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HISTORY NEWS

Gálvez Celebration

On May 8, 1781, the British garrison in Pensacola capitulated to a Spanish army led by Don Bernardo de Gálvez, governor of Louisiana. To mark the historical occasion, there will be a week-long Gálvez Celebration, May 3-10, 1981, in Pensacola. The activities are being coordinated by a commission representing the civic, historic, cultural, ethnic, promotional, and governmental bodies in the community. J. Earle Bowden, editor of the *Pensacola News-Journal*, is general chairman of the commission. Dr. William S. Coker, University of West Florida, has announced that the History and Heritage Committee's activities will include scholarly research, publication of books and historical prints, museum exhibits, the striking of a special Gálvez medallion, issuance of a postal commemorative, and recognition of Gálvez-period families whose descendants still live in Pensacola.

Dr. Coker is also co-chairman, together with Dr. Robert Rea of Auburn University, of the Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference, which will convene May 7-8. The theme of the conference will be "Anglo-Spanish Conflict Along the Gulf Coast During the American Revolution." Scholars from the United States, Spain, and Italy will make presentations. Conference papers will be published as one of the volumes in the Gulf Coast Humanities Conference Papers series.

Dr. Rea and James Servies, director of the Pace Library, University of West Florida, are editing *The Logbook of the HMS Mentor* as another of the volumes being published as part of the Gálvez celebration. The *Mentor* was sunk during the Battle of Pensacola to avoid capture by the Spanish. Servies is also compiling a bibliography of the Battle of Pensacola. The Spanish artist Eduardo Anievas is sculpturing a bronze bust of Gálvez to be presented to the city of Pensacola. The Spanish naval training ship, *Juan Sebastian de Elcano*, will be in Pensacola during the week, and the ship will be open to the public. The celebration week will open with the dedication of restored Fort Barrancas, the present-day site of the British Fort Red Cliffs. An

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original historical drama, *I Alone*, will be presented in the recently-restored Saenger Theater. The drama will include musical numbers and a multi-media reenactment of the Battle of Pensacola. Pensacola's museums are planning special exhibits of artifacts representative of the Spanish period in Pensacola. On May 8 there will be a reenactment of the 1781 surrender of Fort George atop Gage Hill on Palafox Street. The Granderos de Gálvez from Texas and the Historic Florida Militia (representing the British 60th Regiment) will portray the surrender and change of flags. On the final day of the celebration there will be a parade, "An Evening in Old Seville Square," and a Pensacola symphony concert. For more information, write the Gálvez Commission, Box 550, Pensacola, Florida 32593.

Announcements and Activities

The Florida College Teachers of History will hold its annual conference at Jacksonville Beach, March 5-7, 1981. The University of North Florida will serve as host for the conference, and Dr. Thomas M. Leonard, Department of History, University of North Florida, is program chairman.

The Florida Anthropological Society will hold its annual meeting at Cocoa Beach, March 7-8, 1981. The Indian River Archeological Society is the host, and Wolfies, Cocoa Beach, will be headquarter's hotel. There will be a workshop for chapters on Sunday morning, March 8. Arrangements are being made for the meeting by Ann Harris, president of IRAS, and Jerry Hyde of Jacksonville. Members wishing to present papers should submit abstracts to Ms. Harris, Box 2242, Cocoa, Florida 32922. John Griffin has announced that the Florida Archeological Council will hold its first meeting immediately following the convention. The Council is an organization of professional archeologists.

The Fifth Annual Conference on Jacksonville History will be held at Fort Caroline National Memorial, April 3-4, 1981. For information write Dr. James Crooks, Department of History, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

Eugenia Price, author of the recently-published novel,

Margaret's Story, was the speaker at the Jacksonville Historical Society's program meeting, November 12, 1980. *Margaret's Story* is the story of Margaret Seton Fleming of Hibernia (on the St. Johns River near Jacksonville), and her family. Descendants of this family were hosts at the meeting.

The Florida Journal of Anthropology, edited by anthropology students at the University of Florida, is soliciting manuscripts for Volume Six, numbers one and two, to be published in 1981. Topics in all areas of anthropology and ethnohistory will be considered. Submit manuscripts to Editorial Coordinator, *Florida Journal of Anthropology*, Department of Anthropology, 1350 GPA, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

The Florida Secretary of State's office has announced the approval of federal grants to finance the second phase of the restoration of Old Saint Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville; to study the redevelopment potential of Tampa's Ybor City Historic District; to locate significant historic sites in Marion County; and to develop a community-wide preservation/conservation plan for Gainesville.

The Echo is a new historical quarterly being published by the Pensacola Historical Society. Edited by Virginia Parks, its articles relate to Pensacola, Escambia County, and West Florida. The spring and summer issues of the journal will be combined as a book, *Seige! Spain and Britain: Battle of Pensacola, March 9-May 8, 1781*, as part of the Gálvez Celebration. Copies of *The Echo* are available for \$2.50 from the Pensacola Historical Museum, 405 S. Adams Street, Pensacola, Florida 32501.

The Florida State Archives has launched a project to arrange, describe, process, and restore Florida's territorial and state records for the period 1822-1900. An inventory of materials in the R. A. Gray Building reveal that many more executive, legislative, judicial records have survived than was hitherto believed. Finding aids will enable extensive use of the materials. The Archives is utilizing the personnel provided by the Division of Blind Services to transcribe oral history tapes in its collection. The collection, includes the recorded memoirs of Senator Verle Pope

made by members of his family and some of his associates and longtime friends who gathered for a dinner at the Governor's Mansion at the invitation of Governor and Mrs. Bob Graham in May 1980.

The most recent issue of *South Florida Pioneers* (January/April 1980, Nos. 23/24) has been published. It includes historical and genealogical information on early settlers in southern Florida. There is special emphasis on Manatee, Hillsborough, Hardee, Polk, De Soto, and Okeechobee counties. For information on subscriptions and back issues, write Richard M. Livingston, Box 166, Fort Ogden, Florida 33842.

The fall 1980 publication of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County has been released. The journal includes material on genealogy and family history relating to northwest Florida and south Alabama. For information write the Society, Box 1175, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32549.

There will be a joint conference on Yiddish Cultural Arts and Jewish Culture in the South of Georgia, May 18-21, 1981, on the campus of Georgia Southern College at Statesboro, Georgia. For further information contact Dr. Louis Schmier, Department of History, Valdosta State College, Valdosta, Georgia 31601.

During the annual meeting of the Southeastern Archeological Conference in New Orleans, November 1980, a symposium, "The Sixteenth Century Southeast," assessed recent developments in the archeology, history, and ethnohistory of native and European people. There were papers dealing with new interpretations of sixteenth-century exploration routes, archeological excavations of Indian sites throughout the southeast, and archeological and historical research of the first European settlements.

The Georgia Department of Archives and History is accepting applications for its annual three-week institute, co-sponsored with Emory University Division of Librarianship, to be held in Atlanta, August 3-21, 1981. The institute offers general instruction in basic concepts and practices of archival administration

and management of traditional and modern documentary materials. Topics to be discussed are records appraisal, arrangement and description of official and private papers, control systems, micrographics, conservation, and reference service. Enrollment is limited to fifteen participants; application deadline is May 1, 1981. For information and an application, write Institute Coordinator, Georgia Department of Archives and History, 330 Capital Avenue, SE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.

The tenth Newberry Summer Institute on Quantitative History, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be held in Chicago, June 10-July 10, 1981. The Institute comprises an intensive program of lectures, laboratories, and workshops, designed primarily for historians with teaching positions and advanced graduate students. For information and application forms (due March 1, 1981) write the Family and Community History Center, Newberry Library, 60 West Walton, Chicago, Illinois 60610 (telephone, 312-943-9090, ext. 215). The Family and Community History Center will also hold a series of one-week institutes on the utilization of social history and the research and teaching of history. A mini-institute will be held at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, March 16-20. There will be institutes also at George Washington University, Washington (May 18-22) and Yale University, New Haven (August 10-14). For information write the Family and Community History Center, Newberry Library.

Indiana University, Indianapolis, announces a new historical quarterly devoted to the period 1789-1850. *The Journal of the Early Republic*, to be published for the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, beginning in the spring of 1981, will provide an outlet for articles, review essays, and book reviews relating to the history, broadly interpreted, of this period. Contributions in political, economical, social, cultural, intellectual, diplomatic, military, ethnic, urban, and other fields are welcome. Professor Ralph D. Gray, Department of History, Indiana University, is editor, and communications concerning articles and reviews should be addressed to him. Annual journal subscriptions are \$10; membership inquiries go to Professor James A. Broussard, 8011 Lieber Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

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Feb. 9-16	Regional Tour of the Smithsonian National Associates Program	Tampa/ St. Petersburg, FL
Mar. 5-7	Florida College Teachers of History Conference	Jacksonville Beach, FL
Mar. 7-8	Florida Anthropological Society Conference	Cocoa, FL
April 1-4	Organization of American Historians	Detroit, MI
April 3-4	5th Annual Conference on Jacksonville History	Fort Caroline National Memorial, FL
April 23-25	Citadel Conference on the South	Charleston, SC
April 30	Florida Historical Confederation	St. Petersburg, FL
May 1-2	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 79th MEETING	St. Petersburg, FL
May 7-8	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola, FL
May 31- June 5	American Association of Museums	Indianapolis, IN
Sept. 14-17	American Association for State and Local History	Williamsburg, VA
Sept. 22-25	Society of American Archivists	San Francisco, CA
Sept. 24-27	Oral History Association Workshop and Colloquium	Burlington, VT

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