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This issue of the CCHS Journal will terminate my efforts as an officer of the Association. My first year's membership of 243 with only 93 outside Clark County, and the large percentage of in-county memberships initially might be attributed to the lack of awareness of the organization outside the county, and the lack of awareness of the organization outside the county, and the lack of awareness of the organization outside the county.

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My Jean Greene was the Association until her death. She did everything from keeping books to writing and editing, and along with Keith Tudor at "The Southern Standard," laboring for timely printing and pricing of the Journal, on to the final addressing and delivery of the Journals to the post office. These many duties were continued through her last Journal, Winter 1975. From that time until her death in April 1977, the Association was in limbo and our membership down to 109.

Grace Nelson, our local historian from Gurdon, proved indispensable in providing material for the Journals until 1978. Of the first five, she provided well in excess of half the articles, except for the Winter 1975 edition to which she contributed just over one-third. In the Spring 1978 edition she provided all but one page and a centerfold map. She later contributed major articles on the Davidson, Taylor and Lewis Randolph. During an era when foundations, grants, prizes for previously unpublished works, etc., provided the motivation for almost all work, Grace, without recompense, continued to provide our Association with Journal articles of wide interest. Grace is now living at The Good Shepherd House in Little Rock and, hopefully, compiling a much needed history of Clark County.

Volunteering to proofread and see the Spring 1978 Journal printed and delivered, my wife, Norma, and I found new careers with the next four Journals through 1982. Perhaps our most difficult but rewarding task was the publication of the My Jean Greene Memorial Edition of the Journal in 1980. Working from volumes of material she had accumulated on her beloved Manchester over the years, and with additional research, we attempted to put it all together. The 400 copies printed, about 150 more than normal, were all sold by 1983. As amateur history "buffs" prone to experience "historical paralysis" resulting from fear of making errors, we are grateful to all those who thereby expressed their appreciation of our inexperienced but sincere efforts to record at least a small part of Clark County history.

Before "fading away," I would like to thank all who have supported the Association. Special recognition must go to officers Marguarite Goodloe, Mary King, Mary LeGuin, Allen Syler and Robert Watson. Besides being officers and/or writers, they served faithfully in other capacities over the years. Thank you!

Although we have yet to elect our officers for the year, I'm sure the Association will continue to meet its objectives. This Journal, and the ones previous, are fine examples of the work of our present President, Dr. Ray Grapade, and his wife, Archivist Bonnie Granade. I'm sure they and their successors will continue the objectives of the Association to discover, preserve and disseminate knowledge of the history of Clark County.

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