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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

A life-size statue of Osceola, the Seminole patriot, has been presented to the Society by H. Norman Gallie of Eustis and is now in the Library. It is the work of Bernice West, one of our members, other work of whom can be seen in Rockefeller Center, New York, and who has lately completed a bronze of Theodore L. Mead, pioneer Florida horticulturist, for the Mead Botanical Gardens near Orlando.

Osceola has come to represent what is best of the Seminole character, and it is fitting that this reminder of him and his part in the history of Florida should have a place in our Library.

GOVERNOR JAMES GRANT

Biographical and other material pertaining to General James Grant, the first English governor of East Florida, and representing much research, have been presented to the Library as a memorial by Philip C. Tucker, attorney, of Bradenton.

Mr. Tucker became interested in General Grant in connection with a study he was making of Freemasonry in Florida, General Grant being an active member of that order. The material consists, in part, of correspondence with Sir Arthur Grant and A. Macpherson Grant of England and Scotland ; correspondence with several historical groups, here and abroad; copies of documents and letters pertaining to Grant and a copy of "General James Grant of Ballindalloch, 1720-1806", written by Alastair Macpherson Grant and inscribed to Mr. Tucker by the author. Also there are several ar-

ticles by Mr. Tucker on Freemasonry in Florida, published in *The Master Mason*, *The Tampa Mason* and *The Builder*.

The Society is grateful to Mr. Tucker for placing this material in our library for permanent preservation and for consultation by historians and students.

Mrs. Phoenix Clark Remsen and her son, DePuyster Remsen of St. Augustine, have placed in the Library for preservation and for reference by historians and students (as a permanent loan) a large family collection of letters, books, documents, newspapers and clippings, family albums and pictures, and many museum pieces of all kinds, nearly all of which pertain in some way to the history and development of the east coast of Florida. This is placed in the Library as a memorial to Mrs. Remsen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Clark of St. Augustine. Part of the material, because of its private and family nature, will be under seal and may not be used without the consent of Mrs. Remsen and her son, Mr. DePuyster Remsen.

Mr. Clark was an official of the St. Johns Railway between St. Augustine and the St. Johns river, and was active in the development of St. Augustine during the latter part of the 19th century.

The following articles from early periodicals have been given to the Library by Paul A. Hardaway of Pawtucket, Rhode Island:

J. D. Holder, "Along the Florida reef" *Harper's* February-July 1871.

"A Monthly Concert at Tampa Bay," in *Harper's* October 1862.

J. J. Headley, "The First Colonists of Florida," in *Harper's* March 1860.

Francis Parkman, "The Fleur-de-lis in Florida," in *Atlantic* August 1863.

H. B. Plant, "The Great Railway Systems of the United States," in *Cosmopolitan* October 1892.

Will Wallace Harney, "The Drainage of the Everglades," in *Harper's* March 1884.

G. W. Nichols, "Six Weeks in Florida," in *Harper's* October 1870.

Julian Ralph, "Our own Riviera," in *Harper's* March 1893.

Kirk Munroe, "Alligator Hunting with Seminoles," in *Cosmopolitan* September 1892.

Also several articles from *Frank Leslie's* 1874, 1881, 1882, 1883. Colton's *General Atlas* (New York, 1857).

OTHER ACCESSIONS

Irving A. Leonard, *Don Carlos de Siguenza y Gongora* (University of California Press, 1929.) (exchange)

Philip Coolidge Brooks, *Diplomacy and the Borderlands: The Adams-Onis Treaty of 1819* (University of California Press, 1939.) (exchange)

A. Hyatt Verrill, *Romantic and Historic Florida* (New York, 1935). Presented by Karl A. Bickel, Sarasota.

Photograph of General E. M. McCook, U. S. A. Gift of Mrs. E. M. McCook.

Comte de Castelnau, "Note on Source of Wakulla River in Florida." Typewritten copy, from Florida collection of Dr. Mark F. Boyd, Tallahassee.

Comte de Castelnau, "Note on two itineraries from Charleston to Tallahassee." Typewritten copy, from Florida collection of Dr. Mark F. Boyd, Tallahassee.

George T. Ward, "Eulogy on life of James Tillinghast Archer, 1859. Typewritten copy presented by Mary Lamar Davis, Tallahassee.

Wentworth's Magazine, June 1941. Presented by the publisher, T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Pensacola.

ARCHEOLOGICAL NOTES

The Society's committee on archeology is planning, as an immediate project, the publication of a bibliography of Florida archeology for general distribution. Hundreds of titles have been listed and as soon as necessary funds can be secured, these titles will be carefully checked and the bibliography prepared for publication.

Contributions from members of the Society who are interested in furthering the study of Florida archeology are welcomed.

Dr. Doris Stone, chairman of the Society's committee on archeology and member of the Middle American Research Institute of Tulane University, has been engaged in archeological investigations in Central America during the summer.

Dr. John M. Longyear, III, of Peabody Museum at Harvard University, a member of the Society's committee on archeology, left the United States early in September for El Salvador and Nicaragua to be engaged in archeological research for six months or longer.

Mr. William B. Goodwin of Hartford, Connecticut, another member of the Society's archeology committee, spent the summer completing a book he is publishing summarizing the results of his recent archeological investigations.

Mr. Charles D. Higgs of Fontana, Wisconsin, and Vero Beach, Florida, formerly an official of the Yerkes Observatory of the University of Chicago, is investigating an archeological site on the Florida east coast near Sebastian inlet. He was first attracted to the site by the remains of an old shipwreck partly buried in the sand on the beach.

Nearby he discovered an Indian kitchen midden of pre-Columbian culture, partly destroyed by the tides. Further investigation in the vicinity revealed evidences of a European settlement near the beach. Hundreds of fragments of Spanish pottery and crockery showing Moorish influence, and pieces of Spanish bottle glass were found, uncovered by heavy winds sweeping the shore. Portions of roof-tile, brick and mortar, three or more feet below the sandy, palmetto-covered surface, were excavated in an experimental hole sunk in one place. English trading pipes (of early 18th century) some in a good state of preservation, were found in abundance. Fragments of china of Chinese Ming period were also discovered. He has been careful not to disturb the site before its investigation by a trained archeologist. However, his interest stirred by his discovery, he is making a careful study

of this portion of the coast. With the assistance of leading libraries and museums of the United States he has identified many of his artifacts, but from all records and maps he has examined he has not yet found any reference to a European house or settlement at this site.

Mr. Higgs has turned over his entire collection of artifacts to the Society's library where they are now on exhibition.

Professor Alfred J. Hanna, president of the Society 1939-1940, and Dr. Kathryn T. Abbey, vice president 1936-1938, were married on July 5, last, in St. John's Episcopal Church, Tallahassee.

The American Association for State and Local History has issued the first number of its periodical *The State and Local History News*. Mr. Watt Marchman, our librarian, is a member of its membership committee and Dr. Dorothy Dodd is a founding member of the organization.

THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE STATE LIBRARY

For putting into effect the resolution adopted by the Society at our last annual meeting (page 108 of the July number of the *Quarterly*) for a program of closer cooperation between the Society and the State Library, conferences are being held with representatives of the State Library Board. Mr. Marchman, our secretary and librarian, attended a meeting of the Board on August 23, where a member of the Board was appointed to meet with representatives of the Society in September to decide on the method and details of cooperation. It is believed by the officers of the Society and the State Library Board that the steps now being taken will provide against future competition between the two libraries.