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BOOK NOTES

Everglades, by Patricia Caulfield, was published by the Sierra Club of San Francisco. It is a strikingly beautiful book, filled with Miss Caulfield's photographs taken over a five-year period. Passages from the published and unpublished writings of Peter Matthiessen were selected by Miss Caulfield to complement, in mood and spirit, her photographs. John Mitchell, editor-in-chief of the Sierra Club, a newspaperman and former science editor of Newsweek, has written a lengthy essay on the Everglades which describes the beauty of this Florida area, its human inhabitants, and the animal, bird, and marine life that is there. Mr. Mitchell also reflects on what man has done to save and to destroy America's only subtropical wilderness. This volume, an important addition to Florida bibliography, sells for \$27.50. It may be ordered from Sierra Club Books, 250 W. 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019.

The handiest and most up-to-date reference volume about Florida is *The Florida Handbook*, compiled biennially by Allen Morris. The thirteenth edition has been published by Peninsula Publishing Company, P. O. Box 2275, Tallahassee. As indicated by its index, this volume ranges in subject matter from "abandoned property" to "Zolfo Springs," and it includes information on topics as varied as the following samples: Adams-Onís Treaty, John James Audubon, grapefruit production, Lafayette Land Grant, Asolo Theatre, Gregor MacGregor, Seminole Indians, the Suwannee River, and the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. There is a separate index for the Florida Constitution. Several new chapters have been added to this edition, and many of the features found in earlier volumes, such as "Origin of Florida Place Names," "Indians in Florida," "Through the Years," and "Women in Government," are also included. The book sells for \$6.75.

Mrs. Julia Lake Kellersberger of Melbourne Beach has published a personal narrative of her life in Florida since 1945. Brevard County's major sources of income before and after World War II were cattle and the tourists who arrived to fish in the un-

polluted waters of the area. By the 1960's the Kennedy Space Center had been established, bringing with it overnight boom conditions to a large area of east coast Florida. Mrs. Kellersberger's monograph describes these changes, and the impact that they have had on her life and the lives of the people of Melbourne. Her book is Volume Number 1 in the *Local History Series* subsidized by the Kellersberger Fund of the South Brevard County Historical Society. It was published by the Society in cooperation with the Florida Institute of Technology Press of Melbourne. The book may be ordered from the Society, Box 847, Melbourne 32901. It sells for \$1.50.

The Mat(t)hews Family: An Anthology of Mathews Lineages, compiled by John R. Boots, Jr., of Ocala, includes much material relating to Florida history. Brigadier General George Mathews, former governor of Georgia and a member of the first United States Congress, was actively involved on the Georgia frontier at the time of the East Florida Revolution, 1811-1812. Another Mathews of interest to Florida historians was F. E. Mathews who was born in Brazil of American parents who had fled there after the Civil War. Later, members of this branch of the family returned to settle in Marion County, Florida. F. E. Mathews built and was captain of some of the Hart Line steamers which operated on the Oklawaha River. Another Mathews relative, George G. Mathews, founded a Fort Lauderdale newspaper. The book, which contains a number of Florida-scene pictures, may be ordered from the author, Box 1341, Ocala 32670. The price is \$25.00.

Apalachee 1968-1970 is the seventh volume of papers published by the Tallahassee Historical Society. This volume contains ten essays: "Construction of Florida's Overseas Railway," by O. Burton Adams; "Social Life and Recreation in Tallahassee During Reconstruction 1865-1877," by John B. Myers; "The Night Lincoln Was Not Assassinated," by Claude R. Flory; "The Florida Highway Patrol," by H. D. Smith, Jr.; "Perry's Brigade of Florida's Fighting Rebels," by J. Adrian Jackson; "The Middle Florida Agricultural Fair, 1879-1885," by Judy R. Nichols; "Florida's Reaction to the 'Military Bill'," by Terrance H. Nolan; "Florida Observes the Civil War Centennial: 1859-

1959," by James W. Cortada; "John Branch, Florida's Last Territorial Governor," by Barbara Lou Rich Long; and "The Cross-Florida Barge Canal: Fact or Folly," by Lanue B. Ryan. *Apalachee* sells for \$5.00, and it may be ordered from Dr. Daisy Parker, Tallahassee Historical Society, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Arno Press and the New York Times are reprinting a number of significant source documents dealing with the history of political violence in the United States. The series, *Mass Violence in America*, includes eyewitness reports, government documents, and other descriptive and analytical material. One of the volumes reprinted is *The American Siberia or Fourteen Years' Experience in a Southern Convict Camp* by J. C. Powell, a captain of a Florida convict labor camp located near Live Oak, Florida. The book, published originally in 1891, relates his personal experience in the period after Reconstruction. It has long been out-of-print, and Florida historians and collectors of Floridiana will welcome this reprint edition. It sells for \$12.50, and it may be ordered from Arno Press, Inc., 330 Madison Avenue, New York 10017.

An important reprint volume for Florida historians is *Proceedings of the Electoral Commission and of the Two Houses of Congress in Joint Meeting Relative to the Count of Electoral Votes Cast December 6, 1876 for the Presidential Term Commencing March 4, 1877*. This primary source volume was first published in 1877. The submission of Florida's controversial election results to the electoral commission, the decision by that commission, and the certificates and objectives referred to the commission are included. Published by DaCapo Press, New York, the volume sells for \$37.50.

British West Florida, 1763-1783, by Cecil Johnson, was published originally by Yale University Press in 1943 in its Yale Historical Publication Series. Long out-of-print, it has now been republished by Archon Books, 995 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut 06514. It sells for \$8.00.

Tampa Boy is by George Ryland Bailey who for many years lived in the Tampa area. It concerns the adventures of two young boys in the period between 1912-1916. All of the ad-

ventures are "real," and "Archie," "Tampa Boy" in the book, was the late Colonel Archibald Yarborough Smith of the United States Air Force. Curt Barry, the other lad involved in these Florida adventures, is the author of this novel. The book, published by Dartnell Press of Chicago, is distributed by Scribner's. It sells for \$4.95.

Interstate is by Borden Deal, a resident of Sarasota. It is the fictional account of the construction of a giant highway through Florida and the impact that it has on a Florida town and its people. Published by Doubleday and Company, Garden City, New York, the book sells for \$7.95.

Zora Neale Hurston, one of Florida's outstanding writers, was born in the all-black community of Eatonville, where her father was a preacher and a carpenter. After working as a maid and waitress, she migrated North where she was educated. While living in New York during the mid-twenties she became associated with the young black intellectuals and artists who became a vital part of the Black Renaissance. Her teacher, the celebrated anthropologist, Franz Boas, helped her secure a grant to study folklore in Florida and Louisiana. *Mules and Men*, published originally in 1935, was in part the result of her investigations. It is a collection of Negro folktales and voodoo practices in the South. A paperback edition of *Mules and Men* has been published by Perennial Library, Harper & Row, New York. It sells for \$1.50.

All about Wills for Florida Residents by Ralph Richards, of Clearwater, has been reprinted by Trend House Publishers, P. O. Box 2350, Tampa 33601. It sells for \$1.50.

Floridians should have more than a casual interest in Barbara W. Tuchman's *Stilwell and the American Experience in China, 1911-45*. Joseph Warren Stilwell, one of the great military personalities of World War II, was born in Palatka, Florida on March 19, 1883. His father, Benjamin W. Stilwell had purchased land in Putnam County and had moved with his wife and young daughter to Florida in the early 1880s, planning to operate a lumber business. Abandoning this venture after a few years, the family returned to Yonkers, New York. Family records,

letters, and other papers dealing with General Stilwell's parentage and youth, including the short sojourn in Florida, are in the Stilwell Papers at Carmel, California. This book was published by MacMillan Company, and it sells for \$10.00.

The Historical Journal of the Establishment of the French in Louisiana is the third volume in the University of Southwestern Louisiana's monograph series. The journal carries the name of Jean-Baptiste Bénard de La Harpe as author but there seems to be some question about this. One scholar attributes it to the Chevalier de Beaurain, the royal geographer. The document has been translated by Joan Cain and Virginia Koenig, and it was edited and annotated by Glenn R. Conrad. The journal begins with a description of the activities of Ribault and Laudonniere on the St. Johns River in the 1560s, but the main body of the manuscript relates to the West Florida-Louisiana region. The volume sells for \$2.00 and it may be ordered from University of Southwestern Louisiana, P. O. Box 831, USL Station, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501

The Dead Town of Sunbury, Georgia, is by Paul McIlvaine, a native of Jacksonville. Sunbury at the mouth of the Midway River was founded in 1758 by descendants of Massachusetts Puritans who migrated into the area. At one time its population exceeded an estimated 2,000 people, but by the Civil War it had faded into oblivion. It was unable to compete as a port city with Savannah; rice production on its nearby plantations declined, and the area was subjected to periodic malaria and yellow fever epidemics. Many famous people lived in Sunbury or were closely associated with the town. These included three signers of the Declaration of Independence, three United States senators, and several congressmen and governors. Near Sunbury stood Fort Morris, a pre-American Revolution structure. It was one of the bases from which Georgia militia and Continental troops launched offenses against the Loyalists in Florida and the British regulars occupying St. Augustine. The monograph may be ordered from its author, Route 3, Box 55, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739. It sells for \$2.95.

Man and the River: The Mississippi is by Hodding Carter, the Greenville, Mississippi, newspaper editor and publisher who

won the Pulitzer Prize for his editorials advocating racial and religious tolerance. This is still another of the many books he has written about the South, its land, and its people. The photographs for this volume were supplied by Dan Guravich. The Mississippi is a 2,500-mile-long river which serves both as a divider and a uniter of the North American continent. The giant waterway is really two great streams, an Upper and a Lower Mississippi. The latter begins at Cairo, Illinois, where the Ohio joins the Mississippi, and it flows south to the gulf. It is the Lower Mississippi which has played such an important role in West Florida history. LaSalle, Iberville, Bienville, LaCade, and Bernardo de Galvez are among the colorful personalities who have influenced the Louisiana-West Florida area. *Man and the River* is published by Rand McNally and Company (Chicago, New York, San Francisco), and it sells for \$14.95.

Artillery and Ammunition of the Civil War, by Warren Ripley, catalogues and describes in detail cannon and cannon projectiles that were employed in both land and sea engagements during the Civil War. Many of these weapons were utilized in the defense of Florida and in the few military activities in this area. The book includes a photograph of the 1841 ten-inch seige piece used at Fort Barrancas in Pensacola and which is now on display at the Fort. A twelve-inch mortar, utilized by Federal troops at Fort Pickens in November 1861, is also described. Smooth-bore and rifle projectiles and a section on rockets are included in Mr. Ripley's work. Appendices contain statistical data on weapons, carriages, and ammunition, as well as lists of ordinance manufacturers and inspectors. There is also a short bibliography and an index which offers a cross reference guide to the book. Published by Van Nostrand Reinhold Company (New York, Cincinnati), it sells for \$22.50.

Georgia as Colony and State, by Amanda Johnson, is another of the out-of-print, hard-to-find books that are being made available by the Cherokee Publishing Company, P. O. Box 1081, Covington, Georgia 30209. There is much Florida material in the book. The military action in the St. Marys-St. Johns rivers area during the 1740s and the eighteenth-century Georgia-Florida boundary dispute are described. This edition also in-

eludes a biographical sketch of the author. The volume sells for \$25.00.

Southeastern Broadsides Before 1877, A Bibliography, edited by Ray O. Hummel, Jr., was published by the Virginia State Library under the sponsorship of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries. It edits the thousands of broadsides covering a wide variety of topics in various southern libraries. Each state is separately indexed. Thirty-four Florida broadsides are listed, showing the holding of the Florida State Library, University of West Florida Library, University of South Florida Library, and the Robert L. Strozier Library, Florida State University. The book sells for \$10.00. It is available from the University Press of Virginia and the Virginia State Library, 11th and Capitol Streets, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

—*The American Revolution, 1763-1783*, was edited by Richard B. Morris for the *Documentary History of the United States* series that is being published by the University of South Carolina Press. Professor Morris is also general editor of the series. This volume is described as a Bicentennial Collection since it contains many of the major documents associated with the Revolutionary period. It begins with James Otis's speech against the Writs of Assistance in Massachusetts in 1761 and concludes with the view of the Revolution written by David Ramsey in 1789. While there is nothing specifically on Florida, all of the documents relate in various ways to this area, and particularly is this true of the section dealing with the Loyalists. The book sells for \$7.95.

The Partisan Leader, A Tale of the Future, by Nathaniel Beverly Tucker, has been published by the University of North Carolina Press in its *Southern Literary Classics Series*. In his introduction, Professor C. Hugh Holman notes that the novel was written originally as a campaign document supporting the Whigs in the presidential election of 1836. Tucker vehemently opposed Jackson's policies, but for Van Buren, he had only contempt, and he uses the book to warn of the dangers that would result from the latter's election. The book was used later as propaganda by both the Union and the Confederacy in the Civil War. It sells for \$3.95 in paper.

Amistad, which is the Spanish word for friendship, is the name of a new publication of selected essays and fiction that its editors hope will serve as a cohesive body of basic material for black studies courses in secondary schools and colleges. Of particular interest to Florida and Southern historians in *Amistad* 1 is an essay by C. L. R. James on the Atlantic slave trade and slavery. The varied role of racism in constitutional law and the study of American history is examined by black writers and scholars in *Amistad* 2. Published by Vintage Books, a division of Random House, New York, each of the paperback volumes sell for \$1.95.

The Five Civilized Tribes: Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole, by Grant Foreman, published originally in 1934, is now available in paperback. It is one of the important sources for the history of the Indians in the Southeast. Published by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, it sells for \$3.95. *A History of Negro Education in the South From 1619 to the Present*, by Henry Allen Bullock, was reviewed in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, XLVII (October 1968). It is now available in a paperback edition published by Praeger Publishers, New York, and sells for \$3.45. "*Gentlemen of Property and Standing*," *Anti-Abolition Mobs in Jacksonian America*, by Leonard L. Richards describes the white Northerners who attacked abolitionists and blacks during the 1830s. The paperback edition is from Oxford University Press, New York, and sells for \$2.75. *Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men: The Ideology of the Republican Party before the Civil War* is another Oxford University Press paperback publication. It sells for \$2.75.

Mary Gordon Duffee's *Sketches of Alabama* is best described by its subtitle: "Being an Account of the Journey from Tuscaloosa to Blount Springs through Jefferson County on the old Stage Roads." The articles appeared originally in the *Birmingham Weekly Iron Age* from 1885 through 1887. During the 1930s the WPA Writers' Projects copied and collated all of the sketches and from these records Virginia Pounds Brown and Jane Porter Nabers have edited an amusing, entertaining, and historically-important book. Published by the University of Alabama Press, University, Alabama 35486, it sells for \$6.75.