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RESEARCH PROJECTS IN FLORIDA HISTORY

In the *Journal of Southern History* (November) there is *A Compilation of Research Projects in Southern History*, completed, in progress, or contemplated. Two hundred forty-seven projects are listed, several of which relate to Florida.

A similar list of projects on Florida subjects is being compiled by Professor A. J. Hanna of Rollins College, and this will appear in an early issue of the *Quarterly*.

The desirability of such publication is evident. In many cases needless duplication of research and writing may be forestalled; and it may be the means of bringing unknown material to the knowledge of the writer. For example: Professor R. C. Cotner of Stetson University has begun research preparatory to the writing of a history of the citrus industry in Florida, and would be glad to know of any available unusual material on that subject.

Included in this list will be any completed but unpublished works on Florida historical subjects.

Professor Hanna and the editor of the *Quarterly* ask that either be told of any projects relating to Florida underway or contemplated, so they may be included in the list to be published.

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THE IRVING BACHELLER ESSAY CONTEST

This contest, as our readers will recollect, is held annually under the auspices of Rollins College and the Florida Historical Society. It is open to all Florida high-school students who write upon some subject of Florida's history for two medals, the gift of Mr. Irving Bacheller who founded the contest. Essays this year will be written upon "Notable Personalities" and delivered on February 24 at Mr.

Bachelor's residence in Winter Park. Inquiries should be made of Professor A. J. Hanna of Rollins College, chairman of the contest committee.

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The Pensacola Historical Society has established a museum in one of the oldest houses of the town, once the home of Dorothy Walton (widow of George Walton a signer of the Declaration of Independence) who died in Pensacola. This was made possible through the interest of Mr. T. T. Wentworth a former president of that society. Many of the articles on exhibit are historical, and it is planned to increase that category. Mr. Wentworth has devoted one of his weekly historical broadcasts over station WCOA to the loan exhibit of Floridiana being assembled for the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society, and another to the purposes and history of the Society.

In 1888 the Florida Southern Railway issued a large-scale printed map showing its land-grants among other features. A few copies remain, and one will be sent to any Florida library or to any one interested in the Florida of that period, upon request to Mr. E. B. O'Kelley, General Agricultural Agent, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, Jacksonville.