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## HISTORY NEWS

### *The Annual Meeting*

The Florida Historical Society will hold its seventy-fifth annual meeting in St. Augustine, May 6-7, 1977, at the Ponce de Leon Motor Lodge. The board of directors will convene its semi-annual meeting on the evening of May 5. The Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board and the St. Augustine Historical Society will be hosts. Dr. Tony Ganong, acting director of the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, is in charge of local arrangements. Dr. Thomas Graham, Department of History, Flagler College, St. Augustine, and Dr. Michael Gannon, Department of History, Peabody Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, are program chairpersons. They invite anyone interested in reading a paper to correspond with them immediately.

The Florida Confederation of Historical Societies will be holding a workshop on May 5 in conjunction with the annual meeting. Mrs. Elizabeth K. Ehrbar, 200 Pine Street, St. Marks, Florida 32355, is chairperson of the Confederation's Executive Committee. Persons interested in participating in the workshop are asked to write to her.

### *Florida Historical Quarterly Microfilm*

The *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Volumes I-LIII, are available on microfilm and may be ordered from the Florida Historical Society, University of South Florida Library, Tampa 33620. Both positive and negative film is available. The price for Volumes I-XXIII is \$38.60, and Volumes XIV-LIII, \$55.00.

### *Awards*

The Florida Historical Society annually awards three literary prizes for original work done in Florida history. Each presentation includes a check for \$100. The Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History is given for the best article appearing in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The prize for 1975-

1976 went to Dr. Robert Allen Matter of Seattle, Washington, for his article, "Missions in the Defense of Spanish Florida, 1566-1710," which was published in the *Quarterly*, July 1975 (Volume LIV). Dr. Matter holds a graduate degree in history from the University of Washington, and is currently teaching history in the United States Navy's Program for Afloat College Education (PACE). The judges for the Thompson prize were Dr. William S. Coker, University of West Florida; Dr. Augustus Burns, III, University of Florida; and Dr. William Miller, Florida State University. The award honors Professor Arthur W. Thompson, for many years a member of the history faculty of the University of Florida. It was made possible by an endowment established by Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson of Gainesville.

The Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Award was received by Dr. J. Leitch Wright, Jr., of Florida State University, for his book, *Florida in the American Revolution*, published by the University Presses of Florida in cooperation with the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Florida. Professor Wright has written many books and articles about Florida and its borderlands and is an authority on the history of colonial Florida. His article, "Blacks in British East Florida," appeared in the *Florida Historical Quarterly's* special April 1976 Bicentennial number, *The Floridas In The Revolutionary Era*. Professor Wright is a director of the Florida Historical Society and a member of the *Florida Historical Quarterly's* editorial advisory board. The judges for the Patrick award were Sister Eileen Rice, Barry College, Miami; Dr. Jack D. L. Holmes, University of Alabama in Birmingham; and Randy Nimnicht, Historical Association of South Florida, Miami. The award memorializes Professor Patrick, who served as editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Professor Margaret Z. Searcy, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, was the winner of the Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award for her book, *Ikwa of the Temple Mounds*. It was published by the University of Alabama Press. She is a specialist on the Indians of the Southeast, teaches courses on the American Indian, and has served as a consultant on this subject for the government and for educational television. The judges for the Tebeau award were Norman Simons, Pensacola

Historical Society; Hampton Dunn, Tampa; and Betty Bruce, Monroe County Public Library, Key West. The award honors Charlton W. Tebeau, Professor Emeritus of the University of Miami, and former president of the Florida Historical Society, in recognition of his many contributions to Florida history. Dr. Tebeau made the presentation to Professor Searcy.

#### *Wentworth Foundation Grant*

The trustees of the Wentworth Foundation, Inc., have approved a grant of \$1,000 to the Florida Historical Society to be used by the *Florida Historical Quarterly* for art work and illustrative material. This is the fourth successive year that the Foundation has made a gift to the Society for this purpose. The Foundation was established by Fillmore Wentworth, who lived for many years in Clearwater. In accordance with his wishes, the Foundation provides funds for the education of worthy young people and supports philanthropic and educational activities. This past year the Foundation approved grants to the Florida State Museum for the publication of a volume of essays on the history of the early Indians of Georgia and Florida to be edited by Professors Jerald Milanich and Samuel Proctor. It will appear as one of the *Contributions of the Florida State Museum*. The Foundation is also supporting the publication of important anthropological papers by the Florida Anthropological Society, a guide to Historic Tallahassee, and the archeological excavation of the Mission of Santa Cruz de Tarihica (1611-1689) in Suwannee County. It has *also* established a revolving publication fund for the Florida Historical Society.

#### *Alexander McGillivray Anniversary*

The notable contribution of Alexander McGillivray (ca 1740-1793) to the history of Florida was celebrated February 22, 1976, at the site of his supposed burial in Pensacola. McGillivray, Creek Indian chief, son of Lachlan McGillivray, was an associate of the eighteenth-century Panton, Leslie trading company of West Florida whose headquarters and largest warehouse were at Pensacola. McGillivray was a diplomat of considerable skill in the tripartite maneuvers of the Spanish, British, and Americans in West Florida during the second Spanish period (1783-1821).

This first formal observance of McGillivray's death was inaugurated by the local St. Andrews Society, the Creek Indians of the area, and the National Sojourners representing the Masons—for McGillivray was buried with full Masonic honors. All groups wore distinctive dress, the Indians performed a ceremonial dance, the Scottish pipers played "The Flowers of the Forest," a traditional funeral tune, and the Sojourners paid verbal tribute to the man who had signed for the Creeks the New York Treaty of 1790 with President George Washington. McGillivray died February 17, 1793.

*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 1975: Franklin County—Porter's Bar site (Eastpoint vicinity); Dade County—first Coconut Grove schoolhouse, Dr. James M. Jackson's medical office, Pan-American Seaplane Base and Terminal Building, Coconut Grove Woman's Club; Gadsden County—Old Washington Lodge Number Two (Quincy), Old Philadelphia Presbyterian Church (Quincy), E. B. Shelfer House (Quincy), Joshua Davis House (Mt. Pleasant community); Monroe County—site of San José shipwreck (Plantation Key vicinity), Rock Mound Archeological Site (Key Largo vicinity); Pinellas County—Don CeSar Hotel (St. Petersburg), St. Petersburg Post Office, John C. Williams House (Manhattan Hotel, St. Petersburg); Polk County—Benjamin Franklin Holland House (The Gables, Bartow), Casa de Josefina (Lake Wales vicinity), Florida Southern College architectural district (Lakeland); Lake County—Clifford House (Eustis), Donnelly House (Mt. Dora); Sarasota County—Osprey Archeological and Historic Site; Escambia County—Rafford Hall (Pensacola Athletic Club); Hillsborough County—Plant City Union Depot; St. Johns County—Hotel Ponce de Leon (St. Augustine); Leon County—The Columns (Tallahassee); Duval County—Grand Site (Jacksonville); Clay County—County Courthouse (Green Cove Springs).

*Announcements*

The National Endowment for the Humanities supports humanistic activity through grant programs. Historical societies are eligible for two kinds of grants under the state and local history program. First, the program supports research and writing on the history of a state or locality. Second, it provides funds for locating, organizing, and preserving archival and manuscript materials. Priority is given to projects that can serve as models for other communities, in the hope that the program will help to generate local funding for similar projects. Other research grants support the production of basic reference works and the editing of historical and other papers. For a list of grant programs and applications, write Public Information Office, NEH, Washington, DC. 20506.

In the past few years, the theft of manuscript materials from archives and libraries has dramatically increased. With the aid of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Society of American Archivists is inaugurating a comprehensive program on archival security. A register of lost or stolen archival materials has been established in the SAA's national office in Chicago. The register contains all relevant information about such items, including descriptions, dates, identifying marks, nature, and estimated date of theft. Any dealer, archivist, or properly identified individual can contact the SAA to determine if a particular item is missing or stolen. Records of such inquiries will be maintained and relevant information given out. Any local or area historical society, library, or museum which has suffered a theft in the past twenty years or suspects that missing items have been stolen is asked to contact Timothy G. Walsh, Associate Director, Archival Security Program, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, The Library, P.O. Box 8198, Chicago, Illinois 60680.

The Department of History, University of Mississippi, Oxford, announces a symposium on Race Relations in the New South, "What Was Freedom's Price?" September 22-24, 1976. Participants will include James McPherson, Willie Lee Rose, Herbert Gutman, Robert Sutch, Mary Berry, Joel Williamson, Harold D. Woodman, George Frederickson, Louis Harlan, and

C. Vann Woodward. For information, write the Division of Special Activities, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi 38677.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (740-748 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006) has established the Preservation Press and hopes to give grants to assist preservation groups in getting their publications into print. The Press is the successor to the Department of Publications of the National Trust, and will continue to issue regular N.T. publications. In addition to its grants program, its expanded activities include publications of books in cooperation with preservation organizations and commercial publishers. For information, write to Terry B. Morton at the National Trust office.

The New-York Historical Society and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. are jointly sponsoring the collection of all letters to and from Aaron Burr, or any documents written by Burr, for a definitive microfilm edition of Burr papers, to be published by the Society. Anyone having information or material is asked to write to Mary-Joe Kline, Editor, The Papers of Aaron Burr, New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, New York, New York 10024.

The United States Capitol Historical Society has revived its scholarly, interdisciplinary journal, *Capitol Studies*, after a lapse in publication of almost two years. The journal is interested in documented studies of art and architecture, history, or political science pertinent to the nation's Capitol Building or of Congress. Beginning with the fall 1976 number of *Capitol Studies*, the Society will pay \$200 for each article selected for publication. Interested writers should contact Editor, *Capitol Studies*, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20515. New subscriptions (\$10.00) enroll an individual subscriber as a life member of the United States Capitol Historical Society. Past issues of the journal are available, including the special issue, January 1976, which includes original drawings of the Capitol.

The *Western Historical Quarterly* announces its annual Herber Eugene Bolton Award in Spanish borderlands history.

The cash prize of \$300 is awarded to the author of the best article submitted to the *Quarterly* on any phase of the history of the Spanish borderlands, the region reached by the northern thrust of the Spanish in North America, from the Floridas to the Californias from the fifteenth century to the present. Essays are preferred on major political, economic, and social developments, cultures, peoples, and institutions, and movements, including the great northward movement of Mexicans into the United States in the twentieth century. The winning essay will be published in the *Quarterly*, and must be submitted by September 1, 1976, for the 1976 award. Manuscripts should be sent to the *Western Historical Quarterly*, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84322.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans, as part of the church's Bicentennial observance, has initiated a project to publish an inventory of the archival holdings of the Catholic Church in the Province of New Orleans. The New Orleans Province includes the Archdiocese of New Orleans, the Diocese of Alexandria, Baton Rouge and Lafayette (Louisiana); Natchez-Jackson (Mississippi); and Mobile-Birmingham (Alabama). The project will cover the period up to 1900 and will include data pertinent to West Florida. The inventory will also include documents of historical significance from archives of individual church parishes. For information, write Dr. Charles E. Nolan, director, Bicentennial Archival Project, 7887 Walmsley Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125.

The Oral History Association will hold its eleventh national workshop and colloquium on September 9-12, 1976. The workshop will be held at the Public Archives of Canada in Ottawa, September 9-10; the colloquium will meet at Le Chateau Montebello, Montebello, Quebec, Canada, from September 10-12. For information, write Ronald E. Marcello, Box 13734, N.T. Station, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas 76203.

#### *Activities*

*Pine Cone Quarterly* is the new publication of the Historical Society of Okaloosa and Walton Counties. The historical museum staff is responsible for the *Quarterly*, which is interested in articles and documents pertaining to the history of northwest



Florida. All copy, including footnotes, should be typed and submitted to the Editor, Box 488, Valparaiso, Florida 32580.

The January 1976 number of *South Florida Pioneers* included historical and genealogical data related to Charlotte, Manatee, Hillsborough, Orange, Polk, Hardy, De Soto, and Lee counties. Annual subscriptions to *South Florida Pioneers* are \$6.00, and past issues of the publication are available. Address inquiries to Richard M. Livingston, Editor, Box 166, Fort Ogden, Florida 33842.

The Joseph E. Lee Memorial Library-Museum was dedicated in Jacksonville in January 1976. The Joseph E. Lee Papers, consisting of correspondence, business records, miscellaneous papers, probate records, and letter books, are housed in the Library. Located at the Joseph E. Lee Center, 1424 East 17th Street, Jacksonville, the Library-Museum will collect other manuscripts, documents, pictures, and oral history tapes relating to the history of black Floridians. Isiah J. Williams, III, is director.

The *Volusia County Record*, March 1976, includes articles on All Saints Episcopal Church of Enterprise by Blanche Fearington, and the Black Drink by Eileen H. Butts. The *Volusia County Record* is published by the Volusia County Historical Commission.

The Council on Abandoned Military Posts—U.S.A. has presented a plaque to the Florida State Parks Service for its work on Fort Clinch at Fernandina and a plaque and life membership award to Howard England, curator of Fort Taylor in Key West.

Dr. Frederick J. Shaw, Jr., has been named curator and director of the new Orange County Historical Museum in Loch Haven Park, Orlando. Dr. Shaw is a graduate of the University of Florida, and has worked for the Southeastern Indian Oral History Project, Florida State Museum.

#### *Libraries and Archives*

The Florida State University Library's Special Collections received during the past year the Leonard Papers, a collection of

business records (36,359 items) of Samuel A., Henry C., and Wade Hampton Leonard in Calhoun and Jackson counties (1913-1950); and the Gregory Notebook, containing family and business records of Lewis Gregory of Gadsden County (1781-1885).

The Florida Collection of the Jacksonville Public Library acquired manuscript material on Dr. James Hall (1760-1837); *Florida News*, miscellaneous numbers (1850-1855); 197 postcards and advertising cards of Jacksonville and northeast Florida (1900-1930); and the Duval County Government Study Commission Report (preliminary task force reports).

Microfilm copies of the *Orlando Evening Reporter-Star*, December 21, 1911-December 31, 1949; the *Orange County Reporter*, January-December 1884; the O'Neal Scrapbooks, nine scrapbooks containing historical articles written by W. R. O'Neal and published in the *Orlando Morning Sentinel*; and Conway (Orange County) cemetery records have been added to the Florida Collection of the Orlando Public Library.

The Pensacola Historical Society obtained the papers of Arthur Forster (1916-1960), dealing with Pensacola naval matters; J. S. Leonard family and business papers (1807-1920); the letter book of the H. T. Wright Lumber Mill (1890-1895); the business account ledger of G. O. Brosnaham's pharmacy (1893-1901); genealogical binders on the Quina, Caro-Riera, Bell and Oerting, and Villar-Bobe-Yniestra and Bonifay families; unpublished research papers on Pensacola politics, divorce matters, and the Red Snapper fishing industry; the Witherill collection relating to the Pensacola Yacht Club and the Lipton Cup races (1920-1971); McIver Estate papers, including business and personal letters, maps, books, and scrapbooks; U.S.S. Pensacola (1931-1934) scrapbook; "History of Bagdad," unpublished manuscript; miscellaneous maps of Pensacola business district; Catherine B. Smith collection of business ledgers, photographs, and miscellaneous items (1876-1950); and letters of Charles Albert Moreno (1849-1857), Stephen R. Mallory and Irene Moreno Scarritt (1859), and Captain James G. Bullard, April 10, 1861. The McEvers Cowley photograph collection (1914-1952) includes 5,000 photograph plates, 2,000 glass and celluloid negatives, and

approximately 1,000 photographs of people and places in Pensacola and the surrounding area.

The P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of Florida acquired the Winston J. T. (1829-1864) and Octavia Bryant Stephens (1841-1908) Papers, consisting of nine boxes of correspondence, account books, and diaries covering Indians, the Civil War, and various political, business, and personal matters relating to a nineteenth-century Florida family. Also acquired were the papers of Robert Lucas Black (1883-1940), Democratic politician (member of the Florida House and Senate) and naval stores operator of Palatka; two diaries of Colonel William Davenport (?-1858), officer in the Second Seminole War; John Mann Goggin Papers (1916-1963), anthropologist-archeologist-ethnologist, ten boxes, seven boxes of notecards, and a portfolio; Ulysses Short "Preacher" Gordon (1893-1976), Presbyterian minister, Gainesville, 1928-1968, five boxes of correspondence, sermons, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous items; Alexander Linn, Presbyterian minister in southwest Florida, worked with the Indians, describes travels in Everglades area; Charles W. Spellmen, manuscript papers for a book on early Florida history; Michael V. Gannon, histories of Catholic dioceses in Florida, six boxes of papers; and the Southern Cypress Manufacturer's Association, Jacksonville, 1932-1973, ledgers, business correspondence and papers, and photographs. The library has also added several items to its rare book collection and three eighteenth-century maps to its historic map collection.

The Mills Memorial Library at Rollins College, Winter Park, has accessioned a xerox copy of the memoirs of Fred Andres, who, with his brother, homesteaded in the Fort McCoy area near Ocala in the years immediately preceding World War I.

The St. Augustine Historical Society has added several original documents to its research library. These include genealogical data, a sermon preached in St. Augustine in 1937, and miscellaneous legal and business papers. A group of nineteenth- and twentieth-century maps and plots have been added also.

The State Library of Florida, Supreme Court Building, Talla-

hassee, has acquired the *Weekly Tallahassee*, July 19, 1900-January 13, 1905; the post returns for Florida forts from 1821 to 1916; and video tapes of the 1975 session of the Florida legislature, which includes all important floor debates and speeches.

The University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library received the original typescript with corrections of *Florida: The Long Frontier* by Marjory Stoneman Douglass; carbon typescript with corrections of *The Everglades: River of Grass* by Marjory Stoneman Douglass; holograph copy of *Adventures in A Green World—The Story of David Fairchild and Barbour Lathrop* by Marjory Stoneman Douglass; copy of unedited typescript, *The Story of Merrick Manor, Boyhood Home of George E. Merrick*, by Melanie Rohrer Rosborough; and a copy of a typewritten manuscript by Hester Perrine Walker, daughter of Dr. Henry Perrine.

The University of West Florida's John C. Pace Library secured the log book of the British ship *Mentor* which includes an eyewitness account of the May 1781 battle of Pensacola; the papers of Representative John Robert Middlemas of Panama City; Representative James J. Reeves of Pensacola; the LeBaron family of Mobile and Pensacola; the letters of the Keep brothers of Pensacola, who had the contract for the first construction of the Navy Yard, 1826-1830; ledgers and letterbooks of the Alger-Sullivan Lumber Company, 1900-1957; papers of the Ray Hardware Company, 1909-1926; ledgers of Rox Cowley, photographer; daybooks of W. S. Duncan, manager, Port of Pensacola, 1930-1960; ledgers of McKenzie Oerting, marine supplies; ledgers of Warren Fish Company; and a microfilm of the Bonifay *Holmes County Advertiser*, 1898-1963. The papers of the Pensacola chapter of the American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Pensacola Philatelic Society, and Pensacola Symphony Orchestra were acquired. Also accessioned were personal and political papers of United States Senator Charles W. Jones and the Jones family.