

**THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA BRANCH OF THE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS
IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

The Northern District of Iowa Branch of the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit submits the following report of its activities and finances during the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012:

The branch met frequently over the past year.

Our major activities and accomplishments were:

- (1) A continuation of our efforts to focus on collection and production of relevant materials of our places (courthouses), faces (judges) and cases. As our work product became available it has been made accessible to the public and added to the website for the Northern District.
- (2) Participation in the design and content of the History Center in the new Federal Courthouse. Several members of the Society worked with the Court and the Clerk of Court to review design issues for the upcoming center in the new courthouse and to make suggestions concerning same. It is anticipated that the center will be fully operational when the new courthouse is opened in the fall of 2012. It contains both visual and audio displays of faces, places and cases, and an interactive computer display containing information on the most historically significant cases of the District. The computer display allows updates into its data base and the society intends to work with the Court and the Clerk of Court and be an active participant in this effort in the coming years.
- (3) Chief Judge Linda Reade organized and led a two hour tour of the new courthouse during the phase where the structural work was complete but the finish work was just underway. The tour was well-attended by members of the Linn County Bar Association and those who participated were impressed by the facility and its high level of functionality.
- (4) An effort to increase membership in the society from the western half of the State has begun and is being led by new Magistrate Judge Len Strand.

Submitted this 8th day of August, 2012.

/s/ Douglas R. Oelschlaeger
Branch President

Treasurer's Annual Report Attached