Farish Grant Aids Davis Project; Study Will Yield 15 Volume Series

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A grant of $100,000 was recently awarded to Rice University by the William Stamps Farish Fund to further a ten year study of Jefferson Davis.

The gift, one of the largest ever awarded to Rice for humanities research, will aid the Jefferson Davis educational research project. This study, which is already under way on campus, is sponsored by Rice and the Jefferson Davis Association.

Important Factor

In making a joint announcement of the award with James O. Winston, Jr., vice-president of the Farish Fund, Rice University President Kenneth S. Pitzer commented, "The continued support of the Farish Fund has been an important factor in the growth and expansion of a well-rounded humanities program at Rice, and we are indeed grateful."

As its ultimate goal the project will publish 'The Papers of Jefferson Davis,' an anthology in 15 volumes of the writings of the President of the Confederacy.

Recently the United States Civil War Centennial Commission awarded the undertaking its highest award, the Civil War Centennial Commission Medal; and the project has won the full support of the National Historical Publications Commission.

More Needed

A donation of $20,000 was made by the Southern Company of Atlanta, Georgia, and private donors have added $5,000 to the fund. Approximately $75,000, however, is still needed to finance research, editing and publication.

Established in the name of W. S. Farish, one of the founders of the Humble Oil Company, the Farish Fund was responsible for the 1963 acquisition of the Joseph Nadler library collection of German literature, history, and philosophy at Rice.