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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE LIBRARY

Members of the Society and other friends have been generous to the library during the past quarter, and our librarian, as usual, has been adding to our shelves everything of Florida interest he could lay his hands on. The most noteworthy accessions are :

The library of John B. Stetson University, Miss Charlotte Smith, librarian, has donated a file of the *National Geographic Magazine*, almost complete from volume 27, 1915 to and including volume 76, 1939.

Mrs. Fannie L. Gilkes of Ridgefield, Connecticut, has added to her previous benefactions two very old pictures in oval frames of the Confederate heroes, Generals Lee and Jackson.

Mrs. Verle A. Pope of St. Augustine, has placed in the library a large collection of miscellaneous Florida materials of her father, the late Senator A. M. Taylor, once a director of the Society. Included among the several hundred items is much pertaining to state and local politics; files of miscellaneous Florida newspapers ; some Flagler memorial newspapers, 1913 ; a number of Florida books including law books; the early record books of the St. Augustine Yacht Club; and much material on the Inland Waterway canal.

The Florida State Department of Agriculture, Nathan Mayo, commissioner, has donated more than 125 pamphlets and booklets and reports pertaining to agriculture of Florida published by the Department.

The Florida State Horticultural Society has presented the following issues of their *Proceedings*, which make the Society's reference file almost complete: 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1914, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1939, 1940, 1941.

We are indebted to the Jacksonville Public Library for the following :

The Encyclopedia Americana. (30 vols. 1936)

Summary Report of Survey of Florida Drainage Districts . . .
(Florida Emergency Relief Administration, 1935).

Bibliography of Transient and Homeless, by Lucy A. Bassett
(Florida Emergency Relief Administration, 1934).

Unemployment Relief in Florida, July 1832-March 1934 (Florida Emergency Relief Administration, 1935).

Florida Transient Review, vol. I, no. 4, April 1935.

Industrial Directory of Florida (St. Augustine 1935).

Thirty post cards of Florida cities of the early 1900's.

Frederick Van Roy, of Crystal River, has presented: "The Life Story of U. S. Senator David Levy Yulee", by Sara E. Sweat (MS, 7 p.) ; and "Tiger Tail", by Mildred Camery, from **Realty News**, March 12, 1926.

Paul A. Hardaway of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, has again contributed to the library, and a special alcove has been set aside for his collection. The recent additions are:

Sidney Lanier, *Florida, its scenery, climate and history* (Philadelphia, 1875).

Charles Joseph Latrobe, **Rambler's Guide to Florida** (N. Y. 1873).

B. W. Wrenn, *Scenes in Florida* (Savannah, Ga., 1898).

Sixty-six pages from the **Scientific American**, 1870-1897, containing articles on Florida subjects.

Poor's Manual of Railroads of the United States, 45 vols. 1877-1933.

Harrison M. Reed of South Jacksonville, son of former governor Harrison Reed, has presented the following:

Semi-Tropical Magazine (edited by Harrison Reed), vols. I and II (bound).

Autobiographical note in Harrison Reed's handwriting, 7p.

"Jacksonville's Opportunity", a MS. in Governor Reed's handwriting, 5 p.

Several newspaper clippings pertaining to Governor Reed and to Florida subjects.

Four years ago, Mr. Reed presented an enlarged, framed, portrait of his father.

Miss Mattie A. Burtchaell of Norcross, Ga., granddaughter of John Lee Williams, has presented a copy of her grandfather's commission as one of the commissioners appointed by Governor DuVal to locate the state capital. She has sent us also a portrait of her grandfather.

Prof. A. J. Hanna of Rollins College has presented photostat copies of seven letters and documents written by Frederick George Mulcaster, a surveyor general of East Florida and a member of the council during the English occupation, from the William L. Clements Library. These include letters from Mulcaster to General Gage and Gen. Clinton, a short description of a part of East Florida, and a memorandum of a plan concerning a secret expedition 1776.

Albert C. Manucy our Secretary, has presented "The History of Fort Jefferson, 1846-1860," by Albert C. Manucy. (Key West, June 1936), 67 p. Typewritten MS.

F. M. Traynor, Tampa, has given us a copy of Herbert E. Bolton, **The Spanish Borderlands** (New Haven, Conn., 1921).

William R. Van Fleet of Auburndale has given the library a copy of **History of Polk County, Florida**, by M. F. Hetherington. St. Augustine, 1928).

Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Railroad Commission of the State of Florida, for the year 1941. Gift of the commission. "The Tern Colonies of Dry Tortugas," by James O. Stevenson. *Bird-lore*, Sept. Oct., 1938, 938, pp. 304-309. Illustrated. Gift of the author.

Ponce de Leon Land: St. Augustine, Florida, by George M. Brown. (Jacksonville, Fla., 1892).

Catalogue of the Wymberley Jones De Renne Georgia Library (Wormsloe, Ga., Privately printed, 1931). 3 vols.

Colton's **Map of Florida**, 1853. In color. Gift of John Hobart Cross. Pensacola.

The Maid, The Man and The Mystic, by M. L. Verdiver (Chicago, 1913). Gift of the Florida State College for Women Library.

Guide to supplementary vital statistics from church records in Florida (preliminary). In three volumes. (Jacksonville, 1942). Presented by the Historical Records Survey.

Jeannette Thurber Connor, ed., **Jean Ribaut, The Whole & True Discoverye of Terra Florida** (Florida State Historical Society, DeLand, 1927).

H. S. Tanner, **The American Traveller . . .** with maps, (1839).

Campbell, Richard L. **Historical Sketches of Colonial Florida** (Cleveland, O., 1892).

Fagin, N. Bryllion, **William Bartram, Interpreter of the American Landscape** (Baltimore, 1933).

Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan, **When the Whippoorwill** (New York, 1940).

Rowland, Mrs. Dunbar, **Andrew Jackson's campaign against the British, or the Mississippi Territory in the war of 1812**. (New York, 1926).

Mr. T. Frederick Davis has added to the collection he gave us recently a bound volume (175 p.) "Florida Events of History" in manuscript, which he published in the Jacksonville *Times-Union* as "Short Talks."

A memorial collection has been begun in the library to the memory of Henry Holland Buckman (1858-1914) who will always be remembered for his part in the establishment of our state institutions of higher learning. As a beginning, Mrs. Buckman, who, the members will recall, catalogued our library some years ago, has donated several Florida histories, articles from periodicals relating to Florida, newspaper clippings of Florida interest, photographs of Florida historic sites, and reports of early Jacksonville civic organizations.

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The State and Local History News, the periodical of the American Association for State and Local History, comments :

"**The Florida Historical Quarterly** has published a list of 'Research Projects on Florida Subjects' compiled by Watt Marchman, librarian of the So-

ciety, consisting of projects now in progress or recently completed and unpublished. Two hundred seventy-eight projects were uncovered. It is an interesting list, a compilation such as other state societies might wish to make.”

THE CESSION OF EAST FLORIDA TO THE UNITED STATES

On July 10, 1821, in St. Augustine, Colonel Robert Butler, as commissioner of the United States, took over the sovereignty of East Florida from the Spanish governor, Jose Coppinger. So on that anniversary our librarian, Mr. Watt Marchman, arranged an exhibit in the Society's library especially suited to the occasion. The center of interest was the only known copy of Governor Coppinger's printed proclamation telling the inhabitants of the coming transfer of sovereignty with directions for their guidance, and, in effect, it was his farewell to them as their governor. This broadside is one of the chief treasures of our library. It was given to us many years ago by one of our members, Mrs. Annie Averette, of St. Augustine. It was printed both in facsimile and in translation in the *Quarterly* (July 1927. vol. VI, pp. 40, 41).

Also on exhibit was Colonel Butler's sword recently presented to the Society by his grandchildren. Mrs. Ellen Dorsey and Dr. W. E. Lewis of Tallahassee. And there were numerous other items relating in one way or another to the cession or the period.