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The Annual Meeting

A tour of the Governors Mansion as guests of Governor and Mrs. Reubin Askew, a reception at The Grove, home of Territorial Governor Richard Keith Call, as guests of Governor and Mrs. LeRoy Collins, a banquet address by Dr. Joe Frantz, professor of history at the University of Texas and director of the Oral History Program at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, and a tour and reception at the Division of Archives, History, and Records Management are some of the highlights of the seventy-second annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society in Tallahassee, May 3-4, 1974. The Downtown Holiday Inn, West Tennessee Street, has been selected as convention headquarters. Professors William Warren Rogers and Edward Keuchel of Florida State University are in charge of local arrangements. Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., University of Florida, and Dr. Jerrell Shofner, Florida Technological University, are program chairmen.

The sessions will deal with New Approaches to Florida History, the Tallahassee Sesquicentennial, and Ethnic History in Florida. Reading papers are Edward F. Keuchel, Michael G. Schene, and Robert L. Hall, Florida State University; John Paul Hartman, Florida Technological University; David R. Colburn, Richard K. Scher, and George E. Pozzetta, University of Florida; and J. Larry Durrence, Florida Southern College. Sessions commentators are Professors Evans C. Johnson, Stetson University, and Harry A. Kersey, Jr., Florida Atlantic University. Society past Presidents William M. Goza, Clearwater; Judge James R. Knott, West Palm Beach; and James C. Craig, Jacksonville, will preside at the sessions.

American Association of State and Local History awards will be presented at the Saturday luncheon by James W. Moody, Jr., executive director, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, to former Secretary of State Robert A. Gray, Tallahassee; Dr. Dorothy Dodd, Tallahassee; Dr. Wayne Flynt, Samford University; Marjory Bartlett Sanger, Winter Park; and the Junior League of Miami, Inc. These awards are given for significant

contributions to the understanding and development of state and local history. The winners of the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History for 1973-1974, the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award, and the Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award will be announced at the banquet Saturday.

On Friday evening, Robert Williams and the staff of the Division of Archives, History, and Records Management will host a reception and tour of their facilities. Governor and Mrs. Reubin Askew will open the Governor's Mansion for a visit Saturday afternoon. Afterwards, Governor and Mrs. LeRoy Collins will be the hosts at a reception at their home, The Grove.

The board of directors will hold its meeting on Thursday evening at the historic Brokaw-McDougall House, headquarters for the Historic Tallahassee Preservation Board. The business luncheon Saturday will be convened by Dr. John E. Johns, president of the Society, and there will be election of officers and annual reports.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., May 3, in the lobby of the Downtown Holiday Inn. All program sessions will be in the hotel. The meetings are open to the general public.

Florida Confederation of Historical Societies

The Florida Historical Society invited representatives of local and area historical societies, museums, and related agencies to a meeting, January 18, at Florida Technological University, Orlando, to discuss the organization of a statewide confederation of local historical societies. The meeting was organized by Dr. Jerrell Shofner, Florida Technological University. Representatives from more than forty Florida groups were represented. The participants agreed that local history organizations could assist each other by exchanges of experiences and techniques.

Milton D. Jones, president-elect of the Florida Historical Society, is preparing a draft program of operations. The volunteer organizational committee includes Audrey Broward, Jacksonville Historical Society; Joseph O. Cardilli, Central Florida Society for Historical Preservation; Mrs. Leslie E. Clift, West Volusia Historical Society; Helen Cubberly Ellerbe, Alachua County Historical Commission and Alachua County Historical Society; David Fors-

hay, Peace River Valley Historical Society; Sybil Hunziker and Lutye Willis, Columbia County Historical Society; Isabelle McClintock, St. Lucie Historical Society; Glenn G. Matthews, Fernandina Historical Society; Dr. Thelma Peters, Historical Association of Southern Florida; Claude Reese, Jackson County Historical Commission; and Norman Simons, Pensacola Historical Society.

Ms. Janet G. Jainschigg, president, League of Connecticut Historical Societies, was the luncheon speaker. During the afternoon session, Addie Emerson, St. Lucie Historical Society, described her organization's oral history program; Robert Williams, director, Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, talked on "The Role of the State Archives;" Dr. Thelma Peters, Historical Association of Southern Florida, discussed "A Library and Photograph Collection;" Judge James R. Knott, Palm Beach County Historical Society, spoke on "The Layman and Local History;" Mrs. James N. LaRoche, Historical Society of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, discussed "Young People in Local History;" and Mrs. Frederick W. Connolly, Jefferson County Historical Society, described the historical and restoration activities in her area in a talk entitled "A Message from Monticello."

Dr. Shofner presided at the morning session, and Dr. John E. Johns, president of the Florida Historical Society, was chairman of the afternoon session. A list of societies, agencies, museums, and libraries is being compiled. Anyone interested in the Confederation is asked to communicate with Jay B. Dobkin, executive secretary, Florida Historical Society,, University of South Florida Library, Tampa, Florida 33620. The Confederation will be formalized at the annual meeting of the Society, and a workshop is planned for the fall of 1974.

National Register of Historic Places

The Historic Preservation Office, Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, Florida Department of State, announces that the National Park Service, United States Department of Interior, added the following Florida sites to the National Register of Historic Places during 1973: Lyndhurst Plantation, Monticello; Rochelle School, Rochelle; Sand Key Light-

house, Sand Key; Eduardo H. Gato House (Mercedes Hospital), Dr. Joseph Y. Porter House, Old Post Office and Customs House, and the U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Key West; Ralph M. Munroe House (the Barnacle), Miami; Merrick Manor, Coral Gables; Ransom School (Pagoda), Coconut Grove; San Joseph de Ocuya site, Lloyd vicinity; the Capitol, Tallahassee; San Juan de Aspalaga site, Wacissa vicinity (Jefferson County); Mount Royal, Welaka vicinity (Putnam County); Hull-Hawkins House, Live Oak vicinity; Nocoroco (Tomoka State Park), Ormond Beach vicinity; Burnsed Blockhouse, Sanderson; St. Marks Episcopal Church, Palatka; Epping Forest (home of Mrs. Alfred I. DuPont), Jacksonville; Big Mound City, Canal Point vicinity (Palm Beach County); Launch Complex Thirty-nine, Kennedy Space Center; Yent Mound, Alligator Harbor vicinity (Franklin County); Bailey House, "Tabby" House, Fairbanks House, and Fernandina Historic Preservation District, Fernandina Beach; Matheson House, Hotel Thomas, and Epworth Hall, Gainesville; Neilson House, Windsor vicinity (Alachua County); St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Hibernia vicinity (Clay County); Seaboard Coastline Railroad Passenger Station, West Palm Beach; Breakers Hotel complex and Paramount Theatre Building, Palm Beach; United States Arsenal (Officers' Quarters), Quincy; T. G. Henderson House, Lake City (W. M. Dial House), William M. Goza residence (Madison); Ximenez-Fatio House, St. Augustine (Hubbard House), Crescent City; Florida Pioneer Museum, Florida City (Dade County); Dunlawton Plantation-Sugar Mill Ruins, Port Orange; the Parsonage, Winter Park; Stranahan House, Fort Lauderdale; Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, Jupiter vicinity (Palm Beach County); Pineland site, Pineland vicinity (Lee County); and Cockroach Key, Cockroach Key (Hillsborough County).

Activities and Events

The Florida Anthropological Society held its twenty-sixth annual meeting, March 15-17, 1974, in Jacksonville. Dr. Thomas H. Jouchnour, president of the Northeast Florida Anthropological Society, was chairman. Dr. Gordon R. Willey, Harvard University, spoke on "New World Pre-History: Some 1974 Observations" at the banquet on Saturday evening. The following officers

were elected for 1974: John W. Griffin, president; Benjamin I. Waller, first vice-president; Wilma Williams, second vice-president; Robert H. Steinbach, secretary; and, Ripley P. Bullen, editor. Members of the executive committee are J. Anthony Paredes, Wesley Coleman, Arthur F. Dreves, E. Thomas Hemmings, and Roger Grange.

Professor David L. Smiley, Wake Forest University, gave the annual Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Lecture at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 20. The subject was "Ben and Comfort: Fiction and Fact in Carolina Reconstruction." The Patrick Lecture memorializes the former editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and chairman of the department of history, University of Florida.

The 150th anniversary of the founding of Fort Brooke at Tampa was celebrated under the auspices of the Tampa Historical Society on January 23, 1974. More than 400 people attended a Fort Brooke Dinner, and heard addresses by Joe Dan Osceola, former chairman of the Tribal Council of Seminole Tribes of Florida, and Colonel George Mercer Brooke of Virginia Military Institute. Colonel Brooke is the namesake and great-grandson of the officer who established Fort Brooke on the Hillsborough River in 1824. Lieutenant General Sumter L. Lowry was chairman of the dinner committee, and Professor James Covington, University of Tampa, served as historical consultant for the celebration. Mayor Dick A. Greco, Jr. of Tampa also spoke, and the welcome was given by Hampton Dunn, president of the Tampa Historical Society.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has designated May 6-12, 1974, as the second annual National Historic Preservation Week. The Trust urges local historical groups to publicize preservation activities during that week, and will send a historic preservation week kit to member organizations requesting it. Write to Frederick Haupt III, Public Affairs Department, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 740-748 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

The T. T. Wentworth Jr. Museum of Pensacola has issued "Old Banks of Pensacola," Pensacola Picturebook No. 24. The illustrations are from the Wentworth collection. The booklet sells for twenty-five cents, and it may be ordered from the Museum, P.O. Box 806, Pensacola, Florida 32594.

Headquarters Heliogram, published by the Council on Abandoned Military Posts, carried a short article and pictures of Fort Taylor at Key West in its December 1973 number.

Bicentennial Events

The Florida Bicentennial Commission in cooperation with Florida Technological University held its Third Annual Bicentennial Symposium on the FTU campus, Orlando, March 22-23, 1974. The theme of the conference was "Eighteenth-Century Florida: Life on the Frontier." Dr. Charles N. Millican, president of Florida Technological University, and Lieutenant Governor Tom Adams, chairman of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, welcomed the Symposium participants. Professor R. Don Higginbotham of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill gave the luncheon address. His topic was "Why the Need for Another Washington Biography?"

Reading papers were Professors Robert M. Calhoon, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Geraldine M. Meroney, Agnes Scott College; Bertram W. Korn, Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, New York School; James H. O'Donnell III, Marietta College; Roland C. McConnell, Morgan State College; David D. Mays, Florida Technological University; and David Z. Kushner, University of Florida. Ms. Rebecca Kushner sang some of the music described by Dr. Kushner at the Saturday morning session. Commentary was provided by Professor Mary Beth Norton, Cornell University. Chairmen for the sessions were Professors Edmund F. Kallina, Paul W. Wehr, and Elmar B. Fetscher, all of Florida Technological University.

On Friday evening the Theatre Department of Florida Technological University, under the direction of Dr. David D. Mays, presented *The Beaux Stratagem* by George Farquhar. This Restoration comedy was performed in St. Augustine in 1783 as a benefit for the distressed Loyalist refugees who had emigrated

from Charleston and Savannah. Musicians, attired in eighteenth-century costumes, provided the musical accompaniment.

The Library of Congress will hold the third in its series of American Revolution Symposia on May 9-10, 1974, in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium. "Leadership in the American Revolution" will be the theme for the conference. Lyman H. Butterfield, editor of *The Adams Papers* is chairman of the Symposium. Persons wishing to attend should write the American Revolution Bicentennial Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Local Societies and Commissions

Alachua County Historical Commission: At a meeting, January 10, 1974, progress reports were received from the publications, historical markers, historical sites, and architectural survey committees. Some 1,600 structures have been identified in the preliminary architectural survey, and approximately 300 call for more study. A survey of natural and scenic sites in Alachua County is also underway. A grant was received for a feasibility study of the Hotel Thomas by the National Heritage Corporation under the supervision of Historic Gainesville. A short history of Alachua County is planned, and a historic marker for each municipality in the county will be placed. A marker for La Crosse is now being prepared.

Alachua County Historical Society: The invitation to the Florida Historical Society to hold its annual meeting in Gainesville in May 1975 has been accepted, and a local arrangements committee is being set up. It will represent all historical agencies in the county. Early medicine in Alachua County was the subject for a talk by Dr. Henry J. Babers, Jr., at the meeting January 15. Mrs. Babers, research chairman for the Alachua County Medical Society Auxiliary, displayed pictures and artifacts associated with some of the early medical practitioners in the area. Dr. George E. Pozzetta, University of Florida, discussed foreign immigration into Florida for the period 1865-1910 at the February 19 meeting. He described settlements in and around Alachua County and the contribution made by foreign immigrants to the economic development of the area. Dena Snodgrass of Jacksonville, former

president of the Florida Historical Society, spoke March 19 on Zepaniah Kingsley. The title was "Mr. Kingsley of Fort George Island."

Bradford County Historical Board: "Operation Outhouse," the removal of a dilapidated brick and block structure from the Old Courthouse property in Starke, is part of a civic action project sponsored recently by the Bradford County Historical Board of Trustees. The Old Courthouse is being restored by the Trustees.

Central Florida Society for Historic Preservation: Restoration of the Inside-Outside House and the Bradlee-McIntyre House has begun. Restoration of the Longwood Hotel, now the property of George St. Laurent, is also continuing. Officers of the Society are Mrs. Robert Bradford, president; Christopher Raleigh, vice president; James Sutton, treasurer; and Jill Meeks, secretary.

Collier County Historical Society: Leonard G. Pardue, staff meteorologist of Radio Station WIOD, Miami, spoke on "The Effect of Hurricanes on Florida History," at the December 10 meeting in Naples, Florida. On January 14 a sound movie of the early days of Collier County was shown at the Marco Beach Hotel, Marco Island. Dr. Charlton Tebeau of Miami was the speaker at the February 11 meeting in Naples, and his subject was "1926— The Year the Sky Fell and the Roof Caved In." Grover Hackney and Milton D. Thompson, two of the survivors of the "Trailblazers" group who blazed the Tamiami Trail in 1923, spoke at the March 12 meeting in Naples. Dr. Earl Baum presented "Naples on the Gulf," a narrated movie at the April 8 meeting. George G. Huntoon is president of the Society. Other officers are Merle Harris, vice president; Richard W. Morris, secretary; and Helen Pardee, treasurer.

Dunedin Historical Society: Sixteen Dunedin pioneers were honored by the Society in November. A picture and a story on their activities and contributions to the community appeared in the *Clearwater Sun*, November 25, 1973. The Society has adopted as a Bicentennial project the restoration of the Andrews Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Charles B. McDaniel is president of the Society.

Florida Genealogical Society: Frank Adams, president, and Theodore Lesley, editor of the *Florida Genealogical Journal*, described the activities of the Society during an interview on Tampa's Channel 10. The Winter 1973 issue of the "Florida Genealogical Journal" includes a listing of Hillsborough County marriage records (1879-1880) and tombstones in the Fort Ogden Cemetery, DeSoto County.

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc.: An article on Captain Dennis O'Neill, Fort Lauderdale's first white settler and one of the keepers of the House of Refuge, was included in the "New River News History" issue of January 1974.

Hillsborough County Historical Commission: Gary Englehardt showed slides of historic Hillsborough County buildings and sites at a recent meeting of the Commission. Anthony P. Pizzo is chairman of the Commission, and Mary Rae Thompson is acting-secretary.

Historical Association of Southern Florida: Speakers on the Winter Program Series have included Dr. Charlton Tebeau who talked about the boom year 1926; Mrs. Emily Vance and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert J. Bach who reminisced about their work on the *Metropolis*, the *Herald*, and the *Tribune* during the 1920s; Secretary of State Richard Stone who discussed the state's program to conserve land and marine archeology and historical records; Marjory Stoneman Douglas who used "I came to Miami in 1915" as the title for her talk; and Professor Harry A. Kersey, Jr., of Florida Atlantic University, who described the activities of South Florida families and the Indian trade. On January 20 the Association held a ninety-sixth birthday party for Miss Julia Fillmore Harris, the head of Miss Harris's Florida School from 1914-1971. Miss Harris's portrait will be displayed permanently on the Portrait Wall. Portraits of Commodore Ralph Middleton Munroe and Captain Eddie Rickenbacker have also been added to the Society's collection. The Association is publishing a series of facsimile volumes relating to Dade County and South Florida history. The first of these is a reprint of *Memoir of Do. d'Escalente Fontaneda Respecting Florida* (1575).

Historical Society of Okaloosa and Walton Counties: "Mode of Life that Existed at the Turn of the Century" was the subject of the talk by Ross Marlow at the January 27, 1974, meeting in Destin. Officers for 1974 are Mrs. Val Kreher, president; Harold Lucas, Mrs. Louis Vagias, and Miss Pearl Tyner, vice-presidents; Mrs. Dee Parkton, recording secretary; Frances Robinson, corresponding secretary; and Alan Campbell, treasurer. Mrs. James N. LaRoche is director of the museum staff, Mrs. Harry McCall is archivist, and B. L. Sellers is custodian. The Society has added a number of artifacts and historical records to its collections recently.

Jacksonville Historical Society: Professor George E. Buker, Jacksonville University, spoke on "Naval Engagements during the Seminole War" at the February 13, 1974, meeting in the Friday Musicale Auditorium. The Jacksonville Historical Society, in cooperation with the Florida Publishing Company, will publish in book form the series of articles on the Kings Road by James R. Ward which appeared in the *Florida Times-Union*, October-December 1973. The historic markers committee had placed a new marker at the site of the Mission of San Juan Del Puerto. It will also erect a marker in Hemming Park describing the Kings Road. A recent gift to the Society was the J. H. Colton 1855 map of Florida.

Key West Art and Historical Society: The East Martello Craft Fair opened February 8, 1974, and funds will be used to pay for the rewiring of the Fort. The American Watercolor Society exhibition opened March 19.

Orange County Historical Commission: The December 1973 number of the "Orange County Historical Quarterly" listed many new museum acquisitions, including books, plats and land surveys, newspapers, photographs, and artifacts. A short article on the town of Taft was also included.

Palm Beach County Historical Society: Mrs. Evanel K. Powell, author of *Tampa That Was*, spoke at the January 8, 1974, meeting in Whitehall, the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum in Palm Beach. Her subject was "Florida's Other Henry," the story of

Henry B. Plant. James R. Warnke took as the subject of his talk on February 12, "Ghost Towns of Florida," the same title as his book.

Peace River Valley Historical Society: Hampton Dunn, president of the Tampa Historical Society, was the guest speaker at a meeting January 24, 1974, in Pioneer Park, Zolfo Springs, Florida. Richard H. Wood gave a talk on the history of post offices and mail service in the Peace River Valley area at the February 15 meeting.

Pensacola Historical Society: Vera Lawbaugh read from the diary of David Preston Robinson, one of the early Protestant ministers in Pensacola, at the meeting on January 24, 1974, in the Pensacola Historical Museum. The Robinson diary is a recent acquisition to the Lelia Abercrombie Library. Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard entitled her February 18 talk, "The History of the Flag of the United States." The Society's monthly newsletter lists accessions of genealogy and family data, photographs, postcards, prints, maps, books, and miscellaneous artifacts.

Pinellas County Historical Commission: The Commission is cooperating with the Junior League of Clearwater in its plans to publish a history of that community. Area organizations like the Clearwater Chapter Peninsula Archaeology Society hold their meetings at the Museum.

Safety Harbor Area Historical Society: James Miller presented a narrated slide program entitled "First Americans, Early Americans, and the Mound Builders," at the January 23 meeting at the Safety Harbor Lions Club. The February 27 meeting was designated "Show and Tell Night." The Society supported the activities of two other area societies— the musical review sponsored by the West Pasco Historical Society, March 6, at New Port Richey, and a dance sponsored by the Dunedin Historical Society.

St. Lucie Historical Society: Shelton Kemp, executive director of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, described the state's program at a dinner meeting, December 18, 1973. Robert Gladwin

discussed preservation and restoration and showed color slides of historic area houses at the January 15 meeting. Mrs. Clifton Davis, Mrs. Addie Emerson, and Bill Jorgenson assisted with this program. At the February 19 meeting, Robert W. Padrick presented a film and outlined the flood control activities of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District. The Society held open house at its museum on Seaway Drive, January 24-25, as part of the Sandy Shoes Festival.

Southwest Florida Historical Society: William Spear, former editor of the *Fort Myers News-Press*, entitled his talk, "History of the *News-Press*," at a meeting February 8 in the Commissioner's Room, Lee County Courthouse. Hugh Richards discussed "Florida in the Civil War," at the meeting March 8, and Arletta Dunning used as a title "The Story of Names" for a talk on genealogy at the meeting, April 12. Alberta Rawchuck and Marian Godown, co-editors of the "Caloosa Quarterly," are collecting old photographs for an illustrated history of Fort Myers and Lee County to be called *Yesterday's Fort Myers*. The Society is also sponsoring the sale of *The Unknown Story of Sanibel and Captiva* by Florence Fritz.

Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society: The Vincent family, the George Emanuel family, and the Wright family were honored at the annual Remembrance Tea sponsored by the *Tarpon Springs Leader* and the Society. A move has begun to preserve the Sponge Exchange and to convert it into a historical museum. The sponge industry was the theme for a recent program meeting, and several divers related their experiences.

West Volusia Historical Society: Mr. Robert Allen was the speaker at the February meeting; his topic was "History of Early DeLand." Mrs. Leslie Clift gave a report of the meeting of the Federation of Historical Societies held at FTU. "The Programs of the Volusia County Historical Commission" was the subject of the talk by Judge Robert Wingfield also in February. The March meeting was a panel discussion by members of the National American Studies Faculty: Ms. Linna Place, Kansas City, Missouri; James W. Lea, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; John Lovell, Cooperstown, New York; and Dr. John Hague, director, Stetson

University, DeLand. Their topic was the potentiality of a local historical society in developing the community's sensitivity to the riches of the past.

Notes

A project to collect and edit the papers of Frederick Douglass has been announced by Yale University and the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. It is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Historical Publications Commission. The goal is to publish a multi-volume edition of Douglass's speeches, letters, and essays. A major part of the work will be the editing of the collection of Douglass's personal papers in the Frederick Douglass House, Washington, D.C. Libraries, archives, and individuals who have pertinent material are asked to write to Professor John W. Blassingame, editor, Frederick Douglass Papers, 2103 Yale Station, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut 06520.

The Archivist of the United States has announced that the 1900 Census of Population Schedules is now available for research. The use of these records is subject to the restrictions statement for records of the Bureau of the Census and to the statement of procedures governing access to the schedules of the Census of Population in 1900. These restrictions, which are enforced to prevent unwarranted invasion of privacy, limit access to the records to those engaged in legitimate historical, legal, or genealogical research, who should also have the written permission of the Archivist or his delegates. Copies of the restrictions statement and the procedures may be obtained by writing to the Director, Central Reference Division (NRC), National Archives (GSA), Washington, D. C. 20408.

The fourth annual Archives-Library Institute under the auspices of the Ohio Historical Society will be held July 15-26, 1974. The Institute is a two-week concentrated program offering elementary level archival training in the collecting, processing, and referencing of historical research material. The Institute is a certificate program, and participants who attend the sessions

will be awarded a certificate of attendance. For information, write David R. Larson, Ohio Historical Society, Interstate 71 and 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211.