

Annual Report for 1996

Abbreviated Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Pat Beehler indicates we now have \$7907.50 in the bank. We started out with \$8549.61, received \$1039.59, spent \$1681.70 for brass plaques and stationary. Ann Koenen has full report.

The Historical Society activities for 1996 included:

*** *Jerry Olson* has received copies of his book "David D. Clarke: Narratives of a Surveyor and Engineer in the Pacific Northwest" from the publisher. He will give a short talk about his book during the 1997 Semiahmoo convention. Copies will be available for purchase. Great Book!

*** *John Thalacker* continues working on his compilation of Gurley Manuals starting back in the 1840s. John has agreed to chair the committee putting on the extensive display of antique surveying instruments and equipment at the 1997 Convention in Semiahmoo.

*** During the months of June and July, the Society, with much help from member *Bob Landon* and his students from the Bellingham Technical College's Survey Technology program, erected a concrete pillar and placed brass plaques in two restored monuments on Sucia Island Marine Park, located in the San Juan Islands. One monument is US Mineral Monument No.1 set in 1892 and another is a Light House Reserve Monument originally set in 1895. Pictures of the event were featured in our Evergreen State Surveyor.

*** We received letterhead, envelopes, and business cards from the printer.

*** Contact was made with the Corporation of British Columbia Land Surveyors about putting up a picture and short narrative about Amos Bouman in Barkerville, a historic mining "ghost" town near Quesnel, BC. Amos Bouman was a well known mining engineer in BC and founded the town of Anacortes, Washington, naming it after his wife, Anna Curtis.

*** One of the things we failed to do was become involved in the 150th Anniversary of the Treaty of 1846 establishing the 49th parallel of north latitude as the International Boundary and the 75th Anniversary of the building of the Peace Arch in Blaine, Washington.

The Annual (no host breakfast) Meeting of the Historical Society will be at 7:00 Friday morning in the Pierside Room at Semiahmoo.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. DeMeyer, Chairman,
LSAW Historical Society