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**FLORIDA LOCAL HISTORICAL
SOCIETIES**

The Tallahassee Historical Society, in conjunction with other civic organizations of the city, is planning an appropriate observance of the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of General LaFayette on May 20, next. Chief Justice Fred H. Davis of the Florida Supreme Court will deliver the principal address. The Society is desirous of having the name, "LaFayette Memorial Park" given to a new park in the northern part of Tallahassee and lying within the township given to him in 1825 under grant of Congress in recognition of his services in the War of the American Revolution. This grant made LaFayette, though he was never a resident of Florida, the largest individual land-holder of record in Leon County, the township (36 square miles) containing approximately 23,260 acres.

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At a meeting of the Jacksonville Historical Society on March 23, attended by many members and others interested in Florida's history, Hon. W. T. Cash of the Florida State Library spoke on "Guides to Florida History," and Dr. Kathryn T. Abbey, of Florida State College for Women, read a paper on "Banking in Territorial Florida."

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A tablet placed by the Pensacola Historical Society upon old Christ Church was unveiled on April 8. Chaplin Francis L. Albert, U. S. N. spoke on "The Value of Preservation and Marking of Historical Spots." Other speakers were the Right Reverend Frank A. Juhan, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Florida, and H. Clay Armstrong, president of the Society. This church, the

oldest surviving public building in Pensacola, was completed in 1832 and consecrated in 1838.

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The Tallahassee Historical Society has issued its first Annual, comprising papers read before its regular meetings during the past year. It contains :

LaFayette and the LaFayette Land Grants

William Pope DuVal

The Proctors-A True Story of Ante-Bellum Days

Legislative Information and Important Events Concerning Florida, 1822-1845

Fort San Luis (with a map)

The Gamble Family in Florida

Early Settlers of Tallahassee, 1824-1850

Old Houses of Tallahassee

David Shelby Walker

The volume is in mimeograph, of sixty pages, and contains several illustrations in line and silhouette of historical value. Old Houses of Tallahassee is of especial interest, and prompts the wish that some of these might be preserved as they were and are still.

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The activities of these local historical societies are heartening to all who feel an interest in Florida's history and should encourage the formation of similar societies in other old towns of the State.