schneider, Porter Felmley, George Baer. The annual gathering, election of officers, etc., is held in August at Pioneer Park, Ferndale. The society has a graduated system of membership. Persons who have resided in the county for ten years are admitted and are known as "Chechacoos"; the older members in point of residence are known by other Chinook jargon titles; the oldest living member in point of residence is given a special honor badge which remains in his possession until his death, when it passes to the next oldest pioneer.

WHITMAN COUNTY. Whitman County Pioneers' Association. The headquarters are at Garfield. The officers for 1916 were: William Duling, president, Garfield; P. W. Cox, vice-president, Colfax; S. A. Manring, secretary, Garfield; William Lippitt, treasurer, Colfax. The annual meeting is held in June. Membership is restricted to those who were residents of Washington prior to October, 1886.

YAKIMA COUNTY. Yakima Pioneers' Association. The headquarters are at North Yakima. The officers for 1917, elected on November 4, 1916, are: A. J. Splawn, president; David Longmire, first vice-president; James Beck, second vice-president; John H. Lynch, secre-

tary; Mrs. Zona H. Cameron, treasurer; Mrs. A. J. Splawn, historian; directors: Mrs. D. D. Reynolds, Elmer B. Marks, Fred Parker, E. A. Clemen. The annual meeting is held on the first Saturday in November. Regular membership in the association is restricted to citizens of white or Indian blood who were residents in the original County of Yakima prior to November 9, 1889, and their descendants. Persons not eligible to membership may become associate members. All documents are kept in the custody of the historian. The society has worked in conjunction with the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution to erect monuments on historic sites.

YAKIMA COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION. This is a Catholic organization with headquarters at North Yakima. It has for its object the care and preservation of the old St. Joseph's Mission in the Ahtanum Valley. Since 1915 the association has employed a caretaker who resides on the premises. The present officers are: John Ditter, president; R. E. Allingham, vice-president; John H. Lynch, secretary; H. A. La Berge, treasurer; Pat Jordan, general manager.

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