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DONALD DEAN JACKSON

Donald Jackson was born in Glenwood, Iowa, on June 10, 1919. Although he graduated from Iowa State University in 1942 with a degree in technical journalism and worked as a reporter on the *Des Moines Register* and as radio news editor for WOI in Ames, Iowa, his career was not to lie in that field. His first (and only) novel was published the year he graduated. He received his M.A. in English from the University of Iowa in 1946 and subsequently wrote a study of the Renaissance printer Johann Amerbach. But the world of belles lettres was not to claim him either. In 1948 he received his Ph.D. in communications from the University of Iowa, and in that same year he became editor of the University of Illinois Press. He held this position for twenty years, eventually becoming associate director. I do not know how many books Donald saw through the press in those years, but I am sure that the keen eye for details and the passion for accuracy and clarity that he brought to his own work helped to build and maintain Illinois's reputation for scholarly publishing.

I first met Donald through the Western History Association, of which he was, I believe, a charter member. Over the years, he was a member of a number of historical societies, including the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, and the Society for the History of Discoveries. But his first love was the history of the exploration of the American West. Donald's conservative dress and quiet demeanor were in sharp contrast to some of the more flamboyant members of the WHA, but the warmth of his personality, his great knowledge, and his

willingness to share it drew both amateur and professional historians to him.

I was drawn to him because we shared a common purpose. As curator of Yale's Western Americana Collection, I was amassing manuscript and printed sources for the use of historians. Donald, casting a wider net, was drawing similar sources from many collections and making them available to a wide audience in the form of carefully edited, authoritative editions. His *Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition* in 1962 was followed by *The Journals of Zebulon Montgomery Pike* and, with Mary Lee Spence, *Expeditions of John Charles Fremont*. I am happy to say that his monograph *Custer's Gold* was published by Yale in its Western Americana series.

In 1968 Donald moved to the University of Virginia as professor of history and editor of *The Papers of George Washington*. In 1976 the Virginia Bicentennial Commission published his *George Washington and the War of Independence*. He retired in 1978 and moved to Colorado where he lived until his death on December 9, 1987. He is survived by his wife Catherine and two sons, Robert and Mark.

Donald was elected to this Society in October 1976. Though distance and, later, ill health kept him from attending meetings, he was the Society's representative at the installation of the chancellor of the University of Colorado in 1982. We, and the whole scholarly community are the poorer for his loss.

Archibald Hanna, Jr.

GORDON WILLIS JONES

Gordon Willis Jones, physician, book collector, and historian of medicine, was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on August 20, 1915, the son of Leo Tanner and Blanche (Willis) Jones. His ancestral roots and his birthplace were in New England, but he lived nearly all of his life in Virginia, a state whose geography, history, and culture captured and cultivated most of his innate, and formidable,

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