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The editors were longtime librarians of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, widely recognized as one of the largest repositories of black history. Dr. Sinnette was chief librarian and Mr. Coates, formerly the reference librarian. Dr. Battle is the current Director of the Center. ♣

Jim Quick: A Tribute

by **Matt Nauman** (Blackwell North America)

The bookselling world mourns the passing on April 20, 1993, of James C. Quick. Jim was born in 1915 in Tacoma, Washington. He worked for twenty-two years for Frederick & Nelson in Seattle, ending his career there as buyer and manager of the book department. Staying in the book field, Jim moved to Portland, Oregon in 1960 to work for J.K. Gill. Six years later he accepted a position with the academic library bookselling firm of Richard Abel & Co. Later, he stayed on with Blackwell North America and B.H. Blackwell, Ltd. as Regional Sales Manager in the Pacific Northwest, Western Canada, and Alaska. He was awarded an honorary life membership in the Alaska Library Association. Jim retired from Blackwell in 1987. After his "retirement," he spent two more years with Professional Book Center in Portland. Jim's love of reading led to book collecting. His passion for fishing led him to acquire a large library on the subject, which is now housed at Washington State University, Pullman, Washington. Jim is survived by his wife Jessie of Tigard, Oregon, as well as a son, two daughters, a sister, ten grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. To the many people who knew Jim as a bookseller, business associate, or fishing buddy, Jessie says "thank you for being a part of his very interesting life."