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The Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its seventy-second annual meeting in Tallahassee, May 3-4, 1974. The Downtown Holiday Inn will be the convention site. The Tallahassee Historical Society and the Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, Florida State Department, will be the host organizations. Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., University of Florida, and Dr. Jerrell Shofner, Florida Technological University, are program chairmen, and they invite anyone interested in reading a paper to correspond with them. Dr. Doherty's address is 352 Little Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, 32601; Dr. Shofner can be reached at the Department of History, Florida Technological University, Box 25000, Orlando, 32816.

Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History

Dr. E. Ashby Hammond, Professor of History and Social Sciences at the University of Florida, is the 1972-1873 recipient of the Arthur W. Thompson Prize for his article, "Spanish Fisheries in Charlotte Harbor," which appeared in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, April 1973. The presentation was made at the Florida Historical Society's annual meeting, May 12, 1973, in Port St. Lucie. The prize of \$100 is given annually for the best article appearing in the *Quarterly*. Professor Hammond is a specialist in medieval medical history and Florida medical history. His articles have appeared in many scholarly and professional journals including the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. His most recent publication is the introduction to Jefferson Browne's *Key West: The Old and the New* (1912) in the Bicentennial Floridiana Facsimile Series. Judges were John Griffin, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, and Professors John Reiger of the University of Miami and Lucius Ellsworth of the University of West Florida. The award honors the late Professor Thompson, formerly a member of the history department, University of Florida, and it was made possible by an endowment establish by Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson and her family.

Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award

Professor Wayne Flynt, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, is the 1972-1973 recipient of the Patrick Award for his *Duncan Upshaw Fletcher: Dixie's Reluctant Progressive*, published by Florida State University Press. Dr. Flynt has completed a biography of Governor Sidney J. Catts of Florida, and his articles on southern political, labor, and church history have appeared in scholarly journals. The award memorializes Professor Patrick who served as editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Judges were Dr. Byron Hollinshead, New Smyrna Beach; Luis R. Arana, St. Augustine; and William M. Goza, Clearwater. Professor Flynt received a check for \$100.

Young People's Florida Book Award

Billy Bartram and His Green World: An Interpretative Biography, by Marjory Bartlett Sanger of Winter Park, Florida, was the first book for young readers to receive this award. It will be given annually by the Florida Historical Society. The award was set up under the sponsorship of Professor Charlton W. Tebeau. *Billy Bartram* was published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux of New York. The judges were Mrs. O. C. Peterson, Fort Pierce; Mrs. Helen C. Ellerbe, Gainesville; and Miss Audrey Broward, Jacksonville University. Mrs. Sanger has written several books with Florida settings for children, including *Cypress Country*, *Mangrove Island*, and *The World of the Great White Heron*. The latter was a selection of the Ecological Book Club, Jacksonville University. Ms. Sanger received a check for \$100.

Award of Merit

E. Reinhold Rogers, Jr., of the *Clearwater Sun* and a member of the Pinellas County Historical Commission, received the 1972-1973 Award of Merit for Excellence in Presenting Florida History through News Media for his work in preserving and interpreting Florida and local history. The award was made by Milton D. Jones of Clearwater, president-elect of the Florida Historical Society, who is the donor of this award, at the annual meeting, May 13, 1973. Mr. Rogers received an engraved plaque.

Florida College Teachers of History

The 1974 annual meeting of the Florida College Teachers of History will be held March 29-30 at Tallahassee. Professor Richard Bartlett, Department of History, Florida State University, Tallahassee 32306, is program chairman. His committee is soliciting proposals for general themes and individual presentations at the meeting. These should be in the form of an abstract of no more than 500 words; the deadline is October 15, 1973. Professional historians, college teachers, graduate students, and other interested persons are invited to submit proposals on any subject of historical inquiry, including all phases of American, African, European, and Asian history.

Announcements and Activities

The site of the San Pedro y San Pablo de Patali Mission was dedicated May 15 at High Hill Farm, the Tallahassee home of State Comptroller and Mrs. Fred O. Dickinson, Jr. Established in 1633, Patali was the largest mission between St. Augustine and Pensacola. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places and is identified by a marker. Secretary of State Richard Stone was the main speaker at the dedication.

The Historic Pensacola Preservation Board and the Florida Bicentennial Commission jointly sponsored a Historic American Building Survey study of the historic structures at the Pensacola Naval Air Station during the summer of 1972. The historian for this project was Dr. William S. Coker, Faculty of History, University of West Florida, Pensacola. Measured drawings, photographs, and maps and plans are on exhibit at the Preservation Board's Spanish Museum in the Pensacola Historic District. This exhibit will hang until January 1974.

The Florida Department of the Council on Abandoned Military Posts held an election in Tampa, April 21, and named Tom Mitchell president. Other officers are Frank L. Davis, vice-president; Dr. Joy Mitchell, secretary; Dr. J. D. Adams, treasurer. Theodore Lesley, J. L. Harrison, Tom Knotts, and David Blumberg are members of the board.

The South Atlantic Archives and Records Conference was held at Raleigh, North Carolina, May 3-4, 1973. The Florida Division of Archives, History, and Records Management co-sponsored the conference, and Robert Williams, Richard T. Martin, and Edward N. Johnson, all members of the Division of Archives and History, were program participants. N. E. Bill Miller, executive director of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, spoke on Florida's program at the session, "The American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration."

Dr. Helen Gray Edmonds, professor of history at North Carolina Central University, Durham, delivered the annual Rembert W. Patrick History Lecture at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina, April 17, 1973. Dr. Edmonds's topic was "The Black Revolution of the 1960s: Transition in Philosophy and Techniques." The Patrick Lecture was established as a memorial to Professor Patrick, who for many years, served as editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

The Palm Beach Historical Society has reproduced the *Lake Worth Historian, 1896*, which includes pictures and articles written by pioneers, telling of their life in the Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, and Hypoluxo area. The publication sells for \$2.15, and it may be ordered from Mrs. Maxine Banash, P. O. Box 1492, Palm Beach, 33480.

The American Eagle is published by the Koreshan Unity, Estero, Florida. It was founded by Dr. Cyrus Read Teed in 1906 as a political weekly with Allan H. Andrews as editor. In later years, the publication gained a reputation as Florida's leading horticultural magazine, mainly because of the weekly column by the botanist, Henry Nehrling. Publication ceased in 1948, but it was revived as a monthly in 1965. Subscriptions are \$5.00 per year; \$9.00 for two years. For information, write Hedwig Michel, editor, P. O. Box 57, Estero, Florida, 33928.

A major collection of art by Winslow Homer, including many paintings and water colors describing Florida scenes, opened at the Whitney Museum of Modern Art, New York City, April 3. It includes 200 paintings, water colors, drawings, wood engravings,

and etchings. The show will move to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, July 4, and then to the Art Institute of Chicago, September 8. A Winslow Homer Catalog, with text by Lloyd D. Goodrich, has been published. It includes many color and black-and-white illustrations. It sells for \$5.35, and it may be ordered from the Whitney Museum, New York City.

The Southern Labor Archives of Georgia State University has processed several recently acquired collections, including the records of the Communication Workers of American Local 3108 of Orlando, Florida (1965-1972), which describes labor-management relations, local unions, and public affairs in the 1969 strike against the Southern Bell system, and the records of the Laundry, Dry Cleaning, and Dye House Workers Local 218 (1945-1971), describing the local's disaffiliation and reaffiliation with the Teamsters and organizing and unionizing activities in Jacksonville, Tampa, and Miami. A catalogue of holdings updating its earlier publication is available from the Archives, Georgia State University, 104 Decatur Street, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303.

And They All Sang Hallelujah: Plain-Folk Camp-Meeting Religion, 1800-1845, by Dickson D. Bruce, Jr., was the 1973 winner of the James Mooney Award of \$1,000 given by the Southern Anthropological Society. This book will be published by the University of Tennessee Press. The annual award is for a book-length manuscript that best describes and interprets the people or culture of the distinctive New World population. The subject may be pre-historic, historic, or contemporary. Submissions can be about people belonging to major social, racial, or ethnic groups, or those identified with obscure or heretofore unknown groups. Information on the 1974 James Mooney Award may be obtained from Professor Charles Hudson, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 3060.

Bicentennial Events

The Florida Bicentennial Commission in cooperation with Florida International University held its Second Annual Symposium at the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, June 1-2, 1973. The theme of the conference was "Eighteenth-Century Florida and

the Caribbean." Dr. Charles E. Perry, president of Florida International University, and Lieutenant Governor Tom Adams, chairman of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, welcomed the Symposium participants. Sir Philip Sherlock, Secretary General, Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes, delivered the luncheon address. Reading papers were Professors Richard B. Sheridan, University of Kansas; William S. Coker, University of West Florida; Jack C. Greene, The Johns Hopkins University; Barry Higman, University of the West Indies, Mona; Orlando Patterson, Harvard University; Thomas Mathews, Institute of Caribbean Studies, University of Puerto Rico; Charles Fairbanks, University of Florida; R. Duncan Mathewson, The Institute of Jamaica; and John Griffin, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board. Professors Richard Klimmer, Ann Pescatello, and Darden Asbury Pyron, Florida International University, were chairpersons for the sessions. The officers and directors of the Historical Museum of South Florida were the hosts at a reception. Dr. Samuel Proctor, member of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, was general chairman of the conference. The papers will be published by the University of Florida Press.

In special ceremonies, July 4, 1973, the John F. Kennedy Space Center, was dedicated as an official Florida Bicentennial Trail site. William S. Frates, chairman of the Board of Third Century, U.S.A., was the principal speaker. Lieutenant Governor Tom Adams, chairman of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, was master of ceremonies.

The Library of Congress held its Second Annual Symposium on the American Revolution at the Library of Congress, Washington, May 10-11, 1973. "Fundamental Testaments of the American Revolution" was the theme for the conference, and speakers were Professors Bernard Bailyn, Cecelia M. Kenyon, Merrill Jensen, Richard B. Morris, and Ambassador J. Russell Wiggins.

The National Archives. Conference on the Meaning of the American Revolution will be held in Washington, D. C., November 15-16, 1973. For information write Henry Bartholomew Cox, National Archives (GSA), Washington, 20408.

A list of *State and Territorial Bicentennial Commissions and Contacts* is available from the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. For a copy write to American Revolution Bicentennial, 746 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., 20276.

Local Societies and Commissions

Alachua County Historical Commission— At its April 12, 1973, meeting the Commission reviewed the application to place the Hotel Thomas on the National Register of Historic Places as prepared by Historic Gainesville, Inc. The Commission will support congressional action on the establishment of a John and William Bartram National Scenic Trail and the acquisition by the state of 7,000 acres of San Felesco Hammock. An inventory of natural and historic sites in Alachua County is being prepared and will be correlated with the inventory of historic buildings.

Alachua County Historical Society— Otis Botts, sports director for WRUF, described early radio broadcasting in Alachua County at a meeting March 15, 1973. On April 19, Professor John Mahon of the University of Florida and a member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society, discussed the problems of the Seminole Indians in contemporary Florida. The May 15 meeting was jointly sponsored with the University of Florida's history department. Professor Jerry Weeks, Palm Beach Atlantic University, presented a paper on "The Citrus Fever of the 1880s," and Dr. Samuel Proctor, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, read a paper, "Boom in Paradise: Florida Land Boom of the 1920s." At its recent monthly field trips members have visited homes, cemeteries, and early churches in Newnansville, Melrose, and Waldo, and the site of the Dade Massacre at Bushnell, Florida. Officers are Merlin G. Cox, president; Mrs. Chris Matheson, vice-president; Marinus Latour, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Helen C. Ellerbe, historian.

Broward County Historical Commission— The Broward County Board of Commissioners has appointed the following officers for the recently-organized Historical Commission: Judson A. Fanuell, Hollywood, chairman; Mason Wacastetter, Davie, vice-chairman; Mrs. Carl Braymon, Fort Lauderdale, secretary;

F. K. Walker, Pompano Beach; and Sue Phillips, Fort Lauderdale. Cooper Kirk, Fort Lauderdale, is historian.

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society— A seminar on historic preservation was held March 24 with Professor F. Blair Reeves of the University of Florida and Randy F. Nimmicht of the Florida Division of Archives, History, and Records Management as speakers. The D. C. Alexander historic marker was placed February 14, 1973, at Las Olas by-the-Sea, the beach area developed by Mr. Alexander. On May 6, the King-Cromartie house was dedicated under the auspices of the Junior League. The Society has added books, photographs, maps, plats, and a variety of artifacts to its collection. The April number of the "New River News History Section" was dedicated to the late Dr. Stanley E. Wimberley, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Florida Atlantic University.

Halifax Historical Society— The *Halifax Historical Herald* is the new quarterly publication of the Society. Its first issue includes an article, "The Real McCoy Lived Here," by Alice Strickland. The Society holds monthly program meetings, and is involved in many community activities. Its museum and headquarters on South Beach Street, Daytona Beach is open daily. The Boy and Girl Scouts are establishing a "History of Scouting" exhibits, and a room depicting black history is planned. Officers are Mrs. Hazell L. Fenty president; Mrs. W. K. Ellenwood, vice-president; Elam V. Martin, treasurer; Mabel Martin, secretary; and John L. Stanistreet, editor of the *Herald*.

Historical Association of Southern Florida— The 1972-1973 lecture series under the direction of Dr. Thelma Peters and Dr. Charlton Tebeau was the most successful in the Association's history. Two new exhibits, "Florida's Other Indians: The Timucuan" and "Cultural Contrast (a comparison of tools and weapons of the Timucuan with those of the Tequesta Indians), have been added to the Indian Cultures area in the Historical Museum of South Florida. At the annual meeting, April 18, Mrs. Robert L. Parks was elected president; Rear Admiral Irving J. Stephens, vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Shiverick, executive vice-president; Mrs. Robert A. Nicolet, recording secretary; John C. Harrison, corresponding secretary; and Jack G. Admire, treasurer.

Jacksonville Historical Society— “The History of Medicine in Duval County” was the title of a talk by Dr. G. Dekle Taylor at the annual meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 1973. The Catherine Stree Fire Station, constructed after the 1901 conflagration in Jacksonville, is being developed as a museum which will depict the history of fire-fighting in the area. The Society has acquired additional books, pictures, periodicals, and post cards for its collection, which are housed in a special room at Jacksonville University.

Jefferson County Historical Association— The restoration of the Wirick-Simmons house is a major activity of the Association. A smokehouse and kitchen will be repaired, and plans for restoration of the garden are being drawn by a landscape architect. The Society also owns the railroad station and the Asa May Plantation House in Monticello, and work on these properties is planned. The two houses are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Association is cooperating with the Monticello Opera Company in its effort to restore the Perkins Opera House. It is also coordinating two major county bicentennial projects: preservation of Jefferson County’s official records and the writing of a history of the county. Mrs. Esther H. Connolly is president of the Association.

Key West Art and Historical Society— A banquet honoring Secretary of State Richard B. Stone was held March 27 at the Holiday Inn. The following evening there was a preview of a military art exhibition at East Martello Tower. The annual spring art festival and summer fair opened at the Tower April 24, 1973.

Lake City Historical Society— The organizational meeting of the Society was held March 5. At a second meeting, March 21, it was decided that books, pictures, and artifacts relating to the Lake City area would be collected. Officers are Nettie Ozaki, president; Joan Rountree, vice-president; Freda Pickens, secretary; and Madge Van Arsdall, treasurer.

Okaloosa and Walton Counties Historical Society— Mrs. Ina Thompson of DeFuniak Springs spoke at the March meeting on

the "History of the Educational Systems of the Two Counties." Harold Gillis described "Flint Chips" at the meeting, April 29. A museum building fund drive has been organized with Clark Thomas Browning, III, as chairman. The Young Historians presented a play "El Dorado Enough" to help raise funds for the museum. The March 1973 newsletter carried a short article on Frederick de Funiak for whom the community is named.

Orange County Historical Society— Elected at the annual meeting in January were Donald A. Cheney, president; Rolland Dean and Dorothy I. Pratt, vice-presidents; James K. Rush, secretary; and Robert T. Overstreet, treasurer. On January 26, a historical marker was dedicated commemorating the original Pine Castle and its builder, William Wallace Henry. The major aim of the Society is to provide an historical museum for the county. The summer 1973 issue of the "Orange County Historical Quarterly" carried an article on the history of the museum building project.

Palm Beach Historical Society— Mary Linehan spoke on "Highlights of Early Palm Beach County" at a meeting April 10, in Whitehall, the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum.

Peace River Valley Historical Society— David Forshay of the Palm Beach Junior College and member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society, presented two films at the April 27, 1973, meeting at Zolfo Springs. The May program meeting was titled "The Search for Santa Maria." Barbara Grier and John Catterall of the Santa Maria Foundation, Palm Beach, presented a slide lecture describing the wreckage site. David Forshay spoke at the June 29 meeting on the history of the state flags of Florida. Officers of the Society are T. Mabry Carlton, president; Barney H. Whitman and C. Edgar Brooke, vice-presidents; Elizabeth S. Brown, treasurer; and Read B. Harding, secretary. Members of the board are William H. Bevis, Mrs. J. W. Thrailkill, Captain Roy T. Gallemore, Ruth McElya, and Dorothy Flood.

Pensacola Historical Society— Dr. William S. Coker described his work as historian with the Historic American Buildings Survey during the summer of 1972 on the Pensacola Navy Yard

project at the meeting, April 16, in the Museum. A lamplight tour of Fort Pickens was sponsored by the Society May 21, with George Berndt, park historian, and Tony Kegerries, park guide, in charge. Society officers are Mrs. Wendell Switzer, president; Mrs. E. P. Nickinson, Lucia Tryon, and Vern Moss, vice-presidents; Kathy Pepper, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. R. Moffett, recording secretary; and Mrs. J. Holliday Veal, treasurer. New board members are Mrs. Paul D. Parks, Mrs. George Wagenheim, Mrs. F. N. Vickers, and Leslie Bogan.

Pinellas County Historical Commission— Mrs. Margaret Roy, president of the Questers, Seminole Chapter 149, was a guest at the May 1973 meeting and reported that her organization had received as a gift the Tampa home of Henry B. Plant. Efforts to move the property and restore it are being made. William M. Goza is chairman of the Commission's Bicentennial Committee, and he will be cooperating with the Pinellas County Bicentennial Steering Committee in drawing up plans for its celebration.

Safety Harbor Historical Society— James Miller presented a slide program at the meeting April 25, 1973, and he described techniques for the making of natural history specimen casts and molds. William G. Maxwell described the "Art of Contemporary Indians" at the May 23 program meeting, and Sam Prentice showed slides of the Bay area at the meeting June 27. The Society participated in the Count Phillipe Festival Parade in April, and is continuing its archeological digs in cooperation with the city of Oldsmar.

St. Lucie Historical Society— The Society is cooperating with the University of Florida in developing an area-oral history program. Tapes of Indian River pioneers will be duplicated and transcribed for the Society's archives; master tapes and transcriptions will be deposited with the University of Florida's Oral History Collection. The Society was one of the host organizations for the seventy-first annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society at the Port St. Lucie Hilton, and members served on the local arrangements committee May 12-14, 1973. Mrs. L. F. Emerson, secretary of the Society, was elected to the Florida Historical Society's board of directors. Walter Hellier, an honorary member

of the Society, received special recognition at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society when he was given an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for the work which he has done in preserving and interpreting the history of the Indian River area. The Reverend Mr. Billy Osceola, Whit Bevis, Tom Gore, and Arthur Swain were speakers at the recent monthly meetings of the Society. Officers of the Society are Mrs. A. C. McClintock, president; Mrs. W. H. Reed and Mrs. E. P. DeFriest, vice-presidents; Mrs. Robert Boynton, treasurer; and Mrs. L. F. Emerson, secretary. They were installed at a dinner meeting May 15.

Southwest Historical Society— The Society celebrated its tenth anniversary, April 16, 1973, and the April number of the "Caloosa Quarterly" carried an article by Alberta Rawchuck describing the history of the organization. Professor George Huggins of Edison Community College spoke at the meeting April 12 on the digs at Mound Key, Estero Bay, and members then visited the sites.

Tampa Historical Society— Markers commemorating the site of the old Hillsborough County Courthouse and the establishment of WDAE, Florida's first licensed commercial broadcast station, were unveiled recently. Dr. James W. Covington, University of Tampa, has been appointed chairman of the committee to plan the sesquicentennial celebration of the founding of Fort Brooke, established in 1824. Hampton Dunn, president of the Society, was master of ceremonies at the ground breaking, May 26, for the Historic Memorial Picnic Island, the training site for soldiers during the Spanish-American War.

Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society— Major events of the year were the Annual Remembrance Tea held at the Presbyterian Church, the essay contest, and the walking tour of old houses around the head of Spring Bayou, March 23, 1973. A plaque has been dedicated noting the Tarpon Springs Sponge Exchange as a historic site. Florida Secretary of State Richard Stone, Father Elias Kalariotes, Mayor George Tsourakis, and John Kouremetis, president of the Sponge Exchange, were the speakers at the dedicatory services. Society officers are Gertrude D. Stoughton,

president; Nina Assimack, vice-president; Dorothy Veal, secretary; Grace Rolfe, treasurer; and Jessie Cobb, Thomas Craig, F. Kettrell Powell, Donald M. Quimby, and Colonel H. M. Salley, executive board members.

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| Sept. 18-21 | American Association for
State and Local History | Edmonton, Alberta |
| Sept. 25-28 | Society of American
Archivists | St. Louis, Mo. |
| Oct. 11-14 | National Trust for Historic
Preservation | Cleveland, Ohio |
| Nov. 1-4 | National Oral History
Colloquium | West Point, N.Y. |
| Nov. 7-10 | Southern Historical
Association | Atlanta, Ga. |
| Dec. 27-30 | American Historical
Association | San Francisco, Calif. |

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| Feb. 8-9 | Gulf Coast History and
Humanities Conference | Pensacola |
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