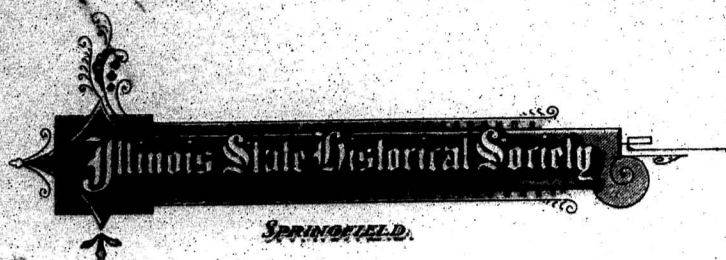


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TO ALL INTERESTED IN ILLINOIS HISTORY:

May we add a few words regarding the annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society, a program of which is enclosed?

We believe that the program which has been arranged is of particular interest and timeliness. Doctor Thomas's paper on New Salem, to be presented at the Thursday afternoon session, should be of especial interest in view of the work of reconstruction which has just been completed. Mr. Stevens's paper on James D. Henry comes on the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of the real hero of the Black Hawk War. We are fortunate in the author as well as the subject, since Mr. Stevens is a charter member of the Society and an authority on many phases of Illinois history.

The annual address, to be delivered on Thursday evening, has as its subject an important but little-known figure of the days of George Rogers Clark and the Revolution in Illinois. Professor James is not only an authority on the subject, but an interesting speaker as well. After the address, a reception will be held in the Illinois State Historical Library.

The Friday afternoon session promises three papers of unusual interest. Albert Taylor Bledsoe, about whom Mr. Pratt will speak, is one of the strangest characters in Illinois history---a one-time resident of Springfield and friend and fellow-lawyer of Lincoln who became a member of the Confederate government and one of the severest critics of his former associate. Professor O'Donnell will present an evaluation of the work of the Historic American Buildings Survey---the C W A project carried out during the past few months. Miss Martin's paper on Jubilee College is especially timely because of the recent acquisition of this early institution of learning by the State.

All sessions of the Society except the annual business meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Centennial Building. The public is cordially invited. Will you please remember the dates---Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11?

Sincerely yours,

Paul M. Angle