The Annual Meeting

The 95th annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society and board of directors was held in Topeka on October 20, 1970. At 10:00 A.M. a public meeting was held in the G. A. R. auditorium in the Memorial building. Robert W. Richmond introduced Edgar Langsdorf and Richard Pankratz, who discussed "The Kansas Historic Site Survey," and Stanley Sohl, who explained "The Proposed Museum Accreditation Program." A question and answer period followed the talks.

At 10:15 A.M. the meeting of the Society's board of directors convened with First Vice-President William H. Seiler of Emporia, presiding in the absence of the president, George Templar. First business was the report of the secretary:

SECRETARY'S REPORT, YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1970

At the conclusion of the 1969 annual meeting the newly elected president, George Templar, reappointed Frank Haucke and A. Bower Sageser to the executive committee. Members holding over were George L. Anderson, Wilford Riegle, and John W. Ripley.

Clifford R. Hope, Sr., immediate past president of the Society, died on May 16. Mr. Hope, who served Kansas in the U. S. congress for 30 years until his retirement in 1956, had been a life member of the Society since 1928 and a member of the board of directors since 1963. Those who heard his informative presidential address a year ago will remember the warmth and sincerity of his feeling toward this state and its people.

Three other members of the board of directors have also left us since the last meeting. Frank E. Barr, long-time Wichita civil leader, died April 2, and J. B. Dodson, Manhattan insurance executive and one of the Society's most active solicitors of new members, died May 22. Robert W. Baughman of Liberal, internationally known as a philatelist and enthusiastic historian and collector of Kansas memorabilia, whose Baughman Foundation provided financial support for several of the Society's research and publication projects, died June 30.

APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

State appropriations to the Society for the current fiscal year are a little more than seven percent higher than those for the year which ended last June 30. In addition, funds are promised to implement a salary increase to most staff members on November 1. Last year's request for additional steel shelving for the archives division was approved by the 1970 legislature, although the amount of money appropriated may not be enough to complete the installation. The state architect's office is now working on the plans and specifications and the job should be out for bid within a few weeks.
The budget request for next year was sent to the state budget director last week. Every effort has been made to hold down expenses, in line with the governor’s request to keep total dollar amounts to the level of the current year. However, it has been necessary to include operating expenses for two new historic sites, one of which is already state property and the other is expected to be turned over to the Society by next July 1. The new budget also repeats the long-standing request for replacement of the old wooden windows on the south and west sides of the building, which are now in disgraceful condition. This request has been made annually for about 10 years, and the estimated cost has risen nearly 60 percent in that time. Reference to other budget requests will be made in appropriate sections of this report.

**Special Projects**

A continuing project, which was described in previous reports, is the statewide survey of historic sites being conducted pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (PL 89-665). In January, 1970, Kansas received $13,842.96 in federal funds to match the $14,000 appropriation of the legislature for fiscal year 1970. For fiscal year 1971 the legislature has appropriated $18,074 and the apportionment of federal funds for this survey work is expected in late October.

One purpose of the survey is to compile information on places in the state having archeological, architectural, or historic significance. To conduct the survey the Society in June added one staff member who is devoting full time to this project, concentrating on the historical aspect of the survey. State Archeologist Tom Witty has also given some time to the archeological phase. Prof. Charles Hall of the Kansas State University school of architecture, who is supervising the architectural part of the survey, during the past summer again directed a five-man team of architectural students. They covered 63 counties and inventoried approximately 1,000 structures. With the preceding year’s totals, 94 counties have now been surveyed and information collected on 1,300 structures. It is anticipated that the bulk of the architectural phase of the survey will be completed in the summer of 1971.

This summer a preliminary statewide historic preservation plan for Kansas was prepared and submitted to Washington. Among other things it included a partial inventory of well-known historic sites in Kansas, a statement of preservation philosophy, and a short-term preservation program. Approval has been granted by the National Park Service to this tentative plan for a minimum of two years, after which it must be revised and updated.

The state review board met for the first time on September 29. Members are Prof. George L. Anderson, Lawrence; Prof. Curtis Besinger, Lawrence; James W. Bibb, Topeka; Lynn Burris, Jr., Topeka; Prof. A. Bower Sageser, Manhattan; Mrs. Roy V. Shrewsberry, Ashland; Prof. Carlyle Smith, Lawrence; W. J. van Wormer, Wichita, who was elected chairman, and your secretary, who will also be secretary of the review board. After accepting the preliminary Kansas historic preservation plan, the board approved as a starter a representative group of 60 places for nomination to the National Register. These included eight archeological sites, 13 buildings possessing architectural importance, and 39 buildings or sites possessing historical interest. Forms nominating 16 of the latter group have been sent to the keeper of the Na-
tional Register, and other forms will be completed as quickly as time will permit. The State Review Board also gave its approval for the state liaison officer to file applications for matching federal funds to assist with projects at several sites presently owned by the state or in the process of being acquired: El Cuartelejo Indian pueblo site, in Lake Scott State Park; Fort Hays; the Goodnow House in Manhattan; and Grinter Place near Muncie, Wyandotte county. Whether any or all of these projects can be implemented will depend, of course, on federal and state government approval, and on the availability of matching funds.

No new historical markers have been prepared since the last report, although several were considered before the program came to a temporary halt. A recent letter from the director of highways states that “the reason for this static situation . . . is that there is simply no money available at present for this activity. We are, of course, hopeful that it can be resumed sometime in the future when budget considerations would permit the Commission to do so.”

Work on the Baughman sponsored history of railroads in Kansas was interrupted for a portion of the year but has been temporarily resumed in order that its findings to date can be made more usable. Information on the several hundred so-called paper roads is being compiled and references to newspaper articles on the railroads are being added. Many requests for information on specific railroads have been handled during the year.

Archeology

During the year the archeology division has conducted two major field excavations, a reservoir survey, and two small weekend digs with the state’s amateur archeological society. At Fort Hays a sixth season of excavations continued and very nearly completed the interpretive development of the site. This year the work was centered on the remaining foundations within the principal fort complex. The project included exposing the remaining foundations of the surgeons’ quarters, the post bakery, and the coal shed. In addition, one portion of the major post dump and several latrine vaults were excavated, and a considerable number of artifacts were recovered. However, the evidence of prior excavation by relic hunters indicated substantial amounts of material had already been removed.

Stabilization work was completed on the foundations of the officers’ quarters and one enlisted men’s barracks. The original stone footings were incomplete or in a very poor state of preservation. New stone was brought in and placed on a sand and mortar base to simulate the original stone. This technique brought the foundations up to the present ground level and gives visitors a better idea of the size and overall configurations of the buildings situated around the parade ground.

The Society’s second principal field excavation was conducted in Lake Scott State Park in July and August. Within the park are the remains of a Southwestern type pueblo structure which has been identified from historic sources as El Cuartelejo pueblo. During the late 17th and early 18th centuries the valley area was occupied by Cuartelejo Apache villages and perhaps at two different intervals by fugitive pueblo peoples, the Taos and Picuris. The pueblo ruins have been excavated several times by professionals as well as relic hunters and it was the purpose of this summer’s dig to determine what
was left of the pueblo and to expose adjacent features and recover artifact materials which remain around the structure. The second phase of the work, to be done this fall, is to reconstruct the pueblo ruins, wall bases, stone hearths, and adobe floors. Then the site can be left open, and with appropriate markers will serve as an in-place museum for park visitors.

This summer it was found that very little of the actual structure remains, but traces of the wall lines as well as the stone hearths were found. Excavations beyond the limits of the pueblo revealed three large borrow pit areas, originally dug for adobe to build the pueblo walls, which had been utilized as dumps. A large number of stone, bone, and pottery specimens were found. Among these were several sherds of pueblo origin, burned corn cobs, and one restorable Apache pot. Evidence was also found of a portalis or ramada-like structure which was built along the entire south side of the pueblo. This was marked by deeply set posts which originally had been wedged with bison bone.

A survey of the proposed Onaga reservoir area, to be located some 40 miles northwest of Topeka, was completed during the spring and early summer. Nine historic and 40 prehistoric sites were located. These, when added to sites located during a previous survey by the Missouri River Basin Survey of the Smithsonian Institution, bring the number of sites within the reservoir area to 96. The prehistoric period is represented by Archaic, Woodland, and Central Plains Phase cultures. Historic sites include both Pottawatomie Indians and white settlers. On four week ends in April and May, Society archaeologists supervised a class of Washburn University students in the excavation of the Guffy site in the reservoir area. From that work it was possible to identify a workshop area attributed to the Woodland Indian cultures of about 1,500 to 2,000 years ago. Finds included pottery sherds, large corner notched dart points, scrapers, knives, drills, and other stone tools.

In addition to these major projects the archeology division also supervised two digs for the state’s amateur archeological society, the Kansas Anthropological Association. A four-day dig at Alton, in a small Woodland camp area, was carried out in October, 1969, and last June another four-day dig near the Salina Burial Pit exposed the floor of a contemporary earth lodge representing the Smoky Hill aspect. Artifacts from both those digs will be preserved by the Society.

Work at Fort Scott, under a contract with the National Park Service, has been carried on intermittently for the past two years. The most recent problem was to provide information concerning features within the fort so that architectural drawings for the restoration could be completed. Work centered around the old hospital, well housing, magazine, and post bakery. The post hospital is to be reconstructed and will serve as a visitors’ center. The well housing and magazine will also be restored.

The fifth report in the Society’s anthropological series, dealing with archeological investigations in the Pomona reservoir in 1959, was published this year. This report, prepared by Roscoe Wilmeth, a former Society archeologist, presents a newly recognized culture complex which existed throughout eastern Kansas some 600 to 1,000 years ago.

**Division of Archives and Manuscripts**

From October 1, 1969, through September 30, 1970, the division answered
more than 1,300 inquiries by mail, nearly 500 by telephone, and served 911 researchers. Approximately 6,200 photocopies of records and maps were also provided.

**Public Records.**—Public records from the following state departments were transferred during the year to the division of archives and manuscripts:

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In addition to the records listed above, the division received records of the county superintendent’s office of Osborne county, some of which were microfilmed and returned to the county for permanent preservation. One hundred and forty-three cubic feet of Board of Agriculture records have been placed on 113 reels of microfilm during the past year.

**Private Manuscripts.**—The manuscript division accessioned 39 cubic feet of manuscripts, 16 reels of microfilm, and one magnetic tape recording this year.

Among the papers received were those of Theodore R. Schellenberg, former assistant to the archivist of the United States and a native Kansan. Besides documents pertaining to Dr. Schellenberg’s public career as an archivist the collection includes papers of his grandfather, Abraham Schellenberg, a Mennonite elder and farmer, and of his father, A. L. Schellenberg, prominent Kansas newspaperman. Dr. Schellenberg’s professional life is recorded in clippings, letters, speeches, and articles.

From the estate of his widow, the Society received a large collection of manuscripts and correspondence dealing with the career of one of Kansas’ most successful magazine authors, Nelson Antrim Crawford. From 1914 until 1925 Crawford was chairman of the department of journalism at Kansas State
University. Then he became director of information for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In 1928 he was named editor of *Household* magazine, which position he held until 1951. He then edited and published *Author and Journalist*, a magazine for writers. In the 1960’s he served as professor of scientific writing at the Menninger Foundation. The collection contains correspondence with other writers as well as drafts of some of Crawford’s own manuscripts.

The Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Manhattan, gave a large group of business records and correspondence pertaining to the defunct Midland Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Newton.

Mrs. Hazel Gordon of Fort Scott gave a group of papers concerning the development of towns in the Indian territory. The collection, which has not yet been processed, promises to provide a great deal of information about that interesting area of speculative business.

The Kansas Bankers Association, Topeka, gave records containing minutes of its meetings from 1908 to 1941.

Even after more than a century Civil War materials continue to make their appearance. This year Willetta C. Black of Baxter Springs gave the diary of William C. Black, who served in the Eighth Kansas infantry regiment. The diary covers the years 1863 and 1864. Mrs. Robert S. Raymond, Athens, Ohio, lent the diary of J. M. Raymond, Co. I, 101st Ohio infantry (1862-1865) for microfilming, while C. L. Firestone, Albuquerque, N. M., lent that of Eloy Hottin who served in Co. K, 76th Illinois infantry from 1863 to 1865.

Mrs. Richard Cook, Scottsdale, Ariz., lent the papers and scrapbook of Lewis W. Keplinger for filming. Keplinger was a member of Co. A, 32d Illinois infantry and of John Wesley Powell’s Colorado expedition of 1868. From 1870 to 1928 he was a prominent Kansas attorney. Irene M. Williams, Topeka, lent copies of rolls of Shawnee-Cherokees for 1869 and 1889 and of the Delawares for 1898. Mrs. Albert Reitzel, Stilesville, Ind., lent for microfilming the papers of Milton Hadley and the Charles Allen family (1854-1894). These collections contain considerable information about the Kansas Vegetarian Company.

More church records were placed on microfilm. Dr. Emory Lindquist, Wichita, lent for copying the records of Bethany Lutheran Church, Lindsborg (1869-1954), and Southwestern College, Winfield, lent lists of churches and ministers in the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church.

*Photographs and Maps.*—During the year the Society’s still photograph collection was increased by 3,602. The bulk of these were gifts or lent for copying while the remainder were taken by the Society’s staff or transferred from other departments. Fifty-three motion picture films were received, 33 of which came from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad.

A number of local historical societies once again provided the Society with opportunities to copy a great many pictures for the permanent collection with Anderson, Clark, Greeley, Kingman, and Wilson counties offering the greatest number.

Through the cooperation of William Bain of Topeka the Society arranged to borrow a collection of more than 400 negatives from the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, Springfield, Mo. These provide an excellent pictorial record of Frisco motive power, rolling stock, depots, and yards in Kansas. Nearly 200
photographs of early 20th century Santa Fe construction in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas were donated by Jona Brubaker of Oildale, Calif. Calvin Manon of Shawnee Mission lent for copying several pictures illustrating street railway operations in the greater Kansas City area.

Early Neodesha views came from Joe Allen of Neodesha; and Mrs. Robert Baughman, Liberal, gave a large collection relating to western Kansas agriculture and the towns of Liberal and Plains. Dr. William Black, Pittsburg, again donated several photographs of mining activity in the southeastern Kansas region. Sixty photographs of the 22d Kansas volunteer regiment in camp in Virginia, given by Judith Byrd and Philip R. Mason of Eugene, Ore., added greatly to the Society’s Spanish-American War material.

Pictures collected by the late Dr. Robert Taft during his many years of research on Kansas and the American West came from his estate; and Margaret Ayres Weigester, Washington, D. C., donated four albums depicting the history of the U. S. S. Wichita in World War II. Other large groups of pictures came from Mrs. E. G. Blackburn of Courtland, Mrs. Arlene Pritchard of Linwood, and Mrs. William Short of Elmwood. The U. S. navy in Kansas is represented by a collection donated by the navy upon the deactivation of the Olathe Naval Air Station.

The Society again supplied a great many researchers with copies of photographs, and also produced hundreds of prints in connection with its architectural survey of Kansas structures. In summary, more than 1,600 orders were filled and nearly 12,000 prints processed. Thirty-two major publishers in the United States, England, and Germany requested illustrative material during the year, as did several television stations in this country.

Fifty-seven new maps and atlases have been accessioned, most of which are recent issues of the United States Geological Survey.

**Library**

In spite of strikes, drought, student unrest, and political activity, the library received 10,591 requests for historical information. This is an increase of 15 percent over the previous year and represents the largest percentage increase for a single year. Many of these requests concerned famous and infamous Kansans: Carry Nation, John Steuart Curry, the Dultons, and the Benders; but contemporary interests were represented in questions about Mexicans in Kansas, women printers, walking catfish, Afro-Americans, marijuana, and soap box derby.

One of the more dramatic questions was asked by a high school student who inquired simply for material on the time the Holy Ghost came to Topeka. Apparently she needed information on Charles Fox Parham and the Bethel Bible College.

President Nixon’s visit to Kansas State University, Manhattan, created a considerable amount of interest in other Presidential trips to Kansas on the part of newspaper, radio, and television personnel, who were surprised at the number of Presidents or Presidential candidates who had visited the state.

Other questions ranged all the way from lists of American loyalists in revolutionary times to a recipe for sour dough and plans for a wagon-train wedding. Several inquiries came from foreign countries. One from Argentina concerned the use of the word “radium” as the name of a Stafford county town.
Genealogy again accounted for a large part of the research done in the library. Our collection attracts genealogists and genealogical questions from great distances, and through it we are able to answer many questions which are not genealogical in origin. Biographers often wish to contact next of kin in order to find letters and pictures for their books. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease’s daughter Louise married Epes Winthrop Sargent, VI, a member of a prominent New England family, whose genealogy provided Richard Stiller of New York with help in locating her grandson while he was working on his book, _Queen of Populists_. He obtained a number of photographs and programs which he later gave to the Society.

Mrs. Mary Montanucci, an August graduate of the library school at Emporia, joined the staff September 1, replacing Mrs. Shirley Borglund.

During the year a row of new stacks was added on the main floor of the library to provide more space for the growing collections. Adequate space is becoming one of our most urgent problems.

On May 1, 1970, the historical library invited special librarians and others interested who were in Topeka for the Kansas Library Association’s annual meeting to tour the library and other departments of the Society. After the tour coffee and homemade cookies were served to about 85 people.

Two 1970 atlases published by the Tri-Tabula Company, Minneapolis, Minn., have been presented to the library. These contain numerous pictures in addition to the township plats and a directory of patrons listing considerable family information. The Reno county atlas was presented by Mrs. Vernon McArthur, Hutchinson; that for McPherson county was donated by the publisher.

Friends of Jesse B. Dodson, Manhattan, contributed money to buy books in his memory. Seventeen were purchased and memorial bookplates placed on the inside front covers. Last December Mr. Dodson himself had given money to buy 10 books. Other gifts of money to buy books were received from Mrs. Lela Barnes, Topeka; the Daughters of American Colonists, Kansas Society; the U. S. Daughters of the War of 1812 in Kansas; and Harriett Welman, Topeka. The P. E. O. again gave their magazine and a contribution for binding it.

The largest single collection of books received by the library this year was from the Nelson Antrim Crawford estate and included his nationally famous collection of books about cats. Other collections received consisted of Santa Fe and other railroad material given by Jona Brubaker, Oildale, Calif.; kindergarten books from Mrs. John Cain, Topeka; sheet music from John Ripley, Topeka; miscellaneous material from the Kansas Poetry Society; Camp Phillips miscellany from Leland Raymond, Sedgwick; 23 volumes of American Bankers’ Association _Proceedings_ from the Kansas Bankers’ Association; 44 Methodist and E. U. B. church histories from the duplicate collection of the commission on archives and history, Kansas West Conference, United Methodist Church, Winfield; miscellaneous pamphlets from the Ernest Lamb estate, and Kansas history clippings from Mrs. M. J. Patterson, Lawrence.

Kansas records received included alphabetical arrangements of the 1880 federal census for Kansas for Davis (later Geary), Ellsworth, and Riley counties, compiled by Earl G. Darby, Manhattan; and a transcription of the 1890 Clark county census with an index, prepared by Katherine C. Harper, Dodge City. Another item containing Kansas as well as Missouri records is a
list of funerals and marriages at which the Rev. L. H. Barnum officiated. A
photocopy of this was given by his daughter, Mrs. Ben Franklin, Topeka. The
D. A. R., Kansas society, gave a volume of source material including Bible
records, wills, and Kansas marriages.

Erik Paul Conard, Chanute, donated a copy of his dissertation, “History
of Kansas’ Closed Colleges” as did Charles Richard Denton, Wayne, Neb., his
“American Unitarians, 1830-1865: a Study of Religious Opinion on War,
Slavery, and the Union”; and Leland Lengel, McPherson, his “The Righteous
Cause; Some Religious Aspects of Kansas Populism.” Another gift dealing
also with the Populists was the thesis of Harold R. Smith of Lakin, “Populist
Study in Need of Revision: a Case Study of Kearny County, Kansas, in the
Populist Era.” Additional theses and dissertations were acquired on microfilm.

This year there is a wealth of new local histories. More than 30 cities,
towns, and counties, to say nothing of churches and civic clubs, have been
celebrating centennials and many prepared printed histories for the occasion.
As many of these as possible were obtained by donation from interested per-
sons or through purchase. There are undoubtedly some that were missed.
These could be added to the collection by residents of the communities which
would be to their advantage as well as the library’s. Among the donors were
Verna M. Byers, Topeka, who gave a copy of The Beattie Story, 1870-1970;
Dallas Cordill, Osborne, who presented Niles Endsey’s History of Bull City;
and Mrs. Betty Eaton of Ellis, who sent The Centennial Story of Ellis, 1870,
by Kitty Dale. Donated by their compilers were History of Osage City and
Osage County by Oscar A. Copple; The First 100 Years of the North Solomon
Valley, 1870-1970; a Brief History Encompassing the Gaylord, Harlan and
Cedar Communities by Carl E. Motter; and Official Centennial History of

Other histories given by their compilers include Raymond Flory’s McPherson
at Fifty—a Kansas Community in the 1920’s; and Margaret L. Pile’s “And
Greeley County Began.”

As their research project for the year, the Woman’s Kansas Day Club chose
“Old Hotels and Inns of Kansas.” The material collected was presented to
the library at the club’s annual meeting on January 29.

One hundred and twenty-seven reels of microfilm of federal census records
were added this year. Eighty-nine were gifts of the National Society of
Colonial Dames of America in the State of Kansas. Others were gifts of
Margaret Dunning chapter, Daughters of American Colonists, Topeka;
Daughters of Colonial Wars, Kansas society; William Frink, Topeka; Mrs.
John W. Gibson, Wichita; and Mrs. Raymond Millbrook, Topeka.

Other microfilm received as gifts during the year included Dr. Howard
Moses’ Moses Family on two reels, presented by his daughter-in-law, Mrs.
Horace Moses; Myrtle Jenkins’ Vallet-Vallette-Vallette of Rhode Island, given
by P. W. Jenkins, Chicago; Indexes to Compiled Service Records: War of 1812
for North and South Carolina, donated by the United States Daughters of 1812
in Kansas; and a third reel of the “Ancestral Papers of the Colonial Dames,”
which brings their records down to April, 1970.

Two especially interesting items lent for filming were Ray Hilner’s “Clippings
on the Topeka Street Railway” through John Ripley; and W. A. Culp’s “History
of Montgomery County Public Schools” by the Montgomery County Historical
Society.
A set of microcards for the *Maltby Genealogy* containing supplementary material compiled by the late F. A. Maltby of Baldwin was presented by his sister Mrs. Lora M. Uts, Davenport, Iowa.

Compilers of family history, both in the state and out, as well as authors of poetry, Kansas reminiscences, and biography, have been generous in donating their books. These and other books of Kansas and general interest are regularly listed as “Recent Additions to the Library” and published annually in *The Kansas Historical Quarterly*.

Library accessions, October 1, 1969-September 30, 1970, were:

**Bound volumes**

**Books**
- Kansas ........................................... 308
- General ........................................ 865
- Genealogy and local history .................. 183
- Indians and the West .......................... 158
- Kansas state publications .................... 128

**Total** ........................................... 1,642
- Clippings ........................................ 23
- Periodicals ..................................... 331

**Total, bound volumes** ........................ 1,996
- Microcards (titles) ............................ 1
- Microfilm (reels) .............................. 144

**Pamphlets**
- Kansas ........................................... 1,040
- General ........................................ 256
- Genealogy and local history .................. 76
- Indians and the West .......................... 36
- Kansas state publications .................... 134

**Total, pamphlets** ............................. 1,542

**MICROFILM DIVISION**

Production of 35mm microfilm totaled 528 rolls, an increase of 35 percent over the previous year. Another 24 rolls of 16mm film containing 61,481 exposures were also completed. Newspapers constitute 380 rolls of 35mm film, archival and manuscript materials 140 rolls, and the balance—library and miscellaneous items.

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Hillsboro ....... Vorwaerts [Journal] (w), June 5, 1908-December 31, 1920 .......... 4½
Marion ......... Record (w), January 4, 1901-December 25, 1969 ....................... 31
Medicine Lodge ... Barber County Index (w), January 7, 1932-December 31, 1964 .......... 16½
Osawatomie ...... Graphic-News (w), January 6, 1966-December 25, 1969 .................... 6
Wichita .......... Beacon (d), September 1, 1884-November 10, 1921; January 1, 1926-March 15, 1940 ..................... 219
Winfield ........ College Advocate, January-May, 1891, and Collegian (w), October, 1894-May 15, 1970 ..................... 5½

Work on the Wichita Beacon, which began last April, is continuing.

Other newspapers microfilmed, most of them short runs, include the Atchison Freedom’s Champion, February 20, 1858-February 6, 1868, and Weekly Champion, March 4, 1871-February 18, 1882; Cimarron New West and New West-Echo, March 22, 1879-January 14, 1882, and February 7, 1885-May 18, 1895; Cimarron Optic, July 11-September 28, 1879; Thomas County Democrat, Colby, August 12, 1888-March, 1889; Lakin Index, May 3, 1890-April 22, 1898; Lakin Investigator, April 13, 1898-January 6, 1911; Lakin Pioneer Democrat, December 5, 1885-June 7, 1890, and several other Kearny county newspapers; and the Kansas Freeman, October 10, 1855-March 30, 1856, and the Kansas Methodist, January, 1879-December, 1888, both of Topeka. Several out-of-state newspapers were also filmed, among them Lucifer the Light-Bearer, Chicago, January 4-December 26, 1901; Coxey’s Daily, October 21-November 6, 1895; and Sound Money, June 6, 1895-February 20, 1897, both of Massillon, Ohio; Parkville (Mo.) Industrial Luminary, July 26, 1853-April 13, 1855, and Weekly Southern Democrat, July 21, 1855-February 5, 1857; and short runs of several western Colorado papers.

Principal archival materials microfilmed were the 1885 Kansas census, 129 rolls of 35mm film, and the 1960 and 1961 “Population Schedules of Cities,” 24 rolls of 16mm film. Some manuscript and library materials were also filmed.

MUSEUM

There were 73,170 visitors to the museum during the year, about 2,000 more than the previous year. Twenty percent came with school classes or other organized groups. Of these, 288 groups, a total of nearly 5,000 people, were given guided tours. This is a 60 percent increase in the number of guided tours over the previous year. The continued help of volunteer guides, who are beginning their fifth year of service, makes it possible to conduct our education program on this higher scale. Mrs. Roy Jaquith, one of the original volunteers, died during the year, but public thanks is due her, and the other dedicated women who continue to give such fine assistance.

The portable exhibit program for the Topeka junior high schools is continuing. Started several years ago, these popular exhibit cases, on Kansas
historical subjects, are prepared by the museum staff and paid for by the Topeka public schools. This year the last of the original exhibits was returned to the museum and the first of a new series has been sent to the schools.

Exhibits have been prepared regularly for the display cases in the capitol rotunda. Subjects of new displays this year included "Carry Nation," "Dr. Arthur Hertzler," "the Katy railroad," "20th Kansas," "Osa Johnson," "Historical Society archeology in 1969," "To the Stars Through Politics," "Medicine in Kansas," "The Lone Tree Massacre," and "Firefighting in Kansas." An exhibit featuring early Republic county newspapers was installed at the Pawnee Indian Village Museum and displays on Indians in Kansas and Bitters bottles were prepared for Fort Hays. New exhibits for the Washington County Pony Express station included Hollenberg, the Pony Express, and Indian artifacts. For the Memorial building new exhibits included "The Louisiana Purchase," "Battleship Kansas," china, and silver. The new school cases were titled "Education 1900," "Spencerian Writing," and "Buffalo Soldiers." The staff also prepared a display for the annual Topeka antique show held last month.

John B. Carmichael, a recent graduate of Fort Hays Kansas State College, joined the museum staff in March, replacing James Marler. James Ryan also performed valuable service for several months as a volunteer and for a short time as a paid employee. Ryan made a study of clothing from 1850 to 1920 and then dated and described each item in our clothing collection. Under his direction, Mrs. Mamie Bulmer, Mrs. Sue Goodwin, Mrs. Ruth Washburn, and Mrs. Edna Hickox, volunteers from Brewster Place, repaired the damaged and deteriorated articles. Ryan left in September to become registrar of the Kansas City (Mo.) Museum of History and Science.

In August, 1970, Stan Sohl, museum director, was appointed to the executive committee of the council of the American Association of Museums.

This year 186 collections, including 3,645 items, were donated, a 50% increase in the number of objects over last year. Since many of these single items had numerous parts to be recorded and numbered separately, the actual number of pieces accessioned was well over 4,000.

Among the new donations were a collection of buttons and badges from Mrs. W. H. Alderman, St. Paul, Minn.; furnishings for a railroad station, A. T. & S. F. railroad through Carl A. Watson, Topeka; an Estey pedal organ from Mrs. Olive Beauch, Belleville; clothing (89 items) from George R. Baker, Jr., Wamego; a collection of advertising cards from Mrs. Robert W. Baughman, Liberal; Viet Cong uniforms, South Vietnamese passes and propaganda leaflets from Ssg. Dean Byrne, Security, Colo.; sand casting patterns and prototype of a liquid fuel stove, John Carlson, Topeka; U. S. M. C. medals, Mrs. Walter Dodd, Salinas, Calif.; clothing, furniture and sporting equipment, Lyal Dudley, Topeka; 160 pieces of photography equipment, tools, ice skates, and other items, Dr. Newell O. Feeley, Topeka; about 600 empty packages and bottles from a drugstore, Mrs. Terry Foltz, Hutchinson; clarinet and case, Sen. Ben Foster, Wichita; child's wooden express wagon, Mrs. Florence Gatewood, Sylvan Grove, through Ross Gatewood, Topeka; satirical valentines, Catherine Hathaway, Topeka; political badges, Mrs. Jane M. Hergenreiter, Topeka; a rare Sibley stove and statue of Henry Ward Beecher by John Rodgers, from Herschel C. Logan, Tustin, Calif.; household items from Mrs. William L. Lowry, Kansas City, Mo.;
nearly 1,400 contemporary children's items from Madeline Dean Martin, Dallas, Tex.; Polaroid camera and equipment, Mrs. Will Menninger, Topeka; about 200 agricultural items including wagons from Mrs. Ted North, Hollywood, Calif.; World War II military items, Leland Raymond, Sedgwick; model of the U.S.S. Kansas made by Dr. Thomas Millard, from Mrs. Arlene Millard Shortt, La Canada, Calif.; Pony Express centennial plaque, Waeddell Smith, San Rafael, Calif.; 27 World War I AEF items, estate of Clif Stratton, Topeka; drugstore shelves and fixtures, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. St. John, Olathe; women's clothing and accessories, 50 items, Mrs. Ida L. Swearingen, Topeka; collection of buttons and pins, Mrs. Alberta Thompson, Wichita; collection of material associated with the U.S.S. Wichita, and other items, Mr. and Mrs. W. Frederick Weigester, Washington, D.C.; contemporary U.S. army uniforms, R. Reid Whitaker, Lansing; and a child's chest and doll clothing, estate of Dorothy Brown Southwick through Agnes Wilson, South Bend, Ind.

Other donors included Mrs. Dario Alonzo, Hutchinson; Wallace Baker, Topeka; Willetta C. Black, Baxter Springs; Ona J. Blankship, Corwin; William Brandenburg, Topeka; Jona Brubaker, Oldsdale, Calif.; Juanita Dignon Bullock, Topeka; Jeanette M. Cochrane, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Terry R. Conkin, Jr., Abilene; Henry Corbett, Topeka; Mrs. Mabel Cowan, Topeka; Mrs. Richard L. Davis, Topeka; Ronald H. Davis, Topeka; Detroit Historical Commission; Mrs. Charles E. Dougherty, Washington, D.C.; Jeanette Emert, Topeka; Charles O. Erickson, Topeka; Mrs. T. J. Erwin, Topeka; Mabel Ford, Moran; Mrs. Dean R. Giles, Shawnee Mission; Tessie Gillis, Canada; Melvin Goff, Topeka; Mrs. Fredda Goodman, Topeka; Mrs. Virginia Gower, Topeka; Walter F. Granger, Topeka; Mrs. Zula B. Greene, Topeka; Sarah C. Haller, Topeka; Cecil Hammeman, Topeka; Mrs. Frank Helm, Topeka; Burton Hill, Topeka; family of Carolyn R. Holm, Council Grove; Mrs. Laura Holt, through Mrs. Ibbi Stauffer, Ulysses; Mary E. Hopkins, Topeka; Mrs. Kenneth N. Johnson, Des Moines, Iowa; LaDow Johnson, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Karl Klewer, Topeka; Sherman Krause, Lansing; Mary A. Lane, Topeka; Dr. W. R. Leuz, Topeka; Helen B. Lichty, Kansas City, Mo.; Paul Lundgren, Topeka; Larry R. Maddox, Topeka; Hattie Miller, Republic; Al Moore, Jr., Topeka; Mrs. Margaret R. Moore, Topeka; Mrs. George Moore, Pratt; Richard A. Orzulak, Girard; William L. Oswald, Hutchinson; J. L. Pfalser, Caney; Ruth Platt, Topeka; Mrs. Helen Rees, Topeka; Mrs. M. L. Ross, Altadena, Calif.; Mrs. Edna J. Windett Scheiner, Topeka; estate of Prof. Elise Neven Schwander, Topeka, through Marjorie A. Ward, Topeka; Gwendolyn Shakeshaft, Long Beach, Calif.; Irwin E. Smith, Leesburg, Fla.; Maj. H. E. Starr, Topeka; Mrs. Martha Stephens, Topeka; Betty Stowers, Topeka; Topeka Fire Department, Topeka; W. Keith Weltmer, Lawrence; Wichita Centennial Inc., Wichita; N. Fay Woodward, Lawrence; Wendell Wold, Little Rock, Ark.

NEWSPAPER AND CENSUS DIVISION

A total of 8,325 patrons visited the newspaper and census division this year, almost a thousand more than the previous year. However, inquiries received by mail dropped slightly to 2,578. Over 2,000 certified copies of census and newspaper records were furnished for use by persons attempting to get delayed birth certificates, to qualify for social security or some other retirement program, and for family history purposes. In providing this service the staff made over
8,000 searches in newspapers, census volumes, and microfilm reels. The recent transfer of school administrators and teachers to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System has caused a noticeable increase in the requests for census records in the past few months.

In addition the division has furnished hundreds of photocopies and microfilm reader-printer copies of newspaper articles. In cases where full newspaper pages have been requested, arrangements were made for having photostatic copies prepared by a commercial firm.

The public and Society personnel have made use of 10,104 census volumes, 8,949 bound volumes of newspapers, 5,036 single issues of newspapers, and 5,426 reels of microfilm. This is a substantial increase in the use of bound newspaper volumes and microfilm.

The space problem which has been closing in on us for years has now become serious. When the 1969 bound volumes of the weekly newspapers were ready to file there was no place for some of them. Their file sections were full. It was necessary to move several of these weekly files into scattered spaces among the daily papers. This is a most unsatisfactory arrangement but will have to serve until space is available to expand the weekly files in a more orderly manner.

The Society continues to receive almost all Kansas newspapers from the publishers, which are sent without charge. Extra copies for clipping purposes are also being given by several publishers, and 17 are donating microfilmed copies of their current issues.

Kansas newspapers currently received by the Society include: 56 dailies, eight triweekly, 12 semimonthlies, 280 weeklies, and 102 published less frequently. This is a total of 458, four less than last year. Of these 311 are community newspapers while the remaining 147 are school, church, trade, and miscellaneous publications. Twelve out-of-state newspapers are currently received.

During the year 524 bound volumes of Kansas newspapers were added to the files, raising the total to 64,222. Eighteen volumes of out-of-state newspapers were acquired, bringing that file to 12,208 volumes. The Society added 478 reels of newspapers on microfilm to its files, making a total of 12,462 reels.

Among the older newspapers acquired during the year were: Salem Record, July 2, 1880, and Salem Gimlet, March 1, 1882, donated by Ray Myers, Lebanon; Look-out, Lawrence, August 1, 1875, donated by Ruth Marie Field, Hollywood, Calif.; Kansas Reporter, Louisville, September 30, 1881, Louisville Republican, April 6, 1882, and Semi-weekly Republican, Louisville, July 9, 1884, donated by Katherine Bittmann, Des Moines, Iowa; and Kansas Daily Tribune, Topeka, March 7, 1856, donated by J. Chester Molyneux, Jamestown, N. Y. Runs of two service papers were donated by Robert Sanders, Topeka: Prairie Schooner, Camp Phillips, October 9, 1942-October 1, 1943, and the Impact, Schilling Air Force Base, September 26, 1958-September 23, 1960, November 10, 1961-November 8, 1963. A group of photostatic copies of issues of out-of-state newspapers, mostly for 1863, accumulated by the late Robert Taft, were given by his children, Robert W. Taft, Corona Del Mar, Calif., and Mrs. Dorothy Harney, Commerce, Tex.

Other donors of older newspapers were: the Robert W. Baughman estate, Liberal; William J. Brandenburg, Jr., Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. Ira F. Coleman,
Colorado Springs, Colo., through Gov. Robert Docking, Topeka; John Cummings, Topeka; Bill Friehly, Crestline; Iowa Historical Library, Des Moines, Iowa; Lloyd R. Miller, Anthony; Mrs. Charles L. Mitchell, Topeka; Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln; Richard Still, New York; the late Gene R. Swenson, by Homer Swenson, Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Unruh, Boulder, Colo., through Mrs. Frank Hodge, Hutchinson; and the Meda J. Woodmansee estate, Hutchinson.

Historic Sites

First Territorial Capitol, Fort Riley reservation.—During the past fiscal year, July 1, 1969, to June 30, 1970, registered visitors at the First Territorial Capitol totaled 9,765. There were 6,276 from Kansas and the remaining 3,489 came from the other 49 states, the District of Columbia and 21 foreign countries. No untoward incidents occurred during this period, a welcome change from the previous report, and in general the First Capitol enjoyed a successful but uneventful year.

Frontier Historical Park, Hays.—The excellent attendance at Old Fort Hays continued this year, and this place leads all our historic sites in number of visitors. There were 29,227 registered from all 50 states, eight Canadian provinces, and 43 foreign countries. In addition an estimated 20 percent did not register and another estimated 30,000 people used the park for picnics and other recreation. This means a grand total of about 65,000 who took advantage of the museum and park facilities.

Because Fort Hays is located at the south edge of the city of Hays and very close to Interstate 70 many of the visitors are tourists who stop off for an overnight stay. Since these people often like to visit a museum in the evening, visiting hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day have been extended to 9 P.M. This is a convenience to visitors but a real problem for the staff, which is not sufficient to man the three buildings 12 hours a day, six and a half days a week. A little more help is needed, and has been requested in the budget for next year.

Archeological work at the fort is virtually completed. Some stabilization of old foundations will be done next summer, and budget requests include funds for renovation of the frame officer’s quarters and construction of a parking area for visitors. It is hoped that a major part of this expense can be funded with federal-state money under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Funston Memorial Home, near Iola.—Registered visitors totaled 1,336, of whom 630 were Kansans and 706 from 21 other states. The house has been painted and roof damage caused by a windstorm has been repaired. The caretaker does his best, and keeps the property neat and clean, and we continue to work on the problem of inadequate attendance. This month an open house was held at the home, with friends from Iola participating. There was a good attendance which will show in next year’s figures.

Iowa, Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission, near Highland.—There were 2,112 Kansans and 3,388 people from 44 other states and 11 foreign countries, a total of 5,500 registered visitors. Last year’s request for funds to replace the main roof of the building was approved and a contract has been let. This should put the Mission in good physical condition.
John Brown Museum, Osawatomie.—Thirteen foreign countries and 43 states in addition to Kansas were represented by visitors at the John Brown Museum during the year. Of the total of 6,210, there were 4,654 from Kansas and 1,556 from other states and countries.

Last spring an Italian television crew filmed scenes in the cabin and also photographed several of the case displays for a documentary to be shown on Italy’s national TV network. The displays had been installed only a few weeks earlier, and members of the TV crew seemed to find them interesting.

Kaw Methodist Mission, Council Grove.—Visitor registration was 9,064. There were 7,216 from Kansas and 1,848 from the other 49 states, the District of Columbia, and 18 foreign countries. Seven Indian tribes were also represented.

Experience has shown that the concrete parking area built last year is adequate in size for the present, and it has therefore been decided that the proposed addition mentioned in the last report can be delayed. The building and grounds are in good condition, and no major projects are planned for the near future.

Marais des Cygnes Massacre Park, Linn county.—This attractive site, although it is about five miles from a main highway, was visited last year by about 7,500 people. There were 2,320 registered visitors from Kansas and 2,203 from 35 other states and seven foreign countries, plus an estimated 3,000 others who used the park facilities, including the museum, but did not register.

Pawnee Indian Village Museum, Republic county.—Registration last year totaled 10,286, less than the preceding year, but it is hoped that the number of visitors will increase as improvements continue to be made on US-36. There were 5,848 Kansans and 4,438 people from the other 49 states, the District of Columbia, and 17 foreign countries. Considering the fact that this museum is eight miles from the main highway and that highway informational signs are somewhat less than adequate, the number of visitors is quite respectable.

Pawnee Rock Historical Park, Barton county.—No record of visitors to this site is kept because there is no caretaker. Housekeeping chores are performed by the Pawnee Rock Lions Club under the terms of an agreement with the Society.

Pony Express Station, Hanover.—The Pony Express station reported 6,145 registered visitors, 2,822 from Kansas and 3,323 from 43 other states and eight foreign countries. An additional 2,400 were estimated to have visited the museum without registering and another 1,900 used the picnic facilities.

Shawnee Methodist Mission, Johnson county.—Of the 20,302 visitors who registered last year, 10,869 were from Kansas and the balance from the 49 other states, the District of Columbia and 35 foreign countries. An estimated 4,000 did not register. The visitor count is expected to increase substantially now that heating and air-conditioning has been installed.

Thanks are due again to the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society, the Daughters of American Colonists, the Colonial Dames, the Daughters of 1812, and the Daughters of the American Revolution for their continued interest and support.
Goodnow House, Manhattan.—Isaac T. Goodnow, called "the father of the Kansas public school system," one of the first state superintendents of public instruction, and a founder of Bluemont College, which became Kansas State University, bought a small cabin in Manhattan in 1861. Here he lived for the rest of his life, adding rooms and improving the place until in the 1870's he had a comfortable stone house. This property, at 2301 Claflin Road, was donated to the state by the owners, Mrs. Loyal F. Payne and the late Mr. Payne. However, it has not been officially accepted by the Society because a local group, the Goodnow Memorial Museum Association, wishes to renovate the house in order that it may be turned over in good condition. This work and transfer should be accomplished by next spring or summer, and an operating budget for the next fiscal year has been submitted as part of the regular budget request. It is also hoped that federal funds, to be available under the National Historic Preservation Act, can help to complete the renovation of the barn and carriage house.

Grinter Place, Muncie.—The 1969 legislature authorized acceptance of Grinter Place and its operation as a historic site/museum by the Society whenever the property should be donated to the state. An organization called Friends of Grinter Place was organized by the Kansas City Junior League to raise funds for the purchase of the property. The purchase is expected to be completed next spring, so a budget has been prepared and sent to the state budget division to cover operation starting next July 1. Matching funds to help renovate the property are also expected to be available from the federal government.

Subjects for Research

Subjects of extended research in the Society's collections included: Anglo-American-Dutch petroleum industry in Mexico, 1900-1914; the case of Brown et al. v. Topeka Board of Education; the Civil War in Indian Territory; demographic behavior in small Midwest market towns; "ghost" colleges; Great Plains water supply; histories of Chautauqua, Cheyenne, and McPherson counties; Lawrence architecture; life in Kansas, 1900-1925; madstones; Negro biography; Populist thought as shown in southwestern Kansas newspapers; the role of the army in Western exploration; "suitcase farming" in Kansas; Swedish immigrant culture in Lindsborg; the Topeka public library; and white buffalo. Subjects of biographical research included: Mrs. George A. Custer, Frederick Funston, Mary Elizabeth Lease, and Dr. Abraham Still.
Bound volumes

Books
- Kansas: 13,289
- General: 65,404
- Genealogy and local history: 12,689
- Indians and the West: 2,579
- Kansas state publications: 3,986

Total, books: 97,947

Clippings: 1,541
Periodicals: 20,794

Total, bound volumes: 120,282

Manuscripts (archives and private papers, cubic feet): 6,607
Maps, atlases, and lithographs: 6,621
Microcards (titles): 191

Microfilm (reels)
- Books and other library materials: 1,450
- Newspapers: 12,462
- Public archives and private papers: 3,352

Total, microfilm reels: 17,264

Newspapers (bound volumes)
- Kansas: 64,222
- Out-of-state: 12,208

Total, newspaper bound volumes: 76,430

Paintings and drawings: 1,175

Pamphlets
- Kansas: 106,908
- General: 44,343
- Genealogy and local history: 4,560
- Indians and the West: 1,391
- Kansas state publications: 10,399

Total, pamphlets: 167,601

Photographs

Still photographs
- Black and white: 59,018
- Color prints, transparencies, and slides: 912
- Motion picture film (reels): 127

Total, photographs: 60,057

The Staff of the Society

The staff appreciated a letter received last February from an Iowa family grounded in Topeka while on an air trip to Texas. It read as follows: "This will be just a note to tell you how much we enjoyed the fourth floor displays at your museum. It is well kept, well done, and most interesting. . . . We will certainly recommend a visit to everyone possible." Another note read: "You are a wonderful organization. You can put me down as one who appreciates your wonderful work."

Perhaps we're not as wonderful as all that. But we try hard, for it would
be a shame to disappoint all the fine people who come to the Society for information, education, and entertainment.

Once more I am glad to acknowledge my personal appreciation to our staff: to Edgar Langsdorf, assistant secretary; the department heads, archeologist Tom Witty, archivist Bob Richmond, librarian Mrs. George Hawley, museum director Stan Sohl, accountant Mrs. Blanche Taylor, photographer Earl Kintner; to Forrest Blackburn of the newspaper division, Joe Snell of the manuscript division, George Hawley of the microfilm division, and to building engineer Don Catron, and to all the people who work so faithfully in these various departments. Also, my sincere thanks to the custodians of the historic sites: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brownback at the First Territorial Capitol, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Erkenbrack at the Pawnee Indian Village Museum, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Foster at the Funston Memorial Home, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Legleiter and Mike Boxler at Fort Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Matney at the John Brown Museum, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Severin at the Pony Express Station, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shimic at Highland Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Trego at the Kaw Indian Mission, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wiltz at Shawnee Methodist Mission, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ziegler at Marais des Cygnes Massacre Park.

Respectfully submitted,

 NYLE H. MILLER, Secretary.

Following the reading of the secretary's report Dudley Cornish moved that it be accepted. The motion was seconded by Frank Eckdall and the report was adopted.

Mr. Seiler then called for the report of the treasurer, Edgar Langsdorf:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Based on the audit by the Department of Post-Audit, office of the Auditor of State, for the period August 22, 1969, to August 20, 1970.

MEMBERSHIP FEE FUND

Balance, August 22, 1969:
Cash, checking account .................................. $8,341.37
Cash, savings account .................................. 18,575.00
Cash on hand .............................................. 323.62
U. S. bonds .................................................. 5,000.00
Common stock, Standard Oil Co. of Ohio .............. 1,543.50

$31,783.49

Receipts:
Membership fees ........................................... $5,525.00
Interest on bonds ........................................ 261.90
Interest on savings account ............................. 1,102.54
Stock dividends .......................................... 37.80
Gifts ......................................................... 5,950.78
Gain in capital value of common stock ............... [637.00]
Group insurance premiums ............................... 1,641.51
Sales tax collections ........................................ 315.31
Sales of *Kansas: The Story Told in Pictures* ........ 880.05
Luncheon reservations ..................................... 406.25
Transfers—Clearing ....................................... 99.02

\[ \text{Total: } 15,583.16 \]

\[ \text{Balance: } 47,366.65 \]

**Disbursements:**  
- Books, pamphlets, and films ......................... 1,105.15  
- Expenses for meetings and conferences .......... 869.37  
- Group insurance premiums ............................ 1,642.31  
- Travel expense ........................................... 86.95  
- Flowers .................................................... 79.93  
- Sales tax payments ..................................... 300.88  
- Purchase of books and equipment ................. 1,206.14  
- Gifts ...................................................... 10.00  
- Wagner Research Project .............................. 2,118.39  
- Refunds .................................................. 10.00  
- Miscellaneous supplies and expenses ............ 567.37  
- Transfers—Clearing .................................... 99.02

\[ \text{Total: } 8,095.51 \]

**Balance, August 20, 1970:**  
- Cash, checking account .............................. 6,687.10  
- Cash, savings account ................................. 28,677.54  
- U. S. bonds .............................................. 5,000.00  
- Common stock, Standard Oil Co. of Ohio ....... 906.50

\[ \text{Total: } 47,366.65 \]

**Elizabeth Reader Bequest**

**Balance, August 22, 1969:**  
- Cash (deposited in Membership Fee Fund) ....... 123.88  
- U. S. bonds .............................................. 5,500.00

\[ \text{Total: } 5,623.88 \]

**Receipts:**  
- Interest on bonds (deposited in Membership Fee Fund) .................. 168.30

\[ \text{Total: } 5,792.18 \]

**Balance, August 20, 1970:**  
- Cash (deposited in Membership Fee Fund) ....... 292.18  
- U. S. bonds .............................................. 5,500.00

\[ \text{Total: } 5,792.18 \]
THE ANNUAL MEETING

JONATHAN PECKER BEQUEST

Balance, August 22, 1969:
Cash (deposited in Membership Fee Fund) .......... $17.90
U. S. bonds ........................................ 1,000.00
__________________________________________ $1,017.90

Receipts:
Interest on bonds .................................. 43.20

__________________________________________ $1,061.10

Balance, August 20, 1970:
Cash, checking account ........................... $61.10
U. S. bonds ........................................... 1,000.00
__________________________________________ $1,061.10

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JOHN BOOTH BEQUEST

Balance, August 22, 1969:
Cash, checking account ........................... $16.28
U. S. bond ........................................... 500.00
__________________________________________ $516.28

Receipts:
Interest on bond ................................... 21.60

__________________________________________ $537.88

Balance, August 20, 1970:
Cash (deposited in Membership Fee Fund) .......... $37.88
U. S. bond ........................................... 500.00
__________________________________________ $537.88

__________________________________________ $537.88

THOMAS H. BOWLUS DONATION

This donation is substantiated by a U. S. bond in the amount of $1,000. The interest is credited to the membership fee fund.

SHAWNEE MISSION MEMORIAL FUND

Balance, August 22, 1969:
Cash, savings account ................................ $336.64
Interest on savings account ........................ 14.29

Receipts:
__________________________________________ $350.93

Balance, August 20, 1970:
Cash, savings account ................................ $350.93

__________________________________________ $350.93
Balance, August 22, 1969:
Cash, checking account .................................................. $1,981.60
Receipts ........................................................................ 5,000.00

Disbursements:
Salaries and wages ............................................................... $2,363.77
Supplies and historical materials ........................................... 127.00
Transferred to state treasurer ................................................ 1,483.08

$3,973.85

Balance, August 20, 1970 ....................................................... 3,007.75

$6,981.60

Restricted Publications Account
Balance, August 22, 1969:
Cash, savings account ......................................................... $4,857.95
Cash on hand .................................................................. 38.82

Receipts:
Sales of publications
Kansas in Maps ................................................................. $818.72
Kansas in Newspapers ....................................................... 345.74
Kansas Post Offices .......................................................... 132.00

$1,296.46

Interest on savings account .................................................. 265.08

$6,458.31

Disbursements:
Storage expense (Kansas in Newspapers) .......................... $33.00
Balance, August 20, 1970:
Cash, savings account ......................................................... $6,425.31

$6,458.31

Gifts of $50 or more during the period of this report, August 22, 1969, to
August 20, 1970, were received from Ray C. Wagner, who gave $4,700; the
Colonial Dames in Kansas, $382; J. B. Dodson, $75; and the Kansas Society,
Daughters of 1812, $60. Glessa G. Tucker sent $50 in memory of Abraham
Barry, father of Louise Barry. After Mr. Dodson's death last May donations to
the J. B. Dodson memorial fund totaling $182.45 were received. Dr. T. R.
Schellenberg, a native of Marion county who went on to a distinguished career
as an archivist, died January 14, 1970. His will provided that royalties from
sales of his books should be paid to the Historical Society, and $341.08 was
received this past year.

Fourteen new life and 197 annual members were added this year. The
Society now has 1,147 life, 297 newspaper, and 614 annual members. In addition 245 persons and institutions are listed as subscribers to the Quarterly. The magazine is also sent to members of the legislature and on an exchange basis to 218 libraries and 52 other persons and institutions.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS

This report covers only the membership fee fund and other custodial funds. Appropriations made to the Society by the legislature are disbursed through the State Department of Administration. For the year ending June 30, 1970, actual expenditures of authorized state funds were: Kansas State Historical Society, including the Memorial building, $544,868; First Capitol of Kansas, $8,075; Frontier Historical Park, $43,450; Funston Memorial Home, $6,840; Highland Presbyterian Mission, $6,886; John Brown Museum, $6,162; Marais des Cygnes Massacre Memorial Park, $11,084; Kaw Methodist Mission, $6,700; Shawnee Methodist Mission, $88,856; Pawnee Rock State Park, $675; Pawnee Indian Village Museum, $11,079; and the Washington County Pony Express Station, $8,190.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR LANGSDORF, Treasurer.

Sister M. Evangeline Thomas moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Theo. A. Sanborn the report was approved.

A. Bower Sageser, chairman of the executive committee, presented the committee’s report on the audit by the state department of post-audit:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 17, 1970.

To the Board of Directors, Kansas State Historical Society:

The executive committee being directed under the bylaws to check the accounts of the treasurer, states that the State Department of Post-Audit has audited the funds of the State Historical Society, the First Capitol of Kansas, Fort Hays Frontier Historical Park, the Funston Memorial Park, Iowa Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission, John Brown Memorial Cabin, Old Kaw Mission, Marais des Cygnes Massacre Memorial Park, Pawnee Rock Historical Park, Pawnee Indian Village Museum, Old Shawnee Mission, and the Washington County Pony Express Station for the period August 23, 1969, to August 20, 1970, and that they are hereby approved.

A. BOWER SAGESER, Chairman,
JOHN W. RIPLEY,
GEORGE L. ANDERSON,
WILFORD RIEGLE,
FRANK HAUCKE.

Judge Spencer A. Gard’s motion for acceptance was seconded by W. Stitt Robinson and it was so ordered.
Mr. Sageser then read the report of the nominating committee for officers of the Society:

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE’S REPORT**

September 17, 1970.

*To the Board of Directors, Kansas State Historical Society:*

Your committee on nominations submits the following recommendations for officers of the Kansas State Historical Society:

For a one-year term: William H. Seiler, Emporia, president; Theo. A. Sanborn, Belleville, first vice-president; and William E. Treadway, Topeka, second vice-president.

For a two-year term: Edgar Langsdorf, Topeka, treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Bower Sageser, Chairman,
John W. Ripley,
George L. Anderson,
Wilford Riegle,
Frank Haucke.

The motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Harry E. Hanson, and the officers were unanimously elected.

Mr. Miller spoke briefly of the Society’s approaching centennial in 1975. This anniversary was mentioned at last year’s meeting, when it was suggested that donations to finance an appropriate observance might be deposited in a special account. However, Mr. Miller reported, no donations for that special purpose have yet been received.

Mr. Miller also mentioned the approaching bicentennial of the United States, for the observance of which national committees are being formed. It is desired that each state and locality use the opportunity to review its history, reassess its situation, count its present blessings, and develop projections for the future.

The Society has an opportunity here to combine its own centennial observance with that of the nation’s bicentennial. One major project, which has been approved by the executive committee, is the publication in book form of Louise Barry’s series of *Quarterly* articles on “Kansas Before 1854,” which has been highly praised by nationally known scholars as one of the finest contributions to Western Americana that has been made anywhere. With substantial additions and some corrections, this projected book has been tentatively titled *The Beginning of the West*.

Plans are also being considered for the publication of a small book on the Society’s first 100 years.
Mr. Miller then discussed the position of the Society as proposed by the Kansas Commission on Executive Reorganization. Among the changes suggested is the placing of the Society under the control of another state agency. Although reorganization has merit if it can reduce the number of overlapping boards, commissions, and agencies and thus contribute to increased efficiency and economy in state government, no real benefit from changing the status of the Society is evident. The experience of other states where the historical society has been placed under a larger administrative unit has shown that nothing has been gained and in fact the efficiency and initiative of the societies have suffered.

This problem was discussed at some length and those present agreed without dissent that it would be better in all respects for the Society to retain its autonomous status.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that a position paper be prepared immediately to forward to the governor, the members and staff of the reorganization commission, and to the members of the board of directors, stating the Society's reasons for preferring its present independent position. The secretary was also requested to send names of the commission members to each of the Society's board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The position paper, which follows, was mailed as directed above on October 27.

A STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society, at its annual meeting in Topeka on October 20, 1970, was apprised of proposals before the Kansas Commission on Executive Reorganization which might soon result in making the Society a subdivision of a larger administrative agency or department.

The Board unanimously agreed that the Society's present organization and status are ideally suited to its specialized responsibilities and functions, which are unique among all the agencies of state government, and that any change could only result in a loss of efficiency and initiative without any gain economically or otherwise.

As presently constituted, the Society is both a private corporation, organized and chartered by private citizens in 1875, and a legally recognized agency of the state government. In the first capacity it is controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of 99 Kansans from every section of the state and representing many walks of life. As a state agency its operations are dependent on allocation of funds by the legislature; its programs and budgets are closely scrutinized by the office of the budget director, the office of the governor, and by the legislature itself.
The Society's collections—museum, library, archives, manuscripts, newspapers, maps and photographs, archeological materials—and the excellent facilities and services it offers are known the world over, and are used by scholars and researchers of national and international reputation. People of this caliber, as well as the general public, have given frequent testimony, orally and in writing, to the high quality of the materials, their convenience of access, and the personal helpfulness of the staff. These collections have been built up over the past 95 years and are constantly being added to.

The Society can justly claim a place among the four or five ranking historical agencies in the nation and is considered a model of organizational efficiency which others seek to emulate.

Experiences in other states which have undergone governmental reorganizations, give evidence that a State Historical Society, by its very nature, should be autonomous. It should remain free from the ebb and flow of political currents, as it impartially gathers the materials of history from all.

On state reorganization, the nationally recognized historical agencies of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania—whose activities are comparable to those of the Kansas Society—retained their independence. The large and well-established Ohio Historical Society was entirely divorced from state governmental administration and now handles all of the state's historically related activities under a contract with the state. These are historical societies which share with Kansas national renown and recognition.

Professional historical society administrators across the nation seem to agree with a recent statement by the director of the Minnesota society, who is a leader in the profession, that such a society "must be autonomous to fulfill its function. . . . Its functions are unique as are the services it renders. In order to faithfully record and interpret the story of its state, it must be given the freedom necessary to do so. This can only be achieved free of political influence as a separate . . agency. . . ."

It is notable that the autonomous, independent historical societies are the strongest and most renowned. Undoubtedly the strength of the society encouraged the continuation of its autonomy, and it is likewise probable that its independent role contributed to its continuing usefulness, strength, and growth.

While the materials and collections in the Memorial building are the center of the Society's activities, of great importance to the state and to the development of history are activities outside of the headquarters building. An example is the statewide operation of the Society's archeological division, whose sur- veys and field expeditions in recent years have resulted in the renovation of Old Fort Hays, the construction of the fine new Pawnee Indian Village Museum in Republic county, assistance in the current restoration of Old Fort Scott, and scientific investigation in several of the federal reservoir areas.

More generally known are the 11 historic sites (plus two to be added next year) which are owned by the State of Kansas and administered by the State Historical Society. These places are increasingly popular both for Kansans and out-of-state visitors, as more and more people are reached by the promotional materials made available through the Historical Society. The more than 150,000 persons, about half of them from out-of-state, who visited these sites during the past year contributed substantially to the state's economy. The Society takes pride, which is believed to be justified, in playing a part in attracting visitors to our state.
For these reasons the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society earnestly recommends that no change be made in the present status of the Society; and that it be continued independent of any other state department. In this way the Society can best perform its functions and fulfill its responsibilities to the people and State of Kansas.

Annual Meeting of the Society

The annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society opened with a noon luncheon in the Florentine room of the Hotel Jayhawk, Pres. George Templar presiding. Some 200 members and guests were present.

The Rev. Thomas C. Wentz, Topeka, gave the invocation.

Following the introduction of officers and guests at the speakers’ table Mr. Miller introduced President Templar, whose address, “The Federal Judiciary of Kansas,” is printed on pp. 1-14 of this magazine.

At the conclusion of Judge Templar’s talk President-elect William H. Seiler presented him with a retiring president’s plaque.

Judge Templar then called upon A. Bower Sageser to read the following memorial:

CLIFFORD R. HOPE, SR.

Clifford Ragsdale Hope, Sr., a long time member and immediate past president of the Society, died in Garden City on May 16, 1970, at the age of 76.

Mr. Hope was born in Iowa but Kansas had been his home since 1906. He attended Garden City High School, Nebraska Wesleyan University, and was graduated from the Washburn law school in 1917. He served in France with the U. S. army in World War I and upon his discharge began the practice of law in Garden City.

In 1920 he was elected to the Kansas house of representatives and served as its speaker in 1925-1926. In 1926 he was chosen to represent the old Seventh congressional district and he continued to serve in congress for 30 years, the longest tenure of any Kansas house member. Obviously few Kansas representatives were ever more closely in touch with their constituencies.

Federal agricultural policies benefited from his knowledge and interest throughout his congressional service, and he was chairman of the house agricultural committee in both the 80th and 83d congresses.

After his voluntary retirement from congress Mr. Hope was active in community affairs and was the recipient of many state and national honors including distinguished service awards from the American Farm Bureau and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. He was instrumental in the organization of Great Plains Wheat, Inc., which promotes the use of wheat throughout the world, and he was the organization’s first president.

Clifford Hope’s personal integrity was a vital part of his political service and practice of law. Kansans will remember him as an extremely capable congressman. And those who were personally acquainted will also remember him for
his friendly and quiet manner, and for his honest and forthright outlook on the issues of the day.

He will be missed from the Kansas scene.

At Judge Templar's request Mr. Sageser then read the report of the committee on nominations for directors of the Society for a three-year term ending in October, 1973:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

September 17, 1970.

To the Kansas State Historical Society:

Your committee on nominations submits the following report and recommendations for directors of the Society for the term of three years ending in October, 1973:

Austin, Whitley, Salina.
Bader, Ernest B., Topeka.
Barkley, Mrs. John L., Mission.
Brown, Oliver S., Liberal.
Charlson, Sam C., Manhattan.
Clark, Ralph V., Bethel.
Fatzer, Harold R., Topeka.
Jameson, Henry B., Abilene.
Jones, Horace, Lyons.
Kampschroeder, Mrs. Jean Norris, Garden City.
Kaul, Robert H., Topeka.
Lewis, Philip H., Topeka.
Lindquist, Emory K., Wichita.
Maranville, Lea, Ness City.
Montgomery, John D., Junction City.
Owen, Mrs. E. M., Lawrence.
Payne, Mrs. L. F., Manhattan.
Riegle, Wilford, Emporia.
Robbins, Richard W., Pratt.
Roberts, Larry W., Wichita.
Schulz, Ray S., Great Bend.
Shrewder, Mrs. Roy V., Ashland.
Socolofsky, Homer E., Manhattan.
Stanley, Arthur J., Jr., Leavenworth.
Stewart, Mrs. James G., Topeka.
Taylor, James E., Sharon Springs.
Unrau, William E., Wichita.
Van De Mark, M. V. B., Concordia.
Wark, George H., Caney.
Williams, Charles A., Halstead.
Wolf, Mrs. Max, Manhattan.
Zimmerman, Ross W., Sterling.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Bower Sageser, Chairman,
John W. Ripley,
George L. Anderson,
Wilford Riegle,
Frank Haucke.

Mr. Sageser moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by John Wickman. The report was adopted and the nominees were declared elected. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. An open house and refreshment hour at the Memorial building followed.
Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society
as of October, 1970

DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1971

Anderson, George L., Lawrence.
Anthony, D. R., Leavenworth.
Barnes, Mrs. Lela, Topeka.
Bray, Mrs. Easton C., Syracuse.
Chandler, C. J., Wichita.
Glymer, R. A., El Dorado.
Cornish, Dudley T., Pittsburgh.
Cotton, Corlett J., Lawrence.
Daugherty, S. Allan, Wichita.
Eckdall, Frank F., Kansas City.
Ewer, Elmer E., Goodland.
Gard, Spencer A., Iola.
Hall, Charles L., Manhattan.
Harvey, Perce, Topeka.
Jelinek, George J., Ellsworth.
Landon, Alf M., Topeka.
Lose, Harry F., Topeka.
McCoy, Donald R., Lawrence.
Malin, James C., Lawrence.
Menniger, Karl, Topeka.
Millbrook, Mrs. Raymond H., Topeka.
Oliva, Leo E., Hays.
Rankin, Charles C., Lawrence.
Reed, Clyde M., Jr., Parsons.
Sageser, A. Bower, Manhattan.
Sandstrom, Thad M., Topeka.
Stewart, Donald, Independence.
von der Heiden, Mrs. W. H., Newton.
Wagner, Ray C., Overland Park.
Walbridge, Caroline, Topeka.
Watkins, E. Leon, Wichita.
Wickman, John E., Abilene.
Wilson, Paul E., Lawrence.

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Bailey, Roy F., Salina.
Bannor, F. C., Leavenworth.
Farrell, F. D., Topeka.
Flory, Raymond L., McPherson.
Hamilton, R. L., Beloit.
Hanson, Harry E., Oawakie.
Harper, Mrs. Jesse C., Ashland.
Hauke, Frank, Council Grove.
Hope, Clifford B., Jr., Garden City.
Kanaga, Clinton W., Shawnee Mission.
Koch, William E., Manhattan.
Lingenfelter, Angelus, Atchison.
McArthur, Mrs. Vernon E., Hutchinson.
McCain, James A., Manhattan.
MacNair, John L., Topeka.
Mantey, J. G., Mound City.
Mueller, Harrison S., Wichita.
Newacheck, Elmer E., Larned.
Ripley, John W., Topeka.
Robinson, W. Stitt, Jr., Lawrence.
Rogler, Wayne, Matfield Green.
Seiler, William H., Emporia.
Simons, Dolph, Sr., Lawrence.
Slagg, Mrs. C. M., Manhattan.
Smith, Wint, Mankato.
Smith, Mrs. Yolande M., Shawnee.
Souders, Floyd R., Cheney.
Templar, George, Topeka.
Thomas, Sister M. Evangeline, Salina.
Townshy, Will, Great Bend.
Treadway, William E., Topeka.

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