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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society was held in the Willow Branch Public Library at Jacksonville, Florida, on Tuesday, November 20, 1934, at 11 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Alston Cockrell. The following members were present :

Carl Bohnenberger	Mrs. George Harmon
William T. Cash	Joseph F. Marron
Alston Cockrell	Annie Millar
T. Frederick Davis	Alexander J. Mitchell
Mrs. T. Frederick Davis	Albert H. Roberts
Margaret C. Fairlie	Bates M. Stovall
Mrs. Fannie L. Gilkies	James W. White
Mrs. Frank P. Hamilton	

President Philip Keyes Yonge having died during the year, Vice President Alston Cockrell presented the annual report customarily made by the president of the Society at the end of the year. (post)

Treasurer T. Frederick Davis read his annual report. (post)

It was duly moved and carried the reports of Vice President Cockrell and Treasurer Davis be filed and published.

Librarian Carl Bohnenberger rendered an informal report. He stated many gifts of books and documents were made to the library during the past year. The work of cataloging the books, documents and maps, according to Mr. Bohnenberger, is now three-fourths completed. Numerous historians are using the facilities afforded by the library.

Vice President Cockrell appointed T. Frederick Davis, Mrs. Frank P. Hamilton and Albert H. Rob-

erts, members of a committee to draft and present to the Society resolutions in reference to the death of Senator James P. Taliaferro, Francis M. Williams, and Philip Keyes Yonge.

It was duly moved and carried the Florida Historical Society endorse the survey of state archives recommended by the National Park Service of the Federal Government. This survey is to be sponsored by the National Relief Organizations in the various states. It was further moved and carried the secretary be instructed to notify the director of state relief in Florida as to the adoption of this motion.

The committee which had been appointed to draw resolutions in reference to the deaths of Senator James P. Taliaferro, Francis M. Williams, and Philip Keyes Yonge presented separate resolutions of sorrow and regret in regard to each of these gentlemen. These resolutions were adopted and the members of the organization, out of respect for the departed, arose and stood in silence for thirty seconds. (post)

Miss Margaret C. Fairlie described the history of Florida which she has written for fourth grade children.

Albert H. Roberts in behalf of the Tallahassee Historical Society, asked the cooperation of the members of the Florida Historical Society in bringing about appropriate observance on July 9, 1935, of the 100th anniversary of the birth of William D. Bloxham, Governor of Florida. Governor Bloxham was the only native of Leon County to be Governor of Florida. He was the State's chief executive during the years 1881-1885, and 1897-1901.

It was duly moved and carried a nominating committee be appointed by Vice President Cockrell to recommend officers to serve the organization during the next year. In furtherance of the motion Mr.

Cockrell appointed James W. White, Alexander J. Mitchell, and Joseph F. Marron as members of this committee.

A motion was made and carried that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society, 1933, be approved as printed in the January, 1934, issue of ***The Florida Historical Society Quarterly***.

The nominating committee reported the following nominations :

For president Alston Cockrell
1st vice president. Julien C. Yonge
2nd vice president. Alfred J. Hanna
Secretary Bates M. Stovall
Treasurer T. Frederick Davis
Librarian Carl Bohnenberger
Assistant librarian Annie Millar

For directors : Peter O. Knight, C. Seton Fleming, Joseph F. Marron, Mrs. Roy V. Ott, Mrs. Garrett Porter, Albert H. Roberts, Alexander J. Mitchell, James A. Robertson.

Directors ex-officio are: The president, the 1st vice president, the 2nd vice president, the secretary, and the treasurer.

A motion was thereupon duly adopted that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the officers as named by the nominating committee. In furtherance of this motion, the secretary cast the ballot.

Pursuant to a motion duly made and carried, the president declared the meeting adjourned.

BATES M. STOVALL,
Acting secretary.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND ACTING
PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

To the members of the Florida Historical Society:

It is customary for the President of the Society to make a report at the end of the year. Our President having died during the year, it has become my duty to make this report.

It is with sorrow that I announce the passing of Philip K. Yonge at his home in Pensacola on August 9th. Though his advanced age had induced him to give up most of his public activities, he retained the presidency of the Society until the last, evincing the unflagging interest which he had maintained in it for a quarter of a century. His long and able service in behalf of this State and its institutions is well known. His interest in and leadership of the Society was on a par with his work in behalf of the state institutions of higher learning. My hope is that the members of the Society will, in some measure at least, render service to the Society as he did. May his memory be an inspiration to us.

Our Secretary also has passed away during the year. Mr. Francis M. Williams died at his home in Jacksonville on March 8th. He had been a member of the Society twenty-six years, ten of which he held the office of Secretary. He was intensely interested in the work of the Society and often contributed more than his annual dues in furtherance of its work. He was always present at the annual meetings and his records and minutes are a remarkably complete and valuable history of the Society's activities. In the death of Mr. Williams we have suffered a distinct loss.

Notwithstanding the widespread despondency of the past year, the Society is in better financial shape now than for some years. There is at least a respectable clear cash balance in the treasury. Our net

membership has decreased remarkably little during the past year, and an encouraging feature is the increasing promptness by our members in remitting dues. This has enabled us to carry on the work and publish on time the publications of the Society.

In this particular I wish to mention specifically the Contributing Members, a voluntary membership contributing annually ten dollars to the work of the Society, which has been of great assistance in carrying it on, namely: Judge Nathan P. Bryan, Mr. Washington E. Connor, Col. Peter O. Knight; Dr. Edward M. L'Engle, Mrs. Roy V. Ott, Mr. C. B. Reynolds, Mr. E. H. Reynolds, Mrs. Henry L. Richmond, Mrs. Raymond Robins, and our late Secretary, Mr. Francis M. Williams.

The Society wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Joseph F. Marron and Mr. Carl Bohnenberger of the Jacksonville Public Library for courtesies extended during the year. We should be and are grateful to Mr. Julien C. Yonge for his able publication of the Society's **Quarterly** magazine of Florida history. Our **Quarterly** goes all over the United States and to foreign countries and is consulted by reputable historians everywhere in their research work on Florida. It is considered a most valuable historical publication, and there is scarcely an important work on Florida published anywhere that does not mention the **Quarterly** as a source authority.

An outstanding contribution to the records of the Society during the year comprised a collection of papers and photostats of original material and maps bearing upon Ponce de Leon's discovery of Florida, donated by Mr. C. B. Reynolds of Mountain Lakes, N. J. It is hoped that others will be as generous as Mr. Reynolds. These records are carefully preserved in a fireproof location. Those having valuable historical records on Florida which they do not

desire to donate outright to the Society may, if they wish, lend them to us for safe-keeping, giving us the privilege of their use for publication in the **Quarterly**. Valuable records of general interest should be preserved against possible loss by duplication in print.

And finally, let me suggest, that as our revenue comes only from the small membership dues and our activities are guided entirely thereby, each member of the Society constitute himself a committee of one to enlist the interest of one of his friends in our work. Each new member adds a page and a half to the **Quarterly**, as all revenue is devoted to its publication.

ALSTON COCKRELL, Vice President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the year November 20, 1933, to Nov. 19, 1934.

Receipts

Nov. 20, 1933, (last report) Cash balance on hand	\$ 9.74
Nov. 19, 1934, Total dues paid during year	574.00
Nov. 19, 1934, Total from sale of publications.....	17.60
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Total receipts	\$601.34

Disbursements

Feb. 23, 1934, Rose Printing Co., for January <i>Quarterly</i>	\$ 80.75
May 19, 1934, Rose Printing Co., for April <i>Quarterly</i>	94.88
July 31, 1934, Rose Printing Co., for July <i>Quarterly</i>	89.88
Nov. 9, 1934, Rose Printing Co., for October <i>Quarterly</i>	79.59
Copyrights, 4 issues of <i>Quarterly</i>	8.00
Stamps, postage, t o t a l	25.46
Stationery and printing, supplies, etc.	8.75
Telegram64
Floral	9.43
Government tax on checks16
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Total disbursements	\$397.54

November 19, 1934, Cash balance on hand..... \$203.80
 Bills payable : NONE.

T. FREDERICK DAVIS,
Treasurer.