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## HISTORY NEWS

### *Announcements and Activities*

The Fourth Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will be held in Pensacola, Florida, November 30-December 2, 1972. The theme of the conference this year is "Gulf Coast Politics: The Twentieth Century." The conference is co-sponsored by the Pensacola Junior College, the University of West Florida, and the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board. A workshop Saturday, December 2, will relate to the preservation of historic buildings and will be conducted in Historic Pensacola's Hispanic Museum. James Moody and Richard Hagen of the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board are in charge of this program. There will be a special display at the Museum of the buildings at the Pensacola Naval Air Station included in the Historic American Buildings Survey project conducted this past summer. Dr. Ted Carageorge, Department of History, Pensacola Junior College, is chairman of the program. Further information may be obtained from him.

The published *Proceedings* of the three previous conferences are available by writing to Dr. Lucius F. Ellsworth, John C. Pace Library, University of West Florida, Pensacola 32504. *In Search of Gulf Coast History and Spain and Her Rivals* sell for \$3.00 each, and *The Americanization of the Gulf Coast, 1803-1850*, sells for \$3.50.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Florida dedicated the Florida Bicentennial Trail on July 4, 1972, in St. Augustine. This first ceremony recognized the Castillo de San Marcos, one of the significant historic sites of Florida which will make up the trail. Dr. Richard P. McCormick, a member of the National American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, was the main speaker. Lieutenant Governor Tom Adams, chairman of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, unveiled the marker presented to the Castillo. Deputy Director Bruce Miller

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of the NPS Florida-Caribbean District Office also spoke, pointing out the role played by the Castillo during the American Revolution. He called attention to the fact that 1972 is the tricentennial celebration of the Castillo.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Florida, the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, and the National Park Service jointly sponsored the documenting of twenty-eight historic buildings at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. Line drawings and historic data were collected for fourteen of the buildings, and fourteen more were also photographed for the Historic American Buildings Survey archives in the Library of Congress. Officers's residences, warehouses, administrative buildings, the octagonal building, the lighthouse, and the wet basin were included in the project. Rodd Wheaton of the Historic American Buildings Survey and Professor John Sanderson of the University of Florida supervised the project. Dr. William Coker, of the Faculty of History, University of West Florida, served as historian. Four student architects from the Universities of Princeton, Illinois, Nebraska, and Texas were involved. The Florida Bicentennial Commission will allot \$5,000 in matching funds for each of the five years in the period 1972-1976 for these surveys.

The following Florida sites and buildings have been added to the National Register of Historic Places during the past year: Fort Zachary Taylor, Armory, Key West Historic District, East Martello Tower, and Indian Key (Monroe County); Lavelle House and L. & N. Marine Terminal (Escambia County); Belleview, the Columns, Union Bank Building, Lake Jackson Mounds, Cascades Park, Escambe Spanish Mission, The Grove, Goodwood, San Pedro y San Pablo de Petale, and the McDougall (Peres) House (Leon County); Fort Cooper (Citrus County); Catherine Street Fire Station and the Old St. Luke's Hospital (Duval County); Trinity Episcopal Church (Franklin County); Alcazar Hotel, Maria Sanchez Powder House Lot, Lindsley House, Rodriquez-Avero-Sanchez House, Fish Island Site, Avero House (St. Johns County); Wirick-Simmons House (Jefferson County); Wardlow Smith House (Madison County); Weeden Island, Andrew Memorial Chapel, and Tarpon Springs Sponge

Exchange (Pinellas County); DeBary Hall, the Casements (Volusia County); Bradlee McIntyre House (Seminole County); Demere Key (Lee County); Fort Foster (Hillsborough County); New River Inn (Broward County); South Florida Military College (Polk County); St. Marks Lighthouse (Wakula County); Chautauqua Auditorium (Walton County); and Torreya State Park (Liberty County).

T. T. Wentworth, Jr., of the T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Museum of Pensacola, announces the completion of the art section of the museum. It includes pictures by many early Pensacola artists, popular in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In addition to the art collection, the museum has over 50,000 items on display, the majority relating to Florida and Pensacola history.

The National Park Service has made available a grant of \$6,887 for the restoration of the Old Union Bank in Tallahassee. Constructed in 1841 and representative of Florida's Territorial Period, the Union Bank has been used by many firms, including the Freedman's Bank during the Reconstruction Period. The state is planning a museum for this historic structure.

Manuel A. Morales has replaced Luis R. Arana as chief park historical interpreter of the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, St. Augustine. A native of Puerto Rico, Mr. Morales served as historian at the San Juan National Historic Site. Mr. Arana, a member of the *Florida Historical Quarterly's* editorial advisory board, has been named historical resources coordinator in the National Park Services Florida-Caribbean Office.

The Rhode Island Historical Society, with the support of the National Historical Publications Commission and the co-sponsorship of the William Clements Library at the University of Michigan, is collecting photocopies of all extant papers of General Nathanael Greene (1742-1786). The assembling of photocopies of original manuscripts is preliminary to a letterpress edition of selected papers to be published during the next five

years and an eventual microfilm edition of all manuscript material that will be excluded from the printed volumes. Anyone possessing letters to or from Greene or having knowledge of such letters in private hands (or in public repositories) whose holdings are not listed in the National Union Catalog, are asked to notify the Rhode Island Historical Society. Address communications to Richard K. Showman, editor, Nathanael Greene Papers, 52 Power Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906.

*The Journal of Ethnic Studies* is a new scholarly magazine published by the College of Ethnic Studies, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, Washington. Inter-ethnic in scope and multi-disciplinary in method, it will focus primarily on the experiences of Asian-Americans, blacks, chicanos, and native Americans. The journal is soliciting manuscripts and receiving subscriptions. For information write Jeffrey D. Wilner, managing editor, *Journal of Ethnic Studies*, Western Washington State College.

#### *Local Societies and Commissions*

*Apalachicola Historical Society*— The Society was reactivated in March 1972, after several years of inactivity. James S. Daly is president and Margaret Key is secretary. Efforts are being made to collect letters, diaries, newspapers, and other memorabilia relating to Apalachicola and Franklin County. A historical map is being drafted, and it will be published. Meetings are held monthly.

*Historical Society of Okaloosa and Walton Counties*— The Society is assisting in the drive to restore the historic Chautauqua Auditorium in DeFuniak Springs which has recently been added to the National Register of Historic Places. On August 3, the membership sponsored a benefit theatrical at the Music Theatre at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College. A display of household utensils and tools used by Florida and southern pioneers is on display at the Society's museum which is open three days a week.

*Jackson County Historical Commission*— Celebrating Jackson County's 150th anniversary, the Commission held a meeting and reception at Great Oaks, the historic Greenwood home of Claude Reese, chairman of the Commission. Dr. Mac Wayne Craig of Nashville, Tennessee, was the speaker. Historical markers have been placed at Great Oaks and the Ely-Crigler Mansion, the home of Mrs. J. C. Packard in Marianna. On August 12, 1972, a marker was dedicated at the Jackson County Courthouse. Mr. Reese was master of ceremonies, and the speaker was State Representative Wayne Mixson. Mrs. Lillian M. Miller is secretary of the Commission.

*Key West Art and Historical Society*— The recent issue of *Martello* contained articles describing Key West in 1822, "the lost community of Planter," the history of early Key West art and artists, an edited letter of Stephen R. Mallory, early steamer transportation to Key West, and the history of the "Martellos, East and West." Officers of the Society are A. A. Lawrence, president; L. W. Morrell and J. H. Stokes, vice-presidents; James E. Shields, treasurer; Stewart Barron, corresponding secretary; and C. G. Goodell, recording secretary. Colin Jameson is editor of *Martello*.

*Madison County Historical Society*— An historical marker describing the history of the Ellaville Post Office was dedicated May 21, 1972. Mrs. Pearl E. Noegel, the last postmistress, made the main address. George Adams Dietrich, North Florida Junior College, drew the original draft for the casting. The marker for the City of Madison was unveiled June 18. Edwin B. Browning, Sr., chairman of the marker committee, received the Florida Historical Society's Award of Excellence for Presentation of Florida History in the News Media for 1971.

*Maitland Historical Society*— Recently organized, the Society has requested the City Council of Maitland to provide a room for the display of its collection of pictures, antique guns, tools, costumes, and other artifacts.

*Orange County Historical Commission*— In cooperation with the Commission and the city of Orlando, the Orange County

Historical Society has been organized for the purpose of constructing a historical museum building. The summer 1972 issue of the "Orange County Historical Quarterly" carried an article describing the history of Orlando's early railroad stations. It also listed the new acquisitions of the museum.

*Peach River Valley Historical Society*— The first fall meeting of the Society was held September 22 at Pioneer Park, Zolfo Springs. Vernon E. Peebles of Punta Gorda, a recipient of the Society's Florida History Award, was the speaker. N. E. Bill Miller, executive director of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Florida, spoke at a summer meeting of the Society. He described the various activities planned by the state commission, and suggested programs for local historical societies and communities.

*Pensacola Historical Society*— A facsimile reprint of *The Review*, Pensacola, May 8, 1909, has been published by the Society and has been distributed to the membership.

*Pinellas County Historical Commission*— Frank F. Bushnell, a member of the Commission, is compiling a list of historic sites in Pinellas County for submission to the County Planning Council. At its July meeting the Commission adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to the Junior League of Clearwater for its years of service to the museum. The Commission held its first fall meeting September 20, 1972.

*Safety Harbor Area Historical Society*— At its June meeting, several residents of Oldsmar participated in a round-table discussion pertaining to the history of the city. Photographs and memorabilia of the early days of Oldsmar were displayed. Bud Lister, Hayes Kennedy, Basil Yettaw, Theresa Hoopingarner, and James Morgan have been elected as directors of the Society.

*St. Augustine Historical Society*— John W. Griffin, director of the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, was the speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Society, June 11, 1972. He described "St. Augustine in 1822." The July 1972 number of *El*

*Escribano*, the Society's quarterly publication, included a Chronology of St. Augustine Historical Events, a Castillo de San Marcos Tricentennial Publication. It revises the list published by the Society in 1958. The July number of *El Escribano* also included two edited seventeenth-century letters of Governor Don Manuel de Cendoya and articles on "Grammond's Landing at Little Matanzas Inlet, 1636," and the history of the chapel at Castillo de San Marcos.

*St. Lucie Historical Society*— Mrs. Ollie Mae Everritt, a descendant of a pioneer family of the area, was the speaker at the July 18 meeting of the Society. Ross Witham of the Florida Department of Conservation spoke at the August meeting. Slides of national historic sites were shown at the September meeting by the president, Vivian Davis. On September 17, the Society celebrated the fourth anniversary of the St. Lucie County Historical Museum at its Seaway Drive location.

*Southwest Florida Historical Society*— At the annual meeting in May Ernest W. Hall was reelected president. Dorothy McLaughlin was elected vice-president; Marion B. Godown, secretary; and Kenneth L. Helper, treasurer. Mrs. Godown and Mr. Helper are on the publications committee. Alberta Rawchuck edits the "Caloosa Quarterly." On August 12, the Society made a field trip to Boca Grande, and visited the Gasparilla Inn, the old school house, the lighthouse, and other historic places.



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| Oct. 26-29         | National Trust for<br>Historic Preservation     | Washington, D.C. |
| Nov. 10-11         | National Oral History<br>Colloquium             | Austin, Texas    |
| Nov. 15-18         | Southern Historical<br>Association              | Hollywood, Fla.  |
| Nov. 30-<br>Dec. 2 | Gulf Coast History and<br>Humanities Conference | Pensacola, Fla.  |
| Dec. 27-80         | American Historical<br>Association              | New Orleans, La. |

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| Jan. 6         | Florida Historical Society<br>Board                   | Tampa, Fla.                                |
| April<br>11-14 | Organization of American<br>Historians                | Chicago, Ill.                              |
| May 10-12      | FLORIDA HISTORICAL<br>SOCIETY- 71st<br>ANNUAL MEETING | Port St. Lucie Hilton<br>Fort Pierce, Fla. |