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OBSERVATIONS ON ORIGINAL MEMBERS

In making the following observations as to the various distinguished members of "The Florida Historical Society," organized A. D. 1856, the author has mentioned those prominent men of Florida members of the Society whom he has been able to obtain information about by talking to old citizens, an examination of the various published histories of Florida, an examination of the Florida Supreme Court Reports and Acts of the Legislature of Florida. In the next issue of the Quarterly Magazine, we will be glad to publish accounts of members of the Society of 1856 not especially mentioned in this article.

Taking the names as they appear on the roll of officers and members above, the first name mentioned is Major B. A. Putnam, President of the Society, who came to Florida as a United States Army officer in the Indian War of 1818-19, under command of General Andrew Jackson. Major Putnam was afterwards Surveyor-General and Judge of the Supreme Court.

Major George R. Fairbanks wrote two histories of Florida, and was a Major in the Confederate Army and one of the Trustees of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn.

Hon. McQueen McIntosh was United States District Judge of Florida and father of McQueen McIntosh, a graduate of West Point and a Brigadier-General in the Confederate Army, who was killed at the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas.

Hon. D. L. Yulee represented the Territory of Florida as a Delegate in Congress, was afterwards United States Senator from Florida, and was the first President and builder of the Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad Co., which ran from Fernandina, Florida, on the Atlantic, to Cedar Keys, Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico.

Hon. William A. Forward was a Judge of the Circuit Court of Florida and afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

K. P. Gibbs, Esquire, was a planter at Ft. George Island, and inherited the plantation of his uncle Zepheniah Kingsley. He was quite a character in the early days of Florida, and Mr. Gibbs was also Clerk of the Circuit Court at St. Augustine for many years.

D. C. Ambler was the father of D. G. Ambler, of Jacksonville, who was a banker and prominent citizen of this State.

James T. Archer was the first Secretary of State of Florida, and afterwards Attorney-General of Florida.

Dr. A. S. Baldwin was an early resident of Jacksonville, a physician of high standing and a scientist of no mean ability, and father of deep water from the ocean to Jacksonville.

Rev. W. W. Bours was an Episcopal clergyman in the early days of Jacksonville, and was the uncle of the present W. A. Bours.

Hon. John Beard was a prominent citizen of Tallahassee, and afterwards Registrar of Public Lands of the State.

Hon. James M. Baker was Judge of the Supreme Court, Confederate State Senator and Judge of the Circuit Court here in Duval County, Florida.

Hon. Thomas Baltzell was Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court in the early 50s.

Hon. James E. Broome was Governor of Florida and won the election as a Democrat against the Whig candidate, who at the time, was the late Colonel George T. Ward.

Hon. S. L. Burritt was a leading lawyer of Jacksonville and Florida, and was drowned on the ill-fated steamer "Mount," which was wrecked off the North Carolina coast in the early fifties.

E. C. Cabell was the first Congressman of the State

of Florida, and member of the First Constitutional Convention.

Governor Richard K. Call was the second Territorial Governor of Florida, and as General Call commanded the troops in Florida during the first two years of the Seminole Indian War from 1835-42.

Wilkinson Call was a nephew of Governor Call, and was United States Senator from Florida through three terms after the War between the States.

Major George W. Call was one of the leading lawyers of Florida, Major of the 2nd Florida Infantry, C. S. A., and was killed at the Battle of Seven Pines, Va. He was the father of Judge R. M. Call, of the United States District Court.

Gen. William H. Chase was a Major of Engineers, U. S. A., at the time he retired from such service; was afterwards Major-General of the Confederate States Army and President of the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad, leading from Pensacola, Fla., to a point in Alabama.

Hon. C. H. Dupont was Justice and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

J. G. Dell and Philip Dell were pioneer citizens of Alachua County, and men of prominence in the early days of Florida.

Hon. J. B. Dawkins was Judge of the Circuit Court of Florida.

Columbus Drew was an editor of one of the first papers in Jacksonville, Florida, was a leading citizen and author and poet, and was Comptroller of the State of Florida in the administration of Governor Geo. F. Drew.

E. L. Dancy was an officer of the corps of Engineers, United States Army, and retired when quite a young man. He superintended the building of the sea-wall at St. Augustine, and was afterwards an officer in the Confederate States Army.

Douglass Dummett owned one of the largest groves on the Indian River, which was famous for its fine

quality of oranges, just before and after the War between the States.

Hon. Samuel J. Douglass was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

Brig.-Gen. W. M. G. Davis was a prominent lawyer in Florida before 1861; was first Colonel of the First Florida Cavalry, C. S. A., and afterwards promoted to Brigadier-General in the same Army.

Samuel Fairbanks was brother of Major George R. Fairbanks, a prominent citizen of Jacksonville.

L. I. Fleming was a leading lawyer of Jacksonville and of Florida.

Gen. J. J. Findley was a Captain in the Seminole War, became Brigadier-General, C. S. A., member of United States Congress, United States Senator and Circuit Judge of Florida for many years.

Joseph Finegan was a member of the United States Congress before the War between the States, and Brigadier-General, C. S. A.

George C. Gibbs was Mayor of Jacksonville before 1861, Captain of Infantry in the Mexican War, and a Captain in the regular Army, C. S. A., and in command at St. Augustine, Fla.; afterwards recruited a volunteer regiment in North Carolina, of which he was Colonel, fought at Seven Pines and was Commandant at Libbey Prison and for a time at Andersonville Prison.

Col. Gad Humphreys was United States Indian Agent in Florida before and during the Seminole Indian War, from 1835-42.

Hon. R. B. Hilton was Judge of the Circuit Court and a member of the Confederate States Congress.

Thomas E. Haile and Edward Haile were prominent early residents of Alachua County, Florida.

George S. Hawkins was a member of the United States Congress and a Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

J. B. Lancaster was Judge of the Circuit Court of

Florida and sat a number of times on the Supreme Court of Florida.

Felix Livingston was a prominent lawyer of Fernandina, Florida.

A. E. Maxwell was United States Congressman, Attorney-General of Florida, Confederate States Senator, Judge of the Circuit Court, Justice and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, and the father of Judge Evelyn C. Maxwell a former Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

S. R. Mallory was United States Senator from Florida at the time of her secession, and was Secretary of the Confederate States Navy.

W. D. Moseley was the first Governor of the State of Florida.

William Marvin was Judge of the United States District Court of Florida, and was Provisional Governor of Florida during its military occupation after the War between the States.

Jackson Morton was a prominent member of the Florida Bar, a member of the first Constitutional Convention, and also a member of the Secession Convention.

J. F. McClellan was a prominent lawyer, made the second Digest of the laws of Florida, and was Judge of the Circuit Court.

D. H. Mays was a prominent planter in Jefferson County, and the father of former Congressman, D. H. Mays.

J. C. McGehee was President of the Secession Convention and a member of the first Constitutional Convention of Florida.

M. D. Papy was Attorney-General of the State.

M. S. Perry was Governor of the State of Florida.

B. M. Pearson was State's Attorney in South Carolina before coming to Florida, and was afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Rutledge was first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida.

S. St. George Rogers was Lieutenant-Colonel in the Florida Indian War from 1855-56, and was afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel of the 2nd Florida Infantry, Army of Northern Virginia.

A. M. Reed was a banker and leading citizen in the early days of Jacksonville.

Thomas Randall was Judge of the Circuit Court of Florida.

J. H. Randolph was a prominent citizen of Tallahassee, Sheriff of Leon County and of the Supreme Court of Florida.

Buckingham Smith was a large property owner and prominent citizen in the early history of Florida, and wrote various articles on Florida history.

J. P. Sanderson was an early resident of Jacksonville and one of the leading lawyers of this State.

J. Caraway Smith was Colonel of the 2nd Florida Cavalry, C. S. A., and participated in the Battle of Olustee.

D. S. Walker was Commissioner of Lands of Florida, the first Superintendent of Public Instruction, Judge of the Circuit Court, Judge of the Supreme Court and Governor of Florida.

J. L. Williams was the J. Lee Williams who was selected one of the two parties appointed to select a site for the Capitol at Tallahassee ; was a civil engineer and author of one of the early histories of Florida.

George T. Ward was a Whig candidate for Governor who was defeated by Governor James E. Broome, a Democrat; was a member of the Secession Convention and afterwards Colonel of the 2nd Florida Infantry, C. S. A., and was killed at the Battle of Williamsburg, Va.

John Westcott was a prominent citizen of St. Augustine, Florida, in the early days, and was in the United States Land Office there for many years. He was a

cousin of United States Senator Westcott, of Tallahassee.

C. C. Yonge was a member of the First Constitutional Convention of Florida, held at St. Joseph, and was the father of the Hon. P. K. Yonge.

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