

facilities now available. However, through the cataloging system now employed the state archivists are more closely integrating the activities of this division with the current filing systems of the state departments contributing the records, which now constitute a back file of departmental papers and records arranged for immediate inspection at any time.

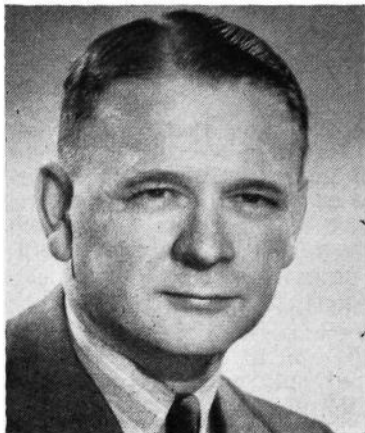
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William J. Petersen was born at Dubuque, Iowa, on January 30, 1901. He was educated in the Dubuque public schools, received his B.A. from the University of Dubuque in 1926, his M.A. from the University of Iowa in 1927 and his Ph.D. from the same school in 1930. He was appointed research associate in the State Historical Society of Iowa in 1930 and became Superintendent in 1947. In 1937 he married Bessie Rasmus. Dr. Petersen is the author of several books and almost two hundred articles on Iowa history.

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Organized in January, 1857, its purposes are to preserve the history of Iowa and further its dissemination among the people of the state. In fulfillment of these purposes a permanent program of activities has been gradually developed and put into execution. This includes (1) the discovery, collection and preservation of materials of Iowa history; (2) researches in the field of Iowa history; (3) publication of the materials of Iowa history; (4) dissemination of the materials of Iowa history through public depositories and members. The society publishes a monthly magazine, *The Palimpsest*, and a quarterly magazine, *the Iowa Journal of History*. In addition, it issues numerous books on the political, social, economic and religious history of Iowa. It has published seven volumes on the *Messages and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa*, six volumes in the *Applied History* series dealing with state, county and local government. Among the better books are Mrs. Shambaugh's

"Amana That Was and Amana That Is," Gingerich's "The Mennonites in Iowa," Swisher's "Iowa—Land of Many Mills," Petersen's "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi" and "Iowa—The Rivers of Her Valleys," Richman's "Ioway to Iowa," and Cole's "Iowa Through the Years" and "I Remember, I Remember," Galland's "Iowa Emigrant," Ross' "Iowa Agriculture" and Petersen's "Iowa History Reference Guide," are recent publications.

The library of the society now includes about 102,000 titles. There are 4,400 active and life members. The official depositories within the state number 236 and the out-of-state depositories and exchanges total 130.

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Born in Toledo, Iowa, in 1890 and moved with parents to Tama, Iowa, in 1898. Educated in Tama Public School, Leander Clark College and State University Law School. Elective Public Offices: Tama County Clerk 6 years, County Attorney 4 years and Representative for the extra session of the 50th General Assembly. City Attorney of Toledo 10 years. Member of Tama County Commission for Insane 38 years continuously. Chairman of Tama County Soldiers Relief Commission 18 years and legal member of Appeal Board No. 5 of the Iowa Selective Service System 12 years until elected chairman of the Appeal Board for the Northern Judicial District of Iowa. Commander of the Tama County and Toledo American Legion Posts. Fifth District delegate to Second American Legion National Convention in 1936. Tama County Civilian Defense Chairman. Honorary Citizen of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, Boys Town, Nebraska, many years. Appointed Industrial Commissioner by Governor William S. Beardsley for term ending June 30, 1955.



The Workmen's Compensation Law was enacted by the Thirty-fifth General Assembly in 1913. Iowa was one of the first states to provide compensation benefits for injuries sustained by Industrial Workers. Succeeding legislatures have made many changes and increased benefits. The Fifty-first General Assembly established a second injury fund for the benefit of Veterans, who were maimed by loss of members, making it possible for an employer to hire a maimed Veteran without taking undue risk. The Fifty-second General Assembly enacted an occupational disease law. Reports of all industrial injuries resulting in disability for more than seven days or death are required to be made to the Industrial Commissioner. Settlement agreements are submitted for his approval. In the event an amicable settlement is not reached an Arbitration Hearing before a Deputy Commissioner or Arbitration Commission is held in the county where the injury occurred and the claimant, employer or insurance carrier may appeal to the commissioner. Review hearings are held in the commissioner's office and an appeal may be taken to the District Court of the county where the injury occurred.