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JOSEPH BYRNE LOCKEY

Very few natives of Florida have written of her history. This will not be true always, though fate has at times intervened—as in the case of Joseph B. Lockey who died on September 24 last, he having recently moved to Florida to write of his native state.

Dr. Lockey was born in Jackson county on February 2, 1877, where his ancestors had settled during the territorial period. He was educated at the University of Nashville and at Columbia University where he received his doctor's degree. He was principal of the DeLand high school 1902-04, and the Pensacola high school 1904-1908. After he left Pensacola one of the largest public schools was named for him.

To carry some of the principles and practices of our public schools to Latin-America, and to further, in a way, what was later called the good neighbor policy, he served as departmental inspector of public instruction in Peru, 1909-1914. Following this he was professor of international relations, George Peabody College for Teachers, and in 1922 went to the University of California, Los Angeles, where he taught Latin-American history until his retirement last year as professor emeritus of history. In 1929 he was Albert Shaw lecturer on diplomatic history at Johns Hopkins University. He served as president of the Pacific Coast Branch of American Historical Association and other historical organizations.

Dr. Lockey wrote several volumes for the use of the schools of Peru. His noteworthy volume *Pan-Americanism, Its Beginnings*, was published in 1920, and his *Essays in Pan-Americanism* in 1939. For the series "American Secretaries of State and Their Diplomacy" he wrote *James G. Blaine*. He published numerous articles in historical periodicals including *American Historical Review*, and has contributed a number of articles to this **QUARTERLY**, including "The Florida Intrigues of Jose Alvarez de Toledo," "Public Education in Spanish St. Augustine," and "The Florida Banditti 1783."

The greater part of his research on Florida's history has been on the second Spanish period on which he had

planned a series "Selected Documents for the History of Florida," the first volume of which, relating to East Florida, is now being published by the University of California Press.

Upon his retirement last year, Dr. Lockey came back to his native Florida to make his home, and planned to devote his time to writing a part of our history.

The last issues of *American Historical Review* and the *Journal of Southern History* contain the announcement of his passing and notes of his life and publications.