



## **James Clifton Olson, Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society, 1946-1956**

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James C. Olson, Director, 1946-1956  
"A golden decade in the history of the Society"

**JAMES CLIFTON OLSON**  
**DIRECTOR OF THE NEBRASKA STATE**  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1946-1956**

In sincere appreciation of the services of James Clifton Olson the Executive Board of the Nebraska State Historical Society presents this certificate of life membership in the Society.

Dr. Olson became the Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society March 19, 1946. He has served the Society as its planner and leader ten full years. These years will always represent a golden decade in the history of the Society.

At that time the legislature had authorized, and the funds were accumulating for, a new building. These funds were turned into the handsome edifice that now adorns the north end of 15th Street. Funds were appropriated, and Mr. Olson enlarged the staff into that competent body of trained workers in whom the whole Society can take great pride. Through them the program of services of the Society in every line of historical activity has been established until our Society is now recognized throughout the land as unsurpassed in its farsighted activities.

*Dr. James C. Olson, Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society, 1946-1956, resigned September 1, 1956 to accept the chairmanship of the Department of History, University of Nebraska. The certificate of life membership in the Society, presented to Dr. Olson on the occasion of the dinner session of the 78th annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, 29 September 1956, is here reproduced at the suggestion of the Executive Board.*

We have a program of education conducted by a tireless Director for the children of all ages. Our Museum displays have attracted the attention of hosts of visitors from far and near. The Director of the Museum has a continuing program of research and excavation that places the Society prominent in the national picture of institutions contributing to Indian history. The Librarian has just published a most useful guide to historical sources of this state and region. Our magazine, *Nebraska History*, has improved in quality and appearance and stands unabashed in the front row of state historical publications. The Fort Robinson Museum, staffed and partially equipped from the Society's collections, is a tribute to the growing historical interest in the state.

Mr. Olson, for this remarkable showing, which we do not pretend to enumerate completely, and for which we know you would share credit with your staff, the Executive Board, on behalf of the entire Society and the people of Nebraska, who have provided these splendid facilities, thank you most heartily. We wish you equal success in your new position. We know that your devotion to the Society renders you one of us, and that your interest will remain unabated. *We thank you!*

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