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HISTORY NEWS

The Annual Meeting

Open house at the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, a tour of the historic homes and sites of Gainesville, receptions at the houses of Mrs. Chris Matheson and Dr. and Mrs. Mark V. Barrow, Florida history movies, and an evening reception and tour of the Florida State Museum are some of the highlights of the seventy-third annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society in Gainesville, May 9-10, 1975. The Flagler Inn, corner of University Avenue and Northwest Thirteenth Street, has been selected as convention headquarters. Professors J. Leitch Wright, Florida State University, and George E. Buker, Jacksonville University, are program chairpersons. Dr. Merlin G. Cox, University of Florida, is in charge of local arrangements, and his committee represents all of the organizations which are acting as hosts for the meeting. They include the Alachua County Historical Society, Alachua County Historical Commission, the Departments of History and Social Sciences, University of Florida, the Florida State Museum, the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, and Historic Gainesville, Inc.

“Colonial Florida” is the title for the Friday morning session with Dr. Michael V. Gannon, University of Florida, as chairperson. Jose B. Fernandez, University of Colorado; Eugene Lyon; and R. Duncan Mathewson will read papers. Carl Clausen, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, will serve as commentator. “Florida Development, Growth, and Ecology” will be discussed at the Friday afternoon session. Edward N. Akin, University of Florida; Thomas Graham, Flagler College; and Kenneth Relyea, Jacksonville University, will read papers. Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., University of Florida, will be the commentator. Dena Snodgrass of Jacksonville will serve as chairperson for this session. “Troubled Times in Florida” will be the title for the Saturday morning session. William Bevis, a member of the Florida Public Service Commission is chairperson. Calvin Smith, University of South Carolina at Aiken, and Donorena Harris, Florida State

University, will read papers. Dr. S. Walker Blanton, Jacksonville University, is the commentator.

American Association for State and Local History Awards will be presented at the Saturday luncheon to Anthony P. Pizzo of Tampa, Pat Dodson of Pensacola, and the Executive Board of the Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conferences which are held annually in Pensacola. 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 1974-1975, the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award for 1974, and the Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award for 1974 will be announced at the banquet Saturday. The speaker for the banquet is Dr. A. R. Mortensen, director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, and the title of his talk is "Historic Preservation: Florida and the Nation." On Friday evening, May 9, there will be an open house and tour of the Florida State Museum conducted by Vincent J. Gabianelli, Curator of Interpretations and Chairman of the Museum's Department of Interpretation. Historic Gainesville, Inc., will be hosts at a reception at the Museum. There will be a tour of the Hotel Thomas and the historic houses of Gainesville by the Alachua County Historical Society on Saturday afternoon, with receptions at the Matheson and Barrow homes. The P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History has arranged special exhibits, and the library will be open from eight until five on Thursday and Friday. Sunday afternoon, May 11, the Alachua County Historical Society is offering a field trip to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings's home at Cross Creek for all those interested.

The Board of Directors will hold its meeting on Thursday evening at the Flagler Inn. The business luncheon Saturday will be convened by Milton Jones, president of the Society, and it will include an election of officers and annual reports.

There will be a registration table at the Flagler Inn on Thursday afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. and again Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. All program sessions will be in the Convention Hall of the Flagler Inn, and the meetings are open to the general public.

Florida Confederation of Historical Societies

The Confederation will hold a meeting and workshop in Gainesville at the Flagler Inn on Thursday, May 8, 1975, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society. Registration will be from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There will be two sessions— one in the morning from 10:00 until noon and another from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. William Goza of Clearwater will preside over the morning session and Dr. Thelma Peters will chair the afternoon meeting. The luncheon will be at the Flagler Inn at noon. Don Pride, Executive Director of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, will speak. Other speakers will cover subjects of interest to all Confederation members, including oral history projects, microfilming, care of old photographs, publishing newsletters, and other activities.

The Florida History Newsletter

The first number of *The Florida History Newsletter* was published in February 1975. Dr. Thomas D. Greenhaw, Florida Technological University, Orlando, is editor. The *Newsletter* will be published twice yearly, in February and August, by the Florida Historical Society. It will be mailed to all members of the Society and all member organizations of the Florida Confederation of Historical Societies. It will carry news of interest to Florida historians, including the activities of local, county, and area historical societies, historical museums, and historical agencies. Information about programs, activities, publications, and officers should be sent to: The Florida History Newsletter, Florida Technological University, P. O. Box 26547, Orlando, Florida 32816. Please send organizational newsletters to Dr. Greenhaw. The *Newsletter* is sponsored by the Florida Historical Society.

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 the Interior, added the following Florida sites to the National Register of Historic Places during 1974: The Pierce site and Cape St. George Light in Franklin County; Buckman

Hall (University of Florida) and the Newnansville town site in Alachua County; Fort Pierce site in St. Lucie County; Little White House, Quarters A (Key West) in Monroe County; House of Refuge (Stuart) in Martin County; All Saints Episcopal Church (Enterprise) in Volusia County; Brelsford House (Palm Beach) in Palm Beach County; St. Michael's Creole Benevolent Hall, Old Christ Church, Pensacola Lighthouse and Keeper's Quarters, the Dorr House, and the site of Fort George in Escambia County; Pisgah Methodist Church, Union Bank, and the First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee in Leon County; Pender's Store (Greenwood) and the Irwin House in Jackson County; Hervey Allen's Study ("The Glade Estates," South Miami), Gesu Church (Miami), Plymouth Congregational Church of Coconut Grove, Coral Gables City Hall, El Jardin of Coconut Grove, and the Miami Women's Club in Dade County; the Union Railroad Station, Federal Building-U.S. Courthouse, the Johnson-Wolff House, Centro Asturiano, the Old School House, El Control Espanol of West Tampa, Chapin House, Levick House, Ybor City Historic District, Stovall House, Leiman House, 1415 North Franklin Street, and the Ruskin Women's Club in Hillsborough County; Smallwood Store (Chokoloskee Island vicinity) and the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Depot (Naples) in Collier County; Quincy Library and the A. D. Lester House in Gadsden County; O'Reilly House in St. Johns County; Safford House (Tarpon Springs) in Pinellas County; Lloyd Depot and the site of the Spanish Mission, "San Minuel de Asile," in Jefferson County; the Mote-Morris House and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Lake County; and the Old Bradford County Courthouse (Starke).

Florida Anthropological Society

The Florida Anthropological Society held its twenty-seventh annual meeting in Ocala, February 15, 1975. The morning session on Florida archeology included papers by Ben I. Waller, James Dunbar, William J. Webster, James D. Knight, Ripley P. Bullen, George W. Percy, and Mary K. Jones. The afternoon session dealt with methods of excavation, analysis, and interpretation. Presenting papers were Barbara A. Purdy, Stephen L. Cumbaa, Ellen Murphree, R. Christopher Goodwin, Kathleen M. Byrd, K. F. Johnson, Bert Mowers, and John N. Henderson.

Wilma M. Williams and Adelaide K. Bullen were the chairpersons for these sessions. Dr. William R. Maples, Chairman, Department of Social Sciences, Florida State Museum, was the speaker at the banquet. His illustrated talk was entitled, "What Bones and Bodies Can Tell Us."

New officers elected at this meeting include: President, Benjamin I. Waller; First Vice President, Wilma B. Williams; Second Vice President, Raymond Williams; Secretary, Wilbur Cockrell; Treasurer, Jerald T. Milanich; and Editor-Resident Agent, Ripley P. Bullen. Directors are Raymond Robinson, J. Anthony Paredes, and Wesley Coleman.

Activities and Events

The fourth in a series of American Revolution Bicentennial Symposia sponsored by the Library of Congress will be held May 8 and 9 in Washington, D.C. The theme is "The Impact of the American Revolution Abroad." The countries and governments to be discussed are France, the Netherlands, Great Britain, the Russian empire, Spain, Portugal, and Ireland. Scholars from these nations have been invited. Persons wishing to attend the program should write for registration information to the American Revolution Bicentennial Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The sixth annual Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will be held in Pensacola, October 2-3, 1975. The theme of the Conference will be "The Cultural Legacy of the Gulf Coast, 1870-1940." For further information, write Dr. Lucius F. Ellsworth, Chairman, Faculty of History, The University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida 32504.

Mrs. Charles Gibson is making available at a reduced price to all public schools of Florida her book, *Pioneering in Hillsborough County, Florida*. The price for the paperback is \$1.25. For information, write Mrs. Gibson, P.O. Box 2250, Daytona Beach, Florida 32150.

Mrs. Dorothy A. Ellefson of Inglis was the 1975 winner of the Mary MacRae History Award presented by the Central Florida Community College in Ocala. The title of her essay was "Port

Inglis and Inglis: A Historical Sketch and Projection." It is available in the Central Florida Community College Library. The award honors the late Mrs. Mary MacRae of Homosassa, a former director of the Florida Historical Society.

"Views of Florida by American Masters," a major collection of Florida art, is on exhibit March 8-April 13, 1975, at the Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach, Florida. It will then be moved to the Museum of Fine Art, St. Petersburg, Florida, for the period May 6-June 2, 1975. It features the works of Martin Johnson Heade (1819-1904), one of America's foremost landscape artists, and Winslow Homer (1836-1910), considered the greatest painter of the coast and sea. There are representative works of John James Audubon, George Catlin, C. G. Dana, Seth Eastman, George Inness, John Singer Sargent, Doris Lee, and Andrew Wyeth. In addition to many private collectors, the oils, water colors, sketches, and lithographs have been loaned by the Art Institute of Chicago, Cummer Gallery of Jacksonville, Henry Morrison Flagler Museum, Fogg Museum of Art, High Museum of Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, Peabody Museum, Philadelphia Museum of Arts, and the St. Louis Art Museum.

South Florida Pioneers is a new quarterly journal being edited and published by Richard M. Livingston of Fort Ogden, Florida. Its purpose is to present historical and genealogical information about early settlers of South Florida. Each issue sells for \$1.50; a one-year subscription is \$6.00. For information, contact Mr. Livingston, P.O. Box 166, Fort Ogden, Florida 33842.

The Orange County Bicentennial Committee in cooperation with the John Young Museum and Planetarium and the Orange County Historical Commission are sponsoring the publication of a book of memorabilia to be entitled *More Than A Memory*. It will include material for the 100-year period, 1875-1975. For information, write Orlando Mayor Carl T. Langford.

The Florida College Teachers of History held its annual meeting, April 4-5, 1975, in Daytona Beach. Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach Community College, and Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University were host institutions. Of interest to Florida historians was the paper, "Florida Gubernatorial Politics Since the Brown Decision in 1954," by Professors David R. Colburn and Richard K. Scher of the University of Florida. Professor Richard A. Bartlett, Florida State University, is president of the association; William L. Dunn, Bethune-Cookman College, is vice-president; and Claude Sturgill, University of Florida, is secretary-treasurer.

The Atlanta Regional Archives, administered by the National Archives and Records Service, GSA, has received the first 312 rolls of 1900 census microfilm. Florida is one of the states covered in this material. The film is open for research, but it is not available on interlibrary loan. It may be examined only in the reference room of the Federal Archives and Records Center, East Point, Georgia. Researchers must make application to use the film. For information, write the Center, 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, Georgia 30344, or call, 404-526-7477.

Florida Manuscript Acquisitions and Accessions

The following paragraphs list recent manuscript acquisitions and accessions as reported by Florida's university, college, and public libraries. Those interested in using particular collections should correspond with the library or institution in question.

The Florida Historical Society Library, University of South Florida Library, Tampa, has acquired the diaries of Ellis Hughes (1838-1839), a two-volume journal of a medical officer who served in the Second Seminole War; the papers of Terrell Sessums relative to his term as speaker of the Florida House of Representatives; a collection of eighteen documents relating to a plantation in British East Florida (1770-1790); and a letter to President James Madison from Richard Forrest, August 6, 1810, suggesting that the latter visit Florida in order to ascertain public sentiment towards the United States.

The Florida State University Library's Special Collections obtained during the past year the papers of Doak Campbell (1935-1972), former president of the University, consisting of

4,910 items; the papers of Richard W. Ervin (1947-1974), former attorney general of Florida, including seven cartons of material yet to be inventoried.

Jacksonville Public Library's Florida Collection has added the papers of Mrs. Charles Gobert (1809-1866), and the papers of Mrs. Frank E. Jennings (1884-1937).

The Pensacola Historical Society's acquisitions include the papers of the Foster, Cooper, Saltmarsh and Thompson families.

The P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of Florida added the following to its collections in 1974: materials on the H. B. Plant Investment Company, 1888; a letter from Duncan Lamont Clinch to D. M. Dorman, February 23, 1842, pertaining to Indian boundaries; and *legajos* (on microfilm) 3A, 3B, 222A, 222B, Papeles de Cuba, Archivo General de Indias, Seville, consisting of some 3,000 documents and letters.

The St. Augustine Historical Society received miscellaneous papers of the City of St. Augustine (1816-1929); part of a journal of a cruise in the private ship of war *Queen Charlotte*, 1779, James Hanrick, commander; and a Xerox copy of a letter written by Union army Captain B. Mason of Kingston, New Hampshire, dated April 24, 1863, St. Augustine.

The University of West Florida's John C. Pace Library received the following manuscripts in 1974: Cora Mallory Papers (granddaughter of Stephen R. Mallory); Alger-Sullivan Lumber Company Papers (Century, Florida, 1900-1955); W. A. Ray Hardware Company Papers (1909-1929); McKenzie Oerting & Co. account books and ledgers (1912-1921); papers of Pensacola realtor Henry W. Sanborn (1918-1962); scrapbooks and correspondence of the Pensacola Branch, American Association of University Women (1926-1972); Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Papers (1954-1974); papers of Florida state representative John Robert Middlemas (1965-1970).

Notes

Marian Godown of Fort Myers and co-author of the recent book, *Yesterday's Fort Myers*, writes two columns for the Fort Myers *News-Press* – the “Passing Scene” and “Here’s Florida.” She is interested in photographs and other information about Southwest Florida. Mrs. Godown may be reached through the Southwest Florida Historical Society, P.O. Box 1362, Fort Myers, Florida 33902.

The History News section of the July 1974 issue of the *Quarterly* did not correctly note that Ralph D. Reed is director and historian for the Pinellas County Historical Commission and the Pinellas Historical Museum. Anyone seeking information on the Museum or the Commission should contact Mr. Reed at the Old Courthouse, Clearwater, Florida 33516.