

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

Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2013

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 \$10,009.53 in an insured account.

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 was published by the prestigious *University of Nebraska Press* in the fall of 2012. As noted in previous reports, Judge Urbom devoted a good deal of his book to historically significant matters such as the "Wounded Knee" cases that Judge Urbom was specially assigned to hear. With most of the funds going to the University of Nebraska Press, the Branch expended \$5,000 to promote the distribution of the book and to reimburse Judge Urbom for certain of his out-of-pocket expenses.

The box, entitled *Called to Justice*, with a forward by Chief Judge Riley, was extremely well received. For example, William Webster, former Director of the FBI and CIA and a former federal judge, wrote: "In a humble and straightforward style, one of America's finest federal jurists outlines his process of decision making in important cases over the years. It will strengthen your confidence in our judicial system." Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author of *The Great Sioux Nation: Sitting in Judgment on America*, added: "Judge Warren Urbom is a hero to the Sioux and many other Native Americans who witnessed his fairness, respect, and commitment to justice in the Wounded Knee trials over which he presided. That section of his brilliant and wonderfully written memoir is breathtaking, as are his accounts of other cases in his career as a federal judge. Most interesting is to learn about the man behind the robe, his life and humanity."

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 23, 2013

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, 2012 Balance	\$15,013.79
Interest Earned 7/1/12 through 6/30/13	10.74
Less University of NE Press/Judge Urbom	<u>(5,015.00)</u>
June 30, 2013 Balance	\$10,009.53

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