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Florida Bicentennial Symposium

The Florida Bicentennial Commission will hold its fifth and final annual Bicentennial Symposium at the University of West Florida, Pensacola, March 19-20, 1976. The theme for this conference is "Eighteenth-Century Florida: Impact of the American Revolution." Participants include Theodore G. Corbett, J. Leitch Wright, Jr., Florida State University; J. Barton Starr, Troy State University at Fort Rucker; George C. Rogers, University of South Carolina; Michael V. Gannon, University of Florida; Kenneth Coleman, University of Georgia; Albert Manucy, St. Augustine; Thomas G. Ledford, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board; and Anna Eberly, National Park Service, McLean, Virginia.

The sessions will deal with East and West Florida at the time of the American Revolution, religion and population and family during the British and Second Spanish periods, and the buildings, house furnishings, implements and tools, armaments, and dress of the people during that period. On Friday evening, March 19, there will be a dinner in the Great Hall on the University of West Florida campus, followed by "An Evening at Chatauqua" in the University's Music Hall. The Chatauqua— music, interlude, and period pieces— will be presented by students and faculty of the University of West Florida. All sessions will be open to the public. For information and programs, write Dr. William A. Clauss, Division of Continuing Education, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida 32504.

Florida College Teachers of History Conference

The Florida College Teachers of History will hold its 1976 conference at the University of Florida, Gainesville, April 9-10. George E. Mowry, Kenan Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be the speaker at the banquet, Friday evening. Dr. William Adams, executive director of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, will describe Florida Bicentennial activities at the Saturday breakfast session, and former Governor LeRoy Collins will be the luncheon speaker.

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Presenting papers are Theodore Hemmingway, Florida A.&M. University; Steven F. Lawson, Robert P. Ingalls, Louis A. Perez, James Ingalls, University of South Florida; Harry A. Kersey, Jr., Florida Atlantic University; José Kesselman, Florida International University; Whittington Johnson, University of Miami; Paula Scalingi, Tallahassee Community College; James W. Covington, University of Tampa; Eldon R. Turner, University of Florida; and Michael Smith, William A. Byrne, and J. Leitch Wright, Jr., Florida State University. All sessions will be held at the Flagler Inn. For information write Professors David R. Colburn or George Pozzetta, Department of Social Sciences, 352 Little Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville 32611.

Latin American Bicentennial Conference

The Center for Latin American Studies of the University of Florida will hold its twenty-sixth annual conference in Gainesville, Florida, March 1-2, 1976. Honoring the American Bicentennial, the general theme will be "The Florida Borderlands in the Age of the American Revolution." Papers will deal with the interaction of the Spanish historical presence, British colonial interests and practices, and the Anglo-American revolutionary movement and its impact on Florida. Many Florida historians will be presenting papers. For information, write Professor Lyle N. McAlister, Center for Latin American Studies, 319 Grinter Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

State and Local History Awards

The American Association for State and Local History at its annual meeting on Mackinac Island, Michigan, in September, 1975, recognized a number of state and local history projects, agencies, and publications in the United States and Canada which had demonstrated superior achievement and quality. William M. Goza of Clearwater and Madison, and former president of the Florida Historical Society, was recognized with a Certificate of Commendation for "a lifetime of devotion to the cause of Florida history, its preservation and interpretation." The Historic Museum of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, Miami, also received a Certificate of Commendation for "preserving and

interpreting the history of South Florida." The Indian Temple Mound Museum of Fort Walton Beach received an Award of Merit for "study and interpretation of Southeastern Indian culture." Presentation of these awards will be made at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society in Miami, May 7-8, 1976.

D. B. McKay Florida History Award

The Tampa Historical Society at its fifth annual dinner meeting, November 19, 1975, presented the D. B. McKay Award for Distinguished Contribution to Florida History to Gloria Jahoda of Tallahassee. The presentation was made by Hampton Dunn. He cited the work that Mrs. Jahoda has done in interpreting Florida history through her books which include, *The Other Florida*, *The Road to Samarkand*, and *The River of the Golden Ibis* (the Hillsborough River). She has written numerous magazine articles and is the author of a Bicentennial history of Florida to be published by the American Association for State and Local History.

Peace River Valley Florida History Award

Lawrence E. Will, formerly of Belle Glade, and now living in West Palm Beach, was the recipient of the Peace River Valley Historical Society Florida History Award for 1975. Known as the "cracker historian of the Everglades," Mr. Will is the author of six books relating to the area. He received the award at a luncheon given in his honor at Belle Glade.

Announcements and Activities

The Society of American Archivists has begun a comprehensive archival security program with grant support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The theft of manuscript materials from archives and historical libraries has reached crisis proportion in the past few years. Plans call for establishing a registry of missing manuscripts by the spring of 1976. Later, a consultant service will make competent experts available to archival institutions to advise them in the areas of security sys-

tems, internal archival procedures, legal problems, and other aspects of archival security. An archival security manual will be published in 1977. For further information, write Timothy G. Walch, SAA Archival Security Program, Box 8198, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60680.

The Kings Road Marker was presented to the City of Jacksonville on August 5, 1975 by the Jacksonville Historical Society, to be placed in Hemming Park. The marker reads: "The Kings Road— Florida's First Highway. From earliest times, Indian trails threaded throughout Florida following ridges, beaches, and river banks. Many of these trails were used by Spanish explorers and pioneers. Early in England's twenty-year ownership of Florida, 1763-1783, the Kings Road was built along old trails from St. Augustine to the St. Marys River and connected with British roads in Georgia. Southward the road extended to New Smyrna. This British road was the first highway in Florida, for unlike early trails, it was wide enough for wagons. A graded road with a ferry crossing at the Cow Ford on the St. Johns River, the Kings Road bisects the city today, approximating the route of U.S. Highway 1."

The Florida Genealogical Society dedicated the Bicentennial issue of the *Florida Genealogical Journal* to the surviving organizing members of the organization: Mrs. Walter P. Ames, Mrs. Grace Branch, Mrs. Claudia Hill, and Theodore Lesley. An index to the first ten years of the Journal is being compiled.

The *1976 Florida Historical Calendar* has been compiled by Dr. John A. Sullivan of Jacksonville University, and is available for sale from Commemorations Press Publishers, P.O. Box 8476, Jacksonville, Florida 32211. In addition to many pictures copied from those in Florida libraries and archives showing Florida scenes and personalities, some 1,000 Florida facts covering 500 years of Florida history have been included. There is also a detailed index that helps in the use of the factual material. The price is \$3.95.

The first Southern Labor History Conference will be held at Georgia State University, Atlanta, April 1-3. For information,

write David B. Gracy II, Archivist, Georgia State University, Pullen Library, 104 Decatur Street, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

The Urban Studies program of the College of Charleston announces the publication of a new journal, *South Atlantic Urban Studies*. The editors, Steven Steinert and Jack R. Censer, are interested in contributions from those disciplines— political science, history, economics, sociology, social psychology, law, urban architecture— that presently constitute urban studies.

The University of Minnesota is compiling a guide to research materials on the history of women in the United States from the colonial period to the present. A survey is being made of all known sources of research materials, including state, county, and local historical societies, and university, church, public, and business archives. Collections of personal and family papers and other records that pertain to women will be identified. The guide will contain descriptions of individual collections, and indexes will provide information by name, subject, and geographical area.

OBITUARY

Philip Stockton May

Philip Stockton May, a former president of the Florida Historical Society, died in Jacksonville in December 1975. A retired attorney and member of a pioneer Florida family, he had long been interested in Florida history. He was a charter member of the Jacksonville Historical Society and played an active role in that organization. He was elected president of the Florida Historical Society in April 1944, and he served a one-year term. He was particularly interested in the background and career of Zephaniah Kingsley, and he published an article on this subject in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. At one time Mr. May was the personal attorney for Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, the Pulitzer Prize winning Florida writer, and he represented her in the famous *Cason vs. Rawlings* invasion of privacy lawsuit in 1947.

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| Mar. 27 | Florida Anthropological Society Meeting | Ft. Lauderdale |
| April 9-10 | Florida College Teachers of History Conference | University of Florida, Gainesville |
| May 6 | Florida Confederation of Historical Societies—Workshop | Miami |
| May 7-8 | FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY— 74th ANNUAL MEETING | Miami |

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