

***HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS  
IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT, NEBRASKA BRANCH***

Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2012

As President of the Nebraska Branch, I submit herewith a report of the activities of the Branch to the parent organization, the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit.

First, attached is the financial report prepared by the Branch Treasurer. The Branch remains in good fiscal condition. It currently holds \$15,013.79 in an insured account.

While not reflected in the financial report, the Nebraska Branch successfully sought and obtained financial support from the Federal Practice Fund for the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska to assist with the parent Society's collaboration with the American Society for Legal History (ASLH) regarding the ASLH meeting in St. Louis on November 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Judge Morris S. Arnold, a distinguished member of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and a noted historian, is a honorary fellow of the ASLH. A reception will be held at the Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse during the ASLH meeting. The Nebraska Branch was privileged to play a part in supporting this important meeting of acclaimed legal historians as they gather at the seat of the Eighth Circuit.

Second, the officers of the Branch and the Branch representatives to the parent Society remain the same. That is, Jeanette Stull is the President, John Sharp is the Secretary, and Frank Mihulka is the Treasurer. Judge Richard Kopf and Ms. Stull serve as representatives of the Nebraska Branch on the Board of Directors of the parent Society.

Third, during the course of the year, the officers and directors held several meetings with Professors Mark Scherer and John Wunder to discuss completion of the history of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. A good deal of work has been completed but there is much more to do.

Finally, we are happy to report that Judge Warren Urbom's book detailing his fascinating life as a lawyer and judge will be published by the prestigious *University of Nebraska Press* in the fall of this year. As noted in previous reports, Judge Urbom devotes a good deal of his book to historically significant matters such as the "Wounded Knee" cases that Judge Urbom was specially assigned to hear. The Branch has agreed to provide \$5,000 to support publication and dissemination of this fascinating contribution to the legal history of the high plains.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/Jeanette Stull*

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DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA BRANCH OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

July 12, 2012

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf  
United States District Court  
Robert F. Denny Federal Building  
and United States Courthouse  
100 Centennial Mall North #586  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

In re: Financial Report of the District of Nebraska  
Branch of the Historical Society of the United  
States Courts in the Eighth Circuit

Dear Judge Kopf:

As Treasurer for the District of Nebraska Branch, I am pleased to provide the following financial report:

June 30, 2011 Balance	\$14,994.33
Interest Earned 7/1/11 through 6/30/12	19.46
June 30, 2012 Balance	<u>\$15,013.79</u>

All funds of the Branch are held in an insured, interest bearing account at Bank of the West in Omaha, Nebraska in the name of Historical Society of US Courts-Nebraska Branch. Account records are available for inspection at any time upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. MIHULKA  
Treasurer