

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

Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2009

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 Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

First, attached hereto is the financial report prepared by the Branch Treasurer. The Branch remains in good fiscal condition. It currently holds \$15, 228.14 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, the officers and directors held several meetings with Professor Mark Scherer and John Wunder to discuss completion of the history of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. Professor Scherer was given leave to hire a research assistant to be paid out of Branch funds. The project seems to be back on track.

Fourth, the Branch was pleased to co-sponsor a celebration of the 130th anniversary of the trial of Chief Standing Bear. In a historic ruling issued on May 12, 1879 by Judge Elmer S. Dundy, of the District of Nebraska, Standing Bear, a Ponca chief, won the right to be considered a person under the Constitution. A permanent wall display conveying the story of Chief Standing Bear was dedicated in a special proceeding, and actors performed a reenactment of Standing Bear's trial. The play, *Ma-Chu-Nah-Aha: I Am a Person*, was written by Mary Kathryn Nagle, a District of Nebraska law clerk of Cherokee descent.

Finally, the Branch is pleased to report that Judge Laurie Smith Camp headed a group that created a "Judicial Archive" that now appears on our court's website. See <http://www.ned.uscourts.gov/> (click on "Judicial Archive"). The archive contains photos of each district judge who has served the court, short biographies of each of the judges, information on the Standing Bear celebration, and a description of the history project undertaken by Professors Scherer and Wunder.

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

October 22, 2009

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

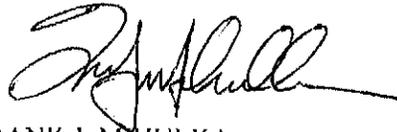
Dear Judge Kopf:

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

June 30, 2008 Balance	\$16,194.24
Interest Earned 7/1/08 through 6/30/09	168.90
Less:	
Contrib. to Chief Standing Bear Performance	(1,000.00)
Research Services Stipend	<u>(135.00)</u>
June 30, 2009 Balance	\$15,228.14

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