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### *Julien Chandler Yonge Memorial Endowment*

On page 3480 of the 1962-63 edition of *Who's Who in America* is the following brief biography:

Yonge, Julien C(handler) (Yung), editor; born Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 20, 1879; s. Philip Keyes and Lucie Cairns (Davis) Y; student Ala. Poly. Inst. [now Auburn University], 1895-98; unmarried. Editor, Florida Historical *Quarterly*, 1924-56, editor emeritus, 1956 - (director Florida Historical Society, 1925-). . . . Director P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, U. of Fla., 1944- . . .

The name of Julien Chandler Yonge will appear in no future edition of *Who's Who in America*. On April 25, 1962, he and his work became history. He now belongs to *Who Was Who in America*.

The fifteen line biography in *Who's Who* never did justice to Julien C. Yonge. Prevented by an illness from completing college at Auburn and a possible career in the teaching and writing of history, he began to collect the sources of Florida's history. In 1944 he had the largest private collection of Floridiana in the world. In 1924 he became Editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. During the following thirty-one years he served without salary or expense account, and often paid postage and bought necessary supplies with personal funds. His name appeared as author of only one article in the *Quarterly*, but he wrote more than 4,000 pages or approximately 1,500,000 words for the *Quarterly* during his thirty-one years of editorship.

Although in straightened financial circumstances, he had refused an offer for his library of books, newspapers, manuscripts, maps, pamphlets, diaries, and so forth-an offer which ran into six figures. Many of the items in his extensive and valuable collection had been given to him by Floridians and he wanted the collection to remain in Florida. In 1944 he gave his entire collection to the University of Florida to be held in trust for the people and to be open to all students regardless of their race, creed, color, or political persuasions. His collection became the

heart of the Philip Keyes Yonge Memorial Library of Florida History at the University of Florida. It was characteristic of Julien that he refused to allow the library to bear his name, and gave it that of his father, who had contributed greatly to higher education in Florida.

At its 1962 business meeting, held in Jacksonville on May 4, the members of the Florida Historical Society stood in silence to approve unanimously a resolution to his memory. With like unanimity they voted to establish the Julien Chandler Yonge Memorial Endowment Fund, the income of which is to be used to promote the study of Florida history and to publish the findings and interpretations of students.

The Florida Historical Society has never before made an appeal for funds. It does so now to honor the memory of a selfless individual and to advance the study of Florida history. If Julien C. Yonge were living he probably would not approve of this appeal, and particularly of attaching his name to the endowment. But he did devote his life to Florida history.

In contrast to historical organizations in most other American states, the Florida Historical Society does not receive an appropriation from the state. The Society has no endowment. Despite the age of Florida, the majority of her citizens are comparatively recent arrivals in the state. Perhaps for this reason they have tended to make their major contributions to educational institutions and agencies located in the states of their or their family origin.

Will you aid in three ways? (1) Send as large a contribution as you can immediately to the Florida Historical Society for the Julien Chandler Yonge Memorial Endowment. (2) Pledge as much as you can for as many years as possible, and allow the Secretary of the Society to remind you of your pledge when membership dues are payable. (3) Take this message to business organizations in your community and secure contributions from them.

All checks or money orders should be made payable to the Florida Historical Society. Please do not send cash. Contributions to the Society up to twenty percent of total business or personal income are tax deductible for Federal income tax. No individual will receive any part of your contribution. Every cent will go into the Yonge Endowment Fund of the Florida Historical

Society. Please mail your contributions to Miss Margaret Chapman, University of South Florida Library, Tampa, Florida.

### *The Editors*

Unusually observant readers may have already noticed slight changes in this number of the *Quarterly*. The Board of Directors of the Society in its meeting last fall elected Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., associate professor of social science at the University of Florida, to the editorship effective with this number. Dr. Doherty succeeds Dr. Rembert W. Patrick, president of the Southern Historical Association, who will now devote all of his time to research and teaching. Dr. Doherty has named Dr. Samuel Proctor, associate professor of social science at the University of Florida, to the post of associate editor. Both new editors are natives of Jacksonville and have done extensive research, writing, and teaching in the area of Florida history. Dr. Doherty specialized in pre-Civil War history and received his doctorate at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Proctor specialized in the Progressive period and received his doctorate at the University of Florida.

A distinguished group of scholars, writers, and devotees of history have consented to serve in an advisory capacity to the editors. Their names and institutional affiliations are listed on the back cover and the Society is honored to have the benefit of their services.

All local historical societies, colleges and universities, and others having news for this section of the *Quarterly* are reminded that this information should be sent to the editors at P. O. Box 3645, University Station, Gainesville. Publishers having books for review should send them to the same address.

### *College and University News*

*University of South Florida:* Miss Margaret Chapman, formerly librarian of the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of Florida, has accepted the position of Special Collections Librarian. The University of South Florida Library hopes to build a collection of Floridiana which will serve the people of the West Coast area. All gifts of Florida material will be gratefully accepted for inclusion in the Florida Collection. An earlier notice in the *Quarterly* stated that this material was

to be sent to Dr. Charles Arnade of the History Department, but it should be sent directly to Miss Chapman at the Library.

*University of Florida:* Dr. Lyle N. McAlister, chairman of the History Department, has a year's leave of absence to do research on Mexican military history. He is presently in Mexico City. Dr. Donald E. Worcester is acting chairman in his absence. Six historians, five in the Social Science department and one in History, have received research appointments from the Graduate School for the 1962 summer session. They are Professors Thomas Blossom, David M. Chalmers, Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., Russell Farnen, Samuel Proctor, and Arthur W. Thompson. Warren Dean, a doctoral candidate, has received a Ford Foundation Grant for research in Brazilian history.

*Stetson University:* Dr. Serge Zenkovsky, one of the nation's pre-eminent scholars in Russian history, will return to the staff next year to develop a Russian Studies program. Mrs. Zenkovsky, who will also join the faculty, will teach the Russian language.

*Rollins College:* Two new members have been added to the history and government faculty. They are Walter Herrick from the University of Virginia, former headmaster at Pomfret, and Lionel Summers, Dean of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, Washington.

#### *Manucy Is Honored*

Albert C. Manucy of St. Augustine, a recent president of the Society, has received a Fulbright appointment in Spain for the 1962-1963 academic year. In addition to his long and notable service in many offices of this Society, Mr. Manucy was for many years the chief historian at the Castillo de San Marcos. He is now regional historian for the National Park Service. His book, *The Houses of St. Augustine*, dealing with Oldest City architecture from 1565 to 1821, is soon to be published by the St. Augustine Historical Society.

#### *Southern Historical Association*

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association will be held in Miami Beach, Florida, on November

8-10, 1962. The headquarters hotel will be the Fontainebleau. Featured at the meeting will be the presidential address of Rembert W. Patrick of the University of Florida. Hundreds of members from all parts of the United States are expected to be in attendance. Program chairman is Mary Elizabeth Massey, Winthrop College; vice-chairmen are David Dowd, University of Florida, for European history; and Richard K. Murdock, University of Georgia, for Latin American history. Local arrangements are directed by Charlton W. Tebeau of the University of Miami.

#### *Phi Alpha Theta*

A regional conference of the national honorary history fraternity, Phi Alpha Theta, was held in Gainesville on March 17. Present were national president, Donald E. Worcester, and national secretary, Donald B. Hoffman. President Ralph Peek of the Florida chapter presided. Delegates were present from most colleges and universities in Florida and papers were read by Warren Dean, University of Florida; Walter Odum, Florida State University; Mrs. Essie Jacobs, University of Miami; and George Artman, University of Tampa. Luncheon speaker was Dr. Evans C. Johnson of Stetson University.

#### *Local Societies and Commissions*

*Pensacola Historical Society:* The first research project of the Pensacola Historical Museum, which was aimed at establishing the history of Old Christ Church in which the Museum is housed, has been completed. The Museum was opened by the City under the direction of the Society in August, 1960, in the venerable building which itself is the museum's most valuable asset. A. O. Mortenson, president of the Society, states, "Our efforts have revealed that Old Christ Church is the second oldest still standing in the state, and the oldest Protestant church building in Florida. The preservation of Old Christ Church has cost history-minded citizens of the area many struggles and personal sacrifices since 1902 when the parish moved, and we are proud indeed to have its future secured as an important historic Florida landmark and as the home of the Museum."

Erected in 1832 for the city's Episcopal congregation, it is believed to be a design of Sir Christopher Wren and is con-

structed of native and English brick, with tall clear windows and hand hewn heart pine beams. It was deeded to the City of Pensacola in 1936 and housed the Public Library for twenty years.

*St. Joseph Historical Society:* Although unsuccessful in securing an appropriation from the last session of the Legislature, the Society is still pressing its efforts to raise money for an addition to the Constitution Convention Memorial Museum. Plans are for this wing to be a replica of the original convention hall. The Society continues its efforts to assemble portraits of all the delegates to the 1838 Constitutional Convention, and has met with encouraging success thus far. More than ten portraits of delegates have been discovered. The Society is also working in conjunction with other interested organizations toward the preservation of some of the ante-bellum homes in Apalachicola.

*Osceola County Historical Society:* New officers of the Society include Kenneth Duncan, president; Mrs. Sally Knight, vice-president; Mrs. Betty Metzger, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Preston Breffinton, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Lillian Garrison, librarian. The directors will be William Dummer, Charles Hartley, Mrs. Annie Whaley, and Bill Padgett. Retiring president is Mrs. Alma Hetherington.

During the past year alternate meetings in Kissimmee and St. Cloud have been held monthly with a variety of programs. Historical books have been presented to local libraries, and the annual field trip was made to the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation where a special visit was made to Billy Bowlegs III.

*Jefferson County Historical Association:* This organization held its initial meeting on April 23, 1962, at Monticello in the federal building with about thirty persons attending. Fifty-five paid memberships were reported. At this meeting fifteen trustees were elected: Richard H. Simpson, Kenneth E. Cooksey, Jack R. Taylor, Miss Mary Budd Holmes, Mrs. Lee T. Bishop, Miss Elise Lafitte, Miss Elizabeth Mays, Edwin Pugsley, Mrs. F. W. Connolly, Charlie C. Anderson, Miss Frances Braswell, Mrs. J. B. Linn, James S. Sledge, Thomas L. Clarke, and L. W. Jones.

The trustees selected an executive board to conduct the business of the organization. Dr. Sledge is chairman; Mr. Jones, vice-

chairman; Mrs. Linn, secretary; Mr. Clarke, treasurer. By-laws were ordered drawn for the approval of the membership. Guest speakers were Professors Joseph Cushman and William W. Rogers of Florida State University.

*Dr. Henry Hanson*

An autobiographical account of the fight against yellow fever and bubonic plague in Peru from 1919 to 1922 by the late Henry Hanson, M. D., has recently been published. Dr. Hanson was Florida's State Health Officer from 1929-1935 and 1942-1945, and died in 1954 at the age of 76. Sponsoring publication of his account are the State Board of Health, Florida Public Health Association, and the Rockefeller Foundation. Copies may be procured from Doris Hurnie, FHPA Historian, P. O. Box 210, Jacksonville, Florida. Proceeds go to the historical fund of the Florida Public Health Association.

*Wilbur Henry Siebert*

Wilbur Henry Siebert died in Columbus, Ohio, on September 2, 1961, after several years of ill health. He was best known among Floridians for his excellent study, *Loyalists in East Florida, 1774-85*. Between the years 1930 and 1957, he contributed seven articles and numbers of book reviews to this *Quarterly*. Professor Siebert was born in Columbus on August 30, 1866, and lived most of his life there. He earned a Master's degree at Harvard in 1890 and studied at Frieberg and Berlin. He was married in 1893 and had served on the Ohio State faculty from 1898 until his retirement.

*GRANTS-IN-AID FOR RESEARCH*

The Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation of Wilmington, Delaware, announces the establishment of a grants-in-aid program for mature scholars holding the doctoral degree or having equivalent status. The purpose of the grants is to provide opportunities for the use of the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library's collections relating to French history, 1760-1820, and to American history, 1800-1914. The grants will not be made for periods shorter than one month and will not exceed \$500 per month,



though the actual amount will depend upon the needs of the applicant.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained by writing the Director of the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Greenville, Wilmington, 7, Delaware.