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Notices of East Florida, written by Dr. William Hayne Simmons and published by him in 1822, is the third volume in the Bicentennial Floridiana Facsimile series. The series is being published by the Florida Bicentennial Commission as part of the state's program celebrating the nation's two-hundredth birthday. Dr. Simmons settled in St. Augustine shortly after Florida became an American territory. A shy and retiring man, Dr. Simmons is best remembered in Florida history because he and John Lee Williams of Pensacola surveyed and recommended Tallahassee as the capital site for Florida. The Territorial Council held its 1824 session there, and Tallahassee has been Florida's capital ever since. Tallahassee is this year celebrating its sesquicentennial. Dr. Simmons was a physician, politician, and author. His *Notices of East Florida* includes a history of the Florida Seminoles. It also contains selections from a journal of a trip through Florida during the winter of 1822. This facsimile edition carries with it an introduction, with biographical information on Dr. Simmons, and an evaluation of the book's contribution to Florida history. The introduction was written by Professor George E. Buker of Jacksonville University. The Bicentennial Floridiana Facsimile series, published by the University of Florida Press, will consist of a total of twenty-five books. *Notices of East Florida* sells for \$6.00.

A History of Pharmacy in Florida is by Professor L. G. Gramling, chairman of pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Florida. The value of Dr. Gramling's book mainly lies in its treatment of the Florida Pharmaceutical Association organized in Jacksonville in 1887, the Ladies Auxiliary which began in 1915, and the Traveling Men's Auxiliary that was started in 1905 in Tampa. Also included is a history of the Florida Board of Pharmacy, created by the legislature in 1889. The section on pharmacy education in Florida reveals that the first college of pharmacy was a private institution which opened in Jacksonville in October 1906. The College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida dates from 1923. Some of the most important data in

Dr. Gramling's book are located in tables listing officers of the various organizations, early drug stores, and drug manufacturers. The book was privately printed, but it is available from Dr. Gramling, 640 N.W. 36th Terrace, Gainesville, Florida 32607. The price is \$6.40.

Our Past . . . Our Future: Florida's Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan was published by the Florida Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, Department of State, Tallahassee. This published plan was required so that Florida could participate in programs established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. A brief historical sketch, a review of historic preservation activities on the state and national level, and an evaluation of preservation planning in relation to other state planning constitute part one of the plan. The major preservation problems of Florida are next considered. Florida's size and shape are fixed conditions which are further compounded by the state's explosive growth. Our traditional, purist conception of historic preservation is an obstacle to current preservation efforts, but the most serious problem is the public lack of knowledge of the history of Florida and its communities. Of value in this publication is the listing, within a thematic and county framework, of those historical resources in Florida which deserve preservation. Single copies may be secured from the Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, Tallahassee, without charge.

The Everglades, by Archie Carr of the University of Florida, is one of the volumes in the Time-Life Books American Wilderness series. The Everglades stretch south of Lake Okeechobee to Cape Sable, the southernmost projection of the United States. This vast 400,000,000 acre watery wilderness contains a myriad of wild creatures and exotic landscapes. The pictures in *The Everglades* capture the beauty of the area. Included are several color photographs of birds painted by John James Audubon. Dr. Carr's smooth-flowing text and truly outstanding pictures make this a very unique book. It sells for \$7.95.

Since *The Everglades: River of Grass*, by Marjory Stoneman Douglass, was first published in 1947 in the Rivers of America

series, it has been regarded as one of the best books on the area. A new paperback edition has been published which includes an afterword by Mrs. Douglass. This paperback is in the Mockingbird Book series, published by Ballentine Books of New York. It sells for \$1.50.

Yesterday's Sarasota by Dell Marth is a pictorial chronical of the ninety-year history of one of Florida's major cities. A century ago a few white men—fishermen and farmers mainly—lived along the edge of Sarasota Bay, together with a handful of Indians whose ancestors once claimed all the coastal area south of Tampa Bay. Over the years, Sarasota grew into a center of economic and resort activity. Many important and colorful personalities have been residents of the area. Mrs. Potter Palmer, the Chicago socialite, found Sarasota to be “refreshingly quaint” when she came on a visit, and she bought some 80,000 acres of land and built a winter home there. John Ringling came in 1911, and in 1926— at the height of the Florida boom— he built Ca'd'Can, one of the country's great homes. Ringling also built an art museum, and later gave it and his home to the State of Florida. The fact that the Ringling Brothers Circus made its winter headquarters in Sarasota focused attention on the area. The Sarasota Historical Commission was a major sponsor of the project which developed *Yesterday's Sarasota*. Published by E. A. Seemann Publishing Company, Miami, it sells for \$7.95.

Yesterday's Key West by Stan Windhorn and Wright Langley, is a pictorial study of the southernmost city of the continental United States— one of the country's most interesting communities. Its recorded history reaches back into the early years of the nineteenth century. Before that it served as a temporary abode for wreckers, pirates, spongers, fishermen, and treasure seekers. At one time or another, Indians, Spaniards, Britishers, and Americans lived here. The history of Key West, once Florida's wealthiest city, is here told through photographs. They have been assembled from libraries, museums, and private collections. Windhorn and Langley are newspapermen in the Miami Herald's Key West office. *Yesterday's Key West* is published by E. A. Seemann Publishing Company, Miami; it sells for \$7.95.

Memoirs of Estelle DesRocher Zumwalt: A Miami Pioneer was compiled by Thelma Peterson Peters after many conversations with Mrs. Zumwalt. The DesRocher family was living in Melrose, Florida, at the time of the Great Freeze, 1894-1895. Although she was only seven years old at the time, Mrs. Zumwalt remembered that cans of milk on their screen porch froze like ice cream. With their citrus grove ruined, the family moved to Miami, where Mr. DesRocher worked as a carpenter in Henry Flagler's Royal Palm Hotel. Mrs. Zumwalt grew up in northeast Miami, the area then called Lemon City. This little book also includes the author's favorite recipes, including green pole beans, eggplant salad, key lime pie, mango sherbert, green papaya pie, and crawfish salad. The sketches are by Ed Bergquist. The book sells for \$2.50, and it can be purchased from the Historical Association of Southern Florida, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Building B., Miami 33129.

Tampa That Was . . . is the history of that community through 1946. Its author, Evanell Klintworth Powell, is a Tampa native. The book contains some early history of the Tampa Bay area, but most of it relates to nineteenth- and twentieth-century activities and people. There are many illustrations. The book sells for \$4.95. Order from Box 381, Palm Beach, Florida 33480.

This Was Yesterday is a brief history of Lakeland, Florida, compiled by the Junior Welfare League of Greater Lakeland. The booklet contains a variety of historical data and many pictures. The pamphlet sells for \$3.00, and it may be ordered from Mrs. Dolores Campbell, 1125 Hallam Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33803.

A Biographic History of Broward County, by Bill McGoun, includes illustrations and a series of biographical sketches of men and women who have played major roles in the development of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County. Napoleon Bonaparte Broward, Major William Lauderdale, Tony Tommie, Hugh Taylor Birch, and Frank and Ivy Stranahan are included. Published by the *Miami Herald*, it may be ordered from 1 Herald Plaza, Miami 33101. The price is \$1.25.

Seminole Saga is a reprinting of the report of Major General Thomas S. Jessup to the United States Senate, July 1838, relative to transporting the Seminoles from Florida to land set aside for them west of the Mississippi River. A limited-numbered edition sells for \$2.00; regular edition, \$1.25. It is available from Hoosier Land Books, P.O. Box 936, Fort Myers, Florida 33902.

The History Committee of the First United Methodist Church, Oviedo, Florida, has published a centennial history of the church. *A Time To Keep* covers the period 1873-1973. Church records and interviews provided the basis for the material utilized. The pamphlet sells for \$3.00, and it may be ordered from P.O. Box 536, Oviedo, Florida 32765.

What To Look For In Florida . . . And What To Look Out For is by Frank Cowles, Jr., and the editors of *Florida Trend*. It is published by Trend House of Tampa, and it sells for \$1.95. The booklet describes living and housing conditions, job and business opportunities, the real estate market, and taxes and government. It should be especially useful to someone moving into Florida.

Indian Princesses and Soldiers, by Tom Knotts, contains three tales of Indian princesses and the soldiers they saved from death. Juan Ortiz was captured near Tampa Bay in 1528 and was saved by the chief's wife and three daughters who pleaded for his life. Later, when his life was threatened again, Ulelah, the oldest daughter of the chief, helped Ortiz escape. Pocahontas and Captain John Smith is the second story, and some scholars believe that it was Ortiz's tale that inspired Smith. The third tale is that of Malee (Milly Francis) who saved the life of Duncan McKrimmon in 1818 during Jackson's campaign into Florida. The pamphlet sells for forty cents including postage, and it may be ordered from the Withlacoochee Press, Yankeetown, Florida 32698.

Obispos Cubanos en Louisiana y las Floridas is a pamphlet published by J. Isern (Pedro José Isern Cordero) of Miami for the Cuban Group of Historical Studies. It sells for \$1.00, and it

may be ordered from Aspe Spanish Books Distributors, 19 S.E. 1st Avenue, Hialeah, Florida 33011.

The Georgia Heritage Portfolio is a collection of facsimile documents of Georgia history covering the period from 1730-1790. It was prepared by the Georgia Department of Archives and History, and published by the Georgia Commission for the National Bicentennial Celebration. Pictures, maps, newspaper advertisements, deeds, estate inventories, governmental commissions, proclamations, land grants, and estate descriptions are among the documents included. Many relate to the role played by Georgia during the Revolution. The *Portfolio* sells for \$5.00, and it may be ordered from the Georgia Commission for the NBC, Suite 520-South Wing, 1776 Peachtree Street N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

South Carolina, The Grand Tour, 1780-1865, a limited edition volume, is a part of the series of *Tricentennial Editions*, published by the University of South Carolina Press to commemorate the founding of South Carolina in 1670. Professor Thomas D. Clark, who has written an introduction, selected from approximately 110 travel accounts the twenty-one essays and sketches which are included. Some came from the pens of foreigners, like Roger Lamb who presented "an Irish view" of South Carolina during the American Revolution. Other foreign travelers included: Karl Bernhard, the German Duke of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach; Carl David Arfwedson, the Swedish scholar; Sir Charles Lyell, the English scientist; and James Stirling, the Scotsman whose reports on the pre-Civil War South were published as *Letters from the Slave States*. *The Grand Tour* sells for \$25.00.

Warrants for Land in South Carolina, 1672-1711, a reprint of a three-volume work published by the Historical Commission of South Carolina in 1910-1915, includes the warrants issued by the Lord Proprietors of Carolina. This edition carries an introduction by R. Nicholas Olsberg. Published for the South Carolina Department of Archives and History by the University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, the price is \$25.00.

Frustrated Patriots: North Carolina and the War of 1812, by Sarah McCulloh Lemmon, examines the reasons why North Carolina supported the conflict even though it had little to gain economically or politically. The 10th Regiment of Infantry contained a larger number of North Carolinians than any other unit. James Wellborn was commander, but was replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Duncan L. Clinch who later played an important role in Florida history. Florida was one of the major factors considered by the United States in organizing the country's defense. At first it was thought that Florida might be invaded and St. Augustine besieged, but by the summer of 1813 a decision not to attack East Florida had been reached. Published by the University of North Carolina Press at Chapel Hill, the book sells for \$10.50.

North Carolina: The History of a Southern State, third edition, is a University of North Carolina Press book. Its authors are Albert Ray Newsome and Hugh Talmage Lefler, Kenan Professor of History, Emeritus, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It is the standard one-volume history of North Carolina and sells for \$14.95.

A facsimile edition of a *Narrative of the Life of David Crockett of the State of Tennessee* has been published by the University of Tennessee Press in its Tennesseana Editions series. This edition offers an introduction and annotations by James A. Shackford and Stanley J. Folmsbee. Besides its historic and literary value, the linguist will find it important since it contains expressions and spellings that were in use when the *Narrative* first appeared in 1834. It sells for \$7.95.

Seth Eastman's Mississippi: A Lost Portfolio Recovered is by John Francis McDermott. Eastman was stationed at Fort Snelling on the Mississippi in the 1840s. Seventy-nine of the scenes that he drew are reproduced in this volume which is published by the University of Illinois Press, Urbana. These pictures were discovered recently in an album in St. Louis. It contained eighty-one Eastman sketches. One of the two not published by Professor McDermott is of Cedar Key, Florida, dated 1840. The book sells for \$10.00.

Ninety-Two in the Shade, by Thomas McGuane, is a novel with Key West as its setting. It was published by Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, New York, and it sells for \$6.95. *Baby Boy*, by James Gregg, also has a Florida setting. The author received the full cooperation of the Florida Division of Corrections in his research for this story of convicts in a Florida road camp. Published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, it sells for \$6.95.

Adventures on the Airboat Trail is a children's book by Ida Haskins. The scene is the Florida Everglades where two boys, Brent and Rob, meet Seminole Indians and are invited to the Green Corn Festival. Published by E.A. Seemann of Miami, the book sells for \$3.95. *Flipper the Star* is by William B. Gray of the Miami Seaquarium. It also is published by E. A. Seemann Publishing Company, Miami, and it sells for \$1.50.

The Chautauqua Movement: An Episode in the Continuing American Revolution, by Joseph E. Gould is the story of this nineteenth-century venture in popular education. It pioneered in correspondence courses, lecture-study groups, and reading circles, which filled a need for adult educational opportunities in rural America. Tent Chautauqua was big business in the South and in Florida where some communities like DeFuniak Springs erected permanent Chautauqua buildings. *The Chautauqua Movement* is a reprint published by State University of New York Press, Albany, and it sells for \$5.00.