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THE UNIVERSITY SOUTH CAROLINIANA SOCIETY
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

THE SOUTH CAROLINIANA LIBRARY
April 30, 1954, 7:00 P. M.
SAMUEL L. PRINCE, President, Presiding

Dinner.........................................................................................................................7:00
Welcome......................................................................................................................Donald S. Russell
President, University of South Carolina

Business Reports on Gifts
The Maverick-Van Wyck Papers ............ OZE VAN WYCK AND T. FRANK WATKINS
The Edgefield Advertiser .............................................................. W. D. Workman, Jr.
The Calhoun Family Papers ................................................................. R. L. Meriwether

Exhibit......................................................................................................................9:00-10:00

The Society: SAMUEL L. PRINCE, President; CAROLINE McKISSICK BELSER, CHAPMAN J. MILLING, MARY C. SIMMS OLIPHANT, Vice-Presidents; ROBERT L. MERIWETHER, Secretary and Treasurer; The Executive Council—The foregoing officers and JAMES O. SHEPPARD, SAMUEL G. STONEY, VIRGINIA S. WHITE.

The Library: ROBERT L. MERIWETHER, Director; ELIZA HERNDON, E. L. INABINETT, CLARA M. JACOBS, Assistants; ETTA FRIPP, CORNELIA H. HENSLEY, MARGARET B. MERIWETHER, ELEANOR RICHARDSON, H. S. TEAL, ELENA ZIMMERMAN, Part-Time Assistants; GAY ARTHUR, CHARLENE CAIN, JUDY DETWILER, CATHERINE FICKLING, INA CLARE GUERRY, MARY ALICE HAMM, VERA LATIMER, DOLLY MARTIN, LEWIS RAWLS, SUZANNE RHEM, W. T. SCHOOLER, Student Attendants.
EXHIBIT OF GIFTS BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY DURING THE PAST YEAR

1-12. THE CALHOUN FAMILY PAPERS, 1774-1899.

The Library's Calhoun Family Papers now record more than a century of Southern life. The recent purchase by the Society and the Library of more than three thousand manuscripts makes the collection one of the most valuable and extensive sources of Southern history. Included in the recent acquisition are more than two hundred letters from and to the famed South Carolinian which shed new light on his varied career. Perhaps of more importance are the letters of the other members of this prominent South Carolina family. Many late eighteenth century letters and papers of John Ewing Calhoun, early Federal senator from this state, are invaluable for the study of the post-Revolutionary period. The letters of Mrs. John C. Calhoun and of her daughter, Anna Maria, a close companion to her father, record life at home and describe with keen interest society at the nation's capital. The letters of John Ewing and James Edward Calhoun, brothers-in-law to the more famous John Caldwell Calhoun, are of no small importance. They disclose a deep interest in the welfare of the state, section and nation, in politics and in agriculture. The large land holdings of James Edward Calhoun fostered the promotion of railroads and industry in and immigration to South Carolina. The letters of Andrew Pickens Calhoun reveal an equal variety of interests but are especially important for their record of plantation life in South Carolina and Alabama and the betterment of Southern economy through agricultural societies. South Carolina's participation in the War Between the States is represented by many family letters but more especially by those of the Confederate Captain, John C. Calhoun, whose military career is extensively recorded in their pages. The family papers extend into the post-war period. In these years, of most importance are the letters of Patrick Calhoun, outstanding Georgia lawyer and railroad promoter.

The papers on exhibit represent the Society's contributions made thus far in the recent campaign for special gifts and likewise the expenditure of the entire Reserve Fund. The Society is especially indebted to Mrs. Caroline McKissick Belser, Mr. C. W. Coker, Mr. J. S. Dudley, Mr. E. Smythe Gambrell, Dr. J. Heyward Gibbes, Mr. Philip M. Hamer and the late Mrs. Sallie G. Spigener for their contributions.

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These volumes, constituting one of the most valuable weekly newspaper files in the South, three-fourths complete for the first forty, and nearly complete for the next seventy years, are placed in the Library as a memorial to the late Mrs. Florence Adams Mims (1873-1951) through a subvention from the Caroliniana Purchase Fund of the Library and the generosity of Mrs. Mims' daughters.

Chief Donor: Mrs. Eleanor Mims Hanson.

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   Photograph of John Belton O'Neall.
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   Circular letter, 16 June 1861, proposing the establishment of a Southern Lutheran Church paper.
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14. A selection from sixty-five manuscripts, 1870-1878, of the Patrons of Husbandry, Toms Creek Grange, South Carolina; By-Laws and Proceeding of the State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry of South Carolina, 1876.
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   Juan, the White Slave and the Rebel Planter's Daughter, by W. D. R., 1865.
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15. The Code of Honor; Its Rationale and Uses, 1878; a late defense of the code duello attributed to R. Barnwell Rhett, Jr.
   Donor: Mr. Richard Banks.

   Program of the Dinner of the South Carolinians held at the Waldorf Astoria, 18 March 1907.
   Donor: Mr. Herbert A. Moses.

   Report of the Chairman of Centennial Committee, to the Palmetto Guard, Charleston, 1876.
   Donor: Mrs. William H. Cogswell.

   Four letters, 1829-1833, from John C. Schulz to his daughter Maria recording conversations with John C. Calhoun and describing Charleston society during the racing season.
   Donor: Miss Mary Stanyarne Flud.

   The Confederate Soldier's Prayer Book, 1863.
   Donor: Mrs. John O. Willson.

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   A selection from the Library's Hampton letters used in the publication of the Family Letters of the Three Wade Hamptons, 1782-1901; this book is number four in the South Caroliniana series sponsored jointly by the Library and the Society.
Donor: Mrs. T. H. Ketchin.  
“Music of the Lost Cause,” an album of 128 pieces of Confederate sheet music, bound by Julian A. Selby, Columbia printer of the 1860's; many of these were published by him.  
Donors: The heirs of Julian A. Selby.

18. Water color painting by A. Grinevald, 1859, of the hill-top home, built by Governor John Taylor, as seen from Sidney Park.  
Donor: Mrs. Albert R. Taylor.  
Surveying instrument sold by the firm of Young and Veal of Columbia in the 1850's to the family of Washington A. Clark.  
Donor: Mrs. Mary Clark Brockman.

19. **Exhibit of Volumes and Articles Published by Members of the Society.**

20. Damask linen tablecloth, with South Carolina palmetto tree woven in the border for Col. Wade Hampton, given to Rev. Peter Shand by the Misses Hampton, February, 1865.  
Donor: Miss Louly Shand.  
Afghan knitted by a group of Columbia ladies to be sold at auction for the benefit of the Hampton Legion in 1862.  
Donor: Mrs. Benjamin A. Knowlton.

21. Diary, 1871-1877, of Joshua Hilary Hudson. These five volumes relate to the law firm of which Hudson was the senior partner but contain many interesting asides on the social and political issues of the Reconstruction period.  
Donor: Mrs. William A. Huey.  
Two volumes of the works of Samuel Henry Dickson, founder of the Medical College of South Carolina, printed 1825-1856, bound and annotated by the author in 1857; one volume of medical pamphlets with manuscript notes by Dickson; two scrapbooks, 1856-1889, kept by Professor Henry M. Bruns of the College of Charleston.  
Donor: Mr. James Henry Bruns.

22. *Birds of Mexico*, by Emmet Reid Blake.  
Donor: Mr. Eugene H. Blake.  
Donor: Mr. Francis W. Bradley.  
Donor: Mrs. Sterling Graydon.  
Kershaw Account Book, 1820-1824. The book is opened to a receipt signed by Mason Locke Weems showing sales of his *Life of Washington*, *Life of Marion* and other books. In the volume are also accounts for Thomas Sumter, Stephen D. Miller, Samuel Maverick and the Stateburg Jockey Club.  
Donors: Mr. Edward Ogburn and Mr. Harvey Teal.
Reminiscences of an Intercourse with Mr. Niebuhr the Historian . . . . , by Francis Lieber.
Donor: Miss Laura Bellinger Jones.

Volume of eleven South Carolina political pamphlets, 1823-28, containing manuscript notes by James H. Hammond (1807-1864).
Donor: Mr. James H. Hammond.

Volume of South Carolina College pamphlets, 1854-1860 containing manuscript notes by R. W. Shand recording chiefly deaths of former students in the Confederate Army.
Donor: Miss Louly Shand.

23. Papers of John Knox McLean. 137 manuscripts, 1820-1867, chiefly letters written as a surgeon in the Confederate Army from various camps and hospitals in South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia; a selection from seventeen manuscripts, 1853-1861, of Robert S. and Thomas P. Bailey.
Donor: Mrs. Claudia Bailey Kizer.

State Gazette, and Columbian Advertiser, Columbia, 5 August 1817.
Donors: Mr. Edward Ogburn and Mr. Harvey Teal.

Seventy-two manuscripts, 1861-1876, of William H. Chapman, records of the Palmetto Guard Volunteers.
Donor: Mrs. William H. Cogswell.

Document, 14 December 1820, signed by Andrew Pickens, recording sale of land in Pendleton District.
Donor: Mrs. A. L. Waring.

Selection from 139 Manuscripts, 1736-1881, of Edwin W. Geiger, Lexington County.
Donor: Mrs. Albert R. Taylor.


The 150 papers of the Maverick and Van Wyck Families present an interesting picture of economic and social life of a plantation family. Samuel Maverick (1772-1852) retired from business in Charleston and moved his family to Montpelier, his plantation at Pendleton. Five of the letters 1818-1819 are written by him from Charleston to his neighbor, Zacharias Taliaferro at Pendleton, regarding slaves, purchase of goods, the cotton market, and shipments of gold and silver to China. His extensive land holdings in South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama are recorded in a bound volume, 1785-1848, listing deeds, plats, and plans for several towns. Samuel Maverick's daughter, Lydia Ann, married William Van Wyck, a lawyer of New York, and the larger part of the papers are letters of their children and family connections. A son, Samuel Maverick Van Wyck (1835-1861), married Margaret Caroline Broyles of Pendleton and settled at Williamston, S. C., where he operated a tannery. From 1857-1860 as medical student in New York he wrote interesting letters on medical study of that day and life in New York. As surgeon in Gen. Forrest's Cavalry until his death Nov. 30, 1861, he wrote letters to his wife which are a good picture of army life.

Note: The 1953-54 campaign for new members is still in progress and the list of members is therefore omitted from this program.