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HISTORICAL NEWS

The Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Daytona Beach, May 3-4, 1968. The site committee has selected the Daytona Plaza, Daytona Beach, for the convention. Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., University of Florida, is program chairman. The Friday morning session will consist of a three-man panel: Dr. John K. Mahon, chairman of the University of Florida's Department of History, Paul Chalker, assistant editor of the University of Florida Press, and Charles Haslam, St. Petersburg book dealer. This session, to be chaired by Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau of the University of Miami's history department, will discuss the problems of researching, writing, editing, publishing, and selling Florida history. Dr. Mahon's recently published *History of the Second Seminole War* will be used as the case in point. Baynard Kendrick will act as commentator for this session. Reading papers Friday afternoon will be Father Michael V. Gannon of St. Augustine, Walter C. Hartridge of Savannah, and Alice Strickland of Astor. Mrs. Carita Doggett Corse will be chairman of this session, and comments will be made by Dr. Durward Long of the University of Wisconsin. The board of directors will hold its meeting on Friday evening at the Daytona Plaza.

Special ceremonies will be held in New Smyrna on Saturday to mark the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Dr. Andrew Turnbull's settlement. The dedication speech for a historical marker to Dr. Turnbull will be given by Kenneth Beeson of St. Augustine. The Saturday luncheon will be held at the New Smyrna Yacht Club, and William M. Goza, president will convene the Society's business session at that time. The speaker for the Saturday evening banquet will be Dr. Robert H. Spiro, president of Jacksonville University. The recipient of the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History for 1968 will be announced at the banquet by Dr. Samuel Proctor. Other awards will be presented by Milton D. Jones of Clearwater and Dr. Merlin Cox of the University of Florida.

Manuscript Acquisitions

Robert L. Strozier Library, Florida State University

Mark F. Boyd Collection (1635-1843). Consists mainly of photocopies of original manuscripts in Spanish from Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Spain (1645-1843). There are a few translations in Spanish and English in holograph plus some holograph notes and typed pages of a manuscript by Dr. Boyd. 2,272 pieces.

George Rainsford Fairbanks Collection (1817-1942). These papers consist of personal, business, and family correspondence, business records, and items relating to the writing and other activities of Fairbanks. The records include land grants, deeds, account receipts, pamphlets, brochures, etc. 3,284 pieces.

William S. Rosasco Papers (Pensacola, 1916-1963). The collection relates to the affairs of William A. Rasasco, Jr., and his father, William Sebastian Rosasco, Sr., and their many business enterprises in Northwest Florida. They include business and personal correspondence and tax statements of the various companies owned by the Rosasco interests. These papers give insight into the business and industrial history of the area from World War I to the present.

Pine Hill Plantation Papers (Leon County, 1840-1895). These manuscripts deal with the Eppes Bradford families and include Civil War letters, family and plantation records, family correspondence, genealogical data, land mortgages, business papers, promissory notes, manuscripts of books by Susan Bradford Eppes, fragments of original poems, etc. 1,721 pieces.

Fred C. Elliot Papers (Tallahassee, 1835-1962). This collection consists of business records, correspondence, pictures, a scrap book, and other items of the late Fred C. Elliot, chief engineer and secretary of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida. Mr. Elliot's public service career began in 1908 and continued until his retirement in November 1957. He played a leading role in carrying out the Everglades drainage project.

Jerry W. Carter Papers (Tallahassee, 1923-1966) Includes official papers, political, business, and personal correspondence, campaign material, job appointments, and correspondence relating

to public utilities and transportation in Florida. Mr. Carter was State Hotel Commissioner (1917-1929), and Florida Railroad Commissioner since 1934. He has been very active in the Florida and national Democratic Party. 40,968 pieces.

University of West Florida Library

Blount Family Papers (1726-1965). Correspondence, business papers, maps, and other documents, primarily relating to W. A. Blount and his son, F. M. Blount, of Pensacola. 6,780 (est.) pieces.

Henry McLaughlin Papers (1868-1962). Mss. and bound volumes relating to the McLaughlin family of Pensacola and their interests in the railroad business in West Florida. 2,917 pieces.

Yonge Family Papers (1781-1934). Correspondence, legal papers, and business records of members of the Yonge family of Pensacola. Includes records of the Pensacola Land Company (established in 1835), the legal papers of C. C. Yonge, and general correspondence of his son, P. K. Yonge, prominent Pensacola lawyer, educator, and businessman. 5,821 pieces.

Innerariyt-Hulse Papers (1799-1915). Family correspondence and business papers relating to John Innerarity of Pensacola, attorney for the firm of Panton, Leslie, & Co. and Forbes and Company; and Dr. Isaac Hulse, chief surgeon, West Indies Squadron, United States Navy. 763 pieces. (To be used with permission of the director of the library.)

Frank Rutherford Marston Papers (1918-1931). Correspondence, photographs, and miscellaneous papers relating to Lieutenant (later Captain) Marston, U.S.A.E.F., who was killed in action, July 15, 1918.

Henry L. Wiley Collection. Manuscript arithmetic book (1804); maps of the Pensacola region (1935-1948); and other papers and photographs (ca. 1920-1950). 46 pieces.

Justin R. Weddell Papers (1900-1967). Pamphlets, advertising brochures, and other imprints designed or written by Mr. Weddell, prominent Pensacola artist and publicist. 304 pieces.

Thomas A. Johnson Papers (1900-1967). Letters, business papers, and official correspondence of Thomas A. Johnson, chair-

man, Florida State Road Department (1941-1944). Included are papers relating to commercial activities in Pensacola and political affairs in Florida during the administrations of Governors Spessard L. Holland and Millard Caldwell. 1,686 (est.) pieces.

University of South Florida Library

Congressman Sam Gibbons Papers. Congressman Gibbons of Tampa has designated the University of South Florida Library as the repository for his papers. The first group is now being catalogued. Mr. Gibbons was a member of the Florida legislature from 1952-1962, and was elected to congress in 1962. His papers can be used only with his permission.

P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida

Park Trammell Papers (1903-1937). Includes personal and business correspondence, documents, campaign material, printed and manuscript copies of speeches, and pictures, covering Trammell's career as a member of the Florida legislature, attorney-general, governor, and United States Senator. 2,500 pieces.

J. Broward Culpepper Papers (1947-1967). This collection consists of the business and personal correspondence and papers covering Dr. Culpepper's career as educator and university administrator, executive director of the Board of Control, and chancellor of the university system. (38 manuscript boxes.)

John McKay Letters (1831-1837). Twenty-four letters written by an army officer stationed in Florida during the Second Seminole War to members of his family. They describe his army service in Florida and his duty at posts in Georgia and elsewhere.

Miscellaneous items covering the period 1765-1812: Includes an extract (from Lord Grenville's Papers) of a letter of Chief Justice William Clifford of West Florida (1765) about the destructiveness of Spanish trade in Florida; a letter (1766) to William Bartram about agricultural experiments in East Florida; letters relating to Florida matters from President James Monroe,

General George Mathews (1812), Lachlan McIntosh, 1784); and Florida documents signed by West Florida Governor Peter Chester (1771-1776), Benjamin Guerard (1783), Sir Guy Carleton (1783), William A. Bowles, James Grant, Enrique White (1798), and Arthur Gordon (1778).

Civil War letters and documents: Includes the letter-book of the Confederate collector at St. Marks, and letters from Confederate Secretary of the Treasury C. G. Memminger, Admiral R. Semmes, Union General Lorenzo Thomas, U. S. Secretary of the Treasury Howell Cobb, Confederate Congressman George T. Ward, Edward Farrand, Confederate Secretary of the Treasury G. A. Trenholm, several Union naval officers stationed in Florida, and Confederate Comptroller Lewis Cruger. 54 pieces.

Miscellaneous letters to Governor David S. Walker (1866); from Governor Walker to President Andrew Johnson (1867) on condition of Federal courts in Florida; from Admiral C. D. Sigsbee (1896); from Luther Burbank (1926) on agriculture in Miami; from Rex Beach (1935); and from Governor Dan McCarty (1952).

The P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History has also added two rare maps to its collection: Joannes van Keulen's *Van West Indien Behelsende soo Deszelffs Vaste Kusten als d'Onder . . . de Noord Oceaen door Vooght Geimetra* (1685), and George Louis Le Rouge's *La baye de Spiritu Santo Cote occidentale de la Florida and S. Augustin* (1778).

Activities and Events

Fort Pierce Museum: The St. Lucie County Historical Commission in cooperation with the St. Lucie Historical Society is operating a museum in the Arcade Building at U. S. 1 and Orange Avenue. In addition to articles, artifacts, and records of the St. Lucie County area, the museum has on display a large collection of valuable artifacts and articles recovered from the site of the original Fort Pierce. Admission to the museum is free, and it is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Augustus Poujoud House: The Independent Life and Accident Insurance Company of Jacksonville has purchased the Augustus Poujoud House, 105 St. George Street, St. Augustine and is planning to establish an insurance and finance museum there following restoration. The house dates from about 1820 and it stands today relatively unaltered. The Historic American Buildings Survey has recorded this building, and additional research into its history is continuing.

Peace River Valley Historical Society Florida History Award: Colonel Read B. Harding, USAF Retired, of Arcadia has received the fourth annual Florida History Award given by the Peace River Valley Historical Society. Colonel Harding, one of the founders of the Peace River Valley Historical Society, was honored by the organization at its February meeting held in Tampa. He received the unanimous vote of the nominating committee which recognized his distinguished endeavors for Florida history. Previous winners of the Florida History Award were the late Father Jerome of St. Leo Abby, Albert DeVane of Lake Placid, and Dr. Samuel Proctor, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Jacksonville-Duval County Historic Preservation Council: An historic preservation council has been organized to serve as an advisory body to the Jacksonville-Duval Area Planning Board. Its members include Harold R. Clark, chairman, Herschel E. Shepard, Audrey Broward, Robert Broward, Joseph J. Dodge, William M. Galphin, Mellen C. Greeley, Richard A. Martin, Charles E. Pattillo, III, Russell P. Redman, Jr., P. D. Shoemaker, George Simons, Jr., and Dena Snodgrass. Preservation of important historical buildings, sites, and landmarks of the greater Jacksonville area is an important goal of the council.

Notices

Rice University is currently sponsoring an edition of the public papers of William L. Clayton, developer of Anderson, Clayton & Co., the world's largest cotton marketing firm. Mr.

Clayton also made an important impress on international economics and politics. His public career included service on the War Industries Board during World War I and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, as assistant secretary of state, and as under-secretary of state for economic affairs. In this latter position he is credited with the authorship, at least in part, of the Marshall Plan. Because of his important roles in government and world affairs, the publication of the Clayton Papers should be an important addition to the corpus of recent American history. Anyone who knows of materials relating to Mr. Clayton is asked to write to Fredrick J. Dobney, Department of History, Rice University, Houston, Texas 77001.

The papers of John Marshall are also being collected for publication. Approximately 2,000 items have been assembled, and an effort is being made to find others which relate to Marshall's service as secretary of state and as chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. Anyone having information on where John Marshall material is located is asked to write to Herbert A. Johnson, P. O. Box 220, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

The fifty-third annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History will be held on October 3-6, 1968, at the New York Hilton Hotel. Persons interested in proposing sessions, papers, or other participation, should write the program chairman, Walter Fisher, Department of History, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland 21212.