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## FLORIDA MANUSCRIPT ACQUISITIONS AND ACCESSIONS

The following paragraphs list recent manuscript acquisitions and accessions as reported by Florida's university, college, and public libraries. Those interested in using particular collections should correspond with the library or institution in question.

The State Library of Florida, R. A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, has acquired on microfilm the *Milton Tribune* (1925-1928) and the *Milton Gazette* (1910-1929; 1938-1942). The State Library has transferred all territorial and state archival records formerly in its possession to the Florida State Archives in the Gray Building.

The Florida State Archives has received the records of the office of the Superintendents of Public Instruction, including letterpress books of correspondence (1869-1870, 1877-1902), minutes of meetings of the Board of Education (1871-1970), and various files and reports. These materials are being inventoried and will be open to researchers.

The Special Collections department, Robert Manning Strozier Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee, has added the Charles Lanman Collection of biographies of members of Congress from Florida. It contains letters, newspaper articles, biographical material, and photographs. The library also acquired photocopies of five letters written from Tallahassee between 1827 and 1846 by William Wilson to Lucretia Wilson Dutton. The Strozier Library obtained, in addition, Nicholas Ponce's *Recueil D'Estampes de la Guerre de l'Independence des Etats-Unis* (Paris, 1784), and Erasmus Francisci's *Ost- Und West-Indischer Wie Auch Sinesischer Lust- Und Stats-Garten* (Nurnberg, 1668).

New items in the St. Augustine Historical Society's holdings include a typescript copy of the diary of Effie Florence Shorter of Bakersville, Florida, dated 1903, and a copy of a speech given by W. A. McWilliams describing life in St. Augustine in 1885.

The society has also acquired from Yale University a photocopy of the typescript of "An Autobiography" by James Walker Benet. Microfilm items added include the records of the Cathedral Parish, 1784-1921 (baptisms, 1784-1881; marriages, 1784-1882; burials, 1784-1921); and two bundles of documents from the East Florida Papers-Escrituras (notarized instruments), 1803-1804, bundle 374; and Register of City Lots, St. Augustine, bundle 409.

The University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library has acquired the first draft typescript of a chapter of Marjory Stoneman Douglas's *The Everglades, River of Grass*, revised edition.

Among the many items acquired by the Pensacola Historical Society, are the M. A. Quina manuscript collection (1884-1935, real estate and Gulf Lumber Company correspondence), Thelma S. Miller collection (1950s-1960s Democratic party and Escambia County materials), the William Sinton collection (1860-1954, material on Pensacola's military installations and fortifications), and the papers of Jacob Lipps (1900-1918, local soda water manufacturer). Other acquisitions include the log-day book of the Warren Fish Company, Pensacola (1922); the Sixth District Justice of the Peace records, 1905-1947, Escambia County; the log book of the Shipping Board of Enquiry, Pensacola (1908-1909); a typescript of a letter written by William H. Knowles to his children, August 10, 1938, describing Franklin D. Roosevelt's visit to Pensacola; and theatre programs from the Pensacola Opera House (1898-1917) and the Saenger Theatre (1925-1929).

The John C. Pace Library, University of West Florida, has received the papers of several individuals and organizations, including the Pensacola Jaycees and the Florida Nurses Association, District 1. Among the papers of individuals are additions to the Gerhard Rolfs family papers, papers of Kate Monroe (Pensacola teacher), the Gordon W. Wells papers (state legislator from Escambia County, 1962-1968), the papers of Ruth Godwin (Democratic committeewoman for the first congressional district), the Inez Bonifay papers, and the James Waddell papers. Original issues of the *Pensacola Gazette*, 1847-1856, have been obtained, together with a number of important books: Davila Padilla's *History of the Northern Provinces of Spanish America*

(1625, 2nd ed.); Bossu's *Nouveaux voyages dan l' Amerique Septentrionale* (1777); William Pultenay's *Thoughts . . . on Affairs with America* (1778); Baudry de Lozieres's *Voyage a la Louisiane*; and John Lee Williams's *Terirtory of Florida* (1837).

Key West's Monroe County Public Library has added to its collection microfilm copies of Monroe County deed books a through zz; indices to the deed books; the Key West City Cemetery records (1838-1976); and the church records of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Old Stone Methodist Church of Key West. The library has also acquired the manuscript copy of "Key West Story," by Marie Cappick, and two rare volumes-Daniel G. Brinton's *Notes on the Floridian Peninsula* and Judge William Marvin's *Thesis on Wrecking . . . and Salvage*.

The Roux Library, Florida Southern College, has received the papers of former Congressman James A. Haley, covering the years 1952-1976. Congressman Haley represented the seventh congressional district.

A large collection of microfilm records has been added to the library of Florida Technological University, Orlando, including the Orange County deed books, probate will books, tax rolls, plat books, voter registration lists, and mortgage books, some of which date back to the mid-nineteenth century.

The P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida, Gainesville, added several manuscript collections, including the Richard A. Pettigrew papers (1957-1974), former state senator and currently aide to President Jimmy Carter), the John D. Pennekamp papers (editor of the *Miami Herald*), the James Branch Hodges, Jr. papers (1918-1971, former legislator), and approximately 30,000 additional pages of records of the Alachua County Abstract Co. and Colson family collection. The first portion of the papers of Judge Bryan Simpson (Fifth Judicial Circuit, U. S. Court of Appeals) have been accessioned. This includes material relating to the St. Augustine civil rights cases.

The P. K. Yonge Library has also acquired twenty-nine letters, written in French and dated between 1829 and 1841, signed by Prince Achille Murat. Rare books added, to the library include

William Heather's *The New North American Pilot, Containing Sailing Directions from Nova Scotia to the Gulf of Florida* (London, 1801); Heather's *The New West Indian Pilot; Containing Sailing Directions for the Gulf of Florida, Bahamas* (London, 1810, 3rd ed.); John Drinkwater's *A History of the Late Siege of Gibraltar* (London, 1786); Francis Comte de Castelnau, *Vues et Souvenirs de l'Amerique de Nord . . . Ouvrage dedie a S.A.R. Monsieigneur le Duc D'Orleans Dans l'Impartialite est la Verite* (Paris, 1842); and H. R. Stout, *The Climate of Florida* (Jacksonville, 1895). The library has microfilmed the *Palatka News* (1902-1905), the *Palatka Daily News* (1916-1948), and the St. Augustine Cathedral Parish records.

The Florida Collection of the Jacksonville Public Library has the typescripts of the papers of the First Jacksonville History Conference (1977), a transcript of Lillian Adams's "Manuscript of the Baldwin Story: To All Who Have Shared in Baldwin's First Century, 1876-1976," the scrapbook "Howard E. Crawford: Inspector of Weights and Measures, City of Jacksonville, 1930-1969," and two volumes compiled by Helen Therkildsen, entitled " 'Florida Facts' and Other Miscellanea."

The Charlton W. Tebeau Library of Florida History of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, Miami, added the glass negatives of pioneer photographer Ralph M. Munroe, and the letters and diaries of the Gilpin family, long-time winter visitors to Coconut Grove, for the years 1903, 1905-1908, and 1919. The association also acquired the records for Miss Harris's School, a pioneer South Florida school, and the records of Third Century U. S. A., Miami's bicentennial commission.

Several rare books have been added to the Florida Collection of the Miami-Dade Public Library System. These include an Italian travelogue of 1874, *La Florida del Signor A. Pousielgue; Letter From the Secretary of the Navy . . . Relating to the Destruction of the Negro Fort in East Florida* (published in 1819); and *An Examination of the Civil Administration of Governor Jackson in Florida* (1828).

The University of Georgia Library at Athens has added some

important Florida materials to its collections. The library has been given the Reverend John Jones Family papers (1775-1928). Much of the later correspondence in this extensive collection pertains to Florida. Among the library's purchases in the past year is a letter from Senator James Wilson to E. Jackson, Jr. of Savannah, dated January 23, 1819, which discusses pending Senate business and the conduct of General Andrew Jackson in Florida during the First Seminole War. Additionally, Zephaniah Kingsley's *Treatise on the Patriarchal, on Co-operative System of Society* (Tallahassee, 1829); The Florida sporting books of Charles Hollack; and Max Bloomfield's *History of St. Augustine* have been secured.