

Farmers' Society Books Are Donated

CLEMSON — Older than historic Pendleton Farmers' Society Hall are the books which formed the original collection belonging to the Society. These valuable volumes have been donated to the Clemson College Library to insure their safe-keeping and availability for research.

Several years ago the collection was deposited in the College library here. Last December the Board of Directors of the Farmers' Society voted to give the books to the Clemson library.

Listed are 84 volumes plus several early agricultural magazines which have been interfiled with other numbers to form complete volumes. These include the "American Farmer," "Rural Carolinian," "Farmer and Planter" and "Southern Farm Magazine."

145 YEARS OLD

In 1965, the Pendleton Farmers' Society will celebrate its 150th anniversary. During its organization in 1815 an invitation to join was sent to all farmers in the area. "Practical books, good ploughs, harrows and other implements of husbandry," they were told, "and good seeds of various kinds would be purchased."

Society president, Thomas Pinckney, proposed "the opening of a correspondence with Mr. Vaughn of Philadelphia, requesting him to furnish the Society with the Memories of the Philadelphia and other similar Societies in the Northern States, and generally such other books on Agricultural subjects as our funds will enable us to obtain."

Among the volumes are some 43 with the old Pendleton Farmers' Society bookplate and/or 18th century imprints, indicating they were part of the original library acquired by gift or purchase, probably before 1820, says J. W. Gordon Gourlay, Director of the Library.

ENGLISH WRITERS

With the exception of the "Philadelphia Memoirs," all books in the 140-year old collection were written by Englishmen. Thirty-two are by Arthur Young and six by William Marshall. Both were leading English writers of their day on agricultural subjects. Other books include "A Compleat Body of Husbandry" and two volumes of Philip Miller's "Gardener's Dictionary" then con-

sidered a standard work.

The works of Arthur Young (1741-1820) include "Annals of Agriculture," "Course of Experimental Agriculture," "Farmer's Letters to the People of England," "Rural Improvements," "Six Months' Tour Through the North of England," "Six Weeks' Tour Through the Southern Counties of England and Wales" and "Tour of Ireland."



VALUABLE VOLUMES IN CLEMSON LIBRARY
J. W. Gordon Gourlay looks them over

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