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By election of Society, June 22, 1885.

The Sixth General Assembly by an act approved January 28, 1857, provided an appropriation of \$250 to be expended in collecting, embodying, arranging and preserving in authentic form, charts, books, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts, papers, etc., relative to the history of Iowa, to secure from oblivion the memory of its pioneers, to obtain and preserve the stories of their exploits, perils and hardy adventures; to secure facts and statements relative to the history of our Indian tribes.

The Fourteenth General Assembly reorganized the Historical Society, raising the number of curators to eighteen, nine to be appointed by the Governor and the same number by the Society, to hold their office for a term of two years.

The Eighteenth General Assembly increased the annual appropriation to \$1,000.

Annual meetings of the Society are held the last week in June.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS.

SILAS WILSON, President	-----	Atlantic
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The Society received its first annual appropriation of \$800 from the State in 1868, which annual amount has since been increased to \$1,000.

The object of the Society is the promotion and encouragement of horticulture and arboriculture in Iowa, by the collection and dissemination of practical information regarding the cultivation of such fruits, flowers and trees, as are best adapted to the soil and climate of the State.

The Society publishes lists of fruits as well as trees for timber or ornament, best suited to growth in this State.

In order to facilitate the work, the State is divided into twelve districts, each having its own director, and holding its own meetings, and it is the duty of the directors to report to the secretary of the society.

The society publishes an annual report full of interest and valuable papers.