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HISTORY NEWS

Panton, Leslie Papers

The papers of Panton, Leslie & Company are being collected by a consortium which includes the University of West Florida, the University of Florida, and the Florida Historical Society, in cooperation with the National Historical Publications Commission. All documents pertinent to Panton, Leslie & Company and its successors are being assembled. A search of libraries in Europe and North America is turning up several thousand manuscript pages. The entire collection and its computerized index will be microfilmed, and several volumes of selected documents will be published. A narrative history will comprise the first volume of the letter press edition of published documents and is projected for publication in 1976. Funds for this volume are being made available by the University of West Florida and the Florida Bicentennial Commission.

Panton, Leslie & Company was a British firm which operated in St. Augustine, along the St. Johns River, and in West Florida during the British period. In the Spanish Floridas, it operated under the names of Panton, Leslie & Company (1783-1801), John Leslie & Company (1801-1804), and John Forbes & Company (1804-1821).

The editor and project director is Professor William S. Coker of the University of West Florida. Anyone having pertinent material is asked to contact him at The Library, The University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida 32504.

Joseph E. Lee Library Museum

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held last month for the Joseph E. Lee Library Museum in Jacksonville. It will be located at 1424 East 17th Street. Construction of the Library Museum is being provided by the Navy Seabees and other Jacksonville navy personnel with funds granted by the Florida Bicentennial Commission. The Library Museum will become a major depository of black history; its theme will be the "Emergence of

Black Political, Religious, Civic and Fraternity Leadership in the Post-Civil War Era." The Museum will provide an opportunity for scholars, historians, and students to study and review information on the contributions of blacks to Florida's history. Opening date is scheduled for January 1, 1976. Isaiah J. Williams, III is coordinator for the project. The site is on the Florida Bicentennial Trail.

Announcements and Activities

The 1976 conference of the Florida College Teachers of History will meet on the campus of the University of Florida, April 9-10, 1976. Dr. George Pozzetta is in charge of local arrangements, and Dr. David Colburn is program chairman. Ideas for panels and individual papers should be directed to Dr. Colburn, Department of Social Sciences, 352 Little Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32602.

The first issue of the *Bicentennial Chronicle*, published by Third Century U. S. A. as a Greater Miami Bicentennial project was issued July 4, 1975. It carried an article by Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau. For information, write Third Century U.S.A., P. O. Box 451976, Miami, Florida 33145.

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society will hold a Bicentennial genealogical seminar in Jacksonville, October 24-25, 1975. Mrs. Mary B. Warren of Danielsville, Georgia, and Dr. John I. Coddington, Bordentown, New Jersey, will be the keynote speakers for this twelfth annual seminar. For information, write the Society at P. O. Box 2801, Jacksonville, Florida 32203.

The Loxahatchee Historical Society has published an historical map of its area. The maps sell for \$2.00 each and may be ordered from Shirley P. Floyd, P. O. Box 576, Jupiter, Florida 33458.

The following are reduced prices for volumes in the Pensacola Bicentennial Series: *Colonial Pensacola*, \$2.50, paperback, and \$5.00 hardback, *Andrew Jackson and Pensacola*, \$2.50, paperback, and \$5.00 hardback; and *Pensacola In Pictures and*

Prints, \$7.50 paperback, \$9.00 hardback. Order from the Pensacola News-Journal, Inc., P. O. Box 12710, Pensacola, Florida 32574, and include a handling charge of fifty cents for each book ordered.

Entries for the 1976 General L. Kemper Williams Prizes in Louisiana History, sponsored by The Historic New Orleans Collection in cooperation with the Louisiana Historical Association, are now being accepted. Prizes are \$500.00 for the best published article or book and \$200.00 for the best manuscript by an unpublished author. For information, write to the General L. Kemper Williams Prize Committee, Historic New Orleans Collection, 533 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130.

The fourth annual General W. S. Brown Memorial Military History Conference will be held, January 24, 1976, at the University of Alabama's Continuing Education Center. "The Role of the Military in Modern World Affairs: The American Revolution" is the subject for the conference, and there will be papers on "The Continental Line Regiments," "Eighteenth-Century Warfare as a Cultural Ritual," "The Navies of the American Revolution," "The American Militia," and "The Marines in the American Revolution." For information, write to George M. Faulk, P. O. Box 2967, University, Alabama 35486.

"The Bicentennial: Beyond the Birthday" is a color film presentation which seeks to encourage public involvement in meaningful Bicentennial projects and programs. The film was produced by the National Committee for the Bicentennial Era, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage a Bicentennial observation of lasting achievement and benefit for the nation. Copies of the twenty-eight minute program are available at no charge in sixteen mm. film. Groups interested should write on organization letterhead to: Films, The National Committee for the Bicentennial Era, 110 East 59th Street, New York, New York 10022. Include name and title of person requesting program, organization, mailing address, and three alternate showing dates.

Notices

Stephen Kerber, Department of History, University of Florida, is writing a biography of Florida's former governor and United States Senator, Park Trammell of Lakeland. Trammell served as mayor of Lakeland, a member of both houses of the Florida legislature, state attorney general, governor from 1913 to 1917, and senator from 1917 until his death in 1936. Mr. Kerber is interested in locating any papers, letters, or other material belonging or relating to Park Trammell and his two wives, Virginia Darby Trammell and Beatrice Mesmer Trammell. Letters may be addressed to him at the Department of History, University of Florida, Gainesville 32611.

Dr. Raymond A. Mohl of Florida Atlantic University is editor of a new historical quarterly, the *Journal of Urban History*. Associate editors include Professors Neil Betten of Florida State University; Blaine Brownell, University of Alabama in Birmingham; and Mark Lapping, State University of New York at Plattsburgh. Individual subscriptions are \$12.00 per year, \$9.00 for students. Orders should be directed to SAGE Publications, Inc., P. O. Box 776, Beverly Hills, California 90213.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THURSDAY, MAY 8

REGISTRATION: Flagler Inn, beginning at 4:00 P.M.

MEETING OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Flagler Inn
8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

REGISTRATION: Flagler Inn, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Morning Session— “Colonial Florida”

Chairperson: Michael V. Gannon, *University of Florida*

“*La Florida* as Viewed by Two Major Chroniclers of the Spanish Golden Age: Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca and El Inca Garcilaso de la Vega”

José B. Fernandez, *University of Colorado*

“The Historical and Archeological Meaning of the 1622 Shipwrecks in the Marquesas Keys”

Eugene Lyon, *Vero Beach*, and R. Duncan Mathewson, *Miami*

Commentator: Theodore G. Corbett, *Florida State University*

Afternoon Session— “Florida Development, Growth, and Ecology”

Chairperson: Dena Snodgrass, *Jacksonville*

“Land Baron: Henry M. Flagler, Acquisition of Florida Lands”

Edward N. Akin, *University of Florida*

“History of the Ponce de Leon Hotel, 1835-Present”

Thomas Graham, *Flagler College*

“Florida Environments”

Kenneth Relyea, *Jacksonville University*

Commentator: Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., *University of Florida*

Evening Session– Tour and Reception, Florida State Museum

Museum Road, University of Florida

8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Morning Session– “Troubled Times in Florida”

Chairperson: William Bevis, *Florida Public Service Commission*

“Georgia Invades Florida: A Study in Divided Command During
the Revolution”

Calvin Smith, *University of South Carolina, Aiken*

“Abolitionist Sentiment in Florida”

Donorena Harris, *Florida State University*

Commentator: S. Walker Blanton, *Jacksonville University*

Luncheon and Business Meeting

Ballroom, J. Wayne Reitz Union, University of Florida

12:00 P.M.

Invocation: Mrs. Chris Matheson, *Gainesville*

American Association for State and Local History awards,

presented by Samuel Proctor to: Anthony P. Pizzo,

Tampa; Pat Dodson, *Pensacola*; Gulf Coast History

and Humanities Conference, *Pensacola*

Tour of Historic Gainesville– 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Reception and Annual Banquet

Invocation: The Very Reverend Monsignor Michael V. Gannon,

Pastor, St. Augustine Catholic Student Center

Presentation of Awards:

Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History,