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## HISTORY NEWS

### *Florida Historical Quarterly Index*

The *Index* to Volumes 36-53 of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* has been published. It was compiled by Dr. Karen Lee Singh of Tallahassee, under the supervision of an editorial committee with Dr. Jerrell Shofner, vice president of the Florida Historical Society, serving as chairman. Milton Jones, immediate past president of the Florida Historical Society, Audrey Broward of Jacksonville University, Elizabeth Alexander of the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida, and Dr. Samuel Proctor were members of the committee. The volume is available for sale, and it may be ordered from the Florida Historical Society, University of South Florida Library, Tampa. The price is \$12.50. The *Index* covering Volumes 1-35 was published earlier.

### *Florida Confederation of Historical Societies Workshop*

Because of programming difficulties, the date of the Confederation workshop was changed from November 5-6, 1976, to January 21-22, 1977. It will be held in Tallahassee at the Holiday Inn and at the Interpretive Exhibits Office, Division of Recreation and Parks. Elizabeth Ehrbar is in charge of the program, and inquiries concerning it should be directed to her: Box 36, Saint Marks, Florida 32355. Several workshop demonstrations are planned, together with tours of the Tallahassee Junior Museum and the new Robert A. Gray Museum, Library, and Archives Building.

### *State and Local History Awards*

The national awards committee of the American Association for State and Local History, meeting in Albany, New York, September 18-19, 1976, voted three Awards of Merit and two Certificates of Commendation to Floridians in recognition of superior achievement and quality in preserving and interpreting state and local history. Dr. Samuel Proctor and the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Florida received an

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Award of Merit for the five Bicentennial symposia which were held at the University of Florida, Florida International University, Florida Technological University, Florida State University, and the University of West Florida in the period 1972-1976. The papers presented at each of these conferences have been published by the University of Florida Press. Mrs. Frederick W. Connolly of Monticello, Florida, was honored for "the many years she has served as the catalyst in inspiring an awareness of Monticello, Florida's rich and colorful history." Jessie Porter Newton of Key West received an award for her "more than forty years of dedication to saving, salvaging, preserving, and restoring Key West's architectural heritage." Leila Abercrombie of Pensacola, Florida, received a Certificate of Commendation for "her pioneering efforts to draw attention to, preserve, and interpret Pensacola's historic heritage." The Pensacola Home and Savings Association and the Appleyard Agency of Pensacola were also recognized with a Certificate of Commendation for the series of pamphlets on Pensacola history which these two companies have sponsored. The awards will be presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society in St. Augustine, May 6-7, 1977.

#### *Orange County Historical Museum*

Special ceremonies on Sunday, October 17, dedicated the Orange County Historical Museum in Loch Haven Park, Orlando. The museum had its origin in 1942, when Orlando celebrated the centennial of its charter. At that time the ladies of the Antiquarian Society prepared an exhibit of an old-fashioned kitchen. People loaned and then donated a variety of household items, books, firearms, photographs, farm implements, and other historical artifacts. The project was very successful, and the Antiquarians adopted the establishment of a permanent historical museum as a special project. In 1957, the 1892 courthouse, the site of the museum, was demolished, and it was necessary to store the historical collection in temporary quarters. The county commission then agreed to take over operation of the museum, and created the Orange County Historical Commission for this purpose.

In 1963, the museum was re-opened on the eighth floor

of the courthouse annex, and in 1970, it was moved to the second floor of the Christ Building on East Central Boulevard. A permanent home for the museum was needed, and the Orange County Historical Society was authorized in 1971 to develop a construction program. A building site was made available in Loch Haven Park through the John Young Museum and Planetarium. With funds contributed by private citizens and an appropriation from the county, a contract was signed in August 1975, and the building was completed the following January. Jean Yothers is curator of the museum. Judge Donald A. Cheney is chairman of the Orange County Historical Commission, and he was the major driving force that made the museum a reality.

#### *Florida Conference of College Teachers*

The annual meeting of the Florida Conference will be held at Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, Tampa, April 1-2, 1977. Dr. James Dunn is program chairman, and inquiries should be directed to him at the Dale Mabry Campus, Hillsborough Community College, Box 22127, Tampa, 33622.

#### *Announcements and Activities*

The editors of the Black Abolitionist Papers Editorial Project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, need correspondence, speeches, editorials, and other primary source materials of black abolitionists for the period 1830-1865. Write Black Abolitionist Papers, 100 Main Hall, University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse, Lacrosse, Wisconsin 54601. C. Peter Ripley of Florida State University and George E. Carter are editors of this project. Joe M. Richardson of Florida State University is a member of the board of editorial advisors.

The Johns Hopkins University Press is publishing *Reviews in American History*, edited by Stanley Kutler, University of Wisconsin. It is a collection of reviews of significant new books in the field of American history. The journal is issued four

times a year; individual rates are \$14.00 per year. Write RAH, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

The July number of "South Florida Pioneers" includes a sketch of the Stephen Hollingsworth family, pioneer settlers of Hillsborough County. There is also a history of Fort Meade and cemetery and marriage records. Subscription price for the quarterly is \$8.00 a year. Write Richard M. Livingston, Box 166, Fort Ogden, Florida 33842.

Blanche E. Rinehart is editor of the Genealogical Society of Greater Miami Newsletter. The Society meets monthly. A genealogical club has recently been formed in Key West, and it will collect material about the early history of the community using oral history techniques.

The seventh Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will be held in Pensacola, February 18-19, 1977. The theme is "The Military Presence on the Gulf Coast." For program information, write Dr. W. S. Coker, The Library, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida 32504.

The First Conference on Jacksonville History is scheduled for February 6-8, 1977. Sessions will be held at the University of North Florida, the Jacksonville Art Museum, and the Independent Life and Accident Insurance Company Building. Dr. James Crooks, Department of History, University of North Florida, is chairman of the conference, and inquiries about the program should be directed to him.

*The Great Tide*, by Ruby Lea Hall, a historical novel based on St. Joseph, where Florida's first constitution was drafted in 1838, is in its sixth printing. Copies are available from Mrs. Eunice Brinson, 216 6th Street, Port St. Joe, Florida, for \$9.95.

The Florida Anthropological Society will hold its twenty-ninth annual meeting at the University of South Florida, March 19, 1977. The Tampa Bay Chapter will be the host for this meeting. Those wishing to present papers should write Dr. Raymond Williams, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, 33620.

*El Escribano* will no longer be published by the St. Augustine Historical Society as a quarterly. In 1977, it becomes an annual publication, with a format similar to other historical society journals. Mark E. Fretwell is editor, and his editorial board includes Albert Manucy, Overton Ganong, Charles S. Coones, Luis Arana, W. W. Wilson, and Thomas S. Graham.

The Safety Harbor Area Historical Society has moved into new museum facilities provided by the Safety Harbor Spa. All the displays have been rearranged, and a number of new ones have been constructed and installed. The newly-located museum was formally opened September 18, 1976.

The Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior has designated the Tampa Bay Hotel in Tampa as a National Historic Landmark. This action was recommended by the advisory board for National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments at its spring (1976) meeting in Washington.

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Jan. 21-22	Florida Confederation of Historical Societies– Workshop	Tallahassee
Feb. 6-8	First Jacksonville History Conference	University of North Florida, Jacksonville
Feb. 18-19	Seventh Annual Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola
March 12	Florida Anthropological Society Meeting	University of South Florida, Tampa
April 1-2	Florida College Teachers of History Conference	Hillsborough Community College, Tampa
April 6-9	Organization of American Historians Meeting	Atlanta
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