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A TRIBUTE TO J. TREADWELL DAVIS
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August of 1974 will mark a significant date for the History Department at the University of Southern Mississippi. Then, after twenty-six years of inspired and devoted teaching at USM, Professor J. Treadwell Davis will retire to become the institution's first Professor Emeritus of History.

Each year since 1948, literally hundreds of eager freshmen have listened enraptured to tales of India and the Far East from Dr. Davis. His stories of the Upanishads and Atilla the Hun have been repeated in dormitories and have served as topics in informal student "bull sessions." In addition to the avid learners in Western Civilization, Dr. Davis has inspired hundreds of history majors in his advanced classes in European history. Numerous graduate students have benefitted from his advice and suffered the indignities of his blue pencil on term papers, theses, and dissertations. Students on all levels will miss this kindly, friendly father-figure who was never too busy to listen and advise and encourage.

Coming to Southern in 1948 as an Associate Professor after completing his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt, Dr. Davis was promoted to Professor in 1953. When the History Department split off from the Department of History and Government in 1962, he assumed the position of Department Chairman, a post he held until 1969. Since that time he has devoted his full time to teaching and research.

Stating that he intends to devote more time to fishing and gardening and other pleasurable activities, Dr. Davis leaves with the department's best wishes for a long and fruitful retirement. His departure is lamented by his many friends and colleagues at the University and by an uncounted host of devoted students.

FACULTY CHANGES

The department is pleased to announce the addition of four new faculty:

Assistant Professor ROBERT D. CONKLIN, a graduate of Purdue University (B.S.) and Kent State (M.A. and Ph.D.), came in July, 1973, from the Stark Campus of Kent State. A modern European specialist, Mr. Conklin's doctoral dissertation was entitled "Politics and Politicians in Baden and Bavaria, 1815-1848: A Socio-Political Comparison of *Landtag* Deputies." He is currently working on a study of nineteenth-cuntury South German liberalism.

WARRICK R. EDWARDS, whose teaching responsibilities are divided between the Hattiesburg campus and USM-Gulf Park, joined the department in September, 1973. A graduate of Louisiana State University (B.S., M.A., Ph.D.), Mr. Edwards was a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute of Latin American Studies of the University of Texas. He is currently revising his doctoral dissertation, "United States-Mexican Relations, 1913-1917," for publication. He is also studying the organization of small farmer cooperatives in Louisiana during the 1950's. Before coming to Southern, this popular professor taught briefly at LSU and more recently at Newberry College in South Carolina.

HOWARD JAMES JONES, a Louisiana native and a graduate of Southern University (B.S.) and Howard University (M.A.), comes to USM in September, 1974, as an assistant professor of history. A Civil War and Reconstruction specialist who has taught previously at Grambling and Rhode Island colleges, Mr. Jones pursued his doctoral work in American Studies at Washington State University. He expects to complete his dissertation, "The Members of the Louisiana Legislature of 1868: Images of 'Radical Reconstruction' in the Deep South," before joining the department's staff.

WILLIAM T. SCHMIDT, formerly dean of the College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, also becomes an assistant professor of history in September, 1974. A career Army officer for twenty-seven years, Mr. Schmidt's undergraduate and graduate studies were done at USM. He is a specialist in the social history of the United States who intends to publish a study of Mississippi during the Great Depression.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

JAY P. ANGLIN contributed an essay to A.J. Slavin, ed., *Tudor Men and Institutions* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1973), a *festschrift* in honor of Professor W. C. Richardson. Mr. Anglin will spend the summer of 1974 in the British Museum and the Public Record Office in London working on his study of the Elizabethan diocese of London.

RICHARD H. BOWERS, assisted by the American Philosophical Society, spent the summer of 1973 in London working on his study of Adam de Stratton, a thirteenth-century cleric, exchequer official, and moneylender. In May, 1974, he organized a session for and read a paper to the Conference on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Recently named Honors Associate Professor of History, Mr. Bowers will teach extensively in the University honors program.

ROBERT A. BRENT was visiting professor of history at Louisiana University in New Orleans during the summer of 1973. In May, 1974, he was the principal speaker at the South Central Mississippi Bar Association. Mr. Brent's most recent book review appeared in the *Journal of Southern History*.

ORAZIO A. CICCARELLI spent much of the summer of 1973 in Lima working on his history of Italian immigration to Peru. He plans to resume his research this summer in Rome. Mr. Ciccarelli's paper, "Militarism, Aprismo, and Violence in Peru: The Presidential Election of 1931," was published by the Council of International Studies in Buffalo, New York. His recent publications include "The Leticia Disputes, 1932-34: a Reconsideration of Peruvian Motivations," *Southern Quarterly* (July, 1973).

J. TREADWELL DAVIS, who received the University's Outstanding Teacher award for 1972-73, will retire following the summer session, 1974, after twenty-six years of distinguished service to this institution. His plans include travel and writing, and his best wishes go out to many generations of Southern graduates.

CLAUDE E. FIKE continues as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of history. His paper, "The Gubernatorial Administration of Gerard Chittocque Brandon, 1825-1832," was read to the March, 1973, meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society and published in the *Journal of Mississippi History* (August, 1973). Mr. Fike is currently editing a Civil War diary.

JOHN EDMOND GONZALES, William D. McCain Professor of History, was chairman of the university steering committee for the Southern Association self-study, 1972-1974. He is editor of the *Journal of Mississippi History*, chairman of the university press committee, and a member of the board of directors of the University Press of Mississippi. Mr. Gonzales's most recent scholarly works include an appearance as discussant at the 1972 meeting of the Southern Historical Association; an introductory essay in the forthcoming *Atlas of Mississippi*; an article and biographical sketches in a forthcoming *Reader's Encyclopedia of the American West*; and book reviews in the *Journal of Mississippi History* and the *North Carolina Historical Review*. He was named Distinguished University Professor in May, 1973, and in March, 1974 he was elected vice president of the Mississippi Historical Society.

JOHN D. W. GUICE'S "Indigenous Prologue: A Synthesis of Mississippi Indian History" will appear in the *Atlas of Mississippi*, a University Press of Mississippi publication. He is currently at work on a book-length study of Mississippi during the territorial period and an article on the cattle industry in the Old Southwest. His most recent research travels include trips to the National Archives in Washington and the Department of Archives and Manuscripts, Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge during the winter and spring of 1974. Mr. Guice was recently appointed to the board of trustees of the Hattiesburg public library system. He also serves as membership chairman for both the Western History Association and the Mississippi Historical Society.

GLENN T. HARPER continues as assistant editor of the *Southern Quarterly*. In November, 1973, he presented his paper, "The Spanish Republic and the Great Powers, 1873-1874," to the Southern Historical Association. Mr. Harper is currently at work on a book-length study of the Spanish Revolution, 1868-1875.

PHILIP A. KALISCH, assisted by a grant from the National institutes of Health, U.S. Public Health Service, is pressing to completion his study of federal aid to nursing education. Widely recognized in the field of health care scholarship, Mr. Kalisch's most recent papers were presented to annual meetings of the American Historical Association, American Nurses' Association, International Leprosy Congress (Bergen, Norway), and Congressus Internationales Historiae Artic Medicinae (Budapest, Hungary). Since the spring of 1972, he has published ten articles in journals as widely varying as the *International Journal of Leprosy* and *Arizona and the West*. His latest book reviews appeared in the *American Historical Review, Civil War History, Library Journal, Western Historical Quarterly,* and other scholarly publications.

NEIL R. McMILLEN'S recent publications include *Thomas Jefferson: Philosopher of Freedom* (Chicago: Rand McNally Company, 1973), a biography for children, and (with Charles Sellers and Henry May) *A Synopsis of American History*, 3rd. ed. rev. (Chicago: Rand McNally, 1974), a college-level textbook. He is currently working on a history of Mississippi blacks since 1890 and (with Beverly Joan McMillen) a volume of historical statistics of the state's Negro population. He will be visiting associate professor of history at the University of Missouri in 1974-75.

KENNETH G. McCARTY, director of the graduate history program, won the *Southern Quarterly's* annual award for outstanding scholarship in 1972 for his article "Stanley K. Hornbeck and the Manchurian Crisis." During the recent self-study, Mr. McCarty chaired the university committee on graduate programs. He has also been appointed to a five-year term on the Hattiesburg school board.

WILLIAM K. SCARBOROUGH has completed the second of a three-volume edition of *The Diary of Edmund Ruffin* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1972). In April, 1974, he addressed the Jackson Civil War Round Table and lectured on ante-bellum topics to the Writers and Historians Conference, University of Tennessee--Martin. Associate Professor Scarborough, whose latest book reviews appeared in the *American Historical Review* and the *New York Times*, was recognized in a recent issue of the *New York Review of Books* as "among the most knowledgeable and able of the Southern historians of our generation."

Chairman of history JOHN R. SKATES has published a set of historical maps and a textbook, *Mississippi: Present and Past* (Fenton, Michigan: American Geographics, 1973), for elementary school children. In March, 1974, he read his paper, "World War II as a Watershed in Mississippi History," to the annual meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society in Biloxi. A specialist in the history of the recent South, Mr. Skates' latest book reviews appeared in the *Journal of Mississippi History* and the *Journal of Southern History*.

GRADUATE ALUMNI NEWS

CLOIS AYCOCK (MA '69), instructor of history, Delta State University, plans to complete his dissertation on the role of General A. N. Kuropatkin in the formulation of Russian foreign policy.

JOHN P. BACON, JR. (MS '67), chairman, social science department, State Technical Institute at Memphis, was named outstanding chapter sponsor by Phi Theta Kappa national honorary fraternity in March, 1973. He spent the summer of 1972 as an advisor on municipal services to an official of the city of Memphis. John's wife Barbara, on active duty with the USAF in Washington, is an executive officer of the President's Committee to Support the Reserve and Guard. She received the Air Force Commendation Medal in 1972.

JAMES BAGWELL, who is currently at work on his doctoral dissertation, continues to teach at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus.

ROBERT BAILEY (MA '72) heads the historic sites and archeology division of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in Jackson.

JOSEPH BARICEV (MS '72) is employed at Ingalls ship yard.

MARTHA B. BASSETT (MA '70) teaches in the public school system of Chalmette, Louisiana.

HARRY K. BENSON (MA '66), assistant professor of history, Maysville (Kentucky) Community College, expects to receive the Ph.D. degree in June or August, 1974, from the University of Virginia.

HENRY BLACK (PhD '72), who teaches at Jefferson Davis Junior College, continues his study of William C. Bullitt.

RICHARD BROWN (MS '61), an instructor at Northwestern State University of Louisiana, is preparing for his oral examinations. He has written "The German Acquisition of the Caroline Islands, 1898-1899," for publication in a British journal.

SAM P. BROWN (MA '69), who progresses ever so slowly toward completion of his dissertation, is teaching at Holmes Junior College in Goodman. He is writing a dissertation on the British Legion during the First Carlist War, 1833-39.

DAVID BUICE (MA '63) never returns his *Newsletter* questionnaire. The underground reports, however, that he was seen in the Atlanta area during the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association. It is also rumored that he still meets his classes at Louisiana Tech.

ZED BURNS (MA '72), professor of educational psychology, has retired after twenty-three years of service to USM. He now fills his leisure hours studying and photographing the ruins of Confederate forts. Professor Burns hopes soon to publish a monograph on Forts Gaines, Morgan, Pickins, and Sumter.

GEORGE S. BURSON (MA '72) is working on a doctorate at Vanderbilt University.

JAMES L. CLARK has retired from Clarke College near Newton, Mississippi. Mrs. Clark continues to teach at that institution.

WILLIAM L. COKER (MA '68) finished the Ph.D. degree at the University of Oklahoma and has accepted a position at Northeast Mississippi Junior College.

SAMUEL CREEL (MS '73) is teaching social studies at the Oak Grove School in Lamar County, Mississippi.

LAURIE A. DRAGO is pleased to announce that this year he is closer than ever before to the completion of all requirements for his doctorate. He is still on the staff at Jefferson Davis Junior College.

ROBERT DUBAY ((PhD '71) is academic dean at Bainbridge Junior College in Bainbridge, Georgia.

MARGARET CARTER-DUNN (MA '70) is a housewife in Hattiesburg.

ANTHONY EASTMAN (PhD '72) is still at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

GEORGE L. FALLDINE has been in continuous residence at USM since the autumn of 1966. He has a B.A. degree.

RICHARD FAUST (MA '73) continues his graduate studies at the University of Oklahoma.

WILLIAM FLYNN (MS '73) is teaching at Beeson Academy in Hattiesburg.

THOMAS K. FORD, JR. (MA '71) is an administrator in the Hattiesburg public school system.

JOHN GAMBLE, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree at USM, is teaching at Patrick Henry Junior College in Mobile.

MARTHA GILLON (MA '73) is employed in the Hattiesburg public school system.

JAMES GORNEY (MA '73) teaches school in the Vicksburg area.

KENNETH GOWER runs an antique furniture business in Hattiesburg.

DREW GUNNELS, JR. (MA '66) is pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama.

MARY LOUISE HAFFEY, an employee of the State Department of Archives and History, is writing her doctoral dissertation.

JUDITH MARIE HERRING has married Morris Poole.

ESTELLE TUCKER BUCHANAN HEISS (MA '72), at the age of ninety-five, continues her interest in early historical work at the local and state levels.

JUDY HONEYCUTT (MA '70) is employed in the Jackson public school system.

GORDON D. INGLIS (MA '73), a doctoral student at Texas Christian University, will spend 1974-1975 in Seville, Spain, on a joint grant from the United States and Spanish governments.

DONNA JAMESON Garvey (MS '72) is now director of workshops for USM's Division of Extension and Public Services.

MARJORIE W. JORDON (PhD '72) teaches at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

JOHN R. KEMP (MA '73) is a museum curator in New Orleans.

JOHN KLEM (MS '71) serves as both instructor of history at Jones Junior College and pastor of the Bouie Street Baptist Church.

BERNADETTE LOFTIN (PhD '71), assistant professor of history, Middle Georgia College, has published "A Woman Liberated: Lillian C. West," *Florida Historical Quarterly* (April, 1974). She continues her study of the impact of Brookley Field upon Mobile.

MONTECUE J. LOWRY, JR. (MA '67) is doing graduate work at Texas Christian University in Forth Worth.

LAWRENCE J. MALLEY (MA '64) continues as editor-in-chief and manager of the College Department at Rand McNally Publishing Company.

WARNER O. MOORE (MA '68), instructor of history, Brewer State Junior College, Fayette, Alabama, has published "The Largest Exporters of Deerskins from Charles Town, 1735-1775," *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (1973).

CHESTER "BOBO" MORGAN (MA '74) is working with the University's oral history project.

JAMES L. MONCRIEF (MS '59) is coordinator and assistant professor in the division of allied health professions at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas.

CAROLYN NIX was recognized for distinguished teaching at Woodland Hills Academy in Jackson. She plans soon to marry Leonard Wilson and finish her master's thesis.

LLOYD G. PARNELL (MS '58) is an associate professor of education and chairman of the division of administration, research, and services at Livingston University in Alabama.

DANIEL A. RAYMOND, JR. (MA '72) has returned to active duty in the Army.

JEROME V. REEL, JR. (MA '61), associate professor of history, Clemson University, has read his most recent papers to the Medieval Conference, the International Conference on Computers in the Humanities, and the Missouri Valley Historical Conference.

PAUL H. REUTER, JR. (MA '69) is acting assistant director of continuing education at Jefferson State Junior College in Birmingham. He also teaches in the history department there.

B. FRANK SMITH (MA '54), retired professor of religion and philosophy, William Carey College, is a marriage counselor in Hattiesburg.

CHARLES W. SMITH (PhD '70) is associate professor at Cameron State College in Lawton, Oklahoma.

PEG TOM SMITH RICHARDS (MS '70) and her husband Mouise are expecting a baby soon.

MARTHA RIGBY (MA '72), ensign in the United States Navy, is now an instructor of history at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

R. JACK ROGERS (MA '63) has taken leave from William Carey College to finish his doctoral studies at the University of Mississippi.

DAVID SANSING (PhD '69) is assistant professor of history at Ole Miss.

SUZANNE TAYLOR SARGENT (MS '73) teaches at St. Andrews Episcopal School in Jackson.

JOSEPHINE SCHULTE (MA '61), associate professor of history at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, has published an article in *Historia Mexicana* (1974) and a translation of Leopolodo Zea, *El Positivismo en Mexico* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1973). Despite a busy schedule of teaching and translating she is also completing an MA degree in Spanish and German literature at Trinity University in San Antonio.

CHARLES L. SULLIVAN (MS '69) is an instructor of social studies at the Perkinston campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College.

CYNTHIA SULLIVAN (MS '69) teaches history at Jones County Junior College.

JERRY G. SULLIVAN (MA '64), an "ABD" in political science at USM and assistant professor at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee, is finishing his dissertation on protest and dissent in the Soviet Union. Jerry will tour Mexico and Central America during the summer of 1974 and plans to visit Japan in 1975.

ARCHIE STRAHAN (MS '62), social studies instructor, Jackson County campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, served as a seminar leader for the National Honors Institute of Phi Theta Kappa in June, 1972. Active on the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities, Ms. Strahan was listed in the publication *Outstanding Young Women of America* in 1973.

WILLIAM B. TAYLOR (MA '68), assistant professor of history and department coordinator at USM's Natchez campus, has submitted the final draft of his dissertation and expects to receive the doctoral degree from the University of London in 1974.

STEPHEN WARD (MS '74) has accepted a position in the Georgia public school system.

JOHN E. WALLACE (PhD '69), associate professor of history at USM Gulf Park, is pursuing his study of the French career of Otto Abetz during the 1920's and 1930's.

JERRY LEE WATKINS serves as historian for the Logistics Center, Fort Lee, Virginia. He continues to work on his dissertation on Count Hatzfeldt, German ambassador to Britian in the 1890's.

JUSTUS P. WHITE (MA '74) plans to begin his doctoral studies at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1974-1975.

ERNEST RUSS WILLIAMS, JR. (PhD '69), assistant professor of history, Northeastern Louisiana State University, continues his investigation of Reconstruction in Louisiana's Florida Parishes. He published an article in the winter, 1973, issue of *Louisiana Review*.

LEONARD WILSON (MS '73) plans to marry Carolyn Nix and study law at the University of Missouri.

THE GRADUATE STUDENTS

Doctoral Students:

The department conferred no doctoral degrees during the last biennium. The following students, however, have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. degree except the dissertation: Clois R. Aycock; James Bagwell; Sam Brown; Laurie A. Drago; John Gamble; Robert Giebeig; Paul H. Reuter; Douglas Smith; Jerry Lee Watkins; Daniel Vogt.

Master's Degrees conferred, August, 1972-May, 1974:

Samuel Creel, Jr., M.S. '73; Richard Faust, M.A. '73; William Flynn, M.S. '73; Gordon Inglis, M.A. '73; John R. Kemp, M.A. '73; Richard Lackey, M.A. '73; Richard Lewandowski, M.A. '73; Chester Morgan, M.A. '74; Donna L. Nydegger, M.S. '74; Robert Lee Peters, M.S. '74; Suzanne Taylor Sargent, M.S. '73; Charles E. Sizemore, M. S. '73; Stephen Ward, M.S. '74; Justus P. White, M.A. '74; Leonard Wilson, M.S. '73.

Graduate Assistants, 1972-1974

Doctoral Students: Richard Brown, 1972-73; Robert Giebeig, 1972-73, 1973-74; Douglas Smith, 1972-73; 1973-74; Daniel Vogt, 1973-74.

Master's Students: Carl Duncan, 1972-73, 1973-74; David Dwyer, 1973-74; John Ellsey, 1972-73; Richard Faust, 1972-73; William Flynn, 1972-73; James Gorney, 1972-73; Susan Graham, 1973-74; David Guynes, 1972-73; Gordon Inglis, 1972-73; Corrado Lutz, 1973-74; Carolyn Nix, 1972-73; Robert Lee Peters, 1973-74; Darwin Pope, 1973-74; William Rook, 1972-73; Martha Walley, 1973-74; Stephen Ward, 1973-74; Raymond Webb, 1973-74; Kenneth Weir, 1973-74; Justus P. White, 1972-73, 1973-74; Leonard Wilson, 1972-73.

The *Newsletter* proudly reports that Theta Kappa chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, once presumed the victim of terminal narcolepsy, was not only alive but astir throughout most of the last biennium. Much of the credit for this miracle of rejuvenation belongs to Mr. Guice and Mr. McCarty, who served as faculty advisors during 1972-73 and 1973-74, and to the organization's student presidents, Douglas Inglis and Justus White.

In the spring of 1973, two members of this honor society for history students read papers to a Phi Alpha Theta regional seminar at the University of Mississippi. That year the organization also co-sponsored with Pi Gamma Mu a banquet featuring as speaker the noted geographer, Merle C. Prunty of the University of Georgia. In March, 1974, Theta Kappa hosted a regional seminar attended by nearly sixty students and faculty representing institutions from across the state. Then, as if to flaunt its new vitality, the organization sponsored two banquets in a single year. In December, 1973, H. L. Mitchell, co-organizer and former president of the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union, addressed a banquet of some twenty-five students and faculty. The following May, Professor Stephen Ambrose of the University of New Orleans, a specialist in diplomatic history, addressed members and guests on "Operation Overlord."

THE J. TREADWELL DAVIS FRESHMAN HISTORY AWARD

In May, 1974, Margaret Elaine Lee of Hattiesburg won the first annual J. Treadwell Davis Freshman History Award. In recognition of her exceptional record, Ms. Lee was given a shield, and her name was inscribed on a large and prominently displayed plaque in the department of history. Created to honor Professor Davis upon his retirement, the award will go each year to the outstanding freshman student in Western Civilization.

The *Newsletter* notes with sadness the recent deaths of two former students: Audrey Granade and Blanche Mayfield.