ORAL HISTORY AT USM

The History Department is pleased to assist in the University's new Mississippi Oral History Project. Designed to preserve a “living record” of the state’s recent past, the project was launched following a one-day workshop conducted by an oral history interviewer from the Lyndon B. Johnson Library. Approximately eighty-five prominent Mississippians have been invited to record their memories for preservation in the University Archives. Among members of the department who will assist in the initial interviews are Professors John E. Gonzales, John D. W. Guice, Kenneth G. McCarty, Neil R. McMillen, and John R. Skates.

FORMER FACULTY NEWS AND WHEREABOUTS

Miss WILLEY JACKSON, Associate Professor Emerita, spent the months of October and November, 1970, on a Norwegian freighter in and out of ports along the eastern coast of South America. Recalling her days and nights in Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires, this professor beloved by so many generations of students observed recently: “As I used to teach Latin American History, my trip was doubly enjoyable.”...WILLIAM COKER is still teaching at the University of West Florida....ARTHUR H. DE ROSIER, Jr., Professor of History and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at East Tennessee State University, maintains his scholarly interest in the American aborigine. His recent book, The Removal of the Choctaw Indians, has been highly acclaimed. His latest works include several articles on Indian removal in The Choctaw Times and The Cherokee One Feather. Friends and former students of this longtime Southern favorite will be pleased to note his plans for the immediate future: “to stay alive; to enjoy a good martini; to lose weight; to read a good book (if Bill Scarborough will write one); and to renew friendships whenever the opportunity is offered”....Former Southern Dean of the University and Professor of History PORTER L. FORTUNE, Jr., continues his duties as Chancellor at the University of Mississippi. He has written “The Formative Years, 1817-1833”, a chapter in the forthcoming History of Mississippi....RICHARD I. HARPER, currently Associate Professor of History at the University of Wyoming, is preparing a book-length manuscript tentatively entitled “English Astronomy in the Age of Chaucer.” His most recent writings include “Porphyrius Judaeus and the Medieval Astronomical Tables,” Isis (Spring, 1971) and “Guillaume de St.-Cloud: Astronomer,” Traditio (future issue)....WILLIAM LA FORGE perseveres as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the Delta State College....Colonel SAMUEL A. LEWIS has been named chairman of the Social Studies Department at the Perkinston Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College....EDWARD H. MOSELEY, now an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama, continues his active career as teacher and writer of Latin American history. His biography of Santiago Vidaurri will be published by the University of Nuevo Leon press. His most recent articles appear in Humanitas, World Mark of Nations, and the Delphian Quarterly....ROBERT L. ROBINSON, Associate Professor of History at the University of Houston, has been named co-ordinator of Undergraduate Studies there.
JAY P. ANGLIN is completing his Berkshire Series monograph, *The Counter Reformation*. This volume is scheduled for publication early next year.... RICHARD BOWERS read a paper entitled “Adam of Stratton: Christian Usurer” at the Spring, 1971, meeting of the Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University. He continues his book-length study of the medieval English wool trade.... ROBERT BRENT’s study of *The Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi* will be published late in 1971 by the Bishop’s Office, Diocese of Mississippi. His article “Failure of Executive and Legislative Leadership During the Decade of the 1850’s” appeared in a recent issue of the *Southern Quarterly*. His latest book reviews were published by *The Historian*, the *Journal of Mississippi History*, and the *Journal of Southern History*.... The department’s newest member, ORAZIO CICCARELLI, spent the summer of 1971 in Rome studying fascist influences on Peruvian affairs during the early 1930’s. One of three departmental members to receive an American Philosophical Society grant, Professor Ciccarelli is writing a history of the Sanchez Cerro regimes in Peru. His article on the impact of the Great Depression on Peru will appear in a future issue of the *Southern Quarterly*.... To the dismay of his colleagues and a throng of admiring students, J. TREADWELL DAVIS was seriously ill during the Spring, 1971, term and did not teach. In the autumn, he will resume his teaching and research activities with high hopes for bringing his history of the Presbyterians to an early completion.... During the Christmas season, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts CLAUDE E. FIKE traveled in Great Britain, with members of Hattiesburg’s distinguished Ciceroan Circle: John E. Gonzales, William Hatcher, William D. McCain, and Charles W. Moorman. In addition to his deanship duties, Dr. Fike continues to offer his ever-popular course in Cold War Issues.... William D. McCain Professor of History JOHN EDMOND GONZALES remains the busiest and most popular personality at the University. During the past year he served as a member of the editorial board of the forthcoming *History of Mississippi*, chairman of the Press Committee of the University of Southern Mississippi and member of the Board of Directors of the University and College Press of Mississippi, editor of the *Journal of Mississippi History*, and president of the University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, and delegate to the society’s national convention in Maine during August, 1971. Somehow, he also managed not only to complete the first draft of his history of the University of Southern Mississippi, but to write a chapter (1833-1854) for the forthcoming state history and an article and some biographical sketches for Crowell’s new *Reader’s Encyclopedia of the American West*.... American Philosophical Society grant recipient JOHN GUICE labored in the Rocky Mountain region during the summer of 1970 to complete his research on the territorial courts of Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. His study, *The Rocky Mountain Bench*, (1861-1890), will be published by the Yale University Press in early 1972. His most recent book reviews appear in the *Historian* and *Annals of Wyoming*.... Also funded by a grant from the American Philosophical Society, GLENN T. HARPER spent the summer of 1970 in Madrid working on his history of the Spanish Revolution of 1868-1875. He continues as assistant editor of the *Southern Quarterly*.... KENNETH McCARTY, assistant editor of the *Journal of Mississippi History*, is pressing forward his research on the diplomatic career of Stanley K. Hornbeck. In addition, he is gingerly approaching the extensive William Colmer collection recently housed in the University Archives. Professor McCarty plans to write a life of the Mississippi Congressman.... NEIL R. MCMILLEN is returning to full-time teaching after proving conclusively that there need be no Dean of the Basic College. His paper on the segregation policies of Governor Ross Barnett’s administration was presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Louisville. He also contributed a chapter on civil rights to the forthcoming state history and is co-author (with Thomas B. Jones) of the *Instructor’s Manual* (1971) to accompany a new single-volume textbook published by Rand McNally. His articles on white resistance to school desegregation in Arkansas and Tennessee will appear in the respective summer issues of *The Arkansas Historical Quarterly* and the *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*. In the autumn of 1971, the University of Illinois Press will release his *The Citizens’ Councils: Organized Resistance to the Second Reconstruction*, a study funded in part by a U.S.M. Faculty Research Grant.... Also assisted by a faculty grant, WILLIAM K. SCARBOROUGH has completed the editing of volume I of *The Diary of Edmund Ruffin*, 1856-1865. The volume will be published in the fall, 1971, by the Louisiana State University Press. A second and final volume of this important *ante bellum* diary is also forthcoming. Professor Scarborough’s most recent book reviews appeared in the *Journal of Mississippi History* and the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*.... In June, 1970, Department Chairman JOHN R. SKATES was pro-
moted to the rank of Professor of History. Currently a Fellow in the Mississippi Institute of Politics, he is at last completing his history of the state Supreme Court. He has also written an article, "Journalist vs. Politician: Fred Sullens and Theodore G. Bilbo," Southern Quarterly (April, 1970), and a chapter on the state during World War II for the forthcoming History of Mississippi. . . . Amid his busy rounds of conventioneering, PETER VON WAHLDE continues his history of the Russian Army, 1550-1850. During May, 1971, he read a paper, "Problems of Russian Military History," to a meeting of the Northeastern Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. For the coming year he has organized panels and will read papers at the annual meetings of the American Historical Association and the Southwest Social Science Association. His article, "A Russian Strategist—G. A. Leer," will appear in a future issue of Military Affairs.

U.S. economic history at California State College at Long Beach. Those who know Paul best will not be surprised to learn of his interest in Cliometrics. "It took a long time to build up any confidence in mathematics," he wrote recently. "But now it is getting to be fun. Each term I have several students doing computer term papers in economic history." . . . GORDON C. BOND, Assistant Professor at Auburn University, has recently submitted an article entitled "The Siege of Flushing In 1809: From the Journal of Pierre-Jacques Osten," to the Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research. . . . RICHARD R. BROWN (M.A. '63), is now Athletic Director and Basketball Coach at North Florida Junior College. . . . DAVID BUICE (M.A. '63) still refuses to return his Newsletter questionnaire. . . . CLAIRE LOPEZ CAMPBELL (M.A. '64) is at long last finishing her degree at Tulane University. . . . WILLIAM L. COSTLEY, Jr. (M.S. '59), a Marine Corps Major, was recently awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Vietnamese Civil Action Honor Medal for Service in Vietnam. He is now stationed at Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia. . . . ROBERT W. DUBAY (M.S. '67) is Chairman of the Social Science Division at Dalton Junior College in Dalton, Georgia. . . . JACK L. GILLY (M.A. '52) heads the Biology Department at Jonesboro, Georgia, Senior High School. He plans to finish his Ph.D. at Emory University in the near future. . . . DREW J. GUNNELLS, Jr. (B.A. '66) is still the pastor at Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. In October, 1970, he was elected President of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. . . . DANIEL H. HOLCOMB (M.A. '57), Assistant Professor at Oklahoma Baptist University, has recently been named Chairman of the Department of Religion. . . . Many will be surprised to learn that DAVID W. KAMENS will soon be awarded a Ph.D. by the University of California at Santa Barbara. . . . WALTER L. LOWE (M.S. '66) is teaching history at Pearl River Junior College. He plans to resume graduate studies either at Louisiana State University or U.S.M. in the fall of 1971. . . . LAWRENCE J. MALLEY (M.A. '66), it has been reported, remains largely unchanged. . . . ROBERT H. MATHIS (M.S. '59) is now Assistant Professor of History at Lambuth College in Tennessee. . . . JAMES L. MONCRIEF (M.S. '59) is currently Director of Education and Staff Development at the Alabama Department of Mental Health. He has recently published a number of works in his area of specialization, including Mental Health Technology Programs, Past and Future (New York, 1970) and North Carolina Mental Health Career Ladder—A Concept (Los Angeles,
1970). . . WARNER O. MOORE, Jr., (M.A. '68), currently a graduate student in the Department of History at the University of Alabama, is writing his dissertation on the 18th Century Charleston merchant, Henry Laurens. He wants a job for the coming year. . . . DAVID W. NICHOLSON (M.S. '58), an instructor at Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Florida, recently announced his uncertainty about future plans and prospects. . . . RUSSELL W. RAMSEY (M.A. '63) divides his teaching time between the Alachua County, Florida, Public Schools, the University of Florida, and the Armed Forces Staff College. His most recent publications include a "Survey of La Violencia in Colombia," The Latin Americanist (January, 1971) and Internal Security in Latin America: The Colombian Experience, a textbook published in 1970 by the Armed Forces Staff. . . . WALTER R. REEDER (M.S. '70) teaches history and political science at Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia. . . . JEROME V. REEL, Jr. (M.A. '61), Assistant Professor of History at Clemson College, has recently published "English Parliaments and the Theory of Corporation," Proceedings (South Carolina Historical Association, 1970) and several book reviews in Catholic World. He will instruct Clemson students in Britain this summer. . . . R. JACK ROGERS (M.A. '63) remains all-around favorite and character par excellence at William Carey College where he serves as Associate Professor of History and Political Science. Jack spent a portion of the summer of 1970 in Washington on a research project and has written "Development of Industry, 1890-1970," a chapter in the forthcoming History of Mississippi. . . . DAVID G. SANSING (Ph.D. '69), who recently broke one of the state's more rigid social and cultural barriers by becoming the first U.S.M. graduate ever to win appointment to the Ole Miss History Department, is revising both his dissertation on the Scalaway in Mississippi and the McLemore-Gonzales Outlines of Mississippi History. . . . JOSEPHINE SCHULTE (M.A. '61), Associate Professor at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, is compiling bibliographies of 19th Century Mexico and the Spanish Southwest. Her forthcoming publications include an article entitled "Gabino Barreda y su mision diplomatico en Alemania," Historia Mexicana, and a translation of a book by Dr. Leopoldo Zea entitled El Positivismo en Mexico (University of Texas Press). . . . EDGAR H. SESSIONS (M.S. '62) continues as Director of the Chattanooga State Technical Institute. . . . PEG SMITH (M.S. '70) is now teaching eighth and ninth grade history at Northwest Junior High in Meridian. . . . CHARLES L. SULLIVAN (M.S. '69), Instructor of History and Geography and Director of the Foreign Study Program at Perkins, also serves as Supervisor of Adult Basic Education for Stone and George counties in Mississippi. He hopes to escort a group of students to Europe this summer. He still holds the A.B.D. at Ole Miss. . . . WILLIAM BANKS TAYLOR (M.A. '68) is a doctoral student in the Department of International History, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London. He hopes to complete his dissertation on Opposition views toward Tory foreign policy, 1812-1815, in early 1974: "just in time to enter the American job market when it will be most crowded. Ah, the security this profession promises." . . . JOHN E. WALLACE (Ph.D. '69), Assistant Professor at the University's Keesler Resident Center, plans further research into the life of Otto Abetz. . . . Colonel EUGENE A. WINK, Sr., (M.A. '57), at the age of 76, has resigned his position as Instructor of History at Gulf Park College in Long Beach, Mississippi. He continues active on the Board of Directors of the state Historical Society and finds his remaining hours with angling and boating in the gulf.

THE GRADUATE STUDENTS

A. WILLIAM T. SCHMIDT, one of the department's outstanding doctoral students, has been named Dean of the University's new School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Dean Schmidt continues his graduate studies and will soon begin work on his dissertation, "The Impact of the Camp Shelby Mobilization on the Hattiesburg Area, 1940-1946."


C. ROBERT WILLIAM DUBAY was awarded a Ph.D. at the Spring, 1971, commencement. His
dissertation, written under the direction of Dr. William K. Scarborough, was entitled “John Jones Pettus, Mississippi Fire-Eater: His Life and Times, 1813-1867.”


E. A.B.D.’s in the field: CLOIS AYCOCK is teaching at Collins, Mississippi, High School. . . . HENRY BLACK, who teaches at Jefferson Davis Junior College, has been devoting his summers to research in Washington. . . . SAM P. BROWN has accepted a position at Holmes Junior College. He spent the winter of 1970-1971 in English archives. . . . MARJORIE JORDAN, who plans to finish her degree requirements this summer, is teaching at Jackson State College. . . . ANTHONY F. EASTMAN is writing his dissertation, “New England Nullification, 1797-1814,” and teaching at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. . . . BERNADETTE LOFTIN now completing her dissertation, “A Social History of the Mid-Gulf South (Panama City to Mobile) 1930-1950,” is teaching at Middle Georgia College at Cochran. . . . LAURIE DRAGO, who has been dragging his academic feet, has not yet taken either his language or comprehensive examinations. He is currently teaching at Jefferson Davis Junior College and reportedly “pressing forward” on his research on “The Second Bilbo Administration, 1928-1932.”

F. The Graduate History Club: Eight-one members strong, Theta-Kappa chapter of Phi Alpha Theta remains an active and healthy intellectual force at the University. Led during the past year by Melton Caraway, president, and Jay P. Anglin, faculty advisor, the organization sponsored a monthly lecture series and an annual journal. Among the year’s more notable lectures were Middle-East skyjack victim George Faldine’s “Hijacking: Dilemma of the Seventies” (November, 1970) and Spring Banquet speaker Donald Strong’s “Role of the Black in Southern Politics” (April, 1971). Friends of Theta Kappa may purchase the fourth and latest issue of its journal, The Southern Historian, IV (Spring, 1971), by sending $1.00 to Box 315, Southern Station, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39401.

As the Newsletter went to press:

The department was deeply saddened by the passing of one of its best-loved graduate students, Thomas Wickliffe, who died May 8, 1971, in an automobile accident.

The editor wishes to thank Melton Caraway and Edna Grayson who contributed materially to several portions of the Newsletter.

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