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THE JOURNALS OF EARLY TERRITORIAL FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Professor W. S. Jenkins, of the Department of Political Science of the University of North Carolina, has carried out an important project for the Library of Congress. A special effort has been made by the Library to secure files of the printed legislative journals of all of the states. Some of these journals were never printed, and in a few cases apparently no copy of the printed journals has survived.

Professor Jenkins has completed a project of making, from many sources, microfilm copies of all of these journals. Where no printed copy was found, he secured copies of the original manuscript journals, and where these latter have not survived he searched all available newspaper files for the full journals or any synopses or extracts of the proceedings.

The Florida journals— He has made microfilm copies of seven of the eight printed Florida journals which the Library of Congress lacks. Some of these he filmed in the State Library, one came from the library of the University of Florida, and others he filmed in the library of Julien C. Yonge. No copy of the printed journal of the 8th session, of October 1829, is known.

He writes: "I have now completed the legislative journals microfilm project. The Florida film goes down through the November 1848 session. It is composed of four reels of approximately 100 feet each I was able to find newspaper reports for all of the sessions beginning with the 2nd session, May 1823, through the 8th session, October 1829, although some of the sessions are not completely reported. I found the manuscript journal of the 9th session, January 1831 I agree with you

that the evidence is fairly conclusive that no journals were printed prior to the session of 1829. Although I have not yet had the opportunity to thoroughly search through the proceedings published in the newspapers, a casual reading of them reveals no evidence of separate publication.”

THE TERRITORIAL PAPERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Volume X of *The Territorial Papers of the United States* has appeared. This series was fully described in the *Quarterly*, the issue of October 1941 (XX.216). It consists of one or more volumes for each of the former territories, in which the most important documentary material found in any of the government depositories in Washington is edited and printed. The present volume is the first of three relating to Michigan territory. As the volumes are issued in the order of the creation of the territories, it will be several years before the volumes of Florida documents are reached. Dr. Clarence E. Carter of the Division of Research and Publications of the Department of State, is the editor of the series.

The January issue of *Bulletins of the American Association for State and Local History* (I.5) is “Publicity Program for the local Historical Society,” by J. Martin Stroup.

The author, who has successfully handled just such programs, gives an account of his experience, with numerous suggestions applicable to any local historical society.