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## BOOK NOTES

Peter Schaal arrived in Sanford, Florida, in 1912, to become news and sports editor of the local newspaper. He also served for many years as Seminole County correspondent for the Associated Press, the Jacksonville *Florida Times-Union*, and the *Orlando Sentinel*. From his longtime association with the community, he has written a book, *Sanford as I Knew It, 1912-1935*. There is a chapter for each year, and Mr. Schaal has highlighted the important community events as recorded in the *Sanford Herald*. The last chapter was written as a tribute to the Sanford High School football team. This book contains an index, which certainly makes it very useful. It sells for \$4.50, and it may be ordered from the author, Box 140, Orlando 32802.

*Pedro Menendez de Aviles and the Founding of St. Augustine*, by Elaine Murray Stone, is one of the American Background Books series that records the lives of outstanding Catholics in American history. The book was written for a teenage audience, but an examination of Mrs. Stone's list of sources reveals that she has done her homework well. She has produced a very readable book with a minimum of historic errors. It is published by P. J. Kennedy and Sons, New York, and sells for \$4.95.

*The Branded Hand: Trial and Imprisonment*, by Jonathon Walker, has been republished by Arno Press, New York (\$4.50). Walker's story, originally published in 1845, was widely distributed throughout the United States and England before the Civil War by abolitionist organizations. Walker was accused of "stealing" seven slaves. He had taken the blacks aboard his small boat at Pensacola in 1844, and while enroute to Nassau, they were captured by a U. S. Navy sloop. In Key West Walker was placed in double-irons, and was later taken by steamer to Pensacola to stand trial. Found guilty, he was sentenced to stand in the pillory for one hour, to pay a sizable fine, and to be branded on the palm of his right hand with the letters SS (slave stealer). By the time Walker was released from jail in June 1845, his case had become famous. In a poem entitled "The Branded

Hand," John Greenleaf Whittier heralded Walker's anti-slave activities.

*The First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida, 1870-1970*, by George C. Osborn, records the history of the congregation from the time of its organization, August 14, 1870, when it had a total of twenty-one members. Within five years there was a church building and pastor, who served two Sundays each month for a salary of \$300 a year. Church histories are necessary if one is to fully understand and appreciate local and regional history. Professor Osborn, who has written biographies of John Sharp Williams and Woodrow Wilson, has written an adequate history, notwithstanding the difficulties of obtaining necessary papers and records. He points out in his preface the need of all religious institutions to establish "a careful and complete filing system for reference by proper persons and for use by church historians." This monograph sells for \$3.00, plus twenty cents postage. It may be ordered from the First Baptist Church, 424 West University Avenue, Gainesville 32601.

*Florida Legislature, A Bibliography*, by E. Lester Levine and William H. Creamer, is one of the publications in the Civic Information Series, Public Administration Clearing Service, University of Florida. As Professor Levine points out in his introduction, the Florida legislative process offers a fertile area for future research for both political scientists and historians. The pamphlet sells for twenty-five cents, and it may be ordered from the Director, Public Administration Clearing Service, University of Florida, Gainesville 32601.

*Contributions of the Florida State Museum, Social Sciences, Number 16*, contains two papers: "The Palmetto Grove Site on San Salvador, Bahamas," by Charles A. Hoffman, Jr., and "Archaeological Investigations on Cat Island, Bahamas," by James C. MacLaury. The monograph sells for \$1.50, and it may be ordered from the Florida State Museum, Seagle Building, Gainesville 32601.

Professor Robert B. Marcus, Department of Geography, University of Florida, has published an excellent *Geography of*

*Florida*. A large variety of topics are included: size and location, physiography, climate, soils, water resources, population, manufacturing, tourism, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and mining. There are selected references at the end of each chapter and a number of maps and statistical tables. The *Geography* sells for \$3.60. Order from the University of Florida Bookstore, Gainesville 32601.

*Journal of a Tour and Unsettled Parts of North America in 1796-7197*, by Francis Baily, has been published by Southern Illinois University Press, Carbondale, in its Travels on the Western Waters series. Baily "toured" the American frontier in the 1790s. He traveled down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans and then returned North by way of the Natchez Trace. Published originally in 1846, the *Journal* gives a descriptive account of "every conceivable aspect of frontier life from the excessives of the religious procession in Spanish New Orleans to the simple campfire warming the weary travelers on the Natchez Trace." There is much in the book to interest West Florida historians. Professor Jack D. L. Holmes of the University of Alabama at Birmingham is editor of the Baily *Journal*. His introduction includes extensive biographical data on Baily, and his commentary on the *Journal's* value to history is excellent. There is also an index. The book sells for \$15.

*Privateers in Charleston, 1793-1796: An Account of A French Palatinate in South Carolina*, by Melvin H. Jackson, was published by the Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington 20560. Many of the attacks which the French privateersmen made against the British and Spanish in a vain attempt to save France's West Indian colonies were off the Georgia and Florida coasts. The abortive efforts of French Minister Genet and Mangourit, French consul at Charleston, to revolutionize and seize the Floridas from Spain is described in a chapter entitled "Gallomania and the East Florida Experation." Much of this is drawn from correspondence from the East Florida Papers. The interesting story which it tells and the excellent pictures which it contains make this book a rare buy at \$3.50. It is available from the United States Government Printing Office, Washington 20402.

*The Negro in Maryland Politics*, by Margaret Law Callcott, examines the black man's political role against the full spectrum of post-Civil War politics. Maryland Negroes gave solid support to the Republican Party, and in retaliation the Democrats launched ingenious but unsuccessful schemes to disfranchise them. This book is an important contribution to both southern and black history. Published by the Johns Hopkins Press, Baltimore, it sells for \$7.95.

*Mississippi Valley Pioneers*, compiled and edited by Neil J. Toups, is devoted mainly to the passenger lists of thirty-seven ships that left France for Louisiana between 1717 and 1721. In most instances the birthplaces and the occupations of the various colonists are listed. There is a description of the Western Company and the Company of the Indies together with a listing of sixteen of the larger and more important Louisiana Concessions. This book is of value to those interested in West Florida history. It sells for \$7.95, and may be ordered from Neilson Publishing Company, 118 Julian Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501.

In 1930 the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill established the Southern Historical Collection with Dr. J. G. de Rhoulhac Hamilton as its director. With its more than 5,000,000 documents and manuscripts, the collection is generally recognized as being one of the very best in the country, not only because of the great mass of material, but also because of the breadth of its holdings. There are manuscripts and private papers of individuals, families, and institutions; no public records, books, pamphlets, or newspapers are included. In 1941, when the collection was substantially smaller than it is now, a guide was published. It is out-of-date, but a new guide is now available. It contains entries for most of the collection's nearly 4,000 groups of papers. There is also an index to selected people, places, and subjects. There are many Florida references in the collection, and it is noted that the Stephen R. Mallory Papers, the Edmund Kirby-Smith Papers, the Richard Keith Call Papers, the Brevard Family Papers, and the Hentz Family Papers are at Chapel Hill. *Southern Historical Collection: A Guide to Manuscripts*, edited by Susan L. Blosser and Clyde N. Wilson,

Jr., sells for \$6.00. It may be ordered from the Manuscripts Department, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill 27514.

*A Guide to Spanish Louisiana, 1762-1806*, by Jack D. L. Holmes, is in the Louisiana Collection Series of Books and Documents on Colonial Louisiana. Professor Holmes' Spanish Louisiana, examined according to eighteenth century definition, was bounded on the west by Texas and includes the posts of Los Adaes and Natchitoches, and on the north by the Louisiana settlements of St. Louis, San Carlos, and St. Andrew. On the east, the traditional eighteenth century boundary of Louisiana and West Florida, the Mississippi-Iberville River line, has been extended so as to include West Florida as far as the Apalachicola River and the Spanish post of San Marcos de Apalache. The southern boundary, of course, is the Gulf of Mexico. Louisiana was acquired by Spain in 1762 under the Treaty of Fontainebleau, and it became an American territory in 1803. This *Guide* continues through 1806 so as to include important material relating to the transfer and American settlement. While this bibliography is not definitive, and Professor Holmes never intended it so, it is very valuable. The study is intended for the general public, students, and historians, and it serves all three groups well. There are many Florida references, including several from the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The book sells for \$3.95, and it may be ordered from the Louisiana Collection Series, 720 S. 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35233.

A list of references for the *History of Agriculture in the United States, 1790-1840* has been compiled and edited by Douglas Bowers for the Agricultural History Center, University of California, Davis. It was prepared as another step toward an eventual comprehensive bibliographical history of American agriculture. There are more than 1,200 references, including several relating to Florida.

*A Guide to Research in American Library History*, by Michael H. Harris, spotlights undeveloped areas for the researcher in library history. Of particular value is a descriptive bibliography of theses and dissertations on American library

history completed through 1965. Among the Florida references are the history of the Miami Public Library system, the Four Arts Library of Palm Beach, and the Florida State Library. The book is published by Scarecrow Press, P. O. Box 656, Metuchen, New Jersey 08840. It sells for \$5.00.

*The Carolina Indian Frontier*, by David H. Corkran, is the sixth tricentennial booklet published for the South Carolina Tricentennial Commission by the University of South Carolina Press at Columbia. It examines the Yamasee War of 1715, Oglethorpe's utilization of the Cherokees and local Creeks against the Spaniards in the 1740 siege of St. Augustine, and the Cherokee war in South Carolina during the 1750s. The material is taken from published documentary sources, primarily from the *Colonial Records of South Carolina*. The tricentennial commission has also published a second volume in its Tricentennial Studies series. *The Bank of the State of South Carolina: A General and Political History*, by J. Mauldin Lesesne, traces the history of the bank from its establishment in 1812 until its collapse resulting from the Civil War and the bankruptcy that followed. The book sells for \$6.95, and it may be ordered from the University of South Carolina Press, Columbia 29028.

*The Era of Expansion: 1800-1848*, by Don E. Fehrenbacher, covers, of course, the period when the Florida territory was added to the United States. The book, published by John Wiley, New York, sells for \$6.50.

*The Opening of the West*, edited by Jack M. Sosin; *The Issues of the Populist and Progressive Eras, 1892-1912*, edited by Richard M. Abrams; and *Great Britain and the American Colonies, 1606-1763*, edited by Jack P. Greene, are new volumes in the Documentary History of the United States series published by the University of South Carolina Press. Richard B. Morris is general editor. The volumes each sell for \$7.95. They are also available in paperback from Harper & Row of New York.