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## HISTORY NEWS

### *Florida Confederation Workshops*

Elizabeth K. Ehrbar, chairperson of the Florida Confederation of Historical Societies, has announced programs for forthcoming workshops. The first will be held in Tallahassee, February 16, 17, 18, 1978, in cooperation with the Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, Department of State; the Division of Recreation and Parks, Department of Natural Resources; and the Tallahassee Preservation Board. Sessions are planned with the staffs of the Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, and Interpretative Exhibits, Division of Recreation and Parks. There will be a visit with Mrs. Joan Morris, director of the State Photographic Archives in the Strozier Library, Florida State University, and tours of the New Capitol, the R. A. Gray Building, and the museum at San Marcos de Apalachee State Historic Site, Saint Marks. Nancy Dobson, director of the Tallahassee Preservation Board will preside at the luncheon on Friday, February 17. Welcoming the participants will be L. Ross Morrell, acting director of the Division of Archives, History and Records Management, and Dr. Thelma Peters, president of the Florida Historical Society. The Downtown Holiday Inn, Tallahassee, will be the conference hotel. The workshop will be available to members for \$10.00 and to non-members for \$25.00. For registration and information write to Mrs. Ehrbar, Box 36, Saint Marks, Florida 32355.

There will be a second Confederation workshop held in Pensacola on May 3, 1978, at the time of the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society. There will be sessions on historical interpretation, on how to set up trust funds, and to raise funds, and on problems facing historical societies and ways to solve those problems. James A. Stevenson, chief of Interpretative Services, and Elizabeth Ehrbar, exhibits supervisor, Division of Recreation and Parks; Randy Nimmicht, director, Historical Association of South Florida, Inc.; and Norm LeCoe, an attorney from Gainesville, will be speakers. The Sheraton Inn, Pensacola, will be the site of the conference. This workshop is

being held in cooperation with the Pensacola Historical Society.

The Florida Confederation of Historical Societies is one of the activities sponsored by the Florida Historical Society. Membership is available to all historical societies and agencies, libraries, museums, archives, and other interested organizations. For information write Ms. Margaret Burgess, Florida Historical Society, University of South Florida Library, Tampa, Florida 33620.

#### *Florida College Teachers of History*

The annual meeting of the Florida College Teachers of History will be held at Rollins College in Winter Park on February 3-4, 1978. Headquarters will be the Langford Hotel, which is adjacent to the campus. There will be panels on pop culture and history; also on freedom and suppression (which will deal with apartheid in South Africa, Nazi-concentration camps, the Stalinist purges, and the black experience in the nineteenth century). A third session will include a discussion of religious dissent as it relates to Russian history. There will be a buffet dinner on Friday evening and a luncheon Saturday. Dr. John L. Evans, Department of History, Florida Technological University, is program chairman. Charles E. Duesner of Hillsborough Community College is president of the Florida College Teachers of History, Dr. Elmar B. Fetscher, Florida Technological University, is vice-president, and Edward F. Keuchel of Florida State University is secretary-treasurer.

#### *Jacksonville History Conference*

The second conference on Jacksonville history will be held at Jacksonville University, February 24-25, 1978. Papers will deal with the railroad and insurance histories of Jacksonville; blacks, Cubans, and Jews in Jacksonville; women's history; fine arts; the history of the St. Johns River; governmental history; public housing; and the Navy in Jacksonville. There will be workshops on genealogy, oral history, and teaching history through utilization of museum exhibits. There will also be a session on historic sites and structures of Duval County. Among those reading papers and serving as panelists and

commentators are Sam Frank, John Weldon, Jacob F. Bryan, III, James B. Crooks, Richard Bowers, Alton Yates, Roberto Andrade, Sidney Lefkowitz, James Olson, Frances Kinne, Anne Saltmarsh, Doris Wilson, Daniel Schafer, Donald Wisdom, George E. Buker, Carol Desmordt, J. S. Scott, Jr., Ann Grimes, Ed Bell, Mark Gluckman, Wayne Wood, Herschel E. Shepard, Jr., Ivan Clare, John Van Ness, Robert Carius, Joan Carver, Dena Snodgrass, and Frederic S. Aldridge. President Robert A. Spiro of Jacksonville University will welcome the conference participants. Dr. Aldridge and Dr. Buker are program chairmen. For copies of the program and information about the conference write in care of the Department of History, Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida 32211.

#### *State and Local History Awards*

The American Association for State and Local History at its national meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, September 1977, voted Awards of Merit to Marjory Stoneman Douglas of Coconut Grove and Dr. Alfred Jackson Hanna of Winter Park, and Certificates of Commendation to Dr. Harry A. Kersey, Jr., Florida Atlantic University, and WRUF Radio Center, University of Florida. These national awards were in recognition of superior achievement and quality in preserving and interpreting state, provincial, and local history. Mrs. Douglas's award was the result of her career as a renowned conservationist and as a writer whose short stories, histories, and novels have illuminated Florida's natural, social, and cultural history. Dr. Hanna, Professor Emeritus of Rollins College, was honored for the many years that he has dedicated to the study, collecting, and writing of Florida history. In addition to the volumes which he co-authored with his wife, Kathryn Abby Hanna, on Lake Okeechobee and Florida's east coast, Dr. Hanna is known for his study of Achilles Murat, *A Prince in Their Midst*, and *Flight Into Oblivion*, the history of the final days of the Confederate government and cabinet.

Radio Center of the University of Florida produced as a Bicentennial project a series of fifty-two history tapes describing Florida's historic buildings and sites. "It Happened Here," was broadcast by radio stations throughout Florida. Dr. Kersey's

book *Pelts, Plumes, and Hides: White Traders Among the Seminole Indians, 1870-1930* (University Presses of Florida, 1975) was the basis for the award he received. All of the certificates will be presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society in Pensacola, May 5-6, 1978.

*Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference*

The eighth Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will convene in Pensacola, October 5-6, 1978. The conference is co-sponsored by the Escambia County School Board, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, Pensacola Junior College, and the University of West Florida. The general topic of the conference is "Ethnic Minorities in Gulf Coast Society." The major discussion areas will be "Strangers and the Southern Eden," "Ideologies of Race and Ethnicity in the South," "Italians and Mexicans in the Melting Pot," "Greeks, Cubans, and Jews along the Gulf Coast," and "Ethnic Stereotyping." Willard B. Gatewood, George E. Pozzetta, William F. Holmes, David D. Mays, George N. Green, William I. Hair, Ted Carageorge, L. Glenn Westfall, Wayne Flynt, and Jane E. Dysart are among the scheduled participants. Jerrell H. Shofner, Florida Technological University, is program chairman. Further information and copies of the Proceedings of the seven previous conferences are available by writing to the general chairman, Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference, John C. Pace Library, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida 32504.

*Announcements and Activities*

The City of Fort Lauderdale, in cooperation with the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, has published *A Tour through History* as a special Bicentennial project. It is a waterway guide to important monuments and sites along the New River, Intra-coastal Waterway, Middle River, and the Dania Cutoff Canal. There is also a map. All of the places are identified with sea-wall signs marked with a special logo. Research was supervised by Mrs. Gary Lang.

The Tampa Historical Society presented its D. B. McKay

Award for Distinguished Contribution to Florida History to Dr. James Covington of the University of Tampa. This announcement was made at the seventh annual dinner meeting of the Society held November 29, 1977. Several of Dr. Covington's articles on Florida Seminoles have appeared in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and his history of the Third Seminole War has been accepted for publication. Dr. L. Glenn Westfall is president of the Tampa Historical Society.

The Pat Dodson Complex was dedicated at the University of West Florida, November 10, 1977. Dodson played a major role in the redevelopment of Historic Pensacola. He organized and chaired the Governor's Conference on Development of Florida's Historical Resources in 1968, and was the first chairman of the Pensacola Historical Restoration Preservation Commission. He chaired both the steering committee for Florida's participation in the Bicentennial and the Florida Bicentennial Commission in 1970-1972. He also served as secretary of the Florida Historical Society. In recognition of these contributions, he received an Award of Merit in 1975 from the American Association for State and Local History.

The 1978 annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society will be held in Fort Walton Beach on April 1, 1978. The banquet speaker will be Dr. Charles Fairbanks.

The Historical Association of Southern Florida, Miami, has received a grant of \$375,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the planning, development, and furnishing of the new museum being planned for the Downtown Cultural Center. The Historical Museum will be housed in a separate building in the Center which will provide more than triple its present space.

The Georgia Department of Archives and History will hold its twelfth annual Institute in Atlanta from July 24 to August 18, 1978. The four-week program offers comprehensive training in basic concepts and practices of archival administration, research use, and the management of traditional and modern documentary materials. Record control and scheduling, refer-

ence services, preservation techniques, and archival administration are other topics studied. Application deadline is May 15, 1978. For further information write to the Training Officer, Archives Institute, Georgia Department of Archives and History, 330 Capitol Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society announces its awards for historical research and writing published during the year 1977 on the period of the Confederate States of America. Deadline for entry is March 1, 1978. The Jefferson Davis Award is for a book-length narrative history, the Founders Award is for work in the area of research or editing of primary sources resulting in publication of one or more volumes, and the Award of Merit is for a published article or monograph. For information, write Museum of the Confederacy, 1201 East Clay Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Penn School was established as a school to educate the freedmen after the Civil War on St. Helena Island, off the coast of South Carolina. The institution, which has continued to the present, has been a major cultural and social force in the off-shore islands stretching from Charleston south to Savannah. The Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has recently completed microfilming all of the papers and photographs connected with Penn School, under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The thirty-three reels of microfilm and the forty-two page guide are available for purchase from the Southern Historical Collection, Wilson Library, 024A, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

The Women in Louisiana Collection, a research and resource facility for women's programs and for the enrichment of Louisiana Studies, has been established at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, as a division of the Center for Louisiana Studies. It is the first women's archives to be established in the state. The Collection hopes to add letters, diaries, memoirs, household records, organizational records, and the papers of individual Louisiana women representing business, the professions, and the arts. Anyone with materials to deposit or donate may contact Dr. Vaughan Baker, Dupre Library, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana 70504.

The Second Georgia Studies Symposium will be held February 3-4, 1978, at Georgia State University, Atlanta. This will be a multidisciplinary gathering of scholars interested in the study of the people and culture of Georgia. For information write Sue Peters, Division of Public Service, Georgia State University, University Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (telephone 404-658-3466).

The sixth annual General W. S. Brown Memorial Military History Conference will be held February 4, 1978, at the University of Alabama Ferguson Center. The conference is entitled "The Role of the Military in Modern World Affairs: The Influence of Weaponry upon Modern Warfare." For information write George M. Faulk, P. O. Box 2967, University, Alabama 35486.



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Jan. 14-15	Florida Folk Arts Conference	White Springs
Feb. 3-4	Florida College Teachers of History Meeting	Winter Park
Feb. 16-18	Florida Confederation of Historical Societies- Workshop	Tallahassee
Feb. 24-25	Second Annual Jacksonville History Conference	Jacksonville
April 1	Florida Anthropological Society Meeting	Fort Walton Beach
April 12-15	Organization of American Historians	New York City
May 3	Florida Confederation of Historical Societies- Workshop	Pensacola
May 5-6	FLORIDA HISTORI- CAL SOCIETY-76th ANNUAL MEETING	Pensacola
Sept. 19-23	American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting	Springfield, Illinois
Oct. 5-6	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola

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